



Trinity In Touch

Trinity UMC is an inclusive, progressive community of faith in which persons grow in faith, love and service in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

October Worship and Events

Saturday, Oct. 1

Hands Across the City at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 2

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

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

Children's Clothesline Art Show/Sale at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 9

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

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

Sunday, Oct. 16

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

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

Sunday, Oct. 23

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

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

Friday, Oct. 28

Halloween Festival

Sunday, Oct. 30

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

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

Church Conference at 12:30 a.m.

Dear Friends,

Recently Glenys and I rowed up the Grand River against the current. We launched the boat at Lowell and our challenge was rowing against the flow so we could explore and discover what the river could offer!

Our first concern was being swept downriver, but we soon found we could row against the current until it got progressively harder, then realizing there was another river pouring into the Grand making the current really strong, (the Flat river), Glenys and I being fairly adventurous and liking a challenge just rowed with all our might against the current of both rivers.

It was worth the hard work, once we passed the current of the Flat River which threatened to take us downstream it was like a millpond, calm, serene, full of wildlife. We saw Herons, woodchucks, and people came out to wave to us as we rowed by. Every bend in the river opened up a new vista and we just wanted to keep going. After stopping on the bank, drinking a cup of coffee and consuming some cookies to replace our energy loss we headed back. This time I just put the tiller on the boat and we floated leisurely back, taking over an hour, the current gently took us down, only needing to row again when we neared the Flat River, to guide us to the boat launch. It was a great adventure!

Recently the 'Vision team', a group of staff and lay people designated by the Church Council, had a leadership retreat in which we put together a strategic plan to take the church 'upriver' and explore new horizons and vistas. We have spent a year in preparation; analyzing, discerning, holding ministries up to the light to get a clearer picture, praying. What we came up with is still being shaped and will be 'launched' fully in 2012. After feeling like we were rowing against the current for some time we now believe that we are ready to lead the church to new places in ministry, so here's what we came up with.

First: we celebrated our Community Ministry program as a strength and starting in 2012 want to develop it over the next 3 – 5 years, to take it to the next level and beyond. **Second:** we recognized that our Children and Family ministry program is also a strength, but greatly under resourced, so we want to commit ourselves to focusing on this ministry with resources over the next three years starting in 2012.

Third: we hope the pilot program for the Parish Nurse is successful, and want to develop the Parish Nurse program for two years starting in 2012. We have spent a lot of time and energy on a successful music program and want to revisit how all of this comes together in our worship of God through our music program, so our

Fourth focus from 2013 to 2016 will be worship. **Fifth:** and last but not least, is the challenge that we have in looking how our space and facilities can best serve our ministry at Trinity, we will do this from 2012 – 2016. May we hold up the name of Jesus in all that we do.

Well we hope you attend the Church Conference on October 30, at 12:30 p.m. so you can hear more about the Strategic plan from our Vision team Chair Paul Hillman, and meet our D.S. Laurie Haller. Prepare for God's presence, and a new vision of love and grace for our church and our lives.

Peace,

David

Caring Coins

Our Caring Coins collection in October will be given to FISH. Trinity is one of the churches participating in the program that furnishes transportation for low-income people who need help in getting to appointments with doctors, dentists, clinics, therapy, etc.

Reminders

We are coming into the season where our windows and doors begin to close. This is a reminder to not wear heavy cologne or fragrances to church. There are many who have severe allergies to them and have had to leave classrooms because of the fragrances. Help us to keep Trinity a welcome place for everyone. Thank you.

Annual Church Conference

Trinity UMC will hold our Annual Church (Charge) Conference on Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Church/Charge Conference is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church and is composed of all members of the church council and must meet at least once per year. All members of the Church/Charge Conference must be members of the local church. The Church/Charge conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the church council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry.

Within the Trinity Family Circle

Our Sympathy is Extended to...

... The family of Harriet Gaertner, who passed away on September 2.

Congratulations ...

... to Brad and Jen Schottke on the birth of their son Jax William on August 25. He joins proud big sister Brooklyn.

Dear Trinity Family...

... I wish to thank my Trinity friends for their cards, notes, phone calls and visits while I was in rehab. They were deeply appreciated. Also, special thanks to Pastor David, Jerry Pohly and Ed Perkins for their visits, which meant so much. We, at Trinity, are truly blessed to have our current pastors and for our retired ministers. Once again, I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart.

-Blessings, Kay Winberg

... A new refrigerator has been placed in the Parlor kitchen. We are grateful to the French Family for providing the funding for this gift in memorial of Edgar French.

Thank You for 31 Years

After, before, during, and sometime along this path of 31 years of employment, by the grace of God, I'm informing you that as of my 62nd birthday, October 14, 2011, I will be retiring from Trinity United Methodist Church as custodian.

You've allowed me to work and be a part of this family, *The Trinity Family*. Thank you and may God continue to bless all of us.

I started with pride, and thanks to God, His love, and the love of my Trinity Family, I still have it.

Much love,

Andy Welford

Parish Nurse News

"I am among you as one who serves." How many times have you looked above the altar in Trinity's sanctuary and read those words which Jesus spoke? Who was Jesus referring to as "one who serves"?

New to Trinity is the health ministry of Parish Nursing; this concept is not new to the United Methodist Church or to faith communities in the United States. The movement was begun in the mid 1980's by the Presbyterian Church to meet the health needs of its parishioners. Health in this sense is spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being, not only the absence of disease. Health is also the prevention of disease and illness, early detection of both, and a sense of well-being (shalom) even when a cure is not possible. A Parish Nurse focuses on the faith beliefs, values and practices of the faith community in which she serves to promote health. UMCOR strongly supports this mission to have a Parish Nurse in each United Methodist faith community.

I will be among you to serve. Look for me around the church and tell me how I can best serve your needs. I will be conducting monthly Blood Pressure Screening Clinics in the parlor and leading an Adult Ed class in December to show some practical applications of how a Parish Nurse functions. Please join me to learn more.

-Katie Orent RN Parish Nurse

Events and Opportunities

To have an event listed in the November *Trinity in Touch*, submit your content to the church office at office@grtumc.org on or before Monday, October 24.

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). 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, October 3.** Flyers are

available on our website (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!

Harvest Bonfire and Hayride

Saturday, October 15, 2011, at 5 p.m.

Join us for a fall evening with a warm bonfire roast and a country hayride. Arrive between 5-6 p.m. and choose a pumpkin, visit the farm animals, and check out the corn maze. The bonfire hot dog roast will begin at 6 p.m. with the hayride following.

Cost: \$6 Adults, \$4 children over 3 years. Includes food, homemade doughnuts, s'mores, and the hayride!

Please RSVP to the church office or with Nichea (orangecelt00@aol.com).

Come Join the Fun!



Trinity Halloween Festival

Friday, October 28, 2011, at 5:30 p.m.

Get Ready to SCREAM!!!

Join us for Trinity's annual Halloween Festival!!

Dress in your most outrageous costumes, carve a pumpkin, play games, visit the Youth's Haunted House, and eat the "scariest" meal you've ever had!!

A donation of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children will help with expenses. Thank you and hope to see you for some "scary" fun!

A Festival of Music!

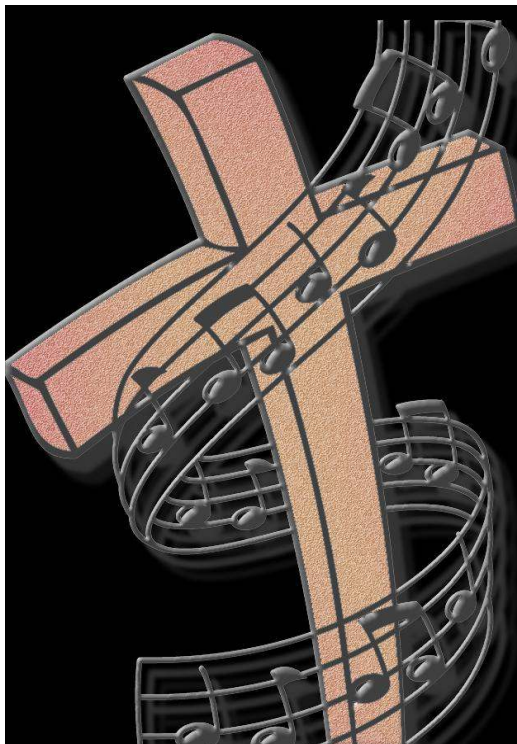
The Music Development Team of Trinity is excited to announce the return of Trinity's long-standing concert series, *A Festival of Music!* Over the series' decades-long run, Trinity has hosted numerous local and international artists and has brought thousands of people through Trinity's doors. Join us for the first event!

Organ Music for Halloween and All Saints,
Sunday, October 30, 2011, at 3 p.m.

Trinity Music Director Christopher Dekker and Organ Scholar David Heinze will perform an exciting and engaging recital featuring music for Halloween and All Saints Day.

Music will include crowd favorites such as Johann Sebastian Bach's *Tocatta and Fugue in D-Minor* and Henri Mulet's *Thou Art the Rock*. The audience will be brought even closer to the action through the use of multiple cameras and a video screen. Admission is free, and a free-will offering will be received. A reception will follow.

Come, and invite your friends!



The Festival of Music exists to spread God's gift of music throughout the community. While Trinity does not charge admission for any of its concerts, these events do come at a significant cost. *The vast majority of the underwriting of this series comes from individual donations.* To recognize those individuals that have made significant contributions, the following giving levels have been established:

Friend: \$35 to \$99

Patron: \$100 to \$299

Benefactor: \$300 to \$499

Underwriter: \$500 and above

If you feel called to donate to the series, we would warmly welcome your gift. Please include your name and address on any gift over \$75 for tax purposes.

Thank you for your generosity.

Music News

Young Musician's Prelude: The Bible makes God's love for children very clear. Matthew 19:14 is best said through the New Living Translation: "But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." All children through 8th grade are invited to participate in the prelude during the 11 a.m. service on October 16. Both instrumentalists and vocalists are encouraged to share their talent with their Trinity family, regardless of ability level. Please contact Director of Music Christopher Dekker for more information at c.dekker@grtumc.org.

The Trinity Orchestra: The 2010-2011 season saw a rejuvenation among the music program. One of the key components to this new life was the return of the Trinity Orchestra! All interested musicians should mark Sunday, November 27, as the next date the Orchestra will participate in worship. Rehearsal times will be announced closer to the date. All musicians are welcome! There are no restrictions on who may join this all-volunteer ensemble. Musicians range from semi-professional to haven't-picked-up-my-instrument-in-years! Please contact Director of Music Christopher Dekker for more information at c.dekker@grtumc.org.

Chris Dekker in Concert:

In addition to the first event of Trinity's Festival of Music Concert on Sunday, October 30, organist Chris Dekker will participate in two other recitals during the month of October. On Sunday, October 16 at 3 p.m., a concert featuring organists Ron Krebs, Joel VanderZee, Kent Hill, Mark Loring, and Chris Dekker will occur at Second Congregational Church (525 Cheshire Dr. NE, 49505). Each of these musicians has served Second Church in some capacity during the past. Also, Chris will participate in Park Congregational Church's Tuesday noonday series on Tuesday, October 18, at 12:15 p.m. This 35-minute program will be followed by a soup lunch. Admission is free. Park Church can be located at 10 E Park Place NE, 49503.



October 11 a.m. Service Music

Sunday, October 2: On this Worldwide Communion Sunday and first Sunday of Trinity's Annual Stewardship Drive, the Paradigm Brass Quintet will offer a 20 minute prelude, as well as meditations during the offering and communion. The Chancel Choir will sing Harold Friedell's beautiful anthem, *Draw us In the Spirit's Tether*.

Sunday, October 9: On this second Sunday of Trinity's Stewardship Drive, the Trinity Ringers will participate in worship for the first time this season. The Chancel Choir, guest conducted by Jackie Sides during Chris Dekker's absence, will sing Alice Parker's *I Will Arise* as the anthem. David Heinze will serve as organist.

Sunday, October 16: On this third Sunday of the Stewardship Drive, the Chancel Choir will sing Jack Feldman's gospel setting of *River in Judea*. Several young musicians will also participate in the prelude.

Sunday, October 23: On this final Sunday of the stewardship drive, two spectacular organ pieces will assist in the worshiping of God. J.S. Bach's *Prelude and Fugue in G-Major*, offered by David Heinze, will serve as the prelude, and Henri Mulet's thrilling *Thou Art the Rock*, offered by Chris Dekker, will serve as the postlude. One of the most electrifying and uplifting English anthems, Ralph Vaughan William's *Antiphon*, will serve as the Chancel Choir anthem. The Celebration Ringers and Singers will participate in worship for the first time this season, with the Singers offering Larry Visser's *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* at the conclusion of the service. The Carol Choir will also make their season's debut.

Sunday, October 30: The Wesley Ringers and Wesley Singers will participate in worship for the first time this year, and the Chancel Choir will sing *The Lord Is My Shepherd* by Thomas Matthews. Chris Dekker will offer Samuel Barber's hauntingly beautiful *Adagio for Strings* for the prelude.

Child Abuse Prevention and Risk Management Policy

The Children's Council and the Youth Development Committee have been updating our policies to stay in compliance with our Child Abuse Prevention and Risk Management agreements with the West Michigan Conference United Methodist Church. You will notice some new policies concerning food allergy maintenance in the Children's Areas and Nursery, building evacuation plan and Safety First guidelines with the church. We are proud to be a church that holds these principles high and will work to make sure this is a safe environment for the children and youth who are in ministry within these walls. If you have questions, contact Nichea or Matt (456.7168).

Missions/Hunger Work Area

When Cameroon missionaries, Nkembo and Mbwizu Ndnungu, visited us at Trinity last month, I heard about a project that Mbwizu wanted to start in Cameroon. She would like to begin a knitting group for women and has asked if we would be able to donate and send yarn for their projects. I have an address in Kentucky where they will be after November 21. So, the plan is to collect yarn in project sized batches (three or more skeins each) and send them to the Kentucky address after Thanksgiving Sunday (Nov. 20). Mbwizu will handle the shipping from there. If you would like to contribute to this project, please drop off your yarn contribution in the box that will be in the church parlor until November 20.

Thank you for your support for this project and also for your prayers in support of our covenant missionaries.

-Sue Emmons



Children and Family Ministries - Living What You Believe!



Trinity has a long history of being a rich and nurturing environment for children and their families. We have worked to be on the cutting edge of meeting the needs of families in their spiritual development. Christian Education that includes a scope and sequence that exemplifies the Christian liturgical year and Biblical understandings at various age-levels. Giving opportunities for families to socialize in a safe, nurturing, inclusive community so they can mature their Christian faith through tangible experiences. Design opportunities for persons to utilize their gifts and graces through leadership, mission exploration and spiritual growth within the local church and beyond.

Through these approaches, the Children's Council of Trinity will:

- create a sacred space where God's Children and their families can imagine how God is at work in their lives and in the world
- rejoice in the mystery and wonder of God through worship; create out of their own creative being, knowing that "...it is good"
- learn their faith stories in exciting and meaningful ways; and explore with open hearts and minds how to be faithful people in the world today.

-Nichea Guy

It Has Been an Honor

I am definitely sad to be leaving Trinity UMC. It has been great working here and I have truly enjoyed it. I didn't expect to be moving on so soon, but life just happens and most of the time life happens unexpectedly. My husband's new job in Traverse City has been great, but it has been a long summer for us living apart since May and we are excited I am finally moving up North. I have met so many great people in this congregation and will miss you all. I am grateful for all of the volunteers and staff I have worked with over the years. I would have never taken this position if it wasn't for Pastors Frank and Carole Lyman. We knew each other from our work on different West Michigan Conference Committees and Frank and I happened to sit next to each other at a meeting and began talking about the office position that had just opened up at Trinity. I really will never forget that conversation because it actually got me thinking that I could have a job that would be meaningful to me. I never thought of myself working for a church at the time and was immediately excited by the possibility. I really do love the United Methodist Church and what a great way to show that by working for the church. Thanks Frank!

The list of volunteers I have worked with include amazing people. Thank you for making my job easier: Trudy Reynolds, Pat Burpee, Linda Burpee, Barb Spangenberg, Larry Blose, Katie Orent, Vicki Francis, Kathy Richter, Paul Hillman, David Shirey, John Czuhajewski, Bonnie Czuhajewski, Brad Schottke, Amy Tolliver, Jen Schottke, George House, Deanna House, Warren Richter, Ryan Lafferty, Tara Lafferty, Dick Thomas, Bob White, Bill DeBruyn, Rob Bruining, Gayle DeBruyn, Steve Sundheimer, Don Miller, Sue Emmons, Velma Fitzgerald, Judi Ryan, Bob Dudley, Linda Dudley, Joy Murphy, DiAnne Heidanus, Eileen Pohly, Ricki Chowning, Suzanne Hewitt, Susan Blose, Greg Guy, Evie Miller, Mary Jo Burpee, Suzy Gill, Carol Hillman, Jane Rittenhouse, Jim Henwood, Donna Phillips, Elvina Morrison, Barbara Craig, Laurie Sproul, Margaret Thomas, Barbara Osburn, Larry Gill, Valerie Mossman-Celestin, Jodie Seese. I'm sure this list is not exhaustive (and I apologize for anyone I haven't mentioned), but I don't know what Trinity would do without it's volunteers and committee chairpersons!

I am also grateful for our retired pastors as they are always so willing to fill in and offer their support over the years: Rev. Bob Smith, Rev. Jerry Pohly, Rev. Ed Perkins, Rev. Chuck Garrod, Rev. Bob Horton, Rev. Jim Hynes.

Of course, I don't know how I could have do it all without our office volunteers! Pat French on Mondays, the late and dear Isabel Frakie on Tuesdays, Eleanore Poelstra on Wednesdays and Lorraine Ridenour on Thursdays. What a blessing these women have been!

Thanks to Kristen Gifford, our childcare coordinator and to our Childcare staff, for always being willing to fulfill our many childcare requests. And thanks to our Sunday Custodian, Jeremy Gifford, and the weekday evening custodians we've

had over the years. A huge thank you to Jake Wiltse, my go-to-short notice weekend fill-in custodian. He's saved me in many situations!

The music staff we have had in my time here has been great to work with. Most of my work with them is through email, but it is important work in this church. Thanks to Jackie Sides, Jane Van Hof, Barb Copeland, Cynthia Bristol, Lisa Watson, Vickie Sterzick, Stephanie Wiltse and David Heinze.



Traverse City, MI

And finally the staff I work with every single day: Pastor David Nellist, Pastor Julie Dix, Chris Dekker, Donna Shirey, Andy Welford, Matt Parrott and Nichea Guy. You have all had a profound impact on my life and faith journey. There's no way I will ever find another staff as amazing as you. I'm anxious to see what you do next and sad that I won't get to be part of it! You guys are awesome!

Trinity UMC and I have been through a lot together in the last few years. It has been quite a journey. Trinity is a special place and unlike any other congregation. I hope you can recognize that, appreciate it and embrace it. I have witnessed your generosity, compassion, inclusiveness and love. Continue to take care of each other. Trust your staff, they are here for you and will not lead you anywhere you don't want to go. God has a plan. I can only hope that I have served this church well and made some kind of an impact on this congregation.

If anyone is interested, Matt and I do have a blog related to our transition, pregnancy and parenthood, www.witkowskifamilyblog.blogspot.com. One of us tries to post once a week, so feel free to follow along and see what we're up to! My last few weeks here have been hard and sad, but I so appreciate all of the well wishes and support we have received from everyone that has called or walked in the office. You will certainly be missed!

God Bless,

Laura, Matt and Baby Witkowski

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October Sundays At Trinity UMC

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Community Ministries

Welcome to our new Interns!

Greetings! My name is Aileen Choi, (pronounced as "I-lean") and I am a senior at Calvin College. I was born in Princeton, New Jersey, and I lived here until I was nine years old. My family and I then moved to Korea as my father was called to serve as a pastor at one of the mega churches in Seoul. I am graduating in the spring of 2012 with a sociology degree with a social work minor. Sociology has given me the language and tool to the issues and patterns that I have seen throughout my life, and it has helped me develop my passion for community, diversity, learning, and people. I will be studying abroad in Cairo, Egypt for the upcoming spring semester and I am looking forward to learning and growing more as a woman of God. I am hoping to continue to learn more about people and social justice and work for the UN.

I feel truly blessed and privileged to be able to have this opportunity to work as an intern with Community Ministries. It is heartwarming to see the continual devotion Trinity has for its community for years. Thank you to every



single one of you who has made small and big contributions to the Ministries; you are appreciated. The initiative, willingness, and openness that Trinity has shown truly touched my heart, and I thank the Lord that He has given me this opportunity to learn.



My name is Michelle Jokisch. I am a missionary kid. I was born and raised in El Salvador, a small country located in Central America, and then moved to the country of Ecuador in South America. I am currently a senior at Calvin College, pursuing a degree in psychology with a double minor in religion and gender studies.

I am actively involved with YoungLife in the Northeastern Grand Rapids Area. I am very excited to be an intern at Trinity. I want to learn and develop relationships with the children that attend Trinity. I also would like to use my fluency in Spanish to help shorten the communication gap between Trinity and the Hispanic families.

My career goals are to be admitted into graduate school towards a PhD track in clinical psychology. In the future I would enjoy working and developing relationships with the mentally ill.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING???

Please remember the Teen Club Boutique as you do your Christmas shopping. Each year Community Ministries provides a shopping experience for the youth in Teen Club. That is where you come in. We need to fill the room with new or gently used items for the teens to purchase with their tickets. Everything is free and kids can select items for their close family members and get them wrapped. If you would like to share in the excitement of providing gifts, please join us. Items for men, women and children are welcome. We will be collecting items in the Community Ministries office beginning Dec. 1. The boutique will be held Dec. 13 this year. Questions, contact Donna (d.shirey@grtunc.org, 456.7168). Thank you for your generosity!

Community Ministries continued...

Providing Consistency

Fall is a busy place in the Community Ministries offices. Kids and parents are calling regularly to see when they can return. Volunteers are being recruited. Schools of Hope afterschool is getting underway at Congress with our young readers. Interns are starting. Program materials are being readied. Whew! However, it is a very exciting time. We can't wait for the kids to return and get started with the fun and educational things we have planned. Many of our kids are living through some uncertain times. Nearly one in every five Michigan youths lives below the poverty line. 19.4 percent of children live in poverty, but for children under 5 the number jumps to 22.4 percent. Public assistance for many parents is ending. Jobs are scarce. Kids have moved to many other school buildings and homes since we have seen them in the summer. The poverty rates for children in Grand Rapids is increasing. What does that mean? And why am I writing about this in your newsletter?

I am writing because what you, Trinity, provide through our Community Ministries Program is consistency for these young people. They will find many of the same faces here greeting them weekly/yearly. Kids know what is expected of them. You provide opportunities for children to feel valued and loved. You provide avenues for kids to learn academically and acquire skills/strategies that will hopefully lead them to a life of success. It is a quiet voice saying you are never alone. You have worth and there is always hope. Through this ministry along with others working in the community we can break that ever circling cycle of generational poverty that so many of our families experience.

Please say a quiet prayer as we embark on a new school year, that God will guide our work and keep our kids safe. Thank you.

-Donna Shirey

IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER

Deanna House will be presenting one of her informative yet hilarious cooking programs this fall to benefit Community Ministries. Please plan to join us on Monday, November 14, at 7 p.m. to join in the fun. You just might learn something too!

The program will highlight holiday cooking, just in time right? Tickets are \$15 each or \$25 for 2 and will go on sale Oct. 9.

Bring your family, bring your friends you won't want to miss out on this special evening.



ALTAR FUND NEEDS YOU

As many of you know, the Altar Fund at Trinity has long been the source of funding for those in need that walk through our doors or at times even our own members, requesting assistance. This is the discretionary fund that the pastors and Community Ministries staff use to fill needs such as rental assistance, utility payments, or other appropriate requests. This area is funded through donations only. Each request is handled with dignity and with a specific system we use through ACCESS. This is a time of great need and the requests are many. The fund is currently very low. As of October 1, many people will be having their funding stopped because "their time is up." Many have been looking for work with no success. Many are trying to catch up on their utilities before the cold weather hits and they have their gas or power shut off. Some just need a bus ticket to get to interviews or doctor appointments. We are turning people away several times a week. We would ask that you consider those that are less fortunate than ourselves and take time to contribute to this fund. You may do so by dropping cash or a check into the hunger pot in the narthex in the back of the sanctuary or drop a check in the offering plate or mail, made out to Trinity, marked ALTAR FUND. Thank you for thinking of others.



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Art in the Parlor is Back!

Trinity's visual arts program, **Art in the Parlor** is up and running, thanks to the efforts of Trinity member Eve Ricketts! A wide variety of art genres have been displayed in the past ranging from folk art, photography, oil on canvas, art from recycled materials, icons and work on wood. Artists represented have been well-known and respected people in the community including artists from Clark, children of Trinity, and some from further afield.

Whether you are an art-seeker or someone who is learning how to appreciate art, you are encouraged to wander through the parlor and notice the art. Art is a vital part of any community. So discuss, admire, approve or dislike, be challenged, grow!

Shows will remain in the Parlor for about six weeks at a time, depending on the artists' schedules. The Sunday bulletin will print a synopsis of the current artist and the artist's statement. Handouts will be available on the table in the parlor with the artist's information, in case you wish to purchase a piece or contact the artist.

Finally, if you know of an artist who would be willing to show at Trinity or you would like to provide a show, please contact Eve Ricketts at 616.452.6329 or email at ericketts@grcs.org.

