

The Season of Lent arrives next month. It begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd this year. What shall we do about it? Our Roman Catholic friends seem to know what they're doing during Lent, but Protestants fumble around in it. Some churches ignore it altogether. Presbyterians usually have some observance on Ash Wednesday, and perhaps some events on the following Wednesdays in Lent. Some churches do ashes. Apparently this church has done ashes in the past. Personally, I don't do ashes. The Directory for Worship is silent about ashes. I don't feel quite so drawn to that particular outward act. But, what are we supposed to do on Ash Wednesday and during Lent?

For my own part of it, I don't particularly care *what* we do as long as we know *why* we're doing it. There is definitely a *why* about Lent, and the *what* can follow along on its own. The *why* of Lent is all about preparation. Lent is an extended time of preparation, and it is inspired by the Temptation of Jesus in the wilderness, after his Baptism and before he began his ministry. The First Sunday of Lent always includes one of the Gospel accounts of that event, and it serves to focus everything that follows.

We prepare for our celebration of Easter. I think that's important because I am always afraid that the Church regards Easter too lightly. It seems to me that there's a greater danger of missing the point of Easter than there is of over commercializing Christmas. Of all things in the world, Christians must not miss the point of Easter. That's a fatal error.

Like Christmas, Easter is a beautiful time. It anticipates spring time, new beginnings, and rebirth. Bunnies, Easter eggs, candy, new clothes, bonnets, and parades are "extras" that have been borrowed from pagan traditions over the years and "Christianized." That's really all right, as long as it doesn't become an obsession to the exclusion of the main point. As it is at Christmas, so also at Easter the main point is Jesus Christ. But, at Easter the primary point is the discovery of who Jesus really is and how he came to be our Savior.

So, during Lent, we spend time – as much time as possible, actually – considering what Jesus needed to do to become our Savior. It was not an easy matter for him. It was incredibly difficult. It went far beyond anything any other human being would ever be willing or able to do. It was something that only Jesus could do. But, the most amazing thing about it all is that Jesus made an unimaginable sacrifice for ordinary, everyday, unworthy and ungrateful people like you and like me. That's the point that must smack us squarely between the eyes if we are to be able to celebrate Easter as God intends that we should.

We allow ourselves to feel entirely too important. We actually come to the place where we believe that God somehow owes us salvation. Like the culture which surrounds us, we struggle with the notion that it's all about us. We've got an inalienable right to every good thing we can imagine, salvation included. But, that's not true. Salvation and fellowship in Christ's family, the Church, is God's greatest gift to those who are unworthy. Hopefully, during Lent, we discover more about that miraculous truth and grow nearer to our Savior ... *Between the Times*.

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

The PNC conducted its first phone interview in November. The committee met early in December, but took half of the month off, due to Christmas.

The committee reconvened on January 8th and has started lining up additional phone interviews. Our next interview will take place later today. Please pray for our committee, that we may be wise in discerning God's direction for us!

In case you have been wondering, since our Church Information Form went online at the end of May we now have received and reviewed 181 Pastor Information Forms (PIF)! By the way, a PIF can be anywhere from 5-8 pages in length. So it is easy to see we have had a lot of information to process in the last 7 months.

In the last few months we have requested and listened to a number of sample sermons from the most promising candidates. Based on the sermons and the PIFs, we are further refining the list to a much smaller number of candidates we would like to interview.

We know this is a slow process, but please keep in mind that our task is not just to fill an open position on the Trinity staff. We are prayerfully working to find the right person to work with and lead Trinity in a way that is faithful to God's word.

-Tim Patterson

Pastor Nominating Committee Chair

Trinity United Presbyterian Church
830 Military Road
Zanesville, OH 43701
Unicameral Session Minutes
For December 18th, 2011

On Sunday, December 18, 2011, at 11:45AM we met in the Chapel for devotions led by Elder David Frick. 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. Floyd Starr called us to order and service. A quorum was declared with 10 Elders present.

Clerk's Report: The agenda for December 18, 2011 was approved along with the minutes from the November 20, 2011 meeting.

Correspondence:

Muskingum County Community Foundation – notice of 5% spending rate and distribution of \$427 to occur in June 2012 from Gale-Trinity fund.

Thank you note received from the PAWS cookie walk which was held at Trinity.

Facility use requests:

Cindy Sheets requests use of Fellowship Hall for a meeting on Dec 17, 2011 @6pm.

Amanda Allison requests use of the Fellowship Hall for a Homeschool party on Jan 21, 2012 from 8:30 – 3:00pm for 40 persons. Requests approved.

Membership roles were discussed. A motion was made that a list of 37 names submitted be sent letters regarding their membership status. Motion approved. A motion was made that 60 names submitted be moved to 'Inactive roll'. Motion approved.

Moderators Report: No report.

Deacon Report: Minutes received.

Presbytery: Due to the scheduled time of the meeting, no representatives attended from Trinity.

Old Business: Elder Lew Sidwell spoke with Tom Price regarding our insurance. The re-appraisal is ongoing.

Worship and Music Report: Committee recommends the first communion service be held on January 8, 2012; all other communion services will be scheduled for the first Sunday of each month. Motion approved.

109 received communion on the December 4, 2011.

The committee approved the purchase of a cover for the grand piano at an estimated cost of \$175.00, which will be added to the total cost of the piano.

Outreach: Hand-made cards were created and sent out for Christmas.

Christian Education: No report.

Trinity United Presbyterian Church
Session Minutes for December 18th, 2011

Personnel: No Report

Nominating & Membership: The committee recommends a congregational meeting be called on January 8, 2012 for the purpose of electing officers. The installation service will be January 15, 2012. Motion approved. The slate of candidates was announced.

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

The committee sent letters to members who have pledged in the past but have not pledged this year. Pledges are lower this year, down approximately 32% from last year. Some of this is due to a loss of pledging members. The budget will be finalized in January.

Building and Grounds: No report.

Missions: No report.

New Business: It was requested that extra care be given to proof reading of any church publications as there have been a number of errors lately.

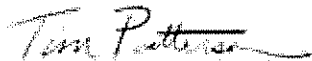
Time of Sharing Joys and Challenges: Thanks to God for all the blessings at Trinity.

Joy: Everyone has been enjoying Clem's piano and organ playing!

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 12:40 pm by Rev. Floyd Starr, Moderator.

Next scheduled Session meeting is January 15, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Patterson, Clerk of Session

CHILD SAFETY REVIEW

We, the Trinity Presbyterian Church of Zanesville, Ohio, believe that the church has a moral and legal obligation to provide an environment that promotes the safety of all children and youth who use the facility.

The Session approves and request that members understand and comply with following:

- **All exterior doors of the church, with the exception of the main entrance, will be locked at 10:30am every Sunday.**
- **Parents should be encouraged by the adult responsible for the activity not to drop the child or youth off early before adult supervision can be assured. Similarly, parents should be encouraged to pick up the child promptly at the conclusion of the activity. If someone other than the parent will be picking up the child or youth, a note should be provided stating who this will be.**
- **During church activities, children and youth will not be permitted to leave the immediate area of the activity unless accompanied by an adult volunteer.**
- **At the conclusion of Sunday school, Children's Church, or Children's Choir, youth in the third (3) grade and above may be released from the classroom in the absence of a parent or caregiver unless instructed in writing to the contrary by the parent or caregiver.**
- **Children in the second grade and lower may not be released from the classroom unless the child's parent or caregiver is present.**
- **Supervision will be maintained before and after all activities until all youth are dismissed to the care of a parent or caregiver.**
- **The Children's Church leaders will assist with the orderly movement of children from the sanctuary to Children's Church after the Moment for Young Disciples. Parents will pick their children up from Children's Church.**



Upcoming Events and News that you can use

February 2012

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY will once again be held on Feb. 5th. The boys will be helping during the service. We hope to have some to be ushers and greeters.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY will be held on March 4th. The girls will be helping during the service. Following the service there will be a luncheon in the fellowship hall. The luncheon will be a free will offering. Spaghetti, salad and garlic bread. YUM.

GRIEF SHARE will be meeting on the second Tuesday here at the church at 7:00 p.m. On the fourth Tuesday, they join together for dinner. For the month of February, they will be at Applebee's on Feb, 27th at 7:00 p.m. For more information about this group, please contact Mary Flanagan or Nancy Killian.

UPPER ROOMS we have for the past several years purchased the large print and regular print of the Upper rooms. We have noticed that the past year or so, that people are not purchasing them. We believe that it is time to stop our subscription. We are trying to help keep cost down. If someone would like to have their own subscription, please contact the church office for more information.



PEW PADS just a "gentle" reminder that we would like everyone to sign the red pew pad on Sunday morning.

We like to know if we have visitors. The pads have a spot on them for desire a call from the pastor or you can list a new address or phone, or if any thing that you would like the office to know can be added to the paper.

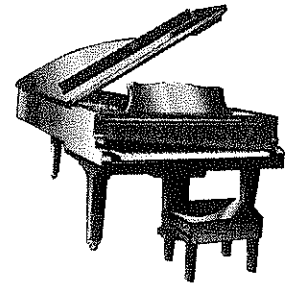
If you are sitting on the end with the pew pad, please pick it up and sign your name and pass it down the row. Be sure to welcome your neighbor!

PIANO UPDATE

We have all been enjoying the beautiful sounds of the new grand piano. It has been an opportunity for some of the musicians in our congregation to express their talents. We have heard wonderful music from Clem, Adam Cook, and Kris Hawk.

I would like to commend the congregation for the financial support of this project. We started this project at the beginning of October with the goal to have the piano in place by Christmas and we achieved that goal! The original goal was \$20,000. \$500 came from the trade-in of the old piano. Since October, we have raised \$14,403.89. I am amazed at how quickly we were able to reach nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of the total. I would like to give a big thank you to all who contributed.

In order to comply with our agreement with CA House Music, we have paid the total amount for the piano. In order to do this, monies were used from the memorial fund. We would like to replenish what was borrowed from the memorial fund so that those funds will be available for future projects. That amount is just over 5,000 dollars. If you had intended to contribute to the piano, but haven't done so yet...you still can. Just clearly mark your contribution as "piano," and it will be put into the memorial fund.



CONGRATULATIONS

We are excited to share with the congregation that Jacob Thien and Karen Sidwell received the Muskingum Christian Athlete Leadership Award on Sat. January 28th. This award is given to the young man and woman of each county school for their excellence in faith and leadership.

Also congratulations to the area basketball, swimming and other winter teams for the many awards that they have received. We also include the area choirs and band's for a job well done.

Deacon Beacon



February 2012

Cookie Coffee will be on Feb. 19th.

For new Deacons a reminder to all Deacons, you have a mailbox in the office. It has your name on it and sometimes there are important papers that needs to be picked up before meetings. Please remember to check.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR 80+ AND 50 YEARS OR MORE OF MARRIAGE.

BIRTHDAYS

	Feb. 20
Feb. 1	Rita Gains
Jack Hampson	Feb. 21
Primrose, 4212 N. Pointe Dr # 128	Richard Krebs
Feb. 17	
Merle Taylor, 33174 State Park Rd	Feb. 24
South Padre Island, TX 78597	William Fisk
Feb. 18	4212 N. Pointe Dr
Bob Arter	

The Deacons on duty for February are: Martha Purkey, Mary Flanagan, Elva Frick. The responsibly of the Deacon on Duty are: clean up after monthly Cookie Coffee and every Sunday take care of the altar flowers, this includes taking them to the shut ins or ill or get them ready for the donor to take home.

If for some reason that you can't be here when you are scheduled, please let Jan Jenkins know.

BABY NEWS: Chad & Kelly Foster have welcomed a new little girl to their family. Alyssa Claire was born on Jan. 5th. She has a big sister, Olivia, and the proud grandparents are Dave & Sue Foster and Roger & Carla Samson.



MOVED: We have the new address for Paul Willis.

c/o W.R. Wurtzbacher, 1521 Potomac Hill, Valley Grove, WV 26060-1094.....

Also Jack & Carol Hampson had been attending our church. Jack is the father of Bev LeMaster.

Jack's birthday is Feb. 1 and both of these friends are new to the area and would appreciate receiving cards from their new friends.

Jack's address is in the birthday list for this month.

February

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From the CE desk

A note from Amanda

Bring a friend to church on February 12th!

Everyone is invited to bring a friend to Sunday school and church on February 12th. Special refreshments and games will be held in

the fellowship hall between Sunday school and church and again after service until noon. Can't wake up at 9:00 to get to Sunday school? That's ok! Adults can come to the Sunday school class before church or after church, or both! Help us welcome our

friends by introducing yourself to the new people you'll see on the 12th and enjoy the extra fun and fellowship. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" Matthew 28:19

Acolyte and Children's Church schedule

February 5th

Miranda Geis
Jonathan Patterson

February 5th

Amanda Allison
Kris Geis

February 12th

Janie McLoughlin
Jack Tysinger

February 12th

Amanda Allison
Kris Hawk

February 19th

Aaron Johnson
Cameron Hill

February 19th

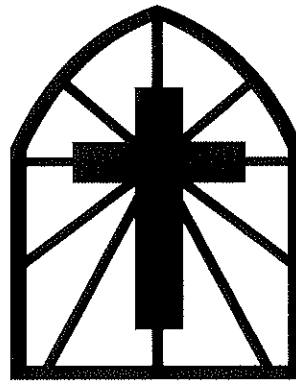
Amanda Allison
Keis Geis

February 26th

Carolyn Geis
Katherine Allison

February 26th

Amanda Allison



After Church Sunday School Class

Join Reverend Schumacher on February 12 in the parlor for lunch and a lesson on the Apostle's Creed. What does it mean to say "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth"? Why do we believe in "the holy catholic church" and "the communion of saints"? Why do we even have this creed to begin with? All these questions and more will be answered! Bring your questions and your appetites and be ready for rejuvenating fellowship and thoughtful study.

Youth News

Mark Your Calendars!

This month:

✝ February 5- Youth Committee Meeting

We will be planning our event and activities for the upcoming year. All youth and their families are welcome. We will be putting a special focus on preparing for the 30 Hour Famine with a preview and a sign up.

✝ February 12- Youth Group

- Meeting- We will kick off the 30 Hour Famine by discussing what the famine is all about. We will also plan what activities we will be doing. Come prepared with ideas!
- Meal- the Meadows family is in charge of the meal this month.
- Activity- we will be watching "Courageous" with a discussion afterward.

Looking ahead:

✝ March 24-25, 2012 - The Youth will be participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine! All youth 7-12 grade are invited to attend and can sign up starting at the February 5th committee meeting.

"We go hungry so others don't have to."

Join in to fight hunger!!

World Vision has been fighting hunger and poverty for over 60 years by serving millions in nearly 100 countries

NOTE'S FROM NANCY

Note from Nancy



FLOWERS for February, we have several opening in the month. If you are interested, please contact the church office. We would also like to know, how it is to be worded in the bulletin and if you would like to take your flowers.

ASH WEDNESDAY is Feb. 22nd. We will be holding a service that evening at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel. Check your bulletin for further information about the upcoming Lenten season.

NEWSLETTER we have quite a few newsletter each month that are not being picked up. We are trying to keep the mailing cost down. If you have decided to have your newsletter mailed, please let the office know. We will put them out for two weeks, after that you can pick them up in the office. Remember, that it is also on our web site.

Also, a quick reminder, that if you go to the hospital, please contact the church. The hospitals will NOT contact us. If you are unable to make the call, please have someone in your family or friends let us know. We can't visit or pray for you if we don't know that you are ill.



The Payne and Hawk family would like to thank the congregation for the many cards, calls and concerns during the recent passing of their nephew, Mark DeMent.

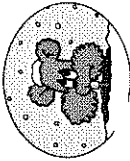
YOUNG AT HEART be ready, we will begin our monthly luncheon in March. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month. The date for March will be the 13th at 11:30 a.m.

This group is for anyone who would enjoy having lunch with friends. Each month we try a different place.

Does anyone have a favorite spot?

How about Tee-Jay's? If you are interested, please RSVP to the church office.

Feb. Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Jack Hampson	2 	3	4
5	6	7 Nancy Killian Ed Bay Julie Vandenbark	8 Bernie Baldwin	9	10 Jan Jenkins Becky Welch	11 Kasey MacLaine
12	13	14 Todd & Susan Thompson	15	16	17 Carol Sours Merle Taylor	18 Bob Arter Clay Foster
19 George Ware Lori Meadows	20 Rita Gains	21 Dick Krebs Dave Foster Kori Sidwell	22 Gretchen Bennett	23 Bill & Joan Miska	24 Bill Fisk	25
26 Kelly Garber	27 Robin Moore Craig & Teresa Baldwin	28	29			
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**Trinity United Presbyterian Church
Financial Recap**

Dec-11

INCOME

LOCAL MISSIONS:

General Fund	\$13,411
Memorial Fund	\$2
Youth Fund	\$68

Total Local Mission Income	\$13,481
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WORLD MISSIONS:

Total World Mission Income	\$883
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TOTAL INCOME	\$14,364
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EXPENSES

LOCAL MISSIONS:

Personel	\$14,240
Office Costs	\$423
Music	\$115
Education	\$627
Property	\$13,066
Congregation	\$29
Youth Fund	\$0

Total Local Missions	\$28,500
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WORLD MISSIONS	\$9,171
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World Mission commitment remaining	\$0
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$37,671
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NET GAIN/LOSS	-\$23,307
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February Events & Meetings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00 Bells 8:30 Children 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Youth Choir 10:30 Worship			1 Choir 7:00 p.m.	2	3	4 Boy Scouts Banquet 4:00 p.m.
5 Boy Scout Sunday Youth & Committee mtg	6 Red Cross 1-7	7 Staff 9:30 a.m.	8 Worship & Music 6:15 B & G 6:30, Choir 7:00 p.m.	9 Women 11:00 Mission 12:15 WW 5:30 Men's 7:00	10 Roots & Shoots 4-9:00 p.m.	11
12 After the service SS class- Dr. Schumacher Youth-Movie	13 Zemba 6:00 p.m. Grief Share 7:00	14 Staff 9:30 a.m. Deacons 6:00 p.m. Christian Ed 7:00	15 Choir 7:00 p.m.	16 Women 11:00 WW 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:00 Men's 7:00	17	18
19 Cookie Coffee Session	20 Red Cross 1-7	21 Staff 9:30 a.m.	22 Ash Wednesday service 7:00 p.m.	23 Women 11:00 WW 5:30 p.m. Stitching Bees 6-9 p.m. Men 7:00	24	25
26 No Bell practice	27 Grief Share at Applebee's 7:00 p.m.	28 Staff 9:30	29 Choir 7:00 p.m.			
				First Thursday Men's B-fast 8:00 a.m. Prayer Shawi 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 11:00	(continued) Weight Watchers 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:00 Men's Bible Study 7:00	

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Friday 8:30-12:30 p.m.

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e-mail address: trinityup@sbcglobal.net

We have been very lucky this year with the wintery weather. Now that I have said that we will be getting several feet of snow!

Ground Hogs day is Feb. 2

Let's all hope for an early spring!

