



The Belfry

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORGANIZED 1863
640 Berwyn Avenue

June 2009 Next Deadline: June 12, 2009

From the Pastor

The “E” word. Yes, even for enlightened, well-educated Presbyterians some words evoke struggle to be spoken in public. I prefer to talk about “hospitality” but the traditional word is “evangelism.” As you can read in another section of this newsletter, some members of Trinity have been working with Donegal Presbytery’s resource person, Nan Best, to “unbind the gospel” in our community.

What have we learned? The resource book highlights three items:

1. Evangelism arises out of healthy relationships with God, within the church and beyond church walls.
2. Great evangelism exists in church all along the theological spectrum. The Holy Spirit is the one who gives faith, but churches where evangelism flourishes cooperate with the Spirit. These churches focus on helping new people begin a life with God.
3. People who learn to share their faith say evangelism changes lives – theirs included!

How do we get started? Prayer and more prayer. If we make ourselves present to God, God is more likely to be present with us. So, pray. Find the article in this newsletter, and make yourself available to God on a regular basis. Then, let me know how God is getting to you, and using you to get to others.

Yours in Christ,
Jay

Music & Worship Notes

Coming Up



May 31 - - Pentecost . . . celebration of the Lord's Supper & welcoming the 2009 Confirmation Class

June 7 – Camp Donegal worship & children's choir sings

June 14 – Choir Recognition Sunday with Rev. Ray Larson of Paoli Presbyterian Church preaching

June 21 – warm-up to worship with a hymn sing & celebrate our graduates from high school, college, and graduate programs

June 28 – special music with Paul Vanderslice as soloist and Ellie Watts as pianist



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 tfwec@aol.com.



*ADULT
EDUCATION*

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

Continuing through June 7... The Shack ... join the conversation
(copies of the book are available in the church office)

TUESDAY MORNING GROUP

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 . . . May 29 & June 13

Unbinding the Gospel and Praying for Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) provides an opportunity for Trinity Presbyterian Church to share our Christian faith. During the week of June 21 – 25, we will be strengthening our own faith, as well as reaching out to families whose lives may not be centered on Christ. The Holy Spirit will be using us to draw others closer to God and into a Christian community.

As we continue the planning, organizing, and decorating for our 2009 VBS, several of us have committed to praying for the teachers, leaders, volunteers, families, and children who will be involved this year. We invite you to support and surround Trinity's VBS with your prayers, too. Below are some short prayers that we will be praying each day to get us started, but also feel free to add your own prayers.

Prayers for Trinity's VBS:

Father, we ask that we provide a meaningful spiritual experience for the children. May this experience of VBS strengthen their Christian faith and understanding.

Dear God, thank you for the opportunity to have children from our church and community come together for VBS to learn more about your love. We are grateful for the leadership that is inspired by you, and we ask you to give the leaders and teachers strength and patience in making this a meaningful experience in their young lives.

Lord, please help our leaders to share their faith experiences effectively. May the children be moved by the faith experiences they witness during VBS.

Gracious God, we ask you to bless all the preparations and activities of VBS. Use our efforts to be a blessing to all the volunteers, families, and children that are involved.

Amen.

If you have any questions, or would be interested in learning more about the book *Unbinding the Gospel* by Martha Grace Reese, please speak with Don Bovais, Ann Hatfield, Denny Leeper, or Dave Reid. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SPECIAL EVENTS

Some families do not want to miss certain activities that take place at church. In an effort to keep everyone informed, the CE Committee is listing activities-to-come:

May 31 – Ann Hatfield will continue to teach the children about the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Following this lesson, the children will join the worship service and celebrate the Lord's Supper along with the adults.

May 31 – Confirmation – The following youth have participated in the class: Christopher Doms, Kyle Hallman, Sarah Hinmon and Chase Ruben.

June 7 – The folks from Camp Donegal, our Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center, will conduct a "Camper Worship Service" during morning worship. The children will remain in the sanctuary to hear and enjoy a worship service similar to one at Camp Donegal. They promise to have everything but the campfire. Since this is Donut Sunday, the children will have their donuts, juice and milk during Fellowship Hour. The Chapel Choir will also be singing on this day.

June 21 – Baccalaureate Sunday for Trinity's high school, college/university and medical school students who will have been graduated in May or June, 2009.

June 21 – Son-Rock Kids Camp (VBS) begins 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY: The Christian Education Committee is gathering names of students from Trinity's family who will be graduated in May or June, 2009. These students will be honored during the morning worship service on June 21. We are interested in receiving names of anyone we have inadvertently missed. Please let us hear from you if you have news of a student not listed.

Our list of high school students to be graduated includes: Samantha Belliveau, Daniel Hatfield, Vanessa Larson, and Jordan Pavillard

Our college/university students to be graduated include: Laura Fenwick, Kurt Miller, Kimberly Shoemaker, Rebecca Walmsley, and Sara Wilkins

Our medical school student to be graduated is: Kelley Zagol
Receiving her Masters of Divinity Degree is: Ann Hatfield

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: Trinity is always interested in having a Sunday School program for the children during the summer months. Last year we were blessed to have Elizabeth Hartigan as the Summer Sunday School teacher as part of her course work at Penn State. Elizabeth has plans for this summer to widen her horizons. And so it is up to those in the congregation to teach all the children – one class, one Sunday. We have a book of lessons and will have another book before summer from which to teach the class. Most lessons will include craft projects to enhance the Bible story of the day. Soon there will be a poster on which to sign-up to teach one lesson. This makes light work for every one – ONE LESSON. Please watch for the poster and sign- up to teach a lesson any week you are in town.

Mental Health and Addictions Ministry Update

Since major depression affects more than 5% of teens and is linked with suicide and substance abuse, it is suggested by the U.S. Preventative Task Force that a teen's visit to the doctor should include a screening for major depression. This screening cannot just be a mere question "are you depressed". (USA Today, April 27, 2009)

Congratulations to the high school and college graduates. This is such a special time of your life. Take a step into your future and continue to make wise decisions.

Our Lenten Series this year was comprised of several topics related to Mental Health and Addictions that affect people of all ages and backgrounds. We heard from Daemion House's Sarah Gifford, who spoke to us about depression in our older population, what we can do about it and where to go for help if we have someone in our lives affected by it. Rehab After School/Work, Dave Sherman, came next with several teen participants in the program. They talked about their struggles with addiction, and how Rehab After School helped them with their recovery. Our third topic was Alanon/Alateen, and we heard from a panel of members of that program who shared their stories, and how Alanon/Alateen has helped them gain perspective in their lives while living with an alcoholic or addict. Berwyn Methodist talked about their DART (Drug and Alcohol Recovery Team) program and how it came about at their church. They spoke about that program functions as a resource for their congregation.

We appreciate the turnout and enthusiasm we received for this Lenten Series, and we hope that we can continue to offer other informative and resourceful topics and events in the future. Thank you all for attending and supporting this new ministry!

The table of literature that was set up on display outside Fellowship Hall during the Lenten Series is now on display outside of the Church Office in the bookcases. Please feel free to borrow the literature as needed or take a flyer or pamphlet. We would appreciate your returning any books that you borrow in a timely manner!

**Gina Larsen and Martha Chekemian
Mental Health and Addictions Ministry**

DEACONS New Outreach. . . . Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Trinity Deacons are looking for willing people to knit or crochet prayer shawls. The care and the love of knitting (and crochet) have been combined into a prayerful ministry that reaches out to those people in our church in need of special comfort, or to celebrate a particular blessing in their lives.

If you are interested in either creating such loving shawls, or if you know of someone who could be a special recipient, please contact Judy Koch, 610-647-9560.

OFFICE ANGELS



We are very grateful for the volunteers that have worked in the office during Don Tokash's recent vacation. Their main task was to answer the phone and welcome people at the church office. Special thanks go to the following:

Ruth McQuiston	Caroline Clendenning
Evi Mahairas	Lottie Aepli
Sally Bovais	Barbara Webster
Pat Wood	Patty Roseberry
Jule Penry	Joyce Hoy
Sally McKay	Jackie Kurtz
Petey Gilfillan	

and, to Pat Olivio **who organized the volunteers**

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 April 27th meeting, John Ward served as clerk of session in my absence. Thank you, John!

Don Tokash, treasurer, stated that

- There is a balance in the Anniversary Fund.
- Pledges are not up to the expected budget and non-pledges are under budget.
- Oil prices went down, but usage went up.
- It is hoped that income will improve in May and June to offset the deficit in the General Fund.

Denny Leeper, chair of Personnel, reported that

- Beka Bautista was leaving and Taylor Kiser was graduating. He is hoping to serve two more years at Trinity as youth director.
- Discussion was held on changes to the job description, appropriate compensation and expectations.

Kate Doms, chair of Christian Education, reported that

- the committee met with the pastor and parents of the youth to discuss the youth director position.
- The committee supported the continuation of Taylor Kiser as youth director.

Gary Horn, member of Property and Finance, reported that

- Lou Mattera is renovating the bathroom in the manse in order to fix a leak.
- The issue of termites on the playground is being addressed.

Approval was given to

- Increase the compensation for the youth director.
- Invite Rev. Larson of Paoli Presbyterian Church to preach June 14th when Rev. Wilkins is in Atlanta to attend the Big Tent event sponsored by the PC(USA).
- Remove Stephanie Osborne from the rolls as she has married and moved away from the area.

Reminder was made to wear red on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st.

The next session meeting will be held on May 27th at 5:00 p.m. in order to meet with the confirmands.

Sally Bovais, Clerk of Session

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.

We are already planning to hold a Church **5K Run and Fun Walk**, this fall and we need volunteers interested in being part of this sub-committee as soon as possible.

We would also like to have a contest to design a **Logo for the 150 Year Celebration**, open to anyone. The only rules are we would like to incorporate the Presbyterian Church colors which are royal blue, red, white, and gold. Multiple entries will be allowed and first and second prizes, plus international fame, will be given. Please submit your design to Steve Fenwick or Gary Horn and of course we will need a committee to decide the winner.

Other ideas are: a golf outing with each foursome having a minimum total age of 150 (or more); a barbershop singing event at Jenkins Arboretum; a theater event and many more opportunities for fun, fellowship and celebration. If you are unable to be on a committee or subcommittee, any ideas you have for celebration would be greatly appreciated.

There is tremendous talent and commitment at Trinity and, with everyone's involvement, we believe we will have the greatest celebration of what we have already achieved over the past 150 years and prepare Trinity for another 150 years going forward.

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.

Church Archives



TRINITY REMEMBERS

The electronic carillon with tapes, installed in the Trinity bell tower in 1973, can be heard throughout the community providing a local setting reminiscent of a college campus or like institution. The carillon is a memorial dedicated by his wife and friends to the memory of James E. Meadowcroft, a Trinity member who died suddenly while vacationing in the Caribbean. His death was one of the great tragedies suffered by the congregation. Jim Meadowcroft had retired from the workaday world in January 1972 at age 65, and his death occurred just one month later.

A small brass plaque mounted on the west wall of the church narthex reads:

The carillon of bells
is dedicated to
THE GLORY OF GOD
in memory of
James Edward Meadowcroft
by his Family and Friends
Jan. 4, 1907 - Feb. 5, 1972

The Meadowcrofts had come to Trinity early in 1959. Alberta Meadowcroft was hired as organist-choir director effective January 1, 1959, succeeding Helen Burns as organist and Jane MacLean as choir director during the final days of the Reverend John Scott pastorate. In the family group also were sons James A., Dale, and Alberta's mother, Mrs. Lulu Kessinger.

Not unexpectedly, Alberta resigned as organist-choir director effective October 7, 1973, just after dedication of the new Christian Education Building. A note in the Belfry of February 27, 1975 informed: "Additional hymns for the carillon in memory of James E. Meadowcroft have been purchased in memory of Lulu M. Kessinger. . . . We are all most grateful for the memorial carillon and the selection of hymns that we are able to use."

Alberta, not yet a member, joined Trinity in February 1975. She later retired to a residence at Willow Valley, and in 1995 was dismissed to First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster.

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

Honduras Mission Trip January 3rd -10th, 2009

(Fourth excerpt from Dick Kurtz's extensive report)

. . . . ***Mission Honduras is on the internet -- <http://www.khish.org/>***

ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN

The children's school team soon had lots of Honduran children laughing, studying books and playing games.



Abi Pillsbury, Amy David, and Candace Schwalbach were well prepared even though they had to make last minute substitutions for some of their supplies because the container shipped from the United States containing much of the vacation bible school supplies was still hung up in Honduran Customs. Most government employees were on a year-end sabbatical.



Sam, Ami, Abi, Candace and friends

SURPRISE Dad at work!

Dads work so hard to provide for their families' needs. Here's a fun way to show your appreciation to your dad this Father's Day.*

What you need:

- Paper and envelope (any color)
- Markers and crayons
- Stickers
- Pencil
- Stamp
- Your dad's work address

What you do:

1. Decorate the paper with drawings, stickers, etc.
2. Write a message to your dad, letting him know how thankful you are for his love and hard work.
3. With an adult's help, write your dad's name and work address on the outside of the envelope and your return address in the top-left corner.
4. Place a stamp in the top-right corner and then mail your special gift.

Other ideas:

- Pack a lunch to eat with dad at or near his workplace.
- Send your letter in a box and include some homemade cookies.
- Pack your dad a special lunch. Place self-stick notes with messages of appreciation on various food items.
- Write appreciation messages on self-stick notes and, with your mom's help, place them all over the inside of your dad's car.

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*All these ideas will work also for Mom on Mother's Day or her birthday.



Fathers of faith

Fathers do amazing things for their families, but the greatest gift our dads can share with us is their faith in God.

Complete this puzzle to read Isaiah's advice to fathers.

Directions: Working left to right, first write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's.

1 The	2 as	3 tell	1 living
2 I	3 their	1 the	2 am
3 children	1 living	2 doing	3 about
1 they	2 today	3 your	1 praise
2 fathers	3 faithfulness	1 you	

“ _____ , _____ — _____ ,
_____ ; _____
_____ ”

Isaiah 38:19, NIV

Answers: “The living, the living — they praise you, as I am doing today; fathers tell their children about your faithfulness.” Isaiah 38:19, NIV

A Message from the Nominating Committee

In an effort to bring a more personal touch to the process of nominating candidates to serve on Session and the Board of Deacons, the Nominating Committee has enlisted the support of all active elders currently serving on Session. If you have not yet been contacted but would like to serve, please contact a member of Session.

The only requirement is that you must be a Trinity member. No other experience is required. We welcome all who wish to serve whether you are new to the congregation or have been around and served before.

Please know that serving has no demands – only rewards. This is yet another opportunity to grow in your faith and experience the grace that can only come from serving the Lord, Jesus Christ. Please prayerfully consider this calling.

Faithfully yours,

Hugh Chekemian, Nominating Committee Chairman



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
(corner of Waterloo & Berwyn Avenues in Berwyn)
Vacation Bible School
Ages: 4-12



June 21 - 25, 2009 (Sunday-Thursday)
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Games! Snacks! Crafts! Bible Stories! Music! Dinner!
\$30.00 Per Child; \$75.00 Per Family Maximum
Make checks payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church

Registration Deadline May 31, 2009



For Vacation Bible School Information Call Terri Roseberry @ 610-993-8054

Return Registration Form(s) to:
Trinity Presbyterian Church
VBS Registration 2008
640 Berwyn Avenue, Berwyn, PA 19312

**Son Rock Kids Camp
June 21- 25, 2009
2009 VBS Registration Form**

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Age Information

Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Last school grade completed _____

Home Church _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other

Emergency Contacts

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Dismissal Information

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS

I would like to volunteer to help with _____

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Trinity Presbyterian Church

VBS Registration 2008

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