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FINDING GOD IN THE BIBLE



Rummage Sale
November 12

**The Bible is our
burning bush
See Exodus 3:1-15**

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**COME
WORSHIP WITH
US EVERY
SUNDAY**

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
Nursery during all services

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURES AND SERMON TITLES

November 6 Communion

Scriptures: 1 Timothy 6:17-19;
2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Message: "Believe in Tomorrow"
Kirk Peterson preaching at 8:15, 11:00 a.m.
Laura Saunders preaching at 9:30 a.m.

November 13 Bible Sunday; Gideon Speaker

Scriptures: 2 Timothy 3:14-17;
2 Peter 1:20-21
Message: "The Good Book"
Kirk Peterson preaching at 8:15, 11:00 a.m.
Laura Saunders preaching at 9:30 a.m.

November 20 Thanksgiving Sunday

Scriptures: Ephesians 5:18-21;
Luke 17:11-19
Message: "Expressive Gratitude Disorder"
Kirk Peterson preaching

November 27 First Sunday of Advent

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:6-7;
Luke 1:67-79
Message: "The Voice of Hope"
Laura Saunders preaching

To avoid embarrassment,
please remember to turn off
your cell phones before ser-
vices begin. Thank you.

Let the Bible be your "Burning Bush" See Exodus 3:1-15

SUNDAY: Adult Studies led by Ed Fisher meet at 9:30 a.m. in Room 2 and led by Dean Engleman meet at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor.

MONDAY: Men's Study Group meets in Room 5 at 7:00 p.m. All men are welcome.

TUESDAY: Women's Bible Study Group meets at 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor.

WEDNESDAY: Pastor Laura's PSS (Post Stone Soup) Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m. in Room 3.

THURSDAY: PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY After wrapping up the fall all-church study, the Christian atheist, the Pastor's Bible Study will continue with study of the minor prophets, picking up with Micah. Meeting each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the conference room, the opportunity is there for study, discussion and sharing. You are welcome to participate in the study at any time.



FROM THE PASTOR

Karen's mother was startled to find her five-year-old going through a new Bible storybook and circling the word *God* wherever it appeared on the page. Stifling her first reaction to reprimand her daughter for defacing a book, she quietly asked, "Karen, why are you doing that?" Karen's matter-of-fact answer was: "So that I will know where to find God when I want Him."

What wonderful confidence to simply open a storybook and find God waiting for us. The truth is, we do have such a book—the Bible, a book of truth in which we find God. The question is how often do we want to find God? Contending with these days, finding God and God's help in the Bible should be continuous for us.

These days with all the economic and financial concerns, we should want to find God and God's help in the Bible. The Bible gives a wealth of instruction for us about money matters and stewardship. For example, in his second letter to the Corinthians Paul wrote, "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed." In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus assures that our Heavenly Father knows what we need, and we are to seek first His kingdom and righteousness and all these things will be added to us.

These days with all the relativism and general decline in Christian values, we should want to find God and God's help in the Bible. The Bible provides extensive instruction about God's truth for us and about how to live our life faithfully and obediently to God. For example, in his second letter to Timothy Paul wrote, "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work." In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus assures us that those who hear his words and act upon them may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.

These days with all the individualism and selfish displays, we should want to find God and God's help in the Bible. The Bible gives abundant instruction for us about gratitude for God and living for His glory. For example, in his letter to the Colossians Paul wrote, "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father." In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus instructs the witness of our life to be such that people will glorify our Heavenly Father.

These days with all the problems, issues and disturbing things taking place, we should want to find God and God's help in the Bible. The Bible provides uplifting instruction about the hope we can have. For example, in his letter to the Romans Paul wrote, "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us." In the Gospel of Matthew, the angel gave Joseph the message of hope about Jesus, "He will save his people from their sins."

Do we know where to find God when we want Him? Moses found God in a burning bush. These days we can find God and God's help in the Bible. Let us be immersing ourselves in God's Word.

Read on,

Kirk

TRINITY IN MINISTRY

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY.

The Post Office has recently had difficulty in delivering the Trinity News in a timely fashion. Please remember that each issue is installed on our Website *Trinitymilford.org* even before it is printed, so check our website for the latest events happening at Trinity.

CHARGE CONFERENCE Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 6, at Mt. Moriah UMC. We will gather at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting is scheduled until 8:30 p.m. There will be a focus on the ministry of the church and not on paperwork/business. This will be a good opportunity to meet our new District Superintendent, Brian Brown. You are invited to take part in this important gathering in the life of the church. Please let the pastors know if you are planning to attend. We can meet at Trinity at 6:15 p.m. to carpool.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

In preparation for our next year in ministry, Trinity's Stewardship Campaign ran throughout the month of October. The theme "Believe in the Future" appropriately goes with the faith full future we are pursuing. Good response has come from those turning in Faith Cards. If you have not yet filled out a Faith Card for your anticipated giving in 2012, please do so as soon as possible. Faith Cards are extremely helpful in planning for needed financial resources for doing the ministry of the church in the next year. Your generosity makes the ministry of the church possible. Thank you for being generous givers to God and helping to fulfill our call to be making disciples of Jesus Christ.



ADVENT As often happens, the Advent Season begins on the last Sunday in November which this year is November 27. Our Advent series will be "The Voices of Christmas". Mark your calendars now and plan to come to worship throughout this very special time of the year. During Advent the Choir Cantata is scheduled for Sunday morning worship on December 11 at the 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. The Children's Christmas Program will also be on the morning of December 11 at the 9:30 a.m. service.



FALL WORK DAY Our annual Fall Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 19. Cleaning up leaves and landscaped areas will be the main task. The work day begins at 9:00 a.m. and lasts until the work is complete. Please bring a rake and any other tools which will be helpful in the clean up efforts. Remember, many hands make light work.



MEXICO MISSION UPDATE Things continue to be seriously unsettled in the Matamoros, Mexico area. Trinity does not have plans to send any mission teams in February as we have for the past several years. The mission continues to operate and serve many people. To keep the mission going costs about \$3,000 a week. Donations are welcome. You can contact Pastor Kirk for more information.

VOTE! Be sure to exercise your right and fulfill your responsibility by voting on Tuesday, November 8. We can make a difference with our votes for leaders and on issues.

TRINITY IN MINISTRY



TRINITY MUSIC MINISTRY

The Chancel Choir is preparing for the Christmas Cantata which will be presented Sunday morning, December 11. Singers who would like to specifically participate in this opportunity of bringing the message of Christmas through beautiful music are invited to come to Wednesday evening choir rehearsals at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For more information, contact our choir director, Juli Peterson.

VISION TEAM The Vision Team has met several times so far this year and is scheduled to meet on Monday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m., in the parlor. The team has been diligent in the discerning process and will be developing recommendations for Trinity's faith full future.

2011 MMM THANKSGIVING BOXES

Trinity will join with others in Milford Miami Ministry to provide Thanksgiving food boxes to area families in need. We expect to serve over 125 client families this year at Thanksgiving. If you would like to be the hands of Christ in our community this is a wonderful way to do it. Simply fill a box (list below) and bring it back by November 16.

This year the holiday dinner boxes will include:

- 3 cans vegetables
- 3 cans fruit
- 1 can sweet potatoes
- 1 small box biscuit mix or corn bread mix
- 1 box mashed potatoes (13 oz.)
- 1 pkg. gravy mix or a jar/can gravy
- 1 box stuffing mix
- 1 dessert – complete mix or shelf stable



We will also give a turkey with each food box and are accepting monetary donations. Checks may be made out to Milford Miami Ministry and placed in the offering plate.

The distribution date is Monday, November 21 beginning at noon.

We will keep right on going to Christmas, as we expect to serve around 225 families with food and gifts for their children. Food boxes for Christmas will need to be returned by December 14. In addition, look for our traditional "Giving Tree" in the narthex with the names of Milford and Miami Township children who need Christmas gifts. It will be ready in late November.

For those of you who would like to donate of your time, there are places on this ministry team for you! Please contact Dorothy Ruffley djr526@cinci.rr.com.



CHURCH FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, November 12

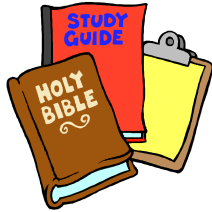
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Please bring your donated items in on Thursday and Friday, November 10 and 11. You can drop them off in Fellowship Hall. We are unable to accept TVs or computer monitors. The rummage sale is hosted by TUMY, our church youth group.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

KIDS R.O.C. SUNDAY SCHOOL –

Education Director: Dora Slyder



November 2011 Teachings – **Bible Blast! Our Guide Book**

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."
Psalm 119:11

Rotation Sunday School workshops at 9:30 a.m. for K- 6th grade will be **Teaching Bible Blast! Our Guide Book**. We will **Teach** the concept of the Bible as the “inspired Word of God.” Children will recognize that reading the Bible will help them know more about the character of God. Our children will recognize the Bible as a “library” or collection of smaller books that fit together to “tell the one big story”, our Guide Book!

*Rotation Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for K-6th grade

*Preschool classes at 9:30 a.m. teaches a Sunday School lesson with plenty of hands on learning.

*Nursery available for all services.

Next Month: Advent - Jesus' Birth Day / Everyone has a Birthday

***I think you forgot to sign-up to help with Sunday School. We still have a spot waiting for you!*

Please use the '**Name Badger**' computer each week for a Sunday School Name tag. This wonderful program helps us to keep attendance of not only our kids but the teachers. So 'check-in' each week.

Children's Choirs:

F.I.S.H.I.E.S (preschool-3rd grade): led by Melissa Rutter and Shawn Hargis, will rehearse every Sunday morning from 10:30-11:00 a.m. in room 1. Children interested in attending choir will be dismissed to choir from Sunday School. Rehearsals for our Christmas Pageant will begin soon!

*Did you know? FISHIES stands for **Fun In Singing His Inspirational Encouraging Songs**.*

J.A.M Choir (4-6th grade): led by Kathy Fuhrman and Chrissie Womack, will rehearse every Sunday morning from 10:30-11:00 a.m. in room 5. All children, ages 4-6th grade are welcome!!! Children interested in attending choir will be dismissed to choir from Sunday School. Rehearsals for our Christmas Pageant will begin soon!



Sunday Evenings:

JAM Jesus And Me (4-6th grade): JAM is Trinity's Youth Group for kids in grades 4, 5, and 6. JAM stands for Jesus And Me and that really sums up what our group is about. We help our kids make a real connection between church and their day-to-day lives. We get together weekly for exciting object lessons, fellowship, mission work, fun and games. Come check it out in Room 2 Sundays at 6:00-7:30 p.m. (special activities might go longer).

M-Squad *The M-Squad is the "Seniors" fellowship at Trinity. All seniors are invited to attend our monthly functions. Branch Hill seniors are invited to join us for all M-Squad functions.*



On **Tuesday, November 15**, we are having our annual Thanksgiving dinner at Touch of Elegance on Kellogg Avenue. The price per person is \$17 which is all inclusive. We will meet at the church at 11:15 a.m. to carpool at 11:30 a.m. Payment is due to Bob Essex by November 6.

On **Wednesday, December 14**, the matinee show is "A Christmas Carol." The last scene transforms a humbug into a hero and La Comedia presents its traditional Christmas Carol, "O' Holy Night." We will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. to carpool and leave at 9:45 a.m. We still have seats available. If you can join us, please call Don or Audrey Koester for reservations. Group rates are \$33.00 per person (not \$38 as previously stated). The deadline is November 6. Please make checks payable to Audrey Koester.



Milford Miami Ministries

We are starting our Thanksgiving and Christmas registration of clients at the MMM pantry. Food boxes will be placed at the outside doors at Trinity. The list of needed foods will be on the boxes. As always, there is a need to keep the pantry shelves stocked, so all foods are welcome. Food boxes should be returned to Trinity by Wednesday, November 16. Thanksgiving distribution will be November 21 at Trinity, and Christmas distribution will be Saturday, December 17.

Our THANKS to the youth, their advisors and our other golfers for a successful golf outing. It was it was a fun event. Thanks for all the hard work. We ask for your continued prayer and support for MMM.

Activity for September:
 Utilities-----\$2054.00
 Rent-----\$2097.44
 Other-----\$ 90.10
 Food-----137 families---31 first time clients

Dorothy and Nancy



TENDER MERCIES MEAL

Trinity provides the evening meal for the residents of Tender Mercies (www.tendermerciesinc.org) on the first Sunday of each month. Our next meals will be on Sunday, November 6 and December 4. The Chancel Choir will be supplying ingredients, planning, preparing and serving the November meal. We will need ingredients and help for the December meal. Please see the sign up sheet in the hallway after November 6 for a list of what is needed. (Ingredient sign up sheets are generally posted the second Sunday of the month for the following month's meal.)

We are in need of large plastic containers with lids (plastic ice cream pails work great) in which we can leave leftovers for the residents.. Items can be left in the Tender Mercies cabinet in the kitchen area (next to the chest freezer). Your generosity is always a blessing. We couldn't do this ministry without your help. The residents of Tender Mercies are always so thankful for what we provide. The 2012 sign up sheet is up. If you would like to help out or learn more about what we do, feel free to sign up or contact Mary Sheer or sheermm@hotmail.com.



United Methodist Women's News

The **Esther Circle** will meet in the parlor on Thursday, November 10, at 10:00 a.m. for our Thanksgiving program. Please bring: (1) your “**mite box**” for the World Thank Offering; and, (2) a food item for the MMM Thanksgiving box. This is our last circle meeting of 2011. We will go to Copper Blue for lunch.

The **Susanna Circle** will be meeting November 15 at 7:00 p.m. This will be a regular meeting in the Trinity Parlor. Contact Jennifer Horning at horning@fuse.net or 575-4875 for more information.

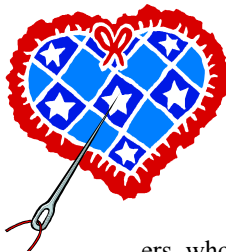
The **Anna Circle** will meet on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Marye Jo Burleigh's. Mary Douglas will lead the devotions and Nancy Parker will present the program.

The **Lydia Circle** will meet on Sunday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the parlor at 6:00 p.m. We welcome any lady who wants to come for some Christian fellowship and a way to be involved in the UMW and hear some of the things going on. This year our focus will be on MMM as our mission focus. All that means is if you can fit a couple of extra things into your budget, then bring them and we will make sure the items get to where they need to go. We are a new circle and looking forward to having new members, so come and let's just talk for a bit. See Holla Sandlin with any questions.

We want to say “Thanks” to Betsy Williams, Pati Scheper and Holla Sandlin for their leadership this past year; they have served us so well.

We have some new leaders for our 2012 year: President, Jean Pierce-Jones and Secretary, Janet Oligee. Circle leaders remain the same. We encourage all women to consider joining us so we can continue our purpose of missions here at Trinity.

Please make plans to attend the United Methodist Women's Christmas Dinner which will be a catered dinner here on December 8 at 6:15 p.m. Diane Bywater is in charge of the tickets which will be \$12.00 each. You may buy them from your circle leader with the deadline of November 20.



THREADS OF LOVE GROUP The Trinity Threads of Love Quilting and Knitting Group will meet on **Wednesday, November 30 and Wednesday, December 28** from 10:00 a.m. to about 3:00 p.m.

Our group is growing and always has room for more. So far we have made and donated about 150 quilts and comforters to Hospice of Southwest Ohio and Healthy Moms and Babes, plus numerous pillows and walker bags to be used in nursing homes. Everyone is welcome. We embrace those who can already sew and are eager and willing to show others,

who may wish to participate, how easy it is.

Feel free to come for the whole day or part of the day as your schedule allows. If you have questions please call Dee Brown.

SCRAPBOOKING Trinity has a no-frills Scrapbooking night the first Friday of every month. Join us November 4 at 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. All Scrapbookers are welcome; we have a variety of experience levels that participate. Bring your supplies and join us in the Fellowship Hall. There is no cost and no reservations. Contact Jennifer Horning for more information and to be added to the e-mail list (email: trinityjlh@yahoo.com).

T. U. M. Y. NEWS

The TUMY (Trinity United Methodist Youth) group is open to youth from 7th through 12th grades. This is a God centered, Mission minded group that typically meets on Sunday evenings. If you have any questions concerning the Youth Group, see Scott King.

Saturday, November 5 - OTR Soup Kitchen 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Wear your new TUMY tee and close toed shoes. Cost is \$10 and release forms are needed for this trip.

Sunday, November 6 - No evening TUMY

Thursday, November 10 - Rummage Sale set up from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, November 11 - Rummage Sale set up from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. (approximately).

Saturday, November 12 - Rummage Sale from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 13 - No evening TUMY

Sunday, November 20 - Operation Christmas Child. Wear your new TUMY tee as we will be going to WalMart and doing some Christmas shopping for children in third world countries. Release forms are needed for this trip!

Sunday, November 27 - No evening TUMY

New Addition to the Newsletter - TLC Committee Notes: This year in TUMY we have started a new program. We will have different committees and leaders to help stay extra organized and to get teens involved in our activities and planning. The different committees are Worship, Administration, Event, Media and Hospitality. The TLC students leaders are; Brooke King, Hannah Peterson, Megan Sandlin, Chelsea Sick, Daniel Stephen, Jacob Sandlin, Luke Peterson, Austin Bryan and Jacob Pray.

The **Teen Choir** will be meeting each Sunday at approximately 11:15 a.m. in the choir room. Any teens interested are welcome. Juli Peterson is the director.



THINK FRUIT

No, not pumpkins! Start thinking grapefruit, oranges, apples and pears. Trinity Fruit Basket time will be here soon. Baskets (\$25/Big and \$10/Small) will cost the same but if our expenses increase substantially, the actual size of the baskets and fruit configuration may need to be slightly adjusted. Caruso's quality fruit will still be used. Watch for forms in the pew pads in November. Deadline for orders is December 1 with pick-up on Friday, December 16.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE By this time traffic has returned to two-way on Wolfpen-Pleasant Hill Road. Work being done for the season will be completed soon. The final layer of asphalt and any other finishing work is to be completed next spring when the weather permits. What a process this has been! Thank you for your patience and your faithful participation in the ministry of the church throughout the process.



TRINITY EVENTS

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

One of the most frustrated persons on earth is the atheist who is thankful, but does not know whom to thank.

1
9:30 Women's Study
7:00 BH Bible Study
7:30 Contemp. Practice

6 COMMUNION
8:15, 11:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Contemporary Worship
9:30 Sunday School
2:00 Tender Mercies Preparation
6:00 JAM
Daylight Savings Time ends Fall back 1 hour

7
6:30 Bell Choir
7:00 Men's group

8 VOTE
9:30 Women's Study
1:00 BH Book Club
7:30 Contemp. Practice

13 8:15, 11:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Contemporary Worship
9:30 Sunday School
6:00 JAM
6:00 Stephen Ministry
6:00 Lydia Circle
Newsletter Deadline

14
6:30 Bell Choir
7:00 Men's group
7:00 Vision Team

15
9:30 Women's Study
11:30 M-Squad
Thanksgiving dinner
7:00 Susanna Circle
7:30 Contemp. Practice

20 8:15, 11:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Contemporary Worship
9:30 Sunday School
6:00 JAM
6:00 TUMY

21
6:30 Bell Choir
7:00 Men's group
7:00 TRUSTEES

22
9:30 Women's Study
7:30 Contemp. Practice

27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:15, 11:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Contemporary Worship
9:30 Sunday School

28
6:30 Bell Choir
7:00 Men's group

29
9:30 Women's Study
7:30 Contemp. Practice

NOVEMBER 2011



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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| <p>2 10:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Stone Soup Supper 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 PSS Adult Study</p> | <p>3 10:00 Pastor Study 6:30 Pastor's Study</p> | <p>4 7:00 Scrapbooking</p> | <p>5 1:00 TUMY OTR Soup kitchen</p> |
| <p>9 10:00 Prayer Group 1:00 BH Bible Study 6:00 Stone Soup Supper 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 PSS Adult Study 7:00 FINANCE</p> | <p>10 10:00 Pastor Study 10:00 Esther Circle 6:30 Pastor's Study 6:00 Rummage Sale Set up</p> | <p>11 4:00 Rummage Sale Set up</p> | <p>12 8:00-3:00 RUMMAGE SALE</p> |
| <p>16 10:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Stone Soup Supper 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 PSS Adult Study 7:30 Anna Circle</p> | <p>17 10:00 Pastor Study 6:30 Pastor's Study</p> | <p>18</p> | <p>19 9:00 FALL WORK DAY</p> |
| <p>23 10:00 Prayer Group 1:00 BH Bible Study 7:00 Chancel Choir</p> | <p>24 THANKSGIVING  thanksgiving</p> | <p>25 Office Closed</p> | <p>26</p> |
| <p>30 10:00 Prayer Group 10:00 Threads of Love 6:00 Stone Soup Supper 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 PSS Adult Study</p> | | | |

For a more detailed calendar including other groups using facilities please visit our website at Trinitymilford.org.

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NEWS/NOTES

- ▶ - Our October Garage and Bake Sale was quite a success. We made over \$500. Thanks to everyone who contributed and worked.
- ▶ - A wonderful time was had by all at our Harvest Party - lots of delicious food as always. We had a Cake Walk with good homemade desserts as prizes. Also, everyone painted pumpkins.
- ▶ - We welcome the following new members over the last few weeks - Adam Crock, Amanda Cobb, Marlene Sowder, Alice, Earl, Joyce, Gary, Kim, and young Alice Springer, Jared and Taylor Musselman.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ - Our Combined Charge Conference (with our new District Superintendent – Rev. Brian Brown) is coming up on November 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mt. Moriah Church (Cherry Grove).
- ▶ - Bible study for November will continue with the “Christian Atheist” series meeting on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (9th and 23rd) at 1:00 p.m. We decided to try meeting in the day during the Fall and Winter to accommodate our older drivers.
- ▶ - The Book Club will be Tuesday, November 8 at the Church at 1:00 p.m. We will view the movie, “A Perfect Stranger”.

The Golden Scroll Prayer List

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|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Bob Conley | Bud Stamper | Janice Barrows | Kelly Sears (and and Linda) |
| Bill Green | Sondy Steele | John Pearson | Alice Taylor-Clift |
| Larry Green | Alisha Werner | Jamie (6 mon old) | Meighan (Ruth and Rich’s niece) |
| Ed Armacost | Danny Morse | Miracle Owens | Dave Cook’s nieces |
| The Russo Family | Kevin Rafdel | Dave Cook | Georgia and Joyce |
| Dave Crock | Greg Crabtree | Jennifer Nudds | Norma’s friend’s daughter |
| Ellen Kurtz | Giselle Sonders | Tom Hanrahan | in college |
| Carl Gant | Carolyn Morgan | Kaitlyn and Jaclyn | |
| Steven Miro | Carolyn Rogers | Kelsey Owens | |
| Colin Zinn | Tim Buckner | Baby Hank | |
| Denver Kidner | Barb Marsh | Betty Hurd | |
| Pat Adleta | Marilyn Weir | Hazel Marvelle | |
| Leslie May | C.B. Green | Frank Kieser | |
| Pat Smith | Jim Campbell | | |
| David Cobb | Gerry Bishop | | |
| Victor Mallott | Chuck Henry | | |
| Frank Gilbert | Michelle Morris | | |
| | Norton Stanley | | |
| | (Linda’s son) | | |
| | Robert Marsh | | |

*Look who's having a
Birthday!*

November
11/02 Susannah Steele
11/08 Jack Lohr
11/16 Eric Taylor
11/21 Chris Owens
11/27 Mary Lou Smith



CHILDREN'S BOOKS ARE NEEDED

My little Whiz Kid was what you might call a "reluctant" reader until this past year. For the 3 years before, she not only balked when it was time to read, she would curl up in a ball and cry, repeating over and over, "I don't want to, I don't want to." That is, if she didn't run off. What her actions really meant was, "I am a failure because I can't read the words and I'm frustrated." Now she says that reading is her new favorite subject. What changed? Medications helped her manage anger and anxiety (caused by a sad family history and current living environment) and allowed her to concentrate better. Caring teachers, and the Whiz Kids program provided love and stability in her rocky world. But real books are what ultimately changed her. She had not been to a Clermont County library until I took her there. She was amazed at what she found. We went often.

When she read a short paragraph by herself in a beautifully illustrated book, I was so excited I got up and ran around the table saying "Fantastic! I am so proud of you! You did it!" Did she think me nuts or was she embarrassed? No! She smiled and her eyes lit up. She had never been celebrated before for her reading, and she loved it! That is when her attitude began to change. Real books make a difference. If you would like to help a Whiz Kid like mine find the joy of succeeding, donate your kids' gently used books to Whiz Kids. (for grades K-6) This year we are using real books, not stapled, paper ones copied off the computer (in black and white). If enough books come in, the kids might even get to keep one. There is a Whiz Kids basket in the hallway to accept your donations. Thank you! *Jane Loomis*



On September 25, nine Stephen Ministers were re-commissioned to serve Trinity for the next year. We give a special thank you to them for their years of service to Trinity and for the many hours of care and love they have shown. Your Stephen Ministers with 7 years of service are: Art Schellinger, John Stein, June Wheeler, and Rich Bell. Karen Bell has served for 6 years. Stephen Ministers with 4 years of service are: Linda Sebastian and Jim Williams. Gene Wagner and Marsha Pattison have served for 2 years.

Over the past years, we have ministered to nearly 40 Care Receivers. We Stephen Ministers want to thank the congregation and the pastors for your support of this ministry. In order to keep it a viable program, we need each of you to continue to be the eyes, ears, and hearts of the church. If you or someone you know could benefit from a Stephen Minister, please let one of the pastors know.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

1/01/2011 Through 9/30/2011

| | Actual | Budget | Difference |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Total Offering | \$318,712 | \$324,144 | \$5,432 |
| Total Income | \$356,190 | \$349,794 | \$6,396 |
| Total Expense | \$331,655 | \$351,650 | \$19,995 |
| Net | \$24,535 | \$(1,856) | \$26,391 |

Total Offering of \$318,712 is \$5,432. less then planned budget. This includes plate, pledges and Sunday School offering. Pledges are \$11,655 less than planned budget. Total expenses are \$24,535 less than the total income. Total expenses are also \$19,995 less than the planned budget. Apportionments are paid up through October 2011.

FOUNDATION CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFUL! The Foundation fundraising campaign was initiated by action of the Church Council to correct problems with the foundation at the north side of the sanctuary along with related issues. The response has been amazing! At printing time the total was \$29,081.20. The lifting of the foundation has been accomplished. The landscaping is planned for the spring after the soil settles more. By the time you read this, the drainage project and the attic project will have been completed. The trustees continue to be diligent about all the issues. Thank you again for your incredible generosity. To continue in the sentiments of the apostle Paul in writing to the Romans, "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world."

HOST A MOVIE NIGHT - courtesy of ACE


Hey, gals! Looking for a fun event? How about having a BYOF (Bring your own food) for lunch or an evening together? Trinity's Adult Christian Ed cabinet has some videos you would thoroughly enjoy --- **if** you like laughing together. We have three VHS tapes of Christian comedienne, Chonda Pierce. *Chonda on Her Soapbox* and *Four-Eyed Blonde* each run about an hour and a half. *be afraid ... BE VERY AFRAID* is a video of shorts segments:

"Cooking with Chonda", "The Three Little Pigs", Laundry Day" and other fun topics.


Another VHS available for any group is the one-hour lesson called "The Blessing" by Gary Smalley and John Treat. They say, "No matter what your age, everyone needs what the Bible calls 'the blessing' -- the heart-felt knowledge that someone in this world loves and accepts you unconditionally." The lessons share five elements and how to put them into practice so you can both give and receive "the blessing" in your relationships with family, friends and others in your life.

Contact Rita Fisher if you are interested in any of these great videos.


TRINITY PEOPLE



CONGRATULATIONS
 Congratulations to James and Paige Mathews in the baptism into the family of faith of their son William Patrick on Sunday, September 25 in the 11:00 a.m. service. Patrick is the grandson of Marty and Melody Gulleman and Stew and Joanie Mathews. He is the great grandson of Rosetta Brewer, Catherine Elsner and Gladys Mathews. His Godparents are Benjamin Gulleman and Lindsay Mathews.



The **Flower Chart for 2012** is now posted by the table in the hallway. Please feel free to reserve the Sunday(s) of your choice for the flowers. The first listed for each date would be for the Altar (\$25.00), the second listed would be for the organ (\$20.00). The flowers are yours to take with you after the last service, or they can be picked up the next day.




CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS
 Watch for order forms for Christmas poinsettias to decorate the church. The forms will be available in the middle of the month.



FALL BACK

Remember to set your clocks back an hour for the end of Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, November 6.

| TRINITY ATTENDANCE | | | | | |
|----------------------|------|------|-------|-------|--|
| | 8:15 | 9:30 | 11:00 | Total | |
| Sunday, September 25 | 49 | 169 | 99 | 317 | |
| Sunday, October 02 | 42 | 177 | 88 | 307 | |
| Sunday, October 09 | 46 | 149 | 101 | 296 | |
| Sunday, October 16 | 43 | 151 | 71 | 265 | |



Trinity's Welcome Center Ministry needs you! It can be intimidating to come to church for the first time, not knowing the folks there or your way around the building. It is our aim at Trinity to help our guests feel fully welcomed. Use your friendly personality to man our center for brief times between services. Call Anna Fabisiak or talk to one of the pastors to volunteer. There's nothing like a smile and a "Glad you're here. Can I help you find anything?" to bless another person.



GIVE THE GIFT OF HEARING
 Your old hearing aids can be restored to be used by deaf children. Give them to Pete Pierce-Jones.

| NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 11/01 Shawn Hargis | 11/16 Tracey Hoffman | 11/28 Erin (Holmes) MacLeod |
| 11/02 Suzanne Pottorf | 11/17 Kevin Leonard | 11/29 Jim Antrim |
| 11/04 David Moore | 11/17 Christopher Myers | 11/30 Ann Miller |
| 11/04 Evelyn Warren | 11/17 Matthew Sick | |
| 11/05 Abigail Lynn | 11/18 Mary James | |
| 11/05 Jon Tudor | 11/18 Lester Kenner | |
| 11/05 Trevor Wilking | 11/18 Ralph Jim Parker | |
| 11/06 Kyle Kellum | 11/19 Donald Dunham | |
| 11/07 Marilyn Henize | 11/20 Nova Koester | PostCards will be going out soon to those that have not turned in the requested information of their birth date. Please save us the cost of postage, postcards and time by getting that information in. |
| 11/07 Susan Wood | 11/20 Floyd Sandlin | |
| 11/08 Dee Brown | 11/20 Michael Sick | |
| 11/08 Mary Ecton | 11/21 Bryan Billhimer | |
| 11/09 Allan Walsh | 11/21 Kendall Karg | |
| 11/11 Donald Kelley | 11/21 Gene Wagner | |
| 11/12 Marc Pavlack | 11/25 Judith Calhoun | |
| 11/13 Kim Helton | 11/27 Kyla Helton | |
| 11/14 Peggy Harris | 11/27 Roger Lincer | |
| 11/15 Donovan Joslin | 11/27 Kelli Pottorf | |
| | 11/28 Jill Handel | |


| NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 11/05/83 Lenz, Ed and Diane | 11/23/74 Gerdom, Peter and Jan |
| 11/07/81 Christopher, Rick and Kathy | 11/24/84 Diercks, Terry and Karen |
| 11/13/54 Gray, Bill and Mary Lou | |
| 11/14/92 Engelman, Dean and Lynne | |
| 11/16 Chaney, Kent and Karen | |
| 11/18/00 Codding, Philip and Julie | |
| 11/18/84 Pierce-Jones, Pete and Jean | |

To be included in these lists, be sure to give your birthday and anniversary information to the church office.

STONE SOUP SUPPERS

6:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings. Bring a dish to share. Great Food, Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday, November 02 Breakfast
Wednesday, November 09 Chili
Wednesday, November 16 Vegetarian
Wednesday, November 23 No Stone Soup
Wednesday, November 30 Pot Roast






Keep these people in your prayers



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| <p>CONTINUAL PRAYERS Frank Honebrink Pat Honebrink Nella Johnson Clarence Lynn Joanne Marohn Lillian Wilson Morgan Fuhrman Donovan Johnson Jack and Eva Wilsey Lenore Jeffers Vera Brown</p> | <p>Shirley Rose Bob Craig Earl Keys E. K. Keller Julia Kostyn Patrick Federle Thelma Faul Martha Chalk Wanda Covert</p> | <p>REMEMBER IN PRAYER: The Fuhrman family Nelson and Susan Smith Tilley family Chris Pray George Parker Lora Bodley Jan Hester Julie Clifford Leah Satzger Shirley Ingram Celeste Armentrout</p> | <p>Family of Lonnie Eggars Abby Lynn Vicki Phillips</p> |
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Our deepest care and sympathy go to



Cher and Phil Van Houten and family in the passing of Cher's mother, Berneda Key.

Laura Saunders and family in the passing of her aunt.

Website Updates: Our website is an outreach tool to the community. Please submit current information and photos of Trinity events, activities and ministries to Amy Dutro. She also has a mailbox in the copy room.

USHERING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The 9:30 a.m. service is looking for ushers! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Brian Horning. A friendly personality is the only requirement. We are scheduling for December now.

If you would like to help usher during any of our services, contact the church office (831-0262), sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or contact Brian Horning (575-4875) for the 9:30 a.m. service, or contact *Herb Ruffley* (248-4061) for the 11:00 a.m. service.



Helping Hands Ministry is Reaching Out Need some help with some simple household tasks or transportation? Call or e-mail Pastor Laura, and she will pair you up with someone that will help you. (If you would like to be the help, let Pastor Laura know.)



NOTICE: To have items included in the **DECEMBER** issue of *Trinity News* you need to submit them by **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13** They can be given to the Church office, or e-mailed directly to Gene Wagner at ewagner3@cinci.rr.com.

TAKE A MOMENT.....Gene Wagner

WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM ELEPHANTS

According to the very interesting article “Orphans No More” in the September 2011 issue of the National Geographic, the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust in Kenya adopts and cares for young orphan elephants. Elephants are very intelligent animals. “They express a range of emotions using their trunk, ears, head and tail.” After a death, family members show signs of grief and exhibit ritualistic behavior. They find that young elephants need to learn behavior from older elephants, but the human keepers are important to them too.

One former orphan brought its new herd back to the water by the elephant orphanage because it knew it was a place where it was loved and cared for. Another former orphan brought its new calf back to show it off to the caretakers who had raised it.

But the statement that struck me most in the article was “The control the keepers have over these elephants, without even a stick or anything!” the current executive director of the trust marveled. “It all stems from the elephants’ desire to please someone they love. It’s amazing and beautiful to see. With elephants you reap what you sow, and the way you get the most out of them is through love.”

If you have a pet dog or cat, you can see this desire to be loved, and they don’t even begin to have the range of emotions that elephants can have. Are humans any different? Of course not. So why can’t we seem to learn this in our relationship with other people?

This is exactly what Jesus was trying to tell us. Love is the ultimate ruling principle of good relationships with other people. In fact, love is the governing principle of the entire universe. The power it showed in transforming and conquering the Roman Empire is a prime example. God has known this from the beginning, although it took the early Hebrews a long time to realize how different God was from the other gods that people worshiped in those days, gods full of vengeance and fury.

Unfortunately we seem to allow the cultural and racial differences in our fellow man to be reasons to not love them. Why is it that we can’t love someone who is different from us? We love our pets. We love elephants and they are very different from us. Is it because other humans who are somewhat different from us, are a challenge to us, some sort of threat? Maybe because we aren’t sure that they might be better than us or might put us in a position of inferiority. The current worry that we see all the time is that the white Americans of European ancestry might become a minority in this country. The other worry is that women are getting more college degrees than men and will become the CEO’s of the future. Men will have to work for them. Maybe there will be a wage inequity that favors women in the future. Add to this list gays, Muslims and liberals for a few more not to love. But our responsibility is to show Christian love to all groups, regardless how different they are from us. If God can love them, in spite of any shortcomings they may have, it gives us hope that He can love us in spite of ours.

All of this comes down to love. If love can have a great effect on elephants, there is no doubt that love will have even greater effect on other people. How can we say we love God if we do not love one another? “Beloved, let us love one another because love is from God, everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.” 1 John 4:7-8. As we give thanks to God this month, give thanks that God has given us the way and the means to solve our problems in this life. And it begins and ends with love.

Just for Fun!

"Humor is the prelude to faith, and laughter is the beginning of prayer." Reinhold Niebuhr

YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD WHEN:

Your doctor is just old enough to be your grandson.
In the morning you hear snap, crackle and pop, and it isn't your breakfast cereal.
You give your grandkids thirty-five cents for an ice-cream cone, and they look at you funny.
Your grandchildren study things in history that you studied in current events.
You stop buying natural foods, because you need all the preservatives you can get.
You get out of the shower and are glad the mirror is all fogged up.
Your idea of a long trip is to the back of the Wal-Mart.
You find TV ads for new laxatives interesting.
Your idea of a complete day is to be able to finish the crossword puzzle.
You get excited simply watching the Weather Channel.
The doctor tells you that you are sound as a dollar and you get very upset.

The emperor was a gentle man and loved all wild animals. Instead of hunting them, he allowed them to run loose throughout his domain. The people finally became annoyed, then revolted and overthrew their ruler.

It was the first time in history that the reign was called on account of the game.

Quentin O'Conner, the noted lawyer, died and went to heaven. There was a great celebration.

"O'Conner," said St. Peter at the gate, "we have long been awaiting you. You are the first human being ever to break Methuselah's mark for longevity. You have lived 1,037 years."

"What are you talking about?" said O'Conner, astonished. "I died at age 65."

"At the age of 65?" said St. Peter, astonished in his turn, "Aren't you Quentin O'Conner? The corporate lawyer?"

"Yes."

"From Philadelphia?"

"Yes."

"But the Record Book has you down for 1,037 years."

"There must be some mistake. I'm only 65."

"Let me study the book," said St. Peter. He did so and suddenly clapped his hand to his forehead. "Ah, I see where we made our mistake. We added up the hours you billed to your clients."

When Barbara and Jim were dating, Barbara became concerned over the lavish amount of money Jim was spending on her. After an expensive dinner date, she asked her mother, "What can I do to stop Jim from spending so much money on me?"

Her mother replied simply, "Marry him."

In announcing the church's new public address system, the pastor told the congregation that the microphone and wiring had been paid with church funds, but the loudspeaker was donated by a member of the congregation, in memory of his wife.

A man complained to a friend, "I don't know what I have to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. I owe everyone and I'm flat broke." Said the friend, "Then be thankful you are not one of your creditors."