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## Living and Practicing Resurrection

“The resurrection of Jesus establishes the condition in which we live and mature in the Christian life; Jesus alive and present.” Usually we focus on the cross of Christ during Lent, exploring our sin, repentance, discipleship in light of the sacrifice of Christ. This year, we explore the flesh and blood implications of the resurrection. Taking our cues from the writings of Eugene Peterson (translator for The Message version of the Bible), we explore what it means to mature into Christ. His books Living the Resurrection and Practicing the Resurrection will be our primary resources. The Letter to the Ephesians will provide the scriptural foundation for our discussions. A study guide and schedule will be published in late February.

### Lenten Events

- 7:00 PM, February 22, 2012  
**Ash Wednesday Observance**  
in the Chapel



**February 29,  
March 7, 14, 21, 28**

- 6:30 PM Contemplative Praying:  
Open, Quiet time in the Chapel
- 7:00PM Living and Practicing  
Resurrection Convenes in Room  
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## Birmingham Mission Trip

Last spring saw a chain of destructive storms that wreaked havoc across the South and the Mid-west. Trinity's 2012 Adult Mission Trips will focus on two areas: Birmingham, Alabama and Joplin, Missouri. We have received confirmation for housing rehab work to be done the week after Easter in Birmingham. Our plans now are to leave after worship on April 8, and arrive at our host church on April 9. The work week begins the tenth and concludes that Friday.

If you are interested in going, please know that you will be responsible for a hotel stay on April 8 and another on April 14, as well as your meals while traveling. Each person staying at the host church should be ready to contribute \$50 to offset local expenses. (Yes, we go and work hard and pay for the privilege!)

Please call the church office to reserve your spot on this trip by February 19. We may only take 15 persons.

## Celebrations, Concerns & Memorials

We pray for those who have been hospitalized recently: Barb Davis, Hazel McDaniels, Richard Kackley, Gus Syrios, Nancy McCollister, Mary Fritchley and Ted Honold.



**Birthday Celebrations!** Joy Joseph will be 92 on February 4<sup>th</sup>, Mildred Hutcheson will be 97 on February 11<sup>th</sup>, Dorothy Swallen will be 96 on February 17<sup>th</sup> and Wilbur McWilliams will be 97 on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We grieve with Janet Arbogast whose husband, **Wayne Arbogast**, passed away December 30, 2011; with Beverly Swallen whose brother, **Emil Bardash**, passed away December 26, 2011; with the family of **Sydna Russell** who passed away January 11, 2012 and with Nancy McCollister whose brother, **Jerry Angle**, passed away January 18, 2012.

### Memorials

Memorials have been given in loving memory of **Beatrice Hartman** from Marcia Sprout and The Resounding Joy and Sanctuary Choirs; for **Wayne Arbogast** from Philip Nagy, Linda McWilliams, Jan Rupert, Steve & Holly Brownwell, Doris Sheffler, Ronald & Carolyn Mishler, James & Patricia Fuhrman, Christopher & Cynthia Silovich, Douglas & Pamela Sheffler, Cathy & Mark Cawthorne, June Branch & Family, Pearl & Art Boring, Paula & Tim Tolin, June Branch & Family, Amy Whitehouse, Deloris & Chuck Bebout, Jennifer & Tim Rowles, Bobbie & Wayne Baker; and for **Sydna Russell** from Trinity Circle.

## Trinity Fabric Sale



Trinity Church has received a major donation of hundreds of yards of all types of quality fabric, craft items, notions, sewing books and patterns from Faun Persons who has closed her home shop after 50 years of sewing. We are planning a congregational sale on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM and a public sale on Friday and Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM to 2:00PM in our Fellowship Hall. The sale proceeds will benefit our "Samaritan Fund." If you have fabric that you would like to donate to our sale, additional donations (size one yard or larger) are welcome until February 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the church office for additional information.

## Trinity Celebrates Eagle Court of Honor for Two Troop 4 Scouts

On February 5, Trinity will welcome the Scouters, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from our scouting program to Scout Sunday. Troop 4 is the longest continuous active troop in Stark County and we take grateful pride in the work that they do year in and year out. The troop and pack are in the process of having the Scouts and Cub Scouts of Troop 244 and Pack 244 transferring into our respective units due to their inability to re-charter this year. The Troop will be picking up 4 additional scouts. Troop 4 has the distinction of being the oldest continuously chartered troop in Buckeye council with us entering our 97<sup>th</sup> year of continuous service this March 24<sup>th</sup>.

This year we will celebrate two Eagle Scout Awards. The troop is proud to recognize Matthew Overcasher as the 145<sup>th</sup> and Kyle Bohn as the 146<sup>th</sup> Eagle Scouts from the troop.



Matthew Overcasher is 17 years old and holds 22 merit badges, is a 5<sup>th</sup> year Pipestone holder and member of Venture Crew 4. His parents are David Overcasher Sr. and Kelly Overcasher. He has an older sister Katelyn who is also member of Venture Crew 4, and an older brother David Overcasher Jr. who also is an Eagle Scout from Troop 4 (135<sup>th</sup> from 2003). Matthew's Eagle project was to lead the building of a small building over the water pump at camp Tuscazoar to provide for a more secure and safe water supply. As a 5<sup>th</sup> year Pipestone holder he is very active in the Pipestone camp honors program at 7 Ranges Scout Reservation. Matthew also was a crew leader for our 2010 Philmont expedition. Matthew is currently a student at East Canton High School.

Kyle Bohn is 18 years old and holds 24 merit badges, is a 5<sup>th</sup> year Pipestone holder, a member of Venture Crew 4 and is a member of the Order of the Arrow. His parents are Donn Bohn (Scout master troop 4) and Eileen Bohn. Kyle has one older brother Jason Seidlitz. Kyle's Eagle project was to lead the installation of a wireless access point to the Internet at Trinity UCC. Kyle was the troop's Senior Patrol Leader in 2010 and as a 5<sup>th</sup> year Pipestone holder participates in the Pipestone camp honors program as time permits. Kyle is presently enrolled as a freshman at Ohio University.

We urge the boys, their families and the Scouters to attend this special worship service. Members and friends of Trinity should also attend to welcome and celebrate this ministry.

## With THANKS

- Thank you so much for your support during our time of need. Your prayers, cards, phone calls and food were all greatly appreciated. *The Bea Hartman Family ~ Sandy Rickenbrode; Robert Bates & Sons*
- To the Members of Trinity United Church of Christ, Mary Margaret Fritchley wishes to thank Pastor Gifford and Pastor Bozich Shetzer for their visits to the hospital and for their prayers. She also, enjoyed the lovely flowers. Mother is now residing at Chapel Hill in their "Rehab" unit and feeling better. With sincere thanks, *Suzanne Kewit and Marylane Elmers (Daughters)*
- Dear Church Family, Thank you for all the cards, thoughts, prayers and calls I received at the passing of Wayne. It was greatly appreciated. It is so nice to belong to such a loving church family. ~ *Janet Arbogast*

## Monthly Financial Update

As of close of December 31, 2011 (2011/2012 Fiscal Year -July through June)	
Total Offering Planned	\$216,891.67
Total Offering Received	\$231,035.11
Other Income**	\$28,934.58
Transfers from TFF	\$41,271.99
	<b>\$301,241.68</b>
Total Expenses	<b>\$296,595.29</b>
<small>**The other income figure includes receipts from miscellaneous funds, community dinners, rent and special grant.</small>	
December Capital Project Offering Received (Pink Envelope)	<b>\$2,895.00</b>

## Anniversary Celebration Sunday



On Sunday, February 12th we will recognize couples of Trinity who will be celebrating in the year 2012 their 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and every year after 50 anniversary. We look forward to you attending worship that morning allowing us to give thanks to God for you and your witness to the power of God's sustaining and unconditional love. Please invite family and friends to share in this special occasion. Be sure to return your Anniversary Celebration Card by February 2nd; extra cards are available at the Welcome Kiosk. A special "anniversary" reception will follow in Fellowship Hall, including a wedding cake.

## Stewardship Message: Stewards of Our Relationship with One Another

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself. –Luke 10:27*

We belong to God; we belong to one another. In his book, *Reaching Out*, Henri Nouwen tells of a reunion with a former student, an experience that revealed to him the meaning of community: "It is the Christ in you, who recognizes the Christ in me... From now on, wherever you go, or wherever I go, all the ground between us will be holy ground."

During February, let us walk on holy ground, practicing the radical hospitality Jesus modeled. Starting with our most personal and intimate relationships and moving through expanding circles – of friends, relations, church family, co-workers, and others with whom we come in contact – we tend to the quality of our interaction in

these relationships using spiritual practices of forgiveness, reconciliation, justice, openness, honesty, hospitality, shaping communities. We widen our circle, reaching out to unknown neighbors through local and ecumenical service organizations and UOC programs and networks. We participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing special mission offering, typically promoted in churches during February and received the first Sunday in March. As centers of hope and transformation, local churches guide people onto holy ground.

*A message from Stewards in the Household of God: a Resource for Holistic Year-round Stewardship available from United Church of Christ Resources.*

**February 2012**

God is still speaking,

## Library News



Wenner Library is off to a great start for the New Year! Circulation of our Christmas books was better than last year, and we are ready to shelve some new books for your winter reading. We were sorry, however, to accept the resignation of long-time co-chair Martha Mani. Mary Maude Beuter will continue as chair with Betsy Ketchum as her assistant. We have one of the outstanding church libraries in our area, and hopefully we can continue to provide good service plus current books of interest to our congregation. Our library will continue to accept your discarded books and gently-used quality puzzles and magazines even though we will hold them for a **BIG BOOK SALE** in November. Thanks to your contributions to these sales we are presently moving toward using a new computer with appropriate software for a church library. More to come on this! We hope the library will be a quiet place for browsing, reading, and researching topics of interest. February will highlight books for Valentine's Day, Black History Month, and President's Day; in addition, Ash Wednesday will be February 22! Let's make Wenner Library come alive in 2012!!!



Whether you'd like to give a single gift, schedule ongoing donations, or view your giving history, you can do it all online – it's quick, easy and secure. There are two ways to sign up for **eGive**, *Online* or *Paper form*. For more information call the church office or go to the Trinity UCC website, [www.trinityucc.com](http://www.trinityucc.com).

## Trinity Kitchen Coordinator or Caterer Needed

Trinity Church is seeking a Kitchen Coordinator or Caterer to serve our church dinners and banquets. Membership at Trinity is not required for this position. We will consider candidates that would operate their own catering business from our kitchen in addition to serving our church functions. If you, or someone you know, is interested in this position or would like additional information, please contact the church office as soon as possible.



## First Fruits Food Program



Thank you, Trinity, for your support of the First Fruits food program. In 2011 you donated 2,619 items to the food program at Canton Calvary Mission, 270 items to Grace UCC Just in Time Food Pantry, and 1,555 food items for Thanksgiving baskets distributed to the hungry by St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Your generosity fed many of our Canton neighbors.

Please continue to bring food in each week as well as paper and plastic bags which are used to pack groceries. Food pantry clients can also use your unexpired food and product coupons. These can be placed in the box on the food collection table.

*"...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."* (Matthew 25:40)

## Trinity Circle

will meet Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 PM in the Parlor. A program will be presented by Betty Tremelling about First Lady, Barbara Bush. Devotions by Shirley Sweitzer;; Hostesses Marge Fletcher and Shirley Sweitzer. Please join us!

## Annual Blood Donor Day

On March 29th we will again be having a Blood Donor Day. Aultman Hospital personnel will be here from 3:00-7:00 PM with the mobile unit. (Last year our Donor Day had to be cancelled at the last minute due to a breakdown of their unit, and they've promised that will not happen again this year.) The need for blood is always great, and more of us are eligible to donate than you might imagine. Won't you please consider giving this life-saving gift? For information please call the church office at 330-492-3383.

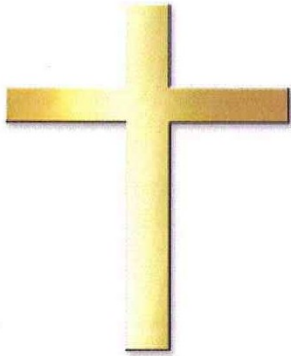


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# Walsh University Presents INTERFAITH CONVERSATIONS

## GUIDED DIALOGUES AMONG JEWS, CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS

Walsh University's Division of Theology and Jewish/Catholic Studies Institute invite you to participate in a series of conversations hosted by several communities in the Stark and Summit Counties area. These dialogues will explore how Jews, Christians and Muslims live out their faiths—through prayer, through fasting, through holidays, and through the Scriptures they hold sacred. Each event will include a full meal (lunch or dinner) and will be guided by representatives of each of the three traditions. Come get to know your neighbors of different faiths while enjoying table fellowship! This program is a prelude to the interfaith forum to be held at Walsh University's Vatican II conference this May.



### FIRST DIALOGUE: Prayer

Sunday, January 22, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Trinity United Church of Christ, 3909 Blackburn Rd. NW, Canton

Cost: Free

R.S.V.P. by January 18 to the Church office at 330-492-3383

### SECOND DIALOGUE: Fasting

Monday, February 20, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Catholic Church, 241 South Main St., North Canton

Cost: \$5/person

R.S.V.P. by February 16 to Chris Seeman at

330-244-4665 or [cseeman@walsh.edu](mailto:cseeman@walsh.edu)



### THIRD DIALOGUE: Holidays

Thursday, March 29, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Temple Israel, 2631 Harvard Ave. NW, Canton

Cost: free

R.S.V.P. by March 26 to the Temple Office at 330-455-5197

### FOURTH DIALOGUE: Scriptures

Saturday, April 21, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Islamic Center of Akron & Kent, 152 E Steels Corners Rd., Cuyahoga Falls

Cost: \$5/person

R.S.V.P. by April 17 to the ISAK Office at 330-922-9991



### INTERFAITH FORUM: Are there limits to Interfaith Dialogue?

Saturday, May 5, 1:15-3:00 p.m.

Walsh University, 2020 E Maple St, North Canton

Cost: free










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# February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p align="center"><b>Sunday Worship Schedule</b></p> <p><b>9:00AM—The Lord's Day Service</b>  <b>10:15AM—Church School</b>  <b>11:15AM—The Chapel Service</b></p>  <p>11:00AM—Sounds of Silver            11:00AM—Echoes of Angels</p>			<p>1 7A Men's Bible Study 9A Aerobics 9:30A Bible Study 4-6P Kidz BEAT</p>	<p>2 9:30A Women's Bible Study 6P Girl Scouts 6:30 P Resounding Joy 7:30P Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>3 9A Aerobics</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 <b>Boy Scout Sunday</b></p>  <p>5-6:30P Prayer Shawl Ministry 5-7P Sr. High Youth</p>	<p>6 9A Aerobics 11A Spirit of Recovery 7P Scouts</p>	<p>7 9A Trinity Artists 6P Congregational Life</p>	<p>8 7A Men's Bible Study 9A Aerobics 9:30A Bible Study 4-6P Kidz BEAT 6:30P E-Team</p>	<p>9 9:30A Women's Bible Study 6:30 P Resounding Joy <b>7P Property</b> 7:30P Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>10 9A Aerobics</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 <b>Anniversary Celebration Sunday</b></p>  <p>11:15A Christian Ed 5-6:30P Prayer Shawl Ministry 5-7P Sr. High Youth</p>	<p>13 9A Aerobics 11A Spirit of Recovery 7P Scouts</p>	<p>14 <b>Happy Valentine's Day</b></p>  <p>9A Trinity Artists 9A Library 9A Finance 7P Consistory</p>	<p>15 7A Men's Bible Study 9A Aerobics 9:30A Bible Study 4-6P Kidz BEAT 7P Trinity Circle</p>	<p>16 9:30A Women's Bible Study 6P Girl Scouts 6P Mission Team 6:30 P Resounding Joy 7:30P Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>17 9A Aerobics</p>	<p>18 10A Fabric Sale Set-up 4:30-8:30P Jr. High Laser Tag 6-9:30P EOA Has Talent Event</p>
<p>19 10A-Noon Congregational Fabric Sale 5-6:30P Prayer Shawl Ministry 4-11P Sr. High Youth Cav's Game</p>	<p>20 <b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b> <b>Church Office CLOSED</b> <b>Bldg. open all day.</b> 9A Aerobics 11A Spirit of Recovery 6-8P <i>Interfaith Conversations II</i> @ St. Paul's Catholic Church/North Canton 7P Scouts</p>	<p>21 9A Trinity Artists</p>	<p>22 <b>Ash Wednesday</b></p>  <p>7A Men's Bible Study 9A Aerobics 9:30A Bible Study 4-6P Kidz BEAT <b>7P Ash Wednesday Service</b></p>	<p>23 9:30A Women's Bible Study 6:30 P Resounding Joy 7:30P Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>24 10A-2P Fabric Sale</p>	<p>25 9:30-11:30A 8th Grade Confirmands/Mentors 10A-2P Fabric Sale</p> 
<p>26 <b>First Sunday in Lent</b></p>  <p>4P Gospel Voices 5-6:30P Prayer Shawl Ministry 5-7P Sr. High Youth</p>	<p>27 9A Aerobics 11A Spirit of Recovery 7P Scouts</p>	<p>28 9A Trinity Artists 9A Library</p>	<p>29 7A Men's Bible Study 9A Aerobics 9:30A Bible Study 4-6P Kidz BEAT 6:30P Contemplative Prayer/Chapel 7:00P Living and Practicing Resurrection Convenes/107</p>	<p align="center"><b>February Reminders!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Donuts:</b> Spirit Among Us</li> <li>▪ <b>Flower Delivery:</b> Adult Choirs</li> <li>▪ <b>Newsletter Deadline:</b> February 21st</li> </ul>		

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