



The Trinity Times



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

OCTOBER 2011

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church

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World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2011—World Communion Sunday is one of the six church-wide, special Sundays of the United Methodist Church. World Communion Sunday, held annually on the first Sunday of October, is a celebration of the unity of the worldwide church through Christ. Christians in congregations around the world participate in the Lord's Supper.—umgiving.org

Fall Build started Sept. 23, 2011, and continues every Friday and Saturday until Nov. 11, 2011, at 9006 Wisdom Ridge. To find this house go outside loop 410 south @ exit #2; go south on Old Pearsall Road, then, turn right on Excellence Drive and follow the signs. The dedication ceremony will be Nov. 19th, 2011, in the neighborhood.

Please sign up on Sundays in the Narthex to help. If you cannot work, pray for those that do and for the family we are building for, the Mercado family, Lisa, and sons; Micah and Noah. (Good Christian names for those boys). There will be maps and schedules available at the sign-up table.



Coming event in November!

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



Do you want to replace some of your kitchen knives? High quality Knives make a wonderful Christmas gift for family, friends or the church kitchen.

The Finance Committee is sponsoring the sale of this inexpensive, high quality cutlery. It's actually Made in **AMERICA** and will be available at Trinity in October. If interested, please contact Liz Cavin or call the church office at 210-684-0261.



'Margaret's Musings'

Rev. Margaret Decker, Pastor



This Sunday, October 2nd, will be an exciting time. We will again use the "Amen" Great Thanksgiving for Holy Communion. Following the 11:00 service, the Missions Committee will serve their traditional Potato Luncheon. To go along with the baked potatoes there will be the usual condiments. They will also serve sausage. There will be some homemade desserts also being served. This would be a great time to invite people to worship and to lunch. Remember the funds raised at the luncheon will go toward various mission projects so consider what you might pay to go out for Sunday lunch and place that amount in the Free Will Offering baskets.

During the Luncheon, the UMW will be holding their annual Silent Auction. The proceeds will go toward their various projects. Some additional information, the UMW is part of the denomination's Women's Division. The Women's Division gives more money to missions than the denomination gives through the apportionments. So, look through the items in the Silent Auction, bid, and spend so that the women of Trinity can carry out their special mission projects.

If any of you were looking for the first installment of the study on the Gospel of Mark, that has probably been tabled until after the first of the year. Various activities are beginning and by the time they have come and gone Advent—Christmas will be here.

Yours in Christ,
Margaret

The church has recently purchased two LARGE stockpots and a crib. These items were paid for through the Kitchen Fund and Nursery Fund respectively. Those funds have been basically depleted with these purchases. If a refrigerator or another appliance went out, or if something else was needed in the nursery, we would need extra funds. If you would like to help provide a cushion in one or both of these funds, please, indicate on your check or envelope what your gift is for: Kitchen Fund/Nursery Fund.

If you would like to give to help the people in Bastrop County, please memo your check with Texas Wildfires. You could put the account number 901670 on your check. But we definitely need the words "Texas Wildfires."

Work on the Habitat House has begun. It will continue through November 11th. If you would like to help with this project, there are sign up sheets in the Narthex. If you cannot work, pray for those that do and for the Mercado family who will live in the house.

Thanks for all of your support.



Children's Time

Do you have 5 minutes once a month to share with the children of Trinity U.M.C.?

If so, we need you!!! Children's Ministry is seeking additional volunteers for the Children's Time at the 11 o'clock service. The scripture will be provided for you by our Pastor.

If you need any assistance I will be glad to help in any way that I can.

Thank you for your kind consideration with this request.



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



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



Family game night
Mark !!! your calendar!
Saturday, October 8 and 22,
5-7pm in the parlor



Fall Festival, Saturday, November 5, 2011, late afternoon in the church lower parking lot. Music, Food, Games, Fun, Fellowship, Invite your friends and neighbors.



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 OCTOBER

Red Bird Mission, Kentucky

Red Bird Mission and Clinic have been providing ministries in this region of the Appalachian Mountains since 1921. Today the need remains critical in this isolated, rural distressed area. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life for the residents of this area. Red Bird Mission and Clinic strives to meet these needs through ministry in five areas: Education, Health and Wellness, Community Outreach, Economic Opportunity, and Community Housing Improvement.

Support for these ministries come from churches and individuals across the nation. However, in recent years we have seen a decline in the support we are receiving. We are currently facing a financial crisis that is making it difficult to continue all the areas of ministries we provide. Without more funding today, we will have to reduce the level of ministry provided to this community. Your donations to Red Bird Mission and Clinic will help us continue these vital ministries in this distressed region of Appalachia.

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

September 4	150
September 11	172
September 18	159
September 25	169

Thank you Lord!

Anniversaries

DAVID & ROSEMARY BRIGMAN	6-Oct
BYRON & CLAUDIA BURGE	5-Oct
MICHAEL SCHROEDER & SANDRA KEYSER	28-Oct
RAY & JAN IRETON	31-Oct

Birthdays

BOBBIE ZIMMERMAN	1-Oct
TOM MADDOX	2-Oct
TERRI TRAEGER	3-Oct
MARTY WALKER	8-Oct
LAYNE KERLEY	9-Oct
KATIE KETCHUM	11-Oct
AMELIA REED	11-Oct
ROBIN MADDOX	14-Oct
CLAY TRAEGER	15-Oct
MARIA MEDRANO	16-Oct
JO ANN CHAMBERS	19-Oct
DR JOANNE SMITH	19-Oct
BETS ARMSTRONG	24-Oct
BARBARA DEAN	25-Oct
SANDY EULER	26-Oct
CINDY GERTH	26-Oct

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

September special mission offerings:

Wesley School Supplies - \$15
Wildfires - \$790.00
Somalia/Horn of Africa - \$310

Trinity UMC Members and Constituents: Jan Bates* Jeremy Cade* Cynthia Galang* Audrey Marple* Frances Neyland* Brian Phillips* The family of Everett Sprague* Frances Touby* Trinity UMC Staff* Trinity UMC Prayer Ministry Team* Trinity UMC Ministries and Committees*

Other Personal Requests:

Irene Andry* Leisa Ault* Land Folks* Connie Castoreno* Sylvia Crayton* Helen Gafford* Elena Gonzales* Dora Guenther* Teresa Hernandez* Buddy Hodges* Bob Isaia* Karen, Chris and Uncle Mike* Tony Kochanski* Kristie* Marla McCarty* Eugene Moore* John Morgan* Roel Pena* Amelia Reed* Mary Ellen Thaxton* Richard Turner* 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* East coast hurricane victims* Texas fire victims* Russian hockey team and families.

ZIMBABWE UPDATE

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Special points of interest:

- *Water well development committee is now designing the water reservoir.*
- *Poultry project at Muziti is to help children*
- *UMM are now developing a garden to grow their own food.*
- *Elections are coming up in Zimbabwe. The ruling president has been in power for over 30 years. How democratic is that?*

Water well development committee is working on the water reservoir to supply church, school and community

The first stage of the Muziti water well was successfully completed! Praise God! The well was constructed and it was dedicated on 8th June 2011 at Muziti, Zimbabwe. The next stage is to build a water reservoir that will store enough water for the use of the church, the school, and the Muziti mission Centre and village community. Please send donations to Trinity UMC marked "Zimbabwe water project."



Children at Muziti have devotions weekdays during the morning assembly. "Thank you God for being who you are"

United Methodist Men at Muziti are developing a "victory" garden.

The United Methodist Men at Muziti are making progress in growing their own food. They are clearing the land and preparing it to have a garden so they can grow their own food. This garden will serve as the food bank for the community. They are clearing more land because now they have water to grow the crops. The water well was constructed and dedicated on 8th June 2011 at Muziti, Zimbabwe.

Children at Muziti raised funds for a poultry project.

The children at Muziti have raised \$500 towards the development of a poultry project at Muziti. The poultry project will be the main project for the children to raise funds to support the church and school. The children received a donation of seeds from the victory garden from Trinity UMC.

Elections coming up in Zimbabwe

The political party called, Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front and the ruling President Robert Mugabe want a referendum on the new constitution this year, quickly followed by presidential and parliamentary 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 be ruling the country. Political observers and press predict that the power-sharing deal is unlikely to last another year without some changes.

CHARGE CONFERENCE AT TRINITY UMC

Sunday October 30, 2011 Trinity UMC will host a charge conference .

Annually the District Superintendent meets with the churches in his district. The Charge Conference will be at Trinity United Methodist Church The following churches are expected to be present i.e. Chinese, Bethel, St Andrew's; St. John's , St. Mark's, St. Matthew's, Trinity .

Also on Sunday October 30, 2011 there will be a memorial church service for Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa at the Council of Bishops. The Council of Bishops meeting this Fall will be at Lake Junalaska, North Carolina.

Tendekai Muzorewa will be going to attend the memorial church service for his father Bishop Abel T Muzorewa. on Sunday October 30th at 4:00 PM.



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. Your generous giving will help us support our neighbors in Bastrop who lost their homes from the wild fires. Also, we will send money to UMCOR to aid the people of Somalia who are dying of hunger every day, most are women and children. We want to reach out in the name of Jesus, and embrace those in need.

Our future events are as follows: Potato Lunch October 2nd 12:00 PM, 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.

Also, please let the congregation know that our Habitat build continues for the next 12 weeks, Friday and Saturdays 7:45 AM- 4:00 PM, volunteers are needed. Information and sign up is in the Hall as they enter the church. The SAMM Transitional Living Center dinner is Tuesday October 18th, starting at 4:30 PM. We need monetary donations and help serving, they can contact me.

Thanks,
Don Khan

IF YOU WILL BE 70-1/2 BY DEC. 31, 2011, PLEASE READ THIS!!!

If you will be 70-1/2 years of age by December 31, 2011, and you own an IRA, you probably already know that you must make a specified, required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA by the end of the year. What you may not know is that:



THE IRS WILL LET YOU MAKE A TAX-FREE CONTRIBUTION TO TRINITY USING ALL OR PART OF YOUR 2011 RMD!!!! Such a gift to Trinity is not required to be reported as income on your 2011 IRS return, so you do not pay Federal income tax on the amount of the gift. You can designate that the gift is to be used to support Trinity's general budget or for some other purpose within the Church. It's a good deal for both you and for Trinity, but it ends December 31, 2011. So, if you want to make such a gift from your RMD distribution, you need to get started soon.

There are several requirements that you must meet for a gift to Trinity from your RMD to be tax deductible:

- (1) You must be 70-1/2 years of age at the time you make the transfer from your IRA to Trinity;
- (2) Transfer of RMD funds must be made directly to Trinity by your IRA custodian (i.e., our bank, broker, mutual fund company, etc.) no later than December 31, 2011;
- (3) You must never receive the funds yourself -- if the RMD transfer is not made directly to Trinity by your IRA custodian, it must be reported as income and will be taxable.
- (4) RMD gifts to Trinity can only be made from a Traditional or Roth IRA (401k's, 403b's, etc. are not eligible);
- (5) A couple each may make a tax-free gift from their individual IRAs, so long as the total amount distributed by each to Trinity and other charitable organizations in 2011 is less than \$100,000; and
- (5) Trinity must provide you with written verification of your gift and that no value was received. The church office will be pleased to provide the required documentation to you.

Louise and I, and some other Trinity members plan to make RMD gifts to Trinity this year. We hope you will consider doing so, too. Before making such a gift, you should contact your IRA custodian, accountant, or other financial advisor to answer any questions you may have and to ensure that there are no additional requirements that may apply to your individual situation.

Thank you,
Fred Lyle



St. Paul UMC presents 145th historical celebration and Charity Golf Tournament. In an effort to support our 145 years of longevity, we are sponsoring a weekend of celebration, which includes a Gold Tournament. We are asking each church to sponsor at least one gold team. The cost is \$95.00 per person or \$380.00 per foursome.

Friday- November 4, 2011-8:30 a.m.

Olmos Basin Golf Course on 7022 McCullough Ave., San Antonio, TX. If you plan to participate, please contact: Oliver V. Bruce at 210-912-2219 or, Joe Malone at 210-241-6715 or, William Christian at 210-260-3314.

**ANYBODY READY FOR
A FALL FESTIVAL?
TUMC LOT, SATURDAY,
5 NOVEMBER, 2011, 2-6PM**



I know it does not feel much like Fall, but plans are underway for an entertaining afternoon of fellowship and FUN. We learned so much from the hard work and planning of last year's "Free-for-All" and look forward to the support of the entire church.

Let's make sure the entire community knows Trinity is alive and well and full of joy in the Lord. There will be food and drinks (at modest cost), cotton candy, music, the highly successful Nurses Station, exciting Hot Rods, and much, much more. 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. Please keep us in your prayers as we strive to produce a lovely afternoon for everyone. Sandra Dance is asking for volunteers who wish to support this event by emailing sdance99@aol.com.

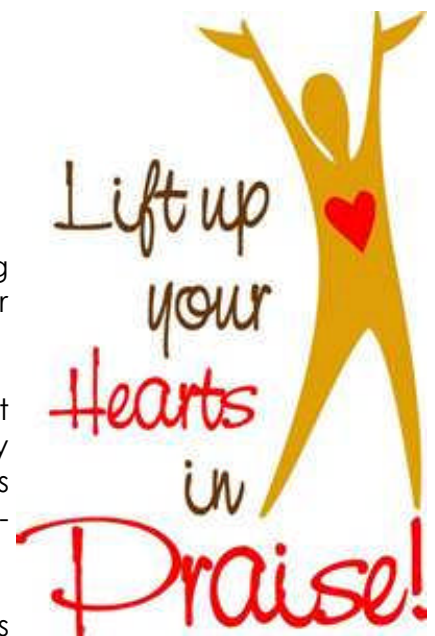
**Great News from the
Contemporary Worship Planning Committee
(CWPC)**

For the past few months, the Contemporary Worship Planning Committee (CWPC) has been meeting to prepare a way forward for our beloved church to grow in spirit and in love.

Pastor Margaret appointed me to lead the following team: Harriet Phillips, Shane Sprague, Becky Thaxton, Tendakai Muzorewa, Mary Hale, Jared May, Jason Brown, and Pastor Decker. Stacie Brown was invited to share her talents with our team this past week. Kathy Settles-Horejsi will be working with her also.

After a lively brainstorming session, and some energetic exchanges of ideas and interests, subcommittees were formed to develop next steps for the new service for Trinity. Sunday, 25 September, Sandra Dance presented the plan to the Church Council and... more great news... The CWPC was encouraged to proceed forward to finalize plans for the launch of the exciting new service on Sunday, 23 October, at 11:00AM.

We thank our Pastor for having the vision and the courage to pursue innovative and creative ways for passionate worship at Trinity United Methodist Church. We also solicit your prayers that we continue to do the Lord's work at our beloved church. Stay tuned for announcements on upcoming Sundays. For further information, please call Sandra @ 210-389-2133.



What's going on?

- ◆ **UMW General Meeting**
October 4th at 9:45 a.m.
- ◆ The **Elizabeth Circle** meeting is October 6th at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ The **Lydia Circle** Meeting is October 18th at 9:45 a.m.
- ◆ **Family Game Night** is still alive and well with bridge players every 2nd and 4th Saturday in the Parlor. We would like to invite other bridge players and/or game players as we have 2 more bridge players interested. Other game players are always welcome. See you this Saturday, the 8th.
- ◆ **October 30—TUMC hosting Charge Conference**
- ◆ **October 30—Stewardship campaign starts.**
- ◆ **US Disaster Response—(This includes Texas Wildfires)-** Southern states through UMCOR, memo your check to: US Disaster Response, UMCOR Advance #901670.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Scripture study** and reflection (by Pastor Margaret) available on the website: 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, October 18, 2011 at 5:15 p.m.

Coffee and Tea



Some people have indicated that they would like to order some of these Equal Exchange/Fair Trade products. If we get enough orders to buy a case at a time, at this time, the cost for each individual item will be:

Coffee	12 ounce bag	\$6.00
Tea	1 box	\$2.75
Chocolate	1 bar	\$2.50

We can also get Hot Cocoa Mix. 12 ounce can \$5.00

These products help small farmers to provide a better life for their families. In areas where drug production is high, it offers them an alternative cash crop. When these products are bought through a United Methodist Church, \$.15 of every dollar spent goes to UMCOR to help provide storage units, mills, shipment, etc. for the products.

If you would like to help with this interesting mission project, please, contact the church office 210-684-0261.

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, October 25, 2011 at Acadiana Restaurant](#)



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

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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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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