As you read this newsletter article, we will either be in the midst of (or preparing to enter) the most significant week in the history of Christianity. April 1st is Palm Sunday which marks the beginning of Holy Week; April 8th is Easter Sunday which marks the resurrection of Jesus Christ along with the promise of eternal life for us all. Between the two Sundays are incredible emotional swings from celebration and fellowship, to fear, betrayal, denial, abandonment, and death, back to celebration and fellowship.

Beyond the traditional remembrances and worship services during Holy Week, there are ways we can learn and grow from the events of those eight days. For example, what can we learn from Jesus as he washes the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper? Would we be willing to humble ourselves and be vulnerable enough to receive a gift of grace like this? What can we learn from the crowds who shouted “Hosanna!” at the beginning of the week, only to shout “Crucify Him!” by the end of the week? In other words, how much does “fitting into the crowd” shape our actions and behaviors? How does Jesus challenge us when he asks God to forgive those who are nailing him to the cross as it is happening? Do we understand people and their actions (misguided as they may be), or do we take positions of superiority and judgment over people without understanding who they are and why they do what they do? Is it possible to truly forgive if we don’t truly understand?

At our Annual Meeting in January, I challenged everyone in our congregation to “T.H.I.N.K.” before we speak or act. In order to “T.H.I.N.K.”, we need to ask ourselves five questions: is it True?...is it Helpful?...is it Inspiring?...is it Necessary?... is it Kind? How much easier would it be to “T.H.I.N.K.” if we also remembered the gifts of humbleness, vulnerability, understanding, and forgiveness? To give you a prime example of what I mean: How different would politics in our country be if interactions were based on humbleness, vulnerability, understanding, and forgiveness, instead of vicious name calling and shameless money-raising? If humbleness, vulnerability, understanding, forgiveness and “T.H.I.N.K.ing” can make a difference for our politicians and candidates, can they make a difference for us, too?

It seems like an impossible task, though. How do we remain humble and vulnerable in order to receive God’s grace when our culture makes excuses for (and gives rewards to) those who are selfish, greedy, and egotistical? How do we sift through the hundreds of voices and opinions that bombard us every day so that we can listen to God’s Still Speaking voice? How do learn to understand others so that we can offer true forgiveness and free ourselves from the burden of judging others and carrying grudges?
As I look back over this article, I realize I’ve made only a few statements while asking lots of questions. I know I don’t have the answers myself, but if we journey together in humbleness, vulnerability, understanding and forgiveness – while remembering to “T.H.I.N.K.” along the way – we can discover the answers together. I don’t think life is about knowing the all the answers and then getting everyone to do things our way. Life is about learning, discovering, growing, changing, and then learning all over again. So let’s begin learning together this Holy Week. Let us be humble enough to admit our vulnerability, let us seek understanding and offer forgiveness even when it seems impossible. Oh yeah, and let’s not forget to “T.H.I.N.K.”, too. And may we always remember that God’s love of us is the reason for all that we do.

The Journey Continues,
Pastor Dave

In support of Pastor Dave, you are invited ...

Pastor Dave will be presented as an Ordination Candidate at the Annual Meeting of the Northwest Ohio Association on Saturday April 28 at Trinity UCC, Elliston. In support of Pastor Dave, you as the church are invited to attend. If you would like to attend for the day, there is a cost of $28. If attending only for the morning, including the 8:00 am breakfast, the cost is $10. There is no charge if you would like to attend just for Pastor’s Dave presentation from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 10:10 a.m.

If you are interested in attending, please see the signup sheet posted on the trophy case and indicate the time you would like to attend. If anyone is interested in car pooling, please indicate that as well. To receive the Early bird discount, you must sign up and have your money turned into the office no later than Sunday, April 15. After that date, the all day cost to attend is $32.
Dear Trinity UCC,

We just want to say thank you so much for thinking of us during this very difficult time! It has been very hard for us, but knowing there are still people who care helps us through each day!
The Kori Sherwood family

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your generous gift of $121 received during the months of July through December 2011 to support CUE Seminaries (Chicago, United and Eden). Your contributions help to keep seminary education affordable for those who feel called to ministry. CUE provides an essential ministry in the UCC by training and equipping leaders who will serve congregations and the wider world with compassion and justice.

Thank you for making theological education a vital ministry of your congregation.

With Gratitude,
Kiely Todd Roska, Director

SPECIAL THANKS
For those whom we remember, we give thanks!

To... Gary and Linda Gottfried for their donation of paper to the office.

To... Alice Earl for volunteering to play the piano for Children’s Sunday School.

To ... Betty Earl for volunteering to send cards from the church to those in need.

To ... Pastor Dave for the many thankless hours he gives to his Trinity family. From Bible Study to youth group-to special services—-to Sunday worship—and to everything in between. Take time to personally thank Pastor Dave yourself for all he does for Trinity. “No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.” -Saint Ambrose

To ... those who donated shoes and socks for SARA. Your response was wonderful!

To ... your generous donation of Easter Egg candy, eggs or money for the community Easter Egg Hunt.

To ... Anna Carr and Sharon McGuire for coordinating the Easter flower orders.

To ... those who have recycled their ink cartridges giving the Staples credit to the church account.

Florence Wagner (Wyandot County Home), Colleen Shaffer (at home), Richard and Marjorie Mullholand (Elmwood at the Shawhan in Tiffin), Annabelle Noblit (Birchaven), Lois Spoon (Ruffing Family Care on CR 6 in Tiffin), Alice Timple - Barb Gurney’s mom, John Schoenberger-Carol Grubel’s dad (home), Rev. Jim Melter (breathing problems), Seth Miller (Rev. Melter & Susan’s grandson), David Shiley-Barb Traxler’s cousin (health problems), Kristen Kingseed (bone marrow transplant-Cleveland Clinic), Tom Fink-Clarabelle Clark’s niece’s husband (cancer), Mike Shaffer (colon cancer), Connie Rhinehammer (congestive heart failure & kidney problems), Bill Rhinehammer (cancer), Joe McClain-Dan’s uncle (lymphoma), Gary Papera-Jim and Hazel Stillberger’s son-in-law (Parkinson disease), Retta Mae Cook (advanced leukemia), Alice Kompar (cancer), Kathy Miles (cancer), Gary Cassidy (cancer),

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Chuck Lehman – Ruth Weininger’s brother (cancer), Barb Traxler (recovery), Reid Jacoby (improving), Anne Morehart (cancer), Jonathan Ronyak-Becky Jones’ cousin (brain tumor), Bob Heimrick (chemo), Carol Moses-Cathy Lucius’ sister (cancer), Robin Hough (disease modifying drug treatment), church finances and all the others who are homebound... hospitalized... those who are undergoing treatments... surgeries... and those with illnesses... and hurting spirits... and to all others who struggle and suffer in our world.

OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian love and sympathy:

To Keith and Erin (Cleland) Sherwood and family on the death of their daughter, Kori Elizabeth. Kori was born and died on February 25, 2012. A private graveside service was conducted by Pastor Dave at Bethel Cemetery. A white rose was dedicated in Kori’s memory during the March 4 worship service.

To the Gary Cooper family on his tragic death on March 2, 2012.

To the Gene Baughman family. Gene died March 10, 2012.

To the Jane Montgomery family, daughter of Florence Wagner and sister of Barb (Dan) McClain. Jane died March 17.

Please uplift these families in your prayers and reach out to each of them. May God’s presence offer them comfort in the days ahead.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The March 11 altar flowers were given in celebration of Pastor Dave’s approval by Church and Ministry as an Ordination Candidate being presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association on April 24, 2012.

Flowers were given in loving memory of Sue Rice by Rheta and Daryl Ruehle for the March 25th worship service.

Youth News from the Lighthouse

We are coming down the homestretch for this year. It is hard to believe we’re coming to the end of another year of learning and growing together. We’ll be taking April 4th off during Holy Week, but when we come back, we’ll be putting together the Youth Sunday Worship Service. Until then, here is the schedule for April:

**Wednesday, Apr. 4th – NO MEETING**

**Wednesday, Apr. 11th – Regular Meeting**
SPARKs 3:45pm – 5:00pm

**Wednesday, Apr. 18th – Regular Meeting**
SPARKs 3:45pm – 5:00pm

**Sunday, April 22nd – Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser after church from 11am - ??**

**Wednesday, Apr. 25th – Regular Meeting**
SPARKs 3:45pm – 5:00pm

Looking Ahead:
Youth Sunday will be May 13th… the youth will lead worship that day.

Our 2nd Annual trip to Monsoon Lagoon Waterpark in Port Clinton will be in June.
YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER
A SPAGHETTI DINNER

Following worship on Sunday, April 22, the youth groups will sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner with hopes to fund their summer outing to Monsoon Lagoon Water Park. The kids are excited about returning to the water park in Port Clinton again this year and they are appreciative of your support. Thank you!

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

All children, ages 1-12, are invited to Trinity’s Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the McCutchenville School Park. Be sure to bring a basket or container to collect the candy filled eggs.

Spread the word and join us for an “eggciting” time in the park!

CANDY NEEDED

Wrapped candy for the community Easter Egg Hunt is needed. Donation boxes can be found in the church hallway if you would like to contribute.

Thanks for helping!

DARTBALL LEAGUE AWARDS

Several people from Trinity were recognized recently at the Wyandot County Church League Dartball Banquet for their accomplishments during this past Dartball season. Pastor Dave had the third highest league batting average with .519. Bob Lust came in second place with a .400 RBI average and Steve Tong earned Rookie-of-the-Year honors with 330 points.

Our congrats to Pastor Dave, Bob Lust and Steve Tong!
INTERDENOMINATIONAL WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

Acclaiming Christ Together (ACT) is sponsoring a one-day interdenominational women’s conference on April 21 at the Camden Falls Conference Center located at 2460 St. Rt. 231 in Tiffin. The day begins at 8:45 a.m. and will conclude at 3:30 p.m.

The conference is entitled “Hold Fast” and the day is planned for women to experience a time of spiritual growth and Christian fellowship. Cindi Ferrini from Cleveland is the conference speaker while Lisa Troyer will share her music ministry. Becki Reiser will be the special feature of the day.

Tickets are $23 which includes lunch, but after April 14, tickets will be $24. Registration forms and checks, made payable to Women A.C.T., should be sent to Women A.C.T. 60 S. Tecumseh Trail, Tiffin, OH 44883-3462. For additional information, you may contact Sue Parrish 419-447-3437 sparrish15@woh.rr.com or Mindy Wise 419-448-8130, mwise74@sbcglobal.net.

VACATION TIME

Pastor Dave will be on vacation beginning Monday, April 9 through Sunday, April 15. In his absence, Rev. David Culp will be available for pastoral care. You may contact him at 419-447-9548. Or, let Jan know and she will be happy to make the contact for you up until April 12. She will be out of the office attending an UCC Support Staff conference April 12-14, and will be unavailable those dates.

SPECIAL GUESTS

On Sunday April 15, Rev. Paul Stark and several of his students from Heidelberg will be our guests while Pastor Dave is on vacation. During the sermon time, the students will speak on their spring break experiences and relate them to the gospel. Please give them a warm welcome by your presence on April 15.

THAT’S MY PAN

The Women’s Guild is again selling "That's My Pans." If we get orders for at least 8 items, we will send in an order for Mother's Day on April 29th. There are several new items available. If interested, contact Nira Beaschler or the office for a new brochure. New items are a Pyrex 10x15 glass pan, a 3 stack glass pans, a BBQ Grill Set with wooden handles, a 4 piece Rada utensil set and twelve ounce personalized Matte Cafe Mugs as well as the items that we had last year.
Prayer shawls, blankets and cloths were dedicated during the March 18th worship service. As announced, if you know of someone who could use a prayer shawl, blanket or cloth, please do not hesitate to reach out to that person and share one with them. Follow your instinct; if you feel they need our prayers, give them a Prayer shawl, blanket or prayer cloth, whichever is most appropriate. There is a sign out list in the Heritage Room along with the dedicated items only so we know someone hasn’t been overlooked or has been given one already. We need everyone’s help to make our Prayer Shawl Ministry useful.

Help is always needed knitting or crocheting the shawls, blankets or cloths. If you are interested, please talk to Carol Grubel, Elfriede Wagner or Ruth Weininger.

Included are addresses of the men and women from our Trinity families that we are aware who are serving in the Armed Forces currently. We pray God will keep them from harm’s way. Uplift them as well as their families in your prayers.

Thank you for keeping us updated with address changes or of any additional names.

Major Jason Affolder
2327 Ashcreek Drive
Scott AFB
IL 62225

SSG Chad Acton
82 Lee Road
2170
Phenix City, AL 36870

Lisa Acton
2170 Trawood Drive
Apartment 206
El Paso, TX 79935

Chandler Heavrin  (Air Force)
(Wayne & Doris Flack’s granddaughter’s husband.)
102 River Bluss Drive
Goldsboro, N.C. 27530

CPL Wesley Jacoby  (Marines)
216 North Carole Dr., Apt. 42
Jacksonville, NC 28546

SSG. Andrew W. Lust  
(Full time National Guard)
13797  Havens Corners Rd.
Pataskala, OH  43062
Email: andrew.lust@us.army.mil

Dana Plouck
8388 S. Hunnic Dr.
Tucson, AZ 85747

Major Blake M. Price  (new address)
18 Rose Loop
Ft. Leavenworth, KS 66027

SPC Shellhouse, Andrew M.  (Army-82 Airborne Division)
468 North Woods Drive
Raeford, NC  28376

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Chad Shellhouse (National Guard-training completed)
7373 S. TR 131
Tiffin, OH  44883

Jesse Shinn (Deployed to Korea (Air Force))
51MXS PSC3 Box 8424
APO AP 96266

Jake Stevens (Navy Reserves)
2148 Indianola Ave.
Columbus, OH 43201

LS2 Michael Tanner (Logistic Specialist-
Navy Reserves-Deployed-Afghanistan. Returning home sometime in April)
ARSIC-West Log-ETT-FSD
Herat-Camp Stone
APO, AE 09382

~= Consistory will hold its monthly meeting on
   Wednesday April 4 at 7:30 p.m.

~= Holy Communion will be offered during the
   Maundy Thursday service, April 5, and again on
   Easter, April 8, 2012.

~= For any Prayer Circle needs, please contact the
   church office (419-981-5808), Cora Bour (419-981-
   2922) or Jan (419-981-2533).

~= Lost But Found: an oversized “Totes” black
   double layered umbrella and a Weatherproof
   Garment Company men’s olive green winter coat,
   size, large.

~= Don’t forget about our Book Swap Table located
   in the overflow room in the back of the sanctuary.

~= The church has available for use 2 wheelchairs, a
   walker, and a quad cane. If anyone has a need to
   borrow these items, just check with the office on
   availability.

~= Trinity Tutors of Scutch continues to offer
   tutoring services for elementary and junior high
   subjects as well as algebra and geometry. If
   interested, please contact Lynda Weininger at
   419-981-5702 or dlweininger@bright.net or Trinity
   Church 419-981-5808 or at trinityucc@bright.net.

~= Items for the May newsletter should be
   submitted to the office by April 22. As always, we
   welcome your input or any suggestions you may
   have.

~= If anyone has pictures from any church activities
   they would like to contribute to the church
   scrapbook, especially pictures from last fall’s Senior
   Sunday and the Spaghetti Throwdown, please
   contact Ruth Weininger or the church office.
   Thanks!

~= Don’t forget to notify the church office if you
   have a new phone number or address so we have
   your current information in our records. Thanks!
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PALM SUNDAY DINNER
A Palm Sunday Ham/Chicken dinner will be held at the Seneca County Opportunity Center, located at 780 E. CR 20 just off St. Rt. 100 south of Tiffin, on Sunday, April 1. Adult tickets are $8, Children 5 to 12 years old-$4, and children 4 and under by donation. Serving time is from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Carry outs are available. All proceeds will benefit the individuals with disabilities in Seneca County. An Easter Egg hunt will also be held for children 1 to 10 years old at 1:30 p.m.

REBECCAS COMMUNITY WOMEN’S NITE OUT
We are invited us to a Women’s night out at the Republic UCC church beginning at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 12. Betsy Kniffin Ministries will present a program titled “Bringing Encouragement through Humor and the Good News of Jesus Christ.” Refreshments and fellowship will follow the program.

PORK CHOP DINNER
Zion UCC-Fireside located at 13525 E. RD 178 in Bellevue is sponsoring a Pork Chop Dinner on Sunday, April 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Adult tickets are $9 and children 12 and under, $5. Carry out is also available

April Acolytes
April  1  Keith Jenkins
April  8 (Easter)  Mazie Stevens & Adrianna Tobin
April 15  Nick Troha
April 22  Madison Wagner
April 29  Grant Theis

April Sunday School Teachers
April  1  Barb McClain
April  8 (Easter)  NO Sunday School
April 15  Leigh Beidelschies
April 22  Jan Pennington
April 29  Lynda Weininger

April Ushers
Robin Tong and Jan Snyder

April Stewardship Projects
April 1 & 8  Youth Ministries
April 15  Open
April 22 & 29  Maintenance

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES
4  Kent and Lori McGuire  14 years
7  Brett and Jenny Russell  11 years
11  Wayne and Doris Flack  59 years
14  Ray and Janet Wagner  23 years
16  James and Pam Karg  24 years
16  Ken and Cathy Lucius  18 years
17  Nate and Jill Fenstermaker  3 years
18  Jerry and Ruth Weininger  54 years
20  Steve and Robin Tong  27 years

APRIL BIRTHDAYS
1  Julia Lee, Gary Nagy
3  Blair Gosche, William Tusing
4  Ray Wagner
5  Denise Arnold Cierra Benett
6  Christie Raber-Weininger
7  Evan Palmer
9  Dave Kingseed, Dave Weininger, Kyle Tong, Jim Beck, Dylan Hammond
10  John Messersmith, Ashley Sharp, McCord Carrick
11  Gary Gottfried
13  Kaye Leonard

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Highlights of March 7, 2012

Consistory Meeting

Treasurer’s Report –
- Total Expenses for February $7,187.13
- Copies run on the copier were 10,000 over the contract for the last three months period.
- Took $2000.00 out of the savings for bills in February.
- A statement to purchase the Mohawk Leader for the next year was brought to the attention of the Consistory. After discussion, Janie S. moved we purchase the Mohawk Leader for one year.

Robin T. second, motion passed.
- Benevolence $741. OCWM; $72. NWOA; $50 CUE; Christmas Fund $359.50 needs to be paid.
- After reviewing all expenses and present bills for February, Judy G. moved we accept the Treasurer report and pay the bills, second by Ken P., motion passed.

Pastor’s Report:
- Approved to be presented to the Association at the Annual Meeting for ordination on March 6, 2012 by the NWOA Church and Ministry Team
- Pastor Dave had to complete a Criminal Background Check for his ministerial profile at the cost of $160.00
- Three baptisms will be scheduled for April

- One burial service in February
- Pastor Dave will be on vacation April 9-15th.
- David Culp will be available for emergency calls.
- The first meeting of NAMI had 11 people from the area attend.

Committee Reports:
- Caring Community – The Evangelism Committee would like the Caring Community to think about a welcome basket for those coming to the community.
- Evangelism – Met the week of Feb. 26th. There was discussion about prayer shawls, prayer clothes and the Easter Egg hunt on April 7, 2012. The Hunt will take place at 1:00 pm for the community at the McCutchenville School Park. Ages 1-12 years old. Bring your own basket.
- Maintenance – The electric plug by the piano is working now. The sign in the front of the church needs work.
- Pastor Parish – Will be meeting Tuesday, March 13th at 8:15 am.
- Stewardship – The Stewardship list of giving was reviewed.

Old Business:
- Computerizing the Treasurer Report work will continue.
- Display Screen for Sanctuary – this is still in the planning process and looking at a cost for something like this.
- Memorial Envelopes to place at Funeral Homes was priced at $89.20 for 500 from Bookmyers. Another estimate will be looked into at Minute Print.

New Business:
More discussion was brought to the table of the overage used on the copier. Using the copier for printing of the newsletter has taken the contract over the 5000 copiers per month or 15,000 per quarter. The present charge is $49 per month. After discussion, the conclusion to increase to 8000 copies per month ($78 per month) or 24,000 per quarter will be a closer estimate on copies needed to stay within the contract. Judy G. made a motion to raise the contract to 24,000 per quarter. Janie S. second, motion passed.

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Special Events:
- May 4, 2012       Rummage Sale
- June 10, 2012     Chicken BBQ
- August 25, 2012   Lawn Fete
- October 13, 2012  Steak Dinner
- November 6, 2012  Election Day Luncheon

Communion will be served:
- Maundy Thursday- April 5
- Easter Sunday – April 8

Jan Pennington brought to the consistory a request to attend the UCC Office Support Conference in Cleveland at the National Offices of the UCC on April 12 – 14, 2012. A hand-out with all workshops was presented. Jan P. applied for a scholarship fund which would pay for her registration fee of $125 if awarded. After discussion Jannie S. moved we pay for Jan Pennington’s unpaid expenses to the Support Staff meeting. Judy G. second, motion passed

The Criminal background check which Pastor Dave needed to complete his Ministerial Profile with the UCC was brought back to the table. It is procedure the church pays for the criminal background check so with this in mind, Joan D. moved to repay Pastor Dave the $160 for the background check. Robin T. second this motion, motion passed. Pastor Dave will present an invoice for this expense to be paid.

Next Meeting: April 4, 2012 at 7:30 pm

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as of February 29, 2012

Our year to date income $14,781.34
Year to date expenses $ 15,883.75
Net gain (loss)    ($ 1,102.41)
Annual Budget for 2012 $ 93,371.00

In order for Trinity to stay within our budget, we need a monthly income of $7780.91 or a weekly income of $1,945.25

Benevolent Giving
as of February 29, 2012

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