

THE TRINITY TIMES

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TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2010

This Month at Trinity



CHILL...YUM!

Sunday, February 7~Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Scriptures: Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138:1; I Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

8:30 a.m. Missions Breakfast, Gym

9 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Noon Super Bowl of Chili Cook-off, Gym

12:15 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

2:00 p.m. Confirmation Training

Sunday, February 14~Last Sunday After Epiphany,

Scouting Ministries Sunday

Scriptures: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; II Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36

9:00 a.m. Worship Services

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m. Worship including Trinity's Scouts

12:15 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

12:15 p.m. Missions Meeting

12:45 p.m. UMYF (lunch & program)

2:00 p.m. Confirmation Training



100 YEARS
OF
SCOUTING
1910-2010

Wednesday, February 17~Ash Wednesday, Lent begins

Scriptures: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:2;

Corinthians 5:20-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Noon & 7 p.m. Worship in Sanctuary



Ash
Wednesday

Sunday, February 21~First Sunday in Lent

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91;

Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

9 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

12:15 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

12:45 p.m. UMYF (lunch & program)

1:30 p.m. Church Council

2:00 p.m. Confirmation Training



Sunday, February 28~Second Sunday In Lent

Scriptures: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;

Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

9 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

12:15 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

12:30 p.m. "Esther" Study, Null

12:45 p.m. UMYF (lunch & program)

2:00 p.m. Confirmation Training



Pastor's Perspective

“Compassionate People”

Rev. Jeanne Devine, Pastor

... live in harmony
with one another;
be sympathetic,
love as brothers,
be compassionate
and humble.



1 Peter 3:8

Haiti's massive earthquake, claiming perhaps hundreds of thousands of lives, has called forth a compassionate response among many people, none more so than church people. Knowing that two leaders of our Board of Global Ministries, Sam Dixon and Clint Rabb, died as a result of the quake, adds to our determination to continue their work of healing the world's brokenness. As I compose this, over two Sundays Trinity's people have contributed nearly \$3000 to UMCOR for Haiti relief and our youth have assembled at least 60 health kits.

Compassion, like love, stretches and grows if you give it away. Before the earthquake hit Haiti, the churches in our district were already committed to the "Imagine No Malaria" campaign to save thousands of lives in the coming years. Through the end of April, we will share with the congregation ways that your \$10 gift can save a life through malaria prevention, treatment and education in Africa. I am inviting interested persons to consider joining the "Impact 100 Society", a group who will personally impact at least 100 lives through a 3-year pledge of \$1000. March 28, Palm Sunday, will be our "Sunday to Save a Life".

Our own Don Khan directs the citywide CROP Walk on March 7 to fight hunger, locally and globally. For years, Trinity has walked and pledged, and we will do it again! We're not too tired. As the apostle Paul urged us, "Do not grow weary in well-doing."

Sometimes I hear the phrase "compassion fatigue". We always hear about the needs of the world around us. But it would be wrong to decide that, because we cannot do everything, we cannot do anything. God has created us in God's image, an image of love and giving. As Lent approaches, consider taking on (rather than giving up). Take on the challenge to eradicate malaria. Take on the CROP Walk, either by walking or by donating. You will find new life, new energy and new hope arising in you as you respond to neighbors in need. Put it to the test in Lent. See if it is true!!



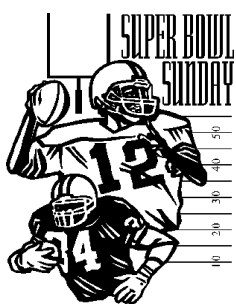
“...*Because I Said So!*”

Rev. Joan Wooden, Director of Music

I suspect that most of us have childhood memories of being told to do something that we thought was unreasonable and innocently asking the forbidden question: “*Why?*” That simple word aroused anger in my elders, and their irrational response was inevitably shouted: “...*Because I said so!*” End of discussion! No further questions! Fortunately, as worship is planned each week at Trinity, “*Why?*” is not a forbidden question, and a rationale is always evident in the order.

Reverend Devine takes special care to allow the Holy Scriptures to dictate the flow of the service. The prayers she selects, the words that she speaks, and the hymns that we sing all point us towards the Holy One as revealed through the Scriptures. Recently, we met to discuss hymns for the upcoming months. It was fascinating to hear her enthusiasm as she talked about the Scripture lessons, and exciting to discuss the hymns and how they related to the Scriptures. She is very intentional about her planning, and as I select choral music for the Chancel Choir and Early Service ensemble to sing, I try to emulate that philosophy. Musical selections are not dictated by stylistic preferences, genres, or even popularity. Instead, they are prayerfully chosen to help prepare our hearts and minds for a truly Holy encounter through the reading and proclamation of the Scriptures.

“*Why?*” is a fair and reasonable question to ask when contemplating the music of our worship. Hopefully, the answers will never be “*Because I said so!*” but instead point us all towards God’s Holy Word and an authentic encounter with the One who created us, loves us and delights in our worship. I look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday.



What’s happening **February 7, 2010?**

Trinity is having a *chili cook-off*... Oh, and it’s *Superbowl Sunday!*

What better way is there to get ready for the big game than to have a piping hot bowl (or 2 or 3) of homemade chili?

Please join us immediately following the 11 o’clock service, in the activities building for your favorite chili.

Proceeds support Missions at Trinity.

For Information contact: Don Khan at 691-0558 or Don Gerth at 434-7559.



Defibrillator Training

Our trustees have arranged for a training session on how to use the church's defibrillators to be taught by Dr. Doug Denham, on Saturday, February 6, at 1 p.m. in the Null Building. All interested persons are invited to come and be trained to save a life. For more information, please contact Joe Medrano at 308-6095.



F.I.P.S.

All senior adults are invited to join Fun in Progress Seniors (F.I.P.S.) at their monthly dinners on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

The next dinner will be on Tuesday, February 23, at 5:30 PM at Texian's Cocina (Formerly Fara's Hacienda), 6430 Bandera Road.

For information contact Louise Lyle at (210) 684-6329.

Fun for Seniors



Scholarships Available

Are you a high school senior or currently attending college, graduate or professional school, or technical college?

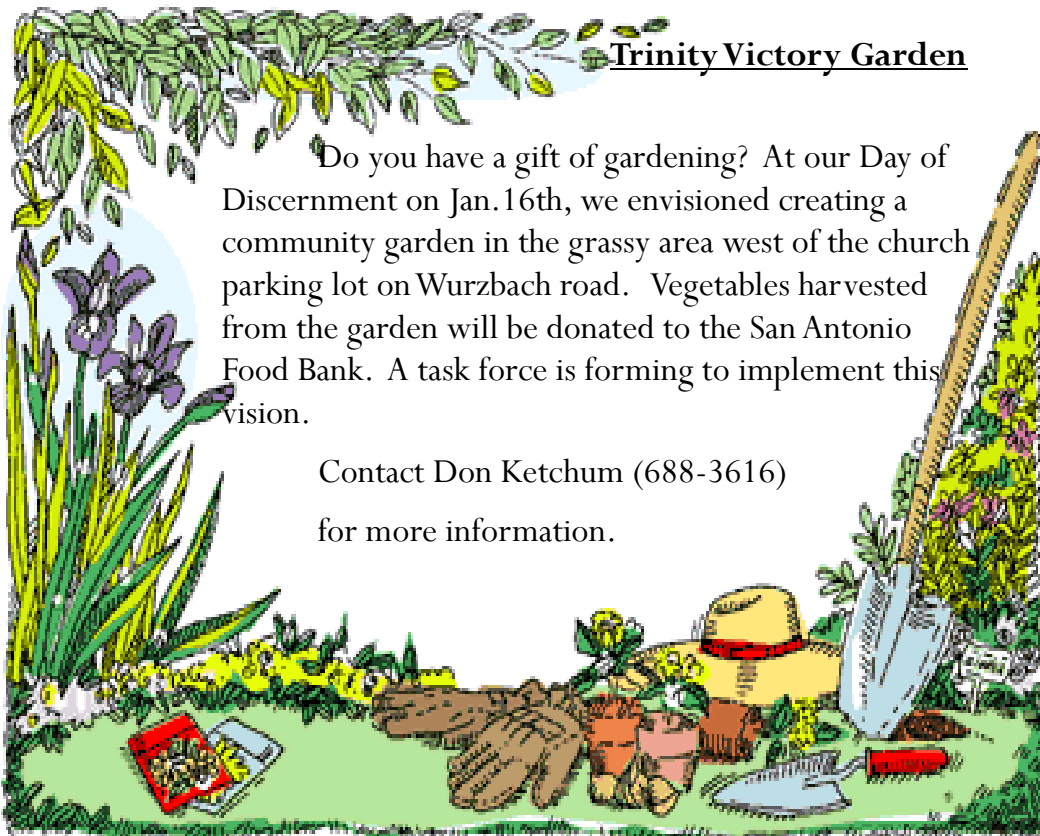
The Permanent Endowment Fund Committee will receive applications for scholarships from church members planning to pursue higher education in the fall of 2010. Applications may be obtained in the Church office (684-0261).

Deadline for submission of applications is March 1, 2010. Awards will be announced in the spring.

Trinity Victory Garden

Do you have a gift of gardening? At our Day of Discernment on Jan. 16th, we envisioned creating a community garden in the grassy area west of the church parking lot on Wurzbach road. Vegetables harvested from the garden will be donated to the San Antonio Food Bank. A task force is forming to implement this vision.

Contact Don Ketchum (688-3616) for more information.





VALENTINE'S DINNER

Valentine's Dinner will be held at Trinity on Saturday, February 13, 2010 beginning at 5 PM. The dinner is being sponsored by the tweens and Middle School Youth to raise funds to eradicate malaria on the continent of Africa. This is the kick-off event for the Imagine No Malaria Campaign here at Trinity.

Diners are invited to remain for Game Night after the meal.

FAT TUESDAY (*Mardi Gras*) SUPPER



PANCAKES!

The Evangelism Committee would like to invite you all to a "Fat Tuesday" Pancake and Sausage Supper to be held in the gym at 5:00 p.m. on February 16th. We will have some dairy free pancakes and sugar free syrup available besides "all you can eat" pancakes and sausage.

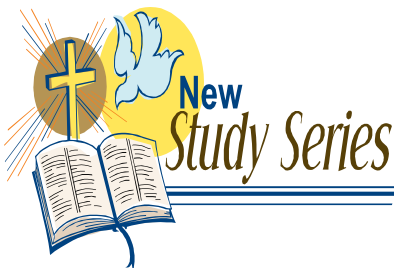
To help us be prepared, please let Connie Medrano (308-6095) know how many people you are bringing to this feast. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors.



Angel Food Ministries

Angel Food order forms are available in the narthex and in the church office. If you place a February order (which is due no later than **February 7th**, it will be available for pickup on **February 27th**, 8:30-10:00am at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran.

Please contact Connie Medrano (308-6095) with any questions.



MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Monday Study Group will resumed meeting on Monday, January 11, 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.



Lent at Trinity

- Lent, a season of 40 days (not counting Sundays) before Easter, begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17. We will begin Lent with two worship services in the sanctuary that day, at noon and at 7 p.m. Each service will last no more than 30 minutes and will include the imposition of ashes on one's forehead.
- The Worship Committee will make available a booklet of personal devotions, starting on Sunday, February 14.
- A new tradition here at Trinity is a Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras) pancake and sausage supper, starting at 5 p.m. on February 16 in the gym. You, friends and neighbors are invited to join in the festivity. No charge, but donations cheerfully accepted.
- A Lenten Bible Study will be offered on Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. starting on Thursday, February 18. Contact Rev. Devine to sign up at 684-0261 or revjeanne@tumcsa.org



Calling all former Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts!

2010 is the 100th Anniversary of Scouting.

Trinity's Cub Scout Pack 20 will be celebrating 100 years of Scouting at their Blue & Gold Banquet on Saturday, February 27th.

We'd love to include your memories of Scouting in our scrapbook and have you join us for the celebration.

Contact Armando Bustos

(542-9565) or

Ronda Hageman (521-0193) for more information.

MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS YOUR HELP

"Meals on Wheels" is a program to feed hungry shut-ins, administered by Senior Christian Services.

We are still looking for a coordinator and people to deliver meals. If you are interested in delivering or coordinating, please contact Senior Christian Services at 210-735-5115.





IMAGINE NO malaria

PREVENTION - TREATMENT - EDUCATION

"I look on all the world as my parish."

John Wesley

With the promise and the hope of the people of The United Methodist Church, we have joined a powerful global response against the disease of malaria.

Earlier this year, Imagine No Malaria kicked off with an effort that harnessed the passion of United Methodists for Nothing But Nets to help cover the entire country of Sierra Leone with insecticide-treated bed nets.

As we work together as a denomination to increase our focus on global health, we have an exciting opportunity to further our impact for our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer from malaria in Sierra Leone and across Africa – and potentially significantly reduce the number of deaths caused by this preventable disease.

Trinity United Methodist Church is among a select group of congregations being asked to lead the way in this movement. I look forward to sharing the exciting project details with you in the coming weeks.

Blessings,

Rev. Jeanne Devine

In Sierra Leone, only 5% of the children under the age of 5

sleep under bed insecticide-treated bed nets. Without this protection, the rate of malaria cases in Sierra Leonean children is staggering, and 40% of childhood deaths are a result of this devastating – yet preventable – disease.

IMAGINE NO
malaria

A Special THANK YOU

Dear Trinity Family,

My family and I wish to thank the you for all your prayers and cards during my husband, Ron Jones, sickness and passing. A special thanks goes to Rev Devine and Jackie Kneeland for their time and concern for Ron, while he was in the hospital, and for caring for our family

Anne Jones and Family

YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME AT TRINITY UMC

OUR STAFF IS HERE TO HELP YOU!

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Our Presence in December

Worship

January 3	165
January 10	148
January 17	157
January 24	174
January 31	Not yet Available



Our Ministry of Prayer

*We at Trinity 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:: *Ted & Letha Adams *Family of Ruth Bankey *Anne Jones * Family of Brent Loban *Marjorie Lockamy *Alisa Roberts *Trinity Staff

Other Requests:: *Karen Ashenhurst *Helen Beach *Woody Halsey * Family of Barbara Keener *Erin Kimsey *Arlene Patterson *Trevor Pickel *Charlie Sarmiento *Charles & Louise Settles *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.