

THE LINK

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

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2011

Count Yourself Blessed!

Consecration Sunday will be
Sunday, November 13.

On that day we will have the
opportunity to make our faith
commitment for 2012.

Please plan on staying after for
the **Consecration Celebration**

Dinner. Ham, Rolls and

Beverages will be provided.

Please bring a dish to share and
your own table service.

REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT THE
WEBSITE FOR INFO UPDATES

www.ucctrinity.com



Trinity United Church of Christ
exists to share the love of God
within our community and beyond.

Trinity
United Church of Christ



Worship at Trinity Church

NOVEMBER 2011

10:30 EVERY SUNDAY

Childcare available through Kindergarten

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Isaiah 30:11

"Count Your Blessings - An Inconvenient Truth"

Rev. Daniel Doty

NOVEMBER 13, 2011, CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Luke 16:9-13

"Count Your Blessings - Wealth & Wisdom"

Rev. Daniel Doty

NOVEMBER 20, 2011, REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23;
Matthew 25:31-46

"The Reign of Christ"

Rev. Daniel Doty

NOVEMBER 27, 2011, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jeremiah 33:14-16

"Shoots of Tomorrow"

Rev. Daniel Doty

HIPPIES

Well, not to rush the season but we need to get ready for Christmas! Our play will be Sunday, December 18; and we will be practicing every Sunday during our HIPPIES time upstairs. We'll also have a couple of after church practices and those dates will be announced later. Please plan on attending all the rehearsals if you want to be in the play - we all need the practice!

For November, we'll be ringing our bells again the Sunday before Thanksgiving. It's always fun to shake the bells so come and join us!



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Count Yourself Blessed!

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As I write this I am in retreat with my brothers and sisters in the Order of Saint Luke (<http://www.saint-luke.net/>). This year's retreat is being held at the Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Dallas in Texas. I was counting myself blessed to be able to come to the south in fall to revel in some warm weather for just a few more days. A cold front came through, however, on Monday night and with it came temperatures that were not too unlike the windswept hills and valleys of my native Ohio. So don't be jealous of my trip just yet!

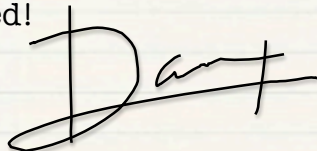
But isn't that the way with blessings? We just have to celebrate when they come along. We don't get a say in them, we don't get to choose which ones come our way and for the most part we don't get to give them back. We just have to count ourselves blessed in the moment and be grateful.

In the stewardship materials from the United Church of Christ we are challenged to hear from Luke 6.38 "Give and it will be given you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

I say challenged because if you read this passage you can certainly count all the overflowing

opportunity to serve Jesus by serving those who are hungry. In this the UCC is asking us to think globally and to act locally. When we fill out pledge cards here at Trinity, they are translated into the food provided for those who hunger spiritually, emotionally and physically. We give so that our building is ready to host Twelve-Step groups who share coffee and transformative stories together. We give so that our spirits may be fed by music that transports our souls. We give so that when we get a call about a hungry neighbor in the Summit Lake area we can send a blessing to them. Someone once said, "The church exists for mission as fire exists for burning." We give love, our Mission:1 because we can count ourselves among the blessed!

Grace for the journey,



MINISTER'S MUSINGS



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

blessings that are showered upon us, yet the last phrase catches in our throats. "The measure we give will be the measure we get back." We must be willing givers of blessings to others and to our God, and out of this loving action we receive blessings upon blessings.

This month the UCC invites all of us to celebrate Mission:1, an

ACOLYTES FOR NOVEMBER

6 ~ Madison Burns &
Claudia Skoglund

13 ~ Kaetlyn Doty &
Kate Klika

20 ~ Rachel Haire &
Lexie Steele

27 ~ Allison Vaccaro &
Taylor Nagy

ODDS & ENDS

Link Deadline:

December Link -
November 13; January Link
- December 11

Bring a Friend to Church!

We are encouraging everyone to bring a Friend to Church on Sunday, November 6th!

Cereal Sunday On November 13th please bring a box of cereal to Church to help stock Williard Food Pantry's shelves! Thank You!

WeeTws Schedule for November

11/1 - 3 ~ Dinosaurs

11/8 - 10 ~ Teddy Bears

11/15 - 17 ~ Turkeys

11/22 - 24 ~ Thanksgiving

11/29 - 12/1 ~ Reindeer



**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER
19**

8:00 am -

Fellowship Hall

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



And a big thank you to all who helped fill our Disaster Relief buckets! These supplies are truly a blessing to those in need at times when something as simple as having a trash bag and gloves is too much to think about.



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.



Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes will soon be ordered/prepared. If you are presently getting them and no longer wish to have them, please contact Cheryl in the church office. If you don't get them and would like them, let Cheryl know that as well. Just remember that envelopes are not required.



The Wadsworth Ministerial Association will again sponsor a Community Thanksgiving service. This year's service will feature preaching by Don Eberty, the new Senior Pastor at the Wadsworth United Methodist Church. The service will take place on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. at First Mennonite Church on Trease Road.

CE NEWS

Puppets & Kid's Club

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Listen to the Puppets' [4th - 7th graders] Children's Message on Sunday, November 20th!

Kid's Club [2nd - 6th graders] will meet on Sunday, November 20th after the Children's Message! We will meet in the 4th - 5th grade room downstairs.

40 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

Thank you to all who took the time to come to the Prayer Chapel, light a candle and pray for children all around the world! Children are our most precious resource for the future, please keep their

needs and safety in your prayers always!

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.



FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

On Saturday, November 12, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, the Trustees will sponsor a work day to clean up outside the church. All help will be appreciated. Bring tools for raking leaves and cleaning flower beds. Come for the doughnuts; stay for the cleanup! Hope to see you there! The rain date will be November 20.

THANKOFFERING

Thankoffering offering 2011 will benefit disaster relief and will be gratefully and graciously received on Sun. Nov. 19.

MISSION NEWS: TRINITY CHURCH @ WORK!

WHAT IS MISSION: 1? One United Church of Christ on a shared mission for 11 powerful days to feed the hungry and confront food-related injustice. Mission: 1 is an opportunity to make real Jesus' prayer for his disciples: "That they may all be one." It is also an opportunity to live out our faith - in unity - by offering the worship that God most desires from us: loosening the bonds of injustice and sharing our bread with the hungry. The staggering facts compel us to act with compassion and to be voices for justice. 925 million people suffer from chronic hunger worldwide, nearly 90 million higher than in 2000. In the U.S. alone, 50.2 million people (up from 35.5 million in 2006), including 17.2 million children, are food insecure. They don't have the money or assistance to provide food for themselves and their families. We can be God's instruments of change.

Miller AVE 2011

Lunch-on-U's Dates:

- December 31
- Prep. = Fri. before @ 7pm

Fifth Sunday Date:

- Date TBA
- Prep. = Sunday of @ 9am

November Birthdays

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Amy Webster | Megan Sussman |
| 2 Dale Good | 12 Jacob McMillen |
| 3 Madalyn O'Brien | 13 Betsy Bauer |
| Sophia Mackiewicz | 15 Jonathan Edge |
| 4 Larry Cook | Zachary Haynes |
| Ellis Cope | 16 Tony LoGuidice |
| Jennifer Cundiff | 17 Richard Kaiser |
| Anne Beddow | Betty Collett |
| 5 Dianne Houston | Lindsey Fugett |
| Louann Mental | 18 Doug Jenkins |
| 7 Colin VanDyke | 21 Sara Fugett |
| 8 Maureen Lorincz | 26 Leon Doutrich |
| 9 Doug Linsmaier | Kelly Woolsey |
| Dianne Farnsworth | Tomasena Ross |
| 10 Sue Dennison | 29 Kris Beddow |
| Lisa Hale | Eric Ward |
| Kate Klika | 30 Margaret Young |
| Jennifer Kollert | Clark Stair |
| 11 Russell Gregory | Nancy Wheeler |
| Kurt Kaufman | |



Entertainment Books

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Wadsworth Salvation Army is now selling the 2012

Entertainment Books. Akron, Canton, Cleveland and most US cities are available. Most books are \$35.00. Books can be purchased at the Salvation Army M-F 10 to 4 or by contacting Karen Lapidakis at: wadc_lapidak@wadsworthschools.org. All proceeds go towards the Learning Center.

New Life!

Aleeah Marie Couch
born Oct. 4 at Akron General.
Parents: Janie Shipe & Lee Couch
Grandparents: Clem & Pam Shipe

Welcome Aleeah Marie!



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.

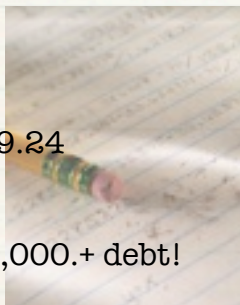
Stewardship Corner

Receipts & Expenses

	For September 2011	As of September 30, 2011
Receipts	\$23,948.30	\$204,363.73
Expenses	\$23,829.24	\$205,199.67

September's **credit** was \$119.06 making the year to date deficit (835.94). Our 2010 deficit for the year was (11,035.38) so the total deficit is (11,871.32). **Thanks for your help keeping us close to our budget this year!**

Receipts needed per week: \$5,082.87
 Receipts needed for month: \$20,331.48
 Monthly expenses per budget: \$21,048.32
 Exp. For the month of Sept. totaled \$23,829.24



The "Reduce the Deficit" Campaign as of Sept. 30 has "erased" \$7,938.00 of our \$20,000.+ debt!

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS FOR SEPTEMBER 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.

Significant discussion was held on the budget. There is an effort being made by the boards to discern the areas for which they are responsible. Stewardship is also looking to making the budget more understandable.

Fall Clean-up day will be Nov. 12. Advent Workshop is scheduled for December 4 following worship. Rev. Doty is planning an advent sermon series entitled, "Shoots of Tomorrow."

Average Sunday morning attendance in worship for the month of September: 127

Mission News (cont.)

For the first 11 days of November (11-1-11 to 11-11-11), United Church of Christ congregations, colleges, seminaries and health and human service agencies, will join together to collect more than 1 million food items for local food banks, raise \$111,111 in online donations for Neighbors in Need, and write 11,111 letters to Congress (in support of the Bread for the World's 2011 Offering of Letters) asking that U.S. foreign assistance be reformed to more effectively serve the world's poorest people.

Trinity UCC- Wadsworth is engaging in opportunities to collect food, educate and advocate for food-related justice. We are challenging ourselves to collect 1,111 food items to donate to Miller Ave. UCC Emergency Food Pantry and Williard UCC Food Pantry by 11-11-11 (**cereal, peanut butter, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned beef stew, canned soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, pasta and rice**).

As you are able, please help us fill our shopping cart and be God's instruments of change!!! We are challenging ourselves to learn about and confront food-related injustice. Please see our Mission:1 tally and information board in the back entrance. As of 11-15-11, we've collected 270 items!!! WOW!!! Thanks to Kelly Weber and our youth for keeping up our tally!!!

"Holy One, protect them in your name, those that you have given me, so that they may all be one, as we are one." - John 17:11b

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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. 17th



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.

Thanks!

Julie & Heidi

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!

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CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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U.S. Postage Paid
Wadsworth, Ohio 44281
Permit No. 38

Address Label Here

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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