

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

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If you are like me, you're probably wondering, what happened to summer? Time is passing so quickly. Life is speeding by and fall is approaching. Anthony and I had a wonderful time in Boston celebrating my mother's 80th birthday. We did a timeline of her life reflecting on each decade. She was born in 1933; a time of war, depression and Hitler's persecution of the Jews. She has seen the world rapidly change moving from the industrial age to the technology age. My mother, at one time, listened and watched the radio for home entertainment and in today's world we can watch television in our homes and on our cell phones. Oh how time is passing quickly and life is speeding by.

When I think about how short the days appear to be getting, it brings me back to my faith in God and my service to God and the church of Jesus Christ. Our service to the church is an urgent and timely matter. We may hear from members of society that the church is no longer a viable institution, but I disagree. People have become disillusioned by the church and I believe much of that has to do with us, the Body, not applying the word of God to our daily life. We must look to become living witnesses and practice what we preach. Our life should reflect the love of Jesus sooner rather than later. When I was preparing for ordination, I wrote about the church in my Statement of Faith. Here is what is said.

“The church is public and private, it is sacred and secular, it is Sunday worship, and it is also anywhere and any place where the people of God gather in communion to worship God. The church is wherever Jesus was and is proclaimed—on the mountain at the Transfiguration, in the homes of tax collectors, and in the company perfume-pouring women of questionable character. The church is a transformative agent and God’s people are grateful evangelist.”

Let’s not underestimate the power of God’s church. And let’s not negate the power we have received by the Holy Spirit to be the church. We the people of God are the church. If the church has a bad reputation it’s not because of the building. I believe if we focus our attention on the bigger picture and the main thing, **God**; we position ourselves to be agents of love, acceptance, forgiveness and become people who are guided by our obedience to God instead of our feelings and emotions.

Time is of the essence. As we enter into fall, seek God for where your gifts and talents may be needed in the church. There is much to be done. The bible teaches us that the harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few. In the weeks to come, ask, pray and mediate with me on the following scripture. ³⁵ ***Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.*** ³⁶ ***When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*** ³⁷ ***Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.*** ³⁸ ***Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.***

Matthew 9:35-38 (NIV)

Blessings,

Pastor Lawson

Updates from the Session

- **A Special Thank You:** We thank and appreciate all of our members and friends for stepping up and answering the call to support the church financially. You heard and acted and for that we are deeply grateful and thankful to all of you who support the church in various ways and are committed to following the path and vision God has for Trinity United. Thank you for giving your time, talent and treasure to the church of Jesus Christ.
- **Operations Manual:** The session has approved and voted upon our first Operations Manual for Trinity United. At the guidance and leading of the Presbytery of Lake Huron, all congregations were asked to put together a manual of operations to assist us in organizing and structuring the way we function as a particular body. With the assistance of the session, deacons and other individuals we have compiled a booklet which assists us in carrying out the leadership and governance of this congregation. Many thanks to all who assisted in this process.
- **Members Moving On:** With regret, the session has received and accepted the resignation of two of our members; Gary and Rosaline Brown. We pray all the best for them in their future endeavors. Also, we are pleased that former members Carolyn and Randall Terrell have found a new church home in Jackson, Mississippi.

WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

September 1, 2013	Jeremiah 2:4-13	<i>Thirsty</i>
September 8, 2013	Jeremiah 18:1-11	<i>Holy Flexibility</i>
SATURDAY <i>(See Flyer Below)</i>	September 14, 2013	Healing Service
September 15, 2013	1 Timothy 1:12-17	<i>Living Examples</i>
September 22, 2013	1 Timothy 2:1-8	<i>Prayer is an Urgent Matter</i>
September 29, 2013	1 Timothy 6:11-19	<i>Life That Really is Life</i>

CALENDAR ITEMS

SEPTEMBER

- Christian Education Begins (Sunday School) – September 8, 2013

- Healing Service & Luncheon – Saturday, September 14, 2013 at 11:00am
- Presbytery of Lake Huron Meeting – Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at First Pres. Bay City
- Fall Bowling League Begins – Wednesday, September 18, 2013 – November 20, 2013
- Communion Server Training – Sunday, September 29, 2013 in Sanctuary

OCTOBER

- Craft Show – October 10-11, 2013 9-6pm in Multipurpose Room
- New Member Class – Saturday, October 19, 2013 at 10am
- Harvest Festival – Thursday, October 31, 2013

TRINITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

**Invites you, family and friends to a
SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS**

on

Saturday, September 14, 2013

at

11:00 a.m.

Followed by luncheon and fellowship

**Please RSVP by September 9, 2012 for luncheon attendance
810-720-5152**

The Bible teaches us in Ecclesiastes 3 *“That for everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.”* Specifically in verse 3 it states; ***“There is a time to be born and a time to die.”*** This chapter illustrates for us that life is a cycle and we will experience happy times as well as sad times. Many of us are grieving the loss of a loved one and need to set aside time and space for the purpose of weeping and mourning. Some of us have experienced other types of losses; loss of hearing, vision, mobility, health and independence. Some of us have lost jobs, homes, opportunities, relationships, our peace and our joy. As we mature in life, the losses become greater and more frequent. As part of the healing process, we want to offer this service as an opportunity to remember, to grieve

with one another and spend time together reflecting and supporting one another.
Please come and join us for this special time. Also, invite your friends and family members who may benefit from this healing time.



Ronald & Alice Shirley, Tim Graham, Maxine Storey, Mary Krist, Kathy Henderson, Mr. Cleveland Mance of Detroit (uncle of Karen Fischer), Annie Lomax @ Genesys Rehabilitation Center, Sharon Bonney, Richard Holland, Bernice Revada (sister of Addie Terrell & Georgia McCall, Patricia Rice, Charles Atwater, Barbara & Don Wesley, Larry Shoup, Sharon Thomason, Donna Jones, Denny Bonney, Michael Jackson, Katie Granberry, Ruby Fizer, June Foltz, Larry Tilley, Connie Hutchins, Jean Lyttle, James Bonney, Arlene Gullett, Addie Terrell, Joan Shirey, Dr. Alfred Gwillim, Roy Olson, Margaret Pepler, Betty Elford, Jesse Cook, Patricia Miller, Abbey Park, Rm. 119. 3221 E. Baldwin Rd., Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Please remember our Special Care People. A card or a call to show them you care, is always appreciated.

Liturgists for September



September 1st and 8th is Roberta Hardy
September 15th and 22nd is unknown
September 29th is Delphine Holland

Women's Groups begin in September.

Grandparents Group meet September 18th at 10:30am and Naomi Circle will meet September 25th at 10:30am.

Craft Show—October 10th and 11th 9-6pm

Applications for the Holiday Craft Show are due September 6th. See Sharon Auger if you need one. There will be a meeting on September 25th at 7:30pm to see the layout of the room and get publicity items. Set up will be Wednesday, October 9th starting at 10am. The show hours are 9am to 6pm on Thursday and Friday.

Help will be needed to collect \$1.00 admission at the door on both days, and also to help in the kitchen. If you are able to assist in either of these duties, see Sharon Auger (admission) or Denise Dixon (kitchen). Baked goods are needed for the Youth Group tables.

Jerry & Janyce Kamrath.....17th
Orble & Barbara Shackelford.....19th

Catherine Ainsworth.....6 th	Earnestine Jackson.....21 st
Charlotte Needham.....6 th	Tim Graham.....22 nd
Anne Shoup.....10 th	Sharon Auger.....24 th
Yewande Adigun.....11 th	Sharon Thomason.....26 th
Janet Hartzell.....15 th	Undrea Fischer.....28 th
June Foltz.....18 th	Ron Auger.....30 th
Christine Cook.....21 st	Debbi Deming.....30 th



Deadline for all newsletter articles will be the 3rd Wednesday
of the month.

October's deadline is September 18th.

<p>1 Adult S.S. 9:15am Worship 10:30am Rev. Desiree Lawson Liturgist: Roberta Hardy Coffee Hour: Augers</p>	<p>2 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Men's Bible Study 10am Adult Choir 5:30am</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 All S.S. 9:15am Worship 10:30am Rev. Desiree Lawson Liturgist: Roberta Hardy Coffee Hour: Chris Cook</p>	<p>9 Finance 9:30am Membership 4pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Men's Bible Study 10:am Men's Choir 4:30pm Adult Choir 5:30pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Healing Service 11am Followed by A lunch</p>
<p>15 All S.S. 9:15am Worship 10:30am Rev. Desiree Lawson Coffee Hour: Chris Cook</p>	<p>16 Session 4pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Men's Bible 10am Men's Choir 4:30pm Adult Choir 5:30pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 All S.S. 9:15am Worship 10:30am Rev. Desiree Lawson Coffee Hour: Chris Cook Autumn Begins</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Men's Bible Study 10am Men's Choir 4:30pm Adult Choir 5:30pm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Literacy Meet 9-4pm</p>
<p>29 All S.S. 9:15am Worship 10:30am Rev. Desiree Lawson Liturgist: Delphine Holland Coffee Hour: The Bolduc's</p>	<p>30</p>					