

# Scalp Level Trinity

## Tidings

October 2007

“LOVE CASTING OUT FEAR”

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

*[It has been proven that people learn best by repetition. Even as Disciples of Christ sometimes we need to hear something more than once to be able to see the fruit of it in our lives. Such is the case with this article. Let us hear the valuable lesson and let our lives truly be transformed by it.]*

A few years ago I was having a conversation with some friends and family. We talked of many things and then our conversation turned to the ministry of the church. We were speaking of the many different views people have of the church and its ministry. We talked of how hard it is to get people focused on the real purpose of the church. We even commented on how hard it is to get people involved. Ultimately we concluded that the reason for each was the same. Two reasons are that people either don't know or don't care. The other is that they know and maybe even care but they are afraid.

As our conversation continued we started to make a connection between people's fears and the several aspects of church life. People are afraid to sing out sometimes. People are afraid to pray out loud. People are afraid to tell others about Jesus. They are afraid to come to Sunday School. They are afraid to get involved in some of the particular ministries of the church. People are afraid to give in any kind of way. They are even afraid they will run into the pastor after they have missed a few Sundays of church (after a while this fear seems to subside).

The reasons for people's fears are varied and numerous. Many of them may even be justifiable. But most of the time the fear people have is from a lack of confidence in themselves and God. As our conversation continued I remembered a statement made by a great American when our country was faced with uncertainty and danger to our way of life. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, after the bombing of Pearl Harbor said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." That is exactly the truth in the church today when it comes to our commitment to Christ and our service to Him. Yes we may have many valid fears but with Christ they are only obstacles He has already overcome.

In II Timothy 1:7 God's word says, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." Our greatest fears are more often than not simply opportunities for God's grace to be activated in our lives and for Him to be glorified in our circumstances. He has given us the power of His Spirit to overcome. When our minds and hearts are focused on Him and His word there is no fear for our confidence is in Him and with Him we can do all things. And best of all is that His love enables us to trust and serve Him.

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In I John 4:18 God says, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love." In other words, as Chuck Swindoll has put it, the real expression of sin is in our lack of confidence in God. When we do not trust and believe God we are indeed committing the greatest of sins. But as we receive His love and learn to love as he does our trust is increased and our belief in Him strengthened and fear is cast out.

Join with me today in asking God to do for us as He did for the man who met Jesus in Mark 9:24 and asked Jesus to heal His son and as Jesus confronted his faith he declared, "Lord I believe; help my unbelief!" Let us go forth from this time and place ready to respond to God's grace and with love casting out the fears of doubt and distrust. Let us look for opportunities to serve and offer Christ to the world! Let us not be afraid of becoming what God would have us be or to do what He wants us to do but by faith step into every place of relationship and service to Him that we can. Let us pray together, "Father I believe; help my unbelief!"

Grace & peace,  
Pastor Ernie

## October Greeters

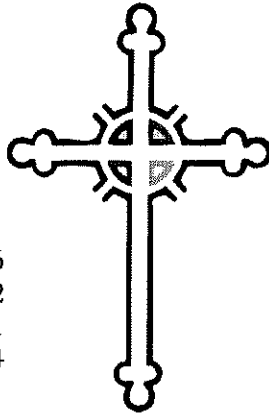
7 – Bob, Shirley & Linda Singer  
14 – Harry & Nancy Gula  
21 – Cam & Lorraine Hissong & Madison  
& Ella Leonardis  
28 – Bud & Judy Penrod

## October Acolyte

Rae Ann Bates

## September Attendance

2 ..... 186  
9 ..... 172  
16 ..... 191  
23 ..... 214  
September average: 191



## Men's Prayer Breakfast

All men are invited to the Men's Prayer Breakfast at the Corner Coffee Shop on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. Come and bring a friend.

### OUR CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR - Rev. Dr. Ernie Perry  
CHOIR DIRECTOR/ORGANIST - Judy Custer  
CUSTODIAN - Dave Wright  
SECRETARY - Judy Penrod  
Office hours Monday - Thursday  
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### Meeting Notices

The Trustees will meet on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
The next COPA meeting will be on Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following people who had various concerns over the past month:

- Ernie Elder
- Bob Feather
- Gabby Fiffick
- June Hinson
- Lorraine Hissong
- Luella Moffat
- Sheri Napora & family
- During worship, many hands were lifted with prayer concerns.

## In Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Rev. Francis Bach, who passed away September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Girls' Night Out

Our next Girls' Night Out will be held on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Italian Oven in the Galleria Mall. Please call Chris Koshute at 262-7689 or Barb Hostetler at 467-6826 if you plan to attend.

## New Church Website

The new church website, [www.scalpleveltrinity.org](http://www.scalpleveltrinity.org), is ready!! The website has a lot of great features for our congregation to take advantage of, including: a photo gallery, online calendar, online tithes and donations, and access to current as well as back issues of the Tidings.

## Wrapped In Prayer Ministry

The prayer shawl ministry will meet Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at the church. We will be working on a new tie quilt. For more information, please call Norma Miller at 410-2718.

*Deadline for the **October** issue of Scalp Level Trinity Tidings is **Sunday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>**.*

## Jesus' Kids

We had a great time at our campfire last month. Thanks to all for helping! We're going to Fraranda's Farm on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. See you all there!

## Contemporary Worship Band

Anyone interested in participating should plan to attend an audition session on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. If you sing or play any kind of instrument, this is your opportunity to use your gifts to glorify God. The Contemporary Worship Band will be a part of the Sunday evening praise time in the future.

## Preschool Worship

Let us welcome your children ages 2 through kindergarten, into a structured, Bible-based setting allowing you to participate in worship without any interruptions.

Children will begin worship by staying with their parents/guardians in the sanctuary until Children's Moments has been completed. At that time, they will be dismissed and escorted back to their classroom located at the back of the Fellowship Hall where they will remain until you return for them.

Once they are in the classroom, they will be taught by at least two adult servants of God. It is during this time that the children will enjoy listening to a Bible story, create an exciting craft, play fun games and have a delicious snack.

This is a great way for your children to learn about our wonderful Lord, while you get quiet time to do the same!

## Note of Thanks

We would like to thank the congregation for your prayers, cards and calls during Ken's illness. Also thank you to Pastor Perry for his visits and calls.

*Ken & Marian Hunter*

## Nursery

If you are looking for a chance to participate in worship without having to worry about entertaining your baby, we welcome your newborn to 24 month old toddler into the loving care of our nursery attendants during worship. Feel confident in having your child cared for throughout the entire worship service while you take some uninterrupted time for yourself to grow in our Lord. Our nursery is located just inside the Fellowship Hall as you enter from the right-hand side hallway.

## Bad Girls of the Bible

Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs is for all women. We will be taking a look at some unique women such as Eve, Rahab, Jezebel and others who were very much like many of us in their attitudes and actions. We will search the scriptures to see what we can learn from these women's mistakes and how God was able to use them despite their shortcomings. Come ready to be transformed!!

## United Churches

Our big event coming up is our 17<sup>th</sup> annual "An Evening of Choral Music," (Choir Night) on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at the Windber Church of the Brethren.

Anthems will be sung by the choirs of the member churches. That night, they give their very best as they sing praises to our Lord. Fellowship follows the service. Offerings received go to the many projects of the United Churches. You will receive a blessing by being there to hear the choirs.

Hope to see you Sunday evening, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Eleanor Mock*

*Chairperson Christian Ed.*

DO YOU KNOW?

WITH GOD, NO ONE IS EVER LOST IN A CROWD.

- DAVE MASTERS

## Crop Walk 2007

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Crop Walk was held Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is sponsored by the United Churches and Church World Services. This year's walk was in memory of Harry Keirn, who was chairperson.

This year, our walkers raised \$1,000! Eleanor and Marilyn are so pleased and thank the walkers and church family sponsors for their continued support of the Crop Walk.

Our church had seven walkers: Darlene Lough, Jack Custer, Marie Kisiel, Jenelle Feather, Brea Neri, Patty Lee, Eleanor Mock, Pat Barndt and Sandra Varner. Each walker had to get sponsors. We also had seven church family sponsors – Jim & Theresa McCreary; Rose Ann Kleinman; Charlie & Renee Santa; Don & Shirley Sease; Bob & Shirley Singer; Lou & Peg Clark and Tracy Ashbrook. Your donations were divided equally among the walkers. Thank you church family.

We walk no matter what the weather is that day and because some places they have to walk for their food.

Also a big thank you from your recruiters,  
*Eleanor Mock*  
*Marilyn Varner*

## Altar Flowers

The following are the October sponsors of the altar flowers, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> – Linda Mock; Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> – Lou Ellingsworth; Oct 21<sup>st</sup> – Dean & Eleanor Wingard; Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> – family of Fred Wright. Thank you all for being sponsors!

*Your flower lady,*  
*Eleanor Mock*

## Note of Thanks

Thank you Scalp Level Trinity UMC

Thank you for your prayers, cards and phone calls. I'm truly blessed to have a caring church family. Also, thanks to Pastor Ernie for his calls. God is good!  
*Ernie Elder*

## Note of Thanks

We would like to thank each and every person that contributed to "Sheri's Night" benefit. A special thanks to Peg Clark for taking care of getting all those great desserts. Also, thank you for the many cards that have been sent and prayers that have been lifted up. We ask you to continue to pray for us. No words can express the thankfulness and gratitude that we feel for having such a loving church family. You are all very special to us.

*God bless you all!*  
*Steve, Sheri, Tyler & Dylan*  
*Jack & Judy, Mark & Chris*  
*Brian, Missy, Evan & Lindsey*  
*Jim, Chris, Christopher & Aaron*

## Encouragement

So many languages are in this world today. They range from the simplest to learn to the most complicated.

There are a few gestures that are understood in any language. The paragraph about these gestures can be best described like this: "Do you speak the language of the HEART – a language from God – that transcends all barriers? No audible words are needed, for this is a language of loving gestures such as a smile, a pat on the back, a friendly wave hello. All these acts speak louder than words because they are in a language everyone can understand. The words from the heart speak volumes to the world around us. And this feeling of happiness and harmony can spread rapidly, one smile after another, if we choose to make it happen. It is up to us to practice the universal language of the heart."

There's a phrase that says, "If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours!" We need to encourage one another if not verbally; we need to do so by our gestures also.

*Linda Singer*