



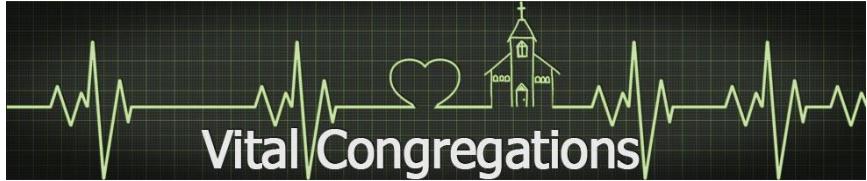
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FROM THE LAY LEADER

VITAL CONGREGATIONS AND KEY MINISTRY STRATEGIES

DAVID BAILEY, LAY LEADER/LAY LISTENER

A Vital Congregation Has:

- Inviting & Inspiring Worship
- Engaged Disciples in mission & outreach
- Gifted, Empowered & Equipped Lay Leadership
- Effective, Equipped & Inspired Clergy Leadership
- Small Group Ministries
- Strong Children's & Youth Ministry

THE UMC 16 KEY MINISTRY STRATEGIES

Engagement of disciples in small groups and the number of ministries for children and youth

1. Vital churches have more small groups for all ages.
2. Vital churches have more programs for children.
3. Vital churches have more programs for youth.

Lay leadership

4. Vital churches focus on increasing the effectiveness of lay leaders (understand their role and carrying these roles out effectively).
5. Vital churches have lay leaders who demonstrate a vital personal faith (regular worship, intentional spiritual growth, personal devotional life, and giving of financial resources).
6. Vital churches place an emphasis on rotating lay leadership in order to involve more people over time.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, March 24th for inclusion in the April Newsletter.

Early submissions are more than welcome, but later submissions may result in missing the newsletter.

You can send items by email to trinity@trinity-umc.com or drop off at the office.



SPR MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Staff Parish Relations committee on Sunday, March 10 at 6 pm. Please mark your calendar!

FROM THE LAY LEADER, CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

7. Vital churches call, equip, use and support more lay leaders than non---vital churches. (Twenty percent or more of their worship attendees describe themselves as current or past leaders in their church).

Pastor

8. Vital pastors give attention to developing, coaching, and mentoring lay leadership to enable laity to increase their ability to carry out ministry.

9. Vital pastors use their influence to increase the participation of others in order to accomplish changes in the church.

10. Vital pastors motivate the congregation to set and achieve significant goals through effective leadership.

11. Vital pastors inspire the congregation through preaching.

12. Vital pastors, when they are serving effectively, stay for a longer period of time. (Short---term appointments of effective pastors decrease the vitality of a congregation).

Worship

13. Vital churches offer a mix of contemporary (newer forms of worship style) and traditional services.

14. Vital churches have preachers who tend to use more topical sermon series in traditional services.

15. Vital churches use more contemporary music (less blended music that includes traditional tunes) in contemporary services.

16. Vital churches use more multi---media in contemporary services (Some congregations in other parts of the world may have limited access or do not use multi-media to the same extent and therefore it may not be as important as it is in some cultures.)

While the study noted that vital churches give more to mission, some have noticed that other types of mission engagement and outreach are not listed as proven “drivers.” This is because, during the past, we have not collected this data consistently across the UMC and therefore the research could not quantitatively substantiate mission engagement. But, in conversations with vital congregations, they tell us that this is an important aspect of their ministry.

Directly related to the giving to mission is in all matters fostering a spirit of generosity both giving and serving in individuals and in congregations. It also should be noted that while the study alludes to spiritual vitality in the faith of the laity and the inspirational leadership of clergy, one should not see these ministries/strategies as mechanical operations. Rather, they are undergirded or enlivened by a deep and abiding faith in Jesus Christ.

Ask yourself if you think we are doing these key ministry strategies.

I am listening.

TakeNote

CONGRATULATIONS!

Haley Rasmussen has been selected to participate in "Voices of Youth" 2013.

She will be joining other youth to form a special choir and to do mission work as they travel this year throughout Virginia.

We are extremely proud of her accomplishment.



TAKE NOTE OF THESE MUSIC DATES

March 8

Talent Show

March 29

Tenebrae Service

April 21

Spring Tea

May 19

Youth Sunday

June 2

Musical (Let's Rock)

MARCH MUSIC NOTES

PAT MADISON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

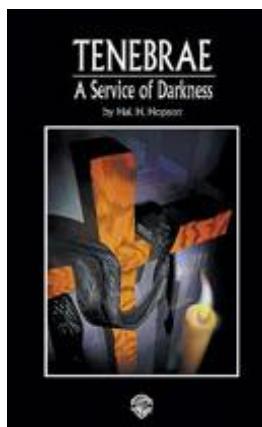
As we approach Spring, remember that we have many opportunities for worship through music here at Trinity. All ages are welcome to participate in our programs, so please come and join us. We welcome new people, children and adults. If you play a special musical instrument and would like to share this talent, please contact me at the church (748-2439).

Everyone is busy getting ready for the annual Trinity Talent Show to be held on March 8th, beginning at 6:30 pm. Due to the kitchen situation, we will be serving finger foods and desserts with tea, lemonade, and coffee. Please come and join us for a time of entertainment, fellowship, and much laughter!



All donations received will go toward the youth mission trip and support our candidate for Voices of Youth! Please come and bring a neighbor and help us "Celebrate the Holidays"! We are especially excited to have Linda Goodman in town and telling us one of her marvelous stories. You also will not want to miss our Cherubs as Easter Bunnies!! See you there!!

Our last Talent Show Rehearsal will be Sunday, March 3rd at 3pm for all participants (unless otherwise notified).



The Trinity Chancel Choir will be performing a Tenebrae Service arranged by Hal Hopson on Good Friday (March 29th) at 7 pm. The choir will be accompanied by a small orchestral ensemble. The word "Tenebrae" means darkness and commemorates the final hours of our Lord's life on earth. As the candles are extinguished, they symbolize the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus. The gradual darkening of the church portrays the diminishing light of the world as Christ was departing from it. Please join us in worship.

<i>Se</i>	<i>Easter Egg Order Form for Trinity UMC</i>
<i>art</i>	<i>Please fill out a separate form for each egg</i>
<i>icle</i>	<i>Person Ordering Egg:</i> _____
<i>on</i>	<i>Phone Number:</i> _____
<i>pa</i>	<i>Name on Egg (please print):</i> _____
	<i>Circle one:</i> Peanut Butter Butter Cream
	Eggs are \$4 each and must be prepaid. Please make checks payable to TUMC and mark it for Easter eggs. Forms are due by March 17; eggs can be picked up on Sunday, March 24.

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YOUTH IN MARCH

SUMMER MISSIONS CHANGE

The mission trip has been changed to Myrtle Beach. The dates are same co-pays are same.

We had to move it because our numbers are growing and Topsail didn't have room for all of us - what a great problem to have!

The only real change is that the drive is longer by 1.5 hours.

Please review the link below, and the "Myrtle Beach Forms" to the right of the page; they have lots of information.

www.teameffort.org/camps/c-6-myrtle-beach-sc.php

MULCH FUNDRAISER W/BSA

The Trinity Youth are co-working the annual Boy Scouts mulch fundraiser with our sponsored troop, Troop 2886. The Youth's share of the proceeds will go towards funding the Summer Mission Trip.

See the form to the right to order.

MARCH YOUTH DATES

- March 3 Youth Group 5-6:30 pm
- March 8 Talent Show
- March 10 No Youth Group
- March 23 Mulch Fundraiser

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- April 26 Dinner2Go Fundraiser
- June 16-22 SC Missions Trip

UMW IN MARCH

BARBARA SMITH



Contact Barbara Smith or Diane Springfield for questions.

MULCH FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM



Troop 2886 – Chesterfield, VA – Trinity United Methodist Church

9th Annual Mulch Sale

For Our Loyal Friends and Neighbors:

Just in time for spring, Boy Scout Troop 2886, and the Trinity UMC Youth Group, will deliver to your residence, 2 cu. foot bags of double shredded hardwood mulch.

Delivery date: Saturday, March 23, 2012, Starting at 9 a.m., rain or shine. 7* – 24 bags.....\$3.25/bag 25-79 bags.....\$3.15/bag 80 or more.....\$3.00/bag

*minimum order of 7 bags per household for delivery – "Courthouse" area a please.

- All orders must be received and prepaid by March 18th to guarantee delivery. Quantities are limited.
- For email based ordering, email mulch@troop2886.org or call for instructions.
- Self pick up on Saturday 23 March, 9 AM to noon, for 10% discount. Again, email or call for details. No minimum order for self pick up.

These funds will be used to defer costs for Scout camp, dues, trips, fees, etc., or church youth service programs. For any questions or concerns, please contact us at mulch@troop2886.org or call 748-3271.

Thank you for your support.

Please print for clarity, detach here and mail.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please explain where on your property you would prefer to have your order placed:

How many bags of mulch do you wish to order? _____ Bags

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:
Boy Scout Troop 2886
Mail this coupon and payment to:

Trinity United Methodist Church
c/o Norman Carney – BSA Troop 2886
6600 Greenyard Rd.,
Chesterfield, Virginia 23831 - 1400



HOLY WEEK

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Lent and Holy Week, culminating in Easter, is a special time in the church calendar, and there are many opportunities for worship at Trinity during this period.

PALM SUNDAY – MAR 24

Children's Easter Egg Hunt following 11 am service with Family Hot Dog & Hamburger Lunch (all welcome; please bring a side dish to share). The hunt will begin at 1 pm.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – MAR 28

Service at noon; Communion Service at 7 pm

GOOD FRIDAY – MAR 29

Tenebrae service (Service of Darkness) at 7 pm – see the Music Notes for more information.

EASTER SUNDAY – MAR 31

Sunrise Service at 6:30 am, followed by breakfast; Joint service at 10 am with Youth confirmation



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

COLLEEN CASSADA

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 24 - Easter Egg Potluck Immediately following the Palm Sunday Service, the children will host a potluck luncheon in conjunction with the Easter egg hunt. The hunt will begin around 1pm; if you want to pick up grandkids or neighbors to join in the fun after church, there is time to get back in time for fun and games – as well as a visit from the Easter Bunny!!!

April 21 - Spring Tea 2-3pm: The children will host a tea for the older members of the congregation—children's fellowship will partner with the music department to put together a little performance by the children while also incorporating some old favorite hymns (More details to come)

June 23-28 Vacation Bible School!!!! Theme: Everywhere Fun Fair—we will be transforming the church into a World's Fair and end the week with a Fun Fair Finale including fair games, pony rides, bounce house, and much more!!! Mark your calendars!!!

July 20 – Maymont Picnic 10 am-noon (More details to come)

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We will have Children's Church on March 10 & 24. Following the Children's Time at the 11 o'clock service, the children will be dismissed to Children's Church.

PUT VBS ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!



FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

JOHN MORRIS, CHAIRMAN, TUMC FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thanks to the generous contributions of the Trinity congregation, we finished the 2012 calendar year with a budget surplus of \$18,088 as you contributed \$324,686 for support of the 2012 budget of \$306,598. Additionally, the Congregation contributed designated funds of \$3,700 to the Building Fund and \$94,182 to other designated funds. Thanks to your generosity, the Trinity family was able to install a projection system and increased speakers for \$17,594 (designated donations were \$7,398) and commence an enlargement and modernization of the church kitchen for an estimated \$24,245 (designated donations were \$5,840) in 2012. The church was able to expand some of our important programs such as increased support for the Senior/Junior High and the younger children. This is a significant improvement over calendar years '08 and '09 when we had budget shortfalls of \$23,992 and \$15,226 respectively.

Thanks to this generous trend of contributions, the Finance Committee recommended, and the Church Council approved, an increased budget of \$316,243 for the 2013 calendar year to support expanded programs and events, and allows increased funds to be set aside for future Capital Reserve and Capital Improvement. As of February 24th, contributions have exceeded our weekly 2013 budget requirements by \$7,972.

The Finance Committee wants to thank the Trinity Family for the generous support you have provided to allow the church to support our many programs and missions. We are truly grateful.

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions for assisting the Finance Committee, please contact me or Lana Lefferts, TUMC Treasurer.

Yours in Christ,

JOHN MORRIS

MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

BETH WILKES, MISSIONS CHAIRPERSON

LENTEN SOUP DINNER

The committee would like to thank everyone for their soups, cakes and table decorations. The "December" table raised the most money, with "June" coming in a close second. A total of \$252.26 was raised for Kitchen Renovation by voting, and the money will go towards new back splashes. This was such a fun night and we appreciate all who participated!

RECIPES FROM SOUP DINNER

It was suggested that we produce a small recipe book of all the soups and cakes that were prepared. Debbie Turner stepped up to head this project. Please email her at ocicditqidiwt@gmail.com or text her your email address at 263-4928 with your recipes.

EASTER EGGS

It's that time again already! We will be making peanut butter and butter cream eggs again this year!

We want this to be a church wide fund raiser so pick up order forms and take them to work, your neighborhood, and to family members. The eggs will be \$4.00 each again this year and we ask that you use ONE ORDER FORM PER EGG. You can pick up your forms near the front doors, or clip out the form on the next page.

Order forms and payment must be turned in by March 17. The eggs will be made that week so you can pick them up the Sunday before Easter.

If you have any questions, contact Beth Wilkes @ 796-6441 or Mary Potter @ 748-3904.

BIRTHDAYS

March 1	Les Morgan Mabel Cassada
March 2	Matthew Saunders Lucy Shields Amber Schneider
March 5	Lurie Bailey
March 6	Gerald Moody
March 8	Lewis Cassada
March 9	Carolyn Wilson Elizabeth Krump
March 10	Peggy Farrar
March 11	Corey Sapp
March 12	Hillary Shields Emily Shields
March 14	Evelyn Cox
March 15	Jesse Balis
March 16	Guy Cash
March 17	Pat Trombley Lynn Ellis Alyssa Lively
March 21	Dylan Day Catharine Galluzzo
March 23	William Gill Caleb Krauchunas James Miller
March 24	Peyton Roach
March 26	Joe Sellers
March 28	Angie Parrish
March 29	Bert Watson
March 30	Dorothy Taylor Rachael Linkous
March 31	Bobby Farmer Betty Adams Madeline Sawyer

OFFERING TELLERS

March 3	Gary Potter & Karen Poole
March 10 & 17	Al Tougas & Linda Lewis
March 24 & 31	Judy Seely & Aubrey Tarkington

A NOTE OF THANKS

Heartfelt thanks go to all of you for your outpouring of concern after my mother's death. Your cards, calls, messages, gifts of food, and all your other kindnesses were appreciated by me and my family. Thank you all so much for being the wonderful Trinity family I remember so well.

God bless you all, Cynthia Corley.

EASTER FLOWERS

This year we will be offering Easter Lilies, Hydrangea's and Azaleas to place for the Easter service in honor or in memory of a loved one. More specifics will be coming soon. Easter is on March 31 this year.

Orders Due by Sunday, March 24		
Easter Flowers		
		
This Easter Sunday, March 31, a variety of spring flowers will beautify our sanctuary. To order flowers, please indicate below your choice of flowers and wording for the bulletin. Please place this order form and your payment in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Kindly make checks out to "Trinity UMC" and note they are for "Easter Flowers".		
Easter Lily	<input type="text"/>	\$11
Hydrangea	<input type="text"/>	\$17
Florist Azaleas	<input type="text"/>	\$17
Totals:	<input type="text"/>	enclosed
Following the 10 am Joint Service on Easter Sunday, please take your ordered flowers with you to enjoy at home. Please take care to print your information neatly and legibly to ensure it appears as you would like in the bulletin. Thank you!		
In Honor Of	<hr/>	
OR In Memory Of	<hr/>	
By	<hr/>	

BOWLING BENEFIT

The Chester Rotary is sponsoring the 12th annual Chesterfield Benefit Bowling Tournament in memory and tribute of Larry W. Madison, Sr. Larry was a long time member of TUMC, and the late husband of Pat and father to Larry Jr.

The tournament will be on March 9 at 12:30 pm at Bowl America on Hull Street, and is played in 5 person teams. Lanes are limited so early registration is advised.

For more information on this "FUN"draiser to support local and international causes, see Pat or visit <http://www.chestervarotary.org>.

March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8 am UMM
3 <i>Regular Morning Schedule</i> 3 pm Talent Show Rehearsal 4 pm Disciple II; Chimes; Odyssey 5 pm Trebles; Youth	4 7 pm Trinity Bells 7 pm Boy Scouts	5 7 pm Praise Team	6 6 am Bible Study 6 pm Angels & Cherubs 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	7 7:30 pm AA	8 6:30 pm Talent Show	9 10 am Sherbourne
10 <small>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS</small> <i>Regular Morning Schedule</i> 4 pm Disciple II; Chimes; Odyssey 5 pm Trebles 6 pm SPR Meeting	11 7 pm Trinity Bells 7 pm Boy Scouts	12 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl 7 pm Praise Team	13 6 am Bible Study 6 pm Angels & Cherubs 7:30 pm Choir	14 7 pm UMW 7:30 pm AA	15	16
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24 <small>PALM SUNDAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</small> <i>Regular Morning Schedule</i> Noon Family lunch 1 pm Easter Egg hunt 4 pm Chimes/Odyssey 5 pm Trebles	25 7 pm Trinity Bells 7 pm Boy Scouts	26 7 pm Praise Team	27 6 am Bible Study 6 pm Angels & Cherubs 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	28 <small>MAUNDY THURSDAY</small> Noon Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm Communion Service 7:30 pm AA	29 <small>GOOD FRIDAY</small> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 7 pm Tenebrae Service	30
31 <small>EASTER SUNDAY</small> 6:30 am Sunrise Service & Breakfast 9 am Sunday School 10 am Joint Worship Service No evening activities						