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Sunday, January 29, 2012

AGENDA

Rev. Desiree A. Lawson, Moderator

Call to Order/Establishment of a Quorum/Appointment of Clerk

Opening Prayer

Report of Clerk of Session—*Elder Delphine M. Holland*

Report of Deacons—*Deacon Alice Shirley*

Presentation of the 2011 Annual Report—Teams and Organizations

Discussion & Questions

Property Team—*Elder Ronald Shirley*

Youth Group—*Elder Denise Dixon*

Membership Team—*D. Holland for Elder Mary Krist*

Worship & the Arts Team—*Elder Christine Cook*

Staffing & Personnel Team—*Elder Barbara Wesley*

Christian Education Team—*Elder Sharon Auger*

Presbyterian Women's Group—*Elder Sharon Auger*

Report of the Nominating Team—*Elder Georgia McCall*

Election of New Deacon—*Sharon Bonney*

Recognition of Out Going Officers

Elders—*Sharron Alexander, Christine Cook, Patricia Miller*

Deacons—*Buffy Wier*

Report of the Finance Team—*Elder Waldo Bronson*

Treasurer, *Elder Carolyn Scott*

New Business

Closing Prayer

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*The Finance report and Proposed Budget for 2012 will be available on January 29, 2012 as an addendum to complete this report.

Trinity United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
Annual Congregational Meeting
January 30, 2011

The meeting of the annual congregational meeting was called to order by Rev. Glenn Grant in the sanctuary at 12:55 p.m.

A quorum was declared by the clerk pro tern, Georgia McCall.

A motion passed to grant Jerry Needham speaking privileges.

The pastor's annual report was presented in the reports' packet. No questions were asked.

The clerk's report was presented in the packet. The report included the following data:

Membership as of December 31, 2010 - 171

Deaths -Three Charter Members, Dorothy Brandon, Ralph Middleton and John Stetz

Members Removed, Transferred, Inactive: Timothy Bausack, Curtis R. Belt, Dortha Belt, Harold Cain, Barbara Consiglio, Yvette Hall-Pride, Loa Louise Hunt, Robert Hunt, Eva Keely, Jeanne Kidle, Betty Mastin, Robert Mastin, Jamy Jackson Matthews, W. Margie Walton, Teresa W. Williams, Zachery Zintel and Debra Russell

Baptisms: Diamond Storey, Walker Owen Offrmnk and Timothy Lawrence Graham

Marriages: Waldo Bronson and Beverly Ann Polk;

Rev. Offrmnk officiated at these marriages: Anthony Parker & Angela Stockton, Michael Gonzales & Kristin Troyer at Trinity United, Thomas Palmer & Patricia L. Linton, and Michell J. Lipp & Teresa M. Geyer

Deacons' Report: The report included a list of donations for the year. It was requested that an accounting of the income and expenses be made available to the members.

Christian Education Team: The report was included in the packet and noted.

Nominating Team: The report included recommendations to session which included a timeline for the committee.

The Nominating Team for 2011 is as follows:

Congregation/Kathryn Henderson, Margaret Tilley, Charlotte Needham and Craig Hardy Deacons/Jerry Kamrath

Session/Georgia McCall and Ronald Shirley

Membership: The report was included in the packet and noted.

Worship Team: The report was included in the packet and noted.

Personnel Team: The report was included in the packet and noted.

Presbyterian Women: The report was included in the packet and noted.

Property Team: The report was included in the packet and noted.

Youth Group: The report was included in the packet and noted.

Treasurer's Report

The report included the following balances:

Total receipts from General Funds.....	\$174,071.07	Total Special Funds.....	\$55,541.91	Total Receipts.....	\$229,612.98
Total Disbursements.....	\$206,741.02	Cost of Sign.....	\$31,500.00		

The designated fund report included a balance of \$71,644.80 as of January 1st and a balance of \$31,504.92 as of December 31st.

Finance Team: The report was included in the packet. The budget for 2011 was presented. The budget included a proposed term of call for the pastor to be voted on at a called meeting. A straw poll indicated that the members approved the proposed budget. The committee chair confirmed that our insurance policy has been reviewed and deemed adequate. We are co-insured with the Presbytery of Lake Huron.

The Audit Team: The report included audits for the years 2008 and 2009. The mid-term report for 2010 was also included.

Questions/Concerns from the Congregation

Per Capita: Members are encouraged to pay their per capita. It was noted that per capita had not been paid. Some members paid their per capita and there was concern that it had not been paid.

Finance Reports: It was requested that a monthly report be provided to members.

Capital Fund Drive: A request for an update was given.

February 26th Dinner: It was suggested that we diligently work to get all members out to vote on the 27th and to encourage members to come to the dinner on February 26, 2011. All members are asked to pray for our finances and our leadership.

Minutes: A motion passed to authorize the session to approve the minutes of the 2011 Annual Congregational Meeting and to make copies available for the members.

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Rev. Glenn Grant, Moderator

Elder Georgia McCall, Clerk Pro Tern

Pastor's Annual Report 2011

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! What a year this has been for me and I pray it has been equally blessed for you. I was installed as your pastor on March 27, 2011 and stepped into the pulpit on April 3, 2011. The title of my first sermon was, "You are Worth the Wait." That was more than a catchy title; it was indeed a prophetic word from God. Coming to Flint and becoming your pastor has been an answered prayer and one of my greatest joys. Nine months into my new life and my new role and I am looking forward to what God is getting ready to birth in and through us. Anthony and I are still amazed that we live in Flint and equally amazed at how God continues to bless our lives abundantly.

From day one we have hit the ground and have been running ever since. Starting in the middle of the Lenten season proved to be a good training ground. My plan for year one could best be defined in three words: Prayer, Proclamation and People (the 3-P's). I began my pastorate with 12 Weeks of Prayer, One and One meetings with as many people as possible, and preaching on topics which focused on the basics of Christian living; prayer, bible study and fellowship. I believe that when we build our relationship with God and then with each other, there is nothing we cannot accomplish together with God's leading. Programs, ministry, missions, membership and finance will all come when we first look to our Source. The bible teaches us in Matthew 6 that we need not worry about things beyond our control. As the Body of Christ it is for us to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added unto us." We have a tendency to do all things first and then look to God as a last resort. My call to the church of Jesus Christ is to serve as a reminder for us to look to God first. Look forward to more of the 3-P's in 2012.

In addition to The Service of the Lord's Day, which has been blessed by baptisms, new members, and special programs, we have had our share our funeral services. It has been a year filled with extreme emotions from great joy to deep sadness. We have experienced the full cycle of life and remain grateful to be given another day to fulfill God's calling.

Christian Education has been a highlight for me because going back to the basics of bible study and prayer are essential elements for the growth and development of Christian people. During the fall we began a weekly church-wide study on an "Overview of the Old Testament." We also included a Thursday morning men's bible study facilitated by Rev. Herman Graham. These two studies were in addition to regular Sunday school for all ages and women's bible study. Another area of transition has been with the church finances. The Finance and Stewardship teams ran a very successful dinner program which provided an opportunity for every member of the church to learn and to share their thoughts and concerns about the finances of the church. Also, with the sudden and unexpected loss of long time treasurer and friend, Janis Beach, additional restructuring is ongoing in this area. We are thankful and grateful for the leadership of Sharron Alexander, Sharon Thomason and Maxine Storey in reorganizing and training our newly elected

treasurer, Carolyn Scott, the finance team and other volunteers. All ministry teams of the church are working tirelessly as we learn and grow together in Christ building a dynamic and spirit-filled multicultural congregation.

I have had the privilege of being part of a panel at the Genesys Learning Institute on "Ethical Care Across Cultures" where I spoke about the end of life process for people of Christian faith. Elder Sharon Auger and I, with the assistance of Deacon Karen Fischer, appeared on ABC12 News with Karen Gatlin on July 1, 2011 to promote Vacation Bible School and the Presbytery's Health Fair. I was also invited to pray at the 2011 Annual Prayer Breakfast of the American Business Women Association, Nu-Lite Chapter. The television exposure has been helpful in getting the word out about Trinity and we have gained at least 3 new members. Many thanks to ABC 12 News!

In the summer, Anthony and I participated in our first Crim Festival of Races. It was a wonderful and positive experience. We have also experienced three wonderful evenings at The Whiting and tasted a bit of the Flint cultural life style. As we settle into our brand new home, we both agree that we are indeed home and look forward to many wonderful years to come.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Desiree Lawson
Pastor

Trinity United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
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Clerk of Session Report

My name is **#83/Deiphine M. Holland**. I served as the **Clerk of Session** at Trinity United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. in 2011. I take the minutes at the monthly Session Meeting and also at any Special Session Meetings. I enter names into the official Church Record Book. The names listed below were entered into the church record book in 2011.

(The number before a person's name is their membership number.)

Rev. Desiree A. Lawson was ordained in Boston, Massachusetts on March 20, 2011. She was installed as the Pastor of Trinity United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. on March 27, 2011. Anthony Lawson is the Pastor's husband.

As of December 31, 2011, the church has **164 members**.

Deaths: Charter Members - #72/Dorothy Yvonne Groat (6-26-11). **#90/James Jackson** (8-12-11), **#173/Evelyn Taylor** (8-16-11), **#199,Elder Jimmy A. Williams** (8-30-11), **#19/Elder/Deacon Janis I. Beach** (11-16-11) and **#185/Elder/Deacon Earnestine Towns** (12-9-11). **#231/Elder Sue A. Gladding** (10-21-11)

New Members: 6-26-11, **#243/Beverly A. Bronson**; 7-31-11, **#244/Kenyon G. Grover and #245/Oleta Gay Grover** were baptized and became members of the church, 8-28-11, **#246/Jane E. Harger**, 12-4-11, **#247/Donna C. Jones**, **#248/Linda G. Jones**, **#249/Steven Long**, **#250/Pamela Terrell** and **#251/Fred Turner** all became members of the church. On 12-19-11, **#252/James E. Dixon** was received as a new member by the Session. He will be baptized and welcomed by the congregation January 22, 2012.

Members Names (Removed, Transferred, Inactive): **Charter Members - #25/Garry Black, #186/Linnie Traver, #187/Travis Traver and #96/Jamie L. Kennedy** all transferred to Kirkridge PC. (*Jamie's son, Noah Kennedy, who was on the baptized list, was transferred along with his parent.*) **#219/Gail P. Smith** transferred to Mundy PC. **Charter Members - #121/Krystal McFall, #38/David Clark, #39/Julie Clark, #105/Paul Charles Chuck Little and #106/Sharon Little** were placed on the inactive list.

Baptisms: **DeAndreia Janay Randall**, 7-10-11, great-granddaughter of **#175/Addie Terrell, #244/Kenyon G. Grover** and **#24510leta Gay Grover**, 7-31-11, **Maeve Ann Offrink**, infant daughter of **#130/Benjamin Offrmnk and Shelby Offrmnk**, 12-18-11

Marriages: **James Elzie Dixon** married **#194/Denise White** on April 30, 2011. Denise is now listed as Denise Dixon.

