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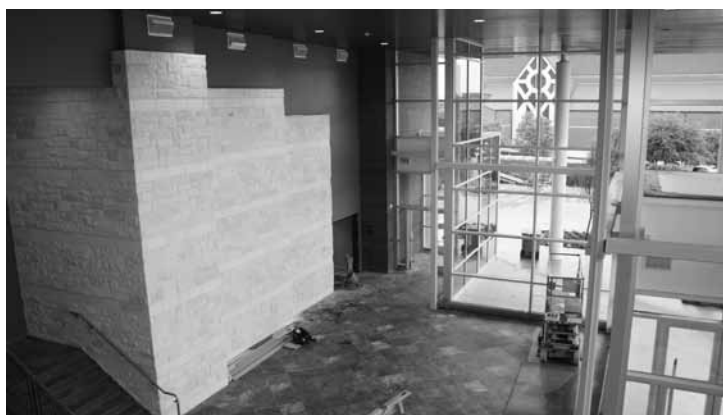
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## Family Life Center Open House



We will soon open the doors of the Family Life Center with a joyful noise that reaches decisively into our community, and sends the Spirit of our church soaring! The building is almost done as final details are concluded. We hope to have our certificate of occupancy in mid-May.

Our church is fully engaged in making an outstanding series of events throughout the summer and fall, as well as developing a calendar of spiritual, athletic, and educational events that will surely enrich the lives of our members and our community for years and years to come.

To kick it off, we have tentatively planned an Open House of the new Family Life Center on Sunday, May 22, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Alternate date 6/5). Come get a look inside and then we will surround the building between the 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services to pray for future ministries at the FLC. If you worship at 11 a.m., come early to be part of the all-church prayer chain.

We will reach out to our friends, neighbors, dignitaries and whole community and invite them to attend our Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting in August. This will be a festive event with activities leading up to it and throughout the Fall that are sure to please visitors of all ages.

"The 32,000 sq. ft. Family Life Center", lead pastor John Allen said, "is really meant to reach out to the needs of this community." Family movie nights, after-school activities and sports leagues are some of the other endeavors that are being planned. "The building will be a blessing for all ages and also was also constructed with youth in mind because there are a lot of young people in the area," Dr. Allen said.

For dramatic productions and other presentations, a stage dominates one end of the gym/fellowship area, with lighting, sound system and green room.

When the doors of the new Family Life Center officially open, it will mark the end of a major project for Trietsch. It's also hoped to be the start of something more.



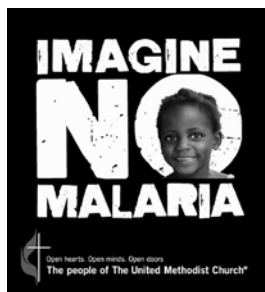
### Play in Trietsch's First Dodge Ball Tourney to Eradicate Malaria

Have a blast on May 28 starting at 10 a.m. at Trietsch's first-ever Dodge Ball Tournament to benefit Imagine No Malaria.

Sign up soon, as the field is limited to the first 30 teams! Play is 6-on-6 in the new Family Life Center gym, with teams being allowed between 6 and 12 members. The double-elimination tournament will teams by pool draw.

Register in the Connection Center beginning May 8 for \$10 per person. Proceeds go to Imagine No Malaria, the United Methodist effort to eradicate malaria in Africa and worldwide.

Contact Jackie Watkins at 214-534-2150 or [jmwatkins51@gmail.com](mailto:jmwatkins51@gmail.com).



THE JOURNEY  
CONFIRMATION 2011

**CONFIRMATION WORSHIP SERVICE** — Join us in welcoming the new Confirmations into the church family at our annual Confirmation Worship Service, Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Confir-

mands will be recognized at both the 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services on Sunday, May 8, and will officially join the Re-Ignite youth ministry family Sunday evening, 5-7 p.m.

# 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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# Train Yourself to Recognize Real

As a kid, I collected coins. Even though it has been years since I really spent time on the hobby, I still like to study the distinct details on new additions.

I especially like the new dramatic twenty dollar bill. Andrew Jackson's picture is larger; there is more detail on both sides of bill with extensive water marks to make the bill distinctive.

The newer version was introduced a few years ago to help curb counterfeits. Evidently there are so many counterfeits it is difficult to keep up with each new imitation. Instead of focusing on counterfeits, the FBI trains its agents to recognize the "real thing." The idea is that if an agent learns to recognize all the characteristics of a genuine bill, spotting a counterfeit will be simpler — if it doesn't look exactly like the real thing, it's fake.

Not a bad strategy for the church, and not a bad strategy for applying truth to our lives. Often we are quick to point out what we do not like. Our conversations tend to focus on the complaints we have or what we don't believe.

This tendency infects the church. We all know churches and religious groups that define themselves exclusively by what they don't believe. In these churches, a massive amount of time is spent reacting to every situation. A more effective strategy is to determine, instead, what you want to be. Moving away from what you don't want can take in a number of different directions; moving toward what you do want can take you in only one direction — the right direction.

Here at Trietsch, our mission is "To know Christ, and to make



**Dr. John Allen**  
Senior Pastor

Christ known."

What does "to know Christ mean"? It means to faithfully pursue the teachings of Christ so we might be "Christ-like" in our actions and speech. It means to grow faithfully in the ways that Jesus taught his disciples — "to love God with all your heart, with all your mind, and soul and to love neighbor as self."

What does it mean "to make Christ known"? It means to live what we believe. Saint Francis of Assisi put it this way about living the gospel, "Preach the gospel at all times, only use words when necessary."

We go deeper into what it means to "know Christ and make Christ known" with our statement of vision, "We are a beacon church developing disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, study and service."

This vision comes from the description of what Jesus did with his ministry. Matthew focuses on the work on Jesus in his gospel. In 9:35, he says, "Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness." In other words Jesus was always preaching the good news, teaching what is true, and reaching out to those who were hurting. What part are you playing in this vision?

We are about the business of sharing, preaching and teaching the positive, life-changing gospel of Jesus with all people. We believe the words and truth of Jesus.

Do you know what you believe? Do you know what you want to be? Can you tell the difference between what is real and counterfeit?

# First Trietsch Trade Day Supports FLC

We completely sold the Trietsch Trade Day! We had 86 Garage Sale Spaces, 74 Arts & Craft Vendors, 20 Distributors Vendors, 12 Restaurants, 4 Bands, 3 Performance Schools, and an Entertainment Area for the kids with a Giant Slide, Dunk Tank, Face Painting and Ice Cream!! WOWZIE!!!

All of this in an effort to be a good neighbor to our community, by being a beacon church, one who stands out and helps others in the community in a time of need! This event was planned to both our neighbors who need to increase their cash flow, as well as help us raise some needed funds to lower our debt on the Family Life Center!

We can say "WOW!" We raised a significant amount of funding on April 30 for the Family Life Center, where we believe we are creating an environment to bring future generations into relationship with Jesus Christ! I hope can you say you helped to make it happen! I hope you donated items from your work or home, worked at the event, shopped at it, or told your neighbors to come shopping in an effort to help those who need a helping hand right now!

My prayer is that God will have used us to further His Purpose and His Kingdom Growth! It is the Trietsch Trade Day Committee's plan to have this become an annual event, this year for the FLC, and in the future to fund Men's Ministries and all they support!

Can you believe that we are really ready and are going to OPEN THE FLC THIS MONTH! Isn't that just AMAZING! Those of us



**Suzanne Sutton**  
Lay Leader

who have gone to church here for a while know this building has been a dream for many years! And now God has made that dream a reality!

Some of you may have heard me tell the story about a friend of mine who chose to live his life, so that when he got to heaven, he knew that there would be MANY, MANY people there, who could say to him "I am here because of you!" I always felt that way about being a part of VBS, wondering how God would use those seeds planted in the children's hearts, while they were having fun learning about Jesus and his love for them!

Now we have built a building that has so much to offer to the youth of our community — positioned literally to be a bridge between Marcus High School and our Sanctuary — I find myself wondering "How will

God use all that we gave up, sacrificed or donated in order for that building to be built? How many kids well be in heaven some day, because of that specific building?"

Let me be the first to invite you to get ready for next year's Trade Day! Next year, we want to add a car show and a few other draw items to the mix! Start saving your stuff! Start telling your friends about how "One man's trash can actually help create another person's path to heaven!"

"Father God, please pour out your blessing on this event, all who touched it and all who benefitted from it!"

MUCH LOVE DEAR FAMILY  
and Blessings Abound! Suzanne

# Leadership Focused on Long-Term Strategy

Greetings from your Leadership Board! My name is John Hurlbut, and I am the chair of Leadership Board here at Trietsch this year. On behalf of the Leadership Board, we thank everyone involved in all of the great activities this spring and Easter season. Wow! What an exciting time in the life of our church! Staff and many volunteers pulled together to make a fantastic Easter filled with many events



leading up to our opening of the Family Life Center.

While in the midst of significant changes and the challenges and opportunities of

growth in our church, the Leadership Board has been able to stay focused on long-range strategic issues due to the excellent leadership and management from both staff and lay leaders. We have strong teams in place working diligently on the business of the church in the main areas of Finance, Trustees, who manage



**CANCELLED**

## Local Musicians Come Together to Raise Funds for Japan Relief

Several professional and local musicians — including Michael and Kristi Springer, the Trietsch Chancel Choir and other musical artists — are coming together to raise funds to help with relief efforts in Japan on Sunday, May 15, 7-8:30 p.m. in the Trietsch Sanctuary. All monies will be donated to UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR is working through relief and church partners in Japan to respond to and provide immediate assistance and long-term rehabilitation. You can donate at [tmumc.org](http://tmumc.org).

## Women to Gather for Annual In Style Fashion Show & Lunch

Trietsch Women's Fellowship is hosting a Luncheon and Fashion Show on May 21 and YOU are invited! The day will begin with a catered luncheon at 11:30 am, followed by a fashion show featuring styles from Belk's, Coldwater Creek, Dress Barn and Usha Boutique. What a great event to invite a friend to join you!

Tickets to the event are \$15 and are available in the church office or in the Connection Center on Sundays in May.

Childcare is available with 24 hours advance reservations by calling the Childcare Line at (972) 539-8547, ext 299.

If you have a servant's heart and are available to help with set-up or clean-up, please contact Peggy Zappavigna at [peggyz@tmumc.org](mailto:peggyz@tmumc.org)



## Calling All Mothers to 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 of every month, starting September 9.



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. Our Registration kick-off party is May 12, at 9:30 in the Ministry Center. We'll toast

this new Trietsch ministry with cake and (virgin) MOMosas, and get you signed up at a discounted rate. Normal registration fee is \$20. Sign up on the 12th for \$15 for the fall semester, or \$25 for both the fall and spring semesters.

Find us on Facebook or contact Starla Naug at [starnaug@verizon.net](mailto:starnaug@verizon.net).

## The Cafe Is OPEN — Shake it Up at Trietsch VBS

At Shake It Up Café Vacation Bible School, June 27-July 1, our kids will explore the Bible as a cookbook filled with recipes for living out God's word.

Through theme related lessons and activities, they will celebrate biblical festivals that reveal the secret ingredient for being a follower of God (Be ready for God; Give happily to God; Believe fully in Jesus; Remember Jesus often; and Celebrate God forever.)

Our kids will enjoy heaping helpings of God's word, create a lasting relationship with God through Jesus Christ, celebrate the life-changing love of Jesus; and take God's recipe into the world.

Three sessions —Morning (9-noon), afternoon (1-4 p.m.) & evening (6-9 p.m.)

Ages 2 through upcoming 5th Graders (nursery care provided, free of charge, for volunteer's infants and toddlers)

Incoming 6th graders attend VBS Mission Camp. (Morning and afternoon sessions.) There is a separate registration form, but you can pay for both together.

Registration is going on now at tables outside the Connection Center. You can also register online at [tmumc.org](http://tmumc.org) or in the church office during the week. Registration opens up to everyone on May 29.



Fee is \$20 per child before June 12. (\$25 per child beginning June 13, unless an adult volunteers, then the rate remains \$20.)

Registration includes t-shirt for child registrant (while supplies last) and all VBS supplies and snacks. Scholarships are available if needed. Contact a VBS director for

confidential information. Adult and youth volunteer t-shirts are \$10 each. CDs are \$7. According to church policy, parents with children age 4 and under must remain on-site as a VBS volunteer.

All Adult Volunteers must attend one of the VBS training sessions (May 22 or June

12, 2-4 p.m. - Security training - 1 p.m.) All adult volunteers must complete the safe sanctuary training and background check.

Youth Helpers (7th grade and above) may serve in one or two sessions per day. They must attend the VBS Youth Training on June 25, 11 a.m. Youth register at [tmumc.org](http://tmumc.org), at the VBS tables or in the office.

Paint & Create (VBS Decorations Build Days) — Everyone is invited to help paint and create the astonishing VBS decorations every Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. from May 31 through VBS. Two Saturday build days are May 14 and June 4.

It'll be all-hands in the kitchen on June 25 and 26, when everyone's help is needed to decorate the church. Contact Emily Evans at [emilye@tmumc.org](mailto:emilye@tmumc.org). Childcare is available with advance reservations to ext. 299.

VBS Family Fun Night, July 1, 5:30 p.m. Fun, games, food & a very special worship rally! Bring a non-perishable food item for the CCA Food Pantry.

This year's VBS again teaches the kids about missions. The kids bring jeans throughout the week for the CCA Back to School drive and the Cow & Goat go at it again to raise money for Imagine No Malaria. This year we have added the CCA Food Drive at the Friday night celebration.

# Summer Fun!

VBS  
6/27-7/1

Music  
Camp  
7/11-7/15

VBS  
Mission  
Camp  
6/27-7/1



## Summer Camps

### Vacation Bible School

June 27 - July 1; Ages 2 - 5th Grade (Incoming)



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Register at [tmumc.org](http://tmumc.org), at the VBS tables or in the church office. Check out the details on page 3.

### 6th Grade Mission Camp

June 27 - July 1; Ages 6th Grade (Incoming)

6th Grade Mission Camp is a program designed for "new" youth kids entering 6th grade in the fall of 2011.

Mission Campers participate in four community service projects off-campus (field trip style) Monday through Thursday and then attend a party celebration on Friday!

6th Grade Mission Camp runs concurrently with VBS. There is a session in the morning (9 a.m.-noon) and afternoon (1-4 p.m.) Register for Mission Camp at [tmumc.org](http://tmumc.org).

Cost for the camp is \$40 (\$45 after June 13) and includes a special Mission Camp t-shirt. Cost should never be a reason to prevent someone from coming. Scholarships are available in the office, no questions asked. We are limited to 50 youth per session, so sign up early. Adult chaperones needed!

There is a parent meeting on June 26. Contact Leann White at 972-539-8547, ext. 247 or [leannw@tmumc.org](mailto:leannw@tmumc.org).

### Summer Music Camp

July 11-15, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Completed Grades 2-6

If you have a budding dramatist who has completed grades 2 to 6, send them to Summer Music Camp where they will learn music, choreography and drama to a musical called "Happily Forever After."



They will perform on Sunday July 17 at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Kids bring a sack lunch every day. The camp runs Monday to Friday, July 11-15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and culminates

with a performance at the end of the week. Cost is \$75 per camper (\$80 after June 26) and includes all supplies, t-shirt and lunch on Friday. Register at [tmumc.org](http://tmumc.org) (please pay in the office or mail in your payment after registering online-mark Music Camp in the memo line), in the church office, or in the Connection Center June 19 or 26. Adult volunteers are needed.

**Auditions for Speaking Parts** — June 5 & 12 at noon in the choir room (165). Contact Tanya Allen at [tanyaa@tmumc.org](mailto:tanyaa@tmumc.org).

### Breakaway Sports Camps - July 18 - 22

This year, Trietsch will host two exciting sports camps the same week with different choices in the morning and evening camps. Register at [tmumc.org](http://tmumc.org). Contact Beth Lutz at [bethl@tmumc.org](mailto:bethl@tmumc.org).

#### Morning Session

Morning camp, 9 a.m - 12:15 p.m.; \$85 per child  
FEE INCLUDES: 5 Fun-filled days, Daily snacks and drinks, Collector Sports Pin, and Sports Camp T-shirt.

#### Choices for Camp - NOTE GRADES

- \*Basketball: 3rd - 6th grade (max 30 campers)
- \*Soccer: 1st - 6th grade
- \*Cheer: 1st - 6th grade
- \*Breakaway 4/5 Camp - special camp for 4 & 5 year olds

#### Evening Session

Evening camp, 5 p.m - 8:15 p.m.; \$85 per child  
FEE INCLUDES: 5 Fun-filled days, Daily snacks and drinks, Collector Sports Pin, and Sports Camp T-shirt.

#### Choices for Camp - NOTE GRADES

- \*Basketball: 3rd - 6th grade (max 30 campers)
- \*Flag Football: 3rd - 6th grade
- \*Cheer: 1st - 6th grade



while you are out of school. Contact Beth L

## Off-Site

### Uth Kwior S June 13 - 18; A

Each summer the Uth Kwior goes on their Summer Tour. This year's destination is New Orleans. While in the NO area, they will do mission work focusing on rebuilding the area post Katrina. The Kwior will also sing at selected venues around New Orleans and hit some of the more interesting tourist spots in this unique American city. The cost is \$2

Kwior Director Amanda Evans is active vice, fellowship and fun of being a member of someone who wants to get in on the action tour this year, contact Amanda Evans at

# DEVOTED



### Upward Flag Football Camp Aug. 1-5, 6 p.m.; 3-6 Grade

We are offering flag football summer camp this year. The camp is for incoming 3-6 graders. The cost is \$50 (includes Camp T-shirt, water bottle, flag belt, daily snacks and drinks). Volunteers are needed to be coaches. We really would love high school and college football players to help out with the program. That a great way to give back this summer. Contact Leann White at [leannw@tmumc.org](mailto:leannw@tmumc.org).

### Summer Camps

#### Summer Tour Ages 6-12 grades



\$50. We are seeking young people to join in the service of the Treitsch Uth Kwior. If you know someone, please contact Leann White at [leannw@tmumc.org](mailto:leannw@tmumc.org), and be able to experience the summer tour. Contact Leann White at [leannw@tmumc.org](mailto:leannw@tmumc.org) or 972-400-9997.

Camp in San Angelo, Texas. This is an amazing camp with a great balance of fun, bible study and worship. The cost of the trip is \$350.

Pick up a registration form on the Jr. High Ministry Stand outside the Ministry Center. Registration deadline has passed and only a few limited spots remain. Contact Leann White at [leannw@tmumc.org](mailto:leannw@tmumc.org).

### Senior High Student Life Camp

July 16-22; Deadline Passed - Limited Space Available

We are going to Student Life Camp in Edmond, OK. This is an amazing camp! It challenges the youth spiritually as well as providing a great balance of fun, bible study and worship. The cost of the trip is \$400.

Pick up a registration form on the Sr. High Ministry Stand outside the Ministry Center. Registration deadline has passed and only a few limited spots remain. Contact Denise Robinson at [deniser@tmumc.org](mailto:deniser@tmumc.org). You can check out further details about Student Life at their website at [www.studentlife.com](http://www.studentlife.com).



### Bridgeport Church Camp

July 27-31



The children of Trietsch will be attending Bridgeport Summer Camp July 26-30. At this time, session C3 is full. If you'd like to add your child's name to the wait list for this camp, please go to [bridgeportcamp.com](http://bridgeportcamp.com).

com. Click through camp schedule and C3 link. Send in the form with a \$50 deposit. Additional camp opportunities are available. Session C4, Aug. 9-13, is a great camp to attend prior to the beginning of school.

**To register for camps or for more information on summer events, visit [tmumc.org](http://tmumc.org) or contact the person listed for each event.**

## Year-End Celebrations

### CIA Extravaganza - May 22, Time TBD

CIA will celebrate their end of year with huge Extravaganza! Details are being planned but mark your calendar for Sunday, May 22 from 1 - 3 p.m. Contact Kellie Sanford at [kellies@tmumc.org](mailto:kellies@tmumc.org) for more information.



### Pioneer Club End of Year Party - June 8, 6 p.m.

Pioneer Club is wrapping up their 11th year June 8 at Stonehill Farms with their end of year celebration. It has been a year of blessings and fun! New friendships have formed and old ones have grown deeper while the Clubbers have been spending each Wednesday in praise, study, and putting Christ in every phase of their life. Contact Chris Patton at [chrisp@tmumc.org](mailto:chrisp@tmumc.org).



## Silent Auction Raises over \$24,000 for Mozambique

The Annual Mozambique Silent Auction was held April 3-17. We had over 500+ items donated to the auction by individuals, Sunday school classes, local business and groups.

We had everything from jewelry, bedding, stuffed animals, live plants and floral arrangements, many gift baskets of every description, lots of pictures, and an array of certificates, as well as a signed Dallas Cowboy stadium chair and all those condos.

Thanks to your generosity, the final amount raised for our missions in Mozambique was more than \$24,000! All proceeds go directly to help our mission efforts in Mozambique, Africa.

We give special thanks to Peggy Swann and Melva Jones who co-chaired this event and made it the big success it was. They gave countless hours and much dedication to the project. We also thank the committee members for their wonderful talents and willingness to help.

This year's committee mem-

bers were Janis Rader, Candy Day, Linda Doherty, Dawn Eberhart, Diane Almand, Elizabeth Hinkel, Joan Dorr, Marj Conger, Martha Smith, Mary Turner, Shelly Bogges, Sue Arthur, Donna Overton, Betty Baker, Pat Keeble and Kimberly Jones.

The MSA Committee wants to recognize the Trietsch Staff for all they do for the auction, for the Theophilites Sunday School group generous donation which was used to purchase needed basket items and for the Baptism Quilters providing lunch during auction closing.

Also, the MSA Committee applauds all the wonderful volunteers that gave their time on Sunday afternoon to close out the auction.

Look towards next year's auction because it's never too early to think about what special basket your small group can donate to next year's auction. Also, if you would like to assist with the auction next year please contact Peggy Swann or Melva Jones.

## Quilters Share Christ's Warmth

During worship in early April, we blessed numerous quilts on the altar rail. Those quilts are going to the high school graduates at the Methodist Mission Homes in Waco and San Antonio.



Heart Ties Quilt Mission is dedicated to spreading God's love through the gift of handmade quilts to individuals through several care facilities around the state of Texas

But they're not the only people Trietsch's Heart Ties Quilters send the warmth of Christ's love to. Heart Ties also currently provides quilts to:

- Abused children at the Nelson Center in Denton
- Pregnant, unwed teens at Elizabeth House in Denton
- Residents of Lake Park Nursing Home in Lewisville
- Children awaiting foster care at the Rainbow Room
- Friends of the Family shelter for abused women in Denton
- Homeless and runaway teens/children at Promise House in Dallas
- Graduates at Promise House
- Residents of the Methodist Boy's Ranch in Gore, OK
- Residents of the Methodist Girl's Home in Tahlequah, OK (tal'-e-kwa)
- The Lewisville 1st Methodist Church YOTO (pronounced like yo-yo) drop in program for high school youth in need.

and Oklahoma.

Members of our congregation cut and sort fabric, design, sew, tie, and finish the quilts. Together with fabric donations and prayer from our entire congregation, they create beautiful quilts for many who are alone, lost, struggling or hurting.

This mission was begun by Ellen Snyder as a response to God's vision to make quilts for the lonely and unloved. Her husband, Dr. Lowell Snyder, daughters Diane Bishop and Carol Myers, and many members of Trietsch have carried on this vision since her death. Dr. Snyder also passed away last month leaving a precious legacy for our church to continue.

Currently, the group is in the most need of people willing to finish the edges of quilts with a sewing machine once they have been tied and to cut fabric into 6" squares with a roller cutter.

You may pick up simple-to-do "kits" and do the work at home. They can also use people willing to help tie the quilts on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 9 a.m. to noon. No sewing experience is necessary!

## Leadership Board Maintains Focus on Long-Term Issues

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the facilities, and Staff/ Parish Relations. We also have great leaders who are managing the transition of the Family Life Center from the Building Committee to Trustees.

All of this has allowed the Leadership Board to focus more on what we are really charged to do- try to discern God's long-term direction for Trietsch and help facilitate those activities that support His will for us as a church.

We believe our three major initiatives for this year help further and support that vision, so we have formed teams to work on:

1) Developing an ongoing feedback mechanism so we can more accurately collect and act upon congregational and visitor input.

2) A more systematic contact management system so we have a consistent communication plan for reaching out to people at critical times in their lives.

3) A "measurements dashboard" to be a comprehensive tool for both staff and lay leaders to use in managing the church and allocating resources.

Some of these don't sound like very exciting projects, but we believe they will really help us seek excellence in our church in the name of Christ!

As we roll out these programs, many of you will have the opportunity to help us develop better tools and gather information so can all serve more effectively. We sincerely ask for your prayers and your support as we diligently strive to follow God's direction for us into the future.

Thanks to our big Trietsch family for being such a great, caring, loving, involved congregation!

Your TMUMC Leadership Board

## JOY Goes Ridin' the Rail

Join JOY – Just Older Youth – as they go Ridin' the Rail! A train trip and a visit to the Nasher Sculpture Museum! The group will meet in the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17, to carpool to the lite rail train station. They'll take the train into Dallas and walk several blocks to the Nasher Museum, where they will have a guided tour. Following a lunch in the Arts District (dutch), the group will take a train back and return to the church about 2 p.m. Cost is \$4 for the train and \$8 for the museum (only \$5 if you're over 65). Lunch is dutch. Register with Candy Wade at 972-571-1953 or [candywade@verizon.net](mailto:candywade@verizon.net) or in the Connection Center on May 8 & 15.

## 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. Whether you are just beginning to help out a loved one, are concerned about one's aging situation, or find yourself overwhelmed with caregiving responsibilities, 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, will meet the 3rd Monday of each month, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in Room 110. Contact Pam Brandon, 817-528-9399 or Rev. Joe Shafer, 972-539-8547, ext. 203 or [joes@tmumc.org](mailto:joes@tmumc.org).

## Lunch with the Pastor

Are you new to Trietsch? Are you considering membership here? Have you recently joined the Trietsch family of faith? If so, we invite you to Lunch with the Pastor on May 15, 12:15-2 p.m. in the Ministry Center. You'll get to meet other visitors and new members and ask questions of the staff and senior pastor. RSVP to Emily Evans at [emilye@tmumc.org](mailto:emilye@tmumc.org) or 972-539-8547, ext. 204.

## A Stephen Minister Helps

Stephen Ministers have been quietly making a difference in individuals lives for over 30 years. This ministry is confidential. No one knows you have a Stephen Minister unless you tell them. Having a non-judgmental person, who loves Christ and is trained to care, walk alongside you as you make your way thru a difficult time, can make all the difference in your ability to cope. If you are currently struggling with something hard, please consider asking for a Stephen Minister. Contact Rev. Joe Shafer at ext. 203 or [joes@tmumc.org](mailto:joes@tmumc.org).

## Project Transformation

Trietsch will be travelling to Chapel Hill UMC to read to children the week of June 13-16 for Project Transformation. To sign up, contact Diane Presley at [dianep@tmumc.org](mailto:dianep@tmumc.org).

## Kids Eat Free Changes

This year Kids Eat Free (KEF) is changing. We will not prepare the meals. The food will be delivered to Trietsch daily. We want you to be involved. We need volunteers to —

1. Deliver meals to the kids - sign up for dates
2. Tell your friends about KEF, and get them to sign up. It is great for a Sunday School class, teams, scouts, etc. It's fun!

Stop by the Connection Center on May 15, 22 & 29 to learn more. Contact Andy Kistler at [discipulus@tx.rr.com](mailto:discipulus@tx.rr.com).

## Auditions for Joseph...

Contact Amy Parsons at [trietschjoseph-musical@yahoo.com](mailto:trietschjoseph-musical@yahoo.com) to audition for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Performance dates are Aug. 5, 6 & 7.

## Guitar Band Concert

Visit the Connection Center between services on May 15, to hear Trietsch's Guitar Choir. This band is made up of children ages 8 and up and adults. Contact Bruce Lattimer at 972-691-4411 or [brucejdlh@msn.com](mailto:brucejdlh@msn.com).

## Re-Ignite Youth

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

### Senior Recognition Sunday

All seniors and their families are invited to join us for Senior Recognition Sunday on June 5. High school seniors will be recognized during all worship services and a reception at noon. Invitations with details will be sent to all seniors of record in mid-May. If you are senior and do not receive your invitation, contact Denise Robinson at [deniser@tmumc.org](mailto:deniser@tmumc.org).

### End-of-Year Parties

Senior high will celebrate the end of school with the annual "Passing of the Torch" lock-in. The lock-in will be held June 3-4, 8 p.m. - 7 a.m. Please bring a snack to share. Drinks will be provided. Advanced registration will be required. Watch for details on the Re-Ignite Information Stands outside the Ministry Center. Contact Denise Robinson at [deniser@tmumc.org](mailto:deniser@tmumc.org).

Junior high will celebrate the end of school with a Game Night! The party is June 5, 5-7 p.m. Dinner will be provided. Contact Leann White at [leannw@tmumc.org](mailto:leannw@tmumc.org).

### Rosa's Fundraiser

On the 4th Thursday each month, Rosa's Tortilla Factory on FM407 will donate 15% of Trietsch diner's tickets to Re-Ignite. You can dine there anytime on that day, and just tell them you're with Trietsch..

### Senior High Weekly Schedule

- Re-Ignite Youth Group — Sundays, 5-7 p.m., Ministry Center
- Prayer Breakfast — Tuesdays, 7-8 a.m., room 292
- Re-Ignite Wednesdays — Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m., Ministry Center  
Dinner included 6-7 p.m. (donations accepted); Worship, 7-8 p.m.

### Junior High Weekly Schedule

- Confirmation — Sundays, 3-5 p.m., Ministry Center
- Re-Ignite Youth Group — Sundays, 5-7 p.m., Ministry Center
- Re-Ignite Wednesdays — Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m., Ministry Center  
Dinner included 6-7 p.m. (donations accepted); Worship, 7-8 p.m.

### Youth Sunday School

#### 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

6-8th Grade --- Room 315  
9th-12th Grade - Room 182

#### 11 a.m. Sunday School

6th Grade --- Room 204  
7th Grade --- Room 304  
8th Grade --- Room 211  
9th Grade --- Room 150  
10th Grade --- Room 170  
11th Grade --- Room 106  
12th Grade --- Room 136



## Children's Ministry

### TEC Openings for Fall

Open registration is underway for Trietsch Enrichment Center (TEC) as long as positions are available. There are currently openings in each of the age levels. For more information, contact Trisha McWilliams, TEC director, at 972-549-6491.

### Security Training Available Online

Trietsch has made security training more convenient for anyone who wants to work with children or youth. The Safe Sanctuary training is now available online. Go through the presentation and correctly answer the questions at the end. Background check forms are also available online. Contact Kellie Sanford at [kellies@tmumc.org](mailto:kellies@tmumc.org).

## Something to Think About...

When was the last time you let yourself (or made yourself) contemplate a subject that made your brain kick in to a higher gear? Perhaps it was on a topic you don't normally explore or by an author you don't normally read.

I have done some of my best contemplating when invited to think about something new, something out of the ordinary or maybe just a little quirky?

If this type of event sounds like something you might enjoy please join me this summer as I host 3 sessions I am calling ...*something to think about*.

At each gathering we will explore thoughts/writings found in a book easily available online or in your favorite bookstore. Participants will benefit from reading the book ahead of time but that is not required for attendance in the gatherings!

Listed below are the dates/time when we will meet and the books we will explore.

**Love Wins** — June 14, 7 p.m. In *Love Wins*, author Rev. Rob Bell addresses one of the most controversial issues of faith—the afterlife—arguing, would a loving God send people to eternal torment forever...?

**Why?** — July 26, 7 p.m. In *Why? Making Sense of God's Will*, best-selling author Adam Hamilton brings fresh insight to the age-old question of how to understand the will of God.

Contact Rev. Doug Meyer at [dougdm@tmumc.org](mailto:dougdm@tmumc.org).

### Looking for a Summer Read?

Looking for a good book to kick off your summer reading?

You might consider one of these!

**The Me I Want to Be: Becoming God's Best Version of You**, by John Ortberg. Ortberg provides a fine personal account of spiritual thought, surveying God's ideas for personal growth and offering a survey of natural gifts and how God seeks r redemption and personal strengths alike. Any spiritual reader will find this packed with details on how to be an individual and spiritually enlighten, making *The Me I Want To be* a fine addition to any spirituality collection.

**DNA of the Bible**, by Mike Breen. For many, Scripture falls into much the same category as Shakespeare: valued and enjoyed, but seldom understood. It is not, however, out of reach. The ability to identify the main themes of any passage is a skill you can learn, even as you seek to apply its truth to your own life. *Covenant and Kingdom: The DNA of the Bible* guides you on a Scriptural quest for knowledge and understanding. Stories and verse from the Old and New Testaments are woven together and cross-referenced,

until the connections are clear and indisputable, like DNA from the Bible

**The Dead Saint** by Marilyn Oden. It begins with a single gunshot, and Bishop Lynn Peterson watches in horror as a good friend, who is a member of the New Orleans Saints, collapses on the street.

**The Help**, by Kathryn Stockett. The novel is a superb intertwining of personal and political history in Jackson, Miss., in the early 1960s, but this reading gives it a deeper and fuller power.

**Bonhoeffer: Pastor, martyr, Prophet, Spy**, by Eric Metaxas

In this weighty, riveting analysis of the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Metaxas (*Amazing Grace*) offers a comprehensive review of one of history's darkest eras, along with a fascinating exploration of the familial, cultural and religious influences that formed one of the world's greatest contemporary theologians.

**Red Flags-Red Herrings**, by Susan Engel. "The perfect antidote to the high anxiety that pervades parenting these days, Susan Engel's lovely book tells the wonderful truth that parents don't need to worry much, that children will grow up and become wonderful people if given a parent or two who loves them and the basic necessities.



The Trietsch family celebrated Easter with song, dance, family and friends.

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|---|
| <b>1</b><br>● 8, 9:30, 11 a.m. Worship - Children's Choir Musical - <i>Go Go Jonah!</i><br>● 11 a.m. Connections Class<br>● 5 p.m. Re-Ignite  | <b>2</b><br>● 6:30 p.m. Basic Yoga  | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b><br>● 6 a.m. Quest Men's Study<br>● 6 p.m. Single Souls Support Group | <b>7</b><br>● 10 a.m. Confirmation Worship Service  |
| <b>8</b><br>● 8, 9:30, 11 a.m. Worship<br>● 11 a.m. Connections Class<br>● 5 p.m. Re-Ignite   | <b>9</b><br>● 6:30 p.m. Basic Yoga  | <b>10</b><br>● 7 a.m. Sr. High Prayer Breakfast  | <b>11</b><br>● 12 p.m. Life Journal<br>● 6 p.m. Re-Ignite<br>● 6:10 p.m. Pioneer Club<br>● 7 p.m. Chancel Choir<br>● 7:30 p.m. Orchestra | <b>12</b><br>● 9:30 a.m. MOBB Kick Off Party   | <b>13</b><br>● 6 a.m. Quest Men's Study                                       | <b>14</b>   |
| <b>15</b><br>● 8, 9:30, 11 a.m. Worship<br>● Guitar Choir performs between services<br>● 11 a.m. Connections Class<br>● 12:15 p.m. Lunch with the Pastor<br>● 5 p.m. Re-Ignite<br>● 7 p.m. Japan Relief Concert | <b>16</b><br>● 6:30 p.m. Basic Yoga<br>● 7 p.m. Family Care-giver Support | <b>17</b><br>● 7 a.m. Sr. High Prayer Breakfast<br>● 9:30 a.m. JOY Lunch - Riding the Rail | <b>18</b><br>● 12 p.m. Life Journal<br>● 6 p.m. Re-Ignite<br>● 6:10 p.m. Pioneer Club<br>● 7 p.m. Chancel Choir<br>● 7:30 p.m. Orchestra | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b><br>● 6 a.m. Quest Men's Study                                       | <b>21</b><br>● 8 a.m. UMM Breakfast<br>● 11:30 a.m. Women's Fashion Show & Luncheon   |
| <b>22</b><br>● 8, 9:30, 11 a.m. Worship<br>● 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Family Life Center Open House<br>● 11 a.m. Connections Class - Membership Sunday<br>● 5 p.m. Re-Ignite   | <b>23</b><br>● 6:30 p.m. Basic Yoga                                       | <b>24</b><br>● 7 a.m. Sr. High Prayer Breakfast  | <b>25</b><br>● 12 p.m. Life Journal<br>● 6 p.m. Re-Ignite<br>● 6:10 p.m. Pioneer Club<br>● 7 p.m. Chancel Choir<br>● 7:30 p.m. Orchestra | <b>26</b><br>● Rosa's Re-Ignite Fundraiser - All Day<br>● 7 p.m. Caregiver Support   | <b>27</b><br>● 6 a.m. Quest Men's Study                                       | <b>28</b><br>● 10 a.m. Dodgeball Tournament   |
| <b>29</b><br>● 8, 9:30, 11 a.m. Worship<br>● 5 p.m. Re-Ignite   | <b>30</b><br>● 6:30 p.m. Basic Yoga                                       | <b>31</b><br>● 7 a.m. Sr. High Prayer Breakfast  | <b>UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES</b>  |  |   |   |
|   |   |  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 6/3-4 - Re-Ignite Passing the Torch Lock-In</li> <li>● 6/5 - Senior Recognition Sunday</li> <li>● 6/5 - Jr. High Game Night</li> <li>● 6/13-16 - Project Transformation</li> <li>● 6/13-18 - Uth Kwior Summer Tour</li> </ul> |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 6/27-7/1 - Vacation Bible School &amp; 6th Grade Mission Camp</li> <li>● 7/11-18 Music Camp</li> <li>● 7/18-22 Sports Camps</li> <li>● 8/5-7 - Joseph &amp; The Technicolor Dreamcoat</li> </ul> |

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