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PASTOR'S CORNER:

REV. TERESA KEEZEL

TEACH ME HOW TO PRAY

On Wednesday during Lent the church is holding a prayer service from 1-1:30. These simple service will follow the order of Morning Prayer found on page 876 in the United Methodist Hymnal. Each week a different member will share with us a different type of prayer

On Wednesday February 17th Paul Brown will lead us in Lectio Divina.

On Wednesday February 24th Pat Shrader will lead us in making a string of prayer beads and in several options of how to use the beads to lead you through prayers.

On Wednesday March 2nd Ed Cole will lead us in how to grow through Sentence Prayers.

On Wednesday March 9th Barbara Smith will show us how to pray through keeping a journal.

And then on March 16th Teresa will encourage us to pray through song.

Please come and join us. Together we will explore God's spirit and grow in His presence.

Pray for One Another

I have been asking you for some time now to pray for each other. I ask you again. On the wall in the narthex there are sheep on the walls. I am asking you to take the name of someone that you do NOT know. Start praying for them. Every day. Ask God to be with them and for God to watch over them. Ask God to help them in whatever challenges they are facing and for him to hold them in his care. Then over the weeks, I am going to ask you to do things like: send them a card. It does not have to say anything but your name.

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I can provide all the addresses you need. I have been collecting cards and these cards will be available. Prayer for one another. Pray for someone in the congregation that you do not know. Ask God to be with them in the same way that you are asking him to be with you. These names are not our membership list. These names are people that are in and out of this building on a regular basis. Remember: take a name you do not know. Love one another, Jesus says. We are growing in love...to His glory. Amen

Shrove Tuesday...we try again.

Last year, Shrove Tuesday got snowed out. The weather was terrible. We were not able to share our soups until the talent show. We try again. Shrove Tuesday is February the 9th. We ask that you come and share your favorite soup or salad. Come sit at your birthday table. Someone will have provided a desert for your table. But don't feel restricted. Get up. Try the desert from another table!!!! As many tables as you would like!!!! This is not New Orleans but we do know how to have a good

time. So come. Eat. Laugh. And enjoy!

Ash Wednesday.

Wednesday February 10th is Ash Wednesday. As we have been doing, we will have two services this day. One will be at 1pm. The other will be at 7pm. On this sacred day we come to confess our need for God; to let go of our sins, and to drink in God's grace. Please, put it on your calendar. Laugh and eat on Tuesday and then come and empty your soul on Wednesday. Hope you will join us.

The Word of the LORD...

God has vision.

He knows that we get lost. He wants us home.

He knows that we get tempted. He wants free from oppression.

On Tuesday nights, starting at 7pm, all are invited to come and drink from what is known as Second Isaiah.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, February 21 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.





FEBRUARY MUSIC NEWS

PAT MADISON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

MUSIC NEWS- FEBRUARY 2016

Shake off those “winter blues” and get ready for the annual Trinity Talent Show! The theme this year is “That’s Entertainment”. The show will be on Friday, March 4th and will once again be hosted by David Heird. A dinner of Italian cuisine, cooked by Angie Rasmussen and Deborah Napolitano, will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by the entertainment around 7:00 p.m. All donations will go to the Youth Mission Trip and to support young choir members to attend music camp in August.

The deadline for entry into the talent show is Friday, February 19th. You can register on line at piano4mom@gmail.com or call me at church or my cell which is (586-0342). All music groups will be performing a number but I am also looking for individual acts of singing, dancing, acting, gymnastics, etc. All these individual acts will need to rehearse one time on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 on February 28th!

If you need help in choosing something to perform, please give me a call. You won’t want to miss our Cherubs singing “Zip-a-dee-do-dah” or our Angels singing “Happy”.

We will once again feature art work in the Northex. This includes paintings, photography, basket making, quilts, and other needlework as well as woodworking or sculpture. Jackie Sawyer is in charge of this section so please contact Jackie about your entry and when you need to bring it for display. This has been an exciting new addition to our event. So please show us your handiwork!

Our Easter Cantata with orchestra will be presented on March 20th at the 11:00 service. We will be presenting “A Journey to Hope” by Joseph Martin. This is a wonderful work based on spirituals. Rehearsals begin immediately so please come and join us if you like to sing. We welcome additional singers especially with the cantata. “

Our Odyssey choir is performing the opening number for the talent show and also working on a new show for spring entitled, “The Sailors’s Bible” written by Allen Pote and Tom Long. All youth in grades 6-12 are encouraged to join us in the fun.

We hope to take this one “on the road” as we have done in the past.

The Cherubs and Angels are meeting every Wednesday night at 5:45 p.m. Please join us as we have Bible study, crafts, and music each week. The Angels are working on their new play, "The Camp at Garner Creek". Come join the fun.

Thanks to all who have contributed to the meals on Wednesday nights. We appreciate your support.

All members of the Trinity Chime Choir need to return to practice on Sunday afternoons at 4:00. We need everyone to keep the choir going. Thanks for your help. Don't forget to send in those entries for the TALENT SHOW!

Blessings, Pat

MISSIONS

DEBORAH NAPOLITANO

The deadline for ordering One Harvest on line for February is the 10th @ midnight. Distribution is on Saturday, the 20th. FYI because of the snow, distribution for January is this Saturday January 30th between 8 am and 9 am. All recipients were contacted last week with the info.

The food focus for Meadowbrook for February is canned tuna, canned chicken and jars of mayo.

Attention Seniors!

We feel your pain! There are many issues confronting you at seemingly every turn. We want church to be a blessed experience. If there is anything that you can suggest to make life more comfortable for you, find Deborah or a member of the Administrative Council. Know that your suggestions will be heard, looked into, and acted upon when possible.

Have faith that you are loved. If you have any questions, please contact Deborah @ seven_naps@verizon.net.



February Youth News

Krystal Cofer

Blackstone:

OUR WINTER WEEKEND RETREAT IS APPROACHING! BLACKSTONE IS FEBRUARY 12-14TH.

MAGGIE MILLER IS OUR DYC REP IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON WHAT THE RETREAT IS ALL ABOUT.

Children's Ministry



STEPHANYE FUINA AND AMANDA KELLY



Come One...Come ALL!!

THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IS HOSTING A CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH, FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS ON FEBRUARY 26 FROM 6:30-7:30PM. LET'S HAVE SOME FUN MAKING MUSIC, CRAFTS AND A LISTENING TO A STORY!!! A HOTDOG SUPPER WILL BE SERVED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THIS EVENT PLEASE CONTACT EITHER AMANDA OR STEPHANYE AT CHILDRENSMINISTRY@TRINITY-UMC.COM.

Hippity Hoppity...Easter's On Its Way!!

*THE TUMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EASTER EGG HUNT WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 20, 2016 AT **NOON** FOLLOWING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE. COME ENJOY OUR NEW PICNIC PAVILION ALONG WITH HAMBURGERS AND HOTDOGS WHILE THE CHILDREN HUNT FOR EGGS. OUR SPECIAL GUEST THE **EASTER BUNNY** WILL STOP BY TO SAY HI AND TAKE PICTURES!! EVERYONE IS INVITED!!! FAMILIES ARE ASKED TO BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE. DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED.*

HELP MAKE US LOOK INVITING

When young people/families look for a new church home they usually start on the internet. Even if they see our building first, they will look on the internet before they walk in. If we don't have a website or Facebook page that looks inviting they will never show up at our door to see what a loving vivacious church home we can be.

I have been looking for a webmaster for about 6 months and had no volunteers. I am not the most tech savvy person so I need some help. If someone knows how to operate a website and would be willing to train me, or better yet be our webmaster, please give me a call.

If I get more help with the website, I will still need everyone's help to keep their areas up-to-date with their latest activities AND pictures and reports of successful events. I am able to place pictures and articles on Facebook if you send them to me.

Remember, the Website and Facebook page may be the only contact we have with some people, so help me make our church look like a place that you would like to visit.

Thanks,

Tim Ruxton
Communications Chair
397-0628

Bishop's Convocation on Prayer

The Bishop's Convocation on Prayer will be held Saturday, March 5, at Trinity UMC, 903 Forest Ave., Richmond from 9:30 to 3:00. The theme is "Deepening Discipleship: Piety and Mercy through Prayer." The speaker will be Dr. Frederick Schmidt, Reuben P. Job Associate Professor of Spiritual Formation at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill. Registration is \$10, includes lunch and is due by March 1. Those attending will be able to attend two workshops. For more information on the workshops and to register go to "vaumc.org" and click on "Events".

Barbara Smith and Pat Shrader have attended in past years and would like to have a group from Trinity go this year. If you have questions or would like to go with us talk to Pat or Barbara



UMW

LANA LEFFERTS, UMW PRESIDENT

TRINITY UMW + TRINITY YOUTH + KROGER = BENEFITS to ALL!

HAVE YOU HEARD? Trinity UMW and Youth have teamed up! There is a community rewards program at Kroger and the UMW has partnered with the Trinity Youth Group to raise funds for missions! The UMW has applied for our group to collect funds from people “just shopping” at Kroger. In order for us to receive these funds, we need you to use your “Kroger” card and “sign up” by using the Kroger website: www.kroger.com/communityrewards. The UMW code is 93203. If you do not have access to a computer, please see one of the UMW or Youth members to sign up. Any of us will be willing to assist you with this. Please help us maximize our earnings by asking members of your family and friends to join our “team” as well. Kroger will be opening soon right next door so shopping will be convenient as well as practical. Thank you so much for your support!



2016 Flower Calendar

The new Flower Calendar for 2016 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.

Demonstration of the On Demand Learning for Laity

Saturday, February 20th from 9:30 till 2:00 PM, you can come to the Conference Center at 10330 Staples Mill Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060. I will buy lunch for anyone from Trinity, because you are my family. Or you can view it on line at any computer that has live streaming. For the pseudo techies like me, that means if you can see a YouTube video you can see the class. Our first topic is going to be, Laity Lead in Worship.

This is a FREE opportunity. The class and the lunch are free.

Leading Worship will focus on basic worship leadership skills for lay persons (“liturgists” or “lay readers”) who assist the pastor in leading Christian worship. If you currently help lead worship in your congregation or would like to prepare for such leadership, this course is for you. Particular emphasis will be given to basic skills: understanding your leadership role in relation to other leaders and the congregation, reading Scripture, leading prayer, distribution of the elements at the Lord’s Supper, and basic do’s and don’ts of effective worship leadership.

Leader: Rev. Nathan Decker

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Communication

As I have been concentrating on providing on-line training for the Lay Servants in the conference, the struggle continues on how to reach people. My work is probably best described at the nuts and bolts level of making disciples for Christ. The systems that are in place are constantly being refined (tweaked we call it) sometimes with giant steps and sometimes with almost imperceptible adjustments. This is a reminder that a giant step in Virginia is going to be on February 20th. But what about the little steps that we have taken. When someone is in need are we want to let people know to pray for them. Sometimes we are seeking a helping hand and we want to get the word out also because we know that there are people that want to help if someone will enumerate the needs. And just this past week we had two occasions where good deeds were being presented on local television. The last described the members of our church that had just completed their 1,000 ramp as a group. Unless you watching television form late afternoon till 6:00 PM you did not know of the coverage. That is the time I am driving home and it is against the law to be watching television while driving. [That note was for my son Derek who frowns on me and others for driving while distracted]. Luckily someone did see the promotion or teaser for the news. They sent an email to those that might help spread the channel and the time. But having the latest communication gear available is not enough if we can't activate it.

During the day when our office is open (10:00 am to 1:00 pm) calling Shannon at 748-2439 or by email to trinity@trinity-umc.com is the best way to reach the most people. After church office hours we can turn to Kevin Quinley who runs the prayer chain. He can be reached at kevinquinley@verizon.net . Kevin will be the ultimate judge, but my thinking is that being able to say a prayer of thanks to God for the people that can help as well as those that need help is very prayerful.

But what about the people that are not wired 24/7? How do they find out the news and the local needs?

We should vow to help our fellow congregants by offering to call a few people. Talking to someone on the phone is still communicating. I for one appreciate hearing the voice of a friend that is just trying to help me hear the good news. Remember members of Trinity; Answer God's Call to Impact Lives for All Eternity, Through Ministry, Mission, and Worship. I think a brief phone call can impact a live. That is God's call. We are just His instruments. Now get out of the boat.

David Bailey, CLS LS
Conference Director of Lay Servant Ministries
Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church
Firmly committed to helping Virginia's 1,715 Lay Servants
Make Disciples for Christ for the Transformation of the World

The SPR completed the annual Appointment Review for Pastors and forwarded our recommendation to the DS and Bishop. The Bishop's decision should be received by late May/early June.

All 2016 SPR members have signed the following Statement of Confidentiality. This statement was developed using information from the *Book of Discipline* (2012) and the *S/PPR Guidelines*, and it has been instituted to be consistent with a similar Statement of Confidentiality implemented for all employed staff. The SPR Statement reads:

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is entrusted to build strong relationships between the staff and congregation and between the congregation and the district superintendent, and functions administratively to provide leadership ("keeping an eye on the big picture") and management (tending to details and implementing strategies). "The committee shall meet in closed session, and information shared in the committee shall be confidential" (§ 258.2e, 2012 Book of Discipline). Though confidential, the work of the SPR is not secret and the difference (private matters shared in trust versus something hidden or concealed) is important to recognize and understand. In this regard, members of the SPR Committee agree:

- 1. To hold in confidence all matters, both in actions taken and the discussions preceding actions, especially involving staff employment, health care, benefits and related issues;*
- 2. Not to speak for the committee either verbally or in writing either publically or privately to non-committee members unless delegated and authorized to do so by the committee;*
- 3. To discuss matters of concern with the committee and abide by decisions of the committee.*

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!*

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

Feb 12 Lucas Griffith
Alexis Bailey
Katie Griffith

Feb 13 Mark Saunders

Claude Springfield

Feb 14 Suzanne Saunders

Feb 17 Faye Cormier

Feb 18 Henry Sawyer

Feb 19 Barbara Linkous

Jack Ball

Angela Rasmussen

Feb 20 Maurice Linkous

Feb 25 Ronald Cash

Tom Kennedy

Joshua Lisagor

Feb 27 Sally Love

Sunday Schedule

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

FEBRUARY 2016

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 |
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| | 1 6:15 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles | 2 | 3 5:45 Children's Music 7:00 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 Choir Rehearsal | 4 7 pm AA | 5 Office Closed UMFS 5:15 pm 6 pm Pinewood Derby Setup | 6 9am – 3 pm Pinewood Derby in Sanctuary |
| 7 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> <i>Boy Scout Sunday</i> | 8 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles | 9 6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Dinner 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team (?) | 10 Ash Wednesday Services at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm 5:45 Children's Music Choir Rehearsal (Immediately after 7pm Ash Wed Service) | 11 7 pm AA 7 pm UMW | 12 Youth at Blackstone | 13 Youth at Blackstone |
| 14 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> Youth home from Blackstone | 15 6:15 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles | 16 7 pm Praise Team | 17 10:45 Young @ Heart 1:00 pm Prayer Group 5:45 Children's Music 7:00 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 Choir Rehearsal | 18 7 pm AA | 19 | 20 |
| 21 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 22 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles | 23 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team | 24 1:00 pm Prayer Group 5:45 Children's Music 7:00 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 Choir Rehearsal | 25 7 pm AA 7 pm Thursday Night Light Service | 26 5:00 pm Cub Scout Blue and Gold Set up 6:30 Children's Fellowship | 27 3 pm Cub Scout Blue and Gold in Sanctuary |
| 28 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> | 29 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles | | | | | |

