

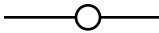
# Trinity Tidings

## A New Look At An Old Psalm

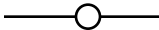
<i>The Lord is my shepherd</i>	(That's relationship!)
<i>I shall not want</i>	(That's supply!)
<i>He makes me lie down in green pastures</i>	(That's rest!)
<i>He leads me beside the still waters</i>	(That's refreshment!)
<i>He restores my soul</i>	(That's healing!)
<i>He leads me in the paths of righteousness</i>	(That's guidance)
<i>For His name's sake</i>	(That's purpose!)
<i>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death</i>	(That's testing!)
<i>I will fear no evil</i>	(That's protection!)
<i>For You are with me</i>	(That's faithfulness!)
<i>Your rod and Your staff they comfort me</i>	(That's discipline!)
<i>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies</i>	(That's hope!)
<i>You anoint my head with oil</i>	(That's consecration!)
<i>My cup runs over</i>	(That's abundance!)
<i>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life</i>	(That's blessing!)
<i>And I will dwell in the house of the Lord</i>	(That's security!)
<i>Forever</i>	(That's eternity!)

### Events Calendar:

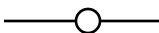
- Oct. 5th 5:30 PM - Hay Ride!
- Oct. 6th - World Communion Sun.
- Oct. 13th - The Trinity Honors.
- Oct. 14th - Columbus Day.
- Oct. 20th - Sacred Threads,  
CUE Challenge, Country Fair.
- Oct. 27th - Daylight Savings Ends.
- Oct. 31st - You know what!



- Nov. 11th - Veteran's Day.
- Nov. 15-17 - "God is your Belay"
- Nov. 28th - Thanksgiving.



- Dec. 9th - ASA Challenge



### New to the library:

The next frontier novel by Janette Oke, When Hope Springs New, and In His Steps by Charles M. Sheldon. This is the thrilling story of a group of people who pledged to follow in His steps for a complete year, asking themselves before each action, everyday, "what would Jesus do?"

Face it, God is crazy about you! What is most valuable is not WHAT we have in our lives, but WHO we have in our lives! (Sent to Pastor Leslie from Lillian Richardson)

### Taylor's TUCC-Points

As you know, I have been training for the American Stroke Association Marathon for the last three months. Our life of faith is like this marathon and I have learned at least five things in these months that I feel are applicable at church. Let me know what you think.

1. There is a Spirit of Hospitality: In my daily walks I encounter people who observe the "rules of the road". When one walker/ runner or biker passes another, the one passing calls out "Walker on the left". There is a nod of greeting that is shared by walkers/ runners and/or bikers on the trails. The rules of the trails include respecting the people and the environment. Everyone on the trail greets one another and respects the speed and abilities of each one. The church is like the trails. We greet one another and we can appreciate the diversity of ideas and abilities.

2. There is a Spirit of Encouragement: Often along the trail walkers

encourage one another. In most cases we do not know the names of the other walkers/runners/bikers. When one walker gets too tired or seems to be discouraged, it is not unusual to hear “Keep going”, “Good job”, “Looking good”, “You’re almost there”, and the all important, “There’s a water station just ahead.” If someone is really going slowly, sometimes one walker will slow his or her pace so that the slower walker does not have to walk alone. On the trail we hold up one another. In the church we do the same.

**“He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.”**

– George Herbert

3. There is Discipline in training: I have to walk 5 out of 7 days whether I feel like it or not. I have a prescribed distance and speed I am expected to walk. No one comes to check on me. No one makes sure I do it. I had to develop the discipline of training. At 43, transforming my life from sedentary to active took a lot of discipline. It would have been easy to give up when I developed shin splints. It would have been easy not to begin at all. But that would not have helped me. I have to eat differently, set my priorities, drink water, stretch, warm-up and cool-down. I had to buy the right type of shoes, different shorts, pants, and tops. I needed the right equipment in order to be successful. In the church we need to develop the discipline of training—we need the right equipment in order to be

**“It is safe to tell the pure in heart that they shall see God, for only the pure in heart want to.”**

– C. S. Lewis

successful Christians. We need to set our priorities, prepare ourselves, pray, study and grow in Christ.

4. I had to call upon a Spirit of Perseverance. To persevere means to keep going even in the face of difficulty. I must keep walking whether it is hot or cold, rain or shine, snow or wind. I must push and keep walking when I am tired, winded, or frustrated. In the church we must hang in there in the midst of transition and whatever struggle may come. As we develop new ministry and educational opportunities, we must work together until these new ministries are the high quality we have come to expect.

5. There is a Reward for all the hard work. I’ve lost weight. I’ve lost inches. I’m in better shape now than I have been in years. I have more energy. I feel great and I sleep better. I can walk faster and farther now than I could in July. The rewards for all the hard work are the things I mentioned and the ability to begin a huge project and know that I will complete it. I WILL walk the marathon in January and I will finish it. The reward is a new way of life, a new habit, and a new self-understanding that will continue after the marathon ends.

At Trinity, there are rewards for all

the hard work we do. Guests feel appreciated. Visitors feel at home and become members. Children feel valued by adults and other children. We can worship freely and there are spiritually grounded, justice-seeking Christians with whom to share ideas and insights. The rewards include a community of faith that shares the good news of Jesus Christ. The rewards include an exciting place



**October Readings**

October 6: “Tear Down the Walls”

World Communion Sunday  
 1st Reading: Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
 2nd Reading: Psalm 19  
 3rd Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22\*

October 13: “God’s Invitation”

1st Reading: Exodus 32:1-14  
 2nd Reading: Philippians 4:1-9  
 3rd Reading: Matthew 22:1-14\*

October 20: “The Other Side of the Coin”

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7  
 2nd Reading: I Thessalonians 1:1-10  
 3rd Reading: Matthew 22: 15-22\*

October 27: To be determined

\*Sermon Text

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### September Treasurer's Report:

Income:

Offerings (avg. \$797.30 per Sunday)	\$3,986.50
Other Income	705.42
Total Income	<u>\$4,691.92</u>

Expenses:

\$5,766.04

### Expenses Summary (September 2002):

Benevolent giving included \$171.00 for Our Church's Wider Mission; \$10.00 for CUE (Chicago, United, and Eden Seminaries); \$1100.00 for the Building Fund.

where God's Spirit is present and God's Son is praised! Thanks be to God for the journey we share.

See you in Church!

Pastor Leslie

### New Members

We welcome Carrie Brison and her children; Darius Norman, Liana Norman, and Adelyne Brison as new members of our church

### Cue Celebration and Offering Guide

A reflection on 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

By the Rev. Bill Green, Team Leader, Stewardship and Church Finances,

Local Church Ministries, UCC; a covenanted partner of CUE

What matters most about the church:

the size of the congregation, the amount raised for the budget, the number of children in Sunday School, the quality of the preaching, the choir or the organist? Perhaps it is the personal growth in the faith of its members lived out daily. However we answer the question, it is the quality of the leadership serving the church that makes what matters possible.

Whatever a church faces, what matters is a strong, shared sense of serving a living and true God, as Paul put it, "Able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20)."

Not Paul, not any of the first disciples, and no one in the first days of the church or now, has been able to do this alone. Paul praises the congregation in the Thessalonica for welcoming and supporting good leaders and for showing Christians elsewhere the differences this makes. The quality of leaders, lay or ordained, depends on the quality of support that makes leadership possible and effective in the first place. Good leaders are not just born or "called," but made possible by the backing and encouragement of those they serve.

Your support makes possible the work of training pastors and lay leaders. Your support also makes possible the continued nurture and



Carrie Brison and her children; Darius Norman, Liana Norman, and Adelyne Brison

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development of leadership as it seeks to help the church grow wiser in understanding and expressing God's love. The job of the seminaries proved for the growth and development of the whole church. Yes the CUE seminaries express your commitment to quality leadership.

Offering a vision for the future of the church. John Thomas, General Minister and

President of the UCC says, "Our heritage has prized a learning clergy, but always for the sake of a learned church...fit, for the new millennium,...equipped to hand on to a new generation the living narrative of creation, fall, and redemption...as a captive truth...able to confound and confront the seductive half-truths and devious lies of our culture.

The seminaries of the UCC are the center of a "learned church". They seek to insure the faithful transmission of our heritage in ways that engage the world today. Paul spoke of the "idols" that can knock the church off center in its desire to grow and flourish. In his time and in ours these include fads, fashion, and ways of expressing faith, thought to increase spiritual power and influence. Our loyalty to Jesus Christ requires that we learn anew what

it means to be centered in our own distinctiveness as the United Church of Christ. In supporting our seminaries we insure that this

distinctiveness is not lost, but served, amid pressing concerns regarding the church and it's future. Though supporting the work of our seminaries, we make possible the hope that a learned church can face the future without fear. Available to us right now are resources and

support that inspire confidence and provide help to congregations. The seminaries' influence goes beyond the professional preparation of pastors and what takes place on campus: seminary faculty work though training events, on-site visits, and area gatherings of clergy and laity to address issues of the church's self understanding and development. Seminary presidents and development officers collaborate with denominational leaders to insure closer attention to the learning and continuing education and support necessary to equip the church for the future.

In our support of the CUE seminaries we express our appreciation for and commitment to leadership that fuses intelligence with faith "to serve a living and true God," in whose power the church finds its future.

"To God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:21)

**"God wants us to know that when we have Him we have everything."**

- A. W. Tozer

**"It is not possible ever to exhaust the mind of the Scriptures. It is a well that has no bottom."**

- St. John Chrysostom

## Trinity UCC Committees

There is an ever-increasing number of programs and ministries at Trinity. Much of what is done to make things happen at Trinity takes place in Committees. If you are interested in serving on or volunteering your gifts on an occasional basis, please contact the Committee Chair or Rev. Taylor. The following is a brief description of each committee.

### *Stewardship and Finance*

Develops annual budget, receives, counts and deposits monies, Stewardship Campaign, Memorial Fund.

### *Congregational Life*

Coffee hours, Greeters, Receptions for baptisms, new members, special events, Mother/Child & Father/Child meals, Congregational Social Events, Men's Breakfast.

### *Evangelism and Outreach*

New Visitor Gifts, Church Brochure, Letters to New Members in the Community, Annual Spaghetti Dinner, Ice Cream Social, Web Site, offers transportation to members, provides publicity about church events.

### *Mission*

Sets goals and promotes special offerings, Food Pantry, All Local and World Wide Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, S.A.R.A., Christmas Pageant.

## Trinity UCC Hay Ride!

October 5th, 2002 - 5:30 PM

Hosted by Bob Reed.

Join us for a fun filled hay ride with cookout to follow! Please note the change in date due to a clerical error from last issue. (Okay, so I can't remember dates that well...)



meeting time format persons will only be able to participate in one of the workshops. The following describes each of the workshop offerings.

### *Church Moderator and Presidents*

Rev. Ralph Quallhorst our Conference Minister will lead this workshop for persons who presently or soon will serve as Moderators, Vice Moderators, Presidents, and Vice Presidents. Among the issues addressed will be taking stock of the health of congregations and leading meetings.

### *Christian Education Leaders*

Susan Tower Larson of the Ohio

### *Trustees*

Care and maintenance of property, church history, snow removal, lawn-care, clean-up projects.

### *Pastor/Parish*

Develops job descriptions, annual review of pastor, negotiates staff problems, continuing Ed for staff, serves as a liaison between pastor and congregation.

### *Christian Education*

Sunday School, Mid-Week Learning Events, Celebration Station, Nursery, Family Camp, Youth Group, Young Adults, Social Events for Children and Youth.

### *Worship and Music*

Prepares sacraments, ushers, acolytes, plans all special worship services, hanging of the greens.

### *Scholarship*

Considers qualifications of applicants, recommends awards, reviews and keeps in contact with recipients.

### **Fall Meeting**

Central Southeast Ohio Association

"In Support of Local Church Leadership"

October 19, 2002

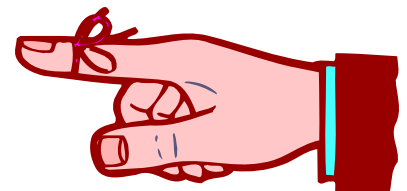
9:30 to 1:15

Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ  
1213 Dutch Lane NW  
Newark, Ohio 43055

### *About the Workshops*

The workshops will be approximately one hour long. Due to the brief

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

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Conference staff will lead a discussion of Directors of Christian Education and Church School Superintendents. Among the topic for discussion will be issues facing educators, resources and resource persons that could be of interest to participants.

### *Implementation of the Death Penalty Resolution*

Members of the Spirit Team on the Death Penalty will lead a discussion of how Local Churches can address the Resolution passed by the Spring 2002 Association, with the emphasis being on ways of engaging people in contrast to a discussion of the issues.

### *Church Office Secretaries*

Jill Glass, our new Association Administrative Secretary and a person who has been the Office Secretary in a Local Church will lead a discussion in which these persons who provide crucial support to church life and leadership can share and explore issues related to their work. The workshop is open to both full time and part time Local Church Office Secretaries.

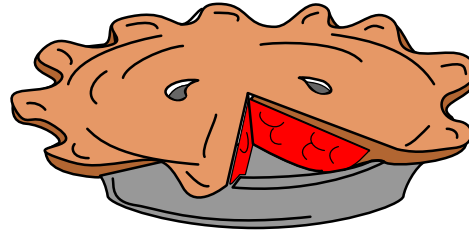
### *Local Church Transformation*

Two of our Local Church Pastors, Reverends Dick Flynn and Keith Stewart recently attended a special seminar on Local Church Transformation. They will Share what were named as some of the principles and issues for consideration by churches that have been experiencing either decline or have not experienced the potential sought in recent years.

## **Trinity UCC Bake Sale!**

October 20th, 2002 - 5:30 PM

Gavin & Mary Renner's Front Yard (On the Alley)



**Please contact Mary Renner to donate your time and more importantly your delicious baked goods for this event. Proceeds to benefit Trinity UCC.**

### *Church Treasures and Stewardship*

Re. Paul Baumer who has significant experience in this area will update Treasurers in regards to new rulings by the IRS that impact Local Churches in relation to housing allowances and as well lead a discussion that explores stewardship development.

### *Pastoral Relations Committees*

Rev. Bill Hulteen will explore ways of going about doing the work of Pastoral Relations Committees that focuses on the strengthening of the relationship as a mutual effort on the part of both congregations and pastors.

If you are interested in attending please see Rev. Taylor.

### **Country Fair Bake Sale**

October 20th is the day of the Country Fair in Thornville. We will be sponsoring a baked goods booth in Gavin and Mary Renner's front yard (off the alley) to sell baked goods, distribute information and most importantly, have fun doing it!

If you are interested in donating your time and baked goods to sell for that day, please contact Mary Renner at 740-246-5987.

Proceeds will benefit Trinity UCC. All pumpkin pies will be purchased directly and eaten by Gavin Renner...

### **Trivial Things**

Next time your morning seems to be going wrong and the children are slow getting dressed and you can't seem to find the car keys and you hit every traffic light, don't get mad

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or frustrated; praise God instead because God is at work watching over you....

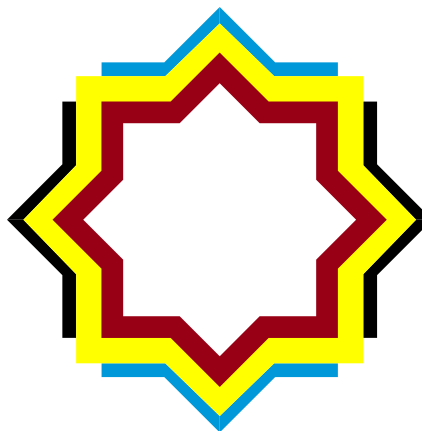
After Sept. 11th, I happened to call a man on business whom I didn't know and haven't nor will probably ever talk to again. But on this particular day, he felt like talking. He was the head of security for a company that had invited the remaining members of another company who had been decimated by the attack on the Twin Towers to share their office space. With his voice full of awe he told me stories of why these people were alive and their counterparts were dead. In the end, all the stories were just about the little things that happen to us. You might know, the head of the company got in late that day because his son started kindergarten.

Another fellow was alive because it was his turn to bring donuts. There were other stories that I hope and pray will someday be gathered and put in a book. The one that struck me was the man who put on a new pair of shoes that morning, took the various means to get to work but before he got there, he developed a blister on his foot. He stopped at a drugstore to buy a Band-Aid. That is why he is alive.

Now when I am stuck in traffic, miss an elevator, turn back to answer a ringing telephone...all the little things that annoy me...I think to myself, this is exactly where God wants me to be at this very moment.

May God continue to bless you with all those annoying things.

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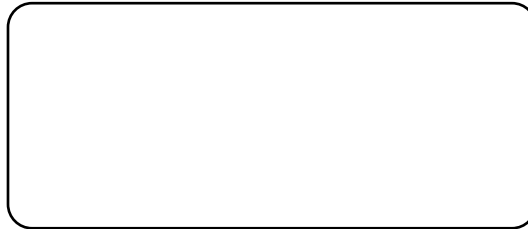
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**Have an idea or item of interest  
for the next newsletter?**

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.

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CONNECTING WITH THE SPIRIT PRESENTS...

**“God is your Belay”**

Senior High Fall Youth Event

November 15-17, 2002

Pilgrim Hills Camp



**For further info check the FYE Web Site:**

[www.fye.nieus.com](http://www.fye.nieus.com)