



The Belfry

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORGANIZED 1863
640 Berwyn Avenue

July-August 2009 Next Deadline: August 17, 2009

From the Pastor Being Connected

Facebook, Twitter, Dopplr, Flickr . . . for many those mean nothing; for many others, they are an essential part of life. Cell phone, texting, BlackBerry, iPod . . . essential, or . . .? Being connected to family and friends takes different forms for different generations. The Rev. Byron Wade, Vice-moderator of the 218th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), recently wrote about being connected:

Despite living in what I would call a do-it-yourself world, I truly believe that people have a genuine desire to be connected to each other in some way . . . people gathering to support and encourage each other in the local physical fitness class, or expressing grief and concerns with others during the death of well-known public persons, or standing in solidarity and praying for others in the outbreak of violence and injustice in other parts of the world, or just being with others . . . birthdays, graduations, births of children, and so forth. These are the times in which being connected to a community brings joy as well as support when life becomes difficult.

As Presbyterians and people of faith, not only are we connected virtually, but also as believers in God through Jesus Christ and the Reformed tradition. We pride ourselves on being a “connectional” church. No matter where we are or what may divide us, we all are called to seek out our common unity in Jesus Christ in times of joy and concern. By doing so, we exhibit “the Kingdom of Heaven to the world” (Book of Order, G-1.0200).

As you go through this summer season, my hope and prayer for you is that by whatever means, be it virtually or face-to-face, you will keep the connection to others and to the leading of God’s Holy Spirit in your daily lives and the communities in which you belong.

And let all God’s people say, Amen!

Yours in Christ,
Jay



ADULT EDUCATION

9:00 A.M. Sunday mornings in the Parlor
September 13
“Why Calvin?”



THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY

7:00 A.M. in the Church Library

Continuing our study of Genesis

Reading the Bible as an Adult . . . an Internet Study

A Project from Professor Julia O'Brien of Lancaster Seminar
a guide for book clubs, reading groups, Bible studies, and anyone else who
wants to read the Bible like a grown-up: <http://juliamobrien.net>

For those in churches, synagogues, and other varieties of religious settings, it offers a way of approaching the Bible not as rules from on high but as literature that engages questions about human experience. If you're already in a church or synagogue group that reads novels or nonfiction, this will be a way to have similar discussions about the biblical text itself. If your group has been studying the Bible as bite-sized lessons, the project will invite you to experience more of what the Bible has to offer. For those within book clubs and reading groups, it offers a user-friendly guide to reading the Bible in a serious but non-confessional way. It applies familiar book club questions to the Bible (your reactions to characters, noticing the author's techniques), letting you learn some biblical stories and helping you approach the Bible like you do other reading. It also offers the chance to talk with others about questions of meaning and value in a way that doesn't presuppose any particular religious stance--a rare opportunity for many people. Go to <http://juliamobrien.net>

Music & Worship Notes Coming Up



- August 2 . . . Divine Dance Ensemble
- August 9 . . . Helen Hartigan & Paul Vanderslice
- August 16 . . . Summer Chancel Choir sings
- August 23 . . . Trinity's Praise Band

Put September 13 at 7:00 PM on your calendar!

The Joybells of Melmark will present a concert in our sanctuary that evening. Those of you who have heard them play handbells during our worship services in the past, know what a marvelous group they are. Be there - no charge, no collection!



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.

Trinity Crossroads Youth Mission Fund Raiser

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"Can we wash your car for you mister?"

Get your car washed on Saturday, August 8, 2009, at Spa Car Wash (in Berwyn, on Rt. 30 between Bridge and Knox) between the hours of 9 AM and 2 PM, and \$5 will be given to the youth group. There are other ways to participate. You can pledge money per car washed or you can make a flat donation too. Drinks and snacks will also be available at the car wash.

Can't wait to see you all there!

LOGO ?

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 has already been established and we are asking church-wide 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

THE VBS COMMITTEE would like to thank everyone who so generously donated their time to make this year's VBS so special. The decorations were magnificent! The set up committee was wonderful. The children loved their efforts and we had a fun filled week of learning about Jesus. The daily skit was excellent! What talented actors/actresses we have. The Bible stories were adventurous and informative. The children enjoyed their craft time as usual. The music was stimulating. Recreation was a blast with all of the fun activities. Dinner was delicious in the mess hall. The dinner Moms/Dads were superb. The cleanup crew was wonderful. A special thanks goes out to Gary Horn for all of his helpfulness! Thank you to Steve Belliveau for the beautiful yellow tent. Thanks to Jerry and Tracy Flanagan for the jumping enclosure. The children really loved it!

THANK YOU!! Vanessa Larson would like to thank everyone who helped contribute to the Church Matching Grant in order to help pay for some of her tuition at Eastern University. You will be in her thoughts as she continues to greaten her education and relationship with God.

DEACONS

Mental Health and Addictions Ministry (MHAM):

The **E. Chelsea Campbell Foundation** was formed after a member of our community tragically died of a drug overdose.

Chelsea was a member of Berwyn United Methodist Church. When she was young she attended our Summer Bible Camp, she was a member of her church youth group and in the summer went on mission trips with her church. She was a loving, funny, caring person. At Christmas she always bought me a gift. One night while out on a date, Chelsea made a bad choice and died.

I urge you to check out the website: www.chelseamemorial.org and learn about the foundation. For those of you who golf, the 2nd Annual Golf Classic is a fun day with many good people. If you do not golf just come for the dinner. Donations are always welcome.

Last year \$17000 was raised and a scholarship was awarded to a young person in our community at the **Mirmont Treatment Center**.

The Golf Classic is sponsored by **Mainline Health**.

If you have any questions regarding the foundation or the Golf Classic, please feel free to contact me:

Gina Larson
484-678-0383

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



CLERK'S CORNER:

At the May session meeting, elders: Received Chris Doms, Kyle Hallman, Sarah Hinmon and Chase Ruben into membership.

Heard that:

- Taylor Kiser will continue to serve as the youth director.
- Hymn sings will be held on summer Sundays prior to the worship service.
- The handbell choir from Melmark will be performing on Sunday, September 13, 2009
- The yard sale raised \$1,452.00.
- The 150th Anniversary Steering committee is going forward, with session approval, in planning for a facilities evaluation in order to have a master plan to take to the congregation.

At the June session meeting, elders:

- Received Sandy Forbes and Charles Bennett into membership.
- Accepted the resignation of Liz Shoemaker from the board of deacons.
- Approved the new officers: for session, Sandy Forbes, Sally Bovais, Ann Hatfield, Jim Hulton and Dave Reid in the class of 2012; on the board of deacons Martha Chekemian, Don Bovais, Annie Hutton, Amy Keenan in the class of 2012 and Rob Shoemaker, class of 2011.
- Heard that:
 - Ø Ann Hatfield is the new chair of Christian Education
 - Ø The 150th Anniversary Steering committee is reviewing proposals for a facilities survey, planning a 5K race in the fall, and working on the hiring of a consultant to run the Anniversary Campaign.
 - Ø Herb Fry is conducting the Annual Financial Review and completing work on his book recounting 150 years of Trinity history.
 - Ø Rev. Jean Shaw will preach on Sept. 20, 2009.
- Reflected on the five priorities of Trinity: hospitality, generosity, care, presence in the community and younger adults in leadership.

The next session meeting will be held on Monday, August 24, 2009.

Sally Bovais, Clerk of Session

Church Archives



TRINITY REMEMBERS

Some Trinity "old timers" may remember Clarence Lindley "Hank" Reifsneider who was for over 40 years a member of Trinity Church. He was the widower of Edith Williams Reifsneider, who traced her church affiliation with Trinity to 1906. In his family, he was known as "Jad", a name he earned when he came home from France after World War I singing the popular song, "Jada, Jada."

He was born in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, in 1896. About 1916, he went to Nebraska to work for Robert Wolfe, a cousin and lifelong friend, who had gone West from Pennsylvania in 1906, at age 15. When Wolfe became of legal age to file a claim, he homesteaded at Ashby, Nebraska, and started a cattle ranch on the land. In June 1917 all the government land in Nebraska had been claimed, so Hank filed a claim at Miles City, Montana, on 317 acres. About a month later, he enlisted in the Army at Fort Harrison, Montana, and served with Co, L, 163rd Infantry in France. He was discharged from the Army on February 16, 1919.

In May of 1920, he enlisted in the Navy and served on the U.S.S. Mississippi. He was proud that he had the opportunity to serve his country in the Army during WWI and later to serve in the peace time Navy. He never returned to Montana to "prove-up" on his land claim.

Instead he signed up as a repair man for the Bell Telephone Co. which brought him to Berwyn. He married Edith Williams in 1925. During WWII he was active as an air raid warden and aircraft spotter. After the Pearl Harbor attack, when the U.S. Army wanted to set up a 24-hour observation point for planes in this area, Hank, a member of American Legion Post No. 646, Paoli, was appointed to do the job. When he could not act as chief observer due to his connection with the telephone company, Mrs. Reifsneider played a role as an assistant chief observer.

He retired in 1961 from the telephone company, and was active in his veterans' organizations, the Masons, and in Trinity Church as a trustee, an elder, and in the church bowling league.

Edith Reifsneider died in 1977. Hank passed away in 1986, at age 90.

[For July 2009 Belfry, submitted by Herb Fry for the History Committee.]



Upon your hearts

The Bible is the perfect guidebook for living God-pleasing lives. Deuteronomy 6:6-8 (NIV) tells us how to remember the Scriptures.

Use the picture clues and Word Bank below to finish the verses.

WORD BANK

children	road
commandments	sit
down	Talk
foreheads	Tie
hands	up
hearts	walk
home	



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"These (1) _____ that I give you today are to be upon your (2) _____. Impress them on your (3) _____. (4) _____ about them when you (5) _____ at (6) _____ and when you (7) _____ along the (8) _____, when you lie (9) _____ and when you get (10) _____. (11) _____ them as symbols on your (12) _____ and bind them on your (13) _____."

Answers:
 (1) commandments; (2) hearts; (3) children; (4) Talk; (5) sit; (6) home; (7) walk; (8) road; (9) down; (10) up; (11) Tie; (12) hands; (13) foreheads

Memory Verse Games



Memorizing Bible verses is a great way to get God's Word into our hearts and minds.

Memory-Verse Memory Game

What you need:

- Index cards (two for each word in the Bible verse)
- Crayons and markers
- A Bible verse

What you do:

1. Choose a different color for each word in the verse. Write that word on two different cards. (Non-readers can draw pictures.)
2. Mix up the cards and spread them out (face down) on a table or floor.
3. Players take turns trying to uncover cards that match. For extra difficulty, try finding the word pairs in the order they appear in the verse.

The Vanishing Memory Verse

What you need:

- Dry-erase board, markers and eraser
- OR chalkboard, chalk and eraser
- OR large piece of construction paper, pen and self-stick notes
- A Bible verse

What you do:

1. Write down the verse and read it (alone or with a partner).
2. Take turns erasing (or covering with self-stick notes) one word at a time. Then read the verse, remembering what word went in each blank.
3. Eventually, the board will be blank, and you'll be able to recite the whole verse!

NEWS FROM MISSION HONDURAS

Many of you have been reading and hearing about Honduras in the news media. Mission team members have received many emails from our friends in Honduras. Here is a capsule of the news as it affects our mission.

The good news is that very few people have been injured in the violence which frequently accompanies political unrest.

The bad news is that the Honduras economy, always struggling, is now paralyzed. The Honduras borders are closed by the OAS and international sanctions. We have planned an October trip by a small group of people who will plan for and buy supplies for a group of twenty-five gringo doctors, nurses, dentists and craft people who will travel to Honduras in January, 2010. We will conduct an expanded agenda of medical and dental clinics and we will rebuild the family home of Pastor Posadas who is a community leader of the town of Puerto Grande. We have temporarily placed our plans for these trips on hold until the political situation clarifies.

In the meantime we are working harder than ever with our friends in Honduras to make sure that plans for the future of southwest Honduras stay on track.

With your help and prayers we can continue the progress that has been made in Honduras. Keep up the good work!!!!

Dick Kurtz





OCTOBER 24, 2009
 FALL SWING AND FLING
 "A HOMERUN FOR MISSIONS"

OUTREACH FUNDRAISER - To Benefit:

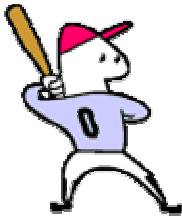
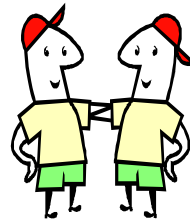
- * MISSION HONDURAS where we are in partnership with
the churches at Puerto Grande and Moropocay
 and
- * LOCAL CHARITIES

A "team effort" is needed to make our mission giving possible! Be a member of the team by supporting this event - attend one or both activities. If you can't attend, monetary donations are greatly appreciated!



"SWING"

Place: Golf at Kimberton Golf Club
 Time: 10:00 am first tee-off time
 Price: \$80.00



"FLING"

Time: 6:00 pm
 At: Surrey Services for Seniors
 Price: \$30.00 per person
 \$15.00 per person for golfers
 What: Fellowship, Good Food, Door Prizes,
 *Silent Auction, Service/Live Auction

*Please donate a service, gift certificates, etc. for the auctions;
 talk to Gary Horn - 610-647-2424. Tickets will go on sale in Sept.
 Look for sign-up poster in the hallway and indicate whether you will
 bring an appetizer or salad.

*Volunteers are also needed to help set-up Fri., Oct. 23, 6:00 pm at Surrey. Talk to Lin Rolston if you can lend a "helping hand."

Caring Cupboard Families for School Supplies

<u>Family Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Preference</u>	
1. Jones Alive Doll	Deja Y.	7	girl		Baby	
	Teiarra J.	18	girl		Gift Certificate	
	Tyree Y.	9	boy		Toy	
	Sean Y.	9	boy		Gift Certificate	
	Allison J.	13	girl		Gift Certificate	
	Lashaynah J.	23	girl		Gift Certificate	
	Bryan J.	24	boy		Gift	
	Certificate	Emani J.	18 mos. Old	girl		Talking Dora Doll
		Tonya J.	adult	woman		Gift Certificate
		New Baby J.	2 mos. Old	boy		Pampers & Wipes
2. Rich	Courtney R.	14	girl		Gift Certificate	
	Sally R.	adult	woman		Gift Certificate	
3. Khattabi	Achras K.	14	boy		Gift Certificate	
	Eakaria K.	10	boy		Gift Certificate	
	Mrs. K.	adult	woman		Gift Certificate	
	Alarbi K.	adult	man		Gift Certificate	
	Yassar K.	10 mos. Old	boy		Gift Certificate	
4. Lakraid	Anwar H.	16	boy		Gift Certificate	
	Misouda L.	adult	woman		Gift Certificate	
	Dris L.	adult	man		Gift Certificate	
	Jimima L.	adult	woman		Gift Certificate	
5. Campos	Rasheed W.	13	boy		Gift Certificate	
	Alishah G.	12	girl		Gift Certificate	
	Leila G.	5	girl		Gift	
Certificate	Breonna G.	18 mos. Old	girl		Gift Certificate	
	Elisa C.	adult	woman		Gift Certificate	
	Anthony G.	adult	man		Gift Certificate	
6. Carroll	Kaysy W.	8	girl		Gift Certificate	

Jordan W.	9	boy	game
Kaylan W.	3	boy	Toy
Taylor C.	2½	girl	Toy
David C.	6	boy	Toy
Mary C.	adult	woman	Gift Certificate
Michelle C.	adult	woman	Gift Certificate

7. Graham	Tayna B.	13	girl	Gift Certificate
	Markeya B.	9	girl	Toy
	Markeese B.	11	boy	Gift Certificate
	Azure B.	12	girl	Gift Certificate
	Destiney B.	7	girl	Toy
	Charles G.	15	boy	Gift Certificate
	Dana G.		adult	woman

Certificate

Alexander G.	adult	man	Gift Certificate
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8. Smiley	Colleen S.	adult	woman	Gift Certificate
	Mr. S.	adult	man	Gift Certificate
	Blaine S.	17	girl	Gift Certificate
	Tanaya S.	13	girl	Gift Certificate
	Sally S.	11	girl	Gift Certificate
	Breyan S.	8	boy	Gift Certificate

9. Hadjar	Anna	adult	woman	Gift Certificate
	Hamed	adult	man	Gift Certificate
	Jasmyn	15	girl	Gift Certificate
	Sofiame	12	boy	Gift Certificate



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!

Trinity Presbyterian Church **Monthly Budget Update as of June 30, 2009**

General Fund	2009 Actual	2009 Budget	%
Pledged Offerings	\$ 107,229	\$ 111,700	96%
Non-Pledge Offerings	\$ 5,965	\$ 10,921	55%
Other Receipts	\$ 14,930	\$ 15,314	99%
Total Receipts	\$ 128,124	\$ 137,935	93%
Expenses			
Property & Finance	\$ 54,578	\$ 50,890	107%
Personnel	\$ 85,442	\$ 85,730	100%
Worship & Sacraments	\$ 907	\$ 1,738	52%
Christian Education	\$ 1,201	\$ 1,852	65%
Membership	\$ 156	\$ 200	78%
Board of Deacons	\$ 0	\$ 0	100%
Outreach	\$ 4,208	\$ 8,319	51%
Total Expenses	\$ 146,492	\$ 148,729	98%
General Fund-YTD Net June30	\$ (18,368)	\$ (10,794)	-70%
General Fund Balance -June 30	\$ (35,621)		

<u>Balances As Of:</u>	<u>30-Jun-09</u>
Fixed Rate Loan	\$ 86,217
Variable Rate Loan	\$ 42,836
Trinity Fund	\$ 318,672

ANALYSIS:

Comments: Please keep your pledge payments current to help offset the (\$35,621) GF balance. Property & Finance expenses under budget despite higher utility costs. Market value of Trinity Fund account on June 30, 2009 is fluctuating daily with the stock market. Trinity Fund balance reduced after paying for stained window project.

ATTENTION TRINITY PLEDGERS:

The summer months always present a particular challenge to the Church Treasurer due to a fall-off of receipts as church members vacation and travel. Unfortunately, a high percentage of church operating costs do not recede during the summer, so cash deficits from mid-June until mid-September are quite the norm.

The contribution statements that you receive divides your pledge into quarterly amounts to match the reporting frequency. **My appeal to all pledging families is to minimally plan to stay current with your pledge as we proceed through the year.** This approach will minimize the occurrences when the bills total more than cash-on-hand, necessitating short-term borrowing.

I am mailing contribution statements this week only to those who have fallen behind their pledge. In some cases, the shortfall is simply a matter of timing, being on vacation, etc.. In other cases, I urge everyone to make best efforts to "catch up" as soon as reasonably possible.

Please refer to the financial report above for some of the details of our status as of June 30, 2009. The large negative General Fund balance reflects the reason for this appeal.

Thanks in advance for your assistance with this important matter.

Don Tokash, Treasurer

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