

# TRINITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

## ***“THE TRINITY OBSERVER”***

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. Once again, this July we are focusing on building relationships. The Membership Team has established “Friends Day” at Trinity United on Sunday, July 21, 2013. They are asking all members and friends to pray and think about someone in their life who might be in need of encouragement and friendship and invite them to worship and fellowship with us that day. Oftentimes, we are not always aware that folks in our life are in need of a spiritual connection.

In today’s society, people are leery of organized religion and often accuse the church of being hypocritical—*talking the talk, but not walking the walk!* What they fail to realize is that when you enter into membership, it is not an overnight fix. The church is filled with broken people and most of us come to understand that we need forgiveness and we also need to forgive others. It’s an on-going process which takes a lifetime. As people of God, we are called to come clean with God, ourselves and others about those areas where we have fallen short, where we need spiritual support and where we need others to walk alongside us. I believe when we do these things and

seek God's forgiveness; the church is better represented in society. We are not simply "those hypocrites at the church" we are a redeemed people, striving daily to be God's best.

The Bible teaches us that we are to persevere. Perseverance is defined as *steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success*. What might appear to others as failure is really God working things **out of us** in order to work new things **into us**. It's a process. It's not easy to break old habits. It takes time, patience, grace, forgiveness and a willingness to change. Let's use the following text to meditate on this month and see what God reveals through the Scriptures.

### **Hebrews 10:20-25** New Living Translation (NLT) ***A Call to Persevere***

<sup>20</sup> By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. <sup>21</sup> And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, <sup>22</sup> let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean; and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

<sup>23</sup> **Let us** hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. <sup>24</sup> **Let us** think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. <sup>25</sup> And **let us** not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Blessings,  
Pastor Lawson

### **Updates from the Session**

- **New Members**: We are blessed to welcome two new members to our church family. Mother and daughter: Helen and Tamara Sanders. Be sure to introduce yourself and take some time to get to know them.

- **Property Team:** As many of you know, Ron Shirley has been dealing with a serious heart condition. In the interim Elders Craig Hardy and Pat Rice have agreed to take the lead in overseeing the maintenance of the building. Please address them if you have any questions or concerns.

### **WORSHIP IN JULY**

July 7, 2013	Galatians 6:7-17	<i>A New Creation is Everything!</i>
July 14, 2013	Luke 10:25-37	<i>Moved to Mercy</i>
July 21, 2013	Luke 10:38-42	<i>Relationships Are Not Easy</i>
July 28, 2013	Luke 11:1-13	<i>Ashamed to Ask</i>

### **CALENDAR ITEMS**

#### ***JULY***

- Vacation Bible School “**GOD & ME @ SEA**”– July 15-19, 2013
- Relationship Sunday: *Bring a Friend To Church* – July 21, 2013

#### ***AUGUST***

- Rev. Lawson’s on Vacation – August 8 – August 19, 2013
- Church Picnic – Express Yourself Talent Show – August 25, 2013

#### ***SEPTEMBER***

- Christian Education Begins (Sunday School) – September 8, 2013
- Healing Service & Luncheon – Saturday, September 14, 2013 at 11:00am

### **BANNER TEAM**

Are you creative? Do you sew, knit, crochet, draw or simply enjoy arts & crafts? The Worship Team is putting together a new creative ministry team to design Banners for the sanctuary and other spaces throughout the building. The first project will be a **Trinity United Quilt** to be hung in the narthex. Every family will be represented in this wonderful, creative and diverse expression of who we are: an intentional multi-cultural , multi – racial congregation! We will begin gathering in August. If this is something that fits you, please contact Sharon Auger or Margaret Bausack.

# Liturgist for July

July 7 & 14.....Margaret Bausack

July 21 & 28....Ryan Wier



<i>Chris &amp; Cynthia Lyttle.....</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>James &amp; Nancy Dunlap.....</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>Ken &amp; Gay Grover.....</i>	<i>29</i>



<i>Monica Bradley</i> .....	02
<i>Jerry Auger Sr</i> .....	04
<i>Herman Graham</i> .....	04
<i>Lee Hall</i> .....	04
<i>Charles Atwater</i> .....	05
<i>Michelle Fischer</i> .....	08
<i>Levi Fischer</i> .....	11
<i>Allison Bradley</i> .....	13
<i>Larry Shoup</i> .....	13
<i>Betty Elford</i> .....	17
<i>Beverly Popovits</i> .....	17
<i>Evan Auger (child)</i> .....	25
<i>Shirley Hale</i> .....	25
<i>Craig Hardy</i> .....	27
<i>Sally Offrink</i> .....	29

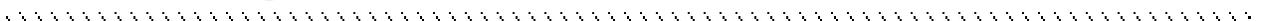
# MEMBER MOVED

A few weeks ago Ms. Addie Terrell moved to Texas to be closer to family. Here is her address now. Please change it in your directory.

Ms. Addie Terrell  
6554 East Medalist Circle  
Plano, Tx. 75023  
Phone: 972-517-2628



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR AUGUST IS JULY 24, 2013



## SOUP KITCHEN

*Deacons work at the soup kitchen every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. This month will be*

**JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

# Special Care



*Please keep our special loved ones who are ill or shut-ins  
in your prayers.*

*Leonard Krist (McLaren Hospital), Mr. Cleveland Mance of Detroit, Mi. (Uncle of Karen Fischer, Annie Lomax (Genesys Rehabilitation Center), Ron & Alice Shirley, Sharon & Dennie Bonney, Richard Holland, Maxine Story, Pat Rice, Charles Atwater, Barbara & Don Wesley, Larry Shoup, Sharon Thomason, Donna Jones, Michael Jackson, Katie Granberry, Ruby Fizer (in hospital), June Foltz, Larry Tilley, Connie Hutchins, Joan Shirey, Dr. Alfred Gwillim, Roy Olson, Betty Elford, Jesse Cook, Pat Miller, Shirley & Louie Schoeppach, Arleen Gullett, Helen Johnson, Jean Lyttle, and Buffy Wier. Please keep these friends and members in your prayers.*

# Robbie Grier



June 2013 is **Month of Prayer: Back to the Basics** at Trinity United Presbyterian Church. Jesus is our intercessor to the Father by his crucifixion; bearing our sins for us. When we have grief, pain, trials, temptation, trouble or sorrow, we can go to God in prayer. Probably the most sung hymn depicting our condition and petition to God though Jesus is "What a Friend We Have in Jesus".

The poem for this hymn was penned by Joseph Scriven, a man well acquainted with unhappiness. He was plagued with health issues all of his life, not allowed to follow in his father's military footsteps. Born in Ireland, as a young man his first fiancé drowned on the eve of their wedding. He moved to Ontario Canada; fell in love a second time only to suffer her death by pneumonia, days before their nuptials. Soon after, Joseph joined the Plymouth Brethren and began preaching for a Baptist church. He spent the rest of his life giving his time, money and even the clothes off his back to help the less fortunate, spreading the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.

Ten years after leaving home, he learned that his mother was seriously ill. Not being able to afford passage back to Ireland, he sent her the poem "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" as words of comfort.

Through his trials and afflictions Scriven had come to know the Lord in a very personal way, not only as Savior but also as a friend. He never intended his poem to be published but a friend who visited him during his last illness discovered the lines and asked 'Who wrote these beautiful words?' Scriven's modest reply was 'the Lord and I did it between us.'

Soon it was published in The Port Hope Guide, a local newspaper. Remarkably, a copy of that newspaper was used to wrap a parcel destined for an address in New York City. When the recipient unwrapped his parcel, he read Scriven's poem and arranged to have it published.

Eventually, it was seen by German-American composer, Charles Converse and very soon his simple, plaintive melody gave the inflection of song to Joseph Scriven's powerful words.

As a result, an Irish-Canadian and a German-American were used of God to bring blessing and encouragement to millions.

**Author: Joseph Scriven, 1819-1886**

**Musician: Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918**





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