

*Trinity Christian
United Church of Christ
2011 Annual Report*



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Congregation Meeting Sunday, February 12, 2012 Agenda

- Approval of minutes from Congregation Meetings
 - 2/2011
 - 11/2011
 - 12/2011
- Presentation from the Anniversary Committee
- 2012 Annual Report Review / Discussion
- 2012 Budget review / Amendment
- Old Business
- New Business

2012 State of the Church Address (Presidents Report)

This has definitely been a year to remember for a long time here at Trinity Christian UCC. To start off the year we ended our long year and a half search to find a permanent Pastor and welcomed Pastor Michael Evans into the head positions of Pastor of Trinity. I can not mention this time without first expressing my deepest appreciation in Pastor Charles Maxfield for sticking with us for the whole year and working endlessly at preparing us for the changes that would come with a new Pastor. Pastor Maxfield has landed on his feet and found a full time pastorate at St Paul's UCC in Fort Washington Pennsylvania. A few church members joined me in attending his ordination and seeing him begin his new journey. In February Pastor Michael Evans officially became our pastor. He has brought a new light and vision for our church through his new ideas, dedication and musical accompaniment. Pastor Michael spent a few months attending meetings and getting to know many of the people of Trinity and since has been regularly attending most of the committees providing his ideas guidance.

The major undertaking that the church facility went through was, and continues to be, the renovation of the Parsonage. More details will be coming from the property committee report. I just wanted to take this time to thank everyone who worked endless hours to make this happen. Rick & Maryann Bogdan took the lead in scheduling and arranging for the work to be done. Gary & Nancy Gallagher work with Rick to find additional bids for the various projects to be done. Jeff Seip for taking to time to rip out all of the old wiring before the new electrical service was installed. The rest of the Property Committee and members of the congregation who joined in and spent hours demolishing cleaning, sanding, painting absolutely every part of the first floor and basement of the parsonage. Once again, and on behalf of the entire congregation, I would like to give a heartfelt thank you for all of your help on this project. I know the first floor is done and the projects will move forward on the second floor. If we can continue to join together the work to finish the Parsonage renovations will be complete in no time.

The other major undertaking that Consistory oversaw was the revision of the Constitution and Bylaws of Trinity Christian. At the February 2011 Congregation meeting, we were charged to form a committee to take a look at consistory terms and the possibility of taking the Treasurer out of Consistory. The committee of Jeff Seip, Janet Crossgrove, Susan Vogl, and myself formed and took a look at both documents. In the end, after many revisions, the congregation was able to pass and approve the constitution and bylaws at the November Congregation meeting. I would like to thank the abovementioned committee members for hours of work both at church and at home. In the end we have a bylaws and constitution that is a more accurate governing document for the happenings of Trinity Christian.

The one negative point for Consistory this time of the year is the changeover of Consistory members. This year we have seen the largest changeover that I can remember. Six Consistory members saw their term come to an end including: (Elders) Ned Schillow, Maryann Bogdan-Ricci, (Deacons) John Becker III, Max Polec, Susan Vogl, & Marie Souder. All six of these Consistory Members have sat through long Consistory and other committee meetings to help run consistory for the pas few years. Ned, Maryann, and Susan could not run for Consistory again due to their obtaining the maximum amount of terms and years. Marie elected to not run for another term and Max greatly filled in to finish the final year of another former Consistory member's term and was not elected to another. I would like to personally thank all of the outgoing Consistory members for the endless hard work and support of everything at Trinity. At the November Congregation

meeting, John Becker III was elected to switch position to that of an elder and we now welcome new members Bill Vogl and Gary Gallagher. The new nine members Consistory will begin to meet in January and will work hard to continue to move Trinity forward providing the word of God to people of the Skippack Area

With the conclusion of 2011 and the beginning of 2012, I took a long and hard look at my goals for the up coming year while I was preparing for the sermon that I did for the January 1, 2012 church service. I thought it would be a good thing to share an excerpt of the end with everyone.

Goal for the Consistory Leaders

To improve communications between Consistory and the Congregation, to let everyone know the decisions that have been made during not just the scheduled monthly meetings but also the impromptu after church called meetings as well. This will allow the Congregation to stay informed and hopefully prevent some confusion of the decisions made in the church by the Consistory.

Goal for Consistory & other Committees

To look at and express the positive in all situations and not just dwell on the negatives. While we do have to take a look at negative issues within the church, let us not forget about the many positive things that are happening as well. By celebrating the positive situations and dealing with and solving the negative we will be able to provide an environment that is inviting for all people to want to participate in the decision making process.

Goal for the Congregation

To work together, go out, and invite new people of all ages, from children to elderly, into our church to join us in corporate worship of Jesus. We need the children to grow with us and be the church of the future, but we also need the more experienced members of the Christian Society to provide their experience and help mold the children to follow in the ways of the Lord. This topic is easier said than done. It would involve many of us stepping out of our comfort zone and talking to others outside of the church. Whether it is through discussions with acquaintances or by canvassing neighborhoods, bringing in new members of all ages to the church is the sole way of providing financial stability to the church

In Conclusion, I would like to finally thank all of the members of Trinity for the consistent hard work and support of the events and activities here at Trinity. There have been a lot of changes over the past two years and there will be a lot of changes in the future. If we continue to work together we will be able to get anything done and move forward toward the future of spreading our faith in Jesus Christ to the community

Yours in Christ
Harry F. Crossgrove
2011 Consistory President

FROM THE PASTOR

January 2012

The pastor's report written this time last year included the following statement: "Trinity Church is on the threshold of a season of growth." One year later, I believe this is true. My own tenure began February 1, 2011. This has been an exciting and pleasurable year for me after returning to parish ministry after eight years work in the construction field.

16% increase in weekly attendance: if there is one number I watch over the year it is the average weekly attendance at worship. This number rose to 66 in 2011. Out of pocket financial giving rose 4 percent. The rise in worship attendance has been primarily people coming back into the life of the congregation. Further increase will come only as we are attracting new members. May God lead us in this direction.

There are three goals that guide my vision. 1) We are a church expecting God to do great things. 2) We are a safe place in which to grow. 3) We offer ourselves to those without church home.

- 1) We are expectant – even as woman about to birth.
 - We expect to experience the presence of Christ in worship.
 - We expect to see God answer prayer.
 - We expect to see God active in our Consistory, our committees, our social and service events.
 - We expect to see lives changed by the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - We expect to have our thoughts and traditions challenged by the living God of the scriptures.

- 2) This is to be a safe place for every person to test his or her beliefs in a community of mutual respect, regardless of background or age.
 - We are one in Christ. No one is better or less than another.
 - Ours is a place to practice our faith as we pray, verbalize our concerns, offer gifts of music and service, and study God's Word. Children and adults alike are encouraged to grow.

- 3) Constantly and repeatedly, we offer ourselves to those without a church home that when he or she dies it is in the Lord. We want no one to die without forgiveness and the promise of resurrection life.

We are truly blessed to be here as pastor and people. God has anointed you and me to live a life of faith in 2012 in a world and culture turning ever further from the God of our salvation. We cannot be the church of 1958 or any other era and even survive. Today the Christian faith is challenged in a way never before experienced in America.

I believe your involvement in the life of Trinity Church can be a blessing and life transforming experience for you. I know it is for me.

May God be praised!!
Pastor Michael Evans

Trinity Christian
Statistical Report 2011

Baptisms:

September	Kody Souder Leilani Souder Gavin Souder
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Confirmations:

June	Joseph Polec Jordan Perla Tyler Perla
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Weddings:

March	Megan Dickey and Chad Siegfried
September	Thomas and Debra Blystone (non members)
November	John and Carmen Culver (non members)

New Members:

February	Pastor Michael Evans
December	Faye Wagner Sherry Kulp

Transfers Out: None

Member Deaths/ Funerals in the Church:

April	Iona Dillon (non member)
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Non Member Deaths/ Funeral in the Church:

Summary of Membership for 2011

EOY 2010: Reported to PSEC	157
Gains by confirmation, reaffirmation and transfers	9
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Total after gains	166
Losses by death or transfer	-00
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Total number of Members as of December 31, 2011	166

Human Services Committee 2011

Throughout the year, the Human Services Committee asked the congregation to help support the Jerusalem Community Food Pantry located in Schwenksville by bringing in food, especially canned meats, cereal, peanut butter and pasta. In addition, personal care items, cleaning supplies and toilet paper were requested. The congregation was extremely generous and we donated over 200 bags of groceries to the Food Pantry.

The Gregory's Kids Fund, is a fund that was established with money that was originally donated by former members for an elevator in the church. They have since asked that the money be used for any expenses related to a child in need. In June, two families requested money to be used for summer camp expenses. The committee reviewed and approved the requests. A total of \$450.00 was spent.

On September 27th, we celebrated "Stewardship of the Earth" by bringing fresh produce, some from our very own gardens, to give to the Jerusalem Community Food Pantry. Loretta Stevers, one of the co-directors of the Food Pantry, gave an informative talk about the Food Pantry and their needs. After church, she attended a Fellowship Hour and was able to answer additional questions people had. Her car was then loaded with all kinds of fresh produce, and all the nonperishable food people had donated throughout the month.

On September 29th the church sponsored our second Red Cross Blood Drive. Due to the temperatures being close to 80 degrees and the Education Building not being air conditioned, the Blood Drive was forced to pack up and move to the Skippack Township Building (thank you very much to the township for their quick response to our need). Due to the move, there were some technical problems with the computer system that delayed resumption of blood collections at the new location. Despite all the problems, they were able to collect 14 pints of blood in a two hour time frame. We want to thank all of those who either gave or tried to give that day.

On October 23rd, the Human Services Committee and the Outreach Committee sponsored a table together at Skippack's Community Services Day. Our display made people more aware of the Jerusalem Community Food Pantry and what food and personal care items were needed most by the Pantry.

Our Christmas outreach project for the seniors that rely on the Jerusalem Community Food Pantry located in Schwenksville was a complete SUCCESS! The members and friends of our church, with help from the staff of the Residence Inn of Montgomeryville donated 94 scarves and 84 containers of homemade cookies. In November the Food Pantry found out they lost their corporate sponsor for Christmas toys and other gifts for the children that rely on the Pantry. Our church came through in a big way. We were able to collect a large number of toys, books, clothes, gift cards

and other items for the children, especially for the children ages 14-16.

Please see the donations listed below.

On December 29th, our church sponsored another Red Cross Blood Drive, but it wasn't as successful as the previous ones. Despite the holiday week, we were only able to attract nine people to collect nine units of blood. We will give it another try again this year.

Thank you again for being so generous throughout the year. We have helped put food on the table and a smile on the face of many of our neighbors that are experiencing difficult times.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Gallagher

Trinity Christian U.C.C. Approved Budget for 2012

<u>Code</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011 Actual Expense</u>	<u>Difference</u>
120	Janitor	\$4,800.00	\$4,825.00	(\$25.00)
121	Sexton	\$3,279.00	\$3,304.00	(\$25.00)
130	Fuel	\$12,000.00	\$10,231.68	\$1,768.32
140	Electric	\$5,000.00	\$3,251.67	\$1,748.33
150	Sewer	\$700.00	\$716.59	(\$16.59)
160	Telephone	\$1,650.00	\$1,449.07	\$200.93
170	Insurance	\$8,567.00	\$8,305.50	\$261.50
180	Interior Building Maintenance	\$8,000.00	\$5,811.80	\$2,188.20
181	Exterior Building Maintenance	\$8,000.00	\$2,850.04	\$5,149.96
182	Trash Removal	\$600.00	\$507.96	\$92.04
183	Lawn Care	\$700.00	\$570.00	\$130.00
184	Snow Removal	\$2,500.00	\$2,385.62	\$114.38
185	Janitor Supplies	\$700.00	\$352.33	\$347.67
187	Building Fund Expense	\$0.00	\$2,600.00	(\$2,600.00)
188	Parsonage Expense	\$0.00	\$25,702.99	(\$25,702.99)
190	Renovation Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
191	Memorial Expense	\$0.00	\$4,602.75	(\$4,602.75)
195	Piano /Organ Maintenance	\$400.00	\$138.57	\$261.43
197	Landscaping	\$2,000.00	\$29.99	\$1,970.01
220	Church School Supplies	\$950.00	\$828.14	\$121.86
221	Vacation Bible School	\$600.00	\$380.04	\$219.96
230	Bibles	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
270	Christian Children's Fund	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
280	Special Programs	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
290	Youth Group-Teaching & Special Events	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
310	Flowers	\$1,400.00	\$1,714.00	(\$314.00)
320	Chancel Supplies	\$300.00	\$86.49	\$213.51
330	Choir Music	\$500.00	\$211.51	\$288.49
340	Bulletins	\$150.00	\$354.92	(\$204.92)
350	Recording Supplies	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
360	Organist	\$11,798.00	\$11,793.04	\$4.96
361	Organist-FICA Employer Share	\$902.55	\$902.64	(\$0.09)
365	Special Music	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$25.00
370	Guest Organist	\$750.00	\$625.00	\$125.00
380	CCLI License	\$300.00	\$291.00	\$9.00
395	Special Service Meals	\$225.00	\$48.26	\$176.74
396	Acolyte Expense	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00

411	Pastor's Salary	\$42,000.00	\$40,913.05	\$1,086.95
412	FICA Tax - Employer's Half	\$3,213.00	\$3,987.60	(\$774.60)
413	Travel	\$2,500.00	\$1,116.59	\$1,383.41
414	Health & Dental Insurance	\$18,012.00	\$18,829.00	(\$817.00)
415	Pension	\$7,644.00	\$13,448.65	(\$5,804.65)
416	Pastoral Supplies	\$600.00	\$262.40	\$337.60
417	Life Insurance Disability	\$819.00	\$887.25	(\$68.25)
420	Guest Minister	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
430	Office Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$3,018.46	(\$518.46)
431	Machine Repair & Replacement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
432	Copier Expense	\$2,500.00	\$2,469.60	\$30.40
433	Copier Lease	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
440	Conference Meeting	\$250.00	\$65.00	\$185.00
441	Continuing Education	\$500.00	\$326.41	\$173.59
450	Secretary's Gross Salary	\$11,992.50	\$11,967.58	\$24.92
451	Secretary-FICA Employer Share	\$917.43	\$871.54	\$45.89
452	Tax Consultant	\$1,100.00	\$957.00	\$143.00
460	Workmans Compensation Insurance	\$1,000.00	\$819.00	\$181.00
461	Search Committee Expense	\$0.00	\$2,502.24	(\$2,502.24)
500	Archives	\$300.00	\$239.15	\$60.85
510	O.C.W.M.	\$1,620.00	\$1,625.00	(\$5.00)
511- 533	Designated Giving & Other Benevolences	\$0.00	\$12,044.40	(\$12,044.40)
600	Offering Envelopes	\$350.00	\$297.89	\$52.11
610	Advertising	\$500.00	\$47.97	\$452.03
620	Outreach Supplies	\$250.00	\$600.00	(\$350.00)
621	Stewardship	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
630	Gregory's Kids Fund Expense	\$0.00	\$450.00	(\$450.00)
650	Human Services	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
651	150th Anniversary Expense	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
700	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$1,239.35	(\$1,239.35)
701	Postage	\$700.00	\$470.85	\$229.15
702	Petty Cash	0	(\$98.31)	\$98.31
703	Fundraiser Expense	0	\$88.50	(\$88.50)
	Total Expenses	\$178,804.48	\$214,691.77	(\$35,887.29)

PLEASE NOTE: In addition to the above budgeted items, Trinity will also donate 10% of its weekly envelope and loose plate collection as designated giving to specific causes. However, the loose plate collection from communion services will be applied to the Grace Rader Fund whenever the fund stands below \$2,000.

Trinity Christian UCC
2011 Congregation Budget Meeting
November 20, 2011

Consistory President, Harry Crossgrove, called the meeting to order at 11:00 am with 37 members in attendance.

A motion from Bill Vogl to postpone the 2011 Congregation Budget Meeting until December 4, 2011 so that Pastor Michael Evans can attend. The motion was seconded by Phyllis Slotterback. Harry opened the floor for discussion which was none. The motion was approved with 36 yea and 1 abstention.

Motion to adjourn at 11:02 am

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vogl

Substitute Recording Secretary

Trinity Christian United Church of Christ
Congregational Meeting
December 4, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by President Harry Crossgrove.

Pastor Evans followed with a prayer.

There were 48 in attendance.

There was a motion to approve the November 20th minutes which was to postpone the Congregational Meeting to December 4th. The motion was seconded, no further discussion and the motion was approved.

The finance committee presented a financial analysis of the Church. Emphasis should be placed on watching expenses and increasing income.

There was a motion to freeze the salaries for 2012. The motion was seconded. There was discussion that employees should be notified before budget process takes place. The motion was approved by 45 agree, 1 disagree and 2 abstentions.

There was a motion to freeze or raise those salaries that are in agreement with those employees or contractors. There was discussion and the motion was approved by 44 agree and 4 abstentions.

There was a motion to add the 10% giving to the budget. The motion was seconded.

There was discussion. There was a motion to amend the previous motion that the note on the budget read as follows. "In addition to the above budgeted items, Trinity will also donate 10% of its weekly envelope and loose plate collection as designated giving to specific causes. However, the loose plate collection from communion services will be applied to the Grace Rader Fund whenever that fund stands below \$2,000. The motion was approved 47 agree and 1 disagree.

There was a motion to approve the budget as amended. The motion was seconded, no further discussion and the motion was approved.

There was a motion to approve the revised Constitution. The motion was seconded, no further discussion and the motion was approved.

There was a motion to change bylaw Article IV Committees to read "There shall be standing committees instead of 10. The motion was seconded, no further discussion and the motion was approved.

There was a motion to change the second Congregation meeting to be held November 1st to December 15th. The motion was seconded, no further discussion and the motion was approved 47 agree and 1 disagree.

There was a motion to approve the bylaws as amended. The motion was seconded, no further discussion and the motion was approved.

The election of officers proceeded as follows:

For Elder: Gail Friel – 13 and John Becker III – 23

For Deacon: Max Polec – 11, Bill Vogl – 21 and
Gary Gallagher - 31

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Ricci, Recording Secretary

Trinity Christian United Church of Christ
Annual Meeting
February 13, 2011

The Annual Meeting of Trinity Christian UCC was called to order at 11:39 a.m. by Consistory President Harry Crossgrove, with Ned Schillow appointed secretary pro tempore. A total of 38 members were present. Pastor Michael Evans opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the November 21, 2010, Budget Approval Meeting was amended to include the name of that day's secretary pro tempore, Harry Crossgrove. With that change, these minutes as well as the minutes from the December 12 meeting were both approved.

A letter from MaryAnn Ricci, on behalf of the Finance Committee, indicated that the treasurer's books were audited and found to be in good order.

Relative to clarification of issues in the Annual report, treasurer Susan Vogl reported that the non-budgeted items showing amounts of \$ 0.01 was necessary to "work around" a programming restriction that exists with the Church Windows software.

The first item of business carried over from the November meeting was that of church fundraising issues. Given that there was no additional discussion today, the status quo remains.

The second item carried forth from the November meeting focused on the number of positions on Consistory and the related turnover of members. Harry pointed out that current wording of our constitution and bylaws requires five officers to be elected among the Consistory members as well as to serve as liaisons to the standing committees. As a result of these responsibilities to be filled, Consistory is not recommending a change in number. Among the points raised in the ensuing discussion:

- Are all of the current standing committees needed for the church to function?
- Could the elders serve the role now taken on by pastoral relations committee?
- Is commitment of persons agreeing to serve on Consistory a problem, given that a number of persons have resigned in the past not fulfilling their 2-year term commitment
- Should the treasurer's position be separated from the elected Consistory positions? Related to this was whether the treasurer's position should be a paid position, how we separate the distinction between voluntary jobs and related commitment to the church from those that should be paid, whether

the church secretary could assume the treasurer's duties, and that the financial secretary position could also be separated from the elected Consistory positions.

- Is it not true that Consistory benefits from the treasurer's presence at its meetings through his/her body of knowledge relative to funds and expenses? It seems important that even if the treasurer's position be changed to a non-elected one (whether paid or unpaid); this individual probably would still need to attend Consistory meetings.

As a result of this discussion, two motions were presented:

Motion: Consideration of language change to the constitution shall be given for presentation at a future Congregational Meeting regarding the separation of the treasurer's position from the listing of elected positions on Consistory.

This motion was passed unanimously.

Motion: The standing committee structure shall be re-evaluated relative to their roles, need, and function for possible restructuring purposes.

This motion was passed with one abstention.

Given that there was no additional old or new business, the meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned W. Schillow
Secretary pro tempore

TRINITY UCC CEMETERY FUNDS—2011

First Niagara Checking Account #2054-932-9

Starting Balance 1/1/11: \$ 3873.87

Income:

Transfer from Del. FMA	\$ 4,800.00
Dividends and Interest (Del.)	1,158.48
Memorial gift	100.00
Purchase of two lots	<u>1000.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 7,058.48

Expenses:

Lawn Care	\$ 4,372.00
Grass seed	17.97
Stone repair	<u>540.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 4,929.97

Ending Balance 12/31/10: \$ 6,002.38

Anna R. Pool Trust Fund Citizen's CD # 6149-106330 (Matures 3/6/13—interest rate 1.49%)

Value 12/31/11 \$ 2571.81 (increase in value of \$ 38.01) (Note: \$ 2091.32 held in perpetuity)

Citizen's Account #621912-104-3 (Charles Pool Fund)

Starting Balance 1/1/11	\$ 5,616.99
Transfer from Acct -103-5	100.00
Interest	<u>3.10</u>
Balance 12/31/10	\$ 5,720.09

Citizen's Account #621912-103-5 (Charles Pool Fund)

Account closed on 1/10/11 and \$ 100.00 balance moved to account #621912-104-3)

Citizen's 12-Month CD 6149-109577 (Charles Pool Fund) (Matures 1/10/11—interest rate 0.5%)

Value as of 12/31/11 \$ 4331.10 (increase in value of \$ 20.80)

Delaware Foundation Modified Allocation Fund A Account # 502-3249245

Status 1/1/11	4115.049 shares at \$ 10.87	\$ 44,730.58
Transferred to First Niagara Checking:	\$ 4800.00	
All Dividends deposited to Harleysville Niagara Checking		
Status 12/31/11	3759.134 shares at \$ 10.65	\$ 40,034.78

Delaware Treasury Limited Government Reserve Fund #515-139980

Status 1/1/11	5229.026 shares at \$ 8.92	\$ 46,692.91
Status 12/31/11	5303.302 shares at \$ 8.82	\$ 46,775.12

Respectfully submitted,

Ned W. Schillow
Treasurer, Cemetery Committee

BEYOND OUR WALLS FOR 2011

The following groups were supported by the Church.

January 2011 Total	\$ 944.30
Our Church's Wider Mission	135.00
Kits of the Heart	587.30
Jerusalem Community Food Pantry	100.00
Word of Life Fellowship (Missionaries)	97.00
Christian Children's Fund	25.00
February 2011 Total	\$ 931.60
Our Church's Wider Mission	135.00
Liberty Ministries	646.60
Jerusalem Community Food Pantry	100.00
Word of Life Fellowship (Missionaries)	25.00
Christian Children's Fund	25.00
March 2011 Total	\$ 1,457.90
Our Church's Wider Mission	135.00
Bethany Children's Home	509.90
Jerusalem Community Food Pantry	400.00
Disaster Relief	278.00
Word of Fellowship (Missionaries)	109.00
Christian Children's Fund	25.00
Blanket Fund	1.00
April 2011 Total	\$ 1,596.10
Our Church's Wider Mission	135.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	1,335.10
Jerusalem Community Food Pantry	100.00
Christian Children's Fund	25.00
Liberty Ministries	1.00
May 2011 Total	\$ 1,037.73
Our Church's Wider Mission	135.00
Blanket Fund	596.73
Disaster Relief	130.00
Jerusalem Community Food Pantry	100.00
Word of Life Fellowship (Missionaries)	50.00
Christian Children's Fund	25.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	1.00
June 2011 Total	\$ 1,104.90

Our Church's Wider Mission	135.00
Tools for Hope	809.90
Jerusalem Community Food Pantry	110.00
Word of Life Fellowship (Missionaries)	25.00
Christian Children's Fund	25.00
July 2011 Total	\$ 1,035.15
Our Church's Wider Mission	135.00
Community Housing	750.15
Jerusalem Community Food Pantry	100.00
Word of Life Fellowship (Missionaries)	25.00
Christian Children's Fund	25.00
August 2011 Total	\$ 1,122.30
Our Church's Wider Mission	135.00
Habitat for Humanity	862.30
Jerusalem Community Food Pantry	100.00
Christian Children's Fund	25.00
September 2011 Total	\$ 879.10
Our Church's Wider Mission	704.10
Jerusalem Community Food Pantry	125.00
Word of Life Fellowship (Missionaries)	25.00
Christian Children's Fund	25.00
October 2011 Total	\$ 1,165.24
Our Church's Wider Mission	140.00
Neighbors in Need	880.24
Jerusalem Community Food Pantry	120.00
Christian Children's Fund	25.00
November 2011 Total	\$ 1,083.41
Our Church's Wider Mission	135.00
Thankoffering	697.41
Jerusalem Community Food Pantry	200.00
Word of Life Fellowship (Missionaries)	25.00
Christian Children's Fund	25.00
Community Housing	1.00
December 2011 Total	\$ 1,330.19
Our Church's Wider Mission	135.00
Jerusalem Community Food Pantry	1,170.19
Christian Children's Fund	25.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$13,687.92

Grace Rader Fund 2011

Trinity's Grace Rader Fund is set up as an emergency fund for individuals within our church family who are experiencing a sudden financial need. As it turned out, 2011 was a year of rebuilding this account, as no special requests for which this fund were brought to the elders for their consideration. Keep in mind that if you are aware of a special need for anybody within our church family, including yourself, please let one of the elders know so that a bit of help can be offered accordingly.

In the way of information, when funds are distributed to somebody in need, the account is replenished with the loose plate collection from communion services, until the balance again exceeds \$ 2000. By the end of December there was approximately \$ 2024 in the account, and accordingly the loose plate is again being used for special designated given and our standard church fund.

Respectfully submitted,
JoAnn Davis, Maryann Ricci, Ned Schillow and Don Souder
The 2011 Elders

Property Committee 2011

Listed below are some of the highlights of a very busy year for the Property Committee.

The committee started working on the parsonage renovation in December of 2010 and the work continued into January so that the parsonage would be ready for Pastor Michael to move in on January 29th.

Listed below is some of the work that was completed in January.

Don Diesinger Contracting (610-287-3904) put new linoleum flooring in the kitchen, pantry and back entrance way. A new dishwasher and microwave were bought for the kitchen and a stackable washer and dryer were bought for the pantry. After Pastor Michael got settled into the parsonage, he ran the plumbing and electricity and installed the new washer and dryer.

Walls were patched, plastered and painted by the committee. New light fixtures were installed in the kitchen, pantry, dining room, back entrance way, and back porch. Ceiling fans were installed in the kitchen and dining room. All the light fixtures and ceiling fans were installed by Gregg & Steven Betz (610-584-4402). Gregg & Steven also donated their time to rewire the entire parsonage, replacing the old knob & tube wiring.

Don replaced the rails and lattice work of the front porch with vinyl. The old carpet was ripped off the porch and the floor boards painted.

Don ripped up and replaced the sidewalk and old steel railing in front of the parsonage and added a new white hand railing. While doing this project, he also ripped out the old steel railing that was in the garden along the parking lot of the church grounds.

Don also cleaned the rain gutters on the Education Building and fixed the window leak above the front doors of the Education Building at no charge.

Don fixed a heating pipe that was leaking in the narthex of the church. He then replaced the damaged sheetrock with new sheetrock.

During the summer the roof of the Education Building was cleaned and tarred by the Pastor and several members of the Property Committee.

In July a ductless room air conditioner for the secretary's office was purchased by Rick and Mary Ann Bogdan and installed by Gregg & Steven Betz.

In August the cracks in the parking lot were cleaned and repaired with crack filler by A&H Paving of Schwenksville (610-222-8144).

In September Young's Petroleum (215-234-4351) was chosen as our new oil supplier after careful review of area suppliers.

In October trees in the yard of the parsonage were taken down by Lindsay Tree Removal (215-234-8698).

In October new steeple lights were installed on the roof of the church by Gregg Betz, paid for by money that was donated for the care of the steeple.

If you have not seen them lit up at night, it is a beautiful site. He was assisted by Phil Crowner (484-645-3170), who also repaired and tarred the church roof in November.

In November the Education Building floor was stripped and waxed by Bill Cochrane (610-489-0391), and it looks great. Money was donated to have the church pew pads cleaned, and the work was performed by Bill Cochrane on January 4th. The pew pads had been removed from the pews for the Christmas Eve services because of candle wax being dripped on them in past years. Because of comments we received, the pads will remain on the pews at all times, and will be spot cleaned when needed. It would be greatly appreciated if extra care is taken when handling the candles during the Christmas Eve services.

In November the church property along Church Road and the side road behind the cemetery were cleared and the brush was removed by Pat Filippini Landscaping (610-489-2396).

In December PECO ran the lines to convert the Education Building heating system from oil to gas. (The conversion was completed by Gregg and Steven Betz on January 10th). This conversion is expected to significantly reduce our heating cost for this building. We hope to convert the parsonage and the church in the future.

Throughout the spring, summer and fall, the grounds were weeded, pruned and maintained by Pastor and various members of the church.

In most cases the contractors gave us favorably pricing for their services and we have included their names and telephones numbers in this report as a form of advertising for them.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Nancy Gallagher*

**Trinity Christian UCC
Social Committee
2012 Annual Report**

In 2011 the Social committee saw the end of a very successful 2010 – 2011 Might at the Academy Awards social calendar. We saw many awards winning moves and experiences many meals that were inspired by both the movies themselves as well as the locations and times that the movies were taking place. The members of the congregation who attended the dinners traveled through the various movie genres from drama, and comedy to Disney and western. Many congregation members even got into the spirit of the movies enough to dress up in the period clothing to make the night even more fun. The 2011 – 2012 Schedule was a success and with the continued help from those attending especially with the cleanup we will be able to continue to provide these and more special dinners and events.

The 2011 – 2012 Calendar has the Social Committee taking a look at many different Festivals and Holidays from around the world. We started off in Germany with the ever-popular celebration in our church of Oktoberfest in October with a selection of delicious German Dishes. Those who attended entertained each other with a rousing game of German Win Loose or Draw. We continued our festival journey with “Christmas in Bethlehem” where we were introduced to many tradition Delights from Israel and the surrounding areas. We finished off the night with a viewing of an older version of the Movie “Scrooge” which many people had never seen before. As we turn the page into 2012 we are planning to continue the journey with many more events listed in the schedule below. **Please note that the date and time for the April Earth Day Dinner Celebration has been changed due to the change in dates for this years Vera Bradley Bingo Event. The date has been changed from 4/21 to 4/28. The times will remain as normal (6:00 – Appetizers, 6: 30 Dinner).** Please stay tuned to the bulletin reports and newsletters for any additional changes.

We are looking to be a little more active with the improvement to the church kitchen over the next year. Through the Hoagie Sale and Chicken Barbecue fundraisers we will be continuing to upgrade the kitchen with the goal of possibly getting it certified with the county board of health to allow us to open more to the public especially with things like wedding receptions and Community dinners and fundraisers. This should allow us to spread our fellowship to community and hopefully bring some more people into our church.

Once again we would like to thank all of you for your help and support of our activities. With this continued help we will be able to expand what we do and bring new activities into the church

Respectfully Submitted
Harry F. Crossgrove

Remaining Social Calendar Events

2/11 - Chinese New Dinner - 6PM
3/24 - Hoagie Sale - 10-12 AM
4/8 - Easter Breakfast – 7:30AM
4/28 – Earth Day Family Night Dinner - 6PM
5/5 - Hoagie Sale - 10-12 AM
6/2 - Chicken Barbeque - 4-6 PM
7/7 - Canada Day Dinner - 6PM

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Psalm 100:1-5 *“Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”*

It has been close to a year since Pastor Michael has joined us and we are blessed to have him here at Trinity. Our attendance has increased and the Children just love him.

Along with the regular services this past year, Pastor was the first one to preach at the Lenten Services. He conducted an Easter sunrise service at the cross in the cemetery, which we will be doing this again this year. Will I see you there?

To be a “conditional” member of Trinity, you need to have communion at least once a year. We are once again placing communion cards in the pews. Please complete a card each time you commune and place it in the offering plate.

I am happy to say that we now have 10 Acolytes: Allison Staples, Alyssa Vigiolto, Aubrey Sauerwald, Belle Lopez, Haley Laconis, Hannah Becker, Tara Vigiolto, Taylor McLaughlin, Zach Morris, and Zach Staples. It’s great to have so many young ones volunteering to serve our Church.

Please consider sponsoring flowers for our weekly services at the cost of \$23.00. There are flower envelopes in the stairwell for the first few months. Please mark whether this is in memory or honor of anyone in particular. Additional months will be added regularly.

Interested in volunteering to be an Usher for a week or two? Please see John Becker, III who has graciously agreed to oversee this since most of the committee is in the Choir.

Any questions or concerns regarding the Worship Service or any aspects of such please let one of us know.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Crossgrove, Janet Seip, Susan Vogl, JoAnn Davis, Billie Shaffer, & Pastor Michael

Women's Guild of Trinity Christian 2011

January: No meeting was held.

February: The annual collection of tissue boxes for the Wynnecote Church Home was started. One Hundred boxes were wanted and that was accomplished with the help of the members of the congregation.

March: This is the month that we put together flower arrangements for the home. These arrangements are given to new residents at the Home to decorate their living quarters. The Youth group helped us out by decorating the pots for us during their 30 hour fast. They did a great job. The women who attended the March meeting had a good time making flower arrangements in the pots.

April: Jennifer Laconis, Pat Dannerth, Billie Shaffer and Haley Laconis attended the Sunday afternoon church service at the Wynnecote Home. After the service a Bingo party was held. The Guild members had taken an assortment of little gifts for the winners, afterwards refreshments were served. The Guild also took the boxes tissues, flower arrangements with them. The people at the Home were happy to receive our gifts. I believe Trinity Christian's Women's Guild is the only group to do these projects.

May: The Annual Women of Trinity Banquet was held and I think it was a nice affair. Good food and entertainment.

June: No Meeting

July: Few members of the guild and Pastor Michael took part in Skippack's "Christmas in July. We made a profit of \$100.00 selling baked goods.

August: No Meeting

September: The meeting time has been changed to the second Sunday after church. This will make it easier for those that don't drive at night, those who work at night. And the hope is that some the younger women can have dad babysit so they can attend.

October: Skippack Days: it was decided that the Guild would continue to have a bake goods table and it was a great success as we earned \$300.00.

December: The Guild decided that we would have our annual Family Christmas Pot Luck Dinner on a Sunday after church making it easier for families with young children to attend. The annual Budget meeting was moved to the same Sunday, the Guild thought it would work but it didn't as the meeting was to long people with children left. Should this happen again the Guild will change the date of the luncheon.

The annual Advent Workshop sponsored by the Guild went very well. We thank Pam Morris for chairing the event again and all those who gave their time to help the children and some adults make Christmas items for their homes. The refreshments were also great too.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~ 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Sunday School Program

Our Sunday School Superintendent, Ned Schillow, welcomed all the children back to Sunday School on Rally Day held on September 11, 2011.

Below is a brief report from each of our classrooms:

- **Pre-K thru Kindergarten Class – Teacher Susan Vogl**

We have had an average of 4 children each week. The youngest have been learning our songs and have begun to sing with us. They enjoy a story and activity worksheet to reinforce the day's lesson. We ended 2011 with a beautiful song to the tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star called "Christmas Star". I look forward to spending time with these children every week.

- **Primary Class (Grades 1 and 2) – Teacher Pam Morris**

The primary class consists of 4 wonderful young ladies, Bethany, Ali, Haley and Emma. We are all learning stories about Jesus in a fun environment.

- **Elementary Class (Grades 3-6) – Teachers Harry Crossgrove & Diana Polec**

Our class is a very energetic and enthusiastic class of 13 with a wide array of talents. We had 2 major projects: (1) lead Sunday School's Project Christmas Child's Collection Program. The class collected enough school supplies, toys, toiletries to fill 21 shoeboxes. We received emails saying that our boxes went to a couple of countries in Northern Africa but most went to Honduras. (2) Our class performed in our Christmas Musical "Star of Wonder". The children were very excited about this year's musical to the point that they gave up 2 Saturday mornings to practice.

- **Middle/High School Class (Grades 6 thru 12) – Teacher Ned Schillow**

The class continued their discussions of the situations from the Bible that tie in with the Boy Scouts since the class in attendance all are boy scouts. They also created some new stain glass windows, a long-standing tradition for this class.

Rainbow Sunday

Rainbow Sunday is the third Sunday of the month in which the children of our Sunday School classrooms come together as a group and sing for the congregation in Church.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our traditional Easter Egg Hunt was held on Palm Sunday at the Church Road Park across the street from Church. The eggs were hidden by the Middle/High School class. Needless to say, the children had fun as well as learning the true meaning of the Easter season.

Confirmation Class 2011

The following boys were confirmed: Joseph Polec, Jordan Perla, and Tyler Perla.



Christmas Presentation by the Sunday School Classes

On Sunday, December 18, 2011, our Sunday School classes participated in their annual Christmas Presentation.

The Pre-K and Kindergarten class, under the direction of their teacher Susan Vogl, sang "Christmas Star". The children did an "awesome" job. The song was enjoyed by all present.

The Sunday School Elementary classes performed in the Christmas Musical "Star of Wonder" directed by Harry Crossgrove. Jim Polec videotaped the performance.

The Middle and High School class participated in the Advent Wreath Lighting.



Vacation Bible School



Where Faith and Life Connect Romans 10:17

The 2011 VBS program “The Big Apple Adventure” was held August 15 – 19, 2011. The program was enjoyed by all thanks to the volunteers who taught, decorated, created and coordinated the activities of the program.



Church Picnic

The annual Church Picnic was held in June 2011 at Palmer Park in Skippack.

Youth Group

This year's Youth Group report is being submitted separately by Max Polec, Youth Group member. Thank you for your support of our youth and be sure to read Max's report.

We truly have been blessed by the many wondrous experiences of this past year!

Respectfully submitted and "*God Bless*",
Diana Polec, Chair, Christian Education



Troop 21 Annual Report 2011

The local Boy Scout Troop located in Skippack has done quite a lot throughout 2011, whether it would be camping, fundraising, or helping out the community. Some highlights for the passing year were Summer Camp, Community Service Day in the Skippack Village, and the Iron Chef Competition. This year, Troop 21 plans to go on more camping trips, recruit more members, and create a unique experience filled with fun for all of the scouts. For those who wish to help the troop, we need items such as, tents, tarps, coolers, and mallets. Most of all, we need new members who are in middle school and high school. If you know anyone who may be interested please let us know as we would like to invite them to a meeting to learn what Boy Scouts is all about. To conclude, we would like to thank the church for all of its help and support!

- Max Polec

Youth Group Annual Report 2011

The Trinity U.C.C. Youth Group has had a very successful and fun-filled year. Throughout 2011 the Youth Group has gone on many trips, recruited two new members, and helped those in need as much as possible. A few of the many events the Youth Group have done throughout the year are the Halloween Rock-a-thon, the White Elephant Fundraiser at Skippack Days, cooking Thanksgiving meals for the shut-ins, rock climbing, and bowling. As for the near future, the Youth Group has plans to help out the Jerusalem Food Pantry, take part in the 30 Hour Famine, possible trip to Wildwood for the "A Closer Walk" program, and more. The most important thing that the Youth Group needs is volunteer drivers who are willing to help us with our traveling issues. Most of the areas that we go to are not too far away and we greatly appreciate the help that we receive. We want to thank the church for all it has done for us over the years past and the years to come.

- Max Polec

Stewardship Committee 2011

Below are the fund raising activities that the Stewardship Committee was involved in during 2011.

Soup Sales: *The committee raised money for the Renovations Fund by selling homemade vegetable, beef barley and chicken noodle soups made by Elaine Becker, Pat Dannerth and their helpers. Ninety percent of the profits from the soup sales went towards this fund while the remaining ten percent went to our missionaries, Angie and Andris Barto with the Word of Life Fellowship in Hungary. For 2011, there were only two soup sales which made the church a profit of \$1,015.13. After the February soup sale, the committee decided we did not have enough people to help with the soup operation at the time, so it was decided to discontinue. We also decided that we would review it again in the future.*

Annual Gala Dinner: *The 4rd Annual Gala Dinner was held on March 12th. In addition to being a fun event for the members and friends of our church, this event has become one of the more profitable fundraiser for the church. Each year it has grown in attendance and profit for the church.*

While a delicious dinner was being served by the Social Committee, a Silent Auction and Raffle were held. The items ranged from dinner certificates to autographed sports memorabilia to handmade afghans and pottery. Most of the items that were donated for the Silent Auction and Raffle were donated by local businesses and artisans.

The Gala raised a total of \$3,078 for the church, \$700 from ticket sales and \$2,378 from the Silent Auction and Raffle. The profit from the Gala went towards the Parsonage Renovations Project.

This evening was successful in many ways. We were able to raise much needed money while bringing several committees together to plan, prepare, and ultimately enjoy the fellowship of the event. If you were not able to attend this wonderful event last year, you will have the opportunity on March 17th, 2012 to experience the 5th Annual Gala Dinner/Silent Auction & Raffle, while helping the church financially.

Vera Bradley Bingo:

On April 1, 2011, the committee sponsored another bingo event and this time the prizes were popular "Vera Bradley" bags. The turnout was unbelievable. We had to stop selling tickets at 159 because we ran out of chairs! The total profit from the event was \$4,569, which went towards the Parsonage Renovations Project. Come check out the fun while helping the church financially at the next Vera Bradley Bingo on April 20, 2012.

SCRIP Program:

For those of you who are not aware of what the SCRIP program is participating SCRIP retailers agree to sell gift cards to our organization at a discount. You would buy a gift card at full face value and you would

redeem it for full face value and then the church would keep the difference as revenue. The amount that the church keeps as revenue ranges from 1.5 % to 18% of the face value. You could purchase the gift cards to give out as gifts or you could use them to make purchases for regular household needs such as, food, clothing, entertainment, gasoline, and even dining out. The best thing about the program is that you do not have to sell or make anything. It is a fun and exciting program that works for the church while you shop!

We began the SCRIP program in November of 2010 and this year we had more people take advantage of this new program. In December, we even had \$400.00 of SCRIP cards purchased to be donated for Christmas gifts for the children who rely on the Jerusalem Community Food Pantry, located in Schwenksville. We were able to help two causes with one program. Please contact Nancy Gallagher at 610-584-1468, if you have any questions about the program or you wish to place an order.

February, 2011

Total Dollar Value of Cards: \$875.00

Total Profit: \$58.02

Number of Orders: 3

April, 2011

Total Dollar Value of Cards: \$1,180.00

Total Profit: \$54.04

Number of Orders: 3

May, 2011

Total Dollar Value of Cards: \$1,380.00

Total Profit: \$64.37

Number of Orders: 4

August, 2011

Total Dollar Value of Cards: \$1,775.00

Total Profit: \$88.18

Number of Orders: 5

November, 2011

Total Dollar Value of Cards: \$1770.00

Total Profit: \$71.01

Number of Orders: 4

December, 2011

Total Dollar Value of Cards: \$3,770.00

Total Profit: \$266.43

Number of Orders: 13

TOTAL PROFIT FOR THE YEAR: \$602.05

The Stewardship Committee would like to THANK all those that support the various fund raising events or programs at our church.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Gallagher

2011 Sunday School Report

Just being present at the Christmas Pageant presentation during our church service on December 18 made it clear what a wonderful group of children we have in our Sunday School! Twenty-five students are on our rolls, which is truly a blessing each week.

Every year we make decisions about aligning (or should I say realigning) our class age cut-offs, and this year's decision resulted in the Junior Class having a full dozen students in it. With most of them attending each week the result is an exciting experience for all those involved, especially their teachers, Harry Crossgrove and Diana Polec. It should be noted that Harry headed up the Christmas Pageant production and Diana played a huge role in organizing it as well, and the church's thanks should go to both of them for their tireless efforts.

Since Diana moved up to co-teaching the Junior Class thanks to its size, that means Pam Morris is now teaching the Primary Class alone, continuing on with the class she has very capably taught for quite a few years now. And down the hall from her room is the Nursery Class, which continues to be taught by Susan Vogl. It's always nice to drop by her room and see her group of little learners clustered around her while they learn about that day's lesson.

Up on the stage, I continue to teach the Senior High Class with its four fine young men. And where would we be on Sunday mornings without Janet Seip playing the piano for our opening (especially challenging us when we sing *I Am a C*, faster and faster with each verse!)?

Some of the other events the Sunday School was involved in this year included observing Memorial Day by placing flowers on the veterans' graves in the cemetery, enjoying the church picnic at Palmer Park, and preparing boxes of supplies to be sent to children overseas (also headed up by the ever-involved Harry). Of course, we are pleased that we continue the decades-long sponsorship of a young person through Child Fund International continues, as undertaken long ago by the Sunday School. Currently, we sponsor Yerin Perez Rivera of Honduras.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned W. Schillow
Sunday School Superintendent

Pastoral Relations 2011

My fellow members in Christ,

Pastor Michael began his journey with all of us at Trinity at his first service on February 6, 2011. A reception followed welcoming him into our family. Two weeks later, Lent started off with a very loud dropping of 13 coins into a pot, as Pastor Michael led the Ash Wednesday Service at Wentz's UCC with a sermon on Judas and he continued to attend all of the Lenten services at the various churches on Wednesday nights. He started Holy Week at the Palm Sunday service with the children having a grand entrance into the church, continued to our Maundy Thursday service where he shared the account of the Last Supper, led a very somber Good Friday Tennebrae Service, with the help of his wife Annemarie, and finished our Lenten Journey with a Joyous Easter service.

On April 3, Pastor Michael said "Here I Am, Lord" as we attended his installation service at Trinity Christian U.C.C. He led us all throughout the year delivering inspiring sermons with various themes that relate to everyday life and even some Saturday nights if you drive by our Church, you will see lights on in the church, where he is practicing his sermons to make sure they sound good. Michael spends a lot of time to make our services special every week, with the help from Janet Seip, Music Director and Kathy Howell, our secretary.

He then prepared us in our Advent season to the Christmas Eve services with a great story time with our children of the church, while also including the teens, and concluding the evening with a candle lighting service.

The Pastoral Relations committee sent questionnaires out to all of the committee heads to answer, and we would like to thank everyone for all of the responses, the responses that we received reflected that Pastor Michael has been to almost all of the committees meetings, has brought many ideas and supports the committees in various ways.

From Lunch Bunch to Men's Breakfast, Consistory, Worship, Property, Social, Outreach, Archives, Women's Guild, Christian Education, Finance, Stewardship, Cemetery, Human Services, Scouts, 150th Anniversary and Pastoral Relations, he has plenty to keep him busy. We are sure that he is involved in many other things that we all don't even know about including visiting our shut-ins and our sick members to sharing services at Peter Becker's community, even comforting us all in our times of need.

Repeated in his pastor's report every month, "I'm enjoying very much being the pastor of Trinity Christian UCC", we feel that the "honeymoon" with us all at Trinity isn't over, and after a year of being here, his journey has really just begun. His wife Annemarie, has been very supportive of his role as pastor, even though physically she is unable to be with us much of the time. When she is here, she is a blessing to all who have gotten to know her and we look forward to the time when she can finally retire from her job and move here permanently.

Overall, after looking over our Profile that we created over 2 years ago, and seeing all of the things that we were looking for in a Pastor, we feel that he has not only filled the position, but has exceeded our expectations for our Shepherd and Spiritual Leader.

We have a suggestion box in the narthex for anyone to give any comments, ideas or suggestions that would better the church or Pastor Michael's role here. Also, the Pastoral Relations Committee is always available to listen to comments you feel we should know.

The members of the committee are: Harry Crossgrove, Becky Sauerwald, Don Souder, Eileen Huguenin, Laura Parker and Bill Vogl.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Vogl

Archives Annual Report for 2011

The members of the committee are Betty Ashley, Pat Dannerth and Marge Brown. Betty and I have been working on the committee at least three years and you might wonder why we have not completed the task of sorting all the information that was given to the committee to save. There were boxes and boxes of material ranging from 1862 to 2000 to sort through and put in some kind of order. When Betty and I started sorting all the old information we also began archiving the current newsletters, Consistory Minutes, Constitution and Bylaws, and etc. as it became available. The information has been divided into the following categories: Ministers, Newsletters, Annual Reports to the congregation and Annual report to the Church House, History of the church, renovations to the buildings, Vacation Bible School, Youth Group. We are in the process of checking the books to make sure the information is in the proper order and making notations about some of the items and pictures on the pages. Hopefully this will be finished in the next couple of months, after that all the information will be attached to an insert page so small pieces of paper and pictures will bit slide around

There are at least six boxes that we have not opened; we hope that what is written on the boxes is what is inside the box. Should this be true, sorting will be easier.

The committee meets the third Tuesday of the month from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Yours in Christ,

The Archives Committee

150th Anniversary

You may or may not know that Trinity will be celebrating our 150th Anniversary in September, 2013. A committee was formed to plan for the event. We plan to start having activities beginning September 2012 with the final event in September 2013.