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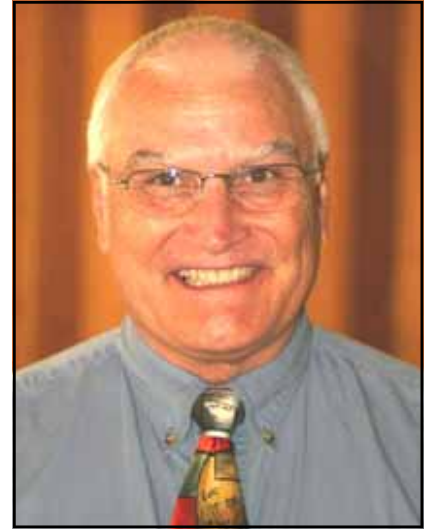
Seeing Christ's Gift in Each Other

By Mark Lansberry
Senior Pastor

The Lectionary reading for New Year's Day every year is Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. This familiar passage begins, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born . . . "

This year this passage is especially meaningful for our family as we welcomed our newest family member, Keira Candace Pierce, on Dec. 14.

As we sat in the delivery room following her birth and marveled at this precious gift from God, I couldn't help but think of Psalm 139, "For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb." I love that imagery of God lovingly knitting little Keira's body together. As I studied her perfectly formed little fingers and toes, I rejoiced with the psalmist, "I praise you, for [she is] fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. [Her] frame was not hidden from you, when [she] was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld [her] unformed substance. In your book were writ-



Rev. Dr. Mark Lansberry

ten all the days that were formed for [her], when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!"

Sometimes in the midst of all that we must do every day, working, running errands, paying the bills, etc., we lose sight of the beauty of this mystery we call life. We forget that it is a gift to be enjoyed and celebrated. We forget that we are indeed fearfully and wonderfully made – created in the image of God; "created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life" (Ephesians 2:10).

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Sunday Worship Schedule

- 8 a.m. Prayer and Communion
- 9 a.m. Traditional Service
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9 a.m. Bible Studies and Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Young Children's Classes

Childcare is provided all morning.

This is what the apostle Paul calls the mystery of Christ – the fact that we have been created so that Christ can dwell in us and express himself through us as the body of Christ.

“The mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them, God chose

to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, *which is Christ in you*, the hope of glory. It is He whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ” (Colossians 1:26-28).

Watching little Keira sleep peacefully, it is easy to perceive the mystery of Christ in her. The challenge of the gospel and the new year is to recognize Christ in all of our neighbors that we might join in Paul's mission to “present everyone mature in Christ.”

May we all look for and recognize the indwelling Christ in each other this year.

Proud Grandpa!



Introducing Keira Candace Pierce

Born December 14, 2010 at 6:49 p.m.

Weight: 6 lbs. 13 oz. Length: 19.25 in.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Next Membership 101 Coming

If you are new to Trinity UMC and would like to know more about us, or thinking about joining our church, the next Membership 101 class is for you. Also, all members of Trinity who haven't yet taken Membership 101 are encouraged by the Church Council to complete this class as soon as possible.

Senior Pastor Mark Lansberry will hold the class in Cafe Trinity from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other members as well as broaden your knowledge and understanding of our church.

Lunch will be provided for you, so please sign up in advance with Linda Petty or Pastor Mark or call the church office at 870-4747. This allows us to be sure we have enough food for all attendees. Child care will be provided upon request.

Keenagers Celebrate Birthdays, Holidays

The Keenagers met in Café Trinity in December with 22 members present. The church social group celebrated the birthdays of Doris Cerrone and Nancy Walter. Yvonne Gaines, Nancy Walter, and Elta Whittle, our hostesses, decorated

the tables and lunch room with beautiful Christmas décor. A small holiday gift exchange provided a lot of fun for the group.

The group's next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 12, at noon in Café Trinity. Mary Sue and Bruce Karstetter will be

hosts. For more information, call Mary Sue or Maxine

Let's start the New Year right with some more new members. If you are 55 years or older, come join the Keenagers for a fun couple of hours once a month.

Trinity UMW Hosts Mission Study

Trinity UMW will host the North District United Methodist Women on Saturday, Jan. 29 for a Mission Study and officer training session. The Mission Study, "The Epistles of John," will be held in the Sanctuary from 9 a.m. to noon.

The event is open to everyone. Save the date and join us! Watch for more details in your Sunday worship bulletins.

Tending the Soul Coming

Tending the Soul is a one-day experiential training designed to help lay and clergy persons better bring spiritual growth to the work of their churches. "Tending the Soul: Discovering and Sharing Our God Stories" will take place on Feb. 12 at Green Valley UMC in Henderson and Feb. 26 in Casa Grande, Ariz., at the UMC of Casa Grande.

Rev. Kwasi Kena, Director of Evangelism Ministries for the General Board of Discipleship, will lead both events. The events will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person.

Further information, including a brochure and online registration links, is available at: <http://desertsouthwestconference.org/tendingthesoul>

For questions, please contact Patsy Soto at patsy@desertsw.org or 602-266-6956.

Wish List

Our Church Nursery has a fabric and wooden glider/stool that is desperately in need of being recovered. Is there anyone who has such skills and would enjoy taking on this project as a love gift to the Nursery?

In addition, the Nursery

is in need of a sturdy wooden rocking chair in excellent condition to be used by our Nursery workers.

If you could help us out with either of these requests, please contact Linda Petty by e-mail at linda@tumclv.org or by calling her weekdays (the

office is closed on Fridays) at the church office at 870-4747, ext.11.

We would appreciate your prayers for these needs on our wish list. Thank you for your support of your church programs at Trinity UMC.

The deadline for the February newsletter is NO LATER than Monday, January 10 . Please observe this deadline with your submissions to ensure the monthly publication reaches the Trinity community in a timely manner.

Winter Camps



Winter Camp 2011! Jan. 15-17, 2011 \$145



Both camps will be held at Potosi Pines Campground. They will be held in separate parts of the camp and run as separate programs. *Both camps will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15 and end at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 17.*

Registration deadline is Jan. 4; after the deadline there will be a \$40 late fee.

Two great camps- One great location!



Elementary Winter Camp:
For campers in grades 2-5
Dean Gretchen Wise

"You Got a Friend In Me!"



We all know friendship is important lesson at any age! We will be using the scripture verse John 15:15-17 as our theme verse. "I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. This is my command: Love each other." We will be talking about what makes a good friend, how to be a good friend and what it means that Jesus is our friend! It promises to be a great weekend!



Jr. & Sr. High Winter Camp:
For campers in grades 6-12
Deans: Jayna Stevenson & Tracey Brown

"Picture Perfect!"



Both camps will have the usual: camp fun, meeting new friends and fun and playing in the snow (we hope). We'll learn and grow together as both camps build on the firm foundation of Jesus Christ! Look for registration at potosipines.com and be a part of all the fun! Question, call Tracey Brown at (702) 875-1980 or email tracey7673@live.com

North District Leadership Training Conference

NORTH DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

FEBRUARY 5, 2011

Green Valley UMC, 2200 Robindale Road., Henderson, NV 89074

Register by mail to: North District, 1785 E. Sahara Ave. #175, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104, (702) 369-7055

Registration \$12.00 per person (includes lunch)

Child Care will be provided (Bring Brown bag lunch with child)



Marcia McFee is a professor, consultant, designer and leader of worship. For almost 20 years she has traveled extensively teaching workshops and leading worship at regional and national events across the connection. She was the Worship Director for General Conference 2008 and has been selected to do worship and music at the 2012 General Conference. McFee lives near Lake Tahoe where she holds continuing education retreats for worship teams. She is the author of *The Worship Workshop* and *Spiritual Adventures in the Snow*.

Mark Your Calendars

Conference Schedule

- 8:15 AM - 8:45 AM - Registration
- 8:45 AM - 10:20 AM - Worship & Conference
- 10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon - Plenary
- 12:00 Noon - 12:30 PM - Lunch
- 12:35 PM - 2:05 PM Workshop I
- 2:10 PM - 3:40 PM - Workshop II

Workshop Schedule

Session I (Check only one workshop in Session I)

- Staff Parish Relations Committee - Rev. Candace Lansberry
- Finance - Dale Cook
- Marketing Your Church - Pastor Mark Maddox
- Supporting Clergy Wellness: A Guide for SPRC - Rev. Tom Mattick
- "Re-Think Worship" - Marcia McFee
- Calling All Church Lay Leaders - Allie Lakey
- Drama Workshop I - Clair Hart
- UMCOR West Mission opportunities - Rev. Brian Diggs of the Salt Lake City UMCOR Depot
- Models of Outreach for the "Church Relevant" - Billie Fidlin
- Religion and Politics - Rev. Wayne Brown

Session II (Check only one workshop in Session II)

- Church Mutual - Tom Schrock
- Marketing Your Church - Pastor Mark Maddox
- Welcoming Ministry - Allie Lakey & Sharon Scobie
- "Re-Think Worship" - Marcia McFee
- Supporting Clergy Wellness: A Guide for SPRC - Rev. Tom Mattick
- Drama Workshop II - Clair Hart
- Nurturing Youth as Leaders - Rev. Tom Jelinek & Tracey Brown
- Standing on Both Feet: *Exploring Mercy and Justice Ministries* - Rev. Brian Diggs of the Utah UMCOR Depot
- Models of Outreach for the "Church Relevant" - Billie Fidlin
- Older Adult Ministry - Pastor Gene Stouffer

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, ZIP _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Church _____
Child Care Needed _____ YES _____ NO; # of Children _____ (Bring Brown Bag with Child)
 \$12.00 Registration Fee (Payable to North District) Check # _____ (Lunch Included)

Mail to North district Office, 1785 E. Sahara Ave. #175; Las Vegas, Nevada 89104; 702-369-7055

DEADLINE: JANUARY 21, 2011

January 20

<p align="center">Sunday</p> <p>6 pm Vietnamese American Bible Study every Sunday, Library/Café Trinity</p>	<p align="center">Monday</p> <p>5:30 pm Nurses Anon. every Monday, Café 6:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous every Monday, Café Trinity</p>	<p align="center">Tuesday</p>	<p align="center">Wednesday</p> <p>5 pm TOPS, Rm. 6, every Wednesday</p>
<p>2 Sermon Series: "Who Is This Man? Why Were the Wise Men Wise?"</p>	<p>3 7 pm Friends LTP, Rehearsal, Sanctuary 7 pm FaithSprings Covenant Group, Library</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Heart and Soul 6:45 pm Sanctuary, Worship for all</p>
<p>9 Sermon Series: "Who Is This Man? A New Beginning" 10 am UMW Exec. Board, Rm. 6</p>	<p>10 10:30 am North District Clergy Cluster, Library 7 pm Friends LTP, Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p>11 5:30 UMSM Family Services Training, Sanc.</p>	<p>12 12 N Keenagers, Café T Heart and Soul 6:45 pm Sanctuary, Worship for all</p>
<p>16 Sermon Series: "Who Is This Man? Come and See" 12 Noon Caring Ministries, Lib.</p>	<p>17 School & Office Closed 5 pm Finance Team Meeting, Rm. 6 7 pm Friends LTP, Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p>18 12:30 pm pm Lydia Flwshp, Café Trinity 7 pm Rachel Flwshp, Café Trinity</p>	<p>19 Heart and Soul 6:45 pm Sanctuary, Worship for all</p>
<p>23 Sermon Series: "Who Is This Man? Caught Up in a Dream" 12 Noon Lunch, Café Trinity 1 pm Church Council, Café T</p>	<p>24 7 pm Friends LTP, Rehearsal, Sanctuary 7 pm Society of St. Stephen, Library</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Heart and Soul 6:45 pm Sanctuary, Worship for all</p>
<p>30 Sermon Series: "Who Is This Man? The Heart of the Matter"</p>	<p>31 7 pm Friends LTP, Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>		

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5:30 TOPS new group, Rm. 6, every Thursday	Trinity Church Office closed on Fridays	1 7:30 am Saturday Morning Prayer Service, Sanct 4:30 pm Disciples Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6 7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 7:30 pm Hispanic Bible Study, Rm. 5	7 1 pm Crafters for Christ, Café Trinity 6 pm Young Adults, at Members Homes	8 7:30 am Sat. Morning Prayer Service, Sanct 4:30 pm Disciples Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
13 7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 7:30 pm Hispanic Bible Study, Rm. 5	14 1 pm Crafters for Christ, Café Trinity	15 7:30 am Saturday Morning Prayer Service, Sanct 9 am Membership 101, Library 4:30 pm Disciples Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
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27 7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 7:30 pm Hispanic Bible Study, Rm. 5	28 6 pm Crafters for Christ, Café Trinity 1 pm N.D. UMW Board Meeting, Library Urban Academy in Arizona	29 7:30 am Sat. Morning Prayer Service, Sanct 8-3pm N.D. UMW Mission Study/Officer Training, Campus 4:30 pm Disciples Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
		10 am-2 pm Polish School on Campus every Saturday
<p>North District Newsletter - desertsouthwestconference.org/churchmembers/districtchurches/northdistrict/newsnotes/</p> <p>The Desert Southwest Conference Calendar and Journal desertsouthwestconference.org</p>		

SAVE THE DATES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

9 AM- 3 PM

MEMBERSHIP 101

LIBRARY

CALL OFFICE TO REGISTER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

NORTH DISTRICT UMW

MISSION STUDY

"The epistles of John"

9-Noon, Sanctuary

Entire campus in use until 3 pm

ALPHA IS COMING

Beginning February 3

Every Thursday evening

through April 14

See article on page 11 for more information



Women's Spring Retreat March 25-27, 2011

Australian Aborigines have a term for a journey that is part vacation, part education, part initiation, and part religious ceremony. It is called a walkabout. It is a pattern interrupt of major consequence. One emerges from their journey not only with tribal secrets but most important with an understanding of self and how harmonious relationships become a life or death matter out in the bush.

Come on a mini journey with your sisters in Christ Jesus for a **WALKABOUT**. We won't be sending you to the bush. You will find the comforts of a room shared with a friend, safe pathways, wonderful food, worship, singing, a few games and girl ship at the Redemptorist Renewal Center in Tucson, Ariz. We promise you the opportunity to walkabout with the Lord as the Holy Spirit refreshes your soul, and perhaps reveals a few secrets of God's love for you. Come, take time out for a pattern interrupt.

We have more than one presenter this year offering you a bit of **POTPOURRI**, little bit of this and a little bit of that, plus a few extra surprises. Retreat begins 4 p.m. Friday to 1 p.m. Sunday.

Dolores McCaslin
Sheri Pingry
Deborah Williams

"The Gift of Laughter"
"Memories"
"A Girl Can Never Have Too Much Corn"

REGISTRATION FEE

Double Room Occupancy \$180____
Single Room Occupancy \$210____
Commuter fee (lunch/dinner) \$120____

Redemptorist Renewal Center
7101 W Picture Rocks Road
Tucson, AZ 85743

Registration deadline **March 11, 2011**

Send to: Carla Whitmire

Make check payable to **United Methodist Women**

207 W Bluefield Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85023-6425

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Local Church _____ District _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

First Time Attending _____ Special Needs _____ Room-mate Request _____

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Questions, call/e-mail, Becky Cowart at 520-544-7904 (bcowart@hotmail.com), Carla Whitmire at 602-795-0865 (cmwhitmire@gmail.com), or Alice Brown at 520-888-6688 (abrown1@comcast.net).

NJROTC Students Support St. Stephen

By Mary Lovelady

Throughout the year, the Centennial High School Naval Junior Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) students partner with Trinity's Society of St. Stephen to assist individuals and families in need. When requested, as deliveries of groceries arrive from the Ne-

vada Food Distribution Program or Three Square, the students very efficiently carry in cases of food and stock shelves.

In addition, the NJROTC was on hand to help with various facets of the church-sponsored September golf tournament.

Recently, the NJROTC conducted a holiday food drive for

Society of St. Stephen. Four pickup loads of food arrived, just in time to help brighten the holidays for food pantry visitors.

The St. Stephen ministry indeed is blessed by the support of parishioner and Centennial High instructor Gail Johnson and her NJROTC students.



(From left in front) Rev. Dr. Mark Lansberry, Gail Johnson and Centennial High School NJROTC volunteers celebrate the holiday food drive. Photo by Janice Greever.

Heartburst Results in Troops Receiving Bibles

Trinity member Caroline White had a heartburst to send God's love to our troops in Afghanistan in the form of Bibles and shared that desire with Pastor Mark Lansberry and the Missions team.

Because of your recent donations to the Missions fund, and the ongoing ministry of the American Bible Society, Trinity was able to

use some of those funds to send 20 special camouflage editions of the New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs to American soldiers overseas by Christmas.

Your generosity, and Caroline's heartburst, will remind these brave men and women that God loves them as they spent the holidays defending our freedom in Afghanistan.



Calling All Crafters

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS - PLANNING AHEAD TO 2011

Many of us would love to see Trinity, once again, have a Holiday Craft Sale and Boutique in 2011! Nancy Walter and the current crafter's group are willing to head this project with a variety of craft projects and are hoping there are others in our congregation - and friends who may want to contribute a special craft project of their own. If you have been to any of the many Craft Sales during the holidays at local churches, you know how well homemade things sell, from ornaments to jams, etc. We are excited about Trinity bringing back the tradition of having a Holiday Craft Sale and Boutique for community outreach, as well as supplementing our church budget. Please consider what you might create on your own, or with the Friday Craft group (we have lots of ideas!!) in the coming months to again make this a Trinity Tradition! Projects from men are especially wanted; any type of woodworking, handicrafts, etc., sell especially well!

For more information, please call Nancy Walter June Deley
or the church office, 870-4747. *Get excited about this project -
we are!!!!!!*

Your Donations

Trinity church staff wants to remind everyone that the large wooden box is for donations of non-perishable food items, diapers and baby formula ONLY.

These donations are for Society of St. Stephen or the Weekend Emergency Assistance Program, depending on the month.

PLEASE do NOT leave

shoes, household items or clothing in the box. Items NOT being requested at this time should be taken to Opportunity Village, Goodwill, Salvation Army, Safe Nest, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, or any other charity that distributes such items.

Most Las Vegas-area charities will be happy to pick up donations at your home. Items that are not being requested

by Trinity UMC will be taken to the trash.

Thank you for your assistance in making sure your donations go to a charity where they will be used for others in need.

If you are still unsure about any potential donations in the future, please contact the church office Monday through Thursday at 870-4747.

January Birthdays

Wiley Thomas	01/01	Rochelle Bautista	01/16
Max Hamm	01/02	Pat Hardouin	01/17
Arnett Cooper	01/03	Sue Pitman	01/17
Ruby Miller	01/04	Fran Ledoux	01/17
Tony Zotchi	01/04	Samantha Rounds	01/18
Vera Herlien	01/04	Frances Bower	01/19
Debra Zotchi	01/04	Patrick McCue	01/20
Sage Gilliam	01/05	Pat Messman	01/20
Maxine Hoselton	01/07	Dan Sahagun	01/22
Emily Snell	01/08	Amber Thacker	01/23
Sarah Day	01/08	Joy Waller	01/23
Alan Lewis	01/10	Frank Spencer	01/25
Tom Deley	01/11	Carol Bumgarner	01/26
Kirstey Thomas	01/11	Brittany Wood	01/26
David Dunn	01/11	Mae Cooper	01/27
Larry Canfield	01/12	Jerry Mazo	01/27
Jerry Magner	01/13	Cara Groman	01/29
Fe Pappas	01/13	Elaine Bickford	01/29
Jean Schultz	01/14	Adam Cegavske	01/31

January Anniversaries



Stuart Rawlinson	01/06/1979
Brian & June Light	01/09/1999
Doris & George Mooren	01/15/1949
Mr. & Mrs. Jennifer Bartlett	01/16/2010
Jerry & Linda Mazo	01/18/1989
Milton & Darlene Florence	01/19/1947
Tim & Barbara Cegavske	01/26/1980

Prayers for Our Churches



The Conference Laity Team and District Superintendents are requesting that the Trinity congregation commit to praying for other churches in our district during the year 2011. Several churches will be listed each month for your prayer concerns.

It is important to know that other churches are praying with and for each other. Please pray for the pastors, congregation and the community.

January

Community UMC, Blythe, CA
Boulder City UM Fellowship,
Boulder City, NV
Hope UMC, Bullhead City, AZ

UMC – United Methodist Church
UMF – United Methodist Fellowship

Alpha Course Coming in February

The next Alpha course, one of the favorite spiritual ministries that is offered regularly at Trinity UMC, will begin Thursday, Feb. 3. Usually held on Wednesday night, this new course will be held every Thursday evening through April 14.

What happens during this 10-week practical introduction to the Christian faith? Anyone attending this popular class will expect to explore the basics of Christianity in a relaxing, comfortable environment. In addition to the regular Thursday night gatherings, a weekend retreat is usually scheduled.

As former attendees know, the Alpha course is an experience where people come together to share a meal, hear a series of video presentations, and gather into smaller groups to discuss questions that come to mind. It's for adults of all ages.

Don't miss this opportunity to explore the meaning of life. To laugh and learn, get to know others and make new friends. To find out more about the Christian faith.

Mark your calendars and watch your Sunday worship bulletins for more information.

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