

# The Trinity Times

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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*



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 can be filled and brought from now through mid-November. Happy shopping to all of you! If you have any questions, please contact Ruby Harper (747-3391, [rubyharper27@comcast.net](mailto:rubyharper27@comcast.net)).

## **CVOC GALA OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

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 11<sup>th</sup>**, 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](http://www.IronSharpensIronWomen.org).

## **BIBLE-READING GUIDES AVAILABLE FOR YOU**

We encourage everyone at Trinity to set aside time each day for a time of personally meeting with God through prayer and reading the Bible. One tool that many have found helpful in guiding such times is the *Covenant Home Altar*. For over 70 years the Evangelical Covenant Church has provided this quarterly booklet as an asset to its members. Each week a different Covenant pastor or church member writes a set of short reflections on designated daily Bible readings (generally a few verses each day on a particular weekly theme). Trinity provides the *Home Altar* free of charge. You are welcome to pick up one for yourself or your family from the table in the church lobby. Many of us have followed these readings and found them to be a boost to our spirits!

# HALLOWEEN & HARVEST HOSPITALITY HERE!

Our Trumbull Avenue neighborhood teems with children on Halloween, and we want to make Trinity a welcome site for them! Our aim is modest - simply set up a table and decorations on our church lawn and hand out candy to the kids, cider to the thirsty, and wish them all a fun and safe evening.

We invite you to help us prepare. You can:

\* Buy and bring in:

- bags of candy
- apple cider (fresh, pasteurized)
- cups, with lids, for cider
- decorations (pumpkins, corn stalks, hay bales)

Elsewhere October 31<sup>st</sup> can have a ghoulish side, but here we offer a scene from an autumn harvest and a welcome smile. And we welcome your contributions. You can bring the above items up to October 30<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 at 989-0848. An organizational meeting will be held soon to discuss our plans for the future.

## “FOOD FOR FRIENDS” ...

... is the name of a new group in Plainville offering free meals to those in need. Organized by the Plainville Conference of Churches, “Food for Friends” is a response to the economic downturn that has left many families struggling. One way to help is to offer a free hot meal one night a week for families and individuals who could benefit from it.

The group has been up and running for several months now, with one central location and gathering time for meals:

**Food for Friends now regularly offers a free hot meal on Wednesday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Plainville, 130 West Main Street (747-1901).** All who would benefit from this outreach are welcome to attend.

The Plainville Conference of Churches includes Church of Our Saviour, Episcopal; Congregational Church of Plainville; First United Methodist Church; Grace Lutheran Church, Redeemer’s AME Zion Church; and Trinity. **Teams of people from participating churches prepare and serve the meals on a rotating basis. Trinity and Church of Our Saviour have joined together to form a team, and the next time we plan to be hosting a meal is on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.**

If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Ruby Harper (747-3391; *rubyharper27@comcast.net*).

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Live flowers are a welcome addition to the Morning Worship Service at Trinity. If you would like to provide a floral arrangement for the altar – perhaps in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special event or anniversary – please notify the church office at least one week in advance. And, if you have garden flowers for a bouquet for the altar, please also notify the office.

Thank you from the Worship Commission

## **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.

## **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.revolve.com](http://www.revolve.com) for more information.

## **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:

- October 9-11, Men's Retreat
- October 12-15, Fall Foliage Retreat
- October 16-18, Pumpkin Festival Weekend
- November 20-22, Mother-Daughter Weekend
- November 25-27, Thanksgiving at the Pines

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 OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER**

**VOLUNTEER CUSTODIANS**

**October**

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

**November**

1 Ruth Bernadt & Ruby Harper  
8 Dick & Marilyn Anderson  
15 Dick & Claudia Peterson  
22 Manny Saxon  
29

**NURSERY CAREGIVERS**

**October**

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

**November**

1 Joan & Amanda Charneski  
8 Nancy Johnson & Jackie Damon  
15 Monique Jones & Sherry Eschenbrenner  
22 Renee Cortland & Marilyn Anderson  
29 Ann DiFrancesco & Ruby Harper

**USHERS**

**October**

Marvin & June Anderson

**November**

Richard Peterson & Richard Anderson

**COMMUNION PREPARERS**

**October**

Ruby Harper & Ruth Bernadt

**November**

Mal Cummings & Donna Lee Carlson

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

**October**

Anil Mathew, Jay Leander  
Ruby Harper, Ruth Bernadt

**November**

Everett Selander, Donna Lee Carlson  
Joe Freitas, Anita Nyberg

**BIBLE READERS**

**October**

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

**November**

1 Kristen Mathew  
8 Joan Charneski  
15 Everett Selander (op)  
22 Abigail Chandler  
29 Joe Freitas

**LEADER/PIANIST FOR HEALTH-CARE CENTER SERVICE**

**October 15**

Mal Cummings, Leader

Margaret Carlson, Pianist

**November 19**

Marilyn Anderson, Leader

Margaret Carlson, Pianist

**DATES OF NOTE AMONG TRINITY FOLK**

**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 DiFrancesco  
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

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

3 Catherine Campobello  
3 Nino Freitas  
7 Claudia Peterson  
9 Robert Jones  
9 Monique Jones  
16 Jacquelyn Damon  
18 Beverly LaPlume  
19 Anne Vincenzi

20 Jay Leander  
23 Stefanie Crane  
25 Sarah Mathew  
27 Kyle Schadler  
28 Shawn Simons  
28 Joe Freitas  
29 Audrey Kasakowski

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