

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

NOVEMBER 2016



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WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm - Devotional
Sunday @ 8:00 am - Traditional
Sunday @ 10:30 am - Contemporary

Haiti Mission Sunday

At the 10:30 service on Sunday, November 13th we will be having a special Haiti Mission service. The mission team will be sharing some of their previous trip experiences and the path that God has led them on up until this point. Many have previously expressed interest in supporting the children of the Upper Room Orphanage and we would like to thank you all for your generous hearts and patience while we discern God's will on how to proceed.

Through various connections and what felt like very small steps along the way, we connected with an incredible organization named Mission of Hope (MOH). After spending a week in Haiti and working alongside the other missionaries, interns, and the full time staff at MOH we feel God has called us to join them in their vision which is, "as an organization following Jesus Christ, they exist to bring life transformation to every man, woman, and child in Haiti."

Through a division of MOH known as Haiti One we will have the resources necessary to insure that our support is going towards those who need it. We feel God has called us to Haiti, Mission of Hope, and the Upper Room orphanage. We would like to join in supporting the amazing work that MOH is already doing while working with them to ensure the spiritual, educational, and physical needs of the children at the Upper Room are met.

To learn more about our Haiti Mission and how to get involved please join us on Nov. 13th. We'll have two very special guests with us whom you'll want to meet. The caretaker from the Upper Room, who we call Papa, will be here all the way from Haiti along with a representative from Haiti One who will be flying in from Texas.



**PLEASE JOIN US AT THE LATE SERVICE ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH**



Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

Position

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Daylight Savings Time ends
Sunday, November 6th at 2:00am.
 Remember to turn your clocks back!



Thanksgiving Worship

Wed. November 23 @ 7:00 p.m.

Trinity will hold only one Thanksgiving Worship Service, which will be on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 23rd at 7:00 p.m. There **will not** be a service the next morning on Thanksgiving Day. The reason is that we want ALL of Trinity to gather together to praise and thank the Lord in one united service!

Advent Celebration **Tuesday, November 29, 2016** **6:00pm at Trinity School**

Looking for a way to Celebrate Advent with your family? On Tuesday, November 29th, Trinity families will come together for an evening of food, worship and fun. Be sure to sign up for the evening that includes a FREE pizza dinner, a brief family worship and festive activities. All this within an hour and a half to get you back home for your evening routine. All ages are invited and be sure to **sign up by Nov. 27th** because we need to order the pizza! Let us know your name, phone #, how many children, how many teens, and how many adults! Email "MWillert@thinktrinitychristian.com" to sign up or use the form included in upcoming worship bulletins.



Operation Christmas Child

Each year, Samaritan's Purse demonstrates God's love to hurting children in a tangible way by partnering with churches worldwide to deliver gift-filled shoeboxes and the good news of Jesus Christ. Please help us this year and fill a shoebox with gifts for a Girl or Boy, ages 2-14. Pamphlets with more information can be found in the narthex. **Shoeboxes will be collected until Sunday, November 13th.**



Ruth Ann Krueger, wife of Pastor Dennis Krueger, entered eternal peace with the Lord on October 20, 2016.

*** NEW ***

Sr. High Night!

Thursday, November 17, 2016
7:00pm - 8:30pm

While your high school youth already gather on Sunday mornings with Brad and Rachel, we're starting up another opportunity for them to gather. Sr. High Small groups will begin **November 17, from 7:00 to 8:30pm.** Starting out at the Willert's house next to church, these groups will be student led with an adult present as well. Trained teens and the adult will lead discussion on life issues and how God fits into their daily challenges. When a group reaches a steady 12-14 attendees, they will divide into two groups with newly trained leaders and gather in another home. The teens have been very excited to get this going and look forward to inviting their friends and peers. All Sr. High members and their friends are invited!



Sr. High Bills Game Gathering

On **November 20 @ 12:50pm**, the Sr. Youth will gather to "root" on the Bills (and eat a few snacks) at the Willert's house. Who will win??? Who cares? There will be a contest for the best snack and we'll have "root"-beer in a bottle!

Jr. Youth Night Update

We had our first gathering for our middle school youth on October 24 with 6 attending. Time to hang out in the gym, organized games and a devotion time made for an awesome evening with the kids wanting to bring a friend next time and sharing how much they enjoyed this one. Their only request to make it better was, "Can we have a snack next time?" Our next night for Jr. Youth is **Monday, November 21 from 7pm-8:30pm.** You bet we'll have a snack!



Pancakes Anyone? **Help Save Pioneer!!!**

Our youth have very much come to love a place called Camp Pioneer - and it's in trouble, so they're taking action! They're holding a free all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, December 11 from 9am-10:30am** in the Trinity School gym. Of course a free will donation will be accepted. Mark you calendar and save the date. Please help your youth help Pioneer so they can continue to feel God's love through such a wonderful place!

Trinity School News



From the Principal ...

Dear Friends,

It was a joy to be at worship with you in October when Christine Harris was recognized and commissioned and the 3rd Grade Bibles were distributed. I also enjoyed hearing about Haiti and am looking forward to possibly hosting a luncheon here at school on 11/13 for the Upper Room "parents" and other missionaries. I would love for our school children to hear more about the work being done in Haiti, and help them understand how incredibly blessed they are!

We have been wonderfully blessed here at the school, too, with the acceptance of the 3rd & 4th grade long term substitute position by Mr. Derek Robinson. Derek taught for 6 years at St. Matthew and is NYS certified. He has been a substitute here, and is familiar with our staff and how we interact. He has taught 3rd and 4th graders, and has always taught in the combined classroom setting that we enjoy here. I'm very excited that we will have a male presence in the building, and one who is tech savvy, as well. Hooray! We are incredibly sad, however, that Mrs. C. is leaving us. Her many, many years of teaching at Trinity have been a blessing to possibly hundreds of students and staff members! We hope to call on her for advice and to substitute teach. We won't let her get away completely!

November is a very busy month for us. The Chicken BBQ is 11/5, Mrs. C's farewell is on 11/6 during worship, our annual Veteran's Day Chapel and Luncheon starts at 10:30 am on 11/9, and parent/teacher conferences take place both that Wednesday and Thursday. The Haiti luncheon may take place on the 13th, there's Jr. Youth night, the Family Advent Evening and, of course, Thanksgiving thrown in there, too! We're very excited that our Alleluia Choir will be singing at Advent Vespers at First Trinity in Tonawanda on 12/4, so mark that on your calendars, as well. The children will be collecting for Operation Christmas Child in November, too, which they are very excited about. Our annual Christmas Celebration will take place on 12/14, and I hope you can join us for an hour of inspiring music.

The abundance of blessing continues to pour out on Trinity School. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

~ Kathleen Fretthold, Principal

**Trinity School's Annual
Chicken BBQ
Saturday, November 5th
12:00pm - 5:00pm
at Trinity School**



Tickets: \$9 pre-sale / \$10 at the door

Dine In or Take Out

*** Chinese Auction & I-Pad Mini Raffle ***

Come out for a great dinner and try your luck at winning some prizes! Auction baskets and donations are needed (see the poster in the church narthex). Please contact Lindsay Radt (lrادت@thinktrinitychristian.com) with any questions.

SCRIP Gift Cards

Trinity School will be selling SCRIP gift cards monthly throughout the school year. Visit www.glscrip.com for a complete list of the available retailers. Order forms are available from Jane Sirgey (545-9928) or Lynnae Kwilas (912-1939), the church narthex, or simply write your order on a paper and place it in one of their mailboxes along with payment ~ cash or check to "Trinity Christian School". The next few order due dates will be November 13 (delivery by November 27) and December 11 (delivery by Dec. 25).

“From Bullying to Jesus” ~ School Impact

By Mark Willert

For the last week and a half I've had the 7th and 8th grade working in pairs putting a presentation together using Google Slides sharing how God has helped them through difficult times. Yesterday it came time for them to present their work to the class and ultimately they'd be sharing with the 5th and 6th grade students. While they were all neat to hear and see (I love hearing what God does in the lives of people!), there is one I thought particularly inspiring to share with you because it has to do with God and the awesome things He does through our school. I love how the student, Rosey, can see the big picture and give God the glory for what He's done in her life in this particular instance.

September is always an exciting month. School is starting, new school supplies, and you finally get to see your friends again. Last school year, 2015-2016, was not one I was looking forward too. I had just ended 6th grade and was not looking forward to 7th. Throughout 6th grade was constant drama. My grades dropped, and I felt like I was losing all my friends. I would come into class not sure if my “friends” were mad at me or not. It was one of the worst feelings.

I felt like no one cared or understood how I was truly feeling. I hated this but I thought there was nothing I could do but hope it would all pass over. Unfortunately, that did not happen. I lost one of my best friends. The school year dragged on, and I felt useless. Then during the summer after 6th grade, things got worse. I was starting to get bullied online.

I had been looking forward to a fun summer. I went to California for two weeks; it was difficult to have fun because of the negative texts and comments I continued to receive. I had no idea what to do. My mom saw the text messages and was just as angry and hurt as me. The school that I had been going to for 7 years no longer felt like home. I didn't want to go there any longer. I was hurt and felt alone.

I applied for another school and received a notice that I had gotten in. It was a charter school, which was a change because I had gone to a private school all my life; I hoped this would change things. I was shocked to see the kid's attitude towards school. They seemed to have no respect for the teachers.

As time went I realized that my attitude was changing also. I no longer cared about my grades or others. I cared about myself and what others thought of me. Jesus, and the true word of God, no longer even crossed my mind. I felt myself drifting from my true friends and family. I found myself in more drama than ever before. I realized that the people I thought were my friends were the ones talking about me. By then I didn't even know what a friend was. I again got bullied online. By now, I felt completely lost. I thought nobody honestly cared.

Around April of 2016, my mom took me out of the charter school. Just like me, she felt angry, upset and confused. My mom put me in a new school. A Christian school. I was honestly very scared. I wasn't sure if people were going to like me, or if I would fit in. I remember walking in, and just smiling. I saw a huge painting of Jesus with his arms open, and I just remember feeling so happy inside. It was one of the first times I felt that happy in a while.

I was introduced to so many people that are still my best friends today. I realized the true meaning of friend. One of the biggest changes that are still affecting me is my relationship with Jesus. I had been away from him for so long that I forgot everything I learned. I honestly didn't think God would want me back. But with the help from my teachers and friends I realized how totally wrong I was. I realized God did love and care about me. I realized he wanted me in his life. This change had a huge effect on me.

I finally feel loved again. I have true friends that are amazing. I have never been this happy. When I thought I was lost, God found me again. I thought he was putting me on a path to nowhere. But in the end, he put me on a path to Trinity. I now attend a local youth group every Tuesday night where I feel safe to talk about my problems. They too have helped me in my change so much. It's scary to think that around this time last year I was alone and lost. Now I'm at Trinity I feel found and at last... I'm home.

—Rosey Swiger, 8th grade Trinity Student

Happy Birthday

11/2 Dawn Stroh Bonnie Schwab	11/8 Lisa Manzo Ryan Rowsell	11/21 Joshua Barnas
11/3 Carole Jaekle	11/9 Nick Schiferle	11/23 Robert Rodgers Courtney Jelowski
11/4 Caitlyn McLaughlin	11/12 Linda Hodge Michael Hock Dawn Barnas Emily Rood	11/24 Jack Lehsten
11/5 Jane Sirgey Christian Tripi	11/15 Lauren Berton	11/25 Bea Burckhalter
11/6 Melba Veros George Hodge Gary Haas Linda Wrobel	11/16 Richard G. Schultz Dennis Glinski	11/26 Debra Howard
11/7 Kevin Flattery	11/17 Charles Gass	11/28 Corrine Rodgers Ryan McKernan
11/8 Gail Rieman	11/18 Nathan Barnas	11/29 Renata Schultz
		11/30 Christine Hawkins Christine Harris

Happy Anniversary

11/2 Keith & Karen Tober	11/26 Vincent & Lucille Zarbo
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Mid-Week Advent Series

Trinity will be offering a series of Mid-Week Advent Vespers on November 30, and December 7 & 14 at 7pm. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for these special worship services.

LADD Thrift Shop

Once again we would like to thank all who donate items to LADD Thrift Shop, either by placing in the LADD bin located in the Church back hallway or by taking to the Thrift Shop at 2280 Seneca Street, South Buffalo. From January 1 through September 30 of this year we have made contributions in the amount of \$17,958. Of this amount \$11,500 went to Camp Pioneer, \$5,858 to Lutheran Service Society, and \$600 for an individual campership.

We need more volunteers. If interested, or to get more information, please see Judy Jaekle, Lois Rodgers, Helen Schultz, Joy Belasic or Ingrid Hamann.

Trunk-or-Treat Was Awesome!

What do you get when you have lots of candy, a parking lot and costumes?... Trunk or Treat! Our October 23 event this year brought our largest gathering ever with over 100 folks coming out for the evening that lasted about an hour. It's a great opportunity to get the church and school families together in fellowship and getting to know each other a little better. The costumes help break down the barriers and the candy makes the kids happy as you can imagine. The evening ends with a devotion in the school which, this year, was based on Philippians 2:14-15 and encourages us not to be grumblers or complainers but to shine like stars in such a dark world with the light of Jesus.

