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DO YOU HAVE A PIECE TO THE PUZZLE?



It's very *puzzling* where the pieces go.

Puns aside, we do wonder where the pieces to the hallway puzzles go.

Of our last two puzzles we have come up one frustrating piece short of completion.

Have you found any puzzle pieces in the hall?

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TEACH US TO PRAY – SUMMER SERMON SERIES

July 7	Teach us to Pray
July 14	Our Father, who art in heaven <i>Our Father in heaven</i>
July 21	hallowed be, Thy Name. <i>hallowed be your Name.</i>
July 28	Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <i>Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.</i>
August 4	Give us this day our daily bread. <i>Give us today our daily bread.</i>
August 11	Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. <i>And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.</i>
August 18	Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. <i>Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.</i>
August 25	For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. <i>For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now & forever.</i>

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NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours are now

Monday-Friday

9 am – noon

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

As we get ready for the activities starting back up in the fall, this issue of the newsletter is traditionally pretty big – don't have your ministry area left out!

You can send items by email to trinity@trinity-umc.com or drop off in the "Church Secretary" hallway mailbox.



EQUIPPING VITAL CONGREGATIONS

A NOTE FROM THE LAY LEADER

DAVID BAILEY, LAY LEADER

Last year in preparation for charge conference, the Church Council adopted goals for each of five reporting categories used in Equipping Vital Congregations. We have been reporting weekly our accomplishments as a church in reaching our goals. The beauty of this effort that is underway across the country is that it helps amass data that we can use to predict what makes a vital congregation. The indices are not absolutes, but The United Methodist Church started this effort with 32,000 churches in a study that began reporting in 2010.

Anytime that you assemble numbers some people, including me want to compare themselves to others.

We are cautioned not to make comparisons for the purpose of proving that we are better or worse than any other church. So here is the comparison for the first six months of 2013 for Trinity to the Country and to the James River District of which we are a part.

	Attendance	Profession of Faith	Small Groups	Mission Outreach	Charitable Support
US	111 avg	0.55 avg	No Report *		\$704 avg
JR District	71 avg	0.18 avg	6 avg	8.75 avg	\$435 avg
Trinity	186 avg	0.27 avg	31 avg	18.9 avg	\$1,056 avg

* Small groups are not reported in all churches so that figure is not given.

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SHERBOURNE NOTES

DEBORAH NAPOLITANO

The focus food for August is Peanut Butter

CALENDAR CHANGE:

SHERBOURNE IN AUGUST

There is a change from our normal 2nd Saturday for August. I am changing the bagging to August 3rd so that Bob, George and I may participate in a special multi-church choir gathering. *This means we will be unable to go downtown to the food bank as they are only open the 2nd Saturday.* So for the month of August in particular, we will need vegetables in addition to our focus food.

This congregation has been so supportive of this program for over a decade, and I thank you.

PROVIDING FOOD FOR 60

FAMILIES EACH MONTH IS FOR HIS GLORY.

SUMMER NEEDS

Please remember the food pantry as you shop. Children are finishing up school for the summer and that means families will no longer be getting free breakfast and lunch. This stretches the family food budget as you can well imagine.

GOT BAGS?

Please save your paper grocery bags (especially with handles) for us. We use them to distribute food to the families, and no longer receive them free. Your help means more money goes towards food instead of paper bags.

LAY LEADER, CONTINUED

Trinity UMC	Attendance	Profession of Faith	Small Groups	Mission Outreach	Charitable Support
Goal	190	5	31	64	\$21,000
Actual	186	7	31	51	\$27,456

The table shows me that we are doing well compared to the averages except in professions of faith.

Now with that out of the way, the more important comparison is how are we doing compared to our goals?

Trinity is below its attendance goal by 2%. That is only four people per Sunday. We raised our goal from 2012 which was 164. Yes, we were aggressive. If we just invite two more families we will surpass the goal.

- Professions of faith are up by 40%. That growth will make the average go up for attendance eventually.
- We have the number of small groups that we predicted. We are about busting at the seams on Sunday.
- Mission Outreach is below our goal but the Adult Mission trip happens in the second half of the year.
- Our charitable giving is higher than we predicted. We clearly understand that needs are greater now.

This kind of evaluation is only possible if all the groups in the church report their individual activities. Please if your group goes out or gives to others send a report. A note in my box, an email, or text me at 804-338-3168 is most appreciated.

All in all these are numbers show that all of us as a community of the faithful are “Answering God’s Call to Impact Lives for Eternity through Ministry, Mission, and Worship.”

Talk to me anytime about what you see in all this. To see the live report for Trinity or any other United Methodist Church go to:

<http://vitalsigns.trendsendapp.com/reports/25/overview>

PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME



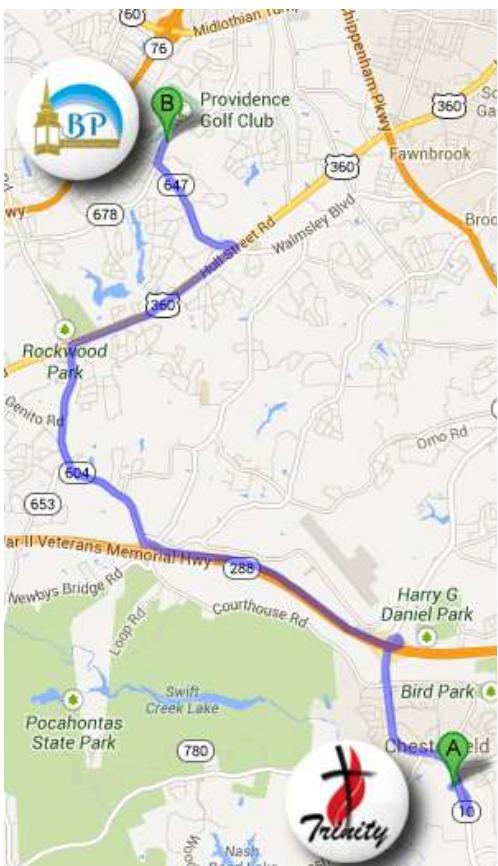
Sunday, August 11

5 pm

Bethany Place Baptist

1501 S Providence Rd

N Chesterfield, VA 23236



AUGUST MUSIC NOTES

PAT MADISON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Please join members of the Trinity Chancel Choir in a special service, "Praise His Holy Name" on August 11th at 5 pm at Bethany Place Baptist Church. We will be singing with 3 other church choirs to form this special service. An ice cream social will follow the service. Bethany Place is located at 1501 S. Providence Road. Come and join us!

Attending the Sacred Music Conference at Virginia Wesleyan College was such a blessing. I thank you for your support in allowing me to go. It was so good to experience the direction of clinicians like Mark Hayes, Tom Long, and Kathie Hill. It was also good to talk with other directors and share ideas about how to solve common issues and achieve goals. Thanks for this opportunity.

As we approach the fall, it is time to decide what activities your child may find interesting. We offer choir to all ages as well as chimes to grades 2-6. We are also offering handbells for late elementary and teens. We would like to invite you and your children to a MUSIC EXPO on August 25th at 4 pm. Come and experience a taste of our music programs which are held on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Be here from 4-5 to experience and register for our classes. Don't miss the chance to learn and have fun as well as eat some of Ms Pat's chocolate chip cookies! For those unable to attend, late registration will be held on Sunday, September 8th!

The summer keyboard class will have a pizza party on September 4th at 6 pm at Gino's. Please join me for a celebration of what you have learned and discuss how we go forward in the future.

"Back to Choir" night will be September 11th. Seasoned members and new members are welcomed back with new music and plans for the fall and winter. We are looking forward to an exciting new season, so if you enjoy singing, please join us on Wednesdays at 7:30. Let me know if you need a nursery provided. All are welcome!

Our annual Handbell Retreat at Blackstone will be held on Friday, September 13th and Saturday, September 14th. All adult handbell ringers please put these dates on your calendar. We will be learning new music as well as hosting a reunion for past ringers who have moved to other locations.

More details to come!

Blessings, Pat

TOOLS FOR SCHOOL

DEBORAH NAPOLITANO

Please support the backpack and school supplies program for the needy in our area.

The names and lists we receive are from Social Services, so we know they have been pre-screened. I will have the needs lists of 24 students, which is 2 more than last year.

Please see me on Sunday or e-mail seven_naps@verizon.net and I will give you the information you need.

Backpacks due back August 11th.

If you cannot shop and wish to participate, please write a check marked backpacks for \$30.00 and I will shop for you. Just let me know so that I might put aside a name for you.

Together with God's help we can move mountains!

SAFE HAVENS

AUGUST DINNER: Spaghetti and Meatballs • August 4

Trinity will provide meatballs & sauce. We need volunteers to provide the following:

Pasta • Sub Rolls • Garlic Bread • Simple Salad • Lemonade Mix • Desserts • Volunteer Servers

SEPTEMBER DINNER: Fish Fry • September 8

We will need 6-8 volunteers for this event. The menu will be Fried fish • Hush Puppies • Corn on the Cob • Cole Slaw • Tomato/Cucumber Salad • Desserts

To volunteer or donate, contact Bertelle Bunyard

NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

AMANDA KELLY

The number of children attending church on a regular basis is growing leaps and bounds! That being said, our nursery numbers are growing.

The nursery age ends at Kindergarten beginning in September. To prepare the children who are aging out, we will have a Worship Preparedness class during Sunday School on Sunday, August 25 beginning at 9:45 am. This will walk children through the Order Of Worship and explain different parts to them. During this time, children will learn about Communion and Alcolyting as well. Please plan to join us!

WIGGLE BAGS

The Children's Ministry is now providing wiggle bags to help children stay quiet and entertained during worship service. The bags contain quiet, busy items such as crayons and coloring pages, pipe cleaners, fruit snacks, children's books, word search, fun pads(mad libs, etc) etc. We are looking for donations. There will be a box provided to place these donations.

ADULT MISSION TRIP – GET READY FOR THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE!

KAREN POOLE

- Give a "hand up" to pre-qualified families
- Meet new friends
- Spend quality time with old friends
- Learn a new skill; perfect current ones
- Participate in a daily exercise regimen
- Enjoy "home-style" cooking

Where: Franklin, West Virginia, located 60 miles northwest of Harrisonburg, Virginia

When: Sunday, August 18 – Friday, August 23, 2013

Why: To work with "Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity" to build safe, affordable housing for families who live in the area.

Who: Any person, age 15 – 85+

Cost: \$120 per person, due by August 11th

Details: Leave Sunday, August 23rd after church

Stay in dormitory-type facilities – men and women separate

Work on housing projects Monday - Friday

Visit area recreational sites on Wednesday afternoon

Return to Chesterfield on Friday evening, August 23

If you have further questions or would like an information packet, contact Karen Poole at billandkaren@mindspring.com or 739-1615

The first step: put your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex, if you think you might be interested.

BIRTHDAYS

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 Benjamin Fallin
August 21	Lizanne Orn
August 22	Michelle Kennedy Karen Paxton David Murdock
August 23	Sara Echols
August 24	Lois Thomas
August 25	Ashley Lively
August 28	Amanda Langford Brian Harman Robert Ellis
August 29	Anne Shelton

OFFERING TELLERS

Aug 4	Al Tougas & Linda Lewis
Aug 11 & 18	Judy Seely & Aubrey Tarkington
Aug 25 (& Sept 1)	Ted Soto & Flo Gray

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

JUDY POWELL

Time to get those creative juices flowing! Bazaar time will be here before you know it, and we all know how busy it gets when school starts back up., so now's the time to take advantage of those "It's too hot to work in the yard" days. I've got my sewing machine all cranked up and my sewing room all messed up but I'm having fun creating (and revising and recreating!). Hope that you are busy as well.

Remember, you don't have to be a UMW member to contribute. Thanks for all your efforts and ideas. Happy crafting!

GENTLY USED CHILDREN'S CLOTHES SOUGHT

Dawn Fallin seeks gently used children's clothes for the clinic at Falling Creek. Contact Dawn at dsaturns4@verizon.net for specific needs or to help out.

FORT LEE ARMY BAND CONCERT IN CHESTER

The Kiwanis Club of Chester - of which our own Bob Cassada is a member - along with co-sponsor The Village News, has rescheduled the 11th annual Fort Lee Army Band Concert on the Village Green to 7pm on Thursday, August 8th.

This year's concert will feature various band units showcasing a variety of music including big band, jazz, popular, country & patriotic music - including service medleys. Bring lawn chairs and a picnic supper if you wish...and enjoy free lemonade and some GREAT MUSIC!

YOU CAN VISIT ISRAEL

A 10-day trip is being offered by Alpha Christian Tours on January 7-14, 2014. Walk the land of Jesus, Joshua, David and Solomon, visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Galilee, and Jericho - let your Bible come alive! Led by Biblical storyteller Tracy Radosevic of Baltimore, the cost is \$3,349 from New York. Includes airfare, tour guide, tour bus, hotels, 2 meals a day and more. For a brochure, contact Rev. Cynthia Corley at 804 526-6234 or cacorley@ctsi.net.

For the most up to date calendar, visit www.trinity-umc.com/CalendarofEvents – now available as a Google calendar you can add to your smartphone calendar!

August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 8:30am - Contemporary Service 9:45am - Sunday School 11am - Traditional Worship	29 7pm - Boy Scouts	30 7pm - Praise Team Rehearsal	31 6pm - Music Lessons 7pm - Men's Chorus 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	1 7:30pm - AA		3 8:30am - UMM 10am - Sherbourne
4 8:30am - Contemporary Service 9:45am - Sunday School 11am - Traditional Worship 3pm - Youth Parents 4pm - SPR 4:15pm - SafeHavens	5 7pm - Boy Scouts	6 7pm - Praise Team Rehearsal	7 6pm - Music Lessons 7pm - Men's Chorus 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	8 7:30pm - AA	9	10
11 8:30am - Contemporary Service 9:45am - Sunday School 11am - Traditional Worship 5pm - "Praise His Holy Name" @ Bethany Place Baptist Church	12 7pm - Boy Scouts	13 6:30pm - Prayer Shawl 7pm - Mission Team Meeting 7pm - Praise Team Rehearsal	14 6pm - Music Lessons 7pm - Men's Chorus 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	15 7:30pm - AA	16	17
18 Adult Mission Trip @ Franklin WV 8:30am - Contemporary Service 9:45am - Sunday School 11am - Traditional Worship	19 7pm - Boy Scouts	20 7pm - Praise Team Rehearsal	21 6pm - Music Lessons 7pm - Men's Chorus 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	22 7:30pm - AA	23	24 12pm - Baby Shower for Kelly @ Stephanye's
25 Newsletter Deadline 8:30am - Contemporary Service 9:45am - Sunday School 9:45am - Worship Prep Class 11am - Traditional Worship 4pm - Music Expo	26 7pm - Boy Scouts	27 7pm - Praise Team Rehearsal	28 6pm - Music Lessons 7pm - Men's Chorus 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	29 7:30pm - AA	30	31

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