

Trinity Times

Trinity Presbyterian
Church
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Pastors Pen,

It's hard to believe, but I will have been with you one full year on August 15th. It has been a year of hard work by both Pastor and parish. There have been some exciting times as we welcomed the Peanut Gallery to share our building and later shared it with the summer Mad Science Program. We also spent many hours on reestablishing our by-laws and articles of incorporation. It was disappointing to have our PNC suspended but there are some things we need to get in order to move forward in the process of getting a new installed pastor.

There have been some very high moments and small miracles along the way. The most recent being our VBS with 71 young people attending. There have been some troubling moments, as we discovered our debt load was limiting the ministry of our church. We have had new members to welcome, and we have lost two dear friends to death, but rejoice that they are in the hands of God.

Some things have been revived like the youth going to S.H.Y.C. and some things have been put aside for a while, like the Valentines dinner. Yet, what I am most amazed at is how faithful our God has been as we have met each change and each success fully mindful of the abiding presence of our Lord.

Let us now move diligently forward in this next year to get things in place for a new pastor and new time in the life of Trinity Church. There is still much that needs done and much more to celebrate and during this time we need everyone's prayers and willingness to move forward.



Bev

Reverend Beverly Hughes

Worship Schedule

9:00 AM
Bible Study for
All Ages

10:00 AM
Fellowship
Coffee & Doughnuts

10:30 AM
Combined Worship Service
Traditional and
Contemporary

*(Check your calendar for
special Sunday events
and time changes.)*

Back to School August 22nd



Important Dates

Birthdays

8/3 Victoria Hynes
8/4 Naomi Smith
8/5 Lloyd Olson
8/9 Beverly Hughes
8/10 Debi Ward
8/12 Larry Johnson
Monique Yates
8/18 Brian Walker
8/19 Charles Horton
8/22 Greg Sweeney
8/25 Kristina Hopkins
8/29 Dee Kuklenz



Anniversaries

8/21 Wayne & Beverly Hughes



Ushers

8/7 Gloria Parsons
Nancy Hearon
Joy Koch
Marilyn Schilling
8/14 Ruth Horton
Charlie Horton
Daniel Bauer
Harvey Wright
8/21 Terri Decker
Brad Decker
Debi Ward
8/28 Kate Bobo
Rachel Bobo
Joseph Uwakwe
Joe Cesspooch



Please Note!

If your name is missing from the anniversary or birthday list, please let the church office know. Thanks!

Note to

New Members: You need to give your information to the church office if you haven't already done so. We would like to be able to acknowledge your special days!

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Trinity Chimers

We will have our first meeting Thursday August 25th at 6PM at TPC. All who are interested in being a part of the Trinity Chimers, please, join us.



A Word of Thanks

Wayne and I would like to thank all of you who did so many things for us while I was laid up. The surgery was a success. I do have another 4 weeks of therapy to get my knee to straighten, but that is about a month less than last time.

Your kindness and prayers made my recovery speedier and easier. So, if you came to see me, wrote a note, brought a meal, helped at the church and most importantly prayed for me – you have been a blessing to me and Wayne.

Rev. Bev

P.S.: I still have a few dishes and flower vases. If you know you are missing one let me know.

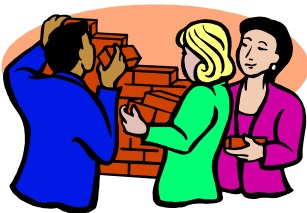


National Church News

Presbyterians are a part of the church reformed, always reforming. We are strong believers in the miracles of Christ when He walked on earth and now. This being true we often make changes in our form of government. Never has that been more true than on July 10, 2011. On this date our form of government changed and a new book of order was set in place. There are indeed some changes and some things that stayed the same. When the session meets again we will set a date in which to introduce this new form of government (which is called nFOG) to the congregation. Hopefully it will be on a Sunday evening and dessert will be provided.



Get Ready!



The presbytery has helped Trinity invite a professional to get a building capital campaign established in the upcoming months. Over the next few weeks will be getting our leaders in place and our committees established for this important event in the life of the church. More about this very soon!

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Welcome to Trinity!

We welcome new member Beth Bean. Beth has been a part of our church for a while but has formally requested her membership be moved. She will officially join the church in August during worship.

National Night Out

The Sons of the American Legion
Tuesday
August 2, 2011
6PM -9PM
5600 N. Colony (next to St. Sophia's)
There will be food & entertainment



The City of The Colony is so excited about **Al's Hugs and Hammers** and the potential help for many residents in The Colony. It is perfectly aligned with The City of The Colony Beautification program. The City has invited us to their city council meeting on August 2nd at 7pm and they want to recognize the organization. The meeting is at City Hall off Main Street/North Colony. Please consider coming to the meeting as the recognition for Al's H&H will be at the beginning of the meeting. Invite others as you wish.

Al - this is for you and our Lord!

Side note to all: we are in the process of organizing the org and have projects soon to be presented to volunteers to sign up for. We have a slow start as we want to do this right!

www.alshugsandhammers.org
(site is in build mode-keep checking back for upcoming events)
214-808-7070



Trinity Tots finished the second semester of the 2010—2011 year in June. Here are a few of the activities that the kids participated in:

- ✓ The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held with lots of happy faces.
- ✓ Pizza days were enjoyed in the springtime.
- ✓ The Fire Department visited in May with much excitement from the children.
- ✓ Graduation was June 3rd, followed by a fun water splash day.



Our appreciation to each a everyone who contributed to the program this past year. Special thanks to our current Board members: Joy Koch, Lyn Gray, I lize Mattheus, Pat Dimino, Amy Olson, and Kristina Hopkins.

Trinity Tots begins on Tuesday, August 23rd for the 2011—2012 school year. Please share the program with friends and neighbors.

Marilyn Schilling—Director

Children's Ministries

Children's Ministries Kids, come join us for the **"Back to School Splash"** for kids ages 4 years – 5th grade on Sunday afternoon, **August 28** from 4:00 – 6:00 PM here at the church. Wear clothes you don't mind getting wet (or a swimsuit but we will ask you to wear a T shirt over it), and your towel. We will have pools, wiggly sprinklers, water blasters, water balloons, water relays, etc. There will be hot dogs, popsicles, watermelon and other cool stuff. Food, games, and loads of fun.



Watch for more info on the following **upcoming events**;

- ✓ September – Exploring God's World – Sunday, 9/25/11, 4-6 PM
- ✓ October – Fall Festival – Saturday, 10/22/11, 6-8 PM
- ✓ November – Event for Advent, Friday, 11/11/11, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- ✓ December – Birthday Party for Jesus, Saturday, 12/10/11, 10-11:30 AM

And don't forget **Children's Choir**. We will sing on August 28, "Straight From the Heart of God". Practice is on Sunday mornings. Sunday School is at 9:00 AM and choir practice is at 9:30. Look forward to seeing you there. Hope you are all having and fun and safe summer.



Ruthie Horton

A Flaw or God's Gift?

There is a story about a man who earned his living carrying water from the river up the hill to the village. He carried the water in a two clay pots suspended by ropes attached to either end of a yoke across his shoulders. Every day for many years he would go to the river, fill pots with water, and then carry them up to the village, often making as many as 15 or 20 trips a day.

Then one day an amazing thing; as he was getting ready to fill the pots with water one of them spoke to him. The pot began to apologize profusely, because this pot had a crack in it and for all those years had been leaking water on every trip. The pot was saddened by the realization that its failing had caused the man to make hundreds, if not thousands, of additional trips over the years.

The man, who amazingly enough was not surprised to hear a pot talking to him, replied that he had always known this pot crack in it and that it was leaking water. He then pointed to the path he had walked they had walked so many times together. The left side of the path was mostly bare earth, with the occasional patch scraggly grass. However on the other side and grass grew abundantly along with many brightly colored flowers. That very thing that you see as a flaw, leaking water onto the path, is responsible for all of this beauty.



Thinking about that story reminded me of the beautiful stained-glass windows in the sanctuary. All glass starts out the same, clear and transparent. The thing that adds color to the glass is the other chemicals that are added at the time the glass is made. Technically, these extra chemicals that are impurities, some might even say a flaw, and yet it is the very thing that gives the glass its color and beauty.

Stained-glass windows get their beauty from the artful way in which the artist combines the different shaped pieces of glass in all their many colors. Together they become much more than they were individually and so it is with us a nation and as the Church.

Like the water carrier's clay pot, each of us has flaws and cracks. The story reminds us that while flawed and cracked we are also the beloved child of God. Flaws and all there is a part for us in God's continuing act of creation. Some preach, teach Sunday school, others bake casseroles, mow the grass or mop the floors, and the list goes on to include everyone.

In closing let me share a couple lines from a great song called, "All God's Creatures":

***All Gods' creatures got a place in the choir.
Some sing low and some sing higher.
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire.
Some just clap their hands or paws or anything they've got now.***

John is the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Prosper.

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Organizational Structure

Session

Session Elders - Debra Sweeney, Ruth Horton, Lee Ann Bandy, Robin Dilger, Humphrey Wambaa,
Lloyd Olson, Debra Whinnie, Dennis Yates, Paul Leddy

Session Moderator - Rev. Beverly Hughes

Clerk of Session - John Fiedler

Ministries

Worship – Debra Sweeney

Children – Ruth Horton

Youth – Lee Ann Bandy

Membership – Robin Dilger (includes Fellowship, Member Care and Member Involvement)

Team Leaders

Gloria Parsons, Camille Marchelletta, Mimi Montgomery

Adult Studies – Humphrey Wambaa

Evangelism – Lloyd Olson

Mission – Debra Whinnie

Points of Contact

Hurricane Ike Relief Galveston and Emanuel Presbyterian Church - Lynda Rice

Angel Food - Roly Rice

Hats for the Homeless - Laurie and Ron McKee

Never Ending Food Drive, A Youth Project - Tyler Winn

Road to Recovery -Dee Stokes

Volunteering at North Texas Food Bank -Pam Hampson

TPC Touchstones - (Does not begin until August 2011) -Cissi Bauer

Al's Hugs and Hammers Project - Janet Ohlig

Volunteering at The Stewpot-Second Chance Cafe- Frank and Debra Whinnie

Meals on Wheels - Lynda Rice

Facilitating – Dennis Yates

Committees

Property - Patrick Dilger

Grounds - Charlie Horton

Services - Steve Thomas

Finance - Larry Johnson

Personnel - Paul Leddy

Executive Director - Steve Thomas