

The Trinity Tidings

Pastor Ernie Perry

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Sunday Worship Time 9:30 AM
Sunday School 11:00 AM
Sunday Eve Worship 7:00 PM
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 PM
Fax Number - 814/467-9051

In Matthew 28:16 - 20 Jesus gives us our marching orders, which will never change until He comes again. They are really very simple: Go and make disciples for the transformation of the world. At least that is how our Bishop, Tom Bickerton puts it whenever he speaks of the mission of the churches of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Ever since our Bishop came to serve our conference he has taken us through a process of evaluating our success in this mission in the past and determining what must be done to accomplish it in the future. At one point he shared with us the results of this process and encouraged us on in the mission. Later on he focused particularly on our attitude toward making disciples. There were a few points that I thought would be of importance to us now.

Attitude: The Inner Key To Making Disciples

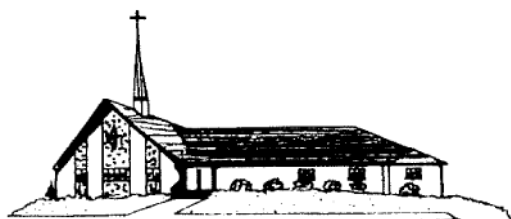
Throughout the Bishop's discussion his concern was with our attitude toward the mission. So the first statement of importance was, "The best way to make a disciple is to be a disciple." The emphasis was on the fact that we need to practice more of what we are in Christ so that others may realize what Christ offers to them. We need a strong commitment to the Word of God and we need to have openness to the work of the Holy Spirit and a compassion for the lost.

Secondly he described our attitude this way: "Disciple Makers sit in the front pew and participate." he explained that this meant that those who are active in disciple making are those who are active in their faith in every way. They don't sit in the back and observe. They don't quietly move through life unnoticed. They participate and by doing so they influence others for Christ. He encourages us to find ways to be more active in our relationship with Christ and others. Not just to live our faith but to influence others to faith in Jesus Christ.

He also said that Disciple Makers hold a vision, have a purpose and keep that purpose alive every day. Disciple Makers know the heart of God and His desire to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Disciple Makers keep that at the forefront each day and seek to carry it through. Disciple Makers put thought into action. They don't just think about reaching people for Christ they do it.

Finally he calls us, "To participate in Disciple Making." He challenges us to identify three areas where we have been sitting in the back row with regard to disciple making. Find ways to reverse the attitude and change the pattern of life. Then he challenges us to ask ourselves, "What is the first step we can make in order to take action in each of these areas." We need a new attitude toward disciple making and we need an action plan to carry it out. Renew your passion for Christ and your relationship with Him. Then you will be able to acquire a passion for souls and go and make disciples.

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Grace & Peace, Pastor Ernie
For March 2008



Acolyte
Kaylee Davis

Ushers
Brett, Sally, Jenelle & Adam Feather

Greeters
2nd Keith, Kathy, Justin & Brandon Stevanus
9th William & Sally Rudge
16th Florence & Vernon Rogers
23^d John & Jennifer Smindak
30th Kathy, Mike & Travis Allison

Church Office Hours

The Church Office is open Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Mona D'Ambrosia is the interim church secretary.



Tidings Deadline

The deadline for article submission for the April 2008 edition of the Tidings will be **Sunday, March 16th**. You may place your article in Tammy Fiffick's church mailbox, mail it to the church office and mark it "Tidings" or email it directly to tidings@scalpleveltrinity.org. Thank-You!

Flower Sponsors & Acolytes Needed

There is still a need for altar flower sponsors and acolytes for the year. A sign-up sheet for the flowers is located in the Narthex. The sheet for the acolytes is posted on the bulletin board outside of the restrooms.

WANTED ~ Pictures & Videos

All types, all kinds of any & all church activities at SLTUMC. Please see John or Jen Smindak for more information. Thanks!



- 03/03 COPA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 03/17 Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m.

January 2008 Church Attendance



January 6th - 153
January 13th - 163
January 20th - 137
January 27th - 135

January Average Weekly Attendance - 147

Spring



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March 9th 2:00 a.m.

Lighthouse Prayer Requests...



- Sheri Napora
 - Pat Zimmer
 - Lisa Wright
 - Cliff Hildebrand
 - Shirley Sease
 - Tim Sease
 - Julia Thomas
 - Elma Yoder
 - Gabby Fiffick
 - Marlin Varner
 - June Hinson
 - Carol Hoffer
 - Grace Pomroy Bennett
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Did You Know?

- You can make your tithe & offering contributions on the church website?
- You can contribute Tiding articles via the church website?
- You can view past Tidings editions through the church website?

So....check out the church website at

www.scalpleveltrinity.org



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of

Tom Lasut, who passed away February 14th, 2008.

God's Authority

1 John 4:4 speaks of God having authority over satan. The verse states "...greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world." (The Seckofield Reference Bible). God has always had complete control over the enemy, satan.

God is in control of all things in the world. In many areas of Scripture, there are verses that speak of how God is supreme. He rules over nature, the heavens, and the universe.

He also rules our lives as well. No matter how tough the problem or circumstance, He will help us through our problems. Just as in the Old Testament, His authority reigns supreme now, and throughout eternity.

Linda Singer

World Day of Prayer

12 Hours of Constant Prayer from the Lighthouse. Friday, March 7th, 2008. Sign up for a 15 minute time frame. Pray in the sanctuary, at work or at home. We are praying for the lost of our area, our nation, and of the world. Also pray for the peace of God to fall over the world. Pray for God's direction and vision for our church family. Please see the sign-up sheet located out in the Narthex to schedule a time to pray between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



SORRY

Our apologies to Matthew & Amber Hale for incorrectly listing their son, Glaiden's birth as

February 13th. Glaiden Don Hale was actually born on January 13th. Sorry for our error!



Men's Prayer Breakfast ~ At the Corner Coffee Shop

Be sure to jump start your Saturday morning, on March 22nd at 7:30 a.m. with good food & fellowship!

Maundy Thursday Service

On Thursday, March 20th, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Maundy Thursday Evening Service with a Seder meal and Communion.



SLTUMC Drama Team



Under the direction of Annie Fiffick, Scalp Level Trinity UMC is beginning its' own drama team. If you have always had a "dramatic" side and are interested in a ministry that gets

the Gospel across via the stage – then this is the place for you. Contact Annie no later than March 31st either by telephone (539-5231) or email annieleebananie@hotmail.com to learn more about becoming a performer for the Lord! All ages are welcome & urged to join!

Rock-A-Thon Sponsor Slips

You will find youth rock-a-thon sponsor slips in your church mailbox. These forms are for your convenience if you would like to sponsor any of our youth or if you would like to make a donation to their rock-a-thon, which is going to be held beginning Saturday, March 8th at 9:00 p.m. and lasting until Sunday, March 9th at 9:00 a.m. All proceeds will benefit the youth fund. Thank you for your continued support.



PS: Anyone is more than welcome to visit, help make gobs, bring food, goodies and snacks anytime during the night!

Johnstown District UM Women

I want to thank those who brought in items for "God's Older Children" at Arbutus Park Manor. Our church gave "search-a-word" books, tissues, soap, a bag of small containers of lotion, shampoo, etc. Thanks again for your support of this project. Our next project "God's Children at Risk" – CEM – month of April. Items needed are paper & foam products, plastic silverware, napkins, etc.

February is membership renewal to Arbutus Park Manor Auxiliary. Envelopes were placed in your mailbox. The Auxiliary does many wonderful things for the residents. Please place your donation in the envelope and then either place it in the offering plate or in my mailbox. Thank you again for your annual support.

Eleanor Mock

Girls Night Out

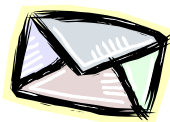
The next "Girls Night Out" will be a covered dish dinner in the church Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, March 11th, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Please sign your name and what type of covered dish you are bringing on the sheet in the Narthex. Any questions please see Christine Koshute or Barb Hostetter.



Mail Call...

Keith Kaufman is currently a college student at Shippensburg. He loves to receive mail. His address is:

Keith Kaufman
603 Bard Drive
Shippensburg, PA 17257



Thank you for remembering him.



Easter "Son"rise Service

Please join the youth-led Easter "Son"rise Service at 6:30 a.m. Then stay for a pancake & sausage breakfast following in the Fellowship Hall! The cost is free. There will be a free-will offering with all proceeds going towards SLTUMC Youth Program.



"Wrapped in Prayer"

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is still looking for prayer warriors to join them. For more information please contact Norma Miller.

Habitat for Humanity "Women Build"

Project #19 will begin in the spring in the Westmont section of Johnstown. Project #20 will start in the summer on Samuel Street, in the West End. These builds will not exclude men, but their primary function will be to advise and assist, as women will be doing much of the construction. This "Women Build" is in need of volunteers, building materials and monetary donations. If you are interested in assisting please contact Dawn Penrod for more information.



Johnstown District Help Shop

The Johnstown District Help Shop will be held Sunday, March 30th, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., at the Portage High School. This is an opportunity to sharpen your church leadership skills through various workshops being offered. The Help Shop is open to everyone. PPRC members should plan to attend. Registration forms are available on the table in the Narthex. The registration deadline is March 23rd.





Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

We appreciate the generous gift from Scalp Level Trinity UMC.

Thank you for helping us, so that

together we may help others in our community. God Bless You!

Pastor Rick Smith & The Windber Compassion House Staff

Dear Members of Scalp Level UMC,

I am writing to thank you for your recent donation for the ministry of the Johnstown District of the United Methodist Church.

May God bless each and every one of you for your continued support.

Blessings,

Charles Fowler, DS
Johnstown District

Dear Scalp Level UMC,

Habitat for Humanity of Cambria Co. would like to extend to you our appreciation for your donation. Since 1995, 18 families have been moved from sub-standard housing in Cambria Co. & Windber. Your donation will help Habitat continue to build.

God bless you for your willingness to share in the Habitat mission.

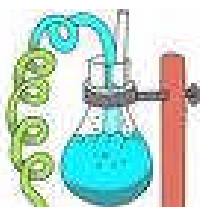
Sincerely,

Phyllis A. Thomas
Board Secretary

Our family wishes to thank Scalp Level Trinity for the beautiful baby blanket and given for Glaiden. We greatly appreciate your care and kindness.

Adam, Amber & Glaiden Don Hale

2008 Vacation Bible School



Mark your calendars! This year the children will discover Jesus; Miraculous Power during "POWER LAB", July 28th - August 1st, from 6:00 - 8:15 p.m. If you, or

anyone you know is interested in helping, please see Mona D'Ambrosia, Jill Hamacek, Darlene Lough or Kirsten Perry. We're going to have a BLAST!

A Note from the Trustees...

Our new officers for the Trustee Committee include:

- Mike Hamacek/Chair
- Jack Custer/Co-Chair
- Arlene Andrews/Secretary
- John Price/Brian Penrod/Treasurers

Updates:

- Parsonage had new lighting & fans installed.
- Updated telephone system to modern day communication standards at the church (i.e. – fax, call forwarding, call waiting, etc.)
Note: *Please* leave a message if you call.
- Heating system in Pastor Ernie's office is being repaired.
- Water fountain is working in the hallway.

These are just a few of the updates of what is going on. All of these things are possible because of your donations in the "Pink Trustee" envelope.

Thank you & God Bless!

The Trustee Board

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on

Saturday, March 22nd from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at the church. There will be an exciting egg hunt, fun games, a delicious snack and great Worship with

your church friends!

There is a donation list on the bulletin board. Please place donations in the box in the church kitchen by Friday, March 21st.

We hope everyone will be able to come and have a great time!

Wednesday Evening Prayer Services have resumed for March 5th and March 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



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COMMUNITY

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Worship Leader
March 5, 2008	First Presbyterian Church 1101 Somerset Avenue, Windber	Ruby Mader
March 12, 2008	First Assembly of God Somerset Avenue, Windber	Don Eller



A special offering envelope will be included in the Sunday, March 2nd bulletin. Your donation will help enable the United Methodist Committee on

Relief (UMCOR), share the goodness of life with those who hurt. Won't you help?

Host Family/Families Needed

Neal and Mari Hicks, Missionaries from Japan, will be joining us during Worship on March 9th. They will need a place to stay Friday, March 7th - Sunday, March 9th. If you would like to host them during their stay, please let Pastor Ernie know.



Lay Ministry School.. If you are a

Sunday School Teacher, leader of a class or small group, or are involved in any capacity with the children or youth, this is a great opportunity to help develop and improve your skills needed for your ministry. Registration deadline is Monday, March 24th. Classes

start Thursday, April 3rd. Pick up a registration form from the Narthex table for more detailed information.



Easter Sunrise Breakfast - NEEDED

The Youth are in need of griddles to prepare Easter Breakfast on Sunday, March 23rd. Please place it in the kitchen and be sure your name is on it so that it may be returned to you. Thank-you!

Palm Sunday



Luella Krieger will be performing for us on Palm Sunday, March 16th, during Worship. Be sure to mark your calendar so you don't miss another spectacular portrayal of a woman from the Bible.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

"BLITZ-BUILD"

June 8-15, 2008 at WPA Annual Conference

YOU have the opportunity to contribute to a Habitat for Humanity "Blitz-Build" home during the week of annual conference at Grove City, PA.

This "Blitz-Build" project will involve teams of persons coming from our local churches throughout the week to lend their expertise and willing hands in completing this project while the annual conference is in session.

Each church is asked to consider giving of their time and talents, as well as a minimum of \$100.00 to assist in the fulfillment of this project.

What do YOU have to offer? (Please detach & place in the offering plate).

Name: _____

Monetary Donation (Payable: WPA Annual Conf.)

Time/Energy to "Blitz Build" in the following:

- Unskilled Volunteer
- Floor Tile/Carpet
- Carpentry
- Meal Preparation
- Meal Preparation
- Finishing Skills
- Concrete
- Prayer Support
- Masonry
- Roofing
- Plumbing
- Painting
- Dry Wall
- Nursing/Health Care



STEWARDSHIP IS LORDSHIP
(God is either Lord of All, or He is not Lord At All!)



God Loves a Cheerful Giver
 II Corinthians 9:6-9

Stewardship is our response to God's grace and Lordship. We do this through the giving of ourselves to Him and the giving of His tithes and our offerings. Following is an illustration of how we can see our giving in action. It is based on the operating budget of Scalp Level Trinity UMC. This in turn is broken down into four categories: General Fund, Benevolence, Trustees and Building Fund (this fund, however, is not part of the yearly operating expenses). The General Fund provides for local ministry of the church and the Benevolences provide for our conference obligations and other mission responsibilities. The Trustees care for the maintenance and care of the facilities in various ways. For the year 2008 the General Fund makes up 63% of the budget while Benevolences are 16% and the Trustees are 10% (Building Fund is 11%). Below is a breakdown of the budget along with a listing of givers in relation to attendance and membership. Included is a reflection of giving from 2007 and expression of projected giving for 2008. There is also a description of the giving necessary to meet the budget for 2008 and the increase/decrease per giver, attendee and member. Adjustments were made for 2008 from 2007 as follows: pension - approximately \$6,000.00 less; various other items approximately \$4,000.00. This leaves a decrease in budget of approximately \$2,000.00. The overall budget for 2008 is \$179,699.00 less \$19,800.00 for the building fund which leaves us with a total operating budget of \$159,899.00.

2008 Budget

	General Fund	Benevolences	Trustees
<i>Needed</i>	\$111,878.00	\$28,671.00	\$18,350.00
Total Income needed to meet 2008 budget:	\$158,899.00		
Income for 2007 (this is the projected income for 2008 budget)	\$161,130.00		
The projected income provides for a surplus of \$2,231.00			
<i>Number of Possible and Real Giving Units at SLTUMC:</i>			
Membership (possible) 497	Attendees (possible) 204	Givers (real) 176	
Average giving last year/real giving unit:	\$916.02/year	\$17.62/week	
Average giving needed for 208 per Possible and Real Giving Unit:			
Membership (possible) \$319.72/year	\$6.15/week		
Attendees (possible) \$778.92/year	\$14.98/week		
Givers (actual in 2007) \$902.84/year	\$17.36/week		

If the average income of givers is \$25,000.00 then the yearly tithe would be \$2,500.00 or \$48.00/week.

Using this figure if every member tithed that would be \$1,242,500.00/year or \$23,894.00/week, which is more than enough for the ministry and maintenance of God's Church at SLTUMC.

Using average attendance for 2007 that would be \$510,000.00/year or \$9,808.00/week, again, more than enough.

Using actual givers that would be \$440,000.00/year or \$8,462.00/week, again, more than enough.

If each member would increase their giving by \$1.00/week that would be an increase in giving of \$497.00 or \$25,844.00/year. If each attendee would increase their giving by \$1.00/week that would be an increase of \$204.00 or \$10,608.00/year. If each real giver would increase their giving by \$1.00/week that would be an increase of \$176.00/week or \$9,152.00/year.

24 – 7 PRAYER

On March 16th, the community of Windber is joining together for one week of 24-7 prayer! Located in the old New Day building (1428 Graham Avenue) we as a community will be seeking God “without ceasing” March 16th – March 22nd. You can sign-up for a one hour or one-half hour time slot. See Pastor Ernie for sign-up sheet or e-mail Reverend Miles Zdinak at FRMiles@atlanticbb.net.



This is to be a time for people to develop a more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ, our Savior, and draw closer to God and each other as a community. In the “prayer room” (New Day Building) there will be plenty of things to keep you focused on seeking God including an “art wall” where you can paint, write scriptures, and see what God is speaking to others in the community. If you have any questions or would like more information, see Pastor Ernie or contact Josiah Smith at 814/467-8707 or siah215@aol.com.

Remember, “God does not let prayer get boring; we do!” Hope to see you there!

The Parent Project

Parents, are you tired of:

- the constant yelling & arguments?
- hearing “no” to your demands?
- asking your child to do something and receiving no respect?
- feeling out-of-control in your own home?
- having the kids in charge of your home?
- feeling angry, frustrated & discouraged?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, WE CAN HELP!

Call New Day today and enroll in the Parent Project classes.

Windber Community Parenting Classes

When: Thursday, March 27th
*Every Thursday for 10 weeks

Where: Windber Community Center
1605 Graham Avenue, 2nd Floor
Windber, PA 15963

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$30.00/classes (30 hours training)
\$20.00/book
\$50.00/person

Call New Day to register at (814)535-8202

Facilitator: Doc Dawson

2008 UMC Camping Information

Sign up for Summer Camp 2008!

Online camp registration for events at the three camps:

- Camp Allegheny
- Jumonville
- Wesley Woods

Select “camping” at www.wpaumc.org

Register early, some camps fill up in March or April!

Complete the registration form either on line or in the “Summer Camp 2008” brochure (available either in the Narthex or from Keith Miller).

Scalp Level Trinity UMC will pay \$100.00 for each camper to attend the camp of their choice. If camp is paid in full by May 1st you are eligible for a \$10.00 early registration discount fee.

Your registration will be acknowledged upon receipt. Directions to the camp will be mailed after May 1st along with a list of what to bring and a health form.

Bring a friend and save money too! You will be given \$5.00 credit for every new paying camper you recruit.





Easter "Son"rise Service

Will be led by the Youth and begin at 6:30 a.m. Please contact Jim or Tammy Fiffick at 814/539-5231 if you do not have a specific part in the Easter Morning program yet, especially if you are a senior in high school. Thank-You!



Elected Youth Officers

- **President-Justin Stevanus**
- **Vice President-Annie Fiffick**
- **Treasurer-Jordan Hamacek**
- **Secretary-Brea Neri**

Youth Leaders

- **Worship/Music- NEEDED**
- **Service-Jonathon Perry**
- **Missions-Amber Wozny**
- **Fund-Raising-Brandon Onushak**

Monday Youth Meetings
6:00 ~ 8:00 p.m.

- March 10th
- March 24th

Youth Lock-In/Rock- A- Thon/Gob Bake



The youth lock-in gob bake/rock-a-thon will begin on Saturday, March 8th from 9:30 p.m. – 9:30 a.m. Sunday (with church the next morning).



Gobs may be picked up and paid for on Sunday March 9th before or after church in the Fellowship Hall.



Any Youth that has not yet given their e-mail address to Jim or Tammy please do so. Please e-mail your e-mail address to: thefifficks@atlanticbb.net so that you can be added to the list and receive the most up to date Youth information. Thanks!