



The Belfry

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORGANIZED 1863
640 Berwyn Avenue

April 2009 Next Deadline: April 14, 2009

2009 EASTER SEASON WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Trinity's Chancel Choir
Sunday, March 29, at 10 A.M.



April 5 at 10:00 A.M.
Special Music from the Chapel Choir,
the Youts Choir, and the Chancel Choir

**Maundy Thursday Communion
& Tenebrae Service**

Thursday, April 9 at 7:30 P.M.
. . . . a service of candle light and darkness



Ecumenical Good Friday Service
12 noon – 3 PM on April 10
at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church of Paoli
with the Rev. Jay Wilkins on "Father, forgive them..."

Easter Sunrise Worship Service

April 12 at 6:30 A.M.

**Special location this year . . . Trinity's Court Yard
with light breakfast by the Membership Committee**



Easter Celebration in the Sanctuary

April 12 at 10 A.M.

with the congregation invited to join in
Handel's "Alleluia" chorus
Easter Egg Hunt for the children following worship



April 19 . . . Youth Sunday . . . 10 A.M.

Music & songs & Scripture lessons & reflections
Chosen & led by Trinity's youth group and leaders



Sacred Dance Ministry

The "Divine Dance Ensemble" is open to dancers who may wish to participate in this ministry. Tracy and Diana welcome others who feel led by God to share their gifts. For more information, contact Tracy Flanagan at tfwec@aol.com.



**ADULT
EDUCATION**

9:00 A.M. Sunday mornings in the Parlor

through APRIL 5, 2009

“PRAYER FOR THE TOUGH TIMES . . . ”

A dvd-based discussion of the Lord's Prayer for our lives

APRIL 19 & APRIL 26:

Mission Honduras Report & Update

TUESDAY MORNING GROUP

“The Apostles’ Creed”

40 Daily Readings for the Purposeful Presbyterian

9:30 A.M. in the Church Parlor



**TUESDAY MORNING
BIBLE STUDY**



THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY

7:00 A.M. in the Church Library

Continuing our study of Genesis

A special opportunity for spiritual growth . . .

PRAYING THE PSALMS

with Catherine

every other Friday at 11:00 AM in the Sacristy . . . April 3 & 17

2009 Lenten Series . . . "From Sadness to Hope"

March 25 DART - faith partners & community outreach
Gail Campbell & Tom O'Donnell, Berwyn United Methodist Church
7:30 P.M. in the Parlor

April 1 Reviewing the journey "From Sadness to Hope"
With dessert 7:30 P.M. in the Parlor

Deacons' Update



On Donut Sunday in February, Trinity's Sunday School children, teachers and Deacon Julie O'Leary decorated Valentine Bags. The bags were then filled with treats supplied by the Deacons. There were 15 bags made. The bags were then delivered to friends of Trinity by the Deacons and Caring Cupboard for Valentine's Day.

"New Deacon Project"

Judy Koch and the Deacons are looking for *knitters* to work on a "New Deacon Project". If you are interested, please contact Judy Koch.



CLERK'S CORNER:

At the February meeting, elders:

- Enjoyed a visit with the director of the Trinity Preschool, Suzi Alrutz, and board members, Nicole Bennyhof and Michelle Parisi, who told us about the school and led us on a tour of the classrooms and office space. A positive relationship between the church and the preschool was noted. Appreciation for added space was expressed.
- Discussed priorities for the minister and session to consider as we plan for Trinity's future. Identified priorities are: hospitality, generosity, care, presence in the community, and young adults in leadership. Further work will be done at the March meeting.
- Authorized the personnel committee to consider a job description for an "assistant treasurer" in order to provide support and back-up for our administrative assistant who also serves as chief financial officer and treasurer. This new position would free up time for Don to work to keep the church's website current, an issue made more critical with the discontinuance of the advertisement in the local paper.
- Heard from the stewardship committee about the need to address the budget shortfall and the desire to form a committee to generate ideas for fund-raising to help reduce the deficit.
- Approved the collection of One Great Hour of Sharing special offering.
- Reviewed a report from Ann Hatfield, candidate for ministry, updating her progress. She is planning for graduation from the Masters of Divinity program on May 16, 2009.

The next Stated Session meeting will be held on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Sally Bovais, Clerk of Session

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Where is your treasure?

The question posed here is the theme of this year's special offering. It was raised by Jesus in the Sermon of the Mount when he warned against investing ourselves too heavily in financial treasure. Among our treasures that God gave us are the abundant creation, our own community, and our ability to love one another and to exercise that love.

By giving to One Great Hour of Sharing, we support

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Self-Development of People and

Presbyterian Hunger Program

The need is increasing both within the states and around the world at a time when monetary resources are decreasing with dwindling financial treasures during these tough economic times. We are called to witness to God's love by ministering to His people. We are challenged to heed the words in Matthew 6:21 that tell us that where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Special envelopes are available in the pews. The children have fish banks. This special offering will be received during the month of April.

Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing will carry the love of Jesus as it brings help and hope to people in need wherever they may be. Thank you for sharing your treasure.

The Outreach Committee



Matching Grant Opportunity

In the Fall of 2009 I will be attending Eastern University. My major will be Psychology with a minor in Youth Ministry. My goal is to work with adolescents and drug and alcohol addictions.

Eastern has a matching grant program. This is a program where any monies donated to Eastern can be made through Trinity Presbyterian Church and Eastern will match the donation up to \$1000. They will then apply the matching grant to my tuition. If you are interested in participating, please turn in your donation to the church office by April 20th. All donations must be turned in to Eastern by May 1st.

Thank you,
Vannesa Larson

SAVE THE DATE.....

YARD SALE AND BAKE TABLE

Saturday, May 2, 2009
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
On the front lawn of the church

Sponsored by the Outreach and Stewardship Committees for mission and general fundraising.

SAVE YOUR ITEMS....just in time for spring cleaning

- Clothing – men, women and children; gently used in good condition
- Toys and games – in good condition with all the parts
- Books – paperbacks and hardcovers
- Household items
- Furniture – small pieces easily transported

As the date gets closer, look for more information about when and where to bring your donations. This is not a consignment sale. All goods received for the sale will be considered donations with proceeds to benefit mission projects and needs of Trinity.

Any questions, contact a member of the committee:

Lin Rolston, Amy Keenan, Don and Sally Bovais, Joanne Sutton,
Gary and Leppy Horn
Bob and Peggy Owen – book table
Kit Tokash and Sally McKay – bake table

E-News Updates from Trinity

Weekly updates about Trinity Presbyterian Church are now available to members and friends! These are brief, informative emails about the worship service, Sunday school, and other aspects of our congregational life together. Many Trinity members and friends are already receiving the Trinity E-news. If you would like to receive these weekly updates, please contact the church office (admin@trinityberwyn.com) with your email address. This is an easy way to keep connected with your faith community. Join in!

Rev. Karen Hall Parsons

A Beacon of Light, Teacher, Friend

Reverend Karen Hall Parsons went to be with the Lord on Friday January 30, 2009 in Paoli Hospital after a brief illness.

Many at Trinity knew Karen not only as an ordained minister and Parish Associate, but also as teacher and friend. She taught adult Sunday school classes before the Sunday morning service, and new member classes following the service. She was always willing to share her wisdom and experience, and encouraged all those with whom she came in contact.

Throughout her life she was a beacon of light to everyone she knew. Her friendly approach, bright smile, and knowledge of Biblical scripture were very apparent as she ministered to others. She had a generosity of spirit, a creative flare in teaching, and preached by sharing her personal experiences in her walk with God. Karen's unselfish manner and willingness to help others were huge assets in her ministry at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Ann Hatfield, a Trinity congregation member and candidate for ordination, reflected that Karen was Ann's close friend and mentor as Ann prepared for ordination exams recently. "Karen gave so much of herself, sharing wonderful ideas and her time while preparing to teach and preach," Ann commented. Karen had presented Ann with a creative pocket file that contained headings and inserts where Ann could file useful notes and other information readying her for ordination.

Karen was born in 1961 in Greensboro, NC and raised in North Wilkesboro, NC. She graduated from Wilkes Central High School, Appalachian State University in Boone, NC, and Richmond Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA. She served pastorates at First Presbyterian Church in Skagway, Alaska, Unity Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill, SC, and a new church development in Huntersville, NC. She also served as interim pastor at several small churches in Mecklenburg County, NC. Last fall she became an entrepreneur and opened a retail store in Berwyn called Mainline Green Home which sold environmentally friendly household products.

She is survived by her husband Steve, daughter Anna in Boca Raton, FL, and son Will at home.

Memorial services were held at Trinity on Tuesday, February 3, and at North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church in NC on February 7, 2009. Memorial donations in her honor may be made to the Gift of Life Donor Program (www.donors1.org) or the National Brain Tumor Society (www.braintumor.org).

Story contributed by Jim Hulton

EASTER CARD

Many symbols remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection. This Easter, put some of those symbols on special cards. Then give the cards to other people to share the good news that Jesus is alive.

What you need:

- Craft foam
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun
- Empty food can without label
- Paint and paintbrush
- Paper plate
- Paper (8 1/2" x 11")
- Markers or crayons



What you do:

1. Choose some simple Easter shapes to draw on the craft foam (cross, empty tomb, heart, etc.).
2. Cut out each shape.
3. With an adult's help, glue the shapes onto the can.
4. Pour a thin layer of paint onto a paper plate.
5. Roll the can in the paint and then roll the can onto the paper.
6. Try this several times using different colors.
7. When your paper is dry, fold it into a card.
8. Write "Happy Easter!" or a Bible verse on the front of the card. Then give it to someone.



OUR LIVING HOPE

Easter is a time to rejoice because of what God did for us in sending his Son. Jesus is our living hope. Read 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV) below. Then find the **bold** words in the crossword search.

"Praise be to the **God** and **Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ!** In his great **mercy** he has given us **new birth** into a **living hope** through the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an **inheritance** that can **never perish, spoil or fade** — **kept in heaven** for you"



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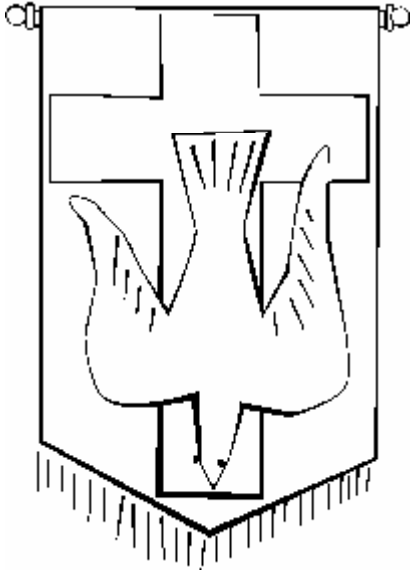
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Confirmation Class



TRINITY'S
2009 CONFIRMATION
CLASS

will begin

after Easter

Days & times are open & being planned

Pentecost Sunday is May 31, and that is when the members of the class will confirm their baptismal vows in worship.

Who is the leader? Rev. Jay Wilkins

Who is invited? All 5th Grade students and older

What is the commitment? To participate in four group meetings, to work with a mentor, and to be in worship on Pentecost Sunday if you so choose to be confirmed.

What if I am not sure or have questions? Call Jay and talk to him (610-644-0932; home: 610-240-9594; cell: 610-247-5413)

Church
Archives



TRINITY REMEMBERS

A dictionary informs us that one skilled in the art of bell ringing is a campanologist. Trinity has identified a campanologist in its worship bulletin each Sunday since,

October 29, 2006, when Mary and Denny Leeper became the first named bell ringers. Before that, the summoning of worshipers by sounding the bell was the duty of the ushers. The description “bell ringer” was changed to campanologist on February 4, 2007, when Beth and Steve Fenwick were on duty.

At the time our first church was constructed in 1862, the bell for the belfry was a gift from four parishioners of American Presbyterian Church in Montreal, Canada, honoring their former pastor, John McLeod, who upon returning to Philadelphia founded Trinity. An account of the dedication of our first church building which appeared in “The American Presbyterian” of January 18, 1863 reads, “The sweet-toned church-going bell, which saluted with welcome the Philadelphia friends as the cars approached the station, was a present from four gentlemen of Montreal, belonging to Mr. McLeod’s former parish, whose names were mentioned in grateful acknowledgment.” The bell was later moved to the tower of our new church in 1892.

From a series of photographs of the bell, believed to have been taken in 1951 during clean-up from the lightning strike that year, we have been able to read the names of the donors inscribed on the bell as “Horatio A. Nelson, George Hagar, Benjamin Lyman, & John McLennan.” A Canadian internet posting further identifies Mr. Nelson, as born in New Hampshire in 1816, moved to Montreal, many years an active member of the American Presbyterian Church, and at the time of his death in 1882, a senior elder, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Superintendent of the Sunday School, “in all of which his loss was deeply felt.”

The bell was cast in West Troy, N. Y., by Meneelys' Bell Foundry. An advertisement in an 1865 publication reads, “The subscribers continue to manufacture at their old established Foundry, their superior BELLS FOR CHURCHES, ACADEMIES, FACTORIES, STEAM BOATS, etc., made solely of Copper and Tin, mounted with their Improved Patented Yoke, and warranted of good tone and not to break.”

[For the April 2009 Belfry, submitted by Herb Fry on behalf of the History Committee.]

Honduras Mission Trip January 3rd -10th, 2009

(Second excerpt from Dick Kurtz’s extensive report)

Mission Honduras is now on the world wide web! Check it out:

<http://www.zdaman.com/KHISH/index.html>

WATER PROJECT

Through **Mary Westervelt's** contacts at the University of Pennsylvania, we have undertaken a long-term project to improve the water facilities at Morocopay and Puerto Grande. Engineers Without Borders will provide engineering services for this project. In September **Marel Hernandez** led a group of engineers from the Polytechnique Institute in Honduras to the village of Puerto Grande to review this project with the people of that community. We have a rather detailed plan of the improvements which must be made to the water treatment and distribution system in that community. The estimated cost of this project is \$61,000. We have started fundraising efforts to raise money for this much needed project. Our medical team repeatedly treats water borne illnesses and infections that would not have occurred or spread if soap and clean water were available for bathing. We are also concerned for the lives of women in the villages who spend inordinate amounts of their daily lives carrying water and suffering from chronic neck and back pain as a result. Finally, clean drinking water is a problem which must be addressed in these villages. Now that we have a plan and an estimate of the costs we are exploring different options for financing this project.



Wells in Morocopay



Pastor Vasquez, Community Leader In Morocopay

New Membership Directory for 2009

As we prepare the new Trinity membership directory, we are offering you the opportunity to have your photograph updated for 2009. Or if your picture was not included in the previous directory, now is your chance to participate! For any members



or friends who are unable to get to church, we will make arrangements to come to your home to take the photograph. We regret that we are unable to accept personal photographs for the directory pictures, since all photographs need to be uniformly formatted with the church's camera. Also, please check your directory information to make any necessary changes in name, telephone number, address, or e-mail. Contact Gary Horn or a member of the Membership Committee with any questions, contact information changes, or to make arrangements for photographs. Hoping to see your smiling face in the 2009 directory!

The Membership Committee
Don Bovais, Ann Hatfield, Esther Sardinas, and Jim Hulton

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**CHECK IT OUT . . . . .**

Trinity's Web Site: [www.trinityberwyn.com](http://www.trinityberwyn.com)

We are making available on the web site the monthly newsletter, "The Belfry," the weekly worship program with announcements, and other information about Trinity.



**TRINITY ON TV**

Thanks to Rosanne & Chad Morris, Trinity is on TV. Comcast Cable Channel 2, Tredyffrin Township's cable station. When? *Sundays at 8:30 A.M.; Mondays at 8:30 A.M. and 2:30 P.M.; Thursdays at 8:30 P.M.; Saturdays at 8:30 P.M.*

Invite friends to watch & then come experience Trinity live!

**NOW, ALSO ON VERIZON Ch. 24 J**

**A Message from the Nominating Committee**

Shortly we will begin our annual search for members willing to serve on Session and the Board of Deacons. For the past several years, I have had the pleasure to serve as the chairman of the Nominating Committee. It is an especially rewarding job because I get to witness firsthand the Spirit at work. I see both new members and long time members and members of all ages volunteering to serve.

One of my goals this year is to expand our search. We want to include all who would like to serve not just those who happen to be contacted by a Nominating Committee member. We would especially like to reach out to new members and members who have not yet had the opportunity to serve as an elder or a deacon.

Some of you new members might be reluctant to volunteer or accept an invitation to serve. I know because I felt the same way. Shortly after Martha and I joined Trinity, I was asked to serve. At first I wondered why me. I was new to Trinity and had never ever served in either capacity before, and I just did not see myself as being qualified. Rather than just declining the invitation, I decided to ask around, and after some soul searching and prayer, I realized that I could contribute.

So I took a leap of faith and made a commitment to serve, and I am so very glad I did. Service, regardless of form, is rewarding in many ways, but service to God on Trinity's Session has been particularly rewarding to me in two ways. First, I have been given the opportunity to contribute my God-given time and my talent, as humble as that might be, and second, serving on Session has provided me with an opportunity to grow in my faith by seeing and learning from so many other wonderful servants of God.

The committee would like to offer every member the opportunity to serve, and this is one job that no prior experience is necessary. In fact, fresh thinking newcomers are very much welcome. If you are interested, please take this as your personal invitation and let us know. Call the church office to express your interest, and someone from the Nominating Committee will follow-up.

Faithfully yours,

Hugh Chekemian, Nominating Committee Chairman



## **EASTER FLOWERS**

After the long winter, let's bring Spring to Trinity with beautiful flowers! Take them home or remember our elderly and shut-ins and brighten their Easter by ordering extra

flowers to be delivered to them following the service.  
**Orders should be in the church office by Monday, April 6th at the very latest in order to reach the greenhouse.**

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order:

|                     |                             |              |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| _____ Daffodils     | 8" pan                      | \$11.00 each |
| _____ Tulips        | 8 blooms<br>Assorted colors | \$11.00 each |
| _____ Easter Lilies | 4 to 5 blooms               | \$11.00 each |
| Total enclosed      |                             | \$ _____     |

I will pick up \_\_\_\_\_ container(s) of flowers following the service.

Please distribute \_\_\_\_\_ container(s) of flowers to a shut-in.

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**April 2009**

