

# TRINITY TIMES

May 2011

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## PASTOR'S PEN/BLOG

As the season of Lent draws to a close I'm thinking about the study we have had at Trinity on the "Marks of a Christian Disciple." If I had to boil everything we've talked about down to one word, that word would be "stewardship." What a remarkably rich concept is stewardship! A steward is a caretaker, a trustee of another's resources. In all of life we are stewards of God's resources.

Consider that the way we spend our time is stewardship because the time we have on this earth is a gift from God. With our time we can devote ourselves to prayer, study or whatever our heart desires. The Apostle Paul wrote about the importance of "redeeming our time" in the New Testament. In other words God wants us to make good use of the days and months we are granted to live on His earth.

Our relationships are also gifts from God that call for our careful stewardship. I believe that every person we encounter; every conversation we have has the potential to be a blessing from God or perhaps a blessing to Him. So a thought for you and me to ponder is: "Am I regarding my relationships as gifts that need my attention and care?"

Of course the word stewardship typically calls to mind the notion that we are to be stewards of our financial resources. I think most of us would acknowledge that we have been blessed by God in terms of our wealth, and understand that He requires a portion of that wealth be returned to Him as an offering. In scripture there is an undeniable claim made by God that we are merely stewards, not owners of our resources.

Finally, I'm thinking this week that we're also stewards of these bodies God has provided. The final sermon related to this Lenten study will focus on the concept that we are to understand our bodies to be the "Temple of the Spirit" and our response is to offer them as "living sacrifices to God." Both of these phrases are direct quotes from the New Testament and carry with them the notion that these bodies are gifts from God to be used for God.

As always I give thanks to God for the privilege of being a fellow steward of His gifts with you.

Grace to you,  
Shawn

**Treasurer's Corner. . .**

**STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY  
For the Month ending March 31, 2011**

MARCH						
	Mar-11		Mar-10	YTD Mar 2011		YTD Mar 2010
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual
Pledges			\$16,794			\$61,560
Plate offering	\$416	\$1,931	\$1,782	\$1,144	\$2,591	\$2,391
Donors	\$18,564	\$22,458	\$4,455	\$68,927	\$82,154	\$16,170
	\$18,980	\$24,389	\$23,031	\$70,071	\$84,745	\$80,121

As we conclude the first quarter of 2011, we are running about \$15,000 short of the budgeted 4% increase in projected giving used to compile the 2011 budget. Since 2011 commitments were not submitted as pledges, quarterly giving statements, now available, will not show the amount of commitment, but only the amount of giving. We will attempt to put a note showing 2010 giving on the statements as a point of comparison since pledge amounts will not be shown.

Also, we are now nearly 2 years into the three-year capital campaign payment period. Thus far our congregation has contributed over \$181,000 to the renovation project. Pledges of \$32,849 remain, to be paid over the next 14 months.

**Session Highlights. . .**

**Highlights from the April 2011 Meeting**

- The session had the privilege of examining and accepting the current confirmation class which includes the following: Emily Hacker, Mark McDaniel, Mira Misleh, Megan Barnum, Phyla Alderette, Stewart Alderette, and Ben Bird. They will be welcomed into the congregation on Sunday, May 8, 2011.
- An elder-led prayer time will be held before WoW on Wednesday, April 20th at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will be praying about Trinity's financial concerns.

***Weekly Worship Attendance . . .***



one year ago

March 28:	162	160
April 3:	124	231
April 10:	175	137
April 17:	195	162

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

In May our Men's Study Group will study Luke 5:12-32 and Luke 5:33 and Luke 6:12. As always the guys will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month (5/4 and 5/18) at 7:30 a.m., at the Panera Bread on Hurstbourne. The group welcomes any male Trinity member or friend.

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

**Mission Opportunities**

**Do you volunteer?** The Mission Committee is compiling a list of mission opportunities and we would like your input. If you volunteer please share your story with the Mission Committee, so we in turn can share with others in our church family.

**Operation Christmas Child** - Yes we know Operation Christmas Child Collection is a long way off, but please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 2, 2011, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Trinity will be hosting the 2011 Jefferson County Kick-Off Event for Operation Christmas Child.

Trinity is the largest relay center in our region, second only to Northeast Christian, which is the main collection center. So we are pleased that we have the opportunity to host other churches in the region, to share our enthusiasm for this wonderful family Mission Opportunity.

Please plan to attend the Kick-Off Event on Sunday, October 2, 2011.

## ***News from the Faith & Art Center . . .***

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

It has been a very exciting month. The Weber Gallery Show was a great success. Three of our students showed off their work. Paul sold his birdhouse and was commissioned to make another one. If you would like to see the show it is open through June at the Weber Gallery, 1151 S. 4th St.

We are working very hard to get a grant to help pay for our new kiln. We have raised about \$700. Only \$3500 more to go! Thanks to all for your support.

In Christ,  
Candy Wheat

## ***New Member/Inquirer Class . . .***

If you are a person who has been attending worship services at Trinity and would like to know more about this congregation, there is a 3-week class offered in May.

- When: May 15, 22 and 29
- Where: The Pastor's office
- Who: Led by Shawn
- Time: 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

We welcome anyone who may be interested, and please know that this in no way obligates a person to join the congregation.

## ***Newsletter Deadline. . .***



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

## **Graduate Sunday . . .**



Trinity will honor our high school graduates during the 11:00 a.m. service on May 22nd. Please join the congregation in recognizing Stewart Alderette, Thomas Douglas, Doug Harville, Stephen McCreary, Taylor Mullin and Nick Schuler.

## **Confirmation Sunday . . .**

The 2011 Confirmation Class will unite with Trinity in membership on May 8th at the 11:00 a.m. service. The following young people will make their Profession of Faith: Phyla Alderette, Stewart Alderette, Ben Bird, Megan Barnum, Emily Hacker, Mira Misleh and Mark McDaniel.

## **Collection Counters . . .**



### **OFFERING COUNTERS**

May 1:	Virginia Kozak and Betty Wilborn
May 8:	Mary Corum and Marilyn Davis
May 15:	Bill & Janet Husband
May 22:	Larry & Carol Hartmann
May 29:	Tom & Cathy Dawson

## **Nursery Volunteers . . .**



### *Nursery Attendants*

May 1:	Elizabeth McDaniel
May 8:	(2 paid workers)
May 15:	Kathy MacDonald
May 22:	Steve Kratt & Bonnie Mullin
May 29:	Amy Kratt & Kim Gilley

***Preschool . . .***

The preschool students and staff would like to thank the church members that participated in the "Guest Reader" program during March. The students look forward to having guests visit their classrooms and share what they are doing in preschool. Our 5 year old students even had the opportunity to read their classroom books and show off their reading skills!

We would like to invite the church members to join us during our annual Derby Festival, May 4th and 5th at 10:00 a.m. This special event will begin with a brief music performance by the students, followed by a Derby parade and booths. Please come and enjoy a fun-filled morning!

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We have had a very busy month in the Yellow Room. We worked on our Easter decorations and practiced our Derby songs for our Derby Festival in May. We had a wonderful Easter egg hunt, followed by a terrific Easter party.

We have completed reviewing our letters, shapes and colors. Now we will be working on patterns, opposites and continuing to work on our fine motor skills. The weather has cooperated and we have enjoyed being outside.

You are welcome to stop by anytime and visit us in the Yellow room here at the Preschool. We would love to see you!

Miss Amy and Miss Anna

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

In mid April about 16,000 women packed themselves into Freedom Hall for a weekend conference called **Women of Joy**. Women came from all over the country and a variety of denominations were represented. However, we all shared a common focus. We shared our love for Jesus Christ through music, worship and being entertained by fabulous (hilarious) speakers. There were five of us in attendance from Trinity Presbyterian Church. It was a memorable experience as we laughed, cried and shared late night donuts together. We were all happy to have had this time together and look forward to doing it again next year. **Women of Joy** will return to Louisville in 2012 the last weekend in March. Please consider joining us as we enjoy music by Casting Crowns and listen to Liz Curtis Higgs and other wonderful speakers. We will have more details at a later date.

Thank you for a successful Pancake Breakfast. The youth hosted the fund raiser and it will be back by popular demand! We will have another Pancake Breakfast very soon. We will also be having a Car Wash/ Bake Sale on Saturday, May 21 in the parking lot at church. Thank you for your continued support for our youth programs.

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

Trinity Presbyterian Women, assisted by the Fellowship Committee, invite all members and friends of Trinity to our **Birthday Celebration** in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, May 22**. We will begin with a potluck lunch immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Meat, bread and beverages will be provided. We ask each family to bring a salad or side dish to share. Birthday cakes and party decorations will be provided by TPW members. We will enjoy a short program with special music. Please sign up on the TPW bulletin board on the north side of the hall leading to Fellowship Hall. It is important to list the number of people in your family attending so that we make adequate plans for the event.

We will also receive the 2011 Birthday Offering. The PW Birthday Offering began in 1922 to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Women's Auxiliary (which later became Presbyterian Women) and continues today. The offerings have enabled a long succession of mission projects throughout the world. This year the committee selected these three recipients:

ACROSS in Jonglie, South Sudan - promoting education and peace

MENAU SCHOOL in Albuquerque, New Mexico - educating a racially and economically diverse student body

ANDERSON INTERFAITH MINISTRIES, INC in Anderson, South Carolina - assistance to people in need with education and guidance

All three recipients have a common building and renovation theme as part of what the Birthday Offering grant will help them accomplish. The grant amounts for each depends on the funds contributed to this offering.

Finally, the opportunity quilt made by Cindy Mitchell, formerly a member of Sew 'n Sews, will be given away at the lunch. Donations and tickets for the quilt can be obtained on Sundays until cake is served. The quilt is displayed in the narthex, or go to the photo gallery on the church website.

Please join us for a delicious meal, an interesting brief program and great fellowship!

Kay Nolan

**Tuesday Morning Circle:** May 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 in the parlor, brown bag lunch. Lesson 8 from *Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today*. Facilitator: Cathy Dawson. Hostess Group #2 (Kathy MacDonald, chair).

### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life. ~Abraham Lincoln

## ***May Birthdays. . .***

5-5	Ted Kozak	5-15	Abraham Joseph	5-24	Isabelle Cassidy
5-6	Scott Koukola	5-16	Ed Gayhart		Patrick Hayden
5-7	Brad Harville		Rachel Ann Shumate	5-26	Collette Sangster
5-8	Dorothy Amundsen	5-17	Richard Ross	5-27	Kim Gilley
	Beth Bloss Bird	5-19	Harry Frye	5-29	Mildred Williams
5-9	Gary Watson	5-20	Julie Hinson	5-30	Cheryl Davids
5-11	T.C. Mathew	5-22	Jay Charnes	5-31	Alex Barnum
	Dorothy Southard	5-23	Kevin Keyser		Doris Syms
5-12	Emily Bird				

## ***May Anniversaries. . .***

5-12 Bhakta V. & Aleyamma Chetty  
Bill & RoseMary Hambleton

5-15 Kyle & Bonnie Mullin

5-21 David & Ann Douglas  
Brad & Mary Harville

5-22 Ray & Jacqueline Ludwick

5-26 Bill & Ida Vaughn

5-27 Sean & Shelley Shumate

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