

Fremont Trinity United Methodist Church

## Something From "H"

### Here Is Something I Found To Be True

This passage is an excerpt from "Through Painted Deserts" by Donald Miller



Pastor H. Kearns

Here is something I found to be true: you don't start processing death until you turn thirty. I live in visions, for instance, and they are cast out some fifty years, and just now, just last year I realized my visions were cast too far, they were out beyond my life span. It frightened me to think of it, that I passed up an early marriage or children to write these silly books, that I bought the lie that the academic life had to be separate from relational experience, as though God only wanted us to learn cognitive ideas, as if the heart of a man were only created to resonate with movies. No, life cannot be understood flat on a page. It has to be lived; a person has to get out of his head, has to fall in love, has to memorize poems, has to jump off bridges into rivers, has to stand in an empty desert and whisper sonnets under his breath:

I'll tell you how the sun rose  
A ribbon at a time . . .

It's a living book, this life; it folds out in a million settings, cast with a billion beautiful characters, and it is almost over for you. It doesn't matter how old you are; it is coming to a close quickly, and soon the credits will roll and all your friends will fold out of your funeral and drive back to their homes in cold and still and silence. And they will make a fire and pour some wine and think about how you once were . . . and feel a kind of sickness at the idea you never again will be.

So soon you will be in that part of the book where you are holding the bulk of the pages in your left hand, and only a thin wisp of the story in your right. You will know by the page count, not by the narrative, that the Author is wrapping things up. You begin to mourn its ending, and want to pace yourself slowly toward its closure, knowing the last lines will speak of something beautiful, of the end of something long and earned, and you hope the thing closes out like last breaths, like whispers about how much and who the characters have come to love, and how authentic the sentiments feel when they have earned a hundred pages of qualification.

And so my prayer is that your story will have involved some leaving and some coming home, some summer and some winter, some roses blooming out like children in a play. My hope is your story will be about changing, about getting something beautiful born inside of you, about learning to love a woman or a man, about learning to love a child, about moving yourself around water, around mountains, around friends, about learning to love others more than we love ourselves, about learning oneness as a way of understanding God. We get one story, you and I, and one story alone. God has established the elements, the setting and the climax and the resolution. It would be a crime not to venture out, wouldn't it?

It might be time for you to go. It might be time to change, to shine out.

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## Here Is Something I Found To Be True

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I want to repeat one word for you:

*Leave.*

Roll the word around on your tongue for a bit. It is a beautiful word, isn't it? So strong and forceful, the way you have always wanted to be. And you will not be alone. You have never been alone. Don't worry. Everything will still be here when you get back. It is you who will have changed.



*Thanksgiving...* Originating in Europe, festivals were held before and after the harvest cycles to give thanks to God for a good harvest, and to rejoice together as a community after the hard work of harvest. Here we are again... in the midst of a time of thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving can be a time of healing and reconciliation if we allow God to do it. Allowing God; what does that look like? Allowing God looks like the willingness to let go of past hurts, agendas, misconceptions, and pain in order for God to reveal more of himself to us. When we are willing to do this, healing and reconciliation happen.

Letting go of Pride, Refusing to allow Gluttony or Wrath to be the driver in our lives allows us to be a part of the community and to share our wooden spoons with one another. Sharing our wooden spoons (having people feed us while we feed them in community) invites Jesus into the moment. Putting ourselves aside and being willing to wait and see how God reveals himself allows space for healing, reconciliation, and community. Please pray that this year's Thanksgiving can be a celebration of God's harvest in our life.

**Hospitality, Love, Growth, Acceptance  
as you, our family have held others, move forward during times of great loss.**

Oh my!.... You guys ROCK!!!! What a gift is to be a part of this family! You (our church and extended family) are a great blessing to others. The bible tells story after story of how hospitality ministers to the soul. Over the past several weeks, our church family has shown great hospitality through providing support, encouragement, and food to families who are journeying through the loss of a loved one. Thank you for loving others for Jesus, accepting them in their time of need, and giving them room to grow. Your care, concern, and actions for and toward others show how you love, show hospitality, acceptance, and how you have grown. Don't stop! There is no greater call than to show the love of Jesus to others. —Pastor H.

## Administrative Board

By: Donna Thatcher

### Community Christmas Project

The Administrative Board has once again approved the participation in the Community Christmas project this year by adopting two families. Once the two families are identified, more details regarding ages and needs will be shared. Watch for further details in the December issue of the Outlook.

Please contact Donna Thatcher with any questions.



## A DISCIPLESHIP CLASS FOR EVERYONE!

### Children & Youth:      **Sundays 9:30 – 11:30 AM**

Nursery (Birth through age 3) – main floor near the secretary's office

### **Sundays at 10:30 AM (after Worship)**

- **Age 3 through Pre-kindergarten** – main floor in room off the nursery
- **Kindergarten through Third Grade** – third floor of addition off back parking lot, last door on right
- **Fourth through Sixth Grades** – third floor of addition off back parking lot, second door on left
- **Grades Seven through Twelve** – third floor of addition off back parking lot, first door on left

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### Adult:      **Sundays at 8:30 AM**

- **Fellowship Class** (Retirees through Middle-Age Adults)  
– in lounge on second floor of addition off back parking lot, second door on right

### **Sundays at 10:30 AM (after Worship)**

- **CCC** (Christ, Coffee and Conversation – Young to Middle Age Adults)  
- Fellowship Hall (basement)
- **Discovery Class** (any Adults, short-term lessons of study)  
– Discover Room -main floor near hallway to sanctuary, across from library

## Worship Committee



### Hanging of the Greens

The Worship committee invites all to help get the church ready to celebrate the Advent and Christmas season as we decorate on November 20th at 3 PM. Following the work, we will take a break and enjoy pizza. With this job complete, we will be ready to celebrate the first Sunday of Advent on November 27.

**Please come and join us!**

### Policy for Cancellation of Church Services

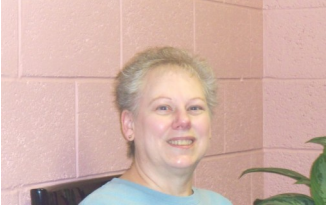


**Church services and or activities will be cancelled if a Level 3 snow emergency is in effect in Sandusky County.**

In the case of a Level 2 snow emergency, cancellation will be discussed between the Pastor, Lay Leader, Organist, and Worship Chair.

**Please see your television/radio for cancellations.**

Cancellations will be posted on TV channels: 11 (Toledo), 13 (Toledo), 24 (Toledo), Eagle 99 radio station.



Barb Bixler

## *Getting to Henderson Settlement*

I was not planning to go to Henderson Settlement for the 2011 district mission trip.

Five events told me that I was called to go.

In the spring of 2011, I received a monetary gift and the suggestion that I might want to put it toward my trip to Henderson Settlement. I told the giver that I wasn't planning to take the trip this year. Over the course of several weeks, the money was absorbed by groceries, insurance, and general living expenses. A couple of weeks after the gift was received, Kathy Zyski asked me if I was planning to go on the mission trip. I told her I was not. "I really want to go," Kathy said. About a week later I received an e-mail from my good friend Rose in Colorado asking if I was going this year; she was interested. My reply was "no." A few hours later, my mail held a letter from Henderson Settlement. Now I began to think that maybe I was being lead to sign up for the trip.

While at work the following week, a guy (Bart Guy, actually) who lives outside our area,

stopped in to place an order. "Are you going on the mission trip?" he asked. I told Bart about the four previous things that had happened. He thought I should go. So my plans changed. I contacted Kathy and Rose to let them know that I was now planning to go.

At the Council on Ministries meeting, I asked if they could sponsor a fundraiser to help Kathy and me with our room and board expenses. They said the decision would need to come from the Administrative Board. When I gave my missions committee report at the Administrative Board meeting the following month, I put in the fundraiser request. During the discussion that followed, the Board voted to pay our way rather than sponsor the fundraiser! I could hardly believe it! Five "hints" and a generous church blessed me as well as the residents of this Appalachian area.

Sometimes we recognize messages and gifts from God and sometimes we do not. I believe this opportunity to serve was His message to me. Because I decided to go, my friend Rose also went. And that may have been my biggest contribution.

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## Why Henderson Settlement?



When I was a child here at Trinity Church, we were big on giving a birthday offering of a penny for each year of our age to Red Bird Mission. Red Bird Mission and Henderson Settlement are both part of the Red Bird Missionary Conference. Since the mission and the conference share the same base name, Red Bird Mission tends to attract more donation money than Henderson Settlement. Someone once referred to Henderson Settlement as the "poor cousin" of Red Bird Mission. Let me share a little about my mission trip experience.

The Henderson mission dorm is in close proximity to Settlement's community buildings and greenhouse, the local post office, community store and public school. This allows for contact with staff from the community as well as other local residents. On Tuesday evenings, work camp participants are treated to musical and/or storytelling entertainment from the area.

Work campers generally take Wednesdays off for sightseeing. This year six of us rode together to visit the Museum of Appalachia. It is similar in theme to Sauder Museum but the main exhibit hall has a lot of displays with captions by local contributors – an excellent way to experience the cultural history. In past years I have been on trips to Cumberland Gap, Cumberland Falls and a train excursion through former mining territory.

Monday, Tuesday and Friday, my worksite was the interior of an addition to a trailer which will be used as a bedroom. Our group project was to wire, insulate, and drywall the room. Homeowners

## Why Henderson Settlement? (Con't from page 4)

Bill and Elise expressed their gratitude numerous times for our work. Bill, who is retired, spent much time observing the work and was even able to provide a couple of hand tools that we had not brought from the Settlement "barn." He told us that every group that had worked on his house had been from Ohio and he hoped the next group was too.

On Thursday morning I was with a crew trying to drywall an addition which was divided into three areas. It took a third sheet of drywall to finally get a correct cut to fit the ceiling. This year's rooms were not at right angles, making it challenging for amateurs to cover. Since the rooms at this site were too small for four workers, I was sent to a flooring project in the afternoon. After watching three others place the peel-and-stick tile for a while, I ventured to try it myself. My results were much better than my attempt three years earlier.

Executive Director of Henderson Settlement Mark Lemon wrote the following in the August 2011 newsletter. "One home in particular, a 70 year old lady taking care of 5 grandchildren between the ages of 6 and 13, received many repairs which included replacing a very leaky roof, installing insulation board and vinyl siding, and replacing the joists and floors in 3 rooms." This is indeed an area in need with an average household income of less than \$25,000 a year.

Why Henderson Settlement? Why not? I encourage you to participate in a mission trip. Choose Henderson Settlement or another area in need. I assure you that you'll get back at least as much as you give.



## Cold Weather Wear



For several years, Trinity Church has collected hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves for six public elementary schools.

This year we have elected to focus our efforts on meeting the needs of students at two area schools - Hayes and Otis. In addition to providing help with the above mentioned items, we would also like to be able to meet other student needs. These schools are being contacted to see if there are needs for other items such as shoes or campus wear (uniforms).

During the month of November, we will have a display to collect hats, gloves, mittens and scarves. If we have an abundance of donated items, we will distribute them to additional schools. We are also encouraging monetary donations to cover other student needs. Please mark the pew envelope or the memo line of your check as being for "Student Needs". Thank you for your generosity!

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## Fremont Area Women's Connection

All ladies are welcome to attend the luncheon at the Fremont Country Club on November 8, 11-12:30 sponsored by Stonecroft Ministries. Guest speaker is Kathleen Sly from Richland, Michigan who describes herself as a "rebellious latch key kid who found how to be back together again"

Monica Church will provide special music and Jillian Estep will present a feature on Scentsy candles. The cost is \$12.00 and the doors open at 10:30 AM. Please call Donna Miller at 419-334- 2262 by November 3rd for a reservation.

## Thank You's & Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Mary Jane Burmeister. Mary Jane entered the ranks of the Church Triumphant on Thursday, September 29, 2011.

Mary Jane was a 1935 graduate of Fremont Ross High School. She married Roland Burmeister on February 29, 1936 and were together for sixty-nine years.

She was an inspector at Crescent Manufacturing for forty-one years. Mary Jane was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Fremont Senior Citizens, AARP, Fremont Historical Society and United Auto Workers Union.

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Our sympathy goes out to the family of Dean Gillette. Dean entered the ranks of the Church Triumphant on Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

Dean was a graduate of Allegan High School in Allegan, MI. He served in the U.S. Air Force during peace time. He married Cynthia Andecover on February 20, 1982. He worked as a machine operator for Whirlpool Corp. for over forty years.

Dean was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, coached softball and was a Cub Scout leader. He enjoyed gardening, fishing and spending time with his grandchildren. He loved his dog, Charlie and cat, Buddy.

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Our sympathy goes out to the family of Alyce Sprunk. Alice entered the ranks of the Church Triumphant on Monday, October 17, 2011.

Alyce was a graduate of Fremont Ross High School in 1936. She married Albert Sprunk on January 15, 1938. She worked at the Herbrand Corp. and was an operator for the Ohio Bell Telephone Co.

Alyce was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church where she was a member of the Crusader's Class, the Missionary Guild and the Church Council.



Dear Trinity United  
Methodist Church,

During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us...Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

Church Ladies,

Thank you for the use of the cafeteria. The food was delicious. We enjoyed it all. Thanks for all your hard work.

—The Mary Jane Burmeister Family

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Dear Trinity United Methodist Church,

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us...Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

—The Dean Gillette Family

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Dear Trinity United Methodist Church,

With sincere thanks for your donation. It was appreciated more than words can say.

—Sandusky County Food Pantry



## Reminder



The Amish Cheese Sale Orders will be available to be picked up on Sunday, November 20th after church in the lounge (approx. 10:30am)

If you have any questions, please contact Gloria Nitschke at 419-334-4000 or Bev Whisler at 419-332-6243.

# Trinity Schedules & Misc.



## Acolyte Schedule

November 6	Isaac Kearns & Oliver Ellis
November 13	Gabe & Devonn Reineck
November 20	Adam Auxter & Jacob Wott
November 27	Erin & Alex Thatcher



## Altar Flower Schedule for October

November 6	Thelma Kuyken
November 13	Open Date
November 20	Pat & Kathy Zyski
November 27	Roger & Barb Smith Mark & Sue Toeppe

*Like to provide altar flowers for the above open date?  
Please call Mary Baxter at 419-332-2495 or church office. You will be billed directly by Otto & Urban Flowers.  
Thank you!*



## Birthdays

November 5	Tom Ackerman Paula Moyer
November 19	Dolly Inman
November 22	Robert Wolfe
November 23	Charles Haubert
November 25	Gary Tusen
November 29	Verna Stuckey



## Anniversaries

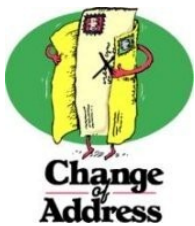
November 6	Randy & Sheila Rohm
November 7	Steve & Jolene Biggins
November 30	Bill & Jenny Wagner

*Don't see your name on the birthday or anniversary list? Like to be added?  
Please contact the church office.*



## Helpers for November

Paula Moyer & Shirley Klopp



Shirley Ratzmann  
115 Woodside Ln.  
Fremont, OH. 43420

Sandra Philo  
19 E. Willard Ave.  
Norwalk, OH. 44857



## Congratulations to:

Eric & Erin Grob on the birth of their daughter,  
Addison Faith Grob.  
Addison was born on

Monday, September 26, 2011.

Maternal Grandmother is Barb Bixler.  
Maternal Great-grandmother is Dorothy Wolfe.

## Address changing for the winter months?

Please contact the church office with your new address and when you will be back in Ohio. Thank you!!



## In Our Prayers

Jean Black, Brennen Reineck, Kaitlin Baker,  
Richard Baker, Pat Zyski, Amanda Gibbs (cancer),  
Michael Kent—brother of Tamara Damschroder,  
Rev. Donald Irvin, Michael Lightner, John Stull—army,  
Sandy Sage (cancer), Dick Hufford, Neil Andecover,  
Michele Mathew, Ashleigh Souders, Abby Johnson,  
Beulah Sibrel, Sandy & Gary Tusen, Ted Wadsworth,  
Jeanette Conner (Alice Jeanette's granddaughter)  
John C. Aldrich -Iraq -(Gladys Aldrich's grandson),  
Katie Peterson (Missionary in Michigan),  
Adam Souders—Afghanistan (Ashleigh Mathew Souders' husband)  
The Family of Mary Jane Burmeister  
The Family of Dean Gillette, The Family of Alyce Sprunk

Have a friend/relative you would like to add to the prayer list?  
Please ask them first if they would like to be included.  
If they would, then just call the church office.

Also If your prayer request has been answered and you  
would like to have the name removed from our prayer list..

Church office phone number: 419-332-5032.

## Youth

By: Pastor H

### How The Youth Room Is Coming?

**Have you noticed?  
There's been some painting going on!!**

The youth have been working on the youth room upstairs. The colors are bright and maybe a little outside the norm, but they do reflect the uniqueness and creativity of our youth. The hope is to create an inviting space for current and future youth to feel welcome. There is great desire in our young people for community, a community where faith can be discussed, questions asked, and where fun can be experienced safely.

We invite you to stop on by the youth room and check it out! Our next adventure is raise the funds, (\$2,500.00) to develop the youth welcome center, furnish the room, and install the media (technology). If you would like to give to this outreach every dollar will be used for the youth of our community.

***Thanks and God Bless you all! "H"***

## Thanksgiving Poem

We walk on starry fields of white  
And do not see the daisies,  
For blessings common in our sight  
We rarely offer praises.  
We sigh for some supreme delight  
To crown our lives with splendour,  
And quite ignore our daily store  
Of pleasures sweet and tender.

Our cares are bold and push their way  
Upon our thought and feeling;  
They hang about us all the day,  
Our time from pleasure stealing.  
So unobtrusive many a joy  
We pass by and forget it,  
But worry strives to own our lives,  
And conquers if we let it.

There's not a day in all the year  
But holds some hidden pleasure,  
And, looking back, joys oft appear  
To brim the past's wide measure.  
But blessings are like friends, I hold,  
Who love and labour near us.  
We ought to raise our notes of praise  
While living hearts can hear us.

Full many a blessing wears the guise  
Of worry or of trouble;  
Far-seeing is the soul, and wise,  
Who knows the mask is double.  
But he who has the faith and strength  
To thank his God for sorrow  
Has found a joy without alloy  
To gladden every morrow.

We ought to make the moments notes  
Of happy, glad Thanksgiving;  
The hours and days a silent phrase  
Of music we are living.  
And so the theme should swell and grow  
As weeks and months pass o'er us,  
And rise sublime at this good time,  
A grand Thanksgiving chorus.

- Ella Wheeler Wilcox

