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## **PASTOR'S CORNER: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**

REV. TERESA KEEZEL

God's spirit continues to grow among us. We are learning the Scriptures. The support we feel from each other is increasing. As we get to know each other better, our groups grow stronger.

Still the questions arise; how do we get to know each other better across the generations? Unlike old time congregations where generations of families and neighbors live together, we are strangers to each other. We gather from different neighborhoods and different schools.

How do we intentionally get to know each other? How do we continue to learn how to value each other; and therefore, value each other's points of views? How do we get to talk about tastes and perspectives in faith and scripture? This year we will continue to find ways to be together, to eat together, and to grow in Christ. Thanks for all the growth this past year.

God is among us. We celebrate the life and the joy it is giving us.

Thanks be to God that we are his.

-Teresa

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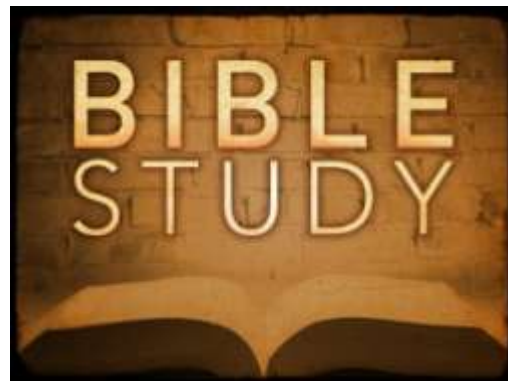
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## **JANUARY BIBLE STUDY: I THESSALONIANS**

This is the book that the January Bible Study will explore. Beginning the week of January 6<sup>th</sup>, we will study on Tuesday night at 7pm and on Wednesday morning at 10am.

The study will last for 4 weeks. Then we enter Lent. Paul writes to the faithful in Thessalonica. This letter encourages and inspires our willingness to believe and to share.

Hope to see you there.



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the February Newsletter.

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



## JANUARY MUSIC NOTES

PAT MADISON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Thanks to all who contributed their talent to make the Advent and Christmas Seasons so full of meaning and joy. Our Cherubs, Angels, Treble Clefs, Trinity Belles, and Chancel Choir have been a blessing to our church. Thank you for attending rehearsals and learning music and lines. MY SINCERE THANKS TO YOU ALL!

We have such awesome children! Our Cherubs, Angels, and Treble Clefs did an outstanding job in "In a Galilee Far, Far, Away". A special thanks to Turner Wilkes for our space "sounds" and to Beth Wilkes for the fabulous set! We are taking a break for Christmas, but will resume meeting again beginning Sunday afternoon, January 6<sup>th</sup> for Trinity Chimes and Treble Clefs. Cherubs and Angels will resume meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Odyssey will meet at 4:00 on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Trinity Belles will meet on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Chancel Choir meets every Wednesday except for December 26<sup>th</sup>.



## CARDS FOR SANDY HOOK COMMUNITY CLERGY

If you would like to send a card to the Methodist clergy and congregation of the Newtown United Methodist Church, the address is:

Newtown United Methodist Church

92 Church Hill Road  
Sandy Hook, CT 06482

The clergy are Rev. Mel Kawakami, Senior Pastor; Rev. Dick Yerrington, Associate Pastor; and Rev. Sue Klein, Deacon.

A collection is being taken to go to Newtown UMC to minister to the community of Sandy Hook.



The theme of the talent show this year is "Celebrate the Holidays"! A date has not been set yet, but we will let you know soon. Meanwhile, start thinking about the different holidays including international holidays! See me if you need ideas! This is a great time for all, so let's start planning!

On a personal note, I would like to thank you all for my Christmas gifts and cards. Please know how much I appreciate your love and support. May you all have a blessed Christmas Season!

Blessings,

Pat

## A NOTE FROM THE LAY LISTENER: FACEBOOK

DAVID BAILEY, LAY LISTENER

Does May 21, 2010 have any significance to anyone?

1. The 1st and only nuclear-powered lighthouse, Baltimore Harbor Light, celebrates its 45th year of operation.
2. Scientists in the United States successfully created artificial life by creating the first live cell to be controlled by synthetic DNA.
3. BP has acknowledged its estimates of the amount of oil leaking into the Gulf were too low. On Thursday, BP said it's now capturing 5,000 barrels of oil a day from the leaking pipe – the same amount it had previously said was leaking every day.
4. Five funnel clouds were spotted in Crawford, Indiana as reported by the National Weather Service. Miraculously there were no injuries.
5. It was the day before the 35th anniversary of a beautiful saint of a woman said I do with me..
6. And many other anniversaries, beginnings, and endings were celebrated on that day. I am sure that each of you has something of significance on that day also.
7. But it is also the first day of the Trinity United Methodist Church Facebook page.

I have spent hours looking in amazement at all that has happened at Trinity since that beginning page in our Facebook timeline.

Whenever someone brings out their pictures of past events or I am fortunate to see a video tape of an activity, I am convinced that we are answering God's call to impact lives for eternity through ministry, mission, and worship. Let me hear how you want to do more things to communicate our work.

Thanks to Doug Smith, Keith Nowlin, and Katherine Dohl plus countless others that are working to show Trinity at its best.



Look at the kids in costume from our recent Christmas Pageant.



And angels are alive and well just outside the choir room



The water slide at VBS is one of the first picture from the summer of 2010

## UMW NEWS

BARBARA SMITH

UMW will meet Thursday January 10th at 7:00 for the Pledge Service and Installation of Officers.

In February we will meet on the 7th, the first Thursday, at 6:30 at a restaurant to be announced. We invite you to join us.

Mark your calendars for upcoming UMW meetings in the first half of 2013. All meetings are at 7:00 (except the Feb 6.30 restaurant meeting).

January 10      February 7

March 14      April 11

May 9      June 13

## SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP NEEDED

BILL POOLE

The Junior and Senior High Sunday School classes need your help. Our classrooms are in the back of the sanctuary, defined by the movable walls.

Our rooms are small, but adequate for our classes most of the time.

We are having problems lately with "miscellaneous" items being placed in our classrooms during the week...items that were used in a worship service, play or that are not going to be used for awhile.

We think this is happening because folks don't realize these spaces are being used for Sunday School. These extra items take up valuable space in our small classrooms and present a cluttered appearance. Please help the junior and senior high students and teachers by storing these items in closets or the storage building.

## UMM NEWS

JOHN MORRIS

Trinity United Methodist Men met on a 'brisk' Saturday morning to cook Brunswick stew in a second fundraiser to support the renovation of the church kitchen.

We prepared 329 quarts of stew and "walk-up" sales resulted in all stew being sold prior to 3 pm.

Thanks to all the volunteers' superb effort in preparation of the ingredients and cooking and packing the stew, we grossed \$2275.

We want to thank the volunteers who assisted in the preparation of the meat and vegetables on Friday evening, and especially the individuals who assisted in the delivery and return of the stew kettles, and braved the cool weather on Saturday morning to stir and cook the stew.

Special thanks go to Al and Ann Tougas, who again peeled and diced all of the onions on Friday; and Sue Morris, who acted as the "Head Sales Person" and cashier during the packaging and selling of the stew, as well as helping with the cleanup.

We also want to thank all of the church members who purchased the stew, as you were a big part of the outstanding success of this important fundraiser.

**We hope you enjoy your stew!**

## YOUTH IN JANUARY

- Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – Regular meeting, 5-6:30
- Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> – Regular meeting 5-6:30
- Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – Tubing! Meet at church at 7 am. Blackstone forms and money due
- Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – No meeting
- Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – Youth making lunches to take to Monroe Park. We will attend the 8:30 service and leave right after Sunday School to take lunches to Monroe Park. Lunch to follow.

The youth will be collecting donations to take with us to Monroe Park on January 27th throughout the Sundays of January.

## BIRTHDAYS

January 2

Brittany Napolitano  
Vicki McIntyre

January 3

David Wright

January 4

John Morris  
Jean-Kathryn Cassada

January 5

Annette Hairfield  
Dara Mills

January 6

Nathaniel Sawyer

January 8

Nelson Babcock

January 9

Stephen Ruxton  
Holly Love  
Zakary Sandlin

January 10

Samoeun Por  
Erin Reeves  
Wayne Haley  
Bill Foster

January 11

Kathy Harman

January 12

Jennifer Walker

January 14

Katherine Madison  
Andrew Kennedy

January 15

Jeff Harrison

January 19

Justin Poythress

January 20

Jessica Farrar

January 23

Kendall Langford

January 24

Betsy Day  
Mike Costello

January 25

Lillian McGuffin

January 28

Carl Cosslett  
Lilo Burley

January 29

Jesse Sandlin  
Shannon McGuffin

January 30

Gwen Cosslett  
Rachel Allyn  
Ruth Allyn

## OFFERING TELLERS

January 6 Al Tougas & Linda Lewis

January 13 & 20 Judy Seely & Deborah Napolitano

Jan. 27 (& Feb. 3) David Shaffer & Flo Gray

## TODDLER NURSERY WORKERS

January Colleen Cassada and Jackie Hatch

*If you are available to help in the toddler nursery,  
please get in touch with Colleen Cassada or Jackie Hatch.*

## A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Trinity Congregation,

Thank you so much for the Christmas cards, well wishes, and bonus. The same generous spirit with which you blessed my family is something I am privileged to see you use to bless the community at Christmas and throughout the year. Your kind words and welcoming nature have made my job a joy, and I thank you for that!

Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and blessed New Year,

Katherine Dohl, Church Secretary



# January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> NEW YEAR'S DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  7 pm Praise Team	<b>2</b> 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 7 pm SPR 7:30 pm AA	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8 am UMM
<b>6</b> <i>Regular Sunday Morning Schedule</i> 4: pm Chimes/Odyssey 5 pm Trebles/Youth	<b>7</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts NO Trinity Bells	<b>8</b> 7 pm January Bible Study 7 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm Worship Committee	<b>9</b> 10 am Jan. Bible Study  6 pm Angels & Cherubs 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	<b>10</b> 7 pm UMW 7:30 pm AA	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10 am Sherbourne
<b>13</b> <i>Regular Sunday Morning Schedule</i> 4: pm Chimes/Odyssey 5 pm Trebles/Youth	<b>14</b> 7 pm Trinity Bells 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>15</b> 7 pm January Bible Study 7 pm Council	<b>16</b> 10 am Jan. Bible Study  6 pm Angels & Cherubs 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	<b>17</b> 7 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm AA	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7 am Youth Tubing
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