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TRINITY UNITED



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We are three churches which merged together to become one in 2008. We are a multicultural, multigenerational and multiethnic congregation reflecting the rich diversity of God's people. This church is a witness to the uniqueness of the Christian faith which is called to mission and must be responsive to diversity both in the church and in the world. You are welcome here. We have made space for you.

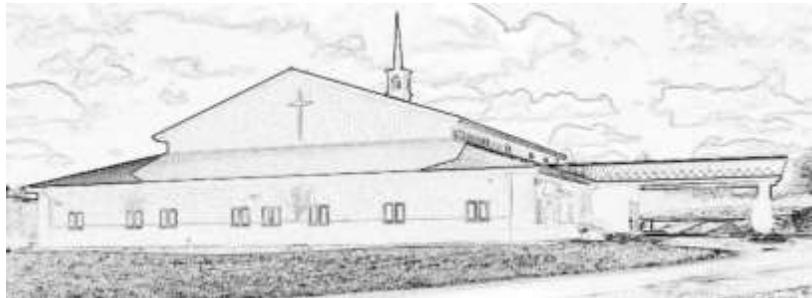
Upcoming Events

November 29
Saturday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Hanging Of The
Greens

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Trinity United

November 2014



FROM THE EDITOR

I'm pleased to point out a new addition to our newsletter from Debbi Deming. It's called the Trinity Community Focus and will feature a different member of our church community each month. If you'd like to be interviewed by Debbi or have a suggestion as to someone you think would be featured, be sure to speak up!

We still need a name for our revised newsletter. Name suggestions for the newsletter I have gotten so far are:

- A. Trinity Observer
- B. Trinity Tribune

Email me at gregoirembolduc@comcast.net to get your vote in for the November vote.

Trinity United Presbyterian
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**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2014
THE BIRTHING OF THE MESSIAH:**

The Chosen Five Women
in the Genealogy of Jesus
Matthew 1

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Saturday, November 29, 2014
10am - 2pm (Lunch provided)

Advent 1 TAMAR Genesis 38
Sunday, November 30, 2014

Matthew 1:3 "...and Judah the father of Perez and
Zerah by Tamar..."

Advent 2 RAHAB Joshua
Sunday, December 7, 2014
Matthew 1:5: "...and Salmon the father of Boaz by
Rahab..."

Advent 3 RUTH Ruth 1
Sunday, December 14, 2014
Matthew 1:5b "...and Boaz the father of Obed by
Ruth..."

Advent 4 MARY Luke 2:1-20

Sunday, December 21, 2014

Matthew 1:16 "...and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah."

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Wednesday, December 24, 2014

6:00pm

First Christmas BATHSHEBA 1 Sam 11-12

Sunday, December 28, 2014

Matthew 1:6b "...And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah..."

Highlights from the October 20, 2014 Session Meeting

Clerk Georgia Terrell McCall

- The Victory Team mailed 1,000 postcards to residents. The next goal is to meet with an event planner to plan next year's multicultural day.
- The new web page on our website is being worked on by Grace Tucker.
- The Safe Church Policies and Procedures Manuel has been completed. Further work needs to be done by the Personnel Team with the help of Christian Education and the Youth Team. .
- Request for Baptism: Baptism for Lauren Lynn Matthews on Sunday, November 30, 2014 was

approved. Lauren is the granddaughter of Elder Ernestine Jackson.

- Pastor Lawson has been asked to serve on the Nominating Committee for the next General Presbyter. This work begins early next year.
- The chaplain at Alma College has asked Rev. Lawson to speak at their Martin Luther King event in January.
- Bay City-First will host an Officers' Training Event on Saturday, November 1, 2014.
- The 2012 audit report completed by Mary Krist and Catherine Ainsworth has been approved.

Healing Space

A written report was available. It was announced that attendance has improved and we have one client to get a job after coming to the Healing Space.

Deacons' Notes

from Margaret Bausack

Thank you so much to our giving congregation for your donations of clothing for schoolchildren at Dye, Randels and Elms Rd. Elementaries. We received many donations of underwear and socks and other items.

Coming up for the Deacons: Our next meeting will be after church on November 16.

We hope you will join us as we volunteer at the Soup Kitchen on November 21 and each 3rd Friday from 2pm until 5pm.

We need your help to get our new "Support the Troops" program rolling. We would like members of our congregation to have a chance to develop a relationship with people who are in the service in any

location. This will be a "pen pal" type of program. What we need to have in order to get started, are the names and service addresses of people you know who are currently active in the branches of the United States Military. Please give this information to one of the deacons. (Our names are in each Sunday's bulletin.)

During the Christmas season, we will again have a "Mitten Tree" where you may place donations of mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for the schoolchildren.

We also will be having our "Angel Tree" where you may help with a Christmas gift for a needy child by choosing a tag from the tree. These requests are given to us by the North End Soup Kitchen in conjunction with Catholic Charities.

The Deacons have ordered some brand new CareNotes. We will have several new titles to add to the ones we have left from last year. If you have never noticed these, they are in a rack on the bulletin board near the entrance to the Multi Purpose room. The titles cover life's happenings that cause concern to us. Examples are: various types of grieving, health issues, teen issues such as bullying, and many more. These booklets are for you to take and use and come with our blessings and prayers.

Our Church Family Quilt



Trinity Community Focus

- By Debbi Deming

Who is our Trinity Observer personality this month?
 Just for fun, see if you can guess before you look.
 Some hints:

- Who was recently told that they should be a standup comic?
- Who recently said "My whole life is funny."
 - Who thinks of Trinity as family?
- Who grew up in a small town in the Thumb?
- Who was involved with church all those years?
- Who committed her life to Christ at the altar at 16 years of age?

- Who saw her first street light and first stop light when she came to the big city of Flint?
- Many of you are saying, "Don't tell me, I think I know."

- So, I'll help you along with a few more hints.
 - Who recently helped write a proposal for \$50,000 grant?
- Who especially appreciates the friendliness and helpfulness of our congregation?
 - Who started her career working at Applegate Chevrolet?

- Who gave Applegate such good help that they are still going strong?
 - Who knew Sharon Thomason when Sharon was a Benedict?
 - Who initially visited Bethany Presbyterian Church with Sharon Benedict and her family?
 - Who then stayed at Bethany for over forty years before coming to Trinity United with the Bethany congregation?
 - Who has four children?
 - Who raised those four children at Bethany Presbyterian Church?
 - Who enjoyed years of summer camp at Bay Shore Camp in Sebewaing, Michigan?

- Who studied accounting at Bay City Northeast School of Commerce and Baker College?
- Who started her own business in accounting and tax preparation and continued with great success?
 - Has seen a growing unity at Trinity?
- Now I hear some saying, "We already know who this is.
 - It's..." Stop! OK, so you think you know. Great!
- But maybe you didn't know that our Trinity November personality also:
- Recently stated that: now that we have been given a reprieve, one of our first priorities at Trinity must be the inviting of young people.
- Suggested programs, fun events, and teaching for those young people, so they can hear and feel that God loves me, God helps me, and God is guiding me.
- Has asked us to consider what our church congregation will look like in ten years.
- Would tell young people, if she had a platform to do it: Part of growing up is taking responsibility for your life, and the cornerstone of your life needs to be Christ. All that needs to be accomplished in your life can be done with Christ. No one else can do what He can.
- You guessed right! It's Sharron Alexander!
 - Congratulations!
 - Now a question for you, Dear Reader, before you read further:

- How would you put into words the one thing that you believe
 - is our mission at Trinity?
- This is how Sharron Alexander answered it:
 - "Teach the gospel of Christ, and welcome people with open arms."

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