



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.

November Events

Sunday, November 7

Daylight Savings Ends
Church Conference

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

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

Staff Parish Relations Committee
at 10 a.m. in Fireside Room

Church Conference at 12:15 p.m.
in Discovery Room

Sunday, November 14

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

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

Monday, November 15

Finance/Stewardship Night with
David Bell at 6:30 p.m. in
Discovery Room

Friday, November 19

P.J.'s and Popcorn Family Movie
Night, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 21

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

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

Thanksgiving Gathering Meal at
5:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 28

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

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

Christmas by Candlelight at 5:30
p.m. in Trinity's Parlor

Tuesday, November 30

"5 Practices" Workshop at 5:30
p.m. in Discovery

Legacies for Your Church Family

In the early 1920's (nearly 100 years ago) church members we do not know had the vision to build at 1100 Lake Drive SE and give us a beautiful sanctuary and many facilities to worship God and to serve our community. Today we have that same opportunity to create a legacy that will serve someone we will never know. Legacies are important – we all leave many of them wherever we go. Our legacy can include: how we care for people, how we share our financial resources and how we act upon our relationship with God to worship God and sustain our fellow Christians.

The Memorial and Endowment Committee is specifically designed to enable those that have the resources and are motivated by God to build a legacy for future generations of their families and fellow church members.

During 2010, the Endowment Committee has spent close to \$11,000 to build that legacy for the future. The specific projects include:

- Sending our Children and Youth staff for training at a three day conference in Chicago
- Providing camper support to 10 campers and one adult supervisor
- Investing in a re-do of the Discovery Room for adult education
- Purchasing furniture to be used by Community Ministries
- Purchasing a set of used hand bells from Plainfield United Methodist Church

Each year we wish we could meet more needs. The ability to meet those needs depends upon the "Grace of Giving" which inspires our membership. The continued building of Endowment resources needs you to seriously contemplate your ability to share what God has graciously provided.

One gift possibility is a Charitable Gift Annuity. This allows you to purchase an annuity which will pay you income for the rest of your life. Because the IRS is willing to give you a tax deduction in the year the Gift Annuity is set up, there is usually very little taxable income which raises your tax bill to the IRS. Anyone who has reached the point they must draw from an IRA or 401K should look seriously at this option that accomplishes three goals simultaneously. That is, you set up an income stream for the rest of your life, you minimize the tax impact of the withdrawal and you assure a legacy for the future.

Whether it is remembering Trinity in your will or estate plan, giving now to remember the memory of a friend or loved one or structuring a gift annuity with a old whole life insurance policy or IRA/ 401K money, your legacy will live on to worship God and to serve the community.

George House
Memorial & Endowment Chairperson

Caring Coins

In November, our Caring Coins collection will be contributed to **PARA (Programs Assisting Refugee Acculturation)**, the Michigan resettlement affiliate of the Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program (CWS-IRP). PARA works to link newly arrived refugees with church cosponsors, individual volunteers, service providers and other community resources to help them in their adjustment to their new home in West Michigan. PARA's goal is to see refugee families acculturated to the point that they find not only a safe refuge, but also a real "home" in West Michigan.

Financial Peace University is Back!

January 2011 through March 2011

FPU is coming again. This time on Tuesday evenings. Starting January 4, at 6:45 p.m. Contact Tara Lafferty, (773.8001, rtclafferty@charter.net) to sign up or with questions.

Bach Chorale of GR

The Bach Chorale of Grand Rapids (directed by Martin Werner) will present its Fall 2010 concert on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m., at Central Reformed Church (10 College Ave. NE). The program includes sacred music by Purcell, the "Schicksalslied" ("Song of Fate") by Brahms, and the seldom performed Mass in C-minor by Robert Schumann. Musicians include a string quintet made up of members of the Grand Rapids Symphony.

Trinity members Jackie Sides, Stephanie Wiltse and Bob Kleinhans are members of this elite choral group.

Within the Trinity Family Circle

Our Sympathy is extended to...

... Ricki Chowning and her family, on the passing of her father, Richard Hemenway on October 17, 2010.

Dear Trinity UMC,

Thank you very much for the scholarship so I could go to Scout Camp with Troop 215. I'm going to earn merit badges there to help my advancement.

-Sincerely, Brandon Barfuss

With a deeply appreciative heart, I offer my most sincere thanks for your recent gift directed to our YWCA Domestic Crisis Center. We are humbled at what we have been able to accomplish because of investments like yours. Thank you!

-Kelli Langan-Pfister, Director of Development and Marketing

On behalf of the United Methodist Community House, please convey our sincere thanks to the congregants of Trinity UMC for their Advance Gift in the amount of \$503.70, received through a remittance by the West Michigan Conference of the UMC. Bless you all! -Richard Clanton, Chief Executive Officer

Annual Church Conference

Sunday, Nov. 7, following the 11 a.m. service

According to our *Book of Discipline* of the United Methodist Church this is held annually and our Grand Rapids District Superintendent, Laurie Haller, will preside. It is open to professing members of Trinity UMC. We will elect our lay leaders for 2011 and receive reports from areas of Trinity, including the Staff Parish Relations Committee and Church Membership.

Trinity Blood Drive Update

Our latest blood drive, held on October 5, is now history and a big thank you goes out to everyone who came down. We had 21 people try to give and got 15 pints out of the effort. I wish I could say that I was pleased with that, but I can't help but think that Trinity could do better. It becomes almost a cliché, and sometimes I am hesitant to say it, but the need for blood is always there. Donating blood may be one of the few things left that is solely dependent on us and our interest in helping people we don't know and will never meet. **Our next blood drive will be on Sunday, December 5.** I ask that each of you prayerfully consider making one of your Christmas gifts this year be the gift of life for someone else.

Thanksgiving Sunday Offering

The Annual Thanksgiving offering will be a little different this year. At the suggestion of Rev. Dr. Bob Smith, the entire offering will go to Haiti relief, specifically to Grace Children's Hospital, Advance # 418520, which received damages in the recent earthquake. Over the past 40 years, millions of people have received care from the in-patient, out-patient and community health services offered by Grace Children's Hospital. The hospital is located in the Delmas neighborhood of Port-au-Prince.

Events and Opportunities for November 2010

To have an event listed in December Trinity in Touch, submit your content to Laura at office@grtumc.org on or before Monday, November 29.

PJ's and Pizza Family Movie Night

Friday, November 19, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



Bring your pillows and PJ's and enjoy Pizza and Popcorn and a fun Family Film. A Teen Film will be offered in the Pellowe Room as well! Prizes will be awarded for the wackiest PJ's!



All You Need is Love... Love is All You Need...

Saturday, Nov. 20, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

You are invited to a night of food, fun and music! The Trilights of Trinity will have a Beatlemania Court Whist Card Night and Potluck. Get out the Beatle Vinyl's, retro attire and bring a dish to pass for a radical night of fun! "Imagine" that! Contact Judi Ryan with questions 616.295.2619.



Gathering Meal Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, Nov. 21, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

We cordially invite you to Trinity's Thanksgiving Harvest Dinner. Turkey and all the trimmings with good friends in community. Enjoy a great time to share in thanksgiving for our amazing bounty. Bring a friend, neighbor or family! Please RSVP to the office (456.7168, office@grtumc.org) or on the *Take Time for Trinity* insert in Sundays bulletin.

Adults are \$8, Children \$5 and Families are \$20. Proceeds will benefit the Family Mission Work Camp to Red Bird Mission, Kentucky in June 2011.

Ahoy All 4th and 5th Graders!

Sunday, Nov. 21, at 5:30 p.m.

"Permission to come aboard" and join us for 4/5er's Fellowship on November 21. Begin with the Gathering Meal Thanksgiving Dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall followed by a **Pirate Movie Madness Party!** Wear your favorite Pirate Costume and win a prize! We will all enjoy a great Pirate movie!

Pick-up at 8 p.m. Questions? Contact Nichea (616.456.7168 orangeclt00@aol.com).

Christmas by Candlelight

Sunday, Nov. 28, at 5:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Hey ladies! Put Sunday, November 28, at 5:30 p.m. on your calendar for *Christmas by Candlelight* here in Trinity's parlor. The entertainment will be the Grand Rapids Symphony Horn Quartet. Tickets will be sold in the parlor November 14, 21, 28. We will need desserts donated for our after program dessert buffet. Anyone wishing to decorate your own table, please call Judi Ryan 295-2619.



Events and Opportunities Continued

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Trinity's Annual Food Drive

Paper bags will be passed out after each service on Sunday, Nov. 7, to support the annual food drive. Please fill your bag with non-perishable food items. There will be a list of most needed items attached to the bags.

The filled bags will be collected on the following Sunday, Nov. 14, and divided between the NECOM and SECOM food pantries.

In lieu of or in addition to the food items, a cash donation will also be welcome. The food pantries can buy food at a discount from ACCESS and Feeding America agencies, making dollars go much further. Your donation check can be made out to Trinity UMC with the notation that it is for the November 2010 food pantry collection. Questions? Contact Sue Emmons (616.245.9866, sre.peace@yahoo.com).

Thank you, Trinity, for your continued support of the ministries of NECOM and SECOM. Please continue to pray for the hungry in our community.

Exploring Our Energy Future

WMEAC (West Michigan Environmental Action Council) is offering a series on the key issues of environmental, economic and social concern involved in the development of alternative and conventional energy sources in West Michigan. In this series, WMEAC intends to remove the controversy over whether or not offshore and onshore wind energy, reduction of regional energy demand, and investment in other emerging energy technologies such as solar, biomass and nuclear are politically correct or viable, to instead focus on discovering a balanced approach to meeting energy demand — what practices are necessary for a successful deployment of each strategy, and the negative impacts/sacrifices involved in each.

The first forum is Wednesday, Nov. 17, at Aquinas College's Donnelly Center in Grand Rapids. "The What, Where and How of Lake Michigan Wind Turbines: Balancing Sustainable Energy With Lakeside Living and Natural Resources," will feature a panel of experts. For more information contact WMEAC Energy Programs Manager Ann Erhardt at 616.451.3051 x24 or aerhardt@wmeac.org, or go to www.wmeac.org.

"5 Practices" Workshop

Tuesday, Nov. 30, from 5:30 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 last several months reading it and learning lots! We plan to gather our new committee chairs (elected Nov. 7 at our Church Conference) and all those interested together again and dig deeper. We tried in September, but it seems everyone's calendar was just too packed, let's try again! 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!

Holiday Cookie Sale Help

Sunday, December 5, between services

United Methodist Women need your help. Our upcoming Holiday Cookie Sale is coming and we need your donations of favorite holiday cookies that will be put into variety packages.

The Cookies Packages will be on sale Sunday during the morning worship hours. You can bring your donations to the church by Friday, Dec. 3, at noon.

The proceeds made from the sale will help Trinity's UMW with their Pledge to Mission, which includes: Schools in Pakistan, clinics in Haiti, community centers in Grand Rapids and so much more!

Music News

Attention Instrumentalists!

Trinity's Director of Music, Chris Dekker, is searching for instrumentalists who would be willing to share their gifts in worship. Opportunities are available through accompanying a choir, doing solo or ensemble work, and numerous others. If you feel called to share your God-given talents with others, please contact Chris Dekker at c.dekker@grtunc.org or at 616.456.7168.



The Choral Scholars Concert

Sunday, Nov. 14, at 3 p.m.

The Choral Scholars, a Grand Rapids-based choral ensemble (with member Chris Dekker), will soon present a concert entitled *Songs of Thanksgiving* at Trinity Lutheran Church (2700 East Fulton Street, 49506) in Grand Rapids. Rapidly gaining acclaim in the West Michigan area, this 10-member ensemble will present works by Billings, Byrd, Gibbons, Mendelssohn, Rutter, among others. Come and hear *The Choral Scholars* in the stunning Trinity Lutheran acoustic sanctuary. Admission is free.

'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!



Pipe Organ Festival at Ionia UMC

Saturday, Nov. 6, at 3 p.m.

Music Director, Chris Dekker, will soon present a recital at the First United Methodist Church of Ionia as part of the church's annual Pipe Organ Festival. Chris will be the featured performer of the event, and will be joined by the church's resident organist. A variety of listener-friendly music will be performed on the church's two-manual Mohler pipe organ. Admission is free and open to the public, and a free-will donation will be accepted. The church is located at 105 East Main Street, Ionia, 48846.

Also, Chris will also participate in Pipelines, an annual event sponsored by the Grand Rapids chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The event takes place at Central Reformed Church each year, and is attended by approximately 900 fourth-grade children from a variety of area elementary schools. Several Grand Rapids organists play children-friendly pieces, and a demonstration takes place explaining the fascinating mechanics and magnitude of a pipe organ. Sorry, this event is not open to the public!

Thanks Jackie!

The music department of Trinity extends deep gratitude to Jackie Sides, who dedicated several Sunday afternoons to the direction of the Wesley Ringers. Jackie's dedication ensured that the children's music program would get off to a great start to the season.

Our Altar Fund Needs Replenishing

As many of you know Trinity's Altar Fund has long been in existence to help those in need. It is a fund available to the congregation and the community for help with rent, utilities, personal needs, and a variety of family needs that arise. It is administered by the pastors and Community Ministries Staff. We have a history of being able to help many people from the money available in this fund (by donations only into the Altar Fund or the Hunger Pot in the lobby area outside the sanctuary.) The current amount available is very low and we are headed into a time of great need. This is the time utility companies issue shut off notices before the winter comes. People struggle with paying off what has been accumulated through their budget plans. Landlords are being more strict with rent so their rental houses aren't foreclosed. People are out of work and can't find employment. We have a very sophisticated system that has been developed to help us with determining the validity of the need and enabling us to be good stewards of the funds we have been given. This includes working with ACCESS, a faith-based organization, the agency that connects many of the churches in the Greater Grand Rapids Area in similar situations. They are the gatekeepers, if you will, of requests in the city. They track requests from individuals and saves our staff a tremendous amount of time. They also know of agencies where funding is available for certain needs as well as help to coordinate churches to help with larger payments people need to make. For Trinity, we try to help as many as possible by spreading what we have to many. It is surprising how many calls come in on a weekly basis for assistance and most are valid. As you think about your giving in the next few weeks, please consider a contribution to the Altar Fund. Thank you.

Sunday Adult Education at 9:30 a.m.

Nov. 7 - Nov. 21

Athens and Jerusalem

Led by Dr. Jonathan R. White in the Discovery Room. Western civilization is the product of many centuries of social, cultural, political, and religious influences. Two of the greatest influences were the religious traditions of the Hebrews and the philosophical influences of ancient Greece. The Hebrews and the Greeks also provided the basis for the social construction of western Christianity. Examine the influence of both Athens and Jerusalem on the formation of Christianity.

Nov. 28

Booking It

Led by Margaret Bulgarella, from *Pooh's Corner*, in the Fireside Room. Do you need some Christmas gift ideas for children in your life? Come hear about some of the best books for kids. You'll enjoy this informative book talk about what's new, what's best, and what kids are reading. Margaret will answer your book questions and book lists will be available.



Nov. 28 - Dec. 19

Christmas Today and the Very First Christmas

Led by Dr. Bob Smith in the Discovery Room. Explore how Christmas is celebrated today. Further explore where these traditions came from, and why the date Dec. 25 was chosen to be the birth date of Jesus. We will consider the thoughts of John Shelby Spong, Marcus Borg, Crossean and New Testament Scholars. Who was the father of Jesus? We will ask the question whether those were literally historical or were they written to convey something about whom Jesus was and what he meant. Was Jesus married, and if so, to whom? Come and join us for this exciting adventure into the history of Christmas!

Sundays at 9 a.m. Through Dec. 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. 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

The "Meeting Place"

Челло мы наме ис Давид Неллист. И ам тче Пастор оф Триниты Унитед Метчодист Цчурцч, Гранд Рапидс, Мицчиган, УСА. Hello my name is Pastor David I am the Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, Grand Rapids, USA.

The script above the English translation is Cyrillic, it is the script that they use in Russia (Россия) and other eastern European countries. It's easy to use and a lot of fun, all you have to do is go to the script box on your computer, usually at the top left of the screen when you are typing a letter. When the different scripts appear, simply click on Cyrillic and start typing.

The script reminds me that I met the United Methodist Bishop of Russia, the Rev. Hans Vaxby, last year in Kalamazoo; he was being hosted by Kalamazoo First United Methodist Church. He spoke to a group of us about how the United Methodist Church in Russia is still in its infancy. In fact, many people are so new to their faith they have no understanding of the 'Upper Room' in Biblical terms, so the editors of the *Upper Room* magazine call it the 'Meeting Place.' Starting in November, I will be hosting an *Upper Room* Bible study. Please bring an Upper room booklet and come with your heart open and your mind prepared for some "Wisdom on Wednesday." We will 'meet' in the Fireside Room.

On November 8, the Rev. Julie Dix will begin as Associate Pastor at Trinity UMC. She will work with me in leading worship, both as the Preacher and Liturgist and will also be responsible for Adult Discipleship. Also, Julie will be at the Church Conference on November 7. (Please be prepared to welcome our District Superintendent, Laurie Haller, who will chair our Church Conference.)

Well, it is early yet (Oct 25), but we seem to have had a tremendous response to this years Stewardship Experience. My thanks to all those who have prayed deeply and given generously from their heart for the ministry of this church. I am excited for the future and our ministry in this community!

Peace,
Pastor David

November

At Trinity UMC For Sunday Schedule See Next Page

	<p>1 All Saints Day 3:30pm CM Basketball 7pm Stephen Ministry, Discovery Room 7pm Boy Scouts, Gym</p>	<p>2 Election Day 7:30pm Men's Basketball, Gym</p>	<p>3 9am Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Noon W.O.W., Fireside Noon NA, Library 5pm CM Kids Club 6pm Trustees, Library 7pm Adult Ed Council, Dudley's House 7pm Table Tennis, Gym 7pm Symphonette, Fellowship Hall 7pm CM Tutoring</p>	<p>4 11am Matin Ringers, Sanctuary Noon La Leche League, Library, Awakenings Room 1pm Dissident Daughters, Fireside Room 3:30pm CM Basketball 5pm CM TMO 6:30pm Trinity Ringers</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
7	<p>8 9am Pathways to Prosperity, Discovery 3:30pm CM Basketball 6:30pm Staff Parish Relations Committee, Fireside Room 7pm Boy Scouts, Gym</p>	<p>9 9am Pathways to Prosperity, Discovery 11:30am CM Leadership Team, Wolfgang's 3:30pm CM Teen Club 5pm Memorials and Endowment, Fireside 6pm Finance, Fireside 6:30pm Children's Council, Library 7:30pm Men's Basketball, Gym</p>	<p>10 9am Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Noon W.O.W., Fireside Noon NA, Library 5pm CM Kids Club 7pm Table Tennis, Gym 7pm Symphonette, Fellowship Hall 7pm CM Tutoring</p>	<p>11 9:30am WM Annual Conference Program Committee, Parlor Noon La Leche League, Library, Awakenings Room 1pm Dissident Daughters, Fireside 5pm IGE Annual Meeting, F. Hall 5:30pm CM TMO 6:30pm Trinity Ringers, Sanctuary</p>	<p>12 9am Pathways to Prosperity, Discovery</p>	<p>13</p>
14	<p>15 3:30pm CM Basketball, Gym 4pm Leadership Team, Discovery Room 6:30pm Stewardship with David Bell, Discovery Rm 7pm Boy Scouts, Gym</p>	<p>16 3pm Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations), Fireside Room 3:30pm CM Teen Club 7:30pm Men's Basketball, Gym</p>	<p>17 9am Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Noon NA, Library Noon W.O.W., Fireside 4pm Helping Hands Cooking, F. Hall Kitchen 5pm CM Kids Club 7pm Table Tennis, Gym 7pm Symphonette, Fellowship Hall 7pm Prayer Shawls, Fireside Room 7pm CM Tutoring</p>	<p>18 11am Matin Ringers, Sanctuary Noon La Leche League, Library, Awakenings Room 1pm Dissident Daughters, Fireside 5pm CM TMO 6:30pm Trinity Ringers, Sanctuary</p>	<p>19 6pm PJ's and Popcorn, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>20 6pm Trinity Seniors, Parlor 5:30pm Trilights Beatle Mania/Court Whist, Fellowship Hall</p>
21	<p>22 8am Staff Retreat, Hillman's Cabin 7pm Boy Scouts, Gym</p>	<p>23 7:30pm Men's Basketball, Gym</p>	<p>24 9am CM Kids Club at Ballet 9:30am Golden K Meeting, Fellowship Hall Noon NA, Library Noon W.O.W., Fireside 7pm Table Tennis, Gym</p>	<p>25 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed</p>	<p>26 Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p>
28	<p>29 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 3:30pm CM Basketball 7pm Boy Scouts, Gym</p>	<p>30 3:30pm CM Teen Club 5:30pm 5 Practices Workshop, Discovery Room 7:30pm Men's Basketball, Gym</p>				

November Sundays At Trinity UMC

Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
7	14	21	28
8:15am Nursery Opens	8:15am Nursery Opens	8:15am Nursery Opens	First Sunday of Advent
8:30am Worship	8:30am Worship	8:30am Worship	8:15am Nursery Opens
9am <i>Financial Peace</i> University, Library	9am <i>Financial Peace</i> University, Library	9am <i>Financial Peace</i> University, Library	8:30am Worship
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 Sunday School	9:30am Sunday School	9:30am Sunday School	9:30am Sunday School
*Nursery, 0-2 Years	*Nursery, 0-2 Years	*Nursery, 0-2 Years	*Nursery, 0-2 Years
*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
*4th-5th Grade, The PIT	*4th-5th Grade, The PIT	*4th-5th Grade, The PIT	*4th-5th Grade, The PIT
*6th-12th Grade, The Alley	*6th-12th Grade, The Alley	*6th-12th Grade, The Alley	*6th-12th Grade, The Alley
9:30am Adult Education	9:30am Adult Education	9:30am Adult Education	9:30am Adult Education
* <i>Athens and Jerusalem</i> , led by Jonathan White, Discovery Room	* <i>Athens and Jerusalem</i> , led by Jonathan White, Discovery Room	* <i>Athens and Jerusalem</i> , led by Jonathan White, Discovery Room	* <i>Christmas Today and the Very First Christmas</i> , led by Bob Smith, Discovery Room
10am Staff Parish Relations Committee, Fireside Room	11am Worship	11am Worship	11am Worship
11am Worship	3:15pm Kindermusik Village, SoundBeat Room	3:15pm Kindermusik Village, SoundBeat Classroom	5:30pm Christmas by Candlelight, Parlor
12:15pm Annual Church Conference, Discovery Room	3:30pm Celebration Ringers, Sanctuary	3:30pm Celebration Ringers, Sanctuary	
3:15pm Kindermusik Village, SoundBeat Room	4:10pm Wesley Ringers, Sanctuary	4:10pm Wesley Ringers, Sanctuary	
3:30pm Celebration Ringers, Sanctuary	4:10pm Celebration Singers, Choir Room	4:10pm Celebration Singers, Choir Room	
4:10pm Wesley Ringers, Sanctuary	4:30pm Kindermusik Our Time, SoundBeat Room	4:30pm Carol Choir, Discovery Room	
4:10pm Celebration Singers, Choir Room	4:30pm Carol Choir, Discovery Room	4:30pm Kindermusik Our Time, SoundBeat Classroom	
4:30pm Carol Choir, Discovery Room	4:45pm Kindermusik Imagine That!, Horizons Room	4:45pm Kindermusik Imagine That!, Horizons Classroom	
4:30pm Kindermusik Our Time, SoundBeat Room	4:50pm Wesley Singers, Sanctuary	4:50pm Wesley Singers, Sanctuary	
4:45pm Kindermusik Imagine That!, Horizons Room	5:30pm Gathering Meal, Fellowship Hall	5:30pm Gathering Meal Thanksgiving Dinner, Fellowship Hall	
4:50pm Wesley Singers, Sanctuary		5:30pm 4/5er's "Pirate Movie Night	
5:30pm Gathering Meal, Fellowship Hall		5:30pm Spriritalk, Fireside Room	
		7pm Small Group (Pohly)	

Grace of Giving

Thank you for your commitment to Trinity UMC. Your commitment will further God's mission through our church. Our "Excel in the Grace of Giving" stewardship experience focused on giving as one response to God's immeasurable love. Throughout the process, we were reminded that giving expresses our gratitude to God.

The 2011 Commitment Cards returned so far totals 157 pledges and equals \$383,392.40. It's a great start! Thanks Trinity UMC!

Coming December 12 Holiday Hop!

A chance for the artisans of Trinity UMC to sell their goods and focus Trinity on alternative ways to shop for their Christmas presents. Details coming!



Community Ministries

God Wants Us to Care for Others

I was recently reading an issue of *US News and World Report*. The theme of the issue was service. Hmm, I said to myself, wasn't that the theme of the sermon that kicked off our Community Ministries this September? The scripture came rushing back to me, Micah 6:8. I am not sure which version I like the best, the one from our Youth Bible: *The Lord has told you, what is good: he has told you what he wants from you: to do what is right to other people, love being kind to others, and live humbly, obeying your God.* Or this one from the Message: *But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don't take yourself too seriously—take God seriously.* Which one do you like? No matter which one, the answer is simple God wants us to do

good and care for others. The article went on to talk about Harriet Tubman who led more than 300 slaves to freedom, volunteers from 1938-1955 that collected 4 billion dimes for polio research, the St. Bernard Project that rallied others to help rebuild New Orleans, the creation of the Violence-Free Zone in Washington, D.C. by Robert Woodson or Senior Sleuths a group developed guarding against scams that target older people.

I know we ask a lot of people in the community and at Trinity in terms of helping Community Ministries and many of you do just that in so many ways. This year we are talking with the kids, all age groups, about service and helping others in some way. We will be making a quilt and blankets to give to children in need that we don't know, we are discussing leading a prayer service at Mel Trotter

Ministries and collecting money for the Heifer Project. The staff is very excited to see where all this will take us. We want to make that scripture come alive. The kids are ready and willing.

We will keep you posted on how it is going. You will soon see a thermometer showing our progress toward the purchase of an animal. We will be learning how animals help other countries to learn to survive. Kids will be able to bring their loose change in and we shall see what we are able to do to help others. We want the kids in Community Ministries to become socially conscious and be ready to 'pass it on' as they say. Please pray for us as we begin the next leg of our journey.



-Donna

Trumpet Invasion is Coming to Trinity

Rich and Brandon Ridenour, the nationally acclaimed father and son duo have graciously agreed to do a concert to benefit Community Ministries in Trinity's sanctuary Sunday, December 5, at 2 p.m. In case you are new to Trinity and don't know about them, they are favorite sons, growing up at Trinity until they moved to Portage and beyond. They are the son and grandson of Lorraine and Dick Ridenour.

Brandon, a graduate of Juilliard School of Music, recently became the youngest member of the Canadian Brass, touring internationally with them and also recorded two new Canadian Brass CDs. He won the International Trumpet Guild solo competition playing his own composition entitled *Sonata for Trumpet and Piano*. He has been a featured soloist with Marvin Hamlisch and the National Symphony Orchestra.

Rich is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the Juilliard School of Music. He has built a formidable career performing concerts of great piano favorites. His repertoire includes everything from classical masterworks to ragtime, jazz and rock and roll. His talent is well known throughout the United States and Guatemala. He regularly appears as pops conductor for the Elgin, IL and Dearborn, MI Symphonies. Rich recently covered for Peter Nero with only two hours notice to perform *Rhapsody in Blue* with the Detroit Symphony!

It is a real honor for us to have them performing bringing their spectacular talents to Trinity and their show-stopping comedy routines that only father and son can share on a stage. Tickets will be \$10 per person or \$30 for a family. You can purchase your tickets in the Parlor beginning Nov. 14, call to reserve a seat or buy tickets at the door. Tell all your family and friends!



Check out the Sunday bulletin and the church website (www.grtumc.org) for more Community Ministries info throughout November!

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To Me Stewardship Is...

1. Caring for what belongs to someone else
2. Using our talents for God's will
3. Grateful and responsible use of God's gifts
4. Using the gifts God has given me to do the work God calls us to do



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