

2011 ANNUAL MEETING
Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
November 13, 2011

Agenda

- i. Opening Prayer: "O Heavenly King..."
 - ii. Minutes of the 2009 Meeting (*see below*)
 - iii. Priest's Report (*see below*)
 - iv. Treasurer's Report (*see below*)
 - v. Review and Approval of 2011 Budget (*see below*)
 - vi. Election of Officers (President, Assistant Treasurer, and Vice President—Grounds)
 - vii. Closing Prayer: "It is truly meet..."
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Minutes from the Annual Meeting November 14, 2010

- I. Opening Prayer: "O Heavenly King..."
 - a. Establishment of quorum.

Joane Tadarchiech moved that quorum be established based upon those parishioners in attendance.
Darren Toorbik seconded.
Motion approved unanimously.
 - b. Approval of the 2009 Meeting Minutes

Melodie Thompson moved approval of the minutes.
Shane Stevens seconded.
Motion approved unanimously.
 - c. Priest's Report (deferred)
 - d. Treasurer's Report (attached)
 - e. Michael Stickles presented the Treasurer's Report, based upon written report (attached). Coming close to closing out 2010 in balance - currently just under \$1000 from balance.
- II. Review and Approval of 2011 Budget
 - a. Chuck Beechan presented a review based upon a written review (attached). Council has been working extensively on the budget to be presented. Encourages financial support of the budget. Final financial Statement coming out at end of year, to be sent out to members following audit.
 - b. Expense budget for 2011 will be increasing by approximately 5%, with the largest category being 12% for continuation and slight increase for personnel. Bringing Deacon on staff, taking on the expense that had been covered by a grant. Small increases for other staff.
 - c. Other area of increase the funding of sending a delegation to the Sobor (once

every three years).

- d. Increases partially offset by cuts in advertizing, outside speakers, liturgical expenses, furnishing.
- e. Bottom line is held at 5% increase.
- f. Question from floor regarding total of cuts - answer ~\$6,000
- g. Beechan remarks that Sobor is especially high this year because it is taking place in Washington State.
- h. In answer to inquiry from floor, confirmation that Christian Education includes Sunday School.
- i. On income side. Chuck quotes Fr. John, "If we're voting to pass the budget, we're also voting to support the budget." Greatest increase on income side is in weekly giving, that is, the collection baskets.
- j. Hope to see greater returns in future from Parking income.
- k. Income goal for 2010 was \$3310 per week. New budget based upon achieving just under \$3500 per week for 2011.
- l. Gertrude Hawke went largely to support Sunday School trip to Lancaster. Report shows balance remaining after Lancaster trip.
- m. Mention of plans for an appeal for Deacon Support.
- n. Chapel of the Holy Spirit: its balances, income and expenses included in attached report.
- o. Approval of 2011 Budget

David Swisher moved approval of the 2011 Budget

Megan Leathers seconded

Motion approved unanimously

III. Election of Officers (President, Assistant Treasurer, and Vice President - Grounds)

- a. Election slate (attached).
- b. Chuck Beechan, President
- c. Shane Stevens, Assistant Treasurer)
Elizabeth Roberts moved approval of the slate
Karen Cattell seconded
Slate approved unanimously.

IV. Closing Prayer: "It is truly meet..."

Priest's Report

Every year, we pause at the Annual Meeting, to assess where we have come from, what God has done and where we believe God wishes us to go. Packets will be readied for distribution, containing annual reports from all ministries, the Treasurer's report and the proposed budget. Please make sure you avail yourself of the opportunity to read all the materials prior.

Where Have We Come From?

Holy Trinity developed from a campus ministry established in 1980 to a mission station of the Archdiocese when our current Sparks Street location was purchased in 1993. At that time, the census was only 16 souls. In 1996, the status was upgraded to that of mission with the appointment of the first priest. By then, the census was 30.

A decade later, major remodeling of our current building was undertaken and completed in 2006. Missionary outreach to Snyder County began in 2008. It has culminated in the establishment of our parochial outreach, the Orthodox Chapel of the Holy Spirit. While the Chapel's membership is not counted separately from our "main campus," it now consists of 18 adults and 6 children. In August 2011, property was purchased for the Chapel's future building, with no mortgage.

What has God done?

As St Paul wrote to the Church in Corinth: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase." This could well have been written to Holy Trinity. The work of many who have planted, watered, tended, and nurtured has allowed a receptive environment for God to work: "Every good and perfect gift comes down from on high, from the Father of lights."

In short, God has blessed us and blessed us abundantly. Consider the following:

- *Our new parish census now stands at **128 adults**. Children now number 70, for a total of 198 baptized members in our two locations, Holy Trinity (State College) and Holy Spirit (Beavertown).*
- *Sunday **Liturgy** is always comfortably full. Saturday night **Great Vespers** averages about 50.*
- *An additional **Sunday School** class has been added to meet demand. Our space is now maxed out and facilities are increasingly inadequate.*
- *Parking is increasingly harder to find. Some park at a distance now out of habit to leave room for newcomers to park at the church. Others park further away out of necessity. **Giving is strong**: Appeals have met or surpassed their goals; the weekly offering is only slightly below budget.*
- ***Campus Ministry** has produced at least one priest, two deacons, two current seminarians, two monastics, and several missionaries who have served short or long term missions, both in this country and abroad.*
- *Ministries continue to expand, with two having been recently added: **Young Adults** (fellowship for post graduates and young marrieds) and **Adult Study**.*
- ***OYA and Jr. OYA** offer fellowship for middle-and high school aged youth, while **VBS** continues to surpass past years in both attendance and enthusiasm.*
- ***Matthew 25** is embraced enthusiastically by the parish, systematically and regularly ministering to the poor in our community.*
- *Catechesis for adults now involves two distinct tiers of study, **Orthodoxy 101** (general) and **Orthodoxy 2.0** (catechumens).*

This is God's work. It is truly marvelous in our eyes!

Where does God wish us to go?

This is where we have to be careful, lest we substitute a personal opinion for Divine direction. If we accept that God has sent the Church out into the world for one purpose, to make disciples of all nations (*cf. Mt. 28:18-20*), the overarching rubric, the guidelines for us in the future will be to continue, to the best of our ability to make disciples both here and abroad. Whatever decisions we make and actions we take must conform to this Great Commission.

Over the next five years, we will have to come to terms with and make decisions about the following, in order to accommodate God's continued blessing.

- **Construction** of a temple for the Chapel of the Holy Spirit in Beavertown.
- **Provide** additional facilities for continued growth in State College, whether on site or through relocation.
- **Add** more ministries as warranted to assimilate increased membership and continue to provide loving fellowship for them.

Let us be cautious and prayerful, listening to one another and above all to God Himself, as we begin a process of Strategic Planning and Development for both Holy Trinity and the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

Let us let God speak to us, where we should go, what we should do, how we should do it.

And then let us, to quote from St. Herman, "Seek, above all, to do His most holy will."

Treasurer's Report

ACCOUNT BALANCES (as of October 31, 2011)

CATEGORY	2011
ACCOUNTS	
Checking Account (Nittany Bank)	\$18,239
Money Market Account (Nittany Bank)	76,700
Total All Accounts	\$94,938
ASSETS	
Committed Assets	\$12,334
Chapel of the Holy Spirit Funds	12,334
Liquid Assets	\$82,604
DESIGNATED FUNDS	
Building Fund	56,691
Property Reserve	6,706
Cupola Fund	4,147
Icon Fund	3,201
Matthew 25	3,162
Continuing Education—Rector	2,138
Memorial	1,942
Continuing Education—Assistant Rector	1,042
Sunday School	1,001
Bookstore	628
UNDESIGNATED FUNDS	
Operating Cash	1,947
MORTGAGE BALANCE	\$224,735

2012 Proposed Budget – Holy Trinity

EXPENSES

CATEGORY	2011 ACTUAL*	2011 BUDGET	2012 BUDGET	% CHANGE
Personnel	\$98,101	\$117,198	\$120,004	2.4%
Rector's Stipend/Housing	56,960	68,352	70,752	3.5%
Deacon's Stipend/Housing	27,020	32,424	33,564	3.5%
Office Assistant	4,960	5,952	6,252	5.0%
Custodian	3,600	4,320	4,536	5.0%
Continuing Education—Rector	2,000	2,400	2,400	0.0%
Continuing Education—Other Clergy	2,292	2,500	1,250	-50.0%
Supply Clergy	1,269	1,250	1,250	0.0%
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$13,738	\$18,466	\$17,891	-3.1%
Mortgage	\$16,204	\$19,444	\$17,316	-10.9%
Outreach & Fellowship	\$7,105	\$6,850	\$7,250	5.8%
Adult Ministries	654	500	750	50.0%
Advertising	1,937	1,000	1,000	0.0%
Literature	232	250	250	0.0%
Miscellaneous	270	500	500	0.0%
Orthodox Christian Fellowship	1,690	2,000	2,000	0.0%
Orthodox Youth Association	831	1,000	1,000	0.0%
Parish Events	327	500	500	—
Tender-Loving Care (TLC) Ministry	1,023	600	750	25.0%
Travel	221	500	500	0.0%
Utilities	\$4,955	\$7,150	\$6,485	-9.3%
Liturgical	\$4,192	\$4,675	\$4,675	0.0%
Physical Plant	\$3,935	\$4,300	\$4,050	-5.8%
Christian Education	\$2,860	\$2,250	\$3,900	73.3%
Office Administration	\$2,891	\$3,100	\$3,350	8.1%
Missionary/Seminaries	\$2,750	\$3,000	\$3,000	—
Coffee Hour	\$1,461	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.0%
Insurance	\$1,660	\$1,650	\$1,815	10.0%
Discretionary Fund	\$1,027	\$1,500	\$1,500	0.0%
All-American Council (Sobor)	\$3,640	\$4,000	\$1,000	-75.0%
Refurnishings	\$319	\$250	\$750	200.0%
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$128	\$250	\$250	0.0%
Other**	—	—	\$2,129	—
Total	\$164,966	\$196,083	\$197,364	0.7%

** through October 31, 2011

*** includes a reimbursement of \$813 to offset a mortgage reduction fee. The \$1,316 of annualized savings from the reduced mortgage (also included in this expense category) will be applied as additional principal or transferred to the Building Fund.

INCOME

CATEGORY	2011 ACTUAL*	2011 BUDGET	2012 BUDGET	% CHANGE
Stewardship Offerings	\$150,880	\$181,000	\$182,064	0.6%
Deacon Support Appeal	\$4,860	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.0%
Candles/Flowers	\$2,436	\$2,600	\$2,600	0.0%
Parking	\$1,895	\$3,240	\$2,000	-62.0%
Missions Appeal	\$1,216	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.0%
OCF Funding Appeal	\$1,480	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.0%
Gertrude Hawke Net	\$677	—	\$700	—
Interest	\$787	\$500	\$500	0.0%
Discretionary Fund Donations	\$420	—	\$500	—
Other	\$39	—	—	—
Total	\$164,689	\$196,340	\$197,364	0.5%

2012 Proposed Budget – Chapel of the Holy Spirit

EXPENSES

CATEGORY	2011 ACTUAL*	2011 BUDGET**	2012 BUDGET	% CHANGE
Personnel	\$10,000	\$13,200	\$12,300	-7.3%
Priest's Housing Allowance	\$10,000	\$12,000	12,000	0.0%
Priest's Discretionary	—	—	300	—
Travel Allowance	—	\$1,200	—	—
Outreach & Fellowship	\$1,459	\$324	\$1,325	309.0%
Advertising	483	324	500	54.3%
Chapel Events	875	—	500	—
Coffee Hour	43	—	250	—
Website	58	—	75	—
Lot Purchase	\$41,075	—	—	—
Property	\$1,798	—	\$580	—
Furnishings	—	—	\$510	—
Office Administration	\$206	—	\$345	—
Liturgical	\$431	—	\$240	—
Christian Education	—	—	\$200	—
Utilities	\$61	\$540	\$100	—
Total	\$55,030	\$14,064	\$15,600	10.9%

INCOME

CATEGORY	2011 ACTUAL*	2011 BUDGET**	2012 BUDGET	% CHANGE
Stewardship Offerings	\$25,124	\$26,904	\$28,200	4.8%
Chapel Building Fund	\$10,125	—	—	—
Holy Trinity Special Appeal	\$9,683	—	—	—
Total	\$44,932	\$26,904	\$28,200	4.8%

* through October 31, 2011

** adapted from a budget submitted to the Parish Council based on income and expenses from September-December 2010.

Ministry Reports

ADULT STUDY GROUP

The Adult Study Group meets on first and third Tuesdays for eight sessions in the fall and again in the spring. A new offering for HTOC, this provides an opportunity for those already Orthodox to grow in their faith. Currently, we are reading *Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives* by Elder Thaddeus of Serbia. — *Fr. John Reeves*

ALTAR SERVERS

The Altar Servers ministry continues to grow under the direction of Micah Cattell, our parish's sacristan. At this time, we have over a dozen regular servers on our list and are always looking for more (No prior experience is necessary; Micah is an excellent teacher!). This year we appointed Michael Haupt as our assistant sacristan to help coordinate all the activities that go on in our sanctuary. I am grateful to all the boys who serve. It is an honor and privilege to serve with them. They all do such a great job.

We try to have approximately six boys serve on a team each Sunday for the Divine Liturgy (Everyone is invited to serve on Pascha and Feast Days.) Parents can determine what team their child(ren) are on by looking in the monthly *Trisagion* or the weekly *This Week* email. Let me know if are not receiving either one and would like to.

If you have a boy aged eight and over, please encourage him to join our team. Micah and Michael provide excellent on-the-job training! If that's too overwhelming for your sons, we do meet annually for fellowship, to learn fire safety, and rehearse all our movements. We also hope to send a group of servers to the Archdiocesan Servers Retreat in December. — *Dn. Alexander Cadman*

ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society is here to make sure that the clergy's garments are in good condition. We also make sure the Altar Server robes and hangings are clean. At certain times of the year, the Society also purchases flowers and decorates for Pascha, Pentecost and Nativity. We also make prosphora and litya bread.

We can always use more women to help us. Let us know if you are interested. — *Joanne Takarchek*

BOOKSTORE

The bookstore strives to be a source of edification for the faithful of Holy Trinity and a helpful resource for those in the surrounding community who wish to learn more about the Orthodox faith. The bookstore is open regularly on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy and by special appointment as needed. Since the bookstore opened in 2007, approximately \$16,000 worth of books, icons, CD's and other material has been sold. The earnings are used to purchase more inventory and broaden the selection that is available. The main challenge continues to be lack of space--we have the funds to purchase a larger selection of books and other material, but not enough shelf space. . — *Matthew Finke*

CANTORS/READERS

Holy Trinity has always been blessed with talented men and women to assist the Choir in chanting our Divine services, but until this year we have never gotten us all together as a group to learn from Fr. John and each other. 2010 marked an important next step in the growth and development of our parish as the Cantors/Readers ministry began holding specialized workshops before Great Vespers on Saturday to improve things like pronunciation, style, and technique. We hope to have these workshops on a monthly or bimonthly basis continuing next year. They are open to all members of the parish.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

This past year has been an exciting time at our Chapel of the Holy Spirit in Snyder County. In spring, we approached the owner of a half-acre lot in the borough of Beavertown about the possibility of selling it. After some initial conversations with the seller, and subsequent deliberations among the Chapel faithful and the parish council, it was determined that the lot's location, configuration (rectangular and flat), and access to street parking merited an offer of \$40,000. The seller accepted our offer, and we began work raising the funds. On top of approximately \$20,000 of available funds already saved by the Chapel faithful, the Chapel raised an additional \$10,000, with Holy Trinity contributing over \$10,000 additional to push us some \$2,000 past our goal of \$41,000. We closed on the property in August. A sign is currently on order, and we eagerly look forward to its arrival on the lot in late November. Thank you to all who answered this call by giving generously in support of this *evangelistic* effort.

I emphasize that last point by making clear that this is an evangelistic effort. Our goal is not to buy property so we can construct a monument solely for our benefit, but rather so that we can eventually construct the facilities necessary to expand the proclamation of the Gospel in Snyder County. Having spent many hours identifying the core values and primary mission efforts, the members of the Chapel are now engaged in a needs assessment that will determine the size and type of facilities to build. With that, we can set forth a timeline for moving forward with a building project.

But the Chapel is not just about building. Our mission in Snyder County continues apace. Our Sunday Liturgy attendance averages approximately 25 people from diverse backgrounds and spanning generations. We have expanded to three Sunday liturgies per month (and two Saturday evening vespers), along with special services for the more significant feast days and Great Lent. A Bible study will be added in January 2012, along with "open discussion" nights where inquirers have the option to ask questions and discuss the Orthodox Faith with the priest.

Please remember the Chapel in your prayers, that God would provide both the harvest and the laborers to achieve his ends.
— Fr. Basil Biberdorf

COFFEE HOUR

We have recruited two new families to join in helping with coffee hour this year. I will also continue to seek others who are willingly about to help.

I have noticed recently that some parishioners do not attend Coffee Hour who used to attend in the past. I would like to know why and would appreciate the feedback. Please let me know if there is something you don't like about Coffee Hour. I am willing to change things if possible.

— Jean Miranda

JUNIOR ORTHODOX YOUTH ASSOCIATION (JR.OYA)

Jr.OYA began in Fall 2010 with the purpose of providing an opportunity for our members in the middle grades 5-8 to gather for fun and fellowship while being built up in the Faith at what most of us remember as a particularly awkward time of life. Over the past year, we have held game nights and a Mario Kart tournament, gone on a hayride, visited a pumpkin patch, gotten lost in a corn maze, enjoyed crafting activities, and learned a great deal about each other while enjoying their company.

As we did in 2009 and 2010, we will once again be attending the St. Herman Middle School Retreat at Antiochian Village in December. We are also working to increase the spiritual component of Jr.OYA, as, for example, in volunteering at Housing Transitions and other charities from time to time, while maintaining the essential fellowship focus of Jr.OYA.

Thank you to all the parents who have helped out on several occasions. If you have an interest in serving as a chaperone or aide every now and then, please contact Fr Basil or Laura Rush.. — *Fr. Basil Biberdorf*

HOMELESS SHELTER MINISTRY

Once a month two volunteers from our parish prepared dinner for groups of 5-15 people living at Centre House. This year, we started quarter and gift card collections for Centre House. About ~\$ 400 were raised so far in quarters (needed for the residents to do laundry or to take the bus in order to go to job interviews) and about ~\$200 were raised as gift cards to Wal-Mart and Target. All these activities are currently on-going in our church." — *Diana Van Duin*

LENDING LIBRARY

The books and resources available in the lending library are comprised of some books owned by the parish, and others owned by members of the parish who are willing to loan out their resources in a cooperative effort toward helping each other grow in the knowledge and practice of the Orthodox faith. Anyone can check out books using either the list and box downstairs by the bookstore, or through the website. Parishioners can also participate by volunteering to make their books available to loan.

We currently have over 200 titles available and several parishioners are in the process of putting together lists of books they are willing to loan out. Once these are entered we should have over 600 books, magazines, videos and CD's available for people to borrow.

We are hoping to make several improvements over the next few months including having a link on the website for each book that will lead to a page giving a brief review telling more about what is in the book. We also hope to be able to offer options to search by title and author in addition to category. Probably our biggest challenge right now is helping people become familiar with the library and how it works so that they feel comfortable participating. — *Anna Stickles*

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship meets on third Saturdays offering breakfast and fellowship for the men of the parish. Besides discussing various issues confronting men from an Orthodox perspective, the men are investigating the possibility of an OCMC mission trip to Alaska this next summer. — *Fr. John Reeves*

ORTHODOXY 101

Orthodoxy 101 is our biweekly class for inquirers looking for basic knowledge about Orthodoxy in a friendly, informal setting. We began this year studying the Rainbow Series by Fr. Tom Hopko. When we got to the Church History section, we expanded Fr. Hopko's section to include a look at each of the heresies facing the church through the centuries. This led us to an examination of the differences and similarities that exist between Orthodoxy and several other religions including Catholicism, Protestant denominations of the Classical and Radical Reformation, Modern Revivalism, and even non-Christian traditions, roughly using Fr. Andrew Damick's *Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy* as a guide.

Probably the most significant accomplishment of this ministry is the addition of an entirely new section on our website, entitled *Becoming Orthodox*. This page gets approximately 25 unique visitors a month. Several visitors to Holy Trinity this year have remarked learning about us through the website. This Fall, we also moved this ministry to Tuesday nights opposite of the Adult Study Group, making Tuesday night a semi-official "Adult Education Night" of sorts. This has been greeted with tremendous success.

I am very pleased with the attendance Orthodoxy 101 continues to receive. Our biggest challenge is because we only meet twice monthly on Tuesdays, our meeting rhythm can easily be broken when Feast Days fall on the next day. It is also sometimes difficult for participants to remember if it's the first or third Tuesday.

— *Dn. Alexander Cadman*

ORTHODOXY 2.0

Orthodoxy 2.0 meets during Lent to prepare catechumens for baptism at Pascha. Topics include both the rites and the theology of Baptism, Chrismation and the Eucharist. — *Fr. John Reeves*

ORTHODOX YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Orthodox Youth Association meets on the second Sunday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall, but we routinely travel to the bowling alley, restaurants, and other gathering spots. We have a fine group of young men who comprise the core of our high school group. I am extremely grateful to Patty and Chas Doty for co-leading this ministry with me and for opening their home up to us on a regular basis for movie nights!. — *Dn. Alexander Cadman*

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

We are blessed with a terrific group of students who make the Orthodox Christian Fellowship a real joy to be a part of. This year, beginning in Spring 2011, the students, wanting to discuss how Orthodoxy informs, guides, and impacts their lives on campus, eagerly introduced and embraced a new format.

Entitled Dinner and Discussion, the group meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. in 212 Pasquerilla Spiritual Center to talk about current events and enjoy some really terrific food. Thanks to the support of the parish, we are able to provide a hearty meal and an inviting setting for students to share what is on their minds and hearts. We have had several moving meetings and we continue to see remarkable growth and a steady stream of newcomers. In addition to discussing whatever is on the student's minds, we have been reading C.S. Lewis' timeless *Screwtape Letters*. We have been able to read together about two or three letters each week. The students have taken real ownership identifying the reality of spiritual warfare in their lives on campus, and as a result, tremendous spiritual growth is taking place.

The real challenge is finding time for the group to bond together with social activities. We are so busy, whether it be studying for class, church three or more times a week, extracurricular activities, or club

sports. OCF officers have resolved to meet regularly to come up with some fun events that take place outside of our successful Thursday night gatherings to get the group to gel together even more, while still understanding the extreme time pressures everyone is under. In scheduling events, sometimes less is more (as we have learned the hard way before), but because technology continues to isolate us, the importance of fellowship, and real love and interaction among our members cannot be stressed enough.

— *Dn. Alexander Cadman*

RAISING ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN KIDS

The Raising Orthodox Christian Kids (R.O.C.K.) play group operated under a new name this year: “Thursdays in the Park.” The play group, while a great opportunity for young families and kids from church to fellowship, tends to be more of a community outreach ministry, and the new name helps to reflect the concept that “all are welcome.” Most members of the play group do not belong to HTOC. We tend to attract families new to the area who are very appreciative of the reliable play group and instant friends and support network.

The Facebook group that was implemented at the beginning of this season was successful in inviting people, providing reminders, and will help members to stay connected through the off-season. The challenges to this ministry include finding a way (while remaining comfortable and open) to “give credit” to Holy Trinity for sponsoring the play group. I will be working on improving the Facebook group page to accomplish this goal.

— *Dee Patel*

RIDES TO CHURCH

We have set up a convenient text/call plan available right from the website if students need or would like a ride to church. It has not been utilized much because Becky Oliver has been giving rides on most Sundays to students who need them. I will continue to be available for those who need help with transportation, but am appreciative that Becky has taken on this role as well.

— *Mat. Jennifer Cadman*

SUNDAY SCHOOL / VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our Sunday School currently has forty-two students enrolled in five classes with a class being added this year to provide better grouping and age appropriate instruction. This current school will be the second since the Orthodox Christian Education Commission (OCEC) curriculum was adopted and provides a basic foundation of study of the Bible, Church History and Tradition, Liturgical (prayer and worship/sacraments) Doctrine, and Spiritual/Moral Development. It is noted that with the addition of the fifth class, our parish instructional area has now reached its capacity.

As a component of the Sunday School, the students hosted a Lenten luncheon to raise funds for the homeless and hungry of the State College community. There have been other charity activities conducted with the most recent being the making of pillows for hospice patients. During the early summer, nearly fifty students participated in our week-long Vacation Bible School – “I’ve Got the Fruit of the Spirit in Me!” It was a great week of learning as it was conducted during Trinity week (the week following Pentecost).

Our parish is blessed that nine adults have volunteered their time and talents to work with the children as teachers every week. They are the foundation of our program and are worthy of our deep appreciation and encourage participation on all levels of the parish to support the various activities.

— *Dn. Mark Oleynik*

TLC-2

TLC-2 exists to support families with newborns by providing meals in the first weeks post-delivery. We currently have 15 members. This past year, we provided four moms with a minimum of seven meals each.

TLC-2 has recently joined with Penn State Students for Life to provide meals to student-parents who choose to give birth to unplanned babies and remain in school. This is a new venture but we are excited for the opportunity to extend our outreach to the Penn State community.

Please consider joining TLC-2 as more members makes the work light.

— *Corene Swisher*

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The goal of this ministry is simply for women to provide support and fellowship for each other... with social activities thrown in. In the near future, my hope is that the ministry will sponsor/host a traditional "Holy Supper" this December 24 at 5 p.m. The church would provide fish, Lenten bread, mushroom soup and wine. The parish family would supplement the meal with Lenten potluck dishes.

— *Mat. Kelly Oleynik*

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Holy Trinity's Young Adult ministry was created as a social ministry to target those who are above the Undergraduate level. The ministry kicked off in September of this year with a cookout. Since then events have included a Fall-themed potluck, a game night, and nacho night at Champs Bar & Grill. Each event has had around ten people. The events are social with the idea of not putting too much of a financial or time burden on those involved. The ministry is not having any events during the Nativity Fast, but will resume in January with tubing, bowling, movie nights, and other activities.