

The Trinity Times

"Trinity United Methodist Church – God's Place of Welcome and Worship"

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<http://holstonconference.org/safesanc/safe-sanc-home.html> on the holston.org website

January 2006

New and Improved Children's Department!!!

Our church voted at Charge Conference 2005 to be a safe sanctuary church. This means a change in the way we recruit and train volunteers that work with children or youth. Read on!

? What is safe sanctuaries?

Safe Sanctuaries, as referred to by Holston Conference, encompasses the efforts made by a local church, district, or the Conference to reduce the risk of abuse to children and youth and to protect the adult workers (either paid or volunteer) who interact with those children and youth in any church activity, whether on-site or away from the church building. The level of Safe Sanctuaries care must be tailored to and provided by each individual local church or district based on the specific needs of that church or district and the specific needs of a given activity. Being known as a Safe Sanctuaries church or district indicates to persons entering your building that a level of care and protection is being provided in that local church or at that district or Conference event.

? Why do we need this?

For Holston Conference, the physical and emotional safety, as well as the spiritual growth of all God's children and youth, is important. We as a Conference are committed to the holistic well-being of each child, youth, and adult entrusted to us. We believe that we as a Church must take reasonable steps to love and protect our children and youth while they are involved in programs and activities provided in and by our local churches, districts, and our Conference. In addition, we must take reasonable steps to love and protect those adults who work with our children and youth. The resolution Reducing the Risk of Child Sexual Abuse in the Church was adopted in 1996 and reaffirmed in 2000 by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church. This resolution became the impetus for all Annual Conferences and local churches to implement child and youth abuse prevention policies. In all of our ministries with children and youth, the Holston Conference is committed to demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ so that each child will be... "surrounded by steadfast love, established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal" (*Baptismal Covenant II, United Methodist Hymnal*, p. 44). This effort at Safe Sanctuaries demonstrates our commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of all our children and youth.

? What exactly in Trinity doing? (The policy drawn up by leaders in our church)

Our leadership will do everything possible to provide a safe place for children and youth by:

Paid Staff and Volunteers

- ? Our SPR committee will submit every staff member that works with children to a background check. Those background checks will be kept in the church office under lock and key and only seen by the pastor. Confidentiality is of high priority.
- ? Every new hiree and volunteer that works with children and youth will be submitted to a background check. Without a background check no one can work with children or youth.
- ? Youth under the age of 18 will be permitted to work with younger children under adult supervision. They will not be left alone with children for a prolonged period of time.
- ? Two adults will be present at every function dealing with youth and children.

Building and Facilities

- ? Every door in our children's department will be either a dutch door or a door with a window.

Policies and Procedures

- ? In case of an accusation; the accused will be immediately removed and the authorities will be contacted. The name of the victim and accused will not be made public.

All current volunteers and staff will be receiving background paperwork to be filled out and returned to the pastor during this month.

**Serving our church
this month**

Scripture Readers

January 1 – Mel Wright
 January 8 – Bob Sharp
 January 15 – Sallie Rowley
 January 22 – David Curtis
 January 29 – Claudia Jo Beach

Acolytes

January 1 – Felicity Russell
 January 8 – Aaron Privette
 January 15 – Chelsea Sage
 January 22 – Justin Brown
 January 29 – Abbi Sage

January 11 – Food Pantry

Linda Roberts
 Betty Hurley

Bread Delivery

Linda Roberts

**OPPORTUNITES TO
SERVE**

Meals on Wheels

January 30

**If you'd like to participate,
please contact Linda
Roberts (669-0838).**

**Looking for new scripture
readers!!! Please sign up in
the narthex if you'd like to
be put on the scripture
reading rotation.**

**Our VBS will be in need of
any large cardboard boxes
or cardboard packing.**

January Birthdays

5th – Bob Bailey
 7th – Carnel Bays
 8th – "Boomer" Daugherty
 9th – Jane McKamey
 9th – Eliza Bays
 9th – Lynn Roberts
 10th – Mindy Fields
 10th – Russ Mahaffey
 15th – David Curtis
 17th – Jon Roberts

19th – Joey Fields
 19th – Jean Sparkman
 19th – David Rowe
 20th – Charles Hurley
 20th – Sue Sharp
 23th – Kay Kovacs
 27th – Doris James
 27th – Gina Ellis
 29th – Emerald Lauzon
 30th – Whitney Wright

31st – Kenny Arnold

January Anniversaries

1st – Jeff and Lisa Ketron
 1st – Ricky and Kathy Mitchell
 1st – Ernie and Joan Osborne

Heading Toward our Promised Land.....

Campaign Update

Church Financial update: When someone joins our church (makes a commitment to God) they promise to uphold the church with prayers, gifts, presence and service. One of the gifts we bring to God is the fruit of our labor – money. So how did we do in 2005? We averaged 9880 per month of money that was given toward the budget (this does not count any designated funds). The total for 2005 was 118,670 (18,000 OVER what was pledged) all bills and salaries were paid to date with a payment of 100% to district apportionments and almost 60% of our conference apportionments. This year the total pledged was 101668\$.

Promised Land update: A total of 176,612 was pledged over a three year period toward the purchase of the Williams property. So far 29,912 have been paid toward that goal. We encourage every member to take seriously the vow they took to support the church and give generously as God has given to us. *--Linda Roberts, financial secretary*

The month of February will be our Dollar offering month. It is the custom of the UMC to take special offerings (above and beyond the offering plates) as designated by an envelope insert in your bulletin. We invite our congregation to bring one dollar each Sunday of February for each envelope. On those envelopes you will find information about the mission that will be supported by Trinity that week.

New Bible Study Opportunity!!! Beginning January 22, Sunday night, at 5:30pm Pastor Amy will field some hard questions by using a technique of Bible Study taught at Seminary. Don't get scared off yet – it's Amy-ized (meaning made simple). Our first topic – women in ministry. Other questions answered by the technique – discover the difference in how Methodists and other more conservative denominations look at the Bible, how to decide what the scripture really says, and sensing God's movement in the history of scripture and making use of other Bible study tools, like commentaries, dictionaries and lexicons.

March Forth for Children is March 3-4.

This is a wonderful training event and anyone who would like to go please see Aimee Rasnick (466-0461) Learn how to better teach, interact and plan children events.

Mom's Night Out - Want an excuse to get away for a while? See Aimee Rasnick and help her plan the next dutch dinner for all the hard work'in moms in the congregation.



Congratulations to Pam and Darrel Mullins, Sean and Steven on a new edition – Seth Ryan Mullins, born December 23, 2005. Look for the rose on the altar in honor of his birth!!!
 Proud Grandparents:
 Jean and Jay VanRyn

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Calendar of events

Tuesday, January 3

SPR 6pm

Tuesday, January 10

Scout Troop 111 7 pm

Wednesday, January 11

Family Night 6pm – Meal Provided
Planning meeting after dinner

Thursday, January 12

Cub Scouts 201 7 pm

Sunday, January 15

9:30 am Rotational Sunday School
begins with Joshua and the Fallen
Walls of Jericho

Tuesday, January 17

Scout Troop 111 7 pm

Wednesday, January 18

Family Night

Thursday, January 19

Cub Scouts 201 7 pm

Sunday, January 22

5:30pm Bible Study with Pastor Amy

Monday, January 23

Men's club 6pm

Tuesday, January 24

Senior's Luncheon 12noon
Scout Troop 111 7 pm

Wednesday, January 25

Family Night

Thursday, January 26

Cub Scouts 201 7 pm

Tuesday, January 31

Scout Troop 111 7 pm

UPCOMING DATES FOR

YOUR CALENDAR

VBS PLANNING MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY

8 AFTER DINNER

Children and Youth

Rotational Sunday School will begin on January 15th with Joshua and the Fallen Walls of Jericho. Parents help prepare your children for the lessons by reading Joshua 2-4 and working on the memory verse below!!!

Memory Verse: Joshua 2:24a

They said to Joshua, "Truly the Lord has given all the land into our hands; and all the people of the land melt in fear before us."

? Parents! We've had great success with our discipline procedure (see below) but every year we ask that parents review it with their children and youth, helping them understand the importance of GOOD BEHAVIOR.

Commandments of Conduct

1. Thou shalt treat others as you wish to be treated.
2. Thou shalt respect others' personal space and keep your hands and feet to yourself.
3. Thou shalt respect the property of the church and of others.
4. Thou shalt respect and follow the exact directions of all teachers, shepherds and adult leaders (without grumbling, talking back or pouting).
5. Thou shalt give all adult and classmates your full attention when they are speaking.
6. Thou shalt not interrupt others.
7. Thou shalt participate and have fun in Sunday School!



Planning Meetings - Wednesday night suppers and the next 6 months of activities will be planned on January 11 after dinner on Family night (meal provided, 3\$, 2\$). Any feedback or suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

VBS will be planned on February 8 after dinner.

New Board Games for Wednesday Night - Parents!!! We have brand new Wednesday night board games for those cold nights when the children are inside. Please talk to your kids about putting all those little pieces back in the boxes when they are done.

CHILDREN!!! Thank you for great behavior during our first family board game night. Way to go!!

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Our Prayer List

MEMBERS

Wes and Winnie Hill
Newland Haire
Audrey Clark
Charlie Winter
Joe Tolley
Cynthia Whicker
Georgia Poole
Lisa Trinkle
Jane McKamey
Pastor Amy and Kevin
Bruce and Jackie Hamilton
Omah Lee Shaffer
Alma Ruth Hunigan
Coleen Pierce

FRIENDS

Heath Calhoun
Dot Barnes
Kay Ferguson
Sam Hardwick
Carla Farmer
Mary Brant
Regina Pastizzo

SHUT-INS

Betty Hopkins
Ella Blair
Jessie Fullen

Names on our
prayer list rotate
off approximately
after six months
unless
otherwise notified.

Please contact
the church office
to make any
changes.