



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.

February Worship & Events

Sunday, February 6

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

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

Friday, February 11

An Evening Being HAPI at 7 p.m. at Aldersgate UMC

Sunday, February 13

Scouts Sunday

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

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

Spaghetti Dinner and Pinewood Derby at 12:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

YoTrinity at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, February 16

GR Metro Ministry Forum: *A Vision to End Homelessness in Grand Rapids* from Noon to 1:30 in the Parlor

Sunday, February 20

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

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

Gathering Meal at 5:30 p.m.

YoTrinity at 6:15 p.m.

Sunday, February 27

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.

YoTrinity at 6:15 p.m.

Living the Gospel Life is for everyone... and so is the conversation. Join Us!

During this sermon series, *Living the Gospel Life*, we'll share thoughts, ideas, struggles and questions as we practice living like Jesus in our daily lives: radically welcoming, passionately devoted to God, intentionally deepening our faith, risk-taking in service and extravagantly generous.

These big intentions, big challenges and very big rewards are meant to be practiced and shared with others who are also doing their best to live the gospel every day.

So come to worship, watch for the opening reflection from Sunday's preacher early in the week, and join the conversation. Living the Gospel Life is for everyone, and so is the conversation. Join us!



You can find the conversation through our webpage, www.grtumc.org, scroll to the lower section of the home page and click on the tumblr logo (t.). Or go to trinitylive.tumblr.com.

Sermons are Now Online!

Did you miss Sunday's sermon?? Or want to hear it again? No worries! You can now listen to them online. You can find them on our website, www.grtumc.org, under 'About Us' – 'Sunday Services' – 'Sermons.'

Caring Coins

Caring Coins in February are being collected for *Second Harvest Gleaners Food Bank of West Michigan*. This agency is the regional non-profit clearinghouse for donated food on its way from the food industry to charity agencies which feed the needy. Thank you for contributing your coins to support this valuable community resource.

Trinity Seniors

The Trinity Seniors (TRYCO's) will not be meeting in the month of February. See you all on March 19!

Kindermusik

Kindermusik will not have classes on Sunday, Feb. 6 and 13. A day will be added on the end of the schedule for make up for the Feb. 13 date.

Church Council

The next Church Council will be on Sunday, Feb. 27, following the 11 a.m. worship. (This is a change from the originally scheduled Feb. 13 date.)

Trinity Clergy and Spouses

The next gathering is on Tuesday, April 12, at 10 a.m. at the Keller Lake Community Center. Our special guest will be Rev. Julie Dix.

Save the Date!

Women's Spiritual Retreat – March 25 thru 27. Presented by Carol Janssen, "GRACE." Off-site at Hillman's cabin. All information for registration will be in the March Newsletter.

Within the Trinity Family Circle

Our Sympathy is extended to...

... The Frakie family. Isabel Frakie passed away on Saturday, January 22. At 95, Isabel was one of our oldest members.

Congratulations...

... to Jen and Joe Sadler on the recent birth of their daughter Molly. She joins big brother Owen.

... to Douglas and Heather VanDyke-Titus on the January 13, birth of their daughter, Eames Emmanuelle Anna Van Dyke-Titus. She joins her siblings, Elias and Willow.

Dear Trinity UMC,

... We are so grateful for our church family, for your donations and for making our Christmas special! Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated! -A grateful member

... Thank you for your recent contribution of \$135.89. May God bless you as you have enabled us to serve those who need assistance in our community. -Flo Goss, FISH Treasurer

... Thank you again to our dear Trinity family. You blessed us with many cards, calls and wonderful meals during yet another foot surgery for Iris. -The Henwood's

Scout Sunday

On February 13, we will celebrate Scout Sunday, but Trinity's Boy Scout Troop 215 is busy all year long.

In January, we slept outside in tents at "Camp Garvin" for our annual Polar Bear weekend. The end of April we will journey once again to Galena, Illinois for the U.S. Grant Pilgrimage. The week of July 10-16, our troop will be at Gerber Scout Camp earning badges, meeting new friends and having a great time.

We currently have six scouts in the troop and new members are always welcome. Any boy age 11 through 17 is eligible (or a 10 year old who has completed 5th grade). We meet at Trinity at 7 p.m. on Monday nights throughout the school year. Come check us out or contact Scoutmaster John Czuhajewski for more information (575-8545).

Scout Sunday - Spaghetti Dinner - Pinewood Derby Sunday, Feb. 13

All Scouts (Boy, Girl, Cub, Venture, Brownies, etc.) are encouraged to wear their uniforms to church that day.

Troop 215 will once again sponsor a spaghetti dinner following the 11 a.m. service. We will also host the Second Annual Trinity Pinewood Derby. Sign-up in the Parlor to participate in the derby and/or to order a car kit in the parlor on the three Sundays prior to Scout Sunday (Jan. 23, Jan. 30, Feb. 6).

Contact John or Bonnie Czuhajewski (575.8545) if you have any questions.

Events and Opportunities for February 2011

To have an event listed in the March Trinity in Touch, submit your content to Laura at office@grtunc.org on or before Monday, February 28.

Simply Relevant: Relational Bible Series for Women

Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 1, at 6:30 p.m.

We would like to invite you to be a part of a gathering of women. *Simply Relevant: Relational Bible Series for Women Chocolate Boutique!* Each week we will explore a different aspect of God's grace in a relaxing format with snacks, mingling, sharing of experience, Bible reflection, prayer and, of course, girlfriend time! Enjoy a box of chocolates and a quiet time with friends. Study books are \$10. A project of Trinity's United Methodist Women.



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Grand Rapids Area Coalition to End Homelessness

GR Metro Ministry Forum *A Vision to End Homelessness in Grand Rapids*

Wednesday, Feb. 16, Noon to 1:30 p.m.

You are invited to the Metro Ministry Forum: *A Vision to End Homelessness in Grand Rapids: Reframing our response from managing homelessness to a focus on affordable housing.* Join us for connection, conversation and learning during lunch (\$8) in Trinity's Parlor. Speakers are: *Betty Zylstra*: Executive Director, Booth Family Services and member, GR Area Coalition to End Homelessness and *Mike Holton*: GRACE Congregational Partnership Program. **Please RSVP to Julie Dix by Feb 10** (jdix@grmetroministry.org).

An Evening Being HAPI

Friday, Feb. 11, 7-9 p.m. at Aldersgate UMC

Come join your fellow UM church for a night focused on Haiti! Aldersgate UMC (4301 Ambrose Ave NE, 49525) is celebrating the mission of *Haitian Artisans for Peace International* (HAPI). Many at Trinity are familiar with HAPI, as it was co-founded by our own Valerie Mossman-Celestin. The leaders being developed through this fair trade artisan co-op are transforming the world! We hope you will come to "An Evening Being HAPI" at AUMC; a minimum donation of \$5 per



person is requested. Valerie Mossman-Celestin will present the work of HAPI and share stories of the lives being transformed. Also, Olga from *Chez Olga* will provide a taste of Haiti through her authentic Haitian food. (If you came to the dinner last January at Trinity, you'll love this! If you missed it, here's a second chance!) Please let Laura (in Trinity's office) know if you plan to attend. The Missions Committee of Aldersgate (chaired by Laura Witkowski) looks forward to you joining us!

Sunday Adult Education at 9:30 a.m.

Feb. 6 and 13

Praying with the Cosmos

Led by Betsy Willey in the Discovery Room. Experience how the human story fits into the story of the Universe and can teach the heart, reinvigorate human bonds and a connection to all of creation. Embody a new understanding of cosmology, the holy mystery of ongoing creation coming into consciousness through prayer and meditation. Learn contemplative practices and gain new understanding of cosmology.

Feb. 20 and 27

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.

Other Adult Education Opportunities

Sundays beginning Feb. 13, 3 to 5:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room

Disciple Bible Study: Remember Who You Are

Led by Susan Emmons and Suzanne Hewitt. The driving idea is the connection between remembering and identifying ourselves as the people of God, the need for renewed vision and the place of community. This 32-week study concentrates on the Old Testament prophets and the letters of Paul. Childcare is available.

Mondays through Mar. 28, at 6:45 p.m.

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. Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is taught by Dave Ramsey himself using DVD's. To sign-up, for more information or questions, please call Tara Lafferty (773.8001, rtclafferty@charter.net).

Feb. 7 - Credit Sharks In Suits

Feb. 14 - Buyer Beware

Feb. 21 - Clause and Effect

Feb. 28 - That's Not Good Enough

Mar. 7 - Of Mice and Mutual Funds

Mar. 14 - From Fruition To Tuition

Mar. 21 - Working In Your Strengths

Mar. 28 - Real Estate and Mortgages/The Great Misunderstanding

Childcare is provided. Past FPU members can attend all sessions for free at anytime!



Book Discussions

Spiritalk

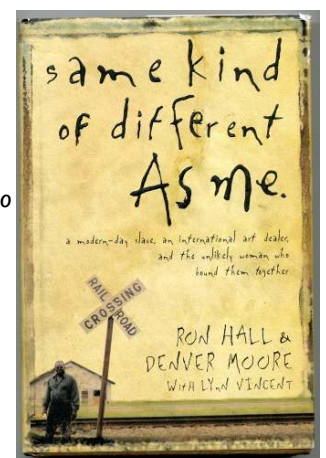
Meets Feb. 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room

Same Kind of Different As Me: A Modern-Day Slave, an International Art Dealer, and the Unlikely Woman Who Bound Them Together by Ron Hall, Denver Moore and Lynn Vincent

Dissident Daughters

Meets Thursdays 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This weekly book study group meets in the Fireside Room and will be reading the same books as *Spiritalk*. New members are always welcome!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February</h1> <p>At Trinity UMC For Sunday Schedule See Next Page</p>		<p>1</p> <p>8:30am Hospitality, Fireside Room</p> <p>3:30pm CM Teen Club</p> <p>6:30pm Simply Relevant Bible Study, Library</p> <p>7:30pm Men's Basketball, Gym</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9am Staff Meeting</p> <p>9:30am Threshold, Parlor</p> <p>Noon W.O.W., Fireside</p> <p>Noon NA, Library</p> <p>1pm WMC Progressive's, Discovery Room</p> <p>5pm CM Kids Club</p> <p>6pm Trustees, Library</p> <p>7pm CM Tutoring</p> <p>7pm Table Tennis, Gym</p> <p>7pm Symphonette, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11am Matin Ringers, Sanctuary</p> <p>Noon La Leche League, Library, Awakenings Room</p> <p>1pm Dissident Daughters, Fireside</p> <p>5pm CM TMO</p> <p>6:30pm Trinity Ringers, Sanctuary</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>2pm Memorial Service, Sanctuary</p>
	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:45pm Financial Peace University, Discovery</p> <p>7pm Stephen Ministry, Library</p> <p>7pm Boy Scouts, Gym</p>	<p>8</p> <p>3:30pm CM Teen Club</p> <p>6:30pm Simply Relevant Bible Study, Library</p> <p>7:30pm Men's Basketball, Gym</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9am Staff Meeting</p> <p>Noon W.O.W., Fireside</p> <p>Noon NA, Library</p> <p>5pm CM Kids Club</p> <p>7pm CM Tutoring</p> <p>7pm Table Tennis, Gym</p> <p>7pm Symphonette, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11am Matin Ringers, Sanctuary</p> <p>Noon La Leche League, Library, Awakenings Room</p> <p>1pm Dissident Daughters, Fireside</p> <p>3:30pm WMC Progressive's, Discovery</p> <p>5pm CM TMO</p> <p>6:30pm Trinity Ringers, Sanctuary</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7pm An Evening Being HAPI, Aldersgate UMC</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>4pm Vision Team, Discovery Room</p> <p>6:30pm Staff Parish Relations Committee, Fireside Room</p> <p>6:45pm Financial Peace University, Discovery Rm</p> <p>7pm Boy Scouts, Gym</p>	<p>15</p> <p>3:30pm CM Teen Club</p> <p>6:30pm Simply Relevant Bible Study, Library</p> <p>7:30pm Men's Basketball, Gym</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9am Staff Meeting</p> <p>Noon Metro Ministry Forum, Discovery Rm.</p> <p>Noon W.O.W., Fireside</p> <p>Noon NA, Library</p> <p>5pm CM Kids Club</p> <p>7pm CM Tutoring</p> <p>7pm Table Tennis, Gym</p> <p>7pm Symphonette, F. Hall</p> <p>7pm Prayer Shawls, Fireside Room</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11am Matin Ringers, Sanctuary</p> <p>Noon La Leche League, Library, Awakenings Room</p> <p>1pm Dissident Daughters, Fireside</p> <p>5pm CM TMO</p> <p>6:30pm Trinity Ringers, Sanctuary</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5pm Trilights dinner at SanChez 7pm at the GRAM</p> <p>Laura on vacation Feb. 18-Feb. 26</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Laura on vacation Feb. 18-Feb. 26</p>	<p>21</p> <p>President's Day</p> <p>6:45pm Financial Peace University, Discovery Rm</p> <p>7pm Boy Scouts, Gym</p>	<p>22</p> <p>3:30pm CM Teen Club</p> <p>6:30pm Simply Relevant Bible Study, Library</p> <p>7:30pm Men's Basketball, Gym</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9am Staff Meeting</p> <p>Noon W.O.W., Fireside</p> <p>Noon NA, Library</p> <p>5pm CM Kids Club</p> <p>7pm CM Tutoring</p> <p>7pm Table Tennis, Gym</p> <p>7pm Symphonette, F. Hall</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11am Matin Ringers, Sanctuary</p> <p>Noon La Leche League, Library, Awakenings Room</p> <p>1pm Dissident Daughters, Fireside</p> <p>5pm CM TMO</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!</p> <p>6:30pm Stewardship Committee, Fireside RM</p> <p>6:45pm Financial Peace University, Discovery Rm</p> <p>7pm Boy Scouts, Gym</p>	<p>March 1</p> <p>3:30pm CM Teen Club</p> <p>6:30pm Simply Relevant Bible Study, Library</p> <p>7:30pm Men's Basketball, Gym</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9am Staff Meeting</p> <p>Noon W.O.W., Fireside</p> <p>Noon NA, Library</p> <p>5pm CM Kids Club</p> <p>6pm Trustees, Library</p> <p>7pm CM Tutoring</p> <p>7pm Table Tennis, Gym</p> <p>7pm Symphonette, F. Hall</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11am Matin Ringers, Sanctuary</p> <p>Noon La Leche League, Library, Awakenings Room</p> <p>1pm Dissident Daughters, Fireside</p> <p>1pm Newsletter Crew, Parlor</p> <p>5pm CM TMO</p> <p>6:30pm Trinity Ringers, Sanctuary</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>

February Sundays At Trinity UMC

Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
6	13	20	27
8:15am Nursery Opens	Scouts Sunday	8:15am Nursery Opens	8:15am Nursery Opens
8:30am Worship	8:15am Nursery Opens	8:30am Worship	8:30am Worship
9:15am Chancel Choir, Choir Room	8:30am Worship	9:15am Chancel Choir, Choir Room	9:15am Chancel Choir, Choir Room
9:30am Sunday School	9:15am Chancel Choir, Choir Room	9:30am Sunday School	9:30am Sunday School
*Nursery, 0-2 Years	9:30am Sunday School	*Nursery, 0-2 Years	*Nursery, 0-2 Years
*Pre-School-Early	*Nursery, 0-2 Years	*Pre-School-Early	*Pre-School-Early
Kindergarten, Awakenings	*Pre-School-Early	Kindergarten, Awakenings	Kindergarten, Awakenings
*K-3rd Grade, Horizons	Kindergarten, Awakenings	*K-3rd Grade, Horizons	*K-3rd Grade, Horizons
*4th-5th Grade, The PIT	*K-3rd Grade, Horizons	*4th-5th Grade, The PIT	*4th-5th Grade, The PIT
*6th-12th Grade, The Alley	*4th-5th Grade, The PIT	*6th-12th Grade, The Alley	*6th-12th Grade, The Alley
9:30am Adult Education	*6th-12th Grade, The Alley	9:30am Adult Education	9:30am Adult Education
*Praying with the Cosmos, led by Betsy Willey, Discovery Room	9:30am Adult Education	*Comparison of the Major World Religions, led by Alice Chapman, Discovery Room	*Comparison of the Major World Religions, led by Alice Chapman, Discovery Room
11am Worship	*Praying with the Cosmos, led by Betsy Willey, Discovery Room	11am Worship	11am Worship
	11am Worship	3pm Disciple Bible Study, Fireside	12:15pm Church Council
	12:15pm Spaghetti Dinner and Pine Wood Derby, Fellowship Hall	3:15pm Kindermusik Village, SoundBeat Room	3pm Disciple Bible Study, Fireside
	3pm Disciple Bible Study, Fireside	3:30pm Celebration Ringers, Sanctuary	3:15pm Kindermusik Village, SoundBeat Room
	3:30pm Celebration Ringers, Sanctuary	4:10pm Wesley Ringers, Sanctuary	3:30pm Celebration Ringers, Sanctuary
	4:10pm Wesley Ringers, Sanctuary	4:10pm Celebration Singers, Choir Room	3:30pm Table Tennis, Gym
	4:10pm Celebration Singers, Choir Room	4:30pm Kindermusik Our Time, SoundBeat Room	4:10pm Wesley Ringers, Sanctuary
	4:30pm Carol Choir, Discovery Room	4:30pm Carol Choir, Discovery Room	4:10pm Celebration Singers, Choir Room
	4:50pm Wesley Singers, Sanctuary	4:45pm Kindermusik Imagine That!, Horizons Room	4:30pm Kindermusik Our Time, SoundBeat Room
	6:15pm YoTrinity	4:50pm Wesley Singers, Sanctuary	4:30pm Carol Choir, Discovery Room
		5:30pm Spiritalk, Fireside Room	4:45pm Kindermusik Imagine That!, Horizons Room
		5:30pm Gathering Meal, Fellowship Hall	4:50pm Wesley Singers, Sanctuary
		6:15pm YoTrinity	5:30pm Gathering Meal, Fellowship Hall
		7pm Small Group (Pohly)	6:15pm YoTrinity

February Music at 11 a.m.

Sunday, February 6: Trinity's new Organ Scholar David Heinze will participate in worship for the first time, and the Chancel Choir will sing *Cantique de Jean Racine* by Gabriel Fauré. Chris Dekker will offer Henri Mulet's thrilling toccata, *Tu Es Petra* ("Thou Art the Rock") for the postlude. Both the Celebration Ringers and the Celebration Singers will also participate.

Sunday, February 13: Plenty of youth will participate in this service, with both the Wesley Singers and Ringers participating, and Ethan Carlson providing the prelude on trumpet. The Chancel Choir will sing Moses Hogan's setting of *Abide With Me*.

Sunday, February 20: The Chancel Choir will sing an African American spiritual entitled *Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name* by Brazeal Dennard. The Matin Ringers will participate, and the prelude will be offered by several elementary/middle school students.

Sunday, February 27: The Chancel Choir will sing William Mathias' challenging anthem *Let All People Praise Thee, O God*, and the Trinity Ringers will participate.

Music News & Notes

Introducing Trinity's New Organ Scholar: David Heinze

First of all, what is an Organ Scholar? An Organ Scholar is a music intern who works in a church music program in order to gain experience and understanding of the music profession, as well as to develop essential musical and interpersonal skills necessary to be an effective Director of Music. The Scholar spends several hours with the Director of Music each week fine-tuning hymns, preludes, postludes, and choral accompaniments. The Scholar also assists the Director of Music in the administration of the music program, thus learning priceless lessons in the day to day operations of a large church. In addition to his weekly duties, the Organ Scholar will be present at worship services every other week, occasionally leading hymns and choral accompaniments. Our Director of Music, Chris Dekker, spent three years as Organ Scholar at Saint Marks Episcopal Church in downtown Grand Rapids.



Who is the new Organ Scholar? Fifteen-year-old David Heinze is a native of Grand Rapids and is currently a sophomore at Kentwood High School. David began piano study at an early age, and quickly became fascinated with the organ. He began organ lessons two years ago, and currently studies with Marilyn Ossentjuk at Fountain Street Church in downtown Grand Rapids. He has spent three summers at the Interlochen Academy for the Arts studying with well-known organist Thomas Bara. Though only fifteen years old, David is already an accomplished organist and is eager to share his gifts with the congregation of Trinity.

Why should Trinity have an Organ Scholar? Trinity's thriving music program is an excellent place for young aspiring musicians to grow. They can witness the church's many choirs, interact with the church's many great musicians, and play one of the foremost organs in the city of Grand Rapids. Also, an Organ Scholar program is an excellent way to ensure the future of church music. At little or no cost to the church, the church benefits from the youthful creativity, eagerness to learn, and rising skill level of the Organ Scholar. In addition, having an Organ Scholar program sends a strong message to the community that Trinity is serious about both the present and the future of its music program.

The Orchestra is Back!

The Trinity Orchestra will be participating in the 11 a.m. worship service on April 17, Palm Sunday. If interested, please contact Chris Dekker. In order to have adequate time to choose and prepare music, **the deadline for signing up for this ensemble is Sunday, February 6.**



Attention Young Musicians

All children eighth grade or below are invited to share their talents in worship during the prelude of the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, Feb. 20. Both vocalists and instrumentalists are encouraged to join, regardless of level of ability. If your child is interested, please contact Chris Dekker.

Organ Recital

Organist Christopher Dekker will soon be traveling to Los Angeles to play two organ recitals. On Feb. 23, Chris will perform at The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, where the Dobson Organ Company recently installed a large four manual (keyboard) organ to support the church's 3,000-seat sanctuary. On Feb. 24, Chris will play a recital at the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, home to the world's largest church pipe organ. The organ consists of five manuals, 348 ranks, and over 20,000 pipes.

Community Ministries

Showing Growth

Well here we are already into February and our Kids Club is back in business and doing well. We have had a lot of successes and reasons to celebrate. You may have noticed that one of our Kids Club kids has graduated from the Schools of Hope reading program. She has done such a great job improving her reading that she is too advanced to qualify for the program. Her hard work has really paid off and I can vouch for the fact that she spends a lot of her time at home reading as well. Even though she was disappointed to have to graduate since she enjoyed the program, she recognizes that this is a great accomplishment and she should be very proud of herself. For those of you who know the kids, the student we are talking about is Clarissa. Please give her a word of congratulations if you see her.

I would also like to talk about another child, who in my eyes has shown some real growth. This past December we took our kids on our annual trip to the book store for the kids' Christmas gifts. We provide the kids money to spend on

reading material only, which I feel is how it should be. The book store also sells Silly Bands which are very popular among our kids. One child was faced with the temptation of wanting to take some Silly Bands. One of our leaders witnessed this child putting some in her bag, as she had already purchased her books. The leader did get the bands and was able to put them back before we left the store. The student denied it when called on it even though it was taken out of her bag. She then claimed they fell into her bag. I sat down with her and basically told her that we had seen her take it and I really wanted her to be honest and admit what she had done. I feel honesty and owning up to your mistakes are lessons we must instill in our kids. That night she stuck to her story even though we had caught her red handed. Later, a decision was made to give her a choice. If she could admit what she did and own up to it, she would be suspended for one week. If she stuck to her story and not admit what she did, she would be given two weeks suspension. Now, I know what you are

thinking. That's an easy choice. Keep in mind though, for our kids, it's not always that easy. Some of our kids are willing to lie to the end and never admit a wrong. In the end after talking to her parents, who by the way are awesome parents and are very involved, she decided to not only admit what she had done, but also apologized to myself and Trinity for what she had done. I was very happy to see her make that choice. We have had kids end up quitting the program rather than admit to something. I would have hated to see this happen here.

So like I said, we are underway with the new year and we hope to have more accomplishments and learn more lessons. We thank both the leaders we have and the really great group of parents we have with our Kid's Club.



Scott Shirey
Kids Club Coordinator

We Need Your Ideas and Input

Mentoring can take a couple of different forms. One is the one-on-one relationship development. One student connects with one adult to work on homework or activities, go on outings or discuss issues of concern in their lives. The second is that of providing constructive social outlets. Many of our kids are not able to join with friends for a movie or outing because they have no transportation or parental support to do so. They also need ideas for spending their leisure time. That is where Trinity comes in. If you have ideas or resources available to suggest for outings for mentors/friends to join with our kids, that would be very helpful. Often, if folks are members of cultural places in town, Meijer Gardens, Museums, etc., you are made aware of events or get special deals for visits. You may often have a ticket to sporting event or play. If you do and would be willing to share your resources with one of our students please call us. If you don't have any of these resources but notice a special deal for kids meals or something going on in town that you feel might be of interest to a child or youth, please let us know. We are trying to be very intentional about noting community events so our kids can build awareness and experience a variety of community possibilities. Going with friends is often something our kids love doing and hopefully you might be willing to help us provide. If you have any interest in joining students in an outing that would be great too but not a requirement! Thank you for your support in this venture.



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Community Ministries

Meet Jenée Garcia!

I'm Jenée Garcia and I'm a senior at Grand Valley State University. My major is sociology and I will be continuing on to get a master's in social work after I graduate this April. I hope to work in either a hospital with post-traumatic stress disorder victims or school as a social worker working with children. I love to travel and some of my favorite places to visit are Australia, New Zealand and Mexico. During my free time I enjoy reading and sewing. I am very excited to be a part of Trinity Ministries and I am sure I will learn a lot!



Gently Used Books Needed

Our Schools of Hope teachers are looking for donations of new or gently used books to be used as gifts and prizes for the children. Early readers 1st through 3rd grade and pictures books would be very much appreciated. Just drop them off in the Community Ministries office. Thank you.

Prayer Stand

You may have noticed our prayer stand in the parlor. Many of our Community Ministries kids write prayers and concerns that are on their hearts. The prayers are shared with our staff and prayer partners. Everyone is welcome to include their prayers so add yours into the envelope if you wish. Please know your prayers will be shared with God.

Trinity United Methodist Church Auction

Sail Away

Friday, March 11, 2011 at the Richard App Gallery (910 Cherry St. SE, 49506)

Live Auction! Silent Auction! Delicious hors d'oeuvres!

It's time for the next Church Auction! Again, our proceeds go towards the Church Mission Trip in June 2011 to Red Bird Mission in Beverly, KY. Our 2009 Auction was a great success and great fun, so you will not want to miss this one! We're thinking outside the box this year and having it off-site at a local art gallery and neighborhood treasure. Tickets will still be \$10 and the attire is semi-formal. The team going on the mission trip will be selling tickets beginning Feb. 6 or you can contact the office. We are getting in some great prizes including:

Weekend Getaways, Golf Packages, Detroit Tigers Tickets, YMCA Memberships, Hunting and Fishing Items, Local GR Restaurant Gift Certificates, Camping Items, Fire Fighter for a Day, Symphony tickets, and so much more!!

As usual, we need the congregations help! We are looking for some big-ticket items. Time share condos, sporting event tickets, day trips, etc. If you have access to something we can auction off please contact Nichea Ver Veer Guy (orangeclt00@aol.com, 456.7168), Matt Parrott (m.parrott@grtunc.org, 307.7002) or Matt Witkowski (witkomatt@gmail.com, 550.2418) by Monday, Feb. 28.

Be sure to get this one on your calendar! It's going to be a blast!!





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Communication @ Trinity

Do you know all the different ways Trinity UMC is communicating??

- Weekly Sunday bulletins
- Our email list (weekly email updates, prayers requests, special announcements, things you need to know before Sunday, etc.)
- The Website www.grtumc.org
- Facebook (Trinity United Methodist Church of Grand Rapids, MI)
- Twitter (@Trinity_Live)
- Monthly 'Trinity in Touch' newsletter
- Phone calls
- Verbal announcements during worship
- And good 'ole fashion snail mail

If you have questions about our lines of communication - communicate! Feel free to contact the office 456.7168, office@grtumc.org).