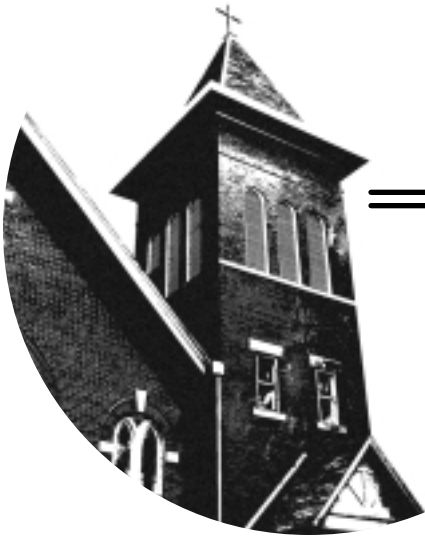


Trinity Tidings



Announcements:

Pastor Leslie will be on vacation from July 29 through August 4. Diana Ratliff from Project Smiles will be our guest speaker on August 4. She is a colleague of Nancy Hite and Missy Clum. Flutasia will be our musical guests that day.

As of July 25, Pastor Leslie now has a local number in Thornville, 740-246-5453. If you need to reach her, call this number and it will be forwarded to her cell phone or home phone depending upon the time of day. This will still be a local call to the caller.

We welcome Scott Parsons back to Trinity! It's good to have you here.

Accessibility August

If money were no object, what would you like to see us do to improve the physical building and/or landscaping?

That is one of the many questions that will be asked of us over the next few months as we prepare to look into the possibilities of making our church more accessible. Please take a moment to look around the church and see what needs to be adjusted.

Some examples: We need wheelchair access to the front of the church. Steps from the lower level to upper level of the church are steep and not well marked. The lighting in the church needs some work. Do you, or someone you know, need a large print bulletin or hymnal? The bathrooms are not large enough to accommodate a wheelchair turning around. There is no bathroom or sink on the lower level.

“Every action of our lives touches on some chord that will vibrate in eternity.”

- Edwin Hubbel Chapin

Please write down your ideas/ projects/ wish list and submit them to Pastor Leslie. She and a team of people will be looking at this issue and talking with an architect. Before any ideas are finalized or any contracts written, the congregation will be informed every step of the way. If you would like to serve on the Accessibility Working Group, please see Pastor Leslie or Roger Campbell, Chair of the Trustees Committee.

Events Calendar:

August 4th - Pastor Leslie's vacation!
Guest Speaker: Ms. Diane Ratliff of Project Smiles.

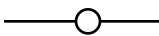
August 10 - Ice Cream Social

August 14 - Worship and Music Committee 7:30 PM

August 18 - Evangelism and Outreach Committee Meeting 11:30 AM

August 19 - Consistory 7:30 PM

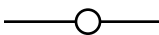
August 25 - Blessing of Students, Teachers, and Administrators



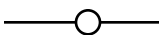
Sept. 6, 7th - Trinity Church Retreat

Sept. 15th - Trustee Meeting

Sept. 20th, 21st - Backwoods Fest



Oct. 20th - CUE Challenge



Dec. 9th - ASA Challenge



Death Penalty Resolution

Death Penalty Materials from Ohio Conference Annual Gathering are available for review.

As you may recall, during the Ohio Conference Annual Gathering a resolution was presented asking the delegates in attendance to prayerfully consider abolishing the Death Penalty in Ohio. Information was disseminated and presentations were made at the Annual Gathering. The delegates voted in support of the resolution. That information is now available for review and discussion here at church. The materials will be on the information table in the Social Hall.

As a result of the vote that was taken, that resolution will now go before a committee of the General Synod next summer. Each committee is assigned a number of resolutions and the members of that committee have the task of reviewing each resolution. The resolution now belongs to the committee. They can present the resolution as it stands to the rest of the General Synod. They can make any changes they want to the resolution. They can vote within the committee not to present the resolution to the General Synod. After the committee does its work, if it is recommended that the delegates vote it, it will be presented on the floor of General Synod.

Delegates to General Synod represent Conferences. In addition there are members of the Boards of Directors of each of the national bodies of the denomination that have voice and vote. If the resolution passes, it will be assigned to one of the Units of ministry (probably the Justice and Witness Unit) for implementation.

Taylor's TUCC Points

I cannot believe it's already August. I also cannot believe that

"If thou art willing to suffer no adversity, how wilt thou be the friend of Christ?"

- Thomas á Kempis

wonderful to get to know you and to learn and appreciate the different rhythms of life. I still have much to learn and I am glad we will be together as I do. I hope you are as well.

The Fall will bring about many of the activities we have put on hold during the summer months.

In anticipation of that, I would like to ask each of you to prayerfully consider the ways in which you might share in the ministries and activities of Trinity. Here are just a few of the opportunities to serve:

- Childcare during Sunday School, Worship, Meetings and/or Social events,
- Teach a Sunday School Class,
- Attend a Sunday School Class,

- Attend Bible Study,
- Join the Choir,
- Be an active member of a committee or Ministry Team,
- Be an active member of a short-term project working group,
- Assist in cleaning the church,
- Assist in collecting bulletins and inserts



July Readings

August 4: To be determined

August 11: "It's A Family Affair"

Psalter: Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b
Epistle: Romans 10: 5-15
Hebrew Lesson: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28*

August 18: "A Brother's Tale"

Psalter: Psalm 133
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28
Hebrew Lesson: Genesis 45:1-15*

August 25: "The Next Generation"

Psalter: Psalm 124
Epistle: Romans 12:1-8
Hebrew Lesson: Exodus 1:8-2:10*

*Sermon Text

after church,

- Be an Usher, Greeter Acolyte or Liturgist,
- Contribute financially to the ministry of this church,
- Tithe,
- Pray for the church's members and ministries,
- Share your frustrations about the church with me or a member of Consistory,
- Share your joys about the church with me or a member of Consistory,
- Invite your friends, neighbors, colleagues and family members to church,
- Pray for FRAN (Friends, Relatives, Associates, and Neighbors),
- Support one another in our efforts at church,

July Treasurer's Report:

July Income:

Offerings (avg. \$767.75)	\$3,071.00
Other Income	939.54
Total Income	<u>\$4,010.54</u>

July Expenses: \$4,369.19

Expenses Summary (July 2002):

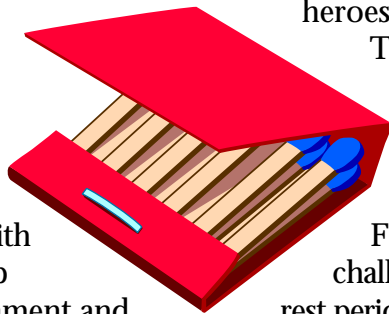
Expenses In July included new "Trinity" sign for the entrances to the village (\$570.71); annual air conditioner service (\$308.00); routine service of the organ (\$220.00).

Our Churches Wider Mission offering for July was \$123.40, bringing the year-to-date total to \$886.54. We also received \$10.00 for CUE - Chicago, United, and Eden Seminaries.

Building Fund Donations in July were \$50.00, bringing the total to \$206.00. In June we used \$1000.00 from the Building Fund toward foundation work.

Trinity Church Retreat: Survivor Challenge!

Mark your calendars today and plan to join us for the "Survivor Challenge". This All Church Retreat will be held on Sept. 6th and 7th, at Temples Hills in Bellville, Ohio. The retreat will begin Friday evening at 7pm with a campfire, group singing, entertainment and will close with a vesper service. Following breakfast on Saturday morning, the survivor



challenge will begin. Teams will be competing to earn points. At tribal council, the team members will learn about heroes in the Old Testament. Teams will work together to prepare their own lunch. Following the challenges and a short rest period, a survivor feast will be served to all participants. Scheduled time for departure is 7pm.

Sept. 6th & 7th, 2002

- Honor commitments made to the church and to your church family, and
- Have fun.

I mentioned Sunday School and Bible Study in the above list. I will be teaching an Adult Sunday School class beginning September 15 on the Family of Faith. We will explore together the lives of men and women in the Bible and how their experience then may speak to our experiences now. Please consider being a part of this class, this will also be a good introduction to "who's who in the Bible". Also, beginning in September (a change from the last Tidings) I will be leading a six-week Bible Study on Overcoming Violence. We will begin with a community-wide Prayer Service for the Healing of the Nation on Wednesday

September 11 at 7:30 PM. The class will meet on six consecutive Wednesday evenings following Choir rehearsal. Please prayerfully consider either or both of these opportunities to learn more about what God is saying to us in these days.

Finally, I want to thank all those members who have given of themselves this year, and particularly this summer. On Rally Day (September 15) I will make a more public thank you, but know that each of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

I am looking forward to our time together over the next several years. May God continue to bless our ministry together.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Leslie
Designated Pastor

Help Pastor Leslie Train to End Stroke

On January 23, 1985 my Grandmother Perkins died after complications related to Stroke. We all know someone whose life has been touched by stroke, or complications related to stroke. I

Vacation Notice:

Pastor Leslie will be on vacation from Monday July 29 through August 5. She will be in Columbus, so if there is an emergency, call her at home (614) 236 1985. We will have a guest speaker on August 4th.

have an opportunity to change my life and do something I've never dreamed possible. I have the opportunity to help end stroke and walk a marathon. The marathon to end stroke is January 12, 2003 and I will be walking in memory of my Grandmother, Viola Mae Perkins.

I did not know much about stroke until recently. I have learned that every 53 seconds someone suffers a stroke, every 3.3 minutes someone dies of stroke, there are 4.4 million stroke survivors 29% of people who have strokes are under age 65, every year more women die from stroke than die from breast cancer.

I have taken on a challenge to change my life and help people who are stroke survivors, but I need your help and prayers. For the next 5 months I will be training to walk a 26.2-mile marathon to benefit the American Stroke Association. The American Stroke Association is a Division of the American Heart Association. I will be working with a trainer. I have a team of people with whom to walk, training schedules, nutritional guidance and lots of support. I have already started walking 10 miles a week, and that distance will increase each week.

Here's where I need your help. I need your prayers and encouragement. I also need to raise \$3500 by December 9 in order to

“From my many years experience I can unhesitatingly say that the cross bears those who bear the cross.”

– Sadhu Sundar Singh

qualify for the marathon and support the American Stroke Association. I am asking everyone I know to help me raise this money and keep me in his or her prayers for the duration of the training.

That sounds like a lot of money, but I know it's for a good cause and I believe it's an attainable goal.

Here's how it breaks down:

350 people who will commit \$10 to the American Stroke Association, 140 people who will commit \$25, 100 people who will commit \$35, 70 people who will commit \$50, 50 people who will commit \$70, 35 people who will commit \$100, 25 people who will commit \$140, 10 people who will commit \$350.

I know this is a hard year for everyone. I have already given \$150. During the next few months, will you prayerfully consider supporting the American Stroke Association? If so, please give me a check, made payable to the American Stroke Association in the amount of your tax-deductible contribution. I have pledge cards at church.

Will you join me by pledging with me for this good cause? Will you keep me in your prayers? Thank you in advance for your support.

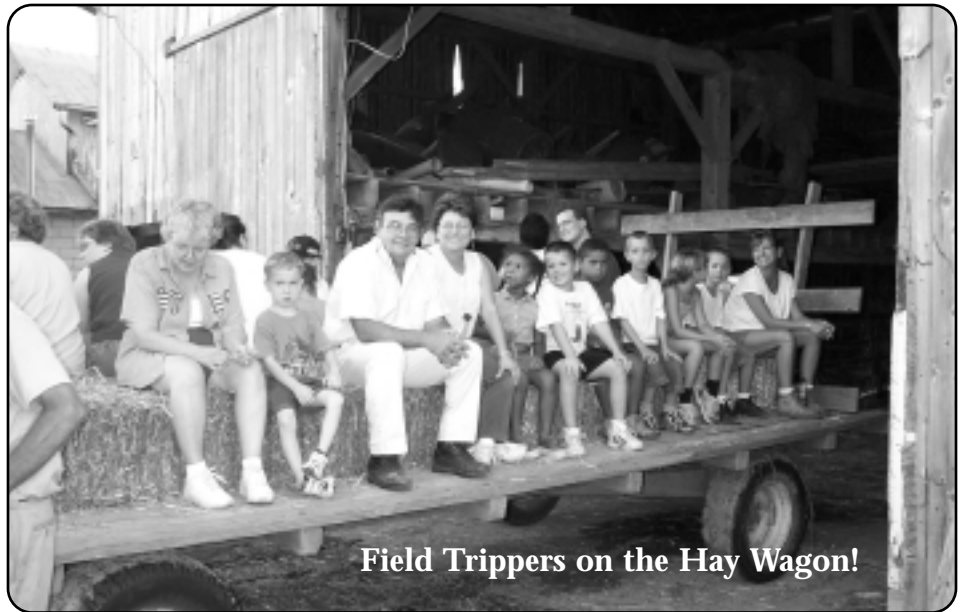
Pastor Leslie

Field Trip: How to Milk a Cow.

We want to give thanks to the Ortman family for a grand time at their farm. It was wonderful watching and learning the process for milking cows. A few of us even got to try our hand at milking cows the old fashioned way. I'm sure we'll never look at a jug of milk the same way again.

There were over thirty guests to the Ortman Farm that evening and party was just beginning. The cows were only part of the fun. We were taken on a hayride into the fields and everyone was singing and laughing. A great feast of hotdogs, chips, ice cream and drinks were waiting for us when we got back. After dinner we were invited to watch a calf, who was born just a few days earlier get, his dinner.

It was a fun filled evening and again we give our thanks to the Ortman Family for everything they did to make it so great.



Field Trippers on the Hay Wagon!

Thanks from Norma and Bill

Bill Ortman would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and calls during his hospitalization and recovery at home. We know every prayer helps.

Survivor Challenge Retreat

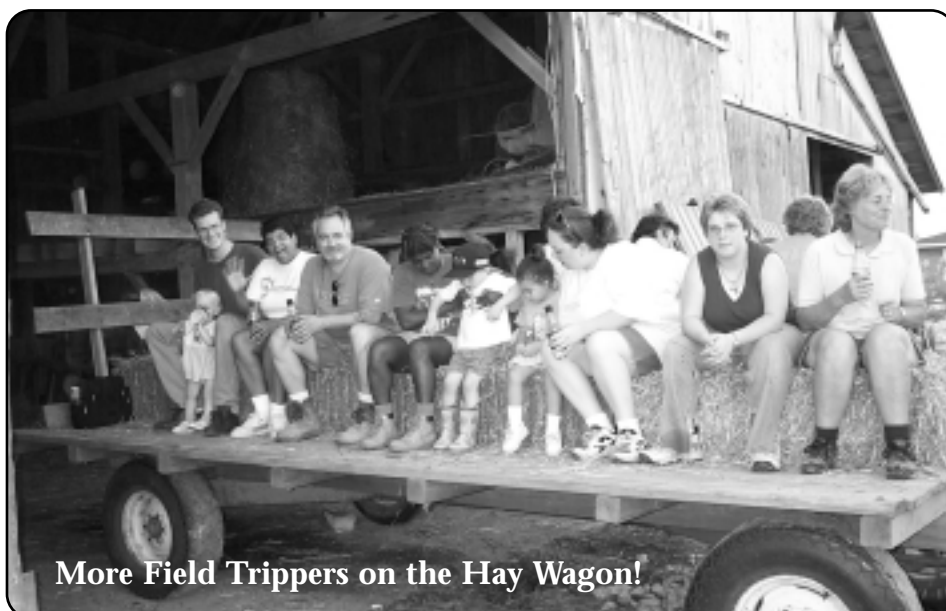
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Cost of lodging is \$13.75 for adults and children over 12 years of age.

A sign up sheet is posted in the social room. Sign up now!

Each participant is to bring one "luxury item". This might be a favorite toy, book, picture, pillow,



More Field Trippers on the Hay Wagon!



etc.

If you can not attend both days that's ok. There will be no charge for lodging if you chose not to stay the night. Saturday morning breakfast is at 8am and the survivor challenge begins at 8:45am. Please note on the sign up sheet if you will not be staying the night and the days you will be in attendance.

Youth Group Pool Party

Thornville Pool was the place to be on Sunday evening July 21, when the youth group hosted a pool party. Guests attending were from Trinity UCC, Baltimore and Grace Lutheran, Thornville. As well as swimming the group participated in some group games and feasted on pop and chips. The evening was brought to a close with a circle devotional time on the lawn. A great time of fun and fellowship was had by all.
Sunday School 2002

Kick off Sunday for the new Sunday

School year is September 15th. The committee has been busy planning challenging curriculum.

Bob Reed will be leading an adult class in a traditional Bible study format.

Pastor Leslie will begin a topical class for adults on "The Family of Faith".

Children ages 7 to 10 will be studying "Bold Bible Kids" led by Peggy Shriner.

Children ages 3 to 6 will use the curriculum "My God and Me" led by Mary Renner and Crystal Wilson.

Nursery will be available for children 2 years and under.

Christmas Pageant 2002

This year we are going to have a children's musical Christmas pageant. Rehearsals will start in November but we need to know now who is interested in participating and the best times to hold practice. We'll have a fun time learning and singing both new and traditional Christmas songs. A sign up sheet for interested parents and children will be posted in the social room from now until October 1st. If you need more information please contact Mary Renner by phone: (740) 246-5987, by email: mmrenner@columbus.rr.com.

They're Gone! They're All Gone!

Within the past month West Virginia experienced another

devastating flood. In some counties it was considered worse than 2001. The Ohio Conference Disaster Response Team responded by delivering just over 1000 cleaning and personal care kits to a warehouse in Pineville, WV. This delivery has totally eliminated the entire inventory of disaster CLEANING KITS. The news in Illinois, Missouri, and Indiana suggest the possibility of similar conditions in Ohio and we're not prepared. Following the recipe below please help restock our supply so we are ready. Floods in Ohio and nearby areas are not a matter of "if" but "when". We have no need for health or personal care kits at this time.

Cleaning Kit:

- A BUCKET (a common household 2 Gal. is good),
- A CONTAINER OF DISINFECTANT

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Pilgrim Hills Camp



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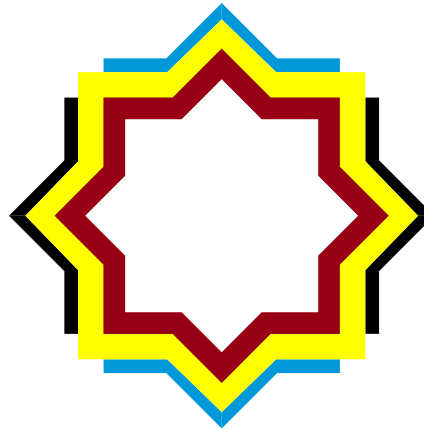
CLEANER AS LARGE AS WILL FIT
IN BUCKET,

- A SCRUB BRUSH,
- A WIRE BRUSH (a heavy duty type; small brass brushes are not effective),
- A PAIR OF RUBBER GLOVES,
- A LARGE HEAVY DUTY SPONGE,
- 10-15 PLASTIC TRASH BAGS (an entire box full is not necessary), and
- A PERSONAL NOTE.

A common box size of 12" x 12" x 12" has been established. This simplifies shipping and storage. Boxes will be supplied and completed kits will be picked up if you notify the Conference Office. It is important that all buckets fit this size box, common 2 Gal. household buckets usually will. Be sure that a disinfecting cleaner is supplied. The product called Clorox-Cleanup has been found to be very good but other products such as Pine-Sol, or Lysol are OK. Do your best to locate gallon quantities of these cleaners, they will fit in the box. The intent is that all items will fit in the bucket. It is ok to pack additional items in the bucket providing the above items are included.

If anyone wants to go a "second-mile", these additional items are needed for the earliest days of flood cleanup: long handled, square front shovels and garden hoses.

Sacred Threads: 4th Annual Retreat



Connecting Quilting and Spirituality

Featuring classes with Beth Ann Williams, Author of *Colorwash Bargello Quilts* and *Celtic Quilts: A New Look for Ancient Designs*, and Spiritual leadership and facilitation by Susan Tower-Larsen, Co-author of *With Sacred Threads: Quilting and The Spiritual Life*.

Beth Ann Williams is an award-winning fiber artist, designer, and teacher. Fascinated with the flow of line and color, and formation of pattern, she also brings a lifelong awareness and appreciation of other cultures and textile tradition to her quilting. Beth is a member of the West Michigan Quilter's Guild, the National Quilting Association, the American Quilter's Society, the American Quilt Study Group, and the International Quilt Association.

Cost: \$370.00 - Includes: 3 nights lodging, 2 person per hotel quality room, indoor pool, exercise room, and all meals beginning with breakfast on Monday morning.

For information call: Susan Tower-Larsen 1-800-282-0740

Time: Sunday, Oct.20, 2002,
6:30 p.m. to Wednesday,
Oct. 23, 1:00 p.m.

Location: Deer Creek State
Park and Conference Center
Mt. Sterling, Ohio

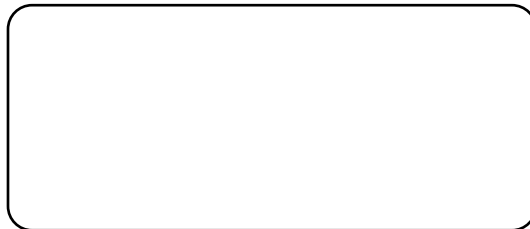
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**Have an idea or item of interest
for the next newsletter?**

Please contact Mary Renner at (740) 246 5987 for more information. The newsletter is published the first week of every month. Deadlines for submissions are the last day of the preceding month. All entries are preferred in a computer text format such as Microsoft Word.

Please send submissions to:

Trinity Tidings
P.O. Box 792
Thornville, Oh 43076

Or through email to:

mmrenner@columbus.rr.com

**I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream
Ice Cream Social!**

The Annual Trinity
UCC Ice Cream
Social will be held
August 10 from
4 to 7 p.m. In
addition to
plenty of ice
cream and
refreshments,
homemade noodles



will be sold. Guild
members will be
displaying their
hand crafted
quilts during the
event. For more
information call
Paul for more
information.

Saturday, August 10, 2002 from 4 to 7 p.m.