



# The Belfry

## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORGANIZED 1863  
640 Berwyn Avenue

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December 2009    Next Deadline: December 15, 2009

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### From the Pastor

Trinity has activities for all ages and interests – music, service, worship, fellowship, and education. You, your family, and your friends are always welcome to celebrate the coming of the Light into the world at Trinity.

Yours in Christ,  
Jay Wilkins



First Sunday of Advent

**Sunday, November 29**  
**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
**10:00 A.M.**

music with Trinity's Praise Band

**DECORATE THE CHURCH**  
**Saturday, December 5**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
all are welcome



**Decorate  
Trinity  
Church**



**Christmas  
Cantata**

**CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA**  
**"Sing We Now of Christmas"**  
join us for a special worship service  
**Sunday, December 6**  
**10:00 A.M.**



**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**  
a family celebration of the season through drama  
**Sunday, December 13**  
**10 A.M.**  
during the morning worship service

**OUTREACH  
CHRISTMAS  
BASKETS**  
Thursday, December 17  
8: 00 A.M.



**CHRISTMAS BASKETS**



**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT  
WORSHIP SERVICES**  
Thursday, December 24

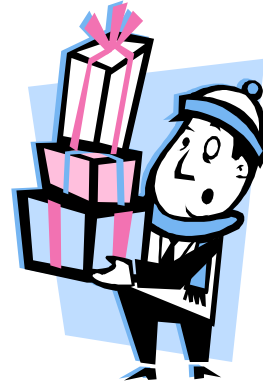
**5:00 P.M.** family service of lessons & carols,  
with children's choir singing &  
Divine Dance Ensemble

**11:00 P.M.** communion service

## OUTREACH CHRISTMAS BASKETS



On Thursday, December 17 at 8 AM Outreach will be preparing the Christmas baskets for our Caring Cupboard families. Last year we had a great group of volunteers and were done packing by 11AM. If you didn't get a chance to donate a turkey for Thanksgiving, you can do it now for Christmas. Please bring the turkey to the church by Tuesday, December 15. Check the Christmas food insert for other items needed. We will also need paper bags and of course, we will need many hands to help with the packing. This will also be the sixth year that our families will be given Christmas presents from an organization called Santa's Brigade. If you would like to help or have any questions call Peggy Owen, Steve Belliveau, or Don Bovais.



Cold Weather Tree

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***THE COLD WEATHER TREE!!!*** The weather outside is telling us that we need to start to collect **MITTENS, GLOVES, HATS, SCARVES, SWEATERS** and **COATS** for our friends at Eastside Ministries in Chester. We will be collecting your warm winter clothes from November to mid December. Coat trees, baskets, and a trunk will be in the hall for you to leave your warm fuzzies. You just can't believe how much these gifts mean to the people receiving them! Eastside Ministries thanks you again for helping with their winter needs. The CE Committee

# Music & Worship Notes

## Coming Up



November 22 . . . Stewardship Dedication Sunday  
Chancel Choir sings "First Fruits"  
Divine Dance Ensemble presents "Glory to God"



Upper Main Line Community  
Thanksgiving Worship Service

Wednesday, November 25, 2009  
St. Monica Church  
7:00 P.M.

November 29 . . . First Sunday of Advent  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
December 6 . . . Chancel Choir's Christmas Cantata  
December 13 . . . Commissioning of Honduras Missioners  
Children's Christmas Pageant  
December 20 . . . Youth Sing  
Christmas Joy Offering dedicated



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### ***Sacred Dance Ministry***

The "Divine Dance Ensemble" is open to dancers who may wish to participate in this ministry. They welcome others who feel led by God to share their gifts. For more information, contact Tracy Flanagan at [tracy.flanagan@yahoo.com](mailto:tracy.flanagan@yahoo.com).



**ADULT  
EDUCATION**

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

**November 29 through Christmas – Singing our Advent Faith**

*We will enjoy the history & theology of four well-known carols  
with skilled musical leadership each Sunday*

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**TUESDAY MORNING GROUP**

*Now studying*

*“The Moral Teaching of Paul”*



**TUESDAY MORNING  
BIBLE STUDY**

**9:30 A.M. in the Parlor**



**THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY**

*7:00 A.M. in the Church Library*

*join us on our journey through Exodus*

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A special opportunity for spiritual growth . . .

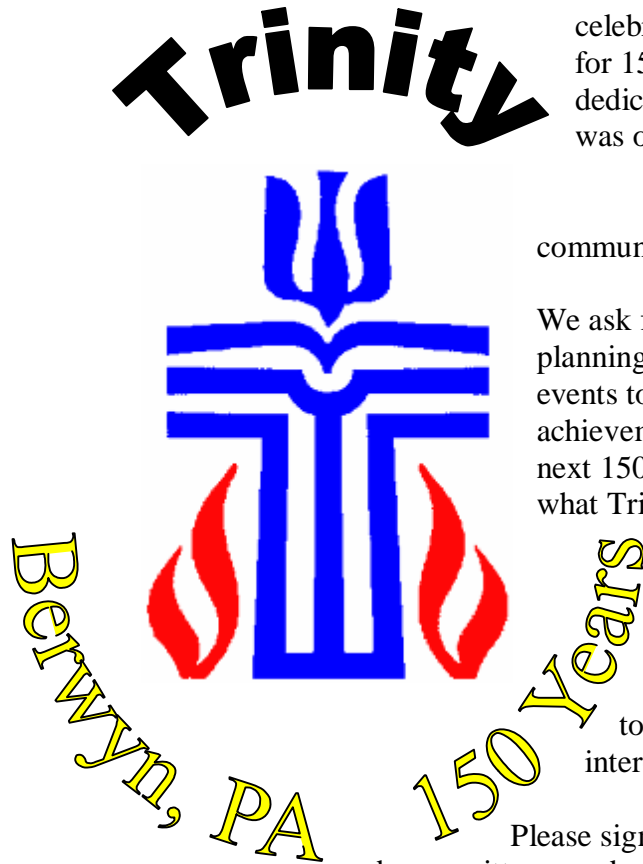
**PRAYING THE PSALMS**

*with Catherine*

*November 27 & December 11*

*at 11:00 AM in the Sacristy*

## HELP US CELEBRATE 150 YEARS



Trinity Presbyterian Church is preparing to celebrate being part of the Berwyn community for 150 years. The site we now worship on was dedicated on December 30, 1862 and the Church was organized on January 4, 1863 and in a little over 3 years we will celebrate 150 years of Trinity giving and serving our community here in Berwyn.

We ask for everyone's help and involvement, in planning and carry out many fun and exciting events to get us ready to celebrate this tremendous achievement and to hopefully set the stage for the next 150 years at Trinity. We want to celebrate what Trinity has accomplished, and what Trinity can still achieve as the Church on the Corner in Berwyn with our whole community. A steering committee is asking for volunteers for this committee and also for volunteers for subcommittees to work on specific events that may be of interest to you.

Please sign up to be part of the steering committee, sub-committee or submit your ideas by seeing: Steve Fenwick; Gary Horn; Bill Morgart; Hugh Chekemian; Denny Leeper; Julie O'Leary or Jim Hatfield.

### **USHERS NEEDED!!**

Ushers are needed to insure having four members on each of six teams. Having six teams rotate means each usher volunteers every six weeks. There is also a substitute list that we need to maintain for usher volunteers to call when they will be out of town or on vacation on their scheduled Sunday. Being an usher is an important function of the worship service and your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Gary Horn at the church office to volunteer.

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT ALERT



*This year our children will be presenting the Christmas pageant during the worship service on Sunday, Dec. 13. The Christian Education committee will be assisting with set decorations, props, and costumes, and Renny Hutton and Wendy Mauchly will be directing.*

*Rehearsals for the pageant will be held on Thursday, Dec. 3 and Thursday, Dec. 10.*

*Dinner will be provided for the children on both nights at 5:00 pm, and the pageant rehearsals will run from 5:30 - 6:15 pm. There will be a final dress rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 9:30 am.*

*If your child(ren) would like to participate in Trinity's pageant, please speak with one of the directors, Joyce Hoy, or Ann Hatfield. All ages and acting abilities are welcome! We are very excited about this opportunity for the children to share the good news of Christ's birth through dramatic expression in the worship service. Please sign up and help us tell the Christmas story!*



## **DONUT SUNDAY**

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Calling all kids! Join the fun on December 6th as we gather to enjoy eating donuts and making Christmas tree ornaments. During Donut Sunday, the children will learn more about the season of Advent, and continue getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Then during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall, the children will share their creative skills and show other members of Trinity how to make an ornament using the theme "*The Light of Christ at Christmas*". Hope to see you then!



## TRINITY REMEMBERS

Trinity Church has been involved in foreign mission outreach for over 100 years. Following the 1898 Spanish-American War, the U. S. gained status as a world power and inspired the spread of overseas mission workers heeding "The Great Commission." Young Carroll Yerkes, raised in Trinity, educated at Lafayette College and Princeton Seminary, left here with his young wife in 1904 for Yih sien in Shantung Province, China, where he served as a Presbyterian missionary for 21 years.

A missionary to the Cameroon, Frank Hickman, also had close ties with Trinity and retired here to live with his widowed sister in 1931. He had first visited Trinity in 1911 while on furlough from his duties in Africa.

In 1950, Pastor John Scott encouraged Trinity to sponsor part support for Dorothy May Taylor, a Presbyterian missionary in Japan. She last visited Berwyn in September of 1970 to speak about her work in Japan. When Miss Taylor retired in 1973, the session established a relationship with Dr. and Mrs. Edwin B. McDaniel, Chiang Mai, Thailand. Dr. McDaniel served as head of obstetrics and family planning services at McCormick Hospital (260 beds, 25 full-time doctors) at Chiang Mai. Mrs. McDaniel worked as a secretary there. Mrs. McDaniel, who suffered from leukemia, died in 1976.

The Vietnamese Resettlement Project of 1975 (coincident with the fall of Saigon in the Vietnam War) led to a long outreach association by Trinity with Vietnamese refugees in the U. S. which stretched into the 1990s.

Former associate pastor Rev. Doug Baker was commissioned a fraternal worker to troubled Northern Ireland in 1979, and Trinity added him to its list of missionaries. Drs. Walter and Sharon Kuhn working in Bangladesh, who were known to Dr. Kent Groff, were also added as a missionary outpost that year. The Women's Association helped finance an EKG machine sent to the Drs. Kuhn.

Most recently, Trinity members themselves have taken the message of God's love directly to the world's people on mission trips to Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, and currently to two Presbyterian congregations in Honduras.

[For December 2009 Belfry; submitted by Herb Fry for History Committee.]

## *History of the Christmas Joy Offering*



Presbyterians have long celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ by giving generously to an Advent offering. The Christmas Joy Offering dates back to the 1930s when the former Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS) began an offering to supplement inadequate retirement income and provide supplemental medical insurance for former ministers, missionaries, church workers, and their families. It was first officially called the Joy Gift in 1949.

In the former United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (UPCUSA), a Christmas offering was first taken in 1960. Called the White Gift, its funds were used for general mission and world relief. In 1964 the name was changed to the Christmas Offering, and receipts provided support for health and welfare concerns related to children. The emphasis on global work with children continued until 1973, when the offering was used to assist former servants of the church who were living on inadequate pensions. In 1974 racial ethnic education was added, and in 1979 nursing home care assistance was also included. Funds were distributed evenly between the Board of Pensions and racial ethnic education.

In 1988 the PCUS and the UPCUSA offerings were joined into one offering, the Christmas Offering Joy Gift. It was agreed that neither the Board of Pensions nor the racial ethnic schools would suffer in the merger of the Joy Gift and the Christmas Offering. In 1989 the offering was renamed the Christmas Joy Offering, and in 1991 the 203rd General Assembly changed the distribution of funds to 50 percent to the Board of Pensions and 50 percent to the Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges.



## CLERK'S CORNER

At the October meeting, elders:

- Engaged in conversation about financial issues pertaining to the 2009 deficit and the upcoming 2010 budget.
- Heard that
  - The treasurer is hopeful that December will be a big month to catch up with back pledges.
  - The stewardship chair is hopeful that the 2009 deficit will be eased by the giving of an extra month's pledge.
  - New elders Sandy Forbes and Jim Hulton have agreed to serve as co-chairs of the worship committee.
  - A new fuel oil contract has been signed reducing the price of oil per gallon from \$2.54 to \$2.18.
- Approved
  - Fundraising for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration
  - The request by Presbyterian Women of Trinity to conduct a bake sale, a candy sale and the sale of Footlighter's Theater tickets
  - The wedding request of Liz Shoemaker and Brandon Becker on November 6, 2010
- Accepted the resignation of Rosanne Morris from the deacons with thanks for her service

A joint meeting with deacons and elders was held on Sunday, November 8, 2009 for the purpose of conducting the draft for the Shepherd Program.

Sally Bovais, Clerk of Session

**Trinity Presbyterian Church**  
**Monthly Budget Update as of October 31, 2009**

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>2009 Actual</u>	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>%</u>
Pledged Offerings	\$ 168,939	\$ 180,700	93%
Non-Pledge Offerings	\$ 16,433	\$ 19,621	84%
Other Receipts	\$ 20,778	\$ 21,428	93%
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 206,150</b>	<b>\$ 221,749</b>	<b>93%</b>
 <u>Expenses</u>			
Property & Finance	\$ 84,617	\$ 76,975	110%
Personnel	\$ 138,648	\$ 143,494	97%
Worship & Sacraments	\$ 2,725	\$ 3,453	79%
Christian Education	\$ 1,954	\$ 2,550	77%
Membership	\$ 156	\$ 200	78%
Board of Deacons	\$ 0	\$ 0	100%
Outreach	\$ 6,154	\$ 9,000	68%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 234,254</b>	<b>\$ 235,672</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>General Fund-YTD Net Oct 31</b>	<b>\$ (28,104)</b>	<b>\$ (13,923)</b>	<b>202%</b>
<b>General Fund Balance - Oct 31</b>	<b>\$ (45,355)</b>		
 <u>Balances As Of:</u>			
	<u>31-Oct-09</u>		
Fixed Rate Loan	\$ 84,662		
Variable Rate Loan	\$ 42,750		
Trinity Fund (Book Value)	\$ 319,994		
Trinity Fund (Market Value)	\$ 286,000		

**Comments:** Pledge payments lost ground to plan. Property & Finance expenses over budget from higher utility and insurance costs. Need to control spending rest of year. Market value of Trinity Fund account on Oct 31, 2009 remains under "book value". Still need to reduce GF negative balance which decreased to (\$45,355).

# Meet

## **Elder Ann Hatfield, Feeling Led by God to Help Others** **By Jim Hulton, Church Publicist**

Recently re-elected Trinity Elder Ann Hatfield has sensed a strong God's calling to minister to others since the early 1990s. Prior to this, she wasn't even baptized until she joined Trinity as a member in 1991. Following this eventful moment in her life, she became involved in Bible studies, Adult Sunday School, retreats, and lecture series as she began sensing God's call. Experiencing yet a stronger call, she also became a church leader, teacher, and served as the director of the church's Vacation Bible School for six years. Additionally she became a Deacon for three years, chaired Trinity's Christian Education Committee, and was elected for the first time as an Elder of the Session in 2001.

In September 2003, Ann started classes at Palmer Theological Seminary. A Family Mission Trip to Cuernavaca, Mexico and teachings by Presbyterian Minister Howard Friend further impacted her spiritual development that year. Feeling challenged and unsettled, she became more aware of the world around her, its situations, injustices, religious struggles, and politics.

Another key factor that led her to deeper spiritual growth was her mother's death in April 2003. She was her mother's caretaker prior to this, trying to control the aspects of her mother's medical condition with cancer and MS. Being present with her mother even until the time of her death had a powerful impact on Ann. She said "I felt God's presence during the final moments of my mother's life, strengthening my faith and developing a strong desire to help others experience God's presence and love in the midst of their similar life's crises." She felt God taught her new and deeper things about love and death in ways she had not previously experienced. God was in control. She came to the realization that "people are both physical and spiritual beings, often ignoring the latter, devoting their time, energy, and financial resources to the former."

Ann has completed the PC(USA) denominational requirements and received her Master's in Divinity from Palmer Theological Seminary in May, 2009. She had Middler Theological Field Education (TFE) experience at Wallingford Presbyterian Church and Senior TFE experience at the Presbyterian Children's Village in Rosemont, and participated in an extended unit of Clinical Pastoral Care at Bryn Mawr Hospital. She has an undergraduate's degree in civil engineering from John's Hopkins University and worked for five years as a civil engineer in a small consulting firm in Exton, PA. She was born and raised in Swarthmore, PA. She and her husband Jim live in Berwyn with their two sons, Daniel, 18, and Mike, 16. Ann and Jim recently celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary.

## **Presbyterian Foundation Offers Innovative Gift Program**

The Presbyterian Foundation has recognized that the gift plan that has been around since 1843 was ready for an update. Historically, the donor who selects a Charitable Gift Annuity makes a gift and receives lifetime income and upon their passing, the charitable beneficiary receives the charitable remainder. **The innovative, new Charitable Gift Annuity program offered by the Presbyterian Foundation will still provide the donor with an attractive lifetime income, but now, in most cases, the gift portion will be made available to the charity named by the donor immediately. This approach allows the donor to witness the impact of their giving during their lifetime, and the charity receives an immediate gift which is always welcome.**

“This innovative program will provide a powerful tool for every ministry within the Presbyterian Church to immediately impact its mission funding,” stated Paul H. Grier, acting vice president of development for the Presbyterian Foundation. He added, “The average length of time that a ministry traditionally waits for funds from a Charitable Gift Annuity is about 12 years. Imagine how many lives could be impacted during those years if the gift portion was available now!”

The new Charitable Gift Annuity program became effective August 1, 2009. The program adopted the rates recommended by the American Council on Gift Annuities. Gifts are accepted at \$10,000 and above and can be for one or two lives.

### ***DEACONS' UPDATE***

*Dart (Drug and Alcohol Recovery Team)* at Berwyn United Methodist Church (BUMC) will be sponsoring a series of open forum parent sessions in 2010. The discussions will be held the last Tuesday of the month through April 2010.

Dates: 1-26-2010, 2-23-2010, 3-23-2010 and 4-27-2010

Time: 7p.m. – 8:30p.m.

Topics: Healthy communications with your children

Setting boundaries with your children

Technology safety: use of internet, cell phones, texting, social networks

Dealing with transition

A. Michael Blanche, MSS, LCSW from Comprehensive Counseling will be leading the sessions.



Poinsettias

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

Bring the beauty of Christmas to the sanctuary at Trinity this season. The cost of each Poinsettia is \$10.00 and orders may be placed using the form below. Place your order in the collection plate or leave at the office no later than Sunday

**DECEMBER 6, 2009**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CHOICE OF COLOR--- RED ---WHITE --- PINK --- NO COLOR PREFERENCE  
(please circle one)

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ POINSETTIA (S) at a cost of \$10.00 per plant (6-9 blooms).

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my poinsettia following the 12/20 Service \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 AM

12/24 Service \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00 PM

12/24 Service \_\_\_\_\_ 11:00 PM

12/27 Service \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00AM

\_\_\_\_\_ I will not be taking my poinsettia, please distribute to a shut-in.

Your name as it is to appear in the bulletin \_\_\_\_\_

# FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Delivery Day is Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

## Place in Collection Plate

<u>Each</u>	<u>Item</u>
_____	Mayonnaise
_____	Stuffing (bagged crumbs)
_____	Potatoes, 5 lb. bag
_____	Rice, 2 lb. box or bag
_____	Dried Peas or Beans
_____	Flour, 5 pound bag
_____	Sugar, 5 pound bag
_____	Bisquick or Muffin Mix
_____	Pancake Mix & Syrup
_____	Tea Bags, 100 count
_____	Coffee, Instant
_____	Jello, box, large
_____	Cake Mix, boxed
_____	Cake Frosting, can
_____	Turkey (12 – 20 lbs.)
_____	Turkey, Breast only
_____	Roasting Chicken
_____	Cocoa Mix
_____	Cookies
_____	Candy Canes
	or
Cash Donation: \$ _____	

## Retain Your Copy

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_____	Coffee, Instant
_____	Jello, box, large
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_____	Cocoa Mix
_____	Cookies
_____	Candy Canes
	or
Cash Donation: \$ _____	

**Bring food items to Trinity Church stage by Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Assist with Program**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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