

Lent — Becoming Closer to God

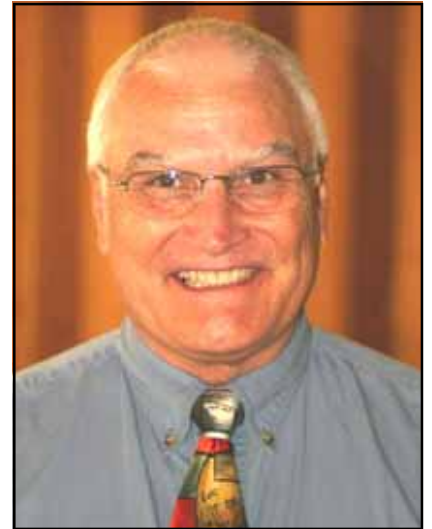
By Mark Lansberry
Senior Pastor

Before Jesus began his public ministry, he withdrew to the wilderness for 40 days of fasting and preparation (Matthew 4:1-11). The early church began the liturgical season of Lent to be a period of fasting leading up to [Easter](#), recalling Jesus' 40-day fast in the wilderness.

This year Lent begins on March 9 known as Ash Wednesday. The purpose of Lent is to be a season of fasting, self-denial, Christian growth, penitence, conversion, and simplicity. Lent, which comes from the Teutonic (Germanic) word for springtime, can be viewed as a spiritual spring cleaning: a time for taking spiritual inventory and then cleaning out those things which hinder our corporate and personal relationships with Jesus Christ and our service to him.

Thus, it is fitting that the season of Lent begins with a symbol of repentance: placing ashes mixed with oil on one's head or forehead. However, we must remember that our Lenten disciplines are supposed to ultimately transform our entire person: body, soul, and spirit. Our Lenten disciplines are supposed to help us become more like Christ.

Therefore, I am proposing that we use this time to deepen our faith through the discipline fasting. Last fall we fasted together for 21 days with dramatic results in the



Rev. Dr. Mark Lansberry

life our church. Let's see if we can maintain our corporate fast for the whole season of Lent! We will be studying the early church through the book of Acts in a sermon series entitled, "The Power-Filled Church." There will also be a Wednesday evening Bible study on these scriptures and themes following the Heart and Soul Worship at 6:45 p.m. The Bible study will begin at 7:30 p.m.

As we have already experience, fasting together as a church is one means of grace that God had provided to help us become a power-filled church.

What kind of Fast? There is a lot of leeway. Beginning Ash Wednesday and continuing to Easter can you refrain from sugar, or soft drinks, or French fries, or coffee or candy bars or cake or

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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.

whatever "pleasant food" you typically eat? If you want to go further, refrain from eating meat or perhaps just red meat for Lent. Maybe you would like to avoid wine or ice cream. Maybe a real challenge for you would be to avoid watching television for the 40 days of Lent.

Another way to approach the fast is to pick two or three days each week, perhaps Monday/Wednesday/Friday on which you eat no food from dawn to dusk. If you would like to try a

longer fast, perhaps a two or three day fast during the Lenten season as well as giving up some "pleasant food." Decide what works for you and then be faithful to your plan for the whole season of Lent. During this time pray for God to speak to you about Trinity UMC. What is God calling Trinity to do? What is God calling you to do as a member of Trinity UMC?

Look at the ministries Trinity is providing and ask God if those are the ministries God wants us

to be providing. Does God want us to provide worship in a variety of styles? Christian Education for all ages? Caring ministries for our members? Outreach ministries to our community? Outreach ministries to the world beyond our immediate community? Music Ministry? Preschool, kindergarten and Daycare Center?

Listen. Listen. Listen. Listen for God to speak to your heart. For the 40 days of Lent, pray for God to reveal God's will for Trinity UMC and ask God to make Trinity a power-filled church.

Apportionment Thanks to TUMC

Dear Mark Lansberry and friends of Trinity UMC, Las Vegas,

A word of sincere gratitude...

Thank you for paying 100% of your 2010 apportionments. Your full payment of apportionments reflects a strong commitment to the ministry and mission of the entire church. It also demonstrates your leadership on helping a congregation be generous. Your gifts help the UMC train leaders around the world, address killer diseases such as malaria, and strengthen efforts to reach people with the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ.

Your efforts are especially appreciated during challenging economic times and demonstrate gratitude for the abundance of God's gifts to us. Desert Southwest Conference churches paid over 88% which represents the hard work of all churches, including Trinity.

May God continue to bless your efforts on behalf of Christ's Kingdom.

Blessings,



Rev. Mike Pearson
South District Superintendent
Desert Southwest Conference

Easter Offering for Africa University

Pastors in the Desert Southwest Conference are asking all churches to take a special offering this Easter for Africa University. The members of Annual Conference agreed in 2007 to endow the Joel Huffman Chair in Health Sciences at Africa University, a \$500,000 commitment.

The Desert Southwest Conference has raised \$400,000 and now has the opportunity to raise the final \$100,000 over the next several months. Bishop Minerva Carcaño has asked all members in the DSC to help complete the endowment.

The Health Sciences department at Africa University trains nurses who are placed throughout Africa, but particularly in the rural areas. There, nurses bring both medical care and education to fight malaria and HIV/AIDS among other health concerns.

For further information or questions, please contact Rev. Roberts Burns at Robert@desertsw.org or Rev. Daniel Turner at dturne1@ix.netcom.com who are spearheading this effort.

Trinity Welcomes New Church Members

Trinity United Methodist Church recently welcomed new members into the congregation. Find the time to welcome these new parishioners, get to know them and be sure to tell them about all of the programs available at the church.



Manuel Astete and Patricia Letelier

Manuel Astete and Patricia Letelier joined Trinity on Jan. 16. Originally from Chile, they began attending Trinity in March 2004. Several of their children and grandson also attend Trinity. They enjoy witnessing their faith, praying, ushering and serving the community. They are training to become assistant Lay Missioners in the Desert Southwest Conference and are co-leading a Hispanic Bible study at Trinity on Thursday evenings.



Flor Hernandez

Flor Hernandez also joined Trinity on Jan. 16. She is originally from Guatemala and was a member of Seguidores de Cristo fellowship in North Las Vegas. Several family members are attending Trinity with Flor. She is a good listener, an excellent interpreter for her Hispanic friends and enjoys sharing her faith and praying. Flor is in training to become a Lay Missioner in the conference and will be co-leading the Hispanic Bible study on Thursday evenings.

Max Hamm joined Trinity on Jan. 2. Max comes to Trinity from First United Methodist Church in Fargo, ND. He is a single father with three adorable children, ages 4 (Allison), 7 (Emma), and 9 (Tristen) and is employed as a locksmith. Max participates in Trinity's Young Adult group and, in March, will become a co-leader for the Trinity Youth Group. His children attend Trinity School and Max is an active participant in the school's Parent Teacher Organization.



Max Hamm and children (from left) Tristen, Allison, and Emma

Interested in joining the church? Anyone interested in joining the Desert Southwest Conference Methodist church needs to attend a Membership 101 class prior to joining Trinity.

Contact Senior Pastor Mark Lansberry or an office staff member at the church office weekdays Monday through Thursday at 870-4747 for further information.

Confirmation Classes Begin March 8

The youth from several of the Las Vegas United Methodist churches are beginning confirmation classes on Tuesday, March 8. The classes are for youth eighth grade and older who have not yet been confirmed in their church.

Classes will be taught by the pastors of the Las Vegas Methodist churches. If you are a youth eighth through 12th grade or the parent of a youth in that age range, please let Trinity Pastor Mark Lansberry or Linda Petty know if you are interested in attending confirmation classes this year.

Confirmation classes will be held on 12 Tuesday evenings with the service of confirmation taking place on Pentecost Sunday, June 12. The participating churches will take turns hosting the classes. The exact schedule and locations of each session are being determined and will be available soon.

The deadline for the April Newsletter is NO LATER than Thursday, March 10. Please observe this deadline with your submissions to ensure the monthly publication reaches the Trinity community in a timely manner. Thank you.

Nominations for Volunteer Award

The North District Office of the Desert Southwest Conference announces nominations are open for awarding of the Roland Brammeier Award. This award is in memory of Roland Brammeier who devoted his energies to provide for those who needed assistance with food, shelter and many other things.

Persons who receive this award can be nominated by any-

one in the Annual Conference and usually is given to one clergy and one lay person. It is possible for someone to nominate both a clergy and lay at the same time.

The person nominated must have demonstrated exemplary performance in the areas of mission related to children, hunger and/or shelter. A monetary gift comes with this award and is given to the project as selected

by the nominee. Selection will be made by the Conference Board of Global Ministries at their April 12 meeting.

A nomination can be made via e-mail at pastorcitd@gmail.com or by regular mail.

For further information, contact Pastor Mel Munchinsky, Cross In The Desert United Methodist Church, 12835 N 32nd St., Phoenix, Ariz. 85032 or by phone at (602) 992-1960.

Walk to Emmaus Coming to Henderson

Next Walks:

Men—March 17-20
Women—March 24-27

The Southern Nevada Walk to Emmaus community will be gearing up for the next adult and youth walks and flights, respectively, during 2011. The walks for adults take a look at Christianity as a lifestyle designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christians.

The next men's Walk to Emmaus has been scheduled for March 17-20 and the women's walk is planned for March 24-27, both at Green Valley United Methodist Church in Henderson. Lay Director for the walks will be Steve Beall (men) and Tammy Tahbo (women).

Meanwhile, the flights ex-

perience for boys and girls is attempting to increase participation. The next experience has been planned for July 29-31. Chrysalis offers spiritual renewal to young people through a three-day experience and small group followup with the feelings in the world and in their lives.

The Walk to Emmaus weekend is followed up with the formation of small groups within the community. These groups meet to share, support and develop Christian support in each other with the intent to revitalize church life at Trinity and in the world to develop a personal increased focus and a desire to serve Him.

Additional information on the Emmaus community can be found on the revamped Southern Nevada Walk to Emmaus web site at

www.snwe.org. The Web site is packed with information, including a schedule of events, history, community database, reunion groups, listing of the Board of Directors, church relations, monthly newsletter, and application forms.

Additionally, related information can be obtained at the Upper Room web site at www.upperroom.org, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary (1935-2010).

Call the church office weekdays at 870-4747 to find Trinity pilgrims who have attended past walks.



Society of St. Stephen Reports 2010 Outreach

By Mary Lovelady

Trinity United Methodist Church assists the Las Vegas community through the Society of St. Stephen ministry. The mission of Society of St. Stephen is to respond to social concerns of the community by engaging individuals and families at their time of need and providing a helping hand up.

A food pantry provides groceries for three meals/three days, up to three times per 12 months, to individuals and families in households.

Homeless persons receive a nutritional lunch each visit. The pantry is open 10 hours per week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Charitable organization Helping Hand Up offers additional assistance to clients who may benefit from a one-time support to "get back on their feet."

This past year, financial funding and volunteer callers were limited; however, an average of one household per month each received emergency help with a bill. Others were made aware of possible area resources.

The pantry distributed groceries for approximately 35,383 meals in 2010. This represents a 13.4 percent increase over 2009, a 30 percent increase over 2008, and a 50 percent increase over 2007.

Society of St. Stephen Welcomes Community Partnerships:

For-profit as well as non-profit partners provide invaluable support from:

- Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market at 6310 W. Charleston Blvd. – Employees unload/stock groceries; a freezer was donated by area store managers; the West Charleston store secured a \$1,000 Wal-Mart Foundation grant for Society of St. Stephen.
- Assistance League of Las Vegas at 6446 W. Charleston Blvd. – Teddy bears for children of families requesting food.
- Centennial High School NJROTC – Holiday food drive; unload/stock groceries; golf tournament assistance.
- The Gideons International – Bibles for requesting families.
- Fresh and Easy at 3053 N. Jones Blvd. – Grocery bags for households.
- 41 local businesses supported an "inaugural" golf tournament fundraiser.

Recognized as a Distributing Food Pantry:

- In January 2010, Trinity UM Church's Society of St. Stephen was selected as a participating pantry for the Nevada Food Distribution Program. Cases of food, at an average "federal value" of \$810 per month, are received free-of-charge.
- Trinity's Society of St. Stephen continues to be a member agency of Three Square, one of the two Feeding America food banks in Nevada. Through Three Square, food is purchased at a significantly reduced cost.

Keenagers Celebrate Valentine's

Paul and Helen Brooks will serve as hosts for the next Keenagers monthly meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, March 9. The site was to be determined. Watch your bulletin for the details.

In February's social meeting for individuals 55 years and older, 25 members met in Café Trinity for a potluck lunch. The following people celebrated birthdays in February: Yvonne Gaines, Phil Hodson, Art Hoselton, Vivian Lightfoot, and Stanley Stubblefield. Guest speaker, Kimberly, spoke on "Safe Patient Healing."

Maxine and Art, our hosts for the day, had the tables decorated with a Valentine's Day theme.

For information concerning the noon meeting in March, phone the Brooks or the Hoseltons for further information.

March 20

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>6 pm Vietnamese American Bible Study every Sunday, Library/Café Trinity</p>	<p>5:30 pm Nurses Anon. every Monday, Café 6:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous every Monday, Café Trinity</p>	<p>1 7 pm FaithSprings Covenant Group, Library 7 pm Trustees, Library</p>	<p>2 5 pm..School Open House 6 pm School Spaghetti Dinner Heart and Soul 6:45 pm Sanctuary, Worship for all</p>
<p>6 Sermon Series: "Who Is This Man? Reality Check"</p>	<p>7 4 pm Staff Study Sanctuary 7 pm Friends LTP, Rehearsal Sanctuary 7 pm FaithSprings Covenant Group, Library</p>	<p>8 6:30 pm Confirmation Class University UMC</p>	<p>9 12 pm Keenagers, Café T 12 pm Ash Wednesday Service Sanctuary 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service Sanctuary 7:30 pm Life Group Leader Training (Library) 7:30 pm Lenten Study (Café)</p>
<p>13 Sermon Series: "The Power-Filled Church: You Shall Receive Power" 10 am UMW Exec. Board, Rm. 5 12 pm Caring Ministries, Lib.</p>	<p>14 4 pm Staff Study Sanctuary 7 pm Friends LTP, Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p>15 9 am Staff Retreat Mt. Potosi 12:30 pm Lydia Flwshp, Café Trinity 6:30 pm Confirmation Class University UMC 7 pm Rachel Flwshp, Café Trinity</p>	<p>16 Heart and Soul 6:45 pm Sanctuary, Worship for all 7:30 pm Life Group Leader Training (Library) 7:30 pm Lenten Study (Café)</p>
<p>20 Sermon Series: "The Power-Filled Church: Power in Community"</p>	<p>21 4 pm Staff Study Sanctuary 5 pm Finance Team Mtg Room 6 7 pm Friends LTP, Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p>22 4 pm Trinity School Brd. Library 6:30 pm Confirmation Class University UMC</p>	<p>23 Heart and Soul 6:45 pm Sanctuary, Worship for all 7:30 pm Life Group Leader Training (Library) 7:30 pm Lenten Study (Café) 9 pm Mission Choir Overnite</p>
<p>27 Sermon Series: "The Power-Filled Church: Power Serve" 12 Noon Lunch, Café Trinity 1 pm Church Council, Café T</p>	<p>28 4 pm Staff Study Sanctuary 7 pm Friends LTP, Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p>29 6:30 pm Confirmation Class University UMC</p>	<p>30 Heart and Soul 6:45 pm Sanctuary, Worship for all 7:30 pm Life Group Leader Training (Library) 7:30 pm Lenten Study (Café)</p>

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 6 pm ALPHA, Café, Sanct. 7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Music Room 7:30 pm Hispanic Bible Study, Rm. 6</p>	<p>4 Trinity Church Office closed on Fridays 1 pm Crafters for Christ, Potter's Place</p>	<p>5 7:30 am Saturday am Prayer Service, Sanct 4:30 pm Disciples Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>
<p>10 6 pm ALPHA Spirit Weekend, Café, Library 7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Music Room 7:30 pm Hispanic Bible Study, Rm. 6</p>	<p>11 ALPHA Spirit Weekend, Café, Sanct. 1 pm Crafters for Christ, Potter's Place</p>	<p>12 ALPHA Spirit Weekend, Café, Sanct. 7:30 am Sat. Morning Prayer Service, Sanct 4:30 pm Disciples Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary 5 pm Young Adults, at Edith/Dean Giaccani Home</p>
<p>17 6 pm ALPHA, Café, Sanct. 7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Music Room 7:30 pm Hispanic Bible Study, Rm. 6</p>	<p>18 1 pm Crafters for Christ, Potter's Place 5 pm Lay Missionary Planting Session Library/Cafe</p>	<p>19 7:30 am Sat. Morning Prayer Service, Sanct 8 am Lay Missionary Planting Session 4:30 pm Disciples Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>
<p>24 6 pm ALPHA, Café, Sanct. 7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Music Room 7:30 pm Hispanic Bible Study, Rm. 6</p>	<p>25 1 pm Crafters for Christ, Potter's Place</p>	<p>26 7:30 am Sat. Morning Prayer Service, Sanct 8:39 am Men's Breakfast Cafe 4:30 pm Disciples Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>
<p>31 6 pm ALPHA, Café, Sanct. 7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Music Room 7:30 pm Hispanic Bible Study, Rm. 6</p>		<p>10 am-2 pm Polish School on Campus every Saturday</p>

SPECIAL EVENTS



*WALK TO EMMAUS
GREEN VALLEY UMC*

*MEN'S WALK
MARCH 17 - 20*

*WOMEN'S WALK
MARCH 24 - 27*

NEW YOUTH SMALL GROUP

*FIRST MEETING
MARCH 13, 2011
10:30 AM*



*WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT
MARCH 25 - 27
TUCSON, AZ*

TOPS Meetings
Wed. - 5 PM - Rm 6
Thurs. - 6:30 PM - Rm 5

North District Newsletter - desertsouthwestconference.org/churchmembers/districtschurches/northdistrict/newsnotes/
The Desert Southwest Conference Calendar and Journal
desertsouthwestconference.org



Women's Spring Retreat March 25-27

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**

Send to: Carla Whitmire

Make check payable to **United Methodist Women**

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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 (aabrown1@comcast.net).

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.

MARCH

First UMC, Henderson, NV
Green Valley UMC, Henderson, NV
Holbrook UMC, Holbrook, AZ

UMC – United Methodist Church
UMF – United Methodist Fellowship

Conference Monthly Newsletter

The February issue of *Our Conference*, a bulletin insert prepared by the Communications Department of the Desert Southwest Conference, is available at <http://www.desertsouthwestconference.org/ourconference>. The edition of *Our Conference* features:

Some good news about being a United Methodist from South District Superintendent Mike Pearson.

- A look at a service of healing held at site of the Tucson, Ariz., shootings and the United Methodist involvement
- Exciting news out of the Episcopal Office
- Other news and highlights from around The Desert Southwest Conference and the United Methodist Church

This newsletter comes out regularly during the week before the first Sunday of the month. Look for copies of this newsletter in your Sunday morning worship bulletin or go on-line to view it. Archival editions are also available for reading at the Web site.

For questions or concerns contact the Conference Director of Communications, Stephen J. Hustedt, at 602-266-6956 or at Communications@desertsw.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Women of Faith "Over the Top" Weekend

April 29-30, 2011

Thomas & Mack Center

More information to follow soon

"One Great Hour" Coming

The "One Great Hour of Sharing" will be coming Sunday, April 3. This day is one of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. OGHS enables the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to live out its mission to alleviate human suffering.

UMCOR is the humanitarian arm of The United Methodist Church. OGHS gifts underwrite UMCOR's "costs of doing business," meaning that every penny of every gift you make to a specific UMCOR project will be spent on that project—not on office administrative costs. This enables UMCOR to respond to natural or human made disasters.

Your Outreach Ministry in 2011

Did you know that United Methodist Social Ministries (UMSM) is an independent 501C(3) nonprofit corporation which is overseen by a volunteer board of directors and achieves unqualified, audited financial statements each year?

As the outreach ministry of the United Methodist Church in the North District of the Desert Southwest Annual Conference, USMC operates the longest running weekend emergency food pantry in southern Nevada and is an accredited agency of the United Way of Southern Nevada. The organization is pleased that the food inventory has improved as a multi-year recipient of the U.S. Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) and as a partner with the state of Nevada USDA distribution program.

While they also appreciate the ongoing "in-kind" donations of churches and other community partners, the organization faces significant service cutbacks as cash contributions and fundraising have declined in contrast to the need for services. Please pray for continued operation in 2011.

In addition to supporting UMSM with monthly food donations, please remember that they are in need of regular weekend volunteers, data entry personnel, fundraising facilitators, and cash donations to support the Weekend Emergency Assistance Program, Fostering in Faith, Hats and Hands, and other UMSM programs.

To lead a monthly volunteer team, become a certified HMIS data entry volunteer, or participate in fundraising activities, please call their office at 733-0053.

SUGGESTED MONTHLY FOOD DONATIONS:

MARCH

PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY may be comfort food, but they also keep children energetic At school. (Jam, jelly or preserves all play well with peanut butter.)

APRIL

RICE and BEANS do more than fill stomachs.....no, don't go there, they put smiles on faces. (Boxed or bagged rice; canned or dried beans.)

MAY

Some say "breakfast is the most important meal of the day." To many, CEREAL means breakfast. (Hot or cold; sweetened or plain; remember, their clients like what you like.)

Help Homeless Youth

The Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth is always in need of underwear, bras, socks, calling cards, backpacks, food vouchers and gift cards. These are just a few items in the organization's current wish list.

If you have items to donate, contact Tim Mullin, Executive Director, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, P.O. Box 20135, Las Vegas, NV 89112, at 883-8585 or by e-mail at tim@nphy.org.

Help Crafters for Christ

Nancy Walter and the rest of the Trinity crafter's group are ready to spearhead a variety of holiday fundraising projects and need your ideas of what to produce. The hard working group crafted some beautiful angel bibles which were ultimately lovingly given to the Trinity congregation as holiday surprises.

If you have been to any of the many craft sales during the holidays at schools, yard sales or local churches, you know how well homemade items sell, from Christmas ornaments to jams. Yes, it is not too early to be thinking about the holidays. Now is the time to be thinking about how the church could benefit from a fundraising project.

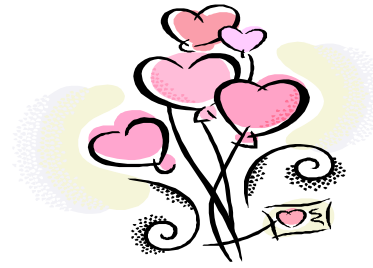
Trinity's Friday Craft group has some ideas about creating handmade gifts and they could benefit from YOUR ideas to help plan for a church Holiday Craft Sale and Boutique that could be a Trinity tradition.

For now, give your ideas to Nancy Walter, June Deley, or call the church office weekdays at 870-4747.

March Birthdays

March Anniversaries

Michael Petty	03/03	Sumi Joachim	03/18
Sharon Watson	03/05	Jay-R Dizon	03/21
Larry Barnson	03/06	Elizabeth Unger	03/21
Pat McInerny	03/07	Barbara McMahan	03/22
Marvin Breakfield	03/08	Helen Clark	03/25
Jeri Gladwill	03/08	Ann Jarrell	03/25
Patricia Getz	03/12	Caitlin Brookshire	03/26
Linda Petty	03/12	Bill Rose	03/26
Mark Wallace	03/12	Dennis Wright	03/26
Alexis Groman	03/13	Carolyn J. White	03/27
Andrew Hill	03/13	Heather Kimenker	03/28
Richard Linville	03/14	April Lee	03/28
Suzie McCue	03/14	John Sunderland	03/28
Elmer Crawford-Waits	03/15	Dan Haber	03/29
Cheryl Mulconrey	03/15	Jeffrey Muus	03/29
Katherine Trollier	03/16	Robert Campbell	03/31
Patricia Letelier	03/17	Rev. Dr. Candance Lansberry	03/31
Espee Mazo	03/17		



Judy & William Ogren	03/05/1976
Gloisa-Faye Garcia & Andy Lai	03/07/2009
Heather & Carlas Avery	03/08/2003
Melissa & Casey Laub	03/09/1998
Betty & Bill Ball	03/10/1971
Patsy & Elmer Crawford-Waits	03/17/1984
June & Tom Deley	03/17/1962
Kathy & Larry Barnson	03/18/1967
Elaine & Donald Bickford	03/23/1985
Patricia & Joseph Mercadante	03/31/1984

Solar Panels, Budgets Discussed, Approved

At the Trinity Church Council monthly January meeting, the solar panel project and the church and school budgets were among the many topics discussed at the gathering held in Café Trinity.

Attending included June and Tom Deley, Espee Mazo, Ruth Linebaugh, Alice Bassi, Carol Munroe, Barbara Momeyer, Richard Jost, Ann Copeland, Richard French, Linh Phan, Bruce Bacon, Roger Unger, Steve Goldstein, Ann and Reese Jarrell, Sean Sheehan, Bill Jacky, James, Glenda and Dennis Wright, Edie Pickens, Ginnie Barnson, Kathy Barnson, Denyse Royer, Carol Bumgarner, and Randy Chaney.

Ann Jarrell shared that only two pine trees had to be removed to accommodate the installation of the carpports that will hold the panels and enable the church to “go green.”

The 2011 church budget was presented from the Finance team by Roger Unger and unanimously approved and accepted. Future discussions will be held regarding individual or congregational funding of the Disciples Band, which performs at the 10:30 a.m. worship service, for the remaining six months. .

Roger also presented the 2011 church school budget, stating Trinity school ended the 2010 school year in the black for the first time in five years. The school budget, as proposed by the director, Leslie Chaney, was previously adopted by the school board and church finance team. The 2011 school budget was approved and unanimously accepted.

The Council covenant, which includes emphasizing the 101 Membership class for all members, ongoing stewardship, small groups, continuing communication and robust and respectful conversations to resolve conflicts, was also unanimously adopted for this year.

Trinity continues to be involved in reaching out to other ministries that are using the church campus as a starting base. Lihn Pahn, leader of the Vietnamese ministry, gave an update on their ministry, sharing their goals and asking for prayers for the Vietnamese outreach.

In addition, Pastor Mark Lansberry also gave an update on the recent Hispanic Ministry at Trinity, reporting two new Hispanic members, Flor Hernandez and her mother, Gilda Serna, recently attended lay training in Arizona.

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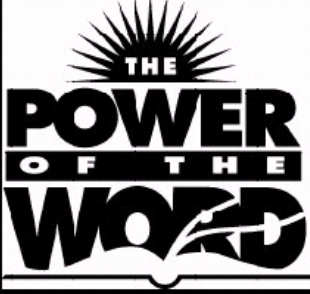
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