The Trinity Times

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

Welcome to *Trinity* United Methodist Church

JUNE 2010

6800Wurzbach Road
San Antonio TX 78240

JUNE AT TRINITY

June 2—5	Southwest Texas Annual Conference Session in Corpus Christi
June 21—25	Vacation Bible School (article inside)

Sunday, June 6	Rev. Jeanne Devine's last Sunday
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 Committee meeting
12:45 p.m.	UM Youth Fellowship
Sunday, June 13	Rev. Margaret Decker's first Sunday
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.	Youth Choir rehearsal
12:45 p.m.	UM Youth Fellowship
Sunday, June 20	
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, June 27	Independence Day Picnic Day—dress patriotically! (article inside)
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

Pastor's Perspective

Rev. Margaret Decker, Pastor

I am eagerly looking forward to getting to know each of you. I think that I will have to adjust to some of the ways you as a congregation are used to doing things.
I think that you may feel that you are making adjustments to my ways of doing things. Whenever change happens, adjustments are made.

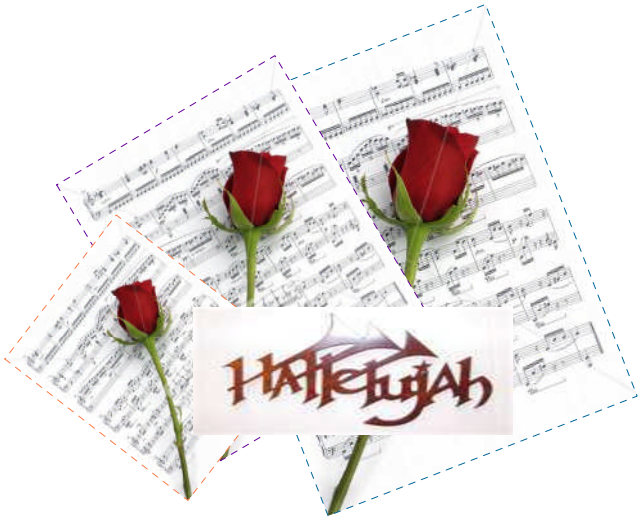
When I met with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, I learned about the various ministries of the church. The following items are neither in order of importance or how they were presented. One was the vision to participate in a mission trip to Africa, Zimbabwe in particular. This was linked to your providing the funds for a well to be dug in one of the villages. To be so caring reveals your heart and commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Another area of ministry that caught my attention is your school. After teaching for 17 years, one of which was in an Episcopal school, the school really intrigues me. I look forward to having chapel services with the children.

Your involvement in various mission-oriented projects, e.g. "Imagine No Malaria," "Ecumenical Genesis Habitat House," and "Crop Walk" also reveal your commitment to our Lord.

Last, but definitely not least, is your music program. I can hardly wait to hear your choirs. I know many of you have met my brother, Carl. You probably also heard him sing during the congregational hymns. Music was an integral part of our lives as children. I must hasten to say that my voice is not really as good as any of my brothers' voices. But, I love music and believe that music is truly an integral and important part of worship.

I ask for your patience as I learn your names and as I adjust to a new setting. I look forward to our shared ministry.



Rev. Joan B. Wooden, Music Director

"Special" Music

The language of the Church seems to be one of the most sensitive issues that any worship planner confronts. It is important to be deliberate when putting an "Order of Worship" together, using only words that are universally understood and non-controversial. This is easier said than done, because congregations are quite diverse in their understanding of language, and our members come from many different worshipping traditions. What might be offensive to one individual could actually comfort another. An obvious example of this is the use of the terms "prelude" or "postlude" when referring to the instrumental music that Layne offers from week to week. These two words actually imply before (pre) and after (post) worship. This terminology could demean the importance of the act and encourage socialization, instead of deliberate worship. The truth is the offering of any musician during worship is a vital part of the service. If one listens carefully, a holy encounter will certainly take place. Perhaps more "politically correct" headings might be "Opening and Closing Voluntaries."

Another phrase often found in orders of worship is "Special Music." When I was in seminary, the phrase was received with outrage by several of my colleagues. The rationale behind this outrage was concisely expressed by the quick response: "All music in worship is special!" Well, of course! The hymns that we sing, the instrumental music, the anthems, the solos… all of it is special, and God can and will transform it into a wonderful glimpse of the "Glory of God," even as we offer it in corporate worship!

During the months of July and August, the Chancel Choir traditionally takes a well deserved break. For these two months, members of the congregation, families, small groups such as Sunday school classes, etc. are invited and encouraged to prepare and offer music during one or both of our two Sunday services of worship. If you would like to reserve a date to sing or play an instrument in worship, please contact me (joanwooden@hotmail.com). By the way, in our "Order of Worship," your music might be called an "Act of Praise" or simply an "Offertory." Without a doubt, however, it will also be very special! God will use **YOUR** gifts to deepen our experience and understanding of the Holy One through worship.

"Calling All Trinity Men"

Trinity UMC has an abundance of gifted and talented people who truly make a difference in our community each and every day. Something however, has seemed to be missing since I arrived here, an active Men's Group.

My past experiences in men's ministries have been overwhelming positive and memorable. Though they did involve large event and project undertakings occasionally involving dozens of people, what I recall most were the uniquely beneficial interactions and camaraderie shared by a small core group of men around a fire pit. The bonds created by this core group not only sustained and supported this band of brothers, but our entire church and community.

I hereby request each of you to meet with me one time for one hour in order to determine if we possess a common interest of improving ourselves, our church and our community through this ministry? Though this meeting place may not be ideal to all, I suggest the ***Islamorada Fish Company at Bass Pro Shops,*** **Thursday June 10 @ 7:00pm.**

Please call or email me should you have any questions.

Thank You,

Vance Safley, 210-877-5712
vancealot@hotmail.com

Today's Inspirational Quote

"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."
-- Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Meals on Wheels"

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

Angel Food Ministries

Order forms are available in the narthex and in the church office. JUNE orders are due no later than JUNE 6. Food will be available for pickup on JUNE 26TH, 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:

Doyle or Dorothlyn Stamps at 520-6941.

FIPS will meet on June 22nd at 5:30 p.m. at Café Milano located at 7530 Bandera Road.
(Corner of Bandera and Eckhert Rd.

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.

Thank You

SAMM Ministries
Administrative Office

Trinity United Methodist Church

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank you for your continued support of our ministry. None of this would be possible without your generosity. We are so grateful for your recent gift of TLLC meals, and ever thankful for your assistance and encouragement.

Our efforts to aid the many homeless individuals and families throughout San Antonio would be next to impossible were it not for the sustained giving of our donors and patrons. Your relationship is invaluable to us, as the main champions of our cause to end the struggle against homelessness.

"To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless."

-G.K. Chesterton

Thank you for continually offering hope.

Please feel free to contact us at any time with any questions. We would love to hear from you!

In His Service,

Navarra Williams — President & CEO

Melanie Ford — Gift Relations Coordinator

Youth Happenings

Dear Youth and Families,

School is almost out and the youth are getting geared up about having tons of free time to themselves.

Sunday, June 6: Summer Kick Off Party.

We will have all kinds of games and activities for them. All the youth ask from the parents is to bring one dish (preferably finger food) that will feed at least six youth for each dish.

Saturday, June 19: Tubing trip to New Braunfels

Youth can bring their own tubes if they prefer, otherwise the rentals are **$13** for a tube. Parents are free to attend.
Youth are asked to wear appropriate attire.

The laundry soap donation was a success. Thank you for your love and generous support.

Until next time ,

Jared May
Director of Youth Ministries

Come one, Come all to our *INDOOR Picnic in the gym on Sunday, June 27th, following the 11:00 worship service.* We will have hotdogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings except ants. The children are encouraged to dress patriotically and march in our parade. Bikes, trikes, and wagons are welcome. Plan to attend our annual indoor picnic to celebrate our nation's independence day.

Faith and Family Night/Imagine No Malaria night

The $20 ticket includes a hot dog, chips, and soda and $5 goes to the Imagine No Malaria campaign. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 647-0259. I will pick up the tickets and get them to the church before noon on Thursday. Thank you for your support for this event.

Jackie Kneeland

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:

June 21st—25th

6:00—8:00 p.m.

We Will Be Registering Soon

If You Want to Register or Just Volunteer to Help
(Direct VBC, Teach, Snacks, Music, Bible Story Time)

Contact:
Becky Peterson
Director of Children's Ministry
at **RPeterson16@satx.rr.com**
or **(210) 275-3864**

Family Game Night

Mark !!! your Calendar!

June 26th, 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 2:	166	May 16:	157
May 9:	168	May 23:	194

Birthdays

CASEY AMES	1-Jun
CHARLES HARTZ	2-Jun
LIZ CAVIN	3-Jun
RONALD JONES	3-Jun
RICHARD MILLER	3-Jun
CHRISTY WILSON	4-Jun
MADISEN DYE	8-Jun
VANCE SAFLEY	8-Jun
LOGAN VERASTEGUI	8-Jun
MARY ROGERS	9-Jun
REV. ELMER BECK	12-Jun
KURT KNEELAND	13-Jun
JANIS WINN	13-Jun
RICHARD VERASTEGUI	13-Jun
CLAUDIA BURGE	14-Jun
PAM SCHNAUBERT	16-Jun
STEPHAN GERLACH	17-Jun
KAREN PATTERSON	17-Jun
KATHY SETTLES-HOREJSI	18-Jun
FRED LAMBERT	21-Jun
BILL CAVIN	23-Jun
SANDRA KEYSER	25-Jun
RON EULER	26-Jun
BRIAN STACKPOLE	30-Jun
JOY PATRICK	30-Jun

Anniversaries

BRANDON & LAURA CROSS	9-Jun
RENO & CONNIE GERMANN	9-Jun
DON & PATSY HARDIN	11-Jun
GENE & PAM SPRAGUE	11-Jun
NEIL & MARTY WALKER	12-Jun
ROBERT & JULIA DAVISON	16-Jun
FRED & LOUISE LYLE	23-Jun
KURT & JACKIE KNEELAND	25-Jun
RONALD & ANNE JONES	30-Jun
DON & ANGIE KHAN	30-Jun

(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.

Trinity UMC Members and Constituents:

Rev. Jeanne Devine and Angela Bonner*Rev. Margaret Decker*Lou Green*Larry Miller*
Brian Phillips*Jimmie Pollard*Dean Thaxton and Becky Peterson*Trinity Staff*

Other Personal Requests:

Rev. Tony Brantley* Woody Halsey *Erin Kimsey*Harry Pickel*Charlie Sarmiento *
Mary Ellen Thaxton* Bishop Jim Dorff *District Superintendent Rev. Carl Rohlfs