

TRINITY TIMES

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PASTOR'S PEN

In a recent Confirmation Class session I asked the students what they would change at Trinity. They offered some interesting insights related to our worship services and ministries in general. Then one of the young men asked the following question: "Why does it take so long for things to get done here?" I asked for clarification and he reiterated that decisions and actions seem to take a long time to materialize. Certainly he made a good point . . . and wait until he actually serves on a committee or Session one day!

With that comment in mind I'm looking out my office window at the construction of the bell tower. It seems like a decade ago that the Session organized the Building Committee with the task of renovating and adding to our facilities. Finally the work has nearly been completed as the bell tower represents the last phase. While this process has taken approximately three years, the results are wonderful.

It occurs to me now that God had the building project timed perfectly. While this project may have seemed to take an eternity to complete, it has unfolded in a much better way than any committee could've planned or anticipated. For example, our builder was somewhat of an underdog to get the job who entered the bid process late. Yet I am convinced that he was God's choice to work for Trinity. Also, because the Building Committee had sufficient time they were able to scale back the project in order to avoid forcing any long-term debt on the congregation. In light of the national economy this decision was a gift from God.

These are merely two of many examples of how God has directed our building project. Of course many of us get frustrated with how slow the wheels of progress turn in Presbyterian churches, myself included. However in this case we have a great reminder that God is in charge and has a perfect plan for His people.

Grace & Peace,
Shawn

Session Highlights. . .

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MARCH 2010 MEETING

- Junior Church will start in the Fall during Sunday worship for children aged 6-9. (Similar structure to Children's Church, but designed for older children.)
- Fellowship Committee will take over the organization of the food portion of WoW starting in the Fall.
- Family Night/Game Night approved at 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, April 24th in the Fellowship Hall
- Trinity will "adopt" a Haitian family in conjunction with KY Refugee Ministries. Family consists of Mother (age 23 years) and son (age 3 years), donations and volunteer opportunities and more details to follow from the Mission Committee.
- Approved Baptism for Michael David Kratt on April 18th.

Men's Study Group . .

- 7:30 a.m., at Panera Bread on Hurstbourne
- All Trinity men are invited
- Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month
- April dates: 4/7 - Romans 13:1-10
4/21 - Romans 13:11-14

Weekly Worship Attendance . . .



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

One Year Ago

February 28	146	166
March 7	128	162
March 14	188	120
March 21	147	144

Sunday Nursery Volunteers. . . .



April 4:	Easter (2 paid sitters)
April 11:	Jay Charnes & Sandy Koukola
April 18	Larry Ogle
April 25:	Kathy Schuler

Treasurer's Corner. . .

STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY For the Month Ending February 28, 2010

FEBRUARY						
	Feb-10		Feb-09	YTD Feb 2010		YTD Feb 2009
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual
Pledges	\$10,587	\$16,310	\$15,263	\$44,766	\$39,516	\$36,979
Plate offering	\$262	\$271	\$279	\$609	\$509	\$525
Donors	\$5,990	\$2,530	\$2,466	\$11,715	\$5,171	\$5,041
	\$16,839	\$19,110	\$18,008	\$57,091	\$45,196	\$42,545

Pastoral Assistant. . .

In the March Session Meeting our leaders voted to extend an invitation to Mike Porter to serve as Trinity's Pastoral Assistant. This volunteer role will enable Mike to assist Trinity in several crucial areas. Included in Mike's ministry will be consulting with the Evangelism Committee to enhance our outreach efforts, assisting with worship and preaching, leading various study groups/classes, helping coordinate the 9:00 a.m. summer worship service, and providing Pastoral care when Shawn is unavailable.

Mike is a native of Wheeling, West Virginia, a graduate of Marshall University and Union Theological Seminary and is a certified church consultant. He's married to Dr. Melissa Porter and they are the proud parents of Gabe Porter, who was born in January, 2010.

Welcome aboard Mike!

Newsletter Deadline. . . .

The deadline for the May 2010 *Trinity Times* is April 18. Please email articles to trinitypc@earthlink.net or leave them in the secretary's mailbox.

Holy Week. . .

- March 31: Final Prodigal God Class at 6:45 p.m.
- April 1: Maundy Thursday Taize Service at 7:00 p.m.
- April 2: Good Friday Community Service, Noon, First Baptist Church of Middletown, 11721 Main Street in Middletown.
- April 4: Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m., in the narthex
Easter Worship at 11:00 a.m., in the sanctuary

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

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

Thanks to everyone who supported our Heart and Bowl Sales in February. We were able to raise approximately \$400 to help support our special needs classes. Also, thanks to the youth for allowing our Friendship Class to be a part of Youth Sunday this year.

As summer approaches, we are once again in need of volunteers to help with our camps, as we are expecting between 60 and 80 youth per week. Last year we were very fortunate to have a volunteer from the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. This year we will not have a volunteer from the seminary and we could really use your help. If you are a youth in need of service hours or someone who would just like to donate their time, please give me a call at the church office.

We held a card making class last month that was very well attended. An additional class is now being planned for April or May. Also, if you are someone who would rather just paint and not make their pottery, we have ordered pieces ready to be painted and will hold a class this month. Check future bulletins for dates and times for these classes.

In Christ,
Candy Wheat

Drum Circle . . .

The Faith & Art Center will have it's 2nd Annual Drum Circle on Saturday afternoon, April 25th. (Time to be announced.) Jim McDaniel will be leading us in "finding the beat."

Trinity Preschool . . .

The Yellow Room (three year olds) is finally able to play outside again after a long winter. The children love to run around and be outside! Simple things are still really exciting – recently, we watched, and were fascinated by the construction vehicles moving dirt to make room for the new bell tower! We have also been able to participate in many great activities in March. We enjoyed Mr. Hartmann reading to our class, as well as listening to the Junk Yard Hawks. The Junk Yard Hawks is a percussion group of children from Hite Elementary that perform using common household items. It is always a fun place in the Yellow Room as well as here at Trinity Presbyterian Preschool.

Miss Amy and Miss Angela

Mission Committee . . .

Once again a **BIG THANK YOU**, to our Trinity family. The outpouring of support for the Haitian Family was amazing. We received enough to furnish the apartment and had some additional items that we donated to Kentucky Refugee Ministries.

Thank You to the team that moved and set-up the apartment. Thank You also to those who made monetary donations, we were able to supply them with gift cards, to Kroger and Wal-Mart.

Judeline Dolce and her 2 year old son, Makanly Pierre arrived safely on Friday, March 19th. They will be living in the Venus Place Apartments, 7324 Southside Drive - Apartment #10C - Louisville, KY, 40214.

Mark your calendars - Makanly's Birthday is May 12th, Judeline's Birthday is February 20th.

Please keep Judeline and Makanly in your prayers as they adjust to their new home and country. We hope to have them attend some of the programs here at Trinity. We will keep you informed of their progress of settling into their new home, and of any assistance they may need.

The Mission Committee

April Birthdays

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

April Anniversaries

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

Trinity Presbyterian Women. . .

Later this year my husband and I will be traveling to Germany, Austria and Slovakia. It has been a number of years since we last visited Ted's extended Slovak family that still make their home there. Each year we remember those Kozak family members in several ways. Sending and receiving holiday cards with them is very enjoyable. Maria, Edita, Helena, Sani, Ladislav, Jan and Anna are devout Christians. The Christmas and Easter cards we exchange express our mutual faith and wonder at the miraculous gifts we humbly receive from our Lord, while sharing our distinctive cultural imagery.

I love looking through the Easter cards in the store racks. After the dullness of late winter, their use of light and bright color palettes surely evoke springtime. It's fun to view the cards on which bunnies, chicks and decorated eggs are rendered, like those with Santa Claus, snowmen and candy canes at Christmas time.

But it's the ones that honor God that I select, adorned with pictures of lovely flowers and enhanced with Scripture. Let me share some of the sentiments Hallmark graciously offers on their lovely Easter tidings:

Even the smallest miracle whispers, He lives.
Thinking of you as we celebrate God's greatest gift...
Hoping this finds you happy, peaceful and blessed.

At this beautiful time of the year, it is easy to see God's presence in our world...
May His presence shine in your life and live in your heart every day of the year.

He is Risen.
It never grows old, this glorious news of Christ's resurrection.
Hope it brings you joy at Easter.

Rejoice in the Lord!
Rejoice in His love!
May God's abundant love bless you in a special way this Easter.

Ted and I will be sending these Easter greetings to Slovakia soon. It is with Christ's love that I extend them to you today as well.

God bless,
Virginia Kozak, Moderator

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Christ has risen! He is risen, indeed!
Traditional

Tuesday Morning Circle: April 13, 10:30 in the Parlor, bring a brown bag lunch. Lesson 6 of *Joshua: A Journey of Faith*, "Outsiders Become Insiders: Rahab & the Gibeonites?" facilitated by Kathy MacDonald. Hostess Group 1.

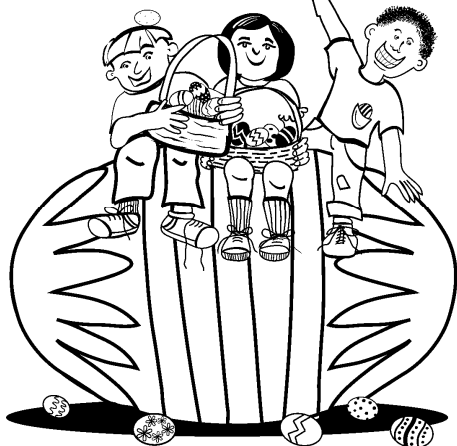
From the Director of Christian Education & Youth. . .

We are pleased to announce that we will be starting a new program for elementary age children called JUNIOR CHURCH. Much like our program for preschoolers, it will meet during the worship service on Sunday mornings. After Children's Time, the children will be dismissed to attend their own worship service led by volunteer leaders. We will be using the Faith Alive curriculum and following the same basic format as Children's Church, only designed more for the "bigger kids." If you would like to teach, help with the planning or be involved in any capacity, please see anyone on the CE Committee.

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 22nd – Saturday the 23rd! Another **Marriage Retreat** is in the making! All are invited to join us. We will be staying at the beautiful Wooded Glen Retreat Center located in Henryville, IN. Only 15 rooms are on reserve and we are starting to take deposits (\$50.00) now. If you joined us last year, please join us again. We have all new material. If you missed the opportunity last year, please join us this time. You will not be disappointed! It is a great two days of good food, getting to know each other on a more personal level and learning ways to live in a relationship with your spouse the way God intends for it to be. If you have any questions feel free to see me or Amy Kratt.

Many Blessings for a Beautiful Spring!
Linda Kennedy

EASTER EGG HUNT!



You are invited for another exciting

Easter Egg Hunt

on the lawn at Trinity

April 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

Light refreshments will be served.

We look forward to seeing all "little ones".

(Don't forget your basket or bag
for collecting the eggs.)

Medical Corner . . .

Thought we would talk about blood thinners this month, as so many people seem to be taking them. Coumadin or Warfarin is the most common. Usually used for treating blood clots in the legs or irregular heart beats (Atrial fibrillation) to prevent strokes or for artificial heart valves.

The pill is best taken in the evening so adjustments can be made the day the level is checked. The test to check the level is called Protime with INR and the INR level is usually kept between 2 and 3. If it is over 3, your blood is too thin. It is a good idea to ask what your level is and know the level-i.e 2.3 or 1.8 or 3.2. Usually, the dose will be adjusted to keep the level around 2.5.

Avoid aspirin and motrin and other arthritis pills, unless your doctor prescribes them. Ask your pharmacist if new prescriptions and antibiotics interfere with Coumadin and don't take multivitamins containing Vitamin K. Avoid too many green leafy salads, especially if your INR is staying too low. Blood thinners can be dangerous if you don't keep a close watch on your INR--Be careful

Men's Breakfast . . .

Come one, come all - to the Fellowship Hall! Once again, two fine chefs from our congregation will be cooking up a delicious meal for the Men's Breakfast. This month's breakfast will be served on **Saturday, May 8, 8:30 a.m.** Don't miss out on the feast and fellowship! A sign up sheet will be posted on the new Fellowship Committee bulletin board in the hallway. Please bring a couple of dollars to help cover the cost. We hope to see you there!

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