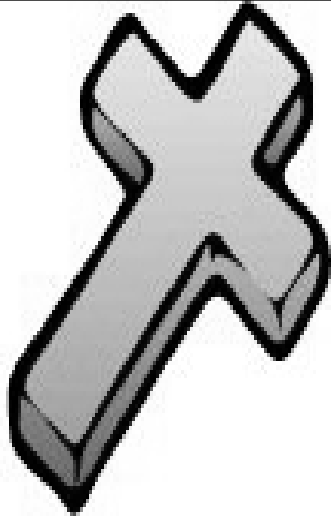


Trinity Tidings

January 2003



New to the Library:

The second book in the Janette Oke series: "Love's Enduring Promise".

July Birthdays

Mary Renner	Jan. 1 st
Peggy Shriner	Jan. 9 th
Jennifer Young	Jan. 10 th
Zachery Ortman	Jan. 11 th
Chloe Martin	Jan. 17 th
Norma Ortman	Jan. 18 th
Mitchell Wells	Jan 18 th
Elizabeth Shell	Jan 26 th
Mike Young	Jan 27 th

Upcoming Events

Children's Party	Feb. 1 st
Bowl for Kids Sake	Mar 29 th

Reminders

2003 calendars are now available for purchase. Calendars will be available in the social room.

Be Blessed

When you are tired and discouraged from doomed circumstances and situations...God knows how hard you have tried.

When you've cried for so long and your heart is in such anguish...God has counted your tears.

If you feel that your life is on hold and time has just passed You by... God is waiting with you

When you're lonely and your friends are too busy to call or can't understand...God is by your side

When you think you've tried everything and don't know where else to turn...God has a solution.

When nothing makes sense and you are hurt, confused or frustrated...God has the answer.

If suddenly your outlook is brighter and you find traces of hope In life...God has whispered to you.

When things are going well and you have much to be thankful for...God has blessed you.

When something amazing happens and you find that special someone...God has smiled upon you.

When you have a dream to follow and also a reality to live...God Has opened your eyes and called your name.

Remember that wherever you are or whatever you are facing now...
GOD KNOWS!!

Stroke Notes

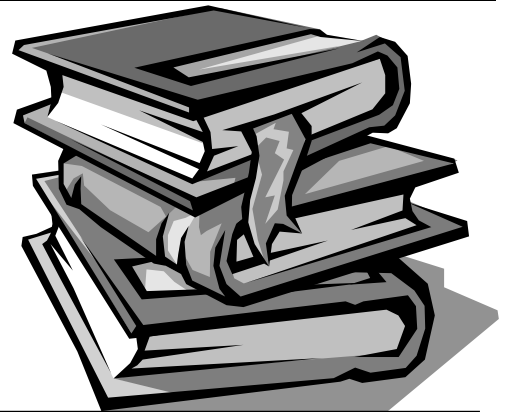
Well my friends, it's finally here! The Marathon for which I have been training takes place January 12, 2003! I begin the New Year with a new accomplishment. On January 4, the official training—working with my coach and getting up for Saturday morning group walks/runs, will end. I remember when 4.4 miles seemed so long six months ago. Now it's an easy walk that I can do in less than an hour and takes hardly any thought at all. I will continue to walk and try to learn to run long distances. I hope to participate in the Columbus Marathon in September! (No fundraising for that one.)

What used to seem impossible is now easy for me—I got used to it. I practiced, I changed my behavior and I learned a new skill that will be with me forever. It's all a matter of what we train ourselves to do—whether its playing an instrument, a sport, learning a new song, learning the latest dance, or trying out a new recipe—it all takes practice and requires us to change and grow. Let us each approach this new year with an openness to God's Spirit that will allow us to grow with God and grow in our relationship with God.

Thank you for all your support! At this writing I still need to raise \$960 and I have until January 31 to meet that challenge.

Christian Education

For the next quarter, Mrs. Shriner's grade 2 - 6 class will be studying BOLD BIBLE KIDS. Each lesson provides an opportunity to travel through a different child's life, to experience what it might have been like to be right there, and to explore how each child's example might affect the way we live today. Come for an incredible journey.



July Treasurer's Report

Offerings for June	
(average of \$861.20)	\$ 4306.00
Other Income	1091.47
Total June Income	\$5397.47
Expenses	\$7246.52
Totals for Christmas Eve offerings:	
Veterans of the Cross	\$235.50
Crossroads	\$205.50

Recycle Christmas Cards

Christmas cards(fronts only) are being accepted by the city of Newark for recycling. If you would like to donate your card fronts, please place them in the decorated box in the church social room by January 26th.

Taylor's TUCC Points

Happy New Year! On December 31, at 11:00 PM I will be praying for each one of you and thanking God for the wonderful opportunity I have had in serving as your Pastor. At midnight, I will ask God to continue to be with us and lead us in our ministry together. I am excited about what we can and will be doing together. God is truly doing a new thing with Trinity United Church of Christ and I am so glad to be a part of it with you.

January 5 begins the season of Epiphany—a season in which we focus on the ministries of Jesus—a season when, like to the Wise Men, Christ is revealed to the world. In 2003, we will have more ministries to do together. We must have ways to reveal Christ to the community of Thornville. There are so many things we can do to help the public know how special a congregation we are and to encourage others to come and worship with us.

We need to:

- update and maintain our website.
- take out an ad in the area newspapers that tell people who we are
- write articles for the area newspapers that tell people what we're doing
- be present in the community

From January-June, I will be in Thornville more often and will reduce my time at David's Extended Care. I will resign from David's Extended Care in June and be here nearly full-time.

My new day hours (January – June) will be:
(Evening and weekend meetings will occur as always)

Monday:	Most of the day off, planning worship & Consistory
Tuesday:	David's Extended Care (DEC) 7AM-6PM, available to TUCC as needed
Wednesday:	DEC 7-9, Lectionary Study Group 9:30-11:00, TUCC Visitations 11:30-2:00, DEC 3-5, Choir & Meetings 6:30 on
Thursday:	DEC 7-9, TUCC Office Hours 10-6 (Piano lessons 1:30-2:30 on 2 nd and 4 th Thursdays)
Friday:	DEC 7AM – 6PM, available to TUCC as needed.
Saturday:	Confirmation (2x per month) Available to TUCC as needed
Sunday:	Sunday School, Worship, Confirmation, Meetings, and Visiting 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Have a great New Year and may God continue to bless you and our congregation!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Leslie

Youth News

Cody, Danielle, and Mrs. Shriner joined youth from St. Michael's and Trinity UCC, Baltimore for an afternoon of ice skating at the Chiller arena in Columbus. The group then visited the German outdoor markets at Easton before returning home. It was a great afternoon for each of us to get to know each other better.

The Youth planned a Sunday Worship titled "New Beginnings" and presented it on January 5, 2002.

Bowl for Kids Sake 2003 will be held on Saturday, March 29, at the Thornville Bowling Alley. We are hoping to again have a team from Trinity. There will be a sign up sheet in the social room. If you are willing to collect pledges, sign up and join the team for bowling fun in support of Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

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

Texts & Titles for July

- Jan. 5: Youth Sunday
Communion
- January 12: Rev. Amelia Walker will be our guest preacher while Pastor Leslie is doing the Train to End Stroke Marathon.
- January 19: First Lesson: John 1:43-51
Second Lesson: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Third Lesson: I Samuel 3:1-10*
Sermon: "Listen Up!"
- Installation of Officers, Annual Meeting, and
the Baked Potato Luncheon today
- January 26: First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Second Lesson: Psalm 62:5-12
Third Lesson: Mark 1:14-20*
Sermon: "Follow Him"