



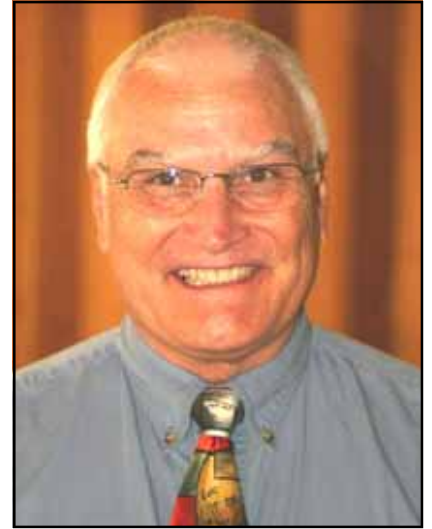
Finding Meaning in "Glad Game"

By Mark Lansberry
Senior Pastor

The name Pollyanna has been given a bum rap. This name, associated with the children's classic novel and later two film adaptations, has been taken in vain. How many times have we heard her name used to describe a simple-minded, even cock-eyed, optimist that denies the hard facts of reality rather than a sweet, young girl with a wonderfully positive attitude based on a profound theological truth?

Those of us who remember the story or later sequels can understand how Pollyanna got to be misunderstood this way. After all, she encouraged everybody to play the "glad game" that her father taught her. That is, whenever something bad happens to us, we are challenged to find something in the situation we can be glad about. But, the reason the "glad game" is misconstrued is that many of us fail to see that the "glad game" is really based on scripture: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

The point Paul is trying to make in this scripture is not that whatever circumstance we find ourselves in is God's will for us, but that God's will for us is that we should not be defeated by our circumstances. That's what our Christian faith is all about. The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ proves that not even death can defeat those who hope in Christ.



Rev. Dr. Mark Lansberry

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

Interestingly, the word *will*, which we translate from the Latin *voluntas*, means "yearning" in both Hebrew and Greek. So, we might say that God's yearning for us is that we do not let circumstances defeat us, but live in the confidence "that all things work together for good for those who love God" (Romans 8:28).

My friend, Ralph Kelly, of Los Angeles, takes the "glad game" one step further and picks up on Paul's idea of giving thanks in all circumstances. He suggests that when something happens that upsets us,

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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.

"Glad Game"

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we should immediately think of 10 things to be thankful for in that situation. For example, if we accidentally drop our pencil while jotting down a note, we can be thankful: 1) for the law of gravity; 2) for the trees that are used to make the pencil; 3) for the manufacturer of the pencil; 4) that we are able to bend over and pick up the pencil; 5) that we know how to read and write; 6) that we have the ability to see and locate the pencil; 7) for the lead in the pencil; 8) for language that can express our ideas in writing; 9) for the

ideas we want to write down; and 10) for the paper on which we are writing.

Admittedly, in some circumstances it is much harder to find 10 things to be thankful about. Still, even in the face of serious illness or death, it is God's yearning for us that we do not become defeated but continue to live confidently. As Paul writes, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

Take the Pollyanna and Ralph Kelly challenge: For the

next 10 days, play the "glad game." Find something to be glad about in every situation. Then take it one step further and find 10 things to be thankful for in that situation.

Try this discipline for 30 days and see if it doesn't profoundly affect your life. After 30 days, instead of disparaging Pollyanna as a simple-minded optimist, we may find ourselves agreeing with the pastor in Walt Disney's version of *Pollyanna*, "We ought to get down on our knees and thank God for sending her to us."

Holiday Craft Fair Planned for Nov. 5



NOV. 5 HOLIDAY CRAFT TO HONOR AND IN MEMORY OF NANCY WALTER



The Crafters for Christ group would like to honor their founder, Nancy Walter, who went to craft for the Lord on Aug. 5, by putting on the best-ever Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 5. Nancy had a dream of putting on a Holiday Craft Fair to showcase the beautiful angels she and the Crafters for Christ, with support from Earl Pickens, have been creating for the past couple of years.

Help us honor Nancy's dream and help the Crafters for Christ by making a favorite craft of yours, either with them starting again on Friday, Oct. 7 in Potter's Place at 1 p.m., or create a craft at home and donate to the Holiday Craft Fair. The Crafters for Christ group have supplies available from material, yarn, felt, etc., as well as their own sewing machine.

Please call June Deley with your desire to honor Nancy with your craft, or with any questions or the Church office at 870-4747.



"WE ARE BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING"



REMINDER

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY — OCTOBER 2

Please plan to attend church on Oct. 2 to celebrate World Communion Sunday, which is one of the six church-wide Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church. Christians around the world will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on that day, many of them adorned in their ancestral dress. We invite you to wear your ancestral dress on that day to Trinity, if you desire.

If you would like to make an additional donation, you may give online at the website <http://www.nccusa.org/unity/worldcommunionssunday.html>, or you may put a check in your regular offering envelope marked for World Communion Sunday and it will be forwarded for you.

Praise God that we are blessed to be involved in yet another opportunity to assist in transforming the church and their communities.

Trinity Youth Group



Rebecca Blessley (second from left) leads the Trinity Youth Small Group program at recent Sunday morning worship service. Youth addressed the congregation after a lock-in program held at the church.

United Methodist Women's Fall Luncheon

The UMW Fall Luncheon will be held on Oct. 16, at noon in Cafe Trinity. Pastor Art Gafke will speak on the topic "Human Trafficking in Las Vegas" as part of the Las Vegas Valley Interfaith Sponsoring Committee project.

Signups will be held on Oct. 2 and Oct. 9 after the 8:30 and 10 a.m. Sunday worship services. Cost will be \$5, or bring a salad or dessert. Everyone is invited to attend this event. Rev. Gafke, if one remembers, was senior pastor at Trinity UMC in 2005 and is a dynamic speaker.

The deadline for the November newsletter is NO LATER than Monday, October 10. Please observe this deadline with your submissions to ensure the monthly publication reaches the Trinity community in a timely manner. Articles received after the deadline will not be printed. Thank you.

Baptism



In a baptism held on Sunday, Aug. 28, Ronda and Kenneth Diehl (from left) proudly display infant April Renee moments after baptizing officiated by Trinity Pastor Mark Lansberry (not pictured).

Keenagers Back in Full Force

The Keenagers, Trinity's social ministry for adults 55 years and older, returned from a summer hiatus by continuing their monthly gathering in Café Trinity. There were 19 members and two guest speakers, Dee Williams and Michael Balton of Insanity Hospice Care, present for the September meeting.

The group's next meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 12, in Café Trinity for a potluck meeting. Bruce and Mary Sue Karstetter will be hosts for the event. If you need further information, please call Mary Sue, or Maxine Hoselton

Drawing for Crocheted Bedspread

Trinity United Methodist Church will be having a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 5 in a fundraiser by the Crafters for Christ ministry. As part of the festivities, a beautiful crocheted queen-sized bedspread handcrafted by Maxine Hoselton will be offered in a drawing at the event.

Don't pass up this opportunity to pick up this creation that will dress up any bedroom. Tickets for this special drawing are only \$2 each or 3 for \$5. While the purchase of multiple tickets will not ensure you'll be a big winner, the more tickets you purchase will increase your chances of winning this one-of-a-kind bedspread.

If interested, tickets will be available on Sunday, Oct. 23 and 30. Just look for the Craft Fair table set up near the Sanctuary before or after the Sunday morning worship services. Tickets will also be available the day of the event.

If you can't attend the November event but would like to be in the running for the bedspread, please plan on purchasing tickets. You do not have to be in attendance to win the needlework crafted bedspread.

The Crafters for Christ group is honoring their late founder, Nancy Walter, with this church fundraiser. Nancy, with support from Earl Pickens, had been creating angels integrated with hymnals for the past couple of years. It is planned to have other crafts contributed by the group and the Trinity congregation at the holiday fair.

Please call June Deley with your desire to honor Nancy with your craft, or if you have any questions contact June

or call the church office Monday through Thursday at 870-4747.



Maxine Hoselton proudly displays her crocheted bedspread that will be one of the items available at the Trinity UMC Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 5.

Editor — Attend the next training session with Rev. Dr. Don Nations on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at Griffith UMC at 7 p.m. Trinity UMC will be one of about 40 churches that have signed up over the next three years to improve revitalization of the United Methodist church. Be a part of your church future.



The DNA Update for United Methodists, mid-September 2011

In This Issue:

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The Heart of Hospitality

As you likely know by now, I am a firm believer in the science of hospitality – greeters in the parking lot, greeters at the door, great refreshments before and after the service, awesome signage, wonderful printed material, etc. along with an inspiring worship service in a well-cared for facility. All of this is important and needs to be addressed.

I am also, however, a firm believer in the heart and art of hospitality. A warm person with an open heart can be just as impressive as a large lobby with great décor. A person who gets to know the names of first time guests can be better than gourmet coffee. Treating guests like you are expecting them and are truly glad they came can make a bigger impact than a smiling face in the parking lot.

Every church can do something to strengthen its hospitality system. The goal is not to be a clone of another church but, instead, to offer the best hospitality you can in your setting. What will you do this Sunday to make guests feel even more welcome?

Why Do You Want Transformation?

What is your motivation for wanting transformation? I have heard church people say things like “we need new people to help pay the bills,” “we want children in worship because it makes us not feel so old” and “it would be great to have more people because I hate seeing this building so empty.” While these things may be true, are they really the heart of transformation?

At its core, transformation is important because:

- God desires to be in relationship with all people through Jesus. Jesus lived, died and was raised so that all could experience eternal life, both in this life and in the life to come
- The Christian life was designed to be lived in community and the local church is the vehicle through which this is to happen (in spite of it being imperfect)
- The message of Jesus is life-changing and is meant for everyone

A church can take a lot of actions to move towards transformation. These acts are given life and power, however, by a heart that longs to see more people experience the grace, love and power of Jesus.

Your Feedback Is Important

I received a lot of comments about the article on hospitality in the last newsletter. Many agreed wholeheartedly with it, a couple asked a question in response and one told me that I made up the entire story and that I was responsible for heaping guilt and shame on pastors!

Regardless of how you feel, we value you and your opinion so keep the comments coming by sending an e-mail to don@dnacoaching.com. For information, see our website at www.dnacoaching.com.

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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OCTOBER SPECIAL EVENTS

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8
8 AM, CAMPUS

USHER TRAINING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8
10 AM, NARTHEX

UMW FALL LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16
AT 12 NOON
GUEST SPEAKER:
PASTOR ART GAFKE
ALL WELCOME!
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TRINITY SCHOOL

FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29
ON CAMPUS
ALL WELCOME!

NEW SERMON SERIES

"FINDING GOD WHEN YOU'RE

FALLING APART:

How's YOUR APPETITE?"

MATTHEW 5:6

Do I HAVE TO GO TO AFRICA?"

MATTHEW 5:7

DOUBLE VISION", MATTHEW 5:8

ALL I WANT IS A LITTLE PEACE"

MATTHEW 5:9



Come Sing With Us!

The Trinity Adult Choir and the HeartStrings Youth Choir have resumed singing during Sunday worship services.

Adult Choir rehearsal is held on Thursdays at 7 p.m., while the HeartStrings Choir rehearsal is on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. All rehearsals are held in the Music Room. More

singers for all sections – soprano, alto, tenor and bass – are urgently needed.

There is no experience required, no audition is necessary, and you do not need to be able to sight read to join the music program. A love of music and praising the Lord with a commitment

of time on Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings is all that is requested of you.

For more information, please contact Adult Choir Director Jerry Mazo, or HeartStrings Director Carol Bumgarner or the church office weekdays at 870-4747.

Hope to see you in choir!

Bus Driver Needed

Another bus driver is still needed to be part of the Trinity UMC outreach ministry to service those needing transportation to attend worship services on Sunday. A CDL license is not required to drive the 15-person handicap equipped passenger van.

A caring, compassionate person with a clean driving record is needed to join a volunteer driving staff of three. This would enable each person to



HELP WANTED – Do you feel the urge to be part of the Bus Driver ministry needed on Sundays? Contact Carol Munroe to volunteer.

transport worshippers only one Sunday per month.

Please prayerfully consider filling this role for just one of the important ministries offered by the church. Perspective volunteers will participate in a ride along training program and undergo a background check.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Carol Munroe, Bus Ministry Coordinator

Family Ministry Conference Offered

A family ministry conference entitled, "Helping Our Children & Families Have Faith!" will be offered Friday and Saturday, Oct. 7-8, at University United Methodist Church, 4412 So. Maryland Parkway.

Energize your family ministry and participate in an exciting two-day conference and workshop. It is scheduled from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Cost is \$49.95 per person or \$150 for 3 to 10 participants. Child care is

available on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost is \$25 per child and includes 11-hours of care plus lunch on Saturday.

"Helping Our Children & Families Have Faith!" is a conference featuring David Lynn, a nationally recognized author, trainer and innovator of children's and family ministries.

The event is a fast-paced, hands-on conference-workshop experience that shows how to weave family ministry into the full experience of a congregation's life.

Explore key strategies for

engaging families to grow closer to each other while growing closer to Christ! Learn leadership skills from an experienced trainer to improve the impact of family ministries. Help your church attract new families.

Participants will also receive a FREE year's worth of "On the Go Faith for On the Go Families" materials! In addition, participation includes Saturday lunch.

For further information, please call 733-7155.

Retreat Planned for Mingus Mountain

The Desert Southwest Annual Conference is sponsoring the third annual "Dad and Me Camp" which will be held Friday through Sunday, Oct. 14-16 at Mingus Mountain United Methodist Camp, located high above Cottonwood, Ariz. Registration deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 4.

Not only is this an opportunity for dads to make great memories, here's a great chance for fathers to go to camp with their kids! The camp for children 4 to 10 years of age will be filled with all kinds of fun activities for dads and elementary-school children to share, along with a little Bible learning, some fun songs, and great food.

What to bring:

- Sleeping bag, & pillow
- Towel, washcloth
- 2 days of clothing
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothbrush)
- Bible
- Notebook
- Camera
- Flashlight
- Parlor games

Casual clothing can be worn at all times, sweater for days, jacket for nights. Located at 7,600 feet in Arizona's Alpine country, Mingus is equipped with heated lodges, modern amenities, and meeting halls with fireplaces. The camp overlooks Verde Valley, 7-miles from Jerome, a "ghost town" and an artist colony. Temperatures range from 45 to 75 degrees.

If you, as a father, feel like you haven't connected to your elementary school age child lately, the retreat is the perfect opportunity to make new memories. Grandfathers and kids are welcome, too; the camp is for fathers and kids of both genders.

The camp will start on Friday night after dinner and end on Sunday after lunch. Experienced camp leader (and father of a second-grader and a kindergartener), the Rev. Eric Brown, will lead the camp. Rev. Brown is especially fond of making s'mores, telling campfire stories, and listening for forest creatures in the dark.

There is sure to be a night hike and a campfire. Register by calling the Desert Southwest Conference Camping Office at 800-229-8622, ext 215. For more information, contact Rev. Brown at 480-620-4864 or reach him by e-mail at pastor@journeyunitedmethodist.org.

Be Part of The Blessing!

One survived the Holocaust, the other became Pope – the inspiring story of two boys and a friendship which changed the course of history

MARK YOUR CALENDARS to visit the acclaimed multimedia touring exhibit, "A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People," coming this fall to historic George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center in downtown Phoenix, from Oct. 26 to Dec. 11.

The exhibit, which has been seen by more than 500,000 people across the U.S., immerses visitors in the life and

times of Pope John Paul II and his lifelong Jewish friend Jerzy Kluger. Together they shattered the chain of 2,000 years of painful history between Christians and Jews. With Jerzy Kluger laying the groundwork, Pope John Paul II became the first pontiff to visit a synagogue, to officially visit and recognize the State of Israel, and to formally apologize for the Catholic Church's historical treatment of Jews.

PUT YOUR FAITH IN ACTION: Help in sharing the exhibit's inspiring message of openness, respect and recon-

ciliation through your prayers and visit of the museum in Arizona.

For more information on helping to host the Exhibit at the Carver Museum as docent or greeter, for other volunteer opportunities and to provide financial support, please visit the Blessings Project AZ web site at www.blessingprojectaz.org.

You can also contact the organization at info@blessingprojectaz.org or by calling 602-274-1113. You can also visit them on Facebook: The Blessing Project AZ.

Changes Coming to UMSM



UMSM
United Methodist Social Ministries

September 6, 2011

Dear Friends of United Methodist Social Ministries:

United Methodist Social Ministries is in the process of moving in a bit different direction than we have worked in the past. As we fine tune this process, I will try to keep you up to date as to what is happening. Our aim is to have everything in place by the beginning of 2012.

First, we have determined that our outreach is in helping at-risk children, which would include helping their families as well. As to exactly how we will do that is part of our ongoing planning. You can help in that if you have some ideas that you would like to share. Contact me at sscobieumsm@embarqmail.com or call on Monday or Wednesday at 733-0053; I am in the office all day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We will continue the food pantry; however, there will be a change in operations. We will start serving only families with children 18 and under. (Again, we are planning to implement this in 2012). **Suggested monthly food donations for October means canned vegetables.** Let's celebrate!

We will continue to need the help of the churches in Southern Nevada through your food donations, monetary support, and volunteer support. It is very possible that we will need more volunteer help than we presently use if we include things such as tutoring, Saturday breakfast, parenting training, etc. These are just a few of the things we are looking at.

Please keep this ministry in your prayers as we continue to determine how best to meet the needs of those within our community.

Partnership with Goodwill Industries

Something new has been added to UMSM. It has formed a partnership with Goodwill. Once a month, UMSM will receive \$5 gift vouchers for any items donated by you to Goodwill.

When you take your items to the donation area at any Goodwill store, you can still receive your donation receipt for IRS, but UMSM can also receive \$5 gift vouchers for every three bags donated. You can drop off your items personally and just say, **"Please count this donation toward the charity gift card program for United Methodist Social Ministries."**

If you have a rummage sale, any items picked up by Goodwill after the sale can also count toward the gift card credit. If your church decides to have its members bring items to your church and/or sponsor a donation event, these items can be counted toward the gift card credit.

Blessings,

Sharon L. Scobie
Executive Director

"Finding God When You're Falling Apart" Sermon Series

September-October Sermon Schedule

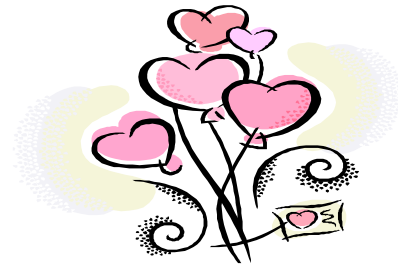
Oct. 2	How's Your Appetite?
Oct. 9	Do I have to Go to Africa?
Oct. 16	Double Vision
Oct. 23	All I Want is a Little Peace
Oct. 30	Good Grief!

SCHEDULED SERIES SERMONS BY TRINITY UMC SENIOR PASTOR REV. DR. MARK LANSBERRY

October Birthdays

Marj Bertagnolli	10/01	Alene Unger	10/14
Robbie Brown	10/02	Mary Munroe	10/14
Freddie Muse	10/03	Lucy Fulcher	10/20
Abby DeNardin	10/04	Tony Gaines	10/20
Pat Cadger	10/05	Byron Snell	10/21
Calvin Cook	10/05	Bill Jacky	10/24
Ember Kindsvogel	10/06	Jeffrey Herrod	10/27
Sue Milner	10/07	Edward J Bower	10/27
Heather Breakfield	10/09	Susan Muus	10/27
Sean McInerney	10/10	Earl Pickens	10/28
Denyse Royer	10/12		

October Anniversaries



Michael & Catherine Morgan	10/03/1992
Larry & Jean Schultz	10/08/1960
Tracy & Kimberly Trollier	10/15/1983
Arthur & Maxine Hoselton	10/16/1948
Frank & Martha Spencer	10/26/1954

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.

OCTOBER

Needles UM Fellowship, Needles, CA
Seguidores De Cristo Mission, North Las Vegas, NV
Zion UMC, North Las Vegas, NV

Potosi Thanks

Thanks to everyone for all the prayers, hard work and donations that made Summer 2011 such a big success!! I am so thankful for you all.

Hard to believe, but now it's time to begin thinking about Winter camp 2012! Mark your calendars for Jan. 14-16, 2012. Details will be coming soon. We'll have something for all age groups; plan to be a part!!

Sincerely,
Tracey Brown

Tapes, CDs Ministry

Tapes or CDs from Sunday morning worship services are available for shut-ins and those not able to attend church due to emergency illness.

If you would like a tape or CD from a previous service, please call by church office at 870-4747 by Tuesday following the missed Sunday service.

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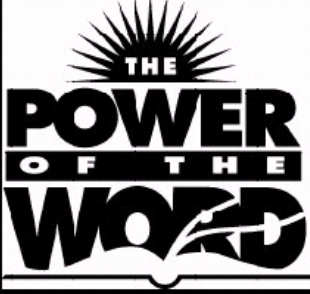
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