



The Belfry

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORGANIZED 1863
640 Berwyn Avenue

March 2009 Next Deadline: March 17, 2009

From the Pastor



This year's Lenten Series will deal with a variety of mental health issues faced by all age groups from teens to older adults. Guest speakers will discuss alcohol and drug addiction, sadness (depression), and drug misuse. This series sponsored by the Adult Education committee and the Mental Health and Addiction Ministry of the Deacons.

Trinity Presbyterian Church 2009 Lenten Series

"From Sadness to Hope"

February 25

Potluck Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

Program

Introduction to new ministry: Mental Health & Addictions

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

March 4

Aging & Depression & Drugs

Sarah Gifford of Daemion Counseling Center

7:30 P.M. in the Parlor

- March 11 Teens & Mental Health/Addictions
Dave Sherman of "Rehab After School"
7:30 P.M. in the Parlor
- March 18 Alanon/Alateen: how they can help
Peter Murphy, regional director
7:30 P.M. in the Parlor
- 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

All of the programs are open to the community . . . bring your friends!



Our Lenten Journey continues:



Lenten Lunch Series
"Coming Home to the Lord"

Lenten Lunch Series
Berwyn United Methodist Church
140 Waterloo Avenue
12:30 – 1:15 PM
March 4 & 11 & 18 & 25
April 1 & 8

*call the church office(610-644-0932) to let us
know how many soup bowls are needed*

Music & Worship Notes

Coming Up



- February 22 "We Shall Assemble / In this Sanctuary"
Divine Dance Ensemble & Trinity's Praise Band
- March 1 Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
"Let Us Break Bread Together" by the Chancel Choir
- March 8 Chapel Choir sings "Jesus, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
"Lenten Meditation" by the Chancel Choir
- March 15 Chancel Choir sings "The Wondrous Cross"
- March 22 Trinity's Praise Band sings "The Wonderful Cross"
"O Gentle Jesus" by the Chancel Choir
- March 29 Chancel Choir presents its Lenten Cantata
"Lenten Canticles" by John Leavitt



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

FEBRUARY 15 through APRIL 5, 2009

“PRAYER FOR THE TOUGH TIMES . . . ”
A dvd-based discussion of the Lord’s Prayer for our lives

led by Catherine Mason & Jay Wilkins

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: next on March 6

DEACONS BENCH

New Ministry of the Deacons: Mental Health and Addictions Support

Trinity Presbyterian Church has a new Ministry: Mental Health and Addictions Support Ministry or (MHAA).

Our Mission Statement: Trinity Presbyterian Church Mental Health and Addictions Support Ministry exists to provide education with a focus on prevention, early intervention, referral assistance and to support recovery in a confidential, accepting and healing environment.

When someone in the congregation reaches out for help due to a mental health and/or addiction problem for themselves or a friend or family member, we can provide that parishioner with some assistance in the form of:

- Encouraging them to speak with the pastor initially, who they can confide in if they choose to. The pastor can then direct them to a Ministry contact if he chooses, for support and/or referral information.
- Have a team approach – After the pastor refers the parishioner to someone in the Ministry, the Ministry member can support the parishioner in the form of listening, relaying their own experiences through the mental health or addiction problem, and share concerns as well as positive feedback with what has worked with their individual's problem.
- Provide information and resources to the parishioner with regards to facilities, groups and programs that can aid the parishioner with his/her problem.

Ministry Team:

Hugh and Martha Chekemian – parent perspective, addiction

Lisa Chekemian – young adult peer perspective, addiction

Gina Larson – parent perspective, mental health/addiction

Vannesa Larson – young adult perspective, mental health/addiction

Liz Shoemaker – young adult peer perspective

Pete and Lin Rolston – parent perspective, mental health/addiction

Gwen Hodavance – senior perspective

Phone numbers are in directory or available from church office



CLERK'S CORNER:

At the January 26th meeting, elders:

- Approved the request of Anita Hartley-Reimenschneider to transfer to Victory Baptist Church in Lionville.
- Heard that \$1,000 in grant money had been received from Donegal Presbytery for the library.
- Noted the spirit of cooperation with the preschool and appreciated their help with projects for Honduras and contributions to the coat tree project.
- Acknowledged Chad Morris as the new chair of the Worship and Sacraments committee. He mentioned the need to have another person for technical support with the A/V system to back up Chris Snyder. Appreciation was given to Chris for all the time he gives to prepare for the weekly services.
- Reviewed the pastor's printed report listing identified priorities as a follow-up from the November's session retreat. Work on goals and objectives will be continued at the next meeting.

The next session meeting is Monday, February 23rd. Board members from the Trinity Preschool will meet with the elders and give us a tour of their space.

Sally Bovais, Clerk of Session

THANK YOU

to the congregation for the Christmas gift. It was most appreciated.

.... all the church staff . . .

Gina & Don & Gary & Stan & Paul & Larry & Helen & Taylor & Bekah & Jay

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



Trinity's Web Site: 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

*Coming in March . . . The. Rev. Dr. Richard Streeter on
"What Presbyterians Believe"*

PRAYER BOX

Family prayer time is a good habit. Make it fun with this activity for all family members. They can use this special box whenever they have a prayer request.

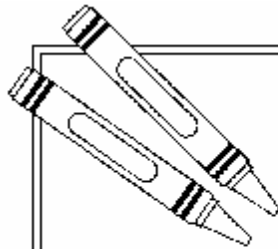
What you need:

- Shoebox
- Wrapping paper
- Scissors
- Tape
- Stickers, markers, etc. (optional)
- Index cards
- Pencils or pens



What you do:

1. Wrap the shoebox like a present. Be sure to wrap the lid separately so it can be removed.
2. Let the whole family help decorate the box. You can write Bible verses about prayer, draw pictures, glue on pictures or add stickers. Be creative!
3. Put the box in a prominent location of your house. Keep a pile of index cards and pencils or pens near the box.
4. Whenever a family member has a prayer request, he or she can write or draw it on a card and put it inside the box.
5. Family members can share the cards in a prayer circle, or people can take turns praying for all the requests. Throughout the week, family members can check the box for new prayer needs.



Just for KIDS

A FAMILY OF PRAYER

The Book of Acts tells about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman centurion from Caesarea who worshiped God. Through his encounter with Cornelius, Peter learned that God accepts everyone who fears him and does what is right.

Use the code below to see the example set by Cornelius and his family. Solve the math problems by using the grid. Then use the key to find the letter that matches each answer. Write the letter on the blank.

GRID	
A	B
2	4
C	D
6	5

KEY: a-7 e-8 i-10 o-9 u-11 y-6

"H e _ _ nd _ _ ll h _ _ s t _ _ m _ _ t _ _
A+C A+D A+D B+C A-D B+C A+B

w _ _ r _ _ d _ _ v _ _ _ t _ _ nd
A-C A+C A+C B+D C+D A+D

G a - f r ng; h g v
B+D A-C A+D B-C A+C A+D A+C

g _ _ n _ _ r _ _ s t _ _ t _ _ th _ _ s _ _ n
A+C A+C B+D C+D A+B B+D B+D A+C B+C

n d nd pr d t G d
A-C A+C A+D A+D A+B A+C B+D B-D

r g l r l ."
A+C C+D A-D A+B A+D

Answers: 1. He and his family were devoted to God and his family. 2. Through his encounter with Cornelius, Peter learned that God accepts everyone who fears him and does what is right.

Church Archives



TRINITY REMEMBERS

On December 26, 1944, a 13-year old Berwyn youth, Nicholas DiBiase, appeared before Trinity's session, meeting in the lower Sunday School room, as a candidate for church membership. After answering session's questions satisfactorily, his name was added to the church roll. Recently a self-published book by Mr. DiBiase titled "When I Was A Kid

Again" turned up on the Local History shelf at the Berwyn Library. The book's Introduction is dated 2003, Wellsville, NY, where he apparently was living.

In the book Mr. DiBiase writes, "From my vantage point looking back over almost 65 years I try to remember Berwyn as it was in those days. I lived at 1st and Walnut Avenue, in the western part of town. If I left my home and turned left I could walk a few blocks up First Avenue to the Easttown elementary school, the gathering place for many activities and games. There were athletic fields and a baseball diamond."

"If I turned right as I left my house I would head up Walnut Avenue to a side street whose name I can not remember (it was across from Garzarella's Italian grocery store, penny candy and fresh baked Italian bread), follow that street past a two or three story building with a lot of windows, on my left, an old knitting mill or maybe an old school. I crossed Central Avenue towards what I remember as the Red Cross Building, where, when I was quite small, during the early days of the Depression, my mother, my little wagon and I all went to pick up flour, lard and sugar distributed as part of the Relief program, welfare as such not yet having been instituted."

"Church too, the Trinity Presbyterian church in particular, played a part in my growing up process. Until I was old enough to make decisions, probably around age 16, I was a regular if reluctant participant in church services. I went mostly because my mother insisted. Each Sunday, at 10 a.m., I would go to Sunday school, with my two section donation envelope clutched in my hand (one half for the church and one half for missionary work, usually a quarter each). Sad to say the missionary quarter often became candy money, such was my simplistic moral structure at that time. I became, with other teens who were members of the church, a junior deacon and on occasion led the services for Sunday school. The program involving young people was begun by Rev. Ross, a man I admired greatly who while acting as preacher for the Trinity congregation and while I was a member of the church, died suddenly. He was quite young and the impact of this tragedy greatly affected me."

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

Honduras Mission Trip January 3rd -10th, 2009

(First excerpt from Dick Kurtz's extensive report)

PREPARATION FOR THE TRIP

As usual, we spent a lot of time during 2008 preparing for the trip, fundraising, gathering supplies and making plans for how we can best conduct medical and dental clinics and do construction projects in Honduras.

We continue to work closely with **Central American Relief Effort (C.A.R.E - Steve Mentzer)** and with **Mission Relief Services, (Jim Harrison)** to improve the lives of the people in Honduras.

During the past year we developed a relationship with a new partner, **Engineers Without Borders (E.W.B.)**. This is a university professor/student organization which is active in the U.S. and in many foreign countries. They will help improve the water supply in the communities we serve. Reverend Richard Streeter, formerly Pastor of Paoli Presbyterian Church, arranged for a contribution of \$1,500 from the PAP fund for the development of the water improvement projects at Puerto Grande and Morocopy.

We received help from the Tully family at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia who provided financial support at Christmas time. **John Ward** of Trinity arranged for his employer, ING, Inc. to make a significant matching contribution to the fund. This donation from John and from ING was sufficient to fund the participation of **Martha Suarez** in the trip.

The First Presbyterian Church of Port Jefferson collected material for the dental clinic which **Richard Graugh** and **Ken Draigh** brought with them in their checked luggage. **Grace Immanuel Episcopal Church Foundation** donated \$800 for the trip and requested that we identify and provide cataract removal for Hondurans in the villages.

A record number of participants signed up for the trip. Our team of 19 gringos included two doctors, a dentist, two nurses, a pastor and fourteen helpers. We hammered out a budget of \$27,696, not including airfare which was paid by each participant. The budget included money for supplies for construction, for a dental symposium and for medical and dental clinics.

The budget was funded mostly by donations of \$5.00 to \$25.00. A significant amount was provided by the Trinity Outreach Committee through the annual Spring Fling and by the Grace Covenant Outreach Committee. Through the efforts of **Peggy Owen** of Trinity, the Presbyterian Women and Women's Circles contributed \$1000. At Woodcock Washburn Law Firm, June was Jean's Day. On Fridays anyone could wear jeans to work for a \$5.00 contribution to the Honduras Mission. We thank everyone at Woodcock Washburn for the contribution.

SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

We sincerely thank the Sunday School teachers who have been teaching our Trinity Kids through the Winter session: Steve and Samantha Belliveau, Joanne Sutton, Gary Horn, Sally Bovais, Gus Mahairas, Rosanne and Chad Morris. They have worked hard to "Tell the Stories" to the children.

Now there are very important stories to tell the children so they can understand what preceded the Lenten and Easter stories. There is so much information as the stories begin with the baptism of Jesus, continue with choosing disciples, healing the needy and performing miracles. Jesus dies and lives again. Ideas and attitudes that take root in the children during these early years will produce a rich harvest in the years that follow. We need you to "Tell the Stories" to our Trinity Kids. Please sign-up today on the poster outside Fellowship Hall.

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

Trinity Presbyterian Church is apportioned a share of the expenses of the presbytery, the synod, and the General Assembly for ecclesiastical purposes. This is the privilege of being a part of the connectional church. The amount is based on church membership and is assessed yearly by the presbytery.

Per capita apportionment for 2009 is:

General Assembly	\$6.15	\$1,469.85
Synod	\$2.10	\$501.90
Presbytery	<u>\$18.26</u>	<u>\$4,364.14</u>
Total to Pay	\$26.51	\$6,335.89

An envelope marked Per Capita Apportionment is available for your use in your box of envelopes. This is a voluntary contribution, gratefully received, to help in covering this major yearly expense.

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