



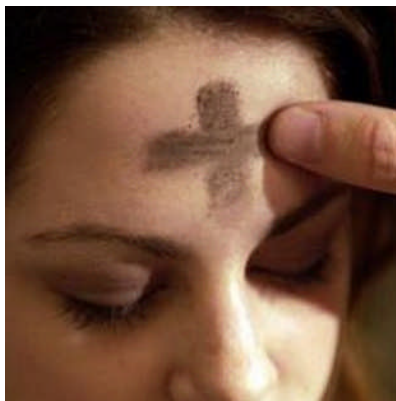
The Trinity Times

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

February 2012

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church

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In Western Christianity, Ash Wednesday (Ash Wednesday—February 22, 2011) marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days prior to Easter (Sundays are not included in the count).

Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. During some Ash Wednesday services, the minister will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto the foreheads of worshippers.

Not all Christian churches observe Ash Wednesday or Lent. They are mostly observed by the Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian and Anglican denominations, and also by Roman Catholics. Eastern Orthodox churches observe Lent or Great Lent, during the 6 weeks or 40 days preceding Palm Sunday with fasting continuing during the Holy Week of Easter. Lent for Eastern Orthodox churches begins on Monday and Ash Wednesday is not observed.

The Bible does not mention Ash Wednesday or the custom of Lent, however, the practice of repentance and mourning in ashes is found in 2 Samuel 13:19; Esther 4:1; Job 2:8; Daniel 9:3; and Matthew 11:21.

Mary Fairchild—'About Christianity'

Upcoming Opportunities for Worship

- ◆ The Ash Wednesday is February 22nd at 7:00 pm. We will begin a theme that night of "Trials of Jesus." That evening the message will focus on Jesus' temptations in the wilderness. The theme will be carried out at Wednesday midday services during the season of Lent.
- ◆ We will have a Maundy Thursday service on April 5th at 7:00 pm. On Good Friday we will have a "Funeral for Jesus." It will be done in a Jewish style for funerals. It is to help us to experience as much as possible how the disciples felt after the crucifixion.
- ◆ Palm Sunday the children will process with palm branches. The message will be presented through a choral reading.
- ◆ The UMW will lead the service on March 25th. Denise Barker, director of Magdalena House, will bring the message. She may tell some about her ministry there.





'Margaret's Musings'

Rev. Margaret Decker, Pastor



Trinity has been given the opportunity to be a teaching church. It has been suggested that Trinity consider having an intern from Perkins School of Theology at SMU. Interns from there function much like an associate pastor. In other words, an intern would preach, work with small groups, perhaps add some expertise to our 11:00 service, perhaps do some work with the youth, and anything else that a pastor might do. An intern will not replace anyone presently on staff or is volunteering in any area.

If we have an intern, there would be times that the intern would meet with other interns in the area. Interns receive school credit for the year, so some time is needed to confer with personnel from the seminary and others who will help evaluate the work the intern is doing.

SPRC, Finance Committee, and the Church Council have approved the possibility of having an intern. We are in the early stages of this process and have much to learn and many things to do before the possibility becomes a reality.

One major factor is financial. We have already received \$2,000.00 to begin a designated fund toward the stipend. We have another \$2,000.00 pledged. If you could make a second mile donation, it would be greatly appreciated. If you could make a pledge to be paid out in, perhaps, monthly installments, that would also be helpful and appreciated. If you do choose to financially support an intern, please, memo your check. If you make a pledge, please, send/e-mail/give a note about the amount of the pledge and how you plan to give to your pledge: weekly, monthly, etc.

If an intern is placed at Trinity, it will be after an interview process. It may happen this year or it might be next year. Internships go from August through May.

As we explore ways to reach out into our community, an intern may add some perspectives and thoughts that we might not have considered. I hope you prayerfully consider this opportunity.

Yours in Christ,
Margaret

The **Permanent Endowment Fund** Committee has **scholarship applications available** in the church office. The applications are due back in the office on or before Monday, March 19th. They need to be completed in full to be considered by the committee. The applicants will be interviewed on Sunday, April 1st.





Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.
Psalm 71:17

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

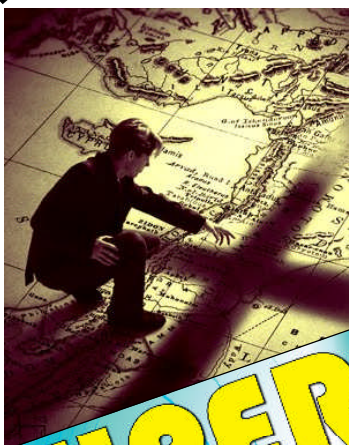
Youth Choir - The Youth Choir rehearses every Sunday after church services 12:15-12:45 pm during the school year.

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



Vacation Bible School 2012

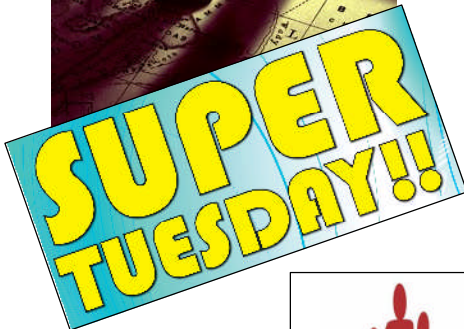
Pastor Margaret and Becky Thaxton will be co-leading Vacation Bible School this summer.

If you are interested in helping, in any way (arts & crafts, singing, snacks, storytelling, or teaching) please contact Pastor Margaret or Becky at the Trinity Office (684-0261).



Becky Thaxton
Director
TUMC
Children Ministries

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



Missions Team

CROP WALK

We will kick off this event by starting to sign up walkers at the Super Bowl of Chili cook off on February 5, 2012.

The walk that has been on the first weekend of March for years has been pushed back to the **2nd weekend, Sunday, March 11, 2012**. The location has also been changed to **Comanche Park #2**, 2800 Rigsby Ave., San Antonio, Tx., and will begin at 2:00 PM. See John Reed to sign up, and we will have sign up in the Narthex each Sunday until March 11.

Thank you.
John Reed, Missions Ministry



Super Bowl Chili Cook Off!

Sunday, February 5 at NOON In the gym

Fat Tuesday supper

It was decided to join forces with the SAMM dinner on February 21st.

Therefore, the Fat Tuesday celebration will be at the SAMM Family Shelter dinner with Chili Dogs, Potato Salad, PB&J, and a Mardi Gras themed dessert.

There will be beads.





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



4TH SUNDAY FEBRUARY OFFERINGS

Church World Service
CROP WALK
**YOUR CROP
HUNGER WALK
CONTRIBUTION**

CROP Hunger Walk contributions help make possible the emergency relief, grassroots development, and refugee assistance work of Church World Service. CROP Hunger Walks are neighbors

walking together to take a stand against hunger. Together we raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger needs.

Thank you for your generous contribution. God bless you.

Our Presence in Worship	
January 1	66
January 8	121
January 15	135
January 22	139
January 29	128

Thank you Lord!



Trinity UMC Members and Constituents: Eugene and Tina Azbill* Jan Bates* Reno Germann* Darlene and Henry Hardy* McCown family* Brian Phillips* Michael Shuler* Carolyn Scrimshire* Joanne Smith* Trinity UMC Staff* Trinity UMC Prayer Ministry Team* Trinity UMC Ministries and Committees*

Other Personal Requests:

Benny Angel Aguilar* Leslie Kalmbach* Tom Pickel* Patsy Scott* Yvonne Wiemers Thomas* Thelma Wamplew* Rev. Tony Brantley* Bishop Jim Dorff *District Superintendent Rev. Carl Rohlf* our Nation and its leaders* our troops* all the sick and the lonely* all those who go without means* other nations which are going through oppression, hardships and struggles.

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

Anniversaries

DUCK & WARDINE WILCOX	11-Feb
JOE & CONNIE MEDRANO	14-Feb
ROBERT & LOUISE HUTCHINSON	18-Feb

Birthdays

BETTY BIEDIGER	2-Feb
LORAIN WHITTAKER	2-Feb
BILL PATTERSON	2-Feb
JANET PRYOR	9-Feb
MITZI KELLY	9-Feb
DOYLE STAMPS	11-Feb
SHARON VAN ZANDT	13-Feb
JOHN REED	16-Feb
TYLER BROWN	18-Feb
MARJORIE LOCKAMY	18-Feb
NORMA KETCHUM	21-Feb

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

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
no longer listed on this list.

ZIMBABWE MISSION

Special points of interest:

- *San Antonio District of the United Methodist Church introduced the Africa Initiative to promote and develop mission endeavors to the continent of Africa.*
- *Muziti UMC water well development committee is working with contractor on second phase of water project to conduct site survey and draft a technical drawing of the project.*
- *UMC Youth at Muziti are working to earn funds for church and school by raising poultry.*
- *Zimbabwe Elections are muted for 2012. The ruling president has been in power for over 30 years. Is that democratic ?*
- *Next Zimbabwe Mission expected in the summer of 2013. Planning is in progress.*

Africa Initiative

Trinity UMC hosted the annual charge conference on Sunday Oct 30th, 2011.

Annually the District Superintendent meets with the churches in his district. The Charge Conference at Trinity United Methodist Church was attended by the congregations of the Chinese, Bethel, St Andrew's, St. John's, St. Mark's, St. Matthew's, and Trinity UMC.

In the fall of 2011 the San Antonio District of the United Methodist Churches introduced the Africa Initiative to promote and develop mission endeavors to the continent of Africa.

Its purpose is to promote mission opportunities to all churches in the district regardless of their size and resources. Several churches in the district already have mission presence in Africa, others have expressed interest to develop one. It is believed that by being spiritual and enthusiastic fellowship will be developed. Christian friends in Africa can be served., our teams can learn and we can tell the story with in our churches about what we have learned and what we have seen and how we have served.

The Africa Initiative's 2012 goal is to enable San Antonio district churches with a number of mission opportunities, enabling congregations and network of congregations to locate comfortable matches between church group and mission opportunities.

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Work is in progress to construct water storage tank at Muziti UMC. Praise the Lord!

The water well project has three stages i.e. drilling of the water well, constructing a water storage tank and water distribution to the church, the school and the teachers houses. The project is being managed by Rev. T Mwadiwa and the Muziti Water Well Development Committee. (MWWDC) The vice-Chairperson is A. Shami whose education background and experience is Town and Country planning.

The MWWDC is working with the vendor to draw the water well system diagram and define what is the appropriate size of the storage tank for the 585 students, the members of the UMC Muziti and the teachers and the families.

First stage to construct the water well and purchase a electric generator and temporary water tank was completed on 8th June 2011 and cost \$12,140. The funds were sent through the General Board of Global Ministries in New York. The second stage of the project is to construct a well water storage tank. The water storage tank is estimated to cost \$ 12,710. The water development committee is preparing to construct water storage tank which is the second stage of the project.

Third stage of the project is to construction the water distribution system at an projected cost of \$ 10,518. The SA Africa Initiative volunteers in missions are planning a fundraiser in the Fall 2012 to raise money to complete the well water distribution project. Contact Tendekai Muzorewa at 210-888-9270 or For more information contact Missions Ministry at Trinity UMC at 684-0261.

UMC Youth at Muziti working to rear poultry to raise funds for the church and school

Muziti UMC members are assisting the children with the poultry project. Each member of Muziti UMC has been asked to donate \$1.00 to assist with the fundraising for the poultry project. It is anticipated that this poultry project will be the main fundraiser for the children to support the church and the school.

Well Water Project Stages & Funding Estimates



AFRICA INITIATIVE continued

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Some of the mission opportunities will not be ready until 2013, but it is also expected that other church alliance may be made sooner. Mission opportunities would include health, education, construction, and orphanages, leadership training and community development efforts of various types
For more information contact
Tendekai Muzorewa
OneWorldCare@yahoo.com

2012? Elections in Zimbabwe

The elections in Zimbabwe are expected to be sometime in 2012. No exact date has been set for the elections.

The opposition Movement for Democratic Change insists there must be security safeguards and effective monitoring. At present three political parties are sharing power. After the upcoming elections the party that wins will rule the country. Political observers and press predict that the power-sharing deal is unlikely to last another year without some changes.

Next Zimbabwe Mission A

Churches in the San Antonio district were made aware of the opportunities to go on international missions and outreach through the San Antonio District of United Methodist Church Africa Initiative.

“go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” Math 28: 19

Zimbabwe Mission Phase 1: Water Well Project completed on 8th June 2011

The first phase of the water well was spent to drill the water well, purchase a generator to

pump the water and a temporary water storage tank. This was made possible by Texas friends who donated \$12140.00



The Water Well

Members of Muziti UMC church constructed a building protect the well (borehole) equipment



Water Storage Tank

Muziti Water well development recommended purchasing of temporary small storage tank to get clean drinking water.



Electric Generator

Muziti does not have electricity, an electric generator was purchased to pump the water into the temporary water tank.



WORKDAY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - 9AM

Please join us for some light yard work. We'll rake and sweep. Also, we plan to sand and paint the metal handrails of steps leading to the sanctuary. All materials will be provided for sanding and painting, but please bring your own rake and broom for these jobs. As ever, we thank you for your help! Call Mary Shoemaker (684-4873) for more information.



What's going on?



◆ **BAKE SALE!** Our Jubilee Ringers is having a BAKE SALE on **Sunday, February 12.** Thank you for your generous support.

◆ **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

◆ **J2012 Advanced Lay Speaker Course**, March 2-4 at Mount Wesley. If you are interested in going, Pastor Margaret can get you an application blank.

◆ **Trinity UMC looking for Volunteers !!!**

"Meals on Wheels"

If you are interested in delivering or coordinating, please contact
Mona Brandt
at 833-0975
(for Trinity UMC volunteers)
or Christian Senior Services at
210-735-5115.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
-Matthew 25:40



Laura Davison in Morgan's Wonderland

Saturday we were only open a few hours due to the weather, but apparently it was great for fishing - Laura caught a 12lb fish!!!

Glenoaks Elementary School

will celebrate their 50th year this year. They are looking for former students, teachers, principals and memorabilia. Their celebration will be Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.. For more information, please contact 210-397-2300



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, February 21, 2012 at 5:15 p.m.

F. I. P. S.

(Fun in Progress Seniors)

Will meet on Tuesday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m. at the Black Eyed Pea Restaurant (7959 Fredericksburg Rd (corner of Fredericksburg and Medical Dr). More information, please call Louise Lyle at 684-6329



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

Can you carry a tune?
TUMC Chancel Choir needs you. Please come to the choir practice on Wednesday at 7:30pm in the sanctuary.

New Choir Members Welcome!

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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School phone : 684-5214
Church website:
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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