

# TRINITY TIDINGS

Newsletter of Trinity United Methodist Church  
October 2009

*As Christians we are to always be forming and transforming our faith and the world around us. At Trinity Church we do this by being purposeful in our journey by:*

*Daily Devotion, Weekly Worship, Monthly Mission, Annual Alms, and being Forever in Formation.*

*Please check out this issue of Trinity Tidings to join us in these ways!*

## **DAILY DEVOTION**

Now available in the Narthex are 5 copies of "The Gift of Presence," a small guide to helping those who suffer. Please feel free to take a copy—keep it or bring it back to share.

## **ANNUAL ALMS**

*Do you like our church? What do you like about it? Is it the people (and the personalities), the stained glass, the "family feel," or the summer sausage (a favorite of the children)? Our church means a lot to many different people for a variety of reasons. How much does this church mean to you? What would you be willing to share in order to keep it here and see it continue to grow? Would you give up your cell phone to keep it? (\$50/month). Is it worth the same you pay for your cable bill a month? (\$90). Is it worth a gym membership, not going out to eat 3-4 times a month, or taking a weekend trip? (\$100-\$200). We have a tremendous community and it's important to remember the "real" value that we put on this place and its people. What do you value this place to be? Will you be willing to make that offering to this place this week?*

## **FOREVER IN FORMATION**

Trinity is fortunate to have many great people, including one or two who happen to be retired clergy. We love having them around and love it even more when they're willing to teach! This fall the Rev. Bob Jones will be teaching a class called, "39 plus 27 equals One!" It will be comprised of six sessions:

- 1: A name by any other name is usually more than a name.
- 2: A look at the books.
- 3: A very special barbeque!
- 4: How Israel has survived to this day.
- 5: Oh, those troubling and confounding "isms."
- 6: A time for Scripture and Song.

This class will begin on Wednesday, Sep. 30, and go through Wednesday, Nov. 4. Meeting time is 7:00p.m. at Trinity.

## **WEEKLY WORSHIP**

We're looking forward to continued meaningful worship at Trinity. Please make a real effort to come to worship and bring a friend with you! Here are the upcoming themes:

- ▶ **Sunday, October 4** – U2 Eucharist. Holy Communion with live music of the band U2. (Don't forget—we'll also taking a special offering this day to help support the health clinic in Chacula, Guatemala. They're in great need of basic medicines, vitamins, and necessities for obstetrics.)
- ▶ **Sunday, October 11** – Caring for Our Church, Caring for Ourselves (Fire Prevention Week)
- ▶ **Sunday, October 18** – Group returning from Church of the Resurrection's Leadership Institute reports
- ▶ **Sunday, October 25** – Children's Sabbath
- ▶ **Sunday, November 1** – All Saints Day; Rev. Bob Jones, preaching

*Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.— 2 Corinthians 9:7*

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

02 Heinz Pfaeffle  
06 Maria Thomas  
09 Margaret Clark  
10 Joyce Anderson  
Adam Hogan  
16 Mark Saltzman  
19 Alicia Thomas  
21 John Evachenko  
24 Michael Alexander  
Ben Alexander  
27 Karen Mayeshiba  
29 Julia Mayeshiba



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## THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

*Jen Southworth* – she's back from Russia!

*Marge Clark* – no cancer in her leg!

*Wendy Countryman* – joy and prayers for son, Josh and family who are expecting 2<sup>nd</sup> child

*Betty Spoolman* – recent fall, recovering well

*Richard Chadwick* – health concerns

*Melanie Ramey* – sister Jeannie's health

*Maria Thomas* – loss of dear cousin, Leon

*James Fountain* – brother Jesse's failing health

*Akyeampong* family – job concerns for Claudia

*Leonard Nelson* – sister Loraine's health

*Nathan Campbell* – death of maternal grandfather

## FALL DINNER 2009

Steve Bloy

The Fall Dinner is tentatively scheduled for either Friday, November 6 *or* Friday, November 13. Exact date to be determined soon. This of course is one of our big fund raisers for the year, and as usual we'll need your help to make it work. Please think about how you can help either in the kitchen the day of the dinner, or earlier in the week for decorating and advance preparation, or baking a pie or cake for dessert. Also remember that the Fall Bazaar is on the same day as the Fall Dinner. Donations of craft and baked goods will be needed for that project as well. More details to follow; in the meantime just be aware of either possible date.

## COINS FOR CHRIST – TRINITY'S NEW SIGN

As you will recall, a couple months ago we revived our Coins for Christ campaign to replace the old United Methodist Church sign on the corner of Park Street and Vilas Ave. Those signs are now up! Thanks to all who contributed!

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

For October, we will squeeze our mission into two back-to-back weekends.

### Sat. October 3 – “Trinity Turn-Out.” 9am-2pm

This will be a 1-day service project, right here at, Trinity Church.

Projects will include:

- Yard clean-up
- Painting
- Organizing pantry and kitchen

There'll be something for everyone. A light lunch will be served, too!

### Sat. October 10 – “Circuit Service Day”

This service day has become an annual event where United Methodists from all over the city come together for one morning of volunteering. More info will be on the web at [www.tumcmadison.org](http://www.tumcmadison.org) and in our weekly announcements. Last year we had 26 individuals from Trinity turn out! Our congregation, as one of the smallest in the circuit, had the greatest number of volunteers! Let's do it again— sign up in worship in the next two weeks. Thanks!

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

2009 Entertainment books are here! Save money on dinner out, movie tickets, online shopping, hotels and more. Books on sale through November. Each book is \$25. \$5 from each sale goes to Trinity Church. For information, or to purchase a book, contact Jan Crandall, 222-4797.

The deadline for the next issue of the Tidings is:

**Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

Articles submitted after this date are not guaranteed to print.

Email ([office@tumcmadison.org](mailto:office@tumcmadison.org)), fax (268-1502) or drop off your article.