

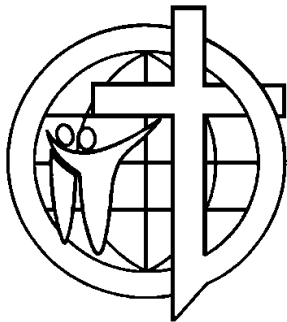
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The Purpose of
Trinity Covenant Church is:

To invite people to enter into
personal relationship with Jesus Christ
and into His family,
To enable them to grow in
Christlike character,
And to equip them for their ministry,
So as to bring honor to God.



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is the monthly newsletter of

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And Where Our Members Are
Our Ministers

Please join us for our annual

RALLY DAY CELEBRATION!

When ALL AGES come together
to enjoy

****SonRock VBS Reunion****

****Pancake Breakfast****

****KidsTime Registration****

****Youth Group Registration ****

****Back-to-School Prayers****

****Fun & Fellowship****

**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20th**

9:15 a.m.

(followed by our Worship Service
at 10:40 a.m.)

We look forward to another blessed year

AN INVITATION FROM OUR NEW MUSIC LEADER

To the members of the congregation,

Most of you I have met, both after the Sunday services and during the wonderful reception held on July 19th. However, for those I've not had the chance to meet personally, allow me to introduce myself (although this letter in the *Times* may not be the most personal, I would love to hear from you after the services).

My name is Kurt Galvan, and I am the new Leader of the music ministry for Trinity Covenant. I am a UCONN graduate (holding a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance, and to hold a Performer's Certificate in Piano Performance come 2010). Though I have been involved in church settings before, yours has been, by a wide margin, the warmest welcome I have received.

Though new to the Covenant Church, I am learning quickly the order of service and the music that accompanies it. As I grow more accustomed to the service, and as you all grow more accustomed to me, I would like to expand on the music ministry. This may include, but is not limited to, participation in the *Music to Prepare Us For Worship* and the *Giving Back to God* segments of our Sunday service. Being new to your congregation, I am still unaware of all the musical talent you all assuredly have.

This letter, as well as being a brief introduction, serves as an invitation for all those interested to please see me before or after the service and tell me about your interest in musical participation (i.e. musical experience, type of music, comfort level regarding performance, etc). Many of you have approached me and put your name in the hat, so to speak, but I am confident that there are more of you. That said, do not hesitate! Music is for all.

I look forward to hearing from all of you, and look forward to working with you all individually, as well as collectively, in creating beautiful music. A special thank-you to you all for your sincere welcome to me as a newcomer to the congregation, and a thank-you for wanting to help shape the music ministry into something that all may enjoy.

Warm regards,

Kurt Galvan
Kurt.eric.galvan@gmail.com

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women, you are invited to our fall sessions of Bible study. We meet every other Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:15 for an in-depth study of a section of the Bible.

We begin this fall on Tuesday, September 8th, when we will consider Chapter 8 of the Gospel of Luke.

You are welcome to join us. Coffee and friendly company are provided.

– Marilyn Anderson

ANNIVERSARY COFFEE HOUR

This month marks 15 years that Pastor Dave and Edie have served at Trinity! Please join us to honor them at a coffee hour after worship on Sunday, September 13th.

SABBATICAL PLANS ARE IN THE WORKS

On Sunday, August 16th, the congregation unanimously approved a sabbatical for Pastor Dave. The motion was to have the Council appoint a committee to plan for a sabbatical for Pastor Dave, to take place in 2010 or 2011. The costs of the sabbatical should be outside the regular church finances, including memorial funds and recent bequests.

We will apply to the Louisville Institute in the hope of being awarded a grant to pay for the sabbatical. There is competition for the grants. The Institute receives around 300 applications and awards 40 grants.

The Council has appointed a committee to work with Pastor Dave on plans for the sabbatical. The members of the committee are Ruth Bernadt, Mal Cummings, Judy Jennings, Anil Mathew, Claudia Peterson, Sandi Soucy, and Marilyn Anderson, chair.

DESIGNS ON A FALL HARVEST FAIR (FALL 2010, THAT IS)

"We Need YOU!" We are in the formative stages of planning a fundraising event for Trinity that would take place in the fall of 2010. A two-day event, a Fall Harvest Fair, is to take place outside on a Friday and Saturday.

If you would be interested in working for this event, please contact Sandi Soucy at *romanteaque@yahoo.com* or via phone 989-0848. An organizational meeting will be held in late September to discuss our plans for the future.

BRING IN YOUR VBS T-SHIRTS

For our SonRock Kids' Camp Vacation Bible School this summer we were blessed with T-shirts from an anonymous donor. Our VBS leaders wore the shirts to identify themselves as our staff, and the arrangement worked so well we'd like to do it again next year. If you have a "VBS Staff" T-shirt, please bring it to Trinity so we can store it and have it ready for next time.

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

The Worship Commission will soon begin work on preparing the 2010 volunteer lists for ushers, Communion preparers, Communion servers, and Bible readers. If you are not presently serving in any of these capacities, but would like to do so, please contact Donna Lee Carlson. Young people are encouraged to volunteer as Bible readers.

CVOC GALA OCTOBER 11th

Covenant Village of Cromwell annually hosts a public event to benefit its Benevolent Care Fund, which assists residents who may be unable to fully cover the cost of their housing and care. This year's Annual Autumn Gala is being held on **Sunday, October 11th**, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell.

The evening will begin with a social hour and silent auction at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00. You will then surely enjoy the special musical guests this year, the contemporary Christian musicians known as GLAD. Tickets for this benefit event are \$60 each. To make reservations or for more information, please call Janet Carlson at Covenant Village, 860/754-3045.

“IRON SHARPENS IRON” FOR WOMEN!

We've heard the men tell of the meaningful experience they've had attending the Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference. Beginning this fall, Iron Sharpens Iron will offer a similar but unique conference for women.

The date is **Saturday, October 17, at the First Cathedral in Bloomfield**. Sixteen different seminars will serve women of all ages (13 and older)!

For details on seminars, speakers, and more, you can go to www.IronSharpensIronWomen.org.

REVOLVE TOUR FOR TEEN GIRLS COMING TO HARTFORD IN DECEMBER

December 4-5 at the XL Center in Hartford

Award-winning bands & speakers with REAL, RELEVANT Messages. The 2009 event from The Revolve Tour, 4Real combines amazing music, relevant real-life stories, drama, excitement & fun for a one-of-a-kind inspirational weekend for teen girls. Bring your teens – they'll love it!

You may be wondering about details of The Revolve Tour ... like, “*What is the purpose?*” It's designed to communicate to teen girls that God loves them, just as they are, and to draw them into a life-changing relationship with him. We've intentionally created the weekend to be an opportunity to invite girls who may either be deeply involved with church or not open to it at all. Everyone can have fun, be encouraged, and reminded that they are valuable, and God loves them.

Go to www.revolutour.com for more information.



It's not too early to be thinking of Christmas giving, especially when it's to a worthy cause that takes just a bit of planning ahead. And here's your opportunity!

Each year, Operation Christmas Child delivers millions of gift-filled shoeboxes around the world for boys and girls who are suffering because of war, natural disaster, poverty, illness, or neglect. The children who receive the boxes also learn about God's greatest gift, His Son, Jesus Christ. Trinity's Congregational Care Commission is inviting you to fill a standard-sized shoebox - or boxes - with toys, school supplies, personal hygiene products, candy, gum, lollipops, sunglasses, socks, caps, T-shirts, jewelry, small picture-books, etc. This is a good time to shop - when back-to-school items and Halloween candy may be in surplus, but before the Christmas rush. Your shoeboxes should be filled and brought in by mid-November. Happy shopping to all of you! If you have any questions, please contact Ruby Harper (747-3391, rubyharper27@comcast.net).

IN GREAT APPRECIATION OF ERNIE AND MARIE JURGEN

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the posthumous generosity of Ernie and Marie Jurgen. Ernie and Marie, longtime members of Trinity, made a special place in their estates for their church, and over the course of 2009 we have been the grateful recipients of their financial gifts. Our thanks go as well to Ernie and Marie's daughter, Lee Jurgen, who is serving ably as administrator of her parents' estates. Ernie, who passed away in 2003, and Marie, who went to be with her Lord last December, were married to each other for 61 years, and for much of their married life actively participated in our church life. May their gifts bring honor to the God they served.

UPCOMING GATHERINGS AT THE PINES

Please take note of these mind- and faith-growing opportunities at Pilgrim Pines Conference Center in beautiful southern New Hampshire:

- September 18-20, Covenant Women's Retreat #1
- September 25-27, Covenant Women's Retreat #2
- October 9-11, Men's Retreat
- October 12-15, Fall Foliage Retreat
- October 16-18, Pumpkin Festival Weekend

In addition to church-centered gatherings, the Pines carries on a great service to seniors in the broader public as a hosting site for many Elderhostel "Adventures in Life-Long Learning" programs held during most months of the year. For information on these and other programs, call the Pines at 603/352-0443, visit www.pilgrimpines.org, or e-mail info@pilgrimpines.org.

SEND A CARD, SAY A PRAYER

Here are church members and friends who live in retirement communities, who may miss church because of physical challenges, or who are ill or otherwise just need our prayers and a card:

- * Ruth Bridgwater, Parkway Health Center, 800 SE Central Pkwy, Rm. 109, Stuart, FL 34994
- * Mary Carrione (Mary Lou Freitas's mother), Newington Health Care, 240 Church St., Newington, CT 06111
- * Mary Eschenbrenner, 12 McKernan Drive, Plainville, CT 06062
- * Judith Johnson, The Gables of Guilford, 201 Granite Road, Apt. 115, Guilford, CT 06437
- * Richard Keller, Amberwoods, 416 Colt Highway, Farmington, CT 06032
- * Annie Larson, 88 Scott Swamp Road, Apt. 313, Farmington, CT 06032
- * Ruth Lunn, 424 Lake Avenue, Unit 1, Bristol, CT 06010
- * David Peterson, Pilgrim Manor Care Center, Room 22, Missionary Rd., Cromwell, CT 06416
- * Myrtle Pipeling, 57 Plum Tree Road, Plainville, CT 06062
- * Emma Selander, 75 Perry Road, Forestville, CT 06010

PREPARING FOR, AND SERVING ON, SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

VOLUNTEER CUSTODIANS

September

6 Donna Lee Carlson & Jackie Damon
13 Dick & Claudia Peterson
20 Dick & Claudia Peterson
27

October

4 Ruth Bernadt & Ruby Harper
11 Kristen & Kara Blandino
18 Kristen & Kara Blandino
25 Dale Johnson

NURSERY CAREGIVERS

September

6 Joan & Amanda Charneski
13 Edie Chandler & Nancy Johnson
20 Jackie Damon & Monique Jones
27 Cathy & Brandy Simons

October

4 Sherry Eschenbrenner & Renee Cortland
11 Marilyn Anderson & Ann DiFrancesco
18 Ruby Harper & Mary Lou Freitas
25 Jen Leander & Edie Chandler

USHERS

September

Anil Mathew & Ted Cortland

October

Marvin & June Anderson

COMMUNION PREPARERS

September

Audrey & Stan Kasakowski

October

Ruby Harper & Ruth Bernadt

COMMUNION SERVERS

September

Marvin & June Anderson
Dale & Nancy Johnson

October

Anil Mathew, Jay Leander
Ruby Harper, Ruth Bernadt

BIBLE READERS

September

6 Allison Platt
13 Linda Mathew
20 Ingrid Mongillo
27 Hannah Platt

October

4 Marvin Anderson
11 Nancy Johnson
18 Donna Lee Carlson
25 Isaac Chandler

LEADER/PIANIST FOR HEALTH-CARE CENTER SERVICE

September 3

Ruth Bernadt, Leader

Margaret Carlson, Pianist

October 15

Mal Cummings, Leader

Margaret Carlson, Pianist

DATES OF NOTE AMONG TRINITY FOLK

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Joseph Blandino
7 Ruth Bridgwater
9 Leah Rogers
13 Mary Eschenbrenner
17 Christina Mancini
22 Kristen Johnson
22 Abigail Leander
23 Savannah Freitas
24 Sarah Johnson
24 Anita Nyberg
28 Noah Platt

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

7 David & Edie Chandler
7 Carl & Sharon Schadler
10 Eddie & Stefanie Crane
14 Richard & Beverly LaPlume
20 Shawn & Catherine Simons
24 Bertil & Donna Lee Carlson
28 Marvin & June Anderson

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Leah Maar
6 Diane Dougherty
6 Ruby Harper
11 Scott Peterson
13 Terri Bentley
14 Sherry Eschenbrenner
17 Rit Grzeszczak
19 Ruth Goranson
24 Elizabeth DeFrancesco

27 Donna Lee Carlson
29 Eric Anderson
29 Ingrid Rogers

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

9 Stan & Audrey Kasakowski
12 Mal & Jean Cummings
16 Everett & Emma Selander
18 David & Kristen Blandino

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