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7:14 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. (Praise Service begins 15 minutes prior)

> **Youth Church** 7:14 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

Bible Discovery Hour 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Praise and Praver 11:30 a.m. - Prayer Service 6:00 p.m. - Prayer Service 7:14 p.m. - Wednesday @ The Well

> Saturday Church School 9:00 a.m.

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LIVE Sunday Webcasts 7:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. www.trinitychicago.org

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Radio Broadcast Sundays, 6:00 p.m. WVON 1690 AM

Mondays, 9:40 a.m. WGCI 107.5 FM "On the Block with Dr. Moss'

Church Hours Monday - CLOSED Tuesday through Friday 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Saturdays • 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Sundays • 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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"There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served." 1 Corinthians 12:5 (TEV)

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Listening Assistance: As we endeavor to maintain a sacred worship experience, please return listening devices following the Benediction. An Audio Technician is available in the sound room for 15 minutes following each service for the return of your device.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

Order of Worship - 7:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Opening Song	"Look How Far You've Brought Us"
Choral Introit (11:00 a.m.)	
Hymn of Praise	
Unison Scripture	

PLEASE REMAIN STANDING FOR THE READING OF THE WORD

Invocation	
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Communion Collect	
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Assurance of Pardon	
Words of Institution	
The Service of Giving	
Offertory Sentences	
Tithes/Offerings	
Altar Call	"Moving Forward"
Sermon	Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III
Hymn of Invitation	

Order of Worship - 6:00 p.m.

Opening Song Ministry of Music	"Celebrate The King"
Ministry of Music	"Trust Me"
Sermon	Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III
Hymn of Invitation	
The Service of Giving	
Offertory Sentences	
Tithes/Offerings	
The Service of Communion	
Confession of Sins	
Communion Collect	
Distribution of Elements	
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Words of Institution	
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Altar Call/Benediction	
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[Once the sermon has begun, parishioners may not enter or re-enter the first floor sanctuary.]

**The Order of Worship is subject to change, at the dictation of the Holy Spirit...

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Hymn of Praise

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, They Fail not, As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Verse 2

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness, To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Verse 3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Unison Scripture

ROMANS 5:1-5 (NIV)

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.



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Almighty and Most Merciful Father, we come before You, acknowledging our sins, our shortcomings, and our breaking of our Covenant with You.

Not only have we done things we ought not to have done, said things we ought not to have said, left undone so many things we ought to have done and been silent when we should have witnessed for You.

Not only are we guilty of that, O Lord; but we have also closed our eyes and pretended not to see the injustices, the racism and the evil which pervade our everyday lives.

We have shut our ears and pretended not to hear the cries for liberation which come from the lips, lives and hearts of the oppressed – even our own Black brothers and sisters!

Forgive us, O Lord, renew our courage and faith, and keep us ever mindful of Thy great sacrifice. Hear us, we beseech Thee, as we come to You in love and worship giving Your Name the praise forevermore.

To All Our Visitors ... To all who mourn and need comforting ... To all who are friendless and want friendship ... To all who are oppressed and need liberation; and to whosoever will come, Trinity opens its doors. Thank you for coming, and may God bless you.

Sermon Notes/Prayer Concerns

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The Cook County Bar Association Hosts a TOWN HALL MEETING "SITUATION CRITICAL: Legal Aspects of Police Violence Against African Americans"

Thursday, January 7, 2016, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Trinity United Church of Christ 400 West 95th Street, Chicago, IL 60628

Recent Chicago Police Department shootings of innocent African Americans have incited a public outcry. In response, the Cook County Bar Association has assembled a panel of esteemed legal professionals to answer questions from the community regarding the legal aspects of these shootings.



Featured Guest - Benjamin Crump, President, National Bar Association

On- Site Voter Registration Available

COMING IN FEBRUARY, 2016...

MAAFA JOURNEY OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of February, as the nation celebrates Black History Month, Trinity United Church of Christ takes this time to inform, educate and remember the Maafa, every Sunday, every worship service. Make plans now to be in the house of the Lord each Sunday in February, and remember to invite your friends and family, as the Trinity Sanctuary is converted into the Amistad.

In preparation for our MAAFA experience, we are in need of the following:

- African print fabrics
- Vintage clothing
- Burlap fabric
- (Working) Christmas lights (preferably white)

In addition, we need volunteers in the following areas:

- Seamstresses
- Set-up (Saturdays)
- Striking/Breaking down the set (Sunday)
- Griots (Explains the highlights of the day's Maafa worship; Welcome to guests/visitors

For information, stop by the Maafa table through Sunday, January 10, 2016. To donate items noted above and/or to volunteer, please send an email with your name and contact information to the attention of Carole Jacobs, worshiparts@trinitychicago.org, or call 773-966-1500 Mailbox 2502.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Holiday Special Loan Program Continues through January 17, 2016!

Trinity UCC Federal Credit Union Members:

From now through January 17, 2016, we have designed a quick and easy special loan program to help you with some of your needs.

Holiday Special Loan Facts:

- The holiday special loan amount is \$500.00
- The term of the loan is 12 months
- \$15 application fee, includes credit check

Easy Qualifications:

- Must be a member of the Credit Union for 90 days
- Must be employed and working
- Must present two current paycheck stubs or proof of income
- Must have good credit history; debt ratio cannot exceed 55%
- Mus be current on all other loans
- We encourage direct deposit to support this loan payment

The Board of Directors of the Trinity UCC Federal Credit Union thanks everyone for your continued support! Happy holidays to All! We encourage all members to save regularly and borrow wisely. For more information, Call 773-966-1505.

Together, we can make it happen!

Announcements

THE 2016 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE COMMITTEE PRESENTS



VISION BOARDING For Women and Teens

REGISTER TODAY FOLLOWING ALL WORSHIP SERVICES! Cost: \$5.00 (for supplies)

Saturday, January 9, 2016 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Atrium and Fellowship Hall

What is Vision Boarding?

Vision boarding is an empowering exercise that serves as a tangible representation of our goals, hopes, plans, dreams, and prayers for the year.

As Black women taking a stand, it's important that we have a vision for our lives. Join us as we lay out our visions on poster boards for 2016 while in fellowship with our sisters in Christ.

(Please bring/share magazines and other materials for your vision boards)

SAVE THE DATE! 2016 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

"It's Time to Take a Stand: Black Women Matter!"

Thursday, May 12 -Saturday, May 14, 2016

Renaissance Schaumburg Conference Center Schaumburg, Illinois



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

This year, the Green Committee invites you to partner with us in being more intentional about being GREEN. Your daily choices in food, energy, communication, and transportation not only influence your wallet, but also your health and safety.

We challenge you to increase your GREEN BEHAVIOR in 2016!

• Green Challenge (March)

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- Join the Green Challenge. Each day, we'll send you an email that describes what to do for that day.
- Earth Care Day (May)
 - Come out to support Earth Care Day and help beautify our surrounding community
- Trinity UCC Garden (June September)
 - Toil in the George Washington Carver Garden to provide access to nutritionally-rich foods.
- Trinity UCC Farmers Market (July September)
 - Buy fresh fruits, vegetables, homemade desserts, macaroni and cheese, soup, canned vegetables, fresh honey and more all summer at Trinity UCC Farmers Market
- Recycle Day (November)
 - Clean out your closets and crawls spaces and recycle all of your old, unwanted electronics; shred unneeded documents at our annual Recycle Day.
- Trinity Recycler (Yearlong)
 - Become a Trinity Recycler and help collect/recycle bulletins after worship services, fostering Pastor Moss' vision of a greener church.

JOIN THE GREEN REVOLUTION

If you or your ministry would like to volunteer or for more information, contact the Green Committee at green@trinitychicago.org or call 773-966-1500 Mailbox 2385.

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TRINITY UCC FREEDOM SCHOOL SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Are you a current college student who loves working with children grades K-8? Consider working with Trinity's Freedom School this summer.

The Trinity UCC Freedom School program is an educational and cultural enriching program for our youth during the summer. We serve children grades Kindergarten – 8th for 6 weeks and integrate reading, conflict resolution, and social action in an activity-based curriculum to promote social, cultural and historical awareness.

Interested? Contact Min. Jasmin Taylor, 773-966-1543 or email jetaylor@ trinitychicago.org.

The Stewardship Ministry Cordially Invites All New Members To Attend Their BLACK AND CHRISTIAN New Member Class

Adults and Teens Sessions I & II – Saturday, February 6, 2016 Registration: 8:00 a.m. Class: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall (Continental Breakfast and lunch will be provided) Children ages 12 and under Sessions I & II – Saturday, February 6, 2016 Registration: 8:00 a.m. Class: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Children must be accompanied by Parent or Guardian)

Receive Right Hand of Fellowship, 4:45 p.m., Sunday, February 7, 2016

Please remember to bring your Bible – if you don't have one, we'll provide one for you! RSVP and CONFIRM your participation! Call the Membership/Ministry Services office, 773-962-5650, immediately! Expect a follow-up call from the Stewardship Ministry. PLEASE NOTE: Your picture will be taken during the class.

Announcements

Leading is Fundamental



Washington Heights

"Power is never conceded without a struggle." --Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Washington Heights community is at a tipping point. As you know, in late November 2013, the Endeleo Institute spearheaded a community-led effort to restore the Carter G. Woodson Regional Library. Roughly 40 residents braved the cold and made the trip downtown to help make the case to the Chicago Public Library Board for a 21st century library to not only strengthen community, but to empower it.

In December, 2015 the City of Chicago sent notice through the Alderman's office of a community meeting, providing only

<u>one</u> day's notice to outline the hiring process, procurement and construction timelines. Despite the city's tactics, the meeting was well-attended and residents voiced their displeasure and insisted that city representatives reconvene another meeting in January.

With an estimated \$10M budget, Endeleo is proposing that the city enter into a **Community Benefits Agreement** (CBA), a legally-binding (and enforceable) tool executed between one or more community-based organizations that represent individuals and groups affected by a proposed development and one or more developers. The CBA is intended to outline the developers' commitment to provide a range of community benefits and Endeleo is seeking to be the lead partner for the other interested community organizations, churches, and stakeholders.

Such an agreement would set a precedent in this much-maligned city, in that it obligates the developer(s) to facilitate the vision of the public and provide it a more strategic role. This is significant when considering the social and cultural impact of Woodson, its treasured Vivian Harsh Collection, and connections to Trinity UCC. Still, the most important aspect of winning a CBA is having an organized power base which includes residents, neighborhood block clubs, churches, and community-based organizations. The greatest of CBA proposals will go nowhere unless people are organized enough to make decision-makers take note.

The next library community meeting is scheduled to take place later this month. Restoring our library is a social justice issue in Washington Heights and your voice is critically important to completely change the narrative. We already have the power and authority; all we need is you. Please stay tuned.

•ENDELEO IS PROGRESS, GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT•

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<u>Calendar</u>

TODAY 1/3

400 W. 95th Street

7:30 a.m. Worship Service – SA
9:15 a.m. Saturday Bible School: S.A.L.T.Teens - 203
11:00 a.m. Worship Service – SA
6:00 p.m. Worship Service – SA

MONDAY 1/4

400 W. 95th Street CHURCH CLOSED

TUESDAY 1/5

400 W. 95th Street

7:00 p.m. Women's Chorus - SA

TUCC Village Center - 1947 West 95th Street

10:00 a.m.	Big Mama's House Quilting - W301
6:15 pm.	Mwanabaraka Rehearsal - W301

WEDNESDAY 1/6

400 W. 95th Street

11:30 a.m.	Prayer Service - WC
12:30 p.m.	Immabasi: Family Caregivers Support Meeting - FH
6:00 p.m.	Praise Team - FH
7:00 p.m.	Wednesday at the Well - SA

THURSDAY 1/7

400 W. 95th Street

6:00 p.m.	National Bar Association Reception - FH
	Christian Martial Arts - 202
	My Brother's Keeper - 120
7:00 p.m.	National Bar Association Town Hall Meeting - SA Sanctuary Choir - A
	Sanctuary Chon - A

TUCC Village Center - 1947 West 95th Street

7:00 p.m. Tangeni Dance Rehearsals - W301

FRIDAY 1/8

400 W. 95th Street

11:00 a.m.Free N One Meeting - 20212:30 p.m.Active Seniors & Friends - FH6:00 p.m.African Dancers - SA7:00 p.m.Free N One - 120

TUCC Village Center - 1947 West 95th Street

6:00 p.m. Big Mama's House Sewing/Tailoring - W307

SATURDAY 1/9

400 W. 95th Street

8:00 a.m.	Zumba Fitness Class - A
8:30 a.m.	Yoga Ministry - 102
9:00 a.m.	Ministers in Training - SA
	Saturday Bible School: 3rd - 6th Grade - 202
	Saturday Bible School: 1st & 2nd Grade - 120
	Saturday Bible Class: Adult Bible Class - WC
	Saturday Bible Class: Pre-School/Kindergarten - 116
	Saturday Bible School: S.A.L.T. Teens - 203
	SBS: Confirmation/Discipleship Class - 207
9:30 a.m.	2016 Women's Conference Meeting - BR
10:00 a.m.	Tangeni Executive Board Meeting - Balcony
	Health & Wellness Meeting - BR
10:30 a.m.	Dream Girls Event - A
10:45 a.m.	Little Warriors for Christ/Imani Ya Watume' - WC
11:00 a.m.	Math Tutorial - 202
12:00 p.m.	African Dance Rehearsal - SA
12:30 p.m.	Walaika Rehearsal - WC
-	Intonjane' - 202
1:30 p.m.	Justice Watch Team - 203
2:00 p.m.	HIV/AIDS - 120
-	Isuthu – Fante' & Ga Nations - WC
3:00 p.m.	Married Couples Mend It Don't End It - 116
-	Adult Choirs Orientation - 207
3:30 p.m.	Greeters Ministry Meeting - A
-	Married Couples Ministry - FH
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TUCC Village Center - 1947 West 95th Street

11:00 a.m.	Information Technology - Computer Lab
1:00 p.m.	Grandparents Ministry - W307

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IT S A NEW YEAR!

A gentle reminder, please make sure to write the year **2016** on your checks!

CHURCHWIDE EVENTS

BLAINE DENYE LIBRARY Ministry partners invite you to visit our library and explore the volumes on Bible study, African American history and culture, The focus for January is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: *A Testament of Hope: Essential Writings and Speeches of MLK*, by Martin Luther King and James M. Washington; *At Canaan's Edge: America in the King Years*, by Taylor Branch; *Never to Leave Us Alone*, by Martin Luther King, Jr.; and *The Dream*, by Martin Luther King, Jr., The library is located on the 2nd floor, Library hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

12TH ANNUAL MCCORMICK THEOLOGICAL Seminary Dr. Martin Luther King Praise and Worship Celebration, Friday, January 15, 6:30 p.m., Progressive Community Center – The People's Church, 56 E. 48th St., Guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Haynes III, Musical Guests, Imani Ya Watume, Information, Call Priscilla Rodriquez, 773-947-6310 or email prodriquez@ mccormick.edu JUBILEE 2016 TRIP TO SELMA, March 3-6, 2016, only 20 seats left for the 2016 march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, Information and to reserve your space, Call Maureen Forte, 708-653-6545

PROJECT CRADLE CARE, hosted by Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Eta Xi Sigma Alumnae Chapter, Saturday, January 16, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Advocate Trinity Hospital, 2320 E. 93rd St., providing health education, support, and nurturing for expectant teen mothers and teens who are parents

SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC. Eta XI Sigma Alumnae Chapter, 2016 scholarship applications now available for graduating high school seniors, Information, send email to exs. scholarship@gmail.com

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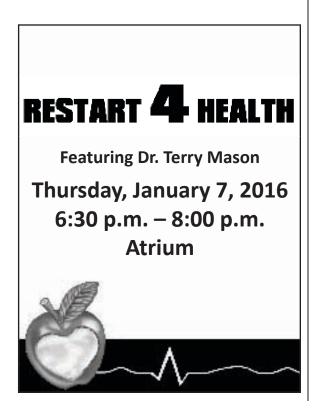


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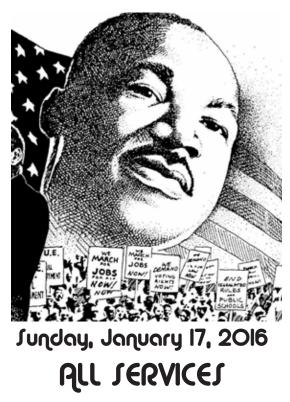
DIVINE IMAGINATION CALL

Join Pastor Moss for his monthly Divine Imagination telephone

message, 11:55 a.m., **Thursday, January 14, 2016**, Dial 712-775-7031, enter passcode 634787; press the "#" key (Please note new call-in number)



Save the Date! MLK JUNDAY



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But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

January – Love

He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27 (NRSV)

February – Joy

Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy good food and sweet drinks. Send some to people who have none, because today is a holy day to the Lord. Don't be sad, because the joy of the LORD will make you strong." Nehemiah 8:10 (NCV)

March – Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

April – Patience

Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD! Psalm 27:14 (NKJV)

May – Kindness

"This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: Judge fairly, and show mercy and kindness to one another. Do not oppress widows, orphans, foreigners, and the poor. And do not scheme against each other. Zechariah 7:9-10 (NLT)

June – Goodness

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.

James 3:13-14 (NIV)

2016 Churchwide Theme and Scriptures

Theme: "The Fruits of The Spirit: Taste and See!"

July – Faithfulness

Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32 (NLT)

August – Gentleness

By the humility and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you—I, Paul, who am "timid" when face to face with you, but "bold" toward you when away! I beg you that when I come I may not have to be as bold as I expect to be toward some people who think that we live by the standards of this world. For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 2 Corinthians 10:1-3 (NIV)

September – Self Control

So prepare your minds for action and exercise selfcontrol. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. 1 Peter 1:13-14 (NLT)

October – Forgive One Another

Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:31-32 (NLT)

November - Service One Another

My brothers and sisters, God called you to be free, but do not use your freedom as an excuse to do what pleases your sinful self. Serve each other with love. Galatians 5:13 (NCV)

December – Build Up One Another

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT)



Save the Dates! Every Sunday, Every Service

Maafa 2016

Journey of Remembrance

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