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KEYS

Please keep in mind that when people are in charge of special events at the church, they are given a set of keys that will open all the doors. This includes the front doors. If you are working an event and need a key to unlock a door, please see the person in charge. Thank you.

Remember, the Christmas Eve service is at 5pm. Christmas is a Sunday this year so our Christmas Sunday service is one joint service at 10am.

STAFF PARISH IS AT IT AGAIN!

It is that time of year again when this committee has the task of evaluating what the congregation's strengths and growing points are. At the December meeting, the committee has these questions to answer: what are the priorities for mission and ministry of our church? What are our church's three greatest strengths? And in what areas does our church need to develop strength?

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ONE HARVEST

The deadline for ordering online is Wednesday, December 7 at midnight. Distribution is on Saturday, December 17 at 8:00 am. Go to www.oneharvest.com for more info.

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Last year the answers were:

The priorities for mission and ministry are projects to work on together, sharing of information, and prayer.

Our three greatest strengths were music, missions, and children.

Our growing areas were to get to know each other better, to be a more child friendly church with an active nursery and an updated playground, and to be more encouraging and less critical of each other. As always, this committee appreciates your prayers. SPR does not take polls or surveys. They are active members with the gift of listening. So please pray for us as we try to discern God's call for Trinity.

FOOD FOCUS

Meadowbrook food focus for December is cereal and pop-tarts.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, December 18 for inclusion in the January newsletter. You can send items by email to trinity@trinity-umc.com or drop off in the "Church Secretary" hallway mailbox.



WINTER COATS NEEDED

Now that the morning air has a definite chill, it is time to think about the winter coats. What are you going to do with the winter coats that your family will no longer wear? Here's a suggestion: Donate them to Trinity's winter coat project. The coats will be available in December to any group who has adopted a Christmas family. Hopefully, we can provide coats for several of the family members so that our funds can be used to purchase other items. Place them on the pew by the narthex door to be picked up.

Karen Poole
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Trinity "CARES" for Christmas

The Savior is coming and, with your help, His love will be shown to 20- 25 people in Petersburg by...Santa Claus!

Last Christmas, Trinity United Methodist Church and our friends raised about \$4800 to make a nearly normal Christmas morning for abused women and children temporarily living at the Cares shelter. I'm sure the workers at the shelter will be telling this year's women and children that Jesus loves them and that Santa will find them in their new "home".

Please remember all that God has done to uplift you and help to lift up the lives of these frightened families as they struggle to get their lives back to normal.

What can you do?

Pray. Place a donation in the offering plate no later than December 11th and mark "Cares" on the memo line. Meet at Trinity at 9 AM on December 17th to buy Christmas presents. Meet at TUMC at 4 PM on December 18th to wrap presents.

Volunteer to bake desserts for Christmas dinner at the Cares shelter.

If you have any questions, contact Karen or Bill Poole at 739-1615.

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS for 2016

Due date for all missions except CARES is Sunday, December 11th at 11:00 am.

United Methodist Family Services- We are doing something new this year. We will be collecting Christmas stockings. Our goal is 45. These stockings will be filled by a women's auxiliary. They should be large and special. Store bought is great, and homemade is wonderful! Our party with the youth is on the 16th of December. Pray about giving of yourself this year.

Seniors at Envoy- This is a predominately Medicaid facility leaving a meager allowance for most residents. We are asking for throw size blankets for residents to snuggle up in, adult slippers for men and women, and new or gently used sweaters for adults. It is preferable if the sweaters are zip up or buttoned. The collection container is available.

Blessings to all of you for your continued support of those less fortunate. If you have any questions, please contact Deborah @386_8555 or @seven_naps@verizon.net.



MUSIC NEWS – December

Thanks to the Odyssey group for providing our entertainment at the Thanksgiving dinner. You were awesome! Thanks to Turner for helping us with the microphones. We are a small group but growing in strength and knowledge as the year progresses. Thanks to Rodney and Eric Rasmussen and Hannah Donithan who attended Youth Jam with me on the 18th and 19th. It was a pleasure to spend a musical weekend with you and 90 other youth. The concert on Saturday was wonderful! We are already making plans for 2017 so if you are available on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m., in grades 6-12, and like to sing, please come and join us. Our next big project is the talent show. Come and get involved ! Read the bulletin for times for our next meeting.

“The Morning Star” (celebrating the Everlasting Light of Christmas) by Lloyd Larson will be presented by the Trinity Chancel Choir on Sunday, December 11th at 11:00 p.m. The choir has been rehearsing for several months to present this service to our congregation. We will have a small instrumental ensemble to accompany us. Please plan to come and bring a friend or neighbor with you to help us celebrate the birth of Christ. I do hope you will join us for this celebration!

The children’s play and Santa party is December 18th at 7:00 p.m. They will be presenting the musical “All About That Baby”. We will have all 28 of our Wednesday night children participating in this event. You don’t want to miss this event! Participants please note rehearsal times listed below:

December 4th at 5:00 p.m. for ANGELS ONLY

December 7th at 5:45 p.m.

December 11th at 5:00 p.m. ALL PARTICIPANTS OF THE PLAY

December 14th at 5:45 p.m.

December 17th at 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. DRESS REHEARSAL

December 18th at 6:00 p.m. Warm up, play at 7:00 p.m.

The Trinity Belles will be ringing Christmas music in the lobby of St. Francis Hospital at noon on December 21st. We will also ring at the Cancer Center around 1:00 p.m. We will be ringing music of the season that won’t be played in the church service like “Steppin out with Rudolph”. All are welcome to come and listen. A big thank you to Meredith Fox who has joined our group of ringers. Thanks also to Linda who rings at River Road Church for helping us with this concert.

Everyone has been waiting for the talent show theme this year. Here it is!

A BLAST FROM THE PAST ! Thanks Rodney Rasmussen for your idea! Start thinking about what you would like to do for this event. Dates and time will follow in next month's newsletter.

Christmas is such a busy time of the year, but let's all take time from shopping and baking to count the many blessings we have. I am so thankful to be able to still be here with all of you to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

Blessings, Pat



Between VBS, Children's Ministry, Youth Group, Staff Parish and being a supportive friend and member there isn't anything that Stephanye doesn't make better by being present. She is always there to lend a helping hand or pick up a spoon and serve a meal. She brings meals to groups that are working at the church. It is time for the congregation at Trinity to say THANK YOU to Stephanye for all she does for us.

Join us for a baby shower for Stephanye on Samuel as we celebrate their little boy to arrive in March.

Saturday, January 14, 2017

2:00 ~ 5:00 PM

Trinity UMC Sanctuary

If you are interested in assisting by providing refreshments, or helping in any other capacity please contact Amanda at akelly@vumh.org or Emilee at emilee42@gmail.com.



TUMC Children's Ministry

BY: STEPHANYE FUINA AND AMANDA KELLY



Live Nativity

The Children's Ministry will present The Live Nativity: The Story of Christ's Birth on Friday, December 16th beginning at 6:30pm. Rehearsals for the Live Nativity will be Monday, December 12th, Tuesday, December 13th and Thursday December 15th 6:00pm- 7ish. Rehearsals will be outside so dress warm. All children and youth are welcome to participate. Please arrive at church at 5:00pm on Friday the 16th, for a quick pizza dinner and a dress rehearsal prior to the show. For those interested in participating please contact Amanda & Stephanye at childrensministry@trinity-umc.com or by texting Steph at 804-651-4470. Please mark your calendars! The show is sure to be inspiring and comical. Enjoy the show with a warm cup of cocoa, and afterwards pet the animals.

Labor of Love

Help is needed to assemble the Nativity Manger before December 10th. Please contact Stephanye if you are able to help.



Cookies with Santa

Enjoy a sweet treat and finalize your Christmas list! Following the Children's Christmas play, on December 18th, the Children's Ministry will host its annual Cookies with Santa. Be entertained by the children, sing Christmas carols, enjoy cookies and fellowship to get everyone into the Christmas spirit. Please bring cookies or a sweet treat to share. We look forward to seeing everyone there!! Don't forget to bring your Christmas List to share with Santa!!



STOP HUNGER NOW

Our vision is finally coming true! The Children's Ministry has been working towards raising funds to host a Stop Hunger Now food packaging event. Thanks to **YOUR** support we have reached our goal!! TUMC Children's Ministry will host a church wide mission event on January 22 at 1:30pm. This mission will benefit the Stop Hunger Now organization which provides packaged, vitamin enriched meals to those in need both locally and internationally. There is a job for **EVERYONE!** 50 volunteers are needed and everyone is welcome to volunteer from the smallest helping hands to those young at heart. **TOGETHER** we can make a difference. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Cathy Whalen at cwhalen53@gmail.com or Stephanye Fuina at childrensministry@trinity-umc.com. Transportation via the church van is available to those who need a ride.



A Note of Thanks!

Dear Trinity Family,

I wish I could find the perfect way to thank you for all the prayers, comforting words and kindness due to the loss of my husband, Gary. It has been the most difficult time in my life. I want you to know your generous spirit has touched my life. You're a wonderful gift to me.

In Christ's Love,

Yvonne Burnette



2017 Flower Calendar

The new Flower Calendar for 2017 will be posted on the bulletin board for sign up of Sunday flower arrangements in memory or honor of someone special in your life. The arrangements are \$35 each and can be taken home after the 11:00 service. Please check the calendar early so you can sign up for your preferred date. If possible we would rather not have more than two arrangements per Sunday. Contact Lucy Shields if you have questions.

Trinity Men

The Trinity Men would like to thank everyone for supporting our Brunswick Stew Fundraiser. Thanks to the pre-sales of over 300 quarts by the congregation, we were able to sell out over 600 quarts of stew and net funds raised were over \$3,000. Special thanks to Ed Boroch and Ed Hazzard who pre-sold 30 quarts and 48 quarts respectively. We also want to thank the many individuals that took bags of potatoes to peel and those who showed up on Friday evening to dice up the vegetables and meats.

Special thanks to Al and Ann Tougas for peeling and dicing 100 pounds of fresh onions and Ted Sota, Bill & Karen Poole, Ron & Flo Gray, Gary & Mary Potter, Ann Wright and Sue Morris for cutting up 180 pounds of Chicken on Friday evening. These same individuals were joined by Pete Page, Maury Beck, Gary Morrissett, Mike Saunders, Lee Kump, Ed Cole, Bill Faris and Barbara Smith for the eleven hours of cooking, packaging and selling the stew on Saturday!! It was a long, but beautiful and successful day for everyone!!

We sincerely appreciate how the Trinity Congregation enthusiastically responds to the many requests for support in our fund raisers and other Church events. **THE TRINITY MEN AGAIN THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT SUPPORT!!**

Stop Hunger NOW!

Please save the afternoon of January 22nd on your calendar. This is the afternoon that we will gather, bring snacks (Methodist always eat!), and come back meals for the hungry. All kinds of dry goods will be laid out on tables and we will have stages of workers. Some will sit; some will run; and some will move down the line. In the space of about 4 hours we will bag meals for over 10,000 people.

Come eat!

Come watch!

Come serve!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Can you believe that Christmas is next month? We have been working on what the calendar of special events will look like.

So here is a quick rundown:

- During the 11am service on December 11th the Chancel Choir will bring their cantata to us.
- That next Friday on December the 16th at 6:30, the Children's ministry will offer their live nativity on the front lawn.
- Saturday December 17th at 9:00 am is the Children's music dress rehearsal
- Sunday night at 7pm, the 18th, the music department will present the Children's music program.
- That following Saturday is Christmas Eve. The church is offering one service that evening. It will be at 5pm. We are hoping that this will not be too early or too late. This will be a family
- Christmas is a Sunday this year. So at 10am we will celebrate in a joint service. It will be nativity and carols.

SPR Committee

It's the most wonderful time of the year... apart from traffic and crowds and wrapping gifts and cooking and cleaning and more wrapping and prioritizing spending and more wrapping and on and on. Whoa! What was that about spending? In addition to spending on family and friends, you've been asked to support various mission projects: CARES, Bellwood, UMFS, Stop Hunger Now, all in addition to the myriad projects you've supported throughout the year in God's service. These efforts would not succeed otherwise.

However, please remember the TUMC staff while planning your holiday spending and donate to the Christmas Gift fund. This fund, divided among the pastor and paid staff: Pat, Rachel, Lana, Turner, and Shannon, is our collective 'Thank you' for their dedication and service. You can contribute through either service on Sunday, December 18, and the gift will be presented at the Children's Play that evening. Designate your contribution as 'Staff Christmas Gift' on your check or, if donating cash, on an envelope and put it in the offering plate (or mail it if you can't attend Sunday service). The SPR Committee thanks you and wishes you a Merry Christmas at this most wonderful time.

May God bless us, one-and-all.

Ed Sismour, SPR Chair

Trinity UMC People Page

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!

Dec 2 Bob Cassada
Kristen Huff
Kelsey Huff

Dec 3 Douglas Bailey
Scott Bradley

Dec 7 Paul Brown

Dec 8 Haley Rasmussen
Ashlyn Sandlin

Dec 12 Derek Bailey

Dec 14 Neil Lisagor
Hailey Donithan
Jackson Mills

Dec 15 Jeffrey Burley

Dec 21 Edward Collins
David Bailey

Dec 23 Rachael Stariha

Dec 24 Michael Arnold
Herbert Frith

Dec 26 Erin Madison

Dec 27 Karen Cash

Dec 28 Ken Griffith

Dec 29 Rosie Tarkington

Sue Morris

Dec 30 Noah Day
Gwen Sapp

DECEMBER SERVANTS OF WORSHIP

MONEY COUNTERS:

December 4

Dana Potter & Flo Gray

December 11 & 18

Dana Potter & Brenda Shepherd

DECEMBER 27

Dana Potter & Sarah Bishop

USHERS:

December 4, 18

Tom Reis, Mary Palmer, Bruce Edmiston

December 11 & 25

Allen & Chris Fallen, Ann Wright, Mike S.

OFFERING and DESIGNATED GIVING

	<u>November Budget</u>	<u>CCHASM</u>	<u>November Total</u>
Dec 23 Rachael Stariha	\$26,400	\$2,685	\$21,030.19

	<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>CARES</u>	<u>STOP HUNGER NOW</u>
Dec 24 Michael Arnold Herbert Frith	\$750	\$2,620	\$3,000

Sunday Schedule

8:30 am Contemporary Service • 9:45 am Sunday School
 11 am Traditional Service • 4 pm Odyssey & Chimes
 • 5 pm Treble Clefs • 5 pm Youth Group

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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.

Wednesday Schedule

5:45 pm Children's Choirs
 7 pm Men's Chorus • 7:30 pm Choir

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7 pm AA	2	3 8 am UMM
4 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> 2:30 pm SPR	5 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	6 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	7 <i>Regular Wednesday Schedule</i> 11:00 am Young at Heart Christmas Potluck 11:59 pm One Harvest Deadline	8 7 pm UMW 7 pm AA	9 5 pm Seniors to light show (van use)	10
11 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> 11 am Service Christmas Cantata	12 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	13 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	14 <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i>	15 7 pm AA	16 5 pm UMFS 6:30 pm Live Nativity	17 8 am One Harvest Distribution 9 am Children's Play Rehearsal
18 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7 pm Children's Play & Santa Party	19 7 pm Trinity Belles	20 7 pm Praise Team	21 6:30 pm Boy Scouts District Meeting No Children's music 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	22 7 pm AA	23	24 5 pm Christmas Eve Service
25 10:00 AM JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE Merry Christmas!!!	26 OFFICE CLOSED (No Trinity Belles)	27 OFFICE CLOSED 7 pm Praise Team	28 OFFICE CLOSED (No Wednesday Practices) 10:30 am Young at Heart	29 OFFICE CLOSED 7 pm AA	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31

