



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.

June Worship & Events

Wed., June 1 - Sat., June 4
West Michigan Annual Conference

Sunday, June 5
Mission Trip Commissioning
Graduation Sunday
Ascension Sunday
Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

June 11 - June 18
Mission Trip to Red Bird Mission

Sunday, June 12
Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Sunday, June 19
Father's Day
Peace with Justice Sunday
Trinity Sunday
Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.
BBQ on the Lawn

Saturday, June 25
Children and Youth Choirs Event
at Lake Michigan

Sunday, June 26
Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Fri., May 27 - Mon., May 30
Family Camp at Albright Camp

What a Month May Was!

Dear friends,

It has been a blessing and a privilege to be in ministry at Trinity during the month of May. On May 8, we celebrated 'Mother's Day,' or as we also know it, the 'Festival of the Christian Home.' What a joy to think of all those who have 'mothered' us in one way or another. Not just our own mothers, but those who have shared love and care for us, you know, those people I call 'Community mothers', who go above and beyond what love demands, silently and often with unseen grace in our lives with their special touch.

May 22, saw us celebrate Heritage Sunday, a time when we reflected on our 'Foundational past' and explored Trinity's strong tradition of being a 'Community Church' firmly rooted and grounded in our community through our faith and actions. Jodie Seese led us in the Discovery room with an excellent 'Virtual Tour' that chartered Trinity's establishment and growth in our Community.

May 22, also saw us celebrate Youth Confirmations, after the excellent Youth retreat in Lansing led by our Youth Director, Matt Parrott, and assisted by Stephanie Sundheimer, Glenys and myself. What a joy to hear on Sunday from one of the mentors, Brad Schottke, and a confirmand, Ethan Carlson, about their journey together.

Next weekend is Memorial weekend, and for me that means spending time at 'Family Camp' getting to know people, and leading worship, with the very able Pastor Jim Hynes in charge of worship at Trinity. What all of this means to me is that with Jesus Christ we remember our heritage and on Memorial Sunday honor those 'saints in light' who have made our journey together possible.

A prayer for Memorial Day:

In you God, we are one family in earth and heaven, and we remember in your presence those who have gone before us... giving thanks especially for those who have revealed to us your grace in Christ. Help us to follow the example of your saints in light and bring us with them into the fullness of your eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace,

Pastor David

Caring Coins

Caring Coins in June will be collected for *South East Community Ministries*. SECOM is an ecumenical outreach and community development agency serving the south end of Grand Rapids. Services provided by a part and full time staff include emergency food and clothing banks, children's program as well as others. Your generosity in support of this worthy program will be appreciated.

Trinity's 5th Annual Rummage Sale

Save the Date! - This year's Trinity Treasurers on the Lake (Drive) Rummage Sale will be Thursday, September 22, through Saturday, September 24. Start saving your treasures now! (We do not have the space to store anything, so please do not bring them to church until mid-September.) More details will come throughout the summer. Questions? Contact Carol Hillman (616.802.8289).

Family Mission Trip

The Trinity Family Work Camp to Red Bird Mission, Kentucky will be leaving Saturday, June 11, and returning Saturday June 18. We are asking that you keep them in your prayers as they live out their faith through action. The team of 36 has been working since last fall to raise \$15,000 to make this opportunity a reality. This extension of Trinity's family will represent you well. We will try to send updates and pictures to the church office during the week, so watch the web site for updates. Thank you for your tremendous support of the mission trip.

Within the Trinity Family Circle

Our Sympathy is Extended to...

... Mark Mullinax and Barbara Osburn and their family. Mark's father, Ernest Mullinax, passed away on Sunday, May 15.

Congratulations...

... Brian Thomas and Summer Silvies on the birth of their son, Jude Parker Thomas, on Tuesday, May 17. Jude joins proud big brother, Tamlin.

Dear Trinity Family...

... Thank you so much to the many people who expressed condolences on the recent death of my father, Robert F. Coles. Even at age 91 his death was totally unexpected and very hard on our family. Your kind thoughts and prayers are deeply appreciated. -Mary Florence Brink

Great Job, Matt and Terry!

On behalf of the congregation, youth parents and the Youth Development Council, I would like to thank both Matt Parrott and Terry Gabbert for a great year of youth fellowship. As Director of Youth Ministries, Matt has worked hard and already has some great things planned for next year. As a volunteer working with our Jr. High youth, Terry has devoted many hours to our youth. We appreciate him taking time away from his own family and personal life to be a great mentor for these kids. I hope it is as rewarding and meaningful to him as I am sure it has been to the youth. Thank you both! ~Bonnie Czuhajewski

Thanks for 93 Years of Support

Trinity's Boy Scout Troop #215 would like to thank the Trinity family for 93 years of support. We have had another great year and we are already planning events for the fall. We will be attending an event called Mackinac Rendezvous the weekend of September 23-25. We would like to extend an invitation to any second year Webelos who would like to attend along with Troop 215. If interested, contact John or Bonnie Czuhajewski (616.575.8545) for more details. Registration is due the end of June.

Anyone interested in joining us at our year-end picnic and court of honor, it will be held at Millennium Park on Monday, June 20 at 6 p.m. We especially welcome families interested in learning more about Scouting. Please RSVP by June 17 to John or Bonnie Czuhajewski. We ask families to bring a dish to pass and the troop will provide hotdogs and beverages.

We Need Hospitality Volunteers!

West Michigan Conference Annual Conference will be June 1-4, at Calvin College. This is an exciting time to welcome our Conference to the Grand Rapids area as we celebrate the work we do in the name of Christ! We will be offering Hospitality services throughout the week and especially on 'Miracle Saturday' for a major celebration event. WE NEED HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS! If you could give some of your time to help us welcome, transport or shadow our guests to make them feel comfortable, we would appreciate it very much. Contact Nichea Guy (450.6445, orangeclt00@aol.com) if you can volunteer. Help us do what we do best... lead with a warm hand and heart!

Events and Opportunities for June 2011

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

Trinity Blood Drive

Sunday, June 26, in the Fellowship Hall

Want to do something that could save a life?

Want to do something that puts you in an elite group?

Then give blood.

Your next opportunity to do so will be Sunday, June 26, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. There is no way to make 'artificial' blood. The only source for the blood that allows doctors to perform the miracles we expect is donors, ordinary people who feel that this is one very important way they can give to others. Please join us and help make this a successful drive.



Father's Day BBQ

Sunday, June 19, following the 10 a.m. Worship



Join us on Sunday, June 19, following the 10 a.m. worship for a Dad's Day BBQ on the Lawn.

We will provide the dogs, BBQ and beverages. We ask you to bring a side dish, salad or dessert and your place settings for a potluck. We will have yard games for everyone!

Enjoy this kick-off to summer as family!

Imagine No Malaria

Summer is that season when our annoying "biting" friends arrive by the millions... mosquitoes. Now, Michigan enjoys many inside jokes about the pest and we brush it off or spray it OFF with ease, but in Africa the mosquito brings death. Families in regions of Africa are plagued by malaria that is brought to them by the mosquito. They do not have the pesticides nor the medicines to deal with this killer. But the People of the United Methodist Church are determined to make a difference.

Imagine No Malaria is a campaign to provide \$10 bed nets that are treated with an insecticide that will protect a family as they sleep, the common time to be bitten by the bug. \$10 will provide a bed net and an educator that will help the villages deal with this disease.

The Children of Trinity are kicking off a six month campaign to raise a minimum of \$500 dollars to help Imagine No Malaria succeed. Watch for opportunities during worship, in Sunday School, on the Web or in the newsletters that can help us reach that goal.

Learn more about at ImagineNoMalaria.org.

WE CAN Imagine No Malaria ... if we step forward and try!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June At Trinity UMC</h1> <p>For Sunday Schedule See Next Page</p>			1 Noon W.O.W., Fireside Noon NA, Library 6pm Trustees, Library 7pm Table Tennis, Gym 7:30pm Softball Game	2 Noon La Leche League, Library, Awakenings	3	4 8:30am Piano Recital Rehearsal, Sanctuary
West Michigan Annual Conference, June 1-4 →						
5	6 5pm Vision Team, Discovery Room 7pm Stephen Ministry, Parlor	7 8:30am Hospitality Meeting, Discovery 6:30pm Men's Basketball, Gym	8 9am Staff Meeting Noon W.O.W., Fireside Noon NA, Library 6:30pm CM Reading Buddies Training 7pm Table Tennis, Gym 7:30pm Piano Recital, Sanctuary 7:30pm Softball Game	9 Noon La Leche League, Library, Awakenings 7:45pm Music Development Meeting, Fireside Room	10 6:30pm Music Staff Dinner, San Chez	11 Mission Trip
12	13 6:30pm Staff Parish Relations Committee, Fireside	14 5pm Memorials and Endowment, Fireside 6:30pm Finance, Fireside 6:30pm Men's Basketball, Gym	15 Noon W.O.W., Fireside Noon NA, Library 6:15pm Softball Game 7pm Table Tennis, Gym 7pm Prayer Shawls, Fireside Room	16 Noon La Leche League, Library, Awakenings Room	17	18 6pm Trinity Seniors, Parlor
Mission Trip to Red Bird Kentucky, June 11-18 →						
19	20 3pm GR Metro Ministry Meeting, Discovery	21 6:30pm Men's Basketball, Gym	22 9am Staff Meeting Noon W.O.W., Fireside Noon NA, Library 6:15pm Softball Game 7pm Table Tennis, Gym	23 Noon La Leche League, Library, Awakenings Room	24	25 Children and Youth Choirs Event at Lake Michigan
26	27 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 4:30pm CM Teen Club Sign-Up, Parlor 6:30pm Stewardship Committee, Library	28 6:30pm Men's Basketball, Gym	29 9am Staff Meeting Noon W.O.W., Fireside Noon NA, Library 4:30pm CM Teen Club Sign-Up, Parlor 7pm Table Tennis, Gym 7:30pm Softball Game	30 Noon La Leche League, Library, Awakenings Room 1pm Newsletter Crew, Parlor		

June Sundays At Trinity UMC

Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
5 Graduation Sunday Mission Trip Commissioning Ascension Sunday 8:15am Nursery Opens 8:30am Worship 9:35am <i>Look Before You Leap</i> , led by Julie Dix, Library 9:45am Chancel Choir, Choir Room 11am Worship 3pm Disciple Bible Study, Fireside	12 Mission Trip 8:15am Nursery Opens 8:30am Worship 9:20am Chancel Choir, Choir Room 10am Worship 3pm Disciple Bible Study, Fireside	19 Father's Day Trinity Sunday Peace with Justice Sunday 8:15am Nursery Opens 8:30am Worship 10am Worship 11am BBQ on the Lawn 3pm Disciple Bible Study, Fireside 7pm Small Group (Pohly)	26 8:15am Nursery Opens 8:30am Worship 9am Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall 10am Worship 3pm Disciple Bible Study, Fireside

Update on Spring Appeal

The response to Trinity's Spring Appeal has been very strong. There have been 73 contributions that total 99.3% of the goal. Here is a breakdown of the contributions:

	Goal	Received	% of Goal
Music	\$8,500	\$9,747	114.7%
Ministry Shares	<u>\$6,955</u>	<u>\$5,600</u>	<u>80.5%</u>
Total	\$15,455	\$15,347	99.3%

The contributions for the music program exceed the goal by \$1,247. This entire amount will be available for the music program. If it is not entirely used in 2011, it will be reserved for use by the music program in the following year(s). The ministry shares have fallen short of the goal by \$1,355. If no additional funds are received for the ministry shares, the shortfall will be addressed through savings in other areas of the budget. The finance committee is committed to pay Trinity's Ministry Shares in full.

Both the Stewardship Committee and the Finance Committee are grateful for the very generous response to the appeal. This has been a clear vote of support for the Music program at Trinity and for the support of the Conference through Ministry Shares.

-The Finance and Stewardship Committees



Worship Service Music

June 5, 11 a.m.: On this Communion Sunday, the Chancel Choir will sing John Stainer's beautiful *God So Loved the World*. An extended organ prelude will begin at 10:45 a.m., and will feature J.S. Bach's virtuosic *Prelude and Fugue in D-Major*. Organ Scholar David Heinze will offer Jacques Lemmen's *Fanfare* as the postlude, perhaps one of the most famous organ toccatas in the repertoire.

June 12, 10 a.m.: On this Pentecost Sunday, the Chancel Choir will sing *Come Down, O Love Divine* by Ralph Vaughan Williams and *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* by John Rutter. This will be the last Sunday the Chancel Choir will participate in this season.

June 19, 10 a.m.: Organ Scholar, David Heinze, will serve as organist during Chris Dekker's absence, and Stephanie Wiltse will serve as vocalist.

June 25, 10 a.m.: Stacy Van Vossen will serve as vocalist, and Chris Dekker and David Heinze as organists.

Music News

Organ Lessons Available

Have you ever had interest in taking organ lessons, but haven't had the time to make a permanent commitment? Now is your chance!

Director of Music, Chris Dekker, is inviting the young people of the congregation (25 and under) to take private organ lessons this summer. Lessons will occur on a weekly basis (with flexibility), and will be free of charge. Some piano study and note reading ability is required. Each student will be asked to practice diligently an average of a half-hour per day. If so desired, the opportunity to extend the lessons will be afforded at the end of the summer to serious students. A limited number of spots are available, so contact Chris Dekker soon at c.dekker@grtumc.org or at 616.456.7168.

Children, Youth Choir and Kindermusik Beach Day!

On Saturday, June 25, all members of Trinity's young people's music program are invited to a fun day at the beach! There will be loads of activities available that day, including games such as volleyball, Frisbee, horseshoes, basketball, softball, and great playgrounds for smaller children. Also available will be a jet boat and a sea-doo, as well as plenty of opportunities for tubing and wakeboarding. If you're in the mood to relax, a beautiful beach along Lake Michigan will be sure to hit the spot. The schedule is as follows:



Parents, you are warmly welcomed to join us, but you **ARE NOT** required to be present. Plenty of daycare will be available for the children, and transportation will be provided for all. The cost is **FREE**. Kids and youth ... don't hesitate to bring a friend. **Please RSVP to Chris Dekker at c.dekker@grtumc.org, or at 616.456.7168.**

10:45 a.m. – Meet at Church
11 a.m. – Depart for the Muskegon Elks Park
11:45 a.m. – Arrive at Muskegon Elks Park
Noon – Lunch (hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, watermelon, etc.)
1 to 4 p.m. – Beach/game Time
4 p.m. – Depart for Grand Rapids
5 p.m. – Arrive at Church

Community Ministries

Monthly Applebee's Fundraiser

Ever been to the Wyoming Applebee's (1375 28th St. SW)? How about you come check it out!

The Community Ministries Program has set up a way to enjoy a meal out with your family or friends while helping us out at the same time. Yay! The first Monday of each month anytime from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Applebee's will donate 20% of the profit from the food and nonalcoholic beverages purchased, to those presenting coupons for our fundraiser at Trinity. Join us for the first one on Mon. June 6. Use the flyer in this



newsletter or on our website (www.grtumc.org). You can always get one from any Community Ministries staff person or the office. We have even made 2 for everyone, so use one and share with a neighbor or friend!

Check Your Mailbox

It is that time again... time to look for that special letter you all look forward to receiving from us each year. Many of you have been very generous and it is encouraging to know so many of you believe in the importance of this program in the lives of our children. It seems like the Community Ministries Program has become an integral part of who Trinity is. It is one of the reasons how and why we are so well known in the community. As many of you know, the pledge Trinity is able to make to the program covers only about 1/4 of our budget. We are hopeful you will prayerfully consider continuing your support to help so many children, youth and families that are living in poverty in our community. Please look for the letter coming in June! Thank you.

Community Ministries Continued...

Another Great Year Complete!

Here it is June already and kids have been gone a month! As we look back over the year we have had many successes, challenges, and just plain fun. It is so important for kids to have that fun in their lives, lives that are so often filled with trauma and chaos. It is important for kids to learn about structure and boundaries, life skills and goals so they may achieve what they set out to do. It is also important to have someone to count on walking that journey with you. That is what we set out to do in Community Ministries.

As we come to the close of another program year, the kids, their families, the staff and the volunteers all say a huge **THANK YOU, TRINITY**, for allowing this program to happen within the Trinity walls! I want to share a quick recap with you so you know what you are supporting and how important it is for the community of children and youth.

We seem to be developing stronger ties with the schools and getting necessary information to better tutor our students. Closer connections are happening with parents and they are willing to work with us regarding their children. Kids and youth are learning to cook, read and do math (through the Schools of Hope program at Congress and our in house

tutoring), use computers, sew, and provide service to others. Maybe some of you have been the recipients of the cookies they baked. I know some babies are warmer because of the blankets our students made or the quilt they did. Learning about the Bible and stories of Jesus have been so meaningful this year and the children seem to be retaining more of what they are learning. We can see them integrating some of what they are learning into their lives.

And oh the fun we've had. Riding bikes, learning to swim, seeing the popular *Justin Bieber* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* movies, learning new dance moves on the Wii, playing basketball, football...or having a pirate party are just some of the activities the kids have experienced.

Yes, we have had our challenges... several boys have been locked up and are working through the charges with their legal counsel. Parents and siblings have requested that we accompany them to hearings and help explain what is happening as they don't always understand. I have received many calls from jail this winter. It is always a case of walking with the students and holding them accountable for their actions while showing them love and care.

Of course, there have also been many successes! We have several students

graduating from high school, one from GRCC and even a mom graduated from Davenport after many years of working on that goal! One student is transferring to Wayne State and one is returning to GRCC after a couple of years off. All the while they are hopefully feeling support from our staff, tutoring, talking through problem issues, going to the financial aid offices, making connectional phone calls, assisting with form completion and walking through class enrollment procedures. What a thrill to experience these achievements with our students and families. Several of our older students have begun to assist with the younger ones which is something we have wanted to see happen for many years.

We have been blessed this year with a wonderful staff of leaders from both Trinity and the community. We have had additional financial support from community individuals and groups. Requests for goods for our students are quickly filled. All teens received a backpack and all students young and old received age appropriate school supplies. Prayers, leadership, a chair to sit on, financial support, smiles and love abound are just a few things you offer to the participants in Community Ministries.

-Donna Shirey

Help Stop Summer Learning Loss

Started your summer planning yet? Please consider Community Ministries. It is well documented that kids, especially those living in poverty lose ground in the summer and return to school behind their peers. The summer goal of Community Ministries Programming is to encourage learning through a variety of methods and experiences. Although we provide academic learning, we also attempt to provide alternative learning through hands on experiences and physical activities.

We have 3 opportunities available this summer if you are looking for something very meaningful to do with your time. We need: Reading Buddies, beginning mid-June, scheduling by your design, training provided; drivers and leaders to supervise outings for children in Kids Club for 5 Mondays nights beginning July 11; and adults to work with teens either in a class setting or larger groups beginning July 11 for 5 weeks. See the *Take Time for Trinity* insert in the weekly bulletins to sign-up. If you have questions, please contact Donna (456.7168) or Scott (450.4126). Thank you for considering working with a great bunch of kids, you will be glad you did!

Thanks for the Dogs

A big round of applause and thank you to Yesterdog and Let Us Cater for the wonderful donation of hot dogs and chips for our end of the year Celebration Dinner. They served over 200 hot dogs! What a great way to end the year.



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Check Out Our Upcoming Summer Activities!

- May 11-July:** Co-Ed Softball, games are at 6:15 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. and played at Orchard Hill Reformed Church (3 Mile and Bristol NW).
- June 11-18:** Family Work Camp at Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky.
- June 12:** Switch to Summer Worship Schedule - 8:30 and 10 a.m.
- June 19:** Father's Day and Kick-Off to Summer BBQ on the Lawn following the 10 a.m. worship
- July 10:** Root Beer Floats following the 10 a.m. worship - Compliments of the Co-Ed Softball Team
- July 11-Aug. 10:** Community Ministries Summer Program
- July 27:** West Michigan White Caps Game and BBQ on the Third Base Deck at 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$25 Adults, \$18 3-12 Year Olds, younger than 3 is free! Includes all-you-can-eat MVP BBQ Dinner and game ticket! Deadline to sign-up is June 26.
- August:** Marshmallows and Fireflies - Camping at Albright Campground for all interested families

Join us for Iced Tea and Lemonade on the lawn following worship all summer!