

# 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.**

## Pastor's Ponderings....

Jesus once said, "Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will not enter therein." Many Christian teachers through the centuries have tried to explain the meaning of this verse by talking about how children are naturally trusting, dependent, sweet, caring, and obedient. Now, nothing is wrong with any of these attributes. If we all were more this way, the world would be a better place. But, as a parent, I have to say I find it hard to believe that anyone who argues that children are naturally sweet, obedient, and trusting did not spend much time with children! I'm not even sure they could have been remembering their own childhood with any great accuracy.

In my experience, people have to be taught things like trust, obedience, and empathy. They're not automatic, and some seem never to have learned them, which results in great pain for themselves and others throughout adulthood. Perhaps humility and dependence are more natural states for children, seeing that they are born dependent and powerless; but in our culture at least, both parents and children strive from the beginning to overcome these "obstacles" to "success."

I think Jesus may have had some other virtues in mind when he called us to be like children: belief that all things are possible, simple wonder at the beauty and complexity all around us, a natural idealism that believes that our small efforts really do change the world, being unashamed to ask questions and not having to pretend we already know the answers, and the capacity to be surprised, to play, and to simply be in the moment. We love these characteristics of children, and sometimes as adults we wish we could recapture them in ourselves. But we also tend to think of "growing up" as their gradual diminishment. Idealism, wonder, unpretentiousness, and play don't have to be taught to children; they have to be "un-learned." Sometimes we un-learn these lessons all too well, and with them goes much of the joy and meaning of life.

I often wonder whether God is really pleased with this kind of "growing up." Could it be that Jesus was onto something? It just may be that some of these basic, un-learned, child-like attitudes are important – even essential – to discovering the Kingdom.

Your brother in Christ,



## Prayer Concerns

**Nursing and Retirement Homes:** Lorene Hooker, Julia T. Nance, Alice Booze. **At Home:** Hazel Kirby, Gene Wall, Gladys Livengood, Gray Calloway, Roy McMillon, Frank and Annie Mae Smith, Bud Smith, Doug Rierson.

**Special Prayer Concerns of the Congregation:** Vickie Lawson, Rebecca Maser, Alice Crouch, Nancy Calloway, Clint Kelly, Betty Keiger, Jim Bumgarner, Larry Bumgarner's extended family, Kathy Vingling, Butch Witt, Montese Webb, Emily Butcher, Steve Gravitt, Rita Baker, Betty Ogburn, Dot Lewis, traveling mercies for Christie and Mackenzie Edwards as they travel with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Mt. Olive Elementary School to Washington.

**Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones:** the Melinda Jones family in her death, the Shirley Thomas family in her death.

**Those Serving our Country in the Military:** Zachary Jennings, Cooper Smith and Todd Snider.

**THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE  
JUNE NEWSLETTER IS MAY 24.**

God made magnificent mothers who...laugh when they want to scream...sing when they want to cry...cry when they are happy...are delighted when they hear news of a new marriage or a birth...can heal pain or a broken heart with a hug and a kiss...love unconditionally...bring hope and joy when there is despair and sadness.

- Author unknown

# MAY 2010 – TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 7:30 am UMMen Breakfast 9:30 am Church School 10:30 am Worship 3 pm Dave Ramsey Course 5 pm Youth Meeting 7 pm Church Council	<b>3</b> 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 8 pm AA, Al-Anon	<b>4</b> Circle I UMW (Time to be announced)	<b>5</b> 7:20 am Youth Breakfast 7 pm Chancel Choir	<b>6</b> 7 pm Witness Team 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 8 pm AA, Al-Anon	<b>7</b> 8 pm N/A  Large Fellowship Hall Reserved	<b>1</b> 11 am – 3 pm Trinity Fest  <b>8</b> 11 am Mother-Daughter Luncheon
<b>9 – Mother's Day</b> 9:30 am Church School 10:30 am Worship 3 pm Dave Ramsey Course 5 pm Youth Meeting	<b>10</b> 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 8 pm AA, Al-Anon	<b>11</b> 9:30 am NE District Clergy Meeting 6:30 pm Circle II UMW	<b>12</b> 7:20 am Youth Breakfast 7 pm Chancel Choir	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 8 pm AA, Al-Anon	<b>14</b> 8 pm N/A	<b>15</b> Large Fellowship Hall Reserved
<b>16</b> 9:30 am Church School 10:30 am Worship 3 pm Dave Ramsey Course 5 pm Youth Meeting 6:30 pm Nurture Team F.R.O.G.S. (Time to be announced)	<b>17</b> 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 8 pm AA, Al-Anon	<b>18</b> 6:30 pm Circle III UMW	<b>19</b> 7:20 am Youth Breakfast 6 pm Family Nite Meal 7 pm Chancel Choir	<b>20</b> 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 8 pm AA, Al-Anon	<b>21</b> 8 pm N/A	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:30 am Church School 10:30 am Worship 2 pm Andrew Jennings' Eagle Scout Award 3 pm Dave Ramsey Course 5 pm Youth Meeting  <b>Communion</b>	<b>24</b> 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 8 pm AA, Al-Anon  <b>Deadline for June Newsletter Articles</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:20 am Youth Breakfast 7 pm Chancel Choir	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 8 pm AA, Al-Anon	<b>28</b> 8 pm N/A	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:30 am Church School 3 pm Dave Ramsey Course 5 pm Youth Meeting  Fifth Sunday Walk-Up for MPB  Peace with Justice Sunday (Offering)	<b>31</b> 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 8 pm AA, Al-Anon					

## YOUTH NEWSLETTER

Thanks to all of you who contributed to the Youth's yard sale.

While in New Orleans, I visited Trinity United Methodist Church. It no longer functions as a church. It is the headquarters for the Louisiana United Methodist Church Disaster Relief. The building team will be working out of that facility. I, also, visited the Ozanam Inn, a homeless shelter. There are two things that the men there could use: **men's pajamas (any size) and twin-size comforters.** If you can provide either of these items, the Youth would like to take those items in June.



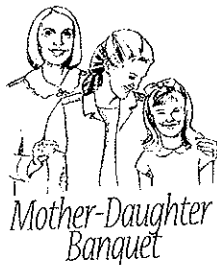
June 6, during the morning worship, a commissioning service will be held for all adults and youth going on the mission trip.

Please mark your calendars. Sunday, June 6, 2010, will be **Graduation Sunday.** There will be a covered-dish luncheon following the morning service.



If you have someone graduating, please let us know.

**Attention Ladies!** Circle III will be hosting a Mother's day Luncheon on Saturday, May 8, at 11 am. Please join us for a time of good food, fellowship, and entertainment honoring all mothers.



Bring a picture (or two) of you and your mother as we'll have a table set up to share your special memories.

## MOTHER'S DAY BULLETINS

Again this year a Mother's Day Bulletin will be printed in which you are invited to honor or remember your mother on this day. A minimum donation of \$1.00 per name is requested and this money will be used by F.R.O.G.S. for their events during the year. You can either fill out a form found in the Narthex or you can fill out the following and return to the church office by May 4.

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

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By \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_

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By \_\_\_\_\_

### Children International - Philippines

Dear Sponsors,

How are you? I hope you're fine upon receiving this letter of mine. I hope you're in good health, me too. I'm okay. I'm so happy this last few weeks because I received my birthday gift, hug gift and I know it comes from you. Thank you for all the gifts you have given me and that I have you as my sponsors.

I'll pray for your good health and more bless in you and your family for your kindness. I'm so proud of you so much and God bless.

Your sponsor child, Clara Nerecua

Dear Trinity Church Family,

Thank you for the calls, cards, visits and acts of kindness shown to us during the recent death of Steve's father. We have been comforted by the support and love of our church family. May God continue to bless each of you.

In Christ's Love,  
Steve and Beth  
And the Carroll Family

# Trinity Fest - May 1, 2010

**Trinity Fest** will take place on Saturday, May 1, 11 am to 3 pm. This is not only a day of fun for our church family, but also an opportunity to open our doors to our community and welcome them to Trinity and all we have to offer.

Hot dogs, nachos, chips, desserts and drinks will be sold at Trinity Fest. We will also have a bake sale, auction of handmade items and theme baskets, car show, petting zoo, magician, an inflatable bounce for the kids, a performance by Elvis (Taylor Vaden), Health Tent, and Crime Stoppers Tent, as well as exhibits from our local Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement.

## UMW - Update

Circle III will be hosting the **"Mother's Day Banquet"** on Saturday, May 8, at 11 am.

### Sequin & Beaded ornament Class

Anyone interested in making Sequin and Beaded Ornaments, please see Lois Shields. Roxie Smith will be instructing the Class, which will be held in 2 to 3 sessions, each session will be scheduled for 2 hours. The dates will be announced soon.

Supplies needed:

Straight Pins #17 and/or #21 – need approximately 800

Sequins size #8 or #5

Rachelle (tiny beads) – these are to be used to keep sequins and pearls on the pin

6m or 7m pearls if desired (to form design or initials)

Styrofoam ball size 3", 4", or 5"

Pearlized pins size #24 recommended to purchase multicolor

Ribbon or cording for hanger (1/2 yard of ribbon 1" wide or less)

**(Walmart / Hobby Lobby / JoAnn Fabric / Hancock)**

### Upcoming Conference Events:

May 8	Mother's Day Banquet	11 am
June 1	Joint Circle's Meeting	7 pm
June 18-20	WNCC UMW Spiritual Growth	Lake Junaluska, NC
July 15-19	WNCC UMW School of Christian Mission	Greensboro, NC
July 16-19	WNCC UMW School of Christian Mission	Greensboro, NC
July 17-19	WNCC UMW School of Christian Mission	Greensboro, NC
July 18-19	WNCC UMW School of Christian Mission	Greensboro, NC
August	Chrismon Class – beaded and cross-stitch	

**Trinity UMC Church Council  
Minutes - April 11, 2010**

**Attendance:** Rod Simpson, Beth Carroll, Kelly Fie, Rebecca Maser, Christie Edwards, Barbara Gravitt, Linda Merritt, Lois Shields, Becky Weldon, Bill Chinault, Robert Jones, Bill Roberson and Debra Lawson.

Rod Simpson called the meeting to order. Debra Lawson gave the devotion from the Outreach Team. Minutes from the March meeting were approved as printed in *The Trinity Times*.

**Treasurer's Report:** In the absence of Dale Holder, the treasurer's report was shared by the Finance Committee. We are 25% of the way through the year and have spent 20% of our budget. We received \$2,546.57 less than what was needed for the month of March in the General Fund. We spent more than we received for the month of March in both the General Fund and the MPB. The MPB savings account has been depleted and additional funds were taken from the General Savings account to meet the MPB payment for March. It was a dismal month for the MPB as we only received \$1,414.88 of the \$5,814.37 needed for our payment.

**Team Reports:**

**Worship Team:** Beth Carroll reported that the Worship Team will be meeting on April 28 at 8 pm to plan for the next quarter..

**Nurture Team:** It was reported that the Senior Banquet was a success and that Bible School planning is underway.

**Outreach Team:** Debra Lawson reported that money has been given to help with the Haiti and Chile earthquake relief efforts. A conference sponsored Mission Face Off event is

scheduled for June 5, the Mission Blitz on October 7-9 and the Spanish Church will be using our building on April 24 for a meal and celebration.

**Communication Team:** Christie Edwards reported that Trinity is now on Facebook and that Trinity Fest information will be posted as well. Dale Holder continues to make updates to the web site.

**Witness (Evangelism) Team:** Kelly Fie reported that the team had met on March 29. They are looking at any additional signage that may be needed in and around the church. It was noted that greeters need training and should be stationing themselves by the entrance doors to the church in order to welcome and direct visitors to the sanctuary and to other areas of the church. The ushers should be stationed at the sanctuary doors where they should hand out the bulletins and direct visitors to their seats and make introductions to people seated around them. A job description for ushers and greeters is listed in the church directory for reference if persons are unsure of their responsibilities and posts.

**Youth Council:** The youth are sponsoring a yard sale on April 23 in front of City Hall.

**Administrative Committee**

**Reports:**

**SPRC:** Kelly Fie reported that \$75.00 had been received to help with the minister's trip to New York for the Interfaith Conference. At this time it does not appear that we will be receiving a Duke Intern unless circumstances change.

**Trustees:** No report.

**Lay Leadership:** No report

**Stewardship Committee:** No report (Lay Leadership needs to address the

the lack of a chairperson for this committee so the committee can start to meet.)

**Parsonage Committee:** The committee is looking at trying to correct the leakage problem at the parsonage.

**Cemetery Committee:** No report

**Hooker Endowment:** No report

**UMMen:** The group served breakfast after the Sunrise Service and the "Wood Chucks" will be working up wood on April 24. The men will be funding the cost of the Mother's Day Luncheon in May.

**UMWomen:** Circle III will be planning the Mother's Day Luncheon on May 8.

**Pastor's Report:** No report as Pastor David was out of town.

**Old Business:** Mike Merritt has been asked to speak with the Scout leaders about completing the shelving for the storage of their materials. There is still no stewardship chair. Potholes need to be repaired and the idea of "Fellowship Friends" needs to be addressed by the Evangelism Team when it meets.

**New Business:** It was noted that the tables under the picnic shelter may need some attention and that the tire swing needs some repair so it can be put back in the playground area.

The next meeting will be May 2 with devotions by the Communication Team.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beth Carroll, Recording Secretary

# SPECIAL SERVICES FOR MAY

**King Outreach Ministry Donations** – Baby/Infant Items (diapers, food, shampoo, wipes, etc.)

**Ushers** – Robin Edwards, Terry Baker, Larry Weldon, Gwyn Thomas

**Greeters** – Joyce Engiman and Joyce Wall

**Visitation** – Ann Hartgrove

Date	Flowers	Acolytes	Nursery Care	Godly Play Storyteller	Children's Time	Scripture Readers	Sound System	CD Ministry
May 2	Rebecca & Mark Maser	Emma Edwards & Tharon Heath	Gwyn Thomas	Kay Spilker	Jessica Stump	Lloyd Ginns	Allan Lee	Kelly Fie
May 9.	Rod & Mattie Simpson	Addison Stump & Pierson Kye	Garland George	Steve Carroll	Karen Hall	Lydia Blume	Steve Carroll	Bill Jennings
May 16	Bill & Yvonne Tedder	Gabrielle & Sierra Moses	Jimmie Smith	Kelly Fie	Beth Carroll	Gail Moses	Wyatt Andrews	Mike Lee
May 23	Brent & Jimmie Smith	Mallory & Worth Martin	Jessica Stump	Lisa Fie	Pastor David	Todd Martin	Kelly Fie	Kelly Fie
May 30	Ann Hartgrove	Logan Childers & Leighton Stump	Lisa Fie	Lorrie Heath	Genia Martin	Beth Carroll	Allan Lee	Bill Jennings

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

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