



The Trinity Times

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

September 2011

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church

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Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed.

The nation pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership — the American worker.—USDOL

Missions Committee

The Missions Committee thanks all who helped with desserts, in the kitchen, serving, and cleaning up after "Exciting Moments from Zimbabwe" on August 14th. That luncheon inaugurated mission luncheons instead of mission breakfasts.



The next missions luncheon will be on September 11th following the second worship service. Everyone is invited to come to the luncheon. If you can help with kitchen duties, serving, and cleaning up after the luncheon, all help will be greatly appreciated. Updates concerning specific ways to help will be e-mailed and included in an upcoming bulletin.



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.

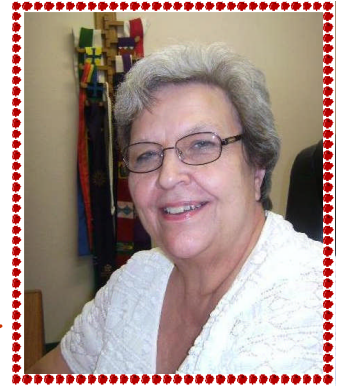
It's actually Made in **AMERICA** and will be available at Trinity in October.





'Margaret's Musings'

Rev. Margaret Decker, Pastor



One of the incredible gifts that Trinity shares with the extended community is the Victory Garden. From the oral tradition that I received this was Don Ketchum's "brain storm." I like to see the Garden as a very creative idea that Don had. Don has given a lot of time over the last 18 months or more to the Victory Garden. He is not alone. Norma Ketchum has also worked with him in the Garden. For Don's wonderful idea and all the hard work that he and Norma have put into the Garden, all I can say is, **"THANK YOU."**

There have been volunteers who have helped in many ways. I also want to lift up two other couples who have given **hours** to the Garden. One of the couples is Don and Cindy Gerth. The other couple is Roy and Pat Putz. During the summer Debra Putz also put in many hours in the Garden. The Putzs' have come several days a week and worked each of those days for several hours. To all the volunteers, but especially to the Gerths and the Putzs, **THANK YOU SO MUCH.**

Without Don Ketchum's creative idea and the work of the various volunteers, the Garden would not have produced this summer like it did. I do not know exactly how many fresh vegetables were taken to the Food Bank, but I do know that was more than 1500 pounds. In this drought extra time and care were needed for the produce to have been so great.

It is wonderful to have people who care and volunteer to do this work. I think that the Garden could do even better if more people volunteered to work in it. More volunteers would also mean that the ones who have truly given of themselves this summer could have a little less to do.

Again, I say **THANK YOU** to all who helped with the Garden.

Yours in Christ,
Margaret

Help Needed

New regulations concerning crib safety are now in effect. The crib that has been in our nursery did not meet the new requirements. Funds are needed for the purchase of the crib. The crib cost \$125.00. If you would like to contribute to the "Nursery Fund," those funds will be used for the payment of the crib. Please, either memo your check or note on an envelope with "Nursery Funds."



Help is also needed to replace two of the church's **very** large commercial stock pots that have gone missing from the kitchen. These two stock pots cost \$245.00. If you would like to contribute to the "Kitchen Funds," those funds will be used for the payment of the pots. Please, either memo your check or note on an envelope with "Kitchens Funds."

Thank you so much for helping with these needed items.

1 Corinthians Chapters 15 & 16



This is the last part of 1 Corinthians as part of the newsletter. I have received encouragement about continuing this study through to the end. It has been a challenge for me. I am contemplating doing a similar study on the Gospel According to Mark.

The whole of chapter 15 deals with resurrection. The first section is a review of what Paul had proclaimed to the Corinthians concerning Jesus' resurrection. He tells of various appearances of Christ soon after the crucifixion. He then tells of his own encounter with the risen Christ. He sees this appearance as unique and very special just for him. Because it came later than the other appearances, Paul considered himself the least of the apostles and yet he sees God's grace in the event. Because of how great God's grace was toward him, he feels driven to share that grace with as many people as possible.

The second section pertains to the issue that some of the Corinthians have denied the resurrection of Christ. Paul responds with that if Christ has not been raised, then his proclamation was in vain. The faith of the Corinthians is for nothing. He even states if Christ has not been raised then he, along with the other apostles, and other Christians have misrepresented God.

Paul then makes the claim that through one person, Adam, death came into the world. So, through another person, Christ, resurrection has also come.

In the third part of the chapter another question from the Corinthians comes to surface. Some were asking, "How are the dead raised?" Paul does not try to give a scientific answer to the question. He uses the image of planting a seed and how different the seed looks to what comes forth from the earth. He also uses other images to say that there are differences between a variety of things, animals, heavenly bodies, etc. He continues with just as we bear Adam's image, so we will also bear Christ's image.

Verses 51 through 57 are almost poetical. The imagery is powerful, and I believe clear. If you have not read those verses, please, do so. The closing verse of chapter 15 encourages the Corinthians and us to be steadfast in the Lord's work, because what is done in the Lord is not done in vain.

Chapter 16 begins with Paul reminding the Corinthians of the collection for the saints, the church leaders and Christians in Jerusalem. He tells the Corinthians to set aside and save whatever extra they earn on the first day of each week. That way when it is time to take the collection to Jerusalem it will be ready to do.

Paul tells them that he looking forward to seeing them again, but he wants to wait until he can spend some time with them. He then instructs them about showing hospitality to various Christian leaders. He sends them greetings from the church that met in the home of Aquilla and Prisca.

In his closing remarks, Paul sends them his love in Christ Jesus.

Have you ever had a conversation with a person who doubted the resurrection? How did it make you feel?

How would you defend the resurrection of Christ and/or the resurrection of the dead?

Can you imagine being part of the Corinthian church with so many issues plaguing it? To know this, does it give you hope for the church of today?



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 of this request.



Becky Thaxton
Director
TUMC
Children Ministries

Nursery Cribs

The Trinity U.M.C. Nursery is in need of 2 new cribs. There are new safety regulations that must be met in regards to cribs/crib safety, of course we want our Nursery to be the safest place for our "little ones".

The Children's Ministry is asking that you prayerfully consider making a donation to the "Trinity U.M.C. "Safe Crib Fund". You make your contribution by check and simply write on the memo line: "Nursery Crib Fund".

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.

'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, September 10th and 24th,
5-7pm in the parlor



Fall Festival, Saturday, October 22, 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 September

Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM) is a cooperative ministry founded in 1977 by nine downtown San Antonio churches to offer temporary assistance to individuals and families in crisis situations, alleviating the duplication of

services by banding together to form one centrally located Christian social service agency. Today CAM is supported by 67 member churches as well as several other supporting churches in the San Antonio area. For many of its clients, Christian Assistance Ministry is a bridge to support from other agencies or government services, providing food and financial aid until another agency can take over assistance. CAM's services are sustained by an active volunteer force of over 150 individuals from Member Churches, the Board of Directors and the community at large, who run the food and clothing pantries and interview clients on a daily basis.

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

120	August 7
154	August 14
146	August 21
140	August 28

Thank you Lord!



Anniversaries

FRED & BECKY LAMBERT	1-Sep
REV. NORTON & CAROLYN SCRIMSHIRE	2-Sep
ED & SARAH DASSING	3-Sep
TOM & VICKI BADER	5-Sep
DOYLE & DORTHLYN STAMPS	11-Sep
JOE & BONNIE SMITH	23-Sep

Birthdays

DONNA SETTLES	1-Sep
ANGIE KHAN	1-Sep
CAROLINA HARTZ	1-Sep
DEBRA SCHNEIDER	2-Sep
LOU GREEN	3-Sep
EUGENE AZBILL	4-Sep
STEVE BROWN	4-Sep
DON HARDIN	7-Sep
JORDAN CRABTEE	8-Sep
LOIS HANSARD	9-Sep
SHANE SPRAGUE	9-Sep
SANDRA DANCE	9-Sep
ROY PUTZ	12-Sep
DAVID BRIGMAN	13-Sep
ROSEMARY BRIGMAN	13-Sep
ANNABELLE SHULER	15-Sep
BRENT PHILLIPS	16-Sep
LEXI TAYLOR	16-Sep
ED DASSING	17-Sep
ISAIAH TREJO	17-Sep
REV. NORTON SCRIMSHIRE	20-Sep
PATSY LEE	20-Sep
HENRY HARDY	21-Sep
STACIE BROWN	22-Sep
LINDA REEVES	22-Sep
MARY FURTH	23-Sep
JUNE FREY	29-Sep
DORTHLYN STAMPS	29-Sep
ETHAN CALK	30-Sep

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

Trinity UMC Members and Constituents: Jan Bates* Jean Bell* Marjorie Lockamy* Audrey Marple* Joe Medrano* Frances Neyland* Brian Phillips* Frances Touby* Trinity UMC Staff* Trinity UMC Prayer Ministry Team* Trinity UMC Ministries and Committees*

Other Personal Requests:

Leisa Ault* Family of Ken Childress* Jesse Cumpian* Vivian Fox* Helen Gafford* Dora Guenther* Woody Halsey* Teresa Hernandez* Philip Hinojosa* Buddy Hodges* Bob Isaia* Karen Kochheiser and family* Bernadette Mailman* Jinsky-Guajardo family* Martha Manuppelli* Colton Martinez* Melanie Myers* Jerry Ruhnke* Lorretta Smaystrala* Mary Ellen Thaxton* Ken Wilson* Rev. Tony Brantley* Bishop Jim Dorff* District Superintendent Rev. Carl Rohlf* our Nation and its leaders* our troops and their families* praying for rain* all the sick and the lonely* East coast hurricane victims*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ **UMW General Meeting** Sept 6th at 9:45 AM. Our District UMW President will be speaking to us.
- ◆ The **Elizabeth Circle** Meeting is Sept. 1st at 7:00 PM
- ◆ The **Lydia Circle** Meeting is Sept 20th at 9:45 AM
- ◆ **Volunteers Needed.** If you would be willing to lead "A Time for Children," please, contact the church office.
- ◆ **UMCOR—Somalia** "Horn of Africa" #982450
- ◆ **US Disaster Response—** Southern states through UMCOR, memo your check to: US Disaster Response, UMCOR Advance #901670.
- ◆ **UMCOR designation** 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.
- ◆ **Scripture study** and reflection (by Pastor Margaret) available on the website: www.trinityumcsa.org.

Coffee and Tea



The coffee and tea that were sold on August 28th will also be sold on September 4th. The products that were sold are "fairly traded." That means that the farmers who produced the crops receive a fair market purchase value of their crops. It is a means for those farmers to adequately provide for their families and not resort to growing drug-related plants. "Fairly Traded" products can be purchased in a number of places.

However, if you purchase the products that we can purchase through the UMC, UMCOR will receive about \$.15 of every \$1.00 to help those farmers in ways like: storing the crops, refining the crops for distribution, and helping with distribution. Along with farmers in other countries, small-scale farmers in the United States also are helped through this program. You can think with each cup of coffee or tea, "I am helping with a worldwide mission project at this moment."

If you like the coffee or tea that you purchased and would like to purchase more, we can get the coffee in 10oz. or 12 oz bags. These bags are listed at this time at \$9.00 each. Unless the order is over \$135.00, there will be a shipping charge. If you enjoy a stronger brew of coffee, that is also available. Please, let the office know if you are interested.

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, September 27, 2011 at Alamo Café 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



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.

"Meals on Wheels"

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

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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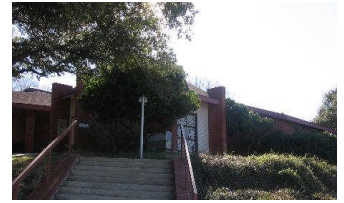
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www.trinityumcsa.org



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.

Thank you!

'Thank you for your gift of \$1,314.46 to Imagine No Malaria, a program of the United Methodist Church. Your generous contribution will help to save lives and improve the health and livelihood of entire villages and communities for generations to come'.

Bishop Thomas Bickerton
Chairperson, Global Health Initiative

'In grateful recognition of your support for emergency response and sustainable development around the world through Church World Service'.

Church World Service
Blankets+ Honor Certification to
Trinity United Methodist Church

'Thank you for contributing to Church World Service through our Blankets+ program. With your help we can continue to assist people overcome by natural and human-caused disasters, as well as supporting community efforts to develop sustainable agriculture, reliable safe water supplies, and other means to break the grip of grinding poverty'.

Rev. John L. McCullough
Executive Director and CEO
Church World Service

'On behalf of the Board of Directors of Methodist Healthcare Ministries, thank you for your generous donation of \$323 to the Wesley Health & Wellness Center, a mission of Methodist Healthcare Ministries. This gift was designated to support the summer campership program at Wesley'.

Richard T. Gilby
Chair, Board of Directors