

# The Trinity Times

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Come as you are, grow in love, and make a difference.  
We become followers of Jesus as we invite, relate, praise, serve, and grow.

## NURTURE TEAM THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

“I can’t trust and worry at the same time.”

### Pastor’s Ponderings

I recently came across two stories about people's spending habits that absolutely astounded me. First, I was amazed to read of a New Jersey homemaker and mother, wife of a junk bond dealer, who spent \$20,000 on designer clothes for her two-year-old daughter. When asked how she could justify such extravagance, she replied, “I can afford it, so why not?”

The second story is from New Zealand, where a young graphic designer came up with an experiment to test the power of marketing. She developed an advertising program for a non-existent product she called “Nothing™”. “Nothing” was advertised on billboards all across the country, and what do you know, the billboard company started getting calls from anxious consumers determined to get their hands on “Nothing”. A more unscrupulous advertiser might have charged them a hefty fee for an empty box, but these potential customers were merely informed that they probably already had more “nothing” than they could use.

The point is that there seems to be no limit on where people can justify spending their money, as long as two things are true: 1) I have the money (or, in the case of credit card spending, I think I *will have* the money), and 2) the spending is for what I want for me and my family. I would love to hear the same folks who were demanding to be allowed to buy “nothing”, or who insist that designer baby clothes are a reasonable expense, make their arguments as to why charitable contributions and taxes are wasteful and unaffordable.

It's all relative, of course. I'm sure that the African family struggling to get by on \$2 a day would be appalled that I can easily spend the equivalent of a month's income for them on a single meal for my family. (I'm pretty appalled at that myself.) It does appear, however, that we have developed a culture that so connects our value, identity, and success with what we are able to buy for ourselves that we have lost touch with our relationships and responsibility for each other and the common good. This

may make perfect sense in an Ayn Rand world divided into “deserving winners” and “parasites”, but it is absolutely incompatible with the teaching of Jesus Christ, who equated love of neighbor with love of God, and for whom sacrificing my own immediate desires for the sake of the suffering “least of these my brothers” was the highest human virtue. At both ends of the economic spectrum, too many people think life is all about what I can get for myself instead of what I can produce and share.

We're a bit like the lion prince “Simba” in Disney's “The Lion King”. We have adopted the “hakuna matata” philosophy of selfishness, no worries about anything beyond my own needs and desires, and no responsibilities for anyone else but me and mine. The question is, can we (like Simba in the movie) hear the voice of our king reminding us: “You have become less than you are”?

Your brother in Christ,



### Your Nurture Team Needs Your Help!!!

We are aware that many of our church family members do not take advantage of our resources during the Sunday School hour. This is where we need your ideas as to how we can be more effective in attracting others to the opportunities during this time. We may need a fresh approach to learning, sharing, contributing. We ask that you do some praying and thinking about this area and during the 9:30 am hour on August 28 we will have the chance to explore a bit more fully. That is the date set for our Promotion Sunday when we all meet together in the Fellowship Hall. Please give this some thought in the coming days.

Thank You, Nurture Team

# SEPTEMBER 2011 – TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7 pm Girl Scouts 8 pm AA	2 8 pm N/A	3
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# Youth News

The youth are meeting weekly at their regular time – Sunday evenings at 5 o'clock. Supper is provided, followed by a time of learning, fellowship and fun. We are excited that our group is growing – we have 4 new folks!

Also, we meet for a prayer breakfast at 7:15 am on Wednesday mornings.

## UPCOMING DATES

On Saturday, September 10, we will attend the youth **FUSION** event at Central Park here in King. Several area churches have come together to plan a night of dodge ball, pizza, music and worship (among other fun things). We will meet at the church at 6:15 pm that night to travel together.

**Youth Hunger Drive** on Saturday, September 24. We are going to Faith United Methodist Church in Rural Hall to help package meals for Stop Hunger Now. There are over 150 local youth participating. The event goal is 16,000 meals! These meals are designed to provide essential nutrition to people living in impoverished nations. **WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are requesting a special offering on September 4 to raise money to purchase ingredients for the meals.** If you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of the meals, it would be greatly appreciated. See Barbara or Jessica Stump. We could even exceed that tremendous goal if we have the money to provide additional supplies.

Also on that day, all are invited to Faith in the afternoon for a time of games, dunking booth, live music, and food to raise additional money for "Nothing But Nets" the anti-malaria campaign. Please make checks payable to Trinity UMC and designate them for "Hunger Drive".

**Deadline for articles for the October issue of The Trinity Times due September 20.**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

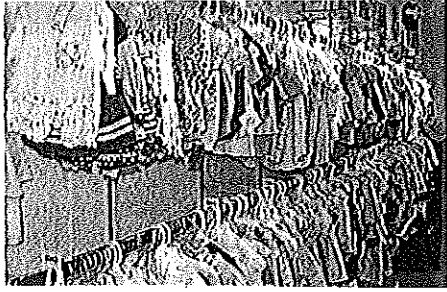
September 4 – NO YOUTH, Labor Day weekend  
September 10 – FUSION, meet at 6:15 at the church  
September 11 – 5:00 pm Youth meeting at the church  
September 18 – NO YOUTH, Revival Service  
September 24 – Stop Hunger Now, meet at 9 am at the Church  
September 25 – 5:00 pm Youth meeting at the church  
October 2 - 5:00 pm Youth meeting at the church  
October 5 - Youth sponsored Wednesday night meal. Pinto/Potatoes meal

As always, we are so appreciative of all you do to support our youth group!

The Sunday morning worship service on August 7 was a celebration of the **Youth's Mission Trip** to Bluefield, WV. Three of the college interns from the Wade Center in Bluefield provided some of the music for the service. A covered-dish lunch followed and several presentations will be made.

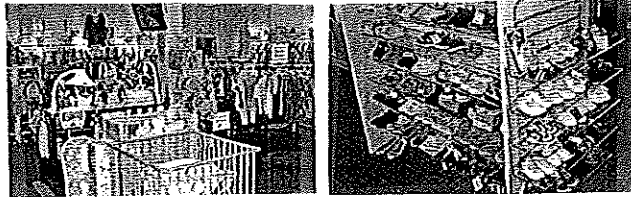


## Fall Consignment Sale



Trinity United Methodist Church will hold a fall children's clothing consignment sale on Friday, September 16 from 8 am – 2 pm and on Saturday, September 17 from 8 am – 11 am. We will then hold a half-price sale on Saturday from 11:15 – 12:15.

Please plan to consign with us or just come to shop. If you are interested in selling or just helping, please contact Karen Hall or Lisa Fie.



On Sunday, September 11, a Grandparents Bulletin will be available. For a donation of \$1.00 per name, You can remember or honor your grandparents with their name in this bulletin.



All submissions need to be made by September 4. Just pick up a form in the Narthex or fill out the following form and return it to the church office.

In loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_

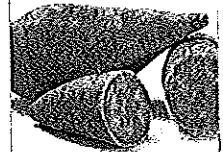
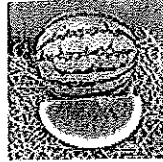
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## Community Garden News

Our garden has been growing and producing all Summer...time to plant for fall. We have shared the fruits of our labor with residents at Villa Trace and many others. There are watermelons, pumpkins and sweet potatoes still making their way to maturity.



Thanks to all who gave their assistance and knowledge on a regular basis: David Childers, Sid Winslow, Peggy Lawson, Erin Cloninger, Gail Moses, Harold Calloway, Gerry Barker. Thanks to all who have funded this project anonymously!

Justin Badgett, a senior at West Stokes High School and former member of our church, will be building a Garden Utility Barn as his Eagle Scout project. He will host a Sunday luncheon on October 16 to raise funds for his project. There is \$500.00 in the fund now, and all contributions would be appreciated.

Looking forward to next Spring... Terry Baker has offered boards that we will use to make garden boxes for the "Reap more than you Sow" project we plan to join. Please consider what part you can play in this effort. All offerings will be appreciated!!!

Contact Linda Lane at 830-4020 for information concerning Trinity's Community Garden.

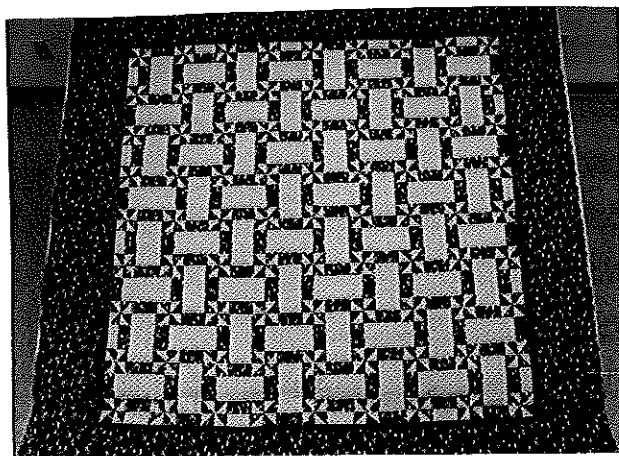


Quarterly stewardship reports haven't been printed in 2011. The Finance Committee voted to eliminate doing this due to the cost of paper, ink, etc.

However, if you would like to have a copy of your giving thus far in 2011, please let Barbara know and she will be glad to print a copy for you.

## Confirmation Classes Being Formed

The pastor is planning to offer confirmation classes to youth who are interested in making their profession of faith in Christ and being accepted into full membership in the church. The pastor will teach classes during the Sunday School hour but we also need adults who are willing to act as sponsors/mentors for confirmands. This would involve meeting with one young person about an hour each week during the fall. Potential mentors need to be members in good standing who are willing to undergo a background check. Please contact the pastor if you are interested in being confirmed or serving as a mentor.



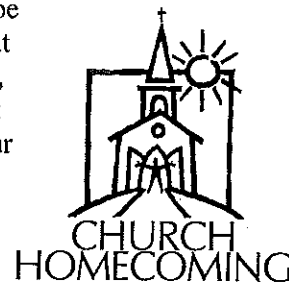
### Quilt Tickets Available!

Members of all three UMW circles have tickets available for a donation of one dollar per ticket on the quilt that will be given away at the November 12 bazaar. We encourage all church members to help support this project by obtaining a ticket for yourself or your family members. Proceeds will go to support the mission projects of the United Methodist Women.

Over 100 hours of work was invested in the production of the quilt and it is hoped that we can sell 1500 tickets. Please help us make this into a reality by purchasing your ticket. If you would like to help with ticket sales, please contact Karen Hall at 983-3032 or Beth Carroll at 983-4171. UMW members are asked to turn in currently sold ticket stubs and money at the joint circle meeting on September 6 and pick up more tickets to sell at that time.

Thank you for your time and support with this project.

On September 18, we will be having Homecoming here at Trinity. Rev. Mike Collins, former pastor, will be guest speaker. Mike served as our pastor from 1993 to 1998. He is now the pastor at St. John's United Methodist Church in Greensboro.



A covered dish lunch will follow the morning service in the Fellowship Hall.

We will be having revival services on Sunday night, September 18, through Wednesday night, September 21. Rev. Joseph Fulk, pastor at Shoals United Methodist Church, will be bringing the message each night.

Mark these dates on your calendar and we look forward to having your worship with us.

## Prayer needs....

**Nursing or Retirement Homes:** Julia T. Nance, Alice Booze, Hazel Kirby (all at Priddy Manor), and Gladys Livengood (Village Care).

**At Home:** Gene Wall, Gray Calloway, Roy McMillon, Vernie Cox, Irene Smith, Charlie and Marge Van Meter.

**Special Prayer Concerns of the Congregation:** Dot Arguelles, Bob and Dyanne Snyder, Harold Copeland, Howard and Manie Rutledge, Jerry Eltie, Frank Thomas, Frances Taylor, Billie Reed, Don Whitney, Nita Kelly, Mark Griffin, Paula Rosenburg, Cheryl Edwards, Cindy Carlin, Paul Smith, Connor Cresong.

**Those in the Military:** Zach Jennings, Cooper Smith, Todd Snider, our armed forces and their families, our nation's leaders.

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired."

- Mary Ahlrich  
Bloomington, IN

## Trinity UMC Council Meeting August 7, 2011

**Attendance:** Robert Jones, Dale Holder, Adrienne Lee, Jim Blume, Beth Carroll, Lloyd Ginns, Barbara Gravitt, Pastor David Childers, Bill and Pat Roberson, Bill Chinault, Mike and Linda Merritt, Debra Lawson, Rebecca Maser, Bill Southern, and Kelly Fie.

Chairperson Robert Jones called the meeting to order. Adrienne Lee gave the devotional on behalf of the Trustees sharing a passage entitled *The Quilt*. Minutes of the last meeting in June were approved as published in *The Trinity Times*.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dale Holder shared the financial reports for June and July. In June, receipts for the General Fund were \$18,287.50 which was \$4,284.32 less than the pay-out for the month of \$22,571.82. MPB Funds for June were \$3,715.05 short of what was needed to pay the bond payment. Money was moved from the MPB savings account to cover the MPB payment for June. In June we were 50% of the way through the year and had spent 38.8% of the budget.

In July, receipts for the General Fund were \$19,941.51 which was \$1,743.31 more than the pay-out for the month of \$18,198.31. The MPB receipts were \$1,464.06 less than what was needed to meet the bond payment. The remainder of the money which was in the MPB savings account was moved to help make the July bond payment. At the end of July, 44.5% of the budget had been spent.

### **TEAM REPORTS:**

**Worship Team:** Beth Carroll reported on the special worship services that were held during June and July. The Rev. Joseph Fulk will be the speaker at revival services September 18-21. The next Worship Team meeting will be August 10, 2011.

**Nurture Team:** No report given

**Outreach Team:** Debra Lawson reported that the Prison Ministry visit was a blessing to everyone. Members from Chestnut Grove UMC attended as well. It was reported that the choir at Trinity has given some money to help with publication materials for the Prison Ministry. The next blood drive is scheduled for August.

**Communication Team:** No report given

**Witness (Evangelism) Team:** no report given

**Youth Council:** Wednesday morning youth breakfast meetings have resumed and the yard sale netted a little over \$500.00.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SPRC:** The evaluation of Duke Intern Erin Cloninger has been completed. Pastor David's evaluation is due by August 31.

**Trustees:** No report given

**Finance:** Jim Blume reported that Bubber Boles would help organize plans for participating in KingFest in October. A BBQ is scheduled for October 22 with more details to follow. The church has received a gift of \$21,000.00 from a family estate which will be put toward MPB needs at some point. The committee will also be investigating restructuring the remainder of the MPB debt. Budget requests are due by the next council meeting from all teams and committees.

**Lay Leadership:** Pastor David reported that no date has been set yet for Charge Conference. The Lay Leadership Team will be meeting soon to start selecting persons to fill various leadership positions. Persons who have served less than three years in the position should plan to continue in their position. Others who are completing their three year term will most likely be reassigned. Anyone who wishes to serve in a particular area should make their wishes known to the leadership team.

Church Council minutes continued:

**Stewardship Committee:** Leadership is needed on this committee. A couple of stewardship programs are being looked at for possible use in the fall stewardship campaign.

**Parsonage Committee:** No report given

**Cemetery Committee:** No report given

**Hooker Endowment:** No report given

**UMM:** UMM had met at Stratford BBQ. Christmas trees have been ordered. In November a joint meeting will be held with Chestnut Grove and Antioch UMM.

**UMW:** No report given

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor David would like to meet with the Dream Team members and those who attended the Boot Camp Retreat to share ideas on August 15.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** It was reported that the remainder of the driveway replacement will be completed soon. It was noted that the adult VBS class was well received.

Next Meeting: September 11, 2011

Devotions will be by the Finance Committee

Respectively Submitted by Beth Carroll in the absence of Lois Shields

## Prayer Shawl Ministry



Several members of the Trinity Prayer Shawl Ministry, along with other members of the church, either knit or crochet Prayer Shawls and have for several months.

None of us could ever had imagined how many lives this ministry would touch – both those who knit/crochet and those who are recipients. Every stitch in a Prayer Shawl means prayers for the recipient.

To date, we have crocheted/knitted and delivered 45 Prayer Shawls and each one has a story to tell. **Thank you** just doesn't seem enough to say to those who have contributed to this ministry. But, we do say it again and again. And so do the people who have received a shawl during a difficult time in their lives or a happy time (such as a wedding or the birth of a child). It is so rewarding to see that smile on the face of a recipient as a shawl, lap quilt or scarf is presented to them.

If you know someone who is facing the death of a loved one, has a serious illness, is lonely, depressed, or really just any problem (as well as a happy occasion), let us know. We have a Prayer Shawl waiting.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry members meet the fourth Tuesday night of each month in the Fellowship Classroom, and we invite everyone to come and be a part of it.

### 2011 Mission Blitz

This year's Mission Blitz will be October 7, 8 and 9. There are Commitment to Serve forms and Project Request forms in the Narthex to be filled out and returned to Bill Chinault or the church office.

"The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the most of everything."

-Pastor Denny J. Brake  
Raleigh, NC

# SPECIAL SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Ushers – Becky Weldon, Larry Weldon, Ken Shields, Kelly Fie

Greeters – Ginny Bailey and Gerry Barker

Visitation – “Bubber” and Carolyn Boles

KOM Donations – Dish Detergent

Date	Flowers	Acolytes	Nursery Care	Godly Play Storyteller	Children's Time	Scripture Readers	Sound System	CD Ministry
Sept. 4	Mark and Rebecca Maser	Worth and Mallory Martin	Jamie Blume	Kay Spilker	Jessica Stump	Larry Weldon	Jerry Poole	Bill Jennings
Sept. 11	Joy Rutledge	Emma Edwards and Tharon Heath	Lisa Fie and Garland George	Steve Carroll	Pastor David	Gail Moses	Kelly Fie	Mike Lee
Sept. 18	Nancetta Butner	Gabrielle and Sierra Moses	Kelly Fie	Kelly Fie	Genia Martin	Dyanne Snyder	Michael Edwards	Kelly Fie
Sept. 25	Ginny Bailey	Jobie Fie and Leighton Stump	Sandra Key and Ann Hartgrove	Lisa Fie	Karen Hall	Pat Roberson	Wyatt Andrews	Debra Lawson

REMINDER: As per the Safe Sanctuary Policy, two persons must be in the Nursery each Sunday morning.

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