

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 13, 2013**

Welcome and Announcements  
Prayer  
Prelude

*(As the Prelude begins, prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)*

*Acolyte		
Call to Worship	“Surely the Presence of the Lord”	Choir
*Hymn	“Hope of the World”	178

*(Please register your attendance on the pew pads provided)*

“Let the Children Come!”  
*(Those 3 years of age through 5 years of age may go to Children’s Nursery.)*

First Lesson	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Pages 691-692 (O.T.)
*Psalter	Psalm 66:8-20	790-791
*Affirmation of Faith	“Apostles’ Creed”	881
*Gloria Patri	“Glory Be to the Father”	70

Stewardship of Prayers		Francis Hipp
Sharing of the Joys & Concerns of the Church		
*Hymn	“Be Thou My Vision”	451
Prayers of Confession & Intercession		
The Lord’s Prayer ( <i>Unison</i> )		895

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	95

Anthem	“How Great Thou Art”	Choir
*Second Lesson	Ephesians 1 <i>Selected Verses</i>	Page 182 (N.T.)
Sermon	“The HOPE of His Calling”	Rev. Robert Reeves

Invitation to Christian Discipleship  
*(You are invited to come to the altar during the singing of the hymn to signify your commitment or re-commitment to Christ, or for prayer, confession, or comfort, in response to God’s Word)*

*Hymn	“My Hope Is Built”	368
*Acolyte		
*Dismissal With Benediction		
*Benediction Response	“Go Now In Peace”	Choir
*Postlude		

\*The Congregation May Stand

**Leading in Worship Today**

Pastor:	Robert D. B. Reeves	Nursery:	Annette Watson
Pianist :	Christopher McCroskey	Tellers:	Mary Kamoroff; Jo Ann Heiting
Music Director:	Jackie McNeill	Acolyte:	Cristen Hipp
Lay Reader:	Becky Derrick	Greeter:	Irene Grahl
Time Together:	Ruth Frady	AV Assistant:	Jim Miller
Ushers:	Rhett Hook		

**VISITORS ARE WELCOME** in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor’s tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning. We ask that you also please fill in the pew pad as it passes to register your attendance with us. **Large print hymnals** are available from the ushers. An **INFANT AND TODDLER NURSERY** is provided during the worship hour. Parents: please ask an usher for assistance.

You may join as a member into the life and work of this congregation by Confession of Faith or by Transfer of Membership from another church. If you would be interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

Good Morning Sons and Daughters of the Living GOD!!! I trust your week has gone well and you have seen the guidance of the LORD as needed through day to day activities. Last week we had the opportunity to celebrate the LORD's supper. We always do this the first Sunday of every month and that is a plan we need to learn to take advantage of. What do I mean by that? In the message last week I asked all of us to consider the following questions. Have we ever invited someone to our worship service because of the celebration of HOLY COMMUNION? Do we see that this is an excellent evangelistic opportunity? We could tell our invited friend what communion means to us and why we would love to have them be our guest in our communion celebration. Honestly, I myself have never seen this to the degree I wish I had but now that I have can I not take this opportunity to welcome guests to the table of the LORD? How about you? In the parable of the KING who prepared a great banquet and had his servants invite many to this great supper the story tells us in LUKE 14 that those first invited were too busy to bother to come to the supper. How sad! Generally, all the attention to this parable is given to the inexcusable excuses of those who were invited and would not come. Have we considered the truth in this parable that where we need to be in this story as disciples of CHRIST is the group that was busy about inviting people to the banquet after we accepted the invitation ourselves? The LORD's Supper when taken with wisdom and insight prepares us to go forward into the next step of our Christian journey. When we dine with JESUS he gives us insight into the future, strength to face our future and the will power to go there in the event it should be difficult. Dining with JESUS is important!!! When is the last time you invited someone to the LORD's Supper? We know the next time it will be celebrated!

Blessings for the journey! Pastor Robert

**A Gift to Trinity** has been given to the Glory of God and in honor of her son, **Dr. Allen P. Wenner**, on his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, by **Pauline Wenner**.

**“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS...”**

Irvin Wells	Steve Aiello	Arvan Derrick	Jim Miller
Roland Morgan	Larry Butler	Rusty Poole	Sara Efron
Ruth Frady	Miriam Simpson	Arnold Heiting	Donnie Sox
Bonnie Ramsey	Barbara Pearson	Sue Ballentine	

**Shut-Ins:** Bob & Mary Brewer; Mary Comolander; Nellie Hipp; Doris Ivey; LaCrecia Taylor; Terry Pitts; Ruby Schmotzer; Claudia Sineath; Bruce & Jean Raynor; David Roberts

**Family and Friends:** **Tony & Tracie Ramos** (*Neighbors of Kathy White*); **Adam Davis** (*grandson of Bob & Libby Strickland*); **Matt Owen** (*husband of Nell Cooke's granddaughter*); **Michael Carter** (*son of Esther Carter*); **Ed & Lisa Barton** (*Brandon Jones' coworker and his wife*); **Garland Pearson** (*brother of Bill Pearson*); **George Rentz** (*father of Marty Johnson*); **Lyndsey Roberts** (*daughter of WC Fire Marshall Danny Roberts*); **Jon Kirby** (*grandson of Nell Cooke*); **Narcie McClendon Jeter** (*daughter of Tim McClendon*); **John Glaze** (*brother-in-law of Shirley Butler*); **Jeanne Crone** (*neighbor of Jo Ann & Arnold Heiting*); **Adam Lavender** (*son of Phil Lavender*); **Vickie Bright** (*friend of Kaye Floyd*); **Mike Rentz** (*brother of Marty Johnson*); **Walt Beck** (*friend of Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting*); **Linda Boatwright** (*sister of George & Morris Taylor*); **Vera Von Glahn** (*sister-in-law of Jo Ann Heiting*); **Frankie Hendrix** (*cousin of Barbara Pearson*)

If you have a friend or family member on the Prayer List, we ask you to please keep us updated. If no word is received, we will trust that our prayers have been answered and remove the name. To update us, please call the office or e-mail us at [trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com](mailto:trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com).

**OUR PRESENCE ...**

Attendance 10/06 Sunday School 32 Morning Worship: 67

**OUR GIFTS ...**

General Fund 10/06 \$ 8,677.00

**OUR SERVICE.”**

### *Church Calendar*

**TODAY** Birthday Celebration

Nominations and Leadership Dev. Meeting following service

**10/15** Charge Conference, 6 p.m.

**10/16** Prayer Group, 7 a.m.

Wonderful Wednesday Meal, 5:30 p.m.

Bible Study, 6:15 p.m.

Choir, 7 p.m.

**10/18** Planning Retreat, 5:30 p.m.

**10/19** Planning Retreat, 8 a.m.

### *Serving in October*

**Serving On: October 20**

Ushers: Tom Geddens

Tellers: Ted Frady, Patsy Boggs

Flowers: Jeff Hipp

Acolyte: Matthew Skipper

Lay Reader: Tom Geddens

Time Together: Mary Louise Robinson

AV Assistant: Jim Miller

Greeter: Pauline Wenner

**October 27**

Tom Geddens

Pam Turner; Bonnie Ramsey

Lynn Martin

Brandon Edwards

Tom Geddens

United Methodist Women

Jim Miller

George Taylor

**Trinity  
United  
Methodist  
Church**



**Ministers  
Pastor  
Resident Bishop  
District Superintendent**

**The Congregation  
Robert D. B. Reeves  
Jonathan Holston  
Rev. Dr. Timothy McClendon**

And you also  
were included  
in Christ  
when  
you heard  
the word of  
truth.  
Ephesians 1:13

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To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

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## The Stewardship of Presence

By Marie Stiles

We live in a very fast paced society, one in which our lives are compartmentalized: dad's playing golf, mom's going to aerobics, the kids or grandkids are in soccer, band, baseball, dance, school activities. In addition to all of this activity, we have the common responsibilities of life: work, school, shopping, medical appointments, domestic needs of home, car repairs, paying bills, and the list goes on.

We prioritize our choices of activity in the order of their value to us. We can't skip work, because we need the paycheck. We can't skip mom's birthday party because she will be hurt that we didn't come. However, it seems easy to "skip" church – because we had a busy week, we had things to do, we are tired and needed to sleep in. Such reasons are certainly true occasionally, but surely not every other week. One cannot avoid the fact that repeated absence from corporate worship is an indicator that something is not right with our spiritual life. Unfortunately we often choose to give up that which we need most.

Hebrews 10:23-25 says, *"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another (NRSV)."*

Think about those times when you go to Sunday school, the crowd is small, and people are absent. Isn't something missing? And what about those times when you walk into the sanctuary for worship and see "a lot of wood" rather than brothers and sisters in Christ? What do you feel? Where is everybody? What kind of testimony does this give? What message are we communicating? What are we saying to those who are visiting with us? None of us can be present all of the time, but we should acknowledge the need to practice the stewardship of presence. "Being there" is important. I wanted to share the words of a once popular sitcom theme song because I think it speaks to one of the words in Trinity's vision statement – connecting.

*"Making your way in the world today takes everything you've got. Taking a break from all your worries, sure would help a lot. Wouldn't you like to get away?"*

*Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came.*

*You wanna be where you can see our troubles are all the same. You wanna be where everybody knows your name."*

Let us resolve to make this day a new beginning. Let us all renew our commitment to being present in worship and in the lives of others. Let's all work to make Trinity one where we can minister and everybody knows that we are committed to becoming all that God wants us to be—together.

And also remembering Matthew 6:21 – "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."



The Wonderful Wednesdays meal will start at 5:30 p.m. and the Bible Study will begin at 6:15 p.m. The meal this Wednesday will be prepared by the Worship Ministries Team and will include:

Fried Chicken  
Potato Salad; Coleslaw  
Rolls, Dessert

Please be sure to sign up for your Wednesday meal by handing your form in on Sunday or by calling Jackie Eitel on Monday. For the cooks to shop and prepare the meals, they need to have the information as soon as possible so they can make enough to serve those who have signed up.

We will have a sheet with the names of those who signed up and will check it off as meals are paid for. Those who did not sign up for meals will wait until 5:50 p.m. or until all those reserved have been checked. No seconds will be served until all meals have been served.

The price of the meals will be \$5.00 for adults and children 12 and over, \$3.00 for children 6 to 12 and \$1.00 for children ages 2 to 5.

There will be a limit of \$12.00 to be paid per immediate\* family, with a maximum of five persons. (After five family members, each additional person is \$3.00.) (\*Two related generations is an immediate family.)



Our Fall Planning Retreat will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, at Trinity. Dr. Brian Rainwater, Executive Pastor at Mt. Horeb UMC, will be our facilitator. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this planning session as we meet to make plans for 2014.

On Friday we will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and share a meal of Francis Hipp's wonderful steaks. On Saturday, we will gather at 8 a.m. for a continental breakfast, begin our planning session at 9 a.m. and end around 3 p.m. We are asking for a \$15.00 donation to offset the cost of the retreat. A sign-up sheet will be in the Gathering Area. Please plan to join us and provide your input as we seek a plan of action for the upcoming months.