



# Trinity Triumph

May 2014

## *Coming Events:*

### **Friday, May 1:**

Men's Breakfast @ 8:00 a.m. @  
Bethesda

### **Friday, May 2:**

First Friday Concert @ 7:00 p.m. @  
Central Presbyterian

### **Sunday, May 4:**

Prayer Shawl @ 1:00 p.m.

### **Tuesday, May 6:**

Deacons @ 6:00 p.m.

### **Thursday, May 8:**

Just Write & Reflect @ 9:30 a.m.

### **Monday, May 12:**

Parish Council @ 12:00 p.m. @ Brighton  
Presbyterian

### **Sunday, May 18:**

Session @ 12:00 p.m.



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# *Rev. Dennis Allison: Wielding Scripture, Saws, & Salvation*

**Where were you born?** Kansas City, Missouri.

**What was your favorite subject in school?** A past and present tense answer. I'm still in school, never finished, have too much to make up for (I am still trying to learn to read without moving my lips). I don't have a "favorite" subject. As a young child and teenager I did not enjoy "school" and was not what would be considered a good student. Later, much later, I didn't mind school as long it didn't interfere with my education. Today I take in free lectures, purchase lectures, all subjects, all are of great interest, especially areas about which I know little, which is every area.

**What was the most trouble you got into in grade school?** A perfect little child of course. As a pre-(destined)Presbyterian minister who would one day be charged with setting example upon example for congregation upon congregation, I, therefore, never got into trouble. What kind of a question is this?

**What was your first job?** I worked in a filling station.

**When and how were you called to the ministry?** In my early twenties for whatever reason I decided to begin attending again a church I had dropped out of in my early teens. A fresh-from-minister-school pastor was in the process of arriving and I liked him. So I thought, well, I'll keep coming around awhile for this guy. I began singing with the choir. I was sitting in the choir loft one Sunday and it hit me, and "hit me" is not particularly hyperbole, it hit me that if even 50% of what is being said about this Jesus of Scripture is true, this is the most profoundly vital idea for mankind, an idea beyond man's capacity to create, and I need to be out

doing something about it. After that I had no peace in my life until I was out doing something about it. Doing something about it became ministry.



**What was your least favorite thing about "pastor school?"** Don't-ask-questions-but-just-spit-it-back-at-me nonsense.

**What are 3 hobbies you enjoy outside of the ministry? (or however many you have)** I don't know that I have hobbies per se. I read, fix stuff and enjoy physical exercise.

**If you could vacation anywhere in the world, where would you go?** I don't enjoy going to other places.

**If you could have dinner with 3 people from history, who would they be?** Well, certainly Jesus as the Christ. I am fascinated with the Paul of Scripture's Romans, with his ability to live so comfortably within tremendous paradox while at the same time exercising great courage. And, Paul Tillich.

**What is your vice?** Ah, another "trouble in school" kind of question. Yes, well, I don't have a vice. Except in the shop. Come on, surely you don't think this Presbyterian Church (USA) pastor has a vice, do you?

**Tell us about your family.** What do you want to know? Wonderful family. Fine family. Patient with me, tolerant. Becky, Registered Nurse, stalwart supporter (sturdy, and keeps a good house) and number-one critic; daughter, Monica, Senior Systems Analyst for Memorial Sloane Kettering Cancer Center, New York City, also songwriter; daughter, Lauren, Goodwill Industries, Mansfield, Ohio, plays the violin and creates electronica music and has a dog furiously devoted to her.

**What is the best thing about being the Pastor at Trinity UP Church?** Fun, fun people. Interesting, diverse congregation. Energizing. People giving of themselves, going out of their way, devoting time, talent, personal resources to be this unique church for this particular place in this particular time. What a fine thing. What a privilege to seek to be of service in such a context.

## *April at Trinity UPC*

**New Members:** On April 13, Brooke Gerst, and her children Emily Founds & Logan Gerst were received as members of Trinity United Presbyterian Church, and Emily & Logan were baptized. Welcome!

“My name is Brooke Gerst, and my husband is Eric Gerst. We've been married for almost three years. We have Emily (six) Logan (22 months) and another baby on the way this fall!! I have been a registered nurse in critical care for over 8 years where I still work full time day shift. I also work on call in labor and delivery where I have worked for about five years. My husband is also a registered nurse in critical care (for ten years). We are both back in school right now to advance our careers, so that pretty much takes up our extra time, but when we're not working or doing homework, we like to go to Reds baseball games, visit family, and plan lots of family activities!

Emily Lynn Founds is six years old and will be seven on July 13th. She's been participating in gymnastics for about two and a half years and just got asked to join the competitive team (she starts next week!!) Emily likes to shop and get her nails done. She also likes playing outside and swimming in the summer. Logan Bray Gerst will be two on May 30th. As everyone knows, he's a super active little guy. He loves anything to do with a farm, tractors, or animals.”





## *Easter Morning*

Easter was a busy morning at TUPC, especially for the youth and children. First, the youth participated in a Sunrise Service. Following the service, the youth assisted Trinity's Head Chef Extraordinaire, Marilyn Royer, with a breakfast, with flapjack flipping rave reviews for Mr. Larry Good & David Johnson. After

breakfast, the youth were spotted assisting the Easter Bunny for an egg hunt that included 675 eggs! With twelve little ones participating in the hunt, there were plenty of eggs to go around and many happy children. Youth participants included David Johnson, Maria Johnson, Ally MacLaine, Jake McLoughlin, Matthew Patterson, Corey Sidwell, and Jenna Tysinger. Adults assisting included Becky Allison, Pat Frederick, Larry Good, Julie MacLaine, Mindy Patterson, Marilyn Royer, Terri Sidwell, and Nancy Thompson. And special thanks to Kasey MacLaine for Easter photos.





## *Spotlight on Parish Council*

Dr. Jim Schumacher



TAKE ANOTHER LOOK! What, Really, IS Our Parish Council? Recently, there have been some real changes in the ways we Presbyterians work together. Happily, this change really looks good!

In the past, everything concerning the Zanesville Presbyterian churches was worked through our Presbytery (Muskingum Valley Presbytery), headquartered in New Philadelphia. Not often, but every once-and-awhile, this has felt like management "from the outside." BIG changes have happened in church government. For one thing, our most basic document, The Book of Order, has been completely re-edited and (Are you ready for this?) made 2/3 SHORTER! This document has been around since 1789, and has been gaining in size ever since. By shortening this part of our church constitution, it becomes much more flexible and less cumbersome.

Here's more real good news! By creating a LOCAL church governing body, the PARISH COUNCIL, a huge part of church oversight is now done by encouraging representatives to work together to deal with local issues. This is really the first time in the history of Presbyterians that our presbyteries have, officially, made this possible!

Our Greater Zanesville Parish Council brings together all Presbyterian congregations in easy driving time from our city center. You really don't have to live in our town very long before learning that many of our problems and opportunities have grown up over time. What could be more welcome than the chance to gather representatives from each of our neighboring churches to work together as we serve Jesus in this time and place?

The range of local issues seems endless. Christ's Table and East Side Ministry have always been vital. The Fellowship of Christ's Community, meeting currently at Central Presbyterian Church, continues a unique ministry to our inner city area. As a wider parish, congregations can work together on Vacation Bible School. Just getting together for church dinners and social times can help to develop inter church possibilities for ministry. On the practical side, Parish Council is currently arranging for the required, annual review of session minutes. It's important, in all of this, to notice how both planning and follow-through of programs is done locally.

Here at Trinity, we've been ably represented by our pastor, Dennis Allison, Amanda Allison, Bill Miska, Frank Walburg, and Jim Schumacher. While our presbytery schedules only four meetings each year (frequently at distant points throughout the area) Parish Council can meet every month, avoiding travel time and expense.

It might come as a surprise that our name, as Presbyterians, doesn't so much describe what we believe as it describes how we're governed (representative democracy, exactly the same as our American civil government). Incidentally, "Presbyterian" comes from the New Testament Greek word that means, "elder." It is by no accident that Presbyterian congregations were strong supporters of our first American Continental Congress. That support was put to the test, particularly in the Battles of Trenton and Princeton (the crucial turning-point of our American Revolution). And now you know the rest of the story.



## *Upcoming Events at Trinity*

**Parlor Sunday School Class:** All adults of the church are invited to attend the newly constituted Parlor Sunday School Class that meets, strangely enough, in the Parlor from 9-10 Sunday mornings. No special knowledge is needed. We will be following the lectionary text each week. Come and join us on May 11 as we study and fellowship together.

**Just Write and Reflect: A New Fellowship Group –  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays 9:30-10:45 a.m.**

Are you looking for a quiet place to spend some time in reflection? Have you been meaning to write your “life history” stories to pass along to your family? Then come join the new “Just Write and Reflect” group on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month in the parlor. Please bring writing instruments and a journal, notebook, or paper. Maggie Nussbaum will be facilitating this fellowship time from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. on May 8<sup>th</sup>, and June 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact Maggie (455-2004 or [margbaum15@att.net](mailto:margbaum15@att.net)) if you have any questions.

**First Friday Concert for May**

The First Friday Concert at Central Presbyterian Church will be held at 7:00 on May 2, 2014. The program will feature The Ohio Roadshow, a troupe of local talent who travel around Ohio to entertain with their singing. The artists will perform Motown, gospel, 50s and 60s, country, and Broadway selections. The proceeds of this concert will benefit the Fellowship of Christ’s Community, the outreach program of Central Presbyterian which offers a meal to those in need every Sunday

evening, as well as an evening worship service and other activities in the afternoon.

**Open Flower Dates:** May 11, 18 & 25 are open. If you would like to purchase flowers, please contact the church office at 452-8482, and let us know the information for the bulletin, whether you would like one or two vases, and whether you would like to take the flowers after the service.

**Mission Notes**

Mission news and items of interest will soon be posted on the three bulletin boards in the narthex. In May, a “Spotlight on Volunteers” board will feature members of our Trinity family who use their gifts and talents to volunteer in the community. Watch for future announcements so our active volunteers can be recognized. This will be a great way to learn more about one another, and perhaps we will even discover a new opportunity for volunteering. In addition, we are holding a Mission Committee meeting on Thursday, May 8 at 12:15 in the Parlor. See you then.

**Greater Zanesville Singers June 8 at 3:00 p.m.**

The Greater Zanesville Singers will hold their spring concert in the Sanctuary from 3:00-4:30 p.m. on June 8, 2014.

**Confirmation:** Each Confirmation student is working on a personal Statement of Faith. After completion, the student will present it to the session, and then Pastor Allison will introduce the student and a portion of the Statement of Faith to the congregation during a celebration of his or her accomplishment.

## Youth News

### Upcoming Youth Events:

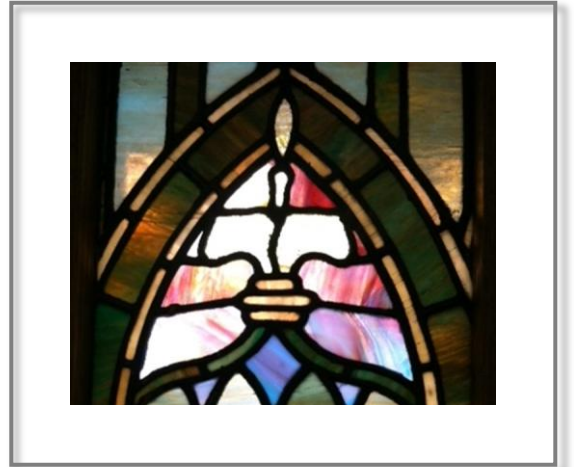
**May 4:** Youth will provide Snacks After Service. After church, we will meet and enjoy music and games until 1:00 p.m. We also look forward to confirmation for all confirmation students!

**June 1:** The Youth Group & the Youth Committee will meet after church. Please bring a picnic lunch. We plan to be outside if the weather allows.

**June 9-13:** The Youth will be helping with VBS.

**July 27/Aug. 3:** We will have a Rewards Trip either Sunday, July 27 or Sunday, August 3, at a location yet to be determined.

**Summer:** We are planning a Summer Get Together at a date and time yet to be decided. We are also planning Community Service projects.



## VBS

**June 9-13, 2014**

**6pm - 8:30pm**

Register Today!

Call the church office or coming soon-register on-line!

<http://www.trinityup.org/vbsreg.php>



# Announcements

## Alyssa Foster Benefit:



A large crowd gathered at Starlight School Saturday evening, April 5, for a spaghetti dinner fund raiser for Alyssa Foster. Alyssa, the two year old daughter of Chad and Kelly Foster, was diagnosed with ALL (a form of leukemia) in early December. 493 dinners were served and over 150 items were auctioned off between 4:00 and 7:00. Many Trinity members attended, as well as family and friends. Local businesses, family friends, and relatives were involved in donating items for the benefit. Many items were donated by Trinity friends for the silent and Chinese auctions, and the bake sale. The event was a total success and all proceeds are being used to defray Alyssa's medical expenses.

Alyssa's family would like to thank all from our church family who participated in any way. An update on Alyssa's condition: She has been in remission since mid-January, and continues to receive a rotation of different chemotherapies. She is currently on steroids, which seem to affect her the most; but she is young and resilient, and seems to take most of her treatments in stride. Due to immunity issues, she is not able to be around many people and with help

from family and friends, Chad and Kelly are able to keep her at home most of the time.

**Snacks after Service:** Snacks after Service has been a great way for members to get to know each other after church each Sunday. You may sponsor it alone or with another member or group. The church will provide coffee, cold and hot water, plates, napkins and silverware and punch bowl (if needed). If you would like to sponsor Snacks after Service, please sign up on the chart across from the elevator. May dates are full, but all June dates are open.

**Opportunities to Serve Our Church:** If you are able to volunteer some time to help maintain our beautiful church and grounds, please contact Dale Vandembark, Chair of Building & Grounds, at 453-3862 or [kayvandembark@gmail.com](mailto:kayvandembark@gmail.com).

**Thank you from Linda & Larry Good:** Thanks to Hinda and Jen Ardrey and Kris Beebe for coordinating meals and for watching over them while they were in need and helping them in their transition home. They would also like to thank the congregation for prayers and the delicious meals. A "huge thank you, thank you, thank you" to all.

**Thank you from Helen Dixon:** "I am home, finally, after 3 months, and I want to thank everyone who sent cards, said prayers, flowers, food, calls, visits, Dennis and Becky Allison for their visits, and those who helped us in any way, the poster the children made and brought with the attached balloons, the pretty balloons brought to me, and anyone I have forgotten! I am weak, but each day I hope to get stronger and hope to get back to church as soon as possible! Thanks again! God bless you all!"



## *Trinity May Birthdays & Anniversaries*

1: Pat Frederick

2: Olivia Foster

5: Jay Spargrove

8: Duane Bunker  
Jeaneen Morland

11: Brandon Bates  
Steve Reed

12: Kaylan Patterson

14: *Dr. Jim and Sally Schumacher*

15: *Martin & Danelle Morosco*

16: Debra Starkey

25: Chase Grimm

28: Kristina Hawk

29: Eleanor Culp

30: Logan Bray Gerst  
Linda Good

**Concerns for Prayers:** Brock Johnson, Isabelle Stotts, David Irwin, Kaylee Cavenor, Matt Brown, Kelly Perry, Bill Balderson, Ann Glaser, Angel Wade, Ed Pashen, Don Noland, Karen Newsom, Elsie Hood.

**Celebrations for Prayers:** Bill Cook, Alyssa Foster, Helen Dixon, Larry Good.

### **Members in Assisted Living:**

Cedar Hill: Norma Near

Primrose: Jack Hampson, Bill & Bea Fisk

Helen Purcell: Bob & Ann Nicholas, Frances Bare

Emeritus: Carol Hampson

Clay House: Mary Sprague, Barbara Addy

Autumn Health Care, Newark: Grace Beebe



## *Worship Leaders for May*

	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Sub.</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>
<b>4</b>	Katherine Allison & Emily Ferry	Taylor Ferry	Ferry Family	Bob & Judy Lyle, Marilyn Royer, Barbara Hightower	Macy Meadows
<b>11</b>	Emily Founds & Carolyn Geis	Miranda Geis	John & Donna Myers	Cook Family, Deide Spargrove	Martha Purkey
<b>18</b>	Tillman Hawk & Aaron Johnson	David Johnson	Hawk Family	Tim & Matthew Patterson, Larry Good, Larry Welch	Dick Patterson
<b>25</b>	Jonathan Patterson & Mark Patterson	Kenzie Vandebark	Dale & Kay Vandebark	Bill Miska, Ray Mennega, Nancy Right, Lisa Bates	Karen Sidwell

## *Deacons' Minutes*

The Board of Deacons met April 8, 2014. We sent 27 cards and made 7 visits with homebound members, plus 2 attempts made to visit with Jack Hampson. Dorothy and Marsha prepared a meal for Helen Dixon. Joan reported that the bills are lower in the effort to conserve. The Cook family donated a new microwave. We are going to redo bulletin boards in Narthex. We are setting up a date with Amanda so she can share her trip to Africa.

## *Stay Connected at Trinity*

### **Newsletter Information:**

Please email newsletter information to Kristina Hawk at [kristinahawk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kristinahawk@sbcglobal.net), call her at 452-7292, or leave it in the office with a note. If you have an idea for an article for the newsletter, or if you would like to write an article, please let us know. The deadline for the June newsletter is *Tuesday, May 20*.

### **Bulletin Information:**

If you have information for the church bulletin, please call the church office at 452-8482, email Pastor Allison at [D.Allison.TrinityUPC.Pastor@gmail.com](mailto:D.Allison.TrinityUPC.Pastor@gmail.com) or call him at (567) 274-5133 (Cell) or 487-4561 (Home).

## MAY at Trinity UPC

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Abbreviations:</b>  <b>NA:</b> Narcotics Anonymous <b>BS:</b> Bible Study <b>WW:</b> Weight Watchers				<b>1 National Day of Prayer</b> 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast (Bethesda) 11:00 Women's BS 5:30 WW 6:15 p.m. Men's BS	<b>2</b>  7:00 p.m. First Friday Concert (Central Pres)  7:00 p.m. NA	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 8:00 Bells 8:30 Children's Choir 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Youth Choir 10:30 Worship 1:00 Prayer Shawl	<b>5</b>  7:00 p.m. NA	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:30 Building & Grounds  7:00 pm. Choir 7:00 p.m. NA	<b>8</b> 9:30-10:45 Just Write & Reflect (parlor) 11:00 Women's BS 12:15 Mission 5:30 WW 6:15 p.m. Men's BS	<b>9</b>  7:00 p.m. NA	<b>10</b>
<b>11 Mother's Day</b>  8:30 Children's Choir 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Youth Choir 10:30 Worship	<b>12</b> 12:00 Parish (Putnam)  1-7 Red Cross  6:00 p.m. Grief Share 7:00 p.m. NA	<b>13</b> 6:00 p.m. Alzheimer Group  6:00 p.m. Deacons 7:00 Christian Ed	<b>14</b> 6:15 p.m. Worship & Music  7:00 p.m. Choir 7:00 pm. Health Class 7:00 p.m. NA	<b>15</b> 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl  11:00 Women's BS  5:30 WW	<b>16</b>  7:00 p.m. NA	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 8:00 Bells 8:30 Children's Choir 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Youth Choir 10:30 Worship 12:00 Session	<b>19</b> 7:00 p.m. NA  6:00 p.m. Zemba	<b>20</b> <b>June Newsletter Deadline</b>  7:00 p.m. Outreach	<b>21</b> 7:00 p.m. Choir  7:00 p.m. NA	<b>22</b> 11:00 Women's BS  5:30 WW	<b>23</b>  7:00 p.m. NA	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 8:30 Children's Choir 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Youth Choir 10:30 Worship	<b>26 Memorial Day</b> 1-7 Red Cross  7:00 p.m. NA	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00 p.m. Choir  7:00 p.m. NA	<b>29</b> 11:00 Women's BS  5:30 WW	<b>30</b>  7:00 p.m. NA	<b>31</b>

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.



**Communion Schedule:**

- May 11
- June 1
- July 6
- August 3
- September 7
- October 5
- November 2
- December 7