

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

## ***“THE TRINITY OBSERVER”***

**MAY, 2012**

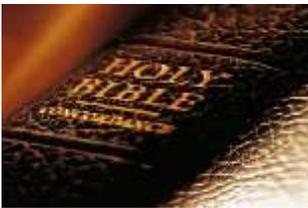
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### News from the Pastor's Desk

As some of you might recall, last year I began my time as your pastor with **12 Weeks of Prayer**. These weeks of prayer got us off to a wonderful start and it's something worth keeping. For this year and years to come we will have an abbreviated version called our **Annual Month of Prayer: Back to Basics** beginning on Friday, June 1, 2012. The format will be similar to last year and I am asking all officers, leaders, members and friends to make a commitment to join us in a time of prayer, dedication, commitment and relationship building with God, each other, the church and our community. Once again we will have available a prayer guide and journal to follow along. There will be two community prayer times, in the morning and then again in the late afternoon, five days per week. Please invite someone you know who may benefit from this soul lifting time.

If you are at all like me, you might struggle with being consistent with spiritual practices. Based on my personal experiences, when I get quiet and seek God with regularity, I am better positioned to cope with whatever the day might bring. I am calm. I am ready. The Lord prepares me for situations that may at first catch me off guard but then I will remember something from my prayer time or bible reading that is applicable to the unexpected agenda item. It's amazing how God will help us through any and everything if only we invite god into our daily lives.

No matter how many spiritual books I read or how many retreats and conferences I attend, there is no substitute for prayer and meditation. If you desire to grow closer to God, there is no short cut. You must make yourself available. This is really all god

asks of us. When we show up for prayer we are essentially responding to god's invitation. I believe the

**Annual Month of Prayer** will provide an opportunity for us to get back on the spiritual wagon. It is a means by which we can reconnect with God and get back to the basics of spiritual living; center us and remind us of what should take priority in our lives. I hope, you, like me see this month which has been set-aside for us to pray and gather as a God-given gift. Prayer, study, worship, reflection and a time to slow sown from the busyness and distractions of life can only bring healing to our starved souls. Together we can encourage and inspire each other to heighten our awareness of God's internal presence this month and in the months to follow.

I hope to see you there....

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Lawson



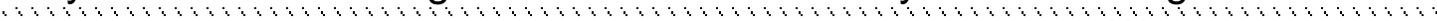
**Sermons for May, 2012**

May 6, 2012	Matthew 11:28-30	<b>“Stop Coming and come!”</b>
May 13, 2012	Acts 10:44-48	<b>“These People”</b>
May 20, 2012	John 17:6-19	<b>“We Need Protection”</b>
May 27, 2012	Ezekiel 37:1-14	<b>“A Spiritual Awakening”</b>

Liturgist for May:

May 6 & 13-Funmi Adigun

May 20 & 27-Margaret Bausack





**Special Care Members & Friends**

Ron Auger, Peggy Brack  
Denny Bonney, Celstine Bronson,  
Betty Elford, Gary Dana,  
Violet Flaming, Ruby Fizer,  
June Foltz, Dr. Alfred Gwillim,  
Connie Hutchins, 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.***



*Mrs. Catherine Ainsworth  
And Sons*

*In the passing of  
Ronald J. Ainsworth  
May God be with you in  
this time of sorrow.*



**IT'S A BOY!**

*We welcome  
DeCarrí Yondre Howze,  
Son of Michelle Fischer and  
Grandson of  
Karen & Michael Fischer  
Born April 18, 2012*



Waldo & Beverly Bronson.....1  
 Georgene White.....1  
 Gary Brown.....2  
 Jerry Needham.....2  
 George Granberry.....3  
 Jerry & Sharon Auger.....3  
 Desiree Fischer.....7  
 Dominique Fischer.....7  
 Sylvester Moore.....8  
 Darrell Stiltz.....8  
 Sharron Alexander.....12  
 Janyce Kamrath.....13  
 Katie Bradley.....14  
 Funmi Adigun.....14  
 Charles White.....15  
 Benton Brack.....16  
 Ruby Fizer.....18  
 Sally Howard.....20  
 Linda Ryan.....20

Tim & Lisa  
 Graham.....21  
 Margaret  
 Bausack.....23  
 Margaret  
 Bond.....24  
 Michael  
 Fischer.....27  
 Sylvester & Ernestine  
 Moore.....28  
 Carolyn Terrell.....30



Sandy  
 Topham.....11

**The June Newsletter deadline will be:**

**May 22, 2012**

We wish to thank everyone who contributed their time, money and items to make our April Rummage Sale a success.

The Women's Group thanks you! They raised over \$1200.00.

Thank you again everyone who helped!



The May Deacons Meeting is moved to May 20<sup>th</sup>, because of their usual meeting would fall on Memorial weekend.

**Remember: Deacons Meeting will be on May 20<sup>th</sup>.**



We welcome volunteers to help out in our community by working at the soup kitchen. We work one Friday a month from 2:00pm to just a little after 5:00pm. The work is not demanding, but most of the jobs require a fair amount of standing. The dates for the remainder of the year are as follows: May 18, June 22, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 7.

If you would like to learn more, or would like to go, but need to share a ride with someone, please contact Margaret Bausack. Thank You!

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**BOWLING STARTS MAY 2, 2012**

**TOWN & COUNTRY LANES**

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### **An Afternoon of Music**

On May 20, 2012, we will have an opportunity to enjoy “An Afternoon of Music”, with **Moshe Benson**. Moshe was the guess musician in February during our morning worship service. The members discussed what a wonderful experience we would have if we brought Moshe back to Trinity to enjoy his music in a more relaxed setting. It would also serve as a fundraiser which will assist with his traveling expenses to Europe this summer.

We are planning for a great afternoon. The program will be 4 o'clock pm until 6 o'clock pm. Each church family is asked to bring some type of finger food for our refreshments, with beverages being provided.

There will be a “Free-Will Offering” collected to help with his expenses in Europe. Finally, bring a friend or two with you who will enjoy an “Afternoon of Music, with Moshe Benson.

For additional information or questions, feel free to contact Rosaline Brown @ 810-238-1936.



Thank you, and hope to see you then.



# Health Fairs Need You!

**DID YOU KNOW** that over 20 years ago the Presbytery of Lake Huron began holding five-day Health Fairs each summer for the hundreds of migrant workers who came to the area to work on local farms? With professionals and volunteers they gave medical exams to migrant families. We still do that, discovering various problems especially with diabetes, high blood pressure, eye and dental problems. Such people are referred to local clinics. Migrant families are still our main emphasis, but with the decline of migrants coming to the state we have added health fairs for needy inner city children. Each person is given a "health kit" and a booklet on basic health care. All leftover kits (each worth about \$25) are distributed to women's and men's shelters. You can help meet this critical need by putting together a health kit.



- You may bring kits to the following locations:

Preferred Drop Off Site:  
Presbytery Meeting at Fenton First on June 5 (8:45-10:15 am)  
By Thursday, May 31:  
First Presbyterian Church - 1250 Watson Road, Mt Pleasant - 989-773-9609  
First Presbyterian Church - 746 S. Saginaw Street, Flint - 810-234-8673  
By Monday, June 11

## How To Assemble A Health Fair Kit

Place in a Ziploc gallon bag, the following full size items.

- 1 Washcloth
- 1 Comb
- 1 Dental Floss
- 1 Deodorant (2½ oz.)
- 1 Toothbrush (in wrapper)
- 1 Bar of soap (in wrapper)
- 1 Hand Towel
- 1 Shampoo (11-15 oz.)
- 1 Toothpaste (4-6½ oz.)

Do not include anything else in the kit.  
Do not include any sample size items in kit.

**Other Items Needed**  
(do not include in the health kit bags)

bottles of sunscreen  
8 crayon packs (new) for the children

**July 9—12**

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