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“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷ rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”

Colossians 2:6-7 NKJV



Weekly Services @ Trinity Youth Group

September was a fun opening month for Youth Group. A highlight of mine was the students going to the home of Dan and Vickie Leone. Dan and Vickie hosted the Youth Group for a fun evening of Hot Dogs and Smores. The evening was filled with laughs as well as a serious conversation about the fears a student has when entering a new school year. With that being said, it is important to not forget our students and parents as they adjust to their new school schedule.

James Vlosich

October Youth Group Schedule

Thursday, October 3rd Youth Group at 5:30 (Dumping Our Defiance)

Thursday, October 10th Youth Group at 5:30 (Bridge Building)

Thursday, October 17th Youth Group at 5:30 (God's Mercy)

Thursday, October 24th Youth Group at 5:30 (Live the Adventure)

Special Date Wednesday, October 30th Youth Group Fall Party

Youth Group Starts Thursdays @ 5:30 p.m.

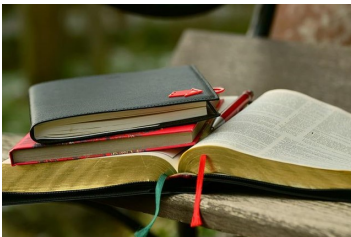


Young Adult Small Group

October Study— HABAKKUK

Tuesdays @ Panera Bread @ 5:00 p.m.

Adult Sunday School



10/6 Prayers of Repentance and Confession (Pslam 51:1-4, 10-12, 15-17)

10/13 A Plea for Deliverance (Psalm 22:1-11)

10/20 Praise for Deliverance (Isaiah 25:1-10a)

10/27 Trust in God Alone (Psalm 62:1-2, 5-12)

Sunday School

Sundays @ 10:00 a.m.

With James V.



WE WANT YOU...TO PLAY DARTBALL!

Another season of Dartball is upon us. If you are interested in joining us on Tuesday nights contact James Vlosich. Or, if you want to join some of the team for Bible devotions, stop by the Church at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings.

Darts & Devotions

Thursday's @ 10:00 a.m. Devotions by Doug Yauger

Faith Discussions

Mark C's Diner
Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month.
8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.



Bright Beginnings Center For Learning

Bright Beginnings thanks you for your support and prayers. If anyone wants to donate to the preschool, we are always accepting supplies such as, white cardstock, printer paper, baby diaper wipes, colored cardstock, paper towels, Lysol wipes, and tissues. If you wish to make a monetary donation, checks can be made out to Bright Beginnings Center for Learning. We are a non profit, this means any monetary donations can be used as a tax write off for your records. Our EIN # is 92-1516471

The preschool has open registrations for the upcoming school year! We are offering half days and full days to better accommodate families and children getting ready to go to kindergarten! Please call Emily Bowers for the days and times we are enrolling for.

Help spread the word about our preschool! You can find us on Facebook, Instagram and Google. You can see all of our pictures of the wonderful things the kids are doing and learning!

We'd like to thank the church for blessing us with the use of your building.

Classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday all day or half day.

For more information, contact director Emily Bowers at 724-812-2862.



Children's Church

Available during worship.



Nursery is available
during the Sunday
Morning Worship from
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Notes From The Bench



-by Brett Vanderlaan

October 2024

What Time (Period) Is It? (Part 1)

As recent announcements in church and printed material have mentioned, the Beesontown Singers and Trinity United Presbyterian Church are presenting a Yuletide Feaste in December at Trinity. This event recreates a festive evening in a medieval English castle near the beginning of the 16th Century. The costumes, decoration, provisions, story and music will transport attendees to that Renaissance age. Preparations for the event have led me to review the major eras of history, especially in regards to musical styles and time periods. Thus, I present ye with a just and brief summary of major divisions in the history of music.

While music existed and was played for centuries prior to written (printed) history, music from before and including much of the Middle Ages is often referred to as **Ancient Music**. Many music history courses begin by looking at simple chant from as early as 600-800 AD. This corresponds to some of the earliest written music that exists. **Medieval Music** usually refers to music from this time through the 14th Century. During these centuries, musical notation was developed and evolved into something similar to modern printed music. Written music also began to include harmonies and chords in addition to a single melody. Early composers of Ancient or Medieval Music include Hildegard von Bingen, Guillaume de Machaut, John Dunstable, and Guillaume Dufay.

In the 1400s, significant developments in musical texture, rhythmic clarity, harmonic norms, and structural elements had occurred to usher in a new era - the Renaissance. **Renaissance Music** encompasses the 15th and 16th Centuries, and includes composers such as Palestrina, Josquin Desprez, William Byrd, and Tomas Luis de Victoria.

This is an appropriate point to note that there are no distinct, specific boundaries between major time periods, not to mention between early, middle and late portions of each era. It is also important to remember that major periods in music do not necessarily run concurrently with counterpart (and similarly-named) periods in the visual arts or western history. There is often overlap, but (for example) it seems that music history tends to lag behind the visual arts by a few decades.

The transition from the 16th to the 17th Century often marks the beginning of the **Baroque Era** in music which runs until about 1750 or so. While music for the church played a tremendously significant role in earlier periods and the general developments in music, the Baroque period is where we begin to find a wealth of music from which we draw currently used church music. We don't often hear Medieval or Renaissance music in church services, but music of Baroque composers such as Handel, Bach, Pachelbel, Purcell, Couperin, and Buxtehude appear regularly in many traditional Protestant churches.

Given the breadth of this topic of music history and the length of this article, I will pause here for this month and continue in my next column. One final note is to emphasize that an interesting feature of the Yuletide Feaste will be the inclusion of a wide variety of early music from the Medieval and Renaissance Eras - much of it with a holiday bent. You may be surprised how much familiar Christmas music comes from these early time periods!

Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God alone)



A PAGE FROM PASTOR SIMPSON

People have begun to ask questions like these:

"When will we be getting our new pastor?"

"What do we have to do to make that happen?"

"What is the process?"

Well, the process has actually begun. The first thing that needs to be done is that the church (primarily through the session) needs to do a study of its mission. This process was begun at our August and September session meetings. During this three month period (Aug through October) session will be reflecting and developing answers to a series of questions that are suggested by Redstone Presbytery. These questions are designed to help the church identify who Trinity Church is, how it relates to the community around it, and what God is calling Trinity to do and to be in the future. This process is well underway and should be completed by the end of October.

Then, early in November, the material that has been developed by the session, will be submitted to Presbytery along with a request for permission to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee at the January meeting of the congregation.

During January and February the newly elected Pastor Nominating Committee will work to write a document that will describe who Trinity Church is and the kind of Pastor that you are looking to call to be your next pastor.

Hopefully that document will be completed by the beginning of March when it will be submitted to Presbytery for approval and then sent on to the denominational offices in Louisville. From there it will be sent out to pastors looking for a church like Trinity. [March and April are months when seminary students begin to look for churches to serve upon their graduation]

Once that happens the Pastor Nominating Committee will begin to receive and evaluate the resumes of prospective pastors until they find that one person that they want to present to the congregation to be "hired". Once a positive vote is received by the congregation your new pastor will begin his/her ministry.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT this is a VERY optimistic but doable schedule. **BUT IT IS A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE !!!!**

As we journey through this process together I invite any of you who have questions about the process to get in contact with me by phone or in person. I will be quite happy to talk with you about it and to try to answer any questions. —

Sincerely, Pastor Simpson



Trinity Yuletide Feaste

December 6th & 7th 2024

With the festive Christmas season quickly approaching, we are excited to announce the Christmas Yuletide Feaste at Trinity United Presbyterian Church in Uniontown.

You are invited to join us for an unforgettable evening where you'll be transported back to 15th century England, the time of knights, noble lords and ladies, and troubadours.

This sumptuous Yuletide Feaste will take place on December 6th & 7th in the chapel of Trinity Church.

At the table of the Lord and Lady of the manor, guests will indulge in a grand feast accompanied by enchanting entertainment and beautiful music provided by the Beesontown Singers.

To make this event a joyous success, we need your help with various roles:

- Servers to serve the meal
- Cast members ages 8 and above dressed as various medieval characters
- Juggler
- A stilt walker
- Magicians, magic illusions, etc.
- Female Dancers for sword dance and ribbon dance
- Pages to present each meal course
- Coat room organizer
- Publicity organizer for news media, posters, banners, etc.
- Seamstresses
- Instrumentalists-brass, recorders, handbells
- Wizard-more magic and illusions
- Ticket/reservations manager

If you are willing to assist with any of the above roles, please contact Bill Dreucci at 724-557-1119. You can either call or text.

You may also sign up at the after church coffee hour.

Your participation will be greatly appreciated as we bring this magical event to life.



Interfaith Missions

Calling all disciples to join up in these missions.

1. Loaves & Fishes Ministries

A Few Feeding Many - Every Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m.

2. The Road Less Traveled - Thursday's @ 10:00 a.m.

3. Trinity's Blue Bird House: For those less fortunate than us.

Multiple ways to help:

- Drive clients to their medical appointments.
- Help make sandwiches every Tuesday @ 10:00 a. m. in Carol's office.

If interested in volunteering at the Interfaith Office (Call Carol @ 724-438-0709)

Interfaith Office Hours are Mon.—Thrs.—9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.



Kindred Souls

Kindred Souls meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month, for a luncheon, & time of fellowship.

This is for single & widowed women.

All women are welcome, not just church members.

The next luncheon is Wednesday, Oct. 9th @ Roy's Pub @ 11:30 a.m.

Happy Anniversary



Jack & Barbara Leone 10/03

John & Jean Nass 10/10

Amy & Seth Caton 10/09

Gregory & Jennifer Michelangelo 10/18

Happy Birthday!



Seth Caton 10/01

Brianna Kolencik 10/21

John Eddy 10/04

Shelby McMahan 10/22

Michelle Borland 10/06

Alaysha Shaffer 10/24

Robert Cahn 10/08

Savannah McCourt 10/25

Jean Rendina 10/08

Barbara Lombardo 10/27

Brittany Eddy 10/15

Chelsea Zoretic 10/28

Natalie Goodwin 10/19

Book Journey

When: Tuesday, October 8 at 11:30

Where: Bob Evans Restaurant, West Main Street, Uniontown

What: "West With Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge

Who: All are welcome!

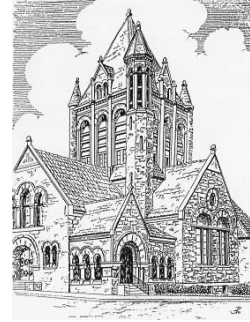
For more information, contact Jean Nass at 724-437-4424/nass81@breezeline.net

Coming up ... "Long Road to Mercy" by David Baldacci – November 19 (location to be determined)

"Noel Street" by Richard Paul Evans – December 17 (location to be determined)



Rev. John Simpson— Pastor
 James Vlosich, Discipleship Coordinator
 Bill Dreucci, Director of Music
 Brett Vanderlaan, Organist/Children's Choir Director
 Rachel Vlosich/Office Manager
 Bill Thompson, Sexton
 Ministers: All the Congregation



Our Mission is to worship and serve Jesus Christ by proclaiming his Gospel to all persons.
 As servants of Christ, we will always be a community of love, hope, service and reconciliation.

Check your email for updates.
Email the church office if you need to be put
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