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Trinity United Methodist Church celebrates 100 year anniversary with gala dinner at McMinn County Living Heritage Museum

ATHENS, Tenn. (August 6, 2010)—Trinity United Methodist Church of Athens will mark its 100 year anniversary with a reception, dinner, and special program at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum on Saturday, Aug. 14. The potluck meal will be prepared by four of the church's women's circle groups, and Bill Akins, local historian, will be the evening's keynote speaker.

Guests will also have the opportunity to view an exhibit featuring information on the church's history and members throughout the years. Displays will feature records from the church's founding, early minute books and bulletins, architectural drawings from the building's construction in 1909, photographs and uniforms belonging to members, and a timeline of the church's century of service within the Athens community. A portion of the exhibit will remain on display at the Museum until the church's actual centennial on October 10, while the rest will be displayed at the church itself.

"Delving into Trinity's 100-year history has been a fascinating process," said Lisa Chastain, curator of exhibits, "and I look forward to sharing the church's extraordinary heritage with the rest of the community."

A limited number of tickets for the event are available through the church office, which can be reached at 423-745-0452, or by calling the Museum at 423-745-0329. Prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages six to 12, and children under age six will have free admission.

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Founded in 1982, the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum is a private, nonprofit organization housing more than 7,000 artifacts in 30 permanent exhibits that represent the culture and history of Southeast Tennessee from the 1700s to 1940s. The Museum also offers several changing exhibits as well as numerous special events and programs throughout the year and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.livingheritagemuseum.com.

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