

# The Trinity Times

The Newsletter of Trinity Presbyterian Church

January, 2012

## FROM OUR MINISTRY ASSOCIATE

Dear friends,

We're off to a new year! Based on a very unscientific survey of my friends and family, I confirmed the results of a real survey that I read a few weeks ago: most people didn't consider 2011 to be a very good year. It's not hard to understand why — economic malaise, polarized political noise, ongoing wars, and more. Consequently, most people that I've spoken with are looking forward to 2012 as a chance at a fresh start.

That idea, the fresh start at the beginning of the new year, isn't a surprising one. The truth is that we do it every year. It's a bit of a curious phenomenon, isn't it? Why would we wait until the calendar changes to get a fresh start? There are a few ways to look at it:

First, we could say that it is silly to make such a big deal of the new year. After all, we as Christians claim the promise from Lamentations 3:22-23 that "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." If God's mercies are new every morning, then we don't have to wait until New Year's Day to live differently. We also know, as we read in Ephesians 2:8-9 that "...by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast." So we know that there's nothing that we need to *do* in particular to make that fresh start. It's God's gift of grace to us! So we could say that the start of the new year is no big deal.

But on the other hand, memorials and commemorations have a profound impact on our hearts and minds. In fact, the Jewish new year, called Rosh Hashanah today, was instituted in Leviticus 23:24-25. "Speak to the people of Israel, saying: In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a day of complete rest, a holy convocation commemorated with trumpet blasts. You shall not work at your occupations; and you shall present the Lord's offering by fire." The traditional greeting at Rosh Hashanah translates to "May you

## EVENTS IN JANUARY

- 1 "Remove the Greens" after  
Worship
- 6 David Olney Coffeehouse Concert/  
7 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- 15 Youth Group after worship; lunch  
provided
- 21 Presbytery LEAD Workshop/  
8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. at First  
Presbyterian of Franklin  
Young Adult Potluck/5 p.m. - 7  
p.m./Place to be announced
- 22 Soup and Chili Potluck after  
worship in the Fellowship Hall  
Sara Crigger Recital/3 p.m. in  
the Sanctuary

be inscribed and sealed for a good year." The passage in Leviticus goes on to say that ten days after this New Year's Day was the Day of Atonement, called Yom Kippur. God instituted these ceremonial days, despite the abundance and continuity of His grace, as a marker for people to intentionally set their hearts and minds in a new way of thinking and acting.

In January of 2012, I expect that both of the above realities will be present to us. We will surely know that God's grace is always for us, and we will also be marking a fresh start with some degree of ceremony. I would encourage you during this season of reflection and forecasting to go ahead and resolve to do all of the things you know you should have been doing anyway: eat better, exercise more, take more time to smell the roses, and so on. But add to that list the resolution to seriously reflect on God's provident grace which provides a fresh start for you whenever you need it, regardless of what the calendar says.

In the fullness of God's grace and celebration of Christ's birth,

Scott

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### Trinity Presbyterian Church Staff

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Pastor

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Melissa Custer (2014)

Barbara McClure (2012)

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David Erwin (2013)

Tom O' Brien (2012)

Rachel Hayes (2014)

Judy Schomber (2013)

Dale Johnson (2014)

Turner Snodgrass (2012)

Chaochen You (2014)

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Thoma Parker - 5

David Carlton - 6

Robbin Bach - 8

Chad Custer - 10

Sara Maria Huddleston - 13

Briana Larsen - 18

Ashley McFaul - 19

Melissa Custer - 21

Peter O'Brien - 22

Ruth Sims - 22

Anna Reside - 26

Jacob Ediger - 25

Alec Custer - 27

Brennan Larsen - 28

### SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

**9:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. - Childcare available**  
(Nursery open for babies and  
pre-schoolers)

**9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. "Sounds of Joy"**  
rehearsal (weekly), "Celebration  
Choir" rehearsal (periodic), ETCH  
(weekly)

**9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School**  
classes (weekly)

**10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Children and Youth**  
Sunday School Classes (weekly)

**10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Chancel Choir**  
rehearsal (weekly)

**11:00 a.m. Worship (Sunday School for Pre-**  
Schoolers follows Time with the  
Children)

**After Worship - Fellowship Time, Youth**  
Group (bimonthly)

Large print versions of Sunday's bulletin for Wor-  
ship are available as you enter the sanctuary.  
Please ask one of the ushers for a large print bul-  
letin if you want one.

## HELP NEEDED TO REMOVE THE GREENS

If you are available after the worship ser-  
vice on Sunday, January 1, the Worship  
Committee requests your help in remov-  
ing and storing the Sanctuary decorations.  
The more hands available, the quicker the  
task!

### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday, January 2, 2012 -**  
**Church Office Closed due to**  
**postal holiday**

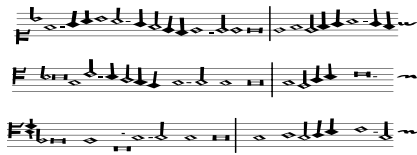
**Tuesday - Friday, January 3-6 -**  
**normal office hours**  
**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Regular Office hours (beginning**  
**January 9):**

**Mondays: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Tuesdays through Fridays:**  
**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

*Our apologies if we have missed your birthday or if it is incorrect. If we have missed or muffed your special day please call the church office at 297-6513 and let us know.*



# MUSIC NOTES

Happy New Year, everyone!

As we begin the year anew, it is my wish that there be a renewed energy and spirit for each of us as we progress through the church year. Any one who is interested in joining a choir at this fresh start is encouraged to speak to me or to Mary Virginia Bond, or to just come and try out a rehearsal. We also welcome instrumental participation with the choirs, or as soloists/ensemble players.

No choirs will meet on January 1. The Adult Chancel Choir will begin the new year on Wednesday January 4 with rehearsal at 7 p.m. All activities will resume on January 8; the Sounds of Joy will resume weekly rehearsals at 9:30 in the Chapel/Music Room and Adult Chancel Choir will rehearse at 10:30 a.m. that day. Normal rehearsal schedules will resume at that point, with Celebration Choir TBD.

Many beautiful musical moments were shared during Advent and Christmas, and I would like to offer thanks for these participants:

- ~Piano solo played as prelude by college student Laura Colbran
- ~A glorious Lessons & Carols Chancel Choir presentation with professional string quartet, which included seven anthems, congregational hymns and Bible "Lessons" read by Trinity members on December 11; I also sang a solo from "Messiah" accompanied by the strings
- ~Youth and Children led worship December 18, and this service included Sounds of Joy presenting one anthem and Celebration Choir singing two. We also had an instrumental prelude by Emma Oden and postlude woodwind trio played by Tom O'Brien, Jon O'Brien and Anna Reside
- ~Annual caroling to area members and friends by joyful congregants also occurred on December 18
- ~A lovely Christmas Eve service including Chancel Choir and soloist Sara Crigger, as well as a joyful service with lots of carols on Christmas morning

Tunefully yours,

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## USHERS FOR JANUARY

Rachel Hayes, Head Usher  
Dale Johnson  
Hank Howerton  
Diego Enríquez



## OFFICE NOTES

Dear Trinity Family,

Happy New Year! With so much happening in December, I didn't get to share with you about the PC(USA) national Administrative Personnel Association (APA) conference that I attended November 1 – 5.

As of November 5, I have completed 27.5 hours of training toward the 50 required hours to complete Level III certification. The courses I completed at the conference last fall included:

- Conflict Management
- Personnel Issues
- General Assembly Entities
- Safety in the Workplace
- Living with Grief
- Office Administration II

As I've shared before, the continuing education through APA provides me foundational knowledge for daily functioning in the office, but it also provides me so much more. The camaraderie and sharing with others who do my same job across the country is tremendously encouraging, and it gives me even greater insight and awareness of what an exceptional church I serve!

I give thanks for each of you who contribute to the phenomenal job satisfaction I enjoy as I begin my fifth year as your office manager.

Blessings,  
Linda

# OPPORTUNITIES IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN JANUARY FOR ALL AGES!

by Scott Baker

2012 is going to begin with a bang for our Christian Education offerings and only become stronger as the we move into spring and summer. We hope that everyone will be able to find an offering that interests them, and one in which you will feel able to participate in and contribute to as well.

## Nursery:

For the first time, beginning in January, we plan to have a separate space for our babies and a dedicated worker to care for them. We don't have any specific curriculum designed for the babies, but we do plan to provide loving arms and chewy toys. If you are interested in assisting our nursery worker in cuddling our youngest members, please contact Jan Sharlet at [dancefools@aol.com](mailto:dancefools@aol.com).

## Children's and Youth Classes:

Our *young children* will continue their Wee Believe curriculum. The *Children's* class will begin a new semester of We Believe. (Both We Believe and Wee Believe are curriculum materials published by the PCUSA) The *Younger Youth* class will begin new curriculum called Way to Live. This ecumenical study will continue to be led by Megan Bell and Ashley McFaul. The *Older Youth* will continue their studies of Faith Questions led by Leigh Bonner and Greg Gardner.

## Adult Classes:

The *Explorations* class will be treated to a different topic each week in the month of January, led by a variety of teachers. On January 8th, Judy Rye and Georgeanne Chapman will lead their next session of Interior Seasons. They say, "Appearances are definitely deceiving in the winter garden. Join Georgeanne Chapman and Judy Rye for reflection and discussion of the beauty, paradox and power of the season." On January 15th, we will have a special presentation by our Prison Pen-pals program. Peggy Min, our coordinator, describes the class, "On January 15 the Explorations class will meet with Brad Major and Denny Griswold from Christ United Methodist Church in Franklin. They will view a 9 minute DVD introducing

Christ UMC's prison ministry program after which they will talk about the prison pen-pal and the re-entry programs. All are welcome." January 22nd and 29th will be led by our Young Adult Volunteers. Ashley McFaul will lead a discussion on the 22nd about Northern Ireland detailing the conflict that remains between Catholics and Protestants to this day. Finally on the 29th, Ashley will discuss her work through the YAV program at Stratford High School, and Megan Bell will talk about her YAV work at Preston Taylor Ministries.

*Koinonia* will meet in January for a four-week class studying the book of Galatians. Paul wrote this letter to the communities he founded in Asia Minor to address some early conflicts that were dividing the fellowship of Christians. This epistle, along with Romans, was very influential among the early Reformers and we will spend some time studying why it was so influential, and what it still has to say to us today.

## YOUNG ADULT NEWS

Friends,

A host is needed for our upcoming young adult potluck gathering, Saturday January 21:

Young Adults will gather again for food and fellowship on Saturday, January 21st from 5:30 till 7'ish. Please bring along a dish, either homemade or one lovingly purchased at the store, to share with others. If you are able to host us at your home, please contact me very soon.

Other activities of interest:

**Coffee House** with Trinity's own David Olney-7p.m. Friday, January 6, at Trinity Church

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Greg Gardner

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# TRINITY'S PEOPLE: BELIEVING AND LIVING THEIR IDEALS

by **Hank Schomber**

Trinity's People have been its treasure from the very first.

Trinity's People have always been there to step up and get the church through its roughest times.

Even before there was a Trinity Presbyterian Church, its people were a Treasure.

Unrest at Nashville First Presbyterian Church led a group of worshippers who would become Trinity's founders to stand up and be counted. They were not happy with the actions of the few who were trying to force their will against the many. They saw their (and Presbyterian) principles being challenged and were adamant that those principles not be crushed.

When it became evident an influential few had gotten their way at First Church, those dissenting determined to uphold their principles in a new church.

At first the Presbytery said no, but those leaders and some 295 others persevered and literally before the day was done they achieved their goal of the first new Presbyterian Church in Middle Tennessee in a quarter of a century. A new church achieved by its people and their beliefs in majority rule, freedom of the pulpit and a rotary system of officers.

Immediately this new congregation elected a set of energetic officers. The group was not necessarily experienced in church leadership, but they were determined and would not let their church fail.

They had no home and their resources were few, but within weeks of their first service in a movie theater, they negotiated use of a building that formerly housed a Presbyterian Church.

Their church needed an organ, but in the middle of a world war available organs were hard to find. But Trinity's people persevered and soon came up with an organ to enhance their services.

They quickly rose to prominence within the Presbytery, even hosting a Presbytery meeting in their first year of existence.

Determined to find property of their own, Trinity's People located land that, while not in the preferred downtown/midtown area, it was affordable for the still building congregation.

There were misgivings on the part of many about the property's location. It was considered "remote" by some and "on the wrong side of the tracks" by others. There were even concerns that the parcel was too large.

But the leaders were not hesitant. Following presentation and discussion a majority of Trinity's People agreed to purchase the property and stepped forward to enable the Session to make "a considerable cash payment" at the time it was purchased. A second fund drive held just a few months later enabled it to be fully paid. Times were hard, but the people stepped forward.

Attention turned to a building program and while material shortages created by a war now winding down made for construction delays, it far from discouraged Trinity's People.

First came The Chapel, then a Sunday School wing and then a second floor for the Sunday School. At each step Trinity's People showed they were ready and stepped up when it was time. Trinity's People continued to answer. The process was repeated when it came time for building a Sanctuary. Trinity's People were there to make it happen.

When the people expressed a desire for a pipe organ, obstacles again had to be overcome and were. The Sanctuary would not accommodate a pipe organ up front where for several years an electronic organ was located. It would require a new balcony at the rear—construction that would increase the cost by 50-percent.

But Trinity's People would not be deterred. Trinity's people stepped forward to help immigrant families and provided worship space for the entire Korean Community while they built their own worship center. More recently renovation programs and needs were quickly fulfilled by Trinity's People.

Whatever the need, Trinity's People have stepped forward.

Trinity's People contribute labor, time, skills, finances, whatever is needed and a successful church has endured for nearly 70 years because of them.

Trinity's People are indeed one of its greatest Treasures.



## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 5**

The Trinity Presbyterian Church Session has called for the annual meeting of the congregation to be held immediately following worship on Sunday, February 5, 2012. The 2011 financial report will be given and the budget for 2012 will be presented. The pastor's annual terms of call - as recommended by the Session - will be voted on by the congregation, and the members of the 2012 Nominating Committee will be elected. This will be a brief meeting and all Trinity members are urged to attend.

## **SIGN UP FOR FLOWERS IN 2012**

We have openings for chancel table flowers this new year. If you would like to give a \$50 donation for flowers, please call the office at 297-6513. If you would like to prepare and provide the flowers yourself, that is welcome as well, and please let us know so we don't order flowers for that Sunday. Indicate on the flower chart (located in the East Hall) if they are given in memory, honor, or celebration of someone or a special event. Flowers may be taken by the donor following the service or we will share them with folks who are homebound or in the hospital.

## **DIRECTORY CHANGES**

Please make the following changes to your church directory:

Add Imogene Grooms: 6729 Fleetwood Drive, Nashville, 37205; 352-2350  
Brenda Hensley's Room #: 200A  
Lila Newton's new e-mail address: [Lnewton@myparkmanor.com](mailto:Lnewton@myparkmanor.com)  
O'Briens: Lee Anne's cell – 924-2437; Tom's cell – 200-0231  
Sharon Spencer's address: 2922 Wellesley Trace, Nashville, TN 37215  
Cindy Turner's phone # should read: 810-4922

Thanks to everyone who has completed and submitted a Membership Information Sheet. This is essential information for us to develop accurate data for our church. If you have not yet completed a form and would like to be part of our church database and directory, please pick up a Membership Information Sheet from the table in the East Hall or request one from the church office, complete it and return it to the church office.

# DAVID OLNEY TO PRESENT COFFEEHOUSE CONCERT JANUARY 6

David Olney will appear in concert at the first Trinity Coffeehouse of 2012, performing on Friday, January 6, at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The concert is open to the public and all proceeds will benefit Trinity's Prison Ministries.

All who have heard David Olney's fresh and original compositions performed during Sunday worship are well aware of the treat in store

for them at the January 6 performance. Of a recent show, the Herald-Scotland termed it, "A show PACKED WITH INCIDENT, amusement, contrast and fine, fine songsmithery."

Extraordinarily prolific singer-songwriter/'net broadcaster DAVID OLNEY has become known worldwide for his intense live performances as well as his intelligent compositions recorded by Emmylou Harris, Linda Ronstadt, Del McCoury, Tim O'Brien, Slaid Cleaves, Dale Ann Bradley, Ann Rabson, Kane/Welch/Kaplin and others. Always on tour performing in the US or overseas, David broadcasts (mostly) live every Tuesday on his site with his "Fireside Chat" video shorts featuring the story-behind-a-song, in addition to sharing his stellar classic poetry recitations on YouTube. David is readying the second installment of his new thematic series of mini-albums with "The Stone" - slated for release in March 2012. <http://www.davidolney.com>.

A Benefit for Trinity's Prison Ministries:  
**DAVID OLNEY**

"A BLUES-DARKENED  
singer-songwriter with  
a METHOD ACTOR'S  
IMAGINATION."  
- The Nashville Scene

FRIDAY, JAN. 6, 2012 - 7:00 PM  
**COFFEEHOUSE CONCERT**  
at TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
3201 Hillsboro Rd., Nashville, TN, 615-297-6513  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

## SOUP AND CHILI POTLUCK ON JANUARY 22

Bring your favorite soup or chili on Sunday, January 22 for Trinity's annual winter potluck hosted by the Fellowship Committee following worship. While the weather outside may be frightful, the fellowship will be warm and the food, delicious!

## SARA CRIGGER RECITAL ON JANUARY 22

Sara Crigger along with Sereno String Quartet would like to invite the congregation to their concert on January 22 at 3pm in the sanctuary. They will cover works by Mozart, Beethoven, Borodine, Led Zeppelin and more.

# PRISON MINISTRY AT TRINITY

by Peggy Min

Matthew 25:37-40 “but then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord,... when did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

We have a vital prison ministry here at Trinity Presbyterian Church, due in large part to the inspiration and influence of retired PCUSA minister David Phillipy. David and his wife Carol started attending Trinity in 2005 and soon joined our church, in large part because they found here open minds and hearts, ready and willing to share our love of Christ in the world. David’s formal career involved both posts as prison chaplain here in Tennessee and positions as chaplain in mental health facilities. Since his retirement in 2000, he has retained a heart for prison ministry which has flourished within our community of faith, as evidenced by the following programs.

## **Prison Penpal Program**

On January 15 the adult Explorations class will have as their guest Karen Vander Molen who is from Christ United Methodist Church in Franklin. She and Brad, a released prisoner who has adjusted to life outside, will share their experience as prison penpals. Karen will also provide our Minute for Mission on that day. Peggy Min is the contact person for those at Trinity wanting to get involved in this program.

## **Voice Lessons on Death Row**

Lonny Bond, an elder at Trinity and a professor of voice at Belmont University, is teaching voice lessons to a small group of men on death row. Lonny, his wife Mary Virginia and four of Lonny’s death row students did caroling to the other men on death row on Christmas Eve.

The holiday season is often difficult even for people on the outside, but it provides special challenges for prisoners. Our family of faith responds to these challenges as a special opportunity for service.

## **Holiday Package Distribution**

During the Christmas season for the last several years Trinity members have contributed to the collection of needed items which go into holiday

packages for distribution to every person at Riverbend Maximum Security Institution. This year, five people from Trinity were part of a large group from other churches who distributed these packages on Unit 6 which houses inmates who have jobs.

## **Group Christmas Caroling**

This year eleven Trinity members and friends went to Riverbend Maximum Security Institution to Christmas carol to the inmates in solitary confinement whose days consist of 23 hours alone in a cell. There were requests for loved Christmas songs, some participation and enthusiastic expressions of appreciation and connection from the people we went to sing to.

Reentry into the larger community is a crucial time in the lives of former prisoners. The adjustment to establish a stable life on the outside is a huge step for many. Christ’s love can be transformative. We as a congregation have sought to minister Christ’s love to former prisoners in the following programs.

## **Clothing Drive for Prisoner Reentry Inmates:**

We recently concluded our second drive, joining with other churches to collect men’s clothing to be given to men upon their release from prison. Without these efforts all the released prisoners have are their prison clothes and shoes when they leave. There has been a significant response from the larger community when people see the clothing drive notification on the sign on Hillsboro Pike giving people not previously connected to our church a way to give of themselves to satisfy an important need.

## **Prisoner Reentry Assistance**

Last year when Waymon May was released from prison, David Phillipy served as his mentor and our church family contributed in many ways to smoothing his adjustment to living on the outside. Many people of our congregation provided work for him to do. Waymon has moved away from Nashville and dropped communication with us which is not the best of signs. Still, we can hope that the Christian love shared with Waymon here has planted seeds in his heart which will take hold and help him in establishing a stable life. There are funds in the coming year’s budget designated for prison reentry assistance. David expects to pick up another newly released inmate to mentor early this year.

# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

December 15, 2011

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Moderator

## **PASTOR'S REPORT**

Scott Baker will provide pastoral coverage while Heidi is away December 25 – January 2. Two off-going elders are needed for the nominating committee in 2012. Turner Snodgrass and Bar McClure are nominated for this role and approved by unanimous consent, provided Turner agrees to his service. The human rights statement will be reviewed by the session through email and opinions solicited. Upon unanimous consent of the session, we will submit our support of the statement to our government as a congregation.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Administration and Finance

Although the 2011 budget is still running ahead of schedule because of fewer expenses than anticipated in some areas, pledge receipts for 2011 are still down. The 2012 budget faces a significant shortfall for the new year. Various options were discussed, including budget cuts. Some cuts will be undertaken but the Session felt that cuts equivalent to the projected deficit may affect programming and staff for the programming. The Session approved notifying the congregation by letter of the deficit situation and asking for additional financial and volunteer assistance to help make it up, while recognizing that everyone is experiencing difficulties related to the poor economy in general. The stated Session meeting and Annual Congregational Meetings will be moved to a week later to allow for results of the second financial campaign to be incorporated into the budget before a Session vote on it.

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## **BRAD BROWN TO TRY OUT FOR *JEOPARDY***

If you're a Jeopardy game show junkie and one day soon you see a familiar face from Trinity, why it will be our own Brad Brown competing in the Teachers' Tournament of the popular quiz show!

Brad has always loved the show and while the thought of being a big winner is exciting, what excites Brad more is simply getting to play. "Bottom line is I just want to play the game. Always have. The money would be nice, but it is an afterthought to me," Brad says.

Brad's dream journey was featured in an article in The Tennessean on December 2, 2011. You can access this article on <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20111202/NEWS04/312020035/Hillsboro-High-teacher-headed-Jeopardy-?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|News|s>. Brad will fly out to Hollywood on January 21 and the first round of filming will take place on January 23-24. The first round

### Building and Grounds/Renovation Committee

Fresh Harvest CSA requested parking lot and building portico use Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings during the winter. The request was approved.

### Community Ministries Committee:

Daivd Olney will perform at a Coffee House on January 6 to benefit Trinity's Prison Ministries. The Session approved One Great Weekend for Service for March 24-26.

### LWS Relations Committee:

Shelby Strickland has resigned from Linden Waldorf School; she will work at LWS through February 3, 2012. LWS is now seeking an interim director. This transition may place extra burdens on both LWS and Trinity Presbyterian. During January, 2012 TPC will also be negotiating the shared space agreement with LWS.

The next stated meeting of the Session will be January 26.

## **WITH THANKS FROM YOUR TRINITY STAFF**

We are so grateful to each of you for the Christmas staff gifts we received. We appreciate all the support that you give to us as we seek to serve at Trinity with all of you. As a staff, we give thanks for all the love and care we receive from this beloved congregation.

With our thanks and love,

Heidi, Linda, Charlie, Valerie, Scott, Leigh,  
Greg, Cindy, Sharon, and Grace

is fivegames, three contestants each. These will air on MYTV30 (Channel 14) the week of February 15-19.

If Brad wins or is one of the top four scoring in the first round, he moves on to the semifinals. Those three games in the semifinals will determine the three finalists in the two-game championship, with combined scores from those two games determining the tournament champion and winner of \$100,000. The semifinals air from February 22-24, and the championship is February 25 and 26.

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Good luck and traveling mercies with you, Brad!

# YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Hey, youth and parents!

We can't believe it's already 2012! Since we kicked off our Christian Education year in August, Trinity's youth have had such a great time in fellowship, service, and learning, which has made this year go by so fast!

On Saturday, December 3, we participated in Room in the Inn's More Than a Toy event, which involved assisting homeless men and women as they selected gifts to send to their children and grandchildren for Christmas. We wrapped gifts, took pictures of folks in front of the Christmas tree, and got to know a few people's stories. Our service at Room in the Inn has meant so much to us since we began participating in the organization's ministries in 2010, and More Than a Toy has become a part of our youths' continued interest in serving the homeless population of Nashville.

Special thanks to Judy Schomber for preparing a taco buffet lunch to start our exam week off full of good food! On December 11, we enjoyed fellowship and Judy's food as we prepared Christmas cards for our homebound members.

Please make note that we will be preparing for the Souper Bowl of Caring this month. Our annual collection of monetary and nonperishable food donations will take place on Sunday, February 5.

We have so many more exciting events this month, and we hope to see y'all there! And, as always, thank you, parents, for making sure our youth have rides and support as they continue to grow in faith at Trinity.

Grace and peace,

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## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### Sunday School

As always, we'll meet in the Tower Room from 10:00-10:45 a.m.

**Sunday, January 1**—New Year's Day (no Christian education classes at Trinity)

**January 8**—We'll be beginning a new Faith Questions series on Jesus Christ! The first question in the series is: "How is Jesus God?"

**January 15**—Faith Questions: "How is Jesus God?" Part 2

**January 22**—Faith Questions: "Why do we pray 'in Jesus' name'?" Part 1, plus last-minute rehearsal of our Minute for Mission for the Souper Bowl of Caring

**January 29**—Faith Questions: "Why do we pray 'in Jesus' name'?" Part 2

### Youth Group

This month, we'll be prepping for the February 5 Souper Bowl of Caring (see below for more information)!

**Sunday, January 15**—Youth Group after worship until 1:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

We'll have a provided lunch and will let our creative juices flow as we make signs/posters and prepare a catchy Minute for Mission for this year's Souper Bowl of Caring collection. This year, we'll be donating to our snack pack ministry at Trinity through monetary contributions, nonperishable food item donations, and hygiene kits for those in need who come to the church during the week. For more information on Souper Bowl of Caring, see their website: [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org)

**Sunday, January 22**—Souper Bowl of Caring Minute for Mission during Worship

### Choirs!

#### Celebration Choir (older youth)

Be looking for more information on our next rehearsal dates! Please contact Valerie ([valerieoyen@gmail.com](mailto:valerieoyen@gmail.com)) if you plan to attend.

#### Sounds of Joy (children and younger youth)

We'll rehearse each Sunday from 9:30-10:00am, as always, with the exception of January 1. Please contact Mary Virginia Bond ([lmbvbond@bellsouth.net](mailto:lmbvbond@bellsouth.net)) for more information.

# SPECIAL GROUP ACTIVITY MEETINGS YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN ONE OR MORE!

\*\*\*The **Men's Breakfast Group** meets on Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. Lonny Bond is the group's facilitator. Provocative articles on faith and life provoke lively discussion. Bring a brown bag breakfast. Newcomers to the group are always welcome!

\*\*\*The **Trekker's Group** meets on occasional Saturday mornings or Sunday afternoons, and welcomes hikers of all ages and ability levels. Booth Chapman is the intrepid leader of this group.

\*\*\*You are invited to join the **Changing Gears** group for lunch and fellowship at Westminster Presbyterian on Wednesday, January 25 at 11 a.m. Reservations for lunch are required by noon on Monday, January 23 and there is a \$10 charge for lunch. The program for January is by students from Hume-Fogg High School, accompanied by their director Daron Bruce, who will perform numbers from the Wizard of Oz musical, which they presented at the school in November 2011. Call the Westminster church office (292-5526) if you'd like more information.

\*\*\***Dancing on the Edge Women's Book Group** generally meets the second and fourth Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Trinity parlor. The reading list for the first quarter of 2012 will be developed at the first January meeting. Discussion of the book selected for each month is most focused at the second meeting. All Trinity women and friends are invited to come at any time for fellowship, discussion and occasional celebrations.

## PRAYER GROUP IN FORMATION

Through the Congregational Care Ministries of Trinity a prayer group is being launched. Peggy Min and Heidi Hudnut-Beumler are hoping to start this group early in the new year. The plan is to gather in a meeting space at Green Hills Health and Rehabilitation Center at a time and frequency to be determined once participants are known. Ideas for the dimensions, focus, and practices of the prayer group are welcome. Please contact Peggy or Heidi with your interest or ideas.

## PRESBYTERY TO OFFER LEADER ENRICHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP ON JANUARY 21

The Presbytery of Middle Tennessee will offer a day-long workshop on Leader Enrichment and Development at First Presbyterian Church of Franklin from 8:30 to 3:15 on Saturday, January 21. The cost is \$10 for registration before the day of the event and \$15 on January 21. The workshop will be divided into three parts as follows:

**Morning Session:**            *Feeding the Souls of Church Leaders* led by Rev. Michael Davis  
   *Sunday Morning Curriculum for Children* led by Deb O'Brien  
   *Looking at the new common English Bible* led by Michael Stephens  
   *Doing Youth Ministry in an Almost Christian World* led by Deech Kirk

**Mid-morning Session:**      *Elder Training-Visionary Leadership* led by Rev. Proctor Chambless  
   *Long Range Planning for Christian Education* led by Suzie Lane  
   *Contemplative Prayer* led by Charlotte Glasgow  
   *Staying Connected to the College Crowd* by Erin Angel

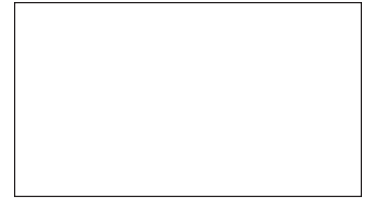
**Afternoon Session:**        *Elder Training-Functional Leadership* led by Rev. Joe Evans  
   *Attracting Young Families* led by Jennie Barber,  
   *Visual Worship* led by Linda Crossan  
   *Inspirational Stewardship for Hard Times* led by Linda Badger Becker

Lunch will be served with vegetarian and gluten-free options available. Childcare will also be available. To register, click on the link for registration form on the first page of the Presbytery website:

[www.presbyteryidtn.org](http://www.presbyteryidtn.org).



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## JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND LECTIONARY READINGS

- January 1**            **First Sunday After Christmas/Celebration of the Lord's Supper**  
Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40
- January 8**            **Baptism of the Lord**  
Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11
- January 15**           **Second Sunday After Epiphany**  
1 Samuel 3:1-10; (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6; 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20;  
John 1:43-51
- January 22**           **Third Sunday After Epiphany**  
Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20
- January 29**           **Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**  
Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28