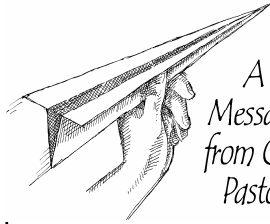


Trinity Christian UCC

May Newsletter 2011



A
Message
from Our
Pastor

In Preparation for Sunday Worship:

There are five Sundays in the month of May. All five are Sundays in the Season of Easter (*the fifty days between Easter Day and Pentecost*).

Read and pray these scriptures in preparation for your participation in Sunday worship.

May 1: Psalm 16, John 20-19-21

May 8: Psalm 116, Luke 24:13-35

May 15: Psalm 23, John 10:1-10

May 22: Psalm 31, John 14:1-14

May 29: Psalm 66, John 14:15-21

What Would You Like This Summer?

What scripture OR topic have you always wanted addressed in a SERMON? This summer will be your opportunity to offer a theme or scripture for a sermon or series of sermons. Think about it !! Call now or drop your request in the Sunday offering plate. Plans for June, July and August worship will be begun in EARLY May. Submit your ideas now. (And, if you know a Sunday you will be away note that as well as your suggestion for coordination.)

**** The same goes for any hymns – in our worship book or not – you have wanted to have sung on Sunday mornings. Submit your requests.**

Pastor Michael Evans

ONLY 5 WEEKS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL REMAINING. LAST CLASS FOR SPRING SEMESTER IS MAY 29, 2011!!!!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

The Annual Service in the Park:

Sunday, June 5, 2011 @ 10 AM.

Palmer Park in Creamery

Bring lawn chairs.

Potluck to share.

Bring a friend.

Consistory News.....from Harry Crossgrove

MAY:

As all of you know from attending the many Lenten and Easter season services over the past few weeks, a lot has been happening here at Trinity. The same applies to the past (April 14) Consistory meeting. To keep you informed of the happenings with Consistory, I have decided to shrink down that Consistory minutes posted outside the church office to a detailed list of the decisions that were made.

1. There has been confusion about the cost charged for custodian and sexton duties around weddings and funerals especially since the two jobs have been separated. We decided to leave the rates at \$75 with \$50 going to the custodian and \$25 going to the Sexton. I will be contacting Williams Funeral Home to discuss their suggested charges for cleaning for funerals for discussion at next months meeting.

2. Through our yearly employee reviews it was discovered that the Custodian was being paid less than was agreed upon. This years budgeted amount was not correct. The custodian was getting paid \$352 monthly when it should have been \$400 monthly. Decision was made to raise the amount paid to the custodian to the agreed upon \$400 monthly and reimburse her what she has been shorted since January (Totaling \$147.25).

3. Discussion was made to form a sub committee to look into the possibility and ramifications to the Bylaws with making the Treasure a separate position that would report to Consistory but not be a standing officer of Consistory. Through discussion the committee was formed to include Susan Vogl, Janet Crossgrove, Jeff Seip, and Harry Crossgrove. I will look at getting this started soon and report back with any progress.

4. The lights surrounding the steeple are old and two are not working properly. A decision was made to replace all four lights with newer lights and timers with the money coming from the Rosenberry account, which is partially designated for the upkeep and maintenance of the bell and bell tower.

5. All Committee Liaisons and Chairs were asked to be more diligent in filling out and reporting Purchase Orders to the Treasurer many PO's are being reported after items have been purchased. Also to help with bookkeeping please include the budget line that the money will be coming from. In this case the more info that you can give the better.

6. Discussion was given concerning the churches position on limiting all events and meetings during Holy week. Through discussion it was decided that, due to preparation time for church events starting on Maundy Thursday, we need to limit all events and meetings happening on Wednesday of Holy Week through Easter Sunday.

I would like to personally thank all the members of Trinity for their support of the Holy Week events. Without everyone working together these events would not have been able to take place.

Harry Crossgrove

Property Committee

Property is continuing to work hard on the renovations to the parsonage. The washer/ dryer/ combo is finished. Pastor Michael moved the electricity and plumbing upstairs and the unit itself was moved in this past weekend. The committee once again asked everyone in the congregation to keep an eye open for anything that needs to be fixed or needs to be brought to our attention. This is how we can get things done in a more efficient manner. Our next big project is the repairs needed to fill the cracks in the driveway as well as the resealing of the flat portion of the Education Building roof.

Social Committee

The Social Committee would like to thank all who have attended and helped with all of our functions over the past two months. It has been a lot of work. Your help is the only way that we will be able to continue to bring these events to the members of Trinity. May sees a slight slow down for the Social Committee, as we are all involved with the Women of Trinity Banquet. The only event in May is our next Hoagie Sale scheduled for, Saturday May 21, 2011 with pick-up available from 10 – 12. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex in the next couple weeks.

Altar Flowers:

Flower envelopes are now available on the bulletin board in the stairwell of the church, for the months of May, June and July. If you take an envelope, kindly try to pay the \$23.00 the following week. This is to be placed in the offering plate.

Thank you,

The Worship Committee



Let's Reach Out!!!!

The Outreach Committee thanks all those who contributed the invitations to the Easter Services, the cookies for inclusion with them, and those merchants who willingly displayed them for the community to receive. We distributed about 185 invitations this way. Please continue to welcome newcomers to our church.

Our next project may be an entry into the Skippack July 4 parade. We are looking for people to come up with ideas for this and/or willingness to provide leadership. Please let Pastor Michael know what you would like to see happen. Our committee, JoAnne Davis, Gail Friel, and Marge Brown also welcome your thoughts.

*You are invited to our next Outreach Committee meeting, Thursday May 5 at 7 P.M. in the Education Bldg.
Prayerfully, Marge Brown*

E-mail Chain Update

Consistory is looking to update the office email chain. Many church announcements are made through an email chain and the office has email addresses for a little over 50% of the people in the congregation. Sometimes announcements need to be made before the next Sunday and an email chain is the easiest way. If you have an email address please drop a line to the church office or put it in the secretary's mailbox in the Ed. Bldg. or E-MAIL her@: trinityskippacksec2@yahoo.com

Women of Trinity Banquet Friday, May 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

**The Women of Trinity will be
"Bubbling Over With Joy"**

**Cost: 3 years old and under free
4 years old to 11 years old \$8.00
12 years old and above \$13.00**

**Checks should be written to the
Women's Guild of TCUC**

**Thank you for including your check with your reservation.
Please give to Elaine Becker, Pat Dannerth, or Jennifer Laconis by
Sunday, May 1, 2011**

Uplifting Lent and Holy Week

Thank you for your participation beginning with Ash Wednesday at Wentz's UCC and continuing through Easter worship. We celebrated Palm Sunday in a new way. Maundy Thursday we remembered The Last Supper. Good Friday we had two services. Easter Sunrise we shouted victory in the cemetery. Attendance at Easter 10:15 worship was the largest of the year.

Pastor



EZ Weight Loss Challenge 101

12 week challenge starts Weds.

April 20th at 7PM

Registration is \$49 –

Church members \$39.

**Weekly weigh-in, education,
personal coaching**

**Prize money paid to the biggest
losers Info at:**

www.weighlessamerica.org or

610-287-2472.



The Stewardship Committee sponsored a Vera Bradley Bingo on April 1st to raise money for the Parsonage Renovation Project. The turnout was beyond what I expected. I couldn't keep up with the calls requesting tickets for the event. I had to stop selling tickets at 159 because we ran out of chairs and space!

Bella's Boutique located in Skippack donated a Vera Bradley large duffel bag that was used for a Jackpot prize and all the other Vera Bradley items that were used for the bingo games were donated by Gary and me after purchasing them at a reduced price from Coventry Corners located in the Coventry Mall. This meant that all the money raised for the event went directly to profit. The total profit from the event was \$4,569, which will be applied to the costs for the Parsonage Renovation Project.

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee (Pat Dannerth & I), I would like to thank everyone who supported the event by either working or playing that night. I would especially like to thank Kate Howell for donating her time to design the Bingo tickets and fliers, and all the following businesses who donated door prizes, raffle items or food for the event:

*Merle Norman Cosmetics (Skippack)
Philly Soft Pretzel Factory (Collegeville)
Wave Reviews Family Hair Salon (Lansdale)
Carolyn's Creative Stitchery (Skippack)
Crabtree & Evelyn (Limerick Outlet)
Nan Burch*

Nancy Gallagher



Celebrate our Cuban Partnership

On Saturday, May 7, the Rev. Manuel Delgado will visit the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference. He is Executive Secretary of the Fraternity of Baptist Churches of Cuba. You are invited to join Rev. Delgado for brunch and conversation on Saturday morning, May 7, @ 10AM at Trinity United Church of Christ, 532 Main Street, Collegeville. The Rev. Delgado's visit is timely since relationships between the USA and Cuba are changing. Furthermore, his presence among us affords a first hand witness to the vitality of the Christian church in a country that has been isolated for so many years.

Sunday School

At 9:45 A.M. on Memorial Day Sunday, May 29, the Sunday School and church will join together to place flowers in the graves of service persons and other loved ones in our cemetery. All are encouraged to participate in this annual observation, which will be followed with a brief prayer in memory of those who have gone on before us.



Helpers are needed in setting up and taking down the communion table each month. Janet Crossgrove usually sets up after the opening of Sunday School, about 9:15 and the take down usually takes about 15 minutes to clean up. If anyone is interested please call or see Janet and offer her your support. Thank you.

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