



# The Belfry

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORGANIZED 1863

640 Berwyn Avenue

Berwyn, Pennsylvania 19312

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November 2009    Next Deadline: November 20, 2009

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## From the Pastor

You have seen the headlines, heard the news: the economy is in such a state that no “cost of living adjustment” is being recommended. That is the world most of us live in – we are struggling to keep what we have, and not lose more. What happens to the church in times such as these? We live with a deficit budget and look to reduce our expenditures for next year.

Experts report that successful fundraising groups never tell people that they need bigger pledges because they are in the middle of tough financial times and are going broke. “Do they send out a message that they are dying on the vine and must have one more contribution to stay afloat? No, they say, ‘We took your money last year and we did great things with it. If you will give us more, we will do more great things.’ And people give and give to them. People want results and these institutions give positive results!”

I think that you give to this church because you believe in our mission, not because you read a budget or hear that Trinity does not have enough money. You give because you trust the leadership being given by the Session. You know that Trinity is changing people’s lives and the world in which we live through the worship, education, fellowship, and mission of this church.

*We are called to passionately answer the call of God by sharing with all people the Good News of Jesus Christ, growing in a relationship with Christ and with one another, and dedicating our church to service in His name.*

Yours in Christ,  
Jay

# Music & Worship Notes

## Coming Up



October 25 . . . Reformation Sunday

Chancel Choir sings "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

November 1 . . . Special Guest: The Rev. Dr. Howard Friend

Chancel Choir sings "Now Thank We All Our God"

November 8 . . . The Youth Choir returns to sing

Chancel Choir sings "Surely the Lord is in This Place"

November 15 . . . The Children sing "All Things Bright & Beautiful"

Chancel Choir sings "Doxology of Praise"

November 22 . . . Stewardship Dedication Sunday

Chancel Choir sings "First Fruits"

Divine Dance Ensemble presents "Glory to God"



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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).

## **WELCOME HOWARD FRIEND BACK TO TRINITY**

Howard Friend, formerly the interim pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Berwyn during the late 1990s, will be the guest preacher at Trinity on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Howard is a longtime parish pastor, as well as, the lead consultant of the Parish Empowerment Network, which he founded. He has led workshops, seminars, judicatory training, and retreat events around the country and worked with more than 150 congregations over the last 20 years. Most notably, he was the pastor of Gladwyne Presbyterian Church for 23 years. In addition, Howard is the author of *Gifts of an Uncommon Life: The Practice of Contemplative Activism* (Alban Institute, 2008) and *Recovering the Sacred Center: Church Renewal from the Inside Out* (Judson Press, 1998).

At 9 A.M., Howard will introduce his new book to the Adult Sunday School Class in the Parlor. All are welcome. Following the service, he will be available for fellowship and book signing in Fellowship Hall.



Upper Main Line Community  
Thanksgiving Worship Service

**Wednesday, November 25, 2009**

**St. Monica Church**

**7:00 P.M.**



Cold Weather Tree

**THE COLD WEATHER TREE!!!** The weather outside is telling us that we need to start to collect **MITTENS, GLOVES, HATS, SCARVES, SWEATERS** and **COATS** for our friends at Eastside Ministries in Chester. We will be collecting your warm winter clothes from November to mid December. Coat trees, baskets, and a trunk will be in the hall for you to leave your warm fuzzies. You just can't believe how much these gifts mean to the people receiving them! Eastside Ministries thanks you again for helping with their winter needs. The CE Committee



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

**November 1 . . . Howard Friend introduces his new book**

**November 8, 15 & 22 . . . “First Light” – a video based intro to Jesus and the Kingdom of God**

**November 29 through Christmas – Singing our Advent Faith – history & theology of four well-known carols**

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***TUESDAY MORNING GROUP***

*New study now beginning*

*“The Moral Teaching of Paul”*



**TUESDAY MORNING  
BIBLE STUDY**

***9:30 A.M. in the Parlor***



***THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY***

*7:00 A.M. in the Church Library*

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A special opportunity for spiritual growth . . .

***PRAYING THE PSALMS***

*with Catherine*

*every other Friday at 11:00 AM in the Sacristy . . . October 30 & Nov. 13*

## HELP US CELEBRATE 150 YEARS

# Trinity



Berwyn, PA

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 is asking for volunteers for this committee and also for volunteers for subcommittees to work on specific events that may be of interest to you.

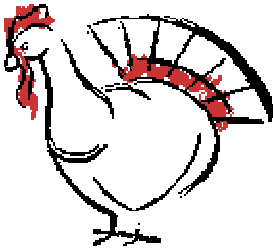
Please sign up to be part of the steering committee, sub-committee or submit your ideas by seeing: Steve Fenwick; Gary Horn; Bill Morgart; Hugh Chekemian; Denny Leeper; Julie O'Leary or Jim Hatfield.

### 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**

## CARING CUPBOARD



Believe it or not, it's time to think about Thanksgiving! We will be giving out the Thanksgiving baskets on Thursday, November 22nd. You have been very generous in the past donating turkeys and we hope we can count on you again this year. Most of the grocery stores have specials going on for this holiday so perhaps you can take advantage of one of these and donate a turkey. For our smaller families, or singles, a small roasting chicken would also be appreciated. We will need all turkeys and/or chickens in the church by Wednesday morning, November 21st. Call me if you have any questions or need assistance - Peggy Owen, 610-296-8350.

\*\*We are always in need of paper bags!

\*\*Thanks to all who continue to save Acme receipts!

\*\*We will be giving turkeys out for Christmas, too!

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## *Mission Honduras*

**THANK YOU** - Many, many thanks are being extended to our neighbors, Barbara and David Smith. Through the courtesy of their Paoli, Berwyn, and Malvern Lions Club, which had collected about 1400 pairs of eye glasses as their ongoing special charity, we helped collect approximately 1000 eye glass cases for Honduras. Much appreciation is expressed for their worthwhile efforts and their generosity to Trinity!

Evi and Gus Mahairas

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## **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE**

**Please make note of the following change of address:**

**HULTON, Jim**  
331 W. Logan Street

Norristown, PA 19401



## TRINITY REMEMBERS

Rev. Robert Wayne "Bob" Bohl was called to be Trinity's pastor in June 1967, a time when he was teaching at Temple University and pursuing a Ph. D. degree at Penn. He was a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, and it was a time for him of having to decide between the academic world or the church. Trinity was still recovering from a ride on the emotional roller coaster of experiencing the untimely death of its senior minister, Rev. George Gardner, nine months earlier.

Mr. Bohl chose the church and accepted the call. He was a young man (just over 30 years old), bright, and energetic. A great planner, he had the ability to envision how things should be and to bring plans to fruition. He spent nearly ten years with us at Trinity, and when he left to accept bigger challenges, at the end of February 1977, he wrote, "I am proud to have been associated with you and think that Paul's note to the Philippians is one which applies to me: 'I thank my God in all my remembrance of you... thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now'..."

Years later, in 2004, Bob Bohl related to Trinity's Dick Kurtz a humorous experience which occurred here in 1972. Rev. Bohl said, "I'll tell you one of the funniest things that happened to me. You remember [Charlie] Gibb who was [executive vice] president of the local bank. We had a snowstorm in the early 70s [February 20, 1972]. My gosh, it snowed and drifted to 12 - 15 inches. I was listening to the radio and everyone [was] canceling church. So, I put on the radio that we were canceling church. I got a phone call from [Charlie], and he said, 'I dare you to cancel church. I have a 65-year perfect attendance. Get down here, and we're going to have church.'"

I said, "okay, but I'm not going to get dressed up." He said, "You don't have to get dressed up, if you [just] get down here." I went over to the Paoli Fire Company and they were going that way and they took me down there. We could hardly get in the church. We opened the back door and went in. [Charlie] said, "You don't have to do the whole thing. Just a brief service. but I want to have perfect attendance. I want to do this until I die."

I laughed about that for years. Every time [Charlie] would see me, he would say, "Well, thanks for opening the church. I still have perfect attendance."

[November 2009 Belfry; submitted by Herb Fry for the History Committee.]

# Attitude of GRATITUDE

The Thanksgiving holiday reminds us that we should always be grateful for the many blessings God provides. Keep a special gratitude journal, and write in it often to keep an attitude of gratitude.




### What you need:

- Paper (8 1/2" x 11" sheets, plain or lined)
- Stapler
- Stickers
- Crayons or markers

### What you do:

1. Fold several sheets of paper in half.
2. Staple the pages together on the folded crease.
3. Write "Attitude of Gratitude" on the cover.
4. Decorate your journal with stickers and drawings.
5. On the inside cover, write "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV).
6. Use your journal daily as a reminder of your blessings and as a guide for when you say prayers.



**Just for KIDS**

## He gave thanks

This Thanksgiving, you may share a special meal with family and friends. Do you remember the time when Jesus shared a meal with thousands of people and gave thanks?

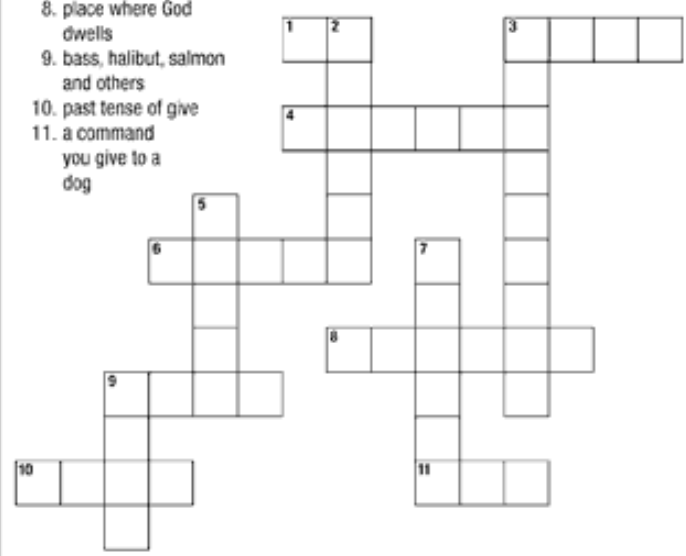
Use the clues to find important words from Matthew 14:19 (NIV).

**Across**

1. opposite of down
3. opposite of up
4. more than one loaf
6. penniless
8. place where God dwells
9. bass, halibut, salmon and others
10. past tense of give
11. a command you give to a dog

**Down**

2. another name for humans
7. \_\_\_\_\_ giving
9. odd number after 4
5. what a lawnmower cuts



Across: 1. up; 3. down; 4. loaves; 6. broke; 8. heaven; 9. fish; 10. gave; 11. sit  
Down: 2. people; 3. disciples; 5. grass; 7. thanks; 9. five



## CLERK'S CORNER

At the September session meeting, elders:

- Received the Annual Financial Review Report with thanks to Herb Fry and Margi Morgart.
- Approved the collection of three church-wide special offerings for 2009-2010: Peacemaking, Christmas Joy and One Great Hour of Sharing.
- Heard that
  - The stewardship campaign will begin on October 25th and conclude with Dedication Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Julie O'Leary is the new moderator of the deacons.
  - Presbytery elected Rev. Erin Cox-Holmes from Punxsatawney, PA as Executive Presbyter.
- Approved the request to invite Rev. Howard Friend to preach on November 1<sup>st</sup>. He will also teach the Adult Education and conduct a book signing. He is the author of Gifts of an Uncommon Life: The Practice of Contemplative Activism.
- Identified committee preferences:
  - Steve Belliveau – Personnel, Christian Ed., 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - Sally Bovais – Adult Ed., Library
  - Hugh Chekemian – Stewardship
  - Kate Doms – Christian Ed.
  - Steve Fenwick – Stewardship, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - Sandy Forbes – Worship, Shepherd Program
  - Ann Hatfield – Christian Ed., Nominating, Membership
  - Gary Horn – Property & Finance, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Worship, Trinity Fund, Library
  - Jim Hulton – Shepherd Program, Stewardship, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Worship
  - Denny Leeper – Personnel, Adult Ed., Library, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Trinity Fund
  - Bill Morgart – Stewardship
  - Dave Reid – Personnel, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - Lin Rolston – Outreach, Nominating

The next session meeting will be held on Monday, October 26, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Sally Bovais, Clerk of Session

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

| <u>General Fund</u>                  | <u>2009 Actual</u> | <u>2009 Budget</u> | <u>%</u>    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Pledged Offerings                    | \$ 153,074         | \$ 160,700         | 95%         |
| Non-Pledge Offerings                 | \$ 15,670          | \$ 17,221          | 91%         |
| Other Receipts                       | \$ 18,225          | \$ 18,796          | 98%         |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                | <b>\$ 186,969</b>  | <b>\$ 196,717</b>  | <b>95%</b>  |
| <br><u>Expenses</u>                  |                    |                    |             |
| Property & Finance                   | \$ 78,931          | \$ 72,300          | 109%        |
| Personnel                            | \$ 126,543         | \$ 129,676         | 98%         |
| Worship & Sacraments                 | \$ 2,385           | \$ 2,928           | 81%         |
| Christian Education                  | \$ 1,944           | \$ 2,480           | 78%         |
| Membership                           | \$ 156             | \$ 200             | 78%         |
| Board of Deacons                     | \$ 0               | \$ 0               | 100%        |
| Outreach                             | \$ 6,154           | \$ 7,000           | 88%         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                | <b>\$ 216,113</b>  | <b>\$ 214,584</b>  | <b>101%</b> |
| <b>General Fund-YTD Net Sept 30</b>  | <b>\$ (29,144)</b> | <b>\$ (17,867)</b> | <b>163%</b> |
| <b>General Fund Balance -Sept 30</b> | <b>\$ (46,396)</b> |                    |             |
| <br><u>Balances As Of:</u>           |                    |                    |             |
|                                      | <u>30-Sept-09</u>  |                    |             |
| Fixed Rate Loan                      | \$ 85,063          |                    |             |
| Variable Rate Loan                   | \$ 43,076          |                    |             |
| Trinity Fund (Book Value)            | \$ 319,994         |                    |             |
| Trinity Fund (Market Value)          | \$ 286,000         |                    |             |

**Comments:** Pledge payments lost ground to plan. Property & Finance expenses over budget from higher utility and insurance costs. Need to control spending rest of year. Market value of Trinity Fund account on Sept 30, 2009 has improved some but remains under "book value. Still need to reduce GF negative balance which increased to (\$46,396).

# **DEACONS' UPDATE**

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

The Deacons and the Sunday School will be assembling Thanksgiving Day bags for our Special Care People. The bags will have small gifts like fruit, hand lotion and candy. If you have anything you would like to donate to these bags, please see one of the Deacons.

## **SEE OUR NEW BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE OF FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

You will be able to see pictures of our new deacons, Amy Keenan, Annie Hutton, and Rob Shoemaker. There will be a section for community information, a place for thank you notes, etc and a section on Ministries in the community who are working with addictions and recovery. All our Deacons are available to help with rides, referrals, meals and various other duties. The following is a list of our Deacons. Deacon's phone numbers may be obtained through the church office or the directory.

## **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:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Evi Mahairas    | Pat Olivio      |
| Marcia Herrick  | Jule Penry      |
| Sally Bovais    | Barbara Webster |
| Leppy Horn      | Patty Roseberry |
| Arlene Riddle   | Joyce Hoy       |
| Sally McKay     | Ruth McQuiston  |
| Petey Gilfillan | Joyce Hoy       |



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