

THE LINK

DECEMBER 2011 - TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - 330.334-2536

Trinity Concert Series Final Concert of 2011

“Sing Joy”

**Sunday, December 18
4:00 PM**

Daniel Doty and Brenda Adley
will present a program of
Holiday music.

Come early to experience the
Creche Walk and stay for the
Youth Group’s Spaghetti Dinner!

Tickets on sale after church
11/27; 12/4; 12/11

ARE YOU GETTING OUR WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER?

Let Dan know if not ddoty@ucctrinity.com



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

“Sing Joy”
an afternoon of Holiday Music
featuring
Daniel Doty, Tenor
&
Brenda Adley, Piano
Sunday,
December 18 at 4 pm

Also featuring:
Trinity Church’s Annual Creche Walk.
(Come early and view our nativity sets on display!)

Trinity United Church of Christ
215 High Street, Wadsworth
All concerts are free and open to the
public. (Free will offering taken)
For more information call 330.334.2536 or visit www.ucctrinity.com

Family Service
7:00 PM
HIPPIES, Confirmand-led

Candlelight Service
10:00 PM
Trinity Choir and Bells,
Lessons & Carols

*Christmas
Candlelight
Service*



Worship at Trinity Church

DECEMBER 2011

10:30 EVERY SUNDAY

Childcare available through Kindergarten

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“Preparing the Way”

Rev. Daniel Doty

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Zephaniah 3.14-20

“An Invitation to Joy”

Guest Preacher

DECEMBER 18, 2011, HIPPIES CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

“?”

Jen Klika and the HIPPIES

DECEMBER 24 - SEE FIRST PAGE FOR SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 25, 2011, CHRISTMAS DAY

Isaiah 9.2-7

“The Light of Christ”

Rev. Daniel Doty

HIPPIES

Deck the halls with happy HIPPIES! Fa-la-la-la-la La-la-la-la!

It's almost time for the annual Christmas play - thank you for the wonderful rehearsals so far. Keep up the great work! We'll have an extra rehearsal after church on December 11th, **IF** I think it's necessary.

On Christmas Eve, we will sing at the early service - **7:00**, this year. We will meet in the Library at 6:45. After we sing during the service, you will go sit with your families for the rest of the service and the candle lighting.



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The Last Present Under the Tree

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There is one last present under the Christmas tree,
I wonder whose it is?
Is it for the little girl with the rocking horse,
Or is it for Grandma or Aunt Liz?
It looks so lonely,
Sitting there by itself;
It'd certainly be a wonderful addition
On "somebody's" shelf.

The ribbon is gold,
The paper is paisley red;
"Who does it belong to?"
Keeps rattling in my head;
I decided to snatch a peek,
And see whose name is on the card;
It'd only take a second,
It won't be very hard.

When no one was looking,
I reached under the tree,
Carefully handling the package,
"Who knows, it may be for me!"
But when I read the card,
I thought it was extraordinarily odd,
Because the message read,
"Love and blessings," God.

(Joel Bjorling on theholidayspot.com)

Grace for the journey,



MINISTER'S MUSINGS



Rev. Daniel J. Doty,
Senior Minister
check out his website www.danieldoty.com

DAN'S HOLIDAY SINGING SCHEDULE

NOV. 27 - "MESSIAH" - MARION, OH

DEC. 4 - "MESSIAH" - CHAGRIN
FALLS

DEC. 18 - "SING JOY!" - TRINITY
CONCERT SERIES

ALL- CHURCH CAROLING

We will go caroling on Sunday, Dec. 11th at 4:00 pm. Please gather at the church by 3:45 to get started on time. Please bring your **voice** and a **plate of cookies** to share when we

are done. We will come back to the church for a time of fellowship, warming-up, cocoa and cookies! Song sheets will be distributed and you need not be an accomplished singer. You just need to have a desire to brighten the lives of our homebound members with some holiday cheer!

ACOLYTES FOR DECEMBER

4 ~ Jr/Sr Highs

11 ~ Nick Vaccaro &
Cassie Holzworth

18 ~ Jill Klika & Aaron
Uhl

25 ~ Kaetlyn Doty



ODDS & ENDS

Link Deadline:

January Link - December 11; February Link - January 15

Bring a Friend to Church!

We are encouraging everyone to bring a Friend to Church on Sunday, December 4th!

Cereal Sunday On December 11th please bring a box of cereal to Church to help stock Williard Food Pantry's shelves! Thank You!

WeeTws Schedule for December

12/6 - 8 ~ Christmas Trees

12/13 - 15 ~ Christmas Party

12/20 - 29 ~ Winter Break

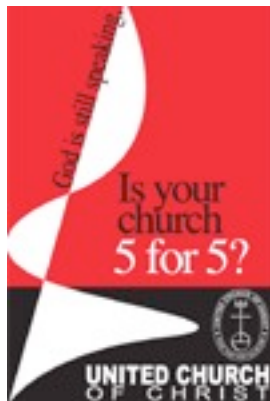


**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER
17**

8:00 am -

Fellowship Hall

RSVP to Dan (so he can plan enough food!)



Trinity is proud to be a "5 for 5" congregation, meaning we support Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support and each of the 4 Special Mission Offerings. Our budget commits \$17,000, to OCWM, supporting the ministry of the wider UCC church. Please know that your generous pledges allow Trinity to continue the vital works of the UCC.

ADVENT WORKSHOP

**DECEMBER 4, 2011
FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

Koinonia will provide Sloppy Joes, veggie tray, chips and beverages. Attendees are to bring a plate of cookies to share and their place setting. The meal will be right

after the church service followed by the crafts. Anyone interested in providing a craft please let Janet Linsmaier know.

A Special Holiday "Gift" Opportunity

How do you "gift" someone at Christmas? One way might be to present a gift of a choir anthem or a bell piece to be used during worship. The anthem/bell piece would be given by you in honor of a friend or loved one. His or her name would be attached to the piece of music and listed in the bulletin on the Sunday it is sung or played. For example: "This music is given in honor of _____ by _____."

If this idea appeals to you, a check (\$50) may be written and sent to the church office. Please attach a note listing:

- (1) the honored person's name and
- (2) who is giving it.

A holiday suggestion from the Music and Fine Arts Board.



CE NEWS

Puppets & Kid's Club

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Listen to the Puppets' [4th - 7th graders] Children's Message on Sunday, December 18th!

Our HIPPIES Christmas Play is on December 18th too!

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS!

Sunday, December 4th during the Service children 3 yrs. old - 6th graders are invited to the Fellowship Hall for the Celebration! Instead of a present, please bring a monetary donation to help purchase gifts for children whom we have adopted for Christmas!

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Orders for double stemmed white (not verified at present) or red poinsettias at \$14.00 each will be taken in the Narthex on Sundays November 20, November 27, December 4 & 11. Note the deadline of December 11. Thanks for helping to make our Christmas sanctuary extra beautiful. See order form at the back of this LINK.



NURSING FUND RAISER

We are collecting empty foil juice pouches and empty glue sticks as a fundraiser for a nursing program! Please drop them in the tub at the back entrance. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be **NO** Sunday School on Sunday, December 25 or January 1. We will resume on January 8, 2012.



MISSION NEWS: TRINITY CHURCH @ WORK!

We will be collecting the **Christmas Fund** offering on December 18. This offering helps provide pension and health care supplementation to low-income retired church workers, emergency assistance to clergy families in need and Christmas checks to hundreds of retired clergy.

Join us for the next **Lunch & Learn**, 12/11, immediately after church in Fellowship Hall. We will be enjoying Market Path, a Fair Trade organization located in Highland Square, as they set up a Holiday Market for us to finish up that shopping!

The last Lunch on Us at Miller Ave., will be 12/31, with prep the night before (12/30) at 7:00, at the church.

Miller AVE 2011

Lunch-on-Us Dates:

- December 31

Prep. = Fri. before @ 7pm

Fifth Sunday Date:

- Date TBA

Prep. = Sunday of @ 9am

December Birthdays

1	Dave Cleckner, Sr.	Patty Barrett
2	Chuck Johnston	Judy Woolsey
	John Lapidakis	18 Rev. Robert Johnson
	Danielle Steele	Elizabeth Hewit
6	Nicholas Ruhl	19 Bessie Swigart
8	Ron Hewit	Ruth Raudabaugh
	Joan Tannehill	John Hanna, Jr.
	Steven Miller	Tom Hudson
10	Sarah Bartczak	26 Colin McIntyre
	Rachael Haire	28 Sally Morrison
12	Cathy Yost	Becky Queen
13	Mary Jo Miller	Wendy Cundiff
	Lucas Skoglund	29 Thomas Mumaw
	Rod Skoglund	Jennifer Yerkey
	Jaret Yost	Kelly Weber
	Riley Yost	31 Jane Hardies
15	Leah Sussman	Mary Stauffer
	Marge Pirman	Dean Beddow ^(adult)
17	Charles Adams	Gabrielle Steele

Adopted Family

We have adopted a Family of 4 from the Salvation Army for Christmas! If you would like to purchase an item from their wish lists, please take the ornament from the tree at the back entrance with the item on it that you would like to purchase and return {the item, the ornament with the wish on it, and a gift receipt [if possible]} to the Church by December 8th. Thank you so much for your generosity! If you have any questions please ask Kelly Weber (330-336-3786 or ksweber24@gmail.com).



Drop-N-Shop

**Hey Mom and Dad,
do you need more time this
holiday season?**

The Board of Christian Education is hosting a "Drop-N-Shop" from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Friday, December 9th! Parents are welcome to drop off their children, ages 2 and up. We will be enjoying pizza and fun activities while you get some shopping done! A minimum donation of \$5.00 (per family) is requested to cover the cost of food. Any additional money will be used for the family we adopted through the Salvation Army.



FISH TREE FOR TEENS:

When you're starting your Christmas shopping, remember our

local teens in need. Besides new, **unwrapped**, gifts (cosmetics, hoodies, jewelry, deodorant, sports gear, Grizzly gear, p.j.'s), **gift cards** to local stores, movies, or restaurants are greatly appreciated. Donations by check to Wadsworth Fish will also help to purchase food and gifts for unadopted families.

Last year Fish helped 187 children at Christmas. Look for the Fish tree which will be in back entry. Place checks and gift cards in church office. Thanks for again helping to make a joyful Christmas for Wadsworth's less privileged youth. **In order to distribute boxes while students are still in school our collection deadline is DECEMBER 8!**

Stewardship Corner

Receipts & Expenses

For October 2011	As of October 30, 2011
Receipts = \$23,057.55	\$227,421.28
Expenses = \$19,957.22	\$225,156.89

October's **credit** was \$3,100.33 making the year to date Credit \$2,264.39. Our 2010 deficit for the year was (11,035.38) so the total deficit is (\$8,770.99)

Thanks for your Keep up the great work as the year comes to a close. **Thanks for your help in slowly working our way out of a deficit situation!**

Receipts needed per week: \$5,082.87
Receipts needed for month: \$20,331.48
Monthly expenses per budget: \$21,048.32
Exp. For month of Oct. totaled \$19,957.22



The "Reduce the Deficit" Campaign as of Oct. 30 has "erased" \$10,238.00

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS FOR OCTOBER 2011

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George Steele - President; - President-Elect; **Ron Potter** - Treasurer; **Debbie McGraw** - Secretary; **Nila McCullough** -At-Large/Delegate; **Marsha Blyth** - At-Large/Delegate; - **Kris Beddow** - Christian Education; **Janet Linsmaier** - Koinonia; **Mickey Parker** - Mission; **Susie Schneeberger** - Music & Fine Arts; - Stewardship; **Doug Linsmaier** - Trustees; **Daniel Doty** - Senior Minister.

Stewardship presented some preliminary thoughts on this year's budget. They will work to bring a proposal to the December meeting.

The boards presented their reports for the month. Advent Workshop is scheduled for December 4 following worship. All-Church Caroling is scheduled for December 11th. The final concert in the Trinity Concert Series will be on December 18th and will feature Dan in an afternoon of holiday music.

Average Sunday morning attendance in worship for the month of October: 142

Offering Envelopes

It is that time of year again. Offering envelopes for 2012 will be available beginning on December 4. If you would like envelopes different from last year, please let Cheryl know or you will receive (or not receive for those who don't want envelopes) the same as last year. Just remember that for many folks having an envelope helps them to give on a regular basis, but envelopes are not required

Just a reminder: All contributions must be in the church office or postmarked no later than December 31, 2011 in order to be included on your 2011 statement.

Thank You!

Thanks to all the members of our Trinity family who supported our school's vocal music program by buying raffle tickets. We appreciate your love and support!

Kate and Jill Klika

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(FROM MILLER AVE. UCC)

It is hard to believe, but in a month this year's drive to raise funds to help the less fortunate of our community will begin!

Bell Ringers Needed!

Starting November 21st and running through December 24th, we are looking for individuals, families, groups, clubs and organizations to volunteer their time to ring the bell at one of the Salvation Army kettle locations.

Trinity's Day

Dec. 7th

The scheduling of this year's kettle campaign is again being handled by Allen & Hartzell, Inc. Please call Julie or Heidi at (330) 335-2521 to sign up for your preferred time. You may email at ahii@allenandhartzell.com or visit their website for further information.



We thank you for volunteering your time last year to ring the bell, and hope that you will be able to support the Wadsworth community and help others in need again this year. Also, if you know of others who are interested in helping, please forward this email to them!

Thanks!

Julie & Heidi

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CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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Wadsworth, OH 44281

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Permit No. 38**

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POINSETTIAS

Cost \$14.00 each

Ordered by: _____

Number _____ Total \$ _____

In Memory Of _____

In Honor Of _____

Colors:	Red []	White []
Leave for Homebound	Yes []	No []
Paid	Yes []	No []



Poinsettias will be double stemmed in red or white
Please order by December 11th
Payment must accompany order

Prayer List

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