



# The Trinity Times



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

NOVEMBER 2011

**Welcome to Trinity** United Methodist Church

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*"The First Thanksgiving"*

by Jenny August Brownscombe (1914)

*"On Thanksgiving, to whom do we say thank you?"*

It's common knowledge that the American celebration has its origin in 1621, as the Pilgrims invited the neighboring Indian tribes to join them in a feast of gratitude for God's blessings.

President Lincoln set apart the "last Thursday of November" as "a day of thanksgiving". But President Roosevelt gave in to the requests of business owners and established the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day.

*"No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.*

*It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens." -Abraham Lincoln*

*Happy  
Thanksgiving*



*Thanksgiving Luncheon, Sunday, November 20th  
at noon in the gym. Traditional ham, sweet potatoes, green beans,  
rolls, salad, beverages, and desserts. See you!*

There will be food and drinks (at modest cost), cotton candy, music, the highly successful Nurses Station, exciting Hot Rods, and much, much more.

**Trinity UMC LOT, SATURDAY,  
5 NOVEMBER, 2011, 2-6PM**

So tell your neighbors, tell your friends, bring the children and grandchildren, spread the word.

**COME ONE AND COME ALL TO THE TUMC FALL FESTIVAL !**

Hope to see you there.





## 'Margaret's Musings'

*Rev. Margaret Decker, Pastor*



November has begun. Thanksgiving is around the corner. I have so much for which to be thankful. I want to mention several. I will begin by saying that if I leave out someone or some group, it is totally unintentional. I want to highlight the work of groups and individuals who have helped so much during the last few months and whose work has come to fruition.

First, I want to thank the Questor Class, the Seekers Class, Sandra Dance, and Tendekai Muzorewa and others for providing the funds to pay for the first crib and to give the money to purchase the second crib. I know that along with financial gifts, prayers have been offered for the ability to purchase these cribs.

Second, I want to thank the Contemporary Worship Service Committee for their hard work. I know Sandra Dance has thanked them during the last 2 services. I want to give kudos to the following people in alphabetical order: Jason Brown, Stacie Brown, Sandra Dance, Mary Hale, Angie Khan, Jared May, Tendekai Muzorewa, Shane Sprague, and Becky Thaxton. I also want to thank everyone who prayed for the committee and for their work. I also want to thank everyone who gave and continues to give words of encouragement to the committee members.

Third, I want to thank everyone who helped make Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> a wonderful day. Thanks to Stacie Brown and Kathy Settles-Horejsi for our tree and its continual development. Then at the morning services the Jubilee Ringers enhanced our worship with their beautiful music. Layne Kerley and Connie Medrano always add to the service with their accomplished keyboard work. Jason Brown is wonderful as worship leader. Thanks to everyone who came to the morning services, to those who served as ushers, to Janie Arnold and Cliff Kochheiser for running the sound system, to Jared May for working with the screens, to the Chancel Choir for strengthening the congregational singing, to Mona Brandt for a never-to-be-forgotten children's sermon, and to any that I have unintentionally left out. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Now to Sunday afternoon, what can I say except **THANKS**. All of you did a fabulous job. I know that I will leave someone(s) out for that I will say it is totally unintentional. I do want to say particular thanks to a number of people. Don Gerth and Cindy Gerth for helping set up and, I think, take down tables in the gym, and help with clean up in the kitchen and gym. Sandra Dance helped with the serving. Amelia Reed helped with the serving. Bets and Lou Armstrong also helped with the serving. Connie Medrano, as usual, tended the kitchen, got the tea and coffee, and lemonade going, helped serve, oversaw the clean up and preparation of the gym. Lupe Proctor helped with kitchen and gym clean-up, but I think she did more than that. Joe Medrano officially helped with the kitchen and gym clean-up. Anne Jones helped greet people at the door and offered them name tags. Shirley Loban and Dean Thaxton handed out bulletins before the Communion service. John Reed, Shane Sprague, and Bonnie Smith greeted people on the parking lots and helped them find the best place possible for them to park. I know Gene Sprague came and helped. I just can't remember where or how. Elmer Beck was caught off guard by being recruited to convene our Church Conference just as we were about to meet. I certainly do not want to forget the Sunday school classes and individuals who had to rearrange furniture so that other churches could meet in those rooms.

I know all of you made an extra effort to be there. I want to thank Don Khan for helping with the presentation of the video about the Zimbabwe mission trip. I think Angie may have helped with it at home. For all of you who helped in various ways with the Communion service **THANKS**.

Some of our visitors Sunday afternoon commented to me how helpful the parking lot greeters were. Others committed about how friendly all of the Trinity members were. The afternoon would not have gone nearly as smoothly if all of you had not helped in so many ways. So, to all who came and to all who helped your efforts are greatly appreciated. I feel honored to be your pastor. I think our work together will grow stronger and stronger.

Yours in Christ,  
*Margaret*



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 NOVEMBER**

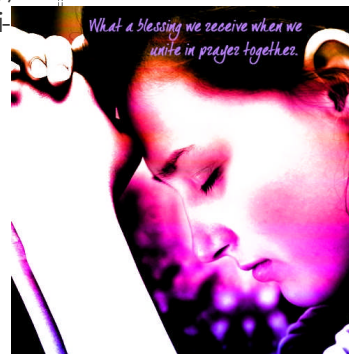
**The Woman at the Well House Ministries** is a transitional home for women released from jail or prison. The faith-based agency, established in 1996 by Rev. Georgia Stone, can house up to 11 female ex-offenders, and its mission is to develop the spiritual,

emotional, intellectual, and physical health of formerly incarcerated women so that they may make a successful transition back into the community. Women ex-offenders must overcome unique emotional, physical, and social barriers in returning to the community. Woman at the Well House provides its residents with a comprehensive and multi-dimensional reentry program geared specifically to women with an emphasis on recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. Program components include transitional housing, substance and alcohol abuse prevention, nutrition and wellness, supportive services (bus passes, casual and work clothing, fees for GED testing, telephone and computer access, etc.), counseling, financial literacy, life skills training, aftercare and follow-up, and coordination of community resources.

Thank you for your generous giving.

**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.



*What a blessing we receive when we write in prayer together.*

**Our Presence in Worship**

October 2	116
October 9	83
October 16	119
October 23	131
October 30	150

Thank you Lord!

**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
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
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.)**

**Trinity UMC Members and Constituents:** Arnold's Traveling to MN\* Chris Acres\* Jan Bates\* Jan Ireton\* Marjorie Lockamy\* Audrey Marple\* Frances Neyland\* Brian Phillips\* Harriet Phillips\* Frances Touby\* Trinity UMC Staff\* Trinity UMC Prayer Ministry Team\* Trinity UMC Ministries and Committees\*

**Other Personal Requests:**

Louis Armstrong, Jr.\* Mona Brandt\* Patricia Chavez\* Sylvia Crayton\* Helen Gafford\* Rose Galbraith\* Elena Gonzales\* William\* Dora Guenther\* Billye Hormuth\* Members of Alamo Colleges Board of Trustees\* John Morgan\* Walter & Sondra Myers\* Ken Offerbeck\* Joe and Roel Pena\* Jerry Ruhnke\* Sterling Schrader\* Barbara Trainer\* Daniella Villanueva\* William\* Rev. Tony Brantley\* Bishop Jim Dorff\* District Superintendent Rev. Carl Rohlf\* our Nation and its leaders\* our troops\* all the sick and the lonely\* the people of Turkey



## Announcements

The children of Trinity UMC are collecting pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters to be donated to "Habitat for Humanity" through Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Habitat money collected will be counted and donated to Habitat that week.



Becky Thaxton  
Director  
TUMC  
Children Ministries

Children's Ministry is still collecting used inkjet cartridges to be recycled. This is one way we can be a "green church" and be good stewards of God's world. There is a collection box in the TUMC Office for your convenience.

Glenoaks Elementary School (our refugee school partner) is still in need of clothes. As the weather cools there will be a new demand for coats, shoes, and sweaters. All clothes collected will be delivered to Glenoaks by Children's Ministry.

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



*The Missions Committee* would like to thank all in our congregation who have supported the lunches we started in August.

Our efforts are two fold, first to build a sense of community and fellowship for the entire congregation. We want to create an atmosphere of harmony, and sharing while we break bread together in Christian fellowship.

Secondly, we want to raise funds to support needs that develop through out the year. We want to reach out in the name of Jesus, and embrace those in need.

Our future events are as follows: Brunch December 11th 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM. January 8th bring your favorite recipe for a potluck feast. Also, for this event we are asking for recipes for a cook book. Super Chili Bowl is February 5th, so get your chili ready to compete for this fun event. We need a minimum of 14 cooks.

Our Habitat build continues through November 11, 2011, Fridays and Saturdays 7:45 AM- 4:00 PM. The next SAMM Transitional Living Center dinner is Tuesday, December 20th, starting at 4:30 PM. We still need monetary donations and help serving.

Thanks,  
**Don Khan**



"Come One, Come All!" Sunday, November 20th, at noon in the Gym for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner - ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, salad, desserts, and beverages. No reservations are necessary. Just come and bring your families and friends.

All folks are invited to the annual UMW Tea to be held on Sunday, December 4th, at 3:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Besides interesting teas and pastries, we are having a speaker with a slide presentation on the country of Haiti from her trip there last June 2011. Hear and see how the Haitians are coping with the aftermath of the earthquake. The Elizabeth Circle is starting a study of Haiti at their January 5th meeting and this speaker will "kick-off" that study. Everyone is welcome.



## **New Ministry Serves the Healing and the Homeless**

Our Sunday School class has started a new program to both help the SAMM Ministries and encourage people recovering from illnesses. The Pottery Guild will give us a hand-crafted bowl for every \$20 donation we can raise for the SAMM shelter. Our class then takes the bowls and adds a flower or a houseplant and gives them away to shut-ins and people in the hospital or nursing homes. If you would be willing to pass a plant on to someone, or if you would like to contribute to this new ministry, please stop by Sunday School Room No. 1 any Sunday morning. Or call Don Ketchum at 210/827-2527.



### What's going on?

- ◆ **UMW General Meeting**  
General Meeting on Nov. 1st at 9:45 in the parlor. This is our World Thank Offering Program. Please bring your banks.
- ◆ The **Elizabeth Circle** meeting is November 3rd at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ The **Lydia Circle** Meeting is November 15th at 9:45 a.m.
- ◆ **Fall Festival—November 5th from 2-6pm at TUMC church grounds.**
- ◆ **Family Game Night—November 12th—5-7pm in the parlor.**
- ◆ **Thanksgiving luncheon—November 20th**
- ◆ **TUMC office hours: November 23rd: 830am-noon. Closed: November 24th-25th.**
- ◆ **Stewardship campaign goes on through November 20th. Thank you for your love and 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.



**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, December 20, 2011 at 5:15 p.m.

### 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



### Family game night Mark !!! your calendar!

Saturday, November 12  
5-7pm in the parlor

**JIREH House envelopes available in the 1st and 2nd Sunday's bulletin. Thank you for your generous support.**



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

You are invited to attend a performance of Handel's

### Messiah

6240 UTSA Blvd., San Antonio, TX  
78249

Friday, December 2nd, 7pm  
Saturday, December 3rd,  
3pm and 7pm  
Admission is FREE

### 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, November 22 at 5:30 p.m. at Blanco Café

7934 Fredricksburg Rd. (Medical Center) San Antonio, TX 78229  
(210) 692-3233 ...

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

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

### TRINITY UMC LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS !!!

#### "Meals on Wheels"

If you are interested in delivering or coordinating, please contact Roy and Pat Putz 210-684-9105 (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

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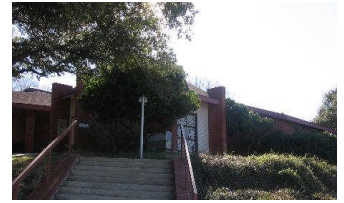
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Jesus said, "Come follow Me and I will make you fishers of men"

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

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

*Thank you!!!*



Trinity United Methodist Church

Dear Friends of Habitat,

Thank you for your \$2,000.00 contribution to Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio. Your kind gift enables Habitat to continue building simple, decent and affordable homes in partnership with families in need. On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and the partner families of Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio, thank you again for your kindness.

In Partnership,  
Dennis L. Bechhold  
President and CEO

Barbara James  
Faith Relations Associate

### *The Cross—Health Ministries*

Dear Rev. Decker and Mission Council Members:

Thank you so much for your donation of \$250.00 to our ministry. Your efforts help us to support the needs of the Casa de Paz y Amor Orphanage, Piedras Negras, Mexico.

God Bless you all.

In His Service,  
Yewell and Yolanda Cox  
Co-Founders



Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for your generous gift to the United Methodist Committee on Relief. 100 percent of your contribution will go to the Spring Storms 2011. Your gift received on 9/20/11 for \$70.00 is Supporting UMCOR's response to emergency victims of tornado, flood, etc, caused by the Spring Storms of 2011 in United States.

This gift brings hope to those who need it most.

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes  
General Treasurer  
Unite Methodist

Shawn Bakker  
Associate General Secretary  
The Advance

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General Board of Global Ministries