

## TRINITY TRIUMPH

I'm trying to figure out whether I'm writing the last newsletter article for the year or the first article for the new year. So, I decided I'd write a little of both.

Only a few days remain in 2011, and it seems as if that can't be – because we just celebrated the new year very recently. Mother always said the years pass more quickly as we get older. Mother didn't know the half! So, did we accomplish anything during that very short year?

With a few notable exceptions, our life as our part of the Family of God worked hard to remain a faithful and viable witness during a full year of Interim ministry. That's always one of the barometers we watch, because not all churches fare well between Installed Pastors. Attendance has slipped a little. Financial support is below par. Those are the only two areas where I can identify problems, and you all will have to decide how to remedy those issues. Otherwise, we've done well.

Music is one of the strongest programs in this church, mainly because you all value you it highly. That's a huge plus for you as your PNC continues to seek an Installed Pastor. We were so fortunate to have Kyle as our organist for most of the year, and we were a little frightened when it came time for him to head off to graduate school. But then, we found Clem. He brings good music and new ideas for the music program. You have rightly identified him as a special gift to us. Then came the piano. For many years, you worshiped with an upright piano that was not designed to fill a room the size of the sanctuary. It was also getting to be something of a problem to keep it in tune. You began to dream of getting a new grand piano, and found the price tag to be frightening. But then, you responded pretty well to a funding drive to raise the money, and the new Yamaha moved into its new home the week before Thanksgiving. Everybody remarks about the big, beautiful sound. Those who play it say it's a delight to handle. With some regular care, it will last for many more years. And, by the way, if you've not yet made a contribution to the Piano Fund, now would be a very good time to give. We're still about \$5,000 short of our goal.

The Christian Education Department has spent the year trying new ideas and researching options for new curriculum. The idea is to have a strong Christian Education program for all ages in place before your next Installed Pastor arrives. Some of what we've tried has been useful and productive. Other things didn't work as well as we had hoped, and we've stretched ourselves further in looking for more ideas. Visiting with people from other churches who are trying new things in C.E. is helpful.

The youth program has received a major overhaul this year. It did not seem prudent to the Session to look for a person to replace Sylvia Boyer as Youth Director. At the same time, Amanda's job description was revisited and revised, and it doesn't provide her much opportunity for youth work apart from the C. E. Program. So, the Session formed a new Youth Committee, with an Elder and a Deacon to head it up and with lots of input from youth and their families. That committee will direct the youth program for the foreseeable future.

As we begin a new year in the Lord's service, we look forward to electing and installing new Elders and Deacons early in January. Shortly after that, I'm anticipating an officers' training meeting to introduce the New Form of Government adopted this past year by the General Assembly and ratified by a majority of the Presbyteries. There are quite a number of changes, and all churches are making various stabs at understanding what it's all about. I'm sure the Session and the Deacons

will continue to provide strong leadership and service to the congregation as the coming year unfolds.

The major expectation for 2012 is the arrival of an Installed Pastor to serve you all. When will that happen? Only God knows, and he's not telling. I don't want to try making predictions, either. You're eager for that, and so am I. When the One to Come arrives, I'm going to retire. But, I'm discovering that working the details out with the Board of Pensions and the Social Security Administration is more complicated because I don't have a specific date set for my last day of work. Be that as it may, I'm still committed to staying with you until your new pastor is on board and ready to go. In the meantime, please continue to pray for the PNC as they work to identify the person God has already chosen to be the next spiritual leader of your congregation.

At the end of every year, and at the beginning of every new year, the Family of God looks back to take stock of things. But we never dwell too long in the past. Our looking back is only useful to give us information that we need to press on into the challenge that lies ahead. Our God is the God of History, who has a definite plan and a definite purpose for his world. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we know that we will be led along the paths that God has chosen for all of us in the coming year. Seek the Lord's presence and guidance as we continue to travel together ... *Between the Times.*

—FHS

**Trinity United Presbyterian Church**  
**830 Military Road**  
**Zanesville, OH 43701**  
**Unicameral Session Minutes**  
**For November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

On Sunday, November 20, 2011, at 11:45AM 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. Floyd Starr called us to order and service. A quorum was declared with 13 Elders present.

**Clerk's Report:** The agenda for November 20, 2011 was approved along with the minutes from the October 16, 2011 meeting. The clerk reported the following communications:

A phone call from Tom Price regarding the annual statement of values.

Phone call to CA House regarding the delivery of the grand piano to the church and the down payment.

Minister and Elder commissioner to 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly application forms received.

Thank you card and \$300 donation from Tina Moore and Rhonda Tracey of Zanesville Kids Stuff Sale.

Facility Use requests were approved by Session:

Retroactive approval for the Muskingum County Caregiver Assoc. request by Martha Purkey. They requested use of the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen for a dinner on November 17, 2011 from 11am to 1pm. Marilyn Royer to cater and Deacons to serve.

Amanda Allison requests use of the Fellowship Hall on November 30, 2011 from 12pm – 5pm for the Home school group's civil war program. They anticipate approximately 60 persons.

Amanda Allison requests use of the Fellowship Hall on December 3, 2011 from 4:30pm – 9pm for a Christmas party. They anticipate approximately 20 persons.

Transfer Request:

Request for Certificate of Transfer for Glenn, JoAnne and Rebecca Ridgley to Coburn United Methodist Church. Motion made to restore to them to active membership and transfer their membership to Coburn United Methodist Church. Approved.

**Moderators Report:** The Community Thanksgiving service will be held at Faith United Methodist Church on Wednesday November 23, 2011 at 7PM. Preparations are being made for the advent season.

**Deacon Report:** Minutes received.

**Presbytery:** None

**Old Business:** None

**Worship and Music Report:** The committee recommends that:  
We request C.A. House Music deliver the Yamaha GC2 grand piano, bench and piano dolly to our sanctuary the week of November 13, 2011; a down payment of \$8,100 be paid to C.A. House Music by Wednesday, November 23, 2011 toward the total amount of \$19,500.00; a second payment be made before the final payment due Friday, December 30, 2011; that donations continue to be received until the full amount of \$19,500 is received.

Motion was discussed and approved.

99 received communion on Sunday, November 6, 2011.

**Outreach:** No report.

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**Christian Education:** No report.

**Personnel:** No report.

**Nominating & Membership:** The committee has candidates to fill 6 vacancies for Deacons. They currently need to find candidates for 2 more elders and hope to have those by next week.

**Finance:** The monthly finance report was presented. The balance figure for October was negative. More pledge cards were received today. Letters will be sent to members who have pledged in the past but have yet to do so this year. The final budget will be presented in January. Reminder to committee chairs, if you have not submitted your budget requests already, please do so. Report was accepted.

**Building and Grounds:** We may have a buyer for the snow-blower. We received and estimate of \$480 to fix the wall and chimney in the upper hallway. Motion to proceed with the repairs was approved. The door for the Youth Kitchen was lost during the renovation of the Youth Room and kitchen. The door will not be replaced. Request permission to purchase nylon slides for the bamboo chairs in the Youth Room, the cost is approximately \$87. Approved. It was noted that the side lot lighting is dim, the committee contact AEP about brighter lights.

**Missions:** The committee met on November 10, 2011. The Salvation Army Bell Ringing is set for Saturday, December 17, 2011 at Hobby Lobby.

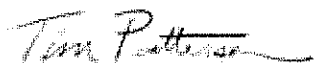
**Youth Committee:** The committee met on November 6, 2011. Nancy Thompson, Larry Good, Amanda Allison, parents, and 5 youth, were in attendance. They are working on the Angel Tree fundraiser. The will shop for gifts on December 18, 2011. The committee would like to place a plaque in honor of the Pattons in the Youth Room. Motion approved. Request that the loose offering on December 11, 2011 benefit the youth. The youth are conducting the worship service that day. Motion approved.

**New Business:** Session would like a review of the annual statement of values that was sent by Tom Price. Lew Sidwell will contact Tom and ask about re-appraising the value, and also add the grand piano. We received \$2,728.22 from the closing of the Doris Speer estate. Motion was made to place the funds into the Memorial Fund. Approved.

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

Joy: Clem did a wonderful job playing the new piano in the worship service today!  
Pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee as they begin the process of conducting phone interviews.  
The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 12:50PM by Rev. Floyd Starr, Moderator.  
Next scheduled Session meeting is December 18, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Patterson, Clerk of Session



Upcoming Events and News that you can use

January 2012

The Session has called a Congregational meeting for January 8th following the service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new Deacons and Elders.

Deacons: Martha Purkey, Bill Cook, Helen Dixon, Marsha Mortimer, Charlene Noland.

For Elders: Anna Johnson, and Frank Walburg, also Tim Patterson, Richard Patterson, Arlene Crooks are returning.

We will be installing the officers on Jan. 15th.

PER CAPITA for year 2012 is as follows: \$ 26.74. The breakdown is Presbytery \$16.86, Synod \$3.25, General Assembly is \$6.63. Each member of the congregation is asked to pay their per capita.

We received \$72.75 for the Christmas Joy offering that we took up in December.

THANK YOU to all the extra volunteers who helped in any way during the holiday season.

We collected Mitten's for Salvation Army, DVD for the troops, bought presents for several children. We also help to ring the Salvation Army bells at K-Mart we collected \$246.40. Collect plastic bowls for the FCC.

Trinity is very involved with the community and its needs.

# After Church Sunday School Class

The Adult After Church Sunday school class will be meeting again on January 8th after church. Our teacher on the 8th will be Dick Patterson. He will discuss the symbolism of the Sanctuary and the Paraments. Join us for a lively discussion and lots of interesting information about the building of the church.

The February class will be taught by Rev. Schumacher on February 12th. Rev. Schumacher will be discussing the Apostle's Creed. If you hearing it for the first time you are sure to be inspired and if you're familiar with the meanings of the creed already then you'll enjoy the extra depth of knowledge Rev. Schumacher will bring to the subject. Learn a little more about one of our most fundamental creeds and enjoy lively discussion and a tasty lunch too!

The March class will be on March 11th and will be taught by General Presbyter Debbie Rundlett. She will be discussing the exciting changes the Muskingum Valley Presbytery (MVP) has made and will also describe the "Future Story" project. Find out what the presbytery does for you and what you can do for the presbytery. General information about how to find dates and meetings on the presbytery website, how to get coffee to support "Journey Java", and more will also be discussed.

January 8th— Dick Patterson—Symbolism at TUPC

February 12th—Rev. Schumacher—Apostle's Creed

March 11th—Rev. Debbie Rundlett—All about the MVP

## The 115 day Bible Reading Challenge

Week 16	Week 17	Week 18	Week 19
Jan 2: Acts 8	Jan 9: Acts 13	Jan 16: Acts 18	Jan 23: Acts 23
Jan 3: Acts 9	Jan 10: Acts 14	Jan 17: Acts 19	Jan 24: Acts 24
Jan 4: Acts 10	Jan 11: Acts 15	Jan 18: Acts 20	Jan 25: Acts 25
Jan 5: Acts 11	Jan 12: Acts 16	Jan 19: Acts 21	Jan 26: Acts 26
Jan 6: Acts 12	Jan 13: Acts 17	Jan 20: Acts 22	Jan 27: Acts 27
Week 20	Week 21	Week 22	Week 23
Jan 30: Acts 28	Feb 6: John 5	Feb 13: John 10	Feb 20: John 15
Jan 31: John 1	Feb 7: John 6	Feb 14: John 11	Feb 21: John 16
Feb 1: John 2	Feb 8: John 7	Feb 15: John 12	Feb 22: John 17
Feb 2: John 3	Feb 9: John 8	Feb 16: John 13	Feb 23: John 18-19
Feb 3: John 4	Feb 10: John 9	Feb 17: John 14	Feb 24: John 20-21



The end is near! The end of John finishes the 115 Day Bible Reading Challenge. Congratulations to everyone who is on track! Great job!

January

2012

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**

**From the CE desk**

## A note from Amanda

### **SALVATION ARMY**

A great big "Thank you!" goes out to everyone who helped ring the bells for the Salvation Army on December 17th. We raised a lot of money for a good cause and your help

was greatly appreciated. Thanks!

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday school is back to its regular time. I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and

holiday breaks! For those who might want to add Sunday school attendance to their list of New Year resolutions, class starts at 9:00 for all ages. Adults are currently meeting in the Crusaders room.

## Acolyte and Children's Church schedule

### **January 1st**

Mark Patterson  
Katherine Allison

### **January 29th**

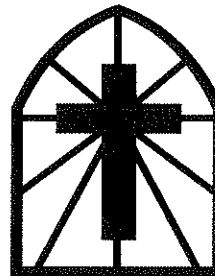
Janie McLoughlin  
Jenna Tysinger

### **January 8th**

Amanda Allison  
Kris Gies

### **January 8th**

David Johnson  
Jonathan Patterson



### **January 15th**

Amanda Allison  
Kris Hawk

### **January 15th**

Cameron Hill  
Connor Allison

### **January 22nd**

Amanda Allison  
Keis Geis

### **January 22nd**

Miranda Geis  
Carolyn Geis

### **January 1st**

Amanda Allison

### **January 29th**

Amanda Allison

## A note of thanks from the Allison family

As we start a new year at Trinity United Presbyterian Church, I'd like to thank everyone who made last year so fantastic. Thank you to everyone who gave encouragement and support. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously of their time and efforts for all manner of projects. Thank you to all the secret angels who made our Christmas so very merry and extra special. Your well wishes, support, kind words and surprises were very appreciated and gratefully received. Thank you all very much!

# Deacon Beacon



January 2012

The first Cookie Coffee of 2012 will be on January 15th.

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

January 1

Gene Hartman

831 Military Rd

January 6

Russ Hansen

72 Sandy Lane

S. Zanesville

January 8

C.J. Saunders

P O Box 122

Duncan Fall 4373

January 10

Barbara Addy

3215 East Pike

Muskingum County Home

THE FIRST DEACON MEETING WILL BE HELD ON January 10th. This is a very important meeting. We will be electing officers and sign up for committees. The meeting will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the youth room. If you are unable to attend, please contact Jan Jenkins.



Our New Deacons are:

Marsha Mortimer. Bill Cook, Helen Dixon, Charlene Noland and Martha Purkey.

Pat Frederick will be filling out a term to the end of 2012.

**WELCOME ABOARD!**

**MOVED:** Paul Willis has moved to West Virginia to live with his daughter and her family. Once we receive his new address, we will be letting people know it.



## NOTE'S FROM NANCY

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Many thanks to Helen Dixon and Marsha Mortimer for the lovely Young at Heart luncheon on Dec. 13th. Everyone had a great time! Young at Heart will be back on schedule beginning in March. This group is open to anybody who would like to have lunch with friends once a month.

**SNOW LEVELS** if when you get up on Sunday morning and it has snowed a lot over night and you don't feel comfortable driving, please stay home. The church will be closed on a level 3. We don't want anybody to get hurt trying to get to church. We will be here the next Sunday!

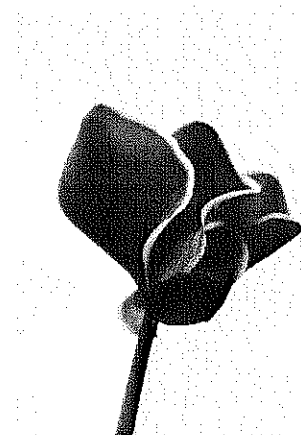


**GIVING ENVELOPES** the new 2012 envelopes are here at the church, ready for the people who signed up for theirs to pick up. They will be available to be picked up in the office for the following couple of weeks.


**FLOWER CHART** the new 2012 chart is up and ready for your special dates. The flowers are one vase is \$13.00 and two is \$26.00.

We have several open dates in January. If you are interested, please check the date and then call the church office and let us know how word it in the bulletin and if you would like to take your flowers.

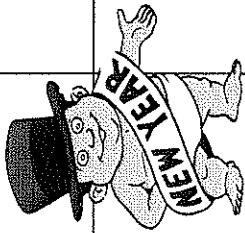
**THANK YOU** to all the Advent Wreath lighters and their families. I really appreciate your help during this very special time of the year. I realize it is also a very busy time of the year.



# January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Gene Hartman Sandy Van Horn	2	3 David Johnson	4	5 Katlyn Vandenbark	6 Russ Hansen	7 Mark Patterson
8 Jim Saunders	9	10 Barbara Addy	11 Barbara Smith Lew Sidwell Lisa Bates	12	13 Ray Mennega	14
15	16	17 C.J. Allison	18 Jim Monath	19	20 Julie Howell	21 Margaret McConnell
22	23	24	25	26 Lane Maneely	27	28
29 Dorothy Allison	30	31 Norma Littick Seth Grimm				
						2012

# January Events & Meeting

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day Take Down decorations after the service	2	3 Staff 9:30	4 Choir 7:00	5 Men's Breakfast 8 Prayer Shawl 9 Womens 11, WW 5:30, Girls Scout	6	7
8 Youth & Committee mtg following the service Congregation mtg	9 Red Cross 1-7 p.m. Grief Share 7: p.m. Zemba 6:00 p.m.	10 Deacons 6:00 p.m. Christian Ed 7:00 p.m.	11 Worship & Music 6:15 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.	12 Womens BS 11:00 a.m. Mission 12:15 WW 5:30, Men's BS 7:00 p.m.	13	14
15 Cookie Coffee Session following the worship Prayer Shawl 1:00	16	17 Staff 9:30 a.m.	18 Choir 7:00 p.m.	19 Women's 11:00 a.m. WW 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:00, Men's 7:00 p.m.	20	21 Fellowship hall in use
22	23 Red Cross 1-7 p.m. Grief Share 7 p.m.	24 Staff 9:30	25 Choir 7:00 p.m.	26 Women's 11:00, WW 5:30, Stitching Bees 6:00 Men's 7:00 p.m.	27 Deadline for Feb, Triumph	28
29 No Bells today	30	31				
Each Sunday 8:00 Bells 8:30 Children Choir 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Youth choir 10:30 Worship	Narco Ann M-W-Fri 7:00 p.m.					2012

**Trinity United Presbyterian Church  
Financial Recap**

Nov-11

**INCOME**

**LOCAL MISSIONS:**

General Fund	\$16,120
Memorial Fund	\$0
Youth Fund	\$58
Total Local Mission Income	\$16,178

**WORLD MISSIONS:**

Total World Mission Income	\$867
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<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$17,045</b>
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**EXPENSES**

**LOCAL MISSIONS:**

Personel	\$14,182
Office Costs	\$298
Music	\$123
Education	\$365
** Property	\$4,139
Congregation	\$102
Youth Fund	\$0
Total Local Missions	\$19,209

<b>WORLD MISSIONS</b>	<b>\$522</b>
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World Mission commitment remaining	\$15,643
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$19,731</b>
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<b>NET GAIN/LOSS</b>	<b>-\$2,686</b>
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\*\*4396.00 spent for the new Youth room

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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ANNUAL REPORTS

Something to think about after the holidays. In January each Committee will need to make a report to the Congregation in the form of the Annual Report.

We will be letting you know when the report needs to be completed by.

