

# THE TRINITY TIMES

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

Welcome to *Trinity* United Methodist Church

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

## MAY AT TRINITY

### SUNDAY, MAY 2—Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8:45 and 11 a.m.      Worship; Rev. Carl Rohlf, San Antonio District Superintendent, preaching.  
Sacrament of Holy Communion.
- 9:45 a.m.              Sunday School for all ages
- Noon                      Dedication of Victory Garden (outside); Vegetable Lunch following in Gym
- 12:45 p.m.              Youth activities

### SUNDAY, MAY 9—Sixth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

- 8:45 a.m.              Worship
- 9:45 a.m.              Sunday School for all ages
- 11 a.m.                      Worship; Children's Choir sings (No youth activities; Mother's Day)

### SUNDAY, MAY 16—Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 8:45 and 11 a.m.      Worship; Permanent Endowment Fund Sunday; Scholarships announced
- 9:45 a.m.              Sunday School for all ages
- 12:15 p.m.              Youth Choir rehearsal
- 12:45 p.m.              UM Youth Fellowship
- 4 p.m.                      San Antonio District Conference, St. Mark's UMC

### SUNDAY, MAY 23—Day of Pentecost (**WEAR something RED!**)

- 8:45 a.m.              Worship
- 9:45 a.m.              Sunday School for all ages
- 11 a.m.                      Worship, Confirmation and Reception of New Members
- Noon                      Missions Barbecue Lunch in Gym (see related story)
- 12:45 p.m.              Youth activities

### SUNDAY, MAY 30—First Sunday after Pentecost; Trinity Sunday

- 8:45 and 11 a.m.      Worship; Rev. David Edgar preaching
- 9:45 a.m.              Sunday School for all ages (No youth activities; Memorial Day Weekend)

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### Coming Up in June:

June 2-5: Southwest Texas Annual Conference Session in Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 6: Rev. Jeanne Devine's last Sunday

Sunday, June 13: Rev. Margaret Decker's first Sunday (be sure to **WEAR YOUR NAME TAG!**)

## Pastor's Perspective



Rev. Jeanne Devine, Pastor



This is my last message in the Trinity newsletter. Next month, incoming pastor Rev. Margaret Decker will bring her own perspective to this space. As you and she get to know each other, I am certain God will bless and energize your partnership in ministry!

Over these last six years, I have appreciated our partnership. I'm happy about many qualities of Trinity's life. Our music program brings life and energy to our worship. The music staff is diverse, highly qualified and talented, and they bring out the best in our choirs. Our mission outreach, including the full and faithful payment of our apportionments for ministries around the world, our Five Star recognition since 2005, the CROP Walk every spring, our Habitat housebuilding every fall, our servant ministry at the Transitional Living Center with homeless families, shows us as doers of God's Word, not hearers only. Our faithfulness and generosity toward God's work, and the increasing number of households who tithe or are growing toward tithing, means that we demonstrate our trust in God and we honor all our commitments (*i.e.* pay all our bills in full and on time). The trustees over these years have addressed deferred maintenance issues and brought our facilities into better shape for our ministries; they created the Permanent Endowment Fund in 2007. Our weekday school continues to offer excellent education in a Christian environment to more than 125 children every year.

So what lies ahead? My hopes and dreams for Trinity can be summed up in Bishop Schnase's Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations:

-*Radical Hospitality.* Wear your name tag, every Sunday. Greet and sit with someone you don't yet know, in worship and especially at meals. Invite and bring.

-*Passionate Worship.* Be here. Expect God's presence and power. Offer God your best in voice, attention, reverence. Make the Lord's Day your priority.

-*Intentional Faith Development.* Learn more; participate in classes and small groups; read your Bible. Teach more; our children and youth need mature Christians to share your faith and get to know our young people by name.

-*Risk-taking Mission and Service.* Go in person. Go to places where God and God's people are at work. Join in. And yes, support them financially too.

-*Extravagant Generosity.* Trust God for what you need. Open your hands to share your resources, and see how God fills your hands again and again. Grow up to tithing, giving God the first tenth.

I love the expression *Vaya con Dios*, Go with God. I trust that you and I go with God into the future. May God bless the people of Trinity abundantly and always. And may you, who are blessed to be a blessing, share God's love abundantly and always.

### Annual Conference Session

Mary Hale, Trinity's lay member, and Rev. Jeanne Devine will attend the Southwest Texas Annual Conference Session in Corpus Christi, June 2-5. This year's theme is "Creating a Culture of Growth". The more than 700 lay and clergy delegates will celebrate ordination, retirement, and memorial worship services. Decisions will be made about funding our shared ministries in 2011. Conference leaders will be elected for program and administrative groups. More than 350 churches will join together for this celebration of God's call and our response. Mary will report to the congregation in June about this year's session and what it means for Trinity.



## *A Mother's Day Offering –*

### *Children Reflecting God's Glory*

*Rev. Joan B. Wooden, Director of Music*

I don't know about you, but when I prepare for worship on Sunday mornings, I eagerly anticipate a holy encounter. I am always a bit uncertain of the exact moment that I will become aware of God's presence in our midst, but I know that it will happen. I know that God is always present, and lovingly waits for us to be in communion with our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Will it be during the informal greeting, where the words we speak to one another could, in fact, be divinely inspired? Will it be the music, the prayer of confession, the creed, the Scriptures, the sermon...? Or will it simply be the look on someone's face – a look that reminds us that we are loved and accepted? For me, the awareness of God's presence changes from week to week, but I know that God is working through all of it, touching each of us differently. It is an awesome thing to think about...and to anticipate!

On Sunday, **May 9**, our children will join the Chancel Choir in singing "Love Enough to Give" as a way of tying the service to the secular celebration of Mother's Day. The anthem has a beautiful text, reflecting on the biblical mothers of Moses, Samuel and Jesus. It is also a gentle reminder that our children ultimately belong to God and that we, as parents, must love them, *and God*, enough to let them grow and become the individuals that God has created them to be. The work is powerful and beautifully written, but when our children and Chancel Choir, along with Stacie Brown on flute and Layne Kerley on piano, join together to present this during worship, I am certain that God will transform it into a holy and unique glimpse of the glory of God.

I've talked with the children about the fact that the anthem is being prepared for Mother's Day, but it is, more importantly, an authentic offering to God from the children of Trinity. I cannot imagine a better Mother's Day gift than hearing and seeing the glory of God reflected through our children, as God accepts this offering and blesses us with a wonderful and holy encounter!

## BEANS & CORNBREAD FELLOWSHIP

A SINCERE THANK YOU GOES TO Wiley Smith and Layne Kerley for providing lunch to all who came to the gym on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>! Wiley and Layne purchased all the ingredients for our beans and cornbread feast along with cabbage for homemade coleslaw, desserts, and even a mango punch as the featured beverage. Wiley prepared his secret recipe for beans along with regular and jalapeno cornbread fresh from the oven. Connie Medrano made the "from scratch" coleslaw and Joe Medrano served up the drinks!

The food and warm fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended! Everyone who came took advantage of Wiley and Layne's generous sharing of leftovers. Most of us left with enough for at least another meal or more in containers that Connie has saved in the church kitchen from previous events.

Thank you again for feeding us so generously. Your demonstration of unselfish hospitality sets an example for all of us and created a unique opportunity to share Christian fellowship!

## MUSIC EDUCATORS IN OUR MIDST

Trinity UMC is blessed to have a number of music educators who are members of the congregation. Their Sunday morning contributions are visible and audible to us, but they also make a difference in our public schools. Trinity Jubilee Ringers director, Stacie Brown, is an elementary school choir director in Northside ISD. Our choir directors, Joan Wooden and Jason Brown, along with Cynthia Settles, Kathy Settles-Horejsi, and Tom Settles are middle school choir and band directors.

Over the last six weeks, middle school choirs and bands have competed in UIL Concert and Sight Reading contests, preparing 3 pieces of music for concert performance and for sight reading, are given a single music composition that they have never seen and work to learn it in a very few minutes before performing it before a panel of judges.

The music educators who Trinity can proudly call "its own" earned Division I - Superior and Division II - Excellent ratings across the board during this spring's contest season. Cynthia Settles-Pat Neff band, Jason Brown-Stevenson choir, Kathy Settles-Horejsi-Garcia choir all achieved Division I ratings in both Concert and Sight Reading. Joan Wooden-Jordan choir and Tom Settles-Devine band received Division I ratings in Concert and Division II ratings in Sight Reading.

We rejoice in the success of these musicians and their students!

The Worship Committee would like to thank everyone who purchased hymnals in March. Your generosity allows all who worship to benefit. A big thank you goes to Janie Arnold for typing all of the bookplates. We also want to thank each and every person who comes to worship each Sunday.

Together, **WE ARE THE CHURCH!**

*Tina Lopez*

Worship Chairperson

**Crop Walk** was a huge success again, thanks to San Antonio chairman Don Khan.

The final tally of funds raised will be available by July 1st. Trinity's part of this success is \$1569.00 to date, and still counting. You can still donate online at:

[SACROPWALK.COM](http://SACROPWALK.COM).

A hearty thanks to the walkers and givers for the donation of time and money.

We look forward to seeing you there again next spring, on the first Sunday of March.

## Imagine No Malaria Saves Lives!

Thanks to your generosity, Trinity has helped save 1218 lives and prevent malaria. Pledges of \$7567 and contributions of \$4620.03 total \$12,187.03.

Our gift was announced at the World Malaria Day INM launch at the Capitol in Austin.

Together we can eradicate malaria!

## 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 Dorothyln Stamps at 520-6941.

FIPS will meet on **May 25th at 5:30 PM** in the **Casa Sol Restaurant** located at 5152 Fredericksburg Rd. (on the east side of Fredericksburg Rd close to the corner of Callaghan Rd).

## This Month at Trinity

### CPR TRAINING

The Trustees Committee has arranged for church members to learn CPR. This training can help save a person's life prior to professional help arriving at the scene. Training will take place on Saturday, May 29, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor. This class is FREE. For more information, please call Joe Medrano at 308-6095.

### MONDAY STUDY GROUP

The Monday Study Group meet at 1 PM in the Parlor.

The study book is

The Way of Transforming Discipleship, from the Companions in Christ series.

All are welcome to attend.

Books are available for purchase for \$8.

### Angel Food Ministries

Angel Food order forms are available in the narthex and in the church office.

**MAY** orders are due no later than

**MAY 9th**. Food will be available for pickup on **MAY 22nd, 8:30-10:00 a.m.** at **Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church**.

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

### Ecumenical Genesis Habitat House

The Missions Committee has typically held an annual garage sale to raise money for our portion of the Ecumenical Genesis Habitat House. We usually generate about \$ 1800.00 of our \$ 4000.00 financial commitment. This year we decided to forgo the garage sale and chose other, less labor-intensive approaches.

First, Members who help annually with the garage sale have offered to donate instead of holding the garage sale. Another member has offered to match up to \$1,000.00 on donations received from the congregation. So, know that when you give to our Habitat Build, the money will be matched up to \$1,000.00.

Secondly, on May 23, 2010 we will have a fajita dinner after worship celebrating our fourteenth Habitat house build, and give thanks for the funds we have raised to date. We will receive a free will offering to defray the meal cost and raise funds for this year's house.

Thirdly, we are passing out cardboard Habitat coin boxes to the children of Trinity United Methodist School, which they will take home and collect their loose change for the month of May.

The Missions Committee wishes to thank the congregation for your generosity, and the support that we have received for the mission work of the Church.

### "Meals on Wheels"

Is a program to feed shut-ins, administered by Christian Senior Services.

We are still looking for a coordinator and people to deliver meals.

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

**UMW General Meeting  
May 4, Tuesday, at 6:00 p.m.**

**At the Royal Inn Oriental  
Cuisine on 5440 Babcock Rd Ste  
150, San Antonio, TX 78240**

**Guest Speaker:  
Shannon Brooks,  
from The Connection**

### Our Presence in Worship

April 4, (Easter)	279
April 18	150
April 11	159
April 25	165

### Birthdays

<b>CHERI DANCAK</b>	<b>1-May</b>
<b>WILLIS HUMISTON</b>	<b>1-May</b>
<b>JASON BROWN</b>	<b>7-May</b>
<b>ARBUTUS BANKS</b>	<b>7-May</b>
<b>CHRISTOPHER CALK</b>	<b>9-May</b>
<b>MIRIAM MAY</b>	<b>9-May</b>
<b>CATHY McFEATERS</b>	<b>11-May</b>
<b>AUSTIN BURGE</b>	<b>12-May</b>
<b>BONNIE SMITH</b>	<b>14-May</b>
<b>MATTHEW SETTLES</b>	<b>14-May</b>
<b>PATSY HARDIN</b>	<b>15-May</b>
<b>THOMAS SETTLES</b>	<b>15-May</b>
<b>ANDREW KHAN</b>	<b>18-May</b>
<b>LAURA WOODEN</b>	<b>19-May</b>
<b>JONATHAN LOPEZ</b>	<b>19-May</b>
<b>EMILY CALK</b>	<b>23-May</b>
<b>TINA LOPEZ</b>	<b>23-May</b>
<b>JAN IRETON</b>	<b>24-May</b>
<b>LETHA ADAMS</b>	<b>27-May</b>
<b>TWILA ICENOGL</b>	<b>27-May</b>
<b>RONDA WEBER</b>	<b>27-May</b>
<b>JEFFREY ARNOLD</b>	<b>28-May</b>
<b>TOM WADE</b>	<b>29-May</b>
<b>BONNIE ABKE</b>	<b>31-May</b>

### Anniversaries

<b>JOSEPH &amp; JAMIE HERRING</b>	<b>12-May</b>
<b>JEFF &amp; CAROL WILSON</b>	<b>16-May</b>
<b>JAMES &amp; DR JOANNE SMITH</b>	<b>17-May</b>
<b>DON &amp; NORMA KETCHUM</b>	<b>25-May</b>

### Trinity UMC Members and Constituents:

Reno Germann\*Marjorie Lockamy\*Larry Miller\*Brian Phillips\*Jimmie Pollard\*  
James Smith\*Family and Friends of Vivian Von Scheele\*Dorothy Wade\*  
Loraine Whittaker\*Trinity Staff\*

### Other Personal Requests:

Rev. Tony Brantley\* Cynthia Currie\*Woody Halsey \*Erin Kimsey\*  
Mike Mannupelli\*Marty Rodicke\*David Rooks\*Charlie Sarmiento \*Mary Ellen Thaxton\*  
Bishop Jim Dorff \*District Superintendent Rev. Carl Rohlf

*Please advise us when a name should be removed.  
Names will remain for two weeks and may be renewed  
at your request.*

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



# YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Dear Youth and Families,

I invite you to consider two activities beyond the local church:

Don't forget to check out the conference camps, retreats and youth events at [www.reachingyouth.org](http://www.reachingyouth.org).

There will be a large Christian Battle of the Bands and Concert series at Sea World SA on May 15 and 16. I am already planning on going to this event. I highly recommend doing this. Its a lot of fun for the whole family.

Check out this link and see if this would be an event, youth or our families, would like to attend. You can buy Funcards and this is all you need to access the park for the rest of the year. [www.seaworld.com](http://www.seaworld.com).

Until next time,

*Jared May*

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES

## Our Choirs



**Palm Sunday**  
(MARCH 28, 2010)



## Vacation Bible

### School Scheduled

Save the dates!

Trinity's Vacation Bible School will be held

June 21-25.

If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact

Becky Peterson, Director of Children's Ministries,

at 832-0604 or

[RPeterson16@satx.rr.com](mailto:RPeterson16@satx.rr.com)

## FAMILY GAME

### NIGHT

MARK !!!

your CALENDAR!

May 8th and 22nd  
5-7 p.m. in the GYM

## Victory Garden



Volunteers welcome:  
[trinitygarden.org](http://trinitygarden.org)

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

Have you noticed this statement in the Bulletin or Newsletter? The group of church members who participated in the "Day of Discernment", decided that we could all pray for Trinity every day at noon. This is an act of faith and prayer that all members can engage in every day. When we joined the church, we pledged to uphold it with "our prayers". *Please join us daily.*

Lydia Circle meet May 18, Tuesday, at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor. Then gather for lunch at the OMNI Hotel.

*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.**

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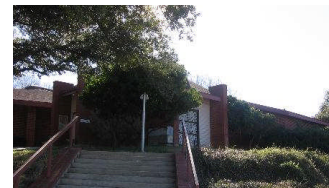
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Church website: [www.trinityumcsa.org](http://www.trinityumcsa.org)

*... 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.*

*Jesus said, "Come follow Me and I will make you..."*

**Sundays 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Worship Services**

**Sundays 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School for all ages**



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