

# THE TRINITY TIMES

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

Welcome to *Trinity* United Methodist Church

**JULY 2010**  
6800 Wurzbach Road  
San Antonio TX 78240

## JULY AT TRINITY

July 12—16

Vacation Bible School (article inside)

Sunday, JULY 4

**HAPPY 4TH!**

8:45 and 11 a.m.

Worship services

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages

(No Youth Activities)

**MONDAY, JULY 5**

**CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED**

Sunday, JULY 11

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.

Elizabeth circle

12:15 p.m.

Youth Choir rehearsal

12:45 p.m.

UM Youth Fellowship

Sunday, JULY 18

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

Sunday, JULY 25

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.

Offering Counters training

12:45 p.m.

UM Youth Fellowship



## Pastor's Perspective

*Rev. Margaret Decker, Pastor*



After being here just over two weeks, I am working at learning names and faces. As I have visited with people, I have a sense from many of you of a great deal of ownership for Trinity and of the various ministries of the congregation. Many of you give of your time and resources to make Trinity the best possible place. I also realize that some of you due to work or health or other reasons may not be "hands-on" but continue to support the church through your prayers and in other ways. Cooperative ministry builds the church and sends a message to the community that we care for one another and care for those who surround us.

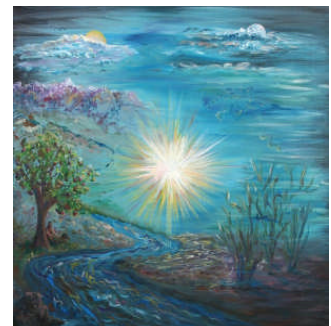
I applaud all that you do. You are highly motivated and willing to work hard. This is great. With your willingness to work hard and the variety of ministries, we will make disciples of Jesus Christ. We will also bring glory to God's name.

I am here to work with you so that indeed we may live out your vision statement: "Following Christ, we equip, energize and nurture all God's people to transform the world."

Yours in Christ,  
Margaret

### Today's Inspiration

"Up from the bed of the river, God scooped the clay;  
And by the bank of the river He kneeled Him down;  
And there the great God Almighty  
Who lit the sun and fixed it in the sky,  
Who flung the stars to the most far corner of the night,  
Who rounded the earth in the middle of His hand— This Great God,  
Like a mammy bending over her baby, Kneeled down in the dust  
Toiling over a lump of clay  
Till He shaped it in His own image;  
Then into it He blew the breath of life,  
And man became a living soul. Amen. Amen"



'The Creation' by James Weldon John  
Illustrated by James E. Ransome



*Rev. Joan B. Wooden, Music Director*

### *Thank You, Trinity!*

About a year ago, I discovered your opening for a Director of Music. Because I had to be out of town for a couple of weeks, I sent my husband and oldest daughter on a "mission." They were to discern whether or not Trinity was a church that could be our home. On their first Sunday, they walked in during the opening hymn. As they found a place to sit, someone handed them a hymnal, turned to the appropriate page. That small act of kindness from one individual set the tone for them. They reported a very friendly and loving congregation. Thank you, Trinity!

It was a little nerve racking to be hired by a church without first "auditioning" for the choir. I must admit that I was quite nervous before my first rehearsal with our Chancel Choir. Would they accept me? Would my taste in music be acceptable? As it turns out, the Chancel Choir at Trinity is made up of very kind individuals and they are quite flexible, enjoying a wide variety of musical styles. The members love God, music, and their church. Thank you, Trinity!

About mid year, Stacie Brown had a shortage of handbell ringers and invited me to join the group. I had never actually been a member of a handbell choir, having always been a director. My skills are rough, to say the least! I expected to merely survive the ordeal. Instead, I was warmly welcomed and encouraged by the ringers and gently guided by their director. Thank you, Trinity!

The Early Ensemble is made up of a unique combination of individuals with a variety of life experiences. Who would have thought that they would come together to make a choir? Who would have thought that their rehearsals would consistently turn into a holy encounter? Their sheer love of God and yearning to praise Him is inspiring and a joy to witness. Thank you, Trinity!

***It has been terrific to serve at Trinity. Words seem inadequate to express my gratitude for the time my family and I have been a part of the Trinity family. It has been a wonderful gift. Thank you, Trinity!***



*Thank You*

*We thank the Trinity church family for the great outpouring of good wishes, gifts, remembrances, cards, hugs and smiles we received on our last Sunday, June 6. We have received so much over these last six years, and we will treasure your friendship always.*

*May God continue to bless, strengthen and guide Trinity United Methodist Church and your new pastor, the Rev. Margaret Decker, in the years to come.*

*Rev. Jeanne Devine and Angela Bonner*

**Summer Seeker's Class**

**CALLING ALL CHURCH MEMBERS** interested in learning about interesting topics that can benefit all of us in our daily lives. The Seeker's class, under the direction of Dwight Hale, studies contemporary issues written by contemporary authors. Currently we are studying a book by J. Ellsworth Kalas, entitled *"If Experience is Such a Good Teacher, Why Do I Keep Repeating the Course?"* It brings some tough issues to light from a biblical perspective.

So try us out on **Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in Room 2.** The discussion is lively and peppered with laughter. You may meet new friends and I can promise, you won't be disappointed!

**CALL ME, DWIGHT HALE 210-523-7206**

**Angel Food Ministries**

Order forms are available in the narthex and in the church office. **JULY** orders are due no later than **JULY 18.** Food will be available for pickup on **JULY 31, 8:30-10:00 a.m.** at **Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.** Please contact Pat Putz (684-9105) with any questions.

**This Month at Trinity**

**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 July 27th at 5:30 p.m. at Black Eyed Pea restaurant at 7959 Fredericksburg Rd. (off Medical Drive)**

**Attention!**

**Offering Counters and Church members interested in learning the procedures for counting the Sunday offering**

**Please plan to attend the training on Sunday, July 25; immediately after the second worship service. Updated procedures will be reviewed and discussed.**

**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.**

**"Meals on Wheels"**

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

**SUMMER CAMP WEEKS**

**JULY 5-9**

**JULY 19-23**

**AUG 2-6**

**JULY 12-16**

**JULY 26-30**



## **We Still Need Summer Sunday School Substitutes!**

Summer is a busy time and our Sunday School teachers go on vacation too.

Substitutes can sub for one Sunday, or more, if you'd like to.

To volunteer contact:  
Becky Thaxton  
(210-275-3864)

## **Galactic Blast VBS Needs the Following:**

- \*aluminum pie plates (f/tambourines)
  - \*pipe cleaners (any color)
  - \*small jingle bells —small beads
  - \*aluminum foil
  - \*black card stock
  - \*magnetic tape
  - \*silver markers (6)
  - \*glitter glue—assorted colors
- SNACKS**—Kool-Aid, juice, goldfish crackers, fruit roll-ups, popcorn, cookies, lemonade. (No candy please)



## **Please Join Us !!**

for **Vacation Bible School**

**It Would Not Be the Same Without YOU!!!**

**WHO:**

**Trinity UMC Children's Ministry**

**WHAT:**

**Have a "Galactic Blast" at Our 2010 Vacation Bible School**

**WHERE:**

**Trinity United Methodist Church**

**WHEN:**

**July 12-16, 2010**

**6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Registration is: July 4th through July 11th**

Staff Contact:

**Becky Thaxton**  
Director of Children's Ministry  
at [RPeterson16@satx.rr.com](mailto:RPeterson16@satx.rr.com)  
or (210) 275-3864

## **YOUTH HAPPENINGS**



### **CALLING ALL OF TUMC'S YOUTH**

Summer is here! The Chancel Choir will be taking a break very shortly, so now's your chance to share God's musical gifts to you with the congregation.

Singers, instrument players; whatever your skill may be. Approach either Jason Brown or Jared May and let us know what hidden talents you possess! The Trinity Youth Choir will continue to meet from 12:15p to 12:45p, and you're most welcome to join us for that as well!

God Bless!  
**Jason Brown**  
Music Director

### **"LET'S ROLL TRINITY MEN"**

Well, we had a great "kick-off" meeting in June of the TUMC Men's Group with eight in attendance, including our special guest Pastor Decker. Many great ideas were exchanged as to our role within the church and our community, as well as past efforts at Trinity.

Now all we need is YOU !!! Our next meeting is July 22 @ 7:30PM in the Null Building. We have selected every fourth Thursday to meet for now. Please contact Vance Safley with any questions at (210) 877-5712 or vancealot@hotmail.com.

## **FAMILY GAME NIGHT**

**MARK !!! your CALENDAR!**

**JULY 10 AND JULY 24  
-SATURDAY-**

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

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

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

**Upper Level Parking  
on Sundays**

Trinity has a limited number of parking spaces available on the upper level, in front of the school, which allow persons to make their way into the sanctuary and Null Building without having to climb steps or move up a steep ramp.

Several years ago the trustees designated this upper parking lot "reserved for persons with mobility needs". It is not required that you have a disabled license plate or placard to use the spaces. It is appreciated if you will respect the needs of others.

Persons with significant mobility impairments sometimes have trouble finding an empty parking space on the upper level. In some cases, they simply give up and leave. In other cases, they manage the steps or ramp with some difficulty.

Before you park on the upper level on Sunday, please ask yourself if your mobility impairment is serious enough to prevent you from climbing the steps or moving up the ramp. If it is, please park on the upper level. If it's not, please park below and allow someone who needs a space on the upper level to find it.

Thank you for your consideration.

**OUR PRESENCE IN WORSHIP**  
**MAY 30: 185    JUNE 13: 169    JUNE 27: 156**  
**JUNE 06: 177    JUNE 20: 163**

**Trinity UMC Members and Constituents:**

Lou Green\* Larry Miller\* Frances Neyland\* Brian Phillips\* Trinity Staff

**Other Personal Requests:**

Jack Armstrong and family\* Patricia Castillo\* Raymond and Stephen Gerlach\* Joel (Jackie's son)\* Jeannie Larimore\* Salvador Lopez\* Marla McCarty\* Debbie Russell\* various members of Showers family\* Mary Ellen Thaxton\* The Nation's Military Personnel both Active Duty and Retired\* Rev. Tony Brantley\* Bishop Jim Dorff \* District Superintendent Rev. Carl Rohlfs

**Birthdays**

JIMMIE GREEN	2-Jul
JEREMY CADE	3-Jul
JAMES RYAN LANDERS	3-Jul
DONNA DANCAK	4-Jul
DEAN THAXTON	5-Jul
JUSTIN BUSTOS	7-Jul
CLIFF KOCHHEISER	8-Jul
MADISON CRABTREE	8-Jul
GAYLE BRAY	9-Jul
FRANCES NEYLAND	9-Jul
DOROTHY LYNG	11-Jul
HARLAN SCHWEIZER	13-Jul
GENE SPRAGUE	13-Jul
JOHN VAN ZANDT	15-Jul
SARAH DASSING	17-Jul
FRED LYLE	20-Jul
DOROTHY WADE	21-Jul
VELDA MALTAS	23-Jul
ROBIN LANDERS	24-Jul
MARY SHOEMAKER	24-Jul
JOHN MOOSE	26-Jul
JULIA DAVISON	28-Jul
BRIAN PHILLIPS	29-Jul
SUE BECK	29-Jul
DIXIE BURD	30-Jul

**Anniversaries**

TOM & HARRIET PHILLIPS	5-Jul
EUGENE & TINA AZBILL	6-Jul
ROY & PAT PUTZ	12-Jul
THOMAS & DOROTHY WADE	13-Jul
BOB & PATSY LEE	17-Jul
DAVID & TARA DYE	24-Jul
RICHARD & LORI VERASTEGUI	30-Jul
TRAVIS & ELIZABETH McCOWN	31-Jul

*(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.



## HABITAT NEWS

Dear Church Family, we are well into planning for our fourteenth Habitat Home. Trinity, along with a group of eight Protestant and Catholic Churches, called the Ecumenical Genesis Group, are currently working to accumulate the necessary funds for the build.

Currently we have pledged \$ 42,000.00 of the \$ 52,000.00 required for the construction. Of the amount pledged \$ 30,000.00 has been collected. Trinity's contribution amounts to \$ 4,500.00. We have in the Church budget \$ 2,000.00 for Habitat, the rest is raised by our fund raising activities.

Over the past ten plus years we have held a garage sale to raise most of the rest of our commitment. However, those wonderful souls who have volunteered to put on the garage deserve a rest. So, this year we decided to seek other means to raise the necessary funds.

Trinity School agreed to send home card board houses to collect change over approximately a month. All the money raised by the students equaled \$ 397.00. The missions committee wants to thank Deborah Schneider and all the students of Trinity School for their support.

One of our parishioner's has offered to match up to a \$ 1,000.00 contributions made by church members. A number of people have agreed to take up the challenge. Some time in the near future we plan to have a luncheon to raise additional funds. The date will be announced shortly.

The 13 day build is scheduled as follows for the Ecumenical Genesis Group. Build Start 9/10/10, Build End 10/23/10, Landscape 11/13/10, Dedication 11/20/10. We will be looking for volunteers to help.

With God's Blessings  
Missions Committee

### "Our Labor Day Retreat, Sept. 3-6

We will have registration forms soon.  
If you wish to participate, please contact  
**Joe Medrano at 308-6095**  
for more information."

### ATTENTION!

IF YOU ARE **INTERESTED**  
TO BE A **READER** IN OUR  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**, PLEASE  
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE

AT 210-684-0261

OR E-MAIL:

[ofcadmin@trinityumcsa.org](mailto:ofcadmin@trinityumcsa.org)

