

# THE LINK

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

## Trinity Fall Information Fair

Plan to stay after church on Sunday, September 11 for our annual Information Fair.

**Lunch will served** (in an interesting way!) Trinity's

boards will present information on their activities and have sign-ups for open board positions for 2012! The Mission Board

will be making a special presentation on the UCC's

**MISSION:1 Initiative!**



REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR INFO UPDATES

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



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

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



Return to

**FALL SCHEDULE**

**Worship - 10:30 a.m. (Sept-May)**

Sunday School begins Sept. 18 - 9:15 am



# Worship at Trinity Church

SEPTEMBER 2011

10:30 EVERY SUNDAY

Childcare available through Kindergarten



SEPTEMBER 4, 2011, TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Genesis 2:4b-22; Psalm 139:13-16; Acts 17:22-28; John 3:1-16  
“The Season of Creation: Forest Sunday”  
Rev. Daniel Doty

SEPTEMBER 11, 2011, TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Genesis 3:14-19; 4:8-16; Psalm 139:7-12; Romans 5:12-17;  
Matthew 12:38-40  
“The Season of Creation: Land Sunday”  
Rev. Daniel Doty

SEPTEMBER 18 2011, TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Joel 1:8-10, 17-20; Psalm 18:6-19; Romans 8:18-27; Matthew  
3:13 - 4:2  
“The Season of Creation: Wilderness/Outback Sunday”  
Rev. Daniel Doty

SEPTEMBER 25 2011, TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Genesis 8:20-22; 9:12-17; Psalm 104:27-33; Revelation  
22:1-5; Matthew 28:1-10  
“The Season of Creation: River Sunday”  
Rev. Daniel Doty

## TRINITY YARD SALE

The Great Big Trinity Yard Sale was a Great Big Success!. Thank you to everyone who donated items, who helped on Friday evening, on Saturday, and to those folks who did pricing on Tuesday evenings. Next year's Yard Sale is already on the church calendar. It will be August 11. Thank you,  
Kathy Whalen



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## The Season of Creation

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In the new UCC Calendar & Plan Book there is a suggestion to celebrate The Season of Creation. This is a liturgical development that is ecumenical in scope. Our own UCC church has decided to embrace it and suggest that church's participate in this four week period. This season is something new to me so I decided to check it out.

As I explored the website ([seasonofcreation.com](http://seasonofcreation.com)) I found an explanation of the season. "In the seasons of Advent, Epiphany, Lent and Easter we celebrate the life of Christ. In the season of Pentecost we celebrate the Holy Spirit. Now, in the season of Creation, we have an opportunity to celebrate God, the Creator.

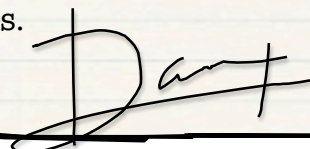
For four Sundays in September, prior to St Francis of Assisi Day, we join in celebrating with creation. We celebrate Christ, the creator, and the wonders of creation. On September 1 we are invited to celebrate Creation Day with Christians around the world.

In the liturgy, we follow the lead of the psalm writers and celebrate with creation – with the forests, the rivers and the fields, which praise the Creator in their own way.

body of Christ with a focus on world hunger. This program will work through education, resource collection and advocacy. It might behoove us then to celebrate this new season in order to appreciate God's gift of creation in which we live. By declaring creation sacred we can then value earth's bounty and seek ways to share it equitably.

As we celebrate The Season of Creation, let us deepen our faith in the Triune God through our liturgies, devotions, and in our personal prayer life. Let us celebrate God as the Creator, Jesus Christ as the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit as Sustainer of all life, human and non-human. Let us further resolve to cherish and protect what remains of this bounty for this and future generations.

Grace for the journey,



## MINISTER'S MUSINGS



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

Bible readings focus especially on the story of Earth, which complements the story of God and the story of humanity in the Scriptures. We commit ourselves to a ministry of healing the Earth, with Christ and creation as our partners."

In October we will begin hearing more about the UCC Mission:1 initiative. This Initiative is designed to unite the

## ACOLYTES FOR SEPTEMBER

4 ~ Lexie Steele & Nick Vaccaro

11 ~ Taylor Nagy & Cassie Holzworth

18 ~ Jill Klika & Madison Burns

25 ~ Kate Klika & Kaetlyn Doty

## ODDS & ENDS

### Link Deadline:

October Link - September 18; November Link - October 16

### Bring a Friend to Church!

We are encouraging everyone to bring a Friend to Church on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>!

**Cereal Sunday** On September 11<sup>th</sup> please bring a box of cereal to Church to help stock Williard Food Pantry's shelves! Thank You!

**Wee Two's** begins Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Wee-Two's is a parent/child playgroup sponsored by Trinity United Church of Christ which meets once a week during the school year from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. For additional information contact Kelly Weber (330-336-3786) or [ksweber24@gmail.com](mailto:ksweber24@gmail.com).

**WeeTwos Schedule for September**

9/20 & 22 ~ Friends

9/27 & 29 ~ Apples



## Men's Prayer Breakfast

**FIRST FALL MEETING  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

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



## Salvation Army and Marian's Closet Donations

In an effort to support our local agencies help others, we will be collecting food and non-food items for the Salvation Army and Marian's Closet during the month of September. Items needed include non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army food pantry along with personal care items such as shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste/toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, feminine care products, razors, diapers/baby wipes, baby formula, tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, laundry detergent and first aid items that will be divided between the Salvation Army and Marian's Closet. Please bring your donations to the Information Fair on September 11 and all month long in the back entrance.

## Farmers' Market 2011

**Yes** - we are still open!!!

Every Saturday 9:00am-12:30pm  
Closing Day - October 8



## Images from Picnic Sunday



## CE NEWS

### Puppets & Kid's Club

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Listen to the Puppets' [4th - 7th graders] Children's Message on Sunday, September 25th!

Kid's Club [2nd - 6th graders] will meet on Sunday, September 25th after the Children's Message! We will meet in the 4th - 5th grade room downstairs.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES

Sunday School classes will start back up on September 18th at 9:15 a.m.! H.I.P.P.I.E.S. will begin at 9:50 a.m. that day also!

### Our Teachers this year will be:

**Nursery** - Kris Beddow  
**Beginners** - Kelly Weber  
**Kindergarten & 1st Grade** -  
Patty Barrett &  
Tricia Burns  
**2nd & 3rd Grade** -  
Kelly Daw  
**4th & 5th Grade** -  
Lisa Blatter-  
Nagy  
**6th & 7th Grade** -  
Elaine Fippin  
**Jr. & Sr. High** -  
Joanne Stano  
**H.I.P.P.I.E.S.** - Jen Klika

## 40 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

The National Council of Christian Churches invites us to pray for a brighter future

and the safety of all God's Children. We will join them September 13th - October 23rd, so we have 40 slots open - please sign up if you know that you will be at the church for a meeting or dropping off something or helping with a task on a certain date, it only takes a few minutes! You just go in the prayer chapel (you can close the door if you want to!), light the candle, say a prayer (your own or one from the note book provided), blow out the candle and you are on your way (please keep children in your thoughts as you go through your day!). Sign-up sheet on CE bulletin board in Narthex.



## MISSION NEWS: TRINITY CHURCH @ WORK!

THANK YOU to all of our Salvation Army Soup Kitchen volunteers. SALVATION ARMY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE STILL AVAILABLE!!! Wadsworth folks rely on the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen at the end of every month. Trinity's dedicated and faithful crew would like for you to join them in fun, fellowship and food prep at the Salvation Army from 3-5 pm on the last Mon. of the month. If you'd like to join the kitchen crew in service, please sign up in the Narthex today!

(Mission News continued on next page)

### Miller AVE 2011

#### Lunch-on-Us Dates:

• December 31

Prep. = Fri. before @ 7pm

#### Fifth Sunday Date:

• Date TBA

Prep. = Sunday of @ 9am

# September Birthdays

- |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Nila McCullough     | 18 Don Leatherman     |
| 3 Dean Beddow (child) | Elizabeth McMillen    |
| John Conover          | Ford Weyrick          |
| Darla Jenkins         | 20 Marsha Blyth       |
| Michael Ross          | Phyllis Eaton         |
| Barbara Scott         | Weston Shipe          |
| Olivia Ross           | 21 Abigail Orr        |
| 4 Pat Hollow          | 22 Joy Conover        |
| Bob Hevener           | Daena Miller          |
| 6 David McGraw        | 23 Alex Todoroff      |
| Edgar Steele          | Raenel Tzchantz       |
| Shawn VanDyke         | Phyllis Abrams        |
| 8 Mike Ballway        | Kelly Daw             |
| Katie Johnson         | Donald Hawk           |
| 10 Kim Snyder         | 24 Dave Cleckner, Jr. |
| Taylor Nagy           | Jillian Klika         |
| Gerald Serfass        | 26 Tom Hays           |
| 11 Violet Pirman      | Henry Moser           |
| 12 Bob Tannehill      | Rachel McCourt        |
| 15 Pam Butler         | 27 Doris Daniels      |
| Bruce Lorincz         | Michael Lapidakis     |
| 16 Dick Hontert       | 29 Joe Darmour        |
| 17 Katie Goodrich     | Christine Navin       |
|                       | Michael Weber         |

## Miller AVE Grant

Fairlawn West UCC made an amazingly generous gift of \$26,000 to Miller Ave Mission. This is how God is making a way out of what sometimes seems like no way for Miller Ave. UCC Mission Church! THANK YOU TO REV. DAVID LOAR (MILLER AVE. MISSION BOARD MEMBER) AND FAIRLAWN WEST UCC!!!

These monies will see Miller Ave. UCC Mission through 2011. The Miller Ave. Mission Board continues to work to identify sources of income... i.e. fundraising, grants, adding covenant churches, etc. to sustain this vital ministry!

## Brunch & Learn Mission Meal!

The next Mission Board Lunch and Learn is September 11, along with the Information Fair. Come join us for lunch, learn about **MISSION:1**, (focusing on hunger) and stop by the other tables to learn about Trinity's various works and ministries.

Look for your chance to fill Disaster Buckets again, starting in September. This is a vital mission that helps people all over the world in times of crisis.

## Miller AVE Lunch on Us

Trinity provided Miller Ave. Lunch on Us on June 18th and 25th! **At the lunch on the 18th, our Trinity crew discovered that there wasn't a group signed up to host lunch on the 25th.** A HUGE thank you to Kelly Woolsey and crew for identifying the need and volunteering

Trinity to host LOU on the 25th!



Trinity provided **70 packed lunches** for the youth and

staff for Miller Ave. Vacation Bible School on Thurs. July 21st. Thanks to Maureen Cope, Lauren Parker and Stella Parker for packing lunches and to Dan for delivering them to Miller Ave.!

# Stewardship Corner

## Receipts & Expenses

For July 2011

As of July 31, 2011

Receipts \$25,475.83

\$161,249.05

Expenses \$18,456.32

\$162,367.94

July's **credit** was \$7,019.510 bringing the year to date deficit to (\$1,118.89). Our 2010 deficit for the year was (\$11,035.38) so the total **deficit** is (\$12,154.27). **Thanks for your help keeping us close to our budget this year!**

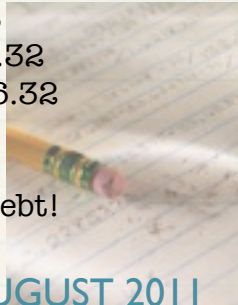
Receipts needed each week to meet budget: \$5,082.87

Receipts needed for the month: \$20,331.48

Monthly expenses per the budget: \$21,048.32

Monthly expenses for July totaled: \$18,456.32

The "Reduce the Deficit" Campaign has "erased" \$5,261.00! of our \$20,000.+ debt!



## CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST 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; - Christian Education; **Janet Linsmaier** - Koinonia; **Zach McGraw** - Mission; **Susie Schneeberger** - Music & Fine Arts; - Stewardship; **Doug Linsmaier** - Trustees; **Daniel Doty** - Senior Pastor.

Koinonia reported that a very successful Ladies Spring Luncheon was held on the last Saturday of April. Master Gardener Paul Vaughn was the guest speaker.

Mission and Fine Arts is commissioning a new Pentecost banner. The next Brunch and Learn meal on June 12 will feature Nila Amevor talking about Ghanaian school scholarships. The Mustard Seed Project is now under way.

Average Sunday morning attendance in worship for the month of July: 118

# Year-Round Stewardship

What is Stewardship? Dictionaries offer many definitions. The one that best applies to stewardship at Trinity is "the responsible overseeing and protection of something considered worth caring for and preserving." How do we oversee and protect at Trinity? And what is worth caring for and protecting?

One way to look at it is to think of the organizational structure at Trinity. The seven boards at Trinity have many responsibilities, and although only one of the boards has stewardship in the name, all of the boards and members of Trinity are responsible for stewardship. **Trustees** oversee our building and grounds; **Stewardship** is responsible for watching over our finances; **Church and Ministry** cares for our staff and oversees worship; **Christian Education** cares for all of the members' faith formation; **Music and Fine Arts** oversees the aesthetic outreaches of the church; **Mission** oversees and protects those that are in need in our community, and world; and **Koinonia** cares for our members and visitors through the many areas of fellowship.

This month spend some time contemplating stewardship in your life - what do you do to oversee and protect what God has given you?

Amy Doty  
Stewardship Chairperson

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(FROM MILLER AVE. UCC)

# Welcome back, HIPPIES!

I hope you all enjoyed your summer!

It's September and it's time to start singing again! We'll be meeting between Sunday School and church in our room upstairs starting September 18th!

Check the bin in the hallway for the schedule for the year and any other info. Can't wait to see your bright, shining faces and hear those fantastic voices!



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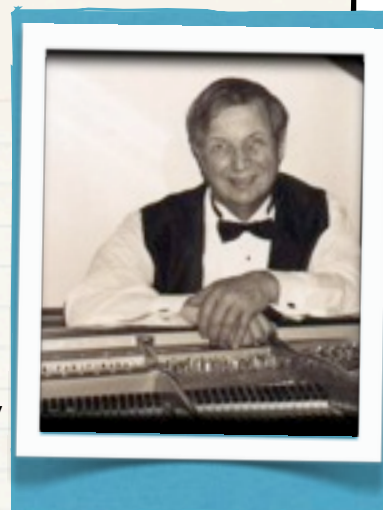
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## Second Concert of the 2011 Trinity Concert Series

Returning by popular demand, **Bob Milne, Ragtime Pianist** will appear in concert on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 4:00 p.m. Milne is referred to as a "national treasure" by the Library of Congress; he has been called "the one and only" and the "best in the world." His concert tours take him all over the globe, to small vintage opera houses and to large, prestigious concert halls. Milne is known as the top ragtime/boogie-woogie pianist around today and he's one of the finest musicians of all time.



# Prayer List

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