Back in El Paso, I had a member that proudly told me he was a C and E member. He meant that he only came on Christmas and Easter. I don’t know if he told me this to see if I would get upset, or if he was just being honest.

When I first got to that Church, there really wasn’t much for him to do. Why would he come? There was no men’s group. There was no Sunday School class that interested him. To be honest, he might have been giving himself more credit than he should have at C and E.

But as time went on, we developed a relationship. I didn’t force the issue of Church attendance. We just became friends. Then I figured out a ministry that would be perfect for him. He agreed to give it a try. He did an incredible job. But it was a once a year kind of opportunity.

The next year, I asked him again. I didn’t have to try very hard before he agreed. He was hooked. He began to show up a little more often. Soon, he was there every Sunday. He looked for opportunities to serve.

He wasn’t the only one. Other members began to enjoy trying new things. Some of them even quit waiting for me to ask. They began to ask if they could start a new ministry. Some were once a year kind of things. Others were a few times a year. Some were even weekly. But people began to enjoy coming to Church. There were things to do. They found a new joy.

Then people that had never been to our Church started to come. They heard great things. They wanted to be part of the success. The Church grew. But more important, individual members were growing in their faith.

Is there something you want to try? God gave you your interests. I believe He can use the things that interest you to grow your faith. And I believe He can use you to grow this local Church.

Blessings,
Pastor Glenn
APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Ed Eaton 4-08
Andrew Dominquez 4-08
Donna James 4-10
Jeffrey Ahlen 4-24

Upcoming April Events:

2nd-Communion– Native Am. Ministries
2nd-Trustee Meeting
16th- Black Pot-The Satellite Ministries
23rd-Finance & Church Council Meeting
22nd-UMW in Clovis
29th-UMW at Peachtree at 9:30 am
23rd-Pot Luck

Communion Offering for April 2nd will go to Native American Ministries

Black Pot Offering for April 16th will go to The Satellite Ministries

Name Tags

How important is it to wear a name tag? As one new person in our congregation shared with me, it has really helped me to know people’s names. I know there is the general feeling “everyone knows me so why do I have to wear a name tag?” The short answer…. To make our guest feel we are an inclusive church.

THANK YOU FOR WEARING YOUR NAME TAG.

Onita Ahlen

MISSIONS

You may have noticed the yellow mission bulletin board with pockets on the south side of the long hall. I will be changing out new info on it as the organizations send it. Please feel free to take the pamphlets and read them. It feels good to see progress in these mission places and it feels good to know our money is helping. Prayers for these mission place are always encouraged.

Karen Nelson
Chair of Missions

BETH BAG’S

One of our members witnessed a child going to their foster home holding their Beth Bag. Our Roswell children in foster home transition need our love and support and Beth Bags do convey that message. In loving memory of Beth Becerra please continue to think of these children by contributing in loving memory of Beth. The Beth Bag box in on the table near the sanctuary door.

Onita Ahlen

MEMORIALS

Nothing to report for memorials.

Dorothy Eachus

Our pastor, an avid golfer, was once taking part in a local tournament. As he was preparing to tee off, the organizer of the tournament approached him and pointed to the dark, threatening storm clouds which were gathering. “Preacher,” the organizer said, “I trust you’ll see to it that the weather won’t turn bad on us.”

Our pastor shook his head, “Sorry,” he replied, “I’m sales, not management!”
TRUSTEES

The Trustees are currently waiting on a company from Albuquerque to give us a bid on replacing the outside doors by Fellowship Hall and the doors at the end of the northeast hall. Just a few things remain to be finished in the sanctuary. More projects are being put on hold for a while. Thanks to all of you who help so much around the church.

Owanda Davis
Trustee Chairperson

FINANCE

The bills and apportionments have been paid for March. Our apportionments for March were $685.50. Being 8% of our giving you can tell that giving has been down. January apportionments were $1786.00 and February were $1912.00. We have still managed to keep a little money in savings and do the repairs on our church that has been needed. Thank you for your continued support of our church and all of the other things that are done to keep our church running smoothly.

Marcy James for
Owanda Davis

Dare to Be Happy

Dare to be happy-don’t shy away,
Reach out and capture the joy of Today!
Life is for Living! Give it a try;
Open your heart to that sun in the sky.
Dare to be Loving, and trusting, and true:
Treasure the hours with those dear to you.
Dare to be Kind, it’s more fun than you know;
Give joy to others, and watch your own grow.
Dare to admit all your blessings, and then
Every day count them all over again.
Dare to be happy, don’t be afraid,
This is the day which the Lord hath made!

Author Unknown

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

United Methodist Women are planning their annual meeting April 22nd in Clovis. All women are invited and it is a prime time to learn more about the mission and witness of UMW. Mark your calendar for the next local UMW meeting on April 29th at Peachtree at 9:30 am when a light breakfast refreshment will be served. Our 2017 fund raiser will be a “Bakeless Bake Sale.” Some have never heard of such a bake sale so come and hear how we can raise the funds to continue our mission giving without a lot of hard work. You will also hear of our hands on mission outreach happening right here in our community. Remember, April 29th at Peachtree at 9:30, I will see you there.

Onita Ahlen

CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK

April 9th ——Palm Sunday

April 10th ——Midday Lunch & Worship at
St Andrew’s Episcopal Church at  11:30  am

April 11th—Midday Lunch & Worship at

April 12th—Midday Lunch & Worship at
First Methodist Church at           11:30 am

April 13th—Midday Lunch & Worship at
Trinity United Methodist Church at 11:30 am

April 14th ——Midday Lunch & Worship at
St. Mark’s Lutheran Church at 11:30 am

April 16th—Sunrise Service at Aldersgate United
Methodist Church at 6:15 am

April 16th—Normal Sunday services at TUMC

April 13th Lunch here at Trinity will all be pur- chased with money from the Memorial Fund. There will be a donation basket and most of the money will probably be recovered.
SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

How to Stay Young: Ten Effective Practices

1.) Throw out non-essential numbers. This includes age, weight and height.

2.) Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down. If you really need a grouch, there are probably family members that fill that need.

3.) Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Just never let the brain idle.

4.) Enjoy the simple things. When the children are young, that is all that you can afford. When they are in college that is all that you can afford. When they are grown, and you are on retirement, that is all that you can afford!

5.) Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath. Laugh so much that you can be tracked in the store by your distinctive laughter.

6.) The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves.

7.) Surround yourself with what you love, whether it is family, pets, keepsakes, music, plans, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.

8.) Cherish your health. If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.

9.) Don’t take guilt trips. Go to the mall, the next county, a foreign country, but not guilt.

10.) Tell the people you love that you love them—at every opportunity.

REMEMBER, LIFE IS NOT MEASURED BY THE NUMBER OF BREATHS WE TAKE, BUT BY THE MOMENTS THAT TAKE OUR BREATH AWAY.