



# The Trinity Times

*Following Christ, we equip, energize and nurture all  
God's people to transform the world*

**AUGUST 2011**

**Welcome to Trinity** United Methodist Church

6800 Wurzbach Road  
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## Exciting Moments from Zimbabwe



The Missions Committee will be showing pictures and sharing stories from Zimbabwe following the 11:00 service on August 14th. They do not want people to go hungry in order to be part of this time of sharing. So, the committee is sponsoring a Lasagna Dinner that day. There will be a freewill offering for the dinner. (You might consider giving what it would cost you to eat out). If you would like to furnish a dessert for the meal, please, let the church office know before August 7th. Also, kitchen help is needed for August 14th and possibly for the future luncheons. Don Khan and Tendekai Muzorewa will be setting up for the presentation. Kitchen help includes helping with preparation but probably the most needed help is serving, cleaning up, keeping the utensils in the kitchen in good order, etc. If you are able to help in this area, consider letting Don, Tendekai, or the office know. It is always helpful to know how much help can be counted on.

The luncheon will be a kick-off for future luncheons sponsored by the Missions Committee. The second luncheon will be September 11th. The Potato Luncheon is scheduled for October 2nd. The Missions Committee will not have a luncheon in a month in which another luncheon is scheduled; i.e. November with the Thanksgiving lunch, or April with Fiesta.

Students from Cornerstone Christian School in San Angelo helping with the Trinity Garden harvest.

The Good Lord has blessed the garden with 2,500 lb of fresh vegetables for the San Antonio Food Bank.

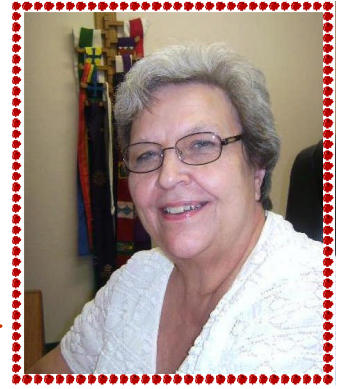
TUMC Victory Garden  
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## 'Margaret's Musings'

*Rev. Margaret Decker, Pastor*



Last month I shared some thoughts about I Corinthians chapter 1. For those of you with e-mail, each week you have continued to receive material concerning I Corinthians. So far, we have looked at chapters 1-7. If you do not receive e-mail and would like to have copies of the material, please, let Cynthia or myself know. We can make copies and have them available in the narthex each week.

This week we will consider what Paul wrote in chapters 8 and 9. In chapter 8 Paul uses the example of eating food that has been offered to idols as one of the topics that has divided the Corinthian church. In most sacrifices only a portion of the animal was actually totally burned on the altar. At least two different things happened to the rest of the meat. Sometimes a banquet was held in front of the altar for family and friends of the one who offered the sacrificed. Other times the meat was taken to the market and sold.

There are several words besides "meat" that you might read in your Bible. The King James Version uses the word "things." Several more contemporary translations use "food." For myself, it is easier to conceptualize that the sacrifice of an animal would have more potential to be used in a banquet or sold in the market than the sacrifice of grain or another plant sacrifice.

The issue that caused alarm for Paul was that the people who ate food sacrificed to an idol thought they were more knowledgeable and therefore "better" than those who felt that it was wrong to eat food offered to idols.

Paul probably quotes the "knowledgeable" ones when he writes that we know that "no idol in the world really exists" and that "there is no God but one." He continues by saying that for Christians there is one God, the Father, and one Lord, Jesus Christ. However, he points out that for new Christians eating food offered to idols may seem like still showing allegiance to that god—the god they have renounced for faith in Christ. And so, they feel defiled if they eat such meat. Paul then states that food does not bring us close to God. For those who see themselves more knowledgeable do not gain anything by eating food offered as a sacrifice. So if it causes someone else to weaken in his/her faith, why do it. This is the beginning point of one of Paul's arguments that he returns to over and over again. The people who are truly strong in their faith should be willing to give up things that they do, if it is an impediment to those who are weak in the faith.

Now the issue of eating food offered to idols may not be a problem for us. But, do we ever see ourselves as having a better theology, or know things that others do not understand, and then expect them to do as we say? I think Paul's admonition that those who are strong in the faith should be willing to acquiesce to those who are weaker. In so doing, we demonstrate God's love, and we help the community to grow in a spirit of mutual love.

This "study" has been a challenge for me. I hope that it is beneficial for you. I pray that as we study together we may be strengthened to do the tasks that the Holy Spirit sets before us. I am blessed to be serving Trinity United Methodist Church.

Yours in Christ,  
**Margaret**



**It's That Time Again**

It's hard to believe but the new school year is already upon us. Most schools will be starting August 21<sup>st</sup>. We hope that everyone had a wonderful summer vacation and we look forward to seeing you all at Sunday School again very soon.



Becky Thaxton  
Director  
TUMC  
Children Ministries

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**Promotion Sunday**

Promotion Sunday will be Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. We will meet in the Trinity UMC Gym for juice and donuts. Students will receive their promotion certificates and then proceed to their new classroom. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Feel free to bring a friend with you.



*'Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.'*  
Proverbs 22:6



**Sunday School** - We meet every Sunday morning at 9:45am in the Youth Room.

**Youth Choir** - The Youth Choir rehearses every Sunday after church services 12:15-12:45 pm during the school year.

**Youth Group** - We meet each Sunday afternoon at 12:45-2:00pm to eat lunch after youth choir in the youth room to have a worship time and small groups.

**Attention all youth! Come and join...it's never too late**



Jared May  
Director  
TUMC  
Youth Ministry

***Children's Council To Meet***



Are you interested in planning Christian educational programs for our children? Then please join the Children's Team on **Sunday, August 7**. We will have a light snack after the 11 o'clock service and meet in Room 2.

**Come and join us!**

Proverbs 22:6 *Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.*





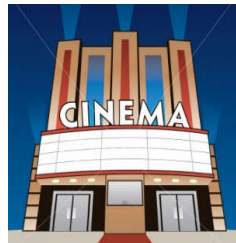
WHEN WE GIVE FROM THE HEART,  
WE RECEIVE  
UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS—  
ESPECIALLY THE JOY OF MAKING  
A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE.

**4th Sunday Offerings in August  
School Supplies for Wesley at  
Columbia Heights**

In some countries, children don't have books or school supplies. Many have no schoolrooms; classes are held in inadequate or half-destroyed buildings, tents, or even the open air. School kits may be these children's only educational resources. Thank you for giving generously.

**Movie in the parlor every  
Thursday this month at  
12:30 p.m.  
Don't miss the fellowship  
and the movies!**

**It's FREE!**



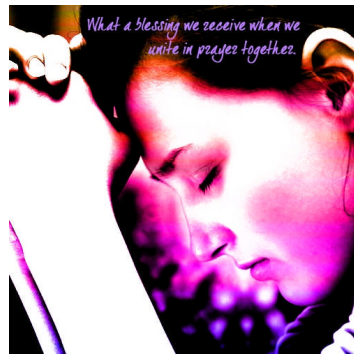
**Intercessory Prayer**

We at Trinity UMC take seriously our Ministry of Prayer. The Prayer Ministry team continues to pray for your loved ones even if their names are not on this list.

**Our Presence in Worship**

July 3	123
July 10	153
July 17	143
July 24	121

*Thank you Lord!*



**Anniversaries**

JACK & HELEN TOOLE	1-Aug
CARROLL AND RONDA WEBER	2-Aug
TOM & CYNTHIA SETTLES	4-Aug
JIM & JO ANN CHAMBERS	7-Aug
ROBERT & AUDREY DUDA	9-Aug
HENRY & DARLEEN HARDY	18-Aug
DARRYL & ALISA ROBERTS	20-Aug
DWIGHT & MARY HALE	26-Aug

**Birthdays**

JIM DURLAK	2-Aug
JOYCE PARKE	2-Aug
TINA AZBILL	6-Aug
AJ HARRISON	6-Aug
EDITH RIEDEL	8-Aug
ROY ROGERS	12-Aug
ANNE JONES	13-Aug
BOB PARKE	14-Aug
VICKI HERRIN	15-Aug
MARY ELLEN KELLER	19-Aug
BOB ICENOGLE	20-Aug
LOU ARMSTRONG	21-Aug
JOAN WURST	21-Aug
BECKY LAMBERT	23-Aug
MARY CANTY	23-Aug
TAYLOR DUDA	24-Aug
JACKIE KNEELAND	25-Aug
MARY BETH CALK	27-Aug
BETTY MILNER	27-Aug
EMMA MAY	28-Aug
CAROLL SCHMIDT	28-Aug
CHARLIE SETTLES	28-Aug
DON SNOCKER	29-Aug
LAURA AMES	30-Aug

**(If we have missed your special day, please notify  
Cynthia in the Church office.)**

**Trinity UMC Members and Constituents:** Lou Armstrong\* Janie Arnold\* Jan Bates\* Jean Bell\* Becky Lambert\* Marjorie Lockamy\* Salvadore Lopez, Jr.\* Joe Medrano\* Frances Neyland\* Harriet Phillips\* Frances Touby\* Trinity UMC Staff\* Trinity UMC Prayer Ministry Team\* Trinity UMC Ministries and Committees\*

**Other Personal Requests:**

Bob Bordelon\* Christy\* Tiffany Decker\* Roy Estrada\* Helen Gafford\* Dora Guenther\* Brenda Hamlin\* Kimberly Lange\* Audrey Marple\* John Morgan\* Becky's Pop\* Rev. Tony Brantley\* Bishop Jim Dorff \*District Superintendent Rev. Carl Rohlf\* our Nation and its leaders\* our troops\* praying for rain\* all the sick and the lonely\* people of Somalia\* Aunt Inez\* the people of Norway.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ◆ **Jubellee Ringers starts rehearsals**—Wednesday, August 3 at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **UMW** has a Business meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 2nd at 9:45 a.m.
- ◆ **Relief for Japan**—if you are interested in helping, the UMCOR Advance Special number is 3021317. It is designated as "Pacific Emergency."
- ◆ **US Disaster Response**— If you would like to help the people in the southern states through UMCOR, memo your check to: US Disaster Response, UMCOR Advance #901670.
- ◆ **UMCOR designation** for help with the storms that hit Missouri is "Spring Storms" #3021326.
- ◆ **Funds are needed** for the dinners we serve at SAMM'S. If you give for this extended ministry, please, mark your gift so that it will go to the correct place.
- ◆ **NO GODLY PLAY** until August 21st.
- ◆ **Scripture study** and reflection (by Pastor Margaret) available on the website: [www.trinityumcsa.org](http://www.trinityumcsa.org).



**Donations to missions and help** on the third Tuesday of every other month at the SAMM's transitional living center dinner are welcomed. Please call John Reed 296-8866. Next one is on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 5:15 p.m.

*Thank you!*

Dear Trinity United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for the pen set and holding a graduation reception for me. I will take the values and lessons I've learned from the church with me to LSV next year. I can not thank you enough for displaying care throughout my life. Thank you!

Geaux Tigers!

- Parks

*James Parks Vincent*

**F. I. P. S. (Fun in Progress Seniors)**

All senior adults are invited to join Fun in Progress Seniors (F.I.P.S.) to their monthly [Dinner Fellowship on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at Ruby Tuesday on 9818 I-10W \(210-558-8880\)](#)

**"Meals on Wheels"**

If you are interested in delivering or coordinating, please contact Christian Senior Services at 210-735-5115.



When we joined the church, we pledged to uphold it with "our prayers".

**\*Please pray for our church every day at noon\***

Prayerfully consider joining your church's prayer ministry. I invite you to meet with us or pray from home, as part of the prayer chain. We lift up our church and all its joys and concerns and as Pastor Margaret said, "talk to our best friend" who is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

*Sandy Keyser, Mary Hale, Jean Bell.*

if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.' 2 Chronicles 7:14

**Greenhouse Ministry at Trinity**

Everyone is welcome to join the greenhouse ministry beginning at Trinity. We have the cart shown below that will allow is to: \* Grow seedlings for the vegetable garden , \*Grow plants and flowers for people recuperating in the hospital, in nursing homes, or for home bound church members, \*Grow our own flowers for the Sanctuary and the church grounds, \*Provide an educational experience for the Weekday School Children, \*Grow vegetables for the food bank during the winter months. Anyone interested in helping with this exciting new ministry, please talk to Connie Medrano or Don Ketchum.





## Faith & Family Night With the San Antonio Silver Stars on Saturday, September 2nd

For \$ 20.00 You Get a Lower Level Ticket, Hot Dog, Chips & Drink (a \$ 50.00 value).

After the Silver Stars game there will be a live concert performance by Jars of Clay plus a Silver Stars Player testimonial!

Come fellowship this Summer with the San Antonio Silver Stars!

For more information contact Becky Thaxton at work (210-684-0261, ext. 13) or at home (210-275-3864).



## **ANNUAL LABOR DAY RETREAT**

### **Come One, Come All!**

Let's go to our annual Labor Day Retreat September 2-5, 2011, at the HEB Foundation Camps near Leaky, TX. It will be cooler there than San Antonio.

This year, as we have for a number of years, we are partnering with Chapel Hill UMC and joining them at Echo Valley Camp site. Costs for the retreat are minimal for 3 nights and 7 meals as follows: Adults \$25, Children ages 5 to 11 \$18, and Children under age 5 are free. If you want to join the fun for the day on Saturday or Sunday, the cost is \$18 per person for the two meals you can have (lunch and dinner) while on site.

Trinity member Don Ketchum is heading up this retreat for our church. Registration forms are available in the narthex and church office.

If you have any questions, see Don Ketchum at church or call him at 210-688-3616.



### **Note from Trinity's SPRC**

Staff-Parish Relations Committee is looking for a copy of the policy concerning groups spending the night in the church's various facilities. If you have a copy of this policy, please, bring it to the church office.

A copy will be made for the office records, and you will be able to keep your copy. If a copy is not found within 30 days, SPRC will work with The Board of Trustees to write a current policy.





## Coffee, Tea, Chocolate

*Have you ever wanted to make a difference?*

There are farmers in the developing countries who find it very difficult to provide for their families. One way to make a difference in their lives is to purchase fair trade products. The farmers participate in a co-op group. Through their co-op, they are able to provide for their families without producing drug-related products. Fair trade products are available in a variety of places including our church in the near future. When you purchase products through the church, not only do the farmers realize a decent wage for their work, you also contribute to UMCOR. About \$.15 of every dollar spent goes to UMCOR. With this money UMCOR builds storage facilities and processing sites for the crops.

The products that will be available through the church are with the insignia "Equal Exchange." We will have both regular and decaffeinated coffee. The coffee is in small packages so you can try it out without buying a 10-ounce can. Depending on how strong you like your coffee, you could get two 8-cup pots of coffee from one package. Various teas will be available. The chocolate is very dark and organic. The price list is:

*Coffee	\$1.50 per package
*Tea	\$3.00 per package
*Chocolate	\$1.50 per bar

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*Subject: Interfaith*

*Day of Prayer - August 6th*

**Saturday, August 6th**

2 - 5 pm

at Beacon Hill Presbyterian Church

1101 W Woodlawn, San Antonio.

210-733-7169

Colleagues and Friends,

Please...

share our invitation with your colleagues and congregants, and...come!

Add your voice, witness, and prayers to those of your sisters and brothers from all of our interfaith families.

### **Interfaith Day of Prayer**

The San Antonio Community of Congregations and Beacon Hill Presbyterian Church invite you to an inter-faith day of prayer, as all people are invited to gather and to pray, each in our own way, for our country and for God's world:

We will become .....

"a house of prayer, a time of prayer, a place of prayer... for all people," all faith families, all voices, all views... all are welcome!

Come for 10 minutes or for 3 hours.

Pray in silence. Pray - briefly - out loud.

Leave a written prayer.

Come discover your brothers and sisters in prayer.

Thank you

Tom Heger, pastor

Beacon Hill Presbyterian Church

733 - 7169

[tjheger@flash.net](mailto:tjheger@flash.net)

## **Thank you for joining the Trinity United Methodist Church.**

You are always welcome here.

Our Staff is here to help you. Our Ministers are every member of the Congregation.

*... praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:47.*

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Church fax: 684-5489  
School phone : 684-5214  
Church website:  
[www.trinityumcsa.org](http://www.trinityumcsa.org)



Jesus said, "Come follow Me and I will make you fishers of men"

Worship Services: Sundays 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages: Sundays 9:45 a.m.



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