

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TRINITY

Thursday (11/26) 11:30-130 Community Thanksgiving Dinner.  
Friday (11/27) 6:00 AA—Fellowship Hall.  
Saturday (11/28) 7:00 Meth. Anonymous.

### New Website

We are pleased to let you know that we have a new and updated website. We encourage you to check it out at [www.trinitychurchum.org](http://www.trinitychurchum.org). You can keep up to date on the Trinity Spire and there is also an up-to-date calendar. There are many other items that you might be interested in.

### Unity in the Community

The Unity in the Community Service for the first Sunday in December (Dec. 6) will be hosted by the St. John's Lutheran Church. It is located at 301 S. Oak Street. Phone number is 347-2158.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Go Out to Lunch Bunch December 15, 2009

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Go Out to Lunch Bunch will be going to the Brickhouse in LaGrange on Tuesday, December 15. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Christmas Luncheon and they would like to have a lot of Trinity Friends join them. They will leave the church at 11:00 a.m. that morning.

### 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>.

### Hats, Gloves & Stockings

There is a Christmas tree in the narthex that our Christ Kids (Preschool through Kindergarten) would like to invite you to help them decorate with hats, gloves and stockings for area needy children.

### Looking Ahead...

**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.

Pastor: G. Scott Pattison -- Pastor of Caring & connections: Steve Brittenham  
Director of Educational Ministries: Sonja Richards -- Church Secretary: Hazel Mapes



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## Trinity This Sunday

November 29, 2009

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*

**8:30 WORSHIP**

**9:30 FELLOWSHIP IN THE  
NARTHEX**

**9:35 SMALL GROUPS**

**10:30 WORSHIP**

**4:30 DIVORCECARE**

**NO SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE**

**6:30 AL-A-NON**

**7:00 AA MEETING**

## From Pastor Scott

I want to take this time to say, “Thanks!” We feel very blessed to be a part of what God is doing at Trinity, and in the lives of the people who call Trinity Church their church home. It is easy to get busy in the hectic pace of ministry and life. So, as we enter into this week of Thanksgiving, I want to pause and say how blessed we are, and to say, “Thanks!”



I appreciate our great staff that love Jesus and are willing to step up to the challenges of ministry. I appreciate our leadership that has made some difficult and challenging decisions for the health and growth of Trinity Church. I appreciate our congregation that has stepped up to meet a wider variety of people with the saving power and grace of Christ. (I do know that not all people are pleased with every way we have sought to connect with more people, but this congregation is willing to do more – not all congregations can say that – and for that, I am truly thankful!) I am grateful for a congregation with a heart for our community and a willingness to reach it with the saving knowledge of Jesus. I am grateful for the many talented people who are willing to generously use their gifts of time, talents, money, and other resources in service for Jesus and the community.

You have loved and cared for my family and me. Your words of encouragement, care, and challenges mean a great deal. Anita and I look forward to your hugs, handshakes, teasing, and joking. We accept as an honor to pray with and for you as we go through the various stages and challenges of life and death as a sacred trust we cherish. We are grateful to be there as the children grow in stature and faith, as families transition and babies are born, and when the kids go off to college or the work force.

So this week, as we “count our many blessings, and name them one by one”, please know that your names are on our lips, and you are in our hearts! Thanks, Trinity!

God Bless!  
Pastor Scott



## New Missionary Support for Trinity Church UM

Since Rosalie Bowker recently retired as a missionary in Korea, we are now supporting Maria Humbane who is a missionary with the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church assigned to church and community ministries in Mutare, Zimbabwe.

Born in Chikuki, Maxixe Mozambique, Maria earned a certificate in practical nursing in 1971 from Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, IN after graduating from Eastbrook High School in Upland, IN, in 1970.

Prior to this assignment, Maria was a secretarial volunteer in the bishop's office of the Zimbabwe Annual Conference from 1996-97. She was a bilingual secretary and receptionist/switchboard operator for the Royal Danish Embassy from 1986-94 and held a similar position in Mozambique for the United Nations Development Programme (UMDP) from 1976-86.

Maria is married to Dr. William James Humbane and has five adult children, four sons and one daughter. She is a member of Hilltop United Methodist Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe.

## New Tables

The Mission Committee of Trinity Church recently purchased 7 new 8 ft. white plastic tables for the church to use. We were tired of borrowing tables for our rummage sale!

## Trinity Helps Friendship Food Pantry

Last Sunday approximately 50+ sacks of groceries were donated by our congregation for the Food Pantry, with an estimated value of \$500. Also monetary gifts (checks and cash were contributed for a total of \$1,270. So the grand total would be about \$1,770. Thanks, Trinity!!

## Trinity on Christ's Mission

Recently the Mission Committee disbursed the following amounts to various local, national, and international mission projects:

- Camp Lakewood -- \$200
- Common Grace -- \$500
- Kendallville Day Care School -- \$200
- Friendship Food Pantry -- \$500
- Kendallville Teen Parent Co-op -- \$200
- Appalachia Service Project -- \$200
- McCurdy Mission -- \$450
- Red Bird Mission -- \$200
- Operation Classroom (Africa) -- \$250
- UMCOR -- \$900
- Sager Brown Work Team -- \$500
- UMCOR Midwest Distribution Center -- \$200
- Maria Humbane (our new missionary in Africa) -- \$600
- Carolyn Veit in Haiti -- \$300
- For a total of: \$5,200

We also purchased 7 new plastic (8 ft.) white tables for our Rummage Sale use as well as the church's use.

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, Deihl Family, Ben Earley, Marvin Fager, 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, Brad Huff, 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, 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.

At a request from Bob Czupryn, Pastor Scott was asked to read the following note to the congregation of Trinity Church. He read the following on Sunday, November 22:

*I want to thank the congregation of Trinity for all the cards, calls, visits, and support for Joan and I this past year.*

*I appreciated Scott and Steve stopping by often whether I was home or in the hospital.*

*I especially want to thank Judy Butler, who came day or night to help keep our wheels from falling off. She spent many hours with us in the ER, hospital as well as at home.*

*Bless you all,  
Bob Czupryn*

## “The Problem With Success”

An Epistle from Bishop Mike



At the meeting of our Council of Bishops of the UMC earlier this month, I heard a quote which immediately went into my list of interesting quotes that I keep in the Memos of my Palm Pilot on my Treo phone. The quote was offered by one of our new bishops, Bishop Rudy Juan of the Philippines, and he said:

“The problem with success is the absence of successors.”

He went on to talk about how living on a “success” model

of life is inherently self-centered and often does not include planning for a good successor. He contrasted that with “fruitfulness” as a model for life, and he indicated that the promise of fruitfulness is another generation of fruit.

His quote reminded me of another quote which I keep in my Palm Pilot:

“The fruit of an apple tree is not an apple, but another apple tree.”

All of which is to say that those of us in the so-called Baby Boomer generation need to consider our legacy. Are we simply building our own successes (businesses, churches, organizations)? If so we will likely overlook the need to develop successors and to leave behind a lasting legacy. Or to put it in Gospel terms, “Are we building our own empire, or are we helping to build the Kingdom of God?”

The “fruitfulness” model helps with the usual complaints I hear about the “numbers game.” In reality numbers are just numbers. It depends upon what we are measuring and how we use that measurement. Fruit inspectors measure the health of their fruit. They look for new growth opportunities, and they look for new ways to increase the fruitfulness of others. Success-focused persons and groups tend too easily to look at numbers in terms of “How am I doing?” Fruit-focused persons and groups tend to look at numbers in terms of seeing “How God is working through all of us.”

Perhaps most importantly, fruit-focused persons and groups really care about developing successors, helping others succeed, passing along our knowledge and experience, and delighting in the fruitfulness of others.

“The problem with success is an absence of successors.” But the promise of fruitfulness is another generation of fruit. How are you measuring your fruitfulness? How are you planning your legacy? Will there be ... not just more apples ... but more apple trees for an on-going harvest?

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

## Common Grace Report--October

In October we had 75 applications (37 of which were first time), 64 were assisted for a total of \$9,901.12. This is the second highest monthly amount given out since the start up of Common Grace.

## Community Christmas Nursing Home Caroling

Sponsored by

The East Noble Ministerial Association

Sunday, November 29, 2009

3:00 p.m.

Pre-caroling meeting location:

Kendallville Youth Center

2:30 p.m.

We will be going to four locations in

The Kendallville/Avilla Area

A Chance to bring Holiday Hope and Cheer!

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**Just Follow the Star!**

**Sunday, December 6, 2009**

**4:30 – 6:00**

Bring your family to the little town of Bethlehem for a morning full of crafts, shops, food and fun!



**A Hands-On Holy Land Experience**

The Education wing (upstairs) will be transformed into the little town of Bethlehem. Each family will receive a devotional and Christmas ornament that they can paint together. There will be a variety of shops to check out and experience. You will even be able to talk to Mary and Joseph to see what it was like to have a baby during Bible times. Friends and family are welcome. This should be a fun experience for all ages!

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## Notice of Position Openings

Kendallville Trinity is seeking to fill the position of Youth Director. This is a 10 hr./per week position, and we are accepting resumes until December 5<sup>th</sup>. Send resumes or questions to [dlute@eastnoble.net](mailto:dlute@eastnoble.net) or [office@trinitychurchum.org](mailto:office@trinitychurchum.org)

### Position: Youth Director

The successful candidate will be a self-motivated individual with experience in developing youth ministries. The Director will be expected to work well in a team-oriented environment and possess skills in developing adult volunteer leaders.

**Basic Job Description:** (more detail upon request)

**Requirements:** (more detail upon request)

**Hours:** 10 hours per week

### Position: Director of Children and Family Ministries

The successful candidate will be a self-motivated individual with experience in developing children and family ministries. The Director will be expected to work well in a team-oriented environment and possess skills in developing adult volunteer leaders.

**Basic Job Description:** (more detail upon request)

**Requirements:** (more detail upon request)

**Hours:** 20 hours per week

