



The Belfry

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORGANIZED 1863
640 Berwyn Avenue

September 2009 Next Deadline: September 15, 2009

From the Pastor

Unbinding the Gospel??? I and a few others are using that strange language. What does it mean “to unbind”? To liberate, to set free, to release, to unchain, to let loose. Why does the good news of Jesus Christ need that? Well, because most of us are rather “uptight” about evangelism, a bit tense and anxious about sharing with others the meaning Christ has for us.

The spiritual leadership of Trinity is been asked to consider: What difference does being a Christian make to you? Can you imagine your life without the knowledge of God’s love through Christ? What would your life be like without your connection to the community of faith at Trinity Presbyterian Church? If our Christian faith is so important and meaningful to us, shouldn’t we be sharing that news with others?

Faithful evangelism has the power to transform lives, including ours. True, faith-sharing evangelism is motivated by healthy and growing relationships with God, other Christians, and the people beyond our church walls. Prayer strengthens these relationships. Praying deeply and trusting our decisions and choices to God will open doors and begin conversations that we never thought possible or imagined. Prayer is the key to sharing our faith in the openings that God creates. Is God trying to reach someone through you?

Yours in Christ,
Jay

Music & Worship Notes Coming Up



- September 6 . . . ordination of new officers &
Divine Dance Ensemble &
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
- September 10 . . . Chancel Choir Rehearsal
First of new season
- September 13 . . . Rally Day Brunch
. . . 7:00 P.M. Joybells of Melmark Concert
- September 20 . . . Guest Preacher & former member the
Rev. Jean Shaw
- September 24 . . . First Chapel Choir meeting...Choir
is for 2nd thru 6th grades
- September 27 . . . "Youts" sing for worship



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

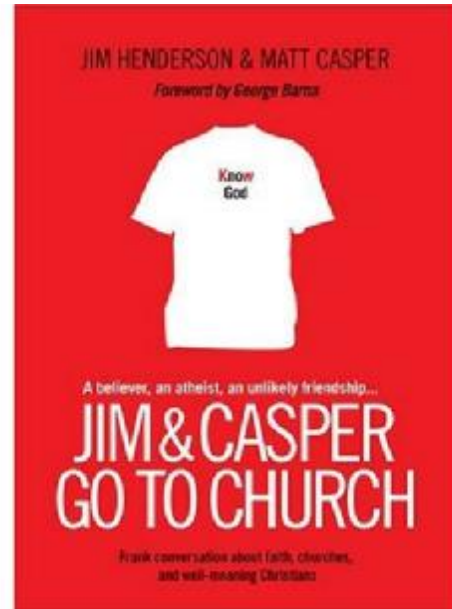
**9:00 A.M. Sunday mornings in the Parlor
begin September 13**

NEW STUDY OPPORTUNITY . . .

“Is this what Jesus told you guys to do?”

Jim Hatfield is gathering a small group to read, reflect, and discuss how we experience worship. Part of this new opportunity will include visits to other churches to experience being a stranger in another place, and develop an on-going conversation on what being Christian means, even what being Trinity Presbyterian Church means.

Initial group meeting: September 13 @ 9 AM



RALLY DAY BRUNCH SEPTEMBER 13 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

HOSTED BY THE MIRIAM CIRCLE & THE THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**YOU & YOUR FRIENDS ARE ESSENTIAL PIECES TO THE CELEBRATION.
COME & ENJOY THE HOSPITALITY!**



“Why Calvin?”

September 20 – October 25

Many celebrated the 500th Anniversary of his birthday.

Why bother?

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

begins September 8

“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 . . . September 11 & 25



Trinity Presbyterian Church to Host Melmark Joybells Concert

Sunday, September 13, 2009 . . . 7:00 pm

Adding to the versatility of Christian programming of its church, Trinity Presbyterian Church of Berwyn is hosting a concert with The Melmark Joybells of Berwyn. The concert will begin at 7:00pm at the church on Sunday, September 13, 2009. Admission is free. This unique handbell choir presents a varied repertoire which includes sacred, classical, pop, Broadway, Disney, patriotic, and Christmas musical selections on their 5-octave Schulmerich handbells, silver melody bells, handchimes, and percussion. The Joybells is under the direction of Sue Graves and Joyce Klinck. For more information about the Joybells' performances, contact Sue Graves at 610-325-4715 or sbg@melmark.org.

Since 1970, the Joybells have toured extensively and performed for churches, schools, colleges, at corporate/community events from Maine to Florida, and throughout the Midwest. They have performed on television, for then PA Governor Richard Thornburgh's inauguration, twice with the Brass ensemble of the famed Philadelphia Orchestra, and have had the honor of performing three times at The White House. Grateful for every opportunity to share their music and message, the Joybells captures the hearts of any audience and gently opens eyes that are mostly closed to the world of disability.

Melmark is a non-profit provider of residential, educational, therapeutic, and recreational services for people with mental retardation and physical disabilities. It is fully licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare and Education. Information about Melmark can be found on its website, www.melmark.org.

Trinity Presbyterian Church is located one block south of Lancaster Avenue from the Berwyn Train Station, on 640 Berwyn Avenue. It was officially established in 1863 during the Civil War and will celebrate 150 years of service in 2012. For additional information about the concert, please contact the church at 610-644-0932.

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 has already been established and we are asking church-wide 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.

Christian Education

RALLY DAY RALLY DAY RALLY DAY RALLY DAY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009



THE CHURCH AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

You are an Essential Piece
(of the puzzle)

"Don't you just hate it" when you are about to finish your 1,000 piece jig-saw puzzle and there is one piece missing. Where is that piece? You search everywhere. You want the picture to be complete.

So it is with RALLY DAY, Sunday, September 13. The theme will be:
THE CHURCH AS THE BODY OF CHRIST
Or

Everyone brings the gift God gave them to make the Church complete. If one person is missing, the gift God gave that person is also missing. You are an essential piece of the Church as the Body of Christ and it is our goal to work together and share out gifts so that the Church will be complete. Rally Day is a signal that it is time for all the puzzle pieces of the church to be reconnected, that everyone will bring their gifts to make the body of Christ. Together we can make a difference.

Christian Children's Fund

As everyone returns to the routine of attending school and Sunday School, I know you have shopped or will shop for school supplies and maybe some new clothes. We like new things. Do you remember that we send money to a young boy that lives in Texas. He likes new things, too. And just like you, he grows out of his clothes and needs new ones that fit him when he goes back to school. During the summer there was very little money put into the basket for Luis. Please try to remember to bring money for our worship table basket and we will send it to Luis. God wants us to share.

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.

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!

DEACONS

Mental Health and Addictions Ministry (MHAM):

The **E. Chelsea Campbell Foundation** was formed after a member of our community tragically died of a drug overdose.

Chelsea was a member of Berwyn United Methodist Church. When she was young she attended our Summer Bible Camp, she was a member of her church youth group and in the summer went on mission trips with her church. She was a loving, funny, caring person. At Christmas she always bought me a gift. One night while out on a date, Chelsea made a bad choice and died.

I urge you to check out the website: www.chelseamemorial.org and learn about the foundation. For those of you who golf, the 2nd Annual Golf Classic is a fun day with many good people. If you do not golf just come for the dinner. Donations are always welcome.

Last year \$17000 was raised and a scholarship was awarded to a young person in our community at the **Mirmont Treatment Center**.

The Golf Classic is sponsored by **Mainline Health**.

If you have any questions regarding the foundation or the Golf Classic, please feel free to contact me:

Gina Larson
484-678-0383

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



TRINITY REMEMBERS

On Christmas Eve 1967, the year Rev. Robert Bohl was called to the pastorate at Trinity, he left his Paoli home at 1 a.m. to sit out with a parishioner the saddest night of her life. He says, "We made the funeral arrangements for her husband. I stayed until 5 a.m. I was getting my coat on when she said to me, 'I have no place to live. We have no pension.'"

That tragic situation became the catalyst for local senior citizen housing. A non-profit Trinity Senior Housing Corporation was organized by Rev. Bohl and some dedicated Trinity business minds (Bob Yeomans, John May, Vince Bell, and Thor Johnson) to be used for obtaining access to necessary funding.

On November 23, 1975, the congregation met to consider a proposal that the church sponsor a senior citizens housing project of 180 units to be built in Berwyn. After detailed discussion, the congregation voted in favor of the project. Mr. Bohl emphasized that Trinity Presbyterian Church had no financial liability or profit potential in the venture. Its real function was to provide the non-profit sponsorship necessary for possible state and federal funding and possible later rent subsidies to low-income elderly tenants.

Now came the crucial search for funding. The application, a one-inch stack of legal paper, was filed with the HUD Philadelphia area office on June 15, 1978. By this time Bob Bohl had left Trinity to go to Ardmore Presbyterian Church. A real estate management company, Penrose Properties, became involved, and Trinity House was built. The Penrose web-site says it was placed in service in 1979.

On Saturday morning, June 13, 1981, a formal dedication took place at Trinity House. Present were John May, Thor Johnson, James Levister, Vincent Bell, Rev. Robert Bohl, and a representative of Penrose. The bronze plaque dedicated reads:

TRINITY HOUSE

THIS BUILDING FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS OF BERWYN
WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH COOPERATION AMONG
COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENT, AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.
THEIR MUTUAL CONCERN AND DEDICATION BROUGHT
THIS VITAL HOUSING TO REALIZATION.
SPECIAL APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO REV. ROBERT W. BOHL
AND THE TRINITY SENIOR HOUSING CORPORATION FOR
THEIR UNTIRING ENTHUSIASM AND EFFORTS IN THE
CREATION OF THIS DEVELOPMENT.

DEVELOPER: CLARIDGE PROPERTIES
ARCHITECT: STUART A. KESSLER ARCHITECT P. C.
CONTRACTOR: MURRY-SCHNABEL,
JOINT VENTURE MORTGAGOR: PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING
FINANCE AGENCY

June 1981

GROWING UP FAST!

In September, Monarch butterflies migrate to warmer climates. In God's wonderful design, these butterflies have gone through an amazing transformation. This craft will remind you of the ongoing transformation that God has planned for you, too.

What you need:

- Clear, one-gallon zipper baggie (with no writing)
- Colored tissue paper
- Scissors
- Wooden, one-piece clothespin
- Pipe cleaner
- Black permanent marker
- Glue and wiggly eyes (optional)
- Magnet tape

What you do:

1. Turn the baggie inside out and rub it on your head to create static cling. Then turn the baggie right-side-out again.
2. Cut tissue paper into 2" x 2" squares.
3. Fill the baggie with tissue squares.
4. Press excess air out of the bag and zip it. Lay the baggie on its side (this will form the butterfly's wings) so the zipper is at the top.
5. Pinch the baggie with the clothespin so it divides the baggie into two equal parts to create the butterfly's head and body.
6. Thread the pipe cleaner through the hole atop the clothespin to form the antennae.
7. With a permanent marker, write "Romans 12:2" on the bottom half of the clothespin.
8. Draw on eyes (or glue on wiggly eyes).
9. Attach a strip of magnet tape to the back of the clothespin. Then display the butterfly on your refrigerator.



Be transformed

It's the beginning of a new school year, and you'll be growing and changing every day. Below is an important lesson that God wants you to remember.

Color in the letter boxes that have an asterisk (*).

Then write the letters that are left on the lines below to finish Romans 12:2.

c	h*	o	n	d*	f	t*	q*	o	s*	r	a*	b*	r*	m
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"Do not _____ any longer to the _____ of this _____, but be _____ by the _____ of your _____. Then you will be able to _____ and _____ what _____ will do — his good, _____ and _____ will." *Romans 12:2, NIV*

Answers: conform, pattern, world, transformed, renewing, mind, rest, approve, God's, pleasing, perfect

NEWS FROM MISSION HONDURAS

Hi Dick,

I got the phone call and want to give you an update on Honduras. My conversations with Beatriz, Marvin, and Marel lead me to believe that the protests are more often and more destructive in Tegucigalpa. Everything is in limbo until the elections in November. Some of the international community claims they will not recognize the elected government, but I find that a little hard to believe. All political parties have selected their candidate in the primary and the general election should be relatively fair.

Between the global economy and the turmoil in Honduras the communities we serve are desperate for basic food items. First Presbyterian Church and C A Relief will fund beans, rice, and corn for 2,000 of the poorest in our target area of 25,000 people. We are starting that project now with the town of San Antonio. Our plans to proceed with some of the other projects are temporarily on hold. If you need Marel to organize any relief efforts for the communities Trinity supports, just let him know.

I think I am going to make the trip to Honduras in October. I am not sure that I will have any dentists with me, but there are some things that need to be done. If any of your group is brave enough to go with me, let me know. Marel said that Alex was selecting a dental chair for Puerto Grande and will deliver the chair. I assume that this means that you decided to work exclusively with Alex in this community. If this is the case, what do you want me to do with the remaining two chairs?

Marvin will be in Honduras the week of August 22, 2009 and we will be loading a container bound for Hospital San Lorenzo on Friday August 28, 2009. This will be the first container sent since the trouble in Honduras began and could be a real challenge. The community of San Lorenzo has done a fantastic job renovating that facility and we are anxious to support this hospital with equipment and supplies. This is the hospital that services your two communities.

Yours in Christ,

Steven C. Mentzer
Central American Relief Efforts
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ssmentzer@comcast.net



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

OUTREACH FUNDRAISER - To Benefit:

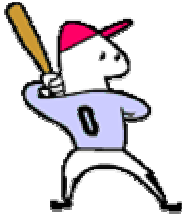
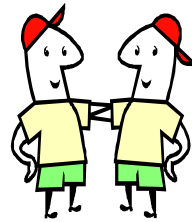
- * MISSION HONDURAS where we are in partnership with
the churches at Puerto Grande and Moropocay
 and
- * LOCAL CHARITIES

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."



Welcome
to
Trinity's
Church
Family

New Members:

Welcome Sandy Forbes and Charles Bennett as active members of Trinity. Sandy and Charles have been very involved in Trinity with their daughter Jessie for several years.

New Officers:

The Class of 2012 for the elders and the deacons was elected by the congregation to serve three year terms:

Elders: Sally Bovais
Sandy Forbes
Ann Hatfield
Jim Hulton
Dave Reid

Deacons: Don Bovais
Martha Chekemian
Annie Hutton
Amy Keenan

New Staff:

Welcome Taylor Kiser as Trinity's Youth Director. Taylor has now graduated from Eastern University in the Class of 2009 with a Bachelor's degree in youth ministry. Taylor had served as student intern with other Eastern students, and was offered the half-time position in June. The Christian Education Committee gives thanks to God for the continuity in ministry and relationships with the youth that Taylor brings.

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

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>2009 Actual</u>	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>%</u>
Pledged Offerings	\$ 122,339	\$ 126,700	97%
Non-Pledge Offerings	\$ 14,313	\$ 12,921	111%
Other Receipts	\$ 15,280	\$ 15,739	97%
Total Receipts	\$ 151,932	\$ 155,360	98%
 <u>Expenses</u>			
Property & Finance	\$ 61,058	\$ 56,020	109%
Personnel	\$ 100,264	\$ 101,790	99%
Worship & Sacraments	\$ 879	\$ 2,088	42%
Christian Education	\$ 1,678	\$ 1,922	87%
Membership	\$ 156	\$ 200	78%
Board of Deacons	\$ 0	\$ 0	100%
Outreach	\$ 6,208	\$ 12,219	51%
Total Expenses	\$ 170,243	\$ 174,239	98%
General Fund-YTD Net July 31	\$ (18,311)	\$ (18,879)	97%
General Fund Balance -July 31	\$ (35,564)		
 <u>Balances As Of:</u>			
	<u>31-July-09</u>		
Fixed Rate Loan	\$ 85,823		
Variable Rate Loan	\$ 41,676		
Trinity Fund (Book Value)	\$ 319,994		
Trinity Fund (Market Value)	\$ 264,380		

ANALYSIS:

Comments: Pledge payments are close to plan despite the (\$35,564) GF balance. Property & Finance expenses over budget from higher utility and insurance costs. Market value of Trinity Fund account on July 30, 2009 has improved but remains Under "book value. Overall, YTD results within \$600 of YTD budget. Still need to reduce GF negative balance of (\$35,564).

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