



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.

September Events

Sunday, September 5 Labor Sunday

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

Sunday, September 12 Welcome Back Sunday

Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Communion, Baptism

Children's Sunday School at
9:30 a.m.

Adult Education at 9:30 a.m.

Mission Trip Info Meeting at
12:15 p.m.

Sunday, September 19 Children's Bible Sunday

Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Children's Sunday School and
Adult Education at 9:30 a.m.

Homecoming Picnic at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, September 21 and Wednesday September 22

Rummage Sale Set-Up

Thursday, September 23 - Saturday, September 25 Rummage Sale

Sunday, September 26 Community Ministries Sunday

Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Children's Sunday School and
Adult Education at 9:30 a.m.

Parent C.P.R. at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, September 29

5 Practices Leadership
Development Workshop at
5:30 p.m.

Homecoming Picnic

The Trinity Homecoming Picnic is back and we want you to join us 'Down Home' on Sunday, September 19, at Townsend Park (Cannonsburg).

Join the Trinity Family as we return "home" and rekindle the fellowship. Embrace the Nellist and Dekker families, as we begin our new program year. Bring a family favorite dish to pass.

4-5 p.m. Gathering Time - Playground Fun, Hiking

5 p.m. Potluck Picnic - Everyone is asked to bring their favorite potluck dish and table settings to the Pavilion. Beverages will be provided.

6:15 p.m. Field Games and Fun

Games for all ages and prizes you'll want to win! Creek play, field games, arm chair games, music. This new tradition has been a great new addition to our Church family.

Join us as we celebrate the fiber of who we are.

Excel in the Grace of Giving

First of all I want to say a big thank you to the many people who have been incredibly welcoming to Glenys and me, with meals, lunches, smiles and warm hearts. Trinity UMC is a warm welcoming church and we feel loved and blessed by the Trinity church family.

I am looking forward to the start of the fall activities at Trinity with Sunday school, all the various choirs, youth group, community ministry, and a whole host of other wonderful programs. Make sure you are fully aware of the many ministry opportunities that are available, as we gear up for the fall. I am amazed at the outreach and ministry of Trinity UMC and proud to be part of the wonderful fellowship here.

The fall brings with it our stewardship program which is called, *Excel in the Grace of Giving*. This will take place on October 10, 17, and 24. As your Pastor I hope and pray that the messages offered will help us in our spiritual journey as faithful and generous stewards. The apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, 'Now as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you – so we want you to excel in this generous undertaking.' 2 Corinthians 8: 7-8.

I invite you to Trinity, whether you've been a regular attendee, have 'taken the summer off,' or simply haven't been for 'some time,' to come back and share in it's life and ministry, I am looking forward to meeting you. I am sure like me you will feel loved and welcomed into our fellowship, come and hear about Jesus Christ, and his unsurpassing love for you!

Peace,

Pastor David

Caring Coins

In September, our Caring Coins collection will go to **Home Repair Services of Kent County**, whose mission statement is: Building value and dignity, by equipping low income homeowners and their families for successful, sustained ownership. Home Repair is asking community churches for their support to help existing homeowners stretch their modest incomes and skills to maintain and improve their homes and their neighborhoods.

Update on the Lymans

Carole Lyman had surgery at Saddleback Hospital on Thursday, August 19. Her quadriceps tendons were torn again, her kneecap was way out of position and there was bone degeneration. The knee was replaced. Although it is hurting a lot the doctor felt really good about the surgery.

Justin is in a new program entitled *Vocational Visions*. He attends five days a week and likes it very much. Frank is still waiting for some positions to open.

They truly love Laguna Niquel and Southern California. They live less than four miles from the ocean and about 10 miles from the Santa Ana Mountains. Locally they are called the Saddleback Mountains.

-Jerry and Eileen Pohly

From the Mission Work Area

World Communion Sunday is coming up on Sunday, Oct. 3. Envelopes will be in the bulletin that Sunday to collect this UMC offering.

Gifts support World Communion Scholarships, Ethnic Scholarships and Ethnic In-Service training.

Details about the scholarships will be listed in the bulletins leading up to Oct. 3.

Within the Trinity Family Circle

Our Sympathy is extended to...

... Mary Beth Sanders, on the passing of her sister, Kate (Karen J.) Sanders, on July 24, 2010.

... Joyce Kessler, on the passing of her husband, Dale Kessler, on July 29, 2010.

Congratulations to...

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

Dear Trinity UMC,

The Kessler Family and I want you to know how much we appreciate your expressions of sympathy and kindness at Dale's Memorial Service. And a special thank you to the ladies who served at the reception. We are truly blessed. - Joyce Kessler

Thank you to all who sent thoughts and prayers after the death of my sister, Kate. They give me a lot of comfort. - Beth Sanders

Thank you for helping Troop 215 go to Camp Gerber this summer. I learned a lot and earned five merit badges there. Thank you for allowing Troop 215 to use your church as a meeting place. I would like to say that your church services are wonderful. I enjoy the lock-ins... nothing beats that. If I can be of any service to the church I would love to help. Thank you. - Your friend, Paul Sutphin, Troop 215

Thank you for your words of appreciation and the vase of beautiful flowers given to me on my last Sunday, July 25. You are a thoughtful and generous congregation. The time I served the church as Interim Organist brought me extreme pleasure and I thank you for the opportunity. Bob and I treasure the friendships we made and look forward to reconnection with you in the future. - God bless you all, Cynthia Bristol

Thank you for your gift of \$128.06 through your Caring Coins Collection. Your gift allows us to offer a warm meal and a cup of cold water to the hundreds of people who come through our doors. We can also provide supportive services such as overnight shelter for women in crisis, referral services and hygiene facilities. Thank you again for your generous gift to our ministry - Marge Palmerlee, Executive Director of Dégagé Ministries

Please accept my sincerest thanks for your support of South End Community Outreach Ministries (SECOM). We are honored that we were selected as the recipient of your gift of \$120.56. This gift will make it possible for us to work toward our mission of ministering to people living with hunger and poverty in Kent County. - John R. Smith, Executive Director of SECOM

Did you see them in the Grand Rapids Press???

It was brought to our attention that Trinity Members Sue Keener and Randy Velzen were in the Grand Rapids Press in the last few weeks.

Sue was in the July 26, 2010 edition featured in the article "Raising the bar" focusing on her position as the Grand Rapids Bar Association President. She is only the fourth one in the association 108-year-history.

Randy was in the August 10, 2010 edition featured in the article announcing his new law practice, Velzen, Johnsen & Wikander, P.C.

Both articles are posted on the bulletin board at the Calkins Entrance.

Events and Opportunities for September 2010

To have an event listed in October Trinity in Touch, submit your content to Laura at office@grtumc.org on or before Monday, September 27.

Sunday Morning Information

Check out the enclosed education brochures!

Our fall schedule starts up on Sunday, September 12, and will look like this:

- 8:15 a.m. Nursery Opens
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School -
The enclosed brochure has all the info you'll need!
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Education - The Adult Ed brochure has our schedule through December.
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Parlor - Refreshments are served while you socialize!
- 11 a.m. Worship



We can't wait to welcome back familiar faces and meet new faces!!

Lay Leadership Training Follow-Up

Wednesday, September 29, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Remember that great information we received from Rev. Benton Heisler on June 15? Remember the energy we felt in the room when we came together as the church? Remember that book we gave you, *5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, by Bishop Robert Schnase? Well, hopefully you have spent the summer reading it and learning lots! We plan to gather our committee chairs and all those interested together again on September 29, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and dig deeper. Our time together will be spent focusing on the book and how we can apply its teachings to Trinity UMC. Below is a rough outline of the evening.

- Open with the Bishop Schnase Video as an intro to the "5 Practices"
- Roundtable Conversations (each table has a 'practice' to focus on)
- Processing (tables report back with ideas/ways to apply to Trinity)
- Rank/Clarify Our Priorities (based on what the tables report, assign committee responsibilities)
- Define Next Steps (based on our priorities WHAT'S NEXT? Where do we go from here.)

Please RSVP to the office (616.456.7168, office@grtumc.org). We hope you will be able to join us as we find out what radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service and extravagant generosity are all about!

Volunteers Needed for Supper House

Thursday, September 30, from 4:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

We need your help! 10-12 volunteers are needed the evening of Thursday, September 30, to help serve dinner and clean up at Supper House at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church cafeteria at the corner of Leonard and Lafayette St. NE. Supper House is sponsored by the North End Community Ministries (NECM) and provides weekly free meals to those in need. Our church provides volunteers to help staff this meal 2 times a year. **NO SPECIAL SKILLS NEEDED!** Volunteers are needed from 4:45 p.m. to approximately 6:45 p.m. If you can help or need further information, please contact Susan Blose at 616.977.5033 or by email at skblose@yahoo.com. This is a much needed community service that helps many families that are struggling financially.

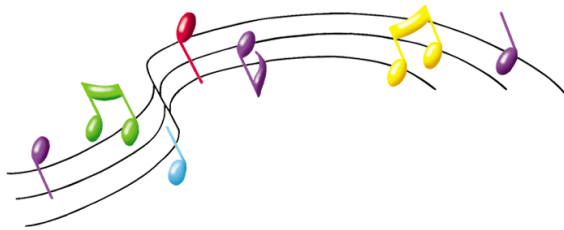
All Things Music

The great Greek philosopher Aristotle once said, "Music has the power of forming character." Likewise, Martin Luther once said, "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." It is indeed true that music has an innate capability of moving one's soul to a sphere incapable of words. That's why Trinity UMC offers so many musical opportunities for people of all ages and ability levels. Please consider the various opportunities below. ***There is something for you!***

Opportunities for Adults

Now is a great time to join the Chancel Choir! Adult choir is not only a great place to learn how to read and sing music, but is also a great way to socialize with other members of the congregation. The first rehearsal and service of the season will take place on Sunday, Sept. 12, at 9:15 a.m. in the choir room (lower level). *Childcare is available at each and every musical rehearsal at Trinity.* All individuals desiring more information about joining should contact Chris Dekker, *Director of Music Ministries.* All are welcome, regardless of level of musical ability.

Bell Ringing at Trinity: God has blessed Trinity with perhaps the strongest church handbell program in the West Michigan area. Take advantage of Trinity's strong adult handbell program by participating in one of the adult handbell groups! There are position openings this year for adult ringers who have music-reading ability, but may not necessarily have ringing experience. Trinity Ringers meets Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m., and is conducted by Chris Dekker. Matin Ringers meets Thursday mornings at 11 a.m., and is conducted by Stephanie Wiltse. The first rehearsals of the season for both ensembles will take place on Thursday, Sept. 16. *Childcare is available at each and every musical rehearsal at Trinity.* All individuals desiring more information about joining should contact Chris Dekker, *Director of Music Ministries.*



Instrumentalists & Soloists: Has God gifted you with vocal or instrumental solo abilities? If so, you are warmly encouraged to offer your gifts during worship services. There will be many opportunities during the coming year for instrumentalists of *all ages and ability levels* (children and youth included). Please contact Chris Dekker, *Director of Music Ministries,* for more information.

For more information about any of these opportunities contact

Chris Dekker, *Director of Music Ministries.*

616.456.7168

C.Dekker@grtumc.org

616.723.7833

Opportunities for Children

Children and Youth: There will be more worship and musical opportunities for the younger generations of Trinity in the upcoming year than ever before! Trinity boasts three children's vocal choirs, two children's bell choirs and Kindermusik classes. Each choir is age specific, in order to maximize the opportunities for children and youth of all ages and all ability levels. If you or your child has participated in previous years, we're looking forward to having you back this year. If you or your child hasn't participated in the past, it's never too late! *A church-wide Sunday dinner will also take place each week following rehearsals at 5:30 p.m. with frequent youth and family activities during the evening.* The first choir rehearsals of the season will be Sunday, Sept. 26. Kindermusik orientation will take place on Oct. 10, with the first gathering on Oct. 17. For more information or to enroll in a choir at Trinity, please contact Chris Dekker, *Director of Music Ministries.*

Youth Choir Lineup

Carol Choir, Victoria Sterzick, *director*
children Grades K-2
4:30-5:15 p.m., Discovery Room

Wesley Singers, Chris Dekker, *director*
children Grades 3-5
4:50-5:30 p.m., Choir Room

Wesley Ringers, Barb Copeland, *director*
children Grades 3-5
4:10-4:50 p.m., Sanctuary

Celebration Singers, Chris Dekker, *director*
children Grades 6-12
4:10-4:50 p.m., Choir Room

Celebration Ringers, Chris Dekker, *director*
children Grades 6-12
3:30-4:10 p.m., Sanctuary

Kindermusik Lineup

Village, Carol Hillman, *director*
babies birth-18 months
3:15-4 p.m., Sound Beat Room

Our Time, Carol Hillman, *director*
toddlers 18 months-3 yrs
4-4:45 p.m., Sound Beat Room

Imagine That, Sarah Goldner, *director*
children 3 yrs-Kindergarten*
4:45-5:30 p.m., Art Room

*children enrolled in **Imagine That** will graduate to Carol Choir

Adult Christians Totally Socializing is Back

Please stay tuned for another year of A.C.T.S. (Adult Christians Totally Socializing) events starting in September! A.C.T.S. meets monthly on a Friday or Saturday evening for a fun evening of adult fellowship. All ages are welcome. If the activity appeals to you, then please come! Previous years' events have included bowling at Wengers, Sushi dinner, an evening at the Art Museum and a family night at Craig's Cruisers. A.C.T.S. gatherings are announced in the bulletin, and by Evite (through email). Please provide your email address to the office to be included on the Evite distribution list. If you have any questions at all, please contact Jen Schottke at 616.340.3907. We hope you will join us!

Save a Life - Donate Here!

Been feeling like you have too much blood in your body? Well, good news because the next opportunity to safely reduce your blood level will be coming Sunday, Oct. 3, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at a very special Trinity Blood Drive that will also celebrate one of Trinity's most esteemed members (or at least that's always been his opinion). Remember you don't need an appointment, just come down to Fellowship Hall and we'll hook you up (a little blood drive humor there).

And if you're wondering who the mystery honoree is – well, you'll just have to wait for the blood drive posters to go up.

Children's Sunday School News

DATE CHANGE!!!!!! Too many could not make the Saturday, Aug. 28, orientation, so we will meet on our backup date of Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. We will get acquainted, review curriculum, tour rooms and have a Q & A on the upcoming season.

Sunday, Sept. 12, will be an "Open House" and Registration Morning. We will plan on having some activities and show parents around the classroom. Sue Sundheimer will demonstrate a typical *Children and Worship* session so parents can experience that. We will have a Continental Breakfast and, of course, JAVA!

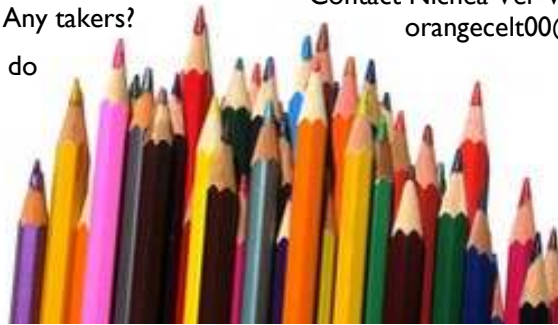
We will need volunteers to be in the Pre-K room and The PIT with the 4th and 5th Graders. Any takers?

Sorry for the change, but we could not do this orientation with 4 people.

Contact Nichea for more info
(456.7168, orangeclt00@aol.com)

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO VOLUNTEER - 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, we have a place for you. If you are handy and can help us supply our classrooms with handmade items, we have needs you can help us fill.

Contact Nichea Ver Veer Guy 456.7168 or orangeclt00@aol.com, if you're interested.



Baseballs, sticky hands, Frisbees and 3-D glasses, Whiskers the Mouse, comet ball, pinwheels and Daniel! What do all of these have to do with Sunday School? Come and find out!

We invite you to join us at 9:30 a.m. beginning Sunday, Sept. 12, for a Progressive Breakfast through our amazing Sunday School classrooms. Register your children for a faith adventure like none other!

Toddlers and Twos (nursery) 1st Floor for Juice and Coffee, Pre-School (ages 3 1/2 - Early 5's) Awakenings Room 2nd Floor for Muffins and donuts, Children and Worship (K-3rd Grade) Explorers Room 2nd Floor for Fruit Kabobs, 45er's (4-5th Graders) The PIT (Preteens in Transition) Lower Level for Hot Cinnamon Rolls.

We will be utilizing the Group Publishing curriculum *Hands on Bible* that will focus on amazing Old Testament adventures and friendship, self-esteem and God's Love! (www.group.com/hands-onbible)

Let the games begin!

September

At Trinity UMC

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12	13 4pm Leadership Team, Discovery 6:30pm Staff Parish Relations Committee, Fireside Room 7pm Stephen Ministry, Discovery Room	14 5pm Memorials and Endowment, Fireside 5:30pm CM Teen Club Staff, Parlor 6pm Finance, Fireside 6:30pm Men's Basketball	15 9am Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Noon NA, Library 5:30pm CM Kids Club Staff, Parlor 7pm Table Tennis, Gym 7pm Prayer Shawls, Fireside Room	16 11am Matin Ringers, Sanctuary Noon La Leche League, Library, Awakenings Room 5:30pm CM CMO Staff, Parlor 6:30pm Trinity Ringers, Sanctuary	17	18 6pm Trinity Seniors, Parlor
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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, orangecelt00@aol.com or Matt Parrott (456.7168, m.parrott@grtunc.org).

Wild and Wacky Women

The United Methodist Women of Trinity would like to invite our Teen Women (12-18) to be a part of the Wild and Wacky Women. This group participates in slumber parties, service projects, National Seminar trips, pottery and, now, Trinity Players.

We are forming a group that would produce impromptu, short works, pantomime, skits and plays for worship and special events. We are blessed with talent and we want to give you an opportunity to show it off!

Contact Nichea (456.7168, orangecelt00@aol.com) if you are interested!

Thank You Endowment Committee

On behalf of the music staff, I'd like to express our deep gratitude to the Endowment Committee for generously funding the purchase of a used 3 octave set of Malmark handbells which became available to us over the summer. This set of handbells will help to offset wear and tear on our "vintage" set of Whitechapel handbells, which up until now have been used in all of our weekly rehearsals. The Malmark handbells are sturdier and more easily adjusted and repaired, which makes them ideal for use by our younger ringers. In addition, we will be able to use these bells when we have a double choir setup, as we did for Pentecost last May, and for handbell solos and ensembles. We are excited about additional possibilities open to us through this gift. Thank you very much! -Gratefully, Stephanie Wiltse, Director, Matin Ringers

Congratulations Stephanie Wiltse!

Our very own Stephanie Wiltse, who is currently serving a six year term as an elected member of the National Board of Directors of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, has been asked to represent the United States in the 2012 International Handbell Symposium which will be held in Liverpool, UK. At the symposium she will conduct one piece on a mass ringing event with ringers from Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, the United Kingdom and the United States. The other director representing the US will be Lee Afdahl, former Director of Music at Trinity back in the 1970's, who will be serving as AGEHR Board President at that time. Trinity will be well represented in Liverpool in 2012!



Trinity United Methodist Women News

One of our instructors for the School of Christian Mission last month was offered a chance to comment on the school experience and offer suggestions. His comment was something like, "Don't expect everyone to know what you know. Even if it is something that has been around 'forever,' there is someone who hasn't heard about it."

With that thought in mind, I am going to talk about POP CAN TABS. The United Methodist Women at Trinity have been collecting them 'forever,' but there are probably people who don't know that they are turned in to The United Methodist Community House as a fund raiser. Depending on the price of aluminum, the Community House has raised up to \$2,000 per year that way. Other strange scraps that are collected by Trinity UMW for the Community House include Spartan foods bar codes and the Education point barcodes found on labels of Campbell products.

If your local elementary school does not already collect them, the Box Tops for Education from General Mills products are appreciated and sent to the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. Nationwide efforts by interested groups have enabled the Mission to purchase much needed equipment.

A handy way to collect these various items is to have some kind of container in a drawer or cupboard just for them. When the container is full, bring it into church and place it in the parlor kitchen. At some point it will be whisked away to grateful recipients by UMW members.

Now you know.

-Sue Emmons

West Michigan Conference Training Events



CPR FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 22-23 - 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. 16 different workshops will be offered. Call Cornerstone at 616.698.3170 or go to www.cornerchurch.org to register and find out more about the workshops and schedule. The cost for this event is \$19 per person.

LAY SPEAKING/LEADERSHIP TRAINING - Basic and Advanced Lay Speaking classes will be held on Saturday, October 9, and Saturday, October 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Grand Haven Church of the Dunes, 717 Sheldon Rd. in Grand Haven. You must have completed the Basic class before taking the Advanced class and must complete both days of Advanced classes to receive your certificate. Payment can be made at the first class. **September 17 is the registration deadline and we need a minimum of 10 participants in each class.**

Advanced: Christian Storytelling (start of 3 year rotation)
Instructor is Don Williams

Basic: Jody Pratt, Instructor

There is a \$25 fee, which includes all materials and both lunches. Questions? please call Liz at the GR District Office at 616.459.4503 or email grdistrict@wmcumc.org. To Register for a class, please contact Jody Pratt via email at prattgi@hughes.net or 269.792.0481.

Community Ministries

Did Everyone Have a Great Summer?!?

Wasn't the weather just perfect for the summer months? Hey, come on...it is supposed to be hot in the summer!! How many trips did you make to the lake? How many s'mores and marshmallows roasted over the open fire did you eat? Do you know what a thistle is? Have you ridden a giant roller coaster? How many books did you read? Have you walked on a balance beam? Have you seen the sunset or the moon rise? How many of you rode your bike? Or even have a bike? Have you played spoons for hours on end? If not, maybe you should have joined us during the Community Ministries Summer Program!

I am sure you and your children/grandchildren have spent many an hour doing just the things I have mentioned to you...but did you know that a lot of the kids we see through the doors of Trinity have **NEVER** experienced these activities and **YOU** have provided a place for them to learn and/or enjoy the activities so many of us take for granted. On a ride home from Camp Optimist, one of the newer kids in



my car said he had never had a s'more or hot dog cooked over an open fire, just a microwave. This was the first time. From the backseat I heard one of the older, veteran boys say, "Yeah, you will have a lot of firsts at Trinity if you keep coming!"

That's what summer is all about. That is part of where your dollars go. That is how many volunteers spend their summer hours, offering children and youth the opportunities we all enjoy. Giving them a chance to explore their world, get some physical exercise and fresh air, and a place to feel safe and have some fun. Hopefully we have been able to stop some of the learning loss for some of our kids. Thank you to those of you that provide us with the necessary funds and the many volunteer hours.

This is the time to begin thinking about how you might fit into the Community Ministries Program this fall. You will see many opportunities coming up. Be sure to check them out and consider joining the many volunteers this fall. You will be really glad you did.

-Donna Shirey

Fall Program Kick Off

Please join us as Community Ministries kicks off our fall program with special worship services, Sunday September 26 at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Come meet your Community Ministries Staff and hear a special message by David Shirey, *And a Christian is What?* We hear a lot today from a lot of different people about what it means to be a Christian, about the importance of salvation, the importance of letting Christianity provide us with rich, full lives. But is that what it's really about? The sermon will be based on the scripture, John 21: 15-17. We hope to see all of you there!

Save These Dates

Please circle these dates on your calendar to help support Community Ministries.

Monday, October 24, through Saturday, October 30, is *Schuler Shopping Days*. Maybe you can do some Christmas shopping early! Make your purchase and 20% comes back to support our outreach program at Trinity. Look for more information in the October newsletter.

Sunday, December 5, Rich and Brandon Ridenour will return to Trinity's sanctuary to present a *Trumpet Invasion*, a benefit concert for Community Ministries. This promises to be an afternoon of entertainment you will not want to miss!

Thanks Trinity!

A big **thank you** to the Trinity family from the kids and staff of Community Ministries for the wonderful donations of school supplies and/or money to make needed purchases. Each secondary student received a backpack and various necessary items to fill it: paper, notebooks, rulers, pens, pencils and much more. The children received additional supplies such as glue, markers and crayons. Your gifts brought many smiles!!!

The Boutique is Coming!

As you begin your Christmas shopping please remember Community Ministries. Teen Club will again have their shopping boutique where the kids are able to shop for their family members. We love all things; items for men, women and children. A helpful tip for folks over the past years has been, rather than purchase several different items, buy/donate 3 of one item. That way each group coming through the shopping area will have the same great selections. We will be collecting items the beginning of December. There will be more information available later this fall.

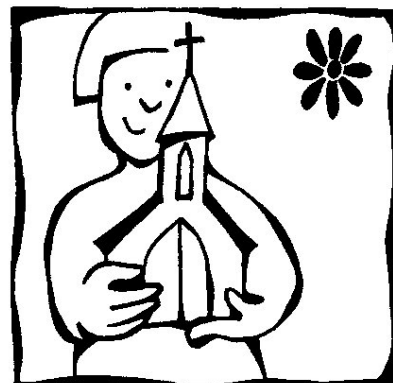
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To Me Stewardship Is...

1. Respond to God's Grace
2. Celebration of Involvement
3. Mission - Ministry
4. Acceptance of Responsibility



By Bob Horton
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