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## PASTOR'S CORNER

REV. TERESA KEEZEL

### AN UPDATE

So how is it going? Last month I asked you to adopt someone new to the church. I asked you to send them a card or invite them to lunch or find some way to envelope them into our family. How is your love going? Life moves faster than I do. I have good intentions but before I know it, a month is past. If this happened to you as well, please try again. Look around and choose a new person. We have so many to choose from. Send a card; ask to go out to lunch together after worship; play. Christ calls us to include and to unite. Let's open our circles and drink in new life!

Thanks Teresa

### GOSH! IT IS BUSY AROUND HERE!

This seems to be an ongoing theme. It is wonderful to be in a church that is so busy. We have men selling boston butts and women selling chocolate Easter eggs. We have youth moving mulch and children baking cookies. The church is used for receptions and pinewood derbies, neighborhood meetings and carpool pick-ups! Don't leave something in the kitchen unmarked or someone will come along and use it.....Gosh we are busy around here.....



So, how do we keep each other informed? Like any busy household, we keep running into each other. Part of the challenge is to try to remember to use the church office and calendar to write down who is using what, where. We are learning how to do this, and we are learning to write down even who is using the grill when and who needs the tv/dvd when.

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**May Calendar**

We are trying to use our Church Council meetings to plan and talk about what groups are planning but when we meet only every other month we miss a lot.

So I am asking for a couple of things:

- Please try to call the office or write a note on the church calendar if you are planning something.
- Let us know what areas of the church and even what objects you will be needing reserved.
- Karen Sismour is a bundle of info and help; please send her an email (kjsismour@verizon.net) and bring her in the loop.

I am asking Council to consider starting to meet every month.

I am asking us to be in conversation about whether we put a representative of each adult Sunday School class on Council so that those activities have an official channel to keep the church in their loop. We do have people from each class on Council but when it isn't someone's function to report in and update, the sharing just doesn't get done.

We really are trying to grow in our channels of communication and information sharing. Please keep us in your prayers. Keep the office in your thoughts....please help each other check in. And thanks so much.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS...**

Mother's Day and Father's Day are coming. This can be a painful time of year. In the coming month I am asking you to keep in your prayers all those who have lost their moms and dads. Students are getting ready to graduate. Another class of people looking for work; another group of people transitioning away from home and into a college dorm. Life is full of transitions. They are all a part of life...but they can and often do still leave a hole in our hearts. I thank you that you pray for each other. Please continue...

*Holy Father, how did you part with your son? How did you allow him to go off into such a challenging world. We know that your love and presence went with him. We know that you surrounded him with you care and direction. We know that ya'll talked all the time. Help us as we too have loved ones go off in a new direction.*

*For these who have come home to you....please watch over them. Thank you for welcoming them into your home. Thank you for welcoming them to your table. Keep them safe for us until we can be with them again.*

*As well Father, please be with these who journey in a new direction here on earth. As they travel from home, we trust them into your care. We cannot see them every day, but you can. Watch over them; go ahead and behind them; send angels to bless their paths. Open doors for their good and block avenues that will lead them into danger.*

*Father, we are glad that we are yours. We are glad that you watch over us. Receive our praise and thanksgiving thru Christ our Lord. Amen*

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the April 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 CLOSING

The church office will be closed Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.



## ALWAYS SOMETHING GOING ON AT TRINITY!

You've probably seen signs of it – bright papers of schedules next to doors in the education hall; full calendars in the bulletin; cars in the parking lot nearly every night; lots of announcements and longer newsletters: Trinity is a BUSY place!

We are working hard to make sure we best allocate our resources of space, supplies and storage to be able to accommodate the many different groups – both in the church and in the community – that Trinity houses.

And we need your help!

### SPACE RESOURCES

Katherine maintains calendars to make sure each group gets the space they need...without being in another group's space. Please notify the office when you are planning a meeting or other event, so we can mark off that space use for you and your group – and make sure we haven't already done so for another group! Class use schedules are posted weekly by each door in the education hall to help keep us straight.

### PHYSICAL RESOURCES

The physical resources we have – chairs, tables, TV/VCRs, old-school overhead projector, etc – are meant to be used. But, again, please let us know ahead of time if you are, and make sure we aren't already earmarking it for another use. This is for both borrowed items (e.g. folding chairs, tables, projector) and consumable items (e.g. disposable kitchen supplies, food in fridge).

### STORAGE RESOURCES

Trinity has closets all over the place, in addition to other storage areas. When putting items in a multi-purpose closet, please label them with your group's name. If it is being left for general use – whether in closet, kitchen, or other – please label as such.

We know this is getting more complicated, but thanks for helping! Gosh we're getting busy!



## MAY MUSIC NOTES

PAT MADISON, MUSIC DIRECTOR

The Children's Choirs had a wonderful time visiting and singing for the residents of Lucy Corr on April 6th. The residents were very excited to see the children and asked the director to have more programs like that. Our children are such a blessing and bring joy to all ages. I am grateful for the church support of our

children's choirs and the parents who bring them on Wednesday nights and Sunday afternoons. Parents, remember to keep the special t-shirt for our performance on June 1<sup>st</sup>!

The Angels and Treble Clefs thank you for your support of our feeding the animals at the shelter. The food, blankets, and toys were delivered by Deborah and she reports their great appreciation. We thank you for your generosity to a project dear to the hearts of our children. We love God's creatures!

The Angels and the Treble Clef choirs will have a special project on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will meet here at the church to make cards, cookies, and plant flowers to take to the ill and shut-in members of the congregation. We will be meeting at 10:30 am and spend most of the day on this project. After we deliver our gifts, we will end with a pizza party at Gino's! Come and join in the fun!

A special thank you to the women of the Twelve Other Disciples for their performance on Maundy Thursday. Thanks also to our soloists and ensemble singers. Thanks to all who helped to make this a very special service.

I am always amazed at the talent and skills we have here at Trinity. Thank you Lori Poythress for the wonderful power point you created for the bell choir.

I can't believe we are close to the end of the school year and already making summer plans. Please mark your calendar for Youth Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, and the Children's play on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Trinity Chancel Choir will once again participate in a combined choir event this August 10<sup>th</sup>. We had a wonderful experience last year and look forward to this year. We would love to have more members of our congregation come to the final concert. Look for more details in the following newsletters.



We had a group attend the Raleigh Ringers concert at the Brandermill Church on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The Ringers were amazing and we got to see so many different kinds of bells. It was an inspirational performance. I am glad we had a good number to attend and enjoy this experience.



With summer approaching, now is the time to think about activities for children. There is a music camp in Blackstone in August for Grades 1-5. I attended this many years ago with children that are now grown. It was a wonderful and fun experience for them and I would like to think about going again with a group this August. If you are interested, please contact me at [piano4mom@gmail.com](mailto:piano4mom@gmail.com). I will have more details in a few weeks.

Blessings, Pat



## ONE HARVEST IS COMING!

After much anticipation, the discussing is over! Trinity UMC has taken a giant leap in helping to alleviate hunger in our community!

Beginning June 21<sup>st</sup>, we will distribute prepaid food boxes to the needy. Our hours for the public will be from 8:30-10:30 am. As with everything there will be preparation behind the scenes. We will make some time available for clients to come pay for their orders in cash. The easiest times will be when the church office is open. We will work on deciding upon one evening and will need a volunteer. We will need to set up tables on the day or evening before, depending on the church calendar and availability of volunteers. Three volunteers are needed to go to the partner site on Courthouse Rd. at 7 am Saturday morning to load our church's merchandise into pick-up trucks.

Once the merchandise is in our church, we will need volunteers to further sort it for pick-up. A volunteer or two will be needed to check-in the clients, hand out church literature and the menu for the following month, and to help clients out to their vehicles with their merchandise. When done, we will put the tables up and pray for a job well done.

Contact Deborah Napolitano with any questions

## UMCOR KITS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

BETTY SAWYER

Every year the Trinity United Methodist Women (UMW) participate in the "Kits for Conference" drive for Annual Conference. The kits are basic items gathered for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for world-wide distribution. There are five types of kits: birthing kit, school kit, baby/layette kit, sewing kit and health kit. Trinity UMW will be putting together two types of kits for collection at Annual Conference in June.



The items needed for the **Sewing Kit** are three continuous yards of fabric, (cotton or cotton blend only, no heavy duty, corduroy, knit, etc., please no patriotic, religious, holiday, camouflage, or military patterned fabric), 1 pair of scissors (fabric scissors only), 1 package of needles (hand needles in original packaging only), 1 spool of thread (medium to large spool, no travel kit thread please), 5-8 buttons ( 5/8 inch size or larger, no loose buttons/tie together or leave in the package ), 1 plastic bag (one gallon size sealable bags only). All items must be new. *Do not wash the fabric as then it will be considered used.*

The items needed for the **Baby/Layette Kit** are: 6 cloth diapers, 2 shirts or one-piece body suits (size 3-6months), 2 baby washcloths, 2 gowns or sleepers (size 3-6 months), 2 diaper pins, 1 sweater open in front (size 3-6 months), 2 receiving blankets.

The UMW would like to invite everyone to participate in this year's kits for conference drive. Items will be due on Sunday, May 11, 2014 ("MOTHER'S DAY"). You may want to collect a few of the listed items or complete an entire kit. All items must be new. Any monetary donations will be used to complete the kits or to pay for processing and shipping. The average cost of a sewing kit is \$18. and the layette kit, \$35. Because of the strict rules in other countries, please do not add items not listed or put more than the listed quantity. Personal notes or cards are also not allowed. Please place items in designated boxes in the hall. The UMW will inventory donations and add any items needed to complete the kits. Thank you for prayerfully considering this project. The full list of UMCOR kits can be found at <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies>. For further information or questions contact [helensawyerrn2@yahoo.com](mailto:helensawyerrn2@yahoo.com)

## AN SPR NOTE: SHE DID SOMETHING AND IT BUGS ME

DAVID BAILEY



In that all the staff at Trinity can be referenced by the pronoun “she”, we can deal with any staff member in this article with the one pronoun and not be talking about anybody in particular.

From time to time all people do something that bugs someone else. I am sure that because I am always so active in so many things, I must bug a few people.

The way to handle “it bugs me” is to go to the staff member and tell them your point. All of our staff are professionals. They want your feedback. Discuss the point and see what the staff member proposes to do. Remember, “I will watch that next time it comes up” can be an acceptable answer. If you are not satisfied with the response from the staff member ask one of the SPR members to go with you to talk to the staff member. If the matter is not resolved, the SPR member will bring it to the full committee and they will take the necessary action in keeping the charge to them in the Discipline.

§ 258 2. g) The duties of the committee shall include the following:

- (1) To encourage, strengthen, nurture, support, and respect the pastor and staff and their families;
- (2) To promote unity in the church;
- (3) To confer with and counsel the pastor and staff on matters pertaining to the effectiveness of the ministry; relationships with the congregation etc...

One element of courtesy that we owe our staff is not to try to talk to them at inopportune times. The Pastor, Choir Director, and Accompanist are “in the zone” during the brief time that they are preparing for the service to start. The Secretary and Treasurer have times that deadlines are looming and if they say “Can I get back to you on that?” it is okay. Hand them a note saying, “I would like to talk to you sometime”. An email message can go a long way because the staff member can hunt for the answer on their time and really be prepared to give a good response.

The members of the SPR are nominated by the Lay Leadership Committee and approved by the Administrative Board for a vote at the Charge Conference. SPR members are selected for three year terms. SPR is the only body in The United Methodist Church that has term limits. They rotate off.

### 2014 TRINITY SPR

Jennifer Walker, Chair

Aubrey Tarkington

Christen Miller

Sara Bishop

Paul Brown, Lay Leader

Barbara Smith

Cindy Shelton

David Bailey

Nick Ruxton, Lay Delegate

Bill Faris

Ed Sismour

Teresa Keezel, Pastor



### JUNE 1 IS CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

After the children present their play, the Children's Ministry will host a BBQ luncheon. BBQ sandwiches for adults and chicken nuggets for kids and kids at heart will be provided by the Children's Ministry. The UMW have graciously agreed to prepare coleslaw for everyone. The congregation is asked to bring sides and desserts: A-M – sides N-Z – desserts. Come out and support the children who have worked so hard and enjoy fellowship and food afterwards!!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY THANKS

STEPHANYE FUINA

Thank you, Lord for the beautiful day!!!

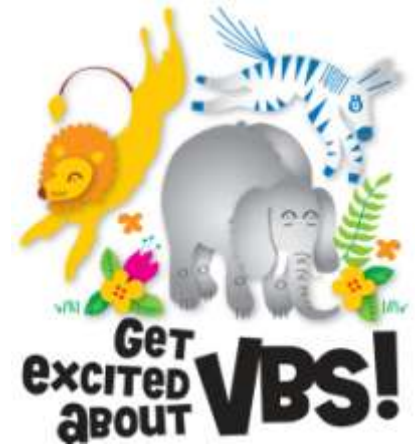
A BIG thank you to all of those who helped with the Easter Luncheon and Egg Hunt. A special thanks to Chef Anthony and Chef Turner for their patience and effort in preparing the hamburgers and hotdogs; they fought the battle of the slow cooking grill and won!

Thank you to the youth who helped set up and stuff goodie bags and to Karen Sismour for organizing all of the supplies! Thank you for all of those helping hands who helped clean up and pitch in. Thank you to the congregation for the many generous donations of candy and treats. The children really enjoyed their goodie bags!!

A good time was had by all during the Egg Hunt, and the guest appearance by our own special friend the Easter Bunny brought lots of smiles. The Children's Ministry appreciates everyone who came out to fellowship and take part in the day; because of the volunteers, donations and support this day was fun and enjoyable for all.

### GEARING UP FOR THE GREAT WILDERNESS ESCAPE

Come along and bring your friends! TUMC Vacation Bible School is just around the corner; June 22-27 6-8:30. Calling all animals big and small: **we need your help!** We need volunteers to help as **Guides** (moving each group of children to each activity), a **Games Coordinator**, and **Kitchen Crew**. Your time is valuable to us and greatly appreciated!



Don't have time but still want to help? **Donations** are needed! We will "Feed the Animals" in mind, body and spirit!! Check out the slides during service or see the donation list in your bulletin for a list of items needed.

### VBS DONATIONS

The following items are needed for Vacation Bible School, June 22 – June 27. All donations can be placed in the box located beside the VBS table in the Narthex.

- Spaghetti sauce – traditional/no meat (25 jars/cans)
- Spaghetti noodles ( 50 1# boxes)
- Popcorn – microwave (10 Boxes)
- Strawberry Jello (15 boxes)
- Applesauce (5 jumbo jars)
- Baked beans – traditional baked beans (5 family sized cans)
- Mac and cheese – Kraft (15 boxes)



## ORPHAN YARD SALE ITEMS

KAREN SISMOUR

Here are some items that have been in storage for a long time with no sign of being used, so are under consideration for the yard sale. Please let us know if you have any information or if you actually use these items.

1. Microwave - old and may not work
2. Speakers - 2 old large floor speakers
3. DVD Home Theater - in original box (may want as a backup)
4. Movie projector - very old
5. Bin - large sturdy white wood square bin with open top
6. Crib and crib mattresses - may not meet current crib standards.
7. Shopping cart - very flimsy and bent
8. Chalk Boards - 2 chalk boards and a wipe board

## IT'S YARD SALE TIME!

KAREN POOLE



It's that time of year again when you need to begin collecting your "disposable treasures" to donate to the church for our annual yard sale, sponsored by the Fellowship Class. We are raising money to purchase building supplies for the adult mission trip to Franklin, West Virginia, in August.

The sale will be Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 8 am - noon. We need lots of help, especially from 6:30 - 8 am. to help carry out tables and items and again at noon to help carry tables back inside the church.

On Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will set up stations around the Sanctuary and ask that you pre-sort your items to the proper station, so that we can carry them outside and quickly set up "departments" around the parking lot that morning. Please do not bring items prior to that Sunday - we have no place to store them, and as you can see, all classrooms are used by various groups during the week.

Remember, we are looking for items that still have lots of good use left in them, and would be appealing to a new owner. Please no old TV's or computers - they are not sellable items. Yes, we would love to have clothing of all kinds.

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

TOM WALLACE, UMM SECRETARY

The next UMM breakfast meeting will be Saturday, May 3 at 8 am. The speaker will be Bob Cassada and he will talk about CCHASM (Chesterfield/ Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry). Ed Barnes has more info about tile that will be a pleasure to hear. Breakfast will be provided by John Morris. Join us for fellowship.

## SHERBOURNE MAY FOOD FOCUS

The Sherbourne Food Focus for May is crackers. Ritz, clubhouse, saltines - any type of cracker is appreciated. Your donations are vital to the monthly prepare food bags that feed 60 families.

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!





## 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!*

- May 1 Susanne Brown
- May 2 Jennifer Johnson  
Wesley Carl
- May 3 Neil Moran
- May 6 Branden Beck
- May 7 Heather Blubaugh  
Joan Foster  
Rosa Lee Coleburn
- May 8 Brenda Contreras
- May 9 Ann Pettigrew  
Josh Blubaugh  
Harold Harvey
- May 10 Grace Dho  
Rachel Hibbard
- May 11 John Schneider
- May 13 Troy Potvin
- May 14 Brandon Hatcher  
Kelsey Langelotti
- May 17 John Thomas  
Tyler Leinberger
- May 20 Terry Lefferts
- May 21 Brayden Sisson  
Cole Leinberger
- May 22 Hunter Watson  
Marshall Dunn
- May 24 Glennice Carney
- May 25 Ava Walker  
Robert Napolitano III
- May 27 Mildred Sellers
- May 28 Mike Parrish  
Robert Napolitano
- May 31 Dean Paxton

## OFFERING TELLERS

- May 4 & 11 Gary Potter & Maurice Linkous
- May 18 & 25 Aubrey Tarkington & Dave Shaffer

## NURSERY WORKERS

**All Sundays in May need volunteers for the nursery. Call or email the office to add your name to the list if you can assist any Sunday.**

## NOTES OF THANKS

We want to thank our church family for all the prayers, cards and calls during Dave's illness and passing. Thank you for your support.

Patricia Murdock & family

To the Prayer Shawl Ministry: We would like to thank you for the prayer shawl that was made for my grandson and his wife at the time of the tragic loss of their best friend. Their prayers are with you.

To the Children's Ministry: I would like to thank the Children's Ministry for the lovely painted flower pots filled with pretty flowers and delivered by Pastor Teresa.

Margaret Tingler

## 2014 DIRECTORY

We are beginning to update our records for the 2014 TUMC Directory. Keep an eye out for emails and clipboards to check your family's information. Contact the office with any questions. Thank you!



## YOUTH MISSION TRIP CHAPERONE NEEDED

We need one more adult male chaperone for the youth summer mission trip to Harrisburg, PA the week of June 15-20. Interested? Or at least want some more information? Contact Krystal Cofer or Turner Wilkes.

# May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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.				1 7 pm Fun with Faith 7 pm AA	2	3 8:00 am UMM
4 <i>Regular Morning Schedule</i> 4 pm Odyssey, Chimes 4 pm Disciple III 5 pm Youth Group 5 pm Treble Choir	5 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy Scouts	6 6:45 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	7 5:45 pm Children's Choirs 7 pm Pastor's Bible Study 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	8 7 pm Fun with Faith 7 pm AA  7pm UMW	9	10 Fellowship Class Yard Sale  9 am Sherbourne
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