



# The Belfry

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORGANIZED 1863  
640 Berwyn Avenue

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March 2010    Next Deadline: March 16, 2010

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## From the Pastor



Trinity Presbyterian Church  
2010 Lenten Series

*"Meeting Jesus in Life & Death"*  
a DVD program with Walter Wangerin  
exploring how Jesus meets us as we face death  
and grow spiritually

*New Day & Time: Soup & Sandwich on Sundays at 11:45 A.M.  
February 21, 28, March 7, 14, & 21*

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Our Lenten Journey continues:

**Lenten Lunch Series @**

**Berwyn United Methodist Church**

140 Waterloo Avenue

12:30 – 1:15 PM

**February 24 & March 3 & 10 & 17 & 24 & 31**

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

Speakers: Jay Wilkins on 2/24; Ann Hatfield  
on 3/10; Taylor Kiser on 3/24



**Lenten  
Luncheon**  
*"Where in the  
World is God?"*



## Music & Worship Notes



February 21 . . . First Sunday of Lent

Sermon: "Waiting for the Angels"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Adult Choir sings "Son of God, Son of Man"

February 28 . . . Adult Choir sings "Show Me the Way, O Lord"

Special music

Sermon: "Facing our Fears"

March 7 . . . Divine Dance Ensemble

Adult Choir sings "Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs"

Sermon: "Enduring Testing"

March 14 . . . Adult Choir sings "What Wondrous Love"

Special Music

Sermon: "Being Ambassadors"

March 21 . . . Adult Choir presents its 2010 Lenten Cantata

"Jesus Alone"



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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**

**No Sunday morning class during Lent**

**Join us for**

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**a DVD program with Walter Wangerin**

**exploring how Jesus meets us as we face death and grow spiritually**

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**TUESDAY MORNING GROUP**

We are continuing our conversations with:

*Conquering Fear: Living Boldly in an Uncertain World*

*by Rabbi Harold Kushner*



**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*

*March 5 on Psalm 63; March 19 on Psalm 126*

*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.

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.

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### C.E.F. Come Eat Fellowship Third Thursday of the month

It has been such a blessing to see an idea that I had become a success here at Trinity. I am so thankful for all of you that come out to the meals. I hope that the time spent eating and talking with one another is a joy in your life. The purpose of the meal is to nourish the community that we already have here at our church. It is truly a wonderful experience to be part of the community in this church.

If CEF is something you would like to see continue to grow, talk to me about becoming part of a group that helps make and serve the meals. This is not an overly strenuous commitment. So if you are interested or have any ideas to improve CEF talk to me on a Sunday before or after church. Thank you all for your involvement in CEF!

In Him, Taylor Kiser

## **DEDICATION OF PAINTINGS**

Two paintings were dedicated on January 31. These two works of art were painted by member Barbara Webster at the invitation of the Library Revitalization Committee. Both paintings will be permanently displayed in the church library.

The painting of the angel will hang in the children's section of our library. The other painting, titled "Mountain Sunrise," was received in memory of the Rev. Karen Parsons, who was Parish Associate at Trinity until her death last winter on January 30, 2009. "Mountain Sunrise" is a composite painting of a morning sky, a cross that belonged to Karen, and one of Karen's favorite stoles, which depicts the narrative of Noah's ark. Trinity's library collection has been significantly augmented by a large donation of Karen's books.

We are very grateful to her husband, Steve, and children, Anna and Will, for making this generous gift to us. Considering Karen's gift of teaching and preaching, as well as her passion for literature and reading, it seems appropriate to decorate the library with this painting. The cost of the costs of the supplies and the framing have been covered by donations to the Library Fund, including some contributions that were made in honor of Karen and her ministry at Trinity. We are grateful for Barbara's donation of time and talent to create the paintings.

Both paintings are on display in our library. We invite you stop by the library to enjoy Barbara's artistic talents, remember Karen, and peruse the many new books on the shelves.

the Library Revitalization Committee



# Spring Symposium Spring Symposium

DAYLESFORD  
A B B E Y

**Sponsored by**

*The Upper Main Line Ministerium*

***Sunday, March 7, 2010***

*Program will begin promptly at 2 p.m.*

*Light refreshments will be offered in the Abbey dining room after the presentation.*

## ***Topic***

### **A Faith Filled Call: Confronting Race Issues**

*A panel discussion, experiential exercises and time for questions and answers.*

## ***Speakers***

**Rachاون Griffin** - college student, Afrimerican father and Euromerican mother

**Rev. Larry Bergstresser** – Facilitator of Healing Wounds of Racism UMC

**Rev. Hannah Bonner** - Recent graduate of Duke Divinity School

**Rev. Hilda M. Campbell** – HWOR Facilitator

Seating is limited- Free Event – Open to Everyone!

Please register by calling 610-647-2530 ext. 133

Daylesford Abbey, 220 South Valley Road, Paoli

## *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: 2-23-2010, 3-23-2010, and 4-27-2010

Time: 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Topics: 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. Questions?...or want to register for the parent sessions, call BUMC (Gail Campbell) at 610/644-7843, or e-mail [officebumc@comcast.net](mailto:officebumc@comcast.net).



### **Thank You**

Thank you to our Deacon, Julie O'Leary, for organizing the Valentine Day Project. The "Trinity Kids" decorated heart shaped baskets in Sunday school and filled them with candy. The Deacons will deliver the baskets to their "special care people". Baskets are in the church office for pick up.

### **Reminder**

One of the duties of the Deacons is to supply casseroles to members of Trinity Church when needed. You do not have to be sick to receive casseroles. Maybe you just had a new baby or had joint replacement surgery and it is difficult for you to do the cooking. Just call Deacon, Gwen Hodavance, (610-644-5984) to arrange to casseroles delivered to your home.



## TRINITY REMEMBERS

With the baseball teams headed to Florida to begin spring training this week, we recall a time when sports personalities were very much a part of the life of Trinity's congregation.

Jay Sigel joined Trinity church on November 27, 1977. He was described in the Belfry as an enthusiastic and exceptionally talented golfer. In fact, he was to be named within five years, the nation's best amateur player, winning the U.S. Amateur tournament in both 1982 and 1983. He also won three Mid-Atlantic Amateur titles, was the 1979 British Amateur champion, played on nine U.S. Walker Cup teams, two as playing captain, and won the Pennsylvania state amateur championship eleven times. Jay Sigel was guest speaker at Trinity's Father-Son Banquet on February 13, 1983. In 1994 he elected to compete as a professional, and his first win on the PGA Champions Tour (golfers over 50) came that year at Ojai, California. He recorded his eighth career pro win at Kansas City, Missouri, in May of 2003. Injuries have precluded further tournament play. Jay and his wife Betty are still on the Trinity membership roll.

Greg Gross, a native of York, Pennsylvania, got his start in baseball when he was drafted by the Houston Astros organization following graduation from high school in 1970. The left-handed hitting outfielder joined the major league club at the end of the 1973 season. He was named National League "Rookie of the Year" by Sporting News in 1974, spent 1975-76 with the Astros, 1977-78 with the Cubs, and was acquired by the Phillies in a February 1979 trade. He and his wife, Debbie, joined Trinity church in 1980, the year the Phillies won the World Series. On January 24, 1981, he was guest speaker at the Father-Son Banquet. The family left Trinity in 1999.

Keith Hughes, twin son of Bob and Penny Hughes, was confirmed at Trinity on May 7, 1978. After graduating from Conestoga High School in 1981, he attended a Phillies tryout camp and was signed to a professional baseball contract. He was traded in 1984 and played his first major league game with the Yankees in 1987. Traded back to the Phillies that year, the left-handed hitting outfielder also spent time with the Mets, Orioles, and Reds, closing his career with the Kansas City Royals in 1997. He then turned to scouting for the Royals. The Hughes family moved away from this area in 1993.



## CLERK'S CORNER

At the January session meeting:

- Don Tokash, treasurer, reported that 2009 ended with a greatly reduced deficit of only \$572.61 due to the wonderful response to the 13-month pledge giving.
- Heard that
  - The Trinity Fund committee approved the distribution of \$4,000 to purchase a two-sided illuminated sign to be placed on the corner of Waterloo and Berwyn Avenues.
  - \$2,485 had been collected for the Christmas Staff Offering.
- Approved
  - The Annual Statistical Report for 2009.
  - The Worship committee's request to pursue a Prayer Team Initiative Program.
  - The Adult Education committee's request to invite Jack Abel, director of pastoral services at Caron, to preach on April 18, 2010, Health Awareness Sunday.

The next session meeting will be held on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Sally Bovais, Clerk of Session



**To our Trinity Family:** Many thanks for all the wonderful expressions of concern from our Trinity family during Gus' knee replacement surgery and recovery. It really meant so much to have hospital visits from Jay, flowers from Gwen, special delivery by Sally and Don with Taylor's CE dinner, prayers, cards, and inquiries from our Deacons and church friends. We can't thank you all enough! In faith, Gus and Evi Mahairas



## **Children's Sunday School**

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to teach Trinity's children since the fall. The kids are enjoying the one multi-age class format, which is held in the large classroom. As we continue into this school year, we need additional pairs of teachers for each remaining month. Please consider teaching for one month in March, April, May or June. You may sign up on the poster at church or speak with Ann Hatfield or Joyce Hoy with any questions. We hope you will participate in this ministry. It is a joy and a privilege to provide encouragement and support to our children who are growing in their Christian faith and knowledge of God. Thank you!

**Donut Sunday**

**March 7, 2010**

**Help for Haiti**

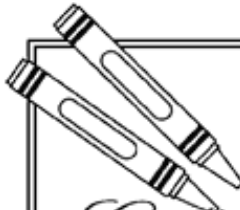
**Join us in the large classroom!**

### ***Spring Curriculum:***

Starting on March 14, the children will be participating in lessons that lead up to the Palm Sunday and Easter stories. We will continue to meet in the large classroom for lessons, games, snacks, and activities. Hope to see you as we learn more about the Lenten and Eastern seasons of the church year.

### ***Easter Candy Donations:***

The Christian Education committee will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt following the worship service on April 4. We hope to fill many colorful, plastic eggs with candy. We have lots of eggs from previous years, but we are in need of Easter candy. Please consider donating some candy. Small, individually wrapped pieces are best. (Please do not purchase candy with peanut butter, because of possible peanut allergies.) A collection box will be available in the church office for any donations. We hope you will contribute to this fun event, which the children really look forward to each year. Thank you for your generosity.







# Just for **KIDS**





*God's teaching is like....*




In Deuteronomy, Moses' words to the children of Israel remind us of spring, which brings growth and new life.











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







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

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

and my words descend like    ,

like          

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like abundant      

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Answers: rain, dew, showers on new grass, rain on tender plants

# DIRT CUPS

Make this easy snack for your family or your friends at Sunday school. As you eat it, celebrate the miracles God brings in the spring.

**What you need:**

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving size) box of chocolate instant pudding
- 1 (8 oz.) tub of frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) plastic cups
- gummy worms and frogs
- plastic flowers (optional)

**What you do:**

1. Mix milk and pudding in a large bowl. Beat with a whisk until well blended. Let stand 5 minutes.
2. Add whipped topping and half of the crushed Oreos.
3. Place 1 tablespoon crushed Oreos in each cup. Fill cups 3/4 full with pudding.
4. Top with remaining crushed Oreos.
5. Chill at least 1 hour or until ready to serve.
6. Decorate with gummy worms and/or frogs.
7. Place the stem end of the plastic flower into the center of the pudding dessert.



For more than 50 years, Presbyterians have joined with Christians throughout the nation in supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, responding to Christ's love for all people by joyfully sharing that love with people in need. The refugee and the stranger have found food and safe shelter; those stunned by the aftermath of disasters have found relief and help rebuilding; and communities seeking to take control of their future have found partners in development. The hundreds of millions of dollars Presbyterians have given over the last half-century have enabled a powerful witness to the love of the One who came that all might have life more abundantly.

Allocation of gifts: After deducting administrative costs (up to 5 percent) and the costs of creating and distributing promotional materials (roughly 5 percent), the remaining undesignated gifts are divided among three programs as follows:

Presbyterian Hunger Program (36 PERCENT): For ministries working to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes, responding with compassion and justice to poor and hungry people in local communities, in the nation and throughout the world, as well as ministries addressing homelessness and affordable housing.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32 PERCENT): For disaster response and ministries with refugees.

Self-Development of People (32 PERCENT): For partnerships with groups of people who are oppressed by poverty or social systems, who want to take charge of their own lives, have organized to do something about their own condition, and have decided what they need to do to produce long-term benefits for themselves.

## MONTHLY FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

### Monthly Budget Update as of January 31, 2010

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>2010 Actual</u>	<u>2010 Budget</u>	<u>%</u>
Pledged Offerings	\$ 36,475	\$ 35,000	103%
Non-Pledge Offerings	\$ 1,343	\$ 1,300	103%
Other Receipts	\$ 2,928	\$ 2,919	100%
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 40,746</b>	<b>\$ 39,719</b>	<b>103%</b>
 <u>Expenses</u>			
Property & Finance	\$ 11,344	\$ 11,015	103%
Personnel	\$ 13,935	\$ 13,828	101%
Worship & Sacraments	\$ (89)	\$ 100	0%
Christian Education	\$ 146	\$ 90	162%
Membership	\$ 168	\$ 200	84%
Board of Deacons	\$ 0	\$ 0	100%
Outreach	\$ 395	\$ 0	-%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 25,109</b>	<b>\$ 25,233</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>General Fund-YTD Net Jan 31</b>	<b>\$ 15,637</b>	<b>\$ 14,486</b>	<b>108%</b>
<b>General Fund Balance - Jan 31</b>	<b>\$ (4,237)</b>		
 <u>Balances As Of:</u>			
	<u>31-Jan-10</u>		
Fixed Rate Loan	\$ 83,478		
Variable Rate Loan	\$ 36,050		
Trinity Fund (Book Value)	\$ 322,427		
Trinity Fund (Market Value)	\$ 290,697		

**Comments:** Pledge payments high due to prepaid and once annual payments. Property & Finance expenses slightly over budget from higher utility and printing/copy costs. Market value of Trinity Fund account on Jan 31, 2009 remains under "book value".

## PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

Per Capita Apportionment is a fundamental way in which all of the nearly 11,000 congregations and governing bodies of the PC(USA) are connected and allows its members to participate in the work of the wider church.

Per capita apportionment for fiscal year 2010 is \$26.91 per member, with the following breakdown:

	Individual	Trinity
General Assembly	\$6.15	\$1,457.55
Synod	2.10	497.70
Presbytery	<u>18.66</u>	<u>4,422.42</u>
Total to pay	\$26.91	\$6,377.67

To help defray the cost, members are invited and encouraged to pay the \$26.91 per capita amount. This is a completely voluntary payment. Approximately half of the membership paid last year. All money received is greatly appreciated.

There is a **Per Capita Apportionment** envelope in your box of envelopes for your use. Thank you very much.

### **STRAFFORD APARTMENT FIRE:**

A fire in an apartment complex in Strafford last week affected 19 families. T & E Cares (short for Tredyffrin and Easttown Cares, established to help people who moved here after Hurricane Katrina) is organizing an effort to help the fire victims. The following is abridged from the T & E Care website:

Below are the items we know are currently needed. If you have any of these to share - please let us know as soon as possible. Cash donations are also very welcome.

Contact Beth at [St. John's Presbyterian Church](#) if you have:

- a bureau or dresser for a bedroom (no wider than 48")

Contact Lida at [Valley Meeting](#) if you have:

- a couch
- 2 end tables for a living room
- 3 bedroom night tables
- 2 dressers (at least one needs to be tall)
- a small book case

Contact Lisa at [Main Line Unitarian](#) if you have:

- 3T or 4T clothes for a 2 1/2 yr old boy
- a tricycle for the boy

**EASTER FLOWERS**



After a long winter, let's bring Spring to Trinity with beautiful flowers! Take them home or remember our elderly and shut-ins to brighten their Easter by ordering extra flowers to be delivered to them following the service. **Orders MUST be in the church office by Monday, March 29th at the very latest in order to place your order.**

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NAME as it should appear in the Bulletin:

\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils      6" pot      \$8.00 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tulips      8" pot      \$11.00 each  
Assorted colors
- \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lilies      Single stem      \$9.00 each  
4 – 5 Blooms
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinth      8" pot      \$11.00 each  
9 Blooms
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hydrangeas      8" pot      \$18.00 each  
12 – 18 " high  
3 – 4 Blooms (pink)

Total enclosed      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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