

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TRINITY

### Thursday (05/27)

5:00 Community Table—Fellowship Hall.  
6:30 Cub Scouts.

### Friday (05/28)

6:00 A.A.—Fellowship Hall.

### Saturday (05/29)

5:00 Meth Anonymous.

Since we are publishing the newsletter once monthly for up to date events log on to the church website ([www.trinitychurchumkv.org](http://www.trinitychurchumkv.org)). Also we will have announcements and important notices in the weekly worship bulletins.

## CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Thursday, Friday & Saturday  
July 8, 9 & 10

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Director of Children & Families: Sonja Richards -- Youth Director: Jon Zinnel -- Church Secretary: Hazel Mapes



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## Lift up in Prayer

A Ministry Cluster is a group of 4 to 9 local churches who choose to work together to accomplish the Gospel mission in their area, and it is also be a group of local churches who share common ministry needs and who work together to learn from each other. We have a rotation list of the churches in our cluster to lift up in prayer. The next few weeks we will lift up in prayer: May 30-June 5—Kendallville Faith UM Church, June 6-June 12—Kendallville Trinity, June 13-June 19—Albion Asbury, June 20- June 27—Albion Trinity, June 28-July 4—Avilla Calvary.

## Times for worship

We took the season of Lent to adjust our worship times to allow for ample Sunday School time. The Education and Worship Committees are in the process of surveying and discussing the information from Lent, and will be making an informed decision as soon as possible (within the next few weeks). Until that time, we will keep our worship times at 8:15 and 10:39, then adjust accordingly. Thank you for your patience and prayerful support and input!

## Community Table

Community Table will not be serving a meal on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> due to the observance of Memorial Day.

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## Sunday at Trinity

8:15 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9:15 FELLOWSHIP IN

NARTHEX

9:30 SMALL GROUPS

10:39 MODERN WORSHIP

5:00-7:00 YOUTH GROUP

6:30 AL-A-NON

7:00 AA MEETING

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We have a friend that has plastic plants in his back yard. When he waters them, it is to wash the dust and dirt off them. He says, he likes the beauty of plants, but cannot grow the real ones.

With the advent of spring and summer, things are growing that once were brown and barren. Grass grows, and needs mowed. The bushes grow and need trimmed. The garden grows (hopefully) and needs tended to, weeded, and hopefully ... eventually harvested. It was so much easier before the plants grew. We could see things that new green and multicolored foliage blocks, we had more time and resources to do what we wanted, but now weeding, trimming, watering, and eventually harvesting takes our time and energy.

Disciple making is a lot like this. We can have an easier life. Maybe even one that looks like what it means to be a Christ follower, but fake (even a good fake cannot replace the real organic one). The same is true as in the growth of a disciple. John Wesley calls this the difference between an "almost Christian" and an "altogether Christian." He looked at his own life and saw that he looked like a Christian (all the right behaviors and beliefs), but missed the experience of faith and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. When he felt his heart "strangely warmed" he moved from the behavior of a Christian without the heart, to having not only his heart warmed by the Holy Spirit, but he felt an assurance and power that God has designed for us to have. This literally changed the face of England, Ireland, Scotland, and America, through his leadership and Charles poems / hymns



Real organic growth is a lot messier, it takes time and effort to tend, weed, and water. The results are not immediate, but the care and tending must be – especially with all this rain and sun. Let us continue to grow in our disciple being and making process and behaviors. It is not always an easy road, but it is the organic path that we as God's people are called to walk. We do not do this alone, but with God and each other. Let us not be an "almost" Christian, but let us keep growing in our faith, so that we too can be fully who God has called and created us to be "altogether."

Growing with you!

Pastor Scott



The family of Terina Abel, Phil Alexander, Marilyn Alligood, Gertrude Arnold, Anna Bailey, Eden Banks, Charlotte Bedson, Maxine Berhalter, The Family of

Gordon Bloom, Jean Bonecutter, Sandra Boulby, Floyd Burnworth, Kitty Burnworth, Virginia Buttermore, Jim Chaffins, Diane Claybaugh, Jan Corbin, Fred Cornett, Del & Mary Cortner's son, Eleanor Davis, Ardean Ebert, Sally Eulitt, Marvin Fager, Donni Frain, Jason Gienger, Todd Gipson, Sarah Grismore, Mac and Helen Grossman, Doug Haddock, Beth Hager, Wayne Hartigan, David Haskins, Raven Hensley, Brad Huff, Caroline Huffman, Kathy James, Mike Johnson, Virginia Kirschner, Todd Kline, Lois Kruger, Evan Lash, Kara Lilly, Barbara Luther, Kenneth Marks, Austin McCormick, Cindy Mercer, Peggy Messer, Phil Ogden, Chuck and Michelle Phillips, Annie Pratt, Patricia Faye Pulis, Mary Pyle, Ashley Rhinehart, Evelyn Rice, Martha Ringler, Adam Ross, Justin Scher, Joan Shippy, J.C. Slone, Jeff Sonne (Auto accident), Karen Steelman, The Family of Beecher Stephens, Tina Terry, Dorothy Traster, Deena Vale, Betty VanWinkle, 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, 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.

**In the Mail**

To All My Trinity Friends,

I am overwhelmed with all the beautiful cards I've received for my birthday. Evidently a little birdie told everyone at church. I can't begin to thank everyone personally—for them all!

With God's love and protection, I'm living each day with thanksgiving to the Lord and for all the prayers and best wishes from all of you. Because of them, "I've already beaten the odds. May God bless...In Christian Love, Joan Shippy



**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Go Out to Lunch Bunch  
June 15 – Boathouse at  
Winona Lake**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Go Out to Lunch Bunch will be going to The Boathouse on beautiful Winona Lake Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be a delicious lunch with a group of fellow Christians. All Trinity friends are welcome and we encourage them to bring a friend. The group will leave the church at 11:00 a.m. that morning. Call the church office and let us know if you'd like to join us.



Sunday, June 6th during our worship services we will be honoring our 2010 high school graduates and presenting scholarships. Our 2010 High School Graduates are: Jenna Bontrager, Scott Kreigh and Korynn Wible.

**Baby Bottle Campaign**

Life & Family Services is in the midst of their annual Baby Bottle Campaign. If you have not done this before, you simply pick up one of their baby bottles, sign your name on the clipboard with the bottle's number, take it home and drop in your spare change each day. They will be collecting the bottles in June.

Life and family Services is a 501(c)(3), so if you want tax credit for your contribution, simply place your name and address at the top of the bottle (all bottles are dumped together into a large jar and deposited, so if you desire a tax letter it is important for that note to be seen before the bottle is emptied. (Anita affectionately calls it "Baby Bottle Monday" because of the noise all that change makes during the dumping process!!)

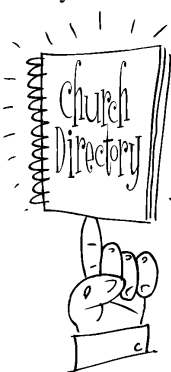
Their website is [www.lfsfamilies.org](http://www.lfsfamilies.org), if you want to check them out more closely.

**Pictorial Directory**

Do you ever see people in church and wonder who they are?

Have you ever heard a person's name from church and wished you could put a face with the name? Are you new here and wish you had help getting to know everyone? Well, help is on the way! We are producing a pictorial directory for our church. There is no cost to the church or any of the families to be photographed, and each participating family will receive a free 8X10 portrait and a directory. You will be able to view your portraits immediately after being photographed, and you will be able to purchase portraits if you wish as well. You

can sign up for your portrait on line by visiting [www.trinitychurchum.org](http://www.trinitychurchum.org), or on Sunday mornings in June.



**"The Gift of Appreciation"**

An Epistle from Bishop Mike

The movie "Pay It Forward" a few years ago told the story of a young boy whose school project was to "pay it forward" – to encourage people to do good deeds for others, and then to see how those good deeds were forwarded on to others. It sounds counter-intuitive, but it seems to be a principle of the Kingdom of God, as stated by Jesus, that it is better to give than to receive. Our giving is then often (no guarantees) rewarded by our receiving both the joy of giving and other blessings which come back to us.

I believe a similar principle is involved in the life of our congregations. I see so many United Methodist churches which are reaching out to others, providing free meeting space to community groups, engaging in direct mission projects, literally giving their money, and going forward in faith. All of this can be quite counter-intuitive in tough economic times. These churches sense that God calls us to stretch, grow, and give when times are tough, and I see those churches being "rewarded" with a good spirit and a new energy. Recently one county-seat, downtown church shared with me their excellent financial report for 2009 and their growing budget pledges for 2010. When I asked how that happened, their lay leadership said to me: "It all started when we began our community meal on Sunday nights to feed hungry people in our town. That seemed to inspire all of us to see the needs, to give, and to be blessed by that giving. A new spirit of generosity has come into our church, and even our budget is doing better." Wow! What a great testimony. I see it repeated in many of our congregations – they are "growing it forward."

Unfortunately I have also seen that the reverse is true. When congregations get scared by our tough economy, when they cut back on their budgets and their giving, and when they try to save themselves – then often the result is further decline and less giving to their ministries. As one other lay leader commented to me about this sad state of affairs in his church, "We learned that excellence is not achieved by cut-backs." Again, Jesus himself spoke to that truth when he said, "Those who try to save their lives, will lose them."

We are called by Jesus and the whole movement of the Kingdom of God to "grow it forward." That may even include acting like a bigger and better church than we already are – in order to grow forward and to become that church we envision. It might include individuals setting personal mission goals (if you want a book resource for that, let me suggest [The Path](#) by Laurie Beth Jones). It could include forgiving someone who has not really "earned" our forgiveness, and discovering how we are freed by letting go our animosity toward that person. It certainly includes taking seriously "risk-taking mission and service" and "extravagant generosity" – two of the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations that we will be emphasizing at Annual Conference.

Yes, the words of Jesus and the principles of the Kingdom of God are clear: do you want to grow in your faith and your ministry? Then grow it forward!

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

**Dishes – dishes – dishes...**

We appreciate all who have donated items for dinners at the church. We have accumulated a bunch of dishes from dinners we have had. If you have left one (or more) of your dishes here, please check to see if it is in the narthex (above the coat rack). If so, please take it home. Dishes not picked up by June 11 will be donated to the church rummage sale.

**Annual Conference**

June 10-June 12 -- Ball State University

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

MONDAY, May 31

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day. Have a nice and safe holiday.

**Love Fund – June 6, 2010**

On the first Sunday of June (as with most months) we will celebrate the sacrament of communion. It has been the tradition at Trinity Church that money collected at the altar during communion be put into our Love Fund. Our Love Fund is used to help those in our area that are in need of gasoline for an appointment or emergency situation, to help with various needs and emergencies; for medication for those who cannot afford prescriptions and other emergencies. Please consider those less fortunate during communion and donate as you feel led.

**Happy Birthday**

Florede Baughman will be celebrating her 107<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Florede is a long-time member of Trinity Church. She loves to hear from her friends. (If you'd like to send her a card or note, call Hazel, 347-0056 for information) Florede sends her best wishes to all her Trinity friends.

**F.Y.I.**

The disciples asked Jesus how to pray. Jesus responded by giving them an outline prayer, saying "pray in this way." We recite the basic outline each week during worship. We will take the summer months to "unpack" each phrase to see the fuller depth of this model prayer, and what it can mean to our growth as a disciple of the one who taught us to pray! During this summer, starting June 13 and running through most of August, pastors Scott and Steve will be "walking through" an "old favorite" – "The Lord's Prayer." It is good to have some continuity during a time that many may be "in and out." If you cannot make it during a Sunday this summer, check out the website for "podcasts" or stop by the office for CD or tape copies of either the sermon or the service. (The podcasts are not up right now, but will be soon)

## Children & Family News

By Sonja Richards, Director of Children & Family

### A Note from the Director of Children & Family

Another school year is coming to a close. I cannot believe that summer is just around the corner. Summer is a great time of the year to spend more time with family through picnics, vacations and just hanging out. Since we understand that summers can be very busy with family activities, we have suspended Sunday Night Live for the summer. Our last Sunday Night Live the children had fun finishing up the Father's Day gifts that all the men will receive on Father's Day. (If you are a man, you will not want to miss that Sunday!) As with tradition, at the last Sunday Night Live we had ice cream sundaes with all the works. You may wonder when we will begin Sunday Night Live again???? If will begin again the Sunday after Labor Day, September 12<sup>th</sup>. We are looking at some fun things to kickoff our time back in the fall. Be looking for details as it gets closer.

As always, if you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the church office 347-0056 or my cell phone 318-3402.

### God's Gym

1 Tim 4:7-8: Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come (NIV).

How many of us spend a considerable amount of time at the gym getting in shape for who knows what? We can be so disciplined in exercise and diet that we are the envy of our peers. And while this kind of training has value, it is short-lived. Take a month off and see what happens!

What if we were just as disciplined in our daily time with God? Many people spend an hour or two a day exercising, but rarely spend 15 minutes a day with God. What if we spent more time in God's gym? Paul tells us the answer - training for godliness "has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." That's the kind of training a whole family can enjoy together, and that will last forever.

Get your family into God's gym, and train for eternity.

### Camp Brochures are here!

The camp brochures are here! This year there are many more additional opportunities due to the addition of the south camps. We are now past the early bird cost break, you will now need to add \$20 to the cost of the camp.

Camp scholarships are available through the conference office. Scholarship forms are available in the church office or online at: [www.beacamper.com](http://www.beacamper.com).

During the week of June 20-25, two of the four directors will be Zach Pattison and Sonja Richards and Jon Zinnel will be the AV guy. This week of camp is at Camp Lakewood and is for children entering grades 3-6.

### Promotion Sunday

Since the last day of school is June 4<sup>th</sup> and as soon as school gets out many children believe that they are in the next grade, here at Trinity we will be following suit and promoting the children to the next class.

### VBS

I have had a lot of kids ask when VBS is and what this year's theme is. VBS will be July 26-30 so mark your calendars. This year's theme is: High Seas Expedition Exploring the Mighty Love of God.



## Practical Ways to Connect with Your Child's Heart

Connecting with a child is easier for some parents than others, and easier with some kids than others. Parents and kids have different personalities, likes, and dislikes. With some kids, connecting takes real creativity and persistence. Here are eleven suggestions to help you find ways to connect with your child's heart.

1. Talking. Children often like to hear stories from your own childhood. Don't feel like you have to tie a lesson into the story. Just tell it to them as if you were relating the details to a friend.
2. Listen to your kids. Take an interest in their activities and their day. Once they start talking, draw them out with more questions.
3. Touching. A hug or a gentle hand on a shoulder communicates warmth and love.
4. High-energy activities. Kids love excitement. Look for exciting activities to enjoy together.
5. Look for ways to share your child's interests.
6. Give occasional special treats.
7. Find a task and work at it together as teammates.
8. Offer genuine praise for a job well done.
9. Have fun with your kids. Be silly, tell jokes, or wrestle.
10. New times in a child's life set the stage to connect emotionally. Be there and available to share the moment.
11. Traumatic events provide opportunities to develop closeness. Remember that the most important thing isn't fixing the problem, it's restoring the heart.

In short, enjoy your kids and have fun with them. Take an interest in their lives. If you don't feel like it, do it anyway. Your kids need your playfulness, love, affection, and joy. When you give to your kids, you contribute to their well-being and your family's strength. Yes, it's sacrifice, but the time you put in now will go a long way toward reducing friction when it's time to confront or discipline.

What are some you've been able to connect with your child's heart? [Click here](#) to tell others about it.

## WORD AT HOME

Scripture: Acts 16:9-15

**Thoughts:** What is the point of the small story of this woman, Lydia? In a day ruled by men, Lydia is a rich businesswoman; the head of her own household; and a Gentile worshipper of God. In knowing these things we can speculate that she was intelligent, independent and faithful. We also know that she cares deeply for the members of her household because she wants them to hear Paul's message and be saved. Through God's calling this single person of faith the entire church at Philippi is born and through that church Christ's message is spread into Europe. What a beautiful example of how one woman's faith changed the world.

**Discussion:** Do you think Lydia knew the impact she had in the greater world? Do you recognize how you influence those around you? Who are some examples of great women of faith? What makes them great? Who are some women of great faith in your own life?

**Activity:** Think about some of the "footprints" of faith you would like to leave in your life. How would you like to share with people? Make a plan to accomplish one in the near future. Also, thank one woman who has helped you in your faith.



