



THE RIDER

Trinity United Methodist Church

September 2013

Volume MMXIII Issue IX

6600 Greenyard Road
(at Ironbridge Road)
Chester, VA 23831
(804) 748-2439
www.trinity-umc.com
www.facebook.com/TUMC.Chester

MUSIC NOTES

PAT MADISON, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Thanks to all who helped with the “Music Expo” in August. We had a good group to come out and participate. I hope to see all of you come back on September 8th when our activities begin!

Our chancel choir members had a wonderful time participating in the choir festival at Bethany Church this month. It was a great experience for us all and we hope to participate next year. Thanks choir for your dedication to service this summer.



Sept. 4th

Back to Choir Night

For those who took a sabbatical over the summer, our “Back to Choir Night” is September 4th, with the Men meeting at 7 pm and the Ladies joining us at 7:30 pm. This is a rehearsal but also a time to socialize and share pictures of vacations.

Rehearsal will be first and then we will have our time of welcoming and sharing. Bring a snack to share! This is a great time for those who would like to join the choir to come. We especially need singers for the Christmas Cantata which has already arrived! We also have an exciting invitation to come and sing at the original Trinity United Methodist Church which is now part of the Historical Society in Chesterfield. I am working with the president of this group to set a date and time for our “Homecoming” which will be sometime during the Christmas Season. I am so excited to be a part of this occasion.

The Trinity Chancel Choir is open to everyone. If you would like to participate but have young children, a nursery can be provided. All ages are welcome. Please come and enjoy an exciting fall season with us!

EMAIL DIRECTORY

Church Office
trinity@trinity-umc.com
Pastor • Rev. Teresa Keezel
trinityrev@trinity-umc.com
Music Director • Patricia Madison
piano4mom@gmail.com
Prayer Group
kevinquinley@verizon.net

IN THIS ISSUE

Pastor's Corner • The Pack • Scheduling
• Life From Another Spot
Two Thoughts From the Lay Leader
Millennials & Let The Airplane Land
Music Notes September Music Notes
Notes and Updates Office Notes •
October Newsletter Deadline •
Sherbourne Notes • Safe Havens •
Prayer Shawl • UMW • Here Comes the
Bazaar! • A Note and a Request from
the Chesterfield Historical Society •
Pumpkin Patch 2013 • Call for
Costumes
People Page Birthdays • Offering Tellers
• Nursery Workers • Flowers in Worship
September Calendar

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, September 22nd for inclusion in the October Newsletter.

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



MUSIC NOTES, CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE



The Trinity Belles will have their retreat in Blackstone on September 13-14. We are asking alumni to come and join us for the celebration of our 25 years! So pack your bags past and present ringers for a special time of ringing and reminiscing! See you in Blackstone.

All music activities begin on September 8th at 4 pm for Chimes, Youth bells, Odyssey, and Angels. Please arrive promptly at 4 so that your directors will have time with each group. We are still working on how we will schedule so please observe the screen in church for more information.



Wednesday night, September 11th will begin the children's choir program. Dinner will be served at 5:45 each Wednesday night and choir and activities will begin at 6. This is a change from last year, but we are trying some new things this year. All Children are welcome to

come and participate in our program. So, I hope to see all of Trinity's children this year. We have planned a performance at Lucy Corr Nursing home on October 20th at 2 pm. Our Christmas play, "The Night Shift Before Christmas" will be Sunday, December 15th at 7 pm. We will be taking a trip to the local Waffle House on September 25th, because our play uses the "Falafel House" as a setting. Please join us for an exciting year beginning September 11th!

The fall is a perfect time to begin participation in the programs that we have at Trinity. There is music here for all ages. If you like to sing, join us. If you play an instrument, let me know so that you can be a part of worship sometime. Let us all begin to "make a joyful noise to the Lord!"



Blessings, Pat

OFFICE NOTES

The church office is here to support all of the ministries of the church. A common request is copies/prints. You can bring in, leave the files, or email them to trinity@trinity-umc.com for your convenience.

The church office week is "end heavy" – Friday is completely dedicated to the finishing touches on overhead presentations, printing & assembling bulletins, etc. The beginning of the week is the best time to discuss a new project for your group – and often get "same day service". Thank you for your understanding!

SCHEDULING

We want everyone to be aware that Tuesday night is getting fuller.

With the Cub Pack beginning meeting on September 17th, we are asking people to contact the office before scheduling meetings on Tuesday nights.

We want everyone to have the space they need. Thanks for including the office in your planning.

SHERBOURNE NOTES

DEBORAH NAPOLITANO



The focus food for September is Canned Fruit

Our goal is 120 cans.

Providing food for 60 families each month is for His glory.

SAFE HAVENS

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](#)

PASTOR'S CORNER

REV. TERESA KEEZEL

THE PACK

For about a year our Boy Scout Troop has been trying to get a Cub Pack. When a Cub Pack and a Boy Scout Troop meet in the same location, the Cubs naturally transition from one group to another. When the two groups do not meet in the same location, the Boy Scout Troop has a more difficult time recruiting boys to join the Troop.

Because this has happened to us, our Boy Scout Troop has been shrinking.



Because of the budget cut backs in our local schools, the Pack that was meeting at O. B. Gates has been looking for a new home. Last year, our Church Council voted to try to recruit a Pack. Now we have one.

Beginning in September, the Pack will start meeting in our church. We will become their Chartering Organization. This means our Troop will have a better chance at growing. It also means that on Tuesday night, our building will be brimming with little boys. The Pack needs 5 rooms to meet. The Pack will gather every other Tuesday night. Except when moved by Council and Prayer Shawl Ministry, the Pack will be meeting in the Sojourners Class, Faith Class, 3-5th Class, K-1 Class and the small Sunday School room that the Senior Highs are presently using. Presently the Pack has 32 boys.

Tuesday nights are going to get louder and busier. We've got a Pack!

LIFE FROM ANOTHER SPOT

Once before I shared some, to me, surprising financial figures. That was about the cost of childcare and its impact on families with young children. This time I ask us to consider some, to me, startling financial statistics relating to seniors.

Did you know that over 20 million adults that are 60+ years live at or below the poverty line? This means that millions of people/couples are living on \$27,225 a year/ \$2,252 a month. About one-third of these pay rent out of this amount. The remaining has to cover utilities, groceries, maybe a car, and medicine/doctors/lab work.

We are living longer, but it is at a cost. Copays and prescription drugs keep rising. We all know this.

CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

PASTOR'S CORNER, CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

When someone is trying to live on \$2,250 a month and monthly doctor visits, labs, and medicines are added on top of this, choices have to be made.

For many seniors the choices are medicines vs car repairs vs housing/house repairs. The choice ends up being simple but painful. People choose to purchase their medicines and then watch their homes fall into decay.

Many seniors see out part-time employment but the unemployment rate for seniors is 9.8%. When money is tight and jobs are difficult to find, credit cards become your back up. One third of senior household go further into debt each month. Bills are put on credit cards and 'minimum' payments become the norm. Add to this the parents who have adult children back at home or parents who are either helping to raise or are raising grandchildren and the debt increases even more.

TWO THOUGHTS FROM THE LAY LEADER

DAVID BAILEY, LAY LEADER

We are approaching the time where we think ahead to where we want Trinity to be for at least the next year. Two thoughts came to mind. I am getting older and slowing down. What do we need to do to get younger adults involved? Is there a time to let a ministry go? I remember the struggles of 33 years at the Fair Booth and finally letting it go. Many people anguished over that decision, including my sons who were vocal about keeping it going.

MILLENNIALS

There has been much chatter recently about why Millennials are leaving the church. Rather than exploring why they leave, let's look into why they stay or join in. Here are five characteristics Millennials are looking for in a church home:

1. **AUTHENTICITY** Church leaders who are honest and forthcoming about their flaws are much more attractive to this generation. Millennials grew up hearing about church leaders caught in scandalous affairs and watching thieves posing as pastors.
2. **ENGAGEMENT** For many who grew up going to church, hearing the "facts" of the gospels preached on Sunday is not enough to keep them coming back. Millennials want you as a church leader to engage with the text because it is living and breathing. It is important to teach with a genuine passion for those who hear, but also those who might be affected if the hearers take action. Which leads to ...
3. **MISSION** The world is so much smaller now that people are so easily connected and few are more connected than Millennials. For the most part, this group is aware of what is going on globally and locally, but often they are not sure how they can directly engage with those in need. As church leaders, it is crucial to provide opportunities for these people to affect change.
4. **FELLOWSHIP** This is a fun-loving generation. Because they are so connected, people may think Millennials withdraw from face to face relationships in favor less direct communication. The opposite is true. They crave connection on a personal level with people who genuinely care about them. Help them bond by having a small group ministry that allows groups to form organically and intentionally. The object here is not to create 'cliques' but to provide a consistent and safe place for them to open up about life and faith.

CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

LAY LEADER, CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

5. **APPROACHABILITY** The aesthetics of the worship space, the comfort of the seating, and the familiarity of the music all play a role in creating an environment that is approachable. If there are liturgical or ritual elements to your Sunday services make sure they are explained well from the stage.

In fact, none of these things are new to the modern church. All of these elements are seen in Acts 2 as the New Testament believers began to grow together. How each of these look today may look a little different, but Millennials today still want a church that is authentic, missional, approachable, encourages fellowship, and provides opportunities for engagement.

ANOTHER LAY LEADER NOTE: LET THE AIRPLANE LAND

Managing local church ministry programs is a lot like flying an airplane. There is the thrilling season of takeoff and soaring to new heights. Eventually, however, a ministry or program must descend and head for the runway. Sometimes ministries can refuel and launch again. Other times, a new direction is best. Either way, it's a difficult decision and requires careful and prayerful analysis and evaluation. Discerning when to end a ministry involves seeking clarity of the church's calling, understanding the community, reviewing measurements and deciding what new ministries might be made possible by ending unproductive ones.

During the evaluation process, ask the following questions:

1. Has the ministry lost effectiveness?
2. Have the results wandered from the original purpose?
3. Does it drain time and resources from successful ministries?
4. Will ending it make other programs more effective?
5. Is the purpose of the ministry accomplished elsewhere?
6. Do you keep it going because it's a beloved church tradition?
7. Are you afraid of hurting anyone's feelings or causing conflict?
8. Can you show members the benefits of terminating?
9. Are key influencers on board?
10. Do senior leadership members agree?

Once the decision is made to conclude a ministry, the next step is actually implementing the decision. Like landing a plane, the approach is everything! Discernment and wisdom prove the often-thin margin between a smooth landing, a thud or a crash! All three experiences will get the plane on the ground, but with varying degrees of trauma and drama.

TAKEN IN PART FROM "RETHINK CHURCH"



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

BARBARA SMITH, PRESIDENT UMW

Ladies, join us Thursday, September 12th at 6:30 pm for a salad/covered dish dinner and meeting.

Bring a dish and a friend and join us for food and fellowship.

Our meeting will include planning for the Pumpkin Patch and the Bazaar.

PRAYER SHAWL

PAM SOTO

Fall is coming! We are back to our fall schedule – 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. As always, everyone is invited!

The next meeting is September 10th from 6:30-8:30 pm, then again in September on the 24th.

We continue to work on shawls and blankets for the girls at UMFS. We also need to get working on shawls for the ladies at CARES for Christmas.

All kidding aside, we do have fun and eat as well as share with each other. We are also doing what God would have us do – creating beautiful shawls and blankets which are a tangible gift of His love to the ill, grieving, etc.

If there is anyone you think would benefit from receiving a shawl, please let Pam Soto, Diane Springfield, Janet Collins or any member of the group know. If it is a matter of confidentiality, contact Teresa with the request.

HERE COMES THE BAZAAR! OCTOBER 11 AND 12

BARBARA SMITH, PRESIDENT UMW

Wow! Where did the summer go? Fall is in the air...school is in session, football season is well under way, and here comes the bazaar! We are so excited this year. We have new ideas and new helpers and can't wait to put it all together. UMW would like you to know what's under way:

- Delicious baked goods for sale (Buy some for now and freeze some for later!)
- Yummy homemade soups and sandwiches served in our café (Soups freeze well for later!)
- "Nearly new" items are like the "crème de la crème" of a yard sale!
- Check out our beautiful homemade crafts.
- Halloween costumes – used and new!
- A children's corner of fun activities to entertain the little ones while Mom shops

In order to make all this fun time a big success we hope that our bazaar elves are busy working on their projects. So whether you are crafting, baking, sewing costumes, planning, cleaning out the attic for items, or shopping for supplies, put it in high gear elves because HERE COMES THE BAZAAR! Let us know how you would like to participate. Mark your calendars for October 11 and 12.

(PS...Watch for clipboards and signup sheets to come. You, too, can be a part of all this fun! Questions can be directed to Barbara Smith.)



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

A NOTE AND A REQUEST FROM THE CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GEORGE (BUDDY) CRANFORD, CHSV BOARD MEMBER



How many times do we pass an old structure and wonder what stories it could tell? In the building in this photo, people were baptized, some were married and some were buried. It has a history and I am trying to piece together some factual

information regarding the Old Trinity church located at Krause and Ironbridge Roads, just down the road from your newest location and across from the Burger King restaurant. My name is George (Buddy) Cranford. I am a Board member of the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia.

Some of the older members of Trinity United Methodist Church may be quite familiar with this beautiful historic structure. To me, it is more than an old abandoned church. Standing alone inside the old church, one can imagine the fiery sermons, the politics of the day or the beautiful choir music bursting from the open doors. History seldom records what was said or done in such churches. I am hoping that your historical records, your old photographs and memoirs can shed more information on this building than we have.

Presently, the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia (CHSV) is utilizing the building as our headquarters and library until Castlewood is renovated. Historic Castlewood, ca. 1817-1819, was used as the parsonage for about twelve years in the mid-19th century, for traveling ministers.

We are aware that the church was built on the grounds of a previous central Methodist church (c. 1855) on land deeded to Rev. George Nolley from Joseph Wells in 1848. The church he had built on the same site was too large for a dwindling congregation after the Civil War. This church was known locally as "Nolly's Folly". Who better to purchase the land from but the Reverend Nolly and his wife? The parsonage had \$500 from their share of another church deal in Manchester. The c. 1855 church lasted a couple of decades. It was torn down and the present church was built. The present white framed Gothic Revival structure was dedicated on August 1, 1889.

I would assume the good Reverend was a happier man after that! The newer church, built around 1887, now fit its congregation which did continue to grow in decades to follow. "Nolly's Folly" may have

been adequate after all, for in the end a newer and more beautiful church was built just a short distance east on Ironbridge Road.

The Historic Trinity Church educational wing was built in the 1960-70's. There has been some discussion of an impending parkway to slice through this section of the church. However, recent economic woes have thus stopped that proposal.

What do we want from your congregation? I am hoping that your historic records, your old photographs and memoirs can shed more information on this building than we currently have. We are in the business of preserving your history for all to see or use. You may contact us at 804-796-7131 for more information. Please, do stop in for a visit. Who knows, we might entice you to join us. We offer a lot. We preserve the past!





PUMPKIN PATCH 2013

ED SISMOUR, PUMPKIN PATCH COMMITTEE CHAIR

It is mid-August as I write this note, a bit over the half-way point through summer and fall still seems a long way off. But, and you know this if you've been to services the past several Sundays, planning for Pumpkin Patch is underway.

Pumpkin Patch has been an annual fundraiser organized by the UMM with assistance from the UMW. Proceeds benefit our church (a 10% tithe from gross proceeds) and charitable organizations selected by the UMM and UMW. Volunteers are needed now to help organize, plan and prepare and will be needed throughout October to work the Pumpkin Patch. Please consider donating some time to help. To the left is a partial list of members of the planning committee; please talk to one of them if you would like to be involved. Their contact information is in the church directory. As October nears, there will be a sign-up roster for volunteers to staff the patch during open hours.

I am considering reinstating an activity that we used to offer but haven't in recent years. Several years ago we offered the Pumpkin Patch as a local destination school field trips. Usually several preschools would come each year. To be successful, this activity depends on participation by a few Trinity members who are or could be available to meet and greet these groups in the morning as a host and to engage the students in educational activities. The educational aspect of this activity is important as it justifies the teachers bringing the students on the field trip. The host can engage students in a variety of educational activities, e.g. explain to students where pumpkins come from, talk about farmers, etc., and may read a story related to the season. Remember they're preschoolers, so an in-depth understanding of scientific detail isn't a prerequisite for the job. This activity does, however, require a contact person to coordinate with potential visiting groups and to arrange for one or more volunteers as hosts. The coordinator need not be one of the volunteer hosts. Please contact me if you would be interested in either coordinating this activity or participating as a host.

Please note that set-up will occur Sunday, October 6 at 2 pm and that the pumpkins currently are scheduled to arrive Monday, October 7 at 4:30 pm. Additional information will be provided through the church bulletin and church website as it becomes available and as we get closer to the big day.

PUMPKIN PATCH INFO

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Chair - Ed Sismour

Pumpkin Patch liaison - Todd Miller

Set up - Maury Beck

UMW coordinators - Anne Wright & Dianne Springfield

UMM-UMW liaison & Hay

Bales - John Morris

Flowers - Ed Hazzard

Accounting - Angela Bailey

Marketing/Communications - Kevin Quinley

Marketing/Community Outreach - Stephanie Griffith

DATES AND TIMES

SUNDAY OCT 6 @ 2PM

Pumpkin Patch Setup

MONDAY OCT 7 @ 4:30 PM

Pumpkins Arrive/Offloading

REGULAR PATCH HOURS

2-8 Monday-Friday

10-8 Saturday

12-8 Sunday

12-6 Halloween

BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 1	Lori Poythress
Sept. 4	Kevin Quinley
Sept. 5	Kaitlyn Leinberger
Sept. 7	Todd Miller Anthony Napolitano
Sept. 8	Tristan Echols
Sept. 9	Angela Bailey Laura Parrish
Sept. 10	Kayla Parrish Stephanie Potvin Jane Lisagor
Sept. 11	Brian Foutz
Sept. 12	Adeline Krauchunas Charlotte Sawyer
Sept. 13	Donna Short Allan Fallin
Sept. 14	Kevin Sapp
Sept. 15	Sarah Bishop
Sept. 18	Robert Linkous
Sept. 21	James Day Sr. Dawn Fallin Ryan Sapp
Sept. 22	Odette Burley Kari Collins Judy Seely Taylor O'Shea Zachary Mills Hannah Palmer
Sept. 23	Abigail Pettigrew
Sept. 24	Bob Adams
Sept. 25	TJ Kennedy
Sept. 26	Linda Lewis Jean Harvey
Sept. 27	Norma Stanfield Keith Nowlin Sr.
Sept. 28	David Cox
Sept. 29	Michael Cash Stephanie Arnold

OFFERING TELLERS

Sept 1	Ted Soto & Flo Gray
Sept 8 & 15	Harold Saunders & John Morris
Sept 22 & 29	Gary Potter & Karen Poole

NURSERY WORKERS

September 1	Cindy Morris & Michelle Sawyer
September 8	Jackie Sawyer & Jaclyn Butka
September 15	Diane Springfield & Jaclyn Butka
September 22	Jackie Sawyer & Sherry Farrow
September 29	Janet Collins & Pam Soto

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

The following dates are still available for sponsorship to give the flowers in the sanctuary. Sign up on the Flower Calendar next to the nursery, or contact Lucy Shields.

September 29

October 17 & 24

December 1

CALL FOR COSTUMES

In addition to the other donations being sought, the UMW is offering a new element to the Fall Happening, and needs donations!

Bring your gently used children's costumes, and drop them off in the box in the foyer.



September 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Regular Morning Schedule</i>	2 LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 7 pm Boy Scouts	3 7 pm Praise Team	4 5 pm Keyboard Pizza Party 6 pm Keyboard 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm "Back to Choir" Night	5 7 pm Fun with Faith 7:30 pm AA	6	7 8:30 am UMM
8 <i>Regular Morning Schedule</i> 4 pm Chimes; Odyssey 5 pm Trebles 5 pm Youth/Parent Meeting	9 6:15 pm Music Leaders 6:30 pm Missions 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy Scouts	10 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl 7 pm Praise Team	11 10 am VAUMC Training 5:45 pm Angels & Cherubs 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	12 7 pm UMW 7 pm Fun with Faith 7:30 pm AA	13 Handbell Retreat	14 Handbell Retreat 10 am Sherbourne
15 <i>Regular Morning Schedule</i> 4 pm Chimes; Odyssey 5 pm Trebles 5pm Youth Group	16 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Cub Scouts	17 6:45 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	18 5:45 pm Angels & Cherubs 6:30 pm BSA District Leaders Meeting 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	19 7 pm Fun with Faith 7:30 pm AA	20	21
22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE <i>Regular Morning Schedule</i> 4 pm Chimes/Odyssey 5 pm Trebles 5 pm Youth Group	23 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy Scouts	24 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl 7 pm Admin Council	25 5:45 pm Angels & Cherubs Waffle House Field Trip 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	26 7 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm AA	27 Apple Butter Event	28 Apple Butter Event Youth Retreat
29 Youth Retreat 9 am Sunday School 10 am Joint Worship Service 4 pm Chimes/Odyssey 5 pm Trebles	30 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Cub Scouts	<p>If you have items to add to the calendar, please let the office know by email to trinity@trinity-umc.com or phone at 748-2439.</p> <p>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!</p>				