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# Trinity Herald

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## B.Y.O.P.D. & Miniature Golf

SUNDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>: 5:30PM - dark???

Bring Your Own Picnic Dinner

Let's enjoy springtime together with a Picnic and Miniature Golf at Green Acres Miniature Golf Course located on E. Hwy 80. If you don't care to golf, just bring a picnic dinner anyway and sit and enjoy the evening with each other. For your convenience drinks may be purchased at the concession stand or you may bring your own. There are picnic tables adjacent to the miniature golf area that we may use or you may bring your own chair and/or a blanket. Prizes will be given away to the Adult, Youth and Child with the lowest and highest scores. This event will be canceled if the weather does not cooperate. For further information or questions, please contact Karen Evans (634-5024) or VerNelle Fidler (694-6467).



Hope to see you there!!!



## Usher Volunteers Needed!

See page 2 for the details!

## Christmas In Action

FRIDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, & SATURDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>

We will be replacing old siding and windows. Watch for more information, or you can talk to Captain Cal Clausen or Co-Captain, Lori Fultz.

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### Dates of Interest

Wednesday, 04/02:  
Building & Grounds Mtg.

Sunday, 04/06:  
Church Fellowship

Tuesday, 04/08:  
PW Bible Study  
Committee Night

Sunday, 04/13:  
Spring Blood Drive  
Vespers at Greathouse  
Youth @ Grace

Tuesday, 04/15:  
Session Meeting

Friday, 04/18:  
Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, 04/20:  
Youth @ Trinity

Tuesday, 04/22:  
Earth Day

# M.A.C. Announcements

(Midland Association of Churches)

*dreamcatchers*

**Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>:**

Meeting – 7pm @ Midland Lutheran

**Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>:**

Career Day at Lamar Elementary



## “Unity in the Community”

**Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11am to 2 pm**

First Presbyterian Lynn Hall

\$15.00 per person; lunch included –  
registration forms on bulletin board

**Presented by:**

**Midland Association of Churches \*\*\***

**Casa De Amigos \*\*\* Church Women United**

Celebrating cultural diversity and observing

Friendship Day & World Day of Prayer

Keynote presentation: **Mayor Wes Perry**

Workshop Topics:

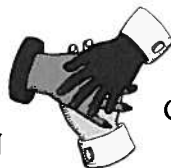
IMMIGRATION/GENERATIONAL IMPACT

UNDERSTANDING POVERTY

HEALTH CARE DISPARITY

CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS IN  
EDUCATION

SPIRITUAL ASPECTS OF DIVERSITY  
(TOLERANCE, DIFFERENCE, RESPECT)



## MAC Lunch & Meeting

(open to all)

**Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 12pm:**

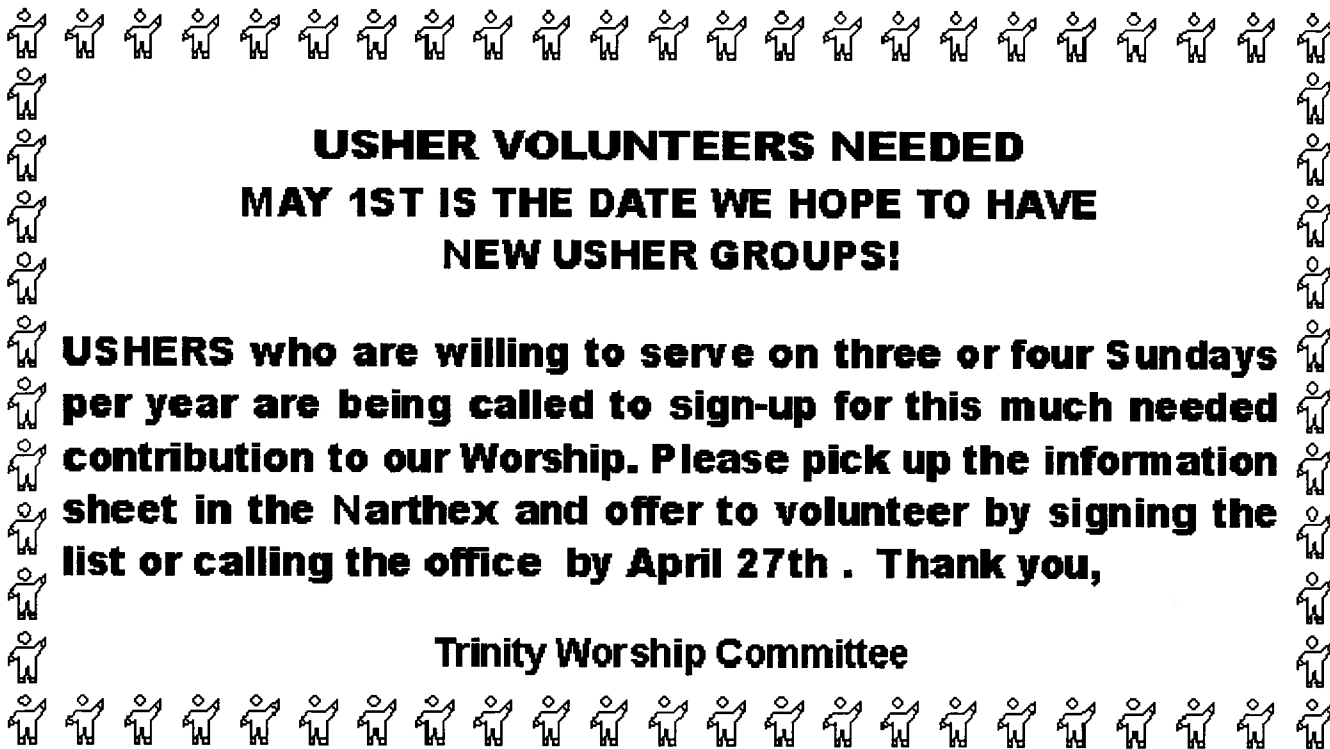
St. Nicholas Episcopal Church

Program:

Faces of Children, Chris Laufer, Director

Special Presentation about the Midland 35 Project




  
**USHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**MAY 1ST IS THE DATE WE HOPE TO HAVE**  
**NEW USHER GROUPS!**  
**USHERS who are willing to serve on three or four Sundays**  
**per year are being called to sign-up for this much needed**  
**contribution to our Worship. Please pick up the information**  
**sheet in the Narthex and offer to volunteer by signing the**  
**list or calling the office by April 27th . Thank you,**  
  
**Trinity Worship Committee**

## The Children's Learning Center

Sandra Wills, *CLC Director*

**Happy Spring** from the CLC!

Hope you are all rested from Spring Break. The CLC is in full motion again as we begin Spring for 2008.

March was filled with Bible stories about Jesus, including the crucifixion and resurrection. We all enjoyed Easter with egg hunts and parties. The children learned about Spring, Windsocks, Kites, and Pinwheels. We finished March with a theme on Jungle Animals. Asia was discussed in Geography, and Spring Planting was the activity for Science.

April will be filled with many fun activities. Units will include Nursery Rhymes, Farm Animals, Conservation, and Inventions & Inventors. The Science room with the plants, the fish aquariums, the worms in the worm farm, and hatching butterflies has remained popular. Our hermit crabs are still a hit!

This year's Spring Program will be Thursday evening May 1, beginning at 6:00pm, in the Sanctuary. This will include a presentation of the character traits and Bible verses we have learned all year. Hope you can join us!

Our summer program is nearly 100% full, and fall registration is currently in progress.

**Better Behavior:** As children grow up, it is natural for them to challenge you. Although it is easier for them to get their way, they need to have limits and they need guidance from their parents. Discipline works best with a balance of love and respect. Some effective discipline guidelines include: 1) make the rules and expectations clear and explain the consequences; 2) be consistent and firm; your child will know that you mean business; 3) give positive feedback; try to focus more on the right actions than on the wrong ones.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the Children's Learning Center.



God, You have already placed Your hands on our next pastor. Wrap Your loving arms around this pastor and his or her family and prepare them, and us, for our ministry together. Amen.

## 2007-2008 Women's Bible Study

ABOVE AND BEYOND:

HEARING GOD'S CALL IN JONAH AND RUTH

Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm, in the Parlor.

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### **Ruth – In God We Trust?**

Bobbie Rose, *Presbyterian Women*

#### **Chapter 3**

Naomi, confident that Boaz is their long-awaited lifeline from God, sends Ruth to the threshing floor to encourage Boaz to take responsibility for them as their kinsman-redeemer. To Ruth's surprise, Boaz announces the existence of a male relative who is more closely related to Naomi's dead husband than he. This creates a painfully awkward and potentially dangerous situation for Ruth. Sensitive to her pride, her reputation, and her safety, Boaz instructs Ruth to "lie down until morning" and reassures her that if the other man will not redeem them, he will. After what must have been an interesting night, he sends her back to her mother-in-law in the cover of the dim light of dawn.

One of the things this chapter calls us to consider is whether we will act faithfully in the face of uncertainty. The nearer kinsman is a significant obstacle to the happy ending that had been anticipated. What do we do when God seems to send us mixed signals? How can we be sure what God's call is when the door keeps slamming shut in our faces? Ruth, Boaz, and Naomi all teach us something about faithfulness and trust in moments of confusion and doubt.

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# Thank You!

Dear Trinity Congregation,

Thanks so much for your help [when we stayed at the church]. We had a great, albeit short, stop here in Midland. Many thanks for the hospitality of your church.

Lisa Schultz,

*Arthur Morgan School – Power Field Trip*

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Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much on behalf of the Free Wheelchair Mission. Trinity Presbyterian Church sent \$5,948.35 to Free Wheelchair Mission from the March 2008 fund drive. That is more than 120 wheelchairs!! Thank you for being so generous.

Community Ministry Committee's

Moment for Mission

## Mission Possible

In **April**, we will support the Spring Blood Drive and collect for: **CPS Rainbow Room**

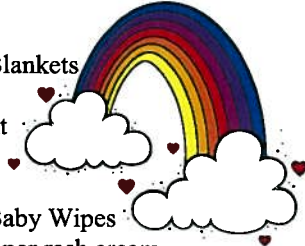
The Community Ministry Committee has come up with some exciting ways for Trinity to participate in Midland mission. You can cut out this calendar to put in your purse or wallet so that you could pick up your donation items while you run your everyday errands. A donation may be given through the church office. Please write "CPS" in the memo section.

### Special Needs in the Rainbow Room:

#### Household Items:

Laundry Detergent  
Household cleaning supplies  
Lice shampoo/furniture treatment

Blankets



#### Baby Items:

Clothing, premie to 24 mos  
Diapers – all sizes  
Baby Shampoo, lotion, wash, diaper rash cream  
Thermometers  
Car seats

Baby Wipes

Bottles, pacifiers

Diapers, premie to size 5

Clothing: For children up to age 10

Socks

Underwear

#### Personal Hygiene Products

Deodorant  
Lotion

Shampoo and conditioner

Toothpaste

#### Food:

Peanut Butter

Canned Foods (especially kid friendly items like spaghetti, one can meals, etc.)

We also use individually wrapped packages of cookies/crackers/snacks and juice boxes for children who have visits with parents in the afternoons after school. Sometimes these kids come straight from school and are hungry. As a rule, we only accept new/unused items; however, we make exceptions with some items that are costly and rarely donated. We are often in need of baby beds, cribs, strollers and car seats that are in good condition. You can call to see if we can use those.

### What does the Lord require of you?

#### March

Christmas in Action  
& TAKS PAKS

#### April

Blood Drive &  
CPS Rainbow Room

#### May

Fellowship of the Least Coin  
(Presbyterian Women)

To act justly, to love mercy, and  
walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

# 55 Alive!

## AARP's Driver Safety Program

The AARP Driving Safety Program is coming to the **Trinity Las Cruces Room on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup>, from 1pm to 5pm each day.** It is regularly given at First Presbyterian, and now Trinity is hosting the class.



1. AARP's Driver Safety Program is an eight-hour (2 four-hour sessions) refresher course designed for experienced drivers age 50 and older. It is necessary to attend both sessions.
2. The program, designed by AARP, is the first and most recognized comprehensive, nationwide course created especially for older drivers.
3. The course may be designed for older drivers, but anyone may take, and benefit from, the course.
4. Instructors are specially trained AARP volunteers.
5. The cost is \$10.00, which includes the manual given to each participant. This fee is payable by cash, check or money order at the beginning of the course and is not refundable.
6. There are NO tests required.
7. Upon completion of the course each participant will be given a certificate which can be used to reduce one's car insurance rates for 3 years (Note: this certificate cannot be used toward the forgiveness of a traffic violation.)

If you desire to take this course, contact the church office (682-2514, [trinity@tpcmidland.org](mailto:trinity@tpcmidland.org)).

## Sunday Bus Service


### *Outreach Committee*



Trinity has begun using the church van to pick up members in time for Sunday School at 8:45am and the 10am worship service. If you would like to catch a ride to church, please call Bitsy Lee (694-2611) or the church office (682-2514).

# BLOOD DRIVE

**Sunday, April 13, 2008  
11:00am – 3:00pm; Fellowship Hall**

1. Minimum age 17. No upper age limit.
  2. No waiting period after flu shots.
  3. 110 pound minimum weight.
  4. Malaria:
    - a) Donors who have had malaria may donate if they have been symptom-free for three years.
    - b) Donors will be deferred for one year for travel to a malaria endemic area (whether or not they received malaria treatment before travel).
  5. Rheumatoid arthritis is OK if joints are not inflamed at time of donation.
  6. Epilepsy is acceptable if donor, whether on or off medication, has been seizure-free for one month.
  7. Heart attack: May donate if donor has been symptom-free for one year and on no heart medication. Must have a signed release from the cardiologist.
  8. By-Pass Surgery: May donate if donor has been symptom-free for one year, on no heart medication and not restricted by doctor. Must have a signed release from the cardiologist.
  9. Cancer: May donate if cancer has been treated and if donor has been completely disease free with no recurrence in at least ten years.
  10. Exceptions:
    - a) Hodgkin's disease, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. All lymphomas, melanomas and leukemia are permanent deferrals.
    - b) Skin cancer (except melanomas and carcinoma "in situ" of the cervix) are OK as soon as removed.
  11. Ear piercing OK if performed with air gun or in physician's office.
  12. Major surgery: Must wait two months after surgery. If patient received blood, must wait 12 months.
  13. Minor surgery: OK after released by physician.
  14. Must have photo I.D.
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- If you wish to donate blood but are unable to be here April 13th, please call United Blood Services at 520-4592 to make an appointment and, if possible, donate PRIOR to our drive. Be sure and have them credit your "donation" to the TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH account. The donor room is located at 4706 N. Midkiff, Ste. 20 in Midland. Their hours are as follows:
- |                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Monday               | 9:00am – 5:00pm  |
| Tuesday and Thursday | 11:00am – 8:00pm |
| Wednesday            | 9:00am – 5:00pm  |
| Friday               | 8:00am – 1:00pm  |
| Saturday             | 8:00pm – 1:00pm  |
- OUR GOAL IS 20 DONORS.  
CALL MARGARET KEPPLER AT 694-1265.
- Can You Spare A Drop?** 
- These Days Devotional Guides (April – June) are in the narthex and outside the church office.

## Last Month's Concerns



Josie Muñoz; Don Hunter; Bobby Evans' uncle, Troy Corbin; Nancy Betts' friend, Gwenda Roberts; Martha Martin; Mary Bell; Tresa Bolin's parents, Robert & Lucille Embry; Brenda Perryman's mother, Lois Watkins; Marcia Chabak; Joe Vaughn; Peggy Armstrong; Fran Dawson; Katie Hibler; Joe Overton's brother; Whitney (Rose) Young and new son Christian Ray Cooper; Tony Freed's aunt Charlene; Jim Trott, Sr.; Elizabeth Sites; Mary Esslinger; Marshall Box; Corky Trott; Marj Schaafsma.

## Condolences

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to:

- The family and friends of Katie Hibler's friend, Mike Calendar, upon his death on Wednesday, March 5, 2008
- The family and friends of Larry Williams upon his death on Saturday, March 22, 2008.

## Wednesday Night Dinner Menu

The Wednesday Night Dinner is catered by Sidekicks and is served from 5:15-6:15pm. The cost is \$6.50 per adult (12 and over), \$3.50 child's plate (11 and under), with an *immediate family* maximum of \$25.00. Hot dog sacks are no longer available.

April 2	Lasagna
April 9	Nacho Supreme
April 16	Baked Chicken
April 23	Beef Stew
April 30	Chicken Fried Chicken

## The Next *Trinity Herald* Deadline

The submission deadline for items for the May *Trinity Herald* is Friday, April 18, 2008.

Items may be brought by the church office, emailed to [becca@tpcmidland.org](mailto:becca@tpcmidland.org), or faxed to (432) 685-0109. All items submitted may be edited for space and content.

## TPC Needs YOU!

Sound system operators are needed weekly!  
Complete training available!  
Call Betty Gaines to serve in the sound booth.





## Financial Report

General Fund:2/29/2008

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Pledge Rcpts	\$38,415	\$46,508
Non-Pledge	\$10,609	\$14,504
Loose Rcpts	\$146	\$367
Misc. Rcpts	\$10,092	\$1,682
Interest Income	\$302	\$500
Oil & Gas Roy.	\$705	\$1,000
Prepays	\$14,648	\$14,648
GF:CI/DF Suspense	\$1,064	\$0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$75,981</b>	<b>\$79,209</b>
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Staff	\$34,844	\$48,427
Administrative	\$3,880	\$4,446
Benevolence	\$9,009	\$9,687
Bldg & Grounds	\$10,940	\$12,921
Christian Ed.	\$485	\$2,108
Cong. Fellowship	\$0	\$217
Comm. Ministry	\$0	\$550
Finance	\$941	\$5,642
Food Service	\$396	\$475
Outreach/Pub.	\$667	\$800
Worship	\$639	\$1,692
Witness & Evang.	\$0	\$0
Shepherd Min.	\$0	\$17
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$61,802</b>	<b>\$86,981</b>

## Recent Visitors

Dirk & Dona, Sterling, Steely, & Stefan Retzlaff	
Jarod Rose	Doug Brown
Sharon Hohlfeld	Debbie Winegar
Flynn & Kay Long	Yolanda Ferralez
Mia Rook	Sharon Luzadder
Nathaniel Stokes	Gary & Janice Beckner
Clarese Gough	John Franklin
Martha Johnson	Amanda Muchenthaler
Mary Fry	Zoe Wood
Travis & Helen Hatter	Pat McDaniel
Sidney Yoder	Glen & Rosemarie Wagner
Jodi Campbell	Wayne & Leilani Matthews
Britt & Sally Gardner, Dylan & Tyler	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9am Sew & Sews 11:30am Where's Lunch, Ladies? Cotton Patch 12-1pm Daily Prayer 2PM STAFF MTG	2 12-1pm Daily Prayer 5:15pm WN Dinner 6:15pm WN Adults & Kids Programs 7pm Building & Grounds mtg. 7pm Music Rehearsal	3 6:30am Men's Breakfast- Cracker Barrel 12-1pm Daily Prayer	4 12-1pm Daily Prayer	5
6 8:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service 5:30pm?? BYOPD & Miniature Golf 	7 12-1pm Daily Prayer 6pm PNC mtg.	8 9am Sew & Sews 11:30am Where's Lunch, Ladies? Cattle Baron 12-1pm Daily Prayer 2PM STAFF MTG 5:30pm PW Bible Study 6pm ECOB 7pm Committee Night	9 12-1pm Daily Prayer 5:15pm WN Dinner 6:15pm WN Adults & Kids Programs 7pm Music Rehearsal	10 6:30am Men's Breakfast- Cracker Barrel 12-1pm Daily Prayer	11 12-1pm Daily Prayer	12
13 8:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11AM-3PM BLOOD DRIVE 4pm Vespers at Greathouse 6-8pm Youth Group	14 noon-1pm Prayer in the Sanctuary	15 9am Sew & Sews 11:30am Where's Lunch, Ladies? Dos Compadres 12-1pm Daily Prayer 2PM STAFF MTG 7pm Session Mtg	16 12-1pm Daily Prayer 5:15pm WN Dinner 6:15pm WN Adults & Kids Programs 7pm Music Rehearsal	17 6:30am Men's Breakfast- Cracker Barrel 12-1pm Daily Prayer	18 8am Christmas in Action 12-1pm Daily Prayer 3pm Newsletter Deadline 	19 Christmas in Action
20 Passover begins 8:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service 6-8pm Youth Group 	21 noon-1pm Prayer in the Sanctuary 6pm Pack 222's Blue & Gold Banquet 6pm PNC mtg.	22 Earth Day 9am Sew & Sews 11:30am Where's Lunch, Ladies? Fuddruckers 12-1pm Daily Prayer 2PM STAFF MTG 	23 12-1pm Daily Prayer 5:15pm WN Dinner 6:15pm WN Adults & Kids Programs 7pm Music Rehearsal	24 6:30am Men's Breakfast- Cracker Barrel 12-1pm Daily Prayer	25 12-1pm Daily Prayer	26
27 8:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service 6-8pm Youth Group	28 noon-1pm Prayer in the Sanctuary	29 9am Sew & Sews 11:30am Where's Lunch, Ladies? On the Border 2PM STAFF MTG	30 12-1pm Daily Prayer 5:15pm WN Dinner 6:15pm WN Adults & Kids Programs 7pm Music Rehearsal	<h1>April 2008</h1>		

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# April Birthdays

- 1 Bill Burkett
- 2 Nicholas Williams
- 3 Gary Covington  
Janet Witcher
- 4 Louise Gee
- 5 Buddy Rush  
Dick Snyder
- 6 Marshall Box
- 10 Steve Spain
- 11 Lynne Swan
- 12 Eddie Gorence  
Cathy Shaeffer
- 14 Jack Swan
- 15 George Cheyney
- 17 Katie Hibler  
Helen Lydecker



- 19 Gloria Watson
- 20 Marcie Christensen  
Brian Fultz  
Christina Rial
- 21 Ted Battles  
Bill Phillips  
Kyle Rigger
- 22 Fran Dawson
- 23 Morgan Brown  
Cal Clausen  
Bobby Evans  
April Robinson
- 25 Kathryn Owen
- 26 Melanie Entzminger
- 28 Calvin Serpas
- 30 Lena Ochsner  
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