



Greetings Everyone!

The Call to Discipleship

What is a Discipleship? In some denominations it's called an "Altar Call" or the "Invitation." In the PCUSA it is referred to as Self Offering or a Call to Discipleship. In Matthew 28:19, Jesus commissions his disciples, and says to them; *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you."* As disciples or followers of Christ, we have been given a charge and a responsibility to go and make disciples. One of the ways we can do that is to issue a call to discipleship which simply means to invite visitors to become part of our congregation or to become followers of Jesus Christ.

In the PCUSA Directory of Worship (W-3.5501) Invitations to Discipleship is addressed:

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“The invitation to respond to Jesus Christ should be offered frequently and regularly in the Service for the Lord’s Day.” Also in the Directory of Worship (Elements of Christian Worship; W-2.5002) is states the following; “Worship should always offer opportunities to respond to Christ’s call to become disciples by professing faith, uniting with the church, and by taking up the missions of the people of God, as well as opportunities for disciples to renew the commitment of their lives to Jesus Christ and his mission in the world. As the Holy Spirit has graced each member with particular gifts for strengthening the body of Christ for mission, so worship should provide opportunities to recognize these gifts and to offer them to serve Christ in the church and in the world.”

Moving forward, we plan to look at ways to offer opportunities for visitors to respond to Christ’s calls to become disciples within the Service of the Lord’s Day. People are waiting to be asked and so we must make the invitation.

Please let me know your thoughts and feelings about this article. I am happy to discuss any ideas and suggestions you may have.

Blessings,
Pastor Lawson

New Form of Government

There have been changes made to the Book of Order, specifically section 1, The Form of Government. We have now a **New Form of Government (nFOG)** which was proposed at the 219th General Assembly (2010) and approved by a majority of the presbyteries and now included in the 2011/2012 Book of Order. The nFOG section of the Book of Order has been condensed and now gives presbyteries and sessions (formerly governing bodies now called Councils) a bit more latitude in making decisions regarding the governance of individual congregations. In lieu of these changes, we have been asked to update our bylaws as well as develop a manual of operations. For the next few months, the Session will be working together with members of the church to develop the manual of operations based more closely and more reflective of this particular congregation. For example, the manual will include a description of each team at Trinity United, their meeting times and the goals and objectives of the team. It will include information about membership and nomination process, ordination, etc. Planning and thinking through how and when we do things will help us to provide ministry in an orderly fashion.

There will be more information provided in the future.



October

Anniversaries

Ronald and Alice Shirley.....	01
Winn and Sue Smith.....	10
Louie and Shirley Schoeppach.....	16



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Beverly Bronson.....	05
Larry Tilley.....	05
Addie Terrell.....	07
Gayle Kettler.....	11
Katie Granberry.....	12
Helen Johnson.....	13
Mary Conley.....	14
Louie Schoeppach.....	14
Mildred Arbor.....	15
David Clark.....	15
Joyce Litherland.....	16
Audrey Reslar.....	16
Fred Granberry.....	19
Roy Olson.....	20
Bob Shaw.....	22
Stan Thomason.....	23
Felicia Shackelford..... ₄	25
Andy Bausack.....	31

Special Care Members & Friends

- Ron Auger
- Celestine Bronson
- Betty Elford
- Violet Flaming
- June Foltz
- Dr. Alfred Gwillim
- Connie Hutchins
- Helen Johnson
- Ann Lomax
- Roy Olson
- Marjorie Rutherford
- Phyllis Scales
- Larry Shoup
- Joan Shirey
- Larry Tilley
- and
- Charlie White

*Please Keep our Special
Care People in Your Prayers.*



*Belated Anniversary
September*

Jerry and Jan Kamrath.....19



FROM THE DEACONS

The Deacons have their schedule for the Soup Kitchen and the Food Bank for this month.

SOUP KITCHEN

Friday, October 14
2-5pm

FOOD BANK

Saturday, October 22
11am-2pm

COMMUNION SERVERS FOR OCTOBER—NOVEMBER

Roberta Hardy	Kathy Henderson
Delphine Holland	Phyllis Scales
Peggy Brack	Shirley Hall
Dr. Ernestine Jackson	

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR
THE NOVEMBER
NEWSLETTER WILL
BE WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 19, 2011**



Nursery

The Nursery still needs 2-4 adults to care for children every 6th week. The adults need to be caring and trust worthy, as our children are precious to all of us & to God. If interested, see Delphine Holland, Sharon Auger or Rev. Desiree Lawson

OCTOBER

- 2—OPEN**
- 9—Audrey Resler and Gayle Kettler**
- 16—Karen Fischer**
- 23—Sharon Burton**
- 30—Roberta Hardy**

NOVEMBER

- 6—Mary Krist**
- 13—Beverly Bronson**
- 20—OPEN**
- 27—Audrey Resler and Gayle Kettler**

DECEMBER

- 4—Karen Fischer**
- 11—Sharon Burton**
- 18—Roberta Hardy**
- 25—Mary Krist**

.MEMBERSHIP UPDATE FOR 2011

Hello, as many of you know, I am the Clerk of Session. I record the minutes of the monthly Stated Session Meetings. I update the record books as needed. During 2011 and the latter part of 2010 the following names were noted in the record books. Please update you church directories. There is a directory containing the addresses of our newest members and changes involving other members. Look in the narthex for your copy.

Delphine M. Holland.

New Members:

Beverly A. Bronson
Oleta **G**ay Grover

Kenyon G. Grover
Jane E. Harger

Baptisms:

DeAndreia J. Randall (age 9)

Transfers:

Garry Black—Kirkridge, Barbara Consiglio—Davison Free Methodist, Jamie Kennedy—Kirkridge and her son, Noah Kennedy, Linnie Traver—Kirkridge, Travis Traver—Kirkridge.

Deaths: *(All Charter Members)*

#72—Dorothy **Y**vonne Groat

#90—James Jackson

#173—Evelyn Taylor

#199—Jimmy A. Williams

NO EXCUSE SUNDAY—by Ed Rowell

To make it possible for everyone to attend this Sunday, our church is going to have a “No Excuse Sunday”.

Cots and hammocks will be placed in the aisle for those who say, “Sunday is my day to sleep in.”

Eye drops and extra coffee will be provided for those with tired eyes from watching TV or partying late Saturday night.

There will be a special section with padded recliner chairs for those who feel our pews are too hard.

We will have steel hard hats and fire retardant suits available for those who say, “The roof would cave in if I ever came to church,” or “I would spontaneously combust if I ever set foot in a church.”

One section will be decorated with trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature.

Scorecards and pens will be provided for those who wish to list the hypocrites present.

Blankets will be furnished for those who say the church is too cold and portable fans for those who say it is too hot.

Our worship team will play a variety of musical accompaniment for those who feel that the hymns are too dull or that the contemporary service is too contemporary or not contemporary enough.

And finally, the narthex will be decorated with both Christmas wreaths and Easter lilies for those who have never seen the church without them.

See you on Sunday. No Excuses!!!!



WOMEN'S FALL GATHERING

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

The Presbyterian Women of Lake Huron Presbytery will have their annual Fall Gathering on October 15, 2011 from 9:30AM until 2:00PM at Trinity United Presbyterian Church located at 5151 Lennon Rd. in Flint Michigan. The theme for the event is “Violence in Our Society”. The emphasis will be on domestic violence. **OUR MISSION PROJECT FOR THE DAY**— Participants are asked to donate a handbag containing personal needs items to be donated to women in the Flint Shelter for Women. The cost for the lunch is \$8.00. If you are unable to attend, please donate one of your new or gently used handbags. The schedule for the day is as follows:

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9:30AM—Registration & Refreshments
**10:00AM-12:00PM—Panel Discussion/
Question & Answers**
12:00PM—Lunch & Entertainment
12:45PM—Business Meeting
1:15PM—Worship Service
2:00PM—Safe Journey Home

Pastor Desiree Lawson will conduct the worship service and Rosaline Brown will be one of the panelists. Jerry and Charlotte Needham will provide the entertainment during lunch.

On behalf of the Presbyterian Women of Lake Huron Presbytery and Trinity United, I thank you in advance for your donation. We look forward to seeing you and your participation. If you have questions, please contact Earnestine Jackson, Sharon Auger or Georgia McCall.



**WOMEN'S FALL
GATHERING**

LECTIONARY READINGS

October 2, 2011

Communion Service

Philippians 3:4b-14

“I Want to Know Christ”

Rev. Desiree Lawson

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**October 9, 2011**

***2 Samuel 13:1-22***

**“Family Secrets”**

**Rev. Desiree Lawson**

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October 15, 2011

Genesis 12:10-20

“One in Four Women”

P.W. Fall Gathering

Rev. Desiree Lawson

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**October 16, 2011**

***1 Thessalonians 1:1-10***

**“In Spite of Persecution”**

**Rev. Desiree Lawson**

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October 23, 2011

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

“Passing the Baton”

Rev. Desiree Lawson

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**October 30, 2011**

***Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25***

**“We Have Not Passed This Way Before”**

**Rev. Desiree Lawson**