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# THE WORD

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## Catch the Spirit with Our New Adventure

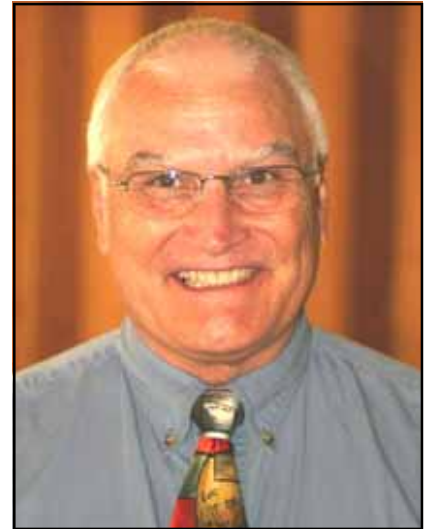
By Mark Lansberry  
Senior Pastor

We love adventure don't we? A quick look around the video store and we can see that some of the most popular movies of all time are adventure movies: *Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *The Lord of the Rings*, *Harry Potter*, *The Mummy*, *Back to the Future*, *Star Wars*. Adventure is fun.

At Trinity we are embarking on a great adventure as we begin a three-year partnership with our Annual Conference and Don Nations Associates to revitalize and strengthen our ministries. And like the most exciting adventure movies, we will have our ups and our downs. A commercial this past week for a rerun of *Indian Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark* said, "No one gets beat up like Indy!" Isn't that the truth? But he hangs in there, recovers the Ark of the Covenant, saves the world from the Nazis and gets the girl in the end.

How does he do it? In his own words, "I don't know, I'm making this up as I go along."

That's how adventures are. They consist of a lot of improvising to overcome the challenges that we encounter on the way to our goal. In his book, *Discovering The Laws of Life*, John Marks Templeton, tells the following



Rev. Dr. Mark Lansberry

story:

A small church in a low-income area of Brooklyn asked a businessman if the neighborhood children could play in a vacant lot he owned until another use was made for the property. The man agreed to allow the space to be used as a playground, with two specifications. The church had to pay for insurance and take responsibility for cleaning up the lot. The church decided they would manage insurance payments somehow and the entire membership agreed to meet on a certain Saturday to clean the lot.

It was not an inviting prospect. The people were certainly willing but they could not bring themselves to look at the task ahead of them with any enthusiasm. And

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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.

who could blame them? The litter was terrible – there were bottles, cans, paper, even discarded needles used by drug addicts. It was decided the adults would pick up the trash and litter, and the children would hold the trash bags open for easy access. With giant-sized sighs and long faces, they began the work.

A few of the families were slightly late, including a couple with a crippled 10-year-old daughter. Many of the volunteers wondered why they had brought the girl. After all, she could hardly walk. But she propped herself up by leaning on her crutches, leaving her hands free and, with a huge smile and happy expression, she held the plastic bag while her father filled it. They laughed and talked about the many sports and activities that would take place on the lot. And their enthusiasm was contagious!

A little crippled girl had inspired the other volunteers with her attitude. Yet a few found themselves wondering why the girl was so excited. It seemed to them unlikely that she would use the lot herself. How could she? When asked, the crippled girl was again totally enthusiastic. "I'll keep score and be a referee and stuff like that."

The individual who takes up any activity as a positive adventure can inspire the same attitude in others. The worker who looks for ways to enjoy his work, to be enthusiastic about it, sets the stage for others to follow his example. Always remember that what a person does, for good or for ill, can be contagious. A smile is contagious but so

is a frown. Although no one can be sunny all the time, if we take up our tasks with enthusiasm, it's likely those around us will also catch our spirit.

And with that kind of a spirit our adventure together will be exciting and successful. The covenant the Church Council as signed with the Annual Conference follows:

### ***COVENANT FOR A BETTER FUTURE***

#### **GROWING MINISTRY IN THE DESERT SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE**

The Desert Southwest Annual Conference desires to see ministry grow and is committed to providing the resources to help make that happen. It is envisioned that the process of revitalizing churches in a connectional system involves a partnership among the conference, the district and the local church. This partnership has the goal of helping more people meet, know and serve Jesus.

#### ***The conference and district have committed to:***

- Promote the work of transformation/revitalization
- Provide helpful training
- Invest apportionment funds back into the local church
- Make appointments with transformation in mind
- Meet periodically with participating churches
- Provide coaching and consulting services to the local church through



Mark and Candace Lansberry at the Pastor's Reception held in Cafe Trinity celebrating the retention of the church's senior pastor and conference superintendent.

its staff and DNA Coaching, Inc.

- Support churches as they work towards change and growth

#### ***The church commits itself to:***

- Embrace the work of transformation/revitalization
- Being open to change
- Promote great attendance at the training events offered through the transformation process
- Make the support of new programming a high priority
- Seriously consider the recommendations that will be made in the consultation report and implement them in a timely manner.
- Make an annual investment in the transformation/revitalization process.

# Take a Swing at Hunger!

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Please join us and support the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament Benefiting Society of St. Stephen at Trinity United Methodist Church Food Pantry & Helping Hand Up which assist the poor and homeless in the Las Vegas community. In addition to the golf tournament, there will be a Silent Auction.

*When: Saturday, Sept. 10*  
*Where: Angel Park Golf Club — Palm Course*  
*100 S Rampart. Las Vegas*  
*Time: 6:30 a.m. — Registration*  
*Putting Contest*  
*7:30 a.m. — Shotgun Start*  
*Cost: \$90 — Includes lunch and tournament awards*  
*Contact: [www.societyofststephen.org](http://www.societyofststephen.org)*  
*E-mail: [socststephen@gmail.com](mailto:socststephen@gmail.com)*

## Apologies

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Flor Hernandez (third from the right in photo) was inadvertently left out of the August edition of *The Word* for being recognized as receiving a Lay Missioners certificate. *The Word* staff wishes to apologize to Flor for this omission.

## Special Thanks

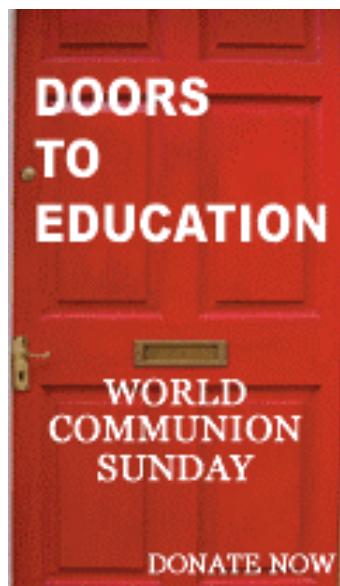
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Special thanks to Jerry and Marnie Magner (shown in the photograph at right) for taking the “fabric of our lives” and creating a beautiful work of fabric art to weave us all together. At the 2011 Desert Southwest Annual Conference, churches across the conference brought pieces of fabric that were woven together into an altar cloth that was used during worship at the yearly Annual Conference held this summer in Arizona. Trinity UMC Pastor Mark Lansberry, during a recent sermon series, incorporated the idea of the Trinity family making one for our church congregation.



## World Communion Sunday Planned Oct. 2

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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.

The special offerings on World Communion Sunday provide scholarships for U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority students and international students on both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

The World Communion Offering is divided as follows:

- 50% - Crusade Scholarship program (at least 1/2 must go beyond the United States)
- 35% - Ethnic Minority Scholarship program
- 15% - Ethnic Minority In-Service Training program

Trinity incorporates this special giving in our annual budgeted expenses. However, if you would like to make an additional donation at this time, you may give online at the United Methodist Communications website <http://www.umcgiving.org/wcs>, 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.

## Society of St. Stephen Awarded Three Square Grant

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Trinity United Methodist Church's community outreach ministry, Society of St. Stephen, was awarded a grant of \$1,465 in August.

The grant, designated for the purpose of a one-door commercial grade refrigerator, is part of Three Square's Agency Capacity Enhancement Grants Program.

Funding for each grant recipient was based upon the approximate poundage of food distributed over a 15-month period and upon the pantry's ability to increase that distribution. In January 2010 through March 2011, St. Stephen distributed approximately 45,000 pounds of food.

The Lincy Foundation and Newman's Own Foundation provided funding for the Three Square grants program. The Lincy Foundation was formed by former Las Vegas hotel pow-



Mary Lovelady (from left) and Trinity UMC Pastor Rev. Dr. Mark Lansberry accept Three Square grant award.

erbroker Kirk Kerkorian in 1989 in response to the devastating earthquake in Spitak, Armenia.

To carry on the philanthropic legacy of late actor Paul Newman, Newman's Own Foundation donates all net royalties and profits after taxes it receives from the sale of Newman's Own products to charities worldwide.

Another Desert Southwest Conference church, Heritage United Methodist Church's food pantry, also was a grant recipient.

Funds at both churches will be put to good use.

## Crafters for Christ Taking Break

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Women of the Crafters for Christ ministry will resume meeting in October in preparation of making crafts for the Nov. 5 Holiday Craft Sale at Trinity UMC.

Check the Sunday worship bulletin for updated information.

## **“National Back to Church Sunday” Set Sept. 18**

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Trinity United Methodist Church kicks off its fall schedule on Sunday, Sept. 18 with “National Back to Church Sunday.” This event has become the single largest community outreach in the nation.

This special day reignites the power of personal invitation to empower church members to bring the community back to church. Mark your calendars and invite all your friends and neighbors. Pick up invitational flyers at church to hand out to your co-workers, neighbors, family and friends.

Join us for Sunday morning worship at either the 8, 9 or 10:30 a.m. worship service. Following the 10:30 service there will be an all-Church family picnic. Menu will include hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, veggies and watermelon.

Joe Holden will be in charge of the grilling. If you can help supply any of the food, there will be a sign up sheet at church. Small groups and our other ministry teams will have information for their fall programming. Anyone interested in becoming a member at Trinity is invited to attend a brief Inquirers Class at 1:30 p.m. with Pastor Mark Lansberry and Linda Petty.

There will be a Children’s Mission Center focusing on the Society of St. Stephen ministry. There is a request for donations of the following **ON or BEFORE Sunday Sept. 18** so that children can fill zip bag lunches for the homeless as part of their mission learning experience:

- Bottled water or juice, 8 oz.
- Lunch bars
- Packages of crackers, chips
- Vienna sausages or chili with lid
- Lunch-size applesauce or fruit
- Small package of cookies
- Plastic spoons, napkins
- Gallon zip lock bags

There will also be another mission project – shooting hoops as a fun fundraiser to provide nets for “Imagine No Malaria,” a United Methodist Church-wide effort to overcome malaria in Africa.

The United Methodist Church aims to end malaria in Africa by 2015. Sign up to shoot baskets and get your sponsor sheet to raise money for “Nothing but Nets.” You can ask people to pledge per basket or just a flat donation. Each net to help stop the spread of malaria is \$10.

This event is for all ages. One church in New Hampshire had 15 people shooting hoops ranging in age from 7 to 80 years. The oldest and the one who shoots the most baskets will be recognized at the event. Join the fun for a good cause.

Also, a bounce house and games coordinated by Susan Holden will be part of the fun. There will be signup sheets at church for volunteers. Please let the church know if you are planning on attending.

For more information, call the church office weekdays at 870-4747 or call Carol Munroe.

## **Sunday School Needs You**

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The 10:30 a.m. Trinity Sunday School is growing and your help is needed.

There is an opportunity to split the Sunday morning group of children into more appropriate age groups, such as preschool and up to first grade in one classroom and have a separate classroom for second through fourth graders.

However, this is not possible without additional

support from the church congregation. We need additional teachers and assistants in order to do this and that is where YOU come into play.

Please prayerfully consider teaching or assisting in one of these classrooms, either full or part-time during the year.

Materials, lessons and training are available to

equip prospective teachers and assistants, but mainly we need YOU.

Thank you for considering answering this call! If you feel the urge to support this exciting ministry, please call Linda Petty at the church office weekdays at 870-4747 or contact June Deley

to discuss this important mission.

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>North District Newsletter - <a href="http://desertsouthwestconference.org/churchmembers/districtschurches/northdistrict/newsnotes/">desertsouthwestconference.org/churchmembers/districtschurches/northdistrict/newsnotes/</a>            The Desert Southwest Conference Calendar and Journal  <a href="http://desertsouthwestconference.org">desertsouthwestconference.org</a></p>			<p>5 pm TOPS, Rm. 6, Every Wed.            6 pm TOPS, Café Trinity, Every Thu</p>
<p>4            Sermon Series: "Beyond the Doors: The Door of Service"            6 pm Vietnamese Language Ministry, Sanctuary, Café</p>	<p>5  <b>Church Office &amp; Trinity School Closed</b>            5 pm, Nurses, Café T            6:30 pm, O.A., Café T            7 pm Friends LTP, Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p>6            "Tuesday Morning Transformers", Resumes Sept. 13            1 pm Staff Meeting, Lib</p>	<p>7            Heart and Soul            6:45 pm Worship, Sanctuary, All are invited</p>
<p>11 Sermon Series: "Finding God When You're Falling Apart: Down in the Valley"            5 pm Vietnamese ESL, Café            6 pm Vietnamese Language Ministry, Sanctuary, Café            1st Anniversary, Pastor Dung Thien Le Preaching            Idaho Missions Team Overnight</p>	<p>12            Missions Team Leaves            4 pm Staff Grp, Sanct.            5 pm, Nurses, Café T            6:30 pm, O.A., Café T            6:30 Don Nations Team Meeting, Heritage UMC            7 pm Friends LTP, Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p>13            9:30 am "Tuesday Morning Transformers", Lib.            1 pm Staff Meeting, Lib            7 pm Trustees, Café T</p>	<p>14            12 N Keenagers, Café T            5:45 pm Heart and Soul Potluck, Café Trinity            6:45 pm Worship, Sanctuary, All are invited</p>
<p>18  <u>Back to Church Sunday</u>            Sermon Series: "Finding God When You're Falling Apart: What Do You Mean Bankruptcy Is O.K.?"            12 N, All Church Picnic            1:30 pm, Inquirers' Class, Lib.            5 pm Vietnamese ESL, Café            6 pm Vietnamese Language Ministry, Sanctuary, Café            Idaho Missions Team Leaves</p>	<p>19            3:30 pm Staff Grp, Snt.            5 pm Finance Team, Lib            5 pm, Nurses, Café T            6:30 pm, O.A., Café T            7 pm Friends LTP, Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p>20            9:30 am "Tuesday Morning Transformers", Lib.            12 N Lydia Fellowship, C            1 pm Staff Meeting, Lib            4 pm School Brd., Library            7 pm Rachel Fellowship, Café Trinity</p>	<p>21            5:45 pm Heart and Soul Potluck, Café Trinity            6:45 pm Worship, Sanctuary, All are invited</p>
<p>25            Sermon Series: "Finding God When You're Falling Apart: The Right Stuff"            1 pm Church Council, Café T            5 pm Vietnamese ESL, Café            6 pm Vietnamese Language Ministry, Sanctuary, Café            Emmaus Training, TBA</p>	<p>26            4 pm Staff Grp, Sanct.            5 pm, Nurses, Music Rm.            6:30 pm, O.A., Music Rm.            7 pm Friends LTP, Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p>27            9:30 am "Tuesday Morning Transformers", Lib.            1 pm Staff Meeting, Lib</p>	<p>28            5:45 pm Heart and Soul Potluck, Café Trinity            6:45 pm Worship, Sanctuary, All are invited</p>

# 2011

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 6 pm "Gifted for Life", Members Homes 7:30 pm Hay Una Solu- cion Estudio Biblico, Rm. 6</p>	<p>2 Trinity Church Office closed on Fridays</p>	<p>3 7:30 am Saturday am Prayer Service, Sanct 4:30 pm Disciples Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>
<p>8 6 pm "Gifted for Life", Members Homes 7 pm Choir Rehearsal, S 7:30 pm Hay Una Solu- cion Estudio Biblico, Rm. 6</p>	<p>9 1 pm Crafters for Christ, Resumes Oct. DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER NEWS-LETTER ARTICLES</p>	<p>10 6:30 am Golf Tourna- ment, Angel Prk Glf. Crs. 7:30 am Sat. Morning Prayer Service, Sanct 4:30 pm Disciples Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary 5 pm Young Adults, Blessley Home</p>
<p>15 5:30 pm, Education Team, Library 6 pm "Gifted for Life", Members Homes 7 pm Choir Rehearsal, S 7:30 pm Hay Una Solu- cion Estudio Biblico, Rm. 6</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 7:30 am Sat. Morning Prayer Service, Sanct 9 am Back to Church set-up, Campus 4:30 pm Disciples Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary Idaho Missions Team overnight</p>
<p>22 11 am "Sisters in Christ" Members Homes 6 pm "Gifted for Life", Members Homes 7 pm Choir Rehearsal, S 7:30 pm Hay Una Solu- cion Estudio Biblico, Rm. 6</p>	<p>23 4:15 pm Don Nations Site Visit, Campus 7 pm Team Meeting with Don Nations, Green Valley UMC</p>	<p>24 7:30 am Sat. Morning Prayer Service, Sanct 4:30 pm Disciples Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary Emmaus Training, Griffith UMC</p>
<p>29 11 am "Sisters in Christ" Members Homes 6 pm "Gifted for Life", Members Homes 7 pm Choir Rehearsal, S 7:30 pm Hay Una Solu- cion Estudio Biblico, Rm. 6</p>	<p>30 North District Youth Event, Campus</p>	<p>North District Youth Event, Campus</p>

## SEPTEMBER SPECIAL

### EVENTS

#### GOLF TOURNAMENT

BENEFIT SOCIETY OF ST.

STEPHEN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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#### "BACK TO CHURCH" SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

PICNIC AT 12 NOON

AFTER SERVICES

INVITE FRIENDS, FAMILY,

NEIGHBORS, CO-WORKERS

HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, ALL

THE TRIMMINGS

BOUNCE HOUSE, GAMES, 2 MIS-

SION PROJECTS FOR CHILDREN

1:30 PM BRIEF INQUIRER'S

CLASS IN THE LIBRARY

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#### NEW SERMON SERIES

*"FINDING GOD WHEN YOU'RE*

*FALLING APART:*

*DOWN IN THE VALLEY", PSALM 23*

*WHAT DO YOU MEAN BANKRUPTCY IS*

*OK?", MATTHEW 5:1-3*

*THE RIGHT STUFF", MATTHEW 5:5*

*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*

*GOOD GRIEF!", MATTHEW 5:4*

# Retreats

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## *Mother & Daughter*

The Desert Southwest Annual Conference is sponsoring the Mother & Daughter Retreat, "Beautiful You.....Designed By God," on Friday through Sunday, Sept. 16-18, at Mingus Mountain United Methodist Camp, 8500 W. Forest Service Road 104, Prescott Valley, Ariz.

This retreat will be intergenerational, including mothers and daughters from ages 10 on up. It will be a time of discovering your outer and inner beauty, and appreciating the bond between mother and daughter in a relaxed and beautiful setting.

The weekend will be filled with fun, discussion time, devotions, crafts, hiking and other outdoor activities. Cost is \$100 for adults, \$50 for daughters (\$25 for each additional daughter).

This retreat has been designed to be a time of discovering outer and inner beauty. You are invited to come and appreciate the bond between mother and daughter in a relaxed and beautiful setting. May this also be a time of growing closer to God.

The event will begin Friday evening with an array of delectable treats. The weekend will be filled with fun, discussion time, devotions, crafts, hiking, and other outdoor activities. Brandon and Chris Hill are wonderful hosts and cook delicious meals. The retreat will end on Sunday after a delicious lunch.

For brochure and online registration go to the website at <http://desertsouthwestconference.org/mingus>.

For questions, please contact Verna Yazzi at 602-266-6956 or by e-mail at [verna@desertsw.org](mailto:verna@desertsw.org).

## *Dad and Me*

The third annual "Dad and Me Camp" will be held Friday through Sunday, Oct. 14-16 at Mingus Mountain United Methodist Camp, located high above Cottonwood, Ariz.

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 Dad, 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 Dads and kids of both genders.

## **Congrats to Proud Grandparents Mark, Candace**

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Congratulations to Rev. Rob Rynders of First UMC in Tempe, ASU Campus Ministry, and his wife, Rev. Melissa Rynders, Associate Pastor of North Scottsdale UMC, on the birth of their son, Zachery Wells Rynders.

Zachery was born on Saturday, July 30 at 8:05 a.m. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 inches long. They also have a son, Colby. Congratulations also go to the proud grandparents, Rev. Dr. Mark Lansberry and Rev. Dr. Candace Lansberry. It is the third grandchild for the Trinity UMC pastor and North District Superintendent, respectively.

# United Methodist Men Assist Food Pantry



Trinity's United Methodist Men (from left) Paul Brooks, Bruce Bacon, Ed McConnel, Ron Goodlander, Marvin Breakfield, Tom Deley, and John McNerney relax prior to replenishing food reserves for the Society of St. Stephen ministry.

On Aug. 3, members of Trinity's United Methodist Men (UMM) assisted the Society of St. Stephen food pantry with a delivery from the Nevada Food Distribution Program. The men unloaded and restocked 2,345 pounds of dry and frozen food onto pantry shelves and in freezers.

UMM meets monthly and the group also enjoys attending various sports events such as semi-pro ice hockey and minor league baseball throughout the year.

While the UMM will be involved in a fundraising golf tournament in September, it normally meets on the second Saturday of each month for breakfast and activities in Café Trinity.

Call John McNerney for further information of the group's events.

## Annual Conference Wrap-up

By John Eccles

This year's Desert Southwest Annual Conference was held in Glendale, Ariz., last June. TUMC sent Pastor Mark Lansberry as their clergy delegate, and Joe Holden and John Eccles as their lay delegates.

Many issues were addressed. Various petitions were submitted requesting that the "discriminatory" language against homosexuals, bisexuals and transgendered individuals, which were added to the Book of Discipline in 1972, be removed. Almost since the language was included, efforts to remove this language have been attempted almost annually (except for a brief reprieve when there was a moratorium on such petitions). After years of rejection, the Desert Southwest Conference overwhelmingly supported the petition this year, and the petition will be forwarded to General Conference in 2012.

In addition, Pastor Mark Lansberry was again selected to lead TUMC for another year. This will permit Pastor Mark to



Joe Holden (left) and Trinity Pastor Mark Lansberry at Annual Conference.

continue his good work with the church as we travel into the future of TUMC.

Don Nations spoke at the conference. He is a United Methodist Deacon from the Florida Conference, and he has agreed to assist TUMC and 34 other churches in the conference to identify what we are doing right, as well as what additional plans we should be implementing to grow our Church.

We also heard from Gil Rendle, who is a Methodist minister with expertise in growing churches. Through Gil's lecture, we learned that since 1968,

when the United Methodist Church had its first decline in membership, we have been wandering in the wilderness, not knowing precisely how to grow our churches.

The solution is not trying to solve known problems (which have been largely ineffective in growing churches) but to ask better questions so that problems can better be identified and solutions can be found. Five generations should be sitting in our church pews at any given service, and for many churches, this simply isn't happening.

We are fortunate in that TUMC often has as many as five generations in the pews, but we need to increase participation at TUMC. This will require adapting to the reluctance of many to become members, all while these same people actively participate in TUMC activities.

Lastly, Gil assured us that while the future is daunting, it is positive, and the growth of TUMC is highly likely even with the loss of church members in years past.

## Keenagers Resume Monthly Meetings

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The Keenagers, Trinity UMC's social group for 55 years of age and beyond, will be starting back from summer vacation with the first fall monthly gathering on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at noon in Café Trinity.

Please bring a covered dish to share. Also, bring a friend and a lot of jokes. The Keenagers are hoping to have a nice turnout for the upcoming meeting. Call Maxine Hoselton if you need more information.

### Your Attention, Please

#### PER TRUSTEES AND FINANCE TEAM

We need to remind users to shut off lights, adjust thermostats and keep doors closed.

Gate must be closed at all times, except Sunday during worship; individual groups can post a greeter to open it or share a gate code with their group.

Everyone must lock doors when they leave a room or immediately find Trustee on duty to do it for them if they have no key.

## Your UMSM Outreach Ministry in 2011

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**UMSM**  
United Methodist Social Ministries

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.

### SEPTEMBER

School has started and so have chaotic days. PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY will make life easier for kids and parents.

*The deadline for the October Newsletter is NO LATER than Friday, September 9 . Please observe this deadline with your submissions to ensure the monthly publication reaches the Trinity community in a timely manner. Submissions received after the deadline will not be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.*

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## September Birthdays

Gloria Garcia	9/1	Barbara Pratt	9/13
Carol Munroe	9/1	Kristine Trollier	9/17
Louise Hesse	9/2	Richard Hickman	9/18
Sara McIntyre	9/2	Millie Edwin	9/19
Dick Edmonson	9/2	Nina B Martin	9/21
Joshua Herron	9/2	Richard French	9/23
Sherri French	9/4	Brandon Snell	9/24
Dameon Hoselton	9/5	Reese Jarrell	9/24
Betsy Billingham	9/6	Leslie Chaney	9/24
Heather Casteel	9/7	James Phan	9/25
Adam Brookshire	9/8	Elmira Weaver	9/25
Frances Ernest	9/9	Richard Jost	9/25
Stephen Beall	9/10	Nicolas Emry	9/26
Ann Copeland	9/10	Alice Bassi	9/26
Mary Sue Karstetter	9/11	Gleci-Anne Garcia-Dizon	9/27
Barbara Momeyer	9/12	Rev. Dr. Mark Lansberry	9/29
Jeffrey Herman	9/13	Ashley Krusen	9/29
Roger French	9/13	Richard McClannahan	9/29
Diane Landesberg	9/13		

## September Anniversaries



Paul & Helen Brooks	9/6/1955
Pat & John McInerney, Jr.	9/6/1975
Aaron & Lori Goldstein	9/14/2009
Richard & Faye Hickman	9/17/1956
Philip & Emily Hodson	9/24/1965
John & Ruth Ann Reda	9/24/1972
Mr. & Mrs. Gary McCallister	9/26/1970

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## 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 visi-

tors 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 reconciliation 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](http://www.blessingprojectaz.org). You can also contact the organization at [info@blessingprojectaz.org](mailto:info@blessingprojectaz.org) or by calling 602-274-1113. You can also visit them on Facebook: The Blessing Project AZ.

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## Prayers for Our Churches



The Conference Laity Team and District Superintendents are requesting that the Trinity congregation commit to praying for other churches in the Desert Southwest Conference North District during the year 2011.

Several churches are 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.

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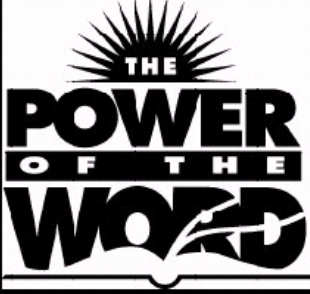
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