

BETWEEN THE TIMES February 24, 2012

During his recent presentation on The Apostles Creed, Dr. Shoemaker told of one of the famous wisdom sayings of the late Rev. John E. Burkhart, past professor of theology at McCormick Theological Seminary, with whom we both studied at various times. *"Never dig a hole so deep that you can't see out the top!"* With Dr. Burkhart's wisdom fresh in mind, I ran across a blog by a writer named Jeff Sexton from somewhere or another on the topic, *Lenten Thoughts on Ash Wednesday*. His subtopic is, *What tells you when it's time to stop digging?* Further, he writes:

That repentance is necessary for salvation is hardly a principle confined to Christianity. It's really as simple as saying that if you've dug yourself into a hole, you need to:

- 1. realize you're in a hole, and*
- 2. stop digging, and*
- 3. become open to solutions (aka, a way out)*

And until you do, you won't have much hope of getting out of that hole. Obviously, the sooner you recognize the hole, the easier the process is.

That's a good introduction to the Season of Lent – one with which John the Baptizer would certainly agree. The Lenten message of John proclaims loudly to all: *Look! Look what you're doing! You're digging a hole for yourselves! It's getting very deep! Already, you can't see out the top! Stop digging, and start looking for solutions!* Actually, John doesn't offer a cafeteria of choices for solutions. He offers only one: *Bear fruit worthy of repentance or risk being cut down and thrown into the fire.* John was not terribly subtle. He didn't believe he could afford to be. For him, the message was urgent because he was afraid the hole people were digging would finish up being their grave. He knew the solution was even then coming down the road: A man named Jesus, whose shoes John felt himself unworthy to carry. That man, Jesus, was the Savior of the World – the only person who could save the world from that grave the people were furiously digging for themselves.

John speaks just as urgently to us. All these centuries after he first introduced the world to Jesus, people have again become complacent. Even Christians – even good Zanesville Presbyterian Christians – have become complacent. We have come to believe that our long heritage as Christian people secures for us all the favor of God we could ever possibly need. We're amazingly like those first century Jews who believed they had inherited the faith of Abraham – a faith so strong that it made them as safe from God's wrath as they could ever possibly be. But, John came a long and said, *God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.* To us, he might say, *Your good Presbyterian upbringing – plus \$2.25 – might buy you a cup of coffee, but not salvation!* We're in that same hole that we've dug for ourselves – urgently in need of the salvation that only Jesus can bring, but not realizing that we need it. If we don't know we need it, we can't appreciate God's gift of it. That's another way of saying that we cannot ever be able to celebrate Easter, if we have no understanding that it is for us.

That's what Lent is all about. Lent is about helping us realize that it's time to stop digging. We've already dug too deeply to see out the top of our hole. It's already for us a grave that is just waiting to cave in on us. We need to stop digging. But, even at that, we can't climb out by ourselves. It's too deep, and we have no ladders or lifts that can reach down to us. There is only that man Jesus. We've got a bit less than 40 days now to get to know him and to realize how much he can do for us. If we make that discovery, then Easter can be real for us!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 1 Palm Sunday

Luncheon following the service and Easter Egg hunt for the children.
Cantata will be performed by The Country Choir, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

April 5 Maundy Thursday service 7:00 p.m.

April 6 Good Friday service , location to be announce. We will keep you posted.

April 8 Easter morning service in the sanctuary at 8:00 a.m. the Youth will be helping.

Breakfast served from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Free will offering, to go to the Youth.

10:30 regular service.

We will be taking RSVP to the luncheon on Palm Sunday. This is open to all!

Trinity United Presbyterian Church
830 Military Road
Zanesville, OH 43701
Unicameral Session Minutes
For January 15th, 2012

On Sunday, January 15, 2012, at 12:05pm we met in the Chapel for devotions led by Elder Floyd Sours. 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 January 15, 2012 was approved along with the minutes from the December 18, 2011 meeting. The minutes for the January 8, 2012 Congregation meeting was approved as amended.

The 2012 Elder Devotion Schedule was distributed to the elders.

Facility use requests:

Amanda Allison – requests use of the Fellowship Hall for Roots and Shoots on Feb. 10, 2012 from 4pm-9pm for approx. 70 persons, needing 5 tables and 30 chairs; requests use of the Fellowship Hall on Feb 13, 2012 from 5pm – 8:30pm for approx. 40 persons; requests use of the Fellowship Hall on March 17, 2012 from 10am-5pm for the Columbus Zoo. Approx. 80 persons expected and will need 6 tables and 80 chairs.

Tina Moore – requests use of the Fellowship Hall from March 5 –March 11, 2012 for the Zanesville Kid Stuff sale.

A motion was made to accept the facility use requests. Approved.

The current membership level is 256.

Moderators Report: The following is the Pastor's report to Session:

The pastor presented a 2 month contract to extend his employment. Motion was made, seconded and approved. The pastor requested study leave the first weekend of March. Approved. Motion was made to reschedule communion to March 11. Approved.

Deacon Report: Minutes received.

Presbytery: Rev. Starr reported there was a Special Called Meeting of the Presbytery on January 10, 2012. The Westminster Overture was presented, which alleges apartheid behavior by Israel against Palestinians.

Old Business: None

Worship and Music Report: The insurance value of the pipe organ is \$210,000 and the grand piano is \$20,000. The committee is checking on the values for the chimes and the handbells.

87 received communion on January 8, 2012. Ash Wednesday service will be February 22, 2012, and Maundy Thursday is April 5, 2012.

Outreach: No report.

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Christian Education: The committee is reviewing new curriculum for children and youth, 'I Believe'.

Personnel: No Report

Nominating & Membership: The committee has completed their nominating activities.

Finance: The monthly finance report was presented. The balance figure for last month was positive. It has been a difficult financial year and reserve funds had to be used. The 2012 budget will be ready in February.

Building and Grounds: No Report.

Missions: No Report.

Youth Committee: The committee had its first combined Youth Committee and Youth Group meeting. The February activity will be a meal and a movie. The committee requests permission for the youth to participate in the 30 Hour Famine, from 9am March 24 through 9am March 25, 2012. Approved. The committee is looking into getting the carpet cleaned in the Youth Room.

New Business: It was reported that the Pollock Scholarship has not paid awards to its last two recipients. Elder Tim Patterson will look into the matter.

The Grief Share group would like to put up a table in the Narthex to display grief support materials. The location is where the folding chairs are currently stored. Motion made, seconded and approved.

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

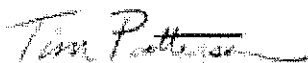
Elder Jim Ardrey will have surgery.

Joy: The church is moving forward and many things are happening.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 1:05 pm by Rev. Floyd Starr, Moderator.

Next scheduled Session meeting is February 19, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Patterson, Clerk of Session



Upcoming Events and News that you can use

March 2012

The Session of Trinity United Presbyterian Church has called for the Annual Meeting and Report to the congregation for March 18th following the worship service.

Copies of the report will be in the narthex on March 11th for each member to look over. One copy per family, please.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY will be held on March 4th. The girls will be helping during the service. Our guest minister will be Rev. McDonald. There will be a luncheon in the fellowship hall. The luncheon will be a free will offering. Spaghetti, salad and garlic bread. YUM.

Everyone is welcome!

Grief Share has a little table in the narthex that will have information about grieving and other information and topics. If you are interested, please feel free to pick up any of the information, or contact one of the Grief Share members.

We will have a special collection for One Great Hour of Sharing on Palm Sunday, April 1st.

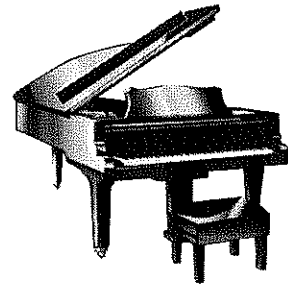
One Great Hour of Sharing helps to satisfy the hungry, comfort the distressed and bring hope to the poor and oppressed.

Please see the envelope in this newsletter.

PIANO DEDICATION

We will dedicate our new grand piano on April 15. To help us celebrate this special occasion we welcome guest pianists, Alicia Good Estrada and Tricia Good Lenhof who will provide us with extra-special music during the service. Please plan to be here to help us celebrate this event.

Remember, if you would like to make a donation to the “piano fund”, there is still time.



CANTATA

A special cantata will be performed by the group “The Country Choir”, here at the church on Palm Sunday, April 1st. Our own Betty Ward is the leader of this group. The concert will start at 7:00 p.m. The name of the cantata is “Shadow of the Cross”. Everyone is welcome to attend!





From the CE desk

A note from Amanda

Trinity Kids group

Our new "Trinity Kids" group had a great first meeting with 15 kids in attendance for bowling on Feb 19th! Our next meeting will be after

church on March 18th. All kids 6th grade and under plus their friends and parents are invited to join us at the shelter house for a picnic and family friendly games! We're hoping the weather will cooperate, but if it

doesn't, the festivities will be moved inside to the Fellowship Hall. Lunch of hot dogs, drinks, and side dishes will all be provided. All you need to bring is you! The fun will wrap up by 1:30. I hope to see you there!

Acolyte and Children's Church schedule

March 4th

Carolyn Geis and
Janie McLoughlin

March 4th

There will be no
Children's church

March 11th

Jack Tysinger and
Mark Patterson

March 11th

Kris Hawk and
Kris Geis

March 18th

Aaron Johnson and
Connor Allison

March 18th

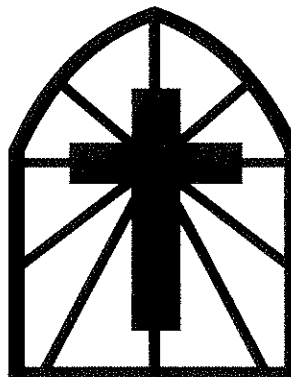
Amanda Allison and
Marci Shumway

March 25th

Cameron Hill and
David Johnson

March 25th

Amanda Allison and
Kris Geis



After Church Sunday School Class

Join Reverend Debbie Rundlett on March 11th in the parlor for lunch and a talk about the Muskingum Valley Presbytery immediately following the service. You will learn about what the Presbytery does, how it works and what our position is within it. We will also discuss new initiatives within the Presbytery and changes that the Presbytery has made in recent years. Bring your questions and be ready for lively discussion, caring fellowship, and tasty food.

Deacon Beacon



March 2012

Deacons on duty for March: Larry Good, Hinda Ardrey, Mary Flanagan. The Deacon that is responsible for devotions is: Margaret McConnell.

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

BIRTHDAYS

March 13

Charles Gorsuch

421 Coventry Circle

March 25

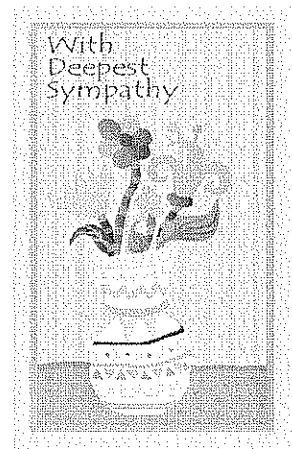
Betty Linn

ANNIVERSARIES

Clyde & Jeaneen Morland

420 Stardust Circle

March 10, 1956



Our deepest sympathy to the family of Dorothy Bailey, who passed away on Feb. 20th. Let's remember her husband, Howard with our thoughts and prayers.

Also Rita Gains and her family are remembering Rita's daughter who passed away recently.

Robyn Kimble is currently in Houston TX, to undergo her bone marrow transplant. She will have to stay in TX for around 6 months. Her mother, Mary Flanagan has given us her address. Let's remember her with cards and prayers.

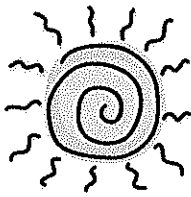
University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center

1515 Holcome, P.O. Box 300206

Houston, TX 77030-0206

ON THE MEND Charlene Noland, Bob Arter.

Sunrise Service



The youth will be leading a sunrise service on Easter

Sunday from 8:00 to 8:30 in the Sanctuary. A breakfast will be available after the service in the Fellowship

Hall from 8:30 until 10:00. Please join the youth for this meaningful worship service!

A Little about One Great Hour of Sharing

Immediately following World War II, Protestant churches in the U.S. made appeals for the relief and reconstruction of areas devastated by the war, primarily in Europe and Asia. In 1949, the leaders of several denominations formed a committee to organize an appeal to support their churches' separate campaigns.

A program called One Great Hour was broadcast on March 26, 1949, over major networks and many independent stations. The broadcast closed with a request that listeners attend their local church the following morning and make a sacrificial contribution. No exact measure of receipts was possible, but it was estimated that more than 75,000 churches participated.

The next year, the offering was repeated, using the name "One

Great Hour of Sharing" for the first time. At times, One Great Hour of Sharing was coordinated with both the Roman Catholic Bishops' Fund Appeal for Overseas Aid and the Jewish Passover Appeal. Free time and space were donated to this joint appeal through the Advertising Council.

From the beginning, this has been an ecumenical effort. As denominations changed and merged, One Great Hour of Sharing has varied from 8 to 29 participating communions. While each denomination allocates its gifts differently, all use their funds for ministries of disaster relief, refugee assistance and development aid. Today, projects supported by One Great Hour of Sharing are under way in more than 100 countries, including the United States and

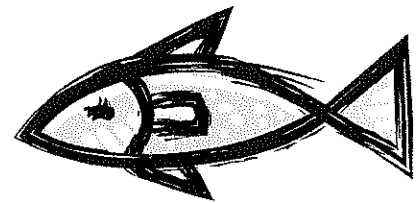
Canada. In recent years Presbyterians have given about \$10 million annually.

Q: Do gifts from Presbyterians stay within the denomination?

A: Yes. Gifts given by Presbyterians will be used within the PC(USA).

Q: How does the PC(USA) use its offering gifts?

A: They are divided among three programs. Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receive 32% of the offering and the Presbyterian Hunger Program receiving 36%.



Pastor Nominating Committee Update

The PNC has been very active in January and February. We have been busy reviewing new PIFs as several new ones have come in since Christmas. We have also been requesting and listening to sermons from var-

ious candidates. We are continuing with phone interviews.

As we continue to work through the process, we ask the congregation to pray for the committee and the candidates. We are prayerfully

working to find the right person to work with and lead Trinity in a way that glorifies God.

-Tim Patterson

Pastor Nominating
Committee Chair

Sunday School Classes on Easter Sunday

We **will** have our regular Sunday school classes for kids 4th grade and under. 5th grade and up will be

helping or participating in the breakfast being provided by the Youth Group. All youth and adults are invited

to have a special Easter breakfast in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30 until 10:00.

Save the Date! One Great Hour of Sharing and Palm Sunday

We will have our annual potluck and Easter egg hunt on April 1st immediately following the service. This is a potluck for the entire church! Everyone is invited to share this time of fellowship with us as we watch the kids enjoying the season. April 1st is also the collection day for the One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks. The banks can be placed in the collection plate, given to one of the kids to place in the basket before the service, or they can be left on Nancy's desk in the office. Thank you all for your continuing support of the One Great Hour of Sharing ministry.

Lenten Food Drive

The mission committee would like to invite you all to participate in a food drive to benefit our local food pantries and also to feed the CASS-MIND tutoring group run by Cassandra McDonald (sister-in-law to Rev. McDonald who preached on Mar 4th) and Rachel Pollock (member of our sister Presbyterian church, Westminster, in New Concord). To support the canned food drive, simply grab one of the brown paper bags and bring it back by March 25th. To help

feed the CASS-MIND kids, grab a tag off the board in the Narthex and bring the item on the following Sunday.

“And the King will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”
Matthew 25:40



What is CASS-MIND?

CASS-MIND's Keep Kids in School initiative, a non-profit organization geared toward promoting healthy decision-making and life-planning for youth. It is run by Cassandra McDonald and Rachel Pollock. As part

of their overall program they provide tutoring to area middle and high school students. Many of the students they receive come from severely disadvantaged homes. The dinners provided by during the tutoring

sessions are very welcome and leftovers are taken by the kids to help feed siblings at home. For more information you can contact Amanda Allison or Rachel Pollock at rpollock@muskingum.edu.

NOTE'S FROM NANCY

Note from
Nancy



The Salvation Army could use craft items for the kids who participate in the Chapel service . If you have leftover items that you would like to donate to this cause, please call the Salvation Army.



Prayer Shawl ministry will be going to visit and knit with Bob & Ann Nicholas on March 18th at 1:00 p. m. Bob and Ann are living at the Helen Purcell home. They have invited Prayer Shawl to visit with them.

Kids Stuff Sale the annual Spring sale will be held here on April 23rd to the Sat. April 28th. This is sale is open to the public on Thursday. This year if you would like to shop early, you can pay \$2.00 to shop on Wednesday evening, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The money that they collect from this "early fee" will be donated back to the church.

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.

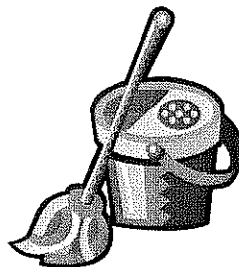
This group is for anyone who would enjoy having lunch with friends. Each month we try a different place.

Does anyone have a favorite spot?

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

As we continue to clean and tidy up the church, we have come across several linens, in the cabinets in the basement area. No one can remember the last time they were used.

If you are interested in these, please contact Joan Miska before April 1st.



Youth News

Important Notes:

- ✓ The carpet in the Youth Room will be cleaned February 27th by Carpet Care
- ✓ The youth IS doing the Easter Sunday sunrise service/breakfast
- ✓ Correction: Nancy Thompson's e-mail address is nkthompson@midohio.twcbc.com

Mark your calendars!



- ✠ March 4th- youth committee meeting
- ✠ March 11th- youth group meeting. We will continue to plan the famine. Everyone needs to bring their own snack, and Nancy Thompson will provide a "Light Sack Lunch"
- ✠ March 24-25 World Vision 30-Hour Famine
9:00 a.m. Saturday to 9:00 a.m. Sunday "Break-the-Fast"
- ✠ No meetings in April. However, April 8th (Easter Sunday), the Youth is conducting the Sunrise Service and morning breakfast. The service begins at 8:00 and the breakfast is from 8:30 to 10:00
- ✠ May 20th is Youth Sunday

30 Hour Famine:

- 🎯 March 24th-25th at TUPC from 9:00 a.m. Saturday to 9:00 a.m. Sunday
- 🎯 **Do not eat breakfast Saturday morning.** Otherwise, you would only be doing a 24-Hour famine! "We go hungry so that others don't have to."
- 🎯 Fundraising Goal is for each person to get \$30 plus. Ask people to sponsor you- \$1.00 for each hour of going hungry
- 🎯 Sign up to get a packet! As of February 12th, the youth who have signed up are: Macy Meadows, Kaylan Patterson, Daniel Loudermilk, Natalie Van Horn, Adam Cook, Karen Sidwell, and Kori Sidwell
- 🎯 The list of parent helper's "shifts" T.B.A. So far the parents signed up are Lori Meadows, Tim Patterson, Terri Sidwell, Julie MacLaine, and Bill and Melissa Cook.
- 🎯 "See hunger up close and personal" as we spend 24 hours together in work, fellowship, community activity, and spiritual growth.
- 🎯 **"The more you know, the more you'll want to join in the experience."** Go to www.30hrfamine.org for more information

"Let us walk in someone else's shoes, as we walk in the footprints of JESUS!"

March Birthday & Anniversary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Maria Johnson	3 Rev. Starr
4 Michelle Collins	5 Colton Hina Bob & Judy Lyle	6	7 Allison Bay	8 John & Donna Myers	9 Jack Tysinger	10 Jennifer Welch Loy Clyde & Jeaneen Morland 1956
11 Liz Grimm Cameron Hill	12 Andrew Steinman	13 Charles Gorsuch	14	15 Hinda Ardrey Steven Welch	16	17 
18 Dick Patterson	19	20 	21	22	23 Keith & Lori Meadows	24
25 Betty Linn Bob & Jan Jenkins	26	27	28	29	30	31 Fred Love Julie Maneely Macy Meadows
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**Trinity United Presbyterian Church
Financial Recap**

Jan-12

INCOME

LOCAL MISSIONS:

General Fund	\$11,339
Memorial Fund	\$0
Youth Fund	\$0
 Total Local Mission Income	 \$11,339

WORLD MISSIONS:

Total World Mission Income	\$2,239
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TOTAL INCOME	\$13,578
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EXPENSES

LOCAL MISSIONS:

Personel	\$14,451
Office Costs	\$953
Music	\$315
Education	\$38
Property	\$2,705
Congregation	\$174
Youth Fund	\$160
 Total Local Missions	 \$18,796

WORLD MISSIONS	\$0
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World Mission commitment remaining	\$17,900
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$18,796
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NET GAIN/LOSS	-\$5,218
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TRINITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Zanesville, Oh 43701

phone # 452-8482 fax 452-8483

Office Hours Mon-Thurs 8:30-3:30 p.m.

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

web site: www.trinityup.org

e-mail address: trinityup@sbcglobal.net

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Remember to set your clocks up one hour before you go to bed on March 10th.

Spring is on it's way!

