

**There will be a table painting & yard clean-up &  
Multi-purpose room clean-up**

**To be held on July 23, @ 10:00am**

**For the purpose of getting everything cleaned up  
and ready for our church anniversary  
celebration.**

**Come one and all. Bring buckets, rags, mops,  
paint brushes, rubber gloves if you need them,  
weeding tools, paint rollers and paint pans.**

**Big or Small, we'll have a job for everyone!!!!**



# TRINITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

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### News from the Pastor's Desk

There are a couple of big projects that the session is working on which will lead to operational changes for the church. Both have legal implications and both will ultimately provide safety and protection for the future of Trinity United.

### **COPYRIGHT LICENSES**

The first one was mentioned earlier. We have purchased copyright licenses in order to legally protect the church from being sued. There are many legal issues involved when copyrighted materials are being used during worship service and during the broadcast of the service via our website. We also had to ensure that we were protected during non-worshiping activities such as Vacation Bible School and any other activity where materials are being printed and distributed. We have obtained a *Church Copyright License*, a *Church Streaming and Podcast License*, a *WORSHIPcast License* and a *PERFORMusic License*. *Based on information gathered at the Presbytery's Copyright Compliance Training and further research done by Grace Tucker, we have now acquired the necessary licenses in order to continue to provide legal coverage for worship and other church activities. Please check with Grace Tucker, web designer and technology team, Tom Huver, music director, Sharon Auger, worship chair, or any member of session for further information.*

## **SAFE CHURCH GUIDELINES**

The second change includes the issue of child safety. Unfortunately, we live in a society where children are harmed and we need to do our part to protect them against abuse of any kind. We have developed a Safe Church Guidelines Committee and we are in the process of developing a Safe Church Policy Manual and a Safe Church Training Manual for all members, staff and volunteers who work in any and all capacity with children. We are working closely with our insurance carrier, The Insurance Board to identify areas that need our immediate attention. An example of this would be our nursery. We are developing forms that will not only protect the children, but also the nursery worker. We are now required by law to have parents sign their children in and out of the nursery. We will need to include emergency procedures, toileting procedures, instructions on how to change a diaper, etc., etc. We will be required to complete an incident report for all situations both minor and major. Again, these changes are being implemented for safety reasons and we will need the cooperation of the congregation in order ensure a smooth transition. In the next two months many of you will be contacted and scheduled to attend training, watch training videos, provide background information and fill our paperwork. Please assist us in providing a safe church for all our members and friends. Thank you in advance for your attention and cooperation.

Blessings,

Pastor Lawson



## Updates from the Session:

- **New Treasurer:** Carolyn Scott has resigned her position as treasurer and Janet Hartzell has agreed to become the new treasurer. We are very grateful to Carolyn for stepping up and filling that role at a time when the church desperately needed a treasurer. Carolyn will still play a vital part on the finance team. We are very pleased to welcome Janet to the role of treasurer and also to welcome her to membership at Trinity United.
- **New Members:** Janet Harzell and Eddie and Gwen Barney became new members of Trinity United at the June Session meeting. Please greet them and make them feel at home.
- **Peggy Brack:** It is with deep sadness that we said good-bye to Peggy Brack on June 19, 2012. Peggy lost her battle with cancer on June 14, 2012. Over 200 people came out to her memorial service and we had quite a celebration. Peggy, you will be missed! Please remember her sons, Ben and Clay and her husband Phil in your prayers.
- **New Office Equipment:** In looking for ways to be better stewards, the church has negotiated a more cost-effective contract with our current copier vendor. We will be getting a brand new copier for the office and will save an average of \$150 each month on copying and printing costs. Job well done!
- **Presbytery Committee:** Beginning in August, Rev. Lawson will join the Presbytery's Coordinating Team. She will serve on this committee until 2015.



NEWS FROM  
THE SESSION

## BOWLING LEAGUE

The Trinity United bowling league finished another fun filled 6 weeks of bowling on May 23, 2012. The group of 23 bowlers met on Wednesday nights at the AMF Town & Country Bowling Lanes for **FUN** competition. Thank you to all of the bowlers subs & sponsors.

1<sup>st</sup>. Place —The Jars

Jerry Kamrath  
Anthony Lawson  
Ryan Wier

2<sup>nd</sup> Place —The Pin Strikers

Jim Dixon  
Christine Cook  
Delphine Holland

3<sup>rd</sup>. Place —Let's Get 'Em

Addie Terrell  
Tawanna Randeall

4<sup>th</sup>. Place — Expendables

Noah Smith  
Levi Smith  
Tom Droste

5<sup>th</sup>. Place—Peaches & Herb

Jackie McClellan  
De'Andreia Randell  
Herb McClellan

6<sup>th</sup>. Place—The Pretenders

Mary Krist  
Buffy Wier  
Sharon Auger

7<sup>th</sup>. Place—Tom Thumbers

Rev. Desiree Lawson  
Ernestine Jackson  
Tom Huver

8<sup>th</sup>. Place—The Holy Rollers

Beverly Bronson  
Waldo Bronson  
Charles Atwater

Substitutes: Georgia McCall, Joe Dixon, Mauria, Barbara Welch, and Joyce Lee.

We would also like to thank AMF Town & Country who gave Trinity United back \$308.00.

If you are interested in joining the Trinity Bowling League, we will start back up in September. Come join the fun.





## **Bible School**

**4yrs. to Adult**

This year Bible School will be held from July 9-13 from 6-8pm. Title of this year's program is "**SKY**". We still need flight crew leaders and craft and game people. For more info on helping, please see Delphine Holland.

### **Our Church's 5th Anniversary**



This year marks the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of

**Trinity United Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

There is an Anniversary Dinner to be held on August 4, 2012 in the Multi-purpose Room Tickets are \$13.00 each or 2 for \$25.00.

There are limited seats for the Dinner, so please get your **reservations** and money in as soon as possible.

Dinner will be 6 to 8 pm

It will be catered by Cranberries Café of Goodrich, MI

There are some monies available for those who cannot afford the dinner. Contact Sharon Auger

# ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONTINUES

A Sunday Church Picnic will be held after church on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> (approximately 12pm). Dress will be casual for church this Sunday. You do not need to bring anything, as the Picnic is sponsored by the Membership Committee. If you have any favorite board or card games, please bring them with you for the picnic. We hope to be outdoors for the picnic, so if you have a lawn chair, you might bring it. There will be games for all ages and a clown will make an appearance.



Acolytes for the month of July are Monica Bradley & Ryan Wier

## LITURGIST

*July 1 and 8, 2012 – Fred Turner*

*July 15 and 22, 2012 – Roberta Hardy*

*July 29, 2012 Rosaline Brown*

*Our sympathy goes out to the Brack Family-  
Phil, sons Ben and Clay, in the passing of a dear  
friend and member of our church*



*Peggy Brack*

*June 14, 2012*





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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Chris & Cynthia Lyttle | July 12 <sup>th</sup> |
| James & Nancy Dunlap   | 25 <sup>th</sup>      |
| Kenyon & Gay Grover    | 29 <sup>th</sup>      |

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| Emily Kreger        | July 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Monica Bradley      | 2 <sup>nd</sup>      |
| Jerome Auger Sr.    | 4 <sup>th</sup>      |
| Herman Graham       | 4 <sup>th</sup>      |
| Lee Hall            | 4 <sup>th</sup>      |
| Charles Atwater     | 5 <sup>th</sup>      |
| Marjorie Rutherford | 7 <sup>th</sup>      |
| Michelle Fischer    | 8 <sup>th</sup>      |
| Levi Smith          | 11 <sup>th</sup>     |
| Winn Smith          | 12 <sup>th</sup>     |
| Allison Bradley     | 13 <sup>th</sup>     |
| Larry Shoup         | 13 <sup>th</sup>     |
| Betty Eiford        | 17 <sup>th</sup>     |
| Beverly Popovits    | 17 <sup>th</sup>     |
| Evan Auger (child)  | 25 <sup>th</sup>     |
| Shirley Hale        | 25 <sup>th</sup>     |
| Craig Hardy         | 27 <sup>th</sup>     |
| Sally Offrink       | 29 <sup>th</sup>     |



# Special Care



*Ron Auger, Sharon Bonney, Denny Bonney,  
Celestine Bronson, Betty Elford, Gary Dana,  
Karen Fischer, Violet Flaming, Ruby Fizer,  
June Foltz, Dr. Alfred Gwillim,  
Connie Hutchings, Helen Johnson,  
Ann Lomax, Pat Miller, Roy Olson,  
Marjorie Rutherford, Phyllis Scales,  
Larry Shoup, Joan Shirey, Larry Tilley,  
Charlie White and Georgene White*

*Please keep them in Your Prayers!*

*Thank you!*

# IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

At the recent June 18, 2012 Session Meeting, a motion passed to have **in the by-laws**. This is your first notice of said meeting. The Nominating Team is recommending that sections X. and XI. which concern the number of Elders and Deacons be revised. B-10.01 and B-11.01 currently state that the congregation shall elect twelve elders and twelve deacons, divided into three equal classes.

## The proposed change would state:

B-10.01 The congregation shall **elect nine (9) elders**, divided into three equal classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at the October meeting for a three-year term.

B-11.01 The congregation shall **elect nine (9) deacons**, divided into three equal classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at the annual meeting for a three-year term.

As of July 1, 2012, there are **165 members on the active role** of Trinity United Presbyterian Church. Although there are quite a few active *friends-of-the-church*, only members can be nominated to serve as Elder or Deacon. Lowering the number to nine, three in each class, would be more practical.

At the September 16, 2012 Congregational Meeting, the Nominating Team will explain the proposed changes in more detail. Please plan on attending morning worship that day and staying for the meeting immediately afterward.



*Special*  
Congregation Meeting