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PASTOR'S CORNER: EAT AND GREET

REV. TERESA KEEZEL



Do you like to eat? Are you one of the bubbly people in our midst?

With our focus on fellowship and fun, I am looking for people (individual or teams) who will lead a "Eat and Greet" group. These group will have about 12-15 people a piece. Groups with families with children will have more. We average about 170 in worship. So I am hoping to come up with about 10 groups.

These joyful souls will call the group together 4 times a year/ 1 time every 3 months. We will eat, laugh, maybe go on a field trip or a mission activity. I already have 6. Please consider whether your spiritual gift is laughter and welcoming.

Call me if God is calling you.....931-8439. Teresa

CHARGE CONFERENCE

And so it is....Every autumn we prepare for the New Year. We listen to God's call and we respond. Where are we to serve? How do we bring to God his share of the harvest? What is the next adventure to which God is calling us?

And so it is. We have listened and we are responding. A budget has been compiled. An offering of servants has been received. Visions and dreams and hopes have been laid before us. Next week, on November 7th, we gather at Charge Conference to certify the offering.

"Charge Conference" is the United Methodist title for the yearly meeting when the chairs of all our ministry groups and committees sit down with the District Superintendent. With him (Rob) present, we will present our budget, nominations, and goals. These have already been agreed upon at previous gatherings. But with the presiding of the D.S. they will be "officially" accepted.

Council is who votes, but everyone is welcome. Booklets will be given out then and the next Sunday with all the names and numbers. God is calling.....

We are responding...

That the Kingdom will come on earth as it is in heaven.

SO PAT AND I....

WENT TO THIS MEETING. The meeting was for congregations that range in attendance from 150 to 350. The facilitator talked about all kinds of things. A couple of ideas caught our pondering. One question we had to discuss was: what are your congregation's core values? Hum...as a people of God; as children of God; as disciples called to bring the Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven; fishermen sent out to fish for people ... what would you say our core values are?

One of the ways the lady talked about how to find the values that mean the most to us is with the question: if you had only one month to live, how would you live it? What would you do? What would you pass on? Who would you tell?

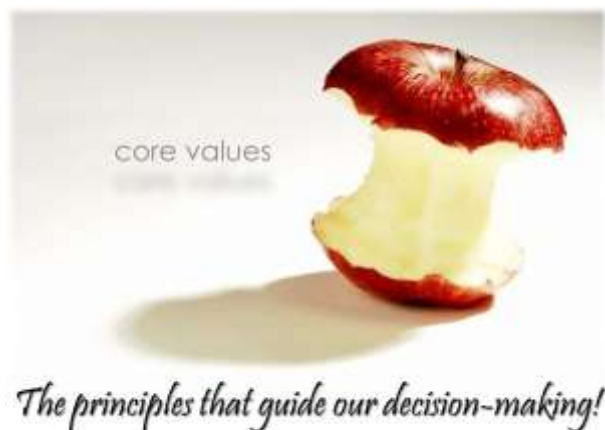
Certainly Trinity would say and does say that we are a family. We are the family of God. We witness to the importance to take care of each other. To support each other. This value of family is something that we call each other to focus on and reorganize ourselves around. At least we want to say this for the people who regularly come here.

What are other values that are really important to us? Would we say that a core value is that we want to help people get to know God? That we want to provide opportunities for people to spend time with God? This may be an opportunity to worship God or to serve God or to rest in God's spirit. Is the importance of growing this relationship important for us? If it is, what kinds of opportunities would you like for us to offer you?

Maybe one of our core values is helping people in need. We do do a lot of outreach. This may be shoes or blankets or food. This may be ramps or bookbags or any number of offerings.

I'd love to hear from you. What values do you think are at our center? What values are at the heart of what we do?

Teresa



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, November 24th for inclusion in the December Newsletter. This is later in the month to give more time to submit, but we will not be able to include items from after this day in the newsletter.

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



CHRISMON TREE DECORATING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9 AM

Contact Lucy Shields for more information



THANKSGIVING DINNER

Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner & Four in the Morning Concert

Sunday, November 24th at 6 pm

We still need someone to coordinate volunteers for this annual fellowship event. Contact Teresa for more information or to offer your services.

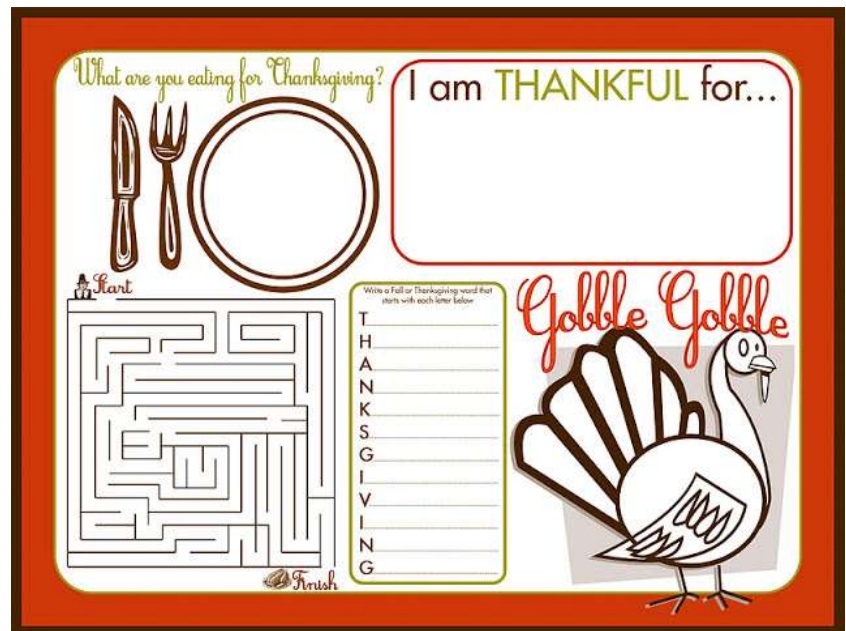
Children's Ministry This Month

Children's Fellowship Thanksgiving Party

Friday, November 8th • 6:30 – 7:30 pm

The Children's Ministry is super excited to be sponsoring a Children's Fellowship Night on Friday, November 8 from 6:30-7:30 pm. All children are invited and encouraged to bring a friend to the fun.

We will have a fun evening together around the theme of Thanksgiving, including crafts and yummy snacks. Contact Angie Rasmussen with any questions!





VETERAN'S DAY

Monday, November 11 is Veteran's Day, a day set aside to honor our Military Veterans.

Veterans from all eras, branches and both genders are encouraged to wear their uniforms or some apparel from their years in the military to church the Sunday before – November 10th.

UNITED METHODIST MEN: STEW THANKS

JOHN MORRIS

The Trinity Methodist Men wish to thank all of the individuals that contributed to the success of our Fall Brunswick Stew Fundraiser. With your help, we raised over \$2,300. More than 20 people assisted in the preparation of the meats and vegetables on Friday evening. Special thanks to Al and Anne Tougas, who peeled and diced 100 pounds of onions and Ed Hazzard who peeled and diced 100 pounds of potatoes during the day on Friday.

Thanks to the many people who helped set up the stew kettles at 5 am on Saturday morning and stirred and packaged the stew for sale in the afternoon.

We also appreciate the support of members of the Trinity family who pre-ordered over 200 quarts of the almost 600 quarts of stew sold. We hope you enjoyed the stew and thanks for the GREAT support!



NOVEMBER UMW MEETING

Come join us Thursday November 14th at 7 pm for our next UMW meeting. We will have our Christmas Mother list so you can pick the gifts you would like to purchase for our family this year.

Please note that our December meeting will be the first Thursday of the month on December 5th. Hope to see you there.

BAZAAR THANK YOU

BARBARA SMITH, UMW PRESIDENT

Thank you! Thank you!

The UMW would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all those who helped with the bazaar. If you helped disassemble the sanctuary, set up tables, brought baked goods, soups, crafts, costumes, or nearly new items, bought items, or helped pack up and reassemble the sanctuary, give yourself a big pat on the back. We couldn't have done it without you.

Despite the rainy weather we had a steady flow of customers and profited in the neighborhood of \$2,500. Beyond the money we made to help finance our missions, the bazaar also helped us showcase our church to the community. We have many repeat customers who look forward to our bazaar each year and we saw many new faces this year as well. The Children's Corner of activities was especially popular on Saturday when Jackie Sawyer was our very talented face painter. Thanks so much, Jackie.

So many folks worked tirelessly in so many ways it is impossible to detail all their efforts. Part of the joy of doing a bazaar is the teamwork that goes into it and getting to know your church family a little better. So we again thank everyone who helped and we hope that you enjoyed being a part of it. And if for some reason you missed out...there's always next year!





FOUR IN THE MORNING

BARBERSHOP QUARTET

From Barbershop to doo-wop, gospel to familiar favorites, Four In The Morning has been entertaining audiences for over eleven years throughout the Commonwealth.

The Quartet has performed at almost every venue imaginable: weddings, country clubs, church services, parties, restaurants, business meetings, radio and television, and even parades (with bagpipes).. just to name a few.

They were recently invited to perform at the W.W.1 Air Show in Virginia Beach, and the Ginter Botanical Gardens Christmas Festival Of Lights and Spring Heritage Weekend.

They love to entertain audiences with the barbershop style of close harmony as a quartet, while supporting the Virginians Chorus and the hobby they love.

MIKE GEIPEL (TENOR)
RON NICHOLS (LEAD)
EMMITT TOTTY (BASS)
GENE THOMPSON
(BARITONE)

**PERFORMING AFTER THE
CHURCHWIDE THANKSGIVING
DINNER ON NOV. 24TH**

NOVEMBER MUSIC NOTES

PAT MADISON, MUSIC DIRECTOR

The Cherubs, Seraphims, and Angels had a wonderful time during our trip to Lucy Corr Nursing Home. We sang songs, gave cards and hugs and pumpkins to the residents who attended our program. Thanks to all the leaders and parents who gave their support to this project. I look forward to going back in the spring.

Members of Odyssey choir will be attending Youth Jam on November 22 & 23 at Bon Air United Methodist Church, 1645 Buford Road in Richmond, Va. We have been learning songs that we will sing with over 100 youth in concert at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 23. This is an awesome experience for both the participant and listener. Everyone is invited to the concert.

We will have a special group called “Four in the Morning” to entertain us after the Thanksgiving meal this year. This is a quartet that sings barbershop, gospel, and 50’s music. Please plan to stay and be entertained by these musicians. We will take up a love offering at the end of their concert.

All of our music groups are working on Christmas music for the upcoming season. The Trinity Chancel Choir with orchestra will present “What Sweeter Music” by Mark Hayes on December 8th. Our children are involved as well. Please plan to join us that morning for the service.

The Trinity Chancel Choir and Trinity Belles will be performing a “Christmas Homecoming” at the original Trinity Church on December 15th and 16th at 7:30 p.m. I know you will want to see the church as well as celebrate the Christmas season with us. Cookies and punch will be served after the concert. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Please contact me if you are willing to help some of our youth make Chrismons for the tree at the Historic Trinity Church. We want our youth to know the meaning of the Chrismons as well as provide a service to the community. Please let me know if you would be willing to help.

Our children’s choirs are working on “The Nightshift Before Christmas” to be presented on December 15th at 7:00 p.m. This will be followed by the Santa party. Plan to join us and bring a friend or neighbor!

I am looking for a theme for the talent show of 2014. If you have an idea, please e-mail me at piano4mom@gmail.com.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The response the request by our Angels for support of our soldier, Sgt. Manolito, was overwhelming!

We will be able to send out four large packages to him over the next few months.

If you would like to write a note or send or make a card for him, there will be a box on the Sherbourne table for these through the first week of December.

SHERBOURNE NOTES

DEBORAH NAPOLITANO

NEW TIME Our bagging time at Sherbourne has been permanently changed to 9 am, still on the second Saturday of the month.

DECEMBER DATE Due to a calendar conflict in December, we will for this month only bag on the first Saturday – December 7th. This will be at our new time of 9 am.

FOCUS FOOD The focus food donation for November is a pasta dinner – a pound box of macaroni and a jar of pasta sauce (about 30 ounces).

Providing food for 60 families each month is for His glory.

THIRTEEN

The number 13 has so many superstitions attached to it. Many high rise buildings do not have a 13th floor. Some folks cringe when they hear it is Friday the 13th believing that “bad luck” will follow them throughout the day.

Yet, where would we be without Corinthians 13? Arguably, there is nowhere else in Scripture where the meaning of love is more beautifully expressed. This “hymn of love” is a letter from Paul telling the Corinthians that they should not only love each other, but should love everyone else as well because they are children of God.

The girls at UMFS are struggling. They are struggling with the idea of agape. Those closest to them have not shown them the strength of unequivocal love. They have seen more in their short lives than most of us will see in our lifetimes.



This year I would like to show these girls that even though they are strangers to most of us, we love and support them in Christian love. For Christmas I have purchased 13 pretty cinch sacks (lightweight backpacks). I would like to fill them with objects of love. If you are crafty, perhaps you can make 13 Christmas ornaments. If you are a knitter, perhaps you can knit 13 scarves or hats. If you are a baker, perhaps you can make 13 large sugar cookies decorated for Christmas. If you are an artist, perhaps you can make 13 small sketches. If you wish to encourage creativity, perhaps you can purchase 13 canvases and paint. I am asking you to consider what gifts God has given you and place 13 gifts in this cinch sack for these oft neglected teenage girls. Let us show them a tangible example of God’s love.

Corinthians 13 shows us that all spiritual gifts are equally important and we should use our gifts with love seeping out of our pores.

Blessings,

Deborah Napolitano



SOLES 4 SOULS

KAREN POOLE

Thanks to everyone who contributed new & gently used shoes to the "Soles4Souls" project. We collected 74 pairs of shoes. The Soles4Souls organization gives away a pair of shoes every 9 seconds in over 125 countries on 5 continents, and you have been a part of that effort.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

PAM SOTO

It is hard to believe we are soon approaching Thanksgiving, and then quickly after, Christmas. We will be busy working on shawls for the ladies at CARES and fleece blankets for the girls at UMFS. We invite anyone to join us for a night of fun, fellowship, prayer, crocheting, knitting, tying knots on fleece blankets, and as Teresa says "good desserts!"

We will only have one meeting in November (Nov 12), because of the busy schedule. December 10th will be our only meeting in December. In January we will be back to our regular, twice monthly meetings.

Please let any member know if you have a request for a shawl or blanket, because we do not always hear about those who might benefit from receiving one.

Thanks to Teresa for the nice Prayer Shawl dedication and blessing in late September.

Any questions contact Pam Soto at pumice@comcast.net.

UPCOMING SAFE HAVENS DATES

Volunteers are needed to provide food and/or service for these monthly dinners.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8

NOVEMBER DINNER – BREAKFAST FOR DINNER

Trinity will provide the pancakes, eggs and bacon. We are seeking volunteers to provide the following items; call or email the office if you can help.

- 2 Fruit Providers : Bananas & Grapes
- 2 Breakfast Breads Providers: Mini-Muffins & Biscuits
- 2 Juice Providers: Orange Juice & Apple Juice
- 4-6 Volunteer Servers : To leave Church at 4 pm on 11/10

CCHASM THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is almost here. As we plan our Thanksgiving dinner with loved ones, let us not forget those less fortunate than us. Last year CCHASM assisted 2331 families in our area. Below is a list of items needed. Surely, we at Trinity can donate 50 bags! We will be collecting bags from Sunday, November 10th through Sunday, November 17th. If you are unable or unwilling to shop, please place a check in the offering plate marked CCHASM Thanksgiving in the amount of \$45.00.

CCHASM THANKSGIVING MEAL PACKAGE 2013

- \$15.00 food gift card
- 13oz box mashed potatoes
- 2x 15oz cans of corn
- Box of hot chocolate
- Box of tea bags
- Box or bag of cookies
- 40oz can of yams or sweet potatoes
- 14oz can cranberry sauce
- 2x 15oz cans of green vegetables
- 2 bags/boxes of stuffing or "Stove Top"
- 2x cans or envelopes of gravy/mix

Please check all items for expiration dates and keep them in original, unopened packaging. If possible, Please place in doubled paper bags with handles or canvas grocery bags.

IF YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER at the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds Exhibition Center, here is the schedule:

Monday 11/18 from 9AM-3PM- sorting and packing; Tuesday and Wednesday 11/19&20 from 11AM-7PM- sorting and packing; Thursday 11/21 from 10AM-1PM- final packing and prep; Friday 11/22 from 9AM-12PM- distribution to homebound; Saturday 11/23 from 6:30AM-7PM- package distribution

Contact Bob Cassada or Deborah Napolitano with questions.

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

- Nov. 3 & 10 Al Tougas & Linda Lewis
- Nov. 17 & 24 Judy Seely & John Morris

NURSERY WORKERS

- November 3 Sherry Farrow & Diane Springfield
- November 10 Jackie Sawyer & Carolyn Wilson
- November 17 *Workers needed*
- November 24 *Workers needed*

NOTE OF THANKS

Thanks to all of you for all the prayers, care, cards, food, and calls when I had my gallbladder surgery. I really appreciated all of it.

Thanks, too, for the concern and prayers for our dog Lydia with her serious surgery. It went well and she is doing well so far.

Pam Soto

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Orders are due by Sunday Dec. 1, and will be placed by Dec. 8.

Orders Due by Sunday, December 1



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 2013

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 trinity@trinity-umc.com or phone at 748-2439.</p> <p>For the most up to date calendar, visit www.trinity-umc.com/CalendarofEvents - now available as a Google calendar you can add to your smartphone calendar!</p>					<p>1</p> <p>5 pm UMFS</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:30 am UMM</p>
<p>3 CHANGE CLOCKS! Regular Morning Schedule 4 pm Chimes; Odyssey 5 pm Trebles 5 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6 pm Missions 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>5 ELECTION DAY Office Closed</p> <p>7 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:45 pm Angels & Cherubs 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>7  2013 Charge Conference</p> <p>7 pm Charge Conference 7 pm Fun with Faith 7:30 pm AA</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Children's Fellowship</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9 am Sherbourne</p>
<p>10 Regular Morning Schedule 4 pm Chimes; Odyssey 5 pm Trebles 5 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4:30 pm Safe Haven 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy & Cub Scouts</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 pm Prayer Shawl 6:45 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:45 pm Angels & Cherubs 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7 pm UMW 7 pm Fun with Faith 7:30 pm AA</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 Regular Morning Schedule 4 pm Chimes/Odyssey 5 pm Trebles 5 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:45 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Admin Council</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:45 pm Angels & Cherubs 6:30 pm BSA District Leaders Meeting 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm AA</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Youth Jam</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Youth Jam</p>
<p>24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Regular Morning Schedule 6 pm Thanksgiving Dinner and Concert</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p> <p>No Children's Music 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>28 THANKSGIVING Office Closed</p> <p>7:30 pm AA</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9 am Chrismon Tree Decorating</p>