

The Trinity Times

The Newsletter of Trinity Presbyterian Church

October, 2008

From our Ministry Support

Dear Friends,

Last month I reflected some on changing seasons and new beginnings. Such transitions are not limited to September, as we all know. Life continues to ebb and flow in rhythms we can predict and in ways that bring new surprises. And it is with gratitude and joy and a bittersweet spirit that I share with you, my Trinity family, a new transition in my life and that of my family.

I have received a call to serve a congregation in Chattanooga, Tennessee as their solo pastor. It is a small, redeveloping church with a passion for and history of social justice and community involvement. As some of you know, the call process in the Presbyterian Church is full of decent and orderly steps. I still have to be examined by their Committee on Ministry, be officially called by the congregation (not just the Pastor Nominating Committee), and preach and be approved by their presbytery, all of which is scheduled to happen between now and November 15. I will be ordained back in North Carolina on November 16. My start date has not been determined yet, and I plan to continue my ministry support with you all at Trinity until I am no longer able to do so. We are so excited about this new opportunity and change in our lives.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you, the people of Trinity Presbyterian Church, for your vital role in getting me to where I am today. Whether you knew it or not, by taking me on as your Divinity School intern two years ago, you entered into the role as a teaching church. You provided me with fertile ground in which to plant the seeds of my education, a welcoming and free pulpit in which to develop my preaching voice, and a safe place in which to discern my own call to ministry. My work with all of you and the wonderful mentoring of Heidi have helped me to feel confident in my ability to seek out a church like this one I will serve – a redeveloping congregation seeking vision and leadership and energy for the future. The role of a teaching church is one I hope you all will continue in the future as you help future leaders in the church discern their gifts and calling.

And not only have I changed and grown in these two years, but I have had the privilege to watch you all grow as a community of faith. I have witnessed strength and energy for continued ministry both within the congregation and in the larger community. I have seen you break bread together, plant flowers, send cards, crank ice cream, support your pastor with meals and calls and prayers. I have watched this congregation envision and plan for its future through surveys,

EVENTS IN OCTOBER

- 3 - Friday Night at the Movies:
Ushpizin - 6:30 p.m.
- 5 - World Communion Sunday
Peacemaking Offering - 11:00
- 12 - Congregational Meeting
following Worship Service/
4:30 p.m. at Brentwood First
Presbyterian: Fundraiser for
medical mission trip to Guatemala
- 17 - Coffeehouse at 7 p.m.: *An
Evening with Lisa Aschmann*
- 18 - Trekkers' Hike to Savage Gulf
- 24 - Friday Night at the Movies:
The Visitor - 6:30 p.m.
- 26 - Pumpkinfest at 12:15 in the
Fellowship Hall

carpet samples, task forces and unbelievably hard work. Some of you have engaged in the highest level of our denomination's governance and have returned from that experience renewed and hopeful about our future. You have welcomed new members into this community with grace and love. And much, much more. I know that God is doing amazing things through you all at Trinity Presbyterian Church, and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for you.

Peace,
Laura

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING/ BABY SHOWER

On October 12, there will be a congregational meeting following the worship service for the purpose of electing an elder to the Session.

Immediately following in the East Hall, there will be a baby shower for Sophia Huddleston, who was born on August 12. Sophia is the daughter of Susana and Ben Huddleston and the sister of Hunter.

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The Trinity Times is published monthly. We welcome news items, prayer concerns, and other contributions from members and friends of Trinity. Bring your articles to the church or e-mail (schomberstat@aol.com) them to the editor, Judy Schomber, by the 20th of the month for the following month's newsletter.

Trinity Presbyterian Church Staff

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Pastor
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Session Members

Lonny Bond (2010)	Midge Folger (2009)
David Carlton (2011)	Dale Johnson (2009)
Booth Chapman (2011)	Judy Rye (2010)
Frances Duvall (2011)	Jan Sharlett (2011)
Phil Elbert (2010)	Penny TeSelle (2009)
Cash Forshee (2009)	Fran Ziglar (2010)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Tom Chapman - 1
Linda Rutherford - 1
Valerie Oyen-Larsen - 3
Susana Huddleston - 5
Deborah Reynolds - 14
Richard Billington - 18
Sarah Baker - 19
Carol Milam - 23
Ron Wise - 25
Lindsay Bates - 28
Catherine Colbran - 28
Katherine Love - 28
Ben Huddleston - 29
Booth Chapman - 31

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. Children's and Youth Choirs

Adult Discussion Class

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Adult Choir Warm-up

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time in the East Hall

9:30 - 12:30 Nursery and Child Care

**Provided in Educational
Building**

Large print versions of the bulletin for Worship are available as you enter the sanctuary. Please ask one of the ushers for a large print bulletin if you want one.

Columbarium brochures are available from the racks in the foyer or in the East Hall. Please pick up a copy.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE

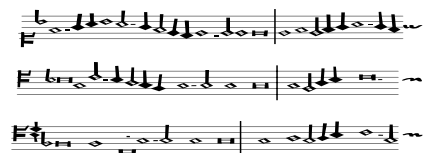
The new updated church directory was made available recently and has received rave reviews. If you haven't gotten your copy, look for it in East Hall after church on Sunday or stop by the church office.

The new directory is much more than a list of names and contact information. It also includes church activities, a calendar and important church dates.

While we would like to avoid mailing copies (at \$1 each), if you can't get by the church to pick up your copy, or if you live out of town and would like a copy, contact Linda in the church office (linda@trinitypresnashville.org).

PRAYER TIME IN THE PARLOR

On Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., staff and anyone from the congregation are invited to join in a time of prayer for Heidi and other congregational needs. Rev. Meredith Siler facilitates these prayer sessions.



MUSIC NOTES

Dear friends,

In our immediate future—this Sunday, October 5—we'll have the worship celebration of World Communion and Peacemaking, which in recent years at Trinity has included the incorporation of world music traditions. All choirs—adult, youth and children's—will be involved, and we plan to have a great service with some unique music representing worldwide, as well as relatively common, music included. Children's and Youth choirs will meet at their regular 9:30 time, with the adults rehearsing at 10:30, per usual.

This month, the choirs will begin looking toward Advent and Christmas and rehearsing that music, in addition to music for the regular autumn Sunday services. The adults will have their annual pre-Christmas party on Wednesday, Oct. 8, including a read-through of the seasonal music plus potluck refreshments at 8:00. This is a great time for interested choral singers to get involved in preparations for the special music coming up in December!

Thanks to each of you who have participated in Trinity's musical life in September: the Chancel choir, the Belmont singers who sang the anthem at Trinity while some folks were at NaCoMe family camp, those who gathered at NaCoMe for vespers and the following hymn sing, Lonny and his colleague who presented a recital, and the Chancel choir for their contributions to each worship service. The youth choir has been preparing new music, and Mary Virginia and I were very pleased by the large group of kids who came to children's music on Sept. 21—that was exciting!

Choir members—please remember that if you know of times when you'll be away from one of Trinity's choirs, Mary Virginia or I will appreciate knowing in advance that you or your child plan to miss. We know that fall breaks are forthcoming, and soon Thanksgiving will follow. Thanks for helping us know what to expect and how to plan accordingly!

Looking ahead to November: A joint choirs' anthem will be sung during worship on Sunday, Nov. 9 for the sanctuary anniversary celebration;

USHERS FOR OCTOBER
Phil Elbert, Head Usher
Harrison Elbert
Penny TeSelle
Brennan Larsen

choir members of all ages (and parents)—please plan for that. Also, the adults will practice immediately following the traditional Trinity Thanksgiving Luncheon on Sunday, Nov. 23, in lieu of rehearsing Wednesday, Nov. 26.

I hope that the very musical service celebrating the 40th anniversary of Trinity's pipe organ was a blessing to each person in attendance. It was a joy to prepare the music for that special day in Trinity's life and history.

Tunefully yours,
Valerie
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PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE AT WORK

This has been an extraordinary year for disasters. In the first nine months of 2008, PDA has responded to 35 disasters in 40 presbyteries here at home, and with our partners to another 12 disasters worldwide.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been at work on your behalf, coordinating our church-wide response, quickly assessing the damage and channeling aid to the places where it is needed most. Four PDA response teams are already at work in Galveston, Beaumont, Orange, Port Natchez, Lake Charles, Houston, San Antonio and elsewhere. Our mission personnel in Haiti are coordinating response there, as are our partners in Cuba. PDA is a way your congregation can respond with immediate impact.

PDA and the General Assembly Council will be sending out regular updates about the response to these disasters over the coming weeks. We are issuing a special appeal to support the response. Resources are available on the PDA website: www.pcusa.org/pns.

THANKS TO ALL

(Lonny Bond thanked the congregation and staff for their support during Heidi's absence in a written announcement in the September 21 Bulletin. It is a tribute to the unity, spirit of mission, and devotion to God's work of Trinity Presbyterian Church, and thus it is reprinted here.)

The congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church can truly be proud of itself for the manner in which it has responded to the serious illness of our beloved pastor Heidi Hudnut-Beumler.

Though we greatly miss her presence among us and continually pray for her complete recovery and return, the congregation and its leadership have pitched in wherever needed to see that the ministry of this Church continues in a fashion which may serve as evidence of God's presence here in this place.

Heidi is in the midst of her radiation treatment as this is written and her return to 'active' duty will be determined by her doctors following the completion of her treatment. In the meantime we shall continue to keep the ship upright and sailing as best we can.

Heidi has continually expressed her thanksgiving for the loving support the congregation has given her in this very stressful time and longs for the time when she will be back with us. We too await her return to the leadership of this Church and pledge to make that transition time as effortless and successful as possible.

Special thanks needs to be expressed to the staff (Janet Salyer, Laura Becker, Valerie Oyen-Larsen, Charlie Bundy and Linda Rogers) for their unstinting efforts in keeping us running the race smoothly; to the Session for its responsible answer to the call of leading the congregation through its committee work (especially the Worship Committee in planning for the worship life of the Church); to Gene TeSelle for serving as acting moderator and to all who have supported the Hudnut-Beumler family with food, cards, letters and especially prayers.

Shalom to all,

Lonny Bond, Chair
Personnel Committee



OFFICE NOTES

CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGES

Members and friends of Trinity should note that Trinity's e-mail address changed late in September.

The new general e-mail address to contact the church is now linda@trinitypresnashville.org.

Likewise Heidi's new church e-mail will be heidi@trinitypresnashville.org.

The addresses are correct in the new church directory. Please make this change to your e-mail address books so you won't miss making contact with the church.

TREKKERS TO HIKE SAVAGE GULF ON OCTOBER 18

The Trekkers will hike the North Rim trail at Savage Gulf on October 18. They will hike as far as the Quartz Pebble Overlook and back, which is a 7.4 mile hike, the difficulty of which is officially rated "moderate".

The group will leave from the church at 7:30am sharp. They will carpool as this is a fairly long trip. Hikers should bring: lunch, water, raingear, sunblock, boots or high top walking shoes with ankle protection and insect repellent. Binoculars and camera are optional.

Side trips (time permitting) are Gruetli Lager (the name of the closest town) Dairy Dip, Brown's Dairy Bar, and/or Dutch Maid Bakery in Tracy City.

Questions?? Call Booth Chapman at 385 0099 or e-mail him at chap4chap@comcast.net. Please let Booth know no later than Oct 12 if you
4 intend to go on this hike.

THE BIRDS AND THE BEES



Last month we explored the value of buying organic food, and what it might mean to your health and the health of agricultural workers. If reducing your pesticide load, eating more nutritious food, and protecting the health of farm workers weren't enough reasons to consider eating more organic foods, let's consider the impact on the earth.

Do you enjoy watching birds? Whether you are an ardent birder, or like listening to the morning songs, or watching the birds at your feeder, your enjoyment of nature would be diminished without our feathered friends. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, "672 million birds are directly exposed to pesticides on farmlands in the U.S., and of these, about 10 percent, or 67 million birds, are estimated to die immediately as a result." This doesn't include those that die after ingesting poisoned insects or other prey, or losses due to unhatched eggs.

About 40 pesticides are harmful to birds even when applied correctly. Some pesticides that are banned in the U.S. are still used in Latin American nations, due to less strict regulations, taking a toll on migratory birds. Migratory species that are being harmed include the wood thrush, the Kentucky warbler, the eastern kingbird, and the bobolink.

You may have noticed that you don't see as many honeybees as you remember seeing as a child, and the scarcity of bees has not gone unnoticed in the press. Various theories have been offered, among them the impact of pesticides. We depend on bees for pollination of many food crops, and for that delicious honey.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, pesticides were found in almost all U.S. rivers and streams between 1992 and 2001. Three pesticides used in agriculture were most frequently detected. Fish and aquatic life can be affected, especially in streams and rivers in agricultural areas. In agricultural, urban and mixed land use areas, pesticides showed up more than 90 percent of the time in fish tissues.

Lastly, of course there always seems to be a connection to global warming. The British Institute of Science reports that organic has the potential to mitigate nearly 30% of global greenhouse gas emissions and save one-sixth of global energy use. "In addition, organic agriculture is more resistant to climate extremes like droughts and floods, and, unlike industrial agriculture-which moves carbon out of the soil and into the atmosphere, organic farming captures carbon from the air and locks it back into the soil".

So there you have it. Organic produce is healthier, reduces harm to workers, helps preserve wildlife, protects streams and rivers, and doesn't contribute as much to global warming. Is organic (preferably local) beginning to look better all the time? Perhaps, considering the hidden costs, conventional (chemically dependent) produce is more expensive than we thought!

KILOWATT HOURS NATIONAL DEBUT

Many Trinity members are familiar with the film, *Kilowatt Hours*, produced by our friend Jeff Barrie. It is debuting nationally, and PBS (Channel 8) will broadcast it on Oct.ober 24, at 7:00 p.m. Tell your friends about it!

PRAYERS OF CONCERN

If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored all rejoice together.

I Cor. 12:26

Concern for those in grief:

For Jean and the family of Harry Stewart as they mourn his death; for Joan Dougherty and her family as they mourn the loss of Joan's Aunt Martha; for Susan Brockett and her family as they grieve the death of her nephew Clint Johnson; K.C. Ptomey, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, and his family as they mourn the loss of his 29-year-old daughter-in-law from leukemia; for the family of Cindy Shaver, Tina Snodgrass' friend, as they grieve Cindy's death; the family of Thomas Vaughan, as they mourn the death of Thomas' uncle; for Hillary Bond and her family in the loss of her aunt; Janet Salyer's friend Cynthia Sewell and her family in the death of her nephew Jim Cannon;

Concern for those in need of healing and strength:

Allen Brown, as he recovers from an automobile accident; David Phillipy, who is dealing with vision problems; Pat and Bob Bowling's daughter, Jennifer, during this time of recovery; Catherine VanDeren, who is recovering at home following rehabilitation; Ann Barr Weems, who is dealing with health issues; Susana Huddleston's grandfather, Bates Ellis, who has been ill; Frank Kirchner's uncle, Leslie Mason, recovering at home after another extended hospitalization for ulcer surgery and rehab; Alan Hall, recipient of a heart transplant, whose body is beginning to reject the heart; María Gómez, friend of the Bonds, awaiting a kidney for transplant; Virginia Wolf's daughter Catherine, who has returned home after an extended stay in a nursing home; for those undergoing medical testing and awaiting results;

Concern for those dealing with cancer and its treatment:

Heidi and her family as she continues radiation therapy; Caitlin Hudnut, Heidi's sister-in-law, dealing with recurrence of breast cancer and metastasis; Jimbo Cook's friends Maggi Braden Russell and John Bearden; a student at Meigs Magnet Middle School; Megan Nelson, Bill and Joan Dougherty's 27-year-old great-niece, recently diagnosed with soft tissue cancer on her leg; Kitty Johnson, Susan Brockett's niece as she continues to recover from her previous illness; Emily Sullivan's grandmother Joanne; Lisa Marie Picklesimer; Rick VanAntwerp's aunt, Carol Larson; Toni Fogelsong, former Trinity choir director, dealing with lymphoma; Ronnie Scott and Linda Miller, friends of Jimbo Cook; Rick VanAntwerp's cousin Kim Casey; Lucille, friend of Leary Jones, who is in a nursing home; Teddie Howell, mother of the Kirchners' daughter-in-law; Rita Rose; Libby Borland;

Concerns for support and needs that are ongoing:

Julie and her son Ross, who are coping with significant developmental delays without much outside support; Joanna Ediger and her family; Tina Snodgrass' sister, Elizabeth Elliot, in service in the Navy; Vicky Roscoe, sister of Vira and Vera; Bud Young; an anonymous child; all going through times of transition; all facing depression, and their families; peace in Iraq, the Middle East, and throughout the world;

Concern for those who are homebound:

Josephine Akins; Dottie Roseberry; Cornelia Walker; Helen Hill; Imogene Grooms; Bill and Evelyn Biggers (Fran Ziglar's aunt and uncle);

Concern for those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan:

Rob Neff (spouse of Angela Neff, Linden Corner School teacher); John Pitts, Alex Livingston, Koenter Slagel, Russell Reid, Travis Grimes, LaJoyce House (the granddaughter of Fran Ziglar's co-worker); and all those who are serving with the military in Iraq and throughout the world.

PRAYERS OF JOY AND THANKSGIVING

The Hudnut-Beumler family, on the completion of their move to Green Hills; Dale and Norma Johnson, as they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on September 23; John Tower, who has returned from Korea

***Note: Please help us keep our information current by contacting our office manager, Linda Rogers, or leave a message at the church office (297-6514) with any prayers of concern or thanksgiving to add, and any events to celebrate or updates to share.

ENTERED THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

HARRY BAKER STEWART

January 28, 1918 - September 16, 2008

PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS TO YOUR DIRECTORY

Cover Page:

Trinity Zip Code should be **37215**

Page 2

Devan Stahl's e-mail should be:

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Linda Rogers' zip code should be:

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*Georgeanne Chapman's cell phone
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Vera Koonce's e-mail has changed to:

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If you find other needed corrections or additions, please notify the church office. Changes will be included in future editions of *The Trinity Times*.



SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

Dear Ones,

I started coming to Trinity Presbyterian Church in 2001; the same year I became a resident at Green Hills Health and Rehabilitation Center. These two moves were a continuation of my faith journey.

My career, when I was able-bodied, was in nursing. I have always had a holistic nursing orientation. That means I view wellness as a continuum on which a person's level of well-being is related to body, mind, and spirit in the context of their family, their community, and the world. This is a hologram. What affects any one element impacts the whole. I especially appreciate the role that spiritual practices play in well-being. The spiritual aspect of life is what we mean when we speak of the mind-body connection.

My personal experience with multiple sclerosis has intensified my quest for wellness both from the perspective of a caregiver and as a seeker. This has given me the motivation and the opportunity to explore many spiritual practices and modes of healing. I hope this column will be a place for me to relate to you (my faith community) various paths to wholeness and wellness which I have investigated. These include traditional Christian spiritual practices, and those of other faiths and cultures. We also will look at some types of complementary and alternative modes of healing, also known as integrative medicine.

This is written in the spirit of sharing our spiritual journey. I hope you find the trip enjoyable.

Be well,
Peggy Min

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDIES WORLD RELIGIONS

by Devan Stahl

Continuing with our study on the major world religions, in October the Youth Sunday School will be studying Islam (Oct. 5th), Judaism (Oct. 12th), and the history of the Christian Church (19th). We will then continue with a study of the major American Christian denominations (Oct. 26th). These lessons are meant to foster an understanding and respect of other religious traditions while simultaneously deepening our understanding of Christianity and particularly Presbyterianism.

ADULT DISCUSSION TO EXPLORE END OF LIFE ISSUES

Make your plans to join the Adult Discussion Group each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor for a stimulating discussion of topics led by invited speakers as well as by members of the class. On October 5, Dr. Robin Jensen will conclude her series of sessions on *Art and Religion*. Dr. Jensen is Luce Chancellor's Professor of the History of Christian Worship and Art at the Vanderbilt Divinity School.

Beginning October 12, Penny TeSelle will moderate four sessions on the topic of *End of Life Issues*. The first discussion will be "Then and Now", an introduction to end of life issues. On October 19, the session on "Advance Directives" will include a presentation on legal forms by Robert Rutherford and another presentation on organ donation led by Janet Salyer. The October 26 discussion will be on "You Can't Take It With You" and Gene TeSelle will complete the series on November 3 with a discussion on Christian funerals.

HANK HOWERTON TO BE PART OF PRESBYTERY MEDICAL MISSION TRIP

Hank Howerton will be part of the Presbytery's first medical mission trip to Guatemala beginning November 1. Area Presbyterian churches are collecting the following supplies for the trip:

Soft tooth brushes, fluoride, exam gloves, glucometers and test strips, rapid AIDS diagnostic tests for pregnant women, saline and antibiotic eye drops, and cash for other medical supplies. Hank will be collecting donations for Trinity through the end of October.

The Brentwood First Presbyterian Church, located at 1301 Franklin Road, is hosting a fundraiser for all the participating medical missionaries on October 12, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. Entertainment will include marimba music, John Knox's paintings of Guatemalan scenes for sale, and a ticket raffle for a painting of Guatemala.

Funds raised will pay for the medications and supplies Hank and our presbytery mission workers will be taking. The ticket cost is not fixed, but is an open ended donation.

Consider helping Hank by making an enchilada recipe in his honor (see below), or maybe by bringing refried beans, guacamole, salsa, tortilla chips, or soft drinks.

Enchilada Sauce: Makes 2.5 cups

2.5 cups tomato sauce
2 tbsp. oil
1 tbsp. ground cumin
¾ tsp chili powder
¼ tsp pepper

Smothering Sauce

1.5 cups Enchilada sauce
1 ¼ cups stewed tomatoes
¼ cup chopped green chilies, drained

Chicken Filling

3 cups shredded cooked chicken
1 med. onion, chopped
1.5 cups drained stewed tomatoes
¾ cup chopped green chilies, drained
¾ cup sliced black olives
1 tsp. chili powder
½ tsp tsp pepper
1 tsp. ground cumin
10 (8 in.) flour tortillas
1 lb. cheddar cheese, grated
1 lb. Monterey jack cheese, grated

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine tomato sauce, oil, cumin, chili powder and pepper in medium-sized saucepan. Simmer for 30 minutes. Combine 1.5 cups Enchilada Sauce, tomatoes and chilies to make Smothering Sauce. Combine chicken, onion, tomatoes, chilies, olives, chili powder, cumin and pepper in large saucepan or Dutch oven. Simmer for 15 minutes.

Assemble by brushing inside of tortillas with 2 tbsp. Enchilada Sauce. Top each tortilla with 3-4 tbsp. of chicken mixture. Mix grated cheeses. Place 2-3 tbsp cheese on each tortilla and roll. Place rolls, seam down, in 9 x 13 in baking dish. Add remaining Enchilada Sauce to Smothering Sauce and pour over enchiladas. Top with remaining cheese. Bake at 350 for 20-25 min. Garnish with parsley. Serve with sour cream and guacamole as toppings.

TRINITY'S ANNUAL PUMPKINFEST!

Bring your creativity and fall spirit on Sunday, October 26 from noon - 1:30 p.m., as our children, youth and their families gather for an afternoon of pumpkin-carving/painting, caramel apple-eating, fellowship and fun! Wear clothes that can get messy. Pumpkins and carving supplies will be provided.



From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

Each day I undergo radiation, each week that gets checked off, brings me closer to completion of treatment and into recovery. All of which means that we are that much closer to a joyous reunion! I eagerly await that day when I am able to be among you again.

I have had new beginnings on my mind a lot as we begin this fall. We have just moved into a house in Green Hills, a geographic new beginning we hope will simplify our lives and decrease the stress and time that came daily with our commutes from Brentwood. Though the chaos of boxes still surrounds us, a sense of hopefulness for a new way of life is real.

At Trinity, the work on Phase II of the renovation process continues with vigor and enthusiasm, and Trinity's new beginning takes further shape and form. The congregation's expressions of faith through financial pledges and gifts of time and expertise, coupled with the extraordinary gift from Madeline and Howell Adams, has set Trinity even more firmly on solid footing to be an instrument of Christ's work in Nashville now and for the future.

As my family settles into our new home, and as our Trinity church family continues the renovation process, I am reminded how deeply privileged we are to have these personal and communal roofs over our heads. These places of peace, of sanctuary, of love, of safe shelter. I am haunted by the photos of Darfur's refugees that are frequently in the news, coupled with the knowledge of hundreds of thousands of refugees the world over. I am distressed by the reality of rising home foreclosures and homelessness in this country, and the impact on men, women, and children who simply seek the safe shelter we enjoy, yearn for decent education, jobs, and the hope of overall well-being and productive lives.

Saturday, September 27 saw Trinity once again living out its commitment to be an agent of hope in Nashville, sharing in Christ's ministry to the people of God through participating in building a home with Habitat for Humanity. Through the financial commitments and hands-on labor that made this possible, our community of faith expresses our awareness of the call and claim of Jesus on our lives: "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded." (Luke 12:48) As we serve in God's realm - here and yet to be fulfilled - this community of faith has a significant and prophetic role to play. May God fill us with strength and courage as we serve.

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Session Highlights for the September 20 meeting will appear in the November issue of *The Trinity Times*, due to space limitations in this issue.

You are so present in my thoughts and prayers. I am ever grateful for your prayers, support, cards, and all expressions of caring for me and my family as we go through this time.

With love, gratitude, and hope,

Heidi

P.S. Please make sure to read the piece by Lonny Bond, chair of the Personnel Committee, that is in this issue. He puts forth well the amazing movement of the Spirit in the life of this church, and the extension of thanks to the many people who are sharing their gifts and leading in particular ways in this time of need. Please take the time to extend your personal thanks to Lonny and the Personnel Committee, to every member of our dedicated staff, to Dale Johnson, co-chair of the Worship Committee who is arranging for guest preachers and that entire committee, to all elders on Session and Gene TeSelle, its acting moderator, and to the Phase II Renovation Task Force led by Georgeanne Chapman. I am filled with heartfelt thanks for each of these leaders and for all of you, as you truly embody what it means to be the church.

From Allen Brown's Family:

The plan is for him to go to Stallworth Rehabilitation Hospital for a couple of weeks. We don't know yet when that will be. We are so grateful for the support and love we have been surrounded by and so many people have asked about calling, visiting, etc. Visiting is still limited to immediate family and even our hours are limited, so if you would like to send him a note, please e-mail it to harpethrealtors@comcast.net. We will print them out and take them to him. Thanks again for all your prayers and good thoughts on his behalf.

TWO FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHTS IN OCTOBER

Trinity's successful new series, Friday Night at the Movies, continues in October with two most interesting films. Each movie begins at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor. Bring your own refreshments and enjoy the feature film on the new big screen!

October 3 - *Ushpizin* (a fitting film for the Jewish festival of Sukkot, Festival of Tabernacles or Festival of Booths, October 14-20, 2008)

Ushpizin (2005) [PG](#)

A downtrodden couple finds hope and good fortune — amid unexpected houseguests — in this humorous take on religious Jews living in a modern world. Moshe (Shuli Rand) and his wife are given a sum to help prepare for the holy holiday of Succoth and end up hosting two unannounced guests (rather, escaped prisoners). The couple must deal with their boorish visitors, who reveal Moshe's not-so-holy past, while upholding their faith.

October 24 - *The Visitor* (2007) [PG-13](#)

Widowed professor Walter Vale (Richard Jenkins) discovers an immigrant couple, Tarek (Haaz Sleiman) and Zainab (Danai Gurira), squatting in his Manhattan flat and becomes wrapped up in their lives when Tarek is thrown into a detention center. A wonderful Hiam Abbass co-stars as Tarek's mother, who forges an unlikely connection with Walter. Director Thomas McCarthy's follow-up to his indie hit *The Station Agent* premiered at Sundance in 2008.

YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

by Devan Stahl and Laura Becker

October brings cooler weather and fall colors, and we will enjoy both with some fun events this month!

Sunday, October 5 - *Photo Scavenger Hunt!!!*

This fun event is back by popular demand with new challenges and adventures! Plan to stay after worship for a quick lunch and then we hit the streets of Nashville! We will finish up at 3:00 p.m. Youth and parents: Be on the lookout for details and permission slips soon!

Sunday, October 26 - *Pumpkin Fest!*

We will join other members of the Trinity family at the church after worship for some pumpkin carving, caramel apples, and more! Bring/wear some clothes that can get messy and plan to stay for an hour of fall fun!

Mark your calendars for our November service project! On Sunday, November 16, the youth will once again serve breakfast to the homeless at Downtown Presbyterian Church and then worship there. More details to come closer to the time of this event.

Hope to see you all there!

Peace,
Devan and Laura

TRINITY COFFEEHOUSE



AN EVENING WITH
LISA ASCHMANN

7:00 PM
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3201 HILLSBORO ROAD
297-6513

\$10 (\$5 YOUTH/\$25 FAMILY)

Proceeds go to
the Martha O'Bryan Center

From Jazz to Bluegrass, Lisa Aschmann is an eclectic and prolific songwriter. She's had cuts by such diverse artists as Diamond Rio, Collin Raye, Aiola Clancy, Art Garfunkel, Aaron Neville, Grace Griffith, Don Jones and Alice Newman, Wayfaring Stranger, and Valerie Smith. With her co-writer, Joel Evens, she's had over 30 TV and film placements in recent years, including *Num3rs*, *Bones*, *West Wing*, *JAG*, and *Providence*.

Please join us for this evening of wonderful music, fellowship, coffee & cookies for a great cause!

SPECIAL GROUP ACTIVITY MEETINGS YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN ONE OR MORE!

***The **Men's Breakfast Group** meets Thursday mornings at 7:00 in the parlor. Lonny Bond is the group's facilitator. Provocative articles on faith and life provoke lively discussion. Bring a brown bag breakfast. Newcomers to the group are always welcome!

***The **Trekker's Group** meets on occasional Saturday mornings or Sunday afternoons, and welcomes hikers of all ages and ability levels. Booth Chapman is the intrepid leader of this group. The group will hike the North Ridge of Savage Gulf on October 18 (see article on page 4 for more information).

***You are invited to join Virginia Wolf for lunch and fellowship at Westminster Presbyterian with the **Changing Gears** group on Wednesday, October 22, at 11 a.m.. Reservations for lunch are required by noon on Monday, October 20, and there is a charge for lunch. October's program will be a musical presentation by the Blair School of Music. Call Virginia (298-4766) or the Westminster church office (292-5526) if you'd like more information or contact Virginia if you'd like to ride with her.

*****Dancing on the Edge Women's Book Group** meets every second and fourth Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in the parlor. The meeting earlier in the month tends to be a bit more about conversation and fellowship and later in the month about serious discussion of the book, but with this group sometimes things vary. The book for October is *The Known World* by Edward Jones. All women in the congregation and their friends are invited.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR HARRY STEWART ON OCTOBER 10

The Memorial Service for Harry Stewart will be on Friday, October 10, in the Trinity Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. From 9 a.m. until the time of the service, there will be visitation with the family in the Fellowship Hall. Following the service there will be a reception in the East Hall.

EVENTS OF INTEREST FOR TRINITY FOLKS

***On Sunday afternoon, **October 19, at 5:00 pm at Belmont United Methodist Church** in Hillsboro Village, U.S. Representative **Jim Cooper** will speak on the connections between faith and environmental stewardship and how they impact our energy choices, global warming, and sustainability. Rep. Cooper will also answer questions and listen to your ideas about these same issues and talk about how citizens and people of faith can become involved. This is a non-partisan educational event. Let's have a good representatin from Trinity!

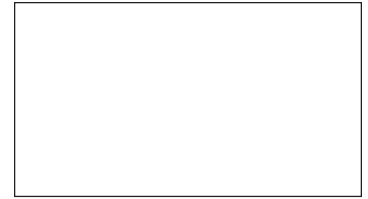
***The Tenth Annual Nashville Walk Week will take place October 4-10. The individual events are:

October 4-6 -- Annual Walk as One
October 5 -- Walk to Worship
October 6 -- Walk to Work
October 7 -- Walk your Neighborhood

October 8 -- Walk to School
October 9 -- Walk for Active Aging
October 10 -- Walk to lunch

These events are presented by the Nashville Community Health and Wellness Team. Visit their website at www.nashvillechwt.org for more information or to register.

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Nashville, TN 37215



Return Service Requested

October Worship Schedule and Lectionary Readings

- October 5** **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time/World Communion Sunday/Peace-Making Offering**
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14;
Matthew 21:33-46
- October 12** **Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Congregational Meeting After Worship**
Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9;
Matthew 22:1-14
- October 19** **Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10;
Matthew 22:15-22
- October 26** **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17;
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46