



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.

October Events

Friday, October 1

Hayride and Bonfire at Post Farms at 6 p.m.

Sunday, October 3

World Communion Sunday

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

Blood Drive from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, October 10

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

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

Church Council at 12:15 p.m.

Sunday, October 17

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

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

Saturday, October 23

All Church Road Rally at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 24

Commitment Sunday

'Excel in the Grace of Giving'

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

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

October 24 - October 30

Community Ministries Book Fair Days at Schuler Books and Music

Friday, October 29

Halloween Fest at 5:30 p.m.

Excel in the Grace of Giving

On Sundays, October 10, 17, and 24, our worship theme will be "Excel in the Grace of Giving." We hope that you will make every effort to be present on all three Sundays.

Trinity's Stewardship Committee hopes and prays that the messages offered will help us in our journey as faithful and generous stewards. By the power of the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament we are molded and transformed into stewards who follow God's ways and become more Christ-like in our giving. As Christians we are motivated to give by the gift of God's grace.

Giving is our faith response to God's gifts. God wants us to give willingly and cheerfully out of hearts filled with love and gratitude for our present and eternal lives.

We also give out of obedience because God's Work directs us to give. The apostle Paul said, "But just as you excel in everything... in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in

complete earnestness and in your love for us... see that you also excel in this grace of giving." (2 Corinthians 8:7) Just as Paul urged people in Corinth to give, we are urged to "excel in this grace of giving."

Our 2010 Stewardship experience will culminate on Sunday, October 24, when we gather in worship and present our commitment cards for the coming year.

The 2010 Stewardship Committee

Larry Blose, Linda Burpee, Laura Gabbert, Iris Henwood, Bob Horton, Deanna House, Phyllis Kladder, Tara Lafferty, John Mutchler, Lou Nichols, Pastor David Nellist, Judi Ryan, Donna Shirey and Bob White



Caring Coins

In October, Caring Coins will be given to **FISH**. Trinity is one of the churches participating in the program that furnishes transportation for low-income people who need help in getting to appointments with doctors, dentists, clinics, therapy, etc. Many thanks for your coins that will help to support this ministry and also to the drivers who make this service possible.

From the Mission Work Area

Have you checked the **Mission** section of our Trinity UMC website lately? As letters and newsletters from our missionaries come in, we will be posting them to our website, www.grtumc.org. We hope they will keep us connected and be of great interest to you.

CPR for the Local Church

October 22 and 23, 2010

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.

Within the Trinity Family Circle

Our Sympathy is extended to...

... Judy Conner, on the passing of her husband, Dale, on September 16, 2010.

Dear Trinity UMC,

On the move again!! Because of recent health problems, it is not too wise to be living alone. Therefore, I am moving back to Georgia to live with my son, Jim. While there, I will continue to look forward to Trinity news! -Sincerely, Barbara A. Slagle

The Conner Family would like to thank Pastor David and Jerry Pohly for their visits at the hospital and our home. Also, for doing the celebration of life for Dale. To Chris Dekker and Bill Chowning for your gift of music. Also, to the women of Trinity for the wonderful lunch. Thank you to my church family for the cards, prayers and your friendship during our loss. -Love, Judy Conner and family

Thank you for all the wonderful vegetables that you have blessed us with. Your kindness is very much appreciated. -United Methodist Community House Senior Department

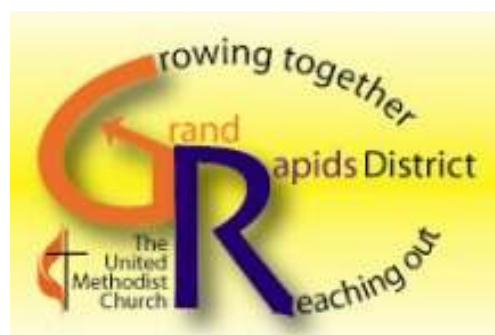
Thank you to this wonderful congregation with their giving spirit for the Rummage Sale! If you shopped, donated, worked the sale in any fashion, you helped our budget's bottom line and contributed to a population of people in this immediate community and beyond. -Blessings, Carol Hillman

SAVE THE DATE: Bishop's Day 2011 *Imagine...*

Bishop's Day 2011 is being planned for Saturday, March 12 from 8:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at GR First UMC. The theme for Bishop's Day is Imagine... Our special guest Bishop Thomas Bickerton will speak about the future of the church as well as his work as spokesperson for the Imagine No Malaria Campaign to end Malaria, which is a partnership between UMCOR and the United Nations Foundation.

This year for the first time Bishop's Day will include the following: GR District Conference, SPRC Basic and Advanced Training classes, Finance & Stewardship Training classes for Local Church Finance Committees and Trustee Training classes for Local Church Trustee Committees.

In addition to these, a variety of other interesting and timely workshops will be offered for clergy and laity from all GR District churches. There will also be a youth and young adult element offered specifically geared toward youth groups, confirmation classes and young adult groups as well as a hands on Mission project. Make plans now to bring a large contingent from your church! Online registration and a detailed brochure will be available soon. Questions? Call or email Liz in the District Office 616.459.4503 or grdistrict@wmcumc.org.



Events and Opportunities for October 2010

To have an event listed in November Trinity in Touch, submit your content to Laura at office@grtunc.org on or before Monday, October 25.

All Church Road Rally!

Saturday, October 23, at 4:30 p.m.

This one's for ALL AGES, Youth (6th grade) to Senior Citizens!

Arrive at the church at 4:30 p.m. already having had dinner. Registration begins October 3. Register by car load of no more than 6 per car with no less than 2 adults in each car OR just let us know you want to be included in a car load and we'll match you up. Upon registration, you will be given a list of items to bring with you to the rally.

Brought to you by the Gabbert and Hillman Dragsters!!!!



Trinity Family Harvest Night

Friday, October 29, at 6 p.m.



Come for a night of safe family Halloween Fun. Join us for Witch's Brew and Pizza, a Pumpkin Carving Contest (Super Celebrity), the Senior High YoTrinity Spook House, Games and Costume Parade.

We will need some cupcakes donated for the Cupcake Walk. Let us know you can donate on the *Take Time for Trinity* insert in the Sunday bulletin.

Tickets are \$1. Call 456.7168 for reservations or questions.



Imagine a movement that mobilizes tens of thousands of people in ten days to multiply God's work. The movement is 10-Fold and you can be a part of it!

10-Fold is an online educational campaign that highlights some of UMCOR's ministries. Join us October 10-19, 2010, at www.10-fold.org when we bring UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief, www.umcor.org) and other Advance projects to your doorstep through webcasts, streaming video, online chats, and other media.

During the event, \$1.00 will be donated for every person that signs up as an advocate for a 10-Fold project, up to \$10,000 per project. The donation will be made --- on behalf of you. Just show up and be counted!

And some of you are already becoming a part of the movement. Pass this link (www.10-fold.org) on to your friends and family. Watch our video on our website or YouTube. Connect with us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. Visit us often and make sure you mark your calendars for October 10. We will have something new to report each day --- several times a day.

Be counted. Be a part of the movement. It's in your hands to multiply God's work - Turn 10 to 10,000 and make it a movement 10-Fold.

Music News

New Wesley Ringers Director

The Trinity music department is excited to announce the addition of Lisa Watson to the staff. Lisa currently works as the Children's Librarian at the Flat River Community Library in Greenville. She holds a minor in music from Central Michigan University, and has experience in directing both vocal and handbell choirs. Welcome, Lisa, to Trinity!

It's never too late to join the music program!

Trinity offers musical opportunities for people of all ages. Our dynamic Kindermusik program teaches children ages birth to Kindergarten music through movement. Our children's choirs offer opportunities in both bell and vocal music and are each age specific. Our adult choirs abound in scope, offering adults the chance to participate in one of our bell choirs, in the Chancel Choir, in the orchestra, or through solo or instrumental opportunities. *This dynamic program is welcome to all!*



Contact Chris Dekker, *Director of Music Ministries*, for further information (c.dekker@grtunc.org, 616.456.7168).

Upcoming Organ Recitals

Our Director of Music Ministries, Chris Dekker, will soon be embarking on a trip to New York City to participate in the Sunday afternoon organ concert series at Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue. Saint Patrick's is the largest Gothic structure in the United States, and is also home to the largest organ in New York City. The recital will take place during the afternoon of Sunday, October 31, and will feature works of Vierne, Franck, and Barber.

Chris will also soon play a recital at Park Congregational Church, located in downtown Grand Rapids. The 35-minute program will take place on Tuesday, October 19, at 12:15 p.m. as part of their *Music at Midday* organ concert series. Admission is free, and a \$5 soup and salad buffet will be served both before and after the program.



'Join' Us on Facebook!

Show support for Trinity's music program by joining 'Trinity Music' on Facebook.

The group will be regularly updated with news about upcoming events, singing schedules, and service music schedules. Unite and invite!

Sign your child up for Kindermusik!

Advanced sign-ups are very helpful for the children and youth choirs, but are required for Kindermusik. Supplies must be ordered in advance, so an accurate assessment of the number of children participating is crucial. Orientation will take place at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 10. Parents only, please. The first session will take place on the following Sunday, Oct. 17. Please note the times, as noted below, which have recently changed. Please contact Chris Dekker, *Director of Music Ministries*, to enroll your child in one of our three age-appropriate classes.

Village - babies birth - 18 months

Carol Hillman, *director*

3:15-4 p.m., Sound Beat Room

Our Time - toddlers 18 months - 3 yrs

Carol Hillman, *director*

4:30-5:15 p.m., Sound Beat Room

Imagine That! - children 3 yrs-Kindergarten

Sarah Goldner, *director*

4:45-5:30 p.m., Horizons Room



It's the People

Dear friends,

Well, we are now officially in the 'fall'. I'm trying to work out if it is called the fall because we've *fallen* from Grace with God, I certainly hope not. I'm assuming it's because the leaves 'fall' from the trees, if so, it should be called the 'Great fall' or the 'Autumn shower' or the 'Great deluge of leaves' or 'the season of raking of leaves,' but, of course, none of those suggestions sound as nice as the 'fall.'

This October we have our annual Stewardship time. Perhaps we should rename it like the fall, to make it sweeter. Maybe we could call it 'the counting of blessings' or the 'harvest of fall blessings' or something, do you have any other suggestions?

However, if we renamed it, you would still know what it was, and yet I want you to know that it's not money that I believe in as a Pastor, but people. It's the church and it's ministry that continues to excite me and get my blood pumping in the morning, it's the joy of singing great hymns with a fabulous choir behind me and an organ that's raising the roof; it's seeing the church full of children coming to learn about Jesus; it's sharing with adults who struggle with life, but want to come and worship Jesus anyway; it's helping youth make sense of life, or at least being alongside them in their journey; it's knowing that our church is in the Community, helping children to read, providing a safe place for them; it's helping a family that have lost all their possessions in a fire, come and take what they want at the rummage sale, and finding that God still blesses us beyond measure! I could go on, but my blood pressure is rising; I'm getting excited!

Don't miss the excitement and joy of Trinity, come and engage yourself in its ministry, and God will bless your life beyond measure!

Peace,

Pastor David

Gathering Meals are Back!

This has been a great opportunity for Trinity Families to gather and take the time to get to know one another. These simple dinners are provided for \$5 adults and \$3 children over 4 years old. We are in need of teams to do the cooking. Meals are served 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We have menu ideas that can help you. Contact Nichea (orangezelt00@aol.com, 456.7168) if you are able to cook one Sunday.

The 2010 Meals are:

October 3, 10, 17

November 7, 14, 21
(Thanksgiving Dinner)

December 12 and 19

Parent C.P.R. (Compassion, Priorities, Responsibilities)

Sunday, October 24, 2010 from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. (5:30 p.m. Gathering Meal)

Parenting children, preteens and youth is a big job! We at Trinity would like to assist parents in that "career." We would like to provide opportunities through mini-workshops that would give families the tools they will need to fill the job. Special guest speakers, films and interactive experiences will be shaped into three sessions:

1. What is the role of "parent"? Compassionate lifestyles.
Security – Trust – Faith-filled
2. How do we fit it all in? Prioritizing family.
Scheduling – Interests – Support
3. How do we know what to do? Responsible parenting.
Commitment – Participation – encouragement

In an hour and a half informal format, parents will be asked to attend these sessions and to be a part of shaping Trinity's ministry to its children, preteens and youth. Together we can shape a program that not only meets the needs of each family, but creates an atmosphere of support as well. Oh....and FUN!



Adult Education Wants to Hear From You

Our Adult Education Council would like to provide classes that interest YOU! Please share ideas and thoughts about offerings that would be of interest to you. The committee plans to use this information as we plan future sessions. These results will be discussed on Sunday morning on Oct. 31 in the Discovery Room. You may either fill out the survey found in this newsletter or go to our website, www.grtumc.org, and take it online, under Adult Education.

Sunday Adult Education at 9:30 a.m.

Oct. 3 - Oct. 10

Afghanistan on the Brink

Led by Roger Durham in the Discovery Room. This two-week session will address changes and issues in Afghanistan including the role of President Hamid Karzai, the impact of changes in US military leadership, and the many demands by the fractionalized Afghani people.

Oct. 17 - Oct. 24

A Comparison of the Major World Religions

Led by Alice Chapman in the Discovery Room. During this two week class Dr. Chapman will compare the creeds, symbols and texts of the major world religions.

Oct. 31

We'd Like to Hear From You

Led by the TUMC Adult Education Committee in the Discovery Room. Please join members of the Adult Education Committee to share ideas and thoughts about offerings that would be of interest to you. The committee plans to use this information as we plan future sessions. Results of a survey offered in early October will also be discussed.



Sundays at 9 a.m.

Through December 12

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

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.

Oct. 3-Dumping Debt, 10-Credit Sharks In Suits, 17-Buyer Beware, 24-Clause and Effect, 31-That's Not Good Enough! Nov. 7-Of Mice and Mutual Funds, 14-From Fruition to Tuition, 21-Working in Your Strengths Dec. 5-Real Estate and Mortgages, 12-The Great Misunderstanding

Box Tops for Education

It's that time of year again! Congress School is collecting "Box Tops for Education" and we need your help! Please collect Box Tops from products like, Betty Crocker, Total, Green Giant, Land O Lakes, Huggies, Avery, Cottonelle, Kleenex, Scott and Hefty (For a full list of products, go to our website www.grtumc.org, under Community Ministries). Put them in an envelope and drop them off in the Community Ministries box in the church office. Congress School receives \$0.10 for every Box Top collected. Thank you for your help with this and we'll let you know how much we earned at the end of the school year!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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October

At Trinity UMC

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3	4 3:30pm CM Basketball, Gym 7pm Stephen Ministry, Discovery Room	5 3pm Committee on Lay Leadership, Fireside 3:30pm CM Teen Club 7pm Men's Basketball	6 9am Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Noon NA, Library 5pm CM Kids Club 6pm Trustees, Library 7pm Table Tennis, Gym 7pm Symphonette, Fellowship Hall	7 11am Matin Ringers Noon La Leche League, Library, Awakenings Room 1pm Dissident Daughters, Fireside Rm 3:30pm CM Basketball, Gym 5pm CM TMO 6:30pm Trinity Ringers	8	9
10	11 3:30pm CM Basketball, Gym 4pm Leadership Team, Discovery 6:30pm Staff Parish Relations Committee, Fireside Room	12 3:30pm CM Teen Club 5pm Memorials and Endowment, Fireside 6pm Finance, Fireside 7pm Men's Basketball	13 9am Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Noon NA, Library 5pm CM Kids Club 7pm Table Tennis, Gym 7pm Symphonette, Fellowship Hall	14 11am Matin Ringers, Sanctuary Noon La Leche League, Library, Awakenings Room 1pm Dissident Daughters, Fireside 3:30pm Conference Delegation Meeting, Discovery room 5:30pm CM TMO 6:30pm Trinity Ringers, Sanctuary	15	16 6pm Trinity Seniors, Parlor
17	18 3:30pm CM Basketball, Gym 6:30pm Stewardship Committee, Fireside	19 3:30pm CM Teen Club 7pm Men's Basketball	20 9am Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Noon NA, Library 5pm CM Kids Club 7pm Table Tennis, Gym 7pm Symphonette, Fellowship Hall 7pm Prayer Shawls, Parlor	21 11am Matin Ringers, Sanctuary Noon La Leche League, Library, Awakenings Room 1pm Dissident Daughters, Fireside 5pm CM TMO 6:30pm Trinity Ringers, Sanctuary	22	23 3pm Wedding 4:30pm All Church Road Rally
24	25 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 3:30pm CM Basketball	26 3:30pm CM Teen Club 7pm Men's Basketball 7pm Flavor of East Hills Meeting, Discovery	27 9am Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Noon NA, Library 5pm CM Kids Club 7pm Table Tennis, Gym	28 11am Matin Ringers, Sanctuary Noon La Leche League, Library, Awakenings Room 1pm Dissident Daughters, Fireside 1pm Newsletter Crew, Parlor 5pm CM TMO	29 5:30pm Halloween Fest	30
31	CM Book Fair at Schuler Books & Music Oct. 24-30					

October Sundays At Trinity UMC

Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
3	10	17	24 Commitment Sunday	31 All Saints Sunday
8:15am Nursery Opens	8:15am Nursery Opens	8:15am Nursery Opens	8:15am Nursery Opens	8:15am Nursery Opens
8:30am Worship	8:30am Worship	8:30am Worship	8:30am Worship	8:30am Worship
9am <i>Financial Peace</i> University, Library	9am <i>Financial Peace</i> University, Library	9am <i>Financial Peace</i> University, Library	9am <i>Financial Peace</i> University, Library	9am <i>Financial Peace</i> University, Library
9:15am Chancel Choir, Choir Room	9:15am Chancel Choir, Choir Room	9:15am Chancel Choir, Choir Room	9:15am Chancel Choir, Choir Room	9:15am Chancel Choir, Choir Room
9:30am Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall	9:30am Sunday School *Nursery, 0-2 Years	9:30am Sunday School *Nursery, 0-2 Years	9:30am Sunday School *Nursery, 0-2 Years	9:30am Sunday School *Nursery, 0-2 Years
9:30am Sunday School *Nursery, 0-2 Years	*Pre-School-Early Kindergarten, Awakenings	*Pre-School-Early Kindergarten, Awakenings	*Pre-School-Early Kindergarten, Awakenings	*Pre-School-Early Kindergarten, Awakenings
*Pre-School-Early Kindergarten, Awakenings	*K-3rd Grade, Horizons	*K-3rd Grade, Horizons	*K-3rd Grade, Horizons	*K-3rd Grade, Horizons
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9:30am Adult Education * <i>Afghanistan on the Brink</i> , led by Roger Durham, Discovery Room	11am Worship	11am Worship	11am Worship	11am Worship
11am Worship	12:15pm Church Council, Parlor	3:15pm Kindermusik Village, SoundBeat Classroom	3:15pm Kindermusik Village, SoundBeat Classroom	11am Worship
3:30pm Celebration Ringers, Sanctuary	3:30pm Celebration Ringers, Sanctuary	3:30pm Celebration Ringers, Sanctuary	3:30pm Celebration Ringers, Sanctuary	
4:10pm Wesley Ringers, Sanctuary	4:10pm Wesley Ringers, Sanctuary	4:10pm Wesley Ringers, Sanctuary	4:10pm Wesley Ringers, Sanctuary	
4:10pm Celebration Singers, Choir Room	4:10pm Celebration Singers, Choir Room	4:10pm Celebration Singers, Choir Room	4:10pm Celebration Singers, Choir Room	
4:30pm Carol Choir, Discovery Room	4:30pm Carol Choir, Discovery Room	4:30pm Carol Choir, Discovery Room	4:30pm Carol Choir, Discovery Room	
4:50pm Wesley Singers, Choir Room	4:50pm Wesley Singers, Choir Room	4:30pm Kindermusik Our Time, SoundBeat Classroom	4:30pm Kindermusik Our Time, SoundBeat Classroom	
5:30pm Gathering Meal, Fellowship Hall	5:30pm Gathering Meal, Fellowship Hall	4:45pm Kindermusik Imagine That!, Horizons Classroom	4:45pm Kindermusik Imagine That!, Horizons Classroom	
6:15pm Jr. High and Sr. High YoTrinity	5:30pm Christ Care, Fireside	4:50pm Wesley Singers, Choir Room	4:50pm Wesley Singers, Choir Room	
	6pm Kindermusik Orientation, SoundBeat Classroom	5:30pm Gathering Meal, Fellowship Hall	5:30pm Spiritalk, Fireside	
	6:15pm Jr. High and Sr. High YoTrinity	6:15pm Jr. High and Sr. High YoTrinity	6:15pm Parent C.P.R.	
		7pm Small Group (Pohly)		

October 11 a.m. Worship Music

10/3 An extended organ prelude will be offered featuring César Franck's *Chorale no. 3 in A-minor*. The Chancel Choir will sing *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* by Harold Friedell.

10/10 Edward Elgar's well-known *Nimrod* from "*Enigma Variations*" will be a part of the organ prelude. The Chancel Choir will sing *Greater Love Hath No Man* by John Ireland.

10/17 Special guest Mount Pleasant Brass will offer an extended prelude beginning at 10:35 and will also participate in other portions of the service. The Trinity Ringers will make their season debut, and the Chancel Choir will sing *Like as the Hart* by Herbert Howells.

10/24 The Celebration Ringers, Celebration Singers and Carol Choir will all offer their gifts to God during worship, and the Chancel Choir will sing *Offertory* by John Ness Beck on this Commitment Sunday.

10/31 During Chris Dekker's absence, Larry Biser will serve as guest organist, and Jackie sides as guest choir director. The Matin Ringers and Chancel Choir will participate.

Community Ministries

What the Heck is Going on Here?

That is a phrase coined by our grandson several years ago when he was very small and the electricity had gone out one early morning during their visit. It seems to fit this article as I sit tonight to write it this month. This phrase could easily be used by those coming to Trinity most nights during the school year.

What the heck is going on here is something new folks might think upon visiting this church. It sometimes feels like kids are coming out of the woodwork!

As you know, we kicked off our Community Ministries Program last Sunday with a service dedicated to Trinity's commitment to the young people in this neighborhood. This week we began signing kids up to return for the fall. It was great to see all the happy faces, kids and parents too, coming through the doors to get started on another meaningful year. A year filled with learning, school support, fun activities, good meals and physical activity. We are beginning by visiting ArtPrize and doing a challenge course with the teens. The children will be learning to dance and making a quilt as a service project. The YET program has undergone a name change to *Schools of Hope Afterschool Reading* and we have new

teachers as well. We have a new principal at Congress School who seems to have everything under control and a staff working together for the benefit of our children. Soon we will be in the secondary school buildings talking with principals and counselors about kids being successful in their journey to a timely high school graduation. The excitement doesn't get much better than this.

You may think it is pretty crazy if you walk in some night, but think about where the kids might be if you were not providing them a place to be, a safe place, a place where they can be warm, have a good meal and learn a lot of 'stuff'. A place where they can take off their street faces and just be a kid. A place where they feel cared about and can feel hopeful. A place where so many people believe in them. I am so grateful to see the fabulous smiles, hear the stories about school start ups and find out what has been going on. That is what it is all about. I have been blessed to be in this ministry with these great families, a great staff and an amazing group of people working together as God would have us do, caring for one another! That is what is going on here! Stop in to see us sometime.

Donna Shirey

The Christmas Boutique is Coming!

Please keep the kids in Teen Club in mind as you begin your Christmas shopping. We are always pleased to receive the many gifts you offer to us to fill the Discovery Room with exciting, colorful, and useful donated items for kids to shop for and 'purchase' for their families for Christmas. The teens shop for free and can have their gifts wrapped. It is a great night filled with smiles and joy as the kids feel they are providing something very special to their families. If you are wondering what to donate, we can always use fragrances for men and women, jewelry, toys and games, things you would think men, women, and children would enjoy receiving. If you plan to bring more than one item, please consider bringing 3 of the same items. The kids are divided into groups to shop and by having the same options in each session it allows us to make it a more fair shopping experience for everyone. You may bring your items to the Community Ministries beginning December 1.

Community Ministries Needs You!!

Babies are born, people return to school, college schedules change, jobs change, people move. This fall all of these things have happened in our band of loyal leaders. That means we have an urgent need for additional adults to help this year. If you feel you can help lead a group of children or teens, drive children regularly to and from Kids Club, or tutor children in the day or Wed. evening, please contact Donna at 456.7168 or email d.shirey@grtumc.org or Scott at 245.1431 or email shirey824@yahoo.com.

Schuler Books and Music Shopping Days

Monday, October 24 through Saturday, October 30

Maybe you can do some Christmas shopping early! Bring the enclosed flyer with you, make your purchase, tell the cashier and 20% comes back to support us. Tell your friends!! If you need more flyers, go to our website, www.grtumc.org, under Community Ministries and print some out!

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To Me Stewardship Is...

1. Using what we have been given wisely:
money, talents, etc.

2. Using our gifts so you do not
hurt others, i.e. wars, oil spills,
tearing down low-rent, inner-
city housing to build luxury
condos.

3. Using our gifts to give back as much or more
than we have been given.



By Donna Shirey
Trinity Stewardship Committee Member