

TRINITY TIMES

May 2010

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PASTOR'S PEN

On May 23, Trinity will welcome the participants in our 2010 Confirmation Class into the active membership of our congregation. Mike Porter and I have taught the 14-week class and have both been impressed with the 5 young men who have attended so faithfully. The class members are: Davis Barkley, Alex Barnum, Logan Fulmore, Clay Harville and Scott Lundstrom. For those of you who may not fully understand the meaning of "confirmation", the Book of Order offers the following explanation:

"The church nurtures those baptized as children and calls them to make public their personal profession of faith and their acceptance of responsibility in the life of the church. When these persons are ready, they shall be examined by the session. After the session has received them as active members they shall be presented to the congregation during a service of public worship. In that service the church shall confirm them in their baptismal identity. They shall reaffirm the vows taken at Baptism by

- a. professing their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,
- b. renouncing evil and affirming their reliance on God's grace,
- c. declaring their intention to participate actively and responsibly in the worship and mission of the church.

They are commissioned for full participation in the mission and governance of the church, and are welcomed by the congregation." (W-4.2003)

The Confirmation process is merely another way our congregation builds on what these young people have learned at home, in Sunday School, in worship and youth group about our Christian faith. It probably goes without saying that Confirmation doesn't mark the end or completion of a person's preparation for Christian discipleship, rather it represents another step in our journey of faith.

I do hope you'll plan to participate in worship on the 23rd as we celebrate with these young people who are making their public profession of faith.

Grace & Peace,
Shawn

Session Highlights . . .

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 2010 MEETING

- The Session prepared for the May meeting in which the Confirmation Class will be examined.
- Approved a proposal from the Board of Deacons to have a “crop swap” after the 11:00 a.m. worship services this summer. More details will be available in the future.
- The early service (at 9:00 a.m.) begins June 6th and runs through August 29th.
- There will be a Congregational Meeting after the May 30th worship service. On the agenda for the meeting are the following items: presentation of the revised 2010 operating budget and election of the 2010 Nominating Committee.

Weekly Worship Attendance . . .



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

One Year Ago

March 29	160	143
April 4	231	153
April 11	137	252
April 18	162	120

Treasurer's Corner . . .

STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY For the Month Ending March 31, 2010

MARCH						
	Mar-10		Mar-09	YTD Mar 2010		YTD Mar 2009
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual
Pledges	\$16,794	\$26,832	\$25,110	\$61,560	\$66,348	\$62,089
Plate offering	\$1,782	\$502	\$517	\$2,391	\$1,011	\$1,043
Donors	\$4,455	\$3,167	\$3,087	\$16,170	\$8,338	\$8,128
	\$23,031	\$30,501	\$28,714	\$80,121	\$75,697	\$71,260

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

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

The Art Committee is looking forward to a great summer of classes. Classes will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and we are planning times to have open studio. We will be offering another class on glazing pre-made pottery and will be sponsoring a Drum Circle under the trees this summer.

I will be attending an art class in Montreat for a week this month and hope to bring back lots of new ideas and classes.

In Christ, Candy Wheat

Sun Safety

The seemingly endless winter has finally given way to a warm, beautiful spring. As our thoughts turn to long sunny days, it's tempting to ignore sun safety. While the sun's damaging ultra-violet radiation (UV) is present year round, the levels of UVB are higher in the summer months compared to the rest of the year. Sunlight consists of two types of harmful rays: ultraviolet A (UVA) rays and ultraviolet B (UVB) rays. UVA rays (which pass through window glass) penetrate deeper into the dermis, the thickest layer of the skin. UVA rays can cause suppression of the immune system, which interferes with the immune system's ability to protect you against the development and spread of skin cancer. UVA exposure also is known to lead to signs of premature aging of the skin such as wrinkling and age spots. The UVB rays are the sun's burning rays (which are blocked by window glass) and are the primary cause of sunburn. A good way to remember it is that UVA rays are the aging rays and UVB rays are the burning rays. Excessive exposure to both forms of UV rays can lead to the development of skin cancer.

It's important to apply sunscreen on a daily basis--even if you don't think you're going to be outside. Anytime you leave your house counts as going outside, so it's important to try to protect yourself because the effects from excessive sun exposure are cumulative. Try to wear a sunscreen with a SPF of at least 15. It's important also to reapply the sunscreen every two to three hours as sunscreens tend to degrade with wear and may not provide even coverage. Also, if you're going to be in the water, most people also don't apply a sufficient quantity of sunscreen--about 1 ounce of sunscreen, enough to fill a shot glass, is considered to be the amount needed to cover the exposed areas of the body properly. So, if a 4 ounce bottle of sunscreen lasts you all summer then you're not using enough. Regarding Vitamin D, get vitamin D safely through a healthy diet that may include vitamin supplements. Don't seek the sun. Pick a sunscreen that states that it is broad spectrum and covers both UVA and UVB.

While sunscreen is useful, it does not offer complete protection from the sun. Also try to seek shade as much as possible, especially during peak hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Dr. Anna Hayden

From the Director of Christian Education & 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 2011 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.

From the Director of CE and Youth continued. . .

Thank you for a successful Pancake Breakfast. The youth hosted a 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 22 in the parking lot at church. Thank you for your continued support for our youth programs.

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

Sew 'n Sews. . .

As a subset of TPW, Sew 'n Sews, uses sewing, crocheting, knitting and related skills to make items for ministry. Sometimes the items themselves are the ministry (healing blankets, baby carrying slings); sometimes the items are sold so the proceeds can be used for TPW benevolences.

Over the last five years, the Sew 'n Sews have been the grateful recipients of many gifts of fabric, notions, and unfinished projects. Most of these gifts are received anonymously. "Overall Bill" is one such gift. About four years ago, we were given a sealed package containing the die cut pieces and the sashing strips to make a **twelve-block Overall Bill quilt**. You may have heard of his sister, Sunbonnet Sue, who is more famous.

This was a project that none of us was willing to tackle solo, but we decided in the spirit of 'many hands make light work', we would do it together. There are many steps to a project like this. Over eight or nine months, each of us did various parts of the project until we completed the task.

We did the piecing of the quilt, but the actual quilting was done by a local long-arm machine quilter. The finished Overall Bill quilt is 52 x 68 inches in size.

As part of the **All Church Birthday Party**, Overall Bill will be offered as an Opportunity Quilt. Tickets can be obtained on Sunday mornings until the birthday cake is ready to serve on May 23rd. funds raised will be divided between the Birthday Offering and TPW benevolences.

The Sew 'n Sews have enjoyed our time with Overall Bill, and trust that he will make a family warm and happy. Go to the church's website to see a **photo** of it.

(<http://www.tpclouisville.net/Photo-Gallery.html>)

Trinity Presbyterian Women. . .

YOU'RE INVITED to the annual **ALL CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY!** TPW with the Fellowship Committee would like you to join us for lunch and birthday cake on Sunday, May 23 right after the worship service. Meat will be provided; all are asked to bring a side dish. The sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

As we've done in the past, a collection will be taken to support two special ministries selected by the church-wide PW leadership. It is with honor that I announce one of the ministries is right here in Louisville, while the other is in Iraq.

Peace Presbyterian Church in the Newburg neighborhood offers the RISE (Reach-Improve-Strengthen-Empower) Project which supports at-risk folks using four educational or family services programs.

- Kids Café – food, nurturing and educational support through an after-school program predominantly for children living in single-parent families
- Project Hope – food for homeless folks, plus addiction counseling
- Family to Family Visitation – supervised visits between children in foster care and their biological parents
- Families in Transition – counseling for parents and their children to help them cope more effectively with problems resulting from divorce

Kindergarten and Childcare Center in Kirkuk, Iraq provides education to children in a loving environment. Operated under Christian principles of love, peace, tolerance and nonviolence, the center is a welcomed institution in its area. Requests for enrollment exceed its current capacity of 150 students. 95% of the 150 children currently attending the Center come from non-Christian families. Parents are so impressed with the changes seen in their children that they have asked the Center to expand their services to include primary school education. The Birthday Offering Grant will allow them to do that.

Are you as impressed as I am with these two worthy recipients? For me it's a pleasure to give to the Birthday Offering to aid these projects. Tradition is that each person give one dollar for the number of years you celebrated at your last birthday. If that isn't possible, consider giving ten or fifteen dollars, or whatever you desire.

Our Birthday Party is on Pentecost Sunday – the fiftieth day after Easter and the day Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Thus, another tradition to enjoy on Sunday, May 23, is wearing something red for Pentecost, recalling "what seemed to be tongues of fire" as the Spirit descended. (Acts 2:3)

Sew 'n Sews will have spring and summer oriented handmade gifts available for sale. Learn more about the Opportunity Quilt being offered elsewhere in the Trinity Times.

We can hardly wait for Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd, to celebrate!

God bless,
Virginia Kozak, Moderator

Trinity Presbyterian Women continued. . .

Tuesday Morning Circle: May 11, 10:30 in the Parlor, bring a brown bag lunch. Lessons 7 & 8 of *Joshua: A Journey of Faith*, “God’s Concern for Justice: Cities of Refuge” and “The Place of Rest” facilitated by Camille Williams-Neal. Hostess Group 2.

Trinity Preschool . . .

The Orange Room is a 5 day 4’s class and we have had a busy month! On April 1st we celebrated Easter with a party with our parents which included an Easter Egg Hunt. On April 12th we took a spring walk around school to see what was “blooming.” On April 29, the Orange Room dressed up as Derby Princesses and Princes for our annual Derby Party! Now, after a full year of fun and learning we are ready for kindergarten.

Miss Julie and Miss Sandy

Men’s Study Group . . .

The Men’s Study Group is open to all male members and friends of the congregation. Meetings are held the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Panera Bread on Hurstbourne Lane at 7:30 a.m. In May the group; will conclude studying the book of Romans.

May Birthdays. . .

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

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
5-25	Greg & Ann Marker
5-26	Bill & Ida Vaughn
5-27	Sean & Shelley Shumate

Mission Committee . . .

The Mission Committee is donating a "Faith and Arts" basket for the silent auction at the upcoming Eastern Area Community Ministries Silent Auction. We will be accepting donations through Sunday, May 9th. The donation basket is located in the narthex. If you would like to donate to this worthy fundraiser, please contact one of the Mission Committee members: Lois Bringhurst, Max Oyler, Sheryl Oyler, Brenda Miller, Liz Barnum, Taylor Mullin or Jim McDaniel.

"YOUR HANDS HELPING OTHERS"
Eastern Area Community Ministries Auction
May 21st - 6:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn - Hurstbourne

UPDATE ON OUR HAITIAN FRIENDS

Judeline (23) and her 3 yr old son Makanly emigrated from Haiti to Louisville after the devastating earthquake back in January. They landed in Louisville on March 19th, and with the help of many hands from Trinity, moved into a completely furnished apartment, including a stocked refrigerator and pantry, as well as gift certificates for future food purchases. Judeline and Makanly expressed many thanks for everything. The generosity of Trinity continually amazes me!

Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM) is helping Judeline and Makanly learn English, learn bus routes, get social security numbers, and get adjusted to a new life including helping her find work. What a culture shock to come from Haiti to Louisville! We can help too! Here are some possibilities:

1) Provide work opportunities.

Judeline needs to earn income to pay her rent, buy food, etc. KRM helps refugees get on their feet by providing food stamps, housing, medical, etc. However, the intent is to get the family to be self-sufficient within 6-8 months.

2) Provide a meal.

After a full day of being immersed in a new culture with an unfamiliar setting, how nice it would be to come home to a fresh meal. Their diet consists mainly of rice dishes with beans, chicken, and plantains. We can provide some recipes if you need one.

3) Visit and become friends.

There are a couple other Haitian families that Judeline has connected with here in Louisville but she also needs to have some American friends. Include them in an outing or coordinate a visit to their apartment. Jessica is the KRM translator and will be available to be there with us.

If you can help in any way, please call Jim McDaniel or Lois Bringhurst of the Mission Committee. This will allow us to coordinate visits and spread out the love. We will coordinate through Jessica (the translator at KRM) and try to ensure that Jessica is available when you drop off food or intend to visit. This will allow us to be able to communicate and get to know each other better. Jessica lives near Judeline and said that she would be glad to do this. I think that it would be a nice gesture if anyone decides to take food, to take a little extra for Jessica. She is single and lives by herself.

Thanks to all for your generosity and continuing to show this family the love of God Christ Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit!

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 and Young 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!

Building Update. . .

As of this writing the finishing touches are being put on Trinity's new bell tower. Upon the completion of the tower, our 3rd and final phase, the building renovation project will be complete. Please keep an eye on our church bulletins and email messages to find out when we will dedicate the new bell tower.

Newsletter Deadline. . .

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

Sunday Nursery Volunteers. . . .



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| May 2: | Brenda Miller |
| May 9: | Cindy Mitchell |
| May 16: | Amy Jo Barkley |
| May 23: | Kathy MacDonald |
| May 30: | Jay Charnes |

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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."