

# Trinity TriLites

Christmas  
Edition 2011



## The 2011 Christmas Offering **GoodNEWS&GreatJOY** for God's People in Madagascar

Bringing Good News and Great Joy for all people—as spoken by the angel the night of Jesus' birth—is what this season is all about.

That's what Trinity Church will again seek to do this year—as we have 45 previous years—with our 2011 Christmas Good News & GreatJOY Offering received through the month of December. Our focus will be a group of believers in MADAGASCAR – that exotic island country off the coast of southeastern Africa in Indian Ocean.



Dan & Elizabeth Turk Family

Under the direction of Agricultural Missions Partner Dr. Dan Turk, 100% of what is received will go into building a new tree nursery in Toliary run by FJKM (the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar) the largest Protestant denomination in that country.

In a country of widespread poverty, political instability, and religious persecution, the believers in Madagascar have provided a strong witness to the gospel of Christ. Your gift will enable the Church to work alongside people to make them self-sufficient, insure alternate source of nutrition as well as to provide firewood in this beautiful but largely deforested nation.



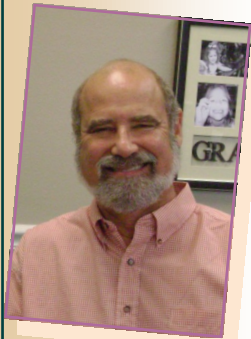
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## 2011 Christmas Offering ...a Fruit Tree Nursery? C'mmmon...Give Me a Break!

*"...for nothing will be  
impossible with God."*

**Luke 1:37**



At first glance you're probably thinking: Has Pastor Chuck gone off the reservation?

Not really. The above headline could possibly produce a disconnect. After all, what do fruit trees have to do with Christmas?

It's story of our partnership with missionaries Dan and Elizabeth Turk and the FKJM (Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar). A number of years ago Dan, an agricultural mission worker, helped the local believers there establish a tree nursery at IVATO Seminary.

Remember IVATO? And Trinity's role in replacing the entire seminary kitchen and shower facilities there in 2005? It was done for the astronomical sum of \$10,000.

This year we have the opportunity to "transplant" an entirely NEW nursery from Ivato to Toliary in the SW Madagascar. Sadly, 75% of that nation's population live in poverty, with the percentage in the southern region even higher.

This project--led by church leaders--provides fruit for nutrition, reforestation of a depleted countryside and capital (wages, income) in helping our brothers and sisters in the Lord to become self sufficient.

Think of it--if our church family can reach the goal of funding the entire whole project for a cost of \$6500--we'll spread a whole lot of good news and great joy in Madagascar and Florida! So let's do it.

A joyous Christmas to you!

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Chuck".

## Children's Program & Choir Cantata Simply Smashing!

"NOT GUILTY!" was the verdict from "The Case of the Reluctant Innkeeper" performed by Trinity's children and youth Sunday, Dec. 11. We heard testimony from the donkey that carried Mary to the Innkeeper who was "reluctant" to provide a room. Led by the Judge and Prosecutor, other stable animals testified and sang about how God can "turn things around" in our lives. Players included: Prosecutor Sam Shepherd (Collin Koch), Judge James Justice (William Stein), Heehaw A. Donkey (Samantha Nyland), Malachi Mutton (Charlie Nyland), Innkeeper Benjamina Holiday (Gabriella Csiszar), Jury Foreman (Alex Csiszar), Witness Lambs (Shy Andrews, Victoria Csiszar).



Directed by Organist/ Accompanist Doug Hamstra, our JAMMM kids opened the Contemporary Worship Service with two carols on the handchimes.

After weeks of rehearsal, these young people played "O Come Little Children" and "Silent Night."

If you missed both of these performances, you'll get a second chance to hear our JAMMM kids at the Christmas Eve service. In addition to playing the handchimes, they will sing one of the songs from their play entitled "It's All Because of Bethlehem."

The Chancel Choir's 2011 cantata "The Winter Rose" will go down as one of the most classic presentations at Trinity. The choir dressed in concert black (men in tuxedos, ladies in black with a strand of pearls) made a beautiful backdrop to the 6'x9' cross of almost 300 roses. Built by Dr. Jake Scheeres, the cross served as the centerpiece to the message of the cantata. The 200 white roses were given to members of the congregation as the choir sang about the redemption story. As the white roses were removed, red roses were revealed beneath to bring to life the imagery of the Rose of Sharon, the Christ of Christmas. You'll continue to enjoy this beautiful work of art as we showcase our poinsettias in the cross through Christmas.



—Sharon Sutherland  
Director of Music

## Twelve Days Of Christmas

The twelve days of Christmas composed the Christmas season and begins with Christmas day and extend into the New Year. There is even a carol that celebrates this season and has in this hymn a code of words with religious reality that has often been missed today.

- *The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.*
- *Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testament.*
- *Three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love.*
- *The four calling birds were the four gospels of Mathew, Mark, Luke, and John.*
- *The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.*
- *The six geese a laying stood for the six days of creation.*
- *Seven wans a swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit—Prophesy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Self Control.*
- *The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.*
- *The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.*
- *The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.*

As e hear these words sung during the twelve days of Christmas and into the first of the New Year, think if you will on each and their true meaning of God's love.

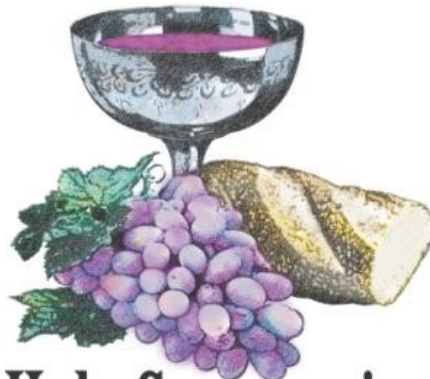
With God's grace and peace,

*Lewis Trotter*

## NEW YEARS DAY

### January 1st

10:00am in the Sanctuary



## Holy Communion

*“Behold, I make all things new!”*

Revelation 21:5

### A SPECIAL Thank You to the Contemporary Worship Coffee Crew

How could we manage each Sunday morning at the 9 am Contemporary Service without having that cup of coffee, tea or “goodie”? A long overdue **“Thank You”** goes to the Coffee Crew for their devotion and hard work. These folks are truly appreciated and we thank each one of you. Of course we have fun, too. The Crew includes Harold & Corita Domaratus, Dot Beeman, Tom & Joyce Tripp, Glenn & Sara Cameron, Jim Phillips and Roberta French. Mary Thompson has graciously helped us many times, Ray Sutherland has filled in and others have helped as well. If you would like to join the Coffee Crew and learn what happens in the kitchen, please let any member of the Crew know.

—Roberta French

## What Is Per Capita?

The Per Capita requested by General Assembly and Synod will be apportioned among the church according to the membership reported on the 2010 Statistical Report. Per Capita remitted to the Presbytery as a result of the apportionment will be sent directly to General Assembly and Synod. None of these funds will be retained by the Presbytery.

Per Capita is an opportunity for all members of the Presbyterian church through the governing bodies to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination, and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians.

The Per Capita Budget of the General Assembly principally provides for the cost of holding GA meetings, expenses of permanent and special committees of the GA. Also included is costs of Mission Support Services relating to building operations and centralized accounting services.

The Per Capita of the Synod includes legislative and judicial business and ecclesiastical functions, including the office of the Stated Clerk, which enables the Synod to plan, oversee and evaluate its mission and the administrative functions necessary for the mission of the mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

2012 Per Capita requested is:

General Assembly	\$6.63
Synod of South Atlantic	<u>\$1.45</u>

The total is \$8.08 per member. If you wish to help us out by paying your portion, please use the enclosed special envelope included in your boxed envelopes or use one of the pew envelopes marking it Per Capita.

For full details of this and other denominational giving to the Presbytery go to our website at [www.trinitypc.org](http://www.trinitypc.org) and click on the link *“From Three Steams, One Peace River.”*

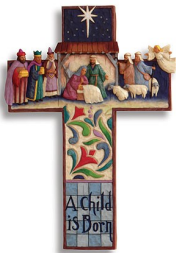
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## Don't Forget— CHRISTMAS DAY 10AM

Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. And guess what—Trinity will be *open!* Come join us in the Community Life Center for ONE Service at 10am. It's informal—that means bring those bright colored holiday sweaters! We'll enjoy a time of listening to Scripture, singing some of the great Christmas carols we all enjoy, and rejoice that indeed *Christ the Savior is born!*

You will be interested to know that following the service there will be a fellowship sponsored by the great state of Oregon—known around Trinity by the name of Juanita Fauser. You'll definitely enjoy some of these yet-to-be announced goodies from the Pacific Northwest! Hmmmm.



## Trinity Church Aglow— Christmas Eve & Candlelight

Trinity Church will again welcome the birth of our Savior this Christmas Eve. Worshipers on Saturday evening, December 24<sup>th</sup> will discover a sanctuary shimmering in candlelight. Our ears will be filled with the sounds of Christmas from the Trinity Choir—and, new this year—our JAMM Kids children's hand chime choir—will fill the air. This is an "all ages" event and everyone is invited to share in this joyous worship experiences. There will be special time with the Children, the traditional Scripture lessons, and a brief



a brief message from Pastor Chuck. Of course, the evening will conclude with a Carol Sing and Candle Lighting as our sanctuary shines brightly representing Christ, who is the light of the world.

**The Service begins at 7pm.** Be sure and come early for some very, very special Pre-Service music at 6:30pm.



*O Come Let Us  
Adore Him,  
Christ The Lord!*