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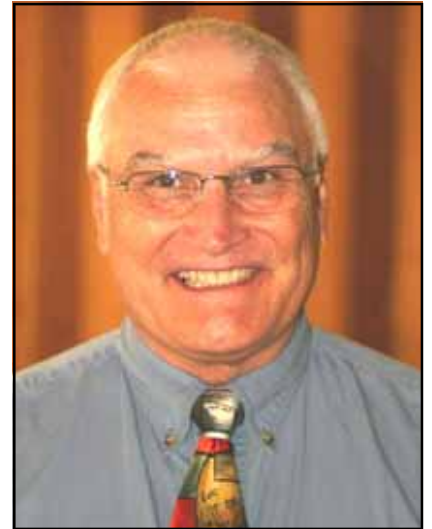
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## Growing and Using God's Gifts

By Mark Lansberry  
Senior Pastor

Nineteenth century author Horatio Alger is renowned for his stories of persons who manage to rise from rags to riches through their own effort and ingenuity. Alger's books preached that by honesty, cheerful perseverance, and hard work, the virtuous would receive their just reward. As Americans, we celebrate the so-called "Horatio Alger story" as our own ideal – the American dream. We make heroes out of those who overcome the difficult circumstances they are born with and become enormously successful despite such negative factors.

It is good to celebrate such achievements – they remind us that God has created a world that is filled with opportunity if only we are willing to seize it and work for it. Unfortunately, there is also a downside to such celebrations. The downside is that we may think our success is all up to us. We may lose sight of the fact that God has given us the gifts or talents we need to live successful and fulfilling lives. We may begin to think that we alone are responsible for our success. However, no matter what circumstances we have had to overcome, no matter what handicaps we have faced, no matter how hard we have worked, whatever success we achieve is ultimately based on our God-given gifts.



Rev. Dr. Mark Lansberry

That gift may come in the form of ideas for new inventions like it did for Thomas Edison. The gift may come in the form of the ability to understand the universe in deeper and more profound ways like it did for Albert Einstein. It may come in the form of an idea to market a product in a new way as it did for Ray Kroc. It may come in the form of the ability to hit a baseball as it did for Babe Ruth. It may come in the form of the ability to sink a basketball as it did for Michael Jordan. It may come in the form of the ability to lead and inspire other people as it did for Abraham Lincoln. It may come in the form of the ability to hear music that has never been composed before like it did for Mozart. It may come in the ability to find humor in the reality

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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.**

of everyday life like it did for Bill Cosby.

We grow spiritually in our faith journey when we recognize and give thanks to God for the gifts God has given us. We grow further spiritually when we take the next step and prayerfully ask ourselves, "How we might use that gift for the glory of God and God's purposes?" The way we do that will vary with each individual just as the gifts we are given vary with each individual. We may choose to sing the Doxology on the Tonight Show – like former Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Orel Hershiser. We may choose to use our gift to raise money for a youth center to minister to troubled and hurting young people – like boxer George Foreman. We may

choose to use our gift to tell the gospel to others in a new way – like director Franco Zefferelli. We may choose to devote our life to bringing medical care to people who have no other means of getting such care – like Albert Schweitzer. We may choose to devote our life to caring for the poor, hungry and dying – like Mother Theresa. We may choose to devote our life to a crusade to spread the gospel to those who have never heard it – like Billy Graham.

Of course, most of us won't achieve the fame and acclaim of those listed above. But, we may choose to use our gift to teach third grade children the good news that Jesus loves them and gave his life for their sake. We may choose to use our gift of

singing to enhance the worship experience of our fellow church members. We may choose to use our gift of leadership to help our local congregation carry out its mission for God's glory. We may choose to use our gift of compassion to help someone cope with the crises that life sends our way.

God has given each and every one of us different gifts – not only to lead successful and meaningful lives – but to bring glory to God through loving service to God's purposes. We grow spiritually and find greater meaning in life when we ask and answer the following questions: What are the gifts that God has given me? How can I use these gifts for the glory of God?

Ask and answer these questions – be all that you can be – for the glory of God.

## Next Lay Speaking Academy Set

Community United Methodist Church, 140 Tennille St., Caliente, Nev., will be host to the next Lay Speaking Academy on May 6-7. The event begins Friday evening at 6 o'clock and continues on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided on Saturday.

The basic course for Lay Speaking Ministries guides you to discover your gifts of caring, leading and communicating and putting them to use. Sessions take you through thoughtful reflection on what it takes to make a congregation an outpost for mission and transformation and the role you can play — even if public speaking isn't your gift. The cost of the basic course is \$30. The advanced course describes major features in John Wesley's devotional life, and it illustrates how you can apply his ministry to your own life. Structured around Wesley's "Means of Grace," this study covers topics such as prayer, scripture, the Lord's Supper, and fasting. The study also offers suggestions for organizing an initial group meeting and developing a successful group study. The cost of the advance course is \$40.

For more information, please contact Paul Bosman at (702) 325-1663 or [royal1ego@aol.com](mailto:royal1ego@aol.com).

## 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.

### MAY

Desert Spring UMC, Las Vegas, NV

First Filipino American UMF, Las Vegas, NV

UMC – United Methodist Church  
UMF – United Methodist Fellowship

## Mother-Daughter Tea Planned

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One of the most enjoyable social events of the year at Trinity is the United Methodist Women's annual Mother-Daughter Banquet. This year's rendition will be held on Sunday, May 15 from 2-4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

This year's theme will be

"Bridal Celebration Now and Then." If you have a wedding dress to wear at the event or have one to share, contact Ema Herbert. Gillian Kabat will be collecting photographs of brides to display at the UMW fundraiser. If you would like to

participate, call her.

The UMW "Woman of the Year" will be announced at the event followed by a reception of light refreshments. There is no charge, but signup sheets will be available on the patio for you to register.

## LVVISC Sponsors Children's Service

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By Ann Copeland

The Las Vegas Valley Interfaith Sponsoring Committee, which is forming a new organization of mostly faith-based organizations in Southern Nevada, is sponsoring an important Interfaith Service of Prayer on Sunday, May 22 at 5 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, 9041 S. Pecos Road, Suite 4000, Henderson. It is located in the Sansone Office Park at the southwest corner of Pebble and Pecos, immediately north of the 215 freeway.

People of different faiths will gather to pray for the children of the Las Vegas Valley. Children are welcome to attend. The service will offer prayers for and about our children, some who are healthy and well and others who are troubled, abandoned, ill or captured. All the children of this valley are "our" children whether or not we are their parents or grandparents. People of faith in separateness have too often focused only on some of the children and looked aside from the others.

LVVISC represents Christians of many denominations, Muslims, Jews, Unitarians, and others. Join the organization on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/pages/LVVISC-Las-Vegas-Valley-Interfaith-Sponsoring-Committee/198080586314](http://www.facebook.com/pages/LVVISC-Las-Vegas-Valley-Interfaith-Sponsoring-Committee/198080586314) for further information about this and other activities and actions and how you can participate.

## Birthing Kits Needed

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The Conference Board of Global Ministries has determined that this year's Annual Conference Mission Project will be collecting needed birthing kits for the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR). Churches are being asked to put complete birthing kits together and sending them to the UMCOR West Depot in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The number of kits that are donated will be celebrated at Annual Conference this summer. As with all kits, the included items must be exactly as UMCOR specifies.

Birthing kit items include one small bar soap 1 to 2 oz.

size (do not remove from original packaging; small bars such as those found in hotels are acceptable); one pair latex, surgical or thin rubber gloves (gloves are not required to be sterile); 1 square yard of clear plastic sheeting, 4 mil thick (plastic trash bags and shower curtains are not acceptable); 3 - 12 inch long pieces of clean cotton string (secure the pieces of string by bundling and tying them together; no yarn please); one single edge razor blade that must be covered in paper or cardboard to prevent injury (regular shaving razors are not acceptable); two receiving

blankets 30" x 30" or 32" x 32" size (no thermal or fleece blankets); and one plastic bag 1-gallon size, sealable bags only.

For more information, please contact Billie Fidlin at [billie@desertsw.org](mailto:billie@desertsw.org). In addition, you can call Jean Day, church secretary at Zion and Heritage UMC, for any assistance at 648-7806 on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Her husband Wayne will be transporting birthing kits supplied by the Zion and Heritage congregations to the UMCOR Depot in Salt Lake City on Tuesday, May 24.

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

# May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p><b>1</b> Sermon Series: "The Power-Points of Life: Power of One" Heart" 10 am UMW Exec. Board, Rm. 5 12 Noon Special Church Council, Café Trinity 6 pm Vietnamese Language Ministry, Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>2</b> 12:30 School Teacher Appreciation Lunch, Café 4 pm Staff Group, Sanct. 5 pm, Nurses, Café 6:30 pm, O.A., Café 7 pm Friends LTP Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>3</b> 10 am Tuesday Morning Transformers, Library 6:30 pm Confirmation Class, Trinity Library 7 pm Trustees, Café</p>	<p><b>4</b> 5 pm TOPS, Rm. 6 Heart &amp; Soul 6:45 pm Sanctuary</p>
<p><b>8</b> Sermon Series: "The Power-Points of Life: Power to Make a Difference" 6 pm Vietnamese Language Ministry, Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>9</b> 4 pm Staff Study, Sanct. 5 pm, Nurses, Café 6:30 pm, O.A., Café 7 pm Friends LTP, Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>10</b> 10 am Tuesday Morning Transformers, Library 6:30 pm Confirmation Class, Trinity Library DEADLINE FOR JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES</p>	<p><b>11</b> 12 Noon Keenagers, Café Trinity 5 pm TOPS, Rm. 6 Heart and Soul 6:45 pm Sanctuary</p>
<p><b>15</b> Sermon Series: "The PowerPoints of Life: Power to Begin Again: 10:30 am HeartStrings Rehearsal, MR 2 pm Mother Daughter Event, Sanctuary, Café Trinity, Patio 6 pm Vietnamese Language Ministry, Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>16</b> 4 pm Staff Study, Sant. 5 pm Finance Team Mtg Library 5 pm, Nurses, Café 6:30 pm, O.A., Café 7 pm Friends LTP, Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>17</b> 10 am Tuesday Morn Transformers, Library 12:30 pm Lydia Flwshp, Café Trinity 4 pm School Brd., Lib. 5:30 pm Clrk Cnty Fmly Devlp Srvcs, Sanctuary 6:30 pm Confirmation Class, Library 7 pm Rachel Flwshp, Café</p>	<p><b>18</b> 5 pm TOPS, Rm. 6 Heart and Soul 6:45 pm Sanctuary</p>
<p><b>22</b> Sermon Series: "The Power-Points of Life: Power to Be Saved" 12 Noon Lunch, Café Trinity 1 pm Church Council, Café 6 pm Vietnamese Language Ministry, Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>23</b> 4 pm Staff Study, Sanct. 5 pm, Nurses, Café 6:30 pm, O.A., Café 7 pm Friends LTP, Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>24</b> 10 am Tuesday Morning Transformers, Library 6:30 pm Confirmation Class, Library</p>	<p><b>25</b> 5 pm TOPS, Rm. 6 Heart and Soul 6:45 pm Sanctuary</p>
<p><b>29</b> Sermon Series: "The Power-Points of Life: Power to Do Good" Confirmation Sunday 6 pm Vietnamese Language Ministry, Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>30</b> Church Office &amp; School Closed 5 pm, Nurses, Café 6:30 pm, O.A., Café 7 pm Friends LTP, Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>31</b> 10 am Tuesday Morning Transformers, Library 6:30 pm Confirmation Class, Library</p>	

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5 6 pm Gifted for Life, Holden Home 7 pm "Beyond Alpha", Rm. 5 7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Music Room 7:30 pm Hispanic Bible Study, Rm. 6</p>	<p>6 Trinity Church Office closed on Fridays 1 pm Crafters for Christ, Potter's Place</p>	<p>7 7:30 am Saturday am Prayer Service, Sanct 4:30 pm Disciples Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>
<p>12 6 pm Gifted for Life, Holden Home 7 pm "Beyond Alpha", Rm. 5 7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Music Room 7:30 pm Hispanic Bible Study, Rm. 6</p>	<p>13 1 pm Crafters for Christ, Potter's Place Urban Academy, Az.</p>	<p>14 7:30 am Sat. Morning Prayer Service, Sanct 8:30 am Men's Breakfast, Café Trinity 10 am Mother Daughter Event Dress Rhrsl, Sanct. 4:30 pm Disciples Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary 6 pm Young Adults, Members Homes Urban Academy, Az.</p>
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<p>26 6 pm Gifted for Life, Holden Home 7 pm "Beyond Alpha", Rm. 5 7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Music Room 7:30 pm Hispanic Bible Study, Rm. 6</p>	<p>27 1 pm Crafters for Christ, Potter's Place 5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p>28 7:30 am Sat. Morning Prayer Service, Sanct 4 pm Wedding, Sanctuary 5 pm Reception, Café</p>
<p>Every Thursday: 6 pm TOPS, Café Trinity</p>		

## ***SPECIAL EVENTS***

### ***L.I.F.E. LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY***

#### ***NEW WEEKDAY SMALL GROUPS FORMED***

**TUESDAY MORNING TRANSFORMERS:**  
GROWING IN CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD USING THE SERENDIPITY BIBLE FOR SMALL GROUP STUDY. SIX 6 WEEK STUDIES BEGINNING MAY 3, 10 AM, LIBRARY  
LEADERS: BILL JACKY & CAROL MUNROE

**BEYOND ALPHA:** PRACTICAL AND ENCOURAGING INSIGHTS FOR LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE USING "A LIFE WORTH LIVING" BY NICKY GUMBEL. A 9 WEEK STUDY BASED ON PHILIPPIANS BEGINNING APRIL 28, 7 PM, RM. 5  
LEADER: CAROL MUNROE

**GIFTED FOR LIFE:** DISCOVERING AND REDISCOVERING SPIRITUAL GIFTS A SMALL GROUP STUDY. A SIX WEEKS STUDY BEGINNING MAY 5, 6 PM, IN THE HOLDEN HOME. ALL AGES WELCOME  
LEADERS: SUE & JOE HOLDEN

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT LINDA AT THE CHURCH OFFICE, 870-4747.

### **MOTHER'S DAY MOTHER DAUGHTER EVENT "A BRIDAL CELEBRATION THEN & NOW"**

PRESENTED BY TRINITY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
SUNDAY, MAY 15  
2:00-4:00 PM  
IN THE SANCTUARY  
SIGN UP ON THE PATIO ON SUNDAYS, MAY 1 & 7

## TUMC to Hold Class, Training

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Trinity United Methodist Church will be the site for a General Infant & Child Mental Health class and training on Tuesday, May 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. with registration beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Clark County Department of Family Services in collaboration with UMSM Fostering in Faith Task Force and the state of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services will be presenting this special event.

This class was developed to provide birth parents, foster parents, and community partners with a basic understanding of infant/child mental health development and to enable them to recognize mental health issues as they emerge.

The training has been approved for two Social Work CEUs and for two Nevada Registry training Hours. To receive continuing education credit, participants must attend the entire training session.

For further information, call 455-5295 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Roger Unger Running for LV Habitat for Humanity

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Roger Unger, a proud member of the Las Vegas chapter of Habitat for Humanity, is asking the Trinity UMC congregation for your support. In the organization's Indie Fest 5k Run on Saturday, May 21 to benefit the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity, the church Finance team member is sponsoring himself for \$100. He is also looking for friends, family and total strangers to

sponsor him as well.

Why is he involved in this project?

"It has been a very rewarding way for me to make a difference in our community," he explains. "Now, it just became even more rewarding with the success of our Restore operations that now cover 100% of our operating expenses. That means that our community's donations and support goes

directly to building homes for good families."

Roger is looking forward to this fun day as well as the opportunity to see more and more home dedications.

Follow the link at <http://indiefest2011.kintera.org/faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp?ievent=452615&supld=323562964> to visit his personal web page and help him in this effort.

## Youth Summer Camps Upcoming

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Summer Camp information is now available. Camps at Potosi Pines, which is only a 45-minute drive from Trinity UMC, is offering three Elementary Camps, one Junior High Camp and one Senior High Camp this summer from June to August.

Scholarships are available. Please visit [www.dsccamps.org](http://www.dsccamps.org)

for camp details and to download registration forms. The Christian camp and retreat center is sponsored by the United Methodist Church. Going to this web site also provides a virtual tour of Potosi Pines.

ALL camp forms must be signed by Pastor Mark Lansberry

or another staff person. The deadline for early registration discounts for all camps is Sunday, May 14. All fees increase by \$25 after that date.

Do you have any questions? Contact Linda Petty at [linda@tumclv.org](mailto:linda@tumclv.org) or call the church office at 870-4747.

## Fall Craft Fair Needs YOU

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**DO YOU SEW, KNIT, CROCHET, CAN, BAKE, CRAFT, GLUE, OR HAVE A GREEN THUMB?**



Please prayerfully consider doing a craft project for the Thursday, Nov. 3 Craft Fair and Boutique Fundraiser. So far, there are commitments of the beautiful Hymnal Angels, crocheted scarves, hats and gloves, tote bags, Jalapeño jelly, candied nuts, cinnamon ornaments, (you can never have enough homemade items!) starter plants, and red and green felt squares. Can you think of a project for the felt? We also have a few simple craft projects, and some funds available for supplies if you have a sewing machine and would be willing to give of your time and sewing abilities. Please call Nancy Walter, June Deley or the church office at 870-4747 if you feel nudged by the Lord to either join the Craft Ladies on Fridays at 1 p.m. in Potters Place, or work on your own at home. You will be blessed!



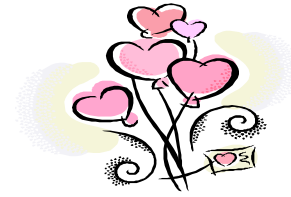
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## May Birthdays

Collin Brookshire 5/1  
Gillian Kabat 5/1  
Patricia Mercdadante 5/1  
Elta Whittle 5/1  
Doris Mooren 5/4  
Alethea Carter 5/4  
Judith Moore 5/7  
Patsy Crawford-Waits 5/8  
Edith Pickens 5/14  
Nicole Haber 5/15  
Matthew Emry 5/16  
Thelma Lanyon 5/17  
Phan, Mi 5/17  
James Wright 5/18

Shirley Emry 5/18  
Brady DeNardin 5/19  
Virginia Williams 5/19  
Orion Patrick Light 5/20  
Ben Hesse 5/22  
Jean Stinedurf 5/23  
Claire Johnson 5/23  
Ellie Marchand 5/24  
Isaiah Gutierrez-Astet 5/24  
Manuel Astete 5/26  
Eddie O'Neal 5/27  
Calvin Johnson 5/28  
JoAnn Barrett 5/29

## May Anniversaries



Earl & Edith Pickens 5/7/2005  
Edward & Frances Bower 5/12/1951  
Roger E & Alene Unger 5/13/1989  
Richard & Cheryl Mulconrey 5/15/1976  
Tony & Yvonne Gaines 5/16/1980  
Jason & Alethea Carter 5/17/2003  
Stanley & Rebecca Blessley 5/19/2007  
David & Sharley Emry 5/23/1970  
Geoffrey & Jennifer Garcia 5/23/2009  
Curtis & Elizabeth Britt 5/26/2007  
Larry & Ruth Wilson 5/28/1965  
Michael & Linda Petty 5/31/1969

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## Blessings

### *Thank You*

A special thank you to all my Trinity friends for the compassion shown to me during my recent car accident. God was by my side, I know, as he performed many miracles.

Love and Prayers to all, Ruth Linebaugh

### *Appreciation*

A big thank you to all who called, sent cards, visited, and kept me in their prayers during my recent hospitalization and subsequent recovery. They were all very much appreciated. My recovery is ongoing but I am back to work now. A special thanks to Marj Bertagnolli for filling in the office for the two and a half weeks I was out. Thanks to her you had a bulletin and the April newsletter during that time.

Blessings, Barb Momeyer

### *Gratitude*

A big thanks to Linda Petty, Ed Pickens, Marj Bertagnolli, Barb Momeyer and everyone at Trinity for their concerns and prayers during a very trying time for me and my daughter Lisa. We are both recovering from our surgeries in a span of 2 weeks. With all of you and God watching out for us, the pain has been more bearable to live with.

Dan and Lisa Sahagun

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## Library Thank You!

The Library team would like to give a "big hug and thank you" to Marnie and Jerry Wagner for the donation of a Smith-Corona correcting typewriter (to include extra ribbons!) to the church library for the processing and cataloging of new books!

We have processed over 100 books recently from delightful fictional novels, such as the Heather Creek Series, and the Church Choir Mysteries to various religious commentaries, devotionals, self-helps, and even one entitled "Holy Humor," which is full of inspirational Wit and Cartoons! Do come by and check out your church library.



**All suggestions ... and help are always appreciated!**

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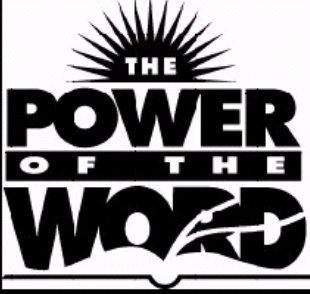
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