

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

## ***“THE TRINITY OBSERVER”***

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### News from the Pastor's Desk

Instead of rushing to answer this question, please use it (and the other four questions in this article) as a guide for prayer and meditation in the weeks to come (**Proverbs 3:5-6**). As we enter the season of fall, we will be presented with many opportunities to become more grounded in God. Christian education classes will be offered in abundance and I hope you will find one that accommodates your schedule. If you are part of a team or ministry, you will be asked to begin all decision-making discussions with prayer and scripture reflections. Stewardship and Capital campaigns will be underway and again you will be asked to give of your time, talent and resources. ***Will God have a say in your decision? Is God at the core of what you are doing in your life?***

As we strive to become spiritually mature Christians, we must make a choice to break away from running our personal lives and this congregation based on our egos, or based on the loudest and most dominant voices. Growing in the knowledge of God is the beginning of wisdom and understanding. ***Who is guiding you? If it's not God, then who or what might it be?***

When we allow God to guide us, we might come to the truthful realization that ***we are*** guided by our own agenda. ***We are*** in the habit of debating in order to be right or come out on top. We trust our thoughts and feelings more than God's. God will reveal the truth.  
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A church should be a place where God's Spirit is present in **all** matters. We are of the opinion that some things can and should be handled without God's input. We only need God for Sunday stuff and sick people! If we leave God on the margins, then at best, we remain a marginal church. But, if we invite God in and listen and obey God's plan (not our plan), well let's just say; the possibilities are limitless!

**Join us this fall.** Let's all listen together to see what God is speaking and make a decision to place God at the core of our lives.



Blessings

Pastor Lawson

### **Updates from the Session**

- **New Member:** Sydney Graham became a new member at the August session meeting. Sydney has been a consistent member of our youth group and we are overjoyed that she has joined us. Please greet her and make her feel at home.
- **Presbytery of Lake Huron:** The fall Presbytery Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at Linden Presbyterian Church. Also, the Presbytery is hosting a training called **Knowing Your Story and Sharing It—**Spiritual Development for Church Officers and Members on September 29, 2012 from 9:30am-2:00pm for church leaders. Please check the website for more information ([www.presbylh.org](http://www.presbylh.org)). Deadline for registration is September 24, 2012.

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- **Safe Church Guidelines:** In the months ahead many of you will be contacted and scheduled to attend training, watch training videos, provide background information and fill out paperwork in order to ensure the safety and protection of our children and adults. Please assist s in providing a sage church for all our members and friends. Thank you in advance for your attention and cooperation.

**SERMONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2012**

September 2, 2012	James 1:19-23	Transformation: <i>The Power of Movement</i>
September 9, 2012	James 2:1-10	Transformation: <i>The Power of Love</i>
September 16, 2012	James 3:1-12	Transformation: <i>The Power of Positive Speech</i>
September 23, 2012	James 4:1-11	Transformation: <i>The Power of Submission</i>
September 30, 2012	James 5:13-20	Transformation: <i>The Power of Prayer</i>



**ACOLYTES FOR SEPTEMBER**

**Shawntera Fischer & Kenadee Brown**

**LITURGIST FOR SEPTEMBER**

September 2, 2012—Monica Bradley  
 September 9 & 16, 2012—Funmi Adigun  
 September 23 & 30, 2012 Margaret Bausack

# DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER Is September 20, 2012

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## **Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Churches**

### *“The River of Hope”*

The “River of Hope” at the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women at the Gaylord Palm Resort and Convention Center in Orlando, Florida was awesome, nurturing, and uplifting. We attended enriching plenary sessions and workshops where the ambience of the meeting places were one’s imagination in color, beauty, architecture, and landscaping! We had numerous opportunities to reaffirm our faith in prayer and uplifting songs with our Gathering Song Leader (Darci) who delightfully encouraged our active participation from the beginning to the very last day. We were also able to vicariously live the Presbyterian Women’s purpose through the many mission projects shared, the advocacy work and the Bible study. We met directly and indirectly global partners with emphasis on worldwide problems regarding human trafficking, environmental conditions, economical problems at home and abroad. We certainly discovered our “*River of Hope*”.

Ernestine Jackson, South Area Representative, Lake Huron Presbytery and Georgia McCall, Moderator, Trinity United Presbyterian Church Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women.

