



Trinity
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Presents:

The Tea's History

Trinity CME Church held its first Tea in the original church Fellowship Hall at North and Jackson Streets. It was sponsored by the Council of Women under the administration of Reverend D.S. Cunningham. The tables were beautifully decorated with patriotic emblems. The atmosphere was full of the spirit of friendly fellowship and conversation.

Over the years, the event flourished into a beautiful community and church activity. It is supported by members and friends in and out of town. It has become Trinity's leading event of the year.

We, the members of Trinity CME Church, will continue to strive each year to make it better!



65th Annual Patriotic Tea & Musical

**"Make a joyful noise unto
the Lord all ye Saints!"**

Psalm 100

**Sunday, February 24, 2008
4:00 pm**

**Trinity C.M.E. Church
444 S. Webster St.
Decatur, IL
(217)422-3424**

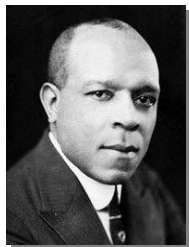
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Lift Every Voice and Sing

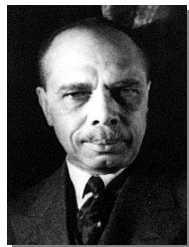
Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring.
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise,
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might,
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee,
Shadowed beneath thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.



Words: James W. Johnson



Music: John R. Johnson



I GREET YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD AND SAVIOR THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.

*We welcome you with love
and outstretched arms.*

*From 1918-2008 - 89 years
of sharing Jesus Christ!*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I bring you greetings from the Trinity Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Family. This is a great day. There has been much excitement in the air. The men and women of this great church have worked diligently to prepare for this wonderful day of great celebration. We thank God for the faithful leadership of Mrs. Angelia Anderson and Mrs. Barbara Johnson and their leadership team. This 65th Annual Patriotic Musical Tea has come together because of their trust in God and their faithful leadership. On this date, I commend everyone who has participated in the preparation of this tea and thank God for the willingness and spirit of cooperation exemplified in this wonderful effort.

We thank God for everyone that worked hard in this labor of love compiling and putting this book together and doing all the behind the scenes work, which is vitally important to any endeavor. We thank everyone who gave of his or her time, and talents. We thank God for all that God has done on today.

I arrived and preached my first sermon on the last Sunday in February 2005. This tea will always be etched in personal memory and service memory. It marks the date of my union with Trinity and yet we honor those who also were in union with Trinity.

It is my prayer that every visitor and member of Trinity Christian Methodist Episcopal Church received a blessing through this labor of community fellowship and love.

Please visit our website at: www.trinitymedecatur.org

Only what we do for Christ will last!

Rev. Patricia A. Havis, Pastor



Official Proclamation

CITY OF
DECATUR, ILLINOIS

Whereas: the Trinity Christian Methodist Episcopal Church is a necessary entity, born in 1870 out of a rich tradition of Christian Methodism and from former slaves seeking worship in their own church; and,

WHEREAS: Trinity CME started in 1918 and honors its roots in American soil and the United States by wearing and honoring the colors of this great nation of red, white and blue demonstrating its patriotism; and,

WHEREAS: Trinity CME will sponsor its 65th Annual Patriotic Musical Tea, an annual event where the pastor, officers, leaders and lay members who comprise this great church in Decatur, are lighting up the community through their giving and dedicated spirits through this rich and powerful celebration of food, fellowship, and music; and,

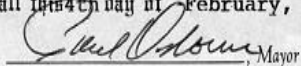
WHEREAS: this 65th Annual Patriotic Musical Tea's rich history and tradition has become one of the hallmarks of the Decatur community and developed into an event to which this community looks forward; and,

WHEREAS: Trinity CME welcomes Decatur's best talent and provides soul stirring, spiritually solid music and singing; and,

WHEREAS: Trinity CME takes time to "honor the ancestors" in a rich tradition born out of the African tradition and in 2008, the year of our Lord, Trinity embraces this tradition with the Patriotic Musical Tea by taking time to remember those that have gone home to glory.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul Osborne, Mayor, do hereby proclaim Sunday, February 24, 2008, as "THE TRINITY CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 65TH ANNUAL PATRIOTIC MUSICAL TEA DAY".

Done at the City Hall this 4th day of February, 2008


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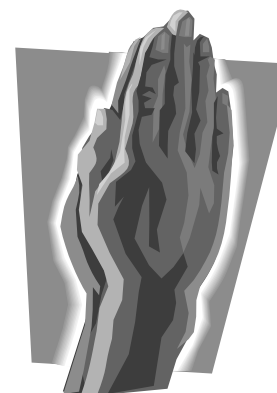


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<p>February 24, 2008</p>						
<p>Trinity CME Church 444 South Webster Street Decatur, IL 62521</p>						
<p>Dear Pastor Patricia Havis and Congregation:</p>						
<p>As your U.S. Representative in the 17th Congressional District, I want to congratulate Trinity on your 65th Annual Patriotic Tea. This celebration is deep in tradition, longevity and history.</p>						
<p>As a Veteran, I applaud your patriotism in whatever form it is demonstrated and I salute the members of Trinity on your special day.</p>						
<p>As an individual, on my last visit to Decatur, I witnessed the musical talent of Trinity. I'm told that one mainstay of the program continues to be the participation of local musical talent.</p>						
<p>Please know that your labor has not been in vain nor has it gone unnoticed. It is my sincere desire that your program will be enjoyable, inspirational, and uplifting.</p>						
<p>May God bless you one and all</p>						
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Program

Mistress of Ceremony	Vivian Joyner
Song	Battle Hymn of the Republic (475)
Prayer	Amber Outlaw
Scripture	Darwin Anderson
Song	Lift Every Voice and Sing (477)
Welcome	Melissa Bradford
Selection	Voices of Trinity
Selection	Sharae Bond & Brittney Clark
Selections	Love Fellowship
Selection	Michael Bell
History of the Tea	Markita Portee
Offering	Officers
Selection	Brenda Carter
Selections	House of Miracles
Selection	Shawn Thomas
Selections	Generation Juda
Invitation to Christian Discipleship	
Remarks	Mrs. Angie Anderson, Chairperson Mrs. Barbara A. Johnson, Co-Chairperson Rev. Patricia A. Havis, Pastor
Invitation to Tea	Rev. P. Havis
Benediction	Rev. P. Havis
Musicians	Olivia Glass & Mark Wilder



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To our loved ones who have gone
on to Eternity

Husband, Father, Grandfather, Uncle
Wallace "Smitty" Smith

Uncle and Brother
Dr. Charles Everett Winfrey

Mother, Daughter, Sister, Grandmother, Aunt
Annie Maxine Perkins

Cousins, Nephews, Neice, Daughter, Granddaughter
*Fredrick Douglas Jr., William "Buster" Smith,
Monica Drake*

The Seasons change time changes but the love we all shared
with you will never change.

The Smith Family

Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Julia Ward Howe.
Allegretto.

Air: "John Brown's Body."

1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord; He is
2. I have seen Him in the watch - fires of a hun - dred cir - cling camps; They have
3. I have read a fier - y gos - pel writ in bur - nished rows of steel; "As ye
4. He has sound - ed forth the trump - et that shall nev - er call re - treat; He is
5. In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea, With a

tram - pling out the vint - age where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the
build - ed Him an al - tar in the eve - ning dews and damps; I can read His
deal with my con - tem - ners, so with you my grace shall deal." Let the He - ro,
sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore His judg - ment - seat; Oh, be swift, my
glo - ry in His bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me; As He died to

fate - ful light - ning of His ter - ri - ble swift sword, His truth is march - ing on.
right - eous sen - tence by the dim and far - ing lamps, His day is march - ing on.
born of wom - an, crush the ser - pent with His heel, Since God is march - ing on.
soul, to an - swer Him! be ju - bi - lant, my feet! Our God is march - ing on.
make men ho - ly, let us die to make men free, While God is march - ing on.

CHORUS.

Glo - ry! glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry! glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Glo - ry! glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

Mr. & Mrs. Roscoe & Emma Joyner

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Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

In Memory of

Clinton Joyner

Oct. 1938 - Oct. 2006



Frankie T. Randall

Aug. 1949 - Dec. 2005



I'm Free

Don't grieve or me, for now I'm free;
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard him call;
I turned back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.

But not burdened with times of sorrow;
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me;
God wanted me now, He set me free.

In Loving Memory
Of
Mary Lee Joyner

Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother

Million Times

*A Million times we will miss you,
A million times we will cry.
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still;
In our hearts you hold a place,
No other can fill.
The Golden Gates stood open,
God saw you needed rest,
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always picks the best.*

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In Loving Memory Of

Willie L. Taylor



Mary L. Joyner

When We Ask Why

God's beautiful plan
Is sometimes concealed,
But someday His purpose
Will be fully revealed.

Someday God's wisdom
Will make it very plain
Why problems were permitted
And how He uses pain.

Disease, tragedy, fear-
Will someday make sense
When God makes all things clear.

We'll see the Lord's purpose
From heavens point of view,
And we'll understand
In ways we never knew.

Until we're home with God
Some answers will have to wait.
Lord we'll trust and obey;
Lord help us walk by faith.

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Of

Ruby Harden

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In Loving Memory
Of
Marshall West

*Thank the lord. Ask for direction everyday
So we may walk in his path forever.*

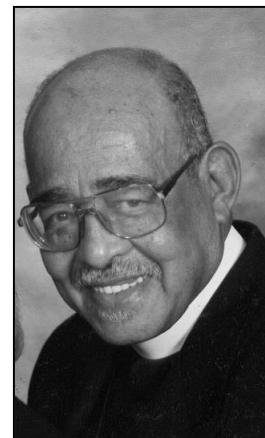
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In Loving Memory of My Husband

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“Because He Lives... We too shall Live”
In this restless world of struggle
It is very hard to find
Answers to the questions
That daily comes to mind—
We cannot see the future,
What’s beyond is still unknown,
For the secret of God’s Kingdom
Still belongs to Him alone---
But He granted us salvation
When His Son was crucified,
For life became immortal
Because our Savior died.

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In Loving Memory
Of
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"I decided early to give my life to something eternal and absolute. Not to these little gods that are here today and gone tomorrow, but to God who is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr

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Rev. Willie Jelks Jr - 1976
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Emma Jean O'Neal - 2006
Alberta Brown - 2006
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