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I am the resurrection and the life

Some people think that the church is in the business of selling death insurance. I heard a comment from someone who started attending worship at an older age say that their child wondered if they attended church because they were preparing to die. Some people keep church membership (even though they do not attend) because they want someone to bury them. Some people equate church rolls with entrance into heaven. But this is not how it works!

I am the resurrection and the life; He who believes in me, though he be dead, yet shall he will live.

The resurrection isn't primarily about graves; it is about life, abundant life. It is that the Christ is promising a life force that cannot be stopped. When the life of the everlasting God dwells in us, the spirit keeps us alive. The spirit keeps us going. When days are painful; when life is disappointing and crushing, God keeps us going. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 4: "We have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus's sake so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you."

This season of Lent and Easter is about remembering that in life and in death, nothing can separate us from the love and power of God. We as a congregation are carrying all kinds of burdens. We have worries and struggles and hardships. Salvation does not begin when we our mortal bodies die, it begins when life challenges to undo us. So we celebrate life after death: failing a test, having the wrong words come out of our mouth, losing a job, friendships changing and ending, and yes, the transition from the visible(flesh) to the invisible(spiritual) kingdom. Life we recreate after life's events break and disappoint us. Be of good cheer. Live in hope. God is with you and always will be. Teresa

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, March 20 for inclusion in the April newsletter. You can send items by email to trinity@trinity-umc.com or drop off in the "Church Secretary" hallway mailbox.





MARCH MUSIC NEWS

PAT MADISON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

MUSIC NEWS- MARCH 2016

The annual Trinity Talent Show will be Friday, March 4th, beginning with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The theme this year is “That’s Entertainment” and we have some great entertainment for you! The dinner menu is:

Baked Ziti

Tossed Salad

Bread

Cheesecake or cookies

Beverages: tea, coffee, lemonade, and water

Donations will be taken and proceeds will go to the youth mission trip to Cherokee, North Carolina and to help those members of the Angel choir that would like to go to music camp (Kaleidoscope) at Blackstone in August. Please join us for the fun, laughter, and fellowship!

A special thanks to Deborah Napolitano and Angie Rasmussen for making the ziti and Lana Lefferts and Mary Palmer for the desserts. Thanks to those parents who bring their children to rehearsal so that we can perform in the talent show. A big thanks to all who participate and bring us a night of joy and laughter. A great big thanks to David Heird for coming into Chester to be our MC for the night.

The Trinity Chancel Choir will be presenting “A Journey to Hope”, a cantata based on spirituals arranged by Joseph Martin on Sunday, March 20th, at 11:00 a.m. We will have a small orchestral ensemble along with the choir as well as our bell choir playing a number. Please join us for a musical Palm Sunday.

Our children’s choirs and Youth choir are working hard on their numbers in the talent show as well as music for performances in April and May. Pat Shrader needs all chime ringers to come to rehearsal so that they can learn and play for church service. Spring is coming, so “spring” out of your house and come participate with us on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Coming Events:

April 17th – Spring Tea

May 22 – Youth Sunday

June 5 – Children’s Play and Church Picnic

MISSIONS

DEBORAH NAPOLITANO

Why the food pantry at Meadowbrook High School? There are over 1600 students with minority enrollment at 90%. It's test scores are below the average for Chesterfield County. In some cases, far below. There are many at risk students. It is hard for a student to learn when he/she has had no breakfast and has little prospect for lunch.

Some of the peanut butter or cheese crackers, granola bars and protein bars are distributed directly to the clinic. When a student comes in with a headache or stomach ache due to not eating, the clinic aide feeds him/her and sends him/her back to class, to learn! The alternative is to send the student home where there is probably very little food.

Most of the food goes into the food pantry. A hungry student is now able to fill his/her belly with breakfast and lunch. The food pantry is also sending home food for the families of these students! We are servicing this community, the same community as Sherbourne, by using a different method.

Won't you please help us eradicate hunger by either donating funds designated Meadowbrook or by putting a little extra in your grocery cart each week? For the month of March our food focus is cereal and pop tarts.

May God bless our ministry.

As you have read, the food focus for March is cereal and pop tarts.

The ordering deadline for One Harvest is March 9th with delivery on the 19th. There is a new high protein box which has only meats in it. Check it out at OneHarvest.com.

We will be visiting UMFS on Friday, the 18th of March, leaving Trinity at 5:15. (An example of a visit by UMFS is listed on page 9 of the newsletter).

March 2nd is game day for Young at Heart senior group. Regular time 10:30 in Faith Class Room.

March 30th same place and time, regular meeting.

Thanks for all you do!

Peace and Grace,

Deborah

If you have any questions, please contact Deborah @ seven_naps@verizon.net.



March Youth News

Krystal Cofer

Meetings: 3/6; 3/13 and 3/20 – all meetings are from 5-6:15 in the youth room. We will be working with Christen Miller on building butterfly gardens.

T-shirts: If you do not have your just praise Him please make sure you have sent your shirt size/color.

Talent Show: Please come out and enjoy a wonderful evening of the many talents of Trinity and a night off of cooking! The youth will be working with the Music Department in serving salad and ziti for supper. While you enjoy the entertaining acts and all the art display you can also enjoy cookies and popcorn! The youth will be walking around so feel free to ask those questions about their trips.

Mulch: Please feel free to order mulch for your home. You can also help deliverer! Whether you want to donate a truck for a few hours or get a GREAT workout by helping our assembly lines. We typically start at 7 AM and have ended at 1 and 3:30 in years past. Can't make the whole time? Come help for a round or two, any and all help is appreciated from trailer, truck, unloading, and purchasing.

Missions: Interested in spending a week helping others? Our 2016 summer mission's trip will be at Cherokee Nation, NC. We leave Sunday June 19th and return Saturday June 25th. We will be working with the staff of Team effort and require \$100 deposit to attend. This may be done in payment arrangements. Please see description Team effort has for this particular site:

Located in western North Carolina, the town of Cherokee is home to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Throughout the area are numerous neighborhoods and families in great need. On this youth mission trip, groups will have the chance to reach out to these struggling families by helping with home repair and renovation. For this impoverished area, even the smallest amount of help brings new hope. Your youth have an opportunity to put their faith into action through hands-on projects while showing the love of Christ to people who are struggling to just get by.

Children's Ministry



STEPHANYE FUINA AND AMANDA KELLY

Remembering that HE loves us unconditionally, join us in celebrating HIS eternal life with fellowship and fun at the TUMC Annual Easter Egg hunt and picnic to be held Sunday, March 20th following the 11:00 Service. Enjoy lunch in our new Pavillion as a picnic lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. The congregation is asked to bring a side dish to share and dessert will be provided. Our special friend the Easter Bunny will stop by to greet the children and take pictures. All children participating in the egg hunt should bring a basket. Everyone is welcome; please invite your friends, family and neighbors.



A Spring Tea

MARK YOU CALANDERS!!!

The Children's Ministry and the Music Ministry are working together to host a Spring Tea. You are cordially invited on **April 17th 2-3:30p.m.** to attend high tea at Trinity United Methodist Church. Come dressed in your tea drinking best and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of entertainment, fellowship and refreshments. Don't forget your hat!!! All Ladies and Gents are welcome. Please RSVP to Amanda and Stephanye by phone 804-651-4470 or by email at childrensministry@trinity-umc.com.

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

Attention Church Communicators

Are you a local church communicator or do you know someone who is? The Virginia Conference Board of Communications would like to establish a group to provide support, promote professional development, and offer continuing education for church communicators within the Virginia Conference. In preparation for establishing this group, we are seeking the names and contact information for local church communicators - all church communications staff, full-time, part-time, paid and volunteer, including but not limited to communication directors, graphic designers, worship media designers, newsletter editors, webmasters, and social media specialists.

Please use the following link to submit the name of your church communicator:

<http://goo.gl/forms/IF2qDBNVze>



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.

Easter Flower Deadline

March 6th is the last day you can order Easter lilies, hydrangeas or azaleas. The lilies are \$11 each and the hydrangeas and azaleas are \$17 each. Please place your orders in the church offering plate or return to the church office. Kindly make checks out to “Trinity UMC” and note they are for “Easter Flowers.”

EASTER EGGS ARE COMING!!!!!!!

Our Easter season is upon us and we are once again making Easter Eggs. They will remain the same price of \$4.00 each. Orders can be found and turned in the Narthex. Please use one order form per egg and fill out entirely. Payment is due at the time you order and checks can be made out to TUMC with Easter egg as the designation. Order deadline is March 15th and eggs will be ready for pickup on Palm Sunday March 20th. All eggs are gluten free. This is a church wide fundraiser, so try to sell eggs to your coworkers, family and friends!! Thank you so much for your orders!!

SPR Meeting – Sunday March 6 @ 2pm.

Example of a visit for UMFS:

We sponsor a girl's cottage and a boy's cottage. We visit every 6 weeks on a Friday night. Our Prayer Shawl ministry provides a fleece blanket for each new arrival. This particular visit brings us 2 new girls and 3 new boys.

We provide dinner and dessert for the youth. Sometimes I cook a meal and sometimes we bring pizza, Chinese, or subs. The desserts are provided by the ladies that come with me.

We visit with the youth and typically do a craft with them.

We leave the campus around 8:15.

We will carpool together in the church van.

Please contact Deborah Napolitano if you're interested in helping out UMFS

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!*

March 1 Les Morgan

March 2 Lucy Shields
Matthew Saunders
Amber Schneider

March 5 Lurie Bailey

March 6 Gerald Moody

March 9 Carolyn Wilson
Elizabeth Kump

March 10 Peggy Farrar

March 11 Corey Sapp

March 12 Hillary Shields
Emily Shields

March 14 Evelyn Cox

March 16 Guy Cash

March 17 Pat Trombley
Alyssa Lively

March 21 Dylan Day

March 23 James Miller

March 24 Peyton Roach

March 26 Joe Sellers

March 28 Angie Parrish

March 29 Bert Watson

March 30 Dorothy Taylor
Rachael Linkous

March 31 Bobby Farmer

Betty Adams

Madeline Sawyer

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

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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 Praise Team	2 10:30 Young @ Heart 1:00 pm Prayer Group 5:45 Children's Music 7:00 pm Men's Chorus 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	3 7 pm AA	4 6:30 pm Talent Show	5 8 am UMM
6 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule 2 pm SPR</i>	7 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	8 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	9 1:00 pm Prayer Group 5:45 Children's Music 7:00 pm Men's Chorus 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:30 Choir Rehearsal 11:59 pm One Harvest Deadline	10 7 pm AA 7 pm UMW	11	12
13 <i>Daylight Savings Time, Spring Forward one Hour Regular Sunday Schedule</i>	14 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy Scouts	15 7 pm Praise Team	16 1:00 pm Prayer Group 5:45 Children's Music 7:00 pm Men's Chorus 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	17 7 pm AA	18 5:15 pm UMFS (Van)	19 8 am One Harvest Distribution
20 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule Easter egg hunt and luncheon after the Cantata (11 am service)</i> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	22 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	23 5:45 Children's Music 7:00 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	24 7 pm AA 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service	25 NO SERVICES TODAY	26
27 <i>Easter Sunday Services</i> Sunrise 11 am	28 Office Closed 7 pm Trinity Belles Spring Break for Chesterfield County	29 Office Closed	30 Office Closed 10:30 Young @ Heart 7:00 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	31 Office Open		

