

*We are a growing multicultural congregation where everybody is somebody.
We worship at 10am on Sundays followed by Sunday school.*

- Pastor *Rev. Desiree Lawson*
- Music Director *Dr. Eleanor Goodman*
- Clerk of Session *Elder Georgia McCall*
- Treasurer *Janet Hartzell*
- Secretary *Idella Roland*
- Editor *Rev. Desiree Lawson*

VISION STATEMENT

*We are a diverse community of disciples of Jesus Christ **GROWING** together. With the always present power of the Holy Spirit, we share our lives, care for one another, worship, pray, study God's word, and serve both inside and outside the walls of the church.*

*We invite you to come and **GROW** with us.*

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MISSION – The Church at Work

TUPC Responds to Natural Disasters

In a response to Hurricane Harvey, the members and friends of Trinity United donated over 150 packs of underwear to an organization called *Undies for Everyone* in Houston. We wanted to give something tangible and useful to help those who had to evacuate their homes with only the clothes on their backs. We combined our efforts and sent five boxes filled with a variety of undergarments.

Gratitude and thanksgiving to Trinity United! We can accomplish a great deal when we come together. *“Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy.”* (Matthew 5:7). We continue to pray for all those affected and will also make our financial donations to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to provide for the on-going needs of these communities.



UNDIES FOR EVERYONE

1700 Bissonnet Street
Houston, Texas 77005



NEWS FROM THE SESSION

Safe Church Computer Modules: Our Insurance Company has required us to complete their computer-guided training modules. For those wishing to work on their courses, Grace Tucker will be available in the computer on Monday afternoons from 1-3pm. Please take advantage of this opportunity to complete your modules with Grace's assistance. We would like to get everyone up to date by the end of 2017.

Staffing Adjustments: Our church secretary, Idella Roland, has adjusted work hours. She now works Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9am to 1pm. The Personnel Team is looking for someone to cover the telephones and office on Tuesdays. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Barbara Wesley, Personnel Chair.

Cutting Expenses: The session voted to approve the closing of our storage unit which will bring an annual savings of \$500. We are in the process of cutting further expenses as we prepare the 2018 budget. All Team leaders are asked to carefully reflect on spending and begin to project needs for the upcoming year. De-cluttering and simplifying are true spiritual disciplines that we hope to put into practice at Trinity and also in our personal homes and lives.

Congregational Meeting: There will be a Congregational Meeting held on October 22, 2017. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect officers and review the 2018 budget.

VISIT FROM CO-MODERATOR OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On Monday, September 11, 2017, the Co-Moderator of 222nd General Assembly, Rev. Denise Anderson visited Trinity United and presented a workshop on *"Race, Privilege and Reconciliation."* In attendance were Executive Presbyter, Rev. Dr. Dan Saperstein and members of the Presbyteries of Lake Huron and Detroit. For the full story about the historic election of women co-moderators in the PCUSA, click on:

<https://www.pcusa.org/news/2016/6/19/history-made-pcusa-elects-co-moderators-first-time/>



Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston are the Co-Moderators of the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Anderson serves as Pastor at Unity Presbyterian Church in Temple Hills, Maryland. Edmiston is the Associate Executive Presbyter of Ministry at the Presbytery of Chicago.



[Co-Moderator, Rev. Denise Anderson, and Rev. Desiree Lawson sharing a meal together]

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women will have their regional Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 14th at First Presbyterian Church in Lapeer. See Sharon Auger or Georgia McCall for more information.

The Naomi Circle meets on the fourth Wednesdays in the months of September through June at 10:30 AM.

Grandparents Group meets on the third Wednesdays in the months of September through May at 10:00 AM.

Sarah Circle meets on the second Tuesdays in the months of September through June at 600 PM.

FALL EVENTS



Trinity United will be hosting its 3rd Annual Craft Show on Friday, October 21st from 10am-5pm, and Saturday, October 22nd from 10am-2pm. There will

also be a **Bake Sale Fundraiser** and donations of baked goods are needed. Come out and support the crafters and the church!



ARE YOU FALL-O-WEEN JESUS?

The Membership Team will host their annual alternative to Halloween — a **Treat-n-Treat** event, on Tuesday, October 31st from 5:30pm to 7pm. They will need donations of bags of candy as well as people available to help out and distribute candy.



The Annual Harvest Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 5, 2017 following worship. Invite your family and friends for both a spiritual and physical meal and let's celebrate with thanksgiving and gratitude all of God's provision.

PRAYERS NEEDED

"I looked for someone among them who would stand up for Jerusalem. I tried to find someone who would pray to me for the land. Then I would not have to destroy it. But I could not find anyone who would pray for it." (Ezekiel 22:30)

God is searching for those who will lift up intercessory prayers. Let us stand in the gap and spend time daily praying:

- For all members and friends of TUPC
- For the Miller family at the passing of Deacon Mary Jane Miller on September 15, 2017
- For Maxine Storey as she begins her new life in Maryland
- For Karen Fischer's healing from Kidney Disease
- For the comfort and peace of Joyce Pascal, Ann Lomax, Katie Granberry, Delores Generes, Rev. Bert Clark
- Healing prayers for Jane Harger, Alice Shirley, Gwen Barney, Terry Bausack, Phyllis Scales, Sharron Alexander, Mal Middleton, Ernestine Jackson, Gayle Kettler
- For the Chang-Lopez family; our mission co-workers in the Philippines
- For our nation, president and all world leaders
- For our state and local governments
- For our military
- For Texas, Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean Islands
- For Flint water and infrastructure
- For the Body of Christ and solidarity among Christian denominations
- For clergy and lay people
- For stewardship in the church
- For racial Peace and peace among nations

God of grace, when we are frightened, help us to trust you and cast our burdens upon you, that we may be upheld by your saving strength. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- Oct 4 Prayer/Bible Study
Every Wednesday at 6pm
- Oct 6 Grief Support at 11:30am
- Oct 14 PW Fall Gathering at Lapeer
- Oct 16 Session Meeting at 3pm
- Oct 20 Soup Kitchen 2-5pm
- Oct 20-21 Craft Show & Bake Sale
- Oct 22 Congregational Meeting
- Oct 24 Game Day
- Oct 28 Officer Training 9:30am-2pm
- Oct 31 Treat-n-Treat Event

NOVEMBER

- Nov 1 Prayer/Bible Study
Every Wednesday at 6pm
- Nov 3 Grief Support at 11:30am
- Nov 5 Harvest Dinner
- Nov 11 Worship Team at Noon
- Nov 17 Soup Kitchen 2-5pm
- Nov 19 Deacons Meeting
- Nov 21 Game Day at 1pm
- Nov 23-24 Office Closed for
Thanksgiving Holiday

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

October Birthdays

- 5 Beverly Bronson
- 5 Emma Auger
- 7 Addie Terrell
- 12 Katie Granberry
- 14 Milly Arbor
- 19 Frederick Granberry
- 22 Bob Shaw
- 25 Felicia Shackelford
- 28 Tamara Sanders

November Birthdays

- 4 Desiree Lawson
- 4 Phyllis Scales
- 10 Russ Auger
- 18 Diamond Storey

- 22 Sharon Burton
- 30 Delphine Moore
- 30 Donna Fitzpatrick
- November Anniversaries
- 11 Lynn & Marie Barry



If you have a submission for the December/January *Trinity Times*, please send your article or information to Pastor Lawson at revlawsond@yahoo.com by no later than November 22, 2017. Thank you.