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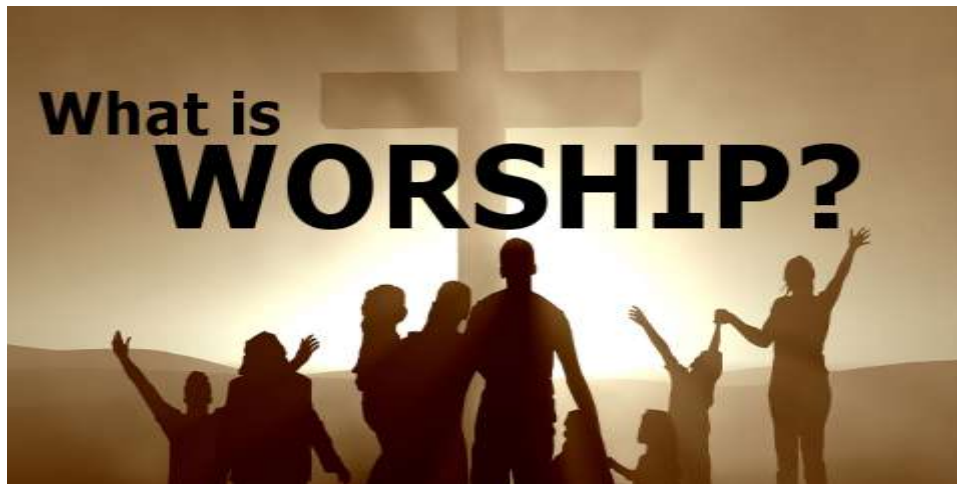
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## PASTOR'S CORNER: WHAT IS WORSHIP

REV. TERESA KEEZEL

It's a pretty old question. Originally worship was people bringing their offerings to give to God. The offerings were brought either to appease or to glorify God. These gifts were brought into his temple in hopes of either being forgiven for some short coming or to seek favor to get some hope. The hope could be a fruitful crop or a male child. In Jewish (Biblical) law, the first fruits were to come into the temple as a thanksgiving offering for the crop that was being harvested. This is why we teach that the faithful give not of what is left over but the fruitfulness of what is coming in (being harvested). Worship, traditionally speaking, is what we bring to God. We bring worship. We worship him. We declare his worth to us.

Originally, the focus of worship was God. God sat between the archangels on the 'mercy seat' (the Ark of the Covenant). "We bring sacrifice and praise." After Solomon's Temple fell, synagogues sprung up. The focus of these assembly centers wasn't an altar and worship, but a teacher/a rabbi. A few alters existed throughout Israel. At places like Shechem and Mt. Carmel, alters were set up for people to bring their offerings and sacrifices. But synagogues were set up to read Scripture and to teach. These synagogues are the for-runner of our preaching services. Here the focus and purpose is teachers teaching people.

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## WHAT IS WORSHIP?

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Over the years these two forms of faith have been combined. The worship service is both a worship service where we bring our gifts to God and a teaching/preaching service where we lead people in how to live for God.

So the purpose of the worship service has become to both bring worship and to teach. But worship who? On whom do we focus? Who gets our praise? Ourselves? Certainly I am not the focus of worship. Certainly the choir or praise team or acolytes or ushers are not the focus. When we become the focus, we have failed in our task. God is the focus. And it is the task of worship teams to lead in such a way that we keep the focus on God's presence. I believe it is our job to help open doors and help people breathe in the spirit of God. If we fail to lead in a way that help people connect, we fail. The preaching and music; all the parts of our service are to help us focus on God and to breathe in this spirit.

I hope and believe that our worship teams are fulfilling this task. I hope and believe that we all come, to open ourselves to God and to find him. My prayer is our worship continues to give us life and to offer this life giving bridge and connection. May God be with us and bless us. Amen

## A CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM



"It remembers the deliverance of a people from degrading slavery.

It declares that even though wrong may triumph for a time, by the strong on the weak, it will meet with its inevitable defeat.

These oppressions we remember. As we sit here with friends, we relive the ancient quest for liberty. May the problems of all who are down-trodden be our problem; may the concern of all who are afflicted by our concern; and may the struggle of all who strive for liberty and equality be our struggle."

On Sunday evening, November 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5pm, the Confirmation class will lead us in a Seder Service. Together we will remember how great and powerful our God is. Together we will celebrate his triumph for our freedom from oppression.

I hope that you will join us in the celebration of freedom.

## THAT TIME OF YEAR

Yes, it is that time of year – Charge Conference.

While only Church Council is required to attend, I hope many others will join us as well. I will ratify the budget, the officers, and the goals of the church.

We will remember and celebrate what God has done in our midst.

So I hope that you will come and share your witness with ours. Let's remember and praise the Lord for the goodness of the year, as we also celebrate the joy that is coming our way.



## 2013 PLEDGES

As of the end of October, pledges for the 2013 budget are \$261,340, representing 83% of the \$316,243 budget. Last year at this time we had received pledges representing 81% of the budget. Thank you for your support and joy!

## PROJECTION AND SOUND SYSTEM

The system is up. We hope it has been placed tastefully. We hope that the screens will help us look up and participate in worship in a smoother way. We'll use it for announcements and liturgies. Pictures will be easier to share. Scripture can be read.

An improved sound system has also been installed. We have gone from 2 speakers to about 20. We hope the sound and the hearing will be much better.

The cost of the two systems is about \$16,000. As part of our stewardship, we are opening up these line items so that if anyone wants to give any designated giving to this system, they can. If you would like to help to pay for this system, please mark it on your check or on an envelope. We hope that this will bring joy to our worship and to our fellowship.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the December Newsletter.

You can send items by email to [trinity@trinity-umc.com](mailto:trinity@trinity-umc.com) or drop off at the office.

## KITCHEN REMODEL

JOHN MORRIS

For years there have been complaints about our small church kitchen and the problems of electrical circuit breakers shutting down as we were preparing breakfast for Easter Sunrise Services of the café for the Trinity Women's annual fall bazaar.

Thanks to the "Kitchen Committee," chaired by Bill Foster, the Church Council has approved the design for the renovation of the current kitchen. The renovation will double the working area, add double ovens and extra sinks, and use additional wiring to allow the utilization of multiple grills and crockpots without blowing the circuit breakers. Hopefully, you have been able to review the renovation plans that were posted in the vestibule.

The contract for this renovation has been set for the renovation to be completed in January. As the contract cost is \$22,245 which was not budgeted, we would like to give the Trinity congregation the opportunity to donate to this very worthy kitchen enhancement.

If you desire to assist in this "special" funding, please mark your contribution "Kitchen Renovation" and drop it in the collection plate during the month of November. Your contributions to this 'new' kitchen will be greatly appreciated!

## NOVEMBER MUSIC NOTES

PAT MADISON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Thanks to all of our children who sang so beautifully for our services on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Thanks also to the parents who brought them to sing. It was nice having them participate in both services. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this possible. We hope to do this again in November!

The Chancel Choir welcomes the addition of Margaret Cox to the soprano section, Leo McPherson to the baritone section, and Les Morgan to the tenor section. We really appreciate their voices as we prepare for advent and Christmas. We still have room for more singers, so please consider singing with us as we approach this glorious season.

Thanks to all the Cherub and Angel parents and Lana who are helping Kathy with the Cherubs and serving meals to all the children. We are averaging about 20 children each Wednesday. We are so blessed! Please note our bulletin board next to the music room and above the water fountain. We have pictures of our "helping hands" for which we are so grateful. Remember that we will not meet on October 31<sup>st</sup> due to Halloween!

Odyssey Members remember that Youth Jam is November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> in Richmond. Please see me for a form which needs to be completed before the 16<sup>th</sup>! We are also putting together a little fun and entertainment following the Thanksgiving dinner. Please join us!

Trinity Chimers are working hard to learn how to read music and ring chimes. We have several beginners this year, but hope to ring in church soon. Many thanks to Pat Shrader who works with this group and also stays the following hour to help with Treble Clefs.

On a personal note, thanks to all who expressed their sympathy with cards, flowers, and prayers during the time I lost my nephew. He, like so many others, made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and freedom. Let's keep all of our service people in our prayers.

Blessings, Pat

## YOUTH NEWS AND UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Did you see Anthony take a pie to the face at the Fall Festival? Check out Facebook to relive the moment (thanks Amanda Kelly!) Thanks for voting and supporting Youth Ministries!

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup>** - No meeting (Passover Seder)

**Nov 11<sup>th</sup>** - All attend 8:30 church service, pack a lunch, we will go to Monroe Park after Sunday School (no youth that evening)

**Nov 18<sup>th</sup>** - No meeting (fall play)

**Nov 25<sup>th</sup>** - No meeting

**Dec 1<sup>st</sup>** Youth watching kids as fundraiser, 9 am - 3pm

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>** Regular meeting

**Dec 7<sup>th</sup>** Overnight lock-in

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup>** Parent meeting only, 4-5 pm



# A NOTE FROM THE LAY LISTENER: INVITATION IS EVERYONE'S JOB

DAVID BAILEY, LAY LISTENER

Trinity has drafted its goals for the coming year. The Charge Conference is November 11 where they will be finalized. The big underlying message for each of the goals is that *we should be inviting people to Christ*.

## 1. COMMIT TO FAITHFUL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE YOURSELF

Your presence is important to both your spiritual growth and the vitality of your church. Visitors who see a vibrant community with a "critical mass" of people will be more likely to return.

## 2. FOLLOW UP WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE ABSENT

People like to know they are missed. Check in on friends, choir mates, or others who miss worship to make sure all is well. Phone calls and handwritten notes are nice, but even a quick Facebook post lets people know that their church friends care and their presence matters.

## 3. NEVER JUDGE PEOPLE WHO DRIFT AWAY FROM THE CHURCH

You can't determine the condition of someone's faith by their worship attendance. They may be attending elsewhere, they may find it difficult to return after the death of a loved one, or they may have to work on Sundays. Whatever the reason, guilt trips are not helpful. Continue to love them and offer pressure-free invitations to worship and other activities.

## 4. PERSONALLY INVITE OTHERS

There's still nothing like a personal invitation to convince a friend, neighbor, or coworker to give your church a try. Special events like music programs, kids events, or service projects may be easier entryways to church than Sunday morning worship.

## 5. KEEP YOUR WORSHIP BULLETIN ON HAND

Circle worship times or a specific calendar event, and pass it along to someone with a personal invitation to come. Offer to meet them for coffee beforehand so they won't have to arrive alone.

## 6. KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED

Even if your church has greeters and excellent signs pointing the way to the bathroom, be aware of people who look uneasy or lost and offer assistance. Watch for people in the parking lot who could use a hand—a parent wrangling three kids and a diaper bag, or someone without an umbrella on a rainy day.

## 7. PUT OTHERS BEFORE YOURSELF

Welcoming new people into the church can often mean getting outside our comfort zones. Be open to new people and new ways of doing things. Choose to value a new person's introduction to Christ more than your own preferences.

## 8. ADOPT A NEWCOMER

Beyond just greeting new people, invite them to sit with you. Help them understand anything confusing in the worship service. Invite them to lunch after church and introduce them to others as you would a friend. Follow up with them later in the week with your hopes that they will come again.

## 9. CATCH VISITORS BEFORE THEY LEAVE

It is estimated that guests leave the church building within three minutes of the service ending. Greet visitors after worship before speaking to family and friends.

## 10. PRAY FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT A CHURCH HOME

Ask God to open your eyes to people in need of a loving Christian community and to open doors for you to invite them. God can use you to change someone's life.

*From an article by Jessica Miller Kelley, Ministry Matters*

Challenge yourself, the groups you participate in, and each other to follow the Great Commission found in Matthew 28. And remember that we answer God's call to impact lives for eternity through ministry, mission, and worship.

## MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

BETH WILKES, MISSIONS CHAIR

Fall is here and will be over before you know it, mostly because we have all been so busy at Trinity! Take a long breath and look around you at the beauty of the season and thank God for it!! November will not be as busy as October was, but there are plenty of opportunities to minister through missions.

### THANKSGIVING DINNER BAGS FOR CCHASM



Our annual food drive starts this week for the Thanksgiving Bags for CCHASM. We collect food for those that qualify and they also receive a food certificate with which to purchase a turkey. The drive will go through November 11 and the following is what we need for each bag:

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 40 oz can of Yams or Sweet Potatoes | 2 15 oz cans of Corn        |
| 1 13 oz box of Mashed Potatoes        | 2 boxes or pkgs of Stuffing |
| 1 14 oz. can of Cranberry Sauce       | 1 box of Hot Chocolate      |
| 2 15 oz cans of Green Vegetables      | 1 box or bag of Cookies     |
| 2 cans or packages of Gravy           | 1 Box of Tea Bags           |

**Please check all items for expiration dates. All items must be in their original packages. Please use doubled-up paper bags with handles or canvas grocery bags.**

Thank you for giving these families their Thanksgiving meal. We hope to top our 44 bags that were donated last year!!

### BELLWOOD ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS



We are once again adopting children from Bellwood Elementary – 22 this year! - and providing them with Christmas. This works like the angel tree with you selecting a child's wish list and spending \$125 on each child. Deborah will have the lists available at the church Thanksgiving dinner on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and we thank you for giving these children a Christmas that they otherwise would not have!

### CHRISTMAS FOR THE GIRLS' COTTAGES AT UMFS



Another missions gift opportunity we do annually is sponsorship of the girls cottages at United Methodist Family Services. There will be around 15 -18 girls and you will select their lists and spend \$125 on each girl. The lists will be available in December.

### CARES (CRISIS ASSISTANCE RESPONSE EMERGENCY SHELTER) CHRISTMAS



We are also providing Christmas at CARES again this December! This is where we sponsor everyone who is staying at the battered women's shelter in Petersburg. More about that will come up in December, also, but we shop for them and then feed them a meal on Christmas day.

We continue our missions that occur on a regular basis and hope that you will refer to the Missions Calendar and find out about the many opportunities we have for you to serve God by serving your fellow man!

May you all feel blessed by doing for others!!

## UMW NEWS

BARBARA SMITH

We would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the bazaar a success this year. We made a little over \$2,000. We appreciate everyone who contributed their time, talents, and items and those who supported us by purchasing things.

Our next meeting is Thursday November 8th at 7:00. We would enjoy having you join us!



## THANKSGIVING DINNER

# Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner & Youth Musical Program

## Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm

Contact Pam Soto, Lana Lefferts or Jennifer Walker with questions or to volunteer.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY THIS MONTH

### Children's Fellowship Thanksgiving Party

Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

6:30 – 7:30 pm

The Children's Ministry is super excited to be sponsoring our second Children's Fellowship Night on Friday, November 9 from 6:30-7:30 pm. All children ages 2-12 are welcome to join the fun.

As we give thanks in November for our many blessings, the children will share their blessings with the residents of Lucy Corr and our shut-ins by making them holiday cards. The little ones will enjoy a seasonal craft and there will be yummy snacks for everyone.

## A SIMPLE PAGEANT



While Pat is working with the older children, the little ones are preparing for an "Old Timey" children's Christmas Pageant: angels and shepherds and Magi!

On Sunday morning, December 16 at a joint worship service, the Christmas Pageant will become our scripture readings.

If you would like to help us in any way, or if you know anyone who might want to be in the program, please contact Colleen Cassada. We will need small angel frocks and shepherds robes!

## UMM NEWS

JOHN MORRIS

The Trinity United Methodist Men prepared Brunswick Stew on Saturday, October 6 to raise funds to support our local missions. We prepared more than 600 quarts of stew and sold it all by 3 pm!

Due to the great effort of all of the volunteers, the Brunswick Stew sale was a resounding success as we grossed over \$4200.

We want to thank the 21 volunteers who assisted in the preparation of the meat and vegetables on Friday evening, and to the 14 individuals who assisted in the cooking & stirring of the stew from 5 am to 1 pm on Saturday.

Special thanks go to: Bill and Joann Foster, who peeled 150 pounds of potatoes; Al and Ann Tougas, who peeled and diced 100 pounds of onions; and Pastor Keezel, who peeled 25 pounds of carrots during the day on Friday.

Also thanks to Sue Morris, Joan Foster and Kay Harrison, who assisted in the packaging and selling of the stew, as well as helping with the cleanup.

Again, thanks to all who participated in the preparation and cooking, as well as those who purchased the stew. You all contributed to the outstanding success of this major fundraiser. Hope you enjoyed your stew!

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## BIRTHDAYS

*Help us update our information; if your birthday is this month and you are not listed, please notify the office so we won't miss you again!*

- Nov 1 Margaret Tingler  
Larry Madison, Jr.
- Nov 2 Sharon Borocho
- Nov 3 Karen Sismour
- Nov 4 Bryce Harman  
Ann Tougas  
Mark Reeves  
Owen Tarnaski
- Nov 5 Olivia Kelly  
Helen Moran
- Nov 8 Patricia Madison
- Nov 9 Katherine Leinberger
- Nov 13 Peggy Merrifield
- Nov 15 Cameron Kelly  
Susan Reeves  
Stan Russo
- Nov 16 Shirley McPherson
- Nov 17 Lauren Cox  
Kevin Mills  
Emma Miller
- Nov 18 Jennifer Lively
- Nov 19 Abigail Farrow
- Nov 20 Marie Russo
- Nov 22 Bernadette Mills
- Nov 23 Wesley Burley
- Nov 24 Cynthia Corley  
Mandy Burnadette

## OFFERING TELLERS

- November 4 & 11 Judy Seely & Deborah Napolitano  
November 18 & 25 David Shaffer & Flo Gray

## TODDLER NURSERY WORKERS

- November 4 Stephanye Fuina & Catherine Genkinger  
November 11 Sherry Farrow & Lana Lefferts  
November 18 Cindy Morris & Michelle Sawyer  
November 25 Sarah Bishop & Dawn Fallin

*If you are available to help in the toddler nursery, please get in touch with Diane Springfield.*

## LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND



You are invited to travel with Pastor David Drinkard and your friends at New Creation UMC to the Holy Land, March 5-14 2013.

If interested, please contact Rev. Drinkard at [daviddrinkard@ncum.org](mailto:daviddrinkard@ncum.org) or by phone (757/484-8217). Please register by Nov. 15, 2012 to secure your space on the trip.

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL NOTES & MINUTES

Council notes, minutes and documents are being sent with this newsletter, but as a separate file. If you need a copy, please contact the church office at [trinity@trinity-umc.com](mailto:trinity@trinity-umc.com) or by phone at 748-2349 and Katherine will send it straight out to you!

## POINSETTIA ORDERS

Orders are due by Sunday Dec. 2, and will be placed by Dec. 9.

**Orders Due by Sunday, December 2**

*Christmas Poinsettias*



To order a poinsettia to beautify the sanctuary during the Christmas season, please indicate below your choice of wording for the bulletin. Please place this order form and your payment in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Kindly make checks out to "Trinity UMC" and note they are for "Poinsettias"

The cost is \$11 for each 6" (3-5 blooms) poinsettia. Poinsettias will be placed before the December 9 Christmas Cantata.

Please take care to print your information neatly and legibly to ensure it appears as you would like in the bulletin. Thank you!

Number Red \_\_\_\_\_ + Number White \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \_\_\_\_\_ x \$11 = \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_

OR In Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

# November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>If you have items to add to the calendar, please let the office know by email to <a href="mailto:trinity@trinity-umc.com">trinity@trinity-umc.com</a> or phone at 748-2349</p>				<p><b>1</b> 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm AA 7:30 pm SPR</p>	<p><b>2</b> Boy Scout Lock-In</p>	<p><b>3</b> 8 am UMM</p>
<p><b>4</b> <i>Regular Sunday Morning Schedule</i> 4 pm Disciples II; Chimes; Odyssey 5 pm Passover Seder</p>	<p><b>5</b> 7 pm Trinity Bells 7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>6</b> ELECTION DAY OFFICE CLOSED 7 pm Praise Team</p>	<p><b>7</b> 6 am Bible Study 6 pm Angels &amp; Cherubs 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p><b>8</b> 7 pm UMW 7:30 pm AA</p>	<p><b>9</b> 6:30 pm Children's Fellowship</p>	<p><b>10</b> 10 am Sherbourne</p>
<p><b>11</b> VETERAN'S DAY <i>Regular Sunday Morning Schedule</i> Youth to Monroe Park after 8:30 service 4 pm District Conference</p>	<p><b>12</b> 7 pm Trinity Bells 7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>13</b> 7 pm Praise Team</p>	<p><b>14</b> 6 am Bible Study 6 pm Angels &amp; Cherubs 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p><b>15</b> 7:30 pm AA</p>	<p><b>16</b> Youth Jam</p>	<p><b>17</b> Youth Jam 7 pm Odyssey Rehearsal</p>
<p><b>18</b> <i>Regular Sunday Morning Schedule</i> 6 pm Thanksgiving Dinner &amp; Youth Musical Program</p>	<p><b>19</b> 7 pm Trinity Bells 7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>20</b> 7 pm Praise Team</p>	<p><b>21</b> 6 am Bible Study 6:30 pm District Scouts 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p><b>22</b> THANKSGIVING DAY OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 pm AA</p>	<p><b>23</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>
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