

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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Session Minutes for November 17th, 2013**

Next scheduled Session meeting is December 15, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Patterson, Clerk of Session

**Trinity United Presbyterian Church
830 Military Road
Zanesville, OH 43701
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.

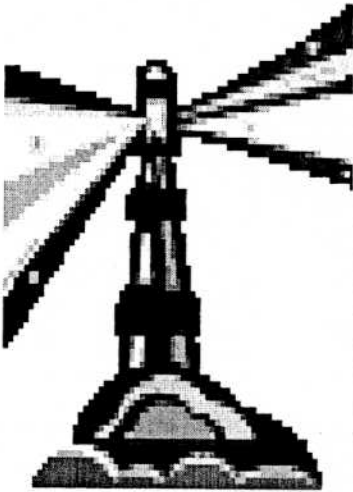
A motion was made to accept the slate of nominees and seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

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!



December 6, 2013

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity Church,

A wonderful aspect of the Christian journey is that God calls us to accept new opportunities. With 2014 around the corner, your stewardship team looks forward to the challenges ahead.

We start by thanking you for your work as Christ's disciples. Through our church God in Christ has blessed our lives in many ways. We have responded to that blessing. With God's help we have provided a wonderful music and worship program. We have offered a variety of Christian Education opportunities. We have offered a beautiful well maintained church building. We have provided a dedicated staff. We have contributed to local and world mission. Throughout all this Christ has strengthened us, empowered us, saved us, made better our community and made better our worlds. ***And none of it would have been possible without your strong and sometimes sacrificial support. We give thanks for all the ways you've given and served.***

As pastor Allison indicated in his newsletter, over the past several years our financial position has seriously declined. In part that is somewhat normal for churches without a pastor. We now have a full time pastor committed to serve us, stay with us and work with us in our Cause for Christ, and we have to let you know the seriousness of our financial need.

In 2011 and 2012 we withdrew from savings \$90,396 and \$61,064 respectively, and through November 2013 we have withdrawn \$65,755 to pay our bills. Our current savings balance is \$144,770. As you can readily see we cannot continue at this rate.

We have been blessed by faithful contributors. Some are now members of the Church Triumphant. All have provided resources to keep us solvent. Thanks be to them and to you, and thanks be to God!

Our *averaged* annual spending per year from 2002 through 2012 was \$265,642. Our proposed budget for 2014 is \$269,000. Over the years the leadership has sought to keep spending from increasing without diminishing program quality and content. The leadership has done well!

Our goal has been, and still is, to be faithful stewards of your tithes, offerings and sacrificial giving. We seek to provide the ministry and mission *you* seek. Our ministry is a strong and vital one.

What we can do now depends on you. Why do we love? Because we have "first been loved." Why do we give? Because we have been given much. "To whom much is given, much is expected." How much can we now do for God in Christ through the Trinity United Presbyterian Church.

After all of these have been received and prayerfully considered, giving thanks for God in Christ and for you as Christ's faithful servants we will make any necessary changes. We will dedicate our pledges and offerings and budgetary plans at a worship service in the near future.

Again, we are thankful for the generous support of the Trinity United Presbyterian Church. God has blessed us in ways far greater than we imagined. We now have before us opportunity and challenge. All around us is a world of great need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We have a vision of meeting needs in sometimes unique and powerful ways. We know that you will do everything you can to be part of that. If you have questions, suggestions, concerns, don't hesitate to contact any of us.

May God's richest strengths surround you and your family in this Christmas season and the year ahead.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Your Stewardship and Finance Committee
Lew Sidwell, David Frick, Frank Walburg, Dennis Allison

*"Each to bring a gift as he or she is able,
in proportion to the blessing that the Lord
God has given."
Deuteronomy 16:17*

Per Capita for 2014

Per Capita for 2014 is \$28.63. It is broken down as GA \$7.02, Synod \$3.25, Presbytery \$18.36 for the total.

If you have lost your pledge card for 2014, please contact the office and we will sent you a new one.

BLOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers for the bi-weekly Red Cross Blood Drive are the best! We have people commenting on how well run this drive is.

A big "Thank you" to our volunteers and to

the many people who supply tasty treats for the donors. Donna Steinman

The dates for January are: January 6th and 20th. They do take walk-ins and you can call Red Cross to schedule an appointment.



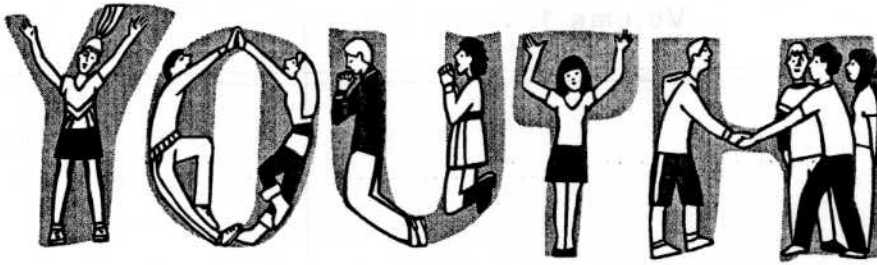
REMINDER

If you received a new cell phone for Christmas, we are collecting used cell phones .

These phones will be re-furnish and given to our service men and women.

There is a box in the narthex by where we place the food. Or if you can't find it you can bring your phone to the office and we will see that it gets to the proper spot.

Now that the holidays are over, many people are still facing many days with hunger. We collect food at any time and we then call Eastside and they come and pick up our items.



**YOUTH GROUPS-YOUTH
COMMITTEE-PARENTS**

THANK YOU to generous congregation for their baking and donating of cookies and other tasty treats or purchasing the goodies for the youth group bake sale. We collected over \$400. and we purchased gifts for 3 children (5yr & 8 yr. girls and & 12 yr. boy) from the Salvation Army "Angel Tree" at the mall. We got gifts of wide range of clothing, shoes, boots, games and toys.

The list included Barbie's to basketballs! Six of our Youth group and three adults (shopped till we dropped). We dropped off the gift bags to the Salvation Army.

**NOTE MEETING DATE
CHANGED**

On January 5th we will be helping with "Taking Down the Greens" scheduled for after the service. All Youth are encouraged to participate if possible. (credit for church/community service given).

Nancy Thompson

January 12 regular Youth meeting (group/parents/committee) right after church. We will have lunch (each family bring a food item to share). We will be having an important planning meeting-bring your calendars-plan for:

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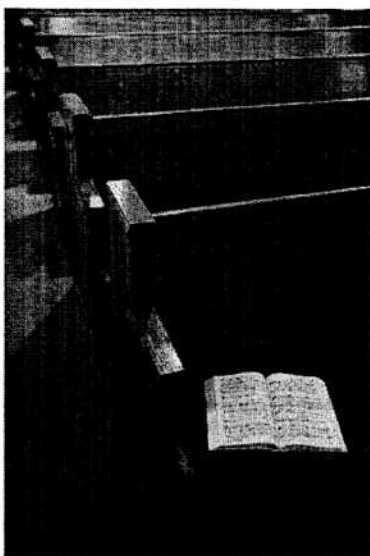
Choose a movie & date for matinee.

Date for our Youth Sunday

Plan Easter and graduation events.

We will have a fellowship time following the meeting. Everyone please try to attend!

Feb. 2 regular Youth group meeting
T.B.A. special event



A VIEW FROM THE PEWS

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY has changed their dates . The third Sunday has been changed to the first Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be on January 5th from 1-3 p.m. The first Thursday of the month date has

also been changed to the third Thursday. The January meeting will be January 16th from 9-11:00 a.m.

ADULT CHOIR On Dec. 29th the Adult choir will not be in the loft. Also on January 1st no rehearsal.

TAKING DOWN THE DECORATION on January 5th please stay after and help us take down the decoration around the church. We hope that many people and youth will stay and make light work of this.

PRAYER SHAWL COMMUNITY on January 18th we will be welcoming all crafters . Main dishes will be supplied. Participants are invited to bring sides and desserts to share.

GRIEF SHARE will be meeting here on January 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the parlor and then on January 27th at 6:00 p.m. at Phil's Seafood on Linden Ave at 6:00 p.m.

SYMPATHY to several members of our Congregation on the recent passing of loved ones. Bob & Judy Lyle, Bob's mother passed away at age 102. Ed & Karen Bay. Ed's father passed away recently. Bob & Pat Payne and family, Pat's sister-in-law Phyllis Holzschuher.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS will NOT be meeting in January. But several things have been fixed around the church. These items have been on the "wish list"

for several month. A plug has been added in the sanctuary for the use of different musical arrangements.

SNACKS AFTER SERVICE. Thank you to everyone who has signed up! What a great way to visit and catch up with people each Sunday. We have several Sundays that you can sign up for. The person who signs up gets to bring any kind of snack they would like! Snacks can include cookies, breads, veggies, fruit, cake cheese, or anything else. To clarify who brings what; the church will provide coffee, water, plates, napkins and silverware (if needed). If you would like to bring punch, the church will provide a punch bowl and glasses. While it is cold the church will have hot water for cocoa or tea as well. There is a sign up sheet in the hallway by the elevator. Or you can contact Amanda or the church office and we will sign you up.

OPEN FLOWER DATES we have the new flower chart up on the wall by the elevator. If you would like a special date and can't attend church, please contact the church and we will fill in your name on the date for you. (If it is available). 452-8482. The price is \$13.00 for one vase and two is \$26.00.

Nancy

Trinity United Presbyterian Church Financial Recap

Nov-13

INCOME

LOCAL MISSIONS:

General Fund	\$7,647
Memorial Fund	\$64
Youth Fund	\$0
Total Local Mission Income	\$7,711

WORLD MISSIONS:

Total World Mission Income	\$881
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TOTAL INCOME	\$8,592
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EXPENSES

LOCAL MISSIONS:

Personel	\$11,114
Office Costs	\$582
Music	\$341
Education	-\$532
Property	\$4,051
Congregation	\$238
Youth Fund	\$302

Total Local Missions	\$16,096
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0 WORLD MISSIONS	\$47
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World Mission commitment remaining	\$11,211
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$16,143
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NET GAIN/LOSS	-\$7,551
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January 2014 Events & Meetings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00 a.m. Bells 8:30 a.m. Children Choir 9:00 a.m. Sunday School	10:00 a.m. Youth choir 10:30 a.m. Worship		1 Office close HAPPY NEW YEAR No choir	2 Men's Brkt 8:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 11:00 a.m. WW 5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	3	4
5 Undecorated the church following the service. Prayer Shawl 1-3 p.m.	6 Red Cross 1-7 p.m.	7 Staff 10:00 a.m.	8 Choir 7:00 p.m.	9 Women's Bible Study 11:00 a.m. WW 5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	10	11
12	13 Grief Share 6:00 p.m.	14 Staff 10:00 a.m. Deacons 6:00 p.m. Christian Ed 7:00 p.m. Alzheimer 6:00 p.m.	15 Worship & Music 6:15 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.	16 Prayer Shawl 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 11:00 a.m.. WW 5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	17	18 Prayer Shawl for the community 9-3
19 Session following the service.	20 Red Cross 1-7 p.m. Zemba 6-9 p.m.	21 Staff 10:00 a.m. Parish meeting 8:00 a.m. Central	22 Choir 7:00 p.m.	23 Women's Bible Study 11:00, WW 5:30, Men's Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	24	25
26 No Bell rehearsal	27 Grief Share at 6:00 p.m. at Phil's Seafood Newsletter deadline	28 Staff 10:00 a.m.	29 Choir 7:00 p.m.	30 Women's Bible Study 11:00, WW 5:30, Men's Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	31	Narco M-W-Fri -7:00 p.m.

ANNUAL REPORT

As the holidays are behind us and the rush is slowly winding down. Committee heads, remember that we will be needing your information for the Annual Meeting.

We will keep you posted on the date.