



The Belfry

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORGANIZED 1863

640 Berwyn Avenue

Berwyn, Pennsylvania 19312

October 2009 Next Deadline: October 13, 2009

From the Pastor

Y B Presby?

Among many younger adults, the question being asked is “Why be Presbyterian?” The Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, Moderator of the General Assembly, recently asked that question and responses have been interesting. Bruce wrote that “we are struggling to find our way through difficult situations, local and national. ...

“I think the world’s struggles have reminded us that we are, first and foremost, to be the church in the world. This humbling posture has freed up many from some aspects of institutional church life that may have previously drawn our attention away from our calling to be the hearts and hands of Christ in the world. I am also uplifted by our willingness to ask tough questions of each other with the hope of discovering what God has in store for us Presbyterians . . .

“I believe we offer amazing approaches to the faith that show to the world wonderful expressions of needed peace and healing. Our commitment to discern together the mind of Christ and the will of God stands against a world that would rather choose isolation. Our connectionalism may at times be burdensome and frustrating. However, in a world that often wants the easy way out of disagreement, when done well, our willingness and encouragement to engage one another is a great gift. What do you think? “

I celebrate that Trinity is Presbyterian, being able to ask tough questions of each other, and to be willing to stay with each other to listen for the way forward. What a witness you are to Christ for this community.

Yours in Christ,
Jay

Music & Worship Notes

Coming Up



September 27 . . . The Youth sing for worship

October 4 . . . World Communion Sunday

Chancel Choir sings "As We Break the Bread"

October 11 . . . Trinity's Praise Band will lead the music

October 18 . . . Children's Choir sings "Greet the Dawn"

Chancel Choir sings "Immortal Invisible"

October 25 . . . Reformation Sunday

Chancel Choir sings "If Thou But Suffer God"

Many thanks for the cards, visits and expressions of support. It made my "repair" time much easier to bear. I am glad to be back in my usual place in the choir. Thanks again. Gwen Hodavance



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.



**ADULT
EDUCATION**

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

“Why Calvin?”

September 20 – October 25

What meaning does Calvin have for us today?

Jay Wilkins will lead a conversation on the continuing relevance of the Reformation and Calvin in the contemporary church and life in America, including that great series “Calvin & Hobbes.”
Sunday mornings at 9 AM in the Parlor.



TUESDAY MORNING GROUP

“Alive to God in Jesus Christ”

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 . . . October 2 & 16



OCTOBER 24, 2009
 FALL SWING AND FLING
 "A HOMERUN FOR MISSIONS"

OUTREACH FUNDRAISER - To Benefit:

- * MISSION HONDURAS where we are in partnership with
the churches at Puerto Grande and Moropocay
 and

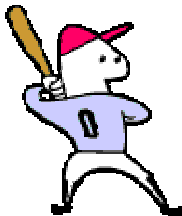
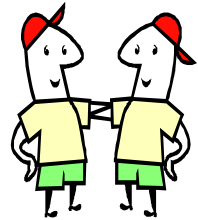
- * LOCAL CHARITIES

A "team effort" is needed to make our mission giving possible! Be a member of the team by supporting this event - attend one or both activities. If you can't attend, monetary donations are greatly appreciated!



"SWING"

Place: Golf at Kimberton Golf Club
 Time: 10:00 am first tee-off time
 Price: \$80.00



"FLING"

Time: 6:00 pm
 At: Surrey Services for Seniors
 Price: \$30.00 per person
 \$15.00 per person for golfers
 What: Fellowship, Good Food, Door Prizes,
 *Silent Auction, Service/Live Auction

*Please donate a service, gift certificates, etc. for the auctions;
 talk to Gary Horn - 610-647-2424. Tickets will go on sale in Sept.
 Look for sign-up poster in the hallway and indicate whether you will
 bring an appetizer or salad.

*Volunteers are also needed to help set-up Fri., Oct. 23, 6:00 pm at Surrey. Talk to Lin Rolston if you can lend a "helping hand."

Melmark Joybells - Bringing Joy into Others Lives By Jim Hulton, Trinity Publicist



On Sunday, September 13, 2009, the Melmark Joybells of Berwyn played a resounding musical concerto of Christian and secular songs that brought the attending congregation to a standing ovation at the finale. More than one hundred people gazed and listened in awe as the bell choir of 12 people produced a repertoire of familiar hymns and songs played only by hand bells. The musical tunes included Ode to Joy by Beethoven, Air Suite by Bach, When You Wish Upon a Star, It's a Small World, the 23rd Psalm, and Jonah and the Whale. Under the direction of Sue Graves and Joyce Klinck, the Melmark Joybells have been delighting audiences nationwide for over 43 years. Ages of the choir members range from 22 to 57. All of the choir members are residents of the Melmark facility in Berwyn for special needs people with mental retardation and physical disabilities. At the end of the concert, the Joybells delighted the audience with "Chopsticks," a popular tune that everyone knows but have never heard played by handbells!

The Joybells Melmark's handbell choir performs regularly at churches, schools, and colleges, as well as corporate and community events. It also has performed at venues across the country, including the gubernatorial inauguration for Richard Thornburgh in Pennsylvania and three White House events. Led by two professional musical directors, choir members with developmental disabilities use a variety of handbells, chimes, and percussion instruments in their varied repertoire of sacred, classical, popular, and patriotic selections.

Paul Vanderslice, Director of Music at Trinity, thanked the Joybells for its wonderful entertainment and commented that "the Melmark Handbell Choir truly brought joy into the lives of Trinity members and families. This is an evening that will long be remembered at Trinity as one of its most outstanding musical events."

The Melmark facility program features intensive staffing, nursing care, and special education classes. Residents enjoy drama, music, and other activities emphasizing happy lifestyles. Melmark has private school licensing with classrooms, a gymnasium, pool, and cottages. Since its inception, freestanding homes have also been built on the campus. Programming is differentiated by age, ability, and healthcare needs. It is also fully licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare and Education.

In 1997, the first of a continuing series of community homes for adults opened. In 1998, the agency celebrated the opening of *Melmark New England*, a community-based, approved private school in Andover, MA. Today, with a combined staff of 653 people, Melmark serves 278 children and adults with a wide range of developmental disabilities in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. Staff also provide consultation to public schools in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. The vision and philosophy towards those Melmark serves is **always** “The Home That Love Built” in all aspects of what it does.

Melmark continues to encourage special needs individuals to achieve their maximum potential through progressive clinical programs provided with loving care—just as it did in the very beginning. The Berwyn Melmark facility is located at 2600 Wayland Road., along Route 252 before the intersection of it and PA Rte. 3. More information about Melmark can be found on its website <http://www.melmark.org>.



Interfaith Environmental Symposium and Workshops

This event is open to community members who want to learn more about environmental stewardship and energy-related issues. This will be an opportunity for information sharing and topic discussion among an interfaith community. A light supper will be served. Come one, come all!

Wednesday, October 7, 2009,
5:30 - 9:30 PM

Wayne United Methodist Church

For further information contact Marge Miller at 610-687-2849 or ammiller12@aol.com To print out additional brochure PDF copies go to: www.wayneumc.org and click on the GREEN button “Growing a Greener Spirit”

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 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

Christian Education

ChildFund International-Change a childhood. Change the world.

For many years, the Sunday School children have supported a child through the Christian Children's Fund. Over the summer, the organization changed its name to ChildFund International. Along with the new name come a new strategic plan and bold vision for the future. The mission of ChildFund International still is to make lasting and positive changes in the lives of children and families living in poverty, but now its reach is extended to address needs in 55 countries. It is estimated that 53 million additional people this year will fall into poverty because of the economic crisis. Please continue to support your children in bringing their Sunday School offerings to church each week. Their generosity and efforts make a difference as we partner with ChildFund International to change the world.

Bibles and Books - Until September 30th

The Library Revitalization Committee has been judiciously sorting through the material in our Trinity library. We have been clearing the shelves of old and worn books, in order to make space for contemporary Christian reading material and resources. During this process, we have identified a collection of Bibles and other books that are no longer needed in the library. If you are interested in giving any of these items a home, they will be available in the hallway outside the church office and on a table in Fellowship Hall. Please take any of the Bibles or other books that you would like to have. The Bibles and books will be available on the tables until September 30th. Any books that have not been claimed by that time will be properly disposed of or recycled. Thank you.

Try this at home



Blessing of the Backpacks

Linda Valentine, executive director of the Presbyterian Church's General Assembly Mission Council, joined family in worship at First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, over Labor Day Weekend. The worship service featured a wonderful litany entitled,

“Blessing of the Backpacks.” The church’s elementary and middle school youth brought their school backpacks forward to have them blessed.

Leader: When it’s the night before going to school, and I’m picking out my clothes and making sure I have all my school supplies...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I’m waking up and eating a healthy breakfast to start the day...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I’m getting on the school bus or being driven to school...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I meet my teachers and new friends in my class...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I’m playing with my friends at recess...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I’m finding the right school bus to ride home...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I’m telling my family about my day at school...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I’m praying at night and thanking God for my family, my friends and my school...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: Let’s pray together:

All: Thank you, Jesus, for always being by my side. I know that if I get nervous or afraid, you will be there with me. When I see the cross on my backpack, I will remember that you are always with me. I know that I can talk with you any time – day or night – and for that I am so thankful. I pray this all in your name. Amen.

Cookies for Friends

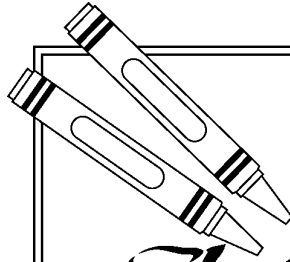
Autumn is the perfect time of the year to sow kindness and reap a "harvest" full of friendships. Make this special treat to share with someone.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- 1½ cups sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup cooked or canned pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1½ cups diced, roasted almonds
- 1 cup chocolate pieces
- Raffia or fall-colored ribbon (optional)

What you do:

1. Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.
2. Beat in egg, pumpkin and vanilla.
3. In separate bowl, mix flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, nutmeg and cinnamon.
4. Add dry mix to creamed mixture.
5. Add almonds and chocolate pieces; mix thoroughly.
6. Drop by teaspoons onto well-greased cookie sheets.
7. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until lightly browned.
8. Cool on racks. Makes about six dozen.
9. Stack two cookies on top of each other. Then tie them like a present with the raffia or ribbon. Give the cookies to friends and family to thank them for their friendship.



Just for

KIDS

A harvest of...

Autumn brings many visible changes. God makes lots of foods and grains ready for harvest. He also tells us that if we sow in peace, we, too, can raise a harvest.

Find and circle the bold (dark) words from James 3:17-18, NIV.

"But the **WISDOM** that comes from **HEAVEN** is first of all **PURE**; then **PEACELOVING**, **CONSIDERATE**, **SUBMISSIVE**, full of **MERCY** and **GOOD FRUIT**, **IMPARTIAL** and **SINCERE**. **PEACEMAKERS** who **SOW** in **PEACE** raise a **HARVEST** of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**."

C	S	P	E	A	C	E	L	O	V	I	N	G	F
O	U	E	U	X	W	C	E	Y	T	P	R	W	R
N	B	A	U	L	T	J	C	O	R	E	I	I	U
S	M	C	P	R	X	K	F	W	I	A	G	S	I
I	I	E	M	E	R	C	Y	I	I	C	H	D	T
D	S	T	C	E	R	U	D	M	Z	E	T	O	S
E	S	I	V	X	J	C	U	P	W	M	E	M	D
R	I	H	E	A	V	E	N	A	W	A	O	H	P
A	V	M	P	J	M	K	L	R	T	K	U	V	W
T	E	O	C	G	O	O	D	T	G	E	S	S	L
E	H	A	R	V	E	S	T	I	B	R	N	Y	O
X	H	D	D	R	Q	Q	E	A	Z	S	E	D	B
S	I	N	C	E	R	E	E	L	S	Y	S	O	W
G	I	P	U	R	E	S	O	Y	C	E	S	E	F



TRINITY REMEMBERS

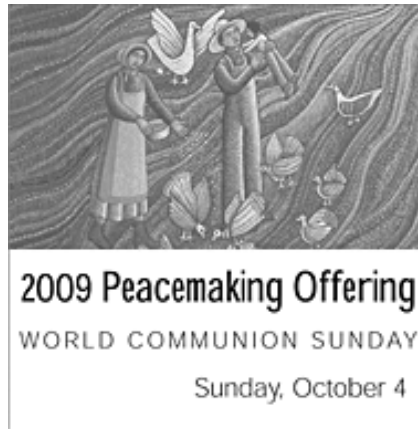
In its centennial year, 1963, Trinity Church hired its first Director of Christian Education, Miss Joan Hoyer. Born in Philadelphia, she was graduated from Beaver College with a B.A. degree in Christian Education. Trinity's Sunday School had grown to the point in the early 1960s that there was real doubt each Rally Day if there would be space to sit all the attendees down. Compounding the need for space was the inauguration of double church services which displaced those who had used the sanctuary for Sunday School during what now would be the early church service.

In the summer of 1960 the old Town Hall property behind the church (then used as an apartment house; since demolished) had been purchased by Trinity to shelter five classes (Men, Junior High, and Senior High). The next summer, the former Methodist Church property became available, and it too had been purchased, refurbished, renamed the Parish House, and outfitted to provide space for the Christian Education Program (the apartment house then returned to leasing space).

In Trinity's 1962 annual report, Ladd Lamison, the Sunday School Superintendent wrote, "Enrollment is presently 314, and our average attendance, excluding the summer months, is approaching the 200 mark. Our Sunday School staff consists of 43 officers, teachers, and substitute teachers." The church membership reported at December 31, 1962 was 537. The heavy responsibility being carried by Mr. Lamison was recognized in the successful search for a Director of Christian Education.

The 1963 centennial year was a good time to look back and recall the contributions of those who had gone before. Four men served 82 of Trinity's first 100 years as Sabbath School Superintendent (as it was called in the early years). The first was Thomas Aiken who took the position three weeks after the church was organized and served for 12 years. He was an elder and the father of beloved pastor, Rev. T. J. Aiken. Frank Stauffer, a journalist, also an elder, succeeded Aiken. Stauffer served from 1875 until his death in 1895, a period of almost 20 years. Elijah Fees, accountant for Fritz Lumber and elder became superintendent in 1904 and retired 1934, after 30 years. Charlie Gibb, elder, local bank officer, and Barbara Webster's father, led the Sunday School from 1935 to 1956 (21 years).

[For October 2009 Belfry; submitted by Herb Fry for History Committee]



Every year our congregation joins Christians around the world in celebrating World Communion Sunday. Born in a time of international unrest as nations were about to enter another world war, World Communion Sunday's central focus is the Lord's Supper instituted by Christ and its unifying message for all who partake of it. We are one in Christ Jesus and not to be separated by the nations, ethnic groups or denominations we belong to, or for any other reason.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) also marks the day by a call to peacemaking, urging us to be followers of the Prince of Peace. One concrete way that we do that is by receiving the Peacemaking Offering. Through this special offering, we work together with others in our presbytery, our synod and nationally through the General Assembly's Peacemaking Program to learn and live out the ways of peace.

The Peacemaking Offering invites each congregation to find ways to promote peace within the congregation and within the community. For that reason, our church will retain 25 percent of the Offering we receive, and we will decide how best to put this money to work. Another 25 percent goes to our presbytery or synod, and the remaining 50 percent goes to the General Assembly for peacemaking involvement throughout the world.

Join us on October 4 to celebrate World Communion Sunday and to commit ourselves to working for the unity of the church and the peace of Christ. Come ready to give generously to the Peacemaking Offering.



CLERK'S CORNER

At the August session meeting, elders:

- Welcomed the new elders for the class of 2012:
Sandy Bennett, Sally Bovais, Ann Hatfield,
Jim Hulton and Dave Reid
- Heard from the participants in the evangelism study
Ann Hatfield, Denny Leeper, Dave Reid and Don
Bovais with reflections on the book, Unbinding the Gospel and
an invitation to take part in a 40-day prayer process.
- Elected Sally Bovais as clerk of session and Don Tokash as
treasurer.
- Voted to continue the Shepherd Program.
- Heard that Evi Mahairas continues to serve on a presbytery committee,
Overture, Amendments and Review, and Don Tokash has accepted an
invitation to serve on Property and Finance.
- Learned that the following members have volunteered to serve as “Tech
Angels” to provide technical assistance when the administrative assistant
is away: Judy Koch, Evi Mahairas, Patty Roseberry and Pat Wood.
- Heard that plans continue to be made for the 150th Anniversary
Celebration. The 5K Race will be held in the spring. A facilities review is
underway. The logo has been chosen.

The next session meeting will be held on Monday, September 28, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Sally Bovais

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Monthly Budget Update as of August 31, 2009

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>2009 Actual</u>	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>%</u>
Pledged Offerings	\$ 140,344	\$ 142,700	98%
Non-Pledge Offerings	\$ 15,048	\$ 14,921	101%
Other Receipts	\$ 15,697	\$ 16,164	98%
Total Receipts	\$ 171,089	\$ 173,785	98%
 <u>Expenses</u>			
Property & Finance	\$ 72,649	\$ 65,625	111%
Personnel	\$ 113,070	\$ 115,558	98%
Worship & Sacraments	\$ 1,087	\$ 2,558	42%
Christian Education	\$ 1,934	\$ 2,290	84%
Membership	\$ 156	\$ 200	78%
Board of Deacons	\$ 0	\$ 0	100%
Outreach	\$ 6,154	\$ 7,000	88%
Total Expenses	\$ 195,050	\$ 193,231	101%
General Fund-YTD Net Aug 31	\$ (23,961)	\$ (19,446)	123%
General Fund Balance -Aug 31	\$ (41,213)		
 <u>Balances As Of:</u>			
	<u>31-Aug-09</u>		
Fixed Rate Loan	\$ 85,444		
Variable Rate Loan	\$ 41,376		
Trinity Fund (Book Value)	\$ 319,994		
Trinity Fund (Market Value)	\$ 285,000		

ANALYSIS:

Comments: Pledge payments are close 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 Aug 31, 2009 has improved but remains Under "book value. Still need to reduce GF negative balance of (\$41,213).

DEACONS' UPDATE

Did you know?

Deacon envelopes are located in the pews. Money collected in these envelopes go into the “Deacons Fund”. The “Deacons Fund” provides assistance to needy members of our church or for scholarships to church related summer camps and for mission trips taken by our youth.

Also coming soon, **A 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. Welcome aboard!!

Library Revitalization Committee Update

If you have been in the library recently, you probably have noticed some changes. Since the beginning of 2009, many positive things have happened in Trinity’s library. Thanks to our sexton, Gary Horn, this wonderful resource and meeting area has received a fresh coat of paint, new ceiling tiles, and replacement lighting. Additionally, the shelves have been relocated, the carpet was cleaned, the book collection was “weeded,” and a designated Library Fund was created for the purchase of new books and other library materials. With a grant that was received from the Presbytery of Donegal Vitalization Division, a computer has been installed in the library. These changes, as well as others, are part of a library revitalization effort, which has been coordinated by Sally Bovais, Ann Hatfield, Gary Horn, and Denny Leeper. If you would like to make suggestions for the library, or wish to assist in this revitalization project and ongoing maintenance of our library, please contact one of us. If you haven’t seen the library for a few months, be sure to stop by and see the wonderful improvements for yourself!

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
640 Berwyn Avenue
Berwyn, Pennsylvania 19312
ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE

PAID

Permit No. 12
Berwyn, PA

October 2009

