



The Word

Trinity United Methodist Church, 6151 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146

Pastor's Reception to Wrap Up Summer; Trinity to Begin Relaunch in September

The Pastor's Reception sponsored by Trinity's United Methodist Women will officially mark the end of the summer schedule as the Methodist church prepares to relaunch under Senior Pastor Khalif Smith.

The former Georgia minister began his second year in July as the **11th senior pastor in Trinity's 52** years serving the Las Vegas community. The reception honoring the Smith family, which includes Pastor **Smith's wife Nikki and daughter Zoe**, will be held Sunday, Aug. 30 after the at 10 a.m. One Church worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

Alene Unger and Donna Canfield are in charge of the UMW-sponsored covered dish luncheon in which the congregation will be given the opportunity to meet and greet with Pastor Smith and his family. Anyone wishing to contribute to the reception can contact Alene or Donna for more information.

Pastor Smith will be preparing to relaunch Trinity as the church resumes its normal fall worship schedule with changes planned for the late morning Contemporary service.

Starting on Sunday, Sept. 6, Trinity will return to its regular schedule of two worship services **and children's classes at 9 and 11 a.m., the latter's starting time**



Pastor Khalif Smith, Sr.

moved up 15 minutes and featuring energetic new music. This summer, the entire congregation worshiped at only one service, the first time in recent memory this has been tried.

In addition, Wednesday night dinner, worship and classes will **resume at 5:30 o'clock on Sept. 9**. After the midweek evening worship service, Pastor Smith, Jo Ann Magner and Bill Jacky will be leading Bible classes. Complete information will be available in Sunday worship **bulletins and next month's issue of The Word**.

During Pastor Smith's short tenure, many changes have taken place at Trinity, including renovation of the church office, the intro-

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Summer Sunday Schedule

- 9 am One Church Service (thru Aug. 23)
- 10 am 5th Sunday Service (Aug. 30)
- Children meet in the Sanctuary
- Childcare for toddlers, Room 8
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class, Room 9
- 1:00 p.m. Korean Worship
- Wednesday Worship returns in fall
- Children's Classes return in fall**

Trinity's 50-year-old Makeover Breath of Fresh Air:

By Dan Sahagun
The Word

For those who only have been worshipping at Trinity UMC during the past four years, they would be unaware how much physical transformation the Methodist church has undergone.

Trinity has come a long way from its early roots when the Las Vegas city limits barely stretched to the West Charleston area decades earlier. In **2011, the church's Board of Trustees** completed installing a cost-effective solar panel project and it became apparent there was a need to have a landscape that matched the vision of cost savings that the solar panels represented.

The church had been faced with a series of extremely high water bills and the Trustees agreed that the solution might be to rethink **the campus' aging landscape** and irrigation. Landscaping in front of the church had been relatively unchanged except for removal of 3,000-square feet of grass from the west side of the Sanctuary during the 1990s.

Based on the proposals of committees and the Trustees and approved by the Church Council, a massive project began in the summer 2011 of converting nearly 12,000 square feet of grass on the north side of the property to a water-conserving landscape which is now proudly known as a meditation teaching garden.

Since the landscape con-

version, there has been a 47 percent reduction in overall water use at the church according to Master Gardener Ann Jarrell, who created and maintains the xeriscape landscape system.

Following the removal of grass, the addition of plants conducive to growing in harmony with the desert and the relocation to the entrance of the Sanctuary of a memorial boulder donated by former Trinity Pastor Mike Downing, the latest jewel of the redesigned landscaping was adding a spiral labyrinth designed by Ann, a longtime church member.

Once the labyrinth was installed, engraved pavers - commonly referred to as memorial bricks - were permanently installed in March. The bricks were initially proposed by former TUMC pastor Mark Lansberry as a way to honor loved ones and today they line the edges of the labyrinth. There is ample opportunity to monetarily contribute toward sponsoring engraved bricks by contacting Ann Jarrell, Roger Unger, Bonnie Clary, or the church office.

There are those who might be surprised to learn the white-haired Jarrell has long been a gardening expert in Southern Nevada. She received her Master Gardener certification from the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension in 2000 and **her "green thumb" has been** beautifying Las Vegas ever since.

It is apparent Ann Jarrell, who retired in May as a Branch

Librarian for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, has a love for the outdoors.

"People become Master Gardeners for all kinds of reasons, but we all share a love of the garden," she said by e-mail.

Even before joining Trinity, she was already involved in the Las Vegas Wash Green-Up planting program. The **Las Vegas Wash carries the valley's** excess water - an average of more than 150 million gallons a day - through the wetlands on its way to Lake Mead.

"It's the people who do this, the volunteers, that bring me back," Jarrell said in a 2011 publication by the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee. "They are the real stars and I'm grateful that they are willing to give up a Saturday to work on **the Las Vegas Wash.**"

To remain certified, Ann still takes continuing education classes on gardening-related topics and volunteers in the community at various horticultural projects and events. She continues to volunteer twice a year at the Las Vegas Wash Green-Ups, gives garden tours most Saturdays at the Gardens of the Springs Preserve, and answers gardening questions at Provident Community Garden.

While beautiful and efficient, work still needs to be done. Three vacant planting beds are available for donors to contribute. Also, there is a concern that wild rabbits on campus may threaten the healthy state of the garden.

Trinity Relaunch

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duction of designated combined worship services; the recent relocation of the Society of St. Stephen ministry from the trailer

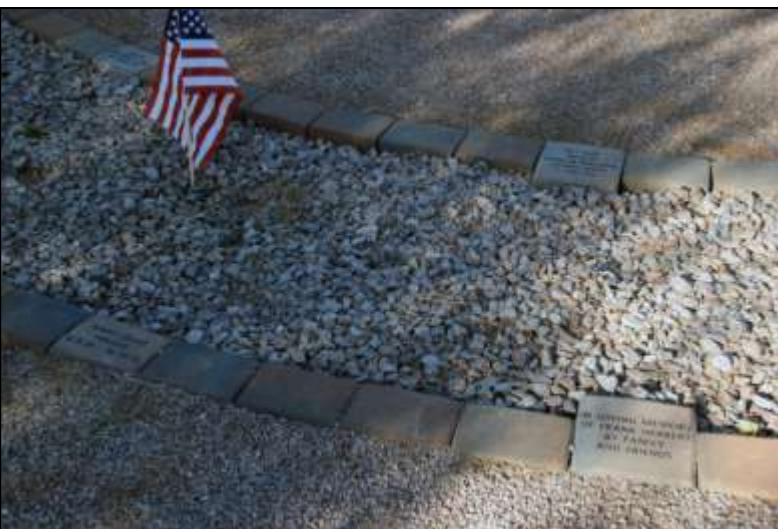
to Potter's Place; moving the Library to the Education building; separating Room 11 into two usage areas; answering the call to

outreach opportunities with the Helping Hands Up ministry; and continuing to prepare for the completion of a new Sanctuary sound booth.

From Cost Saving Solar Energy to Meditation Garden



Trinity's landscaped area has been transformed into a meditation garden with the relocation of a memorial boulder placed near the Sanctuary doors (middle photo) and the installation of a spiral labyrinth with memorial bricks (at bottom left) that are available to add personal inscriptions for a donation. The campus is filled with trees and desert plants such as yellow "New Gold" lantana and the big red poufy Red Bird of Paradise flowering plant in photo at top left. The garden can still accommodate expansion as evidenced by the three empty beds leading to the church's entrance. (Photos by Ann Copeland/*The Word*.)



Youth Discovers Past at VBS

Youth 5 years of age to 12 were given a look into the past in the **Vacation Bible School's Camp Discovery: Jesus at Work Through Us** at Trinity UMC during the four Sundays of July.

The Education Building was **transformed into the "Mess Hall"** which started with a light breakfast while the rest of the congregation worshipped in the Sanctuary at **9 o'clock. Each Sunday after the service**, the congregation was invited to join the children each Sunday for refreshments in the Mess Hall since Café Trinity was closed during July.

Staff and volunteers included Maria Astete, VBS Director, Jo Ann Wagner, Education Director, Cathy Poage, Linda Leonard, Sandy Hobbs, Jerry Wagner, Sunni Seifert, Aspen Seifert, Donna McConnell, Leatha Hill, Darlene Golding, Manuel Astete, Patricia Letelier, Mary Caban, Harriet Hall, Sean Sheehan, Steph Schmal, Melissa Laub, Joe Holden, Stephen Sauer and Nikki Smith.

Offerings were taken to purchase backpacks for area children in need and the congregation were giving opportunities to purchase



school supplies to fill backpacks with needed supplies for the upcoming school year.

Following breakfast, the program began with singing and praise songs, prayer time; and memory verse time. Children, who received t-shirts, each Sunday did a handcraft to take **home along with a "snack pack."**

Bible Adventure Time saw participants meeting up with a **"guest from the past."** They met

King David, Judge Deborah, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and then Saul. They learned the meaning of trusting God for courage, wisdom, faith, and salvation.

The final Sunday was filled with more fun as they bounced in the jump house, and had face painting. They all went home with a brand new red water bottle affixed with the Trinity Church logo.

Crafters Seek Donations

Trinity's Crafters for Christ would appreciate donations of clean empty 2-liter soda bottles. The group not only needs many bottles, but it also needs additional talented people to join in on the **fun. You don't have to be** a member of the church to participate.

For the next three months, the Crafters will be meeting on Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. in Room 10 to prepare for the All Church Craft Bazaar planned for Saturday, Oct. 24 in the Fellowship Hall. If unable to attend the group's get-togethers but interested in helping, donations of finished projects and craft supplies for the bazaar will be accepted. All sales from the bazaar will go **toward the church's general fund.**

The group also seeks assistance in putting to-

gether gift baskets to be used as drawing prizes the day of the event. It is hoped there will be several small baskets valued at about \$25 and one super grand mystery basket valued at least \$100, possibly more depending on donations.

In September, the Crafters are also hoping to start classes for crochet, knitting and possibly beading projects. Classes are free, but you may need to purchase some of your own supplies. Classes are for enthusiasts 7 years of age through adults. Children may need to have a parent present during class. Contact Cathy Poage at 702-273-4298 or by e-mail at tumccrafter@earthlink.net to be put on the notification list of your desired class.

Remembering Bill Krusen

Family and Friends gathered to celebrate and share moments of musician Bill Krusen at a service of death and resurrection held in the Sanctuary on Friday, July 31.

William Henry Krusen, II, 66, passed away



peacefully at home surrounded by his family on July 28 after a long battle against lung cancer.

Pastor Khalif Smith officiated at the service and Rev. Michael Chamness, a former associate minister at Trinity, also participated in the service with Biblical

reading and witnessing. Pianist and vocalist Linda Mazo presented special music. A color guard presented the American Flag to the Krusen family with a trumpeter playing taps to honor the Vietnam War veteran.

Bill will be long remembered for playing the **drums in the church's Contemporary worship service.** He was a dedicated employee at Texas Station Casino for 20 years. His two greatest prides were his love for music and his family.

He was an accomplished percussionist and vocalist in numerous bands starting at the age of 9. Bill enlisted in the Air Force in May 1968, serving the end of his military career as a Para Rescue Trooper in the Vietnam War.

Upon returning, he settled in Alamogordo, N.M., where he met his future wife Rae Nell while playing at the Holiday Inn. A few months later they eloped to Las Vegas and were married in June 1975 at TUMC. To this union his two daughters were born and raised in the same church and city.

Bill is survived by his wife of 40 years, Rae Nell Krusen; his two daughters, Summer (Issac) Mercado of Eagle Mountain, Utah, and Ashley (Casey) Halliwell of Jacksonville, Fla.; sisters, Hester (Byron) Stuhlman of Round Pond, Maine, and The Rev. Jennifer A (John) Kenna of Cape Vincent, N.Y.; and numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

August Anniversaries

Michael & Patti Haber	8/01/1981
Reese & Ann Jarrell	8/06/197
Larry & Donna Canfield	8/12/1983

August Birthdays

Jennifer Mercadante	8/1	Mary Lovelady	8/20
Ray Gladwill	8/4	Steve Carpenter	8/21
Donna McConnel	8/4	M. Maxine Pursel	8/21
Glenda Wright	8/5	Edward Light	8/22
Leela Abraham	8/6	Tracy Trollier	8/22
Jennifer Bartlett	8/9	Cindy Breck	8/26
Wendy Neave	8/10	Barbara Cegavske	8/27
Stone Holden	8/10	Martha Trollier	8/27
Carl Williams	8/12	Jenny Evans	8/28
Carol Ledoux	8/13	Kathy Barnson	8/29
Joseph Thomas	8/14	Lorene Lorenzen	8/29
Linda Mazo	8/15	Aaron Goldstein	8/30
Phyllis Galbreath	8/15	Amy Smith	8/30
Lolita Ivie	8/16	Michael Morgan	8/31

August

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

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Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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Sunday Worship

9 am
Traditional Worship

Childcare for toddlers
in Room 8

In August, children
meet in the Sanctuary
with Miss Maria and
then will go to Room 3

Vietnamese Worship to
resume in September in
new Chapel area

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible
Class in Room 9;
All are welcome

Las Vegas Korean
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Eun Jin La

12:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal, Room 11

1:00 pm
Sunday Church School

1:00 pm
Worship, Sanctuary

2:00 pm
Followed by Lunch, Café

6:00 pm
Worship, Sanctuary

7:00 pm
Dinner, Café

Saturday Prayer
6:00 am, Sanctuary

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Prayers for Our Churches

The Conference Board of Laity and District Superintendents are requesting that the Trinity congregation commit to praying for other churches and agencies in the North District. Several churches will be listed each month for your prayers.

This list will be published each month in the church newsletter and weekly in the church bulletin. It is important to know churches are praying with and for each other.

Please pray for the following pastors, the congregations and communities.

- **Mesquite UMC, Mesquite, NV**
Rev. Rick Casebolt
- **Mohave Valley UMC, Mohave Valley**
Pastor Gene Stouffer
- **Community UMC, Williams, AZ**
Rev. Billy Martin



Coming Events

August 30: Last Sunday for summer's One Service Sunday. The UMW will be hosting a covered dish luncheon to honor Pastor Khalif as he moves into his second year at Trinity UMC.

Luncheon will be at 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

September 6: Trinity will resume its two services on Sundays. The Traditional service starts at 9:00 and the NEW Contemporary Service will start at its NEW time, 11:00 instead of 10:45.

September 9: WOWendsday resumes. Dinner, fellowship and Bible study.

September 20: Back to Church Sunday.

We want to encourage everyone to "Come Back to Church." Lots of surprises, gifts, root beer floats; and It will be "Sunday Jamboree" for the children with a bounce house and games.

October 10: The Society of St. Stephen Annual Golf Tournament at Angel Park. **Don't miss this fun event!**

October 24: All Church Craft Bazaar to be held in the Fellowship Hall. We are aiming for 20 vendors. Plan your Christmas shopping early. Volunteers needed to assist.

November 1: All Saints Day celebrated in both church services.

November 18: Last WOWendsday until January.

November 25: Special Thanksgiving Dinner for the community.

December 16: 35th Annual Live Nativity Play at Trinity. Stage Manager is Gillian Kabat.

December 24: Christmas Eve Luncheon for the community. Followed by three Christmas Eve Services.

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