



TRINITY TRIUMPH

TRINITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

"Gifted Christians" Dr. Jim Schumacher

Within the fellowship of Christ, the New Testament reminds us, all of us are "gifted Christians." Does that make sense for you? Do you feel that as a result of the Spirit, working through baptism and the Word, you have received special gifts from God? Our first inclination is to say, "Absolutely not! I'm just a run-of-the-mill Christian." Prudence teaches us not to volunteer for anything. Many learned that during military service. Being Johnny-on-the-Spot frequently proves difficult and dangerous.

The truth, however, is that all of us are "gifted Christians." Some have the ability to speak and teach. An impressively large number have musical gifts. A lot, but not all of them, are currently in our choir. I know this, because I now spend plenty of time sitting out there in our pews.

One of many ways that I realize just how gifted this congregation really is comes from what, to me, is a truly unique experience. For the first time in my life, I get to sit in a pew with Sally and worship my way through a pastoral vacancy. Previously, I was either the dirty bird who caused the vacancy, or the remarkably talented person who had just ended a pastoral vacancy. What I've discovered is how well we work together as a congregation to keep the life of our church working.

I've been particularly impressed by those of you serving as liturgists. Really, you do just as well as many of us who've served as associate pastors! This really is one of the Spirit's gifts. When it's done well, public speaking seems as natural as falling off a log. Truth is, however, there are plenty of those around us who would just as soon face a firing squad! Our liturgists use their special gifts to enrich each and every service.

Our Christian Education program continues a faithful and effective ministry, training adults and children. I'm not always sure that all of us appreciate just how vital the work of our Sunday School really is.

Our public schools need to practice religious neutrality, not favoring any particular tradition. Where else will children, men and women, learn the basic facts of Christian faith? Time Magazine observed in a 2007 cover story that only half of US adults could name even one of the four Gospels. Fewer than half could recognize Genesis as the Bible's first book. The church is the only place where that kind of instruction happens, except, perhaps, in higher education. All of that notwithstanding, the Bible and church history remain an important part of our cultural heritage!

The next time you hear a young person refer to Jesus, the Bible, or the church, thank a Sunday School teacher! Christian education isn't just what happens during the Church School's hour. Trinity's youth fellowship provides the social expression for our older students.

All who teach and administer this program offer a vital service both to our congregation and community.

I was really touched on learning that many of our elders have actually taken the training and are now administering home communion to our shut-ins. The fact that our presbytery offers special training for ordained elders, permitting them to provide what, otherwise, would be a pastoral responsibility, is a real help for our church particularly during this interim period.

Our Presbyterian system of church government offers support that's often overlooked. Our Session provides over-all guidance and supervision just as it would even if our new pastor were already in our pulpit. Presbytery provides a moderator chosen among its membership so that pastoral input always is available. While all of that goes on, our deacons continue their vital ministries both within our congregation and in our wider community.

Sally and I have "looked at clouds from both sides now." We've had the privilege of serving as your pastor and pastor's wife. Now, returning, we've also had the experience of sitting in our pews, being inspired by our music and our services. We're more than thrilled to see the many ways in which our congregation has learned to carry on the ministry of the church -- even during a time of "pastoral absence." As we wait for our next minister, we remain comforted that our Lord remains a constant presence through the Spirit's power. God really does need each one of us as, together, we serve him in and through our church.

Trinity United Presbyterian Church
830 Military Road
Zanesville, OH 43701
Unicameral Session Minutes
For December 16th, 2012

On Sunday, December 16, 2012, at 12:30PM we met in the Chapel for devotions led by Elder David Frick. Following devotions, 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 13 Elders present.

Clerk's Report: The agenda for December 16, 2012 was approved along with the minutes from the November 18, 2012 meeting. Various publications received have been placed in the library. Following the service on January 20, 2013, the 'After Church Sunday School' will serve as a mini-leadership training session, to be lead by Dr. Schumacher.

The mortality report for 2012 was presented. In 2012, the following members went on to be with the Lord: Dorothy Bailey 02/02/12; Howard Bailey 08/10/12; Andi Merry 11/08/2012.

Actions taken:

Contacted Rev. Mary Jane Knapp, interim at College Drive, who will be our moderator beginning January 2013.

Correspondence:

- A. Received a letter from the Alzheimer's Association thanking us for our support and requesting that we sign the host site agreement.
- B. The Muskingum County Community Fund notified us that the distribution for the Gale-Trinity fund will occur in June, 2013.

Facility use requests:

- A. Adriana Winsley requests use of the Fellowship Hall on January 26, 2013, from 9am to 1pm for the Cub Scout Pinewood Derby. Approved.

Moderators Report: The following is the moderator's report to Session. Rev. Millspaugh will not serve as our moderator in 2013 due to health reasons. He is glad to see young life in the congregation and enjoyed the children's Christmas program this morning.

Deacon Report: Minutes received.

Presbytery: Arlene and Rev. Millspaugh attended the meeting at College Drive in New Concord. The following are items of interest from the meeting:
Report of Administrative Commission for Gracious Dismissal was presented to address the requests of churches to be dismissed from PC(USA).
\$750 was awarded to Mary Perone for the 2 Cents a Meal grant. Budget - \$1.50 increase to the Presbytery portion of per Capita was passed, bringing per Capita to \$28.48. The Committee On Ministry approved Alex Barnes for ministry. The new Moderator is Rev. Jon Carlisle.

Old Business: A motion was made to retroactively approve Jan Jenkins as Elder. Approved. Elder Mennega provided an update on the Natural gas pricing. His recommendation is to stay with Columbia. He is still checking on the best electric deal.

Worship and Music Report: No action items. We served Holy Communion to 108 on

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Sunday, December 2, 2012. The next communion service will be on January 6, 2013. The Christmas Eve service will start with the music at 7pm, worship at 7:30pm. Fredrick Frank, teacher at the New Concord Middle School will deliver the message.

The proposed budget approved by committee is the same as the 2012 budget.

The committee is considering the possibility of having Troy Lewis of Toledo, Ohio, as a possible speaker. He is the author of 'Another Second Chance', a story of his life experiences when he and his brother were each in need kidney transplants. The church would be asked to provide one night's motel stay and asks only for a love offering and provision for a book stand.

Outreach: No report.

Christian Education: No report.

Personnel: No Report

Nominating & Membership: No action items. The slate of officers for 2013 has been approved.

Finance: The monthly finance report was presented. The balance figure for November was positive. Elder Sidwell reported that a second stewardship mailing was sent and received good response. 59 pledging units have now pledged. This is a lower number of pledging units than last year, but we are only about \$8,000 less than pledged last year. The committee will continue to contact members who have yet to pledge. The next task is to finish our mission giving. Reminder to committee chairs to turn in any outstanding committee budget proposals.

Building and Grounds: More lights have burned out in the sanctuary. The committee received note from a member of the congregation about leaving the curtain to the parlor open slightly. Motion was made to leave the curtain open. Approved, with one dissenting vote.

Missions: Reported with no action items. The committee continues to look at providing some kind of anti-bullying program. Between \$1,200 – \$1,300 was raised for Souper Bowl. This will be divided 5 ways for community.

Youth Committee: Reported with no action items. Raised \$369 from cookie sale. Spent \$200 on each child for Christmas Angel program. 10 youth were involved and the youth also participated in the hanging of greens. On January 6, 2013 we will take down the Christmas decorations. The next youth meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2013.

New Business: Rev. Mary Jane Knapp has requested we move our meeting time to 1PM. She will be coming from New Concord after their service concludes. Approved.

A proposed communion schedule was presented. Approved.

A motion was made to set date for installation/ordination of officers as January 20, 2013, and communion on the January 6, 2013. Approved.

Motion was made to set the date of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation for January 20, 2013. Approved.

Recommendation to have an AED training class to have members educated in its use. This will be directed to the appropriate committee.

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

We thank Rev. Bob Millspaugh for his service and friendship.
Thanks to those leaving session for their service.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 2:10pm by Rev. Bob Millspaugh,
Moderator.

Next scheduled Session meeting is January 20, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Patterson, Clerk of Session

What's happening this month

A little note from Amanda about Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras evolved from the frugal nature of the devout French Catholics that settled much of Louisiana. "Fat Tuesday" was a day used to eat up sugary sweets, butter and meats before the Lenten period began. Gumbo was a popular method of combining odds and ends of meats, fish, and vegetables and King Cake, pralines, beignets and other baked goods allowed a chance for one last good feast before Lenten fasting. Growing up in Louisiana every student participated in Lenten fasting in much the same way a northern teacher would have children write a New Year's resolution. Every classroom ate weekly king cakes and every building was festooned with purple, green and gold. Just like northern churches celebrate Fat Tuesday with pancake breakfasts, all Southern Louisiana churches celebrate Mardi Gras and for the same reasons; to share joy, to have fellowship, and to appreciate the blessings that God has given us.

I know a lot of folks at the church have wondered why we have started celebrating Fat Tuesday/ Mardi Gras. Mardi Gras is not the bacchanalian free-for-all that is portrayed on much of the TV. The news almost always focuses on the craziness of the French Quarter, when in reality the majority of parades and parties are more similar to a typical Zanesville parade... only bigger! This holiday is very dear to my heart because it was also very dear to my mother's heart. As most of you know my mother passed away five years ago. I could easily make a memorial in her

After Church Sunday school Class- The Apparent Project

Please join Phyllis Karling and the mission committee after church on February 3rd in the parlor to hear more about the exciting work the Karling family is doing in Haiti. As part of their presentation they will have a short DVD and there will also be a chance to look at the jewelry that families in Haiti are creating. Lunch will be provided. We look forward to seeing you!

Acolyte Schedule

February 3rd

Aaron Johnson and Connor Allison

February 10th

Aaron Johnson and Jack Tysinger

February 17th

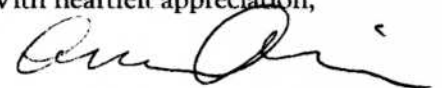
David Johnson and Aaron Johnson

February 24th

Aaron Johnson and Janie McLoughlin

name or buy flowers, but nothing would have pleased her more than to see a hundred people in joyous celebration of life. Mardi Gras is all about giving and sharing. Mardi Gras parades don't cost anything to go to; beads, toys, and cups are thrown for free. People who live on parade routes often have food and drinks free to anyone who wants them. Mardi Gras is a time of largesse and a time for an unapologetic affirmation of the joy of life. I thank you all for allowing me to share this little bit of my upbringing with you and I thank you all for joining me as we celebrate the life and many blessings that God has given us.

With heartfelt appreciation,



Birthdays for Feb.

- Feb. 1 Jack Hampson
7 Nancy Killian, Ed Bay
10 Jan Jenkins, Becky Welch
11 Kasey MacLaine
13 Molly Thompson-Inmen
17 Carol Sours, Merle Taylor
18 Bob Arter, Lori Meadows, Clay Foster
19 George Ware III
20 Rita Gains
21 Richard Krebs, Dave Foster, Kori Sidwell
22 Gretchen Bennett
24 William Fisk
26 Kelly Garber



50+ Wedding Anniversaries

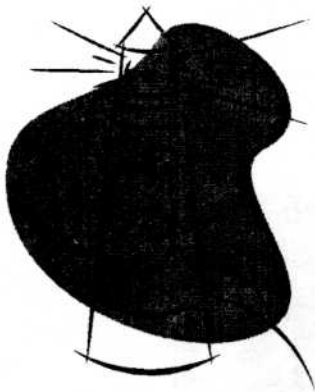
Bill & Joan Miska

Feb. 23, 1963 Happy 50+

YOUTH NEWS

Please join us on Feb. 3rd for a "Meet and Eat and Movie" following the service. Youth are asked to bring their own sandwiches, the rest will be provided. The movie is "The Blind Side"

The youth will once again be preaching for the Sunrise Service on March 31st with the breakfast to follow. The 30-hour Famine will be held on April 13th and 14th. More information will be coming.



DEACONS BEACON

A new year has started in the Deacons.

Helen Dixon was elected Moderator, Marsha Mortimer was elected as Vice Moderator, Martha Purkey as Secretary and Graham Robb as Treasurer.

Deacons on Duty for Feb are: Dorothy Allison, Joan Miska and

Julie MacLaine.

Devotions for the meeting is Joan Miska.

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS THIS MONTH.

A NEW GOLDEN COUPLE

Bill & Joan Miska will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 23th.

BIRTHDAYS 80+

Feb 1 Jack Hampson
Feb 17 Merle Taylor
Feb. 18 Bob Arter
Feb. 20 Rita Gains
Feb. 21 Richard

Krebs

Feb. 22 Gretchen Bennett
Feb.24 William Fisk

NEW ADDRESS

Paul Willis is now back at his home. The address is 1810 Candlestick Dr. Zanesville.

He is glad to be home!

Steve & Julie Maneely new address is 703

Goddard Ave. Zanesville.

CARD SHOWER

many of you remember the Woods' Chuck and Charlene. They moved to be closer to their children. Charlene has

had some health issues so let's remember them with cards. Their address is 9348 Sarah Ct. Twinsburg, Oh 44087.

Mardi Gras Luncheon and Potluck- February 10th

Join us on February 10th in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck Mardi Gras bonanza! The church will provide southern favorites like gumbo, red beans and rice and king cake. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

There will be a fun mini parade from the stage complete with all your standard Mardi Gras parade throws like beads, bouncy balls, and Moon Pies! It is guaranteed to be a good time for the whole family! Friends and fellowship never tasted so good! We'll

see you after church on March 10th!



All about Mardi Gras/ Fat Tuesday

While not observed nationally throughout the United States, a number of cities and regions in the country have notable Mardi Gras celebrations. Mardi Gras arrived in North America as a se-date French Catholic tradition with the Le Moyne brothers, Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville and Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville. In the late 17th century, King Louis XI sent the pair to defend France's claim on the territory of *Louisiana*, which included what are now the

U.S. states of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

The expedition, led by Iberville, entered the mouth of the Mississippi River on the evening of March 2, 1699, "Lundi Gras", not yet knowing it was the river explored and claimed for France by René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Sall in 1683. The party proceeded upstream to a place on the west bank about 60 miles downriver from where New Orleans is today, where a small tributary emptied into the great river, and made camp. This was on March 3, 1699, Mardi Gras day. In honor of this holiday, Iberville named the spot *Point du Mardi Gras* (French: "Mardi Gras Point") and called the

small tributary Bayou Mardi Gras. Bienville went on to found the settlement of Mobile, Alabama in 1702 as the first capital of French Louisiana, and in 1703 the Mardi Gras tradition began with celebrations by the French settlers in that city. By 1720, Biloxi had been made capital of Louisiana. The French customs were introduced there at that time. In 1723, the capital of Louisiana was moved to New Orleans, founded in 1718. The tradition there expanded to the point that it became synonymous with that city, and closely associated with the slogan "Laissez les bon temps rouler" (French: "Let the good times roll").



A little bit about King Cake...

As part of our Christian faith, the coming of the wise men bearing gifts to the Christ Child is celebrated twelve days after Christmas. We refer to this as the Feast of the Epiphany or Little Christmas on the Twelfth Night. This is a time of celebration, exchanging gifts and feasting. Today, the tradition continues as people all over the world gather for festive Twelfth Night celebrations. A popular custom was and still is the baking

of a special cake in honor of the three kings called "A King's Cake." Inside every cake is a tiny baby (generally plastic now, but sometimes this baby might be made of porcelain or even gold). The tradition of having King Cake Parties has evolved through time, and the person who receives the slice of cake with the baby is asked to continue the festivities by hosting the next King Cake party.

Originally, King Cakes were a simple ring of dough with a small amount of decoration. Today's King Cakes are much more festive. After the rich Danish dough is braided and baked, the "baby" is inserted. The top of the ring or oval cake is then covered with delicious sugar toppings in the traditional Mardi Gras colors of purple, green and gold. **purple** represents justice; **green**, faith; and **gold**, power.

ANNUAL MEETING AND SERVICES

Session has called the Congregation meeting to be held on Feb. 17th following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to present the Annual Report to the congregation and to be voted on.

The Annual Report will be available to be picked up in the narthex

in February. One per family please.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Trinity will not be holding an Ash Wednesday service this year. Central Presbyterian will be having one. The time is 7:30 p.m.

We will be holding a

Maundy Thursday service with Communion and our church will be hosting the Good Friday service for the north end this year.

GRIEF SHARE will be meeting on Feb. 11th at 6:00 in the parlor. Then on Feb. 18th at Ishiban restaurant at 6:00 p.m.

OUTSIDE MEETINGS

PARISH MEETING will be held at Trinity on Jan. 15th at 8:00 a.m. in the youth room. Donuts and coffee will be provided. This is for a group of pastors or in-

terested members of the different Presbyterian churches locally.

We have several organizations or clubs that use our church during the week. Narco is here

Sun, Mon, Wed and Fri at 7:00 p.m. Alzheimer's second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., WW is every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Red Cross twice a month - Mondays 1-7

THIS AND THAT

OPEN FLOWER DATES for Feb. 10th for one vase and the 17th for one vase. If you are interested, please contact the church office. 452-8482

Bill Thompson is home and recovering. The Thompson family would like to "thank" everyone for the cards, calls and prayers.

SAVE THE DATE! Kris Geis and her band will be performing on March 16th in the fellowship hall. More details will be coming.

What's Up at TUP?

Women's Bible Study every Thursday in the Parlor at 11:00

Recent classes have included topics on musical instruments of the Bible, a Proverbs 31 woman (a woman of valor), and thoughts on the book The Power of a Whisper. Come for friendship and study. New ladies are always welcome!

Men's Bible Study every Thursday night in the Parlor at 7:00

Recent classes are going over a 10 week study of Images of God. It will be followed by another ten week session on Images of Christ and finally an eight week series on Images of the Spirit. You are welcome to join in anytime!

After church Sunday school class in the Parlor

February 3rd we will discuss the Apparent Project with guest speaker Bryan Karling. He will discuss his work in Haiti.

March 3rd is our next class. The topic is still open.

Lenten Study

The Zanesville Parish is sponsoring a Lenten Bible study for all of our congregations' members. This is an Old Testament study entitled "An Acceptable Fast" and was authored by Old Testament scholar Trisha Tull. We will have two options for participation. A group will meet on Sundays at 3 pm will begin on February 17 at Putnam Presbyterian church. Another option will be Thursdays at 12:00 pm and our first meeting will be on February 21 to be held at Trinity Presbyterian church. Join us as we open ourselves to God's Word together during this special time.

Save the date!!



A conference called "From Challenge to Hope" will be held at Central Presbyterian March 2nd from 12:30 to 2:30. Ms. Joan Brode and her husband will lead the discussion. They will talk about their experience during the closing of their church and offer ideas and advice as well as lessons they learned through the experience.

Mission Committee

Ministries Available:

Nancy needs you! Please let her know if you would consider helping as a greeter, an usher, or a worship leader. It doesn't have to be a long term commitment! Help is needed for a variety of services over the coming months.

Let Nancy know in the office if you are willing to serve! Thank you in advance!



Trinity Hosts a Thai Dance troupe on April 20th

A dance group from Thailand will be sharing their talents and story with us on April 20th. We will enjoy a potluck dinner at 5:30 and they will perform at 6:00. There will be a free will offering to help cover their expenses and we are also hoping to find host families to house them for the night. The group has 12 members including one 3 person family unit who would like to be together if possible. Please let Nancy know if you can help out!



Did you enjoy the movie last month? Do you have a recommendation for the next movie pick? Talk to Frank or Amanda and let us know! The next movie night will be **February 24th and begin at 5:30** in the Youth Room. We'll see you at the movies!

February 2013 Events & Meeting

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Boy Scouts Dinner
3 Communion After church SS class Youth meeting & movie	4 Red Cross 1-7	5	6 Choir 7:00 p.m.	7 See schedule below	8	9
10 Mardi Gras Luncheon following the service	11 Zemba 6-9 Grief Share 6:00 in parlor	12 Deacons 6:00 Christian Ed 7:00 Alzheimer group 6:00	13 Worship & Music 6:15 B & G 6:30 Choir 7:00	14 Women's Bible Study 11:00 a.m. WW 5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 7:00	15	16
17 1st Sunday in Lent Congregational Mtg Session 12:30 Prayer Shawl 2-4	18 Red Cross 1-7	19 Parish Meeting 8:00 a.m.	20 Choir 7:00	21 Women's Bible Study 11:00 a.m. WW 5:30 Girls Scouts 6:00 Men's Bible 7:00	22	23
24 2nd Sunday in Lent	25 Stitching Bees 6-9 p.m. Grief Share at Ishiban Restaurant Newsletter deadline	26	27 Choir 7	28 Women's Bible Study 11:00 a.m. WW 5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	1st. Thursday 8:00 Men's Break- fast & Bible- Bethesda 9:00 Prayer Shawl	11:00 Women's Bi- ble Study 7:00 p.m. Men's Bi- ble Study

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Financial Recap

Dec-12

INCOME

LOCAL MISSIONS:

General Fund	\$14,620
Memorial Fund	\$3
Youth Fund	\$5
 Total Local Mission Income	 \$14,628

WORLD MISSIONS:

Total World Mission Income	\$1,234
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TOTAL INCOME

\$15,862

EXPENSES

LOCAL MISSIONS:

Personel	\$8,705
Office Costs	\$1,072
Music	\$103
Education	\$500
Property	\$3,968
Congregation	\$88
Youth Fund	\$0
 Total Local Missions	 \$14,436

WORLD MISSIONS

\$9,887

World Mission commitment remaining

\$673

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$24,323

NET GAIN/LOSS

-\$8,461

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m. for all ages
Worship 10:30 a.m.

214,500
22
20
214,528

Total Local Mission Income

WORLD MISSIONS

Total World Mission Income

TOTAL INCOME

EXPENSES

28,708
27,012

Personal
Office Costs
Music
Education
Property
Congregational
Youth Fund

Total Local Missions

World Missions

TOTAL EXPENSES

NET INCOME

CAN YOU HELP?

Occasionally, the Deacons are called on to help with Bereavement luncheons, which they are happy to help with. If you can help serve the lunch or provide food for the luncheon when called, it would be most helpful.

You can fill out this

form and mail it back to the church, or place it in the offering plate.

Thank you,
The Deacons

Name _____

Phone _____

Can help serve _____

Can help with food if called _____