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PASTOR'S CORNER: THE WAY OF THE CROSS

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"If you would be my disciples you will pick up your cross and follow me."

Jesus continues to remind us that to be one of his disciples will cause us to be uncomfortable.

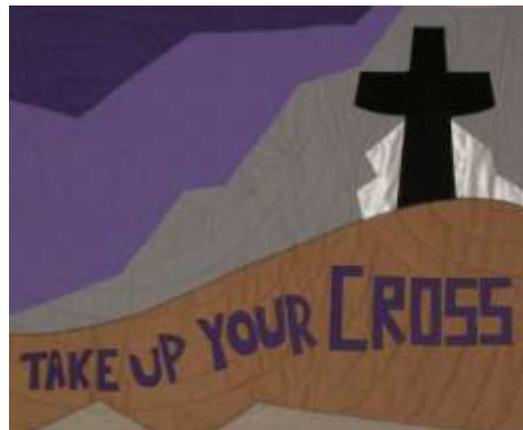
We must be willing to pick up our crosses.

Everyone knows that people do things that others do not always agree with. Call it sin or brokenness or just a different point of view. Because we are in fellowship with each other, sometimes what other people do ends up impacting us. When the impact hurts us, Jesus reminds us 'if you would be my disciple, pick up your cross...'

I will be the first to admit that picking up crosses is not fun. Sometimes I want to rail at people instead. Sometimes I want to hurt them back. But I know better. Living inside of me is the voice and presence of Jesus. Softly and tenderly he calls to me...now Teresa. Pick up your cross.

I know that you feel his presence in you as well. We feel the drawing of the Spirit as it transforms our choices and our witness. We are shaped by the call to forgive others as Christ forgives us.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, February 23rd for inclusion in the March Newsletter. You can send items by email to trinity@trinity-umc.com or drop off in the "Church Secretary" hallway mailbox.



2013 GIVING STATEMENTS

The 2013 Giving Statements are available for pickup on the table in the Narthex through the end of January. If you have not yet done so, please pick yours up by Sunday, January 26th.

PASTOR'S CORNER – THE WAY OF THE CROSS

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We are remolded as we let go of the anger or pain and replace these emotions with love and kindness. Sometimes it hurts to choose the other path...so the image of the cross.

But we are a people of the cross. We wear them around our necks and on our lapels. We see the cross on the Holy Seat and above the choir. We are a people of the cross. We have learned that anger and retribution are not God's way. He let that way go as well. He picked up the cross..."For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son...." God picked up the cross and we do too. The pain may last for the moment, but washed in the grace of God, it goes away.

THE TIME IS COMING...

Thanks so for everyone's interest in my trip. I leave on February 10th. I am hoping to come into the office that morning. I fly out that afternoon to JFK and then join the group to fly to Israel.

I am trying to improve my computer skills. If I succeed, I will be able to download pictures onto Facebook. Then I will return on Feb. 20th. I am sure that I will be tired and in need of sleep and sitting, so I am taking the following Sunday off.

Thanks to Staff Parish which is allowing me to take the 10 days a continuing education time. Thanks to everyone for chocolate and peanut butter – I have it with my stuff. Thanks to all for your interest and prayers – I will and do need the prayers. I still have to get my tetanus shot and I still need some type of pill to help me not get sick on the flight (10 ½ hours over and 12 hours back!).

Time marches on.....T

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST MEN BOSTON BUTT SALE

MAURY BECK



It's that time of year again! Come one, come all! Have you been pondering the wonderful taste of a Boston Butt? Meaty, juicy, great for barbeque and just right for a family dinner or gathering of friends for the Big Game.

The United Methodist Men will be taking orders for these succulent butts starting February 15 to raise money for God's work. Contact Maury Beck by phone at 804-393-1504 or email mauryb033@gmail.com for more information. God Bless You All!

JANUARY STAFF PARISH REPORT

DAVID BAILEY

Each year the Staff Parish Relations Committee must prepare a report on the strengths and weakness of the church and specific needs for pastoral leadership. To that end the following was sent to the District Superintendent:

Our purpose: We experience God in worship, small groups, and missions. During this journey, He impacts our lives so that we grow spiritually to reach out beyond ourselves to those in the church and the world around us.

Three greatest strengths:

- Outreach programs to those in need
- Location – growing area – visibility
- Variety of programs & activities

In what areas does our church need to develop strengths?

- Improved staff relationships
- Greater capacity to adjust to a larger/growing church & growing congregation to attract and maintain new members
- Better communication from church council to congregation on matters discussed and approved by the council
- In the newsletter there should be a general review of the SPR actions. Not personnel information and discussions; just general topics and resolutions.

What are the needs for pastoral leadership?

- Ability to work cooperatively with members, volunteers and staff by providing guidance & encouragement
- Ability to not react emotionally
- Capacity to communicate effectively

What are the gifts and skills of a pastor that are needed in this congregation

- Engaging messages from the pulpit
- Being able to meet the spiritual care needs of a diverse membership
- Ability to work cooperatively by providing guidance and encouragement to bring together a unified church
- Pastor that can facilitate building consensus and trust within the congregation and the staff

Priorities for Missions and Ministry

- Encourage and guide a stronger relationship with God for the church and the community that is at a variety of points in individual faith walks
- To provide opportunities to people of all ages to experience God's presence and to grow into Jesus' likeness (these opportunities include small groups, missions, and worship)
- To have music act as a vehicle in such a way as to create an opportunity to experience God and grow closer to Him
- To teach children about God and how to live a Christian life through songs, stories, and crafts

REHEARSAL TIMES

TRINITY BELLES

7 pm on Mondays

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

ages 2 and up

6 pm Wednesdays

MEN'S CHORUS

7 pm on Wednesdays

TRINITY CHANCEL CHOIR

7:30 pm on Wednesdays

(We could provide nursery if you would like to come and sing and have young children)

ODYSSEY CHOIR AND BELLS

4 pm on Sundays

TRINITY CHIMES

4 pm on Sundays

TREBLE CLEFS

Grade 1-6

5 pm on Sundays

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!

FEBRUARY MUSIC NOTES

PAT MADISON, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Our new year is off to a great start. We are planning some wonderful programs for this new year. This is a great time to join our existing groups so if you have an interest please attend at the rehearsal time to the left.

All of the music groups and our youth group will be working on the talent show which will be held Friday night, March 7th! This is a great night of fun with food, songs, dances, skits, and a million laughs. The theme for this year's show is "ON THE RADIO". So find your talent to share and let me know as soon as you can. If you need help please contact me at piano4mom@gmail.com. Or call the church office- 748-2439. Donations from the evening will go to the youth mission trip and the music department. March 7th - Talent Show- come to participate or come to listen! Hope to have some surprises this year!

I am currently looking for ladies of all ages that would like to participate in the dramatic portrayal of "The Twelve Other Disciples". We hear so much about the 12 men who were disciples of Jesus, but we forget that there were women of that time who were supporters of Jesus as well. If you are interested in studying and portraying one of these women, please contact me at the church (748-2439), home (748-4754), cell (586-0342) or e-mail. This service would take place during Holy Week.

Our children are beginning our spring musical "Spend a While on the Nile". As we learn the songs on Wednesday night, we are also learning in depth about the life of Joseph, Moses, Abraham, and how God used their lives for good. We also will discuss topics that come from these stories such as jealousy, forgiveness, famine, love, leadership. We are planning a few projects like going to sing at a nursing home and taking cards and plants to the sick and elderly. Our play will be presented on June 1st at 11 am, followed by a picnic on the grounds.

Our Trinity Belles will be attending a bell workshop on Saturday, February 15th in Mechanicsville. This is a time of learning and fellowship with other bell ringers in Virginia.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the person who donated to my mother's care. My thanks to all who help to make her feel happy and loved here at Trinity. She really does mean it when she says, "This is such a nice Church".

Blessings,

Pat





40 YEARS OF BSA TROOP 2886

Scout Sunday 2014 will be February 9th, and Troop 2886 will also be commemorating 40 Years of Scouting with our anniversary celebration.

After attending the 11 am traditional worship service, the Troop will hold its reunion celebration starting at 12:30 pm in the sanctuary.

Join us as we remember 40 years, recognize our alumni, remember our fallen, and say thank you for the support of our charter partner, Trinity United Methodist Church.

Following the main program, we will adjourn to the fellowship hall for sharing, friendship and Scouting activities. All current and former troop members, leaders, family, and friends of Troop 2886 are invited to come and share in the fellowship.

Planning is still happening and you can have input into how we celebrate by contacting Gary Bryant, ASM Troop 2886, wgb2886@gmail.com or 804.748.2718. To reserve your reunion t-shirt email and to receive updates on the reunion email Gary.

UMW FEBRUARY MEETING

Come join us for dinner! The UMW will be meeting for dinner and fellowship at our annual February restaurant meeting. If you plan to attend, or need more information, contact Shirley Huffman at shirleyhuffman@vaumc.org.



UMM MEETING TIME CHANGE

In February, March and April the United Methodist Men will meet earlier – at 8 am the first Saturday of each month. Change your calendar; you don't want to be late! All men of the church are invited.



SANCTUARY CARPET

ED BARNES, STEWARDSHIP CHAIR

The time has come for us to replace the carpet in the sanctuary. It is old, worn, faded, deteriorated and in need of replacement. We would like to replace the carpet within the next few months, and it will be necessary for us to have raised the funds to pay for the carpet before we can have it installed.

We have received bids; the lowest one so far being \$28,000, and this appears to be a valid bid. However, we are going to continue to seek additional bids for the same quality, installation, and specifications – hopefully with a lower price.

At this point, our goal for the Sanctuary Carpet Fund is \$28,000. So far we have collected \$3,500. We will be looking for replacement of carpet such that another replacement will not necessary for another 15-20 years. This is a long-term investment and is necessary to properly maintain our church.

We want to raise this money in addition to any offerings you make on a weekly basis to the church. A separate line item will be set up to collect monies for the Sanctuary Carpet Fund.

Please make your contributions by sending them to the church secretary, or you can make them in the church offering plate on Sundays by noting in the memo section of your check that it is for the "Sanctuary Carpet Fund." This will keep the monies separated for the purpose of the Fund.

We will be updating you on additional bits and carpet details.

Thank you very much for your attention and assistance in this worthy activity to maintain God's house. Bless you



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!

- Feb 1** Darleen Morgan
- Feb 3** Isabelle Clarke
- Feb 5** Allie Pettigrew
Cecil Burley
Anthony Lively
- Feb 7** Gary Poythress
- Feb 8** Eric Rasmussen
- Feb 9** Rodney Shields
- Feb 10** Drew D'Amato
Katie Haley
- Feb 11** Diana D'Amato
Alexia Krauchunas
- Feb 12** David Clements
Lucas Griffith
Alexis Bailey
Katie Griffith
- Feb 13** Laura Dho
Mark Saunders
Claude Springfield
- Feb 14** Suzanne Saunders
Bonnie Balis
- Feb 16** James Galluzo III
- Feb 17** Faye Cormier
- Feb 18** Henry Sawyer
- Feb 19** Barbara Linkous
Jack Ball
Angela Rasmussen
- Feb 20** Maurice Linkous
- Feb 22** Jerome Swann, Jr
- Feb 25** Ronald Cash
Tom Kennedy
Joshua Lisagor
- Feb 27** Sally Love

OFFERING TELLERS

- Feb. 2** Karen Poole & Wayne Haley
- Feb. 9 & 16** Harold Saunders & John Morris
- Feb. 23 & Mar. 2** Gary Potter & Maurice Linkous

NURSERY WORKERS

- February 2** Diane Springfield & Rosie Tarkington
- February 9** Mike Sawyer & Jackie Sawyer
- February 16** Michelle Saywer & Cindy Morris
- February 23** Mike Sawyer & Jackie Sawyer

NOTE OF THANKS

This is late in coming, but I want to thank Bill Poole and all the guys who dismantled my 27-year-old ramp and built a new one. The new ramp is amazing! It has hand rails and a landing at the back door that you could have a party on. It is so sturdy that Darleen said she is going to put on a helmet and tie herself to it if a hurricane comes around.

All kidding aside, the ramp is wonderful and a true blessing.

Thanks again,

Les Morgan

SHERBOURNE FOOD FOCUS FOR FEBRUARY

After a January food focus of soup, the natural progression for the Sherbourne Food Focus in February is...crackers! Saltine, Club, Ritz... you name it, we need it!

Also, you can join us on the second Saturday of each month at 9 am at Sherbourne UMC to bag food. Contact Deborah Napolitano with any questions!

SUPER BOWL SUPER SUBS

The Youth are again selling subs for pickup on Super Bowl Sunday as a fundraiser. Find an order form in the January 26 bulletin, or contact Turner or Krystal for more information or to order.

February 2014

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 you smartphone calendar!</p>						<p>1 8:00 am UMM</p>
<p>2 <i>Regular Morning Schedule</i> 4 pm Odyssey & Chimes 4 pm Disciple III 5 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>3 7 pm Boy & Cub Scouts</p>	<p>4 6:45 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>5 5:45 pm Children's Choirs 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>6 7 pm Fun with Faith 7 pm AA</p>	<p>7 Youth Blackstone Retreat</p>	<p>8 Youth Blackstone Retreat 9 am Sherbourne</p>
<p>9 SCOUT SUNDAY <i>Regular Morning Schedule</i> Youth Blackstone Retreat 12:30 pm Troop 2886 40th Anniversary Celebration 4 pm Odyssey & Chimes 4 pm Disciple III</p>	<p>10 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>11 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl 7 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>12 5:45 pm Children's Choirs 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>13 6:30 pm UMW 7 pm Fun with Faith 7 pm AA</p>	<p>14 VALENTINE'S DAY</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 <i>Regular Morning Schedule</i> 4 pm Odyssey & Chimes 4 pm Disciple III 5 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>17 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>18 6:45 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>19 5:45 pm Children's Choirs 6:30 pm BSA District Leaders Meeting 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>20 7 pm Fun with Faith 7 pm AA</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
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