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PASTOR'S CORNER

*From "When Church and Family Finance Conflict" by
Bromleigh McCleneghan*

In early February, my husband and I prepared to visit the Taxman, spending a lunch hour gathering W-2's and mortgage statements and all the other official documents we had spent the month of January collecting. As I filled water glasses and made quesadillas, Josh called out: "Hey! Guess what we spent on childcare last year!"

I mentally tallied the number. Roughly \$1,100 for each kid, each month from January to June. Summers off, 'cause Josh is a teacher. Fiona started kindergarten in the fall, but our town doesn't have "full-day" until first grade; so while our childcare costs dropped then, we still shelled out around \$500 a month for her. "\$15,000?" I guessed.

"More. Just about 23."

We enjoy the benefits of being a dual-income household, but the cost of childcare is steep. Some of our friends with kids under six years old save on childcare costs by having only one parent work outside the home, but they're then living on just one income and frequently, the need for paid childcare.

It's personal, this math.

Stewardship in the life of the Church is an interesting thing.

Generally, it is the people who are past children and college tuition that give the most money to church. Sometimes discussions arise about who 'pays' for the church, who we don't want to offend because that generation financially gives more.

Now, I am not giving a free pass on families who do not give to the church. Even the widow gave her mite.

But....it is also true that children are expensive. Sometimes, those of us who are past this life-stage are unaware of the present costs; so it helps for us to receive updated information. I am continually stunned at the cost of childcare today.

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NEW CHURCH OFFICE

HOURS

Starting **Monday, July 22**

the office hours will revert to

Monday-Friday

9 am – noon

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, July 28th for inclusion in the August Newsletter.

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



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Unlike the days when my children stayed in someone's home, childcare today is expensive, contractual, and often, inflexible.

I don't know what individuals are giving to the church. I do know that we are blessed to have many, many families that give all kinds of time, talents, and love. We each give as we are able and God then blesses and multiplies what we offer to him.

Offering our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service.

Teresa

TEACH US TO PRAY – SUMMER SERMON SERIES

July 7 Teach us to Pray

July 14 Our Father, who art in heaven
Our Father in heaven

July 21 hallowed be, Thy Name.
hallowed be your Name.

July 28 Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

August 4 Give us this day our daily bread.
Give us today our daily bread.

August 11 Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

August 18 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

August 25 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now & forever.

NOTES FROM THE LAY LEADER: HIGHLIGHTS FROM BISHOP CHO'S ADDRESS AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The full text is found at this link:
<http://www.vaumc.org/ncfilerepository/ac2013/Episcopaladdress.pdf>

For the last 10 years, from 2002 to 2012, we, the Virginia Conference, have lost about 6,500 members. The membership loss has not been very steep. However, during these 10 years the average worship attendance has been steadily decreased by more than 20,000. In 2002, the number of profession of faith was 7,283, but in 2012 that number had dropped to 4,117, about 3,000 less than 10 years earlier. The time has come for us to take this reality very seriously. Ministry as usual is no longer an option, because if we repeat the same thing, we will get the same results.

Another challenge we face is the rapid change of our mission field. We are moving toward a more diverse society. Especially in the area of religious life, we are becoming more and more pluralistic. Many people say that the United States is no longer a Christian country. This country is now a mission field. The fast pace of technological development presents us with another challenge. This development is making a huge impact on our everyday lives, our values and our ways of communication. Relevance to our changing world has become a major concern in today's church and its ministries.

Paul Nixon shares an old joke in his book, *Healing Spiritual Amnesia*: A boy went to the store to get soap to wash his dog. He picked out the familiar laundry detergent that his family regularly used. The cashier advised him to get a pet shampoo instead, but the boy's mind was set on the laundry detergent. The next day, the boy wandered back into the store, looking dejected. The cashier saw him and asked, "It was the detergent, wasn't it? Something happened to your dog?" "Yes," said the boy, "my dog died. But I don't think it was the detergent that got him. I think it was the spin cycle."

The spin cycle of the changes happening in the twenty-first century has brought more changes to the church in a shorter span of time than ever before. Many churches today are struggling to cope with the spin cycle of social, cultural, and technological changes. Faced with today's

DAVID BAILEY, LAY LISTENER

challenges, many people are asking questions about the future of The United Methodist Church. Do we have hope for our future? Some people say that we are on a sinking ship. Is this true? Is there any way to turn around the decline of our churches?

To respond to the challenges we face today, my ministry as Bishop will focus on the following four areas:

1. First, I will continue to work and support "All Things New- Equipping Vital Congregations."
2. The second focus of my ministry will be on strengthening the spiritual foundation of our mission and ministries.
3. The third focus area of my ministry will be to help and support developing new faith communities. This is a part of the "All Things New" invitation to plant. Since 2008 the Virginia Annual Conference has started 26 new faith communities. Currently the average worship attendance of these new faith communities is 1,731, and their average offerings per Sunday are \$41,370. Their number of profession of faith this year is 118.
4. The fourth focus of my ministry will be on cultivating a culture of cooperation and coordination among our conference boards and agencies... All of them have been working very hard, but we have not been effective enough in working together as a team. Sometimes we have lacked a balcony view of all the ministries of our conference.

One of my roles as Lay Leader is shared with the Delegate to Annual Conference, Nick Ruxton. We are to represent the conference view of programs and directions to keep pace with the planning and execution here at Trinity.

I hope we have more opportunities to look at ways to face the challenges of the United Methodist Church as outlined by our Bishop.

If we are in prayerful consideration of our status, I know that we can count on God to show us our best moves.

David Bailey, Lay Leader

UMM

July Meeting 7/13 @ 8:30 am

Our Monthly Breakfast and Meeting will be the second Saturday of the month - July 13 - due to the Independence Day long weekend on the first Saturday of the month.

We will be meeting at our new regular time of 8:30 am.

Men of all ages are invited to attend this time of fellowship.

SPR MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Staff Parish Relations committee on Sunday, August 4 at 4 pm.

Contact Richard Wilkes for more details.

LABYRINTH

The labyrinth will be available for personal meditation in the sanctuary during the week through July 23.

The church will be open at the playground side during regular office hours in the day, and as there is volunteer availability in the evening.

During the day, the door to the secretary's office will be closed, but Katherine is there if needed - just knock!



JULY MUSIC NOTES

PAT MADISON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Thanks to the Cherubs, Trinity Chimes, Angels, and Treble Clefs for their participation in the service on June 2nd. Your leaders and I are so proud of your accomplishments this year. We appreciate the extra effort to learn the notes, words to all the songs, the choreography, and lines. A special thanks to all the leaders and to our parents for bringing their children to us. Have a great summer! Programs begin again in September.

Haley Rasmussen will be singing in concert with the Voices of Youth at 7:00 p.m. on July 2nd at Chester Methodist Church. I know she would enjoy seeing Trinity members in the congregation that night. Please try to attend and support Haley and Voices of Youth.

The Trinity Chancel Choir will be participating in a special service with 3 other churches on August 11th at 5:00 at Bethany Place Baptist Church located at 1501 S Providence Road. Every choir learns the music at their own church and then we combine choirs for the concert on the 11th. An ice cream social will follow the service. Please join us!

On a personal note, thanks for all your cards and prayers for mom as she recovers from this broken pelvis. I am extremely grateful to Bill Poole, Al Tougas, and Harold Saunders for the additions they made to the ramp at the house. You made it so much easier for me to be able to get mom where she needs to go. Thanks to all who have volunteered their time to sit with her and especially nurse Betty for being there for me in times of crisis.

Our Keyboard class of 2 is progressing well and we are having fun learning how to play our keyboard and read music. Thanks Les and Bob for being a part of this class. Thanks also to George Sawyer for his assistance.

As we look to the coming year, please let me know if you have a special talent that you would like to share with our music program. We grow when we share those gifts that God has given us. Thanks for your help.

Blessings, Pat

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

July 20 - Maymont Picnic

10 am-noon • (More details to come)

We invite you all!! Come be a kid with us!!

SHERBOURNE NOTES

DEBORAH NAPOLITANO

The focus food for July
is canned chicken.

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.

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.***

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.

UMW NEWS – REMEMBER OUR FALL HAPPENING

JUDY POWELL

A friendly reminder that the UMW is looking for Halloween costumes, kids or baby clothes, “Nearly New” items as well as crafted items for our fall bazaar event. (See the June newsletter article for details.) Please let Barbara Smith know what you will be making in the way of crafts. Thanks so much for helping us prepare!

UMW does not meet in July or August. Our next meeting will be on September 12th. If you have questions contact Barbara Smith or Diane Springfield.

BIRTHDAYS

July 1	Stephanie Griffith
July 2	Kay Harrison Karen Poole Todd Morgan
July 3	Mike Potvin Heather Madison
July 5	Merle Foster Christopher Fallin
July 6	Bill Faris
July 9	Craig Stariha Logan Mills
July 10	Ann Wright
July 13	Wayne Walker
July 14	William Krauchunas
July 15	Aaron Poythress Annabelle Rasmussen
July 16	Max Dho
July 17	Heidi Foutz Nicholas Ruxton Doris Peterson Beth Wilkes
July 18	Turner Wilkes
July 20	Irene Cassada Emily Moody
July 22	Bill Poole Joshua Prentice
July 23	Amy Babcock Wendy Linkous Eva Langelotti
July 24	Janet Collins
July 25	Joe Love Jeff Short
July 26	Paul Sanders Amber McGuffin Tanner Krauchunas
July 31	Cindy Shelton Ed Boroch

WEEKLY STATISTICS

JUNE 16

8:30 Contemporary Service	56	Budget	6,082
Sunday School	67	Giving (General & SS)	<u>4,904</u>
11:00 Traditional Service	117	Surplus (Deficit)	(1,178)

JUNE 23

8:30 Contemporary Service	34	Budget	6,082
Sunday School	68	Giving (General & SS)	<u>3,346</u>
11:00 Traditional Service	145	Surplus (Deficit)	(2,726)

OFFERING TELLERS

July 7 Harold Saunders & John Morris

July 14 & 21 Gary Potter & Karen Poole

July 28 & Aug 4 Al Tougas & Linda Lewis

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thanks to everyone who had a part in sending cards, a prayer shawl, chocolate covered strawberries, an Angel of Hope, chicken pot pies, casseroles and prayers during my recent illness. It was encouraging to know I was so well thought of. Thanks so very much!

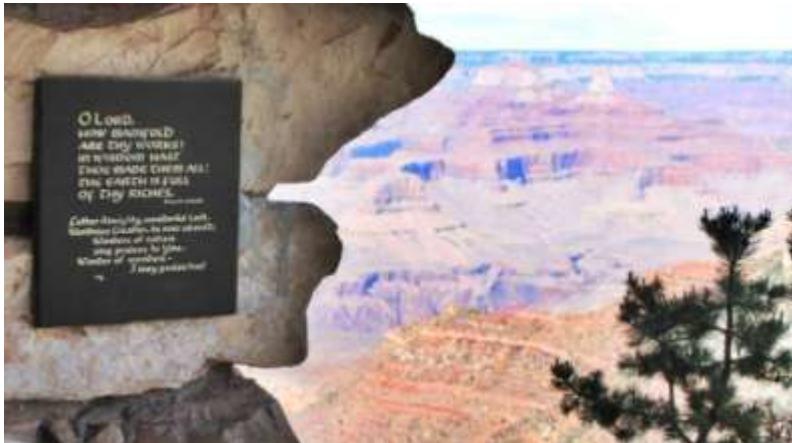
Carrie Ally

MORE THANKS

Dear Trinity Church Family,

I want to thank everyone for the time to go with my family on our cross-country adventure, and for all of the warm welcomes back I received. Our family theme verse for our adventure was Romans 1:20, but I really loved this plaque on the South Rim of the Grand Canyon that had Psalm 104:24-25 on it. Thank you for allowing me to serve you in the office!

Katherine Dohl, Church Secretary



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June 2013

August 2013

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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