

TRINITY TRIUMPH

TRINITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

Hurricane Sandy Relief Project

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Late last year session began looking into how TUPC might be able to provide assistance to victims of hurricane Sandy. In December, after contacting Dr. Boyer in Long Island, we learned that it might be best to wait until after the first of the year to provide our help, because the initial assistance will begin to wane; the first responders and other front-line helpers may not be able to continue their work and there will be many remaining needs. Some areas are going to be months, if not years, in the rebuilding. In the middle of the winter the people who are displaced from their homes for an extended period are those who will need the most help.

At the February meeting, session voted to begin a fundraising campaign, based on suggestions from someone who has been 'on the ground' in some of the worst affected areas. We are asking members of the congregation to donate gift cards from places like Lowes, Home Depot, and Kohls. Construction supplies are greatly needed, along with basic household goods; gift cards can be distributed in order to help people acquire the supplies which are needed.

Our initial goal is to get a total of **ten \$50** gift cards. I think this is a modest goal for our church, and I would love to see us exceed this goal! Once we have raised these funds the cards will be sent to Dr. Boyer's church, which has been sending crews out to affected areas.

Look for an insert in the Sunday bulletin for details about giving. We'd like to limit the cards to Lowes, Home Depot, and Kohls since we know those stores are available.

If you are not able to assist financially, Dr. Boyer offered this suggestion:

"One other thing that people at Trinity could do: send cards, notes, and letters of support to the affected churches. It may sound like a small thing, but I know that the people who are struggling really are glad to hear from the churches and individuals that are praying for them. The worst-hit Presbyterian churches are in Mastic, Freeport, Lindenhurst, and Oceanside. I know it would be greatly appreciated." Addresses for these churches will be made available at the Trinity should you wish to send notes of support.

Remember, our goal for March is **ten/50** – ten \$50 gift cards. Let's work together to support the people who were most affected by Hurricane Sandy!

Sincerely,

Tim Patterson
Clerk of Session



Trinity United Presbyterian Church
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Zanesville, OH 43701
Unicameral Session Minutes
For January 20th, 2013

On Sunday, January 20, 2013, at 1:00PM 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. Mary Jane Knapp called us to order and service. A quorum was declared with 11 Elders present.

Clerk's Report: The agenda for January 20, 2013 was approved along with the minutes from the December 16, 2013 meeting. Various publications received have been placed in the library. The 2013 elder committee assignments are complete.

Correspondence:

We received a thank you cards from: Rev. Millsbaugh; a thank you and receipt from Eastside Community Ministry for our donation; Transitions; Christ's Table;

Facility use requests:

Kris Beebe requests use of the Fellowship Hall and kitchen for a Boy Scout dinner on Feb. 2, 2013 beginning at 5pm.

Tina Moore requests use of the Fellowship Hall from April 21 – 27, 2013 for the spring Zanesville Kids Stuff Sale. They will need tables and chairs.

Kris Beebe requests use of the Fellowship Hall on Oct. 16 and 17, 2013 for the Quilter Group auction.

Facility use requests approved.

Moderators Report: Introduction of our moderator, Rev. Mary Jane Knapp.

Deacon Report: Minutes received.

Presbytery: The next meeting is open to elders and is a two day retreat in Canton.

Old Business: Reschedule of the annual congregational meeting. Motion to grant Dr. Schumacher permission to moderate on Feb 17, 2013 for the annual congregational meeting; we will schedule a pulpit exchange on March 10. Motion approved.

Motion to schedule the start time of all session meetings for 12:30pm while Rev. Knapp is our moderator. Approved.

Worship and Music Report: Reported with no action items.

We served Holy Communion to 60 on Sunday January 6, 2013. Our average attendance for the 3rd quarter was 85, for the 4th quarter 105.

The choirs are preparing for services through Easter. Organist Clem Burton will schedule Psalm hymns for February.

The committee recommends the following:

1. Ash Wednesday service (February 13, 2013) will not be held this year.
2. Maundy Thursday service, March 28, 2013, will begin at 7:30pm in the sanctuary; that it be a Tenebrae service. Holy Communion will be served (not by intinction).

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3. Good Friday service, Friday, March 29, 2013, be held at Trinity with invitation to Northside Community Service. 'The Country Choir' will perform the service, Betty Ward and Rev. Dawn Remster will organize the service.
4. That Karen Bay, member of Trinity, be permitted to deliver a Sunday message at a future service.

Motions approved.

Outreach: Elder Sours reported with no action items.

Christian Education: Reported with no action items.

Finance: The monthly finance report was presented. The balance figure for December was negative. The 2013 operating budget was presented. The budget is very similar to last year, projecting a deficit budget. Motion made to accept the report as presented, discussed and approved.

Personnel: No Report

Nominating & Membership: No Report

Building and Grounds: Reported with no action items.

Missions: No report

Youth Committee: No report

New Business: A motion from the PNC to increase the minimum effective salary to meet the increase per Presbytery requirements. Approved.

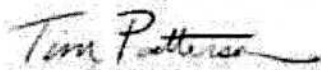
Time of Sharing Joys and Challenges: Thanks to God for all the blessings at Trinity.

Bill Thompson is home for recovery and rehab. After hip fractures heal he will have pacemaker/defibrillator implanted.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 3:00PM by Rev. Mary Jane Knapp, Moderator.

Next scheduled Session meeting is February 17, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Patterson, Clerk of Session

Lenten Bible Study

March 3rd: 3:00–4:00 at Putnam Presbyterian church (467 Woodlawn Ave over the 6th St. bridge in the old Putnam district. Feel free to park at Job and Family Services next door)

March 7th: 12:00–1:30 at Brighton Presbyterian church. (771 Lexington Ave. near the fairgrounds– parking is behind the church– come in the rear entrance) Each week we'll eat our own brown bag lunches from 12– 12:30 and share our weeks before starting with the lesson at 12:30.

March 10th: 3:00–4:00 at Putnam Presbyterian church

March 14th: 12:00–1:30 at Putnam Presbyterian church.

March 17th: 3:00–4:00 at Putnam Presbyterian church

March 21st: 12:00–1:30 at Trinity United Presbyterian church. (in the Parlor)

March 24th: 3:00–4:00 at Putnam Presbyterian church

Copies of the curriculum are available on the buffet table in the Narthex. Don't feel that you need to attend each week to be able to participate. The lessons act as stand alone topics that go together. You are welcome to attend whenever you can. The curriculum we are using is "An Acceptable Fast: An Adult Lenten Study" by Patricia K. Tull.

Parish Meeting March 19th, 8:00 a.m. at Brighton Church

What is the Parish? It's us! It's every Presbyterian Church in our area.

Who is invited? You are! Every member of every area church IS already part of the parish! We want to hear your ideas and your hopes.

Where are the meetings? The meetings rotate throughout the Zanesville churches. This meeting is held at Brighton.

When are the meetings? The meeting are always the third Tuesday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

Why would I go? What is it supposed to do? We want to share the events and activities that each of the churches is sponsoring. We want to get input on what would be a good event or study. We want to encourage all members to allow the church to reflect their passions and individual interests. We are all the body of Christ– each of us has something unique and vital to share. Shine your light!

I don't know– I'm not in charge of anything– I don't make the rules– what can I do by going? You can let your voice be heard! You can share what the Parish is doing with your friends and church members. The more people who know what is happening, the more likely for a successful event! You may find out you can do more than you think!

I have a job– there is no way I could ever meet on Tuesday morning. What do I do? Talk to Frank Walburg, Bill Miska, Amanda Allison or Rev. Schumacher and see what you've missed. Ask if there is something you can do to help. Or call Nancy in the office to get a copy of the parish minutes.

