



# THE TRINITY TIMES



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

**NOVEMBER 2010**

## Welcome to **Trinity** United Methodist Church

6800 Wurzbach Road  
San Antonio TX 78240

### **"All Saints Day" Service** November 7

8:30 a.m.	MISSIONS BREAKFAST
8:45 and 11 a.m.	Worship services
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
12:15 p.m.	Youth Choir rehearsal
12:15 p.m.	Family Life meeting
12:15 p.m.	Elizabeth Circle
12:45 p.m.	UM Youth Fellowship

**Reminder! 'JIREH House' this week—thank you for your help!**

### November 14

8:45 and 11 a.m.	Worship services
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
12:15 p.m.	Missions and Outreach Team Meeting
12:15 p.m.	Youth Choir rehearsal
12:45 p.m.	UM Youth Fellowship
1:30 p.m.	CHURCH COUNCIL meeting

### **'Trinity Thanksgiving Feast'** November 21 after 2nd worship service—GYM

8:45 and 11 a.m.	Worship services
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
12:15 p.m.	Youth Choir rehearsal

### **Happy Thanksgiving Day!** November 25

### November 28

8:45 and 11 a.m.	Worship services
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
12:15 p.m.	Youth Choir rehearsal

### *Extravagant Generosity,*

### *'A Matter of the Heart'*

'Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.' Deuteronomy 15:11

November  
7th  
Daylight  
Savings Time  
ENDS



Thanksgiving Quotes  
Attitude of Gratitude

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"Do not get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time."  
Galatians 6:9

"We can only be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures"  
Thornton Wilder

"Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action."  
W. J. Cameron



Extravagant  
**Generosity**  
*A Matter of the Heart*



## 'Margaret's Musings'

*Rev. Margaret Decker, Pastor*



October 16<sup>th</sup> was a great day for Trinity. Our "Free for All" this year was incredible. The "Free for All" committee was led by Sandra Dance. Vance Safley helped throughout the planning time. The committee began with the foundation developed for the 2008 "Free for All." Once the planning started it mushroomed. Committee members suggested additional activities and informational tables. Members of the congregation got excited and made suggestions of their own. The planning became the work of the congregation under the guidance of Sandra Dance. Members of the committee, myself included, believed that the "Free for All" grew to be the experience we had this year through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the blessing of our Lord. A great time was had by all.

Now, we are in the midst of the program, "Extravagant Generosity: A Matter of the Heart." Bonnie Smith has led the planning of this special time. Each Sunday a lay member of the congregation is sharing their story of faith or we might say, they are sharing their witness. All of us are reading a devotional guide day-by-day together. Heart cards are being sent out weekly for 3 weeks so that we might share with one another what we love about Trinity, someone who has made a difference in our spiritual journey, and our visions for Trinity's future. I think that when we come to the close of this time, we will find that the Holy Spirit has been leading us, and that we will have the building blocks to develop an energized future for Trinity.

The "Free for All" was an event for people from the community to come and have a good time with us. It was indeed a joyous event. "Extravagant Generosity" is a program for us to open our hearts to God so that we can open our hearts to one another, to our community, and to people throughout the world.

May God continue to lead and bless Trinity.

Yours in Christ,

*Margaret*



### **Moscow Theological Seminary of the United Methodist Church**

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You can also donate on-line at  
<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/Advance/>

Glen Oaks Trinity UMC Community

Partnership

On Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> Trinity United Methodist volunteers met with Lisa Madsen, the Vice-Principal of Glen Oaks Elementary and Dhalma Maldonado, Language Support Teacher for an orientation. The orientation class lasted about an hour and we were able to complete the necessary paperwork so that we can work with the students. Our special thanks to: Jeannette Brown, Jan Ireton, Twila Icenogle, Ten Muzorewa, Pat Putz, Sandy Keyser, and Janie Arnold who were in attendance. Additional thanks to those who will also be participating: Margaret Decker, Julia Davison, Cynthia Galang, Edna Ryan, and Mary Hale. There's still time to volunteer . . . all that needs to be done is paperwork for a background check and a registration form. If you're interested in volunteering please see or call Becky Thaxton (210-684-0261) and she will get the necessary paperwork to you.



**Becky Thaxton**  
Director, Children Ministries



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Children's Sunday School News

Children's Sunday school will be studying and participating in "Extravagant Generosity". The children will learn about giving, as we all have as we joined our church . . . and promised to participate in the ministries of Trinity United Methodist with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. We will discuss our Sunday offering and will practice making out our pledge cards, just as our families will be doing. Help your child make Sunday school a priority by getting them to Sunday school each week, so that we can all learn and grow together for God's kingdom.

Glenoaks Elementary - Trinity United Methodist Partnership

The partnership with Glenoaks Elementary and Trinity is a yearly commitment. From time-to-time Glenoaks will request specific items needed by their refugee families, for example: sweaters or blankets - as the weather cools. We are very blessed and have so much, our community has requested our help and our God expects us to respond as Jesus Christ would. Thank you to all of our Trinity U.M.C. members who have prayed for our partnership and have so generously donated items thus far. God is proud of you, and our school is very grateful.

God bless you.

Becky

**TRINITY THANKSGIVING FEAST**

**COME!** Let us be Thankful. Our annual Thanksgiving Feast will be held in the Activities Building on Sunday, November 21st, following the 11:00 morning worship service. Our traditional menu will be:

- Baked Ham
- Candied Yams
- Green Beans
- Tossed Salad, Choice of Dressings
- Rolls, Butter
- Cranberry Sauce
- Tea, Coffee, Lemonade
- Pumpkin Pie



**FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE**

San Antonio District Lay Speaking Ministries

**Presents:** **Basic Course**  
**Advanced Course**

**When:** Saturday, November 13th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Oxford United Methodist Church, 9655 Huebner Rd., between Fredericksburg Rd. and Babcock Rd.

For more information, please contact: Terry McCandless at 210-408-4533 or 210-843-1248.

Mail \$25.00 event fee (payable to San Antonio District UMC)-16400 Huebner Rd., San Antonio, TX78248. Attn: Terry McCandless

## JIREH House Needs Our Help

Trinity will be collecting money and canned goods through the month of October to fill 90-100 Thanksgiving baskets for **Jireh House**.

Canned items needed are: **green beans, sweet potatoes, pumpkin, cranberry sauce, and corn.** **Boxed mashed potatoes and stuffing mix** are also needed. If you want to give money for turkeys, please mark **Jireh House** on your check. Pat Putz will have a box in the Narthex to collect your items and the children will be collecting canned goods during the Sunday School hour.

We would like to have everything collected by the **second week in November**. Let's put our faith in action by helping the needy.

Thank you ahead of time for your generosity.



*"Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can."*

-John Wesley

## JUNE 2011 ZIMBABWE MISSION TO AFRICA

You are cordially invited to attend the first meeting for the 2011 Zimbabwe Mission. The first Zimbabwe Missions Meeting will be on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at University UMC at 6:30pm. At this meeting we will begin planning the trip to Zimbabwe in June 2011. The mission is to develop a Global Partnership, focusing first on water development and education within the village of Muziti (United Methodist District of Buhera-Makoni). Team member space is limited. Contact Tendekai Muzorewa Tel: 320-0862. **Bon Voyage!**



United Methodist  
Volunteers in Mission

Friends and Neighbors,

The Youth are inviting all members of the Trinity family to get involved in the youth crew project program.

The youth will perform minor landscape services and small maintenance projects for each family who signs up. For each project, the youth will accept a love offering. A sign up sheet will be located in the narthex outside the sanctuary.

For info, please contact Jared May through:

Church office: 210-684-0261  
Cell phone: 210-364-9239  
E-mail: [jmay8@satx.rr.com](mailto:jmay8@satx.rr.com)

## Youth Happenings

### November

7<sup>th</sup> A Whole New You  
14<sup>th</sup> Youth Night Out-Corn Maize  
21<sup>st</sup> No Youth for Thanksgiving  
Vacation  
28<sup>th</sup> No UMYF

Thank you!  
Jared May

Director, Youth Ministries





**Calling all Coffee and Tea drinkers:** We are going GREEN on Sundays with coffee MUGS instead of disposable cups.

First of all, we are adding a pot of hot water, tea bags, and hot chocolate envelopes.

Then, there are a few mugs available on a cart, but you are encouraged to bring a mug (or mugs) from home that you may want to donate to our GREEN savings. Also, on the lower shelves of the cart are plastic tubs for the dirty mugs which will then be washed in our new, gym kitchen dishwasher. Mugs will also be available for Sunday School classes which we ask that you return to

the cart in the narthex so they can be washed. If you have any other suggestions, please call Connie Medrano, Kitchen Coordinator, at 210-308-6095.



**FAMILY GAME NIGHT  
MARK !!!  
your CALENDAR!**

**NOVEMBER  
13 AND 27, 2010  
-SATURDAY-  
5-7 p.m. in the  
GYM**

### **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 the 4th Tuesday of each month. FIPS will meet on November 23 at 5:30 p.m. (Place will be announced later)**

#### MONDAY STUDY GROUP

The Monday Study Group meet at 1 PM in the Parlor. The group is on the Bible People series. Current study is *"The Green Church"* - *how are we being good stewards of our environment? Beautiful natural resources from God.*

#### **"Meals on Wheels"**

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

#### Angel Food Ministries

Order forms are available in the narthex and in the church office. **NOVEMBER** orders are due no later than **NOVEMBER 7**. Food will be available for pickup on **NOVEMBER 20, 8:30-10:00 a.m.** at **Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.**

Please contact Pat Putz (684-9105) with any questions.

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. You may 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, "to talk to our best friend" who is also our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sandy Keyser, Mary Hale, Jean Bell, Loraine Whittaker.

*'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

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

**Fourth Sunday Mission Offerings**

August—Campus Ministries -\$120.00  
September—Christian Assistance Ministry— \$60.00  
October— Red Bird Mission in Kentucky—\$131.00

Reminder: This month's 4th Sunday Mission Offering is for the United Methodist Student Day (denomination-wide offering)

This year, November 28th, was designated as United Methodist Student Day, one of the Special Sundays of the Church year. GBHEM oversees the program and directs the offerings into scholarships and loans to UM students in many fields of study. Each year, 10 percent of the contributions also are returned to the annual conferences for merit scholarships. The United Methodist Student Day offering may assist a seminary student called to be a pastor or a missionary. Maybe it will enable a student to complete nursing school or get an education degree. We need your help!

**Anniversaries**

JORY & JULIE VINCENT	12-Nov
VANCE & BETH SAFLEY	17-Nov

**Birthdays**

DWIGHT HALE	2-Nov
RYAN LANDERS	3-Nov
RUBY PIKULIK	6-Nov
PAUL GERTH	7-Nov
CALEB WILSON	8-Nov
ALEXANDRA BUSTOS	9-Nov
DOROTHY GRESHAM	9-Nov
CONNIE MEDRANO	10-Nov
JEFF WILSON	11-Nov
PAT HAMRICK	12-Nov
DARLEEN HARDY	12-Nov
BETTY MIZE	12-Nov
JAMES PARKS VINCENT	14-Nov
DINORAH CLOYD	17-Nov
LAURA BRYAN	18-Nov
DIANA HUMISTON	18-Nov
ELORINE ECKHARDT	19-Nov
KAREN BROWN	21-Nov
TRAVIS McCOWN	21-Nov
JIM LANDERS	23-Nov
BETTY C. HANSON	24-Nov
JAMES SMITH	25-Nov
LORI VERASTEGUI	26-Nov

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

We at Trinity UMC take seriously our Ministry of Prayer. Please use this as a guide of those for whom prayer has been requested.

**Trinity UMC Members and Constituents:**

Lou Armstrong\* Chris Acres\* Eugene and Tina Azbill\* Sarah Dassing\* Rev. Margaret Decker\* Lou and Jimmie Green\* Bob Icenogle\* Larry Miller\* Brian Phillips\* Harriet Philipp's\* Trinity Staff\* TUMS

**Other Personal Requests:**

Christopher Curtis Calk\* Anji Miranda Cattala\* Katie Chazen\* Ross Compton, Jr.\* Shirley Fest\* Worth Feuerbacher\* Wendy Poage and family\* Debbie Russell\* Mary Ellen Thaxton\* Travis and Tammie\* Valerie Pena\* Rev. Tony Brantley\* Bishop Jim Dorff \*District Superintendent Rev. Carl Rohlfs\*

**Our Presence  
in Worship**

October 3– 147  
October 10– 146  
October 17—150  
October 24—131

