



Trinity Presbyterian Church
4700 Nash Drive
The Colony, TX 75056
972-625-1702
October, 2011

9:00 AM Bible Study

10:00 AM Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship Service

Pastor's Pen,

I know you will soon be seeing a lot of rocks around our buildings. Actually they are to represent stones. For in 1 Peter we learn about the living stones that make up the church. These are not the bricks and mortar type of stones but the flesh and blood stones that work at making a Christian witness in the community in which they worship and live. We are those living stones.

This year we are the stones that need to consider both how to help with the brick and mortar needs of our church and the ongoing mission and ministry work in the church. A number of years back this congregation heard the call to build a new sanctuary. The work is beautiful and it makes preaching here pleasant. Yet, there is still debt on that building that has been rolled into the regular budget. During this down economy, many are struggling to keep up. We at the church are struggling as well to both pay our loans and do the week to week work of the church. To help do both things well the session has decided to have a dual campaign this year. We are doing a capital campaign to help with our building payments and a regular stewardship campaign to support the on going ministry and mission at TPC.

Wayne and I have talked about both campaigns and decided that we would give our regular pledge from our salaries and give to the capitol campaign from our savings. We felt this was important for it is a way we can give to the long range needs of Trinity and truly make a difference to the kingdom of God in this place. Though our time here will be short, you are important to us. We are glad to be able to help provide for the building and for the work being done by you living stones at Trinity. We might stay for only a short time but we believe in the long term work of this congregation and seek to support it.

I hope you too will see this year as a time to give in thanksgiving for our beautiful building and, if possible, be a leader in giving support to the capital campaign. Please also be faithful in giving to the regular budget so there will be money for hiring a new pastor and doing the many things that give witness to Jesus here at Trinity. Last but not least please consider what new activity you can do this year in the church. Maybe you would like to sing in the choir or be active in our revived women's ministry. Let us know what is important by filling you time and talent forms.

Presbytery Support of the Capitol Campaign

Last fall as we worked with Presbytery to get extra funding for the ministry here at Trinity. They graciously offered to pay 9/10th of the cost for us to bring in a financial advisor to help us do a capitol campaign. Mr. Kukla has been here working with the session and our campaign committee to make sure all goes smoothly. We are learning much from Mr. Kukla and are excited to see how our campaign is going to work.

This fall, Steve Thomas and Rev. Hughes went to speak to people at the presbytery about our loan and discovered they truly seek to help us. As soon as we have the number for the budget and know the outcome of the first phase of our Capitol campaign they are willing to help us structure our loan.

Also before we left we were given a gift toward our capitol campaign by our executive presbyter, Jan Devries.

Reverend Beverly Hughes 972-423-8611 (h)

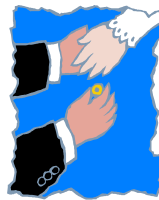
Important Dates

Birthdays

- 10/1 Esther Lee
- 10/4 Chris Decker
- Alicia Johnson
- 10/6 Jeremiah Johnson
- 10/9 Christian Leddy
- 10/13 Gregory Sweeney
- 10/17 Faith Bandy-Gerleman
- 10/18 Louise Knuth
- Kelly Walker
- 10/19 Johnathan Walker
- 10/23 Jarryd Ferkin
- 10/24 Roly Rice
- Jackie Kuklenz
- 10/28 Kaytlyn Horton
- 10/29 Chuck Vilmont

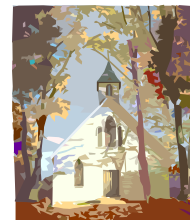
Anniversaries

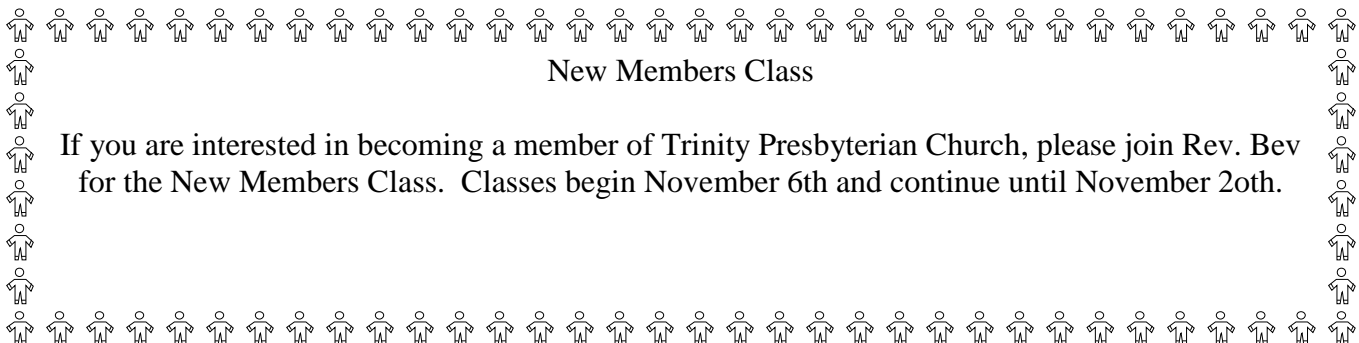
- 10/8 James & Joan Talley
- 10/11 Ron & Laurie McKee
- 10/14 Ken & Julie Santjer
- 10/18 Brad & Janet Webb



Ushers

- 10/2 Gloria Parsons
- Nancy Hearon
- Joy Koch
- Marilyn Schilling
- 10/9 Ruth Horton
- Charlie Horton
- Daniel Bauer
- Harvey Wright
- 10/16 Terri Decker
- Brad Decker
- Debi Ward
- 10/23 Kate Bobo
- Rachel Bobo
- Joseph Uwakwe
- Joe Cesspooch
- 10/30 Gloria Parsons
- Nancy Hearon
- Joy Koch
- Marilyn Schilling





New Members Class

 If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, please join Rev. Bev for the New Members Class. Classes begin November 6th and continue until November 20th.

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Trinity Chimers

We started practice Thursday September 8, 2011 and plan to practice every Thursday at 6PM.

I am proud to announce we have three new chimers this year; Madeline Olson, Destiny Crook and Gracie Bulkeley. A special thanks to Ethan Bulkeley for his third year with the "Trinity Chimers". I would be remiss if I did not thank the adults who so willingly participate, Ellen Fowler, Deena & David Bulkeley, Amy Olson and Jack Montgomery.

We are working on new music for this year and plan our first performance in November. Thank you TPC for your encouragement & support.

In Christ,

Paula Mallory



Dear TPC Family,



The Missions committee has been busy. We have opportunities for you to volunteer. Ron and Laurie McKee are collecting Hats for the Homeless the first two Sundays in October. You can make hats or buy them to donate.

We have a group of six volunteers going to the Second Chance Café at the Stew Pot on New Years morning to serve breakfast. If you are interested in doing this, let me know and I will schedule another date.



We are working on getting the information for Kroger's Neighbor to Neighbor. For those of you who shop at Kroger, you attach your Kroger card to TPC Missions. Then a portion of what you spend is returned to TPC Missions for our Missions Outreach. There will be more information when this is finalized.

The other news about Kroger is their Senior Discount. If you are at least 59 years young, you qualify for the discount with your Kroger card. It gives you a 10% discount on all Kroger products. You save on the Kroger brand and then save even more with the discount. To get the discount, call the 800 number on the back of your card.



We will have a Joy Tree to collect \$10.00 or \$20.00 gift cards for groceries or gas. Watch for the tree to appear in the Narthex. In addition to the Joy Tree, Missions is working with Worship for a special project for Christmas.

Want to know more? Come to the next Missions meeting on October 15th at 9:00 at the church. If you have and ideas, questions, or comments for Missions, please let me know.

Sincerely,
Your Missions Elder,
Debra Whinnie
972-259-0047

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An Opportunity to Grow: *A 40 Day Journey to a More Generous Life*



Prepare to be transformed! Through a careful study of scripture, inspiring articles, practical weekly worksheets, videos, a skit or two, quips and quotes, and thought provoking discussion questions, you are invited to participate in an adult book study facilitated by David Bulkeley, Robin Dilger, and Ron McKee. *A 40 Day Journey to a More Generous Life* is a voyage that will take you to a world of experiencing God in life-changing ways. Discover God's plan for you to know true contentment and everlasting joy—a journey to a more generous life!

Even if you are not a regular Sunday school attendee, or have perhaps never attended Sunday school, we invite you to take this trip for the next few weeks. We promise plenty of adventure and thrills. Pack your Bible, prepare your heart, and plan to meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9-10 am. A donation of \$6.00 for the study book is appreciated. Nursery and Sunday school for infants, children, and youth are also offered during this time...bring the whole family and discover God's Word.

Please join in this time of study, prayer, and evaluation of our commitment to the Lord and to Trinity Presbyterian Church. The King of Kings has sent you this invitation!

Building, serving, growing God's mission.....from a TPC "old timer"

We were just out of the moving van end of December, 1981 and trying to find the right church home for our family. After visiting several area Presbyterian churches, including TPC, we decided it would be best to worship where we lived. My husband Albert and I joined TPC in February, 1982 with our children Jessica and Adam ages 8 and 5. Everyone made us feel so welcome, and this became our Christian home immediately.

It was exciting and scary that TPC was a newly developing congregation (meant more work). With the enthusiasm of founding pastor Rev. Ron Salfen, we all went forward and soon began plans for our permanent church building. That modular building was quaint, but small, for a growing body. We have wonderful photos of the new building going up and all our sidewalk superintendents, such as Albert (Gober), Wayne Quinney and Jon Allen, plus the children who loved to run around through the framework.



Easter Sunday 1985 was a joyful day as we worshipped in the new sanctuary for the first time, with a new organ donated to us and a grand display of lilies (now a tradition each Easter). Through these 29 years that have passed so quickly, I have seen the Holy Spirit working in us and our ministries. Yes, we've seen some tough times before – times when each able family took an invoice to pay for over several months to get us over a hump. I've seen people take leadership and then leave their posts as a result of still being baby Christians needing more spiritual and personal growth. I've seen families come and go as a result of moving away from The Colony or the Lord. We have experienced tragedy in families, joy in weddings and baptisms. We have enjoyed growth and sometimes we've been frustrated by what seemed like a step back. Sounds a lot like life in general doesn't it? Yes, friends, we are like our own families.



As we head into our "Living Stones" Campaigns I ask each of us to live our faith, to be more like Christ, and to share our gifts, be prayerful, study the Word, learn more about ourselves and our faith. Yes, we still have our trials and sometimes behave in ways Christ, and for sure the apostle Paul, would challenge. Now is a time for refreshing and renewing our commitment to be the best Christian persons we can, to come together to maintain the foundation, the cornerstone of God's mission, our Trinity Presbyterian Church.

"We are Living Stones, building, serving, growing in God's mission....stone by stone, step by step."

Lydia Gober, Member since 1982

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TPC family, you have an opportunity for good food and fellowship as we kick-off Stewardship 2012! Prepare to eat well, and it's not a potluck! You are invited to partake of a wonderful meal and program with your family....AND no preparation or cost involved. Please mark your calendar for **Friday, October 28th, 7:00 p.m.** at the church. Yes, we know you may have other choices that night, so that's why we ask you to prayerfully consider choosing this God's mission event. More information is coming soon about our two-part stewardship effort that includes both a capital campaign to ensure our mortgage payments for three years and our annual operations campaign for ministries in 2012. **Look for the "I'll be there!" sign-up sheet on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board by mid-October.** If you need child care for the program time, please mark on the reservation sheet. We will provide care for infant through 8 years with reservations.

SAVE THE DATE! SEE YOU THERE!!!

Living Stones Campaigns October 28 – November 13

"WE are Living Stones: building, serving, growing God's mission....stone by stone, step by step" is the theme for this year's stewardship and capital campaigns. Our scriptural foundation is I Peter 2:5 – " You are as living stones, being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up as spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

Your session elders have been preparing for the fall stewardship campaigns happening this month and into November. The Stewardship Steering Committee established by Session is busy planning a meaningful time of spiritual and personal evaluation of our commitment to God in time, talent, and finances. Your Steering Committee includes: Robin Dilger/Lydia Gober Co-chairs, Steve Thomas – Advanced Giving, Lloyd Olson – Commitment, Doug Stokes – Finance, Rev. Beverly Hughes, Spiritual Guidance, Betty Wright, Hospitality, and Pam Hampson/Joseph Uwakwe – Prayer Warriors. We are also privileged to have as our capital campaign consultant Robert Kukla from the Church Financial Campaign Services of the Presbyterian Church USA. More volunteers will be assisting as visiting stewards while we make every effort to meet with each member or member family.

Please mark your calendar for the "Living Stones" Campaign schedule:

- V Fri., Oct. 28 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Kick-off Dinner & Program
- V Sat. Oct. 29 12-Hr. Prayer Vigil (be sure to sign up soon)
- V Sun. Oct. 30 Worship & commissioning of visiting stewards; member visits begin
- V Oct. 30-Nov.11 Members visits; members make pledge, time, & talent decisions
- V Sun. Nov. 13 Worship and Dedication of pledges.

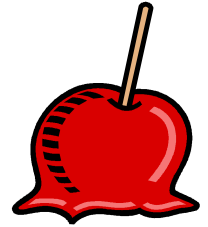
Watch for more details, and you can anticipate some outstanding testimonies and preaching about giving of time, talent, and treasures.

Children's Ministries



The September Children's Event, "Exploring God's World", was held on Sunday, September 25. We collected leaves, pebbles, sticks, acorns, etc. and then are using these things to make across from the children to hang on the wall in the narthex.

For our October event we will be having a Fall Festival on Saturday evening, 10/22/11 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. There will be games, caramel apples and fun fall stuff. We will not be participating this year in the "Trunk or Treat".



Other upcoming events are:

November – Event for Advent – Friday, 11/11/11, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

December – Birthday Party for Jesus – Saturday, 12/10/11, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

And don't forget Sunday School and Children's Choir (our little "Rays of Sonshine"). We will sing again in mid October and at that time we will sing a song we learned in VBS "How Great Thou Art". Practice is on Sunday mornings. Sunday School is at 9:00 AM and choir practice is at 9:40. Look forward to seeing you there.

Ruthie Horton



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Dear TPC Family and Friends,

Thanks for the birthday greeting and for checking on Sue.

All is going well and certainly better than anyone has forecast! Sue had her "end of sixth treatment" PET scan on September 6th, followed by an immediate appointment with the oncologist and then started her "maintenance" treatments the same afternoon. (Some things do move amazingly fast in Arkansas despite the reputation.) The scan was clear except for a small area on her kidney that the doctor said was too small to confirm the presence of cancer one way or the other. Either way you choose to look at this, the doctor is amazed at her response to treatment and in either case the follow up is the same. So she will continue treatment with two of the three drugs she has been taking with one potentially at a reduced level to minimize side effects to a level allowing a normal life. She will continue these treatments on an every three week basis for at least a year or until the drugs become ineffective and the cancer begins to return. In this case there is another drug which genetic analysis of Sue's makeup predicts should be even more effective than the ones she has been and will continue to be taking. So she still has an ace in the hole.

She will see the neurosurgeon in early November for a follow up visit and MRI for greater confidence that there is nothing returning to her brain. PET scans and chemo are limited in their ability to find and treat brain cancer so I suppose there will always be an environment of uncertainty. Incidentally one of the drugs she is continuing has the most benefit in this area.

So we are very thankful for the results to date and excited about the possibilities for the future. We are also very aware of the only true source of hope and thank you and all those in The Colony and many other places who have been praying with and for us and for a full recovery. We strongly believe this to be the reason there has been so much progress in such a short time. So please keep those prayers coming.

God Bless.

Wayne Quinney

P.S. Please pass this around to all our friends in The Colony. I haven't been doing a very good job of keeping everyone informed.

Making It Special



One day recently, after having finished lunch with friends, I stopped by the cash register to buy a cookie to take home for my wife. Since oatmeal cookies are among my all-time favorites I selected an oatmeal cookie with walnuts and cranberries. Handing my wife the cookie I said, "Something sweet for my sweetie." After taking a bite of the cookie she declared that I had done very well and had chosen wisely. She even shared some of the cookie with me. It was a very good cookie. However, as I sat munching and enjoying the cookie my mind wandered as it frequently does. The packaging declared this cookie to be a premium cookie and the amount the restaurant charged for it clearly indicated they thought it was a premium cookie as well. So just what was it about this cookie that made it special. I quickly came to the conclusion that it was the walnut bits and cranberries embedded in the oatmeal that made it special. In other words it was the fruits and nuts added to the mix that created something more than a simple oatmeal cookie.

If you think about it, isn't that true for life in general as well. Most of the people we encounter in the normal course of our daily living are rather common and ordinary people. They are people just like us going through life doing pretty much the same thing everyday. We all go to the same movies and restaurants, read the same books, and have the same conversations about the weather, politics, and grandchildren.

What about the person standing in front of you as you were standing in line to buy your morning cup of coffee? Did you say hello or ask how their day was going? Do you remember their name or how they take their coffee? The simple fact is, is that most of the time people slip in and out of our lives. Thoughts of our ever noticing them or getting to know them or pray for them hardly ever cross our minds.

However, there are those who stand out in our minds and become part of our memories. They are the ones that make us laugh. They are the ones that frustrate us. Some of them are jerks and some of them are angels and most are somewhere in between. There is one thing that all of the people we remember have in common that makes them memorable; in one way or another they were different and they changed our lives. Like the bits of walnuts and cranberries they add flavor to life and make live worth living.

Every day we are given countless opportunities to make the world a better place and one of the easiest ways to do that is by doing something for someone else; preferably a stranger. Commit a random act of kindness in God's name and let your actions remind others that they are indeed special.



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