

TRINITY REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



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TRINITY REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
2015 CONSISTORY MEMBERS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Designations: D=deacon E=elder – year in which term ends)

Laura Miller (D15)	President
Fred Hooper (D14)	Vice President
Sharon Smaling (D16)	Secretary
Chuck Romberger (D16)	Treasurer
Wanda Nace (D15)	
Tierney Elslager (E15)	
Gladys Drybred (E14-2 nd Term)	
Nancy Henry (E16-2 nd Term)	
Tom Robinson (E15)	
Mary Ann Price (E16)	
Mark Cote (E-16 2 nd Term)	

ELDERS: Rachel Bates, Don Braungard, Pat Braungard, Jean Brown, Phyllis Cliff, Mark Cote, Mark Crockett, Gladys Drybred, Joanne Duke, Tom Duke, Trudy Eisenberger, Tierney Elsager, Lois Getz, Helen Gainer, Ann Groff, Jean Haines, Nancy Henry, Fred Hooper, Mary Ibach, Janie Kaminski, Lori Leaman, Esther Markey, Laura Miller, Donna Moore, Mary Ann Price, Karen Robinson, Tom Robinson, Shirley St. Clair, Helen Yohe, and Charlie Youtz.

ELDERS EMERITUS: Rachel Bates, Don Braungard, Pat Braungard, Phyllis Cliff, Dot Dietrich, Harold Dietrich, Trudy Eisenberger, Helen Gainer and Ann Groff

STAFF FOR 2015

Pastor David Goode, Interim Pastor	Pastor Don Fenestre –Marek, Settled Pastor
Shannon Edwards, Music Director	Dan Molkenthin, Bell Choir Director
Donna Moore, Sexton	Eileen Littell, Administrative Assistant

BOARDS, COMMITTEES & FUNCTIONARIES OF TRINITY REFORMED UCC

Acolyte Coordinator	Tierney Elslager/Lori Leaman
Altar Guild Coordinator	Bonnie Crone
Called to Care Program Coordinator	Tierney Elslager/Mary Ann Price
Fund Raising	Charlie Mille/Bonnie Crone
Children's Christian Education	Pastor David Goode
Christian Education	Pastor David Goode
Church Treasurer	Chuck Romberger
Internet/Social Media	Charles Miller/Lori Leaman/Zak Geyer
Communications/Advertising	Mary Ibach
Elders Chair	Tom Robinson
Feed the Hungry	Karen Robinson
Food Bank Coordinator	Tom Robinson
Financial Records Administrator	Jean Haines
Guild Co-Chairs	Diane Fiebert/Katie Crockett
Guild Secretary	Alice Heitmueller
Guild Treasurer	Helen Yohe
Kenya/Mercy Home Orphanage	Bobbie Poteau/Chuck Romberger
Newsletter Editor	Church Office/Eileen Littell
On-site Facility 'Watch-Care'	Mark Cote
Prayer Shawls	Janie Kaminski/ Sandy Neiss/Alice Heitmueller
Profile Committee	Mark Crockett, Gladys Drybred, Zoe Dutil, Pastor David Goode and Lori Leaman
Property Coordinator / Grounds	Lori Leaman
Search Committee Members	Fred Hooper, Dee Ann Koller, Lorie Leaman, Charlie Miller, Andy Sheaffer, Bill Sklarosky and Dan Molenthin alternate
Spaghetti Supper Coordinator	Christine Macready
Sound System	Mark Cote/Charlie Miller/Shannon Edwards
Stewardship Committee	Tom Duke
Wedding Coordinator	Lori Leaman
Worship Census Counter	Charlie Miller/Mark Cote
Worship/Music	Shannon Edwards/Dan Molenthin

Pastor's Annual Report 2015

For this year's annual report, I can only speak to that brief part of 2015 that I have been your pastor at TRUCC, which Began in mid-October. I consider it fortuitous to have arrived here just a few weeks before the start of Advent, because even though our secular calendars are coming to an end by December, our church year is just getting started: a great time for new beginnings.



Since my arrival I have been visiting with, contacting, and serving communion to our homebound members and those who are receiving medical care, working with our children's Christian education volunteers to develop a plan for children's worship and Sunday school, making contacts with my colleagues in ministry in Mountville, Columbia and Lancaster to plan and participate in interdenominational worship services (such as the Thanksgiving Eve service for the churches of the Mountville ministerium) and to discuss the possibilities for interfaith ministries. I have been learning a bit about TRUCC's music ministries by participating in rehearsals and performances with both the Choir and the Handbell Choir, and am very impressed with the talent and dedication of all who lead and participate in those ministries. I have had multiple conversations with our deacons and consistory members concerning our financial status, and am confident that with the assistance of members who are both imaginative and dedicated to good stewardship practices, we will continue to mindfully maintain and even grow the resources with which God has blessed this congregation so richly.

One of those resources is you: the members of this faithful fellowship. I am constantly impressed at the level of enthusiasm, the breadth of talent and knowledge, and the depth of compassion that is demonstrated by all of you here at this church. When I mention to my friends and colleagues that I am a pastor at TRUCC one of the things that I hear often is, "that is a great congregation". People notice that you live your faith with generosity of spirit and with genuine care for one another. I feel truly blessed to be part of this community

I know from the questions that I was asked as a candidate for the pastorate here at TRUCC that many of you are concerned about growing the church. In the coming year I hope to have many conversations in which we can explore together exactly what we mean when we talk about growth. I would encourage you to join me in focusing prayers on this matter. Some churches have difficulty identifying exactly what they have to offer to people as a way of inviting them to the life of their church. Here at Trinity we have no lack of interesting things to offer, and I hope to work with those of you who are hospitality oriented and/or connected to the wider community (think Millersville) to craft a message of invitation and to create a sense of welcome as soon as people walk through our doors (even if their purpose for coming here is to drop off packages or fix our Wi-Fi service).

While looking forward, though, know that I intend to encourage the growth of what is already here. Our children's ministry is something that we cannot take for granted and for which we have a truly special pool of talent with which to create something special. That in and of itself is something that will facilitate certain kinds of growth if we invest in it prayerfully.

Also, where growth is concerned, let's not forget that while many other churches are just beginning to entertain the thought of venturing into ONA ministry, TRUCC has pioneered that welcome for fifteen years. I imagine that a lot will change in the world in five years (prayerfully toward the positive) but it's not too soon to start envisioning what we will be celebrating about our congregation when we recognize our 20th year as an Open & Affirming congregation of the UCC. (Sorry that I wasn't on board in time to formally celebrate fifteen years.)

Yet another vision that I have for this congregation is a celebration of the wealth of wisdom that we have in those who have been part of this church from its earliest days. Is there anybody else who cherishes such wisdom and wants to record it for the future of this community? If so then with all of the access to user-friendly recording technology that we have, now is the time.

I'm enthusiastic about the possibilities for TRUCC and I hope that you are too.

Tikkun olam,
Pastor Don

Annual report by Pastor David Goode January 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015

Dear Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ Members,

I have been privileged and grateful to serve as your Interim Pastor here at Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ since October 1, 2013. We did a good job working through the interim process and now I believe you are ready to serve God faithfully with your new settled pastor, Rev. Donald Fenestre-Marek. There are four major areas of the pastor's job description: worship, pastoral care, education and administration. Let me provide you a brief report on what I did in 2015.



WORSHIP

Worship services planned and lead 48

Sermons prepared and preached 44

I also assisted in the multisensory enhancements for worship and directed the development of the new supplemental song book.

FUNERALS

Funeral Lois M. Getz died 1-21-2015, service 1-27-2015

Funeral Shirley J. Shertzer died 1-5-2015, service 1-9-2015

Funeral Dorothy G. Dietrich died 1-27-2015, service 2-2-2015

Funeral Anna E. Mahan died 1-29-2015, service 2-3-2015

July 16, 2015 Funeral Helen Barninger (members of Salem UCC)

Eva R. Schmidt died 0-11-2015, service 9-17-2015

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

Ash Wednesday service February 18, 2015

Maundy Thursday service 4-2-2015

Good Friday service 4-3-2015

Easter Sunrise service 4-5-2015

Ordination Service of Rev. Donald Fenestre-Marek on May 2, 2015

May 30, 2015 Community Memorial Day service prayers

Wedding September 6, 2015 Mathew Weaver and Christie Caldwell

PASTORAL CARE

Hospital visits, homebound visits, other home visits, visits in pastors study, counseling sessions, Helping Hand fund request conversations, calls to drifting members, reaching out to potential new members and phone calls, texts, e-mails every day, etc.

TEACHING/EDUCATION

I provided leadership for Bible study, Books/Babbles and Current issue discussions. I conducted new membership training for Shannon and Randy Beck, Adella Houck and Wendy McKelvy, Lorraine Clevenger and Marilyn Shertzer. I taught regularly within meetings, with individuals, in written newsletter articles, etc. I attended training sessions for myself and with others here at Trinity for training in mission and ministry work. I provided leadership for Children Sunday school. Helped plan and led 3-29-2015 Spring into Future event. And I was the presenter at Lancaster Assoc. Ministerium meeting May 12, 2015 on Interim Ministry

ADMINISTRATION

The day to day activities of running the church are difficult to sum up. There are regular meetings with: Eileen Littell Church Administrative Assistant, Shannon Edwards Music Director, Dan Molken-thin Bell Choir Director, Donna Moore Sexton, Consistory, Executive committee, Church President, Elders, Worship and Praise Team, property managers, Mountville ministerium, Lancaster UCC ministerium, Columbia ministerium and less frequent meetings with others. We produced weekly worship bulletins and monthly newsletters. The church's web site and Facebook page are maintained and updated regularly. An accurate membership list was developed and maintained. Overall, I believe Trinity is well prepared for whatever the future may bring.

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Again, thank you for the privilege of serving Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ as Interim minister from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2015. I believe we did a good job working through the interim process and that you are ready to serve God and the world faithfully with the new settled pastoral leadership of Rev. Donald Fenestre-Marek.

I have enjoyed getting to know each one of you and serving by your side during our ministry and mission work together. If I started to name everyone individual who touched my life in meaningful ways, I am sure I would miss someone. You have been a blessing to me and Nan. We will be ever grateful for our time with you.

Let me conclude with the words of Paul to the church in Rome: "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13).

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor David Goode

Annual Report from Consistory President 2015



Another year has come and gone. This year has had its ups and downs, joy and sadness. We said goodbye to Pastor David and hello to Pastor Don. We saw some other changes in employees this year. Trinity's first nursery attendant Erica moved out of state. She was temporarily replaced by Zak and then Angela. However, we have been unable to keep someone in that position. Please let a member of consistory know if there is someone who might be interested in this position. We also said goodbye to Donna, our long time cleaning person. We are looking forward to working with Service Master to provide our cleaning services. A few changes were made for 2016 consistory. Laura Miller finished her three year term and was replaced by Lori Leaman. This also means that there are changes in the executive committee. The executive committee was unanimously voted on at the December consistory meeting and will be as follows: Fred Hooper-President, Lori Leaman-Vice President, Sharon Smaling-Secretary, and Chuck Romberger-Treasurer.

For those of you who aren't aware there should be six elders and six deacons on consistory. For 2016 we are still short one deacon. The 2016 consistory is as follows: Elders: Fred Hooper, Lori Leaman, Mary Ann Price, Janie Kaminski, Nancy Henry and Mark Cote.

Deacons: Sharon Smaling, Chuck Romberger, Christine Macready, Andy Sheaffer and Gail Crissey.

Have a blessed New Year!
Laura Miller



Elders

In 2015 your Elders continued to meet on a quarterly basis at Trinity, with our pastor also attending. All our Elders are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. The duties of the Elders are laid out in our Constitution. Some of these duties include: maintaining an accurate membership list, contacting inactive members and reaching out to prospective new members. Elders continue to serve communion on a monthly basis. The Elders most important duty includes helping to maintain the spiritual wellbeing of the congregation and the conduct of worship at Trinity.

At our quarterly meeting in October 2015, the Elders met for the first time with our new pastor, Don Fenestre-Marek. The Elders look forward to the new relationship that we will have with Pastor Don and the new ideas that he brings to Trinity. There are always six Elders serving on our Consistory. A plan is being made to have an Elders' report available to the Consistory after each Elders' meeting. It is hoped that in 2016, our Elders will continue to expand their role in church activities and work closely with Pastor Don and all our members and friends in the New Year.

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Robinson, Elder Chairperson.

Called to Care 2015

Co-Chairs: Tierney Elslager and Mary Ann Price

Care Givers: Diane Fiebert, Phyllis Cliff, Bill Sklarosky; substitutes Gladys Drybred, Bonnie Crone (Bonnie also handles hospital visitations).



Activities: Teams of one or two visit homebound members monthly. Communion is offered, and church bulletins, Our Daily Bread pamphlets, treats or baked goods provided at each visit. In addition, the committee provides hospital visits and sends cards when applicable. Poinsettias and cards are delivered at Christmas.



Presently our homebound members are:

Deb Hower at Masonic Village, Elizabethtown

Candi Hower at Susquehanna Valley Rehab, Columbia

Trudy Eisenberger, Manor Street, Columbia.

The committee plans to meet with Pastor Don to construct the 2016 schedule.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann Price



The Guild Report

We had a rough start for our 2015 Guild meetings.

January ended up with 4 inches of snow so our meeting was cancelled.

February was a very short meeting because there was a viewing for Katie's father-in-law and that day was the funeral for Anna Mahan.

March had to be cancelled again because of a snow and ice storm. We ended up having the meeting on March 11.

April was our planning meeting for our Mothers Day Celebration dinner. We had a Maundy Thursday service on April 2nd. We also had a successful rummage sale during the month.

May was our Mother's Day Celebration dinner on the 9th. Wanda and Gail did a great job and the meal was delicious. We had a good turn out and our entertainment was a magician.

June we ended up with 30 people going to Centerville Diner. Everyone enjoyed the evening. We also had a Father's Day celebration breakfast on a Sunday morning.

We all enjoyed the summer off and we started up again in September. We had the Rada fund raiser again.

October was another busy month with another rummage sale. At our meeting we had the Mueller twins help us decorate small pumpkins with dried flowers. Everyone did a great job and we all had a lot of fun.

November we helped at a Fossil Club event. Our Guild served hot dogs, soups and drinks and deserts.

December: we had our pot luck Christmas party. There was a good variety of food and our entertainment was Lee Moyer from Marty's One Man Band. He played the electric piano and we had a fun time with the Christmas sing along. After the entertainment we did our gift exchange.

The Guild is open to everyone. Our purpose is to raise money for the church and to have Christian fellowship with each other. This year we gave \$2,000.00 to the General Fund.

We would love to have more people come and join us.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Fiebert and Katie Crockett - Co Presidents

ANNUAL GUILD REPORT FOR 2015

JANUARY 1, 2015 BALANCE		1204.29
INCOME:		
SOUP SALES	1893.00	
FUNERAL LUNCH DONATION	50.00	
OFFERING	87.00	
BIRTHDAYS	9.00	
RADA SALES (2)	726.20	
RUMMAGE SALES (2)	1950.50	
MOTHER/DAUGHTER DINNER	303.00	
FOSSIL FOOD SALE	161.00	
TOTAL INCOME	5179.70	5179.70
EXPENSES:		
POINSETTIAS SHUTINS	15.00	
SOUP INGREDIENTS	565.88	
PAPER AND CONTAINERS	200.33	
MEMORIAL FUND	150.00	
ENTERTAINMENT	250.00	
MOTHER/DAUGHTER DINNER	574.49	
RUMMAGE SALE ADS (2)	125.77	
2 FRUIT ARRANGEMENTS	99.89	
RADA ORDERS (2)	441.95	
ALTER FLOWERS	5.00	
GENERAL FUND DONATION	2000.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	4438.31	4438.31
JANUARY 1, 2016 BALANCE		1945.68

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY ,
Helen Yohe

Audio/Visual Team...Internet/Social Media, Sound System, Census.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

This year has been filled with new and exciting things in the life of Trinity. As I look back on the year I see where we were, where we are and where we are headed as a family of faith, and I have to say I see a bright future filled with wonderful new changes. The audio/visual team has been busy with Trinity's new and improved website, Facebook page, and YouTube account. The new website has been a work in progress, and continues to see improvement month after month. A special thanks to Eileen who has been continually adding information to the website. She also has been posting the weekly bulletins, monthly calendar, and newsletters to the website. Our hope as a team is to get Trinity's name and information out into the world so all people can learn more about Trinity, and the United Church of Christ as a whole. If this information is the reason just one person visits Trinity I feel we have done a great job. Moving forward we hope to add to and improve the website to make it more user friendly, and to be a hub of great information for Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ, the United Church of Christ Penn Central Conference, and the Lancaster Association of the United Church of Christ, and several local and global organizations we as Trinity support. Please feel free to visit the webpage, or YouTube page to see more.



As we look at the sound system and sound techs for a moment I have to say it is a pleasure providing sound every Sunday during worship. Mark Cote and I continue to record sermons and other special requests and hope to be able to start adding sermons to the website, YouTube page and links to these on Facebook.

Mark Cote and I are also responsible for providing a count on Sundays and other special worship events. I can say that while we see a fluctuation in numbers from Sunday to Sunday, and season to season I see we are holding steady. We have not seen a great increase or decrease in attendance this year. Our hope is to see a gradual increase as we move into the New Year. Hope everyone had a great 2015 and a very blessed 2016.

Charlie Miller
Audio/Visual Chair



Feed The Hungry

Volunteers had the opportunity to serve and fellowship six times this year at the Salem, UCC free breakfast. Free warm clothes from our Tree of Warmth and rummage sale donations were twice made available.

Our goal is to physically and spiritually nourish with this "hands on" activity. The ministry will continue in 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Robinson
Coordinator

Food Bank

In 2015 our congregation continued its support of the Columbia Food Bank. We have established a monthly routine of taking our food and cash donations to the Food Bank, where they are distributed to the needy in our area. There continues to be a growing need for basic food items such as: rice, beans, pasta, peanut butter and canned goods of all kinds. Special foods and treats for children are also appreciated. The Food Bank must supplement donations by purchasing basic items from the Central Pa. Food Bank and local markets. The Food Bank director has been very grateful for the generous cash donations that Trinity members have given in 2015. The Columbia Food Bank is open each week, Monday through Wednesday. Please continue your generous support of our Food Bank Ministry in 2016.



Tom Robinson



2015 Annual Report of the TRUCC Property Committee

During 2015 we took the following initiatives to maintain the church property:

- For spring cleanup we sought volunteers again. WIGGS lawn care was re-hired to do grass mowing and trimming. Tom Robinson has kindly tended our flower beds.
- We resigned our maintenance contracts with Trago Mechanical for our new heating/cooling system. This will put the new systems on a regular maintenance schedule.
- George Himpel continues to do multiple jobs. Plumbing issues, outside assistance, Rummage sale set ups, shed upkeep, did countless other tasks... and is our general "fix-it Guru!" Thanks George!
- Wilco Electric continues to do our major electrical work and bulb replacement 1-2 times a year with their large lift. We are investigating LED lighting for the sanctuary, length of bulb life, low energy consumption and cost savings.
- We are upgrading our IT infrastructure with new Comcast cabling into the building. This should boost our wi-fi and connectivity abilities.
- Chuck Saylor was recontracted to do snow plowing and winter cleanup.
- Early in the year an energy audit was conducted. We were instructed on ways we can work in the next 5-10 years to reduce energy consumption, and our carbon footprint.

The following are things we need to consider for the New Year and going forward:

- Install ADA handicapped accessible automatic door opener at entrance of building.
- Consider replacing the worn 20+ year old flooring throughout the building, with a solid surface, easier to clean and maintain.
- Walls throughout building will need painting.
- A new cleaning and janitorial service was contracted beginning the first of the year.

Respectfully,

Lori Leaman

COMMUNICATIONS ADVERTISING & PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

2015 was a busy year with routine and new assignments. I designed, printed and posted many flyers to get the word out to the community for our church fundraising events. As in prior years, Trinity continues to further limit our paid display advertisements costs, by switching to black and white display advertising. We continue to receive good coverage of our special events with free press releases from The Engle Publishing Co., Lancaster Newspapers and space on local retail bulletin boards. I am grateful for this publicity. If we reach just one person, it is worth the effort.



FREE PR OR PAID DISPLAY ADV. & INTRA-CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS ARE LISTED BELOW:

Rummage Sales (Jan. 23rd & 24th. April, 24th. & 25th. July 24th. & 25th. Oct. 23rd. & 24th.)
Resale Classified Ad. 50 inch TV. Oct. 25th.
Spaghetti Dinners March 21st. & Nov. 7th.
Easter Worship Service and Holy Week, March 29th. Palm/Passion Sunday through April 5th. Easter Sunday
Guild Dine Out Night June 2nd.
Mother and Daughter Banquet, May 16th.
Chicken BBQ, April 25th, June 20th, Sept. 19th. Chicken Bar BQ & Community Yard Sale Rentals
Congregational Fathers & Sons Breakfast June 21st.
PR with bio. & photo of Pastor Don as Trinity's new Pastor August 18th.
Lancaster Fossil & Mineral Showcase Nov. 21st.
Guild Annual Christmas Party Dec. 1st.
Christmas Eve Worship Services Dec. 24th
YTD 2015 Guild monthly meeting notices and fundraising news coordinating with church news

IN 2008, IN ORDER TO CUT COST, TRINITY CHANGED THE POLICY FOR PAID ADVERTISING OF OUR EVENTS AS NOTED BELOW:

PURPOSE:

It is the purpose of this policy to ensure that Trinity Reformed Church of Christ retains enough money from its various fundraisers to allow for sufficient paid publicity and advertising without having to deplete resources from other line items or operating expenses.

A "fundraiser" shall be defined as "any event which charges for admission or participation" or "the sale of items for profit to benefit the operating or mission budget of the church." This definition shall exclude "fundraising" done by individual members of the congregation for outside groups (Boy Scouts, Brownies) or any sub-group of the church (Women's Guild).

POLICY:

Funds for publicity and advertising shall be allocated using the following guideline:

Ten percent (10%) of all profits (after expenses) shall be set aside by the Treasurer to be used for future publicity or advertising.

There shall be no limit to the amount that can be "banked", but if funds should exceed what would ordinarily be deemed "prudent" for a publicity/advertising fund, an amount may be withdrawn and placed in the operating or building funds of the church.

This amount shall be decided upon and voted by the Consistory and allocated by the Treasurer.

Disbursements for advertising shall be made by the Treasurer after a cost analysis by the Chair of the fundraiser and the Pastor, or the members of consistory during a regularly scheduled business meeting, or by the Pastor and others who may hold responsibility/accountability for said fundraiser.

The Treasurer may request further details regarding the disbursement or a vote of the Consistory should he/she deem the amount to be excessive and beyond the boundaries of responsible stewardship.

First Draft—12/07 Amended Adopted by the Congregation

Adopted by the Congregation

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ibach, Communications, Advertising and Public Relations



Fundraising Report 20015

Church Fundraising

Greetings from the Fundraising Committee,

As I reflect on 2015 and the fundraising activities at Trinity I realize what a dedicated family I have at Trinity. 2015 was filled with great things. The fundraising team held three chicken BBQs and other smaller activities. Throughout the year we sold Weis and Giant gift cards. This fundraiser didn't do as well as we hoped, therefore we will not be ordering more gift cards. At the time of writing of this report we still have a few Giant gift cards available for purchase. The chicken BBQ fundraisers were a great success. There are several reasons they were such a great success. The first and most obvious reason I see is that we sold out of chickens. Another reason is the dedicated, friendly, and amazing help we had at the events.

Without the help of all those who give up a Saturday to support Trinity these events would not be as successful. As many of you know the 2nd chicken BBQ of the year was also a benefit for the Rossi family. Paul Rossi who is the president of Mountville Volunteer Fire Department was seriously injured during a training exercise. With the approval of consistory we were able to give the Rossi family 50% of the proceeds of that BBQ to assist in everyday expenses. The Rossi family was very grateful for the assistance. The last chicken BBQ of the year was held in conjunction with Mountville Days and we held yard sales onsite. At the second and third chicken BBQs of the year Turkey Hill graciously donated drinks. The feedback we received because of the change in drinks was outstanding. We hope to work with Turkey Hill again in 2016 so we can provide Turkey Hill drinks as part of the meals. As we look ahead to 2016 we have several great thoughts for new events and as always we will be hosting three chicken BBQs. If you have thoughts, ideas, or questions please see one of the committee members. We look forward to a great 2016 and the opportunity to get Trinity's name out into the community even more than it already is.

Blessings and peace,

Charlie Miller

Fundraising Chair

Church Office

In 2015 the responsibilities of the church office was to format and print the Sunday bulletin, special event bulletins, the monthly newsletter, monthly calendar and the Weekly Prayer List. It's also responsible for keeping member information in Trinity's data base current and to keep the church's website updated and to pass on announcements and any information that concerns the church congregation.



With the direction of Pastor David and Shannon Edwards the supplemental song book was completed and is being used on a regular basis. With the new Spirit Band forming there will be additional songs to include in the book.

Church members have begun to email family photos for the TRUCC data base. I'm hoping to have all families completed before the end of 2016. Please email your photo to Eileen Littell at trucc@mountvilletrinityucc.org.

Eileen Littell
TRUCC Administrative Assistant.