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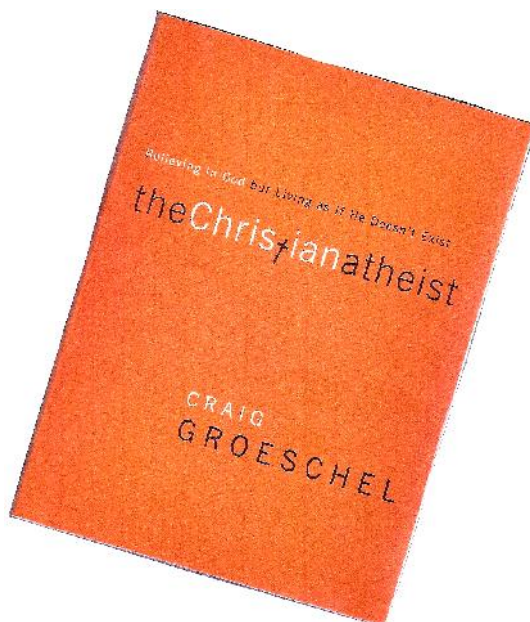
OCTOBER 2011

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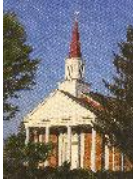
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**COME
WORSHIP WITH
US EVERY
SUNDAY**

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

OCTOBER SCRIPTURES AND SERMON TITLES

October 2 World Wide Communion

Scriptures: 1 John 5:14-15;
Matthew 6:5-7
Message: "The Difference Is God's Grace"
Kirk Peterson preaching at 8:15 and 11:00
Laura Saunders preaching at 9:30

October 9

Scriptures: Ephesians 4:31-32;
Romans 6:12-14
Message: "The Difference Is God's Power"
Kirk Peterson preaching at 8:15 and 11:00
Laura Saunders preaching at 9:30

October 16

Scriptures: Philippians 4:4-9;
Matthew 6:25-34
Message: "The Difference Is Trusting in God"
Laura Saunders preaching

October 23

Scriptures: Romans 12:4-8;
John 4:27-30
Message: "The Difference Is God's People"
Kirk Peterson preaching

**October 30 All Saints Sunday;
Series conclusion**

Scriptures: Galatians 2:15-20;
Philippians 3:7-11
Message: "The Difference Is a 'Third Line
Faith'"
Kirk Peterson preaching

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

SUNDAY: Young Adult Studies led by Dean Engleman meet at 9:00 a.m. in the parlor. **Adult Studies** led by Ed Fisher meet at 9:30 a.m. in Room 2. Both groups will be discussing the Christian atheist.

MONDAY: Men's Study Group meets in Room 5 at 7:00 p.m. All men are welcome. We will be discussing the Christian atheist.

TUESDAY: Women's Bible Study Group meets at 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor. We will be discussing the Christian atheist.

WEDNESDAY: Pastor Laura's PSS (Post Stone Soup) Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m. in Room 3. We will be discussing the Christian atheist.

THURSDAY: PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY Participating in the fall all-church study, the Pastor's Bible Study will focus on the Christian atheist series through the month of October. Meeting each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the conference room, this is an opportunity for a small group setting for study, sharing and discussion. You are welcome to come and participate in the study at any time.



FROM THE PASTOR

What's the difference between Democracy and Feudalism? With Feudalism it's your count that votes. What's the difference between a baseball player and his tired dog? The baseball player wears a complete uniform, but the dog only pants. What's the difference between a fisherman and a lazy school boy? One baits his hook while the other hates his book.

When you are participating in our fall all-church study, you will know the premise is no joke. the Christian atheist addresses the serious issue of "believing in God but living as if He doesn't exist." We are being challenged to deal with the question, "What's the difference?" What's the difference between believing in God but living as if He doesn't exist, and believing in God and living as if He does exist?

I would venture to say that when challenged about Christian atheism we probably don't want to hear it, and it could be because we don't want to confront any issues we may have. Maybe we don't want to hear about when we believe in God but won't forgive. Possibly we don't want to hear about when we believe in God but still worry all the time. Perhaps we don't want to hear about when we believe in God but don't share our faith. These are just a few examples of issues of Christian atheism about which we might not want to hear because they may be our issues.

Confronting any issues we may have in relation to Christian atheism is definitely challenging. However, doing so can be a positive growth experience for us in our relationship with Christ and living the Christian life. Knowing what the difference is, we can have victory over issues of Christian atheism through Christ who strengthens us.

I encourage full participation in our all-church study which continues through the end of October. Including worship, the study provides many opportunities for us to be learning and growing together. Hopefully, everyone, who possibly can, is involved in a small group. The benefits are incredible.

We may be wrestling with not wanting to hear it, but this study can help us address the issue of believing in God but living as if He doesn't exist. We need to know what the difference is. We can know, grow and go on believing in God and living as if He does exist (which He does). We can fulfill the Scripture: "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions in truth." (1 John 3:18)

Continue to live it,

Kirk

CHARGE CONFERENCE Plans have changed for the Charge Conference. Instead of October 20, Charge Conference will be Sunday, November 6, at Mt. Moriah UMC. We will gather at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting is anticipated to last until 8:30 p.m. Please make the necessary changes on your calendar. You are invited to take part in this important gathering in the life of the church. Please let the pastors know if you would like to attend.

TRINITY IN MINISTRY

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On October 30 we will have our annual celebration of All Saints Day in worship, remembering and celebrating the lives of those from our congregation who have died since last year's All Saints celebration. You are invited to come and celebrate life and the promise of eternal life.

COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP

Formerly known as the Nominations Committee, the Committee on Lay Leadership is in the process of inviting persons to serve in particular positions, committees, and ministries within the church. Thank you to all who have served in the past and all those who are serving presently.

There is the need for persons to serve in the future. The church cannot function without people serving. The intent is to match people's passions, gifts and abilities with ways of serving. Please be in prayer for people to serve and for your own openness to what God is calling and leading you to do.

VISION TEAM met on September 12 for another important time of seeking God's preferred future for Trinity—discerning God's vision for this church. We continue to look forward into our faith full future. You are invited to continue submitting your thoughts, ideas and visions to the team. You are also encouraged to seek implementation of things that can be done now that will help move us toward God's future for Trinity. The team has been diligent in the discerning process and will be prioritizing a number of ideas to make recommendations for Trinity's future.

CHURCH COUNCIL is scheduled to meet on **Wednesday, October 26**, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 4/6. Charge Conference business will be an important part of this meeting. Please plan to attend.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

In preparation for our next year in ministry, Trinity's Stewardship Campaign will take place in October. The theme for this year is "Believe in the Future" which appropriately goes with the faith full future we are pursuing. Faith Cards will be sent and made available for filling out and returning to the church. 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!

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 \$27,361.20. By the time you read this the lifting of the sanctuary foundation will have been done. Hopefully there will not be any additional costs for any of the projects. Thank you again for your incredible generosity. To echo 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."

TRINITY IN MINISTRY



“MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD” Psalm 100:1

**And there is no better way to do it than in
TRINITY MUSIC MINISTRY**

CHANCEL CHOIR rehearses Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Juli Peterson is the director.

TUMY GIRL’S CHOIR (grades 7-12) rehearsals are pending. Juli Peterson is the director.

JAM CHOIR (grades 4-6) rehearses Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:00 a.m. in Room 3. Kathy Fuhrman and Chrissie Womack are the directors.

FISHIES CHOIR (Preschool – grade 3) rehearses Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:00 a.m. in Room 1. Melissa Rutter is leading with Shawn Hargis and Maggie Engelman assisting.

BELL CHOIR rehearses Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Shelly Witt is the director.

NEW SINGERS AND RINGERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



TRINITY’S ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT will be held Sunday, October 30 at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. The TUMY "Haunted House" and games will begin at 7:00 p.m. and go until 7:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this Trinity annual fun event by dressing up (remember nothing too scary for our little ones)! And yes, there will be a prize once again for the best decorated parking spot! If you have any questions, please see Scott King.



MMM IS IN CRITICAL NEED OF FUNDS TO HELP PEOPLE IN CRISIS

MMM is facing a crucial situation. Our funds are very low, and the people needing help are facing desperate situations. On Tuesday, September 12 there were 12 people needing help with rent and utilities. These people were all about to have their utilities shut off or were about to be evicted. We are in great need of cash and food. Trinity has always been very generous in their support and we are very thankful to all. With your prayers and support we will get through this period.

Activity for August: 30 clients for financial help-\$4269.20; 142 clients food assistance-28 of these families were seeking help for the first time. Please keep this ministry in your prayers, and thank you so much for your continued support.

Nancy and Dorothy

NELSON CHICKEN DINNER--FRIDAY OCT 21.



This is one of the major fund raisers for MMM. Tickets are \$8.00. The dinner includes a half chicken, two sides, and a soft drink. This is the night of Milford homecoming and is held on Trinity’s front lawn. You can pick up your dinners after 4:00 p.m. and take them home, or watch the parade from the lawn. Tickets can be purchased at the welcome center every Sunday between each service or from *Nancy Seng, Jan Gerdom, or Dorothy Ruffley*.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

KIDS R.O.C. SUNDAY SCHOOL –

Education Director: Dora Slyder



October 2011 Teachings – The 23 Psalm - The Lord is My Shepherd

“He Leads me in right paths for his name’s sake” Psalm 23:3

Rotation Sunday School workshops at 9:30 a.m. for K- 6th grade will be **Teaching** *The Lord is My Shepherd*..... David was the author of this psalm and a shepherd himself. For thousands of years, this scripture passage has provided comfort, peace and guidance to people who are sad, lonely or having a difficult time. We are going to **Teach** ways to memorize the 23rd Psalm so we too can look to scripture when we need it.

God takes care of us like shepherd takes care of sheep. We will **Teach** God is with us even when we are scared and His love and kindness are always with us.

*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: Bible Blast 2011! Each year we take have an overview of the Bible and our 3rd graders have a special in-depth class where they receive their Bibles from Trinity.

Did you know that we only need 1 new person to help with Sunday School in November? I think this would be a perfect job 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 Choir:

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!

A **BIG** Standing Ovation to Melissa and Shawn for leading our school of FISHIES.

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 3. 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! 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.*

We want to thank Herb and Dorothy Ruffley for leading us on the great trip that we had in Tennessee and Kentucky.

On **Wednesday, October 19**, we shall meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. and carpool at 9:45 a.m. to the matinee show at La Comedia to see "Church Basement Ladies Sequel." We are so glad you are going with us.

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 to carpool at 11:00 a.m.

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 still have seats available. If you can join us, please call Don or Audrey Koester for reservations. Group rates are \$38.00 per person. The deadline is November 6. Please make checks payable to Audrey Koester (5512 St. Rt. 132, Batavia , OH 45103).



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.

TUMY RUMMAGE SALE

Our TUMY Youth Group will be sponsoring a rummage sale on **November 12**. As you do your fall reorganization at home, why not hold out some items for their benefit. All proceeds will go toward funding their mission trip next summer.



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 meal will be on Sunday, October 2. The Boy Scouts will be preparing and serving the meal. Octobers's meal will be a vegetarian chili with tortilla chips and toppings. Ingredients are needed for the meal. Please see the sign up sheet in the hallway 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 will be posted shortly. If you would like to help out or learn more about what we do, feel free to sign up or contact Mary Sheer or sheerrmm@hotmail.com.



United Methodist Women's News

The **Anna Circle** will meet in the home of Rose Billhimer on October 19 at 7:30 p.m. Nancy Seng will lead us in devotions and Rose will present the program.

The **Esther Circle** will not meet this month.

The **Susanna Circle** will be meeting October 18 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 **Lydia Circle** will meet in the parlor at 6:00 p.m. on October 9.

UMW GENERAL NEWS

Pam Harris, Ohio River Valley District President, attended our August 4 general meeting. It was fun to share the MORNING with her. She shared the general board's proposed leadership changes and invited us to **Annual Day on October 15**. It will be held locally, in Sharonville, this year so hopefully many of us can attend together. See the bulletin board for details across from the parlor for details. Holiday placemats were also made for Sem Villa that day. Our goal to achieve 5 Star status has been accomplished! We are nearing completion of the requirements to achieve SILVER status. Anyone reading books from the book list needs to contact Betsy to add your efforts to our list. We need to attend one more conference. Perhaps Annual Day.

Betsy and I would like to thank all of you for your fellowship, support, and the generosity of your time this year. We have greatly enjoyed serving as your co-presidents. Jean Pierce-Jones has been nominated to replace us and has graciously accepted. With the circles' approval, she will be installed at the **General meeting on October 6 at 7:00 p.m.** The room will be noted in the bulletin prior to the 6th. Thank you, Jean. We all look forward to your exciting ideas for next year.

Betsy Williams and Pati Scheper



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.



THREADS OF LOVE GROUP The Trinity Threads of Love Quilting and Knitting Group will meet on **Wednesday, October 26** from 10:00 a.m. to about 3:00 p.m. 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 Friday, October 7 and 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.

Sunday, October 02 - MMM Golf Outing. Times of departure and arrival back to Trinity are unfortunately TBD. I will update the youth as soon as I have this information. No evening TUMY.

Sunday, October 09 - Yellow Ribbon Mission 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Please wear your TUMY tee and bring money (suggested amount \$10.00) as we will be going shopping for items to place in care packages for our troops. Release forms are necessary for this event.

Sunday, October, 16 - TUMY Bowling Party 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 which includes bowling, shoes, pizza and soda. Release forms are necessary for this event.

Friday, October 21 - Football Parking Fundraiser 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. This is Milford Homecoming game and typically our largest parking fundraiser of the year.

Sunday, October 23 - Regular TUMY 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. We will be doing our planning for the annual Trunk -or- Treat!

Friday, October 28 - Football Parking Fundraiser 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. This is Milford Senior night at our last game of the year against our rivals Loveland.

Sunday, October 30 - TRUNK OR TREAT! Youth will need to be at Trinity at 4:00 p.m. for set up. For anyone bringing chili for dinner or passing out candy for out Trunk-or-Treaters please be at the church by 5:30 p.m! The actual Trunk-or-Treat event will begin at 6:00 p.m. Trunk-or-Treat from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. The TUMY "Haunted House" and games will begin at 7:00 p.m. and go until 7:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this Trinity annual fun event by dressing up (remember nothing too scary for our little ones)! And yes, there will be a prize once again for the best decorated parking spot! If you have any questions, please see Scott King.

Also, please do not forget that the second week in November is our fall **Rummage Sale**. We will be excepting donations on Thursday, November 10 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Friday November 11 until 8:00 p.m. This is a great way to support the Milford community, clean out your drawers and basements, and help support your youth group with our Summer Mission Trip.

TUMY is happy to announce the beginnings of our new TLC (TUMY Leadership Committee). Our TLC student leaders for our 2011 - 2012 season are; *Hannah Peterson, Brooke King, Megan Sandlin, Chelsea Sick, Jacob Sandlin, Daniel Stephen, Luke Peterson, Austin Bryan, and Jacob Pray.*

Monthly Quote: *"Every happenings, great and small, is a parable whereby God speaks to us, the art of life is to get the message."*

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE The road construction has certainly presented us with some challenges over the months and will continue to do so until completed. One project completion projection is the end of October. We will see. Updated information will be given as it is received. Thank you for your patience and continued participation at Trinity.




Let the Spirit of the Lord fall upon you!

TRINITY EVENTS

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

<p>30 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8:15, 11:00 Traditional Worship 9:30 Contemporary Worship 9:30 Sunday School 6:00 TRUNK OR TREAT 6:30 Dinner</p>	<p>31 HALLOWEEN 6:30 Bell Choir</p> 	
<p>2 8:15, 11:00 Traditional Worship 8:00 Boy Scout Breakfast for MMM 9:30 Contemporary Worship 9:30 Sunday School 2:00 Tender Mercies Preparation MMM Golf Outing 6:00 JAM</p>	<p>3 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Men's group</p>	<p>4 9:30 Women's Study 6:30 TL Planning 7:00 BH Bible Study 7:30 Contemp. Practice</p>
<p>9 8:15, 11:00 Traditional Worship 9:30 Contemporary Worship 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Safe Sanctuary Training for VBS 6:00 JAM 6:00 TUMY Yellow Ribbon Mission 6:00 Lydia Circle</p>	<p>10 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Men's group</p>	<p>11 9:30 Women's Study 7:30 Contemp. Practice 1:00 BH Book Club</p>
<p>16 8:15, 11:00 Traditional Worship 9:30 Contemporary Worship 9:30 Sunday School 6:00 JAM 6:00 TUMY Bowling 6:00 Stephen Ministers Newsletter deadline</p>	<p>17 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Men's group 7:00 TRUSTEES</p>	<p>18 9:30 Women's Study 7:00 Susanna Circle 7:00 BH Bible Study 7:30 Contemp. Practice</p>
<p>23 8:15, 11:00 Traditional Worship 9:30 Contemporary Worship 9:30 Sunday School 6:00 JAM 6:00 TUMY</p>	<p>24 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Men's group</p>	<p>25 9:30 Women's Study 7:30 Contemp. Practice</p>

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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Don't be a Christian Atheist!
Learn to Know God Beer Each Day

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5 10:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Stone Soup Supper 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 PSS Adult Study	6 10:00 Pastor Study 6:30 Pastor's Study 7:00 UMW General Mtg	7 7:00 Scrapbooking	8
12 10:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Stone Soup Supper 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 PSS Adult Study	13 10:00 Pastor Study 6:30 Pastor's Study	14	15 UMW DISTRICT Meeting 5:00 BH Harvest Party
19 10:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Stone Soup Supper 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 PSS Adult Study 7:30 Anna Circle	20 10:00 Pastor's Study 6:30 Pastor's Study	21 4:00 MMM NELSON CHICKEN DINNER 6:00 TUMY Homecoming Football parking	22
26 10:00 Prayer Group 10:00 Threads of Love 6:00 Stone Soup Supper 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Church Council 7:00 PSS Adult Study	27 10:00 Pastor's Study 6:30 Pastor's Study	28 6:00 TUMY Football parking	29

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



BRANCH HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

www.branchhillumc.org.

NEWS/NOTES

- ▶ - Congratulations to our new members (as of September 18) – Marlene Sowder, Adam Crock, Amanda Cob, Alice, Earl, Joyce, Gary, Kim, and young Alice Springer. Taylor and Jared Musselman plan on joining as well in the near future.
- ▶ - Thanks to both the Branch Hill and Trinity folks who teamed in support of Bob Henry’s role in the Kairos weekend Sept. 22-25 - nearly 100 dozen homemade cookies toward the 10,000 dozen used on the weekend at the Lebanon Correctional Institution.
- ▶ - We extend our sympathy to the McSwain (Joan Ostendorf’s brother) and Stumpf families at their recent losses.
- ▶ - Thanks to those who helped with the luncheon for the Judie Stumpf family after the funeral.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ - The Fall Garage/Bake Sale will be the weekend of Sept. 30-Oct 1 (9 a.m. – 3 p.m. both days).
- ▶ - Our Book Club will be held the 2nd week in October. Watch the bulletins for specific information.
- ▶ - Along with Trinity, we are currently studying the book “the Christian atheist.” Sermons and Bible Studies will both relate to the book. We are working toward the possibility of scheduling the Bible Studies in the day-time through the school year. Watch for announcements about the exact dates/times.
- ▶ - We are planning a Harvest Party for Saturday, October 15 – beginning at 5:00 p.m. That (by the way) is also Sweetest Day – a great way to enjoy the evening with your “Sweetie”.

*The Golden Scroll
Prayer List*

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



OCTOBER
 10/03 Jennifer Campbell
 10/19 Samantha Owens



Boy Scout Troop Pancake Breakfast for MMM



Boy Scout Troop 468 will be hosting a pancake breakfast on **October 2, 2011**. Proceeds will be used to purchase food boxes for MMM in November and December. The money will also be used to purchase Christmas presents for the children that MMM sponsors during that the holidays. Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend and bring a friend for a good community cause.

TUMC Scouting Update

Boy Scout Troop 468: For 2011 there have been four boys achieve Eagle Scout and a fifth boy has just completed his Eagle project, check out the video of Zach Malec's project at the Wildey Center <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JC2zTPEgp-Y&feature=share>.

The troop has a number of exciting events upcoming; September will be rock climbing in Red River Gorge area at Torrent Falls Via Ferrata, October is planned a bike hike on the Miami River Trail up and back to Yellow Springs, OH and November is the annual Troop Turkey Feast at Camp Friedlander.

The troop is not only planning adventure activities but is continuing its strong focus on service. The boys have been inspired to plan out a complete year of service to others. The fall highlights have the boys working to provide more assistance to MMM at Trinity with a planned pancake breakfast, see details above, serving Tender Mercies in September and October and again participation in the fall church cleanup day. Stay tuned for more to come.

Cub Scout Pack 846: The pack was incredibly active this summer with multiple events each month. The summer was highlighted with a summer camp-out at Hocking Hills. What was truly amazing for this camp out is the pack, which has a very strong monthly hiking program, while on a 6 mile hike through the state park area came upon a lone hiker with obvious severe heat stress. Luckily one leader had cell service and was able to contact park rangers for help. The pack continued their hike while two adults (one a policeman for Miami Township) stayed with the hiker until medical help arrived. Now to add to this amazing story the pack leadership had almost canceled their plans for the hike due to the high temperatures that day, but thought they could carry enough water for the boys, and the boys really (like I said they have a VERY strong hiking program) wanted to do the hike. So, there certainly appears to be God's hand at work here as had the pack not come upon the hiker the EMS responders thought the individual might not have made it out.

The pack also hosted a flag retirement ceremony at Cub World (part of Camp Friedlander) to commemorate the events, of September 11, 2001. You can read the announcement in the Milford Community News at <http://local.cincinnati.com/share/news/story.aspx?sid=184539>. The evening event was an awesome display of respect and reverence which was executed with discipline second to none. Another truly amazing accomplishment for our Cub Scouts.

The Cubs have begun their Scout year strong (the Cub Scout program year runs September-August) with 32 new Cub Scouts recruited. This fall they will have a September pack meeting featuring the Greater Cincinnati Herpetological Society, October will be their Egg Drop and November will be a Fall Camp-out and Bobcat ceremony at Cub World.

If you have any questions or want to learn more about the Boy Scout units at Trinity, see David Barringer, the Charter Organization Representative, or e-mail – dcbear@one.net.

FINANCIAL UPDATE
1/01/2011 Through 8/31/2011

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Total Offering	\$279,662	\$288,128	\$8,466
Total Income	\$315,583	\$310,929	\$4,654
Total Expense	<u>\$301,958</u>	<u>\$315,134</u>	<u>\$13,176</u>
Net	\$13,625	\$(4,205)	\$17,830

Total offering of \$279,662 is \$8,466 less than planned budget. This includes plate, pedges and Sunday School offering. Pledges are \$14,911 less than planned budget. Total expenses are \$13,625 less than the total income. Total expenses are also \$13,176 less than the planned budget. Apportionments are paid up through August 2011.

“Real Life Groups” by Pastor Laura

By the time you read this, our Real Life Groups will have been meeting for about two weeks. We have been participating in our all-church book study on the Christian atheist. We are excited that more than forty new participants have taken this opportunity to enhance their experience of the fall study by plugging into a small group. Here, we discuss the principles presented by our author and see if they ring true to our lives. Here, we can get to know a handful of other Christians and explore how God’s word shapes our days. Here, we can enjoy food and fellowship, laughter and prayer as we support one another and grow together. Here, acquaintances become friends.

If you missed the chance to sign up for a small group this fall, fear not. We plan on offering the opportunity again for a winter/spring semester after the holidays. Perhaps that season will fit your schedule better. Look for more information in the coming months. Prayerfully consider the following comments from some existing small group members about the benefits of small group participation as you decide whether to join:

“[I joined] for Christian fellowship, and to learn about Christ through open discussion with fellow Christians. It has become so much more. My small group has become my extended family who loves and supports each other.” Nancy Parker

“Being new to the church, we wanted to get to know people on a deeper level rather than only on Sundays or at church functions. Discussions and studying with people creates a good atmosphere for fellowship and relationship building in the name of Jesus.” Bill Gray

“[I joined] because they served the best desserts!” Jim Parker (Jim had a longer answer, but I liked this part the best. LS)

Tutors and More

Whiz Kids, the local Christian tutoring program for the Milford schools that we participate in, is in need of tutors, childcare workers, van drivers, and van riders (who ride herd when the kids are wound up). The number of at-risk children helped is limited by the number of volunteers, since this is a one on one program. Vans, which Eastside rents for Whiz Kids only, are used to pick the kids up and take them home. Childcare workers watch the children of tutors on site at Eastside Christian Church, where Whiz Kids is held during the school year and according to the school calendar. When school is out on Tuesday for any reason, there is no tutoring that week. Otherwise, Whiz Kids meet each Tuesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner is provided for children and tutors/helpers. Trinity has provided some tutors and dinnerware for the last 3 years. Please pray about how we might increase our involvement to help the children in our community through this vital program. If God is speaking to you, Amy Leist, the Whiz Kids director would love to hear from you. Her email address is: amy@myeastside.cc

TRINITY PEOPLE



Melissa and Brad Goetz




Paul Bischof



Alison and Jeffrey Meshew

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

We welcome these new members into our fellowship of faith and pray that they may become active participants in our ministries.



CONGRATULATIONS
 Congratulations to Todd and Katie Billhimer in the baptism into the family of faith of their daughter Josephine Marie on Sunday, September 18 in the 11:00 service. Josephine is the granddaughter of Ward and Rosetta Billhimer and Tim and Carol Swart.


		TRINITY ATTENDANCE			
		8:15	9:30	11:00	Total
Sunday, August	28	52	156	71	279
Sunday, September 4	4	47	133	82	262
Sunday, September 11	11	51	171	100	322
Sunday, September 18	47	47	175	84	306

C-O-S-T

Searching for a new ministry opportunity in our congregation and community? There will be a cost, you know, but there will also be great rewards. Stephen Ministry is our congregation's one-on-one caring ministry. We thank God that he has given us the gift of these people for the past seven years. Right now we are looking for members who are willing to pay the

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STEPHEN MINISTRY



and become Stephen Ministers, remembering that the blessings will outweigh the costs. In order to keep this vital ministry alive, we need new people to pay the COST. To find out more about this ministry, please contact one of the pastors or Karen/Rich Bell.



Your old hearing aids can be restored to be used by deaf children. Give them to Pete Pierce-Jones.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/01 Todd Billhimer	10/07 Leah Satzger	10/21 Blake Dalton Hatfield
10/01 Nancy Carter	10/08 Karen Christopher	10/21 Delaney Termuhlen
10/01 Doug Hoffman	10/09 Russell Hoffard, Jr.	10/22 Kevin King
10/01 Douglas Kinslow	10/10 Randy Pavlack	10/23 Jerry Robinson
10/01 Lori Tieman	10/11 Karen Bell	10/23 Charlie Conover
10/02 Doris McKenzie	10/11 Kevin McDarty	10/24 Bonny Gossard
10/02 Jennifer Horning	10/12 Gary Karg	10/24 Bill Gray
10/03 Zachary Jaquillard	10/13 Thomas Christopher	10/24 Tom Papai
10/03 Vernon Robinson	10/14 Anna Fabisiak	10/25 Sandy Myers
10/03 Steve Wilking	10/14 Anita Lehker	10/27 Mallory Rees
10/04 Natalie Enders	10/14 Megan Pattison	10/28 Barry Cox
10/04 Rebecca Kinslow	10/15 Katie Billhimer	10/30 Ruth Davidson
10/04 Brendan Madigan	10/15 Donna Clemons	10/30 Kyle Dewitt
10/04 Roberta Robinson	10/15 Andrea Enders	10/30 Eric Handel
10/05 Mark Bryan	10/15 Kevin Handel	10/30 David Hunter
10/05 Alexis Kailey	10/15 Robert Hufford	10/30 Jack Wilsey
10/05 Stephanie Nutter	10/15 Stephanie Sick	10/31 Alexis Hudson
10/05 Timothy Sence	10/17 Megan Sandlin	10/31 Kimberly Hudson
10/06 Steven Jones	10/18 Vera Brown	10/31 Sarah Hudson
10/06 Fred Tissot	10/20 Jeff Miller	10/31 Steve Rismiller
10/07 Lynne Engelman	10/20 Hannah Niehaus	10/31 Eva Wilsey
	10/20 Ben Williams	

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/01/48 Olige, Bill and Janet	10/11/97 Bebout, Robert and Lauren
10/02 Robinson, Vern and Roberta	10/20/84 Grashel, Bob and Carole
10/04 Loomis, Bill and Jane	10/20/84 Robinson, Roger and Rhonda
10/05/67 Lynn, Don and Sandy	10/21/67 Carter, Jesse and Nancy
10/06/07 McMannis, Tim and Jodi	10/21/95 Hudson, Steve and Pam
10/09/54 Shannon, Bill and Wanda	10/22/88 Springer, Jon and Vicki
10/10/98 Hams, Daryl and Suzanne Allen	10/26/74 Gulleman, Marty and Melody

Please send birthday and anniversary information for your family to Lyn in our office, including month/day/year.

STONE SOUP SUPPERS

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

Wednesday, October 05 Sliced Ham

Wednesday, October 12 Chicken Barbecue Sandwiches

Wednesday, October 19 Salad Night

Wednesday, October 26 To be announced





Keep these people in your prayers



<p>CONTINUAL PRAYERS</p> <p>Vera Brown Shirley Rose Bob Craig Earl Keys E. K. Keller Julia Kostyn Patrick Federle Thelma Faul Martha Chalk Wanda Covert Lenore Jeffers</p>	<p>Frank Honebrink Pat Honebrink Nella Johnson Clarence Lynn Joanne Marohn Lillian Wilson Morgan Fuhrman Donovan Johnson Jack and Eva Wilsey</p> <p>REMEMBER IN PRAYER</p> <p>Rose Billhimer</p>	<p>Abby Lynn Jan Hester Julie Clifford Lora Bodley Ron Schleaper Leah Satzger Linda B. Kendra Bangert Shirley Ingram Family of Carmen Rizzi Chris Pray The Fuhrman family Nelson and Susan Smith</p>	<p>Tilley family Melissa Carrier Lorene Rowe Leah Ann Satzger Russell Hoffard Sr. Helen Thatch The Jaffe family Reece Hatfield George Parker</p>
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Our deepest care and sympathy go
To the family and friends of Maxine Van Aken in her passing.

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 November and 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 for the 9:30 a.m. service, or contact *Herb Ruffley* 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 **November** issue of *Trinity News* you need to submit them by **Sunday, October 16**. 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

HAPPINESS AT ANY COST

I was doing fine in my first reading of the Christian atheist. My reaction to most of the early chapters were “I’m glad I was never that bad,” or “I can think of a few people that probably applies to.” And then I came to Chapter 9 entitled “When you believe in God but pursue Happiness at any cost.” That one I couldn’t pass it off so easily as I had the others. What does he mean, when he says, “God doesn’t want us to be happy”? As one can tell quickly from commercial television, having things is what is important to society. Our entire economy is suffering because we are not “happy” enough. We love a new cell phone, i-pad or kindle regardless of the monthly costs, or a new car despite the monthly payments and increased insurance costs. We love to take great trips even though we are soon left with only some memories and lots of pictures. I speak from experience. It’s a lot of fun and it makes us happy, at least for a little while, and each one is not wrong in itself. What is wrong, Groeshel says is when we insist on all this at any cost, in money, time or personal values, in cost to our souls.

But Groeschel explains, “God doesn’t want us to be happy because God wants us to be blessed.” That is the real truth here, because as he points out, the pursuit of happiness at any cost can lead us to all sorts of sins and poor value judgments.

So what does mean to be blessed rather than just happy? Jesus explains “blessed” in the Beatitudes so there we can get an idea of what it means. Blessedness is not just the same as happiness. It means more. If being blessed is a form of happiness, it means a happiness that comes from God, from knowing and doing the will of God, from living in his presence. Lets look at the Beatitudes with a little help from William Barclay. (He took 32 pages to explain these.)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven, Matthew 5:3 Happy in God are those who have realized their own helplessness in getting things right in all aspects of life, and who have put their whole trust in God.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4 Happy in God are those who grieve because of the awful things that the environment and sin does to people in this world and in their own lives.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Matthew 5:5 “Happy in God are those who have humility and realize their own ignorance and their own weakness in the world, trusting only in God.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Matthew 5:6 Happy in God are those who find that righteousness is the real food of life.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Matthew 5:7 Happy in God are those who make the effort to walk in other people’s footsteps, to get to know what other people see, think, and feel and treat them accordingly with love and kindness.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Matthew 5:8 Happy in God are those whose motives are based on the love and teachings of Jesus.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Matthew 5:9. Happy in God are those who work to build right relationships between people. They are in the family of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Matthew 5:10-12 Especially here, we have to realize that when we suffer for Christ, it is then that God’s happiness is showered upon us. This is totally contrary to the way the world works. To the world there can be no happiness in suffering.

The happiness of the world, of things, of experiences, of fun and games is only temporary. You can’t take it with you. Blessedness is however happiness from God, in God and of God. It is the only happiness of eternal value. You can and will take it with you.

Just for Fun!

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

On his way to church, a farm boy accidentally tipped over his wagon. A neighboring farmer, also on his way to church, heard the commotion and pulled up nearby.

"Hey, hop in with us," the neighbor said. "I'll help get the wagon up after church."

"That's mighty nice of you," the boy answered, "but I don't think Pa would like me to."

"Come on," the Good Samaritan insisted. "If you don't hurry, we'll be late!"

"Well, okay," the boy finally agreed. "But Pa won't like it."

After church, the boy thanked his neighbor for the help. "I'm glad we got to church on time," he said, "but I know Pa is going to be real upset."

"Oh, he'll be fine," the neighbor said with a smile. "By the way, where is he?"

"Under the wagon."

The Sunday school teacher told her class about the "children of Israel." She described how they crossed the Red Sea, defeated the Philistines in battle, and built the Temple. Then she was interrupted by a curious young girl

"What were all the grown-ups doing?" she asked.

Three friends decided to go deer hunting together. One was a lawyer, one a doctor, and the other a preacher. As they were walking, along came a big buck. The three of them shot at the same time and the buck dropped immediately. The hunting party rushed to see how big it actually was. Upon reaching the fallen deer, they found out that it was dead but had only one bullet hole.

A debate followed concerning whose buck it was. When a game warden came by, he offered to help. A few moments later, he had the answer.

He said with much confidence, "The preacher shot the buck!" The friends were amazed that he could determine that so quickly and with so little examination. The game warden just smiled. "It was easy to figure out. The bullet went in one ear and out the other."

Two cousins were having a friendly chat when one blurted, out of the blue, "Man, I need to borrow \$100 from somebody by the end of the week."

"Really?"

"I sure do. Don't know who to turn to, either."

"Whew! It sounded for a moment like you were gonna turn to me."

A little boy took the chair at the barber shop.

"How would you like your hair cut today, son?" asked the barber.

"Oh, do it like you do Daddy's, with the big hole at the back."

A high school student came home from school seeming rather depressed.

"What's the matter, son?" asked his mother.

"It's my grades. They're all wet."

"What do you mean 'all wet'?"

"They're below C level," he replied