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Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.  
Ephesians 5:1-2

## Saying YES to God!

On May 21 at one service, Mason and Carson Dum will affirm their baptism at our joint worship service. It is the day of confirmation.

Along with Mason and Carson, the catechism students – BJ, Blayton, Nathan, Maraya, Wyatt, Brady, and Matthew – have finished the year studying worship and the call to serve. They worshipped together at the traditional service on April 2 and at the contemporary service on April 9. Then, in class, we discussed the two services, similarities and differences. Some of you shared what worship means to you and we read those more than once during classes. Here are some samplings:

“Worship gives me the opportunity (forces) me to slow down and reflect on my relationship with Christ as it relates to the world around me.”

“Worship is a time for me to reconnect with God. It is a time to remember that no matter what is going on in my life, God is always there.”

“For me, worship is an opportunity to say thank you to God for all the blessings He has given to me.”

What are we called to do? How are we called to serve? These students have good ideas on what they want to do and how to ask God for His will and direction in their lives. Where does their passion meet the needs of the world? For that matter, where does ours? We looked at those in the Bible who were called to serve— Esther, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, Mary - and how they answered God.

We are never finished learning and searching for what God wants us to do next in our lives. We are all life-long learners. Catechism classes are over for the year but that does not bring an end to spiritual learning. Each and every day we must pray for God's direction in our life.

Mason's confirmation verse from Psalm 33:9.

“For He spoke, and it was done.....”

Carson's confirmation verse is from Proverbs 3:6.

“In all your ways acknowledge Him...and He shall direct your paths.”

Let's join together in celebrating with Mason and Carson and their family on May 21, confirmation day! They are saying YES to God!



Our Hop-a-thon was a great success. We raised over \$1700 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association which will be used for research and camps. Thank you kids for all your great hopping and parents for collecting donations and teaching your kids the importance of giving to others. We also had a great night as we welcomed current and new families to our preschool for Open House. We had a steady stream of visitors who enjoyed the artwork, refreshments and fellowship. Thank you to Dick Walters and Madeline Sanders for their help in serving refreshments and to the staff for all of their extra hard work. The hallways downstairs are bursting with spring. Come down and take a look!

## Tlc Preschool news



We are so thankful to the family of John Prince and the good stewards of his estate that directed some of his memorial funds to the Preschool. We are truly blessed by this gift and have decided to use some of it to buy Bibles for all of the preschool children. They will receive them at our end-of-year picnics. We started this tradition last year as the church helped us to purchase Bibles for the children (Thank you!) and wanted to continue this year with a beautifully

illustrated story Bible. I have had many parents tell me that their child loves their Bible and we hope that this is a way to nourish and grow the seeds of faith that have been planted in their preschool years.

We have such a wonderful group of amazing ladies on our staff at the preschool. We celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week with meals and goodies from the kids and parents, little gifts I like to bestow upon the teachers and the Education Team spoiled us all week with gifts, gift cards, cookies and wonderful words of appreciation. Thank you Jeri Hartley and all of the Education Team members! It is so nice to be appreciated and we appreciate your care and support!!

It is hard to believe we are in the last weeks of our school year. We will enjoy our time with the children as they continue to grow, play, laugh and learn!

Nancy Harrow



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

As our 2016-2017 Sunday School year comes to a close I feel a little sigh of relief that we made it through another successful year, but I also feel a tinge of sadness. I look forward to Sunday each week with our wonderful students. I have several that are quickly aging out of my program and although I know that they will love Tim's program and that it is time for them to move on, it still saddens me that I will not get to see them in my program each week. Matthew Ruff and Maraya Neff will both be entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Ava Neff, Brockton Eveland, and Josie Speakman will all be entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Some of them may continue to come to Sunday School in the morning because they have younger siblings in the program. It is such a blessing that we have Marcia Ruff running a program for those students so they can continue to participate on Sunday mornings.

We have such a fun Preschool/Kindergarten class with about ten students regularly attending. This makes me so happy because that means we have young couples in our congregation that think Sunday School is important and make an effort to bring their children each week. This class has gone from four students to ten--what a true blessing that is. They certainly keep us on our toes. Valerie Trapp is the main teacher for our Preschool/Kindergarten class with Jeri Hartley, Shelli Speakman, and myself helping when needed. Valerie does such a great job with the younger students and we are so thankful for her time each week.

In our middle class we have ALL boys, not just boys--rowdy boys. Brody Williams, Lawson Eveland, Josh Trapp, Mitchell Ruff, and Dylan Neff will all be in 5<sup>th</sup> grade next year. That is normally the age we will move them on to Marcia's class, but I am not sure she is ready for that!! Brady Neff is also in this class and will be entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Patty does a great job with these boys; it is not always easy. This class utilizes the youth lounge for their lessons and typically sprawl out on couches before ending up on the floor. Patty rolls with it and tries to keep them all on topic.

Each week this year the students arrived and found their clue book. They flip to the page for the week, read the clue, look up the verse in the Bible, and write down the answer. This has really helped the students become more familiar with their Bibles. The younger students color a picture that relates to the story for the day. The students are also supposed to write a blessing from the week on a card and clip it to our blessing board in the hallway. After our initial activities, we circle up and pray the Our Father, then I read a blessing and pray over all of the students. After our time together as a group is over the classes split up.

We will have one meeting date each month over the summer. I am thinking of some other activities for the students as well for the summer, maybe a sleepover in the church (I must be crazy)! All of our students have really bonded and enjoy their time together so much. I am so glad that they all get along well and look forward to being together.



## BIBLE GARDEN WORKERS WANTED

If you would like to help keep our Bible Garden beautiful join the workers on Tuesday mornings at 9:00AM. Any questions please contact Dick Fisher.



April 11, 2017

**Members Present:** Jim River, Gary Montgomery, Dusty Seitz, Mark Ruff, Patty Truex, Gwen Minor, Dennis Bothel, Ryan Trapp, Doris Young, Kim Manson, Pam Buskirk, Tammy Hughes

**Non Voting Members:** Marisha Eveland

**Team Members:** Todd Ruff-Property, Matthew Fuhrhop and Wahnita Berrocal- Congregational Life

**Staff Excused:** Pastor Kraus

**Members Excused:** Bob Perkins, Jeri Hartley

**Guest:** Mike Faler

Mark Ruff called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Mike Faler made a presentation about a possible mission trip to Guatemala. His daughter, Emily, had been on a similar one as a student while attending the University of Cincinnati. Nothing was decided but Mike will seek out more information and report back to Council

**Secretary's Report:** Dennis Bothel provided the minutes from the March meeting. One change to be made was that Nancy Harrow's last name was misspelled. Ryan Trapp made a motion to accept the minutes. Gwen Minor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marisha Eveland provided the Treasurer's report where it was shown that giving for the month of March was down from what the budget had projected. In addition, expenses for March were \$1,965 more than income and the year to date expenses (through the first three months) were \$4,056 more than income. Pam Buskirk made the motion to accept the report and Dusty Seitz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Wahnita Berrocal and Matthew Fuhrhop made a presentation on the renovation and the remodeling of the Upper Room. This remodeling would include the repair of the walls and ceiling, new paint and furniture for the area. A wide variety in quotes were presented so it was the view of council that Wahnita and Matthew needed to provide more information about the remodel as well as updated quote was needed. Both the information and quote was supposed to be given to Admin team by May 2.

Todd Ruff presented two repair requests and two future requests from Property team. Hand rails for the outside back stairwell need to be replaced due to the change in the pitch and repair of the landing of the back stairs. Quotes range from \$3,400 to \$3,729. Patty Truex made a motion to take up to \$3729 from Maintain Trinity to replace the hand rails. Gary Montgomery second the motion. Motion passed.

His second request was to repair the awning on the west side of the building which is starting to pull away. Quote was \$1,500 to repair. Ryan Trapp made the motion to use \$1,500 from Maintain Trinity for the repairs. Kim Manson second and the motion passed.

Todd Ruff also reported that the cost for a new water heater for the preschool, plumbing for heater and water softener to deal with the city's hard water to extend the life of the humidifier filters will be roughly \$1,800. No action taken because more information to come.

The church does not have a fire call system. The system will allow the fire department to automatically be notified in case of a fire. Chillicothe Fire is looking into the cost to install such system. More information to come.

Due to the length of the new business section most of the team reports were tabled.

## Team Reports

**Education:** Nancy Harrow is going to retire from directing the Preschool after 2017-2018 school year

**Pastor's Report:** None due to pastor's health.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Patty Truex presented and council read both the audits for the 2015 and 2016 fiscal years. Kim Manson made the motion to accept the 2015 audit report and Tammy Hughes made the motion to accept the 2016 report. Doris Young seconded Kim's motion with Ryan Trapp seconding Tammy's motion. Both motions passed.

Mark presented an update on Pastor Kraus' health condition and employment status as per the employee policy.

Mark provided an update on the Marvene Koch estate with the house being appraised at \$96,000.

Marisha stated that \$3572 which is part of the Updyke bequest is needed to be distributed. Kim Manson is researching options for this money.

Marisha also stated that the John Prince estate of \$62,000 also needs to be distributed. Patty Truex made the motion that unless the will says differently that after the initial 10% tithe to missions outside the walls of Trinity (roughly \$6,200) the remaining amount (roughly \$55,800) be divided equally between the Pre-School and Maintain Trinity. Pam Buskirk second the motion and the motion passed.

Council also discussed the terms of Pastor Marty Francis interim contract.

Mark also shared with council a draft of a possible job description for a Director of Young Adult Ministries. The draft of the job description was developed by TJ Eveland. Council will discuss the job and its description in the future.

Mark provided how the staff was coping with the absence of pastor.

Doris Young motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gary Montgomery seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourn roughly at 9:30 pm.

Submitted,  
Dennis Bothel  
Council Secretary



Sunday, May 28th during both services

The Installation of Incoming and Returning Council Members

And

Recognition of retiring Council members.

## TWO WEEK CALENDAR:

Wed.	10th	10:15AM 7:00PM	Martha Circle Praise Team
Thurs.	11th	9:00AM 6:30/7:30PM	Dorcas Circle Handbell/Choir
Fri.	12th	6:30AM 7:30PM	<b>Men's Bible Adventure</b> AA Meeting - N.H.
Sat.	13th	11:-00-2:00PM	Girls Day Luncheon
Sun.	14th	8:15AM 9:25AM 10:30AM 5:00PM	Traditional Worship Christian Education For All Ages Contemporary Worship SNA
Mon.	15th	10:30AM 6:30PM	Bible Study Scout Troop 170
Tues.	16st	5:30PM 6:00PM	Preschool Chapel PCBDD
Wed.	17st	7:00PM	Outreach Meeting Preschool Chapel Praise Team
Thur	18st	6:30/7:30PM	Handbell/Choir
Fri	19th	6:30AM 7:30PM	<b>Men's Bible Adventure</b> AA
Sun	21st	9:30AM 10:30AM	Combined Service Potluck Luncheon
Mon	22nd	10:30AM 6:30PM	Bible Study Scout Troop 170
Tues.	23rd	10:30AM 5:30PM 6:00PM	Newsletter Folders PCBDD Education Team

**The prayer of the  
righteous is powerful  
and effective. James 5:16**



**Mark & Tracey Sandy  
Pastor & Linda Kraus  
Pam Wolfe  
Dwight & David  
Mike Ellison  
Louise Matz  
Rose Whitehead  
Dave Reinhart  
Hilda Artilles  
Ken Veisz  
Dylan Mogan  
Braelynn Lee  
Tim Daniels  
Linda Dunkle  
Donna Fultz  
Larry Roush  
Curtis & Janet Fleisher  
Marilyn Jeffers  
Beulah Temple**

Please remember our featured shut-ins for May in your prayers and possibly send them a 'thinking of you' card:

**Paul & Jean Speakman  
25808 Jackson Road  
Circleville, Ohio 43113-9442**

**Vera Steinhauser  
20109 Fox Road  
Circleville, Ohio 43113-9565**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**, please call 474-3151. You may also submit prayer requests through the website at [www.trinitylutherancville.org](http://www.trinitylutherancville.org). Please be sure to let us know if we have permission to share the prayer request, we value your privacy.

### **PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED OF THE HOSPITALIZED.**

Call the church office to report a hospitalization so that our pastor has the opportunity to minister to the sick of our parish. Please don't assume that we already know because we may not! Thank you for your assistance.



# THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who helped in the planning and preparation of this year's Easter Breakfast. Thanks to Karlyn Neff and Patty Truex and their wonderful huddle group for making the tables look so beautiful and serving our congregation during the breakfast. Thank you to all of the parents of the catechism students for working during the breakfast and cleaning, Blayton Reid, B.J. Reid, Matthew Ruff, Carson Dum, Mason Dum and Wyatt Thatcher. Thanks to Tony Crist, Hugh, Hugh Jr., Miles & Andrew Dresbach, Ryan, Justin & Josh Trapp for working wonders in the kitchen. Thanks to Bob Evans and Kroger for helping in the ordering and supplying all of the delicious food. A special thank you to Kim Faler for making her delicious coffee cake. A BIG thank you goes out to the 250 people who came to enjoy this year's breakfast. Our family continues to enjoy serving the people of Trinity for this Easter celebration!

Sincerely, Jay, Marci, Austin, Brad and Jaylyn Wippel

# Announcements



**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** on Friday, May 12th from 6:00PM—9:00PM



**GIRL'S DAY LUCHEON—MAY 13TH FROM 11:00AM—2:00PM**

**ATTENTION ALL FEMALES OF EVERY AGE!!!**

Join us for a day of sisterhood! Featuring: a fashion show, make-up and hair tips, tea & sandwiches mentoring time! Any questions please contact Wahnita Berrocal.



**VOTING WILL CONTINUE ON MAY 14TH FOR CHURCH LEADERSHIP** - Ballots are located in the Parlor. Candidate information will be posted on the Involvement Center bulletin board and in the Parlor on the day of voting.



**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY & BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE** - will be Sunday, May 21st at 9:30AM. A potluck will follow the service. Congregational Life will provide the meats, eggs, drink and tableware. They are asking people to bring their favorite breakfast dish.



**JOIN THE COUPLE'S CLUB ON MAY 21ST 5:30–8:00PM** as they honor all veterans with a carry-in dinner and program in Noecker Hall. Music will begin at 5:30PM and dinner at 6:00PM. Everyone is welcome! Please bring a covered dish. Drinks and tableware will be provided



and make a difference for Christ.

**SAVANNAH MISSION TRIP** is Saturday, June 3 through Friday, June 9. Please remember to be praying for the group as they travel from Trinity to Georgia to provide helping hands at Faith Equestrian Center. Pray for traveling safety, good weather, group unity, and that the Lord would be glorified in all they do as they impact lives



**GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY** is June 11th - Graduates, please contact the Church office so that we can mail an information form out to you. Also please contact the church office to inform us of any known college graduates so their information may be included in the bulletin. Please let us know the college or university and the degree received.



## 12:15 Traditional Worship

Since January 2016, we have offered a 12:15 Traditional service on the first Sunday of the month, for our members who prefer a later service than the 8:15 time. We had good attendance for the first month, but attendance has generally been very low since then. For many months the

attendance has only been 3 to 6 people not counting those serving. Worship Team have been discussing the 12:15 attendance since its inception and have hoped that attendance would improve. At our May worship team meeting we voted unanimously to discontinue offering the monthly 12:15 service. May 7<sup>th</sup> will be the last 12:15 service. Worship times will likely continue to be a topic of concern and discussion for us and we are open to ideas that might meet the needs of members who desire a later traditional worship service.

Worship Team

dates  
to  
Remember



**FATHER'S DAY PIE SALE**—The Outreach Team is once again sponsoring their annual Father's Day Pie Sale on June 18th. We will be soliciting donations of pies, cakes, cookies, candy, brownies, noodles or eggs. If you have been contacted or not, and want to donate something we will be collecting goodies from 4:00PM to 6:00PM on the 17th at Noecker Hall and at the church starting at 7:45AM on June 18th. Please remember all proceeds from the sale will go to Hands for Disabled. More information to follow.



**DOWNTOWN ROUNDTOWN VBS 2017**— June 25-29 held at Circleville Presbyterian Church. Fun begins: Dinner 5-5:30 / VBS 5:30-7:30PM

# SERVING the Remainder of MAY

## SERVING: TRADITIONAL SERVICE 8:15am

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS serve all month	LECTOR	ASSISTING MINISTER	CRUCIFER	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
5/14	Laura Bethel Theresa Kerns	Bob & Linda Cochrun Dan & Judy Manes	Madeline Sand- ers	Annie Williams	Miles Dresbach	Maraya Neff	<b>serve all month</b> Patty Truex Lynne Svetek
5/21							Tim & Linda Ste- venson
5/28	Jim & Karen Ewing		Lynne Svetek	Londa Wright	Jared Minor	Darby Minor	

## ALSO SERVING

DATE	COMMUNION PREPARER	REFRESHMENTS	NURSERY 8:15am	NURSERY 9:25am	NURSERY 10:30am	ALTAR GUILD	BLOOD PRESSURE
5/14	<b>serve all month</b> Doris Young Joann VanBuskirk	Kay & Tom Egbert	Dennis & Janice Bothel	Kim Manson	Tim & Linda Stevenson	<b>serve all month</b> Pam Buskirk	<b>None in May</b>
5/21				Barb Crist			
5/28			Karen Ewing	Tina Holtz	Melinda Thatcher		

## SERVING: CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 10:30AM

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR	ASSISTING MINISTER	EASY WORSHIP OPERATE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
5/14	Pam Buskirk	Mike & Kim Faler	Pat Ruff	Doris Y	Marci Wippel	<b>Serve all month</b> Roger Eitel Tina Holtz
5/21						
5/28	Paul & Betty Atwood	Kim Manson & Cindy Ferguson	Shelli Speakman	Mark Ruff		

### BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE - MAY 21, 2017

GREETERS: Bob & Linda Cochrun, Deidree & Doris Young

USHERS: Bob & Linda Cochrun, Doris Young & Linda Kraus

ASSISTING MINISTER: Jim River

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Tim & Linda Stevenson, Roger Eitel & Tina Holtz

LECTOR: Linda Stevenson

CRUCIFER: Jessica Miller ACOLYTE: Benton Reid



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE:**

Traditional Worship: 8:15am  
Education Hour: 9:25-10:15am  
Contemporary Worship: 10:30am

**Senior Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Gerhard W. Kraus**  
cell: 513 293-4841 prgerhard@earthlink.net  
Preschool Director: Nancy Harrow  
Children & Family Director: Marisha Eveland  
Youth & Family Director: Tim Stevenson  
Contemporary Worship Director: Liz Young  
Organ/Keyboard: Diane Smith and Liz Young  
Choir and Hand Bells Director: Larry Jeffers Jr.  
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**American  
Red Cross**

Mark Your Calendars  
Wednesday, May 17th  
the Red Cross Blood Mobile will be here

**ATTENDANCE STATISTICS**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH**  
8:15AM (94) 10:30AM (112)  
TOTAL: 206

**SUNDAY, MAY 7TH**  
8:15AM (82) 10:30AM (140)  
12:15PM (10) TOTAL: 232

**PUZZLE**

**GOD CARES FOR YOU!**

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs. What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

*Directions:*  
To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.

"Consider how the wild \_\_\_\_\_  
grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even \_\_\_\_\_  
in all his splendor was \_\_\_\_\_  
like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV

Answer: "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV