

# TRINITY TIMES

March 2010

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## PASTOR'S PEN

If we were to have a theme for Lent at Trinity this year it would be: "Discover the Amazing Depths of God's Love." This theme is central to the "Prodigal God" study that so many of our folks are participating in during the 6 weeks of the holy season. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the dates, times and locations for the study groups.

In conjunction with the Prodigal God classes I will be preaching 5 sermons during Lent that will follow the weekly class themes. The sermon titles and texts are:

2/28	"The People Around Jesus"	Luke 15:1-10
3/7	"The Two Lost Sons"	Luke 15:11-32
3/14	"The Elder Brothers"	Luke 15:25-32
3/21	"The True Elder Brother"	Luke 15:1-6, 25-32
3/28	"The Feast of the Father"	Luke 15:13-17, 31-32

As a companion to our Lenten journey the Christian Education Committee has one again assembled a Devotional Booklet for our congregation to enjoy. After perusing the pages of the booklet I was impressed with the depth and faith of the inspirational words the members of Trinity contributed. Special thanks to Susan Hornung and their Christian Education leaders of the congregation for providing us with such a helpful tool as we continue to "discover the amazing depths of God's love."

Finally, after spending much of Lent worshipping in the Fellowship Hall we look forward to Easter morning in the newly renovated sanctuary and narthex. If you have friends or acquaintances who aren't active in a church, this will be an ideal opportunity to invite them to worship Christ with us at Trinity,

Friends, as always I look forward to taking the Christian journey with you.

Grace & Peace,  
Shawn

## Session Highlights . . .

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FEBRUARY 2010 MEETING

- Mike Porter named to the volunteer position of Pastoral Assistant
- Men's "First Saturday" breakfast beginning March 6
- Trinity "Sock Hop" - March 27
- Signups for Adult Supper Clubs during the month of March
- Handmade greeting card class on March 21 in the Trinity Center for Faith & Art
- Preschool summer camps - June 14 - 18, and July 12 - 17

## Website . . .

Please remember to visit our new website for up to date information on Trinity's event and ministry schedule. Special thanks to Anuji Abraham for managing tpclouisville.net with great care and excellence!

## Men's Study Group . . .

The Men's Study Group continues to meet regularly for fellowship, prayer and study. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at Panera Bread on Hurstbourne Lane at 7:30 a.m. In the month of March we will be studying the 10th chapter of Romans. All interested men from Trinity are invited to attend.

## Weekly Worship Attendance . . .



	<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
January 24	146	146
January 31	129	123
February 7	138	149
February 14	126	138
February 21	191	155

## Altar Flowers . . .

On March 1st, the cost of the flowers purchased for the sanctuary will increase from \$28 to \$38. Up to now, the church has been subsidizing the extra \$10. Due to budget constraints, we feel that we can no longer incur this additional expense. The Worship Committee hopes you understand and will continue to purchase the flowers as you have in the past.

## Lent 2010 at Trinity. . .

February 17 - March 4: Please remember to read the daily devotion each day between Ash Wednesday and Easter; Trinity Devotional Books are available at the church.

The Prodigal God Study:

- Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the Parlor and Youth Room, February 21 - March 28
  - Wednesday mornings at 10:30 in the Parlor, February 24 - March 31
  - Wednesday evenings at 6:45, February 24 - March 31
- April 1: Maundy Thursday Taize Service in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.
- April 4: Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. in the narthex. (Note: sunrise is at 7:24 a.m.)  
Easter Worship at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

## Treasurer's Corner. . .

### STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY For the Month Ending January 31, 2010

	JANUARY		
	Jan-10		Jan-09
	Actual	Budget	Actual
Pledges	\$34,179	\$23,205	\$21,716
Plate offering	\$347	\$239	\$246
Donors	\$5,725	\$2,642	\$2,575
	\$40,251	\$26,086	\$24,537

## Sunday Nursery Volunteers. . . .



March 7: Elizabeth McDaniel  
March 14: Jim McDaniel  
March 21: Bonnie Mullin & Mary Harville  
March 28: Jennifer Hacker

## Men's Breakfast. . .

On Saturday, March 6, Jerry Pender and Larry Hartmann will be cooking up a hearty breakfast in our new kitchen for all men interested in good food and fellowship. A sign-up sheet is on the easel in the Fellowship Hall, or you can contact the church office to let us know you're planning to come. Please bring a couple of dollar bills to help cover the cost of the supplies. Doors open at 8 a.m., - we hope to see you there!

**From The Director of The Trinity Center for Faith & Art . . .**

Peace & Grace to All from the Trinity Center for Faith & Art,

I started the month of February teaching a class in Nashville for the Association of Presbyterian Educators. The class taught ways to begin programs for teens and adults with disabilities in your church. What a great opportunity to share with other Christian educators throughout the United States. I was also blessed to have Betty Muse also attend the conference to help with the class. While there, we were able to attend other classes on Christian Education and review many new resources of which some we will be offering throughout the year in the art center. It is always great to be in the company with other youth leaders and Christian educators.

In Christ,

Candy Wheat

March Classes:

March 12: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Autism Teen Group

March 17: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Making Crosses

**Trinity Preschool . . .**

One of the four year old classes in the preschool meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week in the Green Room.

February in the Green Room began with remembering our loved ones for Valentine's Day. We learned a Valentine poem to recite for parents at the Valentine party and made beautiful hearts decorated with red and silver painted pasta shapes. We also did an independent seek and find activity using colorful hearts, and graphing how many we found of each color.

Later in the month, we celebrated the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln with stories and songs about their lives. We made colonial flags for Washington and log cabins for Lincoln. The children have also enjoyed putting together a color-coded U.S. map puzzle.

In the science center we were surprised to learn that dirty pennies can be cleaned with vinegar and salt.

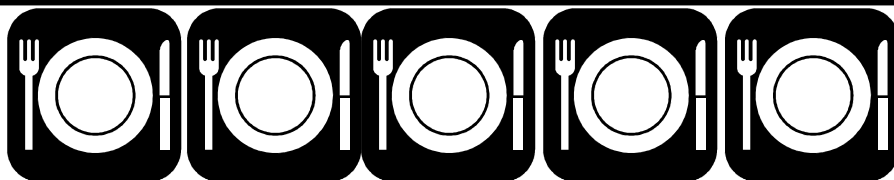
Number and letter activities, as well as manipulatives and games from classroom shelves kept our minds busy and our bodies active.

Miss Pat and Miss Beth  
Green Room

**Newsletter Deadline . . .**

The deadline for the April 2010 *Trinity Times* is March 18. Please email articles to [trinitypc@earthlink.net](mailto:trinitypc@earthlink.net) or leave them in the secretary's mailbox.

## Spring Adult Supper Clubs



- Purpose:** For members and friends of Trinity to become better acquainted
- Who:** Adult members and friends of Trinity, both couples and singles
- What:** Meet to share a meal together  
The meal can be dinner, lunch, brunch or breakfast - whatever works best for the schedules of your group.
- Where:** Most often at the home of the host.
- How:** A sign-up sheet is on the Fellowship bulletin board until March 28 for all who are interested, both hosts and participants. The Fellowship Committee randomly groups the list of participants into groups of eight typically, but due to a host's preference or the number of participants, the groups can be small as six but no larger than ten.  
  
The host chooses and furnishes the entrée, and the other participants in the groups are asked to furnish appetizer, salad or dessert at the request of the host.
- When:** By the beginning of April, the hosts will be notified and the entire list of the supper club groups will be posted. The household volunteering to host chooses the date and time coordinating the event with the schedules of the persons in their group.

## March Birthdays

3-3	Brian Martin	3-13	Harper Davis	Betsy Sangster	
	Jackie Morrow	3-18	Wally DeWitt	3-25	Clyde Muse
3-5	Lucie Fulmore		Kathy Schuler	3-26	Sarah Douglas
3-8	Megan Barnum	3-19	Nolan Anderson		Bill Hambleton
	Vance Gilley		Harry Furlong	3-29	Emily Anderson
	Arlene Van De Hoef	3-21	Jack Blair		Thomas Douglas
3-10	Andrea Williams-Neal	3-23	Liz Barnum	3-31	Frank Whatton

## March Anniversaries

3-3	Tom & Molly Woods
3-9	Richard & Beth Bloss Bird
3-26	Jay & Mary Charnes Charlie & Chris Niemann

## Trinity Presbyterian Women. . .

Harken back to the days before TV took over home entertainment . . . remember parlor games, and the fun we had on summer evenings when neighborhood kids got together to put on skits or talent shows? Relive those memories at the upcoming **Spring Gathering** of Presbyterian Women of Mid-Kentucky!

The Gathering will be held at Hopewell Presbyterian Church on **Saturday, March 27**. Come join in the fun! Along with installation of new board members and some business, the agenda consists of a presbytery-wide talent show called “PW’s Got Talent!.” Patterned after the similarly named TV show, each church has the opportunity to share a talent – whether serious or silly. Trinity’s entry will be Marjorie Malzahn performing a violin piece with piano accompaniment by Shelley Shumate. Won’t that be lovely?!

In support of the PW Purpose and a truly sacred part of the Gathering, a collection will be taken for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance with 50% of it earmarked for Haitian earthquake relief and the remainder as PDA determines.

At last year’s Spring Gathering, Trinity garnered the banner prize for having the most senior woman in attendance, our dear Dorothy Southard! This year the price will be given to the group with the youngest gal. (Phyla, Mira and Grace, come on along!) An award also is bestowed on the group with the most women in attendance. We’d need to boost our attendance up from the eleven that went last year if we want to win, and as Kathy MacDonald stated, she wants TPW to win that award this year!

Participation in the Spring Gathering is not restricted to those ladies that attend Circle, but is **open to all women and friends of Trinity**. It’s a time of wonderful fellowship and sisterhood, a time of worship and giving, and a time of fun. Please join us for the festivities, starting with registration and fellowship at 9:00 a.m. and program beginning around 9:30. Lunch will be served for \$8 for those interested in staying. Look in Sunday bulletins for more details, or contact me. Reservations are requested by March 12<sup>th</sup>.

God bless, Virginia Kozak, Moderator

### Quote of the Month – The PW Purpose

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace,
- and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God’s kingdom.

**Tuesday Morning Circle:** March 9th, 10:30 in the Parlor, bring a brown bag lunch. Lesson 5 of *Joshua: A Journey of Faith*, “Can War be Holy?” facilitated by Rev. Shawn Barkley. Hostess Group 4.

**Reminder**, due to February’s snow, we have moved all aspects of our schedule by one month. Thus, February devotional, lesson, facilitator and hostess groups are now assigned to March; March are now April, etc. Our last meeting will be June 8

## From the Director of Christian Education & Youth. . .

### Marriage Retreat – Fall 2010

We are gearing up for another exciting weekend at Wooded Glen in Henryville, IN. Our next Marriage Retreat will take place Friday night through Saturday afternoon, October 22-23. If you joined us last time you know how beautiful the area is. This year the retreat will take place in the fall with all of the colorful foliage. We will be well fed, sleep in comfortable rooms, and enjoy getting to know each other on a deeper level. We will learn more about God's intention for our marriage through biblically based materials. It is a great (partial) weekend getaway and we hope you will consider joining us! An email will be sent out soon with details or you may contact Linda Kennedy or Amy Kratt.

#### Youth Activities

Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Girls of Faith (Play)

Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> - Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> - Youth Group 12:00-2:00

Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Breakfast

## Thanks. . .



No matter how we say it, **“THANK YOU”** just isn't enough to express our gratitude and appreciation for the many kitchen shower gifts given at our dinner on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

In addition to the colorful new dish towels, dish cloths, and hot pads brought in that evening, we received generous monetary gifts. As a result, our “wish list” is steadily becoming a “reality list” with items such as an electric can opener, cooking timer, waste basket, coat hooks, telephone and paper towel holder having already been added to the kitchen inventory.

The beautiful red print cornices adorning the kitchen windows not only enhance and update the décor, but add a cheerful spark to the overall color scheme. We hope the congregation will enjoy using all the new appliances, and will appreciate having such a “state of the art” facility for many years to come.

The excitement continues as we start the second phase of our renovation – the sanctuary and narthex. We will have even more to celebrate and to be thankful for in the very near future!

Cindy & Carol, for the Building Committee

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Dear Trinity Family,

We would like to thank everyone for all your prayers! With the Lord and your prayers Max made it through this event and our family kept strong with the Lord holding us. The meals, cards, phone calls, and the guys who came to shovel the snow were all greatly appreciated! We mostly appreciate your prayers. We felt your prayers and love throughout this ordeal and we are so grateful.

Sincerely,

The Oyler Family

## Building Update . . .

After months (years) of planning and preparation our construction project is taking shape. The kitchen and Fellowship Hall, phase 1, has been completed and the results are wonderful. We dedicated this phase with a congregational dinner and presentation in January.

At present phase 2, the sanctuary, narthex and hallway is underway. We have been worshipping in the Fellowship Hall sine February 7th and plan to continue to do so until phase 2 is completed in March. Phase 3, the bell tower and landscaping will begin after phase 2 is completed. Friends, please remember to pray for God to use these efforts as tools of ministry for His glory.

Finally, as the various projects are completed and invoices received that exceed our money on hand, we will begin drawing from our short-term construction loan at Presbytery. Our construction loan has a 5% interest rate. This is just a gentle reminder that any early pledge payments will relieve us from those interest payments and improve our financial status.

The congregation has been most generous in supporting our building renovation and we trust that you will be pleased and impressed with our results. Thanks again for your generous pledges.

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### Trinity's Vision Statement

"We are a welcoming church family, developing disciples who joyfully minister to others in the name of Christ."