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**"I am the LORD your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You must have no other gods before me."**

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Who runs your life? Who is in charge? Who has the last say?

For many of us, the answer will change. The answer will depend on which part of our lives we are talking about.

In my work place, this is the answer.  
In my home life, this is how it works.  
When I go out with my friends, this is who leads.

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**September Calendar**

By 'god' we mean to who is in charge. Who gives us the guidelines and expectations? Whose opinion makes the final decisions? In the ancient world, a nation would have a pantheon of gods. Consider the Greeks. There was a god for the house and the hunt and war and the oceans. A god that oversaw the harvest and love making. Same for the Babylonians and the Egyptians.

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## ONE HARVEST

The deadline for ordering online is Wednesday, September 14 at midnight. Distribution is on Saturday, September 24. Go to [www.oneharvest.com](http://www.oneharvest.com) for more info.

## OFFICE CLOSURES IN SEPTEMBER

The church office will be closed Monday, September 5.

Please plan your office needs accordingly.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, September 25 for inclusion in the October 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.



We are the same way. Our wives run our home life. Our bosses set the rules for work. The government tells us how fast we can drive on certain roads. Our children tell us where to be and how long we can stay. Our gods vary from house to house, but there are many people in charge of our lives. The LORD is very aware that there are many people who dictate our lives. We too have a pantheon. So lay out a life a chart with all your gods.

Work      Home      Government      Children  
Friends      Personal Decisions

After you have them all laid out, who has the biggest voice? Who is in charge? To whom do you listen, bend, follow?

For the faithful, the LORD God is the one who has the initial goal and the final say. A Christian's goal is to work towards living into the answer of what would God say and do. So, how many Bible verses do you know? How many of God's answers can you quote?

Please, I encourage you to diagram out your chart of gods. Who is the leading voice in what? Then prioritize your gods. Where is the LORD God in your ranking?

And after you have them all laid out, make sure that God is this overarching, final authority.

The LORD God is the one who has the initial definition and the final say.

Oh, one other god that "I AM" wants to be over...it's you. For many of us, the final authority is what I think and what I want. I am not the one in charge. Psalm 100 reminds us that "It is he that has made us and not we ourselves." We do not get the last say.

So I encourage you to diagram out your chart. Figure out who tells you what to do and who you listen to. Discover how well you know the Bible. How many verses do you know?

Where is the LORD God, in your ranking?

He is saying that he has the right to be number one.

## Grief Share

Grief Share, a special help seminar and support group for adults experiencing grief and loss. Seminar sessions include:

“Is this normal?”

“The Challenges of Grief,”

Grief and Your Relationships,”

“Why?” and

“Guilt and Anger.”

There are two groups in the Richmond District that will be meeting this fall (only one listed below):

Woodlake UMC on Sunday evenings from 5-7 pm beginning September 18 in room 207. Childcare is available for infants through fifth grade. Cost for materials is \$15.

Scholarships are available.

For more information, contact Kathy Frazier at

[kfrazier@woodlakeumc.org](mailto:kfrazier@woodlakeumc.org).

## Food Focus

As we are waiting confirmation that we will be able to continue bringing food to Meadowbrook High School, the missions committee has decided to bring the food directly to the Chesterfield Food Bank. Meadowbrook also uses this food bank to stock their pantry.

The food focus for September is peanut butter and jelly.

Thank you to all who supported the school bags at Bellwood. We collected 19 bags, making it possible for these children who walk into school with no supplies to stop by the office and pick up their grade appropriate bags. Imagine what that means to a little one who was unprepared!

Look for our food drive in November for CCHASM's annual Thanksgiving baskets. Bob Cassada will keep you apprised as we get closer.

It is not even autumn, and I will ask you to look forward to our Christmas missions.

Last year we supported two cottages of youth at United Methodist Family Services, Envoy Nursing Home, CARES Shelter, and Bellwood School Children.

Missions outreach has always been a very important part of who we are as a church.

I pray it will continue to be.

-Deborah Napolitano

## OCTOBER IS COMING AND THAT MEANS TUMC PUMPKIN SALES

In less than thirty days from now, the TRINITY UNITED METHODIST Congregation will be busy unloading and selling pumpkins for our annual fundraiser!! The pumpkins are scheduled to arrive on Thursday, September 29th at 4 P.M. The unloading of the truckload of pumpkins require an "ALL HANDS EFFORT" to unload and distribute the pumpkins throughout the staging area. Please set Thursday, September 29th, aside to help us unload the pumpkins.

Pumpkin sales by TUMC has been a tradition for the past several years, and has resulted in TUMC earning the nickname of "the church that sells pumpkins". It is one of the MAJOR fund raising efforts for the church and TUMC Men and Women Groups. Historically, we have been able to profit approximately \$6,500 per year, which is divided among the church and the Men and Women groups. These funds are utilized to support Mission Projects and Service Organizations locally and outside the immediate area. As one customer said "you can buy a pumpkin anywhere, but if you buy a pumpkin from TRINITY, you are supporting GOD's WORK in the community!"

The manning of the Pumpkin Patch is a total church effort and the entire church benefits by the funds that are raised! As we all know, it takes many church volunteers to operate the Pumpkin Patch for the 31 days of October! We welcome all volunteers, regardless of age, to sign up for the two-hour shifts each weekday or on the weekend. Working the Pumpkin Patch provides the volunteers the opportunity to socialize with other workers and meet new people from the community. The CHILDREN'S MINISTRY has signed up to man the patch each Wednesday of October.

If any additional group would like to sign up for a specific day of the week or have questions, please contact the Pumpkin Patch Coordinator, John Morris, at 804-777-9163 or [PJNSUMO@COMCAST.NET](mailto:PJNSUMO@COMCAST.NET)

The Church & TUMC Men & TUMC Women would sincerely appreciate for you to sign up as a Pumpkin Patch Volunteer on the clip boards that will be circulated during church services!!



## MUSIC NEWS

Thank you Trinity Chancel Choir for your loyal service during the summer months and for the beautiful concert in August at Bethany Place. It was great to sit in the congregation and just listen to the music. Thanks to all of our Trinity family that supported us and attended the concert. It was a great experience for us to sing with so many other choir members and to make new friends from other churches. We are so grateful that we had this time with Leo McPherson. He will be greatly missed.

The Chancel Choir and the Men's Chorus would love to have some new members join us especially as we approach the Christmas season. If you like to sing, please consider joining our group. We will have our annual "Back to Choir" night on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. It is also a "Welcome to Choir" night for new members who would like to join us. So everyone come on September 7<sup>th</sup> and bring a snack to share. We will sing and then have a great time of fellowship.

The Trinity Belles will resume rehearsal on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Bring a salad to share and your calendar of events for the planning of the year. If you read music and if you are interested in ringing bells, please contact me at 586-0342 or e-mail [piano4mom@gmail.com](mailto:piano4mom@gmail.com). We would love some additional members. We meet on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. We work on our music as well as enjoy a time of fellowship.

All music activities begin on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Chime Choir directed by Pat Shrader for children in grades 2-6 is a great opportunity for your child to learn how to read music. Chime Choir meets every Sunday afternoon starting in September and continues through May.

The goal this year is to have enough ringers to ring in church every 6 weeks or more but we need dedicated ringers. It is fun to learn how to play them as well as it is a great educational opportunity for your children. Playing an instrument improves their skills in other areas of school. Consider how this activity might help your child. Bring them on September 11<sup>th</sup> to experience this opportunity.

Odyssey choir (grades 6-12) will meet in the music room September 11<sup>th</sup> and begin rehearsing new music for Youth Jam which will be held in Richmond on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. We also will resume work on the play we started in the spring. So come on the 11<sup>th</sup> and bring a friend. Let's plan a great year together!

At 5:00 p.m. on September 11<sup>th</sup> all members of the Angel choir (Grades 1-5) please come to rehearsal to begin work on the new Christmas play, "All About That Baby". We need lots of shepherds and sheep for this fun but meaningful play. We will be watching part of the production as well as learning the first song. So make a special effort to come on this Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Come and be a part of our next production. Snacks will be provided.

Our Wednesday night children's choir program will begin September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. Parents and children are invited to begin our new year with a spaghetti supper provided by Pat Madison. We especially need parents to stay this time to fill out information about your child (allergies, activities) and how to best contact you in case of emergency or bad weather. This is so important for the leaders and myself. Cherubs (ages 2-kindergarten) will meet in the nursery for dinner and Bible story and craft. Parents are encouraged to stay and help leaders especially parents of 2 year olds. At 6:00 they go to the music room for 30 minutes of music and return to the nursery for story and craft. The Angel choir will have Bible study after they eat dinner and at 6:30 come to music to learn songs and music of the Christmas play. Both of these groups will be presenting a program at Lucy Corr on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. We hope to sing for the church service once a month as well.

As we look to the future, start thinking about a theme for this year's talent show 2017. Send your suggestion to [piano4mom@gmail.com](mailto:piano4mom@gmail.com). Let's make it another great one!

Dates to Remember:

September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome to Choir night
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Music Activities Begin
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Dinner for Cherubs, Angels, and Parents
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Children's program at Lucy Corr (2:00 p.m.)
November 18 & 19	Youth Jam
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Cantata by Chancel Choir
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Christmas Play and Santa Party

In closing I would like to express my gratitude to all those people who have helped me during my recovery from heart surgery. Thanks to friends, family, doctors, nurses, and physical therapists I am feeling much stronger and hope to continue to improve on my road to recovery. Thanks you for your love and support.

Blessings, Pat

# Children's Ministry



**BY: STEPHANYE FUINA AND AMANDA KELLY**

Mark  
your  
Calendar

**It's that time! Save the Date!** October 15, 2016 2:00pm-5:00pm the Children's Ministry will host the annual TUMC Fall Festival. Fun, games, food and entertainment for the entire family will be available here on the church grounds. Please help us welcome Fall and our community. We look forward to seeing you all there!



## **BAKE SALE!!! BAKE SALE!!! BAKE SALE!!! BAKE SALE!!!!**

How can you STOP HUNGER NOW??? Support the Children's Ministry bake sale at the Fall Festival! Brownies, cookies, cupcakes and other individually wrapped treats will be sold during the Fall Festival with all proceeds going to the STOP HUNGER NOW mission. If you are interested in donating baked goods, please contact Amanda Kelly and Stephanye Fuina.



## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR AN ANIMAL??**

Help our furry friends bring smiles to the families attending the Fall Festival. By sponsoring an animal, you can be a part of the Fall Festival fun. The Children's Ministry has posted the animal sponsorship tree as you exit the sanctuary into the Narthex. Sponsoring an animal is easy!!! Select the animal you would like to sponsor with the donation amount of your choice. Place your donation in the envelope attached to the animal and place in the offering plate. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping the Children's Ministry continue to provide our church family and community with a day of fun.



## **Children's Fellowship on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm**

Hey there tiny hands do you want to help? Calling all children of TUMC!! September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8:00 all children of the church and their friends are invited to a Children's Fellowship! Your tiny hands will be helping to prepare goodies for the TUMC Pumpkin Patch. Bring your cousin, bring your friend, bring anyone you want. Come prepared to hear a great story, enjoy a yummy snack and give a helping hand. Please RSVP to [childrensministry@trinity-umc.com](mailto:childrensministry@trinity-umc.com) or by contacting Amanda and Stephanye. See you all there!!!





Youth News:

Krystal Cofer

Mission Thanks:

Trinity last met for the 2016 Cherokee Nation Mission Trip. We worked with Team Effort at Full Spectrum Farms. We want to say thank you for the prayers, monetary donations, support, care cards, and all the encouragement. Please stop and ask our Youth who went what they thought and liked most.



First Meeting:

We will be kicking off our School year with an offsite meeting at Pocahontas Park! We will meet Sunday September 11 at 5:00 and take the bus to the park. Please bring snack/food to share and we will hit the water in kayak's, canoes and possible a 3rd water craft! No experience necessary.



We really want the youth to explore and have fun so are asking for extended time. Possible pick up at 7:00 or even 7:30 we will be in touch through email and announcements.

### Willow Run Retreat:

Our District Youth Council - DYC has already been planning our fall retreat. Willow Run is September 24-25, 2016 at Camp Willow Run. This is where we spend overnight in a old train car and stay on the lake for games, fellowship and dig into where we want to see God grow in us.



We will leave Saturday Morning 9/24 and will eat lunch, dinner and Sunday breakfast. Cost to attend is \$35.00.

Please visit the camp's website for more information at: <http://campwillowrun.org/>

### Meetings:

9-18-16 - Regular Youth Meeting 5-6:15

9-25-16 - no meeting, returning from Willow Run

# FINANCIAL NOTES

Summer is coming to an end and the frost will soon be on our Pumpkin Patch (PP). Pumpkin arrival is set for Thursday, September 29 at 4 PM. As we begin our PP venture this year, the Finance Committee would like to ask the congregation to write their checks for PP items SEPARATE from their GIVING to the Church. While it is true you can write one check to Trinity UMC for "purchases" made from the PP (including mums), this check will NOT be (nor should it be) shown on your giving statement at the end of the year because this would be for a "product purchase" not a donation to the Church. Now, just one more thing. Other Church groups do fund raisers during October (i.e. UMM make Brunswick stew and Fellowship Class makes apple butter). If you purchase either of these items, please make your check payable to the correct group (i.e. Trinity UMM for Brunswick stew OR Trinity Fellowship Class for apple butter). This is just a reminder so we can keep monies separated as "product purchases" are made during the PP. Thank you for assisting the Finance Committee with this endeavor.

## Church Bicycle Ride/Picnic

I want to see if anyone would be interested in joining together for some fun, fellowship, fitness, and of course food. Kathy and I and a few other friends have been enjoying the new "Cap 2 Cap" trail that has been built between Jamestown and Richmond. I know we have some people who would be up to the whole 53 miles but I am only proposing we do about 13 miles (round trip) from The Chickahominy River Park to Jamestown and back (very flat). All ages are welcome.

We could pull a trailer with the bicycles behind the church van from the church to the park in the morning. Ride to Jamestown (or turn around when you want) and return to The Chickahominy River Park where we can have a picnic lunch before returning to church.

I know we need to iron out a few details or someone may have better ideas but right now I am seeing what interest we have.

Please send me an email if you are interested in going.

Thanks,  
Tim Ruxton  
ruxtontm@gmail.com

# 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!

Sept. 1 Lori Poythress  
 Sept. 4 Kevin Quinley  
 Sept. 5 Kaitlyn Leinberger  
 Sept. 7 Todd Miller  
 Anthony Napolitano  
 Sept. 8 Tristan Echols  
 Sept. 9 Angela Bailey  
 Laura Parrish  
 Sept. 10 Kayla Parrish  
 Stephanie Potvin  
 Jane Lisagor  
 Sept. 11 Brian Foutz  
 Sept. 12 Charlotte Sawyer  
 Sept. 13 Donna Short  
 Allan Fallin  
 Campbell Griffin  
 Sept. 14 Kevin Sapp  
 Bill Justice  
 Sept. 15 Sarah Bishop  
 Sept. 16 Clark Griffin  
 Sept. 18 Robert Linkous  
 Sept. 21 James Day Sr.  
 Dawn Fallin  
 Ryan Sapp  
 Sept. 22 Odette Burley  
 Kari Collins  
 Judy Seely  
 Taylor O'Shea  
 Zachary Mills  
 Hannah Donithan  
 Sept. 23 Abigail Pettigrew  
 Sept. 24 Bob Adams

Sept. 25 TJ Kennedy Barbara Smith  
 Sept. 26 Linda Lewis Jean Harvey  
 Sept. 27 Norma Stanfield  
 Sept. 28 David Cox  
 Sept. 29 Michael Cash Stephanie Arnold

## SEPTEMBER SERVANTS OF WORSHIP

### MONEY COUNTERS:

#### Sept 6 & 12

Dana Potter & Brenda Shepherd

#### Sept 18 & 25

Dana Potter & Sarah Bishop

### USHERS:

#### Sept 4 & 18

Danny Mizelle, Eric Rasmussen, Carol Pratt, Faye Cormier

#### Sept 11 & 25

Bill Foster, Duane White, James Benfield, Brenda Shepherd

### OFFERING and DESIGNATED GIVING

<u>August Budget</u>	<u>August 28</u>	<u>August Total</u>
\$26,400	\$4,356.55	\$25,111.98
<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>FOOD</u>	<u>VIM</u>
\$500	\$238.34	\$1,300
<u>EXCESS MORTGAGE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>STOP HUNGER</u>
\$1,000	\$125	\$400



**Sunday Schedule (Sept. 11)**

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

# September 2016

If you have items to add to the calendar,  
 please let the office know

by email to [trinity@trinity-umc.com](mailto:trinity@trinity-umc.com) or phone at 748-2439.

**Wednesday Schedule (Sept. 14)**

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 7 pm TNL	2	3
4 Last Sunday on summer schedule	5 Office Closed	6 7 pm Praise Team	7 7:00 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	8 6:30 pm UMW 7 pm AA	9 5:15 pm UMFS	10 8 am UMM
11 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> 1:45 pm Young at Heart trip 2 pm SPR 4pm Chimes & Odyssey 5pm Angel Choir	12 6:30 pm Finance Meeting 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	13 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	14 10:30 Young at Heart 5:45 Children's Music 7:00 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 Choir Rehearsal 11:59 pm One Harvest	15 7 pm COUNCIL 7 pm AA	16	17
18 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> Adult Mission Trip	19 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles Adult Mission Trip	20 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team Adult Mission Trip	21 5:45 Children's Music 7:00 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 Choir Rehearsal Adult Mission Trip	22 7 pm AA	23 6:30 pm Children's Fellowship	24 8 am One Harvest Distribution
25 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	26 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	27 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	28 10:30 am Young at Heart 5:45 Children's Music 7:00 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	29 4 pm Pumpkin offload 7 pm AA	30	

