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### PASTOR'S CORNER: STEP BY STEP

REV. TERESA KEEZEL

How do we form Christian character?

How do we form Godly nature?

A breath at a time. A step at a time. We form it day by day. So that when we need it, it is there.

When I took my first appointment, the women of the church 'pounded' my pantry. They threw me a party and purchased all kinds of things that are just great to have in the pantry... just in case.

I always enjoy rummaging thru my dad's workshop. He has all kinds of 'stuff'. I will ask him; "Why do you have this?" To which he replies, "you might need it." Whatever the field of play, it's great to have what you need or might need ... just in case. It's always great to have options and opportunities.

Growing Godly character is the same way. We start putting things in our 'storage unit' for when we need it. We start warehousing, for when we do need it.

Reading the Bible is like this. We read God's Word so that when we need it, there is a story or proverb handy to help out. How do I deal with life's changes? There are stories for that!! Do I choose from Elijah in the Book of Kings or the Disciples in the Acts of the Apostles? How do I process shock and grief? Do I choose a story from I Samuel or Lamentations or the Psalms?

Sometimes my children have asked me, "Why do I have to learn this?" To which I calmly reply, "You will need it one day."

We need the faith. One day, we will deal with shock, fear, betrayal, death. One day we will deal with children, contract agreements, and the open ended question, "why am I here?" The Word of God has insight for all these questions...so let's keep preparing.

I encourage you to start readying Luke. Compare the beginning of Luke with the beginning of Matthew. Start a list of the parables; Luke is full of them. You don't need to read much each day - just keep reading.

May your human nature be so touched by the presence of God, that you are transformed. May your nature be so transformed, that you may easily transition into the Godly realm of Heaven. Better to transition gradually here, than to strip your gears, there.

Step by step...

## CONFIRMATION

It's almost that time. I will start a confirmation class when school starts.

The class is for rising 6 graders and anyone else who is interested (whatever the age).

The class will run from September up to Easter. We will meet during Sunday School. Please let me know if you are interested.

I will also need adults to sit with me. As we try to have 2 adults in each class, I will send a sign-up sheet around the sanctuary and ask people to volunteer to sit in.

The walk thru the faith is always fun for me. God's plan of salvation has a long and fascinating view.

I look forward to the time with the class and all who join us. Teresa

## A NOTE FROM THE LAY LISTENER: LISTEN

DAVID BAILEY, LAY LISTENER

I was listening to the keynote speaker, Scott Johnson, the New York Conference Lay Leader, at the Laity Banquet last year when he talked about a common statement heard in churches, "Where are the young people"? His answer was, "Look around you. If there are no young adults in your (planning sessions), it might be that you are sitting in their seats".

I was listening to the instructor at last year's Lay Servant Academy who had the attention of his class when he said that the best way to plan activities for Youth was not to plan for them but be a resource that could serve and guide them as they planned.

I was listening to the Conference Directors of Lay Speaking gathered last year in Oklahoma where 85 people from all across the country bemoaned the reduction in members of their churches and of a reduced number of Certified Lay Speakers. The fact that I was the fifth youngest person there intrigued me.

I was listening at the Trinity Nominations and Lay Leadership Development Committee meeting last month when a statement was made that permeated the discussion for the rest of the meeting. We need to involve more of our new members in leadership roles.

I was listening to a member of our congregation as we talked about the handling of the personnel action that garnered the attention of so many of our members. We were trying to find out what caused such conflict. The member suggested that some of my concerns were very valid and that the ideas that I proffered on this and other matters were good. My question was, then why did it go so awry? The answer surprised me. You have been the Lay Leader too long. I tried to point out that I had a three year stint as Lay Leader with a two year break and was now the Lay Leader again. But looking back I saw that since my fourth week at Trinity in October 1992, I have had a leadership role. Some years I had four concurrent leadership roles.

I listened to the smarter person in my marriage tell me that I was doing too much. I argued unsuccessfully that I wasn't doing too much. Organization of my time through great effort had allowed me to only have three nights this past year where I was in two meetings at once. This past year my name is in the charge conference report only seven times. I only have twelve jobs at the district, conference and national level.

Well what am I going to do about this? I went back to the opening line in this article. Maybe I have been sitting in someone else's seat. If the Nominations Committee recommends me and the Charge Conference endorses me for another term as Lay Leader, it will be my last. That will automatically take me off four committees and 24 meetings a year. I hope it means that others will step up and ask how they can do them. My great hope is that the people that are far more talented than I will read this and pray about what they can do to further the kingdom of God.

And finally I am going to do what a delegate to the Southeastern Jurisdiction reported in his blog, Making Bacon: "... at Lake Junaluska we began to discuss something that Young Jin Cho (Virginia's new Bishop) had mentioned during his episcopal nominee address. He had mentioned that if elected Bishop he would require all clergy to spend ONE HOUR a day in the spiritual disciplines and more specifically personal spiritual disciplines as a way to keep their minds spiritually focused". My friend is only 23 and at Wesley Seminary. Right now he is the smartest person that I know personally in the United Methodist Church

Well I listened a lot this month. Hope I didn't bore you. Please pray and serve where you feel led.



## Ice Cream Social

There will be an Ice Cream Social to raise money for the Adult Missions Trip.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 • 7PM**

Come for fellowship, tasty treats, and to support the mission trip!

Contact Karen Poole for more information.



## BSA BLOOD DRIVE

Help fight summer blood shortages at Virginia Blood Services' Blood Drive here at TUMC.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 6**

**3-7 PM**

The drive is being organized by Aaron Bouchard, a member of our sponsored Boy Scout troop and Eagle Scout candidate.

To sign up for an appointment, contact Aaron at 220-2657 or email aron5525@gmail.com. For eligibility questions, visit VABlood.org.



## TUMW FALL BAZAAR – OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

BARBARA SMITH, UMW CHAIR

This year the fall bazaar will be held Friday October 19th, 2012 from 9 am to 7 pm. There will not be any Saturday hours. We are in need of any craft items you would like to donate. With the hot days ahead and spending more time inside, it might be a good time to gather with a few friends to work on some projects. Anything handmade will be greatly appreciated. We do however need to know what you are making so we can plan ahead. Please let Barbara Smith (bws621@comcast.net) Diane Springfield (dsf0419@aol.com) or Pam Soto (pumice@comcast.net) know by August 31st.

We will also be having the "nearly new" boutique again so begin to set your treasures aside for that now.

This year we will feature soups by the quart for purchase. Any other questions or concerns contact Barbara Smith at 748-4475.

## DISTRICT NEWS: NEW BISHOP

REVEREND JOHN VEST, JAMES RIVER DISTRICT SUPERINTENDANT

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I combined Cabinet Secretary responsibilities and continuing education this year by attending the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference (SEJ Conference) on July 17-20, where five new Bishops were consecrated and all our Bishops received their assignments for the next 4 years. I was able to observe the "Round Robin" where each candidate for Bishop met with each elected Conference delegation to answer questions, participate in worship, hear the Lake Junaluska Singers, experience some of the drama of our process for discerning Episcopal leadership, attend a farewell banquet for Bishop Kammerer, and celebrate the assignment of newly consecrated Bishop Young Jin Cho to the Virginia Conference.



Bishop Cho is well known to us for he has served as the District Superintendent of the Arlington District since 2005. We actually entered the Cabinet together, along with former Petersburg District Superintendent Jack Martin. I would consider it extraordinary that a new Bishop is assigned to his home conference for it has happened only once across the Connection since the United Methodist Church was formed in 1968. A 2/3 vote of the Jurisdictional Episcopacy Committee is required to make such an assignment. When the assignment was made, the presiding officer announced that the committee unanimously agreed that Bishop Cho should remain in Virginia.

Approximately 30 minutes after the Episcopal assignments were announced the Virginia Delegation and others like me who came to observe gathered in a tent on the lakeshore to welcome our new Bishop. The Reverend Tom Berlin, pastor of Floris UMC on the Arlington District, who is head of the Virginia Delegation and a member of the Jurisdictional Episcopacy Committee gave the following explanation for the assignment (paraphrased):

"All the Bishops tell us it takes 2 years in a new assignment to adequately begin leading the Conference. Virginia has momentum in regards to Vital Congregations, All Things New, the planting of new faith communities and our realignment of ministry. The assignment of Bishop Cho will perpetuate that momentum in the midst of a change in Bishops and he will be further ahead of the curve than any other Bishop who could be assigned to Virginia."

It is anticipated that Bishop Cho will serve for 4 years and then take mandatory retirement.

We do not ordain our Bishops. They are elected for life to the office and consecrated for the specific ministry of oversight of the ministry of the church throughout the world. The official start date for Bishop Cho is September 1 and August is a transition time as Bishop Kammerer moves to her retirement home in North Carolina and Bishop Cho moves to the Episcopal residence in Virginia. On August 8, the Cabinet will gather with Bishop Cho in Roanoke for a one-day retreat to be led by Gil Rendle, a denominational consultant who specializes in denominational change. Please keep Bishop Cho and the Cabinet in your prayers as we live into these changes.

Grace and Peace,

John

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

JOHN MORRIS, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

### AUDIT REPORT

Judy Seely and her Audit Committee of Jane Costello and Elizabeth Napolitano completed the audit of the Church 2011 financial record and all accounts maintained by the various groups of Trinity United Methodist Church.

I am happy to report that no major discrepancies were found by the Audit Committee. A minor finding was the unavailability of some receipts for expenditures incurred by two of the group accounts. Audit recommended that Treasurers re-emphasize the requirement for receipts to support all expenditure be documented and available for future audits.

The Audit Committee noted the excellent organization and accuracy of the files maintained by the treasurer, Lana Lefferts.

The Finance Committee wishes to thank Lana and the various group treasurers for the professional maintenance of their records, and also to thank Judy and the Audit Committee for the thorough and expeditious performance of this audit.

### 2013 BUDGET

It is that time of year to develop the 2013 Church Budget. The Finance Committee has sent Budget Requests to all Committee Chairmen providing guidance and requesting that they identify their anticipated 2013 budget requirements and provide them to the Finance Committee by August 19, 2012.

This will assist the Finance Committee in developing the 2013 budget for approval by the Council in September. We are thanking you in advance for your assistance in developing this budget.

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

The secretary will be out of the office August 13-August 22.

## MUSIC NEWS

PAT MADISON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

We have just finished VBS and already looking ahead to the fall activities and plans for Christmas! The music people had a great time at VBS and I would like to thank Pam Heird, Pat Shrader, Lori Poythress, Kelly Cawthan, Abby Heird, and Lauren Swinson for their leadership. Thanks for giving so much time and energy!

The Fall music activities will begin on September 9<sup>th</sup>! Cherubs and Angels will begin on the following Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars now so we can have a great beginning for our music groups. The next newsletter will have more details about what our programs will be and specific dates and times for special events. See you in September!

DON'T FORGET! August 10<sup>th</sup> is our night of music and storytelling. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. with great songs from our Men's Chorus and wonderful stories told by Linda Goodman and Geraldine Buckley. This will be enhanced by some wonderful homemade desserts! All donations received will go to the purchase of dinners for our Cherubs and Angels on Wednesday nights.

Trinity Belles will have their yearly retreat at Blackstone on September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. We will meet directly after the 11:00 service on August 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss details and arrangements.

Since we created the Youth Bells, we have always had a group of teenagers ringing. In the past we have rung for the community and church, attended festivals, and shared learning and laughter. Last year we were down to 3 teens in the group. Unless we have more interest from our teens, the tintinnabulations will cease this fall until a later time when we have the interest. However, if there is any teen that would like to learn to solo ring or ring duets, let me know and we will work together. Remember that my schedule is flexible for any teen who wants to learn.

Thanks to the Trinity Chancel Choir for rehearsing and leading the 11:00 a.m. service in song. We will have a run through of new music and "Back to Choir" night on September 5<sup>th</sup>. So, everyone bring your pictures, your snack, and your voice to rehearsal!

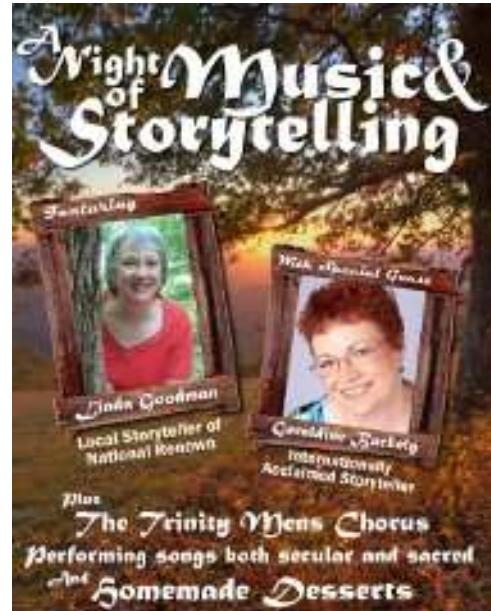
I hope the rest of your summer is wonderful and I look forward to seeing everyone back into the schedule in September!

### A NIGHT OF MUSIC AND STORYTELLING

This much anticipated event is fast drawing near! Invite your friends and neighbors for this FREE event on August 10th at 7 pm.

We have added internationally acclaimed storyteller Geraldine Buckley to the already stellar lineup of the storytelling of Linda Goodman and musical selections from the Trinity Men's Chorus – not to mention homemade desserts!

Nursery will be provided.



FREE EVENT  
Friday, August 10  
7:00 pm  
Donations Accepted  
Nursery Provided



## 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!

**August 1**

JoAnne Jones

**August 2**

Karen Bradley

**August 4**

Bill Shields

**August 7**

Lee Kump

**August 10**

Melissa Galluzzo

**August 11**

Preston Bradley

**August 13**

Olivia Hairfield

Ron Gray

Mark Babcock

**August 14**

Ann Willis

Hannah Lisagor

**August 16**

Megan Madison

**August 21**

Lianne Orn

**August 22**

Michelle Kennedy

David Murdock

Karen Paxton

**August 23**

Sara Echols

**August 24**

Lois Thomas

**August 25**

Ashley Lively

**August 28**

Robert Ellis

Brian Harman

Amanda Langford

**August 29**

Anne Shelton

## OFFERING TELLERS

August 5	Gary Potter & Pat Shrader
August 12 & 19	Al Tougas & Linda Lewis
August 26 (& Sept 2)	Judy Seely & Deborah Napolitano

## TODDLER NURSERY WORKERS

August 5	Mary Palmer & Jackie Sawyer
August 12	Janet Collins & Betty Sawyer
August 19	Cindy Morris & Cate Ginkinger
August 26	Dawn Fallin & Diane Springfield

*If you are available to help in the toddler nursery, please get in touch with Diane Springfield.*

## OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

Ann Wright writes: "A nurse at MCV just had triplets and also has a 4 year old. The family moved to Virginia about a year ago and lives in the Hopkins/Beulah area. The mother needs help feeding the babies during the day. If you could help this family, please call Ann Wright-790-0403. Thank you!"

## SKY VBS

More pictures available on the church's Facebook page – [www.facebook.com/tumc.chester/photos](http://www.facebook.com/tumc.chester/photos)



# August 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1		2 7:30 pm AA	3	
<b>5</b> <i>Regular Sunday Morning Schedule</i> 3 pm Blood Drive (Eagle Scout Project) 12 pm Youth Planning Meeting 7 pm Adult Missions Ice Cream Social	<b>6</b> 7 pm Praise Team 6 am Bible Study 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	<b>7</b> 6 am AA 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>8</b> 6 am Bible Study 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	<b>9</b> 7:30 pm AA	<b>10</b> 7 pm Night of Storytelling & Music	<b>11</b> 10 am Bagging food at Sherbourne
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<b>26</b> <i>Joint Worship</i>	<b>27</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>28</b> 7 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm "Finance & Trustees"	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

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 748-2349.