



Reminder

July 2009

Trinity United Methodist Church

REVelations

The election in Iran has ushered in a new era of Justice in our world. I praise the thousands of people in Iran who are staking such a courageous claim on freedom and who have discovered how to harness the power of the internet to rally an international cry for freedom to join with their own.

There is a lot of concern about the open access the internet offers; but we are seeing the blessing that access can bring. One of the two keys to human oppression – silence and fear – has been broken open and the brutality plays before a world-wide audience.

As we celebrate our own Independence Day, the struggles of Iran remind us of the core from which that independence comes:

1) From the constant longing of the human heart for freedom. God created us to thrive in a just society in which the health and wholeness of all its people are non-negotiables.

2) From a united voice that cries with and for those who are treated unfairly. The American revolutionaries did not win the war alone, but with the help of the French and the Spanish who came to our aid. God calls those of us who benefit from the justice we have to join with those who struggle for that blessing.

3) From God whose Kingdom shall have its day. We are seeing a modern-day enactment of the parable of the persistent widow (Luke 18). At the end of the parable, Luke says, ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸I tell you, he will see that they get justice."

On June 22, an Iranian coed was shot and killed by a sniper as she got out of her car on a side street of Tehran. Her name was Neda, which in Persian means, "voice". Her death has raised up the global cry that, in the name of God, oppression is the one thing that must be silenced.

As we celebrate independence, let us pray to God for the people of Iran, for the courage to lift our voice up with theirs, and may the widow of our day have her justice.- *Rev. Nan*

Vacation Bible School- July 27- 31

We invite you and your children to come and share in our Rainforest Adventure July 27th through the 31st, 5:30- 8:30.

Our Rainforest Adventure Vacation Bible School program is a fun-filled, God-centered vacation Bible school program designed to help kids experience the importance of Stewardship, and how everyone can care for God's creation. Children will also learn it is fun and faithful to share the good news of Jesus' love with everyone. The daily themes (sharing, giving, growing, loving, and praising) are used to show how to put Jesus' love into action.



Everyone of all ages are welcome to participate in this Rainforest Adventure. Activities for children range from age 3 to grade 6, but there is a place for everyone of all ages in this Vacation Bible School adventure! Pick up your VBS forms at church or register online at www.trinityralston.org.

Music Notes

Hopefully you are enjoying a relaxing, spirit filled summer! Grateful Heart will once again be giving a concert in the park following the city picnic on July 3rd. Remember that our own Holy Ground will be singing on the front lawn immediately preceding the 4th of July parade. We will begin singing about 11:30. Park your chairs and enjoy the spirit of the Lord as we fill the festivities with the spirit of God through the music of Holy Ground!

The music Department at Trinity would like to invite you to participate in the Intergenerational Choir that will sing for worship on Sunday, July 5. We will meet in the Music Room @ 9:30 to rehearse before worship. Everyone who wants to lift their voices in praise to the lord is invited!

All women of the congregation are invited to be a part of the Women's Chorus that will sing for worship on Sunday, July 12. We will meet in the Music Room @ 9:30 to rehearse before worship.

There has been a creative change of plan for July 19 special music! We have a dynamite cast, directed by Liz Polivka, which will joyfully lead us in drama and song as they present "Gilligan's Ark". You may know the story of Noah and you may remember Gilligan's Island, but we can guarantee that "Gilligan's Ark" is a story that you will want to tell and retell with your friends and family. Don't miss it!

Trinity Youth are invited to join with Free Spirit to sing special music on Sunday, July 26. We will meet in the Music Room @ 9:30 to rehearse before worship.



Rev Nan and Lew invite you to celebrate the marriage of Benjamin Kaye-Skinner and Elizabeth Kuskie at a reception and dance on Saturday, August 1, 2009 from 7-10pm in the Trinity Community Center.

Senior High Mission Trip

Senior High to Houston

Ten senior high youth and four sponsors will leave right after worship on Sunday, July 5, for Texas. They will spend the week restoring homes in Galveston that were damaged by Hurricane Ike. Please keep the team in your prayers for safe travel and a rewarding mission experience.

Thank You

A very blessed "thank you" to everyone from Trinity who came to the shower, those who left us gifts but could not attend, and those that send us their blessings. We are glad to have all of you praying for us and wishing us well and hope to see you at the church on August 1st.- Ben and Liz (she hasn't gotten the wiser yet)

I would like to express my deep appreciation to everyone for their words of encouragement, cards, phone calls, and gifts as I ended my time as church secretary. I have been overwhelmed by your kindness and love. I greatly miss the daily interactions with the congregation, staff and those visitors from our community, however, God has given me the gift of being able to be with our children and I am loving it. Thank you again for all your love and support. -Roxanne Lott

Angel Food Ministry

- Order forms are here for the June Angel Food delivery.
- Orders will be taken through Tuesday, July 14. The food will be delivered on Sat., July 25 at the Ralston Senior center. Help is needed to pass out the food from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Community Center Update

The Grand Opening was a marvelous weekend. Congratulations to the planning team for a great success! A Community Center Board has been organized by the Administrative Council to be sure there is a group of people continuing to promote and develop this ministry.

Bill Walsh is still on-the-job making sure construction is completed to our satisfaction. He as 122 items on his "punch list" to complete, so you can still find him at the church most days.

Mission Update

Annual Yard Sale: The yard sale will be **July 18** from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm in the lower level of our new addition. Donations such as seasonal items, children's clothing, books, tapes, small appliances, household items, toys and games are acceptable. Larger items such as lawn mowers, bikes and televisions are also welcome. You may bring your items to the new south door (by the garage door) on July 13, 14, 15, and 16th from 6:30 to 9:00 pm.

Refugee Sunday Speaker: On July 12th we will hear Glendora Isavea, a Northwest High School teacher, from Uzbekistan and Dina Haqi, a refugee from Iran, who is an aide at Northwest High. They will discuss the needs of refugee students and how they work with them.

Visiting Mission Teams: The first of our three summer mission teams has enjoyed the hospitality of Trinity. We welcome these visitors who are working at various local outreach ministries. Two more teams will arrive in July.

Fair Trade Coffee Sale: The \$138 we netted from the sale will help provide support for our young refugee family in KC. Fresta and Abdul are expecting their first child this summer. Thanks to all who purchased coffee and you may continue to purchase fair trade coffee on line by going to our website. Trinity will receive 50% of the sale. If you are interested in supplying the church with fair trade coffee, you may sign up on Sundays next to the coffee and donuts.

Simon Sisters: 31 pairs of glasses were sent to Project 20/20 and towels and a \$75.00 donation for bus passes were given to Heartland Family Center.

Summer Book Talk and Children's Activities

All you readers (and those who just want to listen), bring a sack lunch and your kids.

Adults will discuss the book with Judy Dappen and the kids will join Liz Johnson in the community center for lunch, crafts and playtime. The dates and books are:

- ☆ **July 17th** Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder- Dr. Paul Farmer is on a mission to cure the world. See how he makes a difference in helping to solve global health problems.
- ☆ **August 5th** The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom- This is a story of how an ordinary woman fought in the resistance movement during World War II.

We meet from 11:30 to 1:00 pm. All are welcome.

Boys and Girls



Girls July 24-July 25 Boys July 31- August 1 \$10.00

All boys and girls who will be in the 5th, 6th, or 7th grade are invited to join an overnight program that will show pre-teens "How To Become a Man/Woman of God." This program will incorporate games, reading, bible, study and several other hands on activities that will engage pre-teens in a growing experience like no other. The youth will be invited to stay from 7pm to 8 am, snacks and breakfast will be provided. Registration includes a \$10 fee. Pick up your registration forms at church or online at www.trinityralston.org

Donuts

July 5 Joyce Burrell
July 12 Jan Gorman
July 19 Marian Iversen
July 26 Carol Jack

Coffee

Ed and Diane Hansler
Duane Boruff
E Higgason/ S Mecseji/
J Gorman
Diane and Mel Adams

Liturgists: 10:00

July 5 Paul Wilson
July 12 Dee Linse
July 19 Kyle Sramek
July 26 Matt Ricchini

July Birthdays

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| 1- Zachary Dillon | 22- Jacob Kinsella |
| 2- Kelly Taylor | 23- Robert Abel |
| 3- Jerilyn Frisbie | Shari Bible |
| Deann Wintle | Roger Brown |
| 5- Jimmy Young | 24- Steve Gage |
| 7- Shon Barenklau | Kadie Hicklin |
| Larry Berray | Melanie Johnson |
| Stephanie Dye | 25- Kathy Braga |
| Steve Gilbert | Taylor Whitehouse J |
| 8- Erin Czarnick | 27- Nicholas Leypoldt |
| Mark Wohar | Ryan Pearson |
| 10- Glenn Fletcher | Megan Sullivan |
| 12- Katherine Keatts | Jodi York |
| 14-Nathan Demarais | 28- Brad Groesser |
| 16- Morgan Higgason | Judy Neiman |
| Ryen Lubbe | 29- Bev Sadler |
| 17- Roger Moritz | 30- Alex Shannon |
| Todd Jasman | 31- Diane Demarais |
| 18- Laura Jorgensen | Jaden Lawson |
| 19- Eileen Tiede | |
| 20- Suzanne Leypoldt | |
| 21- Ron Hindley 58 | |

news FROM THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Annual Conference Highlights

*Launching the Conference Young Adult Network with forty, under-30-age-adults in attendance

*79 senior high at Youth Annual Conference, including Trinity's Nicole Ricchini and Nicole Edgar;

*Bishop Schanze's lessons on Radical Hospitality

*In the midst of a bad economy, the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation loses only 17% of its investment value;

*5 new elders are ordained into the ministry

*A strong mission presence from Lydia Patterson, our Nigerian orphanage, the Nebraska Micah Corp, VIM teams going to Honduras and Kenya, and so many more!

Persons to Keep in Prayer:

- Millie Renno, 4115 W. 38th Ave #G3, Denver, CO 80212
- Ken Anderson, 16118 Dorcas St., Omaha, NE 68130
- Cecil Lyman, 1507 E Gold Coast Rd, Papillion, NE 68046
- Dela Polston, 5710 S. 108th St. #146, Omaha, NE 68137
- Frank Johnson, 7609 Oakwood St., Ralston, NE 68127
- Nancy Johnson, 2824 N. 66th Ave #169, Omaha, NE 68104
- Joan Price, 918 Michael Drive, Papillion, NE 68046
- Jackie Stafford, 12835 Deauville Dr. #302, Omaha, NE 68137
- Jan and Roger Brown, 8023 Nina St., Omaha, NE 68124

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*Building a Community,
in Unity with Christ*

JULY 27 - Big Muddy District Golf Scramble

Mark your calendars for Monday, July 27th. Golfers and teams from churches around the district will gather together at Stone Creek Golf Course for a four-person scramble tournament. The cost of \$75.00 person (\$300/team) includes, 18 holes of golf with cart, a sleeve of golf balls, tournament t-shirt and lunch, flag prizes and more. All proceeds will help students from the Missouri River District of the United Methodist Church participate in district-wide youth ministry events during the 2009-2010 school year.

Get more information or register your team today at www.faithwestwood.com or by contacting

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<https://faithwestwood.wufoo.com/forms/missouri-river-district-golf-scramble>

Jobs Available: When the Community Center is reserved for events, part of the fee will be paid to someone who operates the dishwasher, and someone to operate the sound system. Any member of the church who is willing to be trained to use the equipment can be put on the operators list. You will be called when a reservation is made and asked if you are able to work that event. Daytime and evening workers will be needed. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the church office.

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