



Trinity Triumph

November/December 2015

LOOKING FORWARD

Sunday, November 1—Following the Worship Service—Mission and Church Life “Potluck of Gratitude”—Meat, beverages, and table service will be provided.

Sunday, November 8—Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Collection Day at Trinity—More details are in the Mission News.

Sunday, November 15—Youth Cookie Sale Fundraiser for the Angel Tree—See details in the Youth News.

Sunday, November 22—Hanging of the Greens—after worship service

Sunday, November 22—Handbell Festival—7:00 p.m., Grace UMC—Our Bells of Praise will be participating.

Thursday, November 25--Thanksgiving Eve Service—6:30-7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 29-December 27--“Stocking Tree”—The tree will be ready to be adorned with the warmth of socks, mittens, gloves, scarves, and hats.

Sunday, November 29-December 27—Christmas Joy PC (USA) Offering—More details can be found in the Mission News.

Thursday, December 24th—Christmas Eve —7:00 Special Music—followed by the Christmas Eve Service at 7:30

CONTINUING THE POSITIVE

Trinity is a traditional church; however, we are also a transitional church. As we adapt to changes in different ways, let us examine more of the positive things we have, as offered by a number of our church family members.

*We have active committees, and church members are discovering their hidden and unused talents through these committees.

*We are becoming more of a mission-oriented church.

*The youth are involved in a number of service projects.

*The choir is making changes to enhance the sound of both their singing and the piano accompaniment.

*With the dynamics of a small church, we have the opportunity to relate to one another more closely, yet we are seeking more ways to invite others to join us.

*Volunteers continue to keep the church clean, the gardens maintained, and the clerical work current.

*Small groups allow a time of fellowship and learning. Some of these groups include the Young at Heart, Grief Share, Travel Tales, Bible Studies, and the Men’s Breakfast.

*Another group, the Prayer Shawl Ministry, prays for the people who have received these hand-knitted or crocheted shawls. These shawls matter to people physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

*People have been extremely generous and supportive of our mission projects.

As I mingled with groups and probed and prodded for ideas, these answers came quickly and freely. Thank you for sharing the many positive aspects about Trinity. MN



From the Minister ...

The New Testament presents *hearing* as vital in the dynamic of God in Christ saving. Not just any old hearing, but a gathered-together community hearing. Repetitive. Why is that? I don't know.

Some things I do know. It's important to advance the repeated hearing. A young man told me that when he was younger, "back in the '90s," it was cool to go sometimes with the family to the worship. He didn't mind it because he liked hearing the church songs he called them. He said they were so different from all the other songs everywhere else in his life. When he was *very* young, he said, way back "in the '80s," he always went. He *had* to go back then, he said. He had no choice. You *will* go. It was a command. But that was good, he said, because what he heard of songs and words and the other parts of worshiping was so different from all the rest of his life. Advancing the hearing.

Through the fine efforts of several church members much of our church's worship is "tape" recorded. It is then placed on the web site. Enter the address, select sermons, a particular day, play, and it's there. Maybe you couldn't gather together that day, but you could still hear.

Church leaders have received written and verbal thanks for this Internet connect. A member unable to attend, no longer having the ability to be with the worshiping congregation, missing something vital, very much wanting to be with her church but can't, can at least hear it.

Some people are dedicated. Upon returning from having been away, one member said that online she listened to what she had missed while she was away. Now that's devotion.

There are other ways the hearing has been advanced. Via the web a church member sent a certain message to someone who played it, kept it, and plays it again whenever he needs to hear the certain thing said.

I've read about church going from people who say things like well, I once did, once I went. Then I didn't anymore. And now I can't anymore. And isn't it funny that sometimes you can have something and you could care less and then you can't have it and now it means everything.

In one church one member talked about the mystery, almost sacrament, of being able to experience the vitality of God in Christ saving through the communal gathering that is called church. This man couldn't any longer be physically there, in place, with his church, which is why for him to still experience it was mystery. He expressed in so many words that he was desperate to be back "in church." This man had faithfully spent a lot of time in church. And now he absolutely can't physically do it anymore. He's missing something. He wants again to be front and center present and worshiping with his congregation, wants to be in the middle of hymns and prayers and scripture texts read, and a witness to the Resurrection Christ at center, and all the other parts so magnificently different from all the rest of his life and he can't. But he *can* hear. Even to play it again for a certain thing said. And for that he's grateful for the people who make it so.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

"Seasons in 'Ordinary Time'"

Dr. Jim Schumacher

What time is it? We needn't ask that question often. We're surrounded by clocks! Time blinks at us from our cell phones to our microwaves. When preaching, I avoid looking at my watch. I learned long ago that once the preacher uses his/her wristwatch, so does everybody in the pews! From morning until late at night, clocks keep tabs on what we're doing.

I even notice that Dennis, our pastor, wears an "atomic wristwatch." His time piece actually sets itself several times daily from the nuclear clock at Fort Collins, Colorado. Thus, his watch will always be right, plus or minus .00023 seconds a year. This really is comforting! It means our services really DO start on time every Sunday.

Interestingly enough, Christian churches have been marking time for generations. At the back of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship there's not just one, but two lectionaries. The first is for leaders planning services of worship. The second lectionary is for daily use by any of us planning our personal prayer lives. Those interested may even find a Presbyterian guide to prayer in the Apple Store. It's listed there under "Daily Prayer." Each of these, and all of them taken together, provide ways of praying and reading the Bible on a regular basis.

What fascinates me at the moment, however, is a fairly recent addition to our Presbyterian lectionaries. It's called "seasons in ordinary time." (Personally, that sounds about as bland as tap water!) Why, in the world, do Christians need "ordinary time"?

Really, it's true! We need ordinary time, because not every, single day could possibly be special! Take the Advent Season, for example. Advent looks forward to our Savior's birth. Christmas celebrates Jesus' birth. The next big lectionary event is Lent. But, and here's where it gets interesting, what comes between Christmas and Lent? ORDINARY TIME! Then we move on to Easter and Pentecost. But Pentecost runs on practically forever (nearly 35 Sundays!) Again, what comes between Pentecost Sunday and the next Advent? ORDINARY TIME!

Through all of this, ordinary time is just that -- ordinary! These Sundays really aren't connected to any main festival. They are -- as the phrase properly suggests -- "ordinary."

For the young, and especially for teens, "ordinary" spells the kiss of death! Ask any teen! He, or she, will still pronounce the name of this disaster: "It's B.O.R.I.N.G!"

It's been a really long time since I was a teenager. (Now, there are things about that I wouldn't mind enjoying currently, but that's another story!) As I march on to the point where I'm REALLY old, boring doesn't sound all that bad! Boring means nothing bad is threatening. Boring can also mean there's a chance to explore something new, to learn and grow. One of my very best teachers once remarked, "There's absolutely no reason why anyone with a good education ought, ever, to be bored!" I still believe she had a point!

There are, in life, times that are exciting! Such times are anything but "ordinary," let alone "boring." Engagements, weddings, graduations, new jobs, the birth of children, grandchildren, yes (and I'll readily admit it!) great-grandchildren. Those are only a few of our best times. These are moments we all remember. Truth-be-told, those are dates by which we measure our days.

Unfortunately, there are other -- not so happy -- times. They're not at all "ordinary" either. Divorce, failure at work, financial difficulties, serious illness. These "extraordinary" days test our mettle; they force us back on our spiritual resources. If the boring quality of ordinary days tests our patience, the electrifying quality of bad days tests our faith.

One aspect of living as a Christian is prayer. Praying brings us face-to-face with God. Through prayer, we learn the art of giving thanks. We are also reminded to confess our sins, our failures and shortcomings. At the same time, we receive God's forgiveness and the empowerment of God's Holy Spirit. Through God's Spirit, he helps us grow in faith, in endurance, and strengthens our ability to hope. By praying our ways through ordinary times, we receive that strength only God can give to make it through days that are difficult and hard.

In many ways, I feel sorry for those who insist they have no faith. Basically, that tells me they no longer pray, they no longer hope, they are not building up spiritual resources needed when days are no longer sunny or easy.

All of this helps me to understand what our lectionary terms "seasons in ordinary time." We need to give thanks for times that aren't special. These are those times when, through prayer and the fellowship of our church, we prepare ourselves for ALL of life -- the bad times as well as the good ones.

May our Living God, through His Spirit, guide you through your seasons in ordinary time, prepare you for times of testing, and bring you safely home.

News and Notes

Congratulations—Congratulations to Trinity member, Dr. Darell Smith, retired Six County, Inc. psychiatrist, for his recent “Friend of Recovery” award from the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board. This award was for his long-term service in compassionately providing exemplary psychiatric care to persons with mental illness and their families.

Y-Bridge Rug Hookers Rug Show—submitted by Peggy Ware

You are invited to the Y-Bridge Rug Hookers Rug Show on Saturday, November 7, 2015 in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity United Presbyterian Church from 10 a.m.--2:00 p.m. You will be able to watch the rug hookers at work on frames with strips of wool creating works of art. The rug show will contain rugs hooked by the attending rug hookers from Zanesville and the states of Ohio and Indiana. The rug show will feature Shirley Peters, a rug hooker from the Y-Bridge Rug Hookers. Shirley has been hooking rugs for nearly 40 years. We're all about educating others in the art of rug hooking. There is no fee to see what is going on!

Session Minutes—Approved Session minutes are posted on the bulletin board across from the office. Because Session meets every other month, the minutes will be from the meeting held two months prior to posting.

Staying Connected at Trinity

Newsletter Information: If you have information for the newsletter, please e-mail Maggie Nussbaum at margbaum15@att.net, phone her at 740-455-2004, or place a note in her mail slot in the office. The opportunity to become the newsletter editor is still available. Please contact Maggie if you would like to volunteer to use your talents in this endeavor.

Bulletin Information, Concerns, Comments, or Questions: If you have information for the church bulletin, or if you wish to contact Pastor Allison, please call the church office at 740-452-8482, e-mail him at d.allison.trinityupc.pastor@gmail.com or call him at 567- 274-5133 (Cell) or 740-487-4561 (Home).

Stewardship and Finance News

We start by thanking you for your generous support of Trinity Church. With God's help we have been able to provide a wonderful worship and music program, a variety of Christian education opportunities, a beautiful well maintained church building, and we have been able to contribute to local and world missions. In addition, we have been able to resurface the parking lot, have the roof inspected and repaired, and we were able to have electricity installed at the outside shelter. We are also planning to install new LED lighting in the sanctuary for better lighting and energy savings. With all this, we have been able to maintain a balanced budget. **And none of this would have been possible without your strong and sometimes sacrificial support.**

With this in mind, we will be mailing out offering statements for the 3rd quarter ending September 30th. We ask that your 2015 pledges, tithes, and offerings be brought current by the end of the year.

We will begin our 2016 Stewardship campaign in November. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Again, we are thankful for your generous support of Trinity Church.

Your Stewardship and Finance Committee

Mission and Church Life News

Maggie Nussbaum

Tri-Giving—Our third and final recipient this year for the Tri-Giving offering is the after school program of **Bethel Community Center**. The after school program offers reading, math, Bible, and craft lessons, as well as snacks, and this year will be open four days a week. The center also began 4-H programs this year, offered cooking lessons to families, and the kids produced a variety of vegetables in their community garden this summer.

SOUPer Bowl—The 19th annual SOUPer Bowl Benefit Luncheon was quite successful again this year. Thank you to all who purchased tickets or Pay-It-Forward Tickets, baked cookies, donated items for the Chinese auction, or volunteered your time. The total proceeds will benefit the five hot meal programs in the county.

Operation Christmas Child—Shoebox Project—The shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child will be collected on **November 8th**. Information packets and boxes are in the narthex. The information packets explain all the important details about packing a box. You may donate items for others to pack rather than packing an entire box. These items will be collected any time through November 8th. Monetary donations for purchasing additional items and covering shipping donations will also be collected on November 8th. These boxes will eventually reach children all around the world.

Thanksgiving Offering—The Mission and Church Life Committee agreed to collect a Thanksgiving offering again this year. Half of our offering will be donated to **Eastside Community Ministry** toward their Thanksgiving basket project. The remaining half will be given to **Transitions** in their effort to help the local victims of domestic violence and abuse. We have chosen to donate directly to Transitions in lieu of collecting the PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness special offering. This will be collected through **November 8th**. You may use the white envelopes, and please indicate “Thanksgiving Offering” on the front of the envelope.

Stocking Tree—The “Stocking Tree” will be ready to accept the decorations of socks, hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves on **November 29th**. Items may be added to the tree **through December 27th**. They will then be taken to the Salvation Army for distribution.

Christmas Joy PC (USA) Offering—November 29th-December 27th—This offering provides assistance to current and former church workers and their families, and it enables deserving students to attend Presbyterian related racial ethnic colleges and schools.

Prayer Focus: YoungLives, Young Life, and Wyldlife—YoungLives is one of the budgeted recipients of our mission funds. YoungLives is a program which mentors teen moms. Their meetings include life skills and Bible study. Wyldlife is an outreach ministry program for middle school kids. Three local churches are hosting this club, and the average attendance has been 24. Most of these young people do not have a church family. YoungLife is an outreach ministry for high school kids, and it is in the beginning stages in our area. Prayer meetings are being held each Thursday at 9:00 a.m. in our area, and these groups and their participants are part of the prayer focus. The Mission and Church Life Committee members are asking that the Trinity family also take time to pray for these groups on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m., if schedules permit.

Christian Education News

Connor Allison and Jack Tysinger were inadvertently omitted from the promotion list in the previous newsletter. Connor and Jack have been promoted to the Middle School Sunday School class. We apologize for this oversight.

Youth News

Nancy Thompson

Nine members are part of the Trinity Youth Group this year. Six youth and four adults were part of the volunteer crew at the SOUPER Bowl.

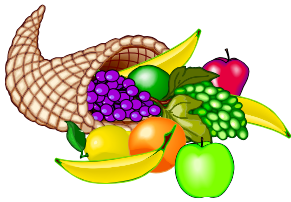
Annual Cookie Sale/Fundraiser—The youth will be holding their annual cookie sale to raise money for the “Angel Tree” this year on November 15th before and after church in the Narthex. Kori and Terri Sidwell will be chairing this event.

How can the congregation help?

1. Bring cookies for the sale. Package them by the dozen in a plastic zipper bag.
2. Buy cookies. You can eat them right away or stash them in the freezer for the holidays.
3. Donate cash into the “Cookie Jar.”

Hanging of the Greens—The youth will participate, along with other members of the congregation, in the “Hanging of the Greens” after church on November 22nd. The church will be decorated for Advent and Christmas, and the Chrismons (Christian symbols) will be hung on the tree. This will be followed with a pizza party for the youth. Jenna and Loni Tysinger will lead the youth participation for this event.

Angel Tree Shopping—On Sunday, December 6th, all youth will leave right after church to “shop ‘til we drop” for Angel Tree gifts for three children. After shopping, everyone will return to “show and tell” their purchases and have time to eat and enjoy time together.



November Birthdays and Anniversaries

* 80 years or older

** Over 50 Years of Marriage

*** Golden Anniversary

1: Dedi Spargrove
Aaron & Emily Spragg

3: Katherine Allison

4: Floyd Sours*

5: Terri Sidwell

7: Joe Johnson
Tim Patterson

8: Emily Ferry
Dick Keys*
Lou LeMaster

9: *Jim & Dedi Spargrove*

10: Doug Pollock

13: Natalie Van Horn

17: Doug Moore

18: Zack Garber

19: Elva Frick

20: Danelle Murphy
Denise Bunker
Diane Bunker
Ann Nicholas*

21: Jake McLoughlin
*Fred & Nancy Killian ***

22: Mindy Patterson

24: Joan Miska

26: Zachary Pollock

29: Jacqueline Kolometz*

30: Joseph Pollock

Members in Assisted Living or Homebound:

Cedar Hill: Norma Near

Primrose: Archie & Alta Thorla

Helen Purcell: Ann Nicholas,
Frances Bare

Clay Gardens: Mary Sprague,
Barbara Addy, Jack Hampson

Homebound: Russ & Clara Mae
Hansen



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4:	Kelly Foster	24:	Mary Pollock *	Members in Assisted Living or Homebound:
8:	Gigi Monath		Emily Spragg	
9:	Teresa Baldwin Tracie Hill <i>Steve & Jane Reed</i>	25:	Marshall Hightower Katie Brown <i>Jim & Pat Frederick</i>	<i>Cedar Hill:</i> Norma Near <i>Primrose:</i> Archie & Alta Thorla
10:	<i>Jeffrey & Lisa Bates</i>	26:	Mary Flanagan	<i>Helen Purcell:</i> Ann Nicholas, Frances Bare
13:	Arlene Crooks *	27:	Devin Ardrey	<i>Clay Gardens:</i> Mary Sprague, Barbara Addy, Jack Hampson
15:	Amanda Allison <i>Doug & Julie Vandenbark</i>	28:	John Ferry <i>Brian & Tracie Hill</i>	<i>Homebound:</i> Russ & Clara Mae Hansen
17:	Alicia Pollock	30:	Peggy Ware	
18:	Donna Steinman	31:	Taylor Ferry	
19:	Krista Starkey			
20:	John Dixon * Sierra Moore			
21:	Emily Monath			
22:	Jane Reed <i>Merle & Dora Taylor</i>			
23:	<i>Steve & Lori Baldwin</i>			



November Worship Leaders

Head Usher:
Marshall Hightower

	Acolytes	Sub.	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
1	Aaron Johnson & Jonathan Patterson	Mark Patterson	Dorothy Allison & Donna Steinman	Marshall & Barbara Hightower, Larry Good, Marilyn Royer	Tim Patterson
8	Connor & Katherine Allison	Emily Ferry	Nancy Killian & Marsha Mortimer	Dale & Kay Vandembark, Kevin & Natalie Van Horn	Jake McLoughlin
15	Taylor Ferry & Tillman Hawk	Aaron Johnson	Joe, Anna, Aaron, & David Johnson	Jim & Hinda Ardrey, Arlene Crooks, Duane Bunker	Emily Spragg
22	Jonathan & Mark Patterson	Connor Allison	Larry & Becky Welch	Bill & Melissa Cook, Larry Welch, Tim Patterson	Karen Sidwell
29	Katherine Allison & Emily Ferry	Taylor Ferry	Dick & Genevieve Krebs	Julie Maneely, Charlene Noland, Dedi Spargrove, Frank Walburg	Lew Sidwell

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Head Usher: Richard Patterson

	Acolytes	Sub.	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
6	Tillman Hawk & Aaron Johnson	Jonathan Patterson	Lou & Bev LeMaster	Lew, Terri, Karen, & Kori Sidwell	Jenna Tysinger
13	Mark Patterson & Connor Allison	Katherine Allison	Todd, Kris, Tillman, & Leila Hawk	Bob & Jan Jenkins, Bob & Judy Lyle	Kevin Van Horn
20	Emily & Taylor Ferry	Tillman Hawk	Dale & Kay Vandembark	John & Donna Myers, Marsha Mortimer, Ray Mennega	Hinda Ardrey
27	Aaron Johnson & Jonathan Patterson	Mark Patterson	Larry & Becky Welch	Bob & Pat Payne, Charlene Noland, Bill Miska	Jan Jenkins

Substitute Liturgist (when available): Maggie Nussbaum

*Note: If you are unable to serve on your designated Sunday, please switch with someone or find a replacement, and notify the church office for the bulletin.

November 2015 at Trinity

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 a.m. Bells of Praise 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship (Communion) *Potluck -- following worship 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl	2 7:00 p.m. NA	3	4 7:00 p.m. NA	5 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast (Genesis Café) 11:00 a.m. WBS (Parlor) 5:30 p.m. WW	6 7:00 p.m. NA	7 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Y-Bridge Rug Hookers Rug Show (Fellowship Hall)
8 8:00 a.m. Bells of Praise 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	9 1-7 p.m. Red Cross 6:00 p.m. Zemba 6:00 p.m. Grief Share (Parlor) 7:00 p.m. NA	10 6:00 p.m. Deacons 6:30 p.m. Special Session Meeting	11 6:15 p.m. Worship and Music 6:30 p.m. Building and Grounds 7:00 p.m. NA	12 11:00 a.m. WBS 5:30 p.m. WW 7:00 p.m. MBS (Parlor)	13 7:00 p.m. NA	14
15 8:00 a.m. Bells of Praise 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Session	16 7:00 p.m. NA	17	18 7:00 p.m. NA	19 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl 11:00 a.m. WBS 5:30 p.m. WW 7:00 p.m. MBS	20 7:00 p.m. NA	21
22 8:00 a.m. Bells of Praise 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 7:00 p.m. Handbell Fest. Grace UMC	23 1-7 p.m. Red Cross 6:00 p.m. Grief Share (Phil's Seafood) 7:00 p.m. NA	24 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed.	25 6:30-7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 p.m. NA	26 Thanksgiving Day	27 7:00 p.m. NA	28
29 8:00 a.m. Bells of Praise 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	30 7:00 p.m. NA				MBS=Men's Bible Study WBS=Women's Bible Study	WW=Weight Watchers NA=Narcotics Anonymous

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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31		
8:00 a.m. Bells of Praise 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	6:00 p.m. Grief Share (Market House) 7:00 p.m. NA	7:00 p.m. Christian Ed.	7:00 p.m. NA	5:30 p.m. WW ?		

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

