

# TRINITY TIMES

April 2011

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## PASTOR'S PEN/BLOG

In recent weeks our congregation has embarked on a Lenten study entitled "The Marks of a Disciple." This has been a widely promoted program that includes a 7-week study offered at three different times during the week and a corresponding sermon series. The "Marks" study guide, which was developed by members of Trinity, is free and we still have copies available in the church office. Also the study guide can be found on our website under the "Small Groups" heading. If you know of anyone who might benefit from the study, not only can they print it off from the website, but we'll include some study helps as well. Of course the sermon series can also be heard online by going to the "sermon archive" at [tpclouisville.net](http://tpclouisville.net) . . . I'm told that the sermons are a great cure for insomnia!

An additional element of our Lenten series is a Monday morning email that includes some thoughts to help "prime the pump" for the upcoming study groups and sermon. If you're not on the Trinity Church email list and would like to receive these short blogs, please email your address to Linda at [trinitypc@earthlink.net](mailto:trinitypc@earthlink.net).

Friends I feel so blessed to serve God with such a faithful and kind-hearted congregation. Your devotion writings in our 2011 Lenten Devotional Book (which is also available in the church office) are beautifully written and inspirational. I can't adequately express my gratitude to God for the witness you are for Him.

Grace to you,  
Shawn

## ***Holy Week. . .***

Wednesday, April 20: WoW meal followed by "Disciples" Classes

Thursday, April 21: Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.,  
in the sanctuary (Tenebrae Service)

Easter, April 24: Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m., in the narthex  
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service in the Fellowship Hall  
11:00 a.m. Service in the sanctuary

**Treasurer's Corner. . .**

**STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY  
For the Month ending February 28, 2011**

FEBRUARY						
	Feb-11		Feb-10	YTD Feb 2011		YTD Feb 2010
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual
Pledges			\$10,587			\$44,766
Plate offering	\$267	\$284	\$262	\$728	\$660	\$609
Donors	\$15,474	\$17,520	\$5,990	\$50,363	\$59,696	\$11,715
	\$15,741	\$17,805	\$16,839	\$51,091	\$60,356	\$57,091

**Weekly Worship Attendance . . .**



		one year ago
February 27:	153	146
March 6:	151	128
March 13:	199	188
March 20:	152	147

**Session Highlights. . .**

**Highlights from the March 2011 Meeting**

- Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The middle and high school Youth are asked to help at 9:00 a.m.
- This is a friendly reminder to please clean up after yourself if you use the kitchen. The updated kitchen is for all our enjoyment so, if you make coffee or use any cups, plates, silverware, or dishes, please wash them and return them to their proper place. THANKS!!!

**Men's Study Group. . .**

In April our Men's Study Group will study Luke 4:16-44 and Luke 5:1-26. As always the guys will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month (4-6 and 4-20) at 7:30 a.m., at the Panera Bread on Hurstbourne. The group welcomes any male Trinity member or friend.

***From the Mission Committee . . .***



**Shop Kroger and Support the Mission of Trinity's Faith & Art Center**

It's easy!

- Get your Kroger Gift Card from the Mission Committee here at Trinity (cost \$5).
- At Kroger charge your card with cash that you will be spending for your purchases and recharge as often as necessary.
- Use when you make your normal purchases. (Yes, it works with your Kroger Plus Card.)

Each time Trinity's Kroger Gift Cards (as a group) reach \$5,000 in recharges Trinity will receive a check for 4% of all recharges. So each time Trinity family and friends charge these cards it helps support the Faith & Art Center and it doesn't cost you anything other than your normal grocery or gas bill.

**Gift cards must be purchased from Trinity**

**Cards must be recharged in order for this to be profitable.**

If you have purchased a card previously from Trinity - PLEASE continue to use.

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Opportunities to Serve

Do you know of a Mission or Service Opportunity for individuals or groups? Please share this information with the Mission Committee. We would like to post "Opportunities to Serve" on the Mission bulletin board.

***Collection Counters . . .***



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|-----------|--------------------------------|
| April 3:  | Lois Bringhurst and Betty Muse |
| April 10: | Larry & Carol Hartmann         |
| April 17: | Tom & Cathy Dawson             |
| April 24: | Lois Bringhurst and Betty Muse |

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

Last month I shared a letter with you and this month I would like to share a prayer poem from one of our adult special-need students from Cedar Lake Lodge.

*My Valentine, My Heavenly Father*

*Thank you, Lord, for being my valentine.  
Your love and strength is always with me  
You bless me with the sunshine on my face  
The squirrels scurrying around the yard  
The birds conversing in the trees.  
You bless me with my life, the breath that I take.  
You are patient when I complain  
You find a way to calm me, or friends who will listen.  
It may be cold outside, but your Son endured far more  
dying on the cross and rising from the dead.  
You love me always. You are my valentine.  
I don't need candy, forgive me when I think or feel different.  
I thank you for my faith, and the family and friends  
who care enough to encourage it to grow.  
They work through you.  
Thank You.*

*by: Melanie Smith  
February 5, 2010*

The Center is so blessed to be able to spend time with all the special groups of people that visit. We are busy trying to raise money for a new kiln which will cost the Center approximately \$5000 but will cut our electrical bill in half. We are growing so fast that the kiln we have now is not heavy duty enough to keep up with the demands. Five years ago we began with 8 students per week from Dreams with Wings; now we welcome 120 students per week during the summer and 40 per week the remainder of the year. Did you know there is only one part-time staff member and that we use about 2,000 lbs. of clay during the summer? We reprocess all clay scraps so there is no waste. This process takes 3 hours a week during the summer.

Our Friday Night Teen Group has 7 teens with autism in attendance. It takes 5 volunteers to work with this group to make it happen.

## ***Faith & Art Center continued . . .***

As you can see, the Center will need many volunteers this summer. Not everyone wishes to work one on one with our students but there is always help needed for other things. Please pray about volunteering this summer. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Art Center bulletin board.

Thanks to all our committee members: Richard Ross, Betty Muse, Lois Bringhurst, Mark and Elizabeth McDaniel.

If you would like more information, please stop and ask me or one of our committee members.

In Christ,  
Candy Wheat

## ***Nursery Volunteers . . .***



Nursery Attendants

April 3:	Amy Elder
April 10:	Steve Kratt and Mary Harville
April 17:	Mary Charnes and Kim Gilley
April 24:	(2 paid workers)

## ***Upcoming WOW Meals. . .***

- March 30:** “Italian Night”  
Bring your favorite Italian dish.
- April 13:** “Meal on a Shoestring”  
Dinner participants will bring cheap eats such as bean soup, cornbread, etc. (under \$5). Table decorations will be tax-related items such as tax forms and calculators.
- April 20:** “Easter Night”  
Committee members will provide Easter-related table decorations. Members should bring Easter/spring food.
- April 27:** “Derby Night”  
Members bring picnic food. Committee provides meat. Larry Hartmann will cook hot dogs/hamburgers.

**Please sign up on the Fellowship bulletin board in the hallway.**

**Thanks . . .**

Dear Friends,

I can't thank you enough for the visits, cards (beautiful cards!) calls and prayers while I was recovering. This wasn't the best season to have surgery, so I appreciate those friends that braved the snow and cold to drop in at Oaklawn. Your prayers are still requested for while my knee is mending nicely my ankle (ligament) is still a problem. Look forward to being with you soon.

With gratitude and love,  
Sandy Koukola

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Loving Friends,

Our family appreciates the many cards you sent, and the fond remembrances you included in them. Gay always liked visiting with friends before the service, and missed Trinity when she could no longer attend. She always said the elevator was her "special blessing" ...along with Malcolm and Gary. We will always be grateful for the kindness you extended her.

The Elder, Koukola and Kubicka Families

**From the Director of CE and Youth . . .**

A Big Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who joined us for the service on Youth Sunday. Some of the youth have a difficult time standing in front of the congregation while others don't think much about it and just do it. In either case I am quite proud that each of them was committed to having a part and many of them delivered a heartfelt message. As adults, quite often we do not realize the influence we have on the younger generation. When you take on a responsibility in the church, young eyes are watching and learning and will eventually model your behavior. We have good role models at TPC and have wonderful youth as a result of that!

**Upcoming Youth Fund Raisers:**

- Pancake Breakfast - April 10<sup>th</sup>
- Car Wash/Bake Sale - May 28<sup>th</sup>
- Off to Montreat - June 12<sup>th</sup>

**Newsletter Deadline . . .**



The deadline for the May 2011 *Trinity Times* is April 18. Please email articles to [trinitypc@earthlink.net](mailto:trinitypc@earthlink.net) or leave them in the secretary's mailbox.

## **Trinity Presbyterian Women. . .**

Everyone is welcome to join our women's group, members or not. As a new member, a few years ago, I was invited to come visit the Women's Circle. I was greeted by warm and loving ladies. Their spirit was so inviting, I looked forward to seeing them each month. "Trinity" is a warm and inviting church anyway, however, it was great to be able to get acquainted with these ladies in a more intimate setting. I encourage you all to come.

TPW meet in the parlor the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is April 12. We give a briefing on what was discussed in the board meeting to bring members up to date. We then go into our Bible Study, which is on Revelation. After the Bible Study, be sure to bring your lunch, as we dine together. Dessert is provided by that month's hostess group.

Please make note of some of our upcoming events:

**Save the Date:** May 22, Noon, **All-Church Birthday Lunch!** Meat and birthday cakes provided; potluck for side dishes. Watch for more information.

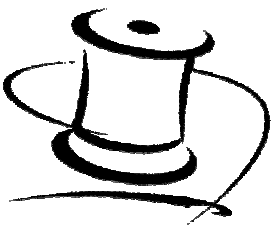
**Tuesday Morning Circle:** April 12th, 10:30 in the parlor, brown bag lunch. Guests welcome! Lesson 7, "Rapture, Violence and Exodus" of *Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today*, facilitated by Pastor Shawn Barkley. Hostess Group 1, Amy Kratt, chair.

Diana Alderette

### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

"Christ has not only spoken to us by His life but has also spoken for us by His death."  
Soren Kierkegaard

## **Sew 'n Sews. . .**



Before leaving Trinity, Cindy Mitchell made a beautiful, exciting quilt. And, lucky us, she left it with TPW to be used for their benevolent causes. The quilt is approximately 62 x 42 inches in size, every block is different, and it is very colorful! It is machine pieced and quilted; bound by Cindy's talented hands.

As part of the all-church Birthday party, the quilt will be offered as an Opportunity Quilt. Tickets can be obtained on Sunday mornings until the birthday cake is ready to be served on May 22. Funds will be divided between the Birthday Offering and TPW benevolences.

The quilt will be on display in the narthex on Sunday mornings.

## ***April Birthdays. . .***

4-2	Ray Ludwick	4-7	Margaret Bloss	4-17	Mark McDaniel
4-3	Don Crosser		Bonnie Mullin	4-18	Margaret Mwale
	Dan LaMaster	4-9	Doug Harville	4-19	Ann Douglas
	Drake Meska	4-10	Vic Peo	4-23	Kay Nolan
4-4	Kitty Houser	4-11	Clinton Randall	4-25	Heather Mullin
4-5	Geetha Joseph	4-12	Larry Hartmann	4-26	Addison Joy Elder
	Sean Shumate		Don Johnson	4-29	Virginia Kozak
			Helen Link		Tom Woods

## ***April Anniversaries. . .***

4-12 Larry & Barb Watts  
4-17 Don & Mardi Crosser  
4-24 Shawn & Amy Jo Barkley



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