



August 28, 2011 — Trietsch officially opens the Family Life Center with a community-wide celebration. See pages 4 & 5 for more photos & details.

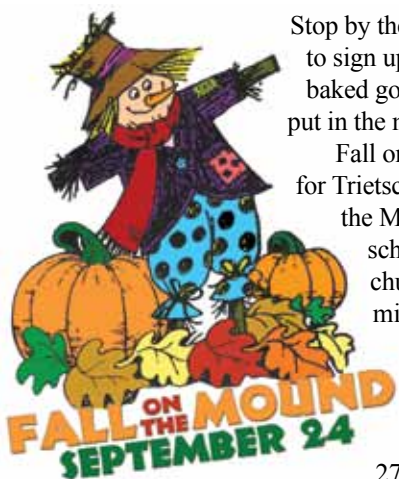
Fall on the Mound Doubles in Size!

A mix of new and favorite vendors have reserved every single one of the 250 booths for this year's Fall on the Mound, Sept. 24, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Expanding into the Family Life Center, while still using the main building, has allowed the annual Women's Ministries Craft Fair to double in size!

A fall festival wouldn't be complete without goodies to eat, so Fall on the Mound will host both a bake sale and plenty of food and drink concessions. The bake sale is always a crowd favorite. Be sure to stop by and pick up some delicious treats.

An event the size of Fall on the Mound could not happen without the help of many volunteers. From set up to clean up, parking lot attendants to shuttle bus drivers, greeters to area assistants to help out our vendors, bake sale attendees to bakers, there are positions for everyone.



Stop by the Connection Center on 9/11 or 9/18 to sign up to volunteer your time or to donate baked goods. Mark your baked goods FOM and put in the main kitchen by September 23.

Fall on the Mound is the primary fundraiser for Trietsch's Women in Christ, which donates to the Methodist Children's Homes, provides scholarships for students, helps pay for church childcare services, and other missions voted on by the council.

For more information about volunteering or providing baked goods, contact fallonthemound@tmumc.org or call 972-539-8547 ext. 276.

The Baptism Quilters "Early Bird Shopping," is September 22 near the Newborn Nursery (room 270) from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stop by to check out Halloween, Christmas and much more. Contact Joan Dorr at maddied@verizon.net.

This year's Fall on the Mound Committee members are Kaye Sandridge, Jan Deering, Peggy Zappavigna, Melva Jones, Ruth Hamilton and Joan Dorr.



In Remembrance of Sept. 11

Over 200 voices from area church choirs will come together for a joint concert to remember and reflect on the 10th anniversary of 9/11, and also to raise funds for Christian Community Action. *Remember and Reflect* will be held at First Baptist of Lewisville, 7-8:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11. Contact Karen Chraska at karenc@tmumc.org for more information.

Sundays at Trietsch

8 a.m.

Traditional Worship
8:50 a.m. Sacrament
of Holy Communion

9:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship

11 a.m.

Blended Worship
Featuring the Trietsch
Orchestra
and Chancel Choir

9:30 and 11 a.m.

Adult Sunday School
Youth Sunday School
Grades 1-5 Faith Voyage
Ages 2-K Sunday School
Infants to 2 years Nursery

Guest and senior parking up front
Butterfly Ministry (Special Needs)
parking near building on north side

Trietsch Trolley is available
at Marcus High School



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Momentum Keeps Accelerating

August was one for the record books – extreme heat and drought. But that didn't keep us at Trietsch from breaking some records of our own. Rather than hunkering down for the duration, we kept our AC humming and our eyes on God. I'd say we were Spirit-inspired because how else could we have generated on our own so much energy and enthusiasm? From VBS to camps to sports to a musical extravaganza, we were working beyond ourselves to share the good news of Jesus with others. Throughout the summer, the momentum just kept on growing.

Momentum in ministry is an elusive dynamic. It's kind of like longing for rain. You can wish for it. You can pray for it. You can expend a lot of energy doing a rain dance trying to get something going. But you can't generate it through effort or willpower alone. Blessedly, however, sometimes momentum erupts. And once it erupts, you really can't contain it either. It's like a force of nature – I call it enthusiasm of the soul.

That's what the Music and Arts Camp for the children from the Wesley-Rankin Community Center felt like to me. Over 70 adults and youth rose to the challenge of corralling and inspiring 85 children from West Dallas. Those first five days of August just radiated joy.

We were all charmed by the children. They were so excited that they were learning how to make music, create beauty, and express



Diane Presley
Assoc. Pastor

themselves through drama. One shy little girl was so overwhelmed that towards the end of the morning she ran up to Karen Chraska, threw her arms around her, and said, "Listen to my one, beautiful note!" Another girl was thrilled by having a hot meal for lunch everyday. "Wow," she said, "they're feeding us like company!"

I was touched by what the helpers shared about what they were experiencing that week. One woman who was working with the children in art class pulled me aside to share her heart. I know you are not supposed to be prideful," she began, "but I am so impressed by all of the people coming every day to work with these precious children. I can't believe we

are having such a fabulous camp with only three weeks to get ready. I'm telling all my friends, 'Can you believe what my church is doing?' I am just so proud of my church."

The momentum continues accelerating as we move into fall. With the Ministry Fair, followed by the Grand Opening of the Family Life Center, and then the start up of fall Bible Studies, Grow Groups, and opportunities for serving others, we are energized by the force of the Spirit moving through our church. We may be powerless to alter the cloudless sky and relentless heat, but we can all be animated by the enthusiasm of the soul.

See you on Sunday, Diane

Wear Your Name Tag to All Trietsch Events

How sweet is the sound of your name? We all sing the Natalie Grant song... *Lost are saved; find their way; at the sound of Your great name. All condemned; feel no shame, at the sound of Your great name...*

Just as the Lord likes to hear us call Him by name, it is well known fact that people like to hear the sound of their name too! I wanted to see if I could find some statistical data on this, so I hopped on the web.

According to The National Institute of Health... "There is unique brain activation specific to hearings one's own name in relation to the names of others."

Good info, but not the essence of what I want to share with you this month! So back to the web, this time to "Yahoo Answers" — a more qualified source!

Below are quotes from everyday folks that do capture the essence of a culture change we are making here at Trietsch...

"It has been said for a long time that the sweetest sound to most people's ears is the sound of their own name."

"People like to be called by their first name! It makes them feel unique, like you remember them. Hearing your name makes you feel loved and valued."

Your Leadership Board has been looking at ways to improve our culture. We have three areas of focus: 1) What items should



Suzanne Sutton
Lay Leader

we look at to measure success? 2) How can we secure congregational feedback? and 3) How can we stay better connected?

A simple way to feel connected and better reach our visitors is to wear our name tags! As simple as that sounds, it makes a huge difference in people's day, when we are courteous enough to say their name!

In a church this size, it would be very hard for anyone to remember everyone's name! So let's all do our part and wear our names tags at every Trietsch function we attend, from Sunday school to worship, meetings and functions. It has long been our culture to have Communion Servers say your name. You can tell them your name or wear your name tag.

If you have lost your name tag, no worries. Contact Carleen at carleena@tmumc.org or complete the form that will be in a bulletin soon. I now keep my name tag on my Bible bag so I have it every time I head to church. Robby keeps his on his rearview mirror. Think of some place where you can store your name tag, which will help you remember to put it on at every Trietsch activity! Something as simple as wearing your name tag can have incredible impact for our church family! Be a part of making the love and warmth of our congregation grow and shine!

Thanks! Blessings Abound! Suzanne

A Personal Story — Why I Give

My name is Amber Bonner, and I just completed my second year as the Chair of Trietsch's Stewardship Committee. This is a committee that, upon its formation, I asked to lead, not because of any particular experience or knowledge, but because of my passion for teaching others to know Christ through joyful giving. I thought I would take the opportunity this month to share with you what sparked that passion and tell you the personal reasons **WHY I GIVE**.

If you were to ask me how I came to be a giver, I would tell you it all started the day that God spoke to me through the radio. Yes, you read that correctly, and no, I'm not



crazy (or at least not in this instance).

It was the first cool day of the fall, just a little more than 9 years ago. I was a new Christian, and by that I mean brand new – I had only accepted Christ a year earlier, after the events of September 11th. As my relationship with Christ began to develop, a friend recommended I listen to Christian talk shows on the listener-supported radio station, KCBI.

That fall day, I was running early to pick up my daughter from TEC. Since the day was so beautiful, I pulled over at a park to enjoy the cool air. KCBI was holding their annual pledge drive. As I had been listening regularly, I decided that my family should give, and (at the same friend's recommendation) took a moment to pray about the amount.

My prayer went something like this, "Dear Lord, I thought this might be a good time to pledge and I am wondering how much You would like me to give. By the

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way, I was thinking \$10 or \$20. Amen." A few minutes passed, no answer.

So I tried again. "Lord, I only have 15 or 20 minutes left, and this would be a really good time to call. Sorry to bother you, but if you could just give me an amount, that would be great. Thank you. Amen." Prayer clearly wasn't my strength at this point. I'm fairly certain God rolled his eyes at me around this time.

Still no answer, but the station began running promos from each of their program speakers, saying "if you could give just a dollar a day...." I thought, "A dollar a day? That's insane!" We were barely giving that much money to the church. But the promos continued — and while YOU'RE getting the point by now, I wasn't.

A final prayer, "Lord, I know I'm new at this, but I just don't hear your answer. I need to leave soon, so if you could possibly make your answer REALLY clear." To which, I heard the reply,

"I ALREADY HAVE."

Never before or since have I been more stunned or humbled by a single moment. The Lord's presence in that car was palpable for what seemed like many long minutes, but was probably only seconds. As you can imagine, feeling that presence was quite the awe-inspiring experience for a new Christian. When I recovered, I made a phone call to KCBI. And without even believing what I was saying, I pledged a dollar a day, and set my life on a new course of living out my faith in Christ.

So what does this all have to do with you? Well, here are the lessons I learned that day, the ones that made that tiny moment with God a powerful force in my life:

• YOU MATTER TO GOD.

Don't ever allow others (or even yourself) to convince you otherwise.

• GOD CARES WHAT YOU GIVE. Our mighty God doesn't care what you give because He needs your money, but because He needs your heart.

• JESUS ACCEPTS BABY STEPS. Obviously, I didn't dive

into the tithing pool on that fall day. While we wouldn't reach a tithe for many years, Jesus acknowledged and rewarded our every baby step in the right direction.

• GOD HAS WORK TO DO THROUGH YOU. God has much work to do through Trietsch this year. He has mouths to feed, babies to clothe, children to teach, marriages to save, and lives to heal. But none of that can be done if the doors are closed and the lights are off. Your gifts — of your time, your talents, and yes, your money — make YOU the hands and feet of Christ in our community and beyond.

These are the lessons I learned. I would love to hear from some of you. WHY DO YOU GIVE? WHAT HAS GOD TAUGHT YOU ABOUT MONEY AND GIVING? If you would like to share your story with the congregation, please e-mail me at amberbonner@verizon.net. We'll find a way to share your thoughts with the congregation, so that we, as the body of Trietsch, will know WHY WE GIVE.

Stewardship Is More Than Money

Trietsch is a community of believers in Jesus Christ. We worship together, study the Bible together, teach and learn from one another, work on mission and outreach projects, and experience the transforming power of God's love along the way. Simply put, we COME, GROW and SERVE Together as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our stewardship is more than a focus on supporting the church with our financial gifts; stewardship is also:

- the way we pray,
- the way we participate in the life of the church,
- the way we serve the church and
- the way we share our faith in our daily life.

The Stewardship Campaign will be different this year. Our personal covenant with God remains the same, as we promise to give our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness.

This year we want to show how "**Together...We Make A Difference**" when we COME, GROW and SERVE Together. From now through early November, we will highlight opportunities that encompass our COME, GROW and SERVE Ministries.

This will be a great opportunity to take a deeper look at "what we do and why we do it" and find a place for you to connect with others. Of course opportunities are available all year long, but these nine weeks will be an intentional look at how our giving, our growing and our service impacts others and ourselves.

Truly when we pool our resources and talents, "Together... We Make A Difference" in our church, our community, our world and within ourselves.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

Blanketing LISD Schools in Prayer

Students, teachers and support staff at all LISD campuses were blanketed with heart-felt prayers during Trietsch's 6th Annual LISD Prayer Walk on August 21.

In temperatures well above 100 degrees, over 215 people walked, providing a prayer for over 50,000 kids and 6,500 LISD employees. All LISD campuses were covered, along with a few private and independent schools, in addition to preschools in the area.

Each walker was given a comment card on which they were asked to write about their experiences.

"Blessed to be able to do this with my family since one of my children has been with LISD for 35 years. Prayers are appreciated," wrote Nell Jones.

An LISD administrator emailed, "I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you and your congregation for taking the time to lift up our District in prayer in obedience to the Word of God. What a blessing it is to know that we have believers in the community who are dedicated to praying for our leaders, teachers, and students."

"I had a wonderful experience!" wrote Jean DeFord in



soccer. During these seasons, we send out a simple prayer for you to pray. Example: Safe travel to and from practices. It takes less than a couple of minutes and you receive this by email. It is one prayer a day during the season. Many of the children involved in Upward Sports do not attend our church and may not attend a church at all. This could be the only time these kids ever hear about Christ. Contact Sandi Stevenson at gsstevenson@verizon.net.

an email. "I am delighted to report, at Old Settlers I had a teacher ask if I would pray for her ~ this will be her first year to teach math and science... I assured her I would pray for her during my rounds, along with every staff member/teacher at that school. What a thrill to see some of that tension be released from her shoulders.

Thanks so much to Sandi Stevenson for coordinating this year's event and to her husband Gary for cooking some outstanding barbeque once again.

If you are looking for another prayer ministry to be involved in, The Upward Sports Prayer Ministry is a great one. It is very simple. There are two seasons, football and

Re-Ignite Youth

For info about Re-Ignite Youth, visit the info stands, follow us on Twitter @reigniteyouth; or contact — Kris Melvin, director of youth ministries, krism@tmumc.org. Denise Robinson, senior high coordinator, deniser@tmumc.org. Leann White, junior high and confirmation, at leannw@tmumc.org

Youth Sunday School

All youth classes are located in the Family Life Center. At 9:30, Junior High in FL231; Senior High in FL240. At 11, meet with grade level: 6th - FL140; 7th - FL141; 8th - FL 142; 9th - FL230; 10th - FL240; 11th - FL 241; 12th - FL 242.

Weekly Events

- Sundays, 5-7 p.m. for small groups & snack supper
- Tuesdays, 7-8 a.m. Senior High Prayer Breakfast
- Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m. Bible study
- Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. Dinner & worship

Confirmation Pizza & Parent Meeting

Confirmation, a time of intentional spiritual growth and decision making, kicks off on Sept. 18, 3-4:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center with a Pizza Party and Parent Meeting. All 6th graders (and 7th graders who have not been confirmed) and their parents are invited. Confirmands will enjoy pizza and games in the gym while parents meet to hear the details about the year, learn ways to be involved and complete the registration forms.

Re-Ignite Parent Open House

All junior and senior high students and parents are invited to our Re-Ignite Open House on Sept. 25, 5 p.m. to learn all the exciting plans for the 2011-12 school year. We have lots of fun activities planned and many ways for everyone to get involved. Come meet our awesome volunteers and just enjoy some fellowship with other parents and students.



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**Family
Grand Open**

Celebration in



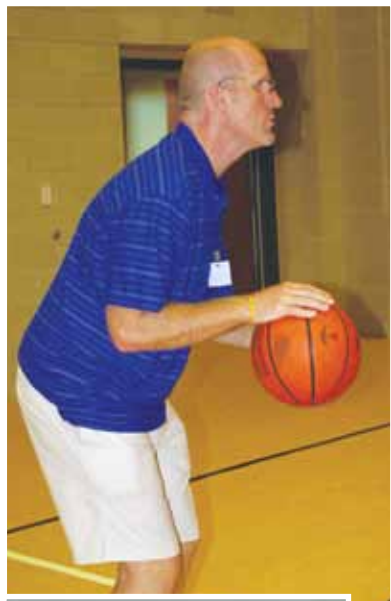
The Family Life Center Grand Opening on August 28 was an unbelievable day. More than 1,500 people gathered for the celebration and enjoyed a hot dog lunch from the Men of Trietsch, cookies from Trietsch Women in Christ, entertainment from Cross Timbers, bounce houses, face painting, tattoos, games and so much more. We welcomed the community and the ribbon cutting was a symbolic moment. Senior Pastor John Allen commented, "The Grand Opening was fabulous! We set a new watermark for building church community and unity."



All the new sports activities being planned for the



Life Center to Community



Fall in the Family Life Center is very exciting. There is fun for all ages including Preschool Tennis, Men's Devoted to Basketball, Men's and a Women's Fitness to the Core, Pickleball, Walking in Faith and Middle School Basketball Camp. Wow! Contact Beth Lutz at bethl@tmumc.org for Sports Ministry happenings.



Youth have some great activities planned too, like the Back to School Bash this Sunday night, the 5th Quarters on September 2 and October 28 and a pre-game tailgating cookout on September 30 and so much more. Contact Denise Robinson at deniser@tmumc.org.



Kid Classes

Way of the Child

The Way of the Child helps children develop an intimate, personal relationship with God, providing an opportunity for them to experience and practice spiritual disciplines that can nurture that relationship for a lifetime. This class will be held Sunday afternoons for six weeks, Sept. 11 to Oct. 23, 2:30-3:30 p.m. The program is open to 1st and 2nd graders, but is limited to 12 children. Register at tmumc.org.

Bible Retreat

All 3rd-5th graders are invited to the North Texas Conference's Children's Bible Retreat at Camp Bridgeport on Sept. 30-Oct. 1. This year, the retreat will focus on the New Testament. Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday night, and parents are invited to join the group for closing worship at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Cost is \$55. All participants must bring a Medical Release Form.

Registration is limited. Visit tmumc.org for the link to the online registration by Sept. 19, or contact Kellie Sanford, at ext. 267 or kellies@tmumc.org.

God & Country for Scouts

God & Country Protestant religious course for all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts from 1st-12th grade begins September 18, 2-3 p.m. The course runs for six weeks for boys and girls in 1st-5th grade; 9 Sundays for 6-8th graders; and 12 weeks for high school scouts.

\$25 includes the workbook, medallion, religious scout knot or religious badge and a student certificate. Parents may purchase the optional mentor material and pin for an additional \$10 and attend the course with their child. Registration must be received by Sept. 11.

Contact Jeanette Goodnight at 972-539-8547, ext. 229, or jeanetteg@tmumc.org.

Marriage Get-Away



For the first time in American history, non-married households outnumber married households. When we find someone to spend our life with, we are willing to spend large amounts of money and time preparing for the wedding, but when the wedding is over, many of us spend precious little time on

the actual marriage. The wonder is not that so many of us fail at marriage, the wonder is that any of us succeed. Nobody ever teaches us how to get it right.

The Marriage GetAway is September 30, 7 p.m. - Oct 2, 11:30 a.m., at Pine Cove camp near Tyler. This weekend getaway features speakers including Dick and Barb Ivey, and activities to enrich your marriage.

Saturday evening features the Magills in concert. Many of you probably remember the Magills from their concert this past February.

The Marriage GetAway is for couples at any stage. Maybe you are in a new marriage. Maybe you have been at this awhile and have settled into a routine that you make work, but would like to know how to recapture the WOW factor in your marriage. The GetAway can help make a good marriage better. Maybe you are in a marriage in crisis? Learn ways to turn a bad marriage into a great one.

It's worth investing a weekend of your time to each other. There is only a limited number of spots left for the Marriage GetAway. Sign up today and come join us... you will be glad you did. Register at tmumc.org for \$250 per couple. Contact Howard Hurlbut at 469-387-5042 or hrhurlbut@aol.com.

Grow Your Faith, Marriage, Money, Parenting Skills & More this Fall

When the kids go back to school in the fall — consider increasing your “schooling,” too. Many Bible studies begin in early September. Take a look below at Trietsch's offerings.

Register for any class at tmumc.org. Childcare is also available for each with an advance reservation to 972-539-8547, ext. 299. Contact Rev. Doug Meyer at ext. 242 or doug@mumc.org for more information.

Celebrate Your Marriage

Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m., Oct. 5 - Nov. 9
\$15/Couple

Join Bobbye and Ben Watson as they facilitate this laugh-filled yet serious study of how to celebrate your marriage. These six sessions include teaching from the video presentation plus opportunities to discuss and to share experiences and growth on our marriage relationships. The study examines our experiences, provides Biblical insights, encourages practical actions, suggests directions for prayer, and ideas for making our marriage GROW!

In this video series, Jay & Laura Laffoon are real people with real lives walking through a real marriage. As marriage edu-tainers, combining education with entertainment, the Laffoons put their real marriage on display. Where marriage courses focus primarily on the education, Jay and Laura explore the realities that marriage brings to our everyday lives.

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University

Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m., Sept. 7 - Dec. 7. Facilitated by Lloyd Woodard
Cost \$90 per family / \$100 after 8/24

This video-based series will change the way you think about money. The 13-week course is educational, entertaining, and provides a different topic each week. Using Christian principles, families will learn about saving money, eliminating debt, communicating with one another about finances and experiencing the joy of giving. Scholarships available; contact Sherry Trojanowski at ext. 218.

Covenant: God's Enduring Promises

Mondays, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., September 12 - November 14
Cost \$15. Facilitated by Jan Deering

Believing what God says about covenant will absolutely transform your life. Promises made are kept. Relationships last a lifetime. Trust and commitment are honored by action. What makes a covenant so powerful? Kay Arthur is eager to show you.



You will explore the benefits and responsibilities of covenant as well as the character of the covenant initiator.

James I & II, Peter & Jude

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., September 8 - May 17. Cost \$10. Facilitated by Beverly Blasius

These books have an attitude of hope and encouragement. They teach Christians right behavior and how to grow in their faith and in knowledge of Christ. They remind the church to keep strong in their faith.

Lord, Change My Attitude

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m., September 8 - December 1
Cost \$15. Facilitated by Lori Lester

Everyone has heard that “attitude determines altitude.” Is that just a cliché from the secular world? What does God think about attitudes? An attitude is a pattern of thinking formed over a long period of time. It's our choice. And that means we can change it. You can change your attitudes from those God hates and into those He honors; from complaining to thanksgiving; from covetousness to contentment; from criticism to love; from doubt to faith; from rebellion to submission.

Kitchen Table Wisdom

Something to Think About
Sept. 20, 7 p.m. No registration required. Facilitated by Doug Meyer; Free

We will explore Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen's book, *Kitchen Table Wisdom*. Remen has a unique perspective on healing rooted in her background as a physician, a professor of medicine, a therapist, and a long-term survivor of chronic illness. This deeply moving and down-to-earth collection of true stories shows us life in all its power and mystery and reminds us the things we cannot measure may be the things that ultimately sustain and enrich our lives.

So Long, Insecurity

Wednesday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, September 14 - December 7
Cost \$30 (with experience workbook and book) - Book required; purchase through Trietsch is optional. Also available (but not required) Devotional Journal \$15

In today's image-saturated society, insecurity among women is reaching epidemic levels. We worry about everything—from our looks to our finances to our relationships. But it doesn't have to be this way. It's time to say, “So long!” to insecurity and focus instead on becoming the wives, mothers, sisters, daughters, and friends God intended us to be. This study by Beth Moore doesn't have an associated DVD. Lisa Worley, Women's Ministry leader at Trietsch, will deliver live messages each week

The Me I Want to Be: Becoming God's Best Version of You

Six weeks starts Oct. 5, 6:30-8 p.m. Facilitated by Doug Meyer

If God has a vision for your life, why does spiritual growth seem so difficult? Author John Ortberg has some intriguing answers to that question, and he has organized his thoughts and God's words into a straightforward and timely guide for living your best life. Ortberg helps you gauge your spiritual health and measure the gap between where you are and where God intends you to be.

Five Love Languages of Children

Sept. 8-Oct. 13, 9-10:30 a.m. Facilitated by Kellie Sanford; \$15

To be their best, children need to feel loved. But if you and your child speak different love languages, your affection might get lost in translation, affecting the child's attitude, behavior, and development. Dr. Gary Chapman's ground-breaking Five Love Languages series has helped millions of couples communicate love more clearly, and Dr. Ross Campbell M.D. has applied the innovative system to children as well. Practical suggestions for learning how your children interpret love and creating a sense of security in which they can thrive.

Love & Logic Parent

Thursday, September 22 - 7-8:30 p.m. Cost \$20

Introduction to Becoming a Love and Logic Parent: Learn what Love and Logic is all about, plus take home tips and advice that you can use immediately with your children!

Early Bird Shopping

The Baptism Quilters invite you to their "Fall on the Mound Early Bird Shopping," on Thursday, September 22 in the hallway area near the Newborn Nursery (room 270) from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please come by for fun Halloween, Fall, and Christmas and household items like quilts, blankets and baby gifts. Contact Joan Dorr at maddied@verizon.net or Melva Jones at melvaandbob1@tx.rr.com.

Caring for Aging Adults?

Trietsch is partnering with the Area Agency on Aging to offer monthly programs for those in our congregation and community who are caring for older adults. This group will help you find solutions, resources, and connect with others who are going through similar circumstances.

The group, led by Pam Brandon, Caregiver Coach for Family Caregiver Education and Support Programs, meets the 3rd Monday of each month, 7-8:30 p.m., in room 110. Contact Pam Brandon, 817-528-9399 or Rev. Joe Shafer, 972-539-8547, ext. 203 or joes@tmumc.org.

Alzheimer's Class & Group

The Alzheimer's Association of Greater Dallas will present an eight-week Trailblazers Education and Support Group at Trietsch on Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. starting Sept. 13. Designed for individuals with Early Stage Alzheimer's and their care-partners. Participants must have a physician's diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. After 8 weeks, you can join an ongoing facilitated support group.

Contact Greg Zarbo of the Alzheimer's Association at 214-540-2425 or Rev. Joe Shafer at and joes@tmumc.org.

Women's Cancer Support

We are starting a new women's cancer support group at Trietsch, and our first meeting is Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. This is a time for women to come together and share their questions, concerns and praises they are feeling concerning their journey with cancer. Come for a time of prayer and support, sharing, healing, and a time to listen to others who may be able to help you on this journey. Contact Sharon White at 972-691-6344 or sharon@sharonandtrej.com

Empty Nest Support Group

When your leave home for college, military or another reason, parents often feel loss as well as joy. Trietsch is offering a support group for these parents on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., starting Sept. 13. Register at 972-539-8547. Contact Joe Shafer at the church office, ext. 203.

Health Symposium

Mark your calendars for the Women's Health Symposium on October 22, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (check in at 8). The event is free, and no registration is needed. Plan to come and bring your friends. Topics include women's heart health along with signs and symptoms of a heart attack, nutrition and dietary updates, skin care, mental/emotional health and more. Contact Verna McDonald at vamcdonald@verizon.net.

Men's Monthly Breakfast

Please join the Men of Trietsch on Saturday morning, September 17 at 8 a.m. for our Men's Monthly Breakfast. This month the men plan to feed breakfast to all the people on the Upward fields. Contact men@tmumc.org.

Let's Really Talk

To examine some of the moral dilemmas we face in the world today as Christians, we've started *Let's Really Talk*. Our next meeting is Sept. 13, 7-8:30 p.m. in room 103 (library). This gathering is open to anyone looking for a safe place to explore their own thoughts and listen respectfully to the input of others. Contact Diane Presley at dianep@tmumc.org.

Fall is the Time to Connect

Many activities for children, youth & adults start their year in the fall.

Connections Class

The next Connection Class, Trietsch's preferred path to membership, begins Sept. 11, 9:30 a.m. in room 160. The three-week class details how to come, grow and serve together with the Trietsch family of faith. If you choose, the fourth Sunday is used to join the church during worship. Contact Emily Evans at emilye@tmumc.org.

CIA Kidz

CIA Kidz kicks off with a parents and kidz meeting on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2-4 p.m. in room 115. You can register for CIA Kidz. T-shirt is \$15.

All 4th and 5th graders are invited to participate in CIA Kidz, an amazing mission-based ministry. We meet every other Sunday during the school year from 2-4 p.m. to engage in service projects, fellowship and fun! What a great opportunity for our kids to put into practice what they are taught.

Pioneer Club

Pioneer Club starts its 12th year at Trietsch with their annual kickoff on September 7 at 6 p.m.! Registration \$75 per child with family max of \$200.

We meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:10 p.m. Pioneer Club is a ministry program for children ages 2 years through 5th grade, in which kids and adults come together to sing, play, learn scripture, and learn of God's love and grace.

Contact Chris Patton, early childhood and Pioneer Club ministries coordinator, at ext. 259 or chrisp@tmumc.org.

The MOBB

Looking for a fun way to fellowship with other



moms? Join The MOBB! Moms of Babies and Big Kids will meet the 2nd and 4th Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m., starting September 9 or the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., starting Sept. 14. The cost is \$20 for either morning or evening for the season.

This dynamic mom's ministry seeks to draw you closer to Christ, while educating and empowering you to be



the BEST you can be! Enjoy coffee, light snacks and fellowship. Settle in for the day's topic brought to you by charismatic and entertaining speakers. Then meet with your breakaway group for discussion and encouragement.

Register at tmumc.org. Find us on Facebook or contact Starla Naug at starnaug@verizon.net.

JOY Senior Ministry



If you're Just Older Youth -- join us for the first fall meeting

of JOY, Trietsch's senior ministry. In September, JOY will "Get Movin'" with an opportunity to move the latest moves — Zumba, Tai Chi, Yoga and more — Sept. 20, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Dress to move. Will be held in the Family Life Center gym. Please register for the free lunch to Candy Wade at 972-571-1953 or candywade@verizon.net. You can also pre-register in the Connection Center on Sept. 4, 11 or 18.

Children's Choirs

Children's Choirs, for kids ages 4 to 5th grade, kick off on September 11 at 4 p.m. Kids will have a party and rehearsal, while parents meet in the Sanctuary. The choirs perform monthly in worship and perform a musical in the spring. Registration, which includes a choir t-shirt, is \$15. Children's drama will begin in January in preparation for the spring musical. Contact Tanya Allen at 972-539-8547, ext. 265, or tanyaa@tmumc.org.

Handbells

Trietsch's active handbell ministry encompasses three handbell choirs: Beginning Adult Bells begins Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 10 a.m. (Must have at least six adults). Youth Bells begins Thursday, Sept. 8 at 5:45 p.m. This youth choir is for 3rd-12th graders, and we must have six to form the choir. Advanced Bells begins Thursday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. To

audition for Advanced Bells, or for info about any of the handbell choirs, please contact Tanya Allen at tanyaa@tmumc.org. All meet in room 335.

Youth Choir

Junior and senior high youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join the Youth Choir. Parent meeting and kick-off is September 11 at 4 p.m. in the Choir Room (165). Contact Amanda Evans at evanshouse5@verizon.net.

Drop-In Basketball

Devoted to Basketball is an early morning drop-in basketball and devotion for men. Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-8 a.m. and Saturdays, 7-9 p.m. Showers are available. Contact Rand Egge at randegge@verizon.net.

Walk in Faith

Walk in Faith to strengthen both your body and soul. This weekly devotional and walking group will meet Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Various walking paces will be accommodated. No registration is required; simply show up. Childcare is available with a reservation to ext. 299. Contact Beth Lutz at bethl@tmumc.org.

Pickleball

Pickleball is a fun game that is played on a badminton court with the net lowered. It is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players. Play is open:

- Seniors (over 50ish) — T/Th 1-3p.m.
- Youth (6th-12th) — Tues. 4-6 p.m. (We need some gym volunteers)
- Adult (18+) — Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m.

C3 - Cardio, Core & Conditioning

- Guys - Sep. 13-Nov. 1, T/TH, 7-8 a.m.
- Gals - Sep. 13-Nov. 1, T/TH, 8-9 a.m. \$80 - Register at tmumc.org. Contact Beth Lutz at bethl@tmumc.org.

Middle School Basketball

This Middle School Basketball Clinic is Sept. 15, 5:30-9 p.m. for boys and girls from 6th-8th grade. Training starts at 5:30 sharp! Cost is \$30 per player. Jerseys will be provided. Space is limited to 32, so register now at tmumc.org. Contact Beth at bethl@tmumc.org.


Grief Seminar

Our five-week grief seminar, *Coping with Loss*, begins Monday, Sept. 26, 7-9 p.m. Led by trained grief facilitators, this seminar provides participants with the opportunity to understand the emotional, physical and spiritual dynamics of grief; share personal experiences within a safe, caring and understanding environment; and develop healthy coping skills and activities. Register at 972-539-8547. Contact Rev. Joe Shafer at ext. 203 or joes@tmumc.org.

Traveling Church

The Traveling Church is a program designed to bring our faith to local assisted living homes. Our volunteers will take music, a short devotional, a prayer time and hymns to the Flower Mound Assisted Living Home right in front of us for their worship experience on Sunday mornings.

This is a great way to develop your own faith and share it with others. Come to an info meeting on Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Karen Williams at karenw@tmumc.org.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
UPCOMING DATES				1	2	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October - Sunday School Open House 10/22 Women's Health Symposium 10/5 Celebrate Your Marriage 10/16 Confirmation Picnic 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 p.m. Thirsty Thursday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 a.m. Quest Men's Study 11 a.m. First Friday Feast 6 p.m. Single Souls Support Group Re-Ignite 5th Quarter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 a.m. Men's B-Ball
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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