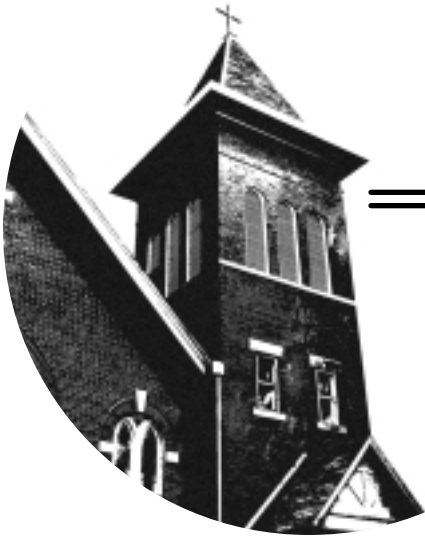


Trinity Tidings



Taylor's TUCC-Points

This is the season of new beginnings—school starts, the choir returns, we have a new Sunday school curriculum, committees return to their work after a summer hiatus. This is a time of new beginnings. As we begin this season together, I want to invite you to be in prayer about the ministries of our church. What are the gifts you have to share? In what ways can our lives together be enhanced by the contributions each of us make.

This is a season of reflection. What has happened over the last year? Some of us have grieved losses—deaths of friends and family members, loss of jobs, loss of investment income, loss of confidence in corporate structures. Some of us reflect on the tragedy of a year ago and thank God for God's presence in the midst of the storm. Some of us are grieving our involvement in a war miles away. When all seems hopeless, God reminds us of the power of the Divine Presence. In those moments when we feel most alone, most isolated—we now know that we can reach out to one another—we are not alone.

This is a season of celebration. We can celebrate the ways in which we work and worship together. We can celebrate the new babies in our lives, the new members in our congregation and the revived sense of mission and ministry. As we look at our mission giving this year, we still have a long way to go, but we have honored our commitments to our denomination and to the local mission/ministry opportunities in our community. We have collected school supplies for children in Thornville area schools. We have collected food, clothing and money for the Thornville Emergency Assistance Fund. We (individually and collectively) quietly contribute to meet the needs of local residents who need a little help here and there.

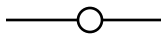
As we move into this new season, let us celebrate the new Spirit at Trinity UCC!

See you in church!

Pastor Leslie

Events Calendar:

- Sept. 1 - Our Choir returns
- Sept. 6-7 - Trinity Church Retreat
- Sept. 8 - Recognition of Nursery Care Workers, Baptism of Nathan Michael Young
- Sept. 10: Lions Club
- Sept. 11: Prayer Service for the Healing of Our Nation 7:30 PM
- Sept. 15 - Trustees Mtg. 8:00 AM, Rally Day, Potluck following worship
- Sept. 16 - Consistory 7:30 PM
- Sept. 18 - Bible Study on Overcoming Violence 7:30 PM (Other dates: September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16, and 23)
- Sept. 21-22 - Backwoods Fest
- Sept. 22 - Confirmation Class Informational Meeting 12:00-12:30
- Sept. 24 - Lions Club
- Sept. 25 - Mission Cmtte. 7:30 PM
- Sept. 29 - Christian Education Week



- Oct. 20th - Sacred Threads
- Oct. 20th - CUE Challenge
- Nov. 15-17 - "God is your Belay"
- Dec. 9th - ASA Challenge

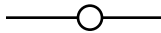
Birthdays Calendar:

- Bill Fischer - 1st
- Olivia Wilson - 6th
- Teresa Foltz - 8th
- Roger Campbell - 9th
- Shelby Seum - 10th
- MacKensie Talbot - 11th
- Cody Joseph - 12th
- Mary Alspach - 13th
- Haley Martin - 16th
- Katy Foltz - 19th
- Kacey Factor - 25th
- James Wells - 26th
- Tara Duff - 26th
- Brian Ortman - 27th
- Gage Wells - 30th

Trinity Church Retreat Highlights:

This is my 2nd year here, and it hasn't changed a bit. We did exactly as we did last year and I loved playing "Survivor". It was sooo much fun.

– Torey Wiebell



I always enjoy spending time with my Church Family, especially in such a beautiful setting as Temple Hills. The weather was great and the outdoor exercise invigorating.

Friday evening, Tessie Below entertained us with a story, two flutes and a drum from her bi-cultural background of Native American and African American. We awoke Saturday morning to Mary Renner's delicious egg casserole and sausage. "Survivor challenge" had the tribes using their map skills to locate their campsite, create a flag, and prepare a skit using their "luxury items."

Tribes had to gather wood and build a fire to cook their lunch. One struggling tribe got some help from their friendly competitor. Potato, carrot, and onion slices topped with a hamburger were then wrapped in foil and cooked in the hot coals. Delicious!

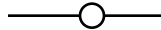
Scripture readings were followed with coordinating challenges. Tribes found themselves tackling Goliath, crossing the Red Sea, "gouging" the eyes of Sampson, finding names in a fiery furnace, hunting for Daniel's lions and

eating such items as honey, figs and goat's milk.

During free time, some rested, some hiked. We then feasted on Scott and Crystal's Shanghai chicken, cheese potatoes and corn-on-the-cob.

A closing song and prayer in a friendship circle rounded out a wonderful day of making memories.

– Peggy Shriner



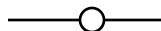
This was my first year to attend "Trinity Retreat". With a project deadline and family responsibilities, I left home Friday evening thinking, "I don't have time for this."

Wrong! The experience was refreshing. The survival games were educational and fun. And working with children is tiring yet rewarding.

So, I asked myself, "Where do your priorities lie. I won't live this day again, so enjoy it."

I would encourage others to attend and participate in this annual event.

– Nancy Hite



We enjoyed this year's Trinity Church Retreat. Our favorite part was building a fire and then cooking lunch with only rudimentary tools such as sticks, rocks, coals and Reynolds wrap. Needless to say, it was the ultimate

in outdoor grilling. We definitely feel closer to our primitive ancestors living in the bushes eating... well... whatever they could find.

The setting at Temple Hills is very secluded and relaxing. The facilities aren't nearly as primitive as outdoor camping can be which we appreciated. We enjoyed being outdoors, appreciate the activities,

September Readings:

Sept. 1: "This is Holy Ground"

Psalter: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Epistle: Romans 12:9-21
Hebrew Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15*

Sept. 8: "Gathered in Christ's Name"

Psalter: Psalm 119:33-40
Epistle: Romans 13:8-14
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20*

Sept. 15: "Forgive Us"

Hebrew Lesson: Genesis 50: 15-21
Psalter: Psalm 103: 1-13
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35*

Sept. 22: "Whining and Dining in the Wilderness"

Psalter: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16
Hebrew Lesson: Exodus 16:1-15*

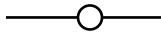
Sept. 29: "By What Authority?"

Hebrew Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7
Psalter: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32*

*Sermon Text

hiked through the woods and enjoyed working with the children.

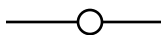
– Gavin and Mary Renner



Special Thanks:

Thank you to all who helped out with this event: Dwight Joseph for the posters that illustrated our theme so well, the youth group for making the props, Shelia Vermillion for donating hamburger, Nancy Hite for the tea and kool aid that kept us hydrated, and Pastor Leslie for bringing us Tess. Thank you to Norma and Bill Ortman for use of their special cowbell. Additional thanks to Mary Renner for breakfast and Scott and Crystal Wilson for dinner.

Be certain to check out photos of this year's Trinity Church Retreat by Peggy Shriner. Photos are located in the social hall at church.



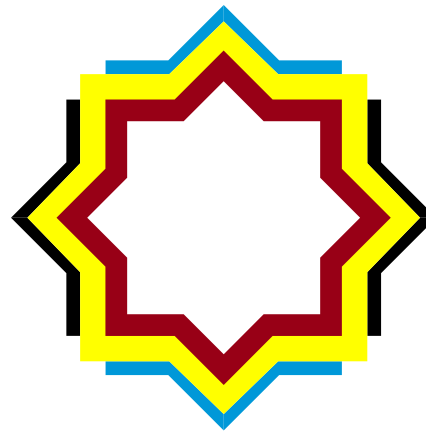
September 11 Anniversary:

On September 11th, 2002 Trinity United Church of Christ hosted the Thornville Ministerial Association Ecumenical Prayer Service.

150 members of the Thornville community attended participating with their friends and family in this community wide service of Prayer, Praise and Reflection.

Thanks to all those who participated as well as those who make the event possible. The Thornville Ministerial Association

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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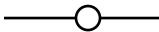
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FUN TIME TOGETHER!

wishes to thank, Mary Louise Conn, for her gift of music; and each of you for your constant prayers for our country and our community.



This service is the result of combined resources of the Justice and Witness Ministries, United Church of Christ; General Board of Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church; The New Century Hymnal, United Church of Christ; The Chalice Hymnal, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); The Yom Tov, a Jewish Prayer Book; and The Oxford Book of Prayers

May God's love and peace fill the world with hope and joy.



Bible Study on Overcoming Violence Set:

"Lord make me an instrument of your peace" is a six-week Bible Study in recognition of the Ecumenical Decade to Overcome Violence (2001-2010). The World Council of Churches has declared the decade beginning 2001 as a Decade to Overcome Violence, and this declaration was affirmed last summer by the United Church of Christ's General Synod XXII in Kansas City, Missouri.

August Treasurer's Report:

August Income:

Offerings (avg. \$789.00)	\$3,156.00
Other Income	2,469.97
Total Income	<u>\$5,625.97</u>

July Expenses: \$3,695.94

Forty-two dollars was received in August for Our Church's Wider Mission, bringing year-to-date total to \$928.54.

Scholarship Committee:

Members of the Dorothy M. Lyle Memorial Scholarship Committee met August 19th to review applications for the Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are being awarded to three members of Trinity United Church of Christ: Tera Duff, Ohio University; Adam Foltz, Muskingum College; and Christina Ridenour, Muskingum College.

Since 1990, nearly \$80,000.00 has been approved for scholarships for thirty-four students.

Together with churches around the world, we have been called to witness that the ending of violence is a central part of our mission.

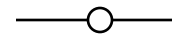
We are invited to work to end violence against women in our homes; to end the violence of war; to end the culture of violence found in movies, music, videos and computer games; and to end violence in whatever form it appears in our own communities.

Every local church can do something to end violence. Together we can be a strong voice for change, a powerful network of prayer for peace, a strong example of doing justice in our world today.

You are invited to join Pastor Leslie and participate in a six week Bible

Study on the six Wednesdays between September 18 and October 23 at 7:30 PM in the meeting room across from the chapel.

(Portion of article taken from the Introduction to the Bible Study Guide, written by Bernice Powell Jackson, Executive Minister, Justice and Witness Ministries, United Church of Christ)

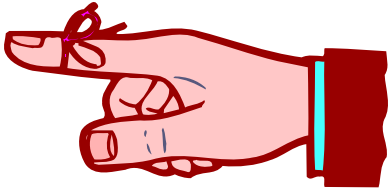


Stroke Information:

"Walking a marathon is a life changing event—so is a stroke"

(American Stroke Association slogan for the Train to End Stroke Program)

Have an item you want to include in the next Tidings?



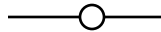
Send your events, birthdays, news, facts, figures, dates and locations to Mary Renner.

Strokes are sometimes called “brain attacks” and are a medical emergency. About 10 percent of strokes are preceded by “temporary strokes” (transient ischemic attacks or TIAs). TIAs can occur days, weeks, or even months before a major stroke. The usual symptoms are like those of a stroke, but TIA symptoms last only a short time. TIAs are extremely important warning signals for stroke and should not be ignored. People who’ve had TIAs are about 10 times more likely to have a stroke than people of the same age and sex who have not had a TIA.

Do you know the warning signs of a stroke?

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- Sudden, severe headache with no known cause

Not all these warning signs occur in every stroke. If some start to occur, don’t wait. Get help immediately. Please support the American Stroke Association. See Pastor Leslie for more information.



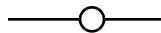
Notification of Regular Meetings & Events in 2002:

1st Sunday: OCWM Offering.

2nd Sunday: Trustees Meeting • 8:00 am, Evangelism & Outreach Meeting • 12:00 pm.

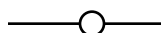
3rd Monday: Consistory • 7:00 pm.

3rd Wednesday: Women’s Guild • 12:00 pm.



New Phone Number:

Pastor Leslie’s new local phone number is (740) 246 5453



Next Months Tidings:

You may notice this month’s Tidings is slightly late. Thank you for your patience and apologies for missing some of the important events that occurred at the beginning of this month.

Please plan on submitting materials for the next tidings as scheduled for October. Deadline for submissions is the last day of the month (Oct. 31st). The tidings is scheduled to be out during the first week of October.

Submissions can be directed to Mary Renner via email at: mmrenner@columbus.rr.com.

Trinity UCC Hay Ride!

October 10th, 2002



Hosted by Bob Reed, More details to follow.

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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:

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“God is your Belay”

Senior High Fall Youth Event

November 15-17, 2002

Pilgrim Hills Camp



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