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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**LORD'S DAY**

\*\*Morning Worship..... 8:00 A.M., 9:15 AM and 10:45 AM  
\* Sunday School..... 9:15 A.M and 10:45 AM

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

Adult Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 PM  
GAK ..... 6:45 – 8:00 PM

**SUNDAY EVENINGS**

Youth Group..... (check sign-up sheets for times of events)

\*A staffed nursery is conducted for each of these services

\*\*A staffed nursery is conducted for the 9:15 and 10:45 services for children to age two.



## Our Missionaries Write



**JOE TOY, OAM, Philadelphia.** We start with Joe Toy again this issue. Joe is ministering at Mardi Gras {mid February} in New Orleans, witnessing, passing out tracts, etc. He calls it the “*Devil’s Territory.*” Pray for his safety and those working with him. It is certainly a needy area, spiritually. He also witnesses to college students on their particular campus.

**GLORIA SMETHERS, AIM, RVA, Kenya.** “Thanks for your prayers for us here at RVA. with the outbreak of Swine Flu, and some other illnesses. The medical staff has been very busy. In the week and a half we nearly had 95 kids and RVA staff sick. Some of the kids were station kids (their parents lived here at Kijabe) so we did not have to care for all of them. Here at the Health Clinic we had about 2/3 of 95. BUT, in one way or another, we were affected – either restrictions of travel on or off the RVA campus (just a portion of Kijabe station) teachers having less students in class, other teachers covering classes for staff home sick, and friends and classmates being sick, and parents all over Africa concerned about their children here at RVA. YET, the Lord showed Himself faithful and we did not have to hospitalize any of the children due to the H1N1 outbreak.”

**B.J. AND RACHEL WHITAKER, ECM, Spain.** The Whitakers write that Cordoba is known for a very predictable weather pattern: sun and blue skies. “The week before Christmas it started raining in Spain and hasn’t let up since (Jan. 15). BJ realized that this wasn’t normal and asked the Director of our language school if there is some Spanish equivalent for ‘cabin fever.’ He thought and thought to himself before finally telling me “*Well, given that it hardly ever rains here and people can always get out of the house, we don’t have an expression for that.*” Southern Spain especially has a dry, almost desert like climate, and the threat of running out of water due to the ‘drought’ is a common conversation and news piece. Now the rivers and reservoirs are full and even flooding in some places.” They ask that we pray that this spiritually dry people would thirst for God’s refreshing, life giving, transforming water and that His living water would flow through into the lives of Spaniards all around the missionaries.

**DAN DIXON, AIM, Rift Valley Academy, Kenya.** Dan is a teacher at RVA. He usually teaches 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Bible, which is easy after so many times. This term he is teaching 9<sup>th</sup> grade Bible for the first time so is busy developing the curriculum. In December he spoke of preaching in a local church. The service was in Kikuyu language. He knows very little of that language so when they sang hymns, which were familiar English hymns to him, but had been translated to the Kikuyu language, he sang along in English as they sang in Kikuyu. He comments: “*it is amazing that even though our cultures are so different, we all still worship the same God.*”

**JONATHAN AND KATHY WILSON, WBT, Papua New Guinea.** They thank us for our ongoing prayers and support for them. “*We appreciate you being a part of our team to give the Binandere people group God’s Word in their own language.*” Wilson’s son, Justin, is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year studies at Moody Aviation School, Spokane, WA. “Please pray that as he also works at Jiffy Lube (mechanic job) that he will stand strong in his Christian witness.” Jonathan is working hard on the Binandere translation of Luke 13 and Acts 11 as well as village checking of Acts 3-5. Cathy is preparing a Binandere chorus book & short stories for her literacy classes. She is hoping to start research of a Binandere anthropology world-wide paper while they are in the village. ”

**KATHRYN KITTY MILLER, WBT, Chaing Mai, Thailand:** . Kitty has just gone back to Thailand after a brief visit home. Pray for her as she organizes her work there. She often comments about learning the language to be more affluent. Comments about the driving habits there are so different, so pray for her safety.

**JOHN & TERRY BRYNAN. Light of Life Mission, Kenya:** Pray for the Brynans as they returned to the field early February. There are many concerns in reaching the children and giving them good nutritious food and vitamins. As a nurse, this is always a concern of Terry. There are poisonous snakes all around and pray for alertness to the snake presence and where they are hiding.

**BOB & BETTINA SCHAEFFER, LIFE Ministry, New York.** Bob continues as a counselor with LIFE ministries. They drive on weekends to Bob's home town in Pennsylvania, where Bob preaches in a Presbyterian church. Bettina began teaching Pilates classes at a local gym, which opens opportunities to minister to emotional and spiritual needs of women. Together, they participate in an ongoing community prayer service begun by the Primitive Methodist pastor. It is exciting to see Protestant and Catholic clergy and laity come together in prayer.. They are always busy in ministering at E.C Church camps. In a letter from them they give several prayer requests: 1) For relatives and friends who have health problems and also need salvation; 2) Safety in their travels.

**CHRIS & DEB BOWERS, SIL, Papua New Guinea.** They have just returned to Papua Guinea. Deb is back to teaching, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade science for the first time. as well as 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grade Health again. Chris is back to flying again. Once he has spent more time back in normal PNG flying, he'll begin training two of our new pilots. Two of their friends are back to checking translation of parts of Genesis. Please pray for accuracy and efficiency as they translate God's Word. They also ask for prayer for safety and peace as security issues continue to be a problem in their community,

**KEN SEARS, ECM, Ukraine.** He had reported earlier their church has been looking for a building of its own rather than rent. They now have been able to buy a storage house in the middle of an apartment complex. It has a large room that can be used as sanctuary, and many small rooms that can be class rooms. The biggest problem is the lack of money to buy and do a little renovating. He also praises that the Lord has been providing needed funds. He remarks: "If something is really God's will, then problems are just faith's road signs." Ken will be coming home on furlough this summer.

**ATTENTION PLEASE! For a copy of complete Missionary letters we receive, check on the Mission table in the Narthex. They are FREE. Thanks Charles & Mary for making this possible.**

Larry Smith, Adult Missionary Fellowship

## Financial Picture: MISSIONS

### DECEMBER, 2009

Balance 11/30/09	\$2,830.01
Receipts	8,934.00
Balance & receipts	\$11,764.01

Checks written:

E.C. Church – Denomination Missions	2,100.00
E.C. Church – Jan. Support - GMC	7,178.00
Bank Service Charge	2.00
<b>TOTAL Checks written:</b>	<b>\$ 9,280.00</b>

**Balance as of 12/31/09** **\$2,484.01**

### JANUARY, 2010

Balance 12/31/09	\$2,484.01
Receipts	\$9,890.00
Balance & receipts	\$12,374.01

Checks written:

Bank Fee	2.00
Light of Life Missions	580.00
E.C.Church - Feb. support	7,178.00
<b>TOTAL Checks written:.</b>	<b>7,760.00</b>

**Balance as of 1/31/10** **\$4,614.01**




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### DECEMBER/JANUARY STATISTICAL REPORT:

**Attendance:**

	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Jan.</u>
Membership total	363	363
A.M Worship average	359	454
Sunday School average	113	178

**Finances:**

	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Jan.</u>
Total giving	\$54,704.72	\$93,231.97
Weekly need to meet Budget	\$14,112.00	\$12,870.00
Average Weekly Giving	\$10,940.94	\$18,646.39



## Attention:

There will be no Kids' Worship  
on Easter Sunday!



**SUNDAY MORNING**  
**ADULT STUDY & GROWTH GROUPS**  
**March-April 2010**

**8:00 AM -- 9:15 AM -- 10:45 AM**

(As announced – dates will be offered every other week most months)

**LIFE-TO-LIFE TUNE-UPS** – Anyone involved with or interested in what God is doing in Disciplemaking ministry at Trinity is welcome to come and be refreshed, encouraged and challenged! Led by Pastor Al and L-2-L leaders.

**9:15 AM & 10:45 AM**

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** (Room 200) Led by a rotation of excellent teachers. Class theme: **Teachings on Community** (Jonah, Ruth & the New Testament) Contact: Bill Master [william.master@comcast.net](mailto:william.master@comcast.net) 267-923-1009.

**9:15 AM Only**

**BIBLE EXPLORERS** (Room 119-121) — Studying John's Gospel. Led by Jeff Miller - [jeffm591@dejazzd.com](mailto:jeffm591@dejazzd.com) . Class contact: Dean Crider [camdal@dejazzd.com](mailto:camdal@dejazzd.com) 610-754-9032.

**10:45 AM Only**

**MEN ONLY**(Room 126) Bible Study & sharing on topics relevant to Men following Christ. Led by Bruce Wilson 610-451-0776 [bawilsonnh@comcast.net](mailto:bawilsonnh@comcast.net) & Bruce Outland 610-970-1220 [outland@verizon.net](mailto:outland@verizon.net).

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** -- Rm. 100@10:45 AM. Class offers fellowship, inspiration & study. New material announced March 7. Find details in the weekly Worship Folder or contact **Becky Minor** 610-906-6251 or [becky@magneticmurals.com](mailto:becky@magneticmurals.com).

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*If you have a passion for leading adults in discovering life-changing truth from the Bible, and have time available on Sunday mornings before or after you worship, contact Pastor Al 610-369-1507 Ext. 25 [pastoral@bovertownec.org](mailto:pastoral@bovertownec.org). to discuss initiating an Adult Bible Study @Trinity!. Classes can be offered @ 8, 9:15 or 10:45 AM as rooms are available!*

## **TRINITY LEADERSHIP TEAM** *update*

*What's Happening?!*

- **The Congregation approved our new Leadership Structure and personnel on Sunday, January 24.**
- **The LEADERSHIP TEAM will replace the former “Ministry Council” and Ministry Teams listed below will replace the former “Commissions”.**
- **Pastoral Staff and Team Leaders** have been holding informal discussions and assessing the best way to proceed with the new structure. In particular, the **Operations Team** has begun to get a handle on “what” we do so we can adjust “how” we do it in the new structure.
- A brief strategic and tactical discussion was held after worship on **Sunday, February 14.** The main topic was planning the **Leadership Team Launch event.**
- **An informal gathering** for the purpose of building relationships within the team and their spouses was held on **Saturday, February 20.**
- **The Leadership Launch event -- Friday, March 5 to Saturday, March 6 at Camp Mensch Mill.** This event is planned to **confirm the roles, function and vision** of this leadership group. **Please pray** for the Holy Spirit to guide each of us as we pray, plan and worship together. You can pray for us by name using the list below:

Mike Overend – President

Lynn Miller – V.P.

Bruce Outland – Discovering Team Ldr.

Audra Nihart – Connecting Team Ldr.

Mike Lippincott – Growing Team Ldr.

Chas Krause – Going Team Ldr.

John Friedlund – Lead Pastor

Al Giles – Discipleship Pastor

Rick Christman – Children’s Pastor

\*Also attending the Launch representing Youth Ministry: Brad Algeo

*Pastor Al*

**On behalf of the Leadership Team**

# What Easter morning looks like at Trinity EC Church . . .

<b>7:00 am</b>	<b><i>Dawn Service at Cannon Hill</i></b>
<b>8:00 am</b>	<b><i>Full Breakfast in Fellowship Hall</i></b> <i>by reservation (to be announced at a later date)</i>
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b><i>“One Voice” Performance</i></b>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b><i>“One Voice” Performance</i></b>

## **Note:**

- ***The “One Voice” Performance lasts over an hour.***
- ***Kid’s Worship will not meet at 9:15am.***
- ***See schedule below for child care opportunities.***

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*Is hope missing in your life?*

*Come and be inspired by hearing ...*

# ONE VOICE ...

A Dramatic Musical for Easter

**Saturday, April 3 6:30pm**  
Child care provided through Grade 1  
Light refreshments after presentation

**Sunday, April 4 9:00am**  
Child care provided through Grade 1

**Sunday, April 4 11:00am**  
Child care provided through Grade 6

*We would enjoy the chance to meet you.  
Please come, hang out, and enjoy  
Continental breakfast  
between 10:00am – 11:00am*



# THIS & THAT

When the office is not open, prayer chain needs may be called to  
Larry Smith at 610-367-2917 or  
Email needs to him at [trinityprayerchain@bovertownec.org](mailto:trinityprayerchain@bovertownec.org)

## PRAY FOR ...

### Those with SPECIAL NEEDS:

Al Agelwei, Jr.; Herb Bauman; Pastor Don; Della Findley; Betty Geisinger; Lois Gresh; Tom Gresh; Elaine Haas; Jack & Dee Harris; Donnamae Hoffman; Grace Hoffman; Shirley Klee; Earl Leary; Nancy Means, Marian Meitzler; Jean Merkel; Lauren Merkel; Helga Moser; Judy Nagle; Leanne Rohrbach; Craig Saul; Sandy Seifarth; Roy Sickel; Ron Stauffer; Harold & Joan Weidner; Donna Werner, Nancy Work



### Members & Friends SERVING in the ARMED FORCES:



Mike Foglia ★ J.S. Bailey ★ Greg T. Bechtel ★ Frank Sickel ★ Chris Barton  
Joe Stoess ★ Keith Place ★ Andrew McIlhenny ★ Steve Kosylo ★ Ken Nihart III  
PFC Austin Sukanich ★ L CPL Scott M. Shay ★ Adam latesta ★ Joshua Mack  
Brent Gannon ★ William Arters ★ Kyle A. Weiser ★ Gary Fetterolf  
Matthew Staso ★ Bill Lockoff Jr. ★ Joel Hoffman ★ Gene Uhler  
Tommy Oelschlager ★ Joshua Haydt

*Anyone who has additional info for the Military, such as current addresses changes, please contact the church office.*

*Also, remember to pray for the families of those serving.*

### Missions Concerns:

- ❖ John & Terry Brynan with Light of Life Mission in Kenya
- ❖ Rick & Sue Geiss – “Because We Care” Ministries
- ❖ Jackie latesta – Staff member of Nurse’s Christian Fellowship



**That all peoples  
may know Him**

### Those GRIEVING:

- ✠ Rev. Jim Shields, former director of Twin Pines Camp, passed away Dec. 20. Pray for his wife, Naomi, and their sons.
- ✠ Pearl Fegley, Wendy Rusling's mother, age 78, passed away on Monday, 02/15.

### Praise for:

- ♥ Lee & Pam McLaughlin are the proud grandparents of a grandson, Aidan Christopher Boyd, born to Steve & Kelly Boyd on December 22, 2009.
- ♥ Leo & Eileen Ciaciak – Proud grandparents of Landon Leo Ciaciak born 12/21/09 to Kevin & MaryJo Ciaciak.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS



CAROL HARNER	03/01
DENNIS FISHER	03/01
HAILEY STUART	03/01
DENISE MILLER	03/03
TY KENNEDY	03/03
KEVIN BROWNE	03/04
KATIE MONTANARO	03/05
NICOLE LENKO	03/05
MELISSA LEFFEL	03/06
MARY LEE BOSWELL	03/06
VICTORIA OBAROW	03/06
CHRIS ANGSTADT	03/07
ANDREW JONES	03/08
JOHN STROGUS	03/08
STEPHANIE GRABER	03/10
JEFFREY KULP	03/10
BRITTNEY PETTIS	03/11
ERIN NICHOLAS	03/11
MARK BISHE	03/12
CINDY L BISHE	03/12
KAREN SAUL	03/12
DYLAN WADE	03/12
ISAAC FISHER	03/12
AUBREY ALLEN	03/13
KATHRYN MADEJA	03/14
LYDIA GRABER	03/14
PAM MCLAUGHLIN	03/15
ROBERT TROUT	03/15
LINDA ZIEGLER	03/16
REBECCA BOSWELL	03/16
MARY BARTHOLOMEW	03/16
VICKI KRICZKY	03/16
WILLIAM SMITH	03/18
SHAINA WARD	03/18
ETHAN ACITO	03/18
RILEY MINOR	03/18
DOROTHY KLOKIS	03/19
RALPH MOSER	03/19
GERTRUDE LONG	03/19
MATTHEW MELCHIOR	03/19
DENISE HOLLEY	03/19
JAIMI WAGNER	03/19
TRACEY ST CLAIR	03/20
ALAINA DEMENNO	03/20
CHLOE PARISH	03/20
EVAN MORTIMER	03/21
NANCY KREMM	03/22
BETH CARPENTER	03/22

DAN LENKO	03/22
JUSTIN CROUSE	03/22
HEIDI KULP	03/23
JENNIFER MELIS	03/23
RONALD ENGLEMAN	03/24
KATIE IRWIN	03/24
JULIE KREMM	03/25
RYAN RICHARDSON	03/27
CRAIG STOUT	03/27
STEVEN BOYD	03/28
ALEXANDRA BRINGHURST	03/28
CAROLYN BOSWELL	03/29
TOM NIKERLE	03/29

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



KELLY DETWEILER	04/01
DANA DRISSEL	04/01
JOSHUA JONES	04/01
EDWARD KRICZKY	04/01
HELEN BROWNBACK	04/02
GRANT KNIER	04/02
GRACE HOFFMAN	04/03
DAVID MESSNER	04/04
ESTHER HARNER	04/05
FRED SAUL	04/05
JOAN HILLPOT	04/05
ELIZABETH OBAROW	04/05
SAVANNAH STITT	04/05
JOSEPH STEIN	04/05
TIMOTHY HARDGROVE	04/08
LEANNE ROHRBACH	04/08
MARY HILL	04/08
KELSEY STITT	04/08
PAUL CONLEY	04/08
JEFF RICHARDSON	04/10
CASSANDRA ROBERTS	04/10
LIAM KNOX	04/10
ALLYSON STOUT	04/11
DIANA SMITH	04/11
ANDY LENKO	04/12
JOHN LINDSAY	04/13
MARY JANE JOHNSON	04/14
RHONDA CLARK	04/15
ASHLEY WADE	04/15
GEORGE SCHLEGEL	04/15
JENA KENNEDY	04/16
DON JR MACE	04/16
KARSON BROWNE	04/16
RYAN SMITH	04/16
IRENE OSSMAN	04/18
MATTHEW HAYDT	04/18
WENDY ZIMMERMAN	04/18

JENNIFER LEFFEL	04/18
LINDA DOUGHERTY	04/18
RUTH ANN KULP	04/18
SARA DRISSEL	04/19
JEFFREY STAUFFER	04/20
STEPHEN OUTLAND	04/20
MATTHEW KENNEDY	04/22
DIANE MOSER	04/23
CAITLIN NICHOLAS	04/23
MORGAN JONES	04/23
KRIS STAUFFER	04/23
CANDICE KNOX	04/24
JEFF MILLER	04/24
MEGAN NICHOLAS	04/24
HANNAH LINDSAY	04/25
HARRISON MAXYMILLIAN	04/25
LEE RATH	04/26
STEPHAN MELIS	04/26
MAX BENTLEY	04/27
ANDREW JR LEFFEL	04/27
NATHAN MYERS	04/27
ERIN MAXYMILLIAN	04/27
FLORENCE MANWILLER	04/28
ROGER LAHR	04/28
ZACHARY RATH	04/28
REBECCA SWEET	04/29
JENNIFER DEETER	04/29

## PEEK AT MAY '10 BIRTHDAYS

DORIS BAUMAN	05/01
DON MCHENRY	05/01
JOHN LEIBENSPERGER	05/02
EVA SMITH	05/02
WES CROUSE	05/02
BLAKE JONES	05/03
NATHAN MICHENER	05/03
RUSSELL BOUCHAT	05/05
ALEX BENTLEY	05/05
KATE MCGLINCHEY	05/05
RANDY LUFT	05/05
JEFF HAIR	05/05



### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



JONATHAN & BRENDA DOWNEY	03/06
RONALD & MARIE ENGLEMAN	03/08
MICHAEL & MARY LYNN WASCOE	03/11
TODD & NICOLE BENDER	03/13
LARRY & MARLENE SMITH	03/17
RALPH & SANDRA MOSER	03/18
JIM & SIDNEY STEINER	03/19
BERNHARD & IRMA LICHT	03/20
JOHN & DORIS BOSLER	03/21
JOHN & SANDY STROGUS	03/23
BRUCE & LORNA WILSON	03/25

MATTHEW & TERESA MELCHIOR 03/27

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

MATTHEW & SARA OBAROW	04/03
DAN & MARCY MARKS	04/07
GEORGE & GAIL SHEELER	04/09
BILL & MARY LEE BOSWELL	04/14
RON & MERCED STAUFFER	04/14
GEORGE & LINDA SCHLEGEL	04/16
KEITH & MARLENE HARTZELL	04/17
ROSS & MARTHA BENTLEY	04/23
BILL & MIRIAM MARBERGER	04/26
RUSSELL & SHARON BOUCHAT	04/27
LEE & RUTH STAUFFER	04/28
RICK & SUSAN GROFF	04/28
CHARLES & MARY KRAUSE	04/29

### A PEEK AT MAY ANNIVERSARIES

LEE & BRENDA RATH	05/04
TED & GWEN KNEPP	05/04
WILLIAM & ANN SMITH	05/05
JOHN & TERRY BRYNAN	05/05



## SacRifice for LiBeria March 19&20, 2010

Fast with your youth group  
and help the E.C. church of Liberia.

TO SPONSOR a teen, put a check made out to "Trinity youth fellowship" in an envelope in Brad Algeo's mailbox #2.

Go to Trinity E.C. Church's website, [www.boyertownec.org](http://www.boyertownec.org) and refer to the youth web page to get info for future upcoming youth events!

## From the Pastor's Pencil

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.



*Galatians 1:3-5*

It has been several years since Mel Gibson's film *"The Passion of the Christ"* opened in theaters across the country. I remember attending the film and being deeply touched by the vivid imagery of Christ's trial & crucifixion. Viewing the film caused me to see, as for the very first time, the magnitude of God's love for humanity. Christ's suffering was intense!, and it was more than physical anguish, for, *"He bore...the sins of the world."* (1 John 2:2) As the scripture says, *"He who knew no sin, became sin for us."* (2 Cor.5:21)

The powerful truth in all of this is that WE were the focus of such sacrificial love. The Passion of Christ was to bring Grace home to human hearts. The scripture above reminds us of the fact that Grace is ours through *"Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us..."* When God's Grace is bestowed upon someone, what is taking place is that the recipients are receiving a gift which they do not deserve and cannot repay. Jesus became the sacrifice for our sins to satisfy the justice of God, for justice demands that an offender receive an appropriate punishment. Because of Christ's death on the cross, all who trust Him for salvation will, by Grace, stand before God just as if they had never sinned. This is true as Christ's sacrifice is accepted by God on behalf of every believer.

The passion of Christ was to offer all people a wondrous exchange, His righteousness for their sin. It's true! In death, Christ took upon himself the sins of all who would believe, and gives to them his own righteousness.

So, child of God, rejoice! You are an heir to the Kingdom of Heaven. You are among the redeemed! And to you who are still holding Christ at arms length, do you think the Passion of Christ will last forever? Not so my friend. One day Christ will return, not as a passionate savior, but as judge of the living and the dead. Trust Him today while he may yet be found.

Living in the Passion of Christ,

*Pastor John Friedlund*