



Trinity Triumph

December 2014

Coming Events:

Thursday, Dec. 4

Men's Breakfast @ 8:00 a.m. @ Good Sam

Friday, Dec. 5

First Friday Concert @ 7:00 p.m. @ Central Presbyterian

Sunday, Dec. 7

Traveling Christian Country Choir Cantata @ 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9

Young at Heart @ 11:30 a.m. @ Olive Garden

Sunday, Dec. 14

Christmas Program, Potluck, & Caroling

Handel's Messiah @ 6:00 p.m. @ Central Trinity UMC

Monday, Dec. 22

Grief Share @ 6:00 p.m. @ Market House

Wednesday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; Music @ 7:00; Service @ 7:30

Christmas Program & Potluck



The Annual Christmas Program & Potluck will be Sunday December 14 after the service. Come downstairs and watch our children present the Christmas story, enjoy a potluck, and go caroling afterward.

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Chrismons at Trinity

CHRISMON TREE
at
FOREST AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ZANESVILLE, OHIO

The word "Chrismon" means Christian monograms or symbols. All ornaments were made by the women of the church.

Kris Beebe

The Chrismon Tree in the sanctuary of TUP first stood there during Advent 1984. The original tree and most of the Chrismons we currently have come from The Forest Avenue United Presbyterian Church. (The picture and text featured in this article are from a Christmas card made at Forest Avenue featuring their Chrismon Tree. Thank you to Gretchen for sharing the card.) In January of 1986, Gretchen Sayre held several workshops in our Fellowship Hall to refurbish the Chrismons. Currently, with some input from Gretchen, the Youth Group and the Teen Sunday School are working to again refurbish them. The original pieces date from 1965. Ornaments are made of styrofoam. Trims are white pearls, gold beads, sequins, mesh, foil and wire. We purchase most supplies from the east coast -we have two sources that specialize in the materials.

Chrismon means a monogram of Christ. Frances K. Spencer created these symbols in Danville, Virginia in 1957 for her church: The Lutheran Church of the Ascension. She later expanded the idea to include other symbols of the early church. The tree is lit with only white lights to symbolize Christ as The Light of the World. The symbols are made of white and gold. White represents the purity of Christ and gold represents his majesty and glory. The Tree also has a children's section - always hung low on the tree so the children can easily see. A nativity scene is part of this area. There might be some color in this area. The rest of the tree is white and gold with the exception of the pelican ornament

*May the Joy and Peace
of Christmas be with
you always.*



which has a touch of red to represent the Blood Christ shed for us.

We know that Forest Avenue Presbyterian Church had the first Chrismon Tree in Muskingum County. The Rev. Kenneth Lister brought the idea from Detroit, Michigan. The Board of Deacons coordinated the project, with most of the women at Forest helping to create 100 ornaments between April and November of 1965. We have papers to show that Highland United Presbyterian Church had one, probably done by the Youth of the church. We also know that the Forest Tree stood in the sanctuary of the Ridge Avenue Church while our current building was being completed. We have two newspaper articles about the tree at Forest, a Christmas Card of it and papers explaining the meanings of the symbols from Highland and TUP. We are blessed to have such an awesome legacy.

We are aware of some of the ornament makers, but not all. The names we have are: Mrs. Donald Jones, Mrs. Curt Clever, Mrs. Carl Smith, Dorbie Littick, Gretchen Sayre and Mary Flanagan. The history of the Chrismon Trees in our founding congregations is limited. If you have any additional information please let Kris Beebe know, preferably in writing. We are attempting to compile as much information as we can and we appreciate any help you can give.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 5: Fellowship of Christ's Community Last First Friday Concert: The final Fellowship of Christ's Community First Friday Concert will be Friday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. at Central Presbyterian Church, featuring the Traveling Christian Country Choir directed by our own Betty Ward.



Dec. 7: Traveling Christian Country Choir Cantata: The Traveling Christian Country Choir will present their Christmas Cantata, "Darkness into Light," by Mary McDonald at 7:00 p.m. here at Trinity.

Dec. 14: Sunday School Christmas Program, Potluck, & Caroling: Join us after the service to watch our children reenact the Christmas Story, enjoy a potluck and fellowship, and then join us for caroling.

Dec. 14: 85th Annual Handel's Messiah: Sunday, Dec. 14, 6:00 p.m., Central Trinity Church, 62 S. Seventh Street. The chorus includes singers from Muskingum, Perry, Morgan, Coshocton, and Licking counties.

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Join us on Wednesday, December 24 for our traditional candlelight Christmas Eve service. Music will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the Service following at 7:30 p.m.

Announcements

Flowers: If you would like to purchase flowers, please contact the church office at 452-8482, and let us know the information for the bulletin, whether you would like one or two vases, and whether you would like to take the flowers after the service.



Snacks after Service: Snacks after Service has been a great way for members to get to know each other after church each Sunday. You may sponsor it alone or with another member or group. The church will provide coffee, cold and hot water, plates, napkins and silverware and punch bowl (if needed). If you would like to sponsor Snacks after Service, please sign up on the chart across from the elevator.

Phyllis Moore: To send cards to Phyllis Moore (John Reed's daughter who is battling brain cancer): Phyllis Moore, 5116 High Desert Place NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87111

Congratulations and Best Wishes: to Emily Sheets & Aaron Spragg, married at Trinity on November 1, 2014.

Congratulations and Best Wishes: to Brooke & Eric Gerst on the birth of their son, Kyson Zain Gerst, 4lb., 6oz., 17 inches long, born on October 6.

Deacons' Thank You Note: The Deacons would like to thank all who helped prepare and serve the Golden Dinner celebration on October 12 and all who prepared and served food for the bereavement luncheon for the family of Harold Clymer on Monday, October 27.

Thank you from the Paynes: "Thanks to all who sent cards to Bob when he was in the hospital. They were appreciated."

Thank you from the Goods: "Linda and Larry Good would like to thank Rev. Dennis and his wife for coming to check on Linda while Larry was at State School Board meetings. Special thanks to Kris Beebe and Jen Ardrey."

Trinity Children's Choir

Mindy Patterson

Trinity's Children's Choir was started circa 1988 by Kris Beebe at the request of then pastor, Dr. Kettlewell. A contest was held to name the group, and choir member Abby Hodgson had the winning entry, "The Cherub Choir." They were soon fitted with the blue choir robes still seen on the kindergarten -3rd grade choir members today, and it was eventually established that the Cherub Choir would sing on the 4th Sunday of the month.

The Cherub Choir remained under the direction of Kris Beebe until she stepped down in the spring of 2001. That fall, the Chancel Choir Director at the time, Lorraine Ray, took over as the director of the children's choir as well. During the time of her leadership, they became known as the "Milk and Honey Choir." After Lorraine left in the spring of 2003, I took over the position that fall and have been directing the Trinity United Presbyterian Church Children's Choir ever since.

The Children's Choir is for children in kindergarten through 6th grade who like to sing. I believe that this group is a wonderful way for our children to contribute to our worship service. They have a lot to offer and singing is a very meaningful way to make an offering unto God. I also believe that in order to offer our best unto God, the kids should learn basic choral technique and the discipline of singing correctly. We work very hard on producing



a good singing tone and pronouncing

the words so that the congregation can understand them. Learning the discipline to stand through an entire song is an ongoing process toward which we continually work.

A funny memory is brought to mind... I am frequently talking to the children about watching the director at all times. They found out why first hand. One Sunday morning, we began our anthem

and I, for some unknown reason, started giving them the words to the 2nd verse first. The kids were watching and followed right with me. I realized what I had done about half way through the verse. We continued on and then we went back and sang

the first verse. I don't think anyone would have known if we hadn't told them.

The current Trinity Children's Choir members are: Connor Allison, Katherine Allison, Emily Ferry, Taylor Ferry, Olivia Foster, Tillman Hawk, Leila Hawk, Aaron Johnson, and Mark Patterson. Our accompanist is Kris Hawk.



Minute for Mission & Church Life

Maggie Nussbaum

Fellowship of Christ's Community: The final Fellowship of Christ's Community concert will be held on Friday, December 5th at 7:00 and will feature the Traveling Christian Country Choir under the direction of our own Betty Ward. Tickets are \$6 at the door, and proceeds support the ongoing programs of the FCC.

Thanksgiving for Eastside Offering: We collected \$229.00 for the offering to help with the Thanksgiving meal baskets that will be distributed by Eastside Community Ministry. Thank you to all who contributed to this offering. We have received a note of thanks from Eastside for our caring gift.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child—Shoebox Project—Thirty-two (32) completed shoeboxes were collected or packed for this project. After they are processed at the distribution centers, they will be sent to children around the world. Some boxes had postage donations made online, and those will be tracked to their final destination. Those destinations will be announced as they become available. Thanks to all who packed boxes, donated items or money, and/or prayed for all involved in this project—from individuals in our congregation to the those who worked at collection and distribution centers to the children who receive these gifts.

Mitten Tree: The Mitten Tree has quickly become surrounded with love and the warmth of hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves of all sizes. Collection will continue through December 14th. These warm, winter items will then be taken to the Salvation Army for distribution.



Christmas Joy Offering: The Mission and Church Life Committee is also supporting the collection of the Christmas Joy Offering, a Presbyterian Special Offering. We will collect this offering during Advent, from November 30th through December 21st. This offering distributes gifts 50/50 to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. The Assistance Program provides integral financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and spiritual leadership and nurture racial and ethnic heritage.

SOUPer Bowl Benefit Luncheon: The SOUPer Bowl accounts are still being settled, but each of the five Muskingum County hot meal programs will receive between \$2,550.00 and \$2,640. Thank you to all who helped to make this a successful event.

Youth News

Nancy Thompson

Bake Sale Fundraiser: On Sunday, November 16, the youth participated in a Snacks after Service with the Deacons, combined with a Bake Sale (cookies by the dozen) as a fund raiser for the Christmas Angel Tree project, which includes gifts for children (as we did last year) & donation jar. Thanks to all who helped & donated. BIG THANKS to the Congregation for making our Annual Cookie Sale (for Angel Tree Children Christmas shopping) a HUGE SUCCESS! We raised \$437 in Cookie sales and Donations!!



Shop and Drop: On Sunday, December 7, we will shop for gifts for three children chosen from the Angel Tree at the Mall. We will meet and leave right after church and will return to the church around 2:00 p.m.

If you would like to help:

If you would like to make a donation to assist the Youth Group in making their Christmas purchases for children whose names are on the Angel Tree at the Mall, please send it to the church. Checks can be made payable to Trinity United Presbyterian Church/Youth Fund.

Thank you so much!

Upcoming Youth Group Events (7th Grade-12th Grade)

Sun. Dec. 7	Shop & Drop: Shop day for 3 Angel Tree Children. Meet right after church. Drivers: Nancy, Gigi, Larry and one more. Shop at the mall, get take-out food; meet back at the youth room to show and tell and package up; finish at 2:00 usually.
Sun. Dec. 14	Help with Children's Christmas Program during Church Service & go Christmas Caroling with groups from Congregation.
Sun. Jan. 4	Taking down the Greens & a meeting.
March 14-15, 2015	New tentative date for the 30 Hour Famine



Worship Leaders for December

*Note: If you are unable to serve on your designated Sunday, please switch with someone else and notify the church office for the bulletin.

	Acolytes	Sub.	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
7	Emily Ferry and Taylor Ferry	Emily Founds	Larry and Becky Welch	Bob and Pat Payne, Jim and Hinda Ardrey	Ken Sayre
14	Carolyn Geis and Miranda Geis	Tillman Hawk	Donna Steinman and Dorothy Allison	Dale and Kay Vandebark, Kevin and Natalie Van Horn	Laura Monath
21	Aaron Johnson and David Johnson	Jonathan Patterson	Arlene Crooks and Jeaneen Moreland	Bill, Melissa, Andy, and Adam Cook, Dedi Spargrove	Tim Patterson
24			C.J. Allison Family	Tim and Matthew Patterson, Larry Good	Emily Sheets
28	Mark Patterson and Kenzie Vandebark	Connor Allison	Hawk Family	Bill Miska, Ray Mennega, Nancy Wright, Lisa Bates	Lew Sidwell

Stay Connected at Trinity

Newsletter Information: Please email newsletter information to Kristina Hawk at kristinahawk@sbcglobal.net, call her at 452-7292, or leave it in the office with a note. If you have an idea for an article for the newsletter, or if you would like to write an article, please let us know. The deadline for the January/February newsletter is *Monday, December 22*.

Bulletin Information: If you have information for the church bulletin, please call the church office at 452-8482, email Pastor Allison at D.Allison.TrinityUPC.Pastor@gmail.com or call him at (567) 274-5133 (Cell) or 487-4561 (Home).



December Birthdays & Anniversaries

- * 80 years or older
- ** Over 50 Years of Marriage
- *** Golden Anniversary

If you notice a missing birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office.

- 4: Kelly Foster
- 8: Gigi Monath
- 9: Teresa Baldwin
Tracie Hill
Steve & Jane Reed
- 10: *Jeffrey & Lisa Bates*
- 13: Arlene Crooks *
- 15: Amanda Allison
Doug & Julie Vandenbark
- 17: Alicia Pollock
- 18: Donna Steinman
- 19: Krista Starkey
- 20: John Dixon *
Sierra Moore
- 21: Emily Monath
- 22: Jane Reed
Merle & Dora Taylor

- 23: *Lori & Steve Baldwin*
- 24: Mary Pollock *
Emily Sheets
- 25: Marshall Hightower
Katie Sidwell
Jim & Pat Frederick
- 26: Mary Flanagan
- 27: Devin Ardrey
- 28: John Ferry
Brian & Tracie Hill
- 30: Peggy Ware
- 31: Taylor Ferry

Dorothy Sletzer, Phyllis Moore and her father, John Reed, Carol Frame, Iris Eppley. OSU Hospital: Jim Ardrey
Home: Bob Payne

Celebrations for Prayers:

Richard Krebs, Bill Cook, Alyssa Foster

Members in Assisted Living or Homebound:

Cedar Hill: Norma Near
Primrose: Bill & Bea Fisk, Archie & Alta Thorla
Helen Purcell: Ann Nicholas, Frances Bare
Emeritus: Carol Hampson
Clay House: Mary Sprague, Barbara Addy, Jack Hampson
Autumn Health Care, Newark: Grace Beebe
Other: John Reed, Russ & Clara Mae Hansen at home

In Memoriam:

Harold Clymer, Oct. 23, 2014
Ernie Grimm, Nov. 8, 2014

Concerns for Prayers: Brock Johnson, Kaylee Cavenor, Matt Brown, Ann Glaser, Elsie Hood, Mariah Swingle, Renee Newsom, the Thompson family, the family of Ernie Grimm, Sue Culp, Ben Lyle, George &

DECEMBER at Trinity UPC

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00 p.m. NA	2	3 7:00 Choir 7:00 p.m. NA	4 8:00 Men's Breakfast (Good Sam) 11:00 WBS 5:30 WW 7:00 MBS	5 7:00 First Friday at Central Pres 7:00 p.m. NA	6
7 8:00 Bell Choir 8:30 Children's Choir 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Youth Choir 10:30 Worship & Communion 1:00 Prayer Shawl 7:00 p.m. Traveling Christian Country Choir Cantata	8 1-7 Red Cross 6:00 Grief Share (Parlor) 7:00 p.m. NA	9 11:30 Young at Heart (Olive Garden) 6:00 p.m. Alzheimer Group	10 6:15 Worship & Music 6:30 Building & Grounds 7:00 Choir 7:00 p.m. NA	11 11:00 WBS 5:30 WW 7:00 MBS	12 7:00 p.m. NA	13
14 8:00 Bell Choir 8:30 Children's Choir 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Youth Choir 10:30 Worship 11:30 Christmas Program & Potluck 6:00 p.m. Messiah (Central Trinity UMC)	15 7:00 p.m. NA	16	17 7:00 Choir 7:00 p.m. NA	18 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl 11:00 WBS 5:30 WW 7:00 MBS	19 7:00 p.m. NA	20
21 8:00 Bell Choir 8:30 Children's Choir 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Youth Choir 10:30 Worship	22 1-7 Red Cross January Newsletter Deadline 6:00 p.m. Grief Share (Market House Inn) 7:00 p.m. NA	23 6:00 Deacons	24 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m. NA	25 Christmas Day	26 7:00 p.m. NA	27
28 8:00 Bell Choir 8:30 Children's Choir 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Youth Choir 10:30 Worship	29 7:00 p.m. NA	30	31 7:00 p.m. NA	Abbreviations: NA: Narcotics Anonymous MBS: Men's Bible Study WBS: Women's Bible Study WW: Weight Watchers		

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.



Communion Schedule:

- December 7