

TRINITY TRIUMPH

TRINITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

January 1, 2014

From the Pastor *Visiting*

Pastors visit. This is an old tradition, an old expectation from all the way back to the earliest of Covenants, and certainly finding its place in the mission of the Church as summed up in Matthew's gospel, specifically those chapters 25 and 28, within the newest of all Covenants.

This will be an ongoing practice. I will telephone initially to see if you might have any time available, just a little time that I might spend with you. If you like. And if convenient. That would be fine.

And if you don't like, or if it's not, then that's fine too. I'm here in part to serve you. Let me know what I might be able to do.

And if you think you'd like this pastoral visit and like it to be right now, please call me or otherwise let me know and I'll make it a matter priority. Either way know that my intention is to proceed consistently, systematically and thoroughly as possible, and sooner or later make this introduction.

It's especially fine for me to visit, on my end at least, because not only do I enjoy the one-on-one getting to know at the more depth level, but also when I pray for parishioners – and that, too, is an old tradition – I will have a more personal sense of where you live.

So for where you live, may God in Christ bless and keep you in the year ahead.

When you worship I am, and the Church is, graced by the gift of your presence. I covet this and anticipate always the times that I will see you in church.

Peace and joy.

Dennis Allison, Pastor

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



- Jan. 1 **Gene Hartman, Sandy Van Horn**
3 David Johnson
5 Katlyn Vandebark, Alyssa Foster
6 **Russell Hansen**
7 Mark Patterson
8 **Jim Saunders**
10 **Barbara Addy**
11 Lew Sidwell, Barbara Smith, Lisa Bates,
13 Ray Mennega
17 C.J. Allison
18 Jim Monath
19 Philip MacLaine
20 Julie Howell
21 Margaret McConnell
26 Lane Maneely
29 Dorothy Allison
31 **Norma Littick**

50 + WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Linda Good

January 11, 1964 (50)

Richard & Genevieve Krebs

January 17, 1953

Trinity United Presbyterian Church
830 Military Road
Zanesville, OH 43701
Unicameral Session Minutes
For November 17th, 2013

On Sunday, November 17, 2013, at 11:50AM 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. Dennis Allison called us to order and service. A quorum was declared with 12 Elders present.

Clerk's Report: The agenda for November 17, 2013 was approved along with the minutes from the October 20, 2013 meeting. Various publications received have been placed in the library.

Facility use requests:

Jim Crannell requests use of the Fellowship Hall and kitchen for the Retired Teachers Luncheon on June 11, 2014 from 10AM to 2PM.

Jan Jenkins and Suellen Skinner request use of the Fellowship Hall and kitchen for a Prayer Shawl meeting on January 18, 2014 from 9AM to 3PM. Approximately 60 persons are expected to attend.

Requests approved.

Motion to recognize Eileen Bagent who in November passed on to be with the Lord. Approved.

Moderators Report: Rev. Allison reported that his house has been placed on the market in Mansfield. He and Becky are looking at homes in the Zanesville area.

Deacon Report: Minutes received.

Presbytery: Scheduled to recognize Dr. Schumacher on the event of his pastor Emeritus status at the next meeting.

A question was raised regarding participation in a pulpit exchange. Session elected to opt out as we are just coming out of a period guest ministers filling the pulpit, and just beginning a routine with Rev. Allison.

Old Business: None

Worship and Music Report: On Sunday November 3, 2013, communion was served to 110. Christmas Caroling will be Sunday, December 8, 2013 following the potluck dinner. The Northside Community Churches Thanksgiving eve service will not be held at Trinity United Presbyterian Church.

Motion from committee: that Trinity United Presbyterian Church have a Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday evening, November 27, 2013, in the chapel. Discussed and approved.

Outreach: Reported with no action items. The committee plans to meet this week.

Christian Education: Reported with no action items. Held two Acolyte training sessions. The Christmas program is being planned. We are planning to do the 'Cookies for Service Workers' for Xmas eve. Over 20 cards were donated to Operation Spirit. There will be a Christmas potluck after church on Dec 8, 2013. Snacks after service has been well received. We are ready for the Hanging of the Greens, CE may provide pizza. Amanda will be giving out small gifts to kids for Advent. On December 29, 2013, Amanda wants to show Superman for Sunday School.

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Finance: The monthly finance report was presented. The balance figure for **Error! Reference source not found.** was negative. A reminder was given for chairs to submit their budget needs for 2014.

Received a call from Tom Price regarding the renewal of our insurance policy. The premium would increase to over \$500. If we change to \$500 deductible from \$250, the cost of premium would be roughly the same.

A motion was made to switch to the \$500 deductible. The motion was discussed and approved.

The stewardship campaign will start in early 2014. A letter to the congregation will be sent out in 2-3 weeks.

Report was accepted.

Personnel: No Report.

Nominating & Membership: Met regarding nominations for elder and deacons, the committee is almost done with its work.

A motion was made to grant authority to committee to call a congregational meeting when they complete the slate of nominees. Approved.

Building and Grounds: Reported with no action items.

Missions: Motion from committee: That a collection be taken to support the group 'Active Christians Today', a campus ministry at the University of Toledo where Kaylan Patteson is a student and member of ACT; that the collection will be used to support a needy family at Christmas time. The collection will be made through December 1, 2013. Approved.

Youth Committee: 10 of 12 members participated in the Annual Souper Bowl and experience the fun, friendship and rewards of serving others. Currently the group is working on a bake sale, so far earning approximately \$150 to buy gifts for 3 'Angels' from the Salvation Army

Tree at the mall. The youth will do the gift shopping on December 1, 2013 following the worship service.

New Business:

A motion was made to create a plaque honoring Paul Thorburn. The plaque will accompany his photo in the library. Elder Jenkins offered that Bob Jenkins will do the woodworking to create the plaque. Approved.

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

We are thankful for Rev. Allison's presence!

It is good to see Bill Cook back in church.

Norma Adams reports she is cancer free.

We are challenged to get our attendance level back up, to stay involved with the youth, and rebuild our finances.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 1:15PM by Rev. Dennis Allison, Moderator.

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Next scheduled Session meeting is December 15, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Patterson, Clerk of Session

**Trinity United Presbyterian Church
830 Military Road
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Special Congregational Meeting Minutes
For December 1st, 2013**

On December 1, 2013, the congregation of Trinity United Presbyterian Church met to receive from the congregational nominating committee the following nominations:

for Elder Class of 2016
Marshall Hightower, 1st term
Maggie Nussbaum, 1st term
Kristina Hawk, 1st term
Ray Mennega, 2nd term
Lew Sidwell, 2nd term

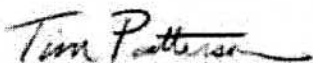
for Deacon's Class of 2016
Emily Sheets, 1st term
Mary Flanagan, 1st term
Katie Sidwell, 1st term
Duane Bunker, 2nd term
Larry Good, 2nd term
Donna Myers, 2nd term

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. Allison at 11:50AM. A quorum was declared.

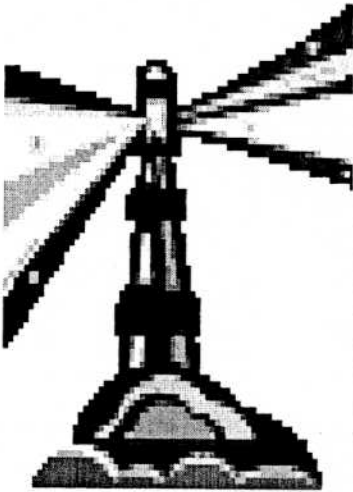
A motion was made to accept the slate of nominees and seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 11:52AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Patterson, Clerk of Session



DEACONS BEACON

As the new year draws we at the church are busy with new schedule and new committees.

The next Deacons meeting is a very important one. We will be choosing our committee's and picking our homebound members to visit. The meeting will be held on January

14th at 6:00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend, please contact Helen Dixon or the church office.

If we have to cancel due to the weather, you will be notified.

The Youth would like to "thank" the Deacons for helping out with the

bake sale. Many donated tasty treats.

SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON UPDATE

Thank you for your support of the 17th Annual Souper Bowl Luncheon. 23 churches worked together on this project.

Over 125 volunteers donated their time and talents before, during and after the event; 860 meals were served (755 in the dining room and 105 carry-out); \$12,450 was raised to benefit the work of Fellowship of Christ's Community, Christ's Table, Eastside Community Ministry, Muskingum County Center for Seniors and Salvation Army. \$2,490 to each organization to help feed the hungry in our community.

WE THANK YOU AND SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

The 18th Annual Souper Bowl Luncheon has been scheduled for Sunday, October 19th. We look forward to seeing you there!



