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PASTOR'S CORNER: TWO YEARS

REV. TERESA KEEZEL

THANK YOU.

At the end of this month I've been with you for 2 years. Y'all are a delightful congregation. You are friendly and mission minded. Both of your worship music ministries are marvelous. We have seen our children's ministries grow and grow. We have seen our youth ministry grow. I'm so sorry that about 1/3 of our youth were not able to be with us on Youth Sunday.

Jesus said, "Come to me and I will make you fisher of men." Jesus calls us to live in ways that encourage and welcome people to come our way. When I was a girl many people gave each other fruitcake for Christmas. Remember those days? Stores had shelves of candied fruit. Excitement grew as people collected their supplies to make this traditional gift. It's much more difficult to find fruitcakes these days. People don't eat them like they use to. It's not just fruitcake that's changing. So has teaching. As a girl, chalkboards and wonderful blue dyed papers led us in our lessons. Now it is white boards, Prometheus boards and internet that are leading the way. Life keeps changing.

Our fish have changed as well. Since the fish are now use to and attracted by different bait, we too must adapt to encourage and attract them.

Some of the new baits we are offering are projected Scripture and images, newer styles and rhythm and lyrics to music, and a more relaxed dress code. As you watch your family members, to what type of music are they listening? How do they dress? In what types of learning activities do they engage? Where do we need to be, to introduce them to Christ? Where do we need to be to help them grow in God's service?

The mission of The Church is to invite people to follow Jesus, to grow in the love of God and thru him, the love of each other. Where are we fishing? How are we fishing? What is our bait? Are the fish biting?

That the Kingdom of God may come on earth as it is in Heaven.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, June 30th for inclusion in the July Newsletter.

The deadline is extended and the July newsletter will come out the first week of July, due to the secretary being out of the office the last two weeks of June.

You can send items by email to trinity@trinity-umc.com or drop off in the "Church Secretary" hallway mailbox.



JOINT SERVICES

"They" say that the squeaky wheel gets the grease. There is probably something to that saying.

Sometimes I hear a lot a squeaks about the joint services. The newer type of service is a bit different from a more formal and 'higher' worship service. For those of us that grew up in 'low' more rural congregations neither the style nor the music is to awful different. But anyway...because of these concerns, I wanted to ask the Church Council what it thought. I sent an email and asked people to think about the joys and concerns about the venture. Should we continue them?; Concerns to take into account.

The resulting discussion was interesting. The Council had clearly been considering my questions and they came with responses. The long and the short is that we not have joint services on Easter or Christmas. That we celebrate them 4 times year. People really enjoy seeing each other. There are enough people that are good with the different types of music that 4 times a year is good. So...we are on!

Our next 5th Sunday is the last Sunday of this month (June 30). Several people are planning on transferring in their membership that Sunday. Thanks for loving each other.



PROMOTION SUNDAY

MARY PALMER

Instead of waiting until just before school starts in September, this year we will have Sunday School Promotion on June 16th.

This will allow the children to enjoy the summer Sunday School series with their new grade brackets.

INVITE A FRIEND TO SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Invite a friend, grandchildren, or neighbor to join us this summer as explore the culture of ancient Babylon.

We will have Promotion Sunday on June 16, so that children can travel through the Babylon marketplaces with their new age groups. (Preschool - Middle School) will be learning about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abendigo, about Daniel, and about Esther.

Activities will include jewelry making, metal work, astronomy, music and more. Look for a schedule of activities coming soon to the webpage. When we finish the month in Babylon, we learn about Esther and celebrate Purim.

We are still looking for some pop-up tents and tarps I am asking for some help. I would appreciate any pop-up tents that we can place in the classrooms to set up as markets. Teresa needs 7 total if possible.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY



JUNE 2 AT 11 AM

The

Cherubs

Chimes

Angels & Treble Clefs

Minister through Music

TRINITY YARD WORK DAY

BILL FOSTER, BUILDINGS &
GROUNDS

On June 8th we plan to spread 25 yards of mulch in the flower beds. Wayne Haley will bring his tractor with front-end loader to aid in the moving of mulch. Trinity friends are asked to bring rakes or mulch forks, if they have them. The work will commence at 8 am. Please come and join in the fun and fellowship. If you have any questions, please call Bill Foster at 748-9486.

MAY MUSIC NOTES

PAT MADISON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Remember to support our children this Sunday, June 2nd, as they present songs that they have learned this year that celebrate the life of Jesus. Our Cherubs are singing, Chimes are ringing, and Angels and Treble Clefs are presenting their play, "Let's Rock". I hope you will come and join us in worship this Sunday. The service will be followed by a picnic on the grounds.

The Trinity Chancel Choir will be participating in a special service on August 11th at Bethany Church. We are excited to participate with 3 other choirs for this event. We look forward to seeing some of you there on the 11th at 5:00 p.m.

Look for news of Haley Rasmussen as she sings with Voices of Youth this summer. They will be presenting a concert at Chester United Methodist Church on July 2nd. Watch for more information as the time approaches. We are very proud of you Haley.

The Trinity Chancel Choir continues to rehearse during the summer months.

Thank you for your service to the music in our church. I am also offering a hands-on music reading class on Wednesdays from 6-7 pm. You will need to bring a keyboard to class. Class will begin June 12th and continue through the summer. If you are interested in learning to read music which will help with singing and playing of instruments, join me on Wednesdays at 6!

As summer approaches, most of our music programs take a break until late August or early September. Thanks to all who participate in our handbell program. Ladies you are awesome! We thank Bill Poole for being our substitute ringer this year! A great big thanks to Kathy Ruxton, Betty Sawyer, Lana Lefferts, Janet Collins (who gave us great crafts this year), and all the parents who volunteered to help our Cherub choir. A special thanks to Deborah Napolitano who did the Bible study and missions with our Angels. To Stephanie Fuina a big thanks for organizing the meals for these groups on Wednesday evening. I especially thank Lori Poythress for helping with the music on Wednesday nights and to Pat Shrader who teaches Chimes and stays with the Treble Clefs on Sunday afternoons. Thanks to Colleen Cassada and moms who made the Spring Tea a success. It was a fun afternoon. Our music programs only exist because of the people who volunteer their time and talent. It takes all of us to make these programs a success for our children. Thanks to all who have helped our children this year grow in Christ through story and song.

Have a Blessed Summer,
Pat Madison (Music Director)

FEEDING THE HUNGRY: A SHERBOURNE NOTE

Especially now that the price of groceries continues to rise, the need for food is even greater. The amount of items we are able to place in 60 family's bags is declining.

By designating one food item per month, we are hoping to supplement these bags. The food item for May is Spaghetti Dinner: One pound boxes of spaghetti and 28-32 oz can or jar of prepared sauce.

Contact Deborah Napolitano with questions.



UMW NEWS

BARBARA SMITH

The UMW will meet Thursday June 6th at 7pm. We will finish packing the layette and health kits which will be taken to Annual Conference. We would like to thank those who donated items and money for these kits.

UMW does not meet in July or August. Our next meeting will be on September 12th. If you have questions contact Barbara Smith or Diane Springfield.

HELP MAKE OUR FALL HAPPENING HAPPEN!

JUDY POWELL, UMW

The UMW is adding some new twists to the fall bazaar! We'd like your help in making this year's event both a great fund raiser and a fantastic outreach to the community. We are looking for Halloween costumes – complete or partial outfits, homemade or store bought, gently used costumes – even used recital costumes – all sizes! We are also including a sale of kids and baby clothes so any contributions in that area would be welcome. We will again have our “Nearly New” section so start cleaning out those cupboards and closets and garages to set aside those almost-new, giftable items you never use. Sorry, we cannot accept any electrical items or adult clothing. And of course we would love to have any hand-crafted items you would like to donate. Please let Barbara Smith know what you are making so that we will know what new items we will be getting.

So get busy...knit, hammer, paint, glue, stitch, create! We want this to be our best bazaar ever!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

COLLEEN CASSADA

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 23-28 Vacation Bible School!!!! Theme: Everywhere Fun Fair—we will be transforming the church into a World's Fair and end the week with a Fun Fair Finale including fair games, pony rides, bounce house, and much more!!! Mark your calendars!!!

July 20 – Maymont Picnic 10 am-noon (More details to come) We invite you all!!! Come be a kid with us!!

PUT VBS ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW



BIRTHDAYS

- June 3 Aubrey Tarkington
Joyce Honderich
- June 4 Robert Napolitano II
- June 6 Harold Saunders
Christen Miller
- June 7 Pat Shrader
Ian Lang
- June 9 Barnes Wall III
- June 10 Sidney Pha
- June 11 Melissa Busse
Travis Collins
- June 12 Alan Nowlin Jr.
- June 13 Susan Rouze
Larry Melton
Ellen Melton
George Sawyer
Christopher Echols
- June 17 Christopher Burley
- June 18 Ruby Sawyer
- June 20 Meredith Beck
Meredith Lively
- June 21 Jean Hazzard
Melanie Krauchunas
Megan Johnson
Rodney Rasmussen
- June 22 Betty Bauman
- June 23 Dana Potter
Sonya Burley
- June 24 Jean Brode
- June 26 Alex Pettigrew
Donald Seely
- June 27 Patricia Farmer
- June 28 Bill Shelton
- June 29 Ed Hazzard
Renee Sandlin

OFFERING TELLERS

- June 2 & 9 Judy Seely & Aubrey Tarkington
- June 16 & 23 Ted Soto & Flo Gray
- June 30 & July 7 Harold Saunders & John Morris

A NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to thank the Faith class, the choir, United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women and the prayer chain for their hospital visits, home visits, phone calls, cards and their caring love, prayers and their thoughts for my absence from church. This includes the entire congregation.

Ed Hazzard

THE BLOODMOBILE IS COMING



**Trinity UMC Community
Blood Drive**

In Honor of the Oklahoma Tornado Victims

Sunday, June 23
8:30 am - 1:00 pm
bloodmobile

To make an appointment please contact:
Debra Reed or Colleen Cassada or sign up at church.

T-shirts as a thank you for all participants
All donors must present a valid ID or VBS donor card at registration.
Visit vablood.org for a list of accepted IDs or call 1-800-989-4438.

All are welcome!



June 2013

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Children's 8:30am Contemporary Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship Service 12:00pm Picnic 1:00pm Children's SS Teacher Meeting 2:00pm SPR Meeting	7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Trinity Belles	7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:30pm Worship Committee	6:00pm Children's Music Ministry 7:00pm Men's Chorus 7:30pm Choir	7:00pm UMW 7:30pm AA	Pastor Out of Office	10:00am Sherbourne
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9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Joint Worship Service						

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 21, 2013

Members Present: David Shaffer, Reverend Teresa Keezel, Ruth Allyn, Turner Wilkes, David Bailey, Tom Kennedy, Todd Miller, Anthony Lively, Colleen Cassada, Pat Madison, Bob Cassada, John Morris, Mary Palmer, Carol Sanders, Deborah Napolitano, Richard Wilkes, Irene Eubank, Karen Poole, Ron Gray, Lana Lefferts, Bill Foster, Maurice Linkous, Betty Sawyer

The meeting was called to order by Dave Shaffer, Chairman, at 7:05 p.m. Agendas were distributed. The invocation was given by David Bailey.

Correspondence: None

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the March meeting were approved as distributed.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Old Business:

1. Tom Kennedy is still working on the purchase of new chairs for Sunday School areas in order to rotate the Sanctuary chairs back to the Sanctuary.
2. The kitchen renovation is completed, thanks to everyone for their hard work.

New Business:

1. Colleen Cassada moved to allow the Children's Ministry to sponsor/host a blood drive to replenish Virginia Blood Service stock in the wake of the Oklahoma tornadoes. The dates will be Sunday 6/23 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., as well as 6/25 from 4-7 p.m. Sign-up sheets will be circulated as well as area advertising. The motion was seconded and passed.
2. Lay Leadership (formerly Nominations Committee): Rev. Keezel nominated Bill Foster to be the new chairman of the Buildings and Grounds committee. The nomination was seconded and passed.

Group/Committee Reports:

- 1) Building and Grounds: Bill Foster reported he has received 2 large reference books from Jeff Harrison, is ready to get started. Pat Madison thanked him for the new dawn-to-dusk lights at the choir room and main entrances. The parking lot repair has been held up by weather but is still planned.
- 2) Member Care: Carol Sanders reported that Debbie Reed has joined the group, let them know of any needs.
- 3) UMW: Barbara Smith reported the ladies are collecting items for UMCOR Kits for Conference, the full list is available in the hallway. The fall bazaar is scheduled for 10/11 and 10/12.
- 4) UMM: Bill Foster reported the men are planning a fund raiser for the sale of Boston butts, and the fall Brunswick stew sale is set for 10/4 for prep and 10/5 for cooking.
- 5) UMYF: Turner Wilkes reported Youth Sunday went well, a few youth stepped up to replace others, and they're getting ready for their summer mission trip to Myrtle Beach 6/17.
- 6) Finance: Lana Lefferts submitted the budget and spending reports which are attached. John Morris presented the Finance report also attached. He asked for everyone to

please be mindful of unneeded lights, doors left open, thermostat settings at the end of a meeting/service, etc. John also reminded everyone that if you need a check from the church for any reason, those requests go to the Treasurer's box in the hallway to be routed to Lana, who will issue the check. David Bailey gave formal thanks to John and the entire Finance Committee for their hard work and oversight of the church's finances.

- 7) Missions: Turner Wilkes reported for Beth. The missions committee remains very active in various areas. Karen Poole reported they participated in Rebuild Richmond and felt the team's overall abilities were under-utilized. They repaired drywall and repaired a roof. Several members went to the UMFS clean-up day and worked on a dog run for therapy dogs, cleaned out a cottage being used for storage so it could resume housing students, and cleaned out an overgrown courtyard.
- 8) Staff Pastor Parish: Richard Wilkes reported the evaluation process of paid staff is well underway, all should be completed by 6/14 and then will be presented to the staff. The committee has identified a need for additional funding for continuing education opportunities for the Pastor, Director of Music, and the Children's Ministry. He moved to have \$3000 placed in the Continuing Education Fund, the motion was seconded. Discussion included the approval process of first going to the SPP, then to an ad hoc committee to make approval on behalf of the full Council in those cases where approval/timing is critical. Members of this committee will be John Morris, Dave Shaffer, Colleen Cassada, Todd Miller, and Tom Kennedy. The motion passed.
- 9) Worship: No report, next meeting scheduled 6/4 at 7:30 p.m.
- 10) Children's Ministry: Colleen Cassada reported they are working on improving the children's worship spaces and experience. Children ages 4 and under are the largest age group of kids in the church right now and have already exceeded space available. She suggested a doorway in between the nursery and next door classroom to allow more flow between the two areas. In addition, more space is needed for Wednesday night activities. Her goal is to provide transitional space for children from nursery to sanctuary. Upcoming dates: June 2nd will be Children's Sunday, with the musical presentation followed by picnic on the grounds (chicken provided, bring a side). Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be 6/23 – 6/28, theme "Fun Fair." There will be a couple of Worship Preparatory classes in August so the kids can understand and participate appropriately in the various parts of worship.
- 11) Youth Ministry: Anthony Lively reported that although the Youth budget spending is currently at 83.2% for the year, the only other large ticket expenditure expected is Willow Run in September and they should remain w/in budget for the year overall.

Anthony reported that both he and Todd Miller were approached by a member of the congregation regarding making a donation of a large capacity van for group trips. It is a fifteen passenger Mercedes/Dodge Sprinter, very roomy, seat belts for 15, and handles like a car. The donor's only stipulation to the gift is to remain completely anonymous. As head of the Trustees (who accepts gifts on behalf of the church), Bob Cassada discussed expected costs for insurance and the need for a usage/maintenance policy which would encompass routine servicing, approved drivers, scheduling, housing, etc. There was a great deal of discussion. Because of the expected van delivery on 5/22, Bob moved to have Council authorize acceptance of the donation of the van, with an additional resolution from the Administrative Council thanking the anonymous donor with *extreme* gratitude. The motion passed. Members selected to form the van usage policy are Todd Miller, Anthony Lively, Deborah Napolitano, and John Morris.

Tom Kennedy moved to have \$2000 in the Miscellaneous Account be reallocated for the van insurance. The motion was seconded and passed.

- 12) Sunday School: Mary Palmer reported that Promotion Sunday is being moved from the traditional second week in September to June 16th so the kids can attend summer Sunday School in their new grade brackets. Summer Sunday School planning is underway, will be a trip through Babylon and studying Esther, Daniel, making instruments, dancing, mosaics, etc., as well as Worship prep classes.
- 13) Music: Pat Madison presented a typed report which is attached. Highlights: Improvements coming to the Wednesday evening activities in the Fall. The Sunday afternoon music schedule for the Fall has been set. She will be offering informal keyboard classes at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in the summer for anyone wishing to learn to read music, but you also have to practice! Members of the Choir will be participating in an ecumenical choir festival 8/10 and 8/11 at Bethany Church, with a service at 5:00 p.m. on 8/11 followed by an ice cream social.
- 14) Parsonage: Rev. Keezel reported the annual parsonage walk through is planned, and a new washing machine was purchased. The shower needs repair.
- 15) Stewardship: Maurice Linkous compared current giving/budget to attendance trends, and gave thanks to Rev. Keezel and Pat Madison for their work in leading Worship.
- 16) Trustees: Bob Cassada reported that the Trustees as well as other members have met with the developer who wishes to re-align Greenyard Road. Parts of the original proposal need further discussion and additions such as an additional access point for parking. The developer will be re-submitting his proposal to the Trustees/church.
- 17) Communications: Rev. Keezel reported that Keith Nowlin's computer crashed which deleted all group e-mail distribution groups for church. Katherine is working on rebuilding the lists and using a separate server for storage of the lists. Be on the lookout for test e-mails and slips in the bulletins.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Keezel opened discussion regarding Fifth Sunday combined services: Are they working, serving the original purpose, need to continue or not? There was much discussion regarding pros/cons, likes/dislikes, frequency, dates falling on holidays, etc. Upcoming Fifth Sunday dates are falling in June, September, and December. Bob Cassada moved to have the Unified Sunday Services continue, but limit to 4 per year, *either* falling on a Fifth Sunday *or* on a special date (like Youth Sunday) but not to have more than 1 per quarter, and not to fall on Easter or Christmas. The motion was seconded and passed.

Rev. Keezel stated that new members would be joining Trinity on June 30th, and the Labrynth would be making a reappearance from July 21 – August 3.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The next Administrative Council meeting is scheduled for July 16, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Allyn
Secretary, TUMC Administrative Council