

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TRINITY

<u>Friday</u> (11/13)	6:00 AA—Fellowship Hall.
<u>Saturday</u> (11/14)	7:00 Meth. Anonymous.
<u>Monday</u> (11/16)	1:00 Ladies Bible Study. 5:00 Community Table. 6:30 1 <sup>st</sup> Place—Cf. Room. 7:00 Staff Parish Comm. 7:30 Trustees.
<u>Tuesday</u> (11/17)	11:00 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Out to Lunch Bunch to Das Essenhaus. 6:30 Ladies Bible Study.
<u>Wednesday</u> (11/18)	6:30 Praise Team. 8:00 AA—F. Hall.
<u>Thursday</u> (11/19)	3:30 Youth Bible Study. 5:00 Community Table. 6:30 Cub Scouts. 7:00 Education. 7:30 Choir.

### New Bible Study

Pastor Steve began a new Bible Study on Sunday, November 8. This Bible Study is from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. during Sunday Night Live. Join Pastor Steve on the Gospel of John.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Go Out to Lunch Bunch November 17, 2009

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Go Out to Lunch Bunch will be going to the Das Essenhouse on Tuesday, November 17. They will leave the church at 11:00 a.m. that morning. Reservations need to be in to the church office (347-0056) by Friday, November 13 at noon.

### Third Graders to Receive Bibles

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade children will be receiving Bibles at the 10:30 Worship Service on Sunday, November 22. Those who will be receiving Bibles are: Olivia Aungst, Erin Bloom, Conner Davidson, Matthew Schowe and Sarah Weber.

### Choir

Our Choir is practicing on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. to get ready to entertain and inspire us with a variety of Christmas music. They plan to present this musical offering for the 10:30 Service on Sunday, December 20. All singers are invited to join the choir members on Thursday evenings and to sing with them on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

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Director of Educational Ministries: Sonja Richards -- Church Secretary: Hazel Mapes



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**OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT:** Trinity Church is a people exalting God, growing in discipleship, reaching our community while caring and serving as Jesus did.

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## Trinity This Sunday

November 15, 2009

8:30 WORSHIP

9:30 FELLOWSHIP IN NARTHEX

9:35 SMALL GROUPS

10:30 WORSHIP

4:30 DIVORCECARE

4:30 SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

6:30 AL-A-NON

7:00 AA MEETING

## From Pastor Scott

November is here. Christmas music has begun in some stores, and the decorations will start making their way up (or for those who just unplugged them and left them up, they just need to dust off the plug and plug them in). The holidays. They usually involve family, food, tables, conversations, memories, and a few a sundry items that seem to “season it” with just enough stress and fuss to make the package complete.

We are entering into the time of year that the songs remind us that God is with us (Emanuel), or the Prince of Peace, or a Silent Night, but too often we can get so busy in the season, we miss the reason that people of faith celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas. So, I just want to take this time right before and challenge and encourage you to stay connected to the Prince of Peace, and let Emmanuel (God with us) happen daily, to be thankful and offer gifts of open arms and places at the literal and figurative holiday and daily table!



When Jesus participated in celebrations, He was more concerned for the guest list than the menu. This month, along with what we offer with the Community Table and other ministries, we have the chance to continue the practice of Christ at Trinity, by setting the table for the Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The sign-ups are filling in, and the anticipation is already building for the many pies that will be baked along with the Turkey and other fixin's! Let us do our part in preparing the menu, but let us be intentional to do our part in inviting and being good neighbors for the guests who do come to our table! Let us not lose sight of living out Christ, as we set the table for all activities.

Growing with you!

*Pastor Scott*



Phil Alexander, Gertrude Arnold, Anna Bailey, Charlotte Bedson, Maxine Berhalter, Jean Bonecutter, Sandra Boulby, Floyd Burnworth, Kitty Burnworth, Virginia Buttermore, Jim Chaffins, Diane Claybaugh, Sheri Coffel, Jan Corbin, Fred Cornett, Del & Mary Cortner's son, Eleanor Davis, Ben Earley, The Family of Bob Ewing, Marvin Fager, Keith Fee—Terminal Cancer, Donni Frain, Beth Friskney, Jason Gienger, Oryan Gipson, Todd Gipson, Sarah Grismore, Mac and Helen Grossman, Doug Haddock, Beth Hager, Wayne Hartigan, David Haskins, Raven Hensley, The Family of Jane Hossinger, Kathy James, Mike Johnson, Phil Johnson, Virginia Kirschner, Todd Kline, Ben Kreigh, Lois Kruger, Evan Lash, Kara Lilly, Kenneth Marks, Luella McClish, Austin McCormick, Cindy Mercer, Peggy Messer, Marceille Mitchell, The Family of Bob Nelson, Phil Ogden, Annie Pratt, Patricia Faye Pulis, Mary Pyle, Ashley Rhinehart, Evelyn Rice, Martha Ringler, Betty Rinker, Adam Ross, Nanette Russell, Justin Scher, Kim Shatto, Joan Shippy, Bettie Smith, Karen Steelman, Sean Tarney, Bob Vale, Deena Vale, William Vale, Betty VanWinkle, Vi Woujas, Sharon Woods, Cousin, Jerry, with Colon Cancer, Brother who has cancer; Grandson who has brain cancer, Mom who is in hospital with heart problems, Sister who fractured her shoulder, Myself, Son and Daughter, my Mother-in-law with Parkinson's, My Family, Tammy, Father-in-law, Someone going through many changes in their life, Friend going through tough situations, A Job for my Sons and all in need of work, My Mom, Sister—Jean—In Indianapolis who has lost job and is currently unemployed.

### Education Comm. Selling Cookbooks

Our Education Comm. is selling cookbooks. There are a variety of cookbooks at a cost of \$6.50 each. Stop by the table in the narthex and see if you'd like to purchase a cookbook. (hint—these make excellent Christmas gifts.)

### FRIENDSHIP CLASS News

The Friendship Sunday School Class has been studying This Sunday, November 15, Chris and Shree Dhawale of Fort Wayne will be speaking in our class about the Hindu Faith.

All are welcome!

### YACS: Young Adult Couples and Singles

Beginning this Sunday (the 15<sup>th</sup>), the YACS small group will have a discussion series about relationships. The topics are based on the movie Fireproof, and we'll watch short clips each week. The YACS meet in Parlor 1 (downstairs, first room) at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. It's not necessary to be there every week in order to benefit.

### Looking Ahead...

**Hanging of the Greens** Sunday, November 22, 4:30 p.m.

**Community Thanksgiving Dinner**, Thursday, November 26. Signup sheets are in the Narthex to help us provide this delicious meal.

**Craft Bazaar** (sponsored by our Education Committee) – Saturday, December 5, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will be selling Cookbooks (\$6.50 each) and running a concession stand.

**Bethlehem Village** – Sunday, December 6, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

### Friendship Food Pantry

Our annual food drive for the Kendallville Food Drive will be forth coming.

Paper bags will be handed out on Sunday, November 15 to be returned on Sunday, November 22 (or you may provide your own bags/boxes) filled with non-perishable food products and paper products. The Children's Department is hard at work, doing their best to decorate these bags.

If writing a check or giving cash is more convenient, please feel free to do so. Checks may be written out "Friendship Food Pantry" or to Trinity Church U.M. with the memo to the Friendship Food Pantry.

We will need help taking the groceries from the church to the food pantry after the 10:30 service on Sunday, Nov. 22. THANK YOU.

### In the Mail...

Trinity Church Members and Friends – The family of Bob Nelson wishes to thank everyone for their kind words, cards, memorials, expressions of sympathy and Christian love shown us during Bob's illness and passing. Special thanks to Pastor Scott, Pastor Steve and the funeral dinner committee for all of the details that were carried out to help ease our loss. He is gone, but he lives on in our hearts. The Family of Bob Nelson.

## Praying for Peace in the Midst of Violence

An Epistle from Bishop Mike

I am writing this E-pistle in the aftermath of the shooting rampage at Fort Hood, Texas, yesterday in which it is accused that an army major shot and killed 13 people and injured many more. That tragedy prompted me to write this E-pistle and to invite all United Methodist people in Indiana to pray for those victims and their families.



Now as I am writing this message, I am seeing the news of another shooting in Orlando, Florida. It is not yet determined how many people have been killed or injured in this shooting rampage.

In the midst of such violence, our temptation is to start jumping to conclusions. I have already heard comments about the alleged shooter in Texas being a Muslim, and no doubt we will hear others jumping to

other conclusions about the shooting in Florida once we know the identity of that perpetrator. We need to realize that "jumping to conclusions" is a human response to try to restore our sense of balance as we deal with unimaginable situations. Sometimes we think that if we can find a quick and easy answer to the "Why?" questions, then our world is somehow back into balance and security.

I understand that need for answers, but I urge you NOT to jump to such conclusions. Allow yourself to live with the anxiety of hearing about such terrible situations, without needing to find someone to blame or some quick and easy "answer" to these situations. No doubt we will learn in the days to come many of the multiple reasons behind these awful events, and those reasons may lead us to discuss how to alleviate or even to prevent such violence.

In the meantime, our appropriate response is to PRAY. Pray for peace, pray for the healing of those injured, pray for the families of those who have lost their lives, pray for a just solution, and ... yes ... even pray for the person or persons who have inflicted such violence. Hearing the words of Jesus that we should "love our enemies" and "pray for those who persecute us" is a somber reminder that we can and should pray, even in the midst of terrible situations and unimaginable violence.

Does our praying do any good? Yes. It helps us to cope. It brings the spiritual resources of God's people to bear on the situation. And it moves us from looking for easy answers and toward the more lengthy process and seeking God's will. Most of all, praying brings us into the spirit of peace that only God can offer. So, pray. Pray for all involved in these terrible situations. Pray for peace. Pray.

Bishop Michael J. Coyner, Indiana Area of The United Methodist Church

### Staff Parish Recommendation

One of the roles of the Staff Parish Committee is to monitor the vision and focus of ministry, and provide staffing accordingly. The Staff Parish Committee has been monitoring the wide spectrum of ministry that the Director of Education has had to provide for quite some time. We feel it is nearly impossible for one person in one role to effectively provide ministry and leadership for such a wide age range – birth to adult. As happens most often, when focus is placed on one group or area, another will not get the full level of attention. While Sonja has done an admirable job in juggling the various responsibilities in the current staffing configuration, we feel it is time to restructure the position so the education department can have a more focused staff support in its respective services, which will also provide for more efficiency and effectiveness. This thinking has always been our objective. As talk about the restructuring continued and the economy as it is, we became aware that the restructuring could also reflect a budgetary need; thus being better stewards with our financial obligations – in plain English, saving money on salaries. It is our hope that as our stewardship campaign concludes many attending Trinity Church will make the commitment to take 'the next step' financially. As the financial giving of Trinity increases so, then, can our ministries.

The Director of Education position as it stands presently will be divided into two positions:

1. *Director of Children and Family* - responsible for children birth to sixth grade and their families. This position will be 20 hours per week.
  2. *Youth Director* - responsible for youth from 7th-12<sup>th</sup> grade, including some type of college student component. This position will be 10 hours per week.
- Due to the original Director of Education position essentially being eliminated, applications for both positions will become available soon. Job descriptions are being finalized and will be approved at our next SP meeting.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me or other member of the Staff Parish committee.

Diana Lute, Chairperson Staff Parish Comm.

(Committee Members are: Judy Butler, Andy David, Mel Hamman, Diana Lute and David Smith)

### POINSETTIAS

Again this year we will be decorating our sanctuary with poinsettias. Poinsettias cost \$11.00 each and come in red. If you'd like to provide a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone dear to you, please fill out and to the church office by Monday, November 23.

### POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_