



TRINITY TRIUMPH

December 2012

**Trinity United Presbyterian Church
830 Military Road
Zanesville, OH 43701
Unicameral Session Minutes
For October 14th, 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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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 2nd 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.

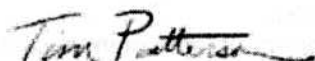
New Business: A Pastor Nominating Committee update was presented. Elder Ray Mennega reported that he is still researching gas prices with IGS. He will compare from 3 different sources and report back.

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.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES LIST

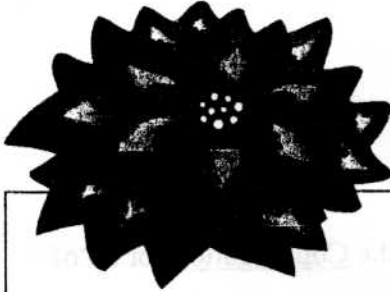
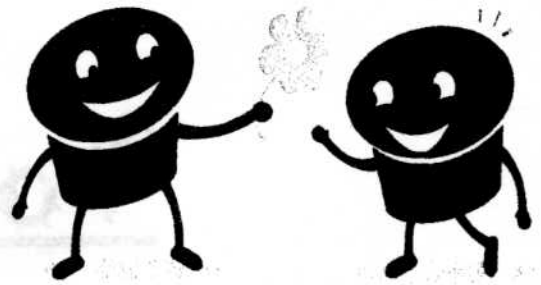


Dec. 4	Kelly Foster
Dec. 8	Gigi Monath
Dec. 9	Teresa Baldwin, Tracie Hill
Dec. 13	Arlene Crooks
Dec. 15	Amanda Allison
Dec. 18	Donna Steinman
Dec. 19	Krista Starkey
Dec. 20	John Dixon, Susan Thompson
Dec. 21	Emily Monath
Dec. 22	Jane Reed
Dec. 24	Mary Pollock, Emily Sheets
Dec. 25	Marshall Hightower, Katie Sidwell
Dec. 26	Mary Flanagan
Dec. 30	Peggy Ware
Dec. 31	Clem Burton

ANNIVERSARIES

Steve & Jane Reed	Dec. 9	Brian & Tracie Hill	Dec.28
Jeff & Lisa Bates	Dec. 10	Robyn & Kimble	Dec.31
Merle & Dora Taylor	Dec. 22		
Jim & Pat Frederick	Dec. 25		
Bob & Ann Nicholas	Dec. 27, 1952		

Mission Corner



Prayer List

Please keep all the names and families listed in the bulletin in your prayers over this holiday season. If you know of someone who should be added to the prayer list, please let Nancy in the office know.

The Annual Christmas Joy Offering

A cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Because Advent and Christmas shine a light not only on our world's greatest hope but also on our world's greatest need, the PC(USA) provides this timely opportunity for congregations to support causes specifically designed to bring *Good News of Great Joy* to the poor in circumstance or spirit. Alongside the message of promise and fulfillment in Luke's Gospel, we also hear the clear call to God's people to respond in faith as Christ calls us: "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded" (Luke 12:48).

Meet your Parish Elders! Developed by Muskingum Valley Presbytery to be a go between and coordinator of local events, the Zanesville Parish Elders meet once a month to discuss what the area Presbyterian churches are planning and to give support to each others ministries. Want to be part of the action? Join our elder Herb Perry (minister of Putnam Pres.), our local Presbyterian ministers, and assorted church leaders on **Tuesday December 18th at 8:00 in Putnam Presbyterian Church, Zanesville**. Everyone is welcome to attend and light refreshments will be served. For more information contact Amanda Allison.



What are you looking for? What do you look forward to learning about? Where is your passion? Please take a minute to share with us what you would like to see Trinity do in this next year. It can be anything from a Sunday school class topic, to a new and vital ministry. We want to hear from you!! Please drop your ideas in the offering plate, leave them for Amanda, or tell Nancy in the office.

Missions Available

December 8th— help support the local animal shelter by buying cookies beginning at 8:00 in the fellowship hall.

December 16th- Caroling beginning at 2:00. Meet in the youth room.

Jan 6th— taking down the greens (11:30-1:00)

Ongoing Opportunities to Serve

Ushers are needed to help once every 3 months. Talk to Nancy or Dick Patterson. Could you help with Communion preparation? Help is needed to fill cups, clean after, and in general prepare the plates for the sacrament. Contact Dick Patterson if you can help.



Youth News

NOVEMBER NEWS

The Youth Group Cookie Sale brought in \$369.00 FANTASTIC!!

THANKS TO THE Youth & families and the Deacons and especially the Congregation for all of your support!

Nine of our Youth took part in the Hanging of the Greens with members of the congregation on Nov. 25th.

Thank you from Souper Bowl Committee for our 11 youth that served. They were very impressed with our group. The Youth want to also thank Jan & Cathie Jenkins for the special care that they have given our Youth room this past year.

Angel Tree Shopping Dec. 2nd right after church we will meet in the Youth room for directions, car assignments, etc. We will shop at the Mall and Northpointe (Kohl's etc.) or Walmart we will return to church by 1:15 or so. We will buy or bring something to eat. Cookies, lemonade, water will be provided. We will "show and tell" about our presents and get them ready to delivery. We hope to be done by 1:45 p.m.

Christmas Caroling with group from the congregation at 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 16 meet at the church.

January 6, 2013 Next combined Meeting of Youth group, parents and committee. Every family is asked to bring a food dish to share. we will meet and eat right after church service.

January 13 Movie Matinee noon. TBA

April 13& 14, 2013 30 HR FAMINE (World Vision) Mark your calendars now and bring ideas and suggestions to our January meeting.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING



Sunday, December 16th.

Meet in the Youth Room

at 2:30 PM.

**I'm Thankful To God For Trinity
United Presbyterian Church
because...**

[On Sunday, November 18 at the beginning of worship, everyone was asked to write one reason why *"I'm thankful to God for T.U.P.C. because..."* on the insert in the bulletin. The following responses were received]

- ✓ [We're] a close church family...
- ✓ We care and support all who need prayer; material needs; and our military members...
- ✓ We are a very giving congregation...
- ✓ The Word of God is preached here...
- ✓ I can fellowship with other faithful Christians...
- ✓ Of its fellowship and friends to praise God...
- ✓ The love and fellowship at T.U.P.C...
- ✓ [Of the] kind, caring friends and a fantastic choir...
- ✓ Of all the special people in our church...
- ✓ It provides an excellent music program for inspiration...
- ✓ The fellowship and love every week of our members...
- ✓ The beautiful and comforting music each Sunday...
- ✓ Of the special people in our congregation who gather together each Sunday in faith...
- ✓ Of the young people who give us inspiration for the future...
- ✓ This church is where I grew up giving thanks with my parents and now my children are following in my footsteps...
- ✓ T.U.P.C. welcomed me many years ago, and continues to do so now...
- ✓ Of the opportunity to play bells with talented ringers & dedicated director...
- ✓ For many friendships and caring people. This is my home! Also the beautiful music...
- ✓ God is alive in our church through the talents of many such as choir, bells, & organist...
- ✓ We want this church to still be here in the years to come!!...
- ✓ My girls were 2 ½ years old & 6 weeks old when I started here on "the hill" (Highland). It's been "home", a "safe" place for me. Thank you Lord and all my friends....
- ✓ It has strengthened my faith and brought me closer to God...
- ✓ We have Betty Ward and Clem Burton. Because if they were not here, I probably would not be...
- ✓ It keeps me grounded...
- ✓ It is filled with wonderful friends and family...
- ✓ Of the wonderful music and hand bell choir...
- ✓ I have a place to worship with my family and friends!...
- ✓ My church friends; being able to worship; my relationship with God; the things I'm able to do with my youth/group/family...
- ✓ Of all the wonderful friends I have from church...

- ✓ Of my involvement with the youth of our church...
- ✓ Of the meaningful relationship I have with God...
- ✓ Music Program: It is all that keeps me here!
- ✓ Of all the nice people I get to be around...
- ✓ Of the beautiful music we have - bells, choir, piano, organ, soloists. We have a lot of talent in this church...
- ✓ T.U.P.C. is my Hope for every day, not just on Sunday. Thanks be to God...
- ✓ They support my mission work and care about our family...
- ✓ It has given me the opportunity to meet new people and share wonderful memories with them...
- ✓ For all my church family and friends...
- ✓ T.U.P.C. [is] a beautiful church to worship [in]...
- ✓ The ability to worship in freedom as we choose...
- ✓ It is a sanctuary of peace and comfort within these troubled times we live in...

Churches were asked to give a one to two minute reflection of their thanks to God for their church during the Northside Community Thanksgiving Service at First Christian Church.

The inspiration from these writings provided much for our reflection to share. The written reflection was divided into categories, each of which ended with "For this, we give God the glory."

Included was our thanks for being blessed with pastors and lay persons that preach the Word of God, giving us guidance on what we should do during this time without a full time pastor. We shouldn't sit in "idle", waiting for the next pastor. Consider this: *"My brethren, count it all a joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience."* James 1: 2 & 3.

Another category mentions our Sunday School and Bible Study groups. Great is the need (to study the Word) but few are the number (who accept the invitation.) *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."* Psalm 119:105

Let's come and worship, for the Christ child is coming!

For this, we give God the glory.

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WEATHER CANCELLATION

We hope to have a nice easy winter as we did last winter.

But, just in case it takes a nasty turn, remember, that if you don't
fill comfortable driving to church on Sunday, please stay home!

We don't want anyone to have an accident.

The Session has approved the following guidelines. If the coun-
ty declares a level 2 snow emergency church service will be can-
celled.