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## PASTOR'S CORNER

REV. TERESA KEEZEL

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL IS COMING!!!!

This summer the children (Preschool - Middle School) will be exploring the culture of ancient Babylon. We'll be learning about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abendigo, about Daniel, and about Esther.

The summer Sunday school begins in June. After celebrating Children's Sunday and Father's Day, we will move into painting a 9 x 12 map of the Fertile Crescent. Then week after week the classes will move from marketplace to marketplace learning the crafts of the culture.

I am asking for some help. I would appreciate any pop-up tents that we can place in the classrooms to set up as markets. I need 7 of them if possible.

The activities will include jewelry making, metal work, astronomy, music and more. Please invite friends and grandchildren.

When we finish the month in Babylon, we learn about Esther and celebrate Purim.

We hope that all will come and enjoy the learning and fun. We celebrate the faith and God's constant presence with us. Celebrate and invite to joy.

Teresa

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the June 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](mailto:trinity@trinity-umc.com) or drop off at the office.



## WHERE ARE YOU?



Small groups: of which small group are you a part? In a church our size, the best way to get to know people is in small groups. And we have lots of options.

We've a youth group, a men's group, and a women's group.

We've Sunday school classes: Bible based lecture or discussion groups. Life application of the faith groups as well. We have children's classes. We also have an in-depth Bible Study group and one for early risers.

Mission groups are another way to get to know people. We have a group that works with the elderly at Lucy Corr. A group that takes dinner to a transitional homeless shelter (Safe Havens), and people that organize food bags for the struggling (Sherbourne).

If teenagers are more your interest, we also have a group that goes about once a quarter to Family Services. We take dinner and do activities with the two girls' cottages. These youth have become wards of the state. We try to make their journey a little more friendly and relaxing. If woodworking is your thing, we also have a group of men who build handicap ramps every Tuesday and Thursday.

We have music groups. Men's groups, choral groups, praise teams, bells, chimes, children, youth.

We have a worship team that creates and runs technology.

In a congregation our size, we need ways to meet people and build relationships. We try to open these pathways by offering small groups. And we hope people are finding their makes and we hope we can continue to grow more and more places for us to love and be loved.

## BISHOP'S CONVOCATION ON PRAYER

The Bishop's Convocation on Prayer is being held at Bon Air UMC, (1645 Buford Road in Richmond, VA) May 18 from 9 am to 2 pm. Registration is \$10 and includes lunch. Deadline is May 8. Details are available at [www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org).



There are five workshops on prayer and a featured speaker Dr. Dwight H. Judy, PhD., "A quiet Pentecost: Inviting the Spirit into Congregational Life".

Barbara Smith (748-4475) and Betty Sawyer (748-7570) are planning to attend. If you are interested in going with them, please contact Barbara or Betty.

## YARD SALE

The annual yard sale to benefit the Adult Mission Trip will be held Saturday, May 4 from 8 am to noon on the church lawn.

Donations are gladly accepted, and can be dropped off in the sanctuary any morning from 10 - noon or any evening from 7-8:30 pm. Various signs are posted in the sanctuary to mark the "departments" so you will know where to put different items. We will accept winter coats and hold them until November. Baked cookie donations for the snack sales area are greatly appreciated, too.

Anyone interested in helping sort items can come Friday afternoon from 3-5pm. Set-up time is 6:30 am Saturday and the sale runs until noon.

Help is needed from anyone who can help with early morning set-up, mid-morning sales, or noon-time cleanup.

Paper grocery bags are also needed for our 11 am bag sale.

A new need this year is for someone to sit at the cookies and drink sales area.

If you have any questions, contact Karen Poole at 677-6430.



## MAY MUSIC NOTES

PAT MADISON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Thanks to those who came to the Spring Tea and for those who served and sang. We had a good time especially singing our favorite Bible Songs together. Thank you Cherubs for learning the "spring songs" and looking so cute in your rain gear. Thanks to the Angels who served the tea or hot chocolate. My mom loved the hot chocolate. Thanks to Colleen and ladies who set such a beautiful table. Fun was had by all!

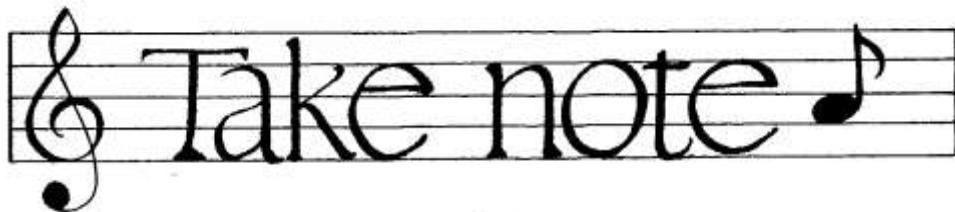
A special thanks to Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church for loaning us those beautiful, gigantic flowers for our backdrop. Thanks also to Mr. Wayne Haley who made stands for us to hold the flowers. We really appreciate your hard work.

We welcome Haley Rasmussen to the Chancel Choir. We are delighted to have you join us. The soprano section is especially glad! Please know that anyone is welcome to join the group!

Remember that Youth Sunday will be May 19th.

Our Cherubs, Angels, Treble Clefs, and Chimers will be leading our service on June 2nd. Please plan to attend. We are all working hard to present a wonderful service that day, with ringing and singing. The Angels and Treble Clefs will be presenting their musical, "Let's Rock". As an outgrowth of the musical, the kids met last Saturday to plant flowers and make cookies for some of the members of our church. Deborah, Lana, and I had a great time with the kids making and delivering the treats to the different people. We also enjoyed pizza and social time afterwards. Thanks to all the kids and their parents for the support.

Blessings, Pat



## MUSIC DATES

May 19 – Youth Sunday

June 2 – Musical (Let's Rock)

## UMM

JOHN MORRIS

The UMM will meet May 4 at 6:30 am in the church sanctuary to assist the adult missions team with their annual yard sale by setting up tables and moving sale items out to the tables.

We will not have our regular breakfast and business meeting, but will hold our next regular meeting on June 1 at 8 am with a full breakfast and meeting.

## FEEDING THE HUNGRY: A SHERBOURNE NOTE

Especially now that the price of groceries continues to rise, the need for food is even greater. The amount of items we are able to place in 60 family's bags is declining.

By designating one food item per month, we are hoping to supplement these bags. The food item for May is CRACKERS: Ritz, Saltines, Townhouse, Club

Thank you for your faithful giving for the April item of the month, tuna. 60 cans were needed, 120 cans were prayed for, **332 cans** (285 small and 47 large) were given! Plus 61 jars of peanut butter!

Contact Deborah Napolitano with questions.



## UMCOR KITS

Items are due on Sunday, May 19 for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) kit drive. The UMW would like to invite everyone to participate in this year's kits for conference drive.

### ITEMS FOR THE HEALTH KIT ARE:

- 1 hand towel (15x25" to 17x27", no kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large & sturdy, not pocket-size)
- 1 metal nail file or fingernail clippers
- 1 bar soap (3 oz and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brush only in original wrapper/no child's brushes)
- 6 adhesive sterile bandages (Band-Aids)
- **NO TOOTHPASTE PLEASE** UMCOR buys toothpaste with appropriate expiration dates.

### ITEMS FOR THE BABY/LAYETTE KIT ARE:

- 6 cloth diapers
- 2 shirts or one-piece body suits (size 3-6months)
- 2 baby washcloths
- 2 gowns or sleepers (size 3-6 months)
- 2 diaper pins
- 1 sweater, open in front (size 3-6 months)
- 2 receiving blankets

You may want to collect a few of the listed items or complete an entire kit. All items must be new. Any monetary donations will be used to complete the kits or to pay for processing and shipping.

Because of the strict rules in other countries, please do not add items not listed or put more than the listed quantity. Personal notes or cards are also not allowed. Please place items in the Pack 'n Play in the hall starting the first Sunday in May. The UMW will inventory donations and add any items needed to complete the kits. Any items remaining after the kits are done will be donated to an appropriate shelter/mission. Thank you for prayerfully considering this project. The full list of UMCOR kits can be found at <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies> .

For further information or questions contact [helensawyerrn2@yahoo.com](mailto:helensawyerrn2@yahoo.com) . Blessings! Betty Sawyer

## BIRTHDAYS

May 1 Susanne Brown  
May 2 Jennifer Johnson  
Wesley Carl  
May 3 Neil Moran  
May 6 Branden Beck  
May 7 Heather Blubaugh  
Joan Foster  
Rosa Lee Coleburn  
May 8 Brenda Contreras  
May 9 Ann Pettigrew  
Josh Blubaugh  
Harold Harvey  
May 10 Grace Dho  
Rachael Hibbard  
May 11 John Schneider  
May 13 Troy Potvin  
May 14 Brandon Hatcher  
Kelsey Langelotti  
May 17 John Thomas  
Tyler Leinberger  
May 20 Terry Lefferts  
May 21 Brayden Sisson  
Cole Leinberger  
May 22 Hunter Watson  
Marshall Dunn  
May 24 Glennice Carney  
May 25 Ava Walker  
Robert Napolitano III  
May 27 Mildred Sellers  
May 28 Mike Parrish  
Robert Napolitano  
May 31 Dean Paxton

## FLOWERS

The following Sundays do not yet have a memorial or honorarium sponsor:

- June 16
- July 7, 21, 28
- September 8, 29
- November 17, 24
- December 1, 22

For more information, contact Lucy Shields.



## A NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to thank everyone that sent cards and well wishes and those that came by to see me in my time of hospitalization and at home. I appreciated everyone and enjoyed such good friends.

Thanks again,  
Al Tougas

## THANK YOU VERY MULCH

The Youth Group raised over \$1700 on their joint fundraiser with the Boy Scouts for the Summer Mission Trip – Thank you!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

COLLEEN CASSADA

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 May 5 & 26. 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!



## OFFERING TELLERS

**May 7 & 14**  
Ted Soto & Flo Gray  
**May 21 & 28**  
Harold Saunders  
& John Morris

# May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				7 pm Trustees Meeting 7 pm SPR 7:30 pm AA		6:30 am UMM/Yardsale Set Up 8 am Yard Sale
5 <i>Regular Morning Schedule</i> 2 pm Long Range Planning Meeting 4 pm Disciple II; Chimes; Odyssey 5 pm Trebles	6 7 pm Trinity Bells 7 pm Boy Scouts	7 7 pm Missions 7 pm Praise Team	8 6 pm Angels & Cherubs 7pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	9 7 pm UMW 7:30 pm AA	10	11 10 am Sherbourne
12 <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> <i>Regular Morning Schedule</i> 4 pm Disciple II; Chimes; Odyssey 5 pm Trebles	13 4:30 pm SafeHaven 7 pm Trinity Bells 7 pm Boy Scouts	14 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl 7 pm Praise Team	15 6 pm Angels & Cherubs 6:30 pm BSA District Leaders Meeting 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	16 7:30 pm AA	17 6:30 Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting	18
19 <b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Joint Service 4 pm Disciple II; Chimes 5 pm Trebles	20 7 pm Trinity Bells 7 pm Boy Scouts	21 7 pm Admin Council	22 6 pm Angels & Cherubs 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	23 7 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm AA	24	25
26 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> <i>Regular Morning Schedule</i> 4 pm Disciple II; Chimes 5 pm Trebles	27 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> OFFICE CLOSED	28 7 pm Praise Team	29 6 pm Angels & Cherubs 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	30 7 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm AA	31	