

Trinity TrILites

November 2011



All Saints' Day Communion Service Tuesday November 1st

"To the church of God that is in Corinth....called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours."

1 Corinthians 1:2

Did you know that if you are a believer, God calls you a "saint?"

Now, if you're like me, you don't always think the term fits. Humanly speaking, who knows that better than me?

And, who knows that better than you?

That's the whole point. God knows us to be sinners (indeed, we know that first hand!) But Scripture says that because of the redeeming work of Jesus Christ, we are called to be saints: His people "set aside" for a holy use.

All Saints' Day is on November 1st. It falls on a Tuesday. Our All Saints' Service gives us an opportunity for our church family to gather to remember the lives of believers that have entered the presence of Christ in the past year (see 2 Corinthians 5:8). And also to experience a foretaste of the heavenly banquet by sharing in the Lord's Supper.

The All Saints' Communion Service in the sanctuary is at 6:30pm. There will be a Light Supper of fresh breads, soups, and salad served in the Community Life Center at 5:30pm.

It really is about "the Saints". I do hope you'll join us.

Faithfully,



Speaking of the "Saints" Remembering Trinity's "First Lady"

The Memorial Service and Witness to the Resurrection for Evelyn Parrett was held on Saturday, October 8, 2011.

Evelyn Parrett along with her preacher husband, the Reverend John Parrett were the dynamic duo that got the ball rolling for our church in the early 1970s. Trinity went from a handful of people that met in a tiny clapboard box building (the present site of the CLC) to a sprawling congregation of over 800 in the 1990s.

Pastor Chuck led the service and preached from 2 John 1: "To the lady chosen by God and to her children..." Pastor Chuck said we all knew John Parrett from either first-hand experience or his now legendary status. But there was also Evelyn's quiet, behind-the-scenes ministry of hospitality, listening, and compassion. "No one ever went through a new members class here unless they were treated to a dinner at the Parrett's home...and guess who the hostess was?"

She was indeed the "First Lady" of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Speaking "of the saints"...as a congregation we give thanks for the life, ministry, and legacy of Evelyn Simerl Parrett. And as believers rejoice that she is in the presence of her Lord Jesus Christ.

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Stewardship Beatitudes



From a newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church of Chanute, Kansas, I read the "Stewardship

Beatitudes" and they gave me something to think about. I share them with you in the hope that they will give you something to think about as well.

- ◆ Blessed are those who support the entire program of the church, for they are kingdom builders.
- ◆ Blessed are those who contribute regularly, for they enable the church to operate even when they are absent.
- ◆ Blessed are the systematic givers, for there shall be order in their lives and in their financial statements.
- ◆ Blessed are those who use the offering envelopes, for their contributions shall be recorded and shall be deductible from their income tax.
- ◆ Blessed are those who mark their envelopes clearly, for they reduce the headaches of the church treasurer.

Perhaps we will find during this stewardship season these thoughts to be a blessing through both our own lives and our giving of time, talent, and money.

Peace and love,

Lewis Trotter



Growing Together In Faith

Over 2300 flyers sent out to three local elementary schools to publicize "movie night" that was held on October 21st. There were a few families that had never been to our church before as a result of this outreach. Pray that we continue to make inroads to families that have no church home but more importantly have no relationship with Jesus. These events could be the means that introduce folks to our Trinity Presbyterian Church family.

We are planning our next event which will be held on Saturday, November 19th at 5:00. We are planning a hayride complete with a fire pit, pumpkin painting and s'mores treats. We may even break out some hot dogs. We are in need of a tractor that would be able to pull a trailer for the hay ride. If you have any connections, please give me a call at 813-500-1663. ***We are also going to need your help for this event.*** We need people to ride with the children on the hay ride as well as to keep order around the fire pit and to help out with the crafts.

And I hate to keep writing the same thing, but we still need help in the nursery on Sunday mornings. The law requires that we have two people in the nursery when it is being used and the response has NOT been good! Consider a Sunday or two that you could set aside to help out? The sign up sheet is outside the CLC and in back of the sanctuary.

John Cosgrove

C.A.M. CORNER

Help Feed A Family This Thanksgiving

Once again our Community Assistance Ministry will be providing 50 Thanksgiving meals to families in need this Thanksgiving. Here's how you can help—we need the following donations:

- 12-15 LB Turkey
- Boxed Stuffing Mix
- Canned Gravy
- Green Beans
- Instant Potatoes
- Cranberry Sauce
- Sweet Potatoes
- Canned Corn



If you can help out with any one or more of these items we will be truly grateful.

*Give Thanks, With
a Grateful Heart!!*

Karin Barbato



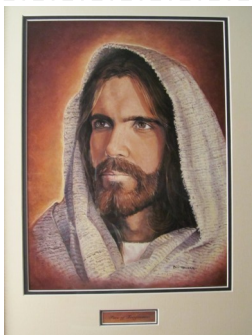
CLOTHING DRIVE NOVEMBER 19TH

Our neighbors at Venice Isle Estates are sponsoring a clothing drive for our Community Assistance Ministry. They will also be collecting personal care items, blankets, batteries, and books for children. The drive is being headed up by Venice Isles Covenant Church and will take place on Saturday, November 19th from 9am-12noon at the clubhouse.

The drive will help assist the homeless and families in our area who need assistance during the fall / winter months.

We thank our neighbors at Venice Isles Estates and Covenant Church for their thoughtfulness, generosity and giving hearts.

In loving memory of The Rev. Dean N. Dobson, who served as Parish Associate, on Trinity's staff from 1988 to 2005. With dollars received in Dean's memory, the Memorial Committee approved the purchase of a new piece of art "Face of Forgiveness" by Bill Hrudka. The painting was selected by Rev. Dobson's wife Betty, now living in the Atlanta, GA area. You will find the picture hanging in the lounge off the narthex. Bill Hrudka is a well known artist of Christian paintings.





REMEMBERING
the Rich Blessings of God

Thanksgiving Eve Service–November 23rd 6:30pm

It has been a wonderful tradition here at Trinity Church for fourteen years now. We're talking about our Thanksgiving Eve Service. There are several things to know about this service. First, it is informal. Second, it is full of robust music and testimony. Third, it is a "people's" service where you have opportunity to express your gratitude to God in a very personal way.

This year our service will be held at six thirty. The Chancel Choir will be there to lead and provide special music that evening. There is something very special about Trinity's Thanksgiving Eve Service. It is that much needed 'pause' that allows us to gather just before the busy holiday weekend ... and to keep the hectic season to follow in God's perspective!

So set aside an hour and come join us. We sing the traditional Thanksgiving hymns (as well as some new ones); we hear the promises of God's Word; we have opportunity to visibly give thanks for God's blessings and grace throughout the year.

So join us, won't you—Wednesday, November 23rd at 6:30pm—for a time of heartfelt thanks to God the giver.

ATTENTION! Mark It Down!!

Towne Hall Meeting -- November 13th

What shape is the financial status of Trinity Church? How will Trinity carry out its mission for in 2012? How do we handle finances in this congregation? Who decides what, when it comes to spending priorities? How do we put together our budget?

These are just a few of the questions our Budget MAT will answer at two identical Towne Hall Meetings that will be held after each worship service on Sunday, November 13th. The setting for this gathering is an Informational Q & A time that has the give and take of a "Towne Hall" event.

The response to the Towne Hall Meeting last June, regarding the Amendment 10-A controversy, was so well received that we decided to do a repeat—twice—for our annual Stewardship Emphasis.

During the first three weeks of November, Trinity's Stewardship Emphasis will be outlining what lies ahead for the church. It will be an opportunity for our church family to be fully informed so they can "step up to the plate".

The Towne Hall Meetings will be at 10am and 11:45am. There will be food to nosh on. The projected time allotted will be about 20 minutes. All participants will be given written materials on the Proposed 2012 Trinity Church Budget as well as a multi-media presentation on the Screens.



Beth-El Tour — An Enlightening Experience

Sunday afternoon, October 16, eleven members of TPC attended the Open House at Beth-El. This is a ministry to migrant farm workers on 27 acres southeast of Tampa. The Presbyteries of southwest Florida help support the work. Most of the farm workers come from Mexico, some from Guatemala, and other Central and South American countries. The majority are men who work in harvesting and packing the crops in order to send money back home. Most of the crops are in Florida, but they also harvest crops in the Carolinas, Ohio, Indiana, and New York, during summer and early Fall.

We appreciated this opportunity to visit as they have not had an open house for several years. After refreshments, we were given an orientation in the recently expanded sanctuary where worship services are held twice on Sunday.

On the tour we saw the school complex with a current attendance of 200, (K-5). In partnership with the Redlands Christian Association (RCMA), Beth-El is home to seasonal Migrant Head Start Center, plus various tutoring, and basic



educational programs to help youth and women develop some support. In these excellent facilities and programs, the children of farm workers have a chance to succeed in school and go on to higher education.

An interesting fact: when the Director, who had management experience at Disney World, checked with US Embassy in Mexico City, he was told that there is a 17-year waiting list to get into the "legal" immigration process!!

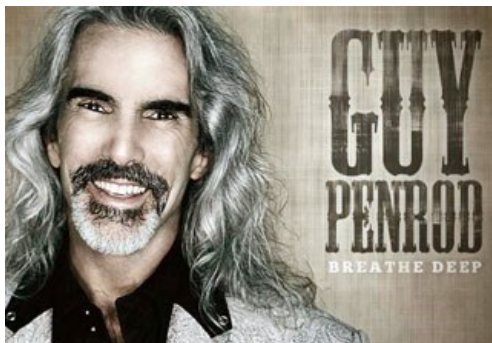
Bay Area Legal Services is a separate nonprofit corporation on-site at Beth-El. Three full-time attorneys and their staff handle all types of civil law problems at no charge to low-income persons. Cases include injunctions against abusive spouses, landlord-tenant disputes, wage and hour issues, sales fraud, Social Security appeals and divorces.

Media Center News



Trinity's Media Center (Library) is coming along nicely. After hundreds of hours, we are making some real progress. A huge thank you to our Decorating Ministry Action Team who moved bookcases—added a table & chairs—and the Center is spacious and beautiful! We also thank our data entry folks, Roberta French, Nanci Cuddihy, and Fran Olsen who have worked countless hours cataloging information into the reference computer.

We will soon be asking for volunteers to put spine labels on all the books. So stay tuned and drop by the Media Center and see what has been going on behind the scenes these past few months.



**SAVE THE DATE
January 19th, 2012
Purchase your tickets now...**

Guy Penrod, leadr singer for the Gaither Vocal Band for 14 years, will be coming to Trinity on Thursday, January 19th, (7:00pm) as part of his first annual Snowbird Tour of Florida. Guy's debut solo release "Breathe Deep" was the biggest selling new release of 2010, being nominated for a Dove Award. He will be releasing a "Hymns" album in early 2012.

Tickets have arrived and range from \$20 (general admission); \$25 (special reserved) and \$30 (VIP reserved) and are available for purchase on Sunday mornings or by contacting the church office (493-0018 or Sharon Sutherland (941-661-1616).



**IN SEARCH OF.....
VIDEOGRAPHER**

Our "Brainstormers" Group is looking for someone with audio/video experience who would be willing to make "Talking Point" videos about various aspects of the church and its ministries. These would be available to distribute to visitors, congregation, and the public.

If you have the knowledge, equipment, and time to take on this type of project, please contact Steve Benz (1-941-697-9584).

**Christmas is Just
Around the Corner**



Come join us on November 28th, 29th, and 30th for the *Hangin' of the greens*. We will gather on Monday, November 28th at 10am, in the Narthex. The saying goes, "many hands make light work". That is exactly what we need, lots of hands to make this project be light work. Come give us a hand -- One hour, two or three hours, whatever you can spare. This is a great way to start Advent. Prepare our hearts and minds for the coming holiday season.

Contact Susan Struble (941-423-3462) to sign up or for additional information or sign up in the Narthex on Sunday mornings or pop her an email at shstruble@comcast.net.



Do you attend and enjoy what is happening at our Contemporary Service? If you answered, "YES" to this question then Diane Jansen wants to hear from you. Diane is the Chair of our Contemporary Worship Ministry Action Team and she is in need of a few individuals who are willing to give a little "Stewardship of Time" and serve on this MAT. Give Diane a call (423-3384) and she'll tell you what you need to know.

**DON'T MISS
"KICK-OFF"**



**FOR TRINITY'S
SMALL GROUPS**

Our Small Groups will "Kick-Off" their new season with a cook-out at Englewood Beach, Pavilion 2 on Saturday, November 5th. We will meet at 5pm and stay through sunset. The event is for all small group members and anyone interested in joining a small group. Please bring a covered dish to share, your own beverage and a beach chair for watching the sunset. Hamburgers & hotdogs will be provided. There is a .75 fee for parking payable at the pay station in the parking lot. For additional information contact Steve / Linda Benz (941-697-9584).



Euchre Card Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in classroom #1. Feel free to join us and have a few hours of fun and fellowship. Reservations can be made by calling Gail Marker (497-1329) or Betty Kuhlman (497-6852) by the Tuesday before card night. Bring your own beverage and snacks, please.

Time Change

NOVEMBER 6TH



Don't forget to set your Clocks BACK one hour on Saturday, November 5th. Come join us on Sunday morning for one of our two services —

Contemporary Worship 9am
Traditional Worship 10:45am

Serving The Venice Community Of Neighbors With Grace



Jim and Paula Menzer

The educational background that the Menzers followed was the traditional route through high school. Jim completed high school while serving in the Navy aboard the aircraft carrier Intrepid during Vietnam. Over the next decade, they worked here and there and finally landed at C&P Telephone Company where they met in 1974. Both attended Maryland U for a time, and Jim also attended technical academies to complete the necessary training associated with various engineering licenses.

Also, both worked for the Telephone Company for 30 years. Jim managed real estate (grounds & buildings) for the Bell Atlantic Region, and Paula managed the sales and support offices for small business customers for the east coast from New Jersey to Virginia. The Menzers were members of Christian Community Pres. Church in their hometown in Maryland and worked volunteering in their food pantry and with their community out-reach ministry. This was their first opportunity to serve their immediate community of neighbors. Also, they were caring for Paula's Mother who lived with them and whose health was declining. Jim and Paula retired from Verizon in 1999 to care for Paula's mother full time.



In December 2002, about 10 months after the death of Paula's Mother, the Menzers moved to Florida. They came to Venice to visit friends and ended up buying a home during that visit. To make a long but interesting story short - It was all a Divine Appointment. Once all of their boxes were unpacked, they signed-up to volunteer at the Senior Friendship Center and began looking for a Church. They were blessed to receive a wonderful care receiver through SFC and to find Trinity Pres. Church. It just so happened that Trinity was preparing to train a new class of Stephen Ministers. Perfect!

To quote Jim and Paula, *"Every day they thank God for bringing us to this place and doing these things. Taking us places in His ministry that we probably would never have visited on our own. So many life lessons and glimpses into the future. Jim and I have both been so abundantly blessed by our experiences."*

***"Carry each other's
burdens, and in this
way you will
fulfill the law
of Christ."***

Galatians 6:2



Brown Bag Bible Study

This mid-week Bible study will begin on Tuesday, November 8th and run through December 13th. The study is from First Peter—one of the catholic epistles—of the New Testament. This book is small—but mighty. It has a mere five chapters but comes to be important to us as we find here the God of comfort and strength in our times of trials and struggles.

We will spend some time on who Peter was, what he hoped to accomplish in writing this letter and when it was written. The Theme I want to focus on is found in 1 Peter 1:1, where we discover that Christians are living as aliens in a foreign land.

This a BROWN BAG STUDY—begins promptly at 12Noon and will last precisely one hour.

So Come , bring a brown bag lunch, your Bible, and join me for a time in the WORD.



INSIDE—OUTSIDE & UPSIDE DOWN...

It's Fall Time at Trinity

Saturday, November 5th—8:30am 'til about 1pm—has been designated as

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY.



Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 5th, to help clean-up and beautify the church grounds and Inside facility. We will begin at 8:30am and work til about 1pm.

We have outside and inside areas that need our attention: Window washing, polishing the Sanctuary furniture, carpet cleaning, and deep cleaning the kitchen are a few of the jobs for the day.

Pressure washers are welcome! We'll also need you to bring buckets, rags, squeegees, and other items for cleaning.

This will be an opportunity to not only keep up the aesthetics of our building and grounds, but to have fun spending time in fellowship with other Trinity members and friends. We'll have light refreshment items available in the Community Life Center for all volunteers.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON NOVEMBER 5TH!

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Pastor Chuck—To Rome, Israel, Turkey, Greece...& Back Thank you...thank you...thank you!



Last spring you honored the 15th anniversary of my ministry here among you by a trip to the Holy Land and "The Footsteps of Paul." My wife, Kathi, and I left on September 16th and returned on October 3rd. What an experience!

Rome, Israel, Turkey, Greece...what a whirlwind. It's too much to recount here. Suffice it to say, I'm looking forward to sharing a bit about it at a special Family Night Supper in February. Have pictures... did travel...and have lots of stories.

What I will say now is to repeat what I said last April at the party: "Most pastors I know would give their eye tooth to have a congregation like Trinity Church." And to say...thank you, thank you, thank you!!

--Pastor Chuck

