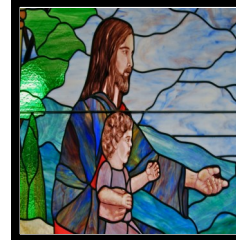


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# FOCUS

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THIS NEWSLETTER CREATED ESPECIALLY FOR

YOU!

8:25 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

**WORSHIP**  
  
**ASSISTANTS**

October 23

**Liturgist:** Mark Schlichenmeyer and Lee Dreese  
**Sound System Operators:** David Wilson and Charles Stephens  
**Ushers:** Jim Cox and Michael & Kelly Powers, Donna Webb, Norma English  
**Doorstep Visitation:** Tim & Jane Ann Kret  
**Acolytes:** Elizabeth Fleming & Benjamin Apgar  
**Greeters:** Johnny Mackey, Cyd Baumgardner and Charles & Shirley Stephens, Tammy Line  
**Counters:** Greg Dickey and John Craft

October 30

**Liturgist:** Youth  
**Sound System Operators:** Ralph Fockler and Keith Carter  
**Ushers:** Youth  
**Doorstep Visitation:** Kevin & Rae Carol Harris  
**Acolytes:** Brandon Wilkening & LeAnn Lytle  
**Greeters:** Youth  
**Counters:** Dale Pontius and Jim Cox

Making Faithful Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World...One Person at a Time

## Mel's Moments~

A name is a word or a group of words that is used to identify a person, place or thing distinct from any other, e.g. Abraham, Sarah, Miriam, Moses, Saginaw United Methodist Church, etc. There is a good name and a bad name. Solomon said, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." (Proverbs 22.1.) It has been said the sweetest sound in the world is your own name. What is in a name? Does a name serve any importance in representing a person? Is it just a form of reference, given to a person at the time of their birth? I heard about a man who was named "Odd" by his parents. That's right. His name was "Odd." Poor kid! Obviously, throughout all his childhood, he experienced ridicule and mockery. Because people teased him his entire life, he decided that upon his death, he wanted an unmarked tombstone placed at his grave so his name would never be uttered again. His wishes were honored. The problem was, when people saw this tombstone without an inscription, they almost always said, "That's odd."

Did you know that God is in the name-changing business? God changed Jacob the deceiver to Israel the prince, the fisherman Simon to the apostle Peter, the persecutor Saul to the preacher Paul, and Joseph of Cyprus to Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement). There is a promise that you as a child of God have been given a new name. Look at Revelation 2:17: "I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it."

What is your new name going to be? I believe it will represent your inner character of who you really are and how God sees you. Jesus gave to His disciple Simon the new name of Rock. Why? He knew Peter would eventually grow into the name. Biblical names were given based on the character of the person. God is building God's character in you. How does God build this character? God purges out the dross of our old life and creates within us the new life we have in Christ. This is often hard and painful, but God sees the end result. Now you don't have to change your name to be who God wants you to be. All you have to do is change the perception of who you think you are, to what you want to be.

1. Drop all the negative attitudes about yourself and start living as the child of God.
2. See what you can do, instead of focusing on what you can not do.
3. Use positive affirmations about who you are. i.e. I am a good person, I have good heart, I am generous, I am helpful, I am capable, I am grateful, I can forgive, I can participate, I can enjoy, I am loving, I have hope, I am the child of God, etc.
4. Remember that you can begin a new day now. Trust God.

Join Us For  
**Trunk or Treat**  
  
October 31st

**Monday,**  
**October 31**  
**6:00 p.m. to 8:00**  
**p.m. Church**  
**Parking Lot**

We need your trunk! Trunk or Treat is right around the corner and we will need at least 25 cars to make it a success! All you have to do is show up around 5:30pm on October 31, decorate your trunk to your liking, bring some candy & a lawn chair, and sit back hand out candy, and enjoy the fun! We also will be handing out 300 hotdogs and popcorn, so if you would like to help with that the sign-up sheets for **trunks** and **volunteers** is located in the fellowship hall. We also are collecting bags of candy, to replenish your candy buckets, so check out the pumpkin patch to see what is needed. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> youth group Belong will be running the cake walk this year, and we are asking if you can donate boxes of Little Debbie snack cakes for our cake walk prizes. Please place all donations in the baskets next to the Trunk or Treat display. Thank you in advance in helping make this year's Trunk or Treat a great success and a great outreach to the community.

If you have any questions please contact Shelley at 817-232-4380 or [shelley-griffith@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shelley-griffith@sbcglobal.net)



Mary Nel Partin, Jean King for preparing the last edition of the **FOCUS** for mailing; Claire Watson for sending acknowledgements of Memorials and Honorariums.

# MISSION MOMENT

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MISSION?



8 Volunteers are still needed for the Methodist House. If you are able to help please contact

Kapreta Johnson at 817-926-9219 x107 or e mail her at [kapreta.johnson@trinityhabitat.org](mailto:kapreta.johnson@trinityhabitat.org)

Below are some Friday work dates available for the Methodist House and other Trinity Habitat Houses. Please contact Kapreta to schedule.

Friday, October 28th - 10 volunteers (1840 Glenmore)  
 Friday, November 4th - 8 volunteers (1245 E. Fogg) Friday,  
 December 16th - 8 volunteers (3525 Garrett)  
 Saturday, November 12th.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Musical Notes

Next Sunday, October 23, is Bring a Friend to Choir Day. If your child brings a new friend to choir, your child will get a prize from the goody bag. If they bring 2 friends, they get 2 prizes. And they're fun prizes. :) Hope to see some new faces!

On Sunday, October 30, is our Fall Party. Please bring \$1 for pizza. There will be games, food, and lots of fun. Your child is welcome to wear a costume -- the directors will be wearing theirs, too! Parents, if you could bring some cookies/drinks to the party too, the kids would love it! November 13 is our next performance at the 11 AM service.

Many thanks, and if you have any questions, please email us or call Adrian/Jenny at 817/237-5698.

### 5th Sunday Lunch October 30th

Join us for lunch following the 2nd service. No need to bring a covered dish as we will have a POTATO BAR sponsored by the Youth. We simply ask that you give a Love Offering for the Youth Fund.

### October 30th is the Kick Off for the Community Link Mission Holiday Food Baskets

Join us as we partner with CLM to assist families in the Saginaw area with Holiday Food Baskets for December. The Kick Off coincides with our 5th Sunday Lunch as a way of remembering and being thankful for the blessing of food and a meal that we have and will share.

Below is the list of items need for the client baskets. This list will also be handed out in worship on the 30th. Please check out the display in the Fellowship Hall.

- sweet potatoes
- instant potatoes
- gravy
- cranberry sauce
- green beans
- corn
- stuffing
- bread mix (cornbread, sweetbread mix, etc.)
- dessert (pie filling and crust, cake mix/frosting, etc)

Please return your food bags to the display in the Fellowship Hall by November 20th.

### FALL HARVEST CRAFT SALE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 LUNCH BEGINS AT 11:30 LIVE AUCTION IS 1:00 PM



Are you thinking about that WOW item for your contribution to the Live Auction? There is still time to pull together your idea for the Silent Auction, Country Store. Be sure to arrive in time for the "yummy" lunch of stews, soups, cornbread, corndogs, and chips. The chairpersons have been working to make this a fun event and with your presence, it will be! Want more information? Just talk with one of the chairpersons: Rob or Shelley Herthneck.



Interested in taking Holy Communion each Sunday?

Starting Sunday, October 30, Holy Communion will be served after the 8:30 a.m. worship service. This will take place each Sunday, except Communion Sunday. Move to the front of the Sanctuary if you are interested.

# GOD SQUAD

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUTH?

October 23rd we **will not** be going to the slab. They are still trying to work out open dates for us to come and not have too many groups there at one time. Please remove this event from the calendar.

October 30 - 5th Sunday Lunch sponsored by Take Action Youth Ministries. Forget the cooking and forget the wait to be seated. Dine In or To-Go.

November 12th - Fall craft sale. Youth are encouraged to help out and can earn credit towards there summer mission trip by volunteering for the entire event. Other opportunities to earn money by offering services (babysitting, yard work, etc) to be auctioned off are also available.

November 12th - Bowling after the Fall craft sale. We will return around 7p.m. Cost will be \$12-\$15.

November 18th-19th - Youth camping and paintball trip. Cost will be \$30 and a waiver needs to be signed by parents. Money and waiver are due by Nov. 9th. We will leave at 6:00 p.m. Friday and return at 3:30 on Saturday. 1 male and 2 female sponsors are needed to be able to camp. Please contact Josh or the office if you are able to help.

Follow us on Facebook @Saginaw United Methodist Church Youth Group on Twitter @ YouthSUMC

## Thanks for your Ministry

When you come to church on Sunday mornings have you ever wondered who unlocks the building or locks up again. Have you ever wondered who makes the coffee in the fellowship hall on a Sunday morning? This is Tom Griffith's ministry. Thank you Tom! We appreciate all you do.



Sandra Browning and family. Sandra's sister Paula Sue Brennan passed away.

Pam Phinney and family. Pam's father Sidney Roberts passed away on Friday night.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

### MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

#### Memorial Garden

In Memory of George & Jeff Grigsley

Given by Jimmy & Barbara Henley

In Memory of Sidney Roberts

Given by Claire Watson

#### Community Link Mission

In Memory of Ben Hamby

Given by Jimmy & Barbara Henley,

Danny & Rosa Jordan

#### Church Van Fund

In Honor of Carl Blount

Given by Dale & Londa Pontius

### Our Thought and Prayers

Carl Blount

Frances Treadway

Sue Gommert

Jocelyn Perkerson

Terry Timms, [tstimms@att.net](mailto:tstimms@att.net) to add people to the email prayer list.



### Our Presence

<b>Sunday, October 9</b>	<b>Sunday, October 16</b>
Budget...\$8,802.25	Budget...\$5,549.00

Required weekly for 2011 budget: \$10, 500.00

#### Expenses as of October 2, 2011

Council on Ministries	\$15,963.40
Connectional Apportionments	\$50,159.00
Fair Share Goal	\$1,892.00
Other Conference Expenses	\$10,589.40
Personnel	\$217,593.42
General Office	\$22,857.49
Property & Maintenance	\$63,599.00
Capital Expenses	<u>\$17,671.76</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$400,325.18</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$372,940.37</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>(negative) -\$27,384.81</b>

If you have any questions speak to a member of the finance committee!