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## MUSIC NOTES

PAT MADISON, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Thanks to all who helped with the "Music Expo" in August. We had a good group to come out and participate. I hope to see all of you come back on September 8<sup>th</sup> when our activities begin!

Our chancel choir members had a wonderful time participating in the choir festival at Bethany Church this month. It was a great experience for us all and we hope to participate next year. Thanks choir for your dedication to service this summer.



Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>

**Back to Choir Night**

For those who took a sabbatical over the summer, our "Back to Choir Night" is September 4<sup>th</sup>, with the Men meeting at 7 pm and the Ladies joining us at 7:30 pm. This is a rehearsal but also a time to socialize and share pictures of vacations.

Rehearsal will be first and then we will have our time of welcoming and sharing. Bring a snack to share! This is a great time for those who would like to join the choir to come. We especially need singers for the Christmas Cantata which has already arrived! We also have an exciting invitation to come and sing at the original Trinity United Methodist Church which is now part of the Historical Society in Chesterfield. I am working with the president of this group to set a date and time for our "Homecoming" which will be sometime during the Christmas Season. I am so excited to be a part of this occasion.

The Trinity Chancel Choir is open to everyone. If you would like to participate but have young children, a nursery can be provided. All ages are welcome. Please come and enjoy an exciting fall season with us!

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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> for inclusion in the October Newsletter.

You can send items by email to [trinity@trinity-umc.com](mailto:trinity@trinity-umc.com) or drop off in the "Church Secretary" hallway mailbox.



## OFFICE NOTES

The church office is here to support all of the ministries of the church. A common request is copies/prints. You can bring in, leave the files, or email them to [trinity@trinity-umc.com](mailto:trinity@trinity-umc.com) for your convenience.

The church office week is "end heavy" - Friday is completely dedicated to the finishing touches on overhead presentations, printing & assembling bulletins, etc. The beginning of the week is the best time to discuss a new project for your group - and often get "same day service". Thank you for your understanding!

## MUSIC NOTES, CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE



The Trinity Belles will have their retreat in Blackstone on September 13-14. We are asking alumni to come and join us for the celebration of our 25 years! So pack your bags past and present ringers for a special time of ringing and reminiscing! See you in Blackstone.

All music activities begin on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm for Chimes, Youth bells, Odyssey, and Angels. Please arrive promptly at 4 so that your directors will have time with each group. We are still working on how we will schedule so please observe the screen in church for more information.



Wednesday night, September 11<sup>th</sup> will begin the children's choir program. Dinner will be served at 5:45 each Wednesday night and choir and activities will begin at 6. This is a change from last year, but we are trying some new things this year. All Children are welcome to come and participate in our program. So, I hope to see all of Trinity's children this year. We have planned a performance at Lucy Corr Nursing home on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Our Christmas play, "The Night Shift Before Christmas" will be Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. We will be taking a trip to the local Waffle House on September 25<sup>th</sup>, because our play uses the "Falafel House" as a setting. Please join us for an exciting year beginning September 11<sup>th</sup>!

The fall is a perfect time to begin participation in the programs that we have at Trinity. There is music here for all ages. If you like to sing, join us. If you play an instrument, let me know so that you can be a part of worship sometime. Let us all begin to "make a joyful noise to the Lord!"

Blessings, Pat



## SCHEDULING

We want everyone to be aware that Tuesday night is getting fuller.

With the Cub Pack beginning meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>, we are asking people to contact the office before scheduling meetings on Tuesday nights.

We want everyone to have the space they need. Thanks for including the office in your planning.

## SHERBOURNE NOTES

DEBORAH NAPOLITANO



The focus food for September is Canned Fruit

Our goal is 120 cans.

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

## SAFE HAVENS

### SEPTEMBER DINNER:

Fish Fry • September 8

We will need 6-8 volunteers for this event. The menu will be

Fried fish • Hush Puppies •  
Corn on the Cob • Cole Slaw •  
Tomato/Cucumber Salad •  
Desserts

To volunteer or donate, contact [Bertelle Bunyard](#)

## PASTOR'S CORNER

REV. TERESA KEEZEL

### THE PACK

For about a year our Boy Scout Troop has been trying to get a Cub Pack. When a Cub Pack and a Boy Scout Troop meet in the same location, the Cubs naturally transition from one group to another. When the two groups do not meet in the same location, the Boy Scout Troop has a more difficult time recruiting boys to join the Troop. Because this has happened to us, our Boy Scout Troop has been shrinking.



Because of the budget cut backs in our local schools, the Pack that was meeting at O. B. Gates has been looking for a new home. Last year, our Church Council voted to try to recruit a Pack. Now we have one.

Beginning in September, the Pack will start meeting in our church. We will become their Chartering Organization. This means our Troop will have a better chance at growing. It also means that on Tuesday night, our building will be brimming with little boys. The Pack needs 5 rooms to meet. The Pack will gather every other Tuesday night. Except when moved by Council and Prayer Shawl Ministry, the Pack will be meeting in the Sojourners Class, Faith Class, 3-5th Class, K-1 Class and the small Sunday School room that the Senior Highs are presently using. Presently the Pack has 32 boys.

Tuesday nights are going to get louder and busier. We've got a Pack!

### LIFE FROM ANOTHER SPOT

Once before I shared some, to me, surprising financial figures. That was about the cost of childcare and its impact on families with young children. This time I ask us to consider some, to me, startling financial statistics relating to seniors.

Did you know that over 20 million adults that are 60+ years live at or below the poverty line? This means that millions of people/couples are living on \$27,225 a year/ \$2,252 a month. About one-third of these pay rent out of this amount. The remaining has to cover utilities, groceries, maybe a car, and medicine/doctors/lab work.

We are living longer, but it is at a cost. Copays and prescription drugs keep rising. We all know this.

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## PASTOR'S CORNER, CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

When someone is trying to live on \$2,250 a month and monthly doctor visits, labs, and medicines are added on top of this, choices have to be made.

For many seniors the choices are medicines vs car repairs vs housing/house repairs. The choice ends up being simple but painful. People choose to purchase their medicines and then watch their homes fall into decay.

Many seniors see out part-time employment but the unemployment rate for seniors is 9.8%. When money is tight and jobs are difficult to find, credit cards become your back up. One third of senior household go further into debt each month. Bills are put on credit cards and 'minimum' payments become the norm. Add to this the parents who have adult children back at home or parents who are either helping to raise or are raising grandchildren and the debt increases even more.

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## TWO THOUGHTS FROM THE LAY LEADER

DAVID BAILEY, LAY LEADER

We are approaching the time where we think ahead to where we want Trinity to be for at least the next year. Two thoughts came to mind. I am getting older and slowing down. What do we need to do to get younger adults involved? Is there a time to let a ministry go? I remember the struggles of 33 years at the Fair Booth and finally letting it go. Many people anguished over that decision, including my sons who were vocal about keeping it going.

### MILLENNIALS

There has been much chatter recently about why Millennials are leaving the church. Rather than exploring why they leave, let's look into why they stay or join in. Here are five characteristics Millennials are looking for in a church home:

1. **AUTHENTICITY** Church leaders who are honest and forthcoming about their flaws are much more attractive to this generation. Millennials grew up hearing about church leaders caught in scandalous affairs and watching thieves posing as pastors.
2. **ENGAGEMENT** For many who grew up going to church, hearing the "facts" of the gospels preached on Sunday is not enough to keep them coming back. Millennials want you as a church leader to engage with the text because it is living and breathing. It is important to teach with a genuine passion for those who hear, but also those who might be affected if the hearers take action. Which leads to ...
3. **MISSION** The world is so much smaller now that people are so easily connected and few are more connected than Millennials. For the most part, this group is aware of what is going on globally and locally, but often they are not sure how they can directly engage with those in need. As church leaders, it is crucial to provide opportunities for these people to affect change.
4. **FELLOWSHIP** This is a fun-loving generation. Because they are so connected, people may think Millennials withdraw from face to face relationships in favor less direct communication. The opposite is true. They crave connection on a personal level with people who genuinely care about them. Help them bond by having a small group ministry that allows groups to form organically and intentionally. The object here is not to create 'cliques' but to provide a consistent and safe place for them to open up about life and faith.

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## LAY LEADER, CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

5. **APPROACHABILITY** The aesthetics of the worship space, the comfort of the seating, and the familiarity of the music all play a role in creating an environment that is approachable. If there are liturgical or ritual elements to your Sunday services make sure they are explained well from the stage.

In fact, none of these things are new to the modern church. All of these elements are seen in Acts 2 as the New Testament believers began to grow together. How each of these look today may look a little different, but Millennials today still want a church that is authentic, missional, approachable, encourages fellowship, and provides opportunities for engagement.

### **ANOTHER LAY LEADER NOTE: LET THE AIRPLANE LAND**

Managing local church ministry programs is a lot like flying an airplane. There is the thrilling season of takeoff and soaring to new heights. Eventually, however, a ministry or program must descend and head for the runway. Sometimes ministries can refuel and launch again. Other times, a new direction is best. Either way, it's a difficult decision and requires careful and prayerful analysis and evaluation. Discerning when to end a ministry involves seeking clarity of the church's calling, understanding the community, reviewing measurements and deciding what new ministries might be made possible by ending unproductive ones.

During the evaluation process, ask the following questions:

1. Has the ministry lost effectiveness?
2. Have the results wandered from the original purpose?
3. Does it drain time and resources from successful ministries?
4. Will ending it make other programs more effective?
5. Is the purpose of the ministry accomplished elsewhere?
6. Do you keep it going because it's a beloved church tradition?
7. Are you afraid of hurting anyone's feelings or causing conflict?
8. Can you show members the benefits of terminating?
9. Are key influencers on board?
10. Do senior leadership members agree?

Once the decision is made to conclude a ministry, the next step is actually implementing the decision. Like landing a plane, the approach is everything! Discernment and wisdom prove the often-thin margin between a smooth landing, a thud or a crash! All three experiences will get the plane on the ground, but with varying degrees of trauma and drama.

*TAKEN IN PART FROM "RETHINK CHURCH"*





## PRAYER SHAWL

PAM SOTO

Fall is coming! We are back to our fall schedule – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. As always, everyone is invited!

The next meeting is September 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm, then again in September on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

We continue to work on shawls and blankets for the girls at UMFS. We also need to get working on shawls for the ladies at CARES for Christmas.

All kidding aside, we do have fun and eat as well as share with each other. We are also doing what God would have us do – creating beautiful shawls and blankets which are a tangible gift of His love to the ill, grieving, etc.

If there is anyone you think would benefit from receiving a shawl, please let Pam Soto, Diane Springfield, Janet Collins or any member of the group know. If it is a matter of confidentiality, contact Teresa with the request.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

BARBARA SMITH, PRESIDENT UMW

Ladies, join us Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm for a salad/covered dish dinner and meeting.

Bring a dish and a friend and join us for food and fellowship.

Our meeting will include planning for the Pumpkin Patch and the Bazaar.

## HERE COMES THE BAZAAR! OCTOBER 11 AND 12

BARBARA SMITH, PRESIDENT UMW

Wow! Where did the summer go? Fall is in the air...school is in session, football season is well under way, and here comes the bazaar! We are so excited this year. We have new ideas and new helpers and can't wait to put it all together. UMW would like you to know what's under way:

- Delicious baked goods for sale (Buy some for now and freeze some for later!)
- Yummy homemade soups and sandwiches served in our café (Soups freeze well for later!)
- “Nearly new” items are like the “crème de la crème” of a yard sale!
- Check out our beautiful homemade crafts.
- Halloween costumes – used and new!
- A children's corner of fun activities to entertain the little ones while Mom shops

In order to make all this fun time a big success we hope that our bazaar elves are busy working on their projects. So whether you are crafting, baking, sewing costumes, planning, cleaning out the attic for items, or shopping for supplies, put it in high gear elves because HERE COMES THE BAZAAR! Let us know how you would like to participate. Mark your calendars for October 11 and 12.

(PS...Watch for clipboards and signup sheets to come. You, too, can be a part of all this fun! Questions can be directed to Barbara Smith.)



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## A NOTE AND A REQUEST FROM THE CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GEORGE (BUDDY) CRANFORD, CHSV BOARD MEMBER



How many times do we pass an old structure and wonder what stories it could tell? In the building in this photo, people were baptized, some were married and some were buried. It has a history and I am trying to piece together some factual

information regarding the Old Trinity church located at Krause and Ironbridge Roads, just down the road from your newest location and across from the Burger King restaurant. My name is George (Buddy) Cranford. I am a Board member of the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia.

Some of the older members of Trinity United Methodist Church may be quite familiar with this beautiful historic structure. To me, it is more than an old abandoned church. Standing alone inside the old church, one can imagine the fiery sermons, the politics of the day or the beautiful choir music bursting from the open doors. History seldom records what was said or done in such churches. I am hoping that your historical records, your old photographs and memoirs can shed more information on this building than we have.

Presently, the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia (CHSV) is utilizing the building as our headquarters and library until Castlewood is renovated. Historic Castlewood, ca. 1817-1819, was used as the parsonage for about twelve years in the mid-19th century, for traveling ministers.

We are aware that the church was built on the grounds of a previous central Methodist church (c. 1855) on land deeded to Rev. George Nolley from Joseph Wells in 1848. The church he had built on the same site was too large for a dwindling congregation after the Civil War. This church was known locally as “Nolly’s Folly “. Who better to purchase the land from but the Reverend Nolly and his wife? The parsonage had \$500 from their share of another church deal in Manchester. The c. 1855 church lasted a couple of decades. It was torn down and the present church was built. The present white framed Gothic Revival structure was dedicated on August 1, 1889.

I would assume the good Reverend was a happier man after that! The newer church, built around 1887, now fit its congregation which did continue to grow in decades to follow. “Nolly’s Folly” may have

been adequate after all, for in the end a newer and more beautiful church was built just a short distance east on Ironbridge Road.

The Historic Trinity Church educational wing was built in the 1960-70’s. There has been some discussion of an impending parkway to slice through this section of the church. However, recent economic woes have thus stopped that proposal.

What do we want from your congregation? I am hoping that your historic records, your old photographs and memoirs can shed more information on this building than we currently have. We are in the business of preserving your history for all to see or use. You may contact us at 804-796-7131 for more information. Please, do stop in for a visit. Who knows, we might entice you to join us. We offer a lot. We preserve the past!





## PUMPKIN PATCH 2013

ED SISMOUR, PUMPKIN PATCH COMMITTEE CHAIR

It is mid-August as I write this note, a bit over the half-way point through summer and fall still seems a long way off. But, and you know this if you've been to services the past several Sundays, planning for Pumpkin Patch is underway.

Pumpkin Patch has been an annual fundraiser organized by the UMM with assistance from the UMW. Proceeds benefit our church (a 10% tithe from gross proceeds) and charitable organizations selected by the UMM and UMW. Volunteers are needed now to help organize, plan and prepare and will be needed throughout October to work the Pumpkin Patch. Please consider donating some time to help. To the left is a partial list of members of the planning committee; please talk to one of them if you would like to be involved. Their contact information is in the church directory. As October nears, there will be a sign-up roster for volunteers to staff the patch during open hours.

I am considering reinstating an activity that we used to offer but haven't in recent years. Several years ago we offered the Pumpkin Patch as a local destination school field trips. Usually several preschools would come each year. To be successful, this activity depends on participation by a few Trinity members who are or could be available to meet and greet these groups in the morning as a host and to engage the students in educational activities. The educational aspect of this activity is important as it justifies the teachers bringing the students on the field trip. The host can engage students in a variety of educational activities, e.g. explain to students where pumpkins come from, talk about farmers, etc., and may read a story related to the season. Remember they're preschoolers, so an in-depth understanding of scientific detail isn't a prerequisite for the job. This activity does, however, require a contact person to coordinate with potential visiting groups and to arrange for one or more volunteers as hosts. The coordinator need not be one of the volunteer hosts. Please contact me if you would be interested in either coordinating this activity or participating as a host.

Please note that set-up will occur Sunday, October 6 at 2 pm and that the pumpkins currently are scheduled to arrive Monday, October 7 at 4:30 pm. Additional information will be provided through the church bulletin and church website as it becomes available and as we get closer to the big day.

### PUMPKIN PATCH INFO

#### ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

**Chair** - Ed Sismour

**Pumpkin Patch liaison** - Todd Miller

**Set up** - Maury Beck

**UMW coordinators** - Anne Wright & Dianne Springfield

**UMM-UMW liaison & Hay Bales** - John Morris

**Flowers** - Ed Hazzard

**Accounting** - Angela Bailey

**Marketing/Communications** - Kevin Quinley

**Marketing/Community Outreach** - Stephanie Griffith

### DATES AND TIMES

**SUNDAY OCT 6 @ 2PM**  
Pumpkin Patch Setup

**MONDAY OCT 7 @ 4:30 PM**  
Pumpkins Arrive/Offloading

**REGULAR PATCH HOURS**  
2-8 Monday-Friday  
10-8 Saturday  
12-8 Sunday  
12-6 Halloween



## BIRTHDAYS

- Sept. 1 Lori Poythress
- Sept. 4 Kevin Quinley
- Sept. 5 Kaitlyn Leinberger
- Sept. 7 Todd Miller  
Anthony Napolitano
- Sept. 8 Tristan Echols
- Sept. 9 Angela Bailey  
Laura Parrish
- Sept. 10 Kayla Parrish  
Stephanie Potvin  
Jane Lisagor
- Sept. 11 Brian Foutz
- Sept. 12 Adeline Krauchunas  
Charlotte Sawyer
- Sept. 13 Donna Short  
Allan Fallin
- Sept. 14 Kevin Sapp
- Sept. 15 Sarah Bishop
- Sept. 18 Robert Linkous
- Sept. 21 James Day Sr.  
Dawn Fallin  
Ryan Sapp
- Sept. 22 Odette Burley  
Kari Collins  
Judy Seely  
Taylor O'Shea  
Zachary Mills  
Hannah Palmer
- Sept. 23 Abigail Pettigrew
- Sept. 24 Bob Adams
- Sept. 25 TJ Kennedy
- Sept. 26 Linda Lewis  
Jean Harvey
- Sept. 27 Norma Stanfield  
Keith Nowlin Sr.
- Sept. 28 David Cox
- Sept. 29 Michael Cash  
Stephanie Arnold

## OFFERING TELLERS

- Sept 1 Ted Soto & Flo Gray
- Sept 8 & 15 Harold Saunders & John Morris
- Sept 22 & 29 Gary Potter & Karen Poole

## NURSERY WORKERS

- September 1 Cindy Morris & Michelle Sawyer
- September 8 Jackie Sawyer & Jaclyn Butka
- September 15 Diane Springfield & Jaclyn Butka
- September 22 Jackie Sawyer & Sherry Farrow
- September 29 Janet Collins & Pam Soto

## FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

The following dates are still available for sponsorship to give the flowers in the sanctuary. Sign up on the Flower Calendar next to the nursery, or contact Lucy Shields.

**September 29**

**October 17 & 24**

**December 1**

## CALL FOR COSTUMES

In addition to the other donations being sought, the UMW is offering a new element to the Fall Happening, and needs donations!

Bring your gently used children's costumes, and drop them off in the box in the foyer.



# September 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <i>Regular Morning Schedule</i>	<b>2</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b> <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>  7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>3</b>  7 pm Praise Team	<b>4</b> 5 pm Keyboard Pizza Party 6 pm Keyboard 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm "Back to Choir" Night	<b>5</b>  7 pm Fun with Faith 7:30 pm AA	<b>6</b>  	<b>7</b> 8:30 am UMM
<b>8</b> <i>Regular Morning Schedule</i> 4 pm Chimes; Odyssey 5 pm Trebles 5 pm Youth/Parent Meeting	<b>9</b> 6:15 pm Music Leaders 6:30 pm Missions 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>10</b>  6:30 pm Prayer Shawl 7 pm Praise Team	<b>11</b> 10 am VAUMC Training 5:45 pm Angels & Cherubs 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	<b>12</b>  7 pm UMW 7 pm Fun with Faith 7:30 pm AA	<b>13</b> Handbell Retreat	<b>14</b> Handbell Retreat  10 am Sherbourne
<b>15</b> <i>Regular Morning Schedule</i> 4 pm Chimes; Odyssey 5 pm Trebles 5pm Youth Group	<b>16</b>  7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Cub Scouts	<b>17</b>  6:45 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	<b>18</b> 5:45 pm Angels & Cherubs 6:30 pm BSA District Leaders Meeting 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	<b>19</b>  7 pm Fun with Faith 7:30 pm AA	<b>20</b>  	<b>21</b>  
<b>22</b> <span style="color: red;">NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</span> <i>Regular Morning Schedule</i> 4 pm Chimes/Odyssey 5 pm Trebles 5 pm Youth Group	<b>23</b>  7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>24</b>  6:30 pm Prayer Shawl 7 pm Admin Council	<b>25</b> 5:45 pm Angels & Cherubs Waffle House Field Trip 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	<b>26</b>  7 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm AA	<b>27</b> Apple Butter Event	<b>28</b> Apple Butter Event Youth Retreat
<b>29</b> Youth Retreat <b>9 am Sunday School</b> <b>10 am Joint Worship Service</b> 4 pm Chimes/Odyssey 5 pm Trebles	<b>30</b>  7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Cub Scouts	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 748-2439.  For the most up to date calendar, visit <a href="http://www.trinity-umc.com/CalendarofEvents">www.trinity-umc.com/CalendarofEvents</a> – now available as a Google calendar you can add to you smartphone calendar!				