

# 2002 Annual Report to the Congregation



*Trinity United Church of Christ*

"Trinity is a family of faith that welcomes all people to experience and share the love of God through worship, study, nurture and care."

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## 2002 Church Leaders and Staff

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### **Consistory Members by Class**

#### **2002**

Sharon Campbell 246-3024  
Brian Foltz 246-6137  
Bob Reed 246-4845

#### **2003**

Nancy Hite 743-9126  
Norma Ortman 246-6452  
Scott Wilson 246-4869

#### **2004**

Jim Foltz 246-6873  
Cathy Ortman 246-5110  
Lisa Wells 246-5895

President:	Scott Wilson
Vice President:	Jim Foltz
Secretary:	Lisa Wells
Treasurer:	Sheila Vermillion 246-6143
Financial Assistant:	Elaine Foltz 246-6873
Organist:	Mary Louise Conn
Assistant Organist:	Phyllis Fisher
Sunday School Treasurer:	Elaine Foltz
Historian:	Norma Ortman
Memorial Fund:	Norma Ortman
Custodian:	Crystal Wilson
President of Women's Guild	Elizabeth Shell

#### Celebration Station Leaders

- Kelly Clatty
- Missy Clum
- Janine Holekamp
- Mary Renner
- Sheila Vermillion
- Crystal Wilson

#### Sunday School Teachers

- Leslie Taylor (Lenten Bible School)
- Bob Reed (Adult Bible Study)
- Peggy Shriner (Children 6 years and up)
- Mary Renner and Crystal Wilson (Children up to 6 years)

#### Nursery Coodinator

- Rhonda Kennedy

#### Care Givers

- Elaine Foltz
- Teresa Foltz
- Rhonda Kennedy
- Norma Wagner
- Lisa Wells
- Sheila Vermillion

## Pastor Report 2002

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity:

The year 2002 has been a special year for us. We welcomed three new members, baptized six people, welcomed four babies, confirmed two teenagers and have another class of two that will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday this year. We have at least two people who are not yet members, but worship with us regularly and are an important part of our church family as well. One member now rests with Jesus Christ in eternity.

We hosted the Community Worship Service on Good Friday, on the anniversary of the September 11 tragedy and we were the first stop for the Community Thanksgiving Service. We held our second blood drive and another one is scheduled for this summer.

We have been busy, as the reports you are about to read will reveal, and God has blessed us. We are a unique church with a message of love and hope to share with those who need to know how much they are loved and accepted by God.

I want to thank you for your time, your friendship, your love and your trust. It is truly a joy to serve as your Pastor!

In Christ,

Pastor Leslie Carole Taylor

## Statistical Report

Membership January 1, 2002	159
Members Deceased:	1
Infant Baptisms:	6
New Members:	
New Members Received:	3
Members Transferred:	2
Membership December 31, 2001	163

## Congregational Life Committee

(submitted by Sharon Campbell, Chairman)

The Congregational Life Committee is responsible for the nurturing and caring of the Congregation at large. Ongoing functions are the weekly after church coffees, Sunday morning greeters, teas or receptions for new members, baptisms, and any other special events. We keep the kitchen supplied with coffee, cold drink mix, and all paper supplies so that anyone having a church meeting is able to "brew a pot of coffee!"

Annual events we are responsible for include: Baked Potato Luncheon in January after the Annual Meeting. Soup and Salad Supper before Maundy Thursday services. Mother/Child Banquet, Father/Child Banquet or Breakfast. Ice Cream social and Potluck Luncheon in September when we go back to our regular schedule for Sunday school and Church Services. Church hayride and picnic (Thanks to Bob and Judy Reed for having us out to their beautiful farm in October.)

### Committee Members:

- Art Abram
- Jeanne Abram
- Rodger Campbell
- Sharon Campbell  
(2002 Chairman)
- Kelly Clatty
- Teresa Foltz
- Bev Geiger
- Nancy Hite (2003 Chairman)
- Kathy Ortman
- Mary Renner
- Kathleen Ridenour

## Evangelism and Outreach Committee

(submitted by Scott Wilson)

During the year 2002, The Evangelism and Outreach committee will continue to deliver jars of freezer jam to prospective members. However, it has not been as successful as it was last year due to the fact that we haven't had as many visitors as the year before. The committee organized a community blood drive again this year, with the help of the Congregational Life Committee and church volunteers. The volunteers made calls from phone lists provided by the Red Cross, baked cookies and snakes, and provided support for the blood drive. We reached our goal of 30 units. The Red Cross sent a letter of appreciation to the church. The drive has been very successful in the past, so we will be having one annually. The date for this years blood drive is July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

The committee installed 5 new Trinity United Church of Christ signs at the entrances coming into town, and one one sign at the corner of Rt.204 and S. West St. that points to the church. We are installing another sign that points to the church on Rt.188 coming from the south.

In the coming year we are planning to assemble information packets that contain the church brochure, a post card that quotes Gracie Allen "don't place a period where God places a comma", God is still speaking, United Church of Christ, a brief hand written note from the pastor Leslie Taylor on the cards with the church on the front. We will be delivering them to the new home build in the area, and with our jam deliveries.

The Evangelism and Outreach committee has taken over some of the ministries of the Missions committee, which has been reorganized, and is explained, in the Mission committee annual report. The ministries that are being assumed by the E&A committee are, Big Brothers and Big Sisters and Habitat for Humanity. We are now looking for skilled or unskilled people who would be interested in helping Habitat for Humanity. A workday will be set on January 19<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet will be available in the social room, or if you have any questions please contact Scott Wilson. Peggy Shriner is active in Big Brothers Big Sisters. She currently has a little sister that is 9 year old. What Peggy is doing is making a deference in a little girl's life. If you would like to get involved, please contact Peggy Shriner.

The Evangelism and Outreach Committee would like to extend an invitation to all members of Trinity to join us in showing Christ's light to people outside of our church, so that they too might see who we are and want to join our family of faith.

The Evangelism and Outreach Committee would like to thank all the people who helped with our projects this year. We would like you to continue to invite friends and family to attend our worship and service, especially members who have not attended recently, to see the great things going on at Trinity. The reason our jam delivery was so successful the year before is because so many people invited others to join our services and we where able to make contact with a lot more prospective members. If you have

## Evangelism and Outreach Committee Continued

any suggestions or are interested in serving on the Evangelism and Outreach committee, please see any one of our committee members.

- Committee Members:
- Estella Haga
- Nancy Hite
- Peggy Shriner
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- Brian Folz
- Rodger Campbell
- Crystal Wilson
- Scott Wilson (2002 Chairman)

## Christian Education Committee

(submitted by Crystal Wilson, 2003 Chairman)

The Christian Education Committee is responsible for the following duties:

- Order and Distribute Curriculum materials
- Adult education programs
- Summer camps and conferences
- Special education programs
- Organization of classrooms
- Oversee all Christian Education Classes
- Youth programs/celebration Station
- Nursery Care
- Coordinate bulletin boards

The committee began the year with their annual Easter Egg Hunt in March. The children enjoyed stories, decoration cookies and finally a successful hunt for eggs.

The Church Rummage Sale was held on April 27<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds from the sale were added to the General Fund. Later some of those monies were used to buy tools for Habitat for Humanity.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> the Children of Trinity had a Frog Party. They made frog hats and enjoyed decorating Lily Pad cookies. They heard stories and played a very fun relay game where they had to run across the chapel with flippers on their feet. Peggy made sure each child had a bendable frog to take home as a reminder of the wonderful time they had.

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2002 was Pentecost Sunday. Confirmation for Kacey Factor and Bryan Clatty were held during the worship service, and Bryan was baptized at that time.

May also brought Teacher Recognition where all child caregivers, Celebration Station Leaders and Sunday School teachers were recognized for their hard work and dedication of teaching our members and children of God's love.

In June Peggy invited the congregation out to the Shriner Strawberry Farm to see the



Balance on hand, January 1, 2002 ██████████ \$ 4,149.05

Income ████████

    Memorials ████████████████████████████████████████ \$835.00

    Interest ████████████████████████████████████████ 31.77

**Balance. December 31, 2002 ██████████ \$ 5,015.82**

### Board of Trustees

(submitted by Rodger Campbell, Chairman)

The Trustees are charged with the care and maintenance of our church facility. This past year we have completed the following projects:

1. Installation and up grade of the smoke and fire alarm system of the total church. We are now tied directly to 911 through our alarm system.
2. Removal of the old shrubs on the south side of the church.
3. Waterproofed the foundation of the entire church.
4. Rewired the main overhead lights in the Sanctuary.
5. Rewired the back half of the Sanctuary and the two entrances.
6. New lights were wired and installed in the North and South entrances of the church.
7. New steel door was installed in the lower south entrance.

Members of the Board of Trustees are:

- Bart Clatty
- Norma Ortman
- Mark Ortman
- Sheila Vermillion
- Crystal Wilson
- Scott Wilson
- Rodger Campbell (2002 Chairman)

## Youth Fellowship Group

submitted by Peggy Shriner, Treasurer)

- Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> - The youth led the morning worship with the theme "Warm Fuzzies". Participating were Jessica Stewart, Cody Joseph, Kacey Factor, Josh Clatty, and Bryon Clatty.
- Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> - The youth were guests of Somerset United Methodist Youth Group. A light lunch and fellowship was enjoyed followed by the playing of card and board games.
- Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> - An all-nighter was held at Trinity church. The youth and their guests whiled the night away with active and quiet games, get acquainted activities, relays, eating and devotions. Hide and Seek was the highlight of the evening.
- Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> - The youth met after worship at the church and prepared a lunch. Devotions dealt with how bitterness can tangle up our lives and what we can do to untangle ourselves. They were challenged with several rounds of "Wheel of Fortune".
- Jul. 21<sup>st</sup> - Trinity youth hosted a pool party for area youth groups. Swimming, water relays, and snaking provided a great time for all.
- Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> - The youth prepared the props for the All Church Retreat.
- Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> - Elizabeth Eisaman, our guest speaker, told of her experiences at a summer work camp.
- Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> - Trinity hosted St. Michael's and Trinity, Baltimore. Following get-acquainted games, the group participated in a devotional discussion regarding "getting acquainted with God". "Wheel of Fortune" and pizza rounded out the evening.
- Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - The youth group joined St. Michael's and Trinity Baltimore for a afternoon of ice skating at the Chiller Arena in Columbus.

On behalf of the youth, I would like to thank each one of you for your encouragement and support. Just by your presence, you are a mentor to us.

## Youth Fellowship Fund

submitted by Kacey Factor, Treasurer)

<b>Balance on hand, January 1,2002</b>	\$ 775.78
<b>2002 Income</b>	
2002 Calendar Sales [ ]	\$ 80.00
Donation [ ]	25.00
<b>2002 Expenses</b>	
Calendar Supplies [ ]	\$ 30.00
[ ] Lock-In Expenses [ ]	59.13
[ ] Pool Party [ ]	75.00
Snacks for Meetings [ ]	28.00
<b>Balance on hand, December 31, 2002</b>	<b>\$ 688.65</b>

## Mission Committee

(submitted by Scott Wilson, Chairman)

The mission committee has worked to meet our goal for the 2002 year. However, do to the overall drop in charitable contributions world wide it has been increasingly harder to meet our goals. This has led to a feeling of frustration for the committee. We have spent lots of time trying to think up creative ways to meet our ever-increasing goals.

Due to the fact that we only have so many people participating in our committees. The mission committee, with the approval of consistory, decided to budget our churches Wider Mission offering. There will be no changes made to any of the once a year offerings. We found out at the last Southeast Association Meeting Workshop for Trustees, that this is how most of the smaller congregations handle these types of offerings. They opt to use their people resources on other committees. Instead of spending countless hours trying to achieve goals that are so dependent on the state of the economy.

The Mission Committee and Consistory have decided that at this time to make the committee inactive. The Evangelism and Outreach Committee is going to continue the ministries of Big Brothers Big Sisters and Habitat fo Humanity. The Christmas Pageant responsibilities will be delegated to different committees. Trinity will continue all of the missions established and continue to increase our mission effort. The Mission committee members have joind other committees to help with the new responsibilities created by this action.

We would like to thank every one for their involvement with the Christmas pageant. We think the pageant is a town institution that should be maintained at Trinity.

	<b>2002 Goals</b>	<b>2002 Total Offering</b>
Our Churches Wider Mission	\$2350.00	\$1422.56
Neighbors In Need	450.00	79.00
Veterans Of the Cross	175.00	235.50
Cross Roads	175.00	203.50
Big Brother Big Sister	500.00	690.00
Habitat for Humanity	500.00	60.84
CUE	none	100.00
SARA	none	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4150.00</b>	<b>\$2811.40</b>

## Worship & Music Committee

(submitted by Phyllis Fisher)

This committee work closely with Pastor Leslie to lead our church through a spiritually fulfilling church year.

Epiphany opened our year with communion reaffirming our faith. An Ash Wednesday service was held on February 13<sup>th</sup> with the ritual of 'The Mark of the Ashes' and Communion. Our traditional Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Lori Martin was in charge of securing the palms for the church.

Maundy Thursday service March 28<sup>th</sup>. A simple meal was served prior to the service. The celebration of Holy week continued as the choir presented an Easter Cantata. Easter Sunday was March 31<sup>st</sup>. The youth of the church lead the Sunrise Service followed by a delicious breakfast prepared by Paul Robinson and helpers. Communion was served, and lilies and other potted plants arranged by Lori Martin decorated the sanctuary.

On Mother's Day, May 12<sup>th</sup>, Bob Reed and Nancy Hite decorated the church with a variety of flowers and plants that members were able to take home. May 19<sup>th</sup> was Pentecost Sunday. Two confirmands, Bryon Clatty and Kacey Factor joined Trinity.

Harvest Moon was observed on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> with the Reed Family and Norma Ortman in charge. In spite of our dry weather there was a lovely display of flowers, produce and canned foods.

The Hanging of the Greens was held Saturday evening, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Chris and Missy Clum worked with Rodger and Sharon Campbell to get us headed in the right direction to make our church beautiful. Again, Paul and Sue Robinson gave the gift of a poinsettia tree and Phyllis Fischer ordered the flowers for the front of the church. This year we had two Christmas Eve services. Both were moving and brought the spirit of Christmas near.

The committee would like to thank all of the members of the choir, our organists, summer music providers, and Janine Holekamp and Norma Ortman who provide the bread for communion services.

Committee Members:

- Phyllis Fischer (2002 Chairman)
- Norma Ortman (Secretary)
- Missy Clum
- Nancy Hite
- Bob Reed
- Elizabeth Shell
- Norma Wagner



## Pastor Parish Committee

(submitted by Sharon Campbell, Chairman)

The Pastor Parish committee acts as a liaison between the pastor and the congregation. Based on reviewing the allotment for continuing education for our pastor, salary, housing allowance, insurance and annuity, the committee makes recommendations to Consistory. Some of the other areas reviewed are remunerations for supply pastors and their mileage.

The committee will meet quarterly with the Pastor to review any issues and concerns.

Committee Members:

- Kathy Ortman
- Sharon Campbell (Chairman)

## Stewardship & Finance Committee

No report submitted by press time.

## Scholarship Committees

(submitted by Sheila Vermillion, Chairman)

The Dorothy M. Lyle Memorial Scholarship Committee awarded scholarships to Tara Duff, Adam Foltz, and Chris Ridenour for the 2002-2003 school year. □ Nearly \$130,000. is invested with Hilliard Lyons. □ The interest from these investments is put into a money market account at National City Bank and scholarship monies are paid from that account. □ As of 12/31/02, the money market account totals \$21084.95.

The Thelma Dailey/John K. Green Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2002 by □ Bob Wilson □ to provide a financial opportunity for a graduate of Sheridan High School to pursue a degree in either the Christian ministry or education. □ The recipient must be a member of the Grace Lutheran Church, Thornville, or Trinity United Church of Christ, Thornville. □ There were no applications received in 2002. □ The fund of \$4050.00 is in a money market account at the National City Bank.

### **Commitment Cards**

As part of the 2002-2003 Stewardship Campaign "Give God the Best," □ commitment cards were received on Consecration Sunday, November 24. □ Nineteen commitment cards were returned indicating anticipated gifts of \$29650.

### **Building Fund**

At the end of 2001, the balance of our Building Fund was \$225.00; in 2002, \$1338.00 was donated to the fund which was used toward paying for capital improvements of the church. □ At the end of 2002, the fund amount is \$160.00

### **Crisis Fund**

The balance of the Crisis Fund at the end of 2001 was \$105.62. □ During the year, 10% of the profits from the Ice Cream Social and Country Fair bake sale (\$116.11) were added to the account. □ \$140.00 was given to individuals in need of financial assistance leaving the balance at the end of 2002 at \$81.73.

2002 Actual and Projected Expenses;  
2003 Projected Expenses

	<u>'02 Actual</u>	<u>'02 Proj.</u>	<u>'03 Proj.</u>	
<b>PASTOR PARISH</b>				
Salary, housing allowance	\$15284.11	\$15600	\$27000	
Insurance, annuity	8915.25	8423	10692	
Life. ins., disability	218.25	300	405	
Mileage	4033.98	2200	800	
Supply pastors	300.00	375	775	
Continuing education, pastor	-0-	600	300	
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT</b>				
Postage, bulk mailing fee	683.19	700	1000	
Paper, supplies, gifts	308.39	400	500	
Typists	807.28	700	700	
Bank safety deposit fee	60.00	60	60	
Workman's comp., soc. sec.	1550.79	1000	1500	
<b>CONGREGATIONAL LIFE</b>				
Misc.	1331.58	1600	1600	
Pastoral Care	35.00	200	200	
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>				
Vacation Bible School	250.00	250	250	
Curriculum:				
Sunday School	504.54	800	675	
Counseling/confirmation	155.94	200	200	200
Mid-week studies	61.26	150	150	
Library books, supplies	14.99	250	250	
Conference registration fees	35.00	150	350	
Celebration station	113.27	200	200	
Nursery supplies	-0-	150	150	
Youth activities	85.60	100	100	
Teacher recognition	-0-	100	100	
Child care (young adult act.)	-0-	750	750	
All church retreat	394.45	300	400	
<b>EVANGELISM, OUTREACH</b>				
Publications (formerly printing)	-0-	200	200	
Postage	-0-	350	-0-	
Mailing expenses (envelopes, etc.)	-0-	130	-0-	
Calling expenses	32.00	50	50	
Internet access	-0-	150	150	
Web maintenance	-0-	300	300	
Child care	-0-	350	350	
Socials	75.20	250	100	
Signs (town entrances)	570.21	160	-0-	
Local outreach	-0-	-0-	100	
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	-0-	-0-	500	
Habitat for Humanity	-0-	-0-	500	

2002 Actual and Projected Expenses;  
2003 Projected Expenses Continued

<b>MISSION</b>			
Special offering promotion	-0-	25	-0-
Misc. conference expenses	163.00	300	To Chr. Ed.
Local outreach	27.05	150	To Ev. & O.
Christmas pageant	61.11	100	To W.& M.
<b>MUSIC, WORSHIP</b>			
Organist, choir director	2250.96	2730	2730
Assistant organist	368.54	300	700
Choir music	24.66	200	200
Servicing organ, piano	724.37	900	900
Choir robe maintenance	-0-	120	120
Guest musicians	250.00	450	450
Christmas pageant	-0-	-0-	100
Misc.	325.88	200	200
<b>STEWARDSHIP, FINANCE</b>			
Treasurer	1498.97	600	1800
Workshops	-0-	60	-0-
Supplies, offering envelopes	125.61	100	100
Our Church's Wider Mission	-0-	-0-	2350
<b>TRUSTEES</b>			
Custodian	1477.68	1600	1600
Lawn care, snow removal	896.03	1000	1100
Supplies	134.39	400	400
Insurance	1956.00	2000	2200
Bldg. main., copier, pest control	2798.20	2000	2300
Electricity	2962.87	3600	3100
Gas	1313.00	3000	2100
Telephones	863.01	500	650
Water, sewer	634.40	650	700
Disposal	649.44	600	700
<b>NEW INITIATIVES</b>			
Misc.	-0-	3000	-0-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$55215.25</b>	<b>\$62283</b>	<b>\$75657</b>

2002 Actual and Projected Income;  
2003 Projected Income

	'02 Actual	'02 Proj.	'03 Proj.
OFFERINGS (avg. \$834.87)	\$43413.11	\$50000	\$58000
SAV., CKING INT.	112.72	200	125
INV. INT.	9826.04	12000	10545
PRE-SCHOOL	1500.00	750	750
SOCIALS, MISC.	1808.70	2900	3000
BENEVOLENT	-0-	-0-	3350
TOTALS	\$56661.17	\$65850	\$75770

Benevolent Giving

OCWM	\$1422.56	\$2350.00	(goal)
OGHS	404.00	450.00	
NIN	79.00	275.00	
V of C	235.50	175.00	
Cr. Rd.	203.50	175.00	
BB/BS	690.00	500.00	
HABITAT	60.84	500.00	
CUE	100.00		
SARA	20.50		

Church Investments

Hilliard Lyons

\$55000

Prudential	46600
American Express	46400
Cornerstone	10000

### Capital Improvements

Copier	\$ 4000
Alarm system update	3099
Foundation	12600
Electrical update	8112
Richardson Glass	1811
Total	\$29622

As part of the electrical update, Scott Wilson donated \$2877.00 worth of labor on the project.

Capital improvements were paid for with general fund money, money from the Building Fund, American Express account, and Hilliard Lyons account.

#### CHURCH CHECKING AND MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS

Church checking account funds as of December 31, 2002 are \$4344.48. Money market amount is \$1957.20. Both accounts are at National City Bank. Thornville

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