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THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

Surrendering our lives to God is not easy. I keep hearing that aging is not for the weak. Neither is being a Christian. Surrendering our lives to God is not easy.

Read the Scriptures.

I was talking with a dear friend. He had worked for a company 31 years. The company decided to close the shop in which he was working and was moving to Maryland. They offered to take him with them but he could not move from all his family and child. So, he stayed. He was the last man out of the building. And for about 2 years I had the amazing honor of walking with him. As he tried to find a new job. As he watched one of his best friends die of cancer. As he became the primary care giver of his 2 year old grandson. We cried. We talked. We prayed. We planned God's ministry together.

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed because we don't why things happen as they do. We are struck down, but not destroyed BECAUSE we carry around in us the amazing life force that was in Jesus. (2Corinthians 4)

I continue to be awed and humbled at your strength. I continue to be reformed and reforged by how God keeps you alive and still experiencing life. "Like a tree planted by a

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river that does not lose its leaves”(Ps 1) Our dreams, our hopes get crushed. Our energy drained.

But...God’s spirit lifts us up and gives us flight again (Isaiah 40).

“Let not your heart be troubled. Neither let it be afraid. Trust in God. Trust also in me.”(John 13)

“We are not alone.”

You are the resurrection and the life. Because you believe, because he is already in you, and so he keeps renewing you. Don’t let the darkness or the weariness cause you despair.

God has never left you or forsaken you. He will continue to bring you new life because HE LOVES YOU. Do not ever loose site of this: he loves you with a love that never ends and that never leaves us.

Like the disciples before us, we are a witness to the resurrection and to the amazing presence and power of God.

Happy Easter! T

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, April 24 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.



FINANCIAL NOTES

The talent show netted a profit of \$1728, which will be split between the youth and music departments.

The Easter Eggs netted a profit of \$1731, which is \$136 more than 2015!



APRIL MUSIC NEWS

PAT MADISON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

MUSIC NEWS- APRIL 2016

March has been an exciting month for us in the music department. The talent show was a big success, thanks to so many people. Our sincere thanks to those who came and supported the show, to the performers who took time to learn their number, to the cooks who provided a wonderful meal, and to those who served. A special thanks to all who donated food, props, decorations, and time to make this come together. A total of \$1,728 was raised that evening. This will be a wonderful help for the youth mission trip and for those children interested in music camp this summer. Your support is greatly appreciated!

I would like to thank the Trinity Belles and the Trinity Chancel Choir for their musical presentation on Palm Sunday, March 20th. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to praising God through music. We are so fortunate to have such talented and dedicated people.

Our Odyssey choir and children's choirs are working hard on upcoming performances. We will be providing entertainment at the Spring Tea on April 17th. The children's production will be on June 5th followed by a picnic on the grounds. Please put this date on your calendar.

Those elementary students interested in attending music camp in Blackstone on August 1-5, please send me an e-mail at piano4mom@gmail.com. Information about the camp will soon be available.

May you all enjoy the new season of spring.
Blessings, Pat

Coming Events:

April 17th – Spring Tea

May 22 – Youth Sunday

June 5 – Children's Play and Church Picnic



April Youth News

Krystal Cofer

Youth in April

Mulch: The youth would like to give a HUGE thank you for all those who ordered, and helped this past Saturday. We had so many behind the scenes from donating a fork lift to use, the forklift driver, unloading on Friday, cooking lunch, preparing lunch, and all the hands that helped during deliveries. This 2016 Mulch year was definitely a success and had 2310 bags of mulch sold and delivered.



Butterfly Garden: Christen Miller was able to work for 3 weeks with our youth in creating a wonderful space to enjoy God's nature. The butterfly gardens allowed the youth to plant and learn about what God has created for us in nature. We even were given butterfly pillows from Mrs. McPherson to remember this experience.



Meetings: Please see Krystal if you would like to bring food for any of the following meetings.

4/3 – No meeting (Spring Break)

4/10 – Meeting 5-6:15

4/17 – Meeting 5-6:15

4/24 -- Meeting 5-6:15

Youth Sunday: May 22nd the youth will be hosting service and invite everyone to attend.

Children's Ministry



thankyou

STEPHANYE FUINA AND AMANDA KELLY

What a fun time we had hunting hugs and enjoying lunch with everyone! Thank you to the congregation for the generous candy donations and for supporting the Children's Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to those who help set up, cook, hide eggs and clean help, we greatly appreciate all of the helping hands! A hippity-hoppity THANKS to Easter Bunny for stopping by to visit. Thank you all for making this a fun day for the children and for the blessing of your fellowship.



One lump or two?? How do you take your tea? Please join us in celebrating Spring! Together the Music Department and the Children's Ministry are hosting a Spring Tea in honor of YOU!! Wont you join us for an afternoon of fun entertainment, light refreshments and delicious tea?? Mark your calendars for April 17, 2016 beginning at 2:00pm. All ladies and gents are welcome. Wear your favorite tea attire and hat. Please RSVP by calling the church at 804-748-2439 or by email to childrensministry@trinity-umc.com . We look forward to seeing you!

AMANDA KELLY & STEPHANYE FUINA

KAIROS 59

BY: MAURY BECK

HELLO AGAIN TRINITY CHURCH FAMILY. IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN; KAIROS AT GREENVILLE CORRECTIONAL CENTER IS ALMOST UPON US – APRIL 20-24, 2016.



BAKING

THE TEAM WILL NEED ABOUT 5000 COOKIES FOR FOOD AGAPE FOR THE WEEKEND. IF YOU FEEL SO INCLINED TO HAVE YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS OR ANY OTHER COMMUNITY GROUP BAKE COOKIES, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DO SO. WE WELCOME THEM!

TEAMING AND GOING

WE NEED A TEAM OF 35 PEOPLE TO PULL OF KAIROS. WE ARE SEEKING ANYONE INTERESTED IN TEAMING – OR JUST VOLUNTEERING OR ATTENDING THE CLOSING CEREMONY.

DEADLINES

I NEED THE COOKIES, POSTERS, AND PLACEMATS BY APRIL 19. YOU CAN LEAVE THEM IN THE KITCHEN. CONTACT ME (MAURY) KNOW AT 804/393.1504 WITH ANY QUESTIONS. AS ALWAYS GOD BLESS YOU FOR WORKING IN HIS KINGDOM.

A LINK TO THE PRAYER WHEEL WILL SOON BE ON THE TRINITY WEBSITE FOR PEOPLE TO SIGN-UP FOR 30 MINUTE INTERVALS. PLEASE SEE ME (MAURY) WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CALL (804) 393-1504.



UMW

BETTY SAWYER, UMW PRESIDENT

The UMW will be conducting a Spring Rada knife sale with orders to be in by April 25 and with delivery by May 1, 2016 in time for Mother's Day. Krystal Cofer will head this project. Please look for Rada catalogues in the Narthex or ask any UMW member. Thank you for your continued support of UMW and our missions. The UMW plans to continue sponsoring Kits for Conference and will make a decision about what kind of kits when we have more information about what is needed. Items for the kits will be due on Mother's Day and Kits will be assembled at our June meeting. UMW Officers and committee chairs will meet at Ledo's at noon on April 7 to discuss plans for the remainder of the year. Our next meeting is April 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Krystal Cofer will present the program, "All God's Children" using a video. We invite all the women to join us for the meeting, program and refreshments.



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.

UMFS – Friday April 29th at 5:15 pm

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

UMM BOSTON BUTT SALE

JOHN MORRIS

The Methodist Men will again be offering "Boston Butts" for sale in April.

This will be an opportunity to purchase 5-6 pounds of tasteful roast pork which will make great Barbeque for only \$25 each, in addition to assisting the Methodist

Men raise funds to support our many missions and numerous church projects.

As was the case last year, the meat will be cooked by Sibley's Barbeque and will be available for pickup on Sunday, April 17.

We will be offering a "tasting" April 10th where you can sample this delicious meat before you purchase it.

We truly appreciate your support for this fundraiser.

Thanks, John



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!*

April 3 Sherri Diven

April 5 George Kingsley
Rod Scott
Bobby Donovan
Alyssa Sandlin

April 8 Robin Stariha

April 9 Vickie Beck
Patricia Murdock
Judy Scott

April 10 Cody Short

April 11 Sherry Farrow

April 12 Dean Rasmussen

April 14 Alan Rouze

April 16 Rachel Sismour

April 19 Chase Watson
Diane Springfield

April 20 Nicholas O'Shea

April 21 Joseph Kump

April 24 Brian Leinberger
Maury Beck

April 26 Anthony Roach

April 27 Bill Bailey

April 28 Joshua Huff

April 29 James Stariha
Terri Watson
Kevin Sandlin

April 30 Jack Sismour
Jane Costello

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	2 8 am UMM
3 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i>	4 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	5 6:30 pm Finance Meeting 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	6 9:45 Young at Heart (van) 5:45 Children's Music 7:00 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	7 7 pm AA	8	9
10 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i>	11 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy Scouts	12 Trustees Meeting 7 pm Praise Team	13 5:45 Children's Music 7:00 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 Choir Rehearsal 11:59 pm One Harvest Deadline	14 7 pm AA 7 pm UMW	15	16 8 am One Harvest Distribution
17 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> <i>Spring Tea 2pm-4pm</i> <i>Boston Butt distribution</i>	18 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	19 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	20 10:30 Young at Heart 5:45 Children's Music 6:30 BSA District Meeting 7:00 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	21 7 pm AA	22	23
24 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	25 7 pm Trinity Belles Spring Break for Chesterfield County	26 7 pm Praise Team	27 5:45 Children's Music 7:00 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	28 7 pm AA	29 5:15 pm UMFS (van)	30

