

# THE LINK

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

We had so much fun and fellowship last year, please plan on joining us on Sunday, October

16th from

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.!

6638 Bear Swamp Road

Everyone is encouraged to come, Dale is building steps to make it easy to get up to the hay wagon!

## Halloween Costumes

are encouraged!

Hot Dogs and S'mores provided

Sign up in the Narthex

## Halloween Hay Ride and Bonfire at Goods Farm!



REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR INFO UPDATES

[www.ucetrinity.com](http://www.ucetrinity.com)



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

## Farmers' Market OPEN Through Oct. 8!



# Worship at Trinity Church

OCTOBER 2011

10:30 EVERY SUNDAY

Childcare available through Kindergarten

## OCTOBER 2, 2011, TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46  
"In Earthen Vessels"

Rev. Daniel Doty

## OCTOBER 9, 2011, TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14  
"God Matters"

Rev. Daniel Doty

## OCTOBER 16, 2011, TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22

"Willing Relationships"

Rev. Daniel Doty

## OCTOBER 23, 2011, THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Luke 8:1-3

"Count Your Blessings - Generous Women of the Bible"

Rev. Daniel Doty

## OCTOBER 30, 2011, THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Luke 6:38

"Count Your Blessings - God's Guarantee"

Rev. Daniel Doty

## HIPPIES

What a great group we've had so far up in the HIPPIES room! It's so wonderful to see your beautiful faces on Sunday mornings.

**Remember, we sing on  
October 16th!**

And believe it or not, the Christmas play will be here before you know it so make sure to keep coming to practices!



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## Blessings and the Power of Love

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If you Google the word Blessing you will find 63,100,000 hits. At the rate the internet expands you will probably find more by the time this Link hits your mail box. Recently I even found a book entitled, "House Blessings: Prayers, Poems and Toasts Celebrating Home and Family," at Cracker Barrel! It seems we have a penchant to bless just about everything. This month we will even bless animals.

The Blessing of the Animals service is a fairly old tradition. It is a custom conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures.

Francis, whose feast day is October 4th, loved the larks flying about his hilltop town. He and his early brothers, staying in a small hovel, allowed themselves to be displaced by a donkey.

Francis wrote a Canticle of the Creatures, an ode to God's living things. "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures."

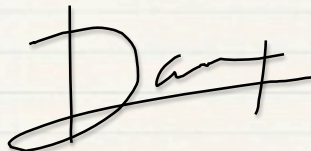
That there are today over 62 million cats in the U.S. attests to the continuing affection we have for our furry, feathered or finned friends. We've even had a cat called Socks in the White House. Other popular presidential pets range from Abraham

the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye-to-eye, a man and his dog, or a woman and her cat, are two creatures of love. Church is the place where that bond of love should be celebrated.

Trinity will host it's annual Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 8 at 10 am at the back of the parking lot. Bring your beloved life companions and have them blessed.

Margaret Anne Huffman wrote, "They love without strings attached, these loving beasts of your hand, O God of amazing critters ... .. Keep us worthy of their trust."

Grace for the journey,



## MINISTER'S MUSINGS



Rev. Daniel J. Doty,  
Senior Minister  
check out his website [www.danieldoty.com](http://www.danieldoty.com)

Lincoln's Fido to Lyndon Johnson's beagles, named Him and Her.

For single householders, a pet can be a true companion. Many people arrive home from work to find a furry friend overjoyed at their return. Many a senior has a lap filled with a purring fellow creature. The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because

## ACOLYTES FOR OCTOBER

2 ~ Kaetlyn Doty & Rachel Haire

9 ~ Madison Burns & Allison Vaccaro

16 ~ Aaron Uhl & Claudia Skoglund

23 ~ Nick Vaccaro & Taylor Nagy

30 ~ Cassie Holzworth & Jill Klika

## ODDS & ENDS

### Link Deadline:

November Link - October 16; December Link - November 13

### Bring a Friend to

**Church!** We are encouraging everyone to bring a Friend to Church on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>!

**Cereal Sunday** On October 16<sup>th</sup> please bring a box of cereal to Church to help stock Williard Food Pantry's shelves! Thank You!

### WeeTws Schedule for October

10/4 - 6 ~ Leaves

10/11 - 13 ~ Scarecrow

10/19 - 20 ~ Pumpkins

10/25 - 27 ~ Halloween



## Men's Prayer Breakfast

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**

8:00 am - Fellowship Hall  
RSVP to Dan (so he can plan enough food!)



We have a new goal that we would like to do our best to meet. We would like to collect 1,111 items to donate to Miller Avenue UCC on November 11, 2011 so please try to bring 1 or more items to church with you during the next few weeks! Tom Gerstenlauer says some special needs they have are: canned foods with easy open lids, shelf stable milk (doesn't need refrigerated) and diapers (not covered by food stamps), please also see the list that the Mission Board has in the grocery cart at the back entrance. Thank you for sharing your blessings with others!

**SAVE THE DATE  
DECEMBER 4, 2011  
(FOLLOWING WORSHIP)**

## ADVENT WORKSHOP

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.

## Bloodmobile Report

Thank you Trinity Church! The goal was 29 pints of blood, 27 people presented to donate and out of those 27 we collected 24 pints of blood.  
Next Bloodmobile: November 14

## Grateful Thanks

Dear Trinity Church,

I wish to acknowledge with gratitude receipt of the \$100 check you mailed to me for book expenses.

I'm very grateful for the continuous interest shown in the success of my education by Trinity UCC in Wadsworth.

Please convey my appreciation to the Trinity family.

God richly bless you.

Sincerely,

Divine Gbagbo

## CE NEWS

### Puppets & Kid's Club

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Listen to the Puppets' [4th - 7th graders] Children's Message on Sunday, October 16th!

Kid's Club [2nd - 6th graders] will meet on Sunday, October 16th after the Children's Message! We will meet in the 4th - 5th grade room downstairs.

### 40 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

Please continue keeping Children all around the world in your prayers! Our 40th day is Oct. 22nd so there are a few more slots open to



sign up. Then on October 23rd we will conclude our observance of the Children's Sabbath and will present bibles to our 3rd and 7th graders.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

According to Trinity UCC's ABUSE PREVENTION POLICY we need to have 2 adults in each of our Sunday School classrooms. This is an invitation to volunteer to be in a Sunday School class for a one month (or more) commitment. Your responsibility will be to support the Sunday School teacher

and be that second set of eyes to make sure everyone is safe. The teacher in the room will be planning the lesson and leading it, you just need to show up! Kindergarten - 7th Grade classes meet from 9:15 - 9:50 (this makes it possible for Choir members to help out if they are interested!) We are required to do background criminal checks on all volunteers (that will happen in the near future). The classrooms that we need volunteers for include: Nursery; Beginner's; Kindergarten & 1st Grade; 2nd & 3rd Grade; 4th & 5th Grade; 6th & 7th Grade; and the Jr. & Sr. High. Please let Kelly Weber know which month(s) and class(s) you would be willing to help with! We warmly thank you for your help in keeping our children safe at Trinity!

### MISSION NEWS: TRINITY CHURCH @ WORK!

Quite a few people stayed for the Mission Lunch on Rally Day! Thank you for taking the time to stay and hear about all the mission opportunities in the Summit Lake Neighborhood.

Beginning on November 1st we will be participating in the UCC's **MISSION:11**. For 11 days in early November, the entire United Church of Christ will make good on its "that they may all be one" motto with a coordinated mission campaign to gather more than one million food and household items for local food banks and marshal its 5,300 congregations to advocate collectively - and loudly - for hunger-related causes, both domestically and around the world.

#### Miller AVE 2011

#### Lunch-on-Us Dates:

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

#### Fifth Sunday Date:

- Date TBA  
Prep. = Sunday of @ 9am

# October Birthdays

- |                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Carol Snyder     | 17 Debbie Holzworth  |
| Dennis Kratzer     | 18 Kathy Whalen      |
| Lynlee Fertal      | Nicholas Smith       |
| 2 Kelly Mumaw      | 20 Ken Klika         |
| Allison Vaccaro    | 21 Andrew Stano      |
| 3 Ben Weber        | Lee Weber            |
| 4 Christy Adams    | Mark Pike            |
| 5 Samantha Beddow  | 22 David Blatter     |
| 7 Emma Barrett     | Nicholas Pike        |
| 8 Eileen Jarvis    | 24 Sue Moore         |
| Ever Daw           | 25 Geneva Stover     |
| 9 Rose Ann Stair   | Jim Moffitt          |
| 11 Amy Doty        | 26 Babs Uhl          |
| 12 Amanda Lorenz   | 27 Lois Addis        |
| William Mackiewicz | Courtne Blatter      |
| 13 Fred Kinsinger  | Matthew Harding      |
| Shane Mumaw        | 28 Phyllis Cox       |
| 14 Irene Adams     | 29 Patrick Vaccaro   |
| Brock McIntyre     | (Adult)              |
| Melanie McIntyre   | 30 Michael Ross, Jr. |
| 15 Kevin Weltzien  | Alecia Pike          |
| Jennifer Lorenz    |                      |

## Special Birthday

Congratulations to Geneva Stover who will celebrate her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on October 25! For those desiring to remember her with a card, her address can be obtained from the office.

Congratulations Geneva!



## The Giving Doll

Come celebrate the opening and dedication of The Giving Doll Headquarters, Saturday, October 8, 2011. The headquarters is located at 229 College Street. The open house will be from 1-4PM.

You can watch dolls being made, talk to volunteers, hear about the scope of the outreach and find out how you can get involved.



*Faith  
and  
Forgiveness*

a musical by Sharon Alberson

All are invited to this musical presentation on Saturday, November 5 at 3 & 7 PM. This musical is based on the story of the Prodigal Son. It is being held at Trinity UCC, 915 N Main ST, Akron. Tickets are

\$10 for adults; \$5 for children 10 and under. There will be a Spaghetti Dinner between the performances (4:30-6:30) at a cost of \$5.00. For more information you may email [faithmusicals@gmail.com](mailto:faithmusicals@gmail.com). Proceeds will benefit the Akron Urban Ministries (East Market Street, Miller AVE, Trinity and Williard UCC Churches).

# Stewardship Corner

## Receipts & Expenses

	For August 2011	As of August 31, 2011
Receipts	\$19,166.38	\$ 180,415.43
Expenses	\$19,014.73	\$ 181,370.43

August's **credit** was \$151.65 making the year to date deficit (\$955.00). Our 2010 deficit for the year was (\$11,035.38) so the total deficit is (11,990.38). **Thanks for your help keeping us close to our budget this year!**

Receipts needed each week to meet budget: \$5,082.87  
Receipts needed for the month: \$20,331.48  
Monthly expenses per the budget: \$21,048.32  
Expenses for the month of August totaled: \$19,014.73

The "Reduce the Deficit" Campaign has "erased" \$5,356.00! 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 Pastor.

Significant discussion was held on the letter we received from the County Commissioners about the voluntary removal of the paper recycling dumpsters. It was decided that Trinity Church would comply with the request.

Boards presented their reports and spoke about upcoming activities. Koinonia was commended for a very successful Picnic Sunday.

Average Sunday morning attendance in worship for the month of August: 100

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(FROM MILLER AVE. UCC)

# Farmers' Market Help Needed!

## What is the Farmers' Market?

Trinity UCC Farmers' Market is a Community Service Project that allows community members to purchase food from local growers. This helps the growers and the community! We have also expanded to allow some handmade items.

## What help is needed?

Seven volunteers who would each agree to be present at the market on two of the Saturdays between July and October. Volunteers will sign up for the days that work with their schedule.

## What would these volunteers do?

The person in charge for the day: would arrive at 7:45, unlock the church and mark each vendors spot. Prepare coffee for the vendors. Help the vendors set up. Stay throughout the market to make sure things run smoothly, and answer questions. Help the vendors tear down at 12:30. Put away the coffee supplies and lock up the church.

## Additional thoughts:

If the volunteers have an interest or desire - or additional people would desire to serve in this capacity, help is needed in these areas:

Advertising

Contacting vendors

## Are you interested?

For more information talk to Amy Doty - [amydeandoty@neo.rr.com](mailto:amydeandoty@neo.rr.com), 330.336.9617 or

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## **Two Adult Faith Formation Opportunities**

### **Bad Girls of the Bible**

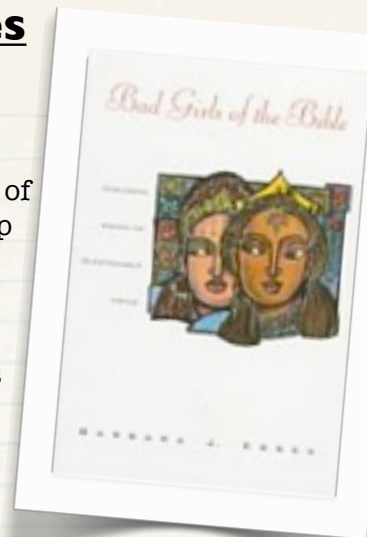
Are you a bad girl? (or bad boy?)

Come join the Wednesdays at Trinity group (W@T)

This study explores the traditionally misunderstood or despised women of the Bible and reveals what their stories have to tell us today. This group meets in the Blue Room on Wednesdays at 11:00am.

### **Public Education: A Complex Picture**

This study examines the roots of public education in America and how its history has shaped the current state of public schools. In particular, this study shows that this history has been based on two central narratives: education grounded in the common good and education based on the American dream. Participants will also consider how the present debate about education reform could influence the future focus of public schools. This study takes place in the Blue Room on Sunday mornings at 9:15am.



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## **Farmers' Market 2012**

Yes, I am interested in helping with the Farmers' Market

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact me at: \_\_\_\_\_ (number)

\_\_\_\_\_ (email)



**Please tear off and turn this portion into the office.**

**Thanks for your help with this vital ministry!**

## Prayer List

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Publication

