



The Belfry

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORGANIZED 1863
640 Berwyn Avenue

May 2009 Next Deadline: May 12, 2009

From the Pastor

The elected leaders of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) have started the practice of sharing with the church their reflections each month. I share with you these thoughts from the Reverend Bruce Reyes-Chow, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.):

A life the church is compelled to live

As I write this, we are in the midst of Holy Week and the walk toward the cross.

Every year as we enter this time, the church is pushed again to think about the realities and expressions of our beliefs in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The covenant made at the last supper, his death on the cross, and his resurrection into new life compel us to live in the world in a way that is worthy of the forgiveness given by God.

Not an easy task, for sure. Our transformation in Christ and its compelling nature is such a complex event in our lives, but yet so simple. The graciousness of our God and God's love simply permeate our souls so that joy and hope can be our only response. Yet, at the same time, we live in God's created world filled with a wondrous and often frustrating complexity, which sometimes makes it seem easier to give into the chaos around us.

Now, one could argue that the world is always in some kind of turmoil. But it seems that in today's climate of economic turmoil, violence, war, and anxiety, being able to live this walk from promise to despair to hope is a life the church is compelled to live.

As the world faces death and despair in both body and spirit, will we be the hands and hearts of Christ to live, breathe, and share the hope that Christ brings? I have no doubt we will, for if we take seriously the gracious nature of God, we have no other choice but to live that new life for the world, as Christ has been the new life for each of us.

Music & Worship Notes Coming Up



- April 19 . . . Youth Sunday
Trinity Preschool Minute for Mission
- April 26 . . . Chancel Choir sings "A Joyful Song"
Benediction by the Divine Dance Ensemble
- May 3 . . . "The Will Be Done" by the Chancel Choir
Donut Sunday for the children
- May 10 . . . Chapel Choir sings "God Bless Families"
"The Gift of Love" by the Chancel Choir
- May 17 . . . Trinity's Praise Band will lead the hymns
Chancel Choir's anthem: "We Are A Church"
- May 24 . . . "And the Father Will Dance" introit by the choir
Anthem by the Divine Dance Ensemble



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

APRIL 19 & APRIL 26:
Mission Honduras Report & Update

Beginning May 3 The Shack . . . join the conversation
(copies of the book are available in the church office)



TUESDAY MORNING GROUP

"Peter and Paul"

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 . . . May 1 & 15

CLERK'S CORNER:



At the March session meeting:

- Don Tokash, treasurer, reported that March should end up on a positive note with receipts and expenditures in balance. YTD numbers, however, are under budget on the receipt side and the deficit in the General Fund continues to grow.
- Steve Fenwick, chair of Stewardship, stated that the fundraising committee met to brainstorm ideas to raise money to meet the shortfall in the General Fund. Events will serve to develop fellowship within Trinity as well as to involve the community. A 5K Walk/Run was one of many ideas suggested. Steve announced that a leader is needed to oversee the 150th Anniversary Campaign. It is the committee's opinion that tying in this campaign with major fundraising will benefit the overall success of any fundraising efforts. (Trinity's 150th anniversary is February 2013.)
- Hugh Chekemian, chair of Nominating, reported that the process of nominating the officers for the Class of 2012 has begun.
- Rev. Wilkins reported that Ann Hatfield, Don Bovais and Denny Leeper had offered to attend a workshop on evangelism consisting of four 90-minute sessions to be led by Nan Best of Donegal Presbytery at Trinity.
- Denny Leeper, chair of Personnel, reported that he and Evi Mahairas had met with Don Tokash, administrative assistant, to learn more about the needs of the church office staff. Denny expressed the committee's total support and appreciation for Don's work as administrative assistant.
- Approved the baptisms of Grace Marguerite Hodavance and Margaret Bergin Hodavance, granddaughters of Gwen Hodavance, on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009.
- Elders approved the following dates for Rev. Wilkins to be away:
 - > April 28-30-the Eastern Regional Benefits gathering in Tampa as part of his presbytery commitment as chair of the Committee on Ministry
 - > June 2-5 to attend the graduation of his daughter
 - > June 11-14 for Continuing Education time to attend the Big Tent event in Atlanta, GA, sponsored by General Assembly. He will be involved with a workshop on Pastoral Care for Ministers.
 - > July 7-12 to attend The Calvin Jubilee in Montreat, NC.

The next session meeting will be held on Monday, April 27, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.
Sally Bovais, Clerk of Session

SAVE THE DATE.....

YARD SALE AND BAKE TABLE

Saturday, May 2, 2009

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

On the front lawn of the church

Sponsored by the Outreach and Stewardship Committees for mission and general fundraising.

SAVE YOUR ITEMS....just in time for spring cleaning

- Clothing – men, women and children; gently used in good condition
- Toys and games – in good condition with all the parts
- Books – paperbacks and hardcovers
- Household items
- Furniture – small pieces easily transported

As the date gets closer, look for more information about when and where to bring your donations. This is not a consignment sale. All goods received for the sale will be considered donations with proceeds to benefit mission projects and needs of Trinity.

Any questions, contact a member of the committee:

Lin Rolston, Amy Keenan, Don and Sally Bovais, Joanne Sutton,

Gary and Leppy Horn

Bob and Peggy Owen – book table

Kit Tokash and Sally McKay – bake table

Thanks

FOR YOUR EXAMPLE

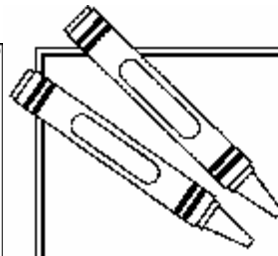
Mother's Day is a great opportunity to thank your mother, grandmother or any other woman who has been a wonderful example in your life. Make and give this craft to show how much you appreciate these special women.

What you need:

- An empty, glass, wide-mouthed jar (no lid needed)
- Acrylic craft paints (several different spring colors)
- Votive candle (optional)
- Flowers (optional)
- Small candies (optional)

What you do:

1. Make sure your glass jar is clean and dry.
2. Dip your pointer finger into one of the paint colors.
3. Using your finger as a stamp, make about five prints in a circle on the outside of your jar. These will be your flower petals. (Hint: Hold your jar by placing your hand inside it. Then you can turn the jar easily without messing up the wet paint.)
4. Dip your finger into another color and make a fingerprint in the center of your petals.
5. Make as many flowers as you want, using different fingers or your thumb to make different sized petals.
6. Present this beautiful gift to a special woman this Mother's Day. There are many ways to use it:
 - Place a votive candle inside to make a candleholder.
 - Fill it with water and place flowers inside to make a vase.
 - Fill it with small candies to make a candy jar.



Just for **KIDS**

A legacy of faith

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy was influenced by his grandmother and mother.

Complete 2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV) below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowel.

VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u

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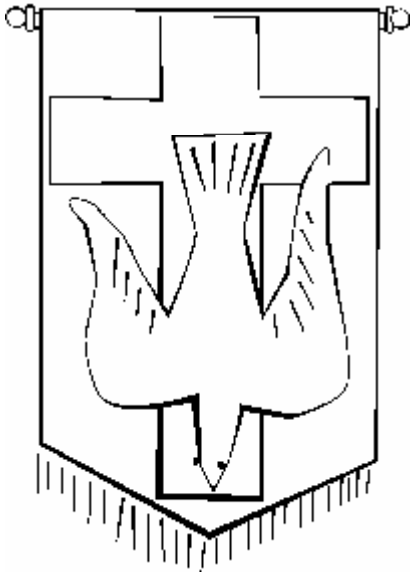
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© TIMOTHY 1:5 (NIV)

Answer: "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

Confirmation Class



TRINITY'S
2009 CONFIRMATION CLASS

April 21, May 5, 12, & 19 . . . 5 – 6 PM

Pentecost Sunday is May 31

Who is the leader? Rev. Jay Wilkins

Who is invited? 5th Grade students and older

What if I have questions? Call Jay and talk to him (610-644-0932; home: 610-240-9594; cell: 610-247-5413)

Matching Grant Opportunity

In the Fall of 2009 I will be attending Eastern University. My major will be Psychology with a minor in Youth Ministry. My goal is to work with adolescents and drug and alcohol addictions.

Eastern has a matching grant program. This is a program where any monies donated to Eastern can be made through Trinity Presbyterian Church and Eastern will match the donation up to \$1000. They will then apply the matching grant to my tuition. If you are interested in participating, please turn in your donation to the church office by April 20th. All donations must be turned in to Eastern by May 1st.

Thank you,
Vannesa Larson

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!

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TRINITY REMEMBERS

James Aiken was the youngest Aiken sibling. Born February 21, 1848, he was fifteen years of age, but had not yet been confirmed, when his family came to Trinity. He was received in 1867, by confession of faith, as its 41st member. Educated to be a medical doctor, he got his degree at Penn in 1868.

On March 2, 1881, Dr. Aiken married Clara Alexander of North Coventry Township, Chester County, a teacher in the Presbyterian school near Valley Presbyterian church. They had seven children; only two lived to majority, Thomas Gerald, born 1884, and Daisy Augusta, born 1889.

It is through Daisy that we catch a glimpse of Dr. Aiken's demeanor and personal life. She writes, "His church was very dear to his heart. He and Mrs. Aiken both sang in the choir. He gave unstintingly of his time to church activities, and no matter how busy, he made an effort to plan his Sunday calls so that he could attend services. He was very quiet in his manner and never wished to create any undue excitement. His family knew that if they needed him for a sick person while he was in church, he always sat in the first pew just inside the Sunday School vestibule door, and they did not need to open the door, but if they would just say "doctor" once, he would hear them and would slip out quietly."

One time when someone sent for the doctor, the minister was praying when the messenger arrived in the vestibule. He decided to wait until the minister had finished, but the dog that had gone along did not wait. He went in through the Sunday School to the front of the church and started back over the top of every pew to the back until he found Dr. Aiken."

"When young minister W. P. Van Tries came to Berwyn in 1908, someone asked the doctor what he thought of him. Dr. Aiken replied, "Oh, he'll be all right when he gets some of the conceit out of him." He little dreamed then that the new minister would be his son-in-law, whom he had thought too modern and evangelistic, but of whom later he grew to be very fond."

He never pushed himself forward, being very reserved in his demeanor. He loved nature, cared deeply for his horses. In all his living he was gentle, but he was firm. When he died on June 11, 1920, he had served as an elder on Trinity's session for 31 years, 12 years as clerk.

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

Honduras Mission Trip January 3rd -10th, 2009

(Third excerpt from Dick Kurtz's extensive report)

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

ARRIVAL IN HONDURAS

We arrived safely on 2 different days on 3 different airlines from four different airports in the United States. The landings were smooth and safe at the infamous Tegucigalpa airport which had been closed for several months because of a crash early in 2008. Safety conditions had been improved tremendously at the airport. The air controllers and pilots now start praying when the plane is 30 miles from the airport instead of the previous 20 miles.

We held our breaths as we travelled down the 2 lane road from Tegucigalpa to Pespire. The big trucks and buses with Honduran drivers occasionally made 4 lanes of traffic passing on two lanes of hairpin curves, but we saw no accidents. We checked into the La Palmeras Hotel in downtown Pespire where things took a turn for the worse. We had booked the entire hotel for our group of gringos, drivers, guide/translators, local doctors, dentists and attendees at our planned dental symposium. Inexplicably, the hotel had booked rooms for a group of college students from Purdue University led by 2 Peace Corps volunteers. This resulted in a hectic reassignment of rooms with our local leader, **Marel Hernandez** and 2 of his drivers staying at a motel in **Nacaome**, a 20 minute drive from the rest of us. Things turned even worse on Monday, January 5th, when **Ken Draigh** was bitten by a local dog.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL CLINICS

After breakfast at La Casada, we left the hard road of civilization at Pespire and travelled up the mountain to the tiny town of Morocopy where the medical team set up their efficient medical clinic in which **Dr. Ronald David**, **Dr. Susan Pillsbury** and **Dr. Adolfo Moreno** checked out over a hundred patients, many of whom had gathered when we arrived. The crowd was processed efficiently through the medical clinic. Our drivers admitted people one at a time to the reception desk where **Richard Graugh** and **Ken Draigh** took their names and found their medical records, if they had been to a prior clinic. This is a cumbersome, time-consuming, procedure but amazingly an increasing number of patients had retrievable medical records. The records include a picture of the patient, the dates of prior examinations, a diagnosis of their affliction and prior prescriptions.

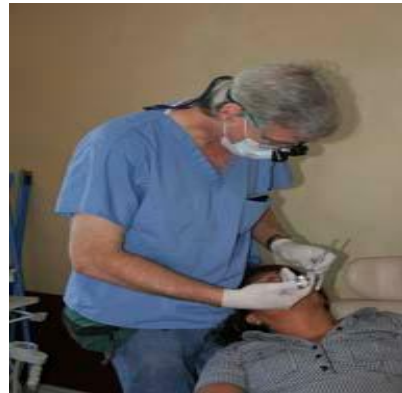
After registering, patients proceeded to the triage desk where **Reneé Gould and Elizabeth Russell** recorded blood pressures and temperatures.



Dr. Ron With a Woman He Referred to C.A.R.E. for Cataract Surgery

In 2008 **Dr. Moreno** conducted three medical clinics at each of Morocopay and Puerto Grande. In 2009 we plan to conduct four clinics at each location. These clinics need a lot of attention to logistics during the coming year.

The dental team set up their office in a vacant room of the new Sunday School Building at Morocopay, where **Dr. Leonard Jensen** of Philadelphia, **Dr. Alex Moreno**, and his lovely wife, **Dra. Hortenzia Valladares**, saw patients. The dental team operated successfully on the 30 or so Honduran patients who had dental problems. They also treated **Amy David** who had developed a painful dental condition which was successfully treated by **Dr. Jensen**. For the other 40 patients, it was mostly extractions. **Dr. Jensen** set the record by extracting 3 teeth from one patient, but the Hondurans endured it bravely with minimum dosage of Tylenol.



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**CHECK IT OUT . . . . .**

Trinity's Web Site: [www.trinityberwyn.com](http://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.



## A Message from the Nominating Committee

Shortly we will begin our annual search for members willing to serve on Session and the Board of Deacons. For the past several years, I have had the pleasure to serve as the chairman of the Nominating Committee. It is an especially rewarding job because I get to witness firsthand the Spirit at work. I see both new members and long time members and members of all ages volunteering to serve.

One of my goals this year is to expand our search. We want to include all who would like to serve not just those who happen to be contacted by a Nominating Committee member. We would especially like to reach out to new members and members who have not yet had the opportunity to serve as an elder or a deacon.

Some of you new members might be reluctant to volunteer or accept an invitation to serve. I know because I felt the same way. Shortly after Martha and I joined Trinity, I was asked to serve. At first I wondered why me. I was new to Trinity and had never ever served in either capacity before, and I just did not see myself as being qualified. Rather than just declining the invitation, I decided to ask around, and after some soul searching and prayer, I realized that I could contribute.

So I took a leap of faith and made a commitment to serve, and I am so very glad I did. Service, regardless of form, is rewarding in many ways, but service to God on Trinity's Session has been particularly rewarding to me in two ways. First, I have been given the opportunity to contribute my God-given time and my talent, as humble as that might be, and second, serving on Session has provided me with an opportunity to grow in my faith by seeing and learning from so many other wonderful servants of God.

The committee would like to offer every member the opportunity to serve, and this is one job that no prior experience is necessary. In fact, fresh thinking newcomers are very much welcome. If you are interested, please take this as your personal invitation and let us know. Call the church office to express your interest, and someone from the Nominating Committee will follow-up.

Faithfully yours,

Hugh Chekemian, Nominating Committee Chairman

## **DEACONS**

### **A 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.



## **SAVE THE DATE**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)** will be held June 21-25 from 4-7pm.

This year's theme is Son Rock Kids Camp.



## **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](mailto: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 March 31, 2009**

| <b>General Fund</b>                | <b>2009 Actual</b>        | <b>2009 Budget</b> | <b>%</b>     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <b>Pledged Offerings</b>           | \$ 58,449                 | \$ 61,700          | 95%          |
| <b>Non-Pledge Offerings</b>        | \$ 2,543                  | \$ 4,021           | 63%          |
| <b>Other Receipts</b>              | \$ 7,159                  | \$ 7,357           | 97%          |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>              | <b>\$ 68,151</b>          | <b>\$ 73,078</b>   | <b>93%</b>   |
| <b>Expenses</b>                    |                           |                    |              |
| <b>Property &amp; Finance</b>      | \$ 35,297                 | \$ 31,870          | 111%         |
| <b>Personnel</b>                   | \$ 43,177                 | \$ 43,540          | 99%          |
| <b>Worship &amp; Sacraments</b>    | \$ (408)                  | \$ 838             | - %          |
| <b>Christian Education</b>         | \$ 883                    | \$ 747             | 118%         |
| <b>Membership</b>                  | \$ 156                    | \$ 200             | 78%          |
| <b>Board of Deacons</b>            | \$ 0                      | \$ 0               | 100%         |
| <b>Outreach</b>                    | \$ 4,289                  | \$ 5,500           | 78%          |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>              | <b>\$ 83,394</b>          | <b>\$ 82,696</b>   | <b>101%</b>  |
| <b>General Fund-YTD Net 3/31</b>   | <b>\$ (15,243)</b>        | <b>\$ (9,618)</b>  | <b>-158%</b> |
| <b>General Fund Balance – 3/31</b> | <b>\$ (32,496)</b>        |                    |              |
| <b><u>Balances As Of:</u></b>      |                           |                    |              |
|                                    | <b><u>31-March-09</u></b> |                    |              |
| <b>Fixed Rate Loan</b>             | \$ 87,349                 |                    |              |
| <b>Variable Rate Loan</b>          | \$ 41,898                 |                    |              |
| <b>Trinity Fund (Market Value)</b> | \$ 216,500                |                    |              |

**ANALYSIS:**

**Comments:** Please keep your pledge payments current to help offset the (\$32,496) GF balance, which has grown from \$ (17,285) on 12/31/08. Property & Finance expenses over budget from higher than expected utility and office expense costs. General Fund negative balance has grown in part due to the deficit budget planned for 2009. All the more reason to keep our receipts (pledges & donations) as current as possible.

**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**

\_\_\_\_\_

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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**



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