

# THE LINK

JANUARY 2012 ~ TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST ~ 330.334.2536



## ANNUAL MEETING AND PRESIDENT'S POTLUCK

Sunday, January 15, 2012

When you come to worship on the 15th plan on staying for our Annual Meeting. Following the meeting, come to the Fellowship Hall and enjoy one of our great potlucks. Bring a dish to share and your table service. **We hope to see you there!**

## MLK SERVICE

a service of Kindness, Justice,  
and Peace on Earth

This year's service of worship to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. will take place on Sunday, January 15 at 4 pm in the sanctuary of Trinity Church. The Wadsworth Ministerial Association will again sponsor this service. Area clergy will engage in readings and reflections from the body of literature produced by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. There will



## Trinity United Church of Christ

*exists to share the love  
of God within our  
community and beyond*

also be uplifting music and significant times for prayer. Plan on attending this meaningful service!



# WORSHIP @ TRINITY CHURCH

January 2012

10:30 every Sunday

Childcare available through Kindergarten

January 1, 2012 - First Sunday of Christmas

1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26; Luke 2.15-21

“The Boy Grows Up”

Rev. Daniel J. Doty

January 8, 2012 - Epiphany/Baptism of Christ Sunday

Matthew 2.1-12; Mark 1.4-11

“The Boy Grows Up”

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January 15, 2012 - Second Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

“Called and Recalled”

Rev. Daniel J. Doty

January 22, 2012 - Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

“Moving Forward”

Rev. Daniel J. Doty

January 29, 2012 - Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

“The Boy Grows Up”

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## HIPPIES

*What a wonderful Advent and Christmas season! Your play was wonderfully received, and you should feel good for helping to lead the worship service that day. Folks here at Trinity really do listen to the children as Jesus did! Come back and sing with us in this new year! Our schedule looks like this:*

|                    |                              |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>January 22</i>  | <i>April 1 - Palm Sunday</i> |
| <i>February 19</i> | <i>April 22</i>              |
| <i>March 18</i>    | <i>May 20 - Music Sun.</i>   |

## ACOLYTES

*1 - Madison Burns & Kaetlyn Doty  
8 - Kate Klika & Claudia Skoglund  
15 - Rachel Haire & Taylor Nagy  
22 - Allison Vaccaro & Lexie Steele  
29 - Cassie Holzworth & Jill Klika*

## Faith Formation

*There will be no Faith Formation on January 1st, we resume classes on January 8th!*

# MINISTER'S MUSINGS



## "The Light of Christ"

*Arise, shine; for  
your light  
has come,  
and the glory of  
the Lord has risen  
upon you.*

*Isaiah 60.1*

Wasn't it wonderful to be part of a candlelight Christmas Eve worship service? It's truly breathtaking to see so many people holding candles, preparing to be bearers of Christ's light in the world. One of the special moments of a candlelight service is watching people pass the light through the congregation. One person gives the gift of light to another whose candle is dark and cold.

But, the light is unlike a gift that when given, leaves the giver with less. Instead, after the light is shared, both candles glow with equal brightness. The light multiplies exponentially as it is passed down each row. Just as a single candle sheds light and illuminates an entire room, the life of one person, Jesus Christ, casts light on all the darkness of the world.

We are now the light-bearers who have answered the call of the gospel and whose task it is to "proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light".

As we go forth into the world, we become light-bearers to a dark and troubled world. Let us keep our lights burning brightly so others can follow as you illuminate the path to salvation. May others find Jesus, the light of the world, through us. Go forth and shine!

Grace for the journey,

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## MISSION NEWS - TRINITY VOLUNTEERS



The Mission Board would like to thank all who participated in the Mission:1 Campaign

conducted during the first 11 days of November. We exceeded our goal of 1,111 items for the Miller Avenue food pantry. Thanks to those who donated items, the many who helped to count them, those who carried them out of our church and to Mickey Parker who drove them to Miller Avenue.

Trinity's love extends from right here and covers the whole world! Your generosity provided \$3352.00, for the victims of the bus accident in Ghana - that was the response in the month of November alone! And the year-to-date total for the Ghana collections was \$7413.00! Thank you for such wonderful gifts.

And look for the Blanket the World collection to take place the last Sunday in January, 1/29. Prayerfully consider and give where you can.



### Hangings of the Greens

*A big thank you to all who helped decorate the sanctuary this year for the Advent/Christmas season. The building has never looked so wonderful!*

### Volunteer Open House

*Rev. Doty and Cheryl Powers hosted a Holiday Open House to say "Thank You" to the volunteers who help out in various ways throughout the year!*



# CE NEWS

## Adopt-a-Family Wrap-up

We feel joy when we give of ourselves to help others, our blessings do not diminish when shared, but increase. Trinity is a warm place to grow in God's love because of our very generous Congregation! You gave the most wonderful gifts to the Family that we adopted from the Salvation Army! It was so heartwarming to check all the gifts off the list as you brought them to the church. I know this family is feeling the love and concern that we have for them. The Mom got many of the basic supplies that she just isn't able to purchase (and a gift card to purchase more as needed) and the girls received fun and pretty

things, I can only imagine the screams of joy on Christmas morning!

They also received a grocery card to help with their Christmas dinner. It is hard to find

*Thank You*

the words to show my gratitude, I will simply say BLESS YOU! - Mrs. Weber

## This Month:

### Cereal Sunday

On Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> please bring a box of cereal to Sunday School to help our Church's efforts to stock Williard Food Pantry's shelves!

Thank You

### Bring a Friend to Church!

We are encouraging everyone to bring a Friend to Faith Formation and Church on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>!

### H.I.P.P.I.E.S., Puppets & Kid's Club

Our H.I.P.P.I.E.S. will be singing during the service on January 22<sup>nd</sup>!

We will also get to see the Puppets (4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> graders) that day! After that the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade children are invited back to the Kid's Club Room for a Kid's Club meeting.

## LINK Deadlines:

**February** Issue - January 15;

**March** Issue - February 19

Saturday, January 21

8:00 am - Fellowship Hall

RSVP to Dan (so he can

plan enough food!) [ddoty@ucctrinity.com](mailto:ddoty@ucctrinity.com)



Remember the LINK can be found on our website [www.ucctrinity.com](http://www.ucctrinity.com)



# THANK YOU STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Dear church family, Once again my thanks for all the calls, cards, and especially your prayers. Please continue your prayers during my recovery period, but also prayers of THANKSGIVING as the experimental chemo is working. I am so blessed to be a part of Trinity Church, and my gratitude to you all.

Love in Christ, Paul Vaughn

Trinity Church has received a gift of Christmas Eve candles and holders from Ms. Dene Alden in honor of her cousin, Paul Vaughn, a dedicated member of the Music and Fine Arts Board. We thank her for her generous gift and her thoughtful acknowledgement of Paul.

Music & Fine Arts Board

Thank you to the carolers and for the lovely poinsettia. Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year and God bless each one of you. It was a wonderful surprise!

Dorothy Welday (Jan LoGuidice's mother)

## November 2011

### Receipts & Expenses

|          | For November 2011 | As of November 30, 2011 |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Receipts | \$21,619.21       | \$249,040.49            |
| Expenses | \$ 19,162.29      | \$244,319.18            |

November's credit was **\$2,456.92** making the year to date credit \$4,721.31. Our 2010 deficit for the year was (11,035.38) so the total deficit is (6,314.07). Thanks for your continued support. Keep up the good work as the year comes to a close. **Thanks for helping us slowly work our way out of a deficit situation!**

Receipts needed per week: \$5,082.87

Receipts need for month: \$20,331.48

Monthly expenses per budget: \$21,048.32

Exp. For month of Nov. totaled \$19,162.29

The Reduce the Deficit Campaign as of Nov. 30 has erased **\$11,317**.

That means that the 2010 deficit has been erased and we are working on erasing the 2011 deficit! At Easter we challenged each giving unit to give an additional \$217.00 to completely erase our debt. There is still time to be a part of this campaign - just make sure that you get your extra gift in before Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> so we can credit it for this year. Thanks!

## CONSISTORY NEWS

**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.

As pledge cards are still coming in Stewardship is gathering the budget numbers together in order to bring a final proposal to the Annual meeting.

The boards presented their reports for the month. The final concert in the Trinity Concert Series will be on December 18th and will feature Dan in an afternoon of holiday music. Annual reports will be distributed (as per the Constitution) on January 1<sup>st</sup> in preparation for the Annual Meeting on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. Offering envelopes are available in the narthex. All financial contributions for 2011 must be in (or post marked) by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Average Sunday morning attendance in worship for the month of November: 173

# BIRTHDAYS CHURCH CANCELLATION

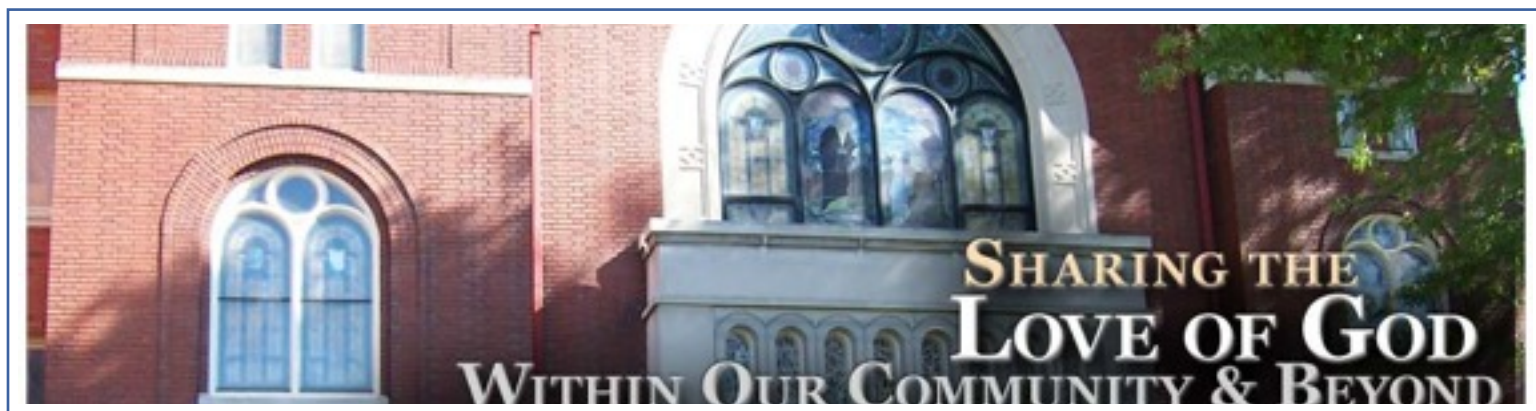
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|----|---------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1  | Louise Cook         | 12 | Melissa Miller     |
|    | Mary Jane Kinney    | 14 | Robby Cundiff      |
| 2  | Christopher Yerkey  | 15 | Bob Heimbach       |
| 3  | Terry Ewing         |    | Matt Daw           |
|    | Brady Kaufman       | 16 | Savannah Blake     |
| 4  | Owen Baxendel       |    | Riley Van Dyke     |
|    | Theo Kiouisis       | 17 | Jennifer Klika     |
|    | Julie (Hudson) Ruhl | 19 | Jennifer Ballway   |
| 5  | Chinsuk Ballway     | 20 | Alice Hays         |
| 7  | Jackie Krabill      | 23 | Tom Gaertner (90!) |
| 8  | Janie Shipe         |    | Janeen Wise        |
| 9  | Mary Friedley       |    | Dawn Kiouisis      |
|    | Jim Wieter          | 24 | Maura Kramer       |
| 10 | Lauren Ross         | 27 | Cheryl Powers      |
|    | Tatum Thibault      | 28 | Margaret Hevener   |



## Please note the following information:

In the event of a Level 2 or 3 snow emergency, the following procedures will be put in place. The Senior Minister in conjunction with the President of Consistory will make the decision to close if necessary. Any closing will be noted on WCTV (local cable) and WEWS, Channel 5 and radio stations WAKR (1590 AM) and WKSU (89.7 FM). A cancellation message will also be posted on the church website. Consistory representatives will contact their board members and all staff will be notified. Congregation members are encouraged to contact their friends and relatives to alert them of the closing.

DECEMBER 6, 2011



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## **Rev. Doty to go on Sabbatical in 2012**

Dan will be going on sabbatical in 2012 during the months of June, July and August. What is a sabbatical? Beginning with the account of creation in Genesis, we are introduced to the importance of the Sabbath. Sabbath is not just time “off work.” It is a time for rest, renewal and inspiration. Sabbath time is time for us to reflect upon the mission and meaning of our lives and to be re-united with God and our fellow human beings in an intentional way. In short, the understanding of sabbatical for us finds its meaning in the root word Sabbath.

Sabbaticals are mutually beneficial for the clergy and the congregation. They inspire new hope, vision, perspective and vitality. Every level of the church is blessed and enriched. Sabbaticals are not viewed as perks or earned time off. They are a necessary component to healthy ministry. They help provide much needed balance, perspective and grace to the minister and ministry. Watch for further updates throughout this year as well as ways you can help out during the sabbatical time!

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