

THE TRINITY TOPICS

“At the Heart of the Community, with the Community at Its Heart”

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“A WORD FROM MY HEART” *REV. WALLACE*

“At the Heart of the Community”

“At the Heart of the Community with the Community at its Heart.” Are you ready to live out our church’s motto? Are you ready to receive people who may be different from you? Perhaps they will be from a different social class. Perhaps they will be from a different racial class. Perhaps their sexual orientation may be different from your own. Are you ready?

We must be ready to grow if we are going to thrive in ministry. There is a distinct difference in having a goal to thrive in ministry versus to survive in ministry. A survival mentality will cause us to keep our “eyes off our prize.” Our prize should always be to seek, obey and desire God’s will for our ministry. I contend God’s will is for us to thrive not for us to just survive.

If we are going to thrive in ministry, then we cannot continue to do the things we have been doing and expect different results. If your committee, ministry or organization in our church is not experiencing growth then it is obviously time to pray and plan. Pray for God’s presence and plan for God’s presence. We must plan to live out our church’s motto. Moreover, the plan begins with the individual. It starts with us.

Search your heart. Are you planning for our church to grow? Are you reaching out to our honored guests? Are you on the road to tithing? Are you lifting up and sharing the positive things in our ministry with friends, family and friends we have yet to make? What are you doing?

Recently an email surfaced within our church that indicated, in my estimation and analysis, we need to do a better job in extending an extravagant welcome. The email was one of those generic emails that raised questions on patriotism, gender, race, immigration and overall acceptance. The responses to the email raised for me the question, are we ready to accept all who come? Are we ready to extend from our hearts an extravagant welcome? A welcome, where all who come will feel the unconditional love of Christ.

Please know my intention is not for us to spend any energy to get a copy of the email or question who sent it and the reason why. Everything happens for a reason and, accordingly, my intention is for every one of us to look within and see what we need to do to be ready to be “At the Heart of the Community with the Community at its Heart.” Human nature may want us to do differently, but I am respectfully asking us to look at the

spiritual reason behind it.

We are truly a great church of God. Our former Council President rightfully lifted up the concept that the ship cannot quickly turn around, but it is turning. We are on the right path and our ship is turning. The presence of the Holy Spirit is alive and well within us and honored guests who come can feel this presence. However, let us be intentional about extending an extravagant welcome to all. We can be even greater.

Let us get ready to grow. Let us get ready to thrive. Let us get ready. Our hearts are so beautiful we need to let more of God’s children in. We are at the heart!

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” (Luke 10:27)

In Christ’s spirit,

Rev. Dr. Carl P. Wallace



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GOD IS WORKING AT TRINITY!

From the Council President

Trinity has been a busy place this past month since I formally began my term as Council President, and many wonderful things happened for us in June. Here are a few of the church’s recent highlights and accomplishments:

Council. We started our new Council year in June with a full number of nine Elders and nine Deacons. Council has approved 17 committees/ministries, and each one has a chairperson in place and many now have a vice-chair as well. A list of all Council officers, members, committees/ministries, and chairpersons/vice-chairs is posted in the main hall bulletin board.

Congregational Meeting and Questionnaire. Our Annual Congregational Meeting and Luncheon was held June 13th in the Social Hall. Dave Brown, Jr. received a well deserved round of applause for his leadership and service to Trinity as our Council President during the past two years. We distributed the 2009-2010 Annual Report, which cites all the wonderful things we accomplished as a Church family this past year. In addition, a Church questionnaire was distributed to get feedback and ideas from the congregation on how to build upon the progress our Church has made during the past few years. I also spoke about a new plan to help us continue to be a revitalized church “at the heart of the community with the community at its heart.” and those of you who were not able to attend missed a fabulous lasagna lunch! (Copies of the Annual Report and Questionnaire are still available at the Welcome Center or by calling the Church office.)

PEGS. At both the June Council meeting and the Annual Congregational Meeting, we talked about our new plan designed to move Trinity forward and to build a sound future for our church. It’s all about using and emphasizing PEGS — Planning, Evangelism, Church Growth, and Stewardship. These four concepts are key to our Church’s future, and if we can successfully keep them in our forefront and are steadfast in using them as guiding principles, I believe the Holy Spirit will continue to bless Trinity and allow us to achieve even greater things in the years ahead. And each of us can contribute our own PEGS to achieve this goal!

Grace Notes. We celebrated our official first week of summer with an exciting new musical program called Grace Notes that attracted energetic and talented youth

from both our own Church and the community at large. Under the direction of Rev. Sharon Alberson, participants sang, danced, played musical instruments, and had a fun-filled week in what promises to be a growing annual program. And thanks to Tricia Evans, we were able to have Grace Notes highlighted in the Akron Beacon Journal on the very last day of the program.

Main Street and July 4th Celebrations. With our gazebo and lawn area on Main Street, we decided it was time to celebrate outdoors and to invite the North Hill community to join us. On Saturday, June 5, we kicked off things with our Main Street Celebration. Before the afternoon rain came, we were entertained by three different Christian musical performers and enjoyed hot dogs, pop, and chips courtesy of the Trinity Choir and cookies and pastries courtesy of the Trinity Youth Group. On July 4th, we scheduled a Freedom Celebration worship service using the gazebo and the front lawn as well as an outdoor friendly fellowship afterwards featuring hot dogs, apple pies, and of course, moms!

Hudson Youth Missionary Program. We ended June by welcoming to Trinity several wonderful young people from our sister UCC, 1st Congregational Church of Hudson. These enthusiastic and caring high school students and their college-age supervisor will bless our Church with their presence over the next month by performing ministry work to brighten our building and property through such projects as inside and outdoor painting, adding new church signage, freshening our bulletin boards, and cleaning and landscaping our grounds. Their efforts will help us to be a more attractive place in which to extend our extravagant welcome to honored guests who visit our church, and we are most grateful to them in partnering with us in the spirit of Christ. Please stop by the church during any week in July to meet these marvelous Hudson missionaries, and mark Friday, July 30th on your calendars to join us at an Open House and Celebration Luncheon to express our thanks to them and the Hudson congregation.

Dave Moore
President of Council

July 2010 – Trinity United Church of Christ

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu-1	Fri-2	Sat-3
				7:30pm-Evangelism Committee		10am-AA
4	5 Office Closed	6	7	8	9	10
Independence Day 10:30am-Worship Freedom Celebration-Outside 11:30am-Hot Dog Lunch	10am-3pm-Hudson Youth Missionaries 6:30pm-AA	9am-3pm-Hudson Youth Missionaries	9am-3pm-Hudson Youth Missionaries 6pm-Yoga	9am-3pm-Hudson Youth Missionaries 7:30pm-GFFA Deadline	9am-3pm-Hudson Youth Missionaries	10am-AA
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:30am-Worship	10am-3pm-Hudson Youth Missionaries 6:30pm-AA 7:30 pm-Prayer/Bible Study Group	9am-3pm-Hudson Youth Missionaries	9am-3pm-Hudson Youth Missionaries 3:00pm-Finance Committee 6pm-Yoga 7:30pm-Grants Committee	9am-3pm-Hudson Youth Missionaries	9am-3pm-Hudson Youth Missionaries	10am-AA 10am-New Member Class
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:30am-Worship	10am-3pm-Hudson Youth Missionaries 6:30pm-AA 7:30 pm-Prayer/Bible Study Group	9am-3pm-Hudson Youth Missionaries	6pm-Yoga	9am-3pm-Hudson Youth Missionaries 6pm-Wedding Rehearsal	9am-3pm-Hudson Youth Missionaries 5pm-Wedding	10am-AA 8am-GFFA Distribution
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Holy Communion 10:30am-Worship	TOPICS Deadline 10am-3pm-Hudson Youth Missionaries 6:30pm-AA 7:30 pm-Prayer/Bible Study Group	9am-3pm-Hudson Youth Missionaries	9am-3pm-Hudson Youth Missionaries 1pm-T'nC Clothing Room Open 6pm-Yoga	9am-3pm-Hudson Youth Missionaries	9am-3pm-Hudson Youth Missionaries- Open House/Lunch	10am-Heartbeats 11am-MAM Clothing Swap

TRINITY FRIENDS AT HOME



Name	Location
Bob Bacon	Gardens of Western Reserve
Nancy & Craig Carney	Home
Lucy Endlich	Copley Retirement Home
Bob Evans	Home
Richard Freitag	The Merriman
Margaret Grosjean	Sunrise, Wayland, MA
Gerri Keeler (Nancy Carney's Mother)	Home
Margaret Kerek	Home
Bill Krebs	Home
Marie Lenke	Home
John & Virginia Mellion	Home
Dorothy Miller	Traditions
Nita Minko	Gardens of Western Reserve
George & Joan Myers	Rockynol
Jeanne Obradovoich	The Merriman
Jeanne Popa	Home
Rose Ritter	Chambrel
Cynthia Yingling	Home

Tips from the Endowment Committee

You may make a gift during your lifetime to Trinity United Church of Christ and enjoy an immediate income tax charitable deduction, while the assets contributed reduce your estate for estate tax purposes. By contributing appreciated assets, you may deduct the fair market value of the asset and pay no capital gains tax. Lifetime gifts may take the following forms:

- Cash
- Publicly Traded Stock
- Closely Held Stock
- Real Property
- Tangible Personal Property

Watch for more tips from the Endowment Committee!

-Dean Smith, Chair

Trinity Scholarships

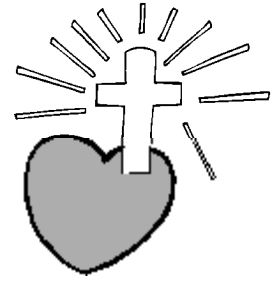
Applications for Trinity College Scholarship consideration are available from the church office. Members of Trinity United Church of Christ who desire to apply should have their completed application **ALONG WITH A GRADE TRANSCRIPT** submitted to the committee on Memorials no later than July 15, 2010. Application received after that date will not be considered. Applicants need to be members of Trinity United Church of Christ having been accepted by an accredited college or university.

Women's Retreat

Hope that your calendars are marked for the Women's Retreat on September 18 and 19 at Templd Hills. Our theme for this year is "Fingerprints Of God". Janice Brown is once again chairing the retreat and her committee is working to make this the best one ever. There will be workshops, crafts, a prayer walk, outdoor service with communion, singing, hiking and free time to enjoy the beauty of nature. There will also be a talent show which is always a lot of fun. A letter will be arriving soon with all the details and registration forms. The cost is just \$75 for two nights lodging and meals. Invite your friends and neighbors for a weekend of fun, laughter, meditation and time to get acquainted with your sisters in Christ.



The Inside Scoop



Transportation

Transportation service is available to members and friends. We will provide transport to and from medical appointments, etc. Have transportation need? Or help with an errand? Call us. Contact Tricia Evans, (330) 606-5381 or the church office.

Prayer & Worship Service

We have discontinued our weekly services for the summer. We hope you enjoy time with your family, outdoor activities and some time for reflection and recharging in God's marvelous surroundings. Please join us on September 15 when our services resume.

Abbey Anne's on Cuyahoga Falls Ave. has an account in our name (Trinity UCC). Take your used items and we will receive money for the items sold.

Sunday bulletin announcements must be in the office by 9 am, Thursday.

Topics deadline

The deadline for Topics entry is the 25th of each month.

Hatha Yoga is held weekly, free of charge, 6 p.m. Wednesdays in the 3-M room.

Visits from the Pastor

Anyone who would like a home visit from Reverend Wallace, please call the church and set up a time and date.

FOOD SHELF

At this time we are asking for donation of the following needed items to put in out-going food orders:

Remember: We cannot use pre-opened containers or partially used food of any kind.

Items that are particularly needed at this time are:

Jelly
Spaghetti
Apple Sauce
Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit
Hand Soap

If you are interested in contributing in other ways to the food pantry please contact Martha in the church office and let her know how you

Looking Ahead

July 12—Evening Prayer/Bible Study Begins

July 17—New Member Class

July 25—Holy Communion

July 30—Open House with Hudson Youth Missionaries

August 22—Worship in the Park, WaterWorks Park



Girls Night Out

On Thursday, July 22, join the women of Trinity for dinner at Parasson's Restaurant (501 N. Main Street). We will meet at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining us please RSVP to Beth McAlonan at 330-699-2136 by July 20th. Come for an evening of fellowship and fun.

Monday Evening Prayer and Bible Study Group

Great things happen when God's people come together in prayer.

Beginning on July 12, we will gather to pray and expect great things each Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. for prayer and Bible study time. There are no special requirements or skills that you need to bring. We just ask that you come and share in the joyous spirit of our family praying as one.

Trinity United Church of Christ is now on Twitter.

Sign up today to receive inspirational messages from Reverend Wallace or one of his staff. Signing up is easy, all you have to do is login to www.twitter.com and give a username and password. You then sign up to "follow" TRINUCC. Or you can directly go to www.twitter.com/trinucc



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Worship in the Park

Join us at WaterWorks Park in Cuyahoga Falls, on Sunday, August 22 for
Worship, a Band Concert, and Lunch. We will gather at 10:00 with the
Worship Service starting at 10:30. Following worship, our own Trinity Band
will provide music in a summer concert setting.
This will be followed by gathering around the
tables for an assortment of summer foods. More
details about lunch will be coming.

Check out the display in the hallway for more
details on the Worship in the Park. There will be
a basket where donations can be left to help
defray the costs of Lunch.

Hope to See Y'All there!!!

