

I don't know if you felt it, but there is a looming anxiety that lingers over our lives today.
As the world wades through crisis after crisis our soul's become sapped of hope and security.
Do you feel it? What has caused it? Why is it there? Is there a remedy?

Come and encounter God's clear call and comfort to us in Christ that Good News wins!!

January 4th:	Grappling with Good News: AUTHORITY	Matthew 21:23-27
January 11th:	Grappling with Good News: RESPONSIBILITY	Matthew 22:15-22
January 18th:	Grappling with Good News: ETERNITY	Matthew 22: 23-33
January 25th:	Grappling with Good News: CHARITY, Part 1	Matthew 22:34-40
February 1st:	Grappling with Good News: CHARITY, Part 2	Matthew 22:34-40
February 8th:	Grappling with Good News: CHARITY, Part 3	Matthew 22:34-40
February 15th:	Grappling with Good News: DIVINITY	Matthew 22:41-46

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Trinity's Vision Statement
"We are a welcoming church family, developing disciples who
joyfully minister to others in the name of Christ."

TRINITY TIMES

January 2015

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Pastor's Pen

A Fresh Start

"...forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 3:13-14

As the calendar turns from December to January we are often filled with gladness that one year is past, and the eager hope of a new year unfolding before us. With the new year, perhaps we hunger for a new beginning...to grow areas where we are weak, to move ahead where we have been dragging, to increase what has been diminishing. To grow, especially in one's love for and trust in Christ is a most noble desire and one worth reflecting upon.

Resolution is the word most often associated with the start of a new year. Consider some of the meanings of "resolution":

- 1) The process of reducing or breaking something down to a simpler form (as in an idea, a machine, or a substance),
- 2) A formal expression of the opinion or will of an assembly, often by vote,
- 3) The moving of one's voice or an instrumental tone into the same musical chord (as in harmonizing),
- 4) To solve (as in a mathematical equation)
- 5) A fixed purpose; firmness; determination

For some this may begin to feel a bit trivial, but the love of studying words and finding its true meaning in our everyday conversation is not lost on me. With this in mind, the last definition seems to fit best what we mean when we make a New Year's resolution. We make a decision of the will; we determine within ourselves to accomplish something, to improve something about ourselves, or replace a bad habit with one that is much better.

I must admit that these resolutions have never been a big priority in my life. It occurs to me that the realist (or skeptic) in me always knew that I would never be able to accomplish my resolution goal. But does that make our resolutions a waste of time? Emphatically NO!, especially when we have our priorities in the right place.

As the New Year is upon us let us make the resolution to draw closer to God. He loves us with an immeasurable love. He sticks close to us throughout our ups and downs, and even in the midst of our wandering love for Him. Let us resolve to make the reading and study of His word, the Bible, a priority in our lives this year. Let us determine to let God have His way in our lives, to discover His will, to grow in His love, and to share His Good News with those around us. Let us determine to have God mold us into the image of His Son, Jesus Christ.

The New Year is a great time to take stock of our life. It is also a great time of year to get reconnected to those things that are most important to us. May we make God our highest priority in the year to come. And who knows, God may just do some unexpected and amazing things in and through our church family. May God bless you with a grace-filled year in 2015.

In the love of Jesus Christ,

Pastor Steve Jewell



REV. STEVEN JEWELL'S INSTALLATION. . .



Sunday, January 18th, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. there will be a worship service of Installation for our pastor, Reverend Steven Jewell. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Reception to follow.

EACM 25TH ANNIVERSARY. . .



Our vision is an empowered community where every person is fed, sheltered and safe.

Dear Eastern Area Community Ministries Partner,

“Sally” came to EACM as a single mother, unemployed and needing assistance for food and emergency assistance for utilities. Her situation became worse after a couple of months when she found herself almost homeless because she could not pay her rent. Through the support you provide to our mission we were able to help Sally and her children.

Her persistence and positive attitude in seeking employment paid off. She obtained a job with an insurance company and has now successfully completed a training program and is fully employed. In a recent meeting Sally stated that she is very grateful to EACM for the support we provided during her difficult journey towards self-sufficiency and family stability. She is on a positive path for her and her children.

This is only one of many stories of how EACM has supported a family during a specific need or crisis. This year we initiated our Helping Hands Partnership. We are able to work even more closely with our families through this program to define their true needs and how we can best help them move to a more positive level of stability.

EACM will be celebrating our 25th anniversary in 2015 and we are reaching out to ask for your continued support to help families in need or crisis. Our food pantry continues to feed approximately 300 families each month. We provide emergency assistance for shelter and utilities. Our Good Start for Kids Program provides much needed diapers and baby items for families. We provide free ESL classes through our Latino Outreach Program.

You can make a financial gift to support our mission and make a difference in the lives of your community neighbors like “Sally”. An online donation can be made by going to www.eacmonline.org. You may also send a check to EACM, P. O. Box 43049, Louisville, KY 40253. A gift at any level will help a family with food, shelter or utilities.

Peace,			
Carrie Gerard	Angela Humes	Lisa Hebert	Cathy Robertson
Executive Director	Client Services Director	Director of Ministry Resources	Director of Mission Advancement
Paty Robles	Rebekah Davis	Shiny Varughese	Kelly Vandergriff
Latino Outreach Director	Director Helping Hands	Family Advocate	Food Pantry & Office Manager

The mission of Eastern Area Community Ministries is to partner with people in need or crisis and to equip and support them in leading lives of stability and dignity.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE—JANUARY 22ND. . .



The deadline for the February Trinity Times is January 22nd. Please email articles to trinitypc@earthlink.net or leave them in the secretary's mailbox.

JANUARY NURSERY VOLUNTEERS. . .

- 01/04: Sandy Koukola and Kathy MacDonald
01/11: Elizabeth Latham and Glenna Ogle
01/18: Jay Charnes and Jackie Morrow
01/25: Elizabeth Latham and Mary Harville



JANUARY COLLECTION COUNTERS. . .

- 01/04: Roger Harvell and Betty Wilborn
01/11: Mary Corum and Marilyn Davis
01/18: Tom & Cathy Dawson
01/25: Bill & Janet Husband



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES. . .

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| 01/01 Karen Sterling & Rick Steadham | 01/16 Jack & Candy Wheat |
| Ted & Virginia Kozak | 01/21 Michael & Diane Tinsley |
| 01/03 C.R. & Anna Marie Redcorn | 01/31 Mike & Julie Hinson |
| 01/04 Tom & Cathy Dawson | |



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS. . .

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| 01/02 Barbara Cooke | 01/14 Troy Marker |
| 01/03 Jackie Morrow | Nicole Marker |
| Larry Ogle | Seema Mathew |
| 01/04 William Jackson Shumate | 01/15 Gabriel Alexander Porter |
| Kayla Marie Shumate | Bill Vaughn |
| 01/06 Malcolm MacDonald | 01/20 Joshua Steven Kratt |
| 01/07 Janet Pender | 01/23 Mike Meska |
| 01/09 Richard Bird | Ron Dawson |
| Marie Farris | 01/24 Candy Wheat |
| 01/10 Kristen Bingner | 01/27 Matt Misleh |
| | 01/29 Elizabeth McDaniel |
| | 01/31 Bert Lundstrom |



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE. . .

	2014	2013
12/07:	145	149
12/14:	132	160
12/21:	167	162
12/24:	203	224 (both services)
12/28:	120	150

CALLING ALL GREEN THUMBS. . .

One of the many blessings for our church has been the talented and dedicated work of Bill Husband, resulting in the always beautiful landscaping all around our church building and of our grounds. Bill has each spring chosen flowers that have – with his help in planting and weeding – thrived and pleased our eyes as we walk into church, no matter which door we use to enter (who can forget those prolific and gorgeous petunias!)

Beginning in 2015, although Bill will still lend his considerable knowledge and expertise to this work, we need others to help with this ministry. Although Bill has handled many areas himself, we will divide the landscaped areas into more manageable parcels and ask families, individuals or teams of like-minded gardeners to take on the nurture and care of a parcel over the growing season. Trinity will provide all materials; we will be asked to provide limited time planting and weeding our own area.

So, if you enjoy digging in the dirt and making things a little more beautiful, please be on the lookout for a map of areas to be cared for and a signup sheet on the Support Services bulletin board. Any questions? Call Tom Dawson at 649-4166 or 245-7824.

CE . . .



Please join us for a special
Children's Luncheon
In celebration of EPIPHANY
Sunday, January 11th
(after the 11:00 service)

We will be serving chicken fingers and ask that you bring fruit, cheese slices, crackers, dessert, or whatever you would like.

Sign up sheet in hallway or email Linda Kennedy at lkennedy@aol.com.
Please bring a baby gift to donate to a shelter.



We are making plans for our **Annual Women's Retreat**
February 27-28 (5:00pm Friday - 3:00pm Saturday)

(Okay, we've changed the date a couple of times but this time we're set!)

Wooded Glen Retreat Center
Cost: \$130 per person/Double room occupancy

Sign up sheet in hallway or email Linda Kennedy at lkennedy@aol.com.
We are looking forward to sharing this special time with you!



EACM 25TH ANNIVERSARY. . .

Celebrate 25 years of Ministry with us!

Eastern Area Community Ministries is celebrating our 25th anniversary as a valuable community resource. Please join us on Celebration Sunday to take a look back at where we started & learn more about our plans for the future!



Sunday, January 18, 2015

**John Knox Presbyterian Church
9104 Westport Road**

**Program 3pm, reception immediately following 4pm
RSVP (502) 426-2824 or eacmmission@bellsouth.net**

PRESCHOOL. . .

RED ROOM FOURS

The four year olds in the Red Room have been busy as Santa's elves in December. We discovered a note in our story book from the Gingerbread Man himself, which sent us searching the building to follow his trail. We found the Gingerbread Man and all his friends asleep in the doll bed in our classroom. We worked in the pottery studio to make some special gingerbread houses for our parents as a Christmas gift, and hand-painted the gift wrap paper for them. We painted snowflakes with shower poufs and had fun crafting with jingle bells. Along with all of the holiday fun we have worked with the letters Oo and Cc and learned about triangles. We ended the month joining the other classrooms to present a Christmas music program for our families and joined them for cookies in Fellowship Hall after the program. We were enjoying our cookies when who should arrive—none other than Santa Claus!! It was a great way to end the month and begin our Christmas break.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Preschool registration for the 2015-2016 school year will begin in January. All preschool and church families may enroll children during in-house registration January 5th - January 16th. (Church families receive a 15% tuition discount.) There will be an Open House for prospective families on January 9th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. If you know a family looking for a preschool program, please tell them about our program. They may contact the preschool at 244-0054 or visit the website tpclouisville.net for additional information.

THANK YOU. . .

A sincere thank you to the congregation for the generous Christmas gifts. It is a privilege to serve at TPC.

From: Rev. Steve Jewell, Linda Kennedy, Bob Phillips, Shelley Shumate, Deanna Smith, Melissa Weaver, and Candy Wheat

Thank you to Trinity for the care package for finals week.

From: Nikki Wheat

Happy Holidays from the Faith & Art Center. Thank you for another great year!!

From: Candy Wheat

TPW. . .

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Women of the church wish, once again, to thank each of you that provided delicious Christmas cookies, cakes, breads and candies for the recent CHRISTMAS BAKE & CRAFT SALE. Equally, huge thanks to those that made some incredible gift items! David Douglas, Bill Hambleton and Larry Ogle tied for having the best crafts contributed by the men of the church! All of you fellows that helped with table set-up and take down, you are our heroes, and we appreciate you so much!

The final report for funds raised was \$3,740. Isn't that wonderful?!

We sold out of all baked goods before closing time – leaving some of our guests quite sad. Our event is incredibly popular in the area, with people marking their calendars a year in advance to attend because the quality of the baked goods is comparable to, no, better than one can purchase at a bakery!

Here at Trinity, the hearts of our women are enormous, yet we cannot fulfill the needs among the community to mend broken bodies or injured souls. So we pull together our talents to make things from which we can earn the money to support charities that can help with mending and healing. That is one reason we hold the CHRISTMAS BAKE & CRAFT SALE. annually.

Lifeshouse Maternity Home is one ministry we support with our funds. As its name implies it is a refuge where young women can find help with an unexpected pregnancy. House moms and other young mothers live together to learn parenting skills while pursuing education and employment goals. They share housekeeping and cooking chores too.

Kelly, in her early twenties, says “Lifeshouse is a place that I can call home, it is not just a house.” She is now the mother of a baby boy. In addition to the practical needs being met, she benefits on the spiritual side too, as the young women have Bible studies during the week and daily devotionals. It took Kelly some time to adjust to the flurry of activity when she first arrived, but she has found that she gets back what she puts into it, and found it important not to ‘sweat the small stuff’. “I was surprised at the profound love and level of happiness my son brings.” She summarizes what has made Lifeshouse so special to her and her son -- structure, support, stability and encouragement.

It is wonderful to help young women like Kelly, to watch these new families grow. For those of you that contributed items to sell and volunteered at our December event, you are now contributing to the good work by ministries such as Lifeshouse. Thank you again.

Changing the subject, Pastor Steve led the Tuesday Morning Circle lesson in December, and has agreed to facilitate our Bible studies through the school year! Our next lesson will be 2 Corinthians 5:11 – 6:10 (Lesson 5 in *Reconciling Paul*).

TPW Schedule

- Tuesday Morning Circle: January 13 at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor
- TPW Board Meeting: January 13 at 9:15 a.m. in the Library
- Thursday Evening Circle: January 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor
- Just for Fun Lunch (ALL church women invited!):
Tuesday, January 27th, 11:15 a.m. at Jason's Deli, 410 N. Hurstbourne Pkwy

WOW. . .



WoW and WoW Jr.

If you have not tried WoW before, this is a good time to start. Join us for good food, fellowship and learning for all ages!

5:45 p.m.—WoW and WoW Jr. Dinner

6:15 p.m.—6:45 p.m.—Children's Choir—grades 2—5

6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.—WoW Adult Program

6:45 p.m.—7:00 p.m.—Junior Choir—ages 3 through 1st grade

6:45 p.m.—WoW Jr. Program—activities, plays, crafts and a snack

Please note that this month we go back to our old format of potlucks for every meal. Each family unit should bring a dish to share; salad, dessert, side or main dish. Please be sure your dish will serve 6 to 12 people. If you do not wish to cook, just stop by the store on your way and pick up something to share. There is a special children's table with more of their favorite things. Beverages are provided for all. Dinner is served at 5:45pm.

JANUARY SCHEDULE

January 7th: Committee Night. No WOW

January 14th: Celebrate New Years!! Celebrate with your Trinity family.
Food suggestion: bring a new dish or your favorite winter dish.

January 21st: Celebrate Squirrel Appreciation Day!!
Food suggestion: Bring a dish containing nuts or corn.

Januayr 28th: Celebrate National Kazoo Day-165 years of kazoo playing!!
Food suggestion: Try something different.

BE SURE TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE AT THE TABLE!!!

Please sign up each week on the WOW sign up sheet located on the Fellowship bulletin board in the hall, or call the church before each Wednesday.

MEN'S STUDY GROUP. . .

Where: Wild Eggs at English Station Road

When: First & Third Tuesdays of the Month (**NEW DAY**)

What Time: 8:30 a.m. (**NEW TIME**)

What: Bible Study and fellowship

Who: All men of all ages connected in any way with Trinity Presbyterian Church

All men are invited; come informally, come as you are, come for one Tuesday, come for them all.
In January, we will meet on January 6th and January 20th.

