



COME
together



Together...
We Make a Difference



Trietsch Memorial United Methodist Church
To know Christ and to make Christ known



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Our Mission

To know Christ and
to make Christ known

Our Vision

We are a beacon church
reaching out to develop
followers for Jesus Christ
through worship, growth
and service

*“Welcome one another, therefore,
just as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7*



Dear Friends,

Trietsch is a place we can **COME** and everyone is welcome – no matter where they are in their spiritual journey. As the Pastor over **COME** Ministries, I’d like to take a moment to explain what it means to **COME Together**. When we **COME Together**, we connect with God, whether in worship, prayer, music, special events, or hospitality. An integral part of this is for each of us to invite others to be a part of any of these areas. “Your Inviting Makes a Difference.” When we invite our friends and family to worship, to a musical, a Bible study, or a children’s event, this is an example of our witness for the love of Jesus Christ.

I personally can attest to the impact of an invitation. In high school, I was invited by a teacher at my school to sing in the adult choir at our small church. The choir was really bad (nothing like our great choir!), but the relationships I had in the choir and the powerful affect the music had on me, was profound. At that point in my young life I would not have a thought about being a Music Minister...but God did. God can woo us through people and the power of a simple invitation to **Come, Grow, and Serve**. Today I can’t image doing anything else!

On Sundays, September 11, 18 and 25, we will highlight lots of opportunities that encompass our **COME** Ministries. This will be a great opportunity to take a deeper look and find a place for you to connect with others. Maybe you play an instrument and you’ve always thought about joining the orchestra or maybe you would like to know more about greeting our visitors on Sundays. It is kind of like the old saying “It takes a village...” It takes participation and commitment from each of us to “*Make A Difference*” for ourselves, for Christ’s Kingdom and for others.

Over the next few months you will hear more about “*Together We Make A Difference*” and what it means to each of us.

Blessings and peace,
Rev. Karen Chraska



Come Experience Stewardship in all its Forms

How Can I Make A Difference?

What can you do to make a difference in your life and the lives of others?

1. *Invite your friends & family to the Remember & Reflect Concert on 9/11 and Fall on the Mound on 9/24*
2. *Attend the Love & Logic Parenting Class on 9/22 (invite a friend or neighbor to come along)*
3. *Attend or volunteer at the Re-Ignite Tailgating Picnic before the game on 9/30*
4. *Register for the Marriage GetAway 9/30 - 10/2*
5. *Invite a friend to worship*
6. *Greet or usher on Sunday mornings*
7. *Serve Communion during worship*
8. *Participate in the Music Ministry - Adult, Youth & Children's Choirs, Orchestra and Handbells,*
9. *Deliver mugs to our new visitors*



To participate, visit tmumc.org to sign up online or contact Karen Chraska at karenc@tmumc.org.

Below are a few testimonies to highlight COME Ministries. If you would like to share a testimony or check out all the testimonies over the next nine weeks, visit tmumc.org for updates and more information on Together...We Make A Difference.

The Mugging Ministry Makes A Difference

I am part of the Coffee Mugging Ministry. Some may not think that ministry makes a big impact, but it does. When I deliver a mug to first time visitors, they are surprised at how quickly we get to them after visiting, and are grateful for the contact. Sometimes when I deliver a mug, they ask me to come in and visit.... Recently I got a hug from first time visitor, Ellen. I think it makes them feel welcome, and they already have a connection at our church.

The most amazing mugging story is about a recent visitor, Alicia. She told me that her granddaughter and her family needed prayers. Her 2-year-old granddaughter, Alaina, has leukemia. Alaina was going through chemo, staying at the hospital and had lost her hair.... Alaina's mother was struggling with the fairness of this situation, understandably....

I contacted Sandi Stevenson, who added Alaina to the prayer ministry. I called Alicia before the test and told her I was praying for her and we had people praying for her at the church as well....

Through this ministry we were able to provide love and support to a family that needed it. It is an amazing ministry... that truly makes a difference. *Patti Albracht*

It's All About the Invitation

A defining moment that made a big change in my life happened late in 2006 when I was sitting behind Jim and Nancy Adams in the 11 o'clock service. At that time, we'd been attending Trietsch for a couple of years, but were not really involved in a ministry.... After the service we said hello and she introduced Keith and I to her husband, Jim. Out of the blue, Jim said he felt moved to invite me to come and sing with the chancel choir the next Wednesday. What he did not know was that I had always loved to sing, but had never been a part of any choir of any kind. I had never sung in the presence of anyone in my life!... I mustered up my courage and came to practice the next Wednesday and was so warmly welcomed by Karen Chraska and the choir members, that I immediately felt like part of the choir family.

Because of that one moment of Jim listening to that voice in his heart to invite me, so many doors of joy, worship and courage to try new ministries have been opened for me. The acceptance and love of Trietsch members has given me the strength and courage I needed to let my faith grow! *Brenda Schwartz*

How I Got Connected at Trietsch

When Christina and I moved to Flower Mound...we started looking for a church home. We attended several different churches - some very large and some much smaller than Trietsch but nothing seemed to "fit" right for us. I was just getting back into going to church after straying away from God for some time - I didn't want to feel pushed or sold on a church, but I also wanted somewhere that we could connect and be part of a family...I guess I would best describe our experience with Trietsch much like Goldilocks - it fit just right in several ways....

We did not attend church regularly and I would describe us as "back door believers". We came in the back door, went to the service and left out the back door and tried not to say "Hi" to anyone. Everyone was very friendly... and we would see people we knew.... So it was very comfortable for us to be here. We just didn't want to get too involved - we were afraid someone might ask us to volunteer :).

The big change for me came when I saw Trietsch was putting together a Men's Softball Team. I went to the first practice - and met several Christian men who were a lot like me, far from perfect, but trying to lead a Christian life and become better Christians, husbands and fathers.... As the season wore on those friendships developed and I learned about all of the different ministries and missions Trietsch has to offer - and we won the Championship!... That one softball practice snowballed - for both myself and Christina - we joined a Sunday school class, attended some small groups and even ended up hosting one at our house.

There are so many opportunities to serve, worship, fellowship, learn or teach at Trietsch - that everyone should be able to find something they like doing and do it here at church for the Glory of God!!! *Matt Hedding*





Trietsch Memorial United Methodist Church 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 make a difference when we **COME, GROW and SERVE Together.**



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