

# THE TRINITY TIMES

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

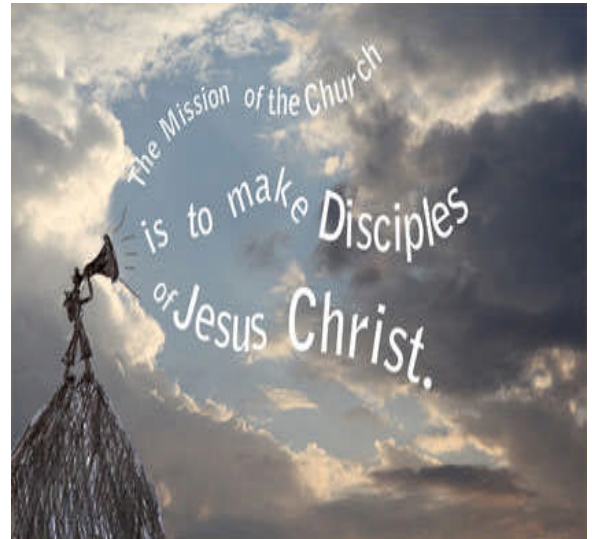
**Welcome to *Trinity* United Methodist Church**

**AUGUST 2010**

**6800 Wurzbach Road  
San Antonio TX 78240**

## **AUGUST AT TRINITY**

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| <b>Sunday, AUGUST 1</b>  | <b>Holy Communion</b>              |
| 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                |
| 12:45 p.m.               | UM Youth Fellowship                |
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| <b>Sunday, AUGUST 8</b>  | <b>Worship services</b>            |
| 8:45 and 11 a.m.         | Sunday School for all ages         |
| 9:45 a.m.                | Missions and Outreach Team Meeting |
| 12:15 p.m.               | Youth Choir rehearsal              |
| 12:45 p.m.               | UM Youth Fellowship                |
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| <b>Sunday, AUGUST 15</b> | <b>Worship services</b>            |
| 8:45 and 11 a.m.         | Sunday School for all ages         |
| 9:45 a.m.                | Youth Choir rehearsal              |
| 12:15 p.m.               | UM Youth Fellowship                |
| 12:45 p.m.               |                                    |
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| <b>Sunday, AUGUST 22</b> | <b>Godly Play starts</b>           |
| 8:45 and 11 a.m.         | Worship services                   |
| 9:45 a.m.                | Sunday School for all ages         |
| 12:15 p.m.               | Youth Choir rehearsal              |
| 12:45 p.m.               | UM Youth Fellowship                |
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| <b>Sunday, AUGUST 29</b> | <b>Worship services—Bell Choir</b> |
| 8:45 and 11 a.m.         | Sunday School for all ages         |
| 9:45 a.m.                | Youth Choir rehearsal              |
| 12:15 p.m.               | UM Youth Fellowship                |
| 12:45 p.m.               |                                    |



### **ACOLYTE TRAINING**

**Sunday**

**September 12, 2010**

**9:45 a.m.**

*(first part of Sunday School hour)*

Acolyting is open to young people in grades 3-6.

This training will involve some new procedures

so previously trained children are asked to attend as well.

If you have any questions please call

Kathy Settles-Horejsi

523-0014.

**NEWS  
Flash!**

**Upcoming Event!**

**"Free For All" is back—October 16, Saturday**

**Watch out for details 😊**

**Our Presence  
in Worship**

**July 4— 131**

**July 11— 172**

**July 18—164**

**July 25—169**



## 'Margaret's Musings'

*Rev. Margaret Decker, Pastor*



As you can see, I changed the name of this article. The reason for the change is this: sometimes the article will be more like a conversation with you about upcoming events at the church; sometimes it will be more like observations and reflections; and other times it will be more informative; i.e. more like a newspaper article. Regardless, of the writing style, I will be sharing with you information, thoughts, and ideas about the ministry of Trinity.

I continue to be amazed at the creativity of the members of this congregation. I am also amazed at the multidimensional diversity of the congregation. This is probably a contributing factor in regard to the creativity. I think one would be hard pressed to find a congregation that percentage-wise would have a larger group with such creativity, concern and commitment. I applaud these attributes of Trinity. In the midst of all the pluses, I do have some concerns. The major one being, I feel like many people are caught up in their area of concern, but a priority to a "framing" of ministry is lacking. The vision statement, "Following Christ, we equip, energize and nurture all God's people to transform the world," is a "framing" for the ministry of the congregation. It is referred to in discussions concerning the variety of activities. That is great. However, I feel like that we need to be a little more cohesive in our ministry.

Back in the spring, just after I learned that I was coming to Trinity, I attended a seminar at University UMC. The seminar was basically aimed at large churches. Bishop Dorff consulted with the leadership of the seminar and it was then made available to all of the clergy of the Southwest Texas Conference. However, the basic plan was still for large churches like University. One of the things that has stuck in my head since the event concerns prioritizing. One of the speakers said, "Consider what your church does better than any other church then highlight that area." Because I can think of at least two major areas of ministry in this congregation, I would like for us to consider highlighting and building those areas of ministry. This does not mean all other areas are eliminated. It does mean that other areas strengthen the primary areas.

The two areas that I think are focus areas for Trinity are outreach—reaching the community and caring for the people of our neighborhood and city—and music. One example of how other areas of ministry could highlight the focus areas is through the children's Sunday school program. Often children's material contains ideas for care of environment, doing something for others, or inviting friends to church. Instead of that being one lesson in a unit, that emphasis could be brought forward every week during a unit of study. I think the children may have already done something similar to this. If the curriculum talked about recycling, then the children could be encouraged to bring cans to recycle every Sunday during that unit. Recycling is one way we care for our environment and that, in the long term, affects the people of our community. We already have in place time for children's music twice every month. After these two components are completed the balance of Sunday school time would be centered on the particular lesson for the day.

These are my observations and thoughts. This is not a decree about what and how things should be done. I hope that the Church Council would consider these thoughts. Then through dialogue and reflection, we as a congregation can come to agreement about our main priorities and how each person, committee, group, or entity can support the focus for ministry.

Yours in Christ,  
*Margaret*

## Trinity Music Ministry



This month I would like to highlight the Jubellee Ringers Handbell Choir. This group is getting ready to start their 16<sup>th</sup> year at Trinity. Our mission is to enhance the worship experience and to ring praises to the Glory of God. Yes, a lot of the group sings in one of the choirs available at here at Trinity, but we have also found another way express our faith through music.

When we started 16 years ago many of the members had no instrumental playing experience, a few could read music, and only a couple had even played bells. We spent hours working on hand coordination, bell playing techniques, playing together as a group, and preparing music for worship. Many of us attended workshops and Area conferences to learn more about the art of ringing. That brings us to where we are now, yearly planning of music selections, monthly participation in worship services, weekly rehearsals, and sharing our gift with others. We are on our summer hiatus right now with rehearsals resuming on August 11. We hope you will be in worship on August 29<sup>th</sup> when we ring for the first time this season.

**Stacie Brown**

Jubellee Ringers Director



## Children's Ministry Announcements

**Greetings to All from the Children's Ministry Department!**

It's been a very busy few months for the children at Trinity. Although school is out Sunday School is still in session. Many thanks to our summer volunteer substitute teachers for your dedication and enthusiasm, and for giving our Sunday School teachers a much needed break.

**July 12 – 16<sup>th</sup> - We had a Galactic Blast** learning about the universe (that our God created and entrusted us with). We also learned that we are stewards of our world and need to take care of it. Trinity as a church can be good stewards of our world and environment by recycling cans, plastics, and paper. In the fall we will be participating in recycling program as a church.

**Some Upcoming Events Are:**

August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Godly Play will resume.

August 29<sup>th</sup> – is Promotion Sunday

September 5<sup>th</sup> – we will launch our new “green curriculum”

**Starting the first week in August (August 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>) I will have regular office hours.** My office hours will be: Tuesday/Thursday from 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. As always I will be available on Sundays and after hours as well.

Many thanks to you parents for making sure that your children get to Sunday School weekly. We know that a Christian faith and foundation is very important for our children. When children are not in Sunday School they miss out and we miss them. Encourage your child to discuss with you what they learned in Sunday School. Set the awesome example of making Sunday School and worship a priority. Children do live what they learn.

God bless you,

**Becky Thaxton**

Director , TUMC Children's Ministry

**TUMCS Summer Camp's  
Last Week (Aug 2-6)**



Place of summer recreation for children. Enjoy supervised outdoor recreational activities and skill development for children during the summer.

**FAMILY GAME NIGHT**

**MARK !!! your CALENDAR!**

**AUGUST 14 AND 28**

**-SATURDAY-**

**5-7 p.m. in the GYM**

**2010 LABOR DAY RETREAT**

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church has invited Trinity UMC to join them again this year at their Labor Day Retreat at the HEB Foundation Camp, Echo Valley Campsite. The retreat begins on Friday evening, September 3rd, and ends on Monday, September 6th before noon. The camp is about 100 miles from San Antonio and paid registrants will receive detailed maps and directions.

Registration forms are available in the narthex and in the church office. Paid registration deadline is Sunday, August 29th. Registration fees are:

Infants to 5 years old - FREE

Children ages 6 through 12 years old - \$18 per person

Persons age 13 and older - \$25 per person

Day Trippers - \$13 per person

These prices include food, lodging, insurance, a great program, fun activities, and a place to relax. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Joe Medrano at 308-6095.

Trinity members Don Ketchum and Armando Bustos are planning some fun activities for all children in attendance while the youth and adults enjoy their scheduled programs. There will be plenty of free time to enjoy the camp. Plan to join us.

**"Meals on Wheels"**

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

**AUGUST at Trinity UMC**

**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. For information contact:

Jim and Jo Ann Chambers at 684-0221

FIPS will meet on **August 24th at 5:30 p.m. at Royal Inn Oriental restaurant at 5440 Babcock Rd, Ste 150.**

**Attention!**



Want to join the Prayer Team?

Is God calling you to join the prayer team?

Currently, team members meet at New Forest Estates on Tuesdays at 10 am. We pray for our church, its staff, and any special needs that have been shared. Confidential prayer requests are treated as confidential information and discussed with no one. We are reviving the prayer chain for immediate requests in times of joy and sorrow. This important ministry is easily carried out from your home at your convenience.

If prayer ministry is your calling, we welcome you to the team. You will be amazed at the spiritual growth you will experience. Prayerfully consider both the weekly meetings and the prayer chain. You may join one or both ministries.

If interested, please contact Sandy Keyser, Mary Hale, Jean Bell, or Loraine Whittaker.

**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 *"Bible People—Women"* Study guide provided for FREE.

**"MEN'S GROUP  
KEEPS GROWING"**

**MEN'S GROUP 8-26-10  
@7:30PM—NULL BLDG .**

The word is out that the Trinity Men's Group is *The Place To Be* as we have rapidly grown to twelve members! One young man was overheard stating that his wife made him attend, while another kept repeating "you crazy seniors!"

Come on down and enjoy the fun, which is unbeatable for the price! As always, contact Vance Safley with any questions [vancealot@hotmail.com](mailto:vancealot@hotmail.com) or 210-260-3790.

**THE MISSIONS  
BALL GAME**

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 3**

-Not for men only -

Any family member or friend is welcome. We encourage you to bring the family and invite friends. **Thursday Sept. 3, to the Missions ball game.**

If we get at least 20 people we go as a group for \$6.50 each. Thursday nights are dollar night, so hotdogs and drinks are \$1.00.

Plan to attend and call John Reed for your reservation @ 296-8866. Game time is 7:05 P.M., so arrive @6:30.

**Angel Food Ministries**

Order forms are available in the narthex and in the church office. **AUGUST** orders are due no later than **AUG 15.**

Food will be available for pickup on **AUG 28, 8:30-10:00 a.m.** at **Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.**

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

**Greetings!**

The **Greater Emmaus Northwest San Antonio Community** bids you welcome to attend a monthly gathering.

The October 2010 gathering will be held at Trinity UMC on Friday, October 15 at 6:45 p.m. in the church Sanctuary.

If you have questions, please call me.

Thank you,  
John Reed  
(210)645-4744



**YOU ARE MISSING** a fun time if you are not coming to Family Game Night in the gym on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

From 5:00 p.m. until about 7:00 p.m. church families are enjoying 'Chicken Foot' Dominoes and a table of Bridge players. We have refreshments to share along with our laughter. Just ask Pastor Margaret how much fun we have!

Plan to come on August 14th and 28th and bring your favorite games. Questions? Talk to Connie Medrano 308-6095



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Canyon Lake, TX 78133  
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**DON'T MISS OUT !**

**Tuesdays**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Parlor—Null  
bldg.**

**Snacks  
provided**



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

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

*Love Always Finds A Way*

*"I will seek Him Whom my heart loves."  
-Song of Songs 3:2*

Love can never be completely satisfied or complacent. Love by its very nature must be expressed, grow, and always find greater ways to bless the beloved. Love always seeks the good of the other. Love, in a sense, is restless because love cannot rest until all is well with the beloved. Love ignores personal safety and comfort. It always finds a way to increase the welfare of the beloved. Love seeks the beloved day and night (Sg 3:1-2). Love always seeks a way to reach the beloved, and if we seek to love, we will find (Mt 7:8). Therefore, love will always find a way to love the beloved. This is the way Mary Magdalene loved Jesus. "The love of Christ" impelled her (2 Cor 5:14) to seek out Jesus. Whether He was dying the gruesome death of an accused criminal (Jn 19:25) or risen in glorious splendor (Jn 20:16-17). This is the way Jesus loves us. We may be spiritually dead (Rv 3:1; 1 Jn 3:14), but Jesus loves us so much that He never stops seeking us. "Love never fails" (1 Cor 13:8). If we love Jesus this much, we will find Him (Jer 29:13; Mt 7:8), and He will dwell in us and we in Him (1 Jn 4:16). Find the "Way" (Jn 14:6). Seek to love Jesus.

*The Biblical promise is: "If anyone is in Christ,  
he is a new creation. The old order has passed away;  
now all is new!" -2 Cor 5:17*

**Birthdays**

JIM DURLAK	2-Aug
JOYCE PARKE	2-Aug
TINA AZBILL	6-Aug
BRANDON BUSTOS	6-Aug
AJ HARRISON	6-Aug
EDITH RIEDEL	8-Aug
ROY ROGERS	12-Aug
ANNE JONES	13-Aug
BOB PARKE	14-Aug
VICKI HERRIN	15-Aug
MARY ELLEN KELLER	19-Aug
BOB ICENOGL	20-Aug
LOU ARMSTRONG	21-Aug
RONDA HAGEMAN	21-Aug
JOAN WURST	21-Aug
BECKY LAMBERT	23-Aug
MARY CANTY	23-Aug
TAYLOR DUDA	24-Aug
JACKIE KNEELAND	25-Aug
MARY BETH CALK	27-Aug
BETTY MILNER	27-Aug
BETSY CAMERON	28-Aug
EMMA MAY	28-Aug
CAROLL SCHMIDT	28-Aug
CHARLIE SETTLES	28-Aug
DON SNOCKER	29-Aug
LAURA AMES	30-Aug
ROBERT DAVISON	31-Aug

**Anniversaries**

JACK & HELEN TOOLE	1-Aug
CARROLL AND RONDA WEBER	2-Aug
TOM & CYNTHIA SETTLES	4-Aug
JIM & JO ANN CHAMBERS	7-Aug
ROBERT & AUDREY DUDA	9-Aug
HENRY & DARLEEN HARDY	18-Aug
DARRYL & ALISA ROBERTS	20-Aug
DWIGHT & MARY HALE	26-Aug

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

**Trinity UMC Members and Constituents:**

Tina Azbill\*Sue Beck\*Connie Germann\*Reno Germann\*Lou Green\*  
Lois Hansard\* Larry Miller\*Lohr family\*Brian Phillips\*Lorraine Ralls\*  
Trinity Staff

**Other Personal Requests:**

Tom Cobine\*Anita Meires\*Carol and Bill Morrissey\*Tom Patterson\*  
Valerie Pena\*Nancy Staples\*Susan (daughter of Hazel Wilson)\*David Turvey\*  
The Nation's Military Personnel both Active Duty and Retired\*  
Rev. Tony Brantley\*Bishop Jim Dorff \*District Superintendent Rev. Carl Rohlfs

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

