



# 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.*

## July Worship and Events

**Sunday, July 3**  
**Independence Sunday**  
Worship at 10 a.m.

**Monday, July 4**  
Independence Day, Office  
Closed

**Sunday, July 10**  
Worship at 8:30 a.m. and  
10 a.m.

**July 11 - August 10**  
CM Summer Program

**Sunday, July 17**  
Worship at 8:30 a.m. and  
10 a.m.

**Friday, July 22**  
Organ Crawl

**Sunday, July 24**  
Worship at 8:30 a.m. and  
10 a.m.

**Wednesday, July 27**  
5:45pm Whitecaps Baseball  
Game and BBQ

**Sunday, July 31**  
Worship at 8:30 a.m. and  
10 a.m.

## Looking Forward to Another Great Year

Dear friends,

On July 1, Glenys and I will have been at Trinity United Methodist Church for exactly one year! It's been a great year for us and I hope it's been the same for you. Trinity has a tremendous vibrancy; it is a church that is alive in Christ! We have much to celebrate.

As we approach the 4th of July and the tremendous sense of celebration of that day of Independence in 1776, I am reminded that it wasn't gained easily. That people worked really hard and in some cases gave their own lives to shape the United States of America and make the country what it is today; in other words it took a sacrificial spirit.

As Glenys and I look back on the previous year, we know that it only happened through the sacrificial effort of so many at Trinity who have been called to ministry. We look forward to another great year with Trinity UMC and we know that like Jesus Christ, the sacrifice that we are prepared to make will not be in vain, but will help others to have life, and life in all it's fullness (John 10:10).

May God continue to bless this nation and Trinity UMC, in our sacrificial efforts of love, through Jesus Christ!

Happy 4<sup>th</sup>!

Pastor David

## Mission Trip 2011



## Caring Coins

Caring Coins in July will be collected for *North End Community Ministry*. NECM was organized in 1971 as a small food pantry and clothing bank. Today they serve approximately 525-600 families per month. Their services have expanded to include such programs as creative cooking classes, back to school clothing and school supplies for students, and providing part of the holiday giving program.

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Bev, Tim and Avery LeTourneau! They have been in Singapore since June 2009.

## Hands Across the City

Saturday, October 1, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The La Nueva Esperanza UMC community is moving into their new building on Buchanan Ave. SW and we are going to join them in beautifying and fixing up this historic building to get it ready for action!

WHY are we doing this? This event stems from a desire to create systemic and sustainable change WITH the community surrounding La Nueva Esperanza.

WE HAVE LIMITED SPACE FOR 200 VOLUNTEERS ONLY! Get on-board TODAY to reserve your spot. Send an email to event coordinator, Mary Lou Fassett at [mloffassett2@yahoo.com](mailto:mloffassett2@yahoo.com). Be sure to include your name, church, email, and an emergency contact. More details are available on Hands Across the City Facebook Event Page.

# Within the Trinity Family Circle

## Our Sympathy is Extended to...

... Rose Heydenburg and her family. Dr. Jack Heydenburg passed away June 16, 2011. A Memorial Service will be on Monday, August 1, at Trinity UMC.

## Dear Trinity Family...

... Thank you very much for your donation of \$538.78 to Habitat for Humanity of Michigan. Your thoughtfulness in making this donation is very much appreciated. Your gift will help Habitat continue its mission to rebuild stability and hope for thousands of hardworking Michigan families as they discover the joy of becoming homeowners.

-Sincerely, Sandra Pearson, President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Michigan

... Thank you so very much for my beautiful prayer shawl. My older son and daughter were here when it was delivered which made it an extra special afternoon. Your thoughts and prayers have certainly helped me during this difficult time and are still needed for sure. I am so fortunate to be a member of this wonderful church family. Your support and kindness means so much to me.

-Elinor Jordan and family

... I am happy to share with you that Matt Witkowski, our Administrative Assistant's husband, has been fortunate enough to have been offered a fabulous job opportunity working with the Girl Scouts of Michigan. The only downside is that it means that both Laura and Matt will have to re-locate to Traverse City. Therefore, we will be losing Laura in the near future, so you may see her position advertised. Please show her your warm wishes and support and keep both Matt and Laura in your prayers.

-Pastor David

## Marshmallows and Fireflies

### Wednesday, August 24 to Sunday, August 28 at Albright Campground

Come for all the time or for part of it! Camping sites and cabins, fire bowls, kayaking, canoeing, hike n' bike the Rails to Trails, swimming pool or you can just relax!

Many of our families at Trinity Family Camp have asked for a more informal time to camp this summer... here is your opportunity! Campsites are \$25 per night, Cabins are \$50 and \$60.

Contact Albright Campground to reserve your spot ([albright.campground@yahoo.com](mailto:albright.campground@yahoo.com)). Questions? Contact Nichea Ver Veer Guy ([orangece1t00@aol.com](mailto:orangece1t00@aol.com), 456.7158).



# Events and Opportunities for July 2011

To have an event listed in the August *Trinity in Touch*, submit your content to Laura at [office@grtumc.org](mailto:office@grtumc.org) on or before Monday, July 25.

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## Community Ministries Monthly Applebee's Fundraiser

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 at the Wyoming Applebee's (1375 28th St. SW). 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 next one on Monday, July 4. The one after that is Monday, August 1.** Flyers are available on our website ([www.grtumc.org](http://www.grtumc.org)) or in the Parlor. 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!



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## Volunteer Opportunities at Clark Retirement Community

*Wheelchair Escorts* - Volunteer will pick up residents from their rooms and escort them to a planned activity, training provided.  
Tuesdays 1:15 - 3:15 p.m. - Field Trips - Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

*Feeding Assistants* - Encourage and assist residents with eating. Monday through Sunday three meals are served each day.  
Flexible scheduling and training provided.

*Chatterbox Ice Cream Shop Attendant or Substitutes* - Serve coffee, donuts and ice cream to residents and their guests. Training provided. Monday through Saturday, either 9-11:15 a.m. or 1:30-4:15 p.m.

*Friends Swim Club Assistant* - This opportunity is for someone who enjoys the pool, someone to assist dementia residents in swimming pool activity. The volunteer would also assist the residents with dressing after activity.

Interested?? Contact Velma Fitzgerald (616.363.2238)

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## Career Support during Transition Network (CaST Net)

With our nation's economic difficulties, many people are facing the difficult challenge of looking for a new job. You may be in that situation yourself. You may also know or even be someone who is looking for an opportunity for a career change. CaST Net is a networking, support and resource group helping to assist our community during their career transition between jobs.

Whether you just lost your job or lost it some time ago but haven't been able to find something new, this is the group for you. Other members can offer ideas and suggestions for strategies you did not consider. If you are interested in this kind of support, please contact us.

We welcome and need business owners, business executives, career coaches and hiring managers who wish to share their talent by giving presentations and workshops. If you are one of these professionals and are willing to donate your time and expertise in 30-45 minute sessions on topics such as interviewing tips, resume writing, effective networking or how to stay motivated, we could use your help. You can contact either Pastor David Nellist ([pastordavid@grtumc.org](mailto:pastordavid@grtumc.org), 456.7168) or Wade Keller ([wade.keller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wade.keller@sbcglobal.net)).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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# July At Trinity UMC

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<b>Laura Gone at Christian Athletic Camp, July 17-23</b> →						
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# Trinity Treasures on the Lake (Drive)

**Thursday, September 22, through Saturday, September 24, 2011**



The Rummage Sale is coming! It is a major undertaking that contributes to our church budget, so start saving your treasures now. However, due to lack of storage space at the church, if there is someone that would be willing to store things in their garage, barn, basement or storage unit, please contact Carol Hillman ASAP! (We do not have the space to store anything, so please do not bring them to church until mid-September.) Questions? Contact Carol Hillman (616.802.8289). Remember, no item is too weird. Thanks for your stewardship!

## **Start thinking about ways you can help and contact Carol Hillman (616.802.8289) to volunteer:**

- I/We have storage space in our garage, barn, storage unit or basement that we'd like to make available now until the sale in September.
- I/We have a large vehicle and am willing to pick up large items from people on September 20 or 21 and deliver them to the church.
- I/We commit to deliver OUR treasures for the sale on the set-up days (Sept. 20-21).
- I/We will volunteer to donate funds for and create an ad for the newspaper.
- I/We will help distribute flyers around the community advertising our sale.
- I/We are willing to serve lunch (soup, sandwiches, etc.) during the sale days.
- I/We have consistent sized bags we can donate for the sale.
- I/We can help with arrival of items to lighten the staff's workload on Tuesday and Wednesday, 20 and 21.
  - \* 8-Noon                      \* Noon-3 p.m. (Tuesday and Wednesday)
- I/We will help set up the sale on Tuesday, September 20. (busy work days, can help in the evening now)
  - \* 8-11 a.m.                      \* 11-1 p.m.                      \* 1-4 p.m.                      \* 4-7:30 p.m.
- I/We will help set up the sale on Wed., September 21.
  - \* 8-11 a.m.                      \* 11-1 p.m.                      \* 1-4 p.m.                      \* 4-7:30 p.m.
- I/We will help work at the sale on Thursday, September 22.
  - \* 9 a.m. - Noon                      \* Noon - 3 p.m.                      \* 3 - 5 p.m.
- I/We will help work at the sale on Friday, September 23.
  - \* 9 a.m. - Noon                      \* Noon - 3 p.m.                      \* 3 - 5 p.m.
- I/We will help work at the sale on Saturday, September 24.
  - \* 9 - 11:30 a.m.                      \* 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- I/We am willing to help clean up from the sale on Saturday, September 25 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

# Memorial Day Weekend Family Camp



# Red Bird Mission Trip



# Community Ministries

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## Most Improved

The months of May and June brought many joys as so many of our students graduated this year. Not only the students that regularly attend but several got back to us to let us know that they had 'made it,' too. We are glad they remembered us as part of all their families and let us know of their success.

There was one graduation, however, that stood out. That was the graduation I attended for Lighthouse Academy. I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

One of the young men that has been attending our Community Ministries Program for a number of years was so excited to be graduating. Now this young man works against many odds that we can only imagine. Because of this he has had many behavior problems over the years and unfortunately been suspended and expelled from almost every high school in Grand Rapids. His anger often got the best of him and he made very poor decisions. He has a severe learning problem, but he is a very social young man and many people don't realize that he is not able to keep up with some discussions, process or

problem solve issues constructively. He continued to attend teen club through all of his dilemmas, not always able to stay a complete night because he didn't always fit into what was happening. We have allowed him to participate in whatever and however best suits him, all the while processing behavioral issues we either witnessed or he reported. We were in contact with mom and at times the schools.

About a year and a half ago he began attending a school designed for teens that have been expelled from the public school system. One remarkable woman who I have had the pleasure of working with over the years felt these students deserved an education and structure. She began the Lighthouse Academy through Wedgewood Christian Services. This young man felt he had worth there. Teachers and counselors worked with him. Yes, he had a few issues there, too, but in time he realized that he could be more successful if he made different decisions. He lives close to Trinity and stops in almost daily just to chat...about his mom, his biological dad, his biological mom, his education, his interest in a job,

other family members and 'general life' stuff. This young man clearly needs a place he feels cared for and respected. Last summer we voted him most improved student. That honor was well deserved.

As I sat at that graduation, I had tears in my eyes for all the hard work he had put in to get to a place he didn't think he would ever achieve. As I looked around at the rest of the graduates from his class, it was very clear that many of them surely would not have graduated if it had not been for this woman and her forward thinking and her care for young people. She has now begun a second school because there is such a need.

One person can make a difference. And what of the young man? He continues to stop in even though the summer program has not begun yet. We are awaiting his testing results in hopes that his IQ testing allows him the necessary scores to be eligible for a work training program. Keep your fingers crossed and your prayers ongoing that this young man can continue to succeed.

-Donna Shirey

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## CM Summer Program

Begins Mon. July 11 and runs through August 10. You can still sign up to help. Just turn in your name on the connection cards or give us a call. In addition our Reading Buddies Program is well underway thanks to so many willing volunteers and kids that are excited about reading!

## Retirement Announcement

Suzy Gill is retiring from her current paid position with Community Ministries as the *Elementary Liaison*. She has been working with the program almost as long as we have existed and done remarkable things, especially at Congress School. She has worked with several principals, providing some continuity with the staff and students. Suzy began the tutoring program which has now become the Schools of Hope in-school program, started a parent organization, helped to organize many 5th grade class trips, made and sold popcorn, worked on fundraisers at school, attended parent teacher conferences as part of our TED project and much more.

We will miss Suzy at our monthly leadership team meetings as well as all the work she does at the school in our name. She does assure us that she does not intend to disappear. She will continue to work with the kids at Congress and at Trinity. She is looking forward to not having to attend meetings she tells us. She doesn't want a fuss made, but a big round of applause and a huge thank you goes out to Suzy for all the work she has done over her the many years of service!

## Support Our Kids

Thanks to those of you that have already responded to our recent appeal for funding CM. We have almost reached our goal, but there is still time to respond if you choose. We have a lot of fun, enriching activities planned for summer as well as a full schedule this fall so please consider supporting our kids.

Thank you again to so many of you.



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## Job Posting - OFFICE MANAGER

We are seeking a candidate who has a collaborative spirit, is self-motivated, well-organized, enjoys working with others and has a passion working within a Christian environment. This position is responsible for managing day-to-day operations of our church by working closely with the pastors and staff members focused on growing the church through outreach, activities and events. The candidate should be people-oriented and a strong communicator. The ideal candidate will have the following qualifications:

- Excellent interpersonal and organizational skills; Strong oral and written communication skills
- Ability to take initiative, use mature judgment and maintain confidentiality
- High-level of proficiency in MS Office Suite, including MS Publisher or Adobe; Knowledge of MS Server 2003, familiar with computers &/or networks and related issues
- Experience with web-content management
- Ability to manage multiple tasks simultaneously
- Managing and monitoring office volunteers and church committees
- Familiarity with the United Methodist Church and its doctrines & practices preferable

Position will be 30 hours a week. Please send resume, references and salary requirements to: [employment@grtumc.org](mailto:employment@grtumc.org). Candidates meeting these qualifications will be contacted. No phone calls, please.