



Trinity In Touch

Trinity UMC is an inclusive, progressive community of faith in which persons grow in faith, love and service in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

August Events

Sunday, August 1

Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Tuesday, August 3

Men's Whitecaps Outing at 7 p.m.

Saturday, August 7

Hands Across the City - ReThink Event

Sunday, August 8

Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Monday, August 2 -

Wednesday, August 11

Community Ministries Summer Program

Sunday, August 15

Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Chris Dekker's, Director of Music Ministries, first Sunday

Wednesday, August 18

Summer in the City - Whitecaps Game, BBQ at 5:45 p.m., Game at 7 p.m.

Sunday, August 22

Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Wednesday, August 25

Detroit Tigers Game with First UMC

Sunday, August 29

Walk for the Health of It

Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Healthy Summer Potluck and Stroll through the neighborhood

Tuesday, August 31

Men's Whitecaps Outing at 7 p.m.

Meet Our New Music Director

What an exciting time for Trinity! God is clearly at work in the church, having brought both a new Senior Pastor and a new Music Director all in six week's time.

I am a native to the West Michigan area, having grown up in Jenison. I began piano and organ study at an early age and was blessed to have had the opportunity to study with Huw Lewis at Hope College in Holland for my undergraduate degree. While at Hope I focused on organ while devoting specific attention to choral conducting, piano, and voice. I am currently two-thirds of the way through a Masters Degree at Central Michigan University as a part-time student, and hope to complete the degree during the Spring of 2011. I began church work as Organ Scholar and Choral Scholar at Saint Marks Episcopal Church in downtown Grand Rapids. After serving this part-time role at Saint Marks, I took my first full-time church position at Second Congregational Church, also in Grand Rapids.

The center of my life revolves around my wife, Darlene, and my three-year-old daughter, Kailyn. We currently reside in Hudsonville, having purchased our home only 6 months ago. My wife is just now enjoying her first days without intense schooling, having just completed the Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Ferris State University. We both enjoy spending time with family and friends, and doing anything that involves being outdoors and being active.

From what I have heard from others, Trinity seems to be a high-energy congregation with many quality programs for children, youth and adults. You clearly have a high investment in quality music and in the community in which God has placed you. I feel honored to have been chosen as your next Director of Music, and am confident that together we will accomplish great things, all in the name of Christ!

I will begin my tenure with you on Monday, August 9, with my first Sunday being August 15. Whether it's during the week or on Sundays, please introduce yourself to me and let me get to know you! I can't tell you how thrilled I am to be a part of these exciting times at Trinity!

Chris Dekker

Thank You Music Director Search Committee

On behalf of Trinity's congregation, the Staff Parish Relations Committee, would like to thank the Music Director Search Committee for all of their hard work in the search process. They have found us a fine Music Director in Chris Dekker. Be sure and thank the members of the committee: Ricki Chowning, Chuck Chowning, Tom Brink, Jackie Sides, Stephanie Wiltse, Carol Hillman and Joy Murphy.

Caring Coins

In August, Caring Coins will be collected for the **YWCA Domestic Crisis Center**. The Center is a safe shelter for up to four weeks for women together with their children who have been in abusive family situations. The goal of the Center is to assist these families to rise above the adversities in their lives and to treat each of them with respect and dignity. Help is available in finding legal, medical, housing, childcare and counseling services. There is no fee for emergency shelter or support services.

Acolytes Wanted!

An acolyte assists in the 11 a.m. worship service and is open to all 3rd through 6th Graders. The acolyte serves by lighting and extinguishing the candles on the Lord's Table. Occasionally, acolytes also participate in baptisms. If you are interested in being an acolyte during this program season Sept. 2010 through May 2011, please let the office know (456.7168 or office@grtumc.org) or sign up on the *Take Time for Trinity* insert in Sunday's bulletin.

Liturgists Wanted!

Liturgists at Trinity have traditionally participated in the 11 a.m. worship by reading the Call to Worship and the First Scripture reading. This Fall the role of the liturgist may change slightly. The staff will be putting together the role of the liturgist in the next few weeks, but the change will not be significant. We are in need of people who wish to serve Trinity in this way. Please contact the office (456.7168, office@grtumc.org) if you are interested or sign up on the *Take Time for Trinity* insert in Sunday's bulletin.

Within the Trinity Family Circle

Our Sympathy is extended to...

... the family and friends of Jean Williams, who passed away on Friday, July 2, 2010 in Colorado.

... the family and friends of Nila Myers, who passed away on Friday, July 2, 2010.

Congratulations to...

... Matthew Keller (member, son of Wade and Lynne) and Anna Moser on their February 20th wedding in Charlevoix, MI.

Dear Trinity UMC,

It truly has been an awesome experience for me to play the magnificent 3 manual Casavant Feres organ for the worship services and to accompany the chancel choir. The connection I had with the Trinity staff was incredibly inspirational. This summer I was able to engage young people in providing music for the anthems and was extremely satisfying for me as this age group is the church of tomorrow. Trinity has exceptionally gifted individuals in many areas that provide a unique church atmosphere. Your friendship is a treasure to Bob and me. For that we are thankful. Therefore, we do not say "good bye;" rather, we will return to visit. God 's blessing on you, Cynthia and Bob Bristol

Come Help at the Trinity Garden

If you would like to help with picking at the Trinity Garden on Monday Evenings during August, please come to: 1919 Leonard St. NE, and follow the lane back to the field (about 1/4 mile) between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. (weather permitting). Questions? Contact Dick Barber (634.7752 or donaldb9@gmail.com).

Thanks from Boy Scout Troop 215

Boy Scout Troop 215 would like to thank the Trinity family for providing camperships to 6 youth and 2 adults to attend Gerber Scout Camp. We had an incredible week! The boys had lots of fun, earned 28 merit badges and, more importantly, grew as individuals and as a troop. On August 9 we will meet to plan next year's activities. We will resume our weekly meetings on Monday, September 13 at 7 p.m. New scouts are welcome! Anyone interested in scouting, come to a meeting or contact Scoutmaster John Czuhajewski at 575-8545.

Music Staffing

The Music Director Search Team is pleased to announce that with the hire of Chris Dekker, the Trinity music staffing is now in place. Listed below are the leadership roles for the various components of the music program. Watch for further announcements about rehearsal schedule and start-up dates.

Chancel Choir, Organ and Trinity Ringers:	Chris Dekker
Matin Ringers and Early Service:	Stephanie Wiltse
Celebration Singers/Ringers and Wesley Singers:	Chris Dekker
Wesley Ringers:	Barb Copeland
Carol Choir:	Vickie Sterzick
Orchestra:	Chris Dekker
Kindermusik:	Carol Hillman & Sarah Goldner

Events and Opportunities for August 2010

To have an event listed in September Trinity in Touch, submit your content to Laura at office@grtumc.org on or before Monday, August 23.

Grand Rapids ReThink Event “Hands Across the City” on August 7!

On just one summer morning, in three short hours, you can...

- rethink church
- impact your community
- make a positive difference in the world God loves

Join 500 other United Methodists and community volunteers on August 7, 2010 for “Hands Across the City”: a morning of service, a free lunch, and an afternoon concert at Garfield Park. We’ll be lending hands across the city at several Grand Rapids parks, and at the KaBOOM! playground build at Garfield Park. Choose to rake, haul mulch, paint and pick up trash at a city park; or go bigger and help construct the Garfield Park playground from the ground up in one day! Following the morning’s work, we’ll gather for a hearty free lunch and live music at Garfield Park.

Simply go to www.handsgr.org to register and you’re in! Registration is required; it saves your spot and gets you lunch and a t-shirt! You can also learn more about this event on Twitter and Facebook: Search HandsGR. For additional information, contact Julie Dix, Executive Director, GR Metro Ministry at jdix@grmetroministry.org or 616.245.6512.

Sponsored by Metro Ministry of Greater Grand Rapids, the City of Grand Rapids, Garfield Park Neighborhood Association, KaBOOM!, Friends of GR Parks, and GR Parks and Recreation.

Trinity UMC will be responsible for cleaning up the Congress Playground. This promises to be a great day! Please sign up ASAP through the website, www.handsgr.org or through Becky Murphy (beckymurphydpu@gmail.com).



HANDS

across the city

Walk for the ‘Health’ of It

Sunday, August 29, 2010 following the 10 a.m. service

Get up and move! As part of our Healthy Lifestyle series we’re inviting Trinity to a Healthy Potluck and Stroll around the Neighborhood.



Come show your support for this beautiful neighborhood, get to know others in our faith community and be healthy.

We need everyone to bring a **healthy dish to pass** and your tableware. Trinity will provide grilled chicken. Bring your walking shoes and strollers. You can walk as much or as little as you want



What Journey Have You Been On This Summer?

Dear friends,

Since I saw you last I have travelled with my wife Glenys, and son Gareth, over 10,000 miles, on six planes and four trains, spanning two continents and three countries. We used three different currencies, U.S. Dollars, English Pounds sterling, and the European Euro!

It was exciting to travel back to England. When we arrived at Heathrow airport in London, to say it was busy would be an understatement, the airport handles 66 million passengers a year and it seemed they were all there on the day we arrived. To get to Heathrow we had to fly from Chicago O' Hare which handles 64 million, and later in our journey we passed through Charles De Gaulle airport with 57 million passengers a year. Have you ever wondered where everyone is coming from, or where they are going to?

As you already know the first part of our trip was to go home to visit my mum (English spelling) in England. We ate fish and chips, (French fries) and followed them with copious amounts of tea and biscuits (cookies). The time spent with my mum was wonderful and we needed to connect with each other again, especially my son Gareth who hadn't seen his grandmother in over five years. After a few days we then embarked on the next part of our journey, my Uncle Alan gave us a ride to Exeter airport, just a small provincial airport and we flew to Paris in just one hour. In Paris I tried some French delicacies such as Sea snails, which weren't half as nice as house or garden snails which tasted more like mushrooms!

In Paris we met some other members of the family, Glenys' sister Pam from England, and her brother Trevor just in from

Hong Kong with his wife Glenda and their two children, Harry and Tess. You see the main purpose of our trip is that we were going to celebrate Trevor's 60th birthday and have a family reunion in Bergerac, toward the south of France, in the region of the Dordogne. We travelled together on the French train, the S.N.C.F to Bergerac and after picking up our hire cars journeyed to Chateau Mautors where we waited for the rest of the family to arrive. In all there were thirty of us gathered from the U.S., England, South Africa and Hong Kong. It was great to be together in a Chateau surrounded by rivers of sunflowers.

Sadly it went all too fast, and we soon found ourselves retracing our steps back to England and the U.S. (thank you to Katie and Ron Orent for the airport rides to and from Gerald R Ford International airport). It may sound strange but while we were still in England (the home of our birth) we all agreed we were glad to be going back home to the U.S!

The bible tells us that whilst we are born on earth, our true home and final destination is heaven, and whatever journey we face, Jesus Christ will bring us home to his heavenly Kingdom, what a reunion that will be! 2 Timothy 4; 18.

I don't know what journey you have already been on this summer, or what travels you have yet to enjoy, but I pray for God's protection and blessing upon you, to bring you safely back home!

Peace,

Pastor David

Share in a Child's Faith Journey

The Children's Department at Trinity needs the gift of your time! We are looking for persons who would like to embrace our children on Sunday mornings during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Hour. If you would like to be on one of the teaching rotations we have a place for you in our Pre-School, Children and Worship (K-3rd Grade) or 4-5th Grade classrooms. If you like to engage children through storytelling and reading books to the class or if you are handy and can help us supply our classrooms with handmade items, let us know. Fill out the insert in this newsletter and see what you can do to share in the faith journey of our children. It is well worth your while!

Welcome Back!

Wow! Our congregation sure has been busy this summer! We can't wait to welcome you back at our Homecoming Picnic.

We will again bring the Trinity family together, Sunday, September 19, 2010, at Townsend Park in Cannonsburg. We'll start at 4 p.m. with a Nature Hike and the Potluck Picnic will be at 5 p.m. After dinner we'll have Field Games, playground fun and giveaways!

Make your family's favorite recipe and bring it along. Fun for all ages! Celebrate the faith community we call Trinity!

Questions? Contact Nichea Guy (456.7168 or orangeelt00@aol.com)

CPR for the Local Church

SAVE THE DATE! Friday evening October 22 and Saturday, October 23, at Cornerstone UMC. More details will be coming soon.

Presented by Cornerstone UMC and the GR District, this conference for both clergy and laity, will offer practical steps to assess local church health leaving participants revitalized, empowered and equipped to lead in new and exciting ways. The Keynote presenters will be Cornerstone UMC pastors Brad Kalajainen and Ken Nash along with GR District Superintendent Laurie Haller.

Workshops will be offered with topics including, but not limited to, the following: Leadership, Hospitality, Missions, Prayer, Worship Arts/Tech, Marketing, Stewardship, Groups, Young Adults, Students, Kids.

The cost for this event is \$19 per person. For additional information or to register for this event, please call the church at 616.698.3170 or visit the Cornerstone UMC website, www.cornerstonemi.org.

It Takes A Village

Okay it does sound like a cliché, but it works! Children need to experience the people in their faith community that surround them.

They need to know that these people, outside of their family circle, will provide them with secure surroundings and support their spiritual development.

When a variety of persons can empower our children, they learn diversity and can appreciate the unique expression of faith that surround them.

The 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School Hour needs your help. We need volunteers to assist in the:

- Pre-K, a traditionally modeled classroom.
- Children and Worship, (early elementary) Bible based learning through manipulated experience.
- 4-5th Grade design to engage preteens in outreach and missional concepts.

The curriculum is convenient and self contained. Materials are set out for you weekly, and the scheduling is done in work teams and according to your schedule.

All we need from you is to listen to the wisdom of each child, embrace their growing spirits and mentor them in their journey!

We will be having an Orientation Workshop for all teachers and interested volunteers, **Saturday August, 28, 10 a.m. to Noon, in the Discovery Room.** Age level development, curriculum design introduction, group building skills and a tour of the classrooms will be explored.

Contact Nichea (456.7168, orangeclt00@aol.com) to join this amazing team!

A FANTASTIC EVENT

Although I have played local table tennis for many years, I am new to USA Table Tennis and this was my first US Open Tournament. What an amazing experience! I have seen table tennis matches on television before, but seeing world class play like that up close and in person was something else! The quickness, precision, and discipline displayed by many of the participating players were hard to believe.

Table tennis is a thrilling and exciting sport that requires maximum quickness, skill, and discipline. An exciting match is over in about 20 minutes, compared to tennis which seems slow, and can take 2 hours or more to complete a match. It is the ideal sport to include in schools because it doesn't require much gear, can be played for fun or as a serious sport, is enjoyed by both sexes, requires more skill than muscle, and the "court" can be folded up and rolled away!

This was a family event, and I saw kids 7- 10 years old doing well and defeating many adults (myself included!). They were courteous, disciplined, and had outstanding skills, the kind of youth we would like to see as future leaders of America, not some TV watching, video game playing couch potato! It was somewhat unnerving at first when my opponent would break to discuss strategy with their coach, but I soon realized they were dead serious about the game and strongly wished to improve their skills. I was watching world class table tennis and these players had traveled hundreds, if not thousands, of miles to come here and compete.

At the tournament I met and talked with many nice people from all over America and around the world. Players, USATT staff, vendors, sponsors, all seemed friendly and helpful. It is hard to envision the scope of organization needed for this event. Over 4,000 matches were played, scored, and recorded, and 714 players participated. With 89 tables to schedule and keep track of, the organizers did a superb job, and the scorers and judges were very professional. And I cannot forget the local organizing committee, players, and volunteers. Much effort was put into making this event go smoothly, and it did!

We had a good turnout of local players and I believe they managed to make a respectable showing.

Chase Klinesteker
Grand Rapids Table Tennis Club

Red Bird Family Mission Trip

We are scheduled for June 12-18, 2011, to again return to beautiful Beverly, Kentucky to work at the Red Bird Mission.

We will be having a brief meeting following the 11 a.m. worship on September 12, of all persons interested in joining this great opportunity! This is designed as a Family Work Project and is available for children, youth and adults.

Refreshments will be served at the informational meeting. Information packets will be available that will explain the work of Red Bird Mission, our financial commitment to be a part of the trip, and fundraising ideas that are being proposed. Check out the display that will be in the Parlor beginning in September and get excited about this opportunity to join us!

Questions? Contact Nichea Guy (456.7168, orangeclt00@aol.com) or Matt Parrott (456.7168, m.parrott@grtumc.org).

Travel to the Holy Land with Bishop Keaton in February 2011

Learn more about this trip by visiting www.eo.travelwithus.com and looking up **Tour HLII**. To register for the Bishop's trip on line, please enter the code **020811K**. You can also contact the GR District Office at 616.459.4503 or grdistrict@wmcumc.org to obtain a 4 page color brochure. Questions can be directed to Reverend Emerson, project coordinator, at 810.327.6272 or annbythelakeshore@comcast.net.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is Back!

This 13 week course covers debt elimination, retirement investments, college funding and, most importantly, the peace of communication when it comes to dealing with your finances.

How can Financial Peace University help you? -The average family pays off \$5,300 and saves \$2,700 during the 13 week course -Financial Stress is reduced. -Couples begin to communicate about money, priorities, goals and more. -Singles are empowered and encouraged to find accountability partners.

TUMC hosted the Financial Peace University Class in the fall of 2009. You gain friendships and supporters during your lessons and powerful information that can change your entire outlook on your financial life. Those that took the class, on average, eliminated \$2,525 in debt and saved \$4,482. That does NOT include one couple paid off their mortgage. Many couples started to talk, not argue, about their finances and began to realize what financial PEACE really means.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is taught by Dave Ramsey himself using DVD's. Your kit includes his book, a work book, CD's of the class, the envelope system and much more. Total cost for the kit is \$86.95 for the first 12 participants, \$100 after that. For more information or questions, please call Tara Lafferty at 773-8001 or email at rtclafferty@charter.net

Join us on August 22 and 29, for a free orientation. Two sessions each day, one at 9:30-10 a.m. and another from 11:15-11:45 a.m. Orientations are for those who want to find out more information and ask questions. Also for those who would like to sign up! Orientation will be in the Discovery Room.

Classes will be in the Library. Please bring your kit, pen or pencil, and calculators. The fall schedule is as follows:

September	October	November	December
12 - Super Saving	3 - Dumping Debt	7 - Of Mice and Mutual Funds	5 - Real Estate
19 - Relating with Money	10 - Credit Sharks in Suits	14 - From Fruition to Tuition	and Mortgages
26 - Cash Flow Planning	17 - Buyer Beware	21 - Working in Your Strengths	12 - The Great
	24 - Clause and Effect		Misunderstanding
	31 - That's Not Good Enough		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 VBS Sunday 8:15am Nursery Opens 8:30am Worship 10am Worship	2 11:30-5pm CM Summer Teen Club 5:30-8pm CM Kids Club Outing	3 11:30-5pm CM Summer Teen Club 5:30-8pm CM Reading Buddies 6:30pm Men's Basketball 7pm Men's Whitecaps Game	4 9am Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Noon-5pm CM Summer Teen Club Noon NA, Library 5-9pm CM Teen Club Outing 7pm Table Tennis, Gym	5 Noon La Leche League, Library, Awakenings Room	6	7 Hands Across the City, Congress School and Garfield Park
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Community Ministries

The Sounds of Our Summer Program

“Is this how all lakes look?” On a recent trip back from Grand Haven State Park, one of our newest boys asked this question. This opened a discussion about lakes, oceans, fish, sharks and land.

“Are you ready?” After a really long wait, sitting on the sand at the beach, Scott asked if he was ready. The young man then walked with an adult into the lake. We assured him we would watch him carefully. He had a blast and wanted to go back to the beach again.

“I will help him!” One of our older teens noticed that one of the younger boys was clearly struggling, trying to ride a bike. It was our first biking of the summer. She ran along side him and caught him as he swayed. How cool was that? He stayed back while the others rode the 5 miles and a leader continued to work with him.

“Oh my gosh, one of the boys just took off and left the games (at the picnic here). He wouldn’t respond to our calling to him. I think he should get some time off.” One leader reported this. Being the detectives we are sometimes called to be...we checked into the story that he was living in a shelter. Did he have to be back by curfew to get his bed? Was he too embarrassed to tell us? Was he just being disrespectful? Before we pass out consequences, we had to know what prompted his departure.

“I just need to smile and be kind and show the boy I care about him even if I am upset by his behavior.” This from a leader discussing the behavior of a little boy that comes from a home riddled with domestic violence and substance abuse. It

is a hard job to set boundaries and show love yet that is the advise from an educator dealing with children that are victims of trauma. He is a very angry and sometimes disrespectful little guy. Everyone that works with him is very worried about his future, the teachers, the principal, the police.

“I gotta stay away from lamps!” A little girl arrived holding her arm. She reported being burned in 2 homes on 2 arms by reaching over a lamp without a lampshade. Was she abused or was she truly that unlucky?

“O-O-O, where is the moon?” that was the conversation by 3 children returning from the lake another night. They had just seen the sunset a huge orange ball in the sky, when oh my gosh, someone in the car noticed the huge full moon rising in front of us, also a large orange ball. The rest of the trip was spent playing find the moon through the trees and shrubbery.

Thought it might be interesting for you to hear what has been going on in Community Ministries so far this summer. It has been a good summer so far and we are only half way through. We can’t wait to experience more of the amazing stories that unfold with these very special children and teens. You should stop in sometime and see what a good time learning can be. Experience the smiles. See what you, Trinity, offer to these young people. We all say thank you!



-Donna Shirey

Doing Some School Shopping?

While you are doing your school shopping and taking advantage of all the good sales out there...why not consider a donation for the kids in Community Ministries? We would like to give our students a new backpack with some pencils, pens, crayons, markers notebook paper, pocket folders and rulers. We hope to be able to do this during the last week of the summer which is the week of Aug. 9 but we will take donations after that if necessary. Many of our students often start school late because they often are unable to afford them or to have access to them. You can drop them in the Community Ministries Office during the week or outside the offices in our supply box. Thanks in advance!

CM Summer Fun



Community Ministries and Trinity Summer FUN



CM Summer Teen Club



CM Summer Kids Club



**Family Camp
Galactic Blast VBS
Splash Party
Softball
Mother's Day
Children's Musical**



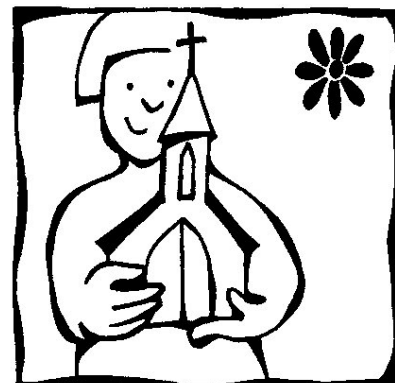
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To Me Stewardship Is...

1. A lifestyle
2. Prayers
3. Presence
4. Gifts
5. Service



By Iris Henwood
 Trinity Stewardship Committee Member