



# TRINITY TRIUMPH

December 2012

**Trinity United Presbyterian Church  
830 Military Road  
Zanesville, OH 43701  
Unicameral Session Minutes  
For October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

On Sunday, October 14, 2012, at 11:40AM we met in the Chapel for devotions led by Elder Ray Mennega. At the conclusion of the devotions and prayer, we moved to the High School classroom for the business portion of the meeting. Our Moderator Rev. Bob Millspaugh called us to order and service. A quorum was declared with 12 Elders present.

**Clerk's Report:** The agenda for October 14, 2012 was approved along with the minutes from the September 16, 2012 meeting as amended. Various publications received have been placed in the library.

**Correspondence:**

1. Received budget information from MVP. Per Capita will increase to \$28.48 in 2013.
2. We received a letter from Delta Energy announcing that they have been acquired by Hess Corporation.
3. Received Certificate of Reception of Stan and Betsy Taylor by First Presbyterian Church in Cambridge. They have been on our inactive list since 2002. A motion was made to restore Stan and Betsy Taylor to the active rolls and issue a Certificate of Transfer. Approved.
4. Received a note of thanks and gift of \$348.47 from the Zanesville Toastmasters.
5. Received information on the Young Presbyterian Scholarships from Westminster College, this will be given to the Christian Ed. Director for consideration.

**Moderators Report:** No report.

**Deacon Report:** Minutes received.

**Presbytery:** Arleen attended with Rev. Ray Morrison. The guest speaker was Tony Campolo on "Homosexuality and Living Together, even amidst differences". Also at the meeting was presented a sampler for a new hymnal. The question of dismissing churches from the denomination was tabled. The next meeting will convene on November 27 from 4-8PM in New Concord, Ohio.

**Old Business:** Elder Frank Walburg visited with the Fisks, who were happy to be received as new members. The Fisks were welcomed into membership during the worship service last week.

**Worship and Music Report:**

The following recommendations were presented:

1. That Trinity will not host the Community Thanksgiving service this year, but will trade with First Christian church. Trinity will host in 2013. Approved.
2. That the children of the church may serve as ushers only for the Youth Sunday service and at other special children's services; that this policy may be reviewed with our next minister; that the sanctuary lighting remain on during the sermon. The second motion was amended following discussion that youth who are communicant members may serve as ushers. Motion approved.

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### Session Minutes for October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012

94 partook in Holy Communion on World Communion Sunday, October 27, 2012. Christmas caroling will take place on Sunday December 16, 2012 following the noon potluck. The Thanksgiving Eve service will be at First Christian Church at the corner of Military and Dresden roads. The service will begin at 6:30PM.

**Outreach:** Working on setting up a concert with Banjo band Chuck Spires, and also with Mike Ward. It may be spring before we have another concert.

**Christian Education:** No report.

**Personnel:** No Report

**Nominating & Membership:** Asking current elders and deacons to continue in their role if eligible. Most have agreed to stay on in their role. We have one elder role to fill. The committee is still working on the deacon positions.

**Finance:** The monthly finance report was presented. The balance figure for September was negative.

The committee is drafting a stewardship letter to send to the members. The committee will send a second mailing to those who do not respond and will follow up with those who do not respond.

Pledge Sunday will be November 4, 2012.

Report was accepted.

**Building and Grounds:** no Report

**Missions:** No Report

**Youth Committee:** The committee met on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and requests the following: Permission to have 15 volunteers (10 youth) to server at the Souper Bowl; to set the date for the Hanging of the Greens will be November 25; the Youth committee will approach the Deacons about holding a bake sale as a fund raiser in November; the youth will participate in supporting the Angel Tree children in December; the 30 Hour Famine will take place in April, 2013; May 5, 2013 will be Youth Sunday and Graduation Sunday.  
Approved.

**New Business:** A Pastor Nominating Committee update was presented.

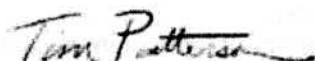
Elder Ray Mennega reported that he is still researching gas prices with IGS. He will compare from 3 different sources and report back.

**Time of Sharing Joys and Challenges:** Thanks to God for all the blessings at Trinity. Communion was served to Norma Near and Evelyn Sheets and also Russ and Clara Hanson.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 12:55pm by Rev. Bob Millspaugh, Moderator.

Next scheduled Session meeting is November 18, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Patterson, Clerk of Session

## NOTES FROM NANCY

**SYMPATHIES** to Grace, Dan and Kris Beebe on the recent passing of David Beebe.

The family and friends of Andi Merry. She was a special lady, who passed away in Nov. If your children were baptized at Trinity for many, many years she was the one who did the baptismal cushions at Christmas.

In the narthex on the table, we have Devotionals. They are called, Reflecting God, and they come in the four seasons. We have the Winter ones now. Each booklet goes for 3 months.

## MESSIAH

A truly beautiful holiday tradition, the "Messiah" performance will be held on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 6:00 p.m. at Central Trinity UM Church, 62 South Seventh St. Open dress rehearsals are Saturday Dec. 8th. 2-4 for soloist & orchestra and 6-8 chorus and

orchestra. This is the 83rd Annual Performance presented by The Thursday Music Club.

We have a few members of our choir performing.

## PAWS COOKIE WALK

Great way to get your cookies for the holidays and help our area Animal Shelter. The sale will begin on Dec. 8th at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Mark your calendars now.

## GRIEF SHARE

will be meeting on Dec. 17th at 6:00 p.m. at Old Market House Inn this is the only meeting to be held in December.

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# From the CE desk

## A note from Amanda

### Christmas Program

You are invited to participate in the annual Christmas pageant and worship service on December 16th and to enjoy a pot-luck luncheon immediately following the service. This will be a classic program filled with music and joy for the season. Please stay for fellowship with us afterwards.

All are welcome!

### Nativity Walk

Join Duncan Falls Presbyterian church for a Christmas Nativity Walk at their church on December 9th from 1-4 p.m. The entire walk is located inside and cookies and cocoa will be served afterwards. Join in the warmth and fellowship of the season as we prepare and celebrate the birth of our Lord!

### Hanging of the Greens/Gingerbread Houses

A big round of thanks goes out to all the families and helpers who made this another wonderful day of decorating and fellowship. The Narthex and Sanctuary look fantastic and it's a beautiful way to help prepare us for the season of Advent. Congratulations to all the kids who helped make the tastiest looking nativity scene ever!

### Acolyte Schedule

#### December 2nd

Jonathan Patterson  
Tillman Hawk



#### December 23rd

Connor Allison  
Jack Tysinger

#### December 9th

Miranda Geis  
Carolyn Geis

#### December 16th

Aaron Johnson  
Janie McLoughlin

#### December 30th

Katherine Allison  
David Johnson

### An update on our Thanksgiving basket

With the help of overwhelming support from the congregation a fantastic Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings was delivered to our family. A Walmart card and 3 gas cards were also included as well as supplies for breakfast, food storage and paper products. Thank you for making such a difference in this family's holiday! They were truly grateful and appreciative.

**DEACON'S BEACON**

As we close out the year 2012 and look forward to 2013 we will lose several of our Deacons.

Jan Jenkins, Mary Flanagan, Jean Crawmer and Margaret McConnell have completed their terms.

We all would like to thank them all for the dedication to their jobs.

The Deacons on duty for December are Helen Dixon and Betty Linn. If extra help is needed, any of the Deacons may be called to assist.

Devotions are by Helen Dixon.

We will welcome our new Deacons, Joan Miska, Dorothy Allison and Julie MacLaine.



**BIRTHDAYS AND 50+ ANNIVERSARIES**

**50+ Anniversaries**

Bob & Ann Nicholas  
1854 Norwood Blvd.  
Suite 351  
Dec. 27, 1952

**BIRTHDAYS**

Dec. 13  
Arlene Crooks  
Dec. 20  
John Dixon  
Dec. 24  
Mary Pollock



**YOUNG AT HEART**

We will be hosting a Christmas Party on Dec. 11th at the church. This will a potluck .

**To the Red Cross Volunteers**

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Red Cross Bloodvolunteers and people who donate food . You do a great job and make it a very pleasant experience for our donors. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Donna Steinman.

