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PASTOR'S CORNER

THE TIME IS COMING OR IS MY PEANUT BUTTER PACKED???

REV. TERESA KEEZEL

I just received the itinerary for my trip to the holy land and wanted to give everyone a peek.



I'll get a map and hang it up so that we can see where I'll be going.

I fly out of JFK on February the 10th and return the 20th. We fly from JFK in New York to Tel Aviv.

Tel Aviv is the ancient city of Joppa. The journey continues from there.

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PASTOR'S CORNER: THE TIME IS COMING (CONTINUED)



conflict in the Mid-East, people cannot always cross over into Palestinian Bethlehem.)

Day nine has us traveling south. This day we visit the desert of Judah, Masada, Qumran, Jericho, and Sodom.

Day ten has us circling back. We visit a Holocaust Museum and prepare for the return flight.

Day eleven puts us back on a flight to New York. Then I catch a connecting flight to come home!

Let me know if there are things in particular you want to know or that you want pictures of. I hope that this will be an interesting journey for all of us.

Thanks to David Murdock and the Knights Templar. Shalom!

Day one we fly.

Day two we arrive at Tel Aviv....I am so tired of flying. I get so sick. Carl has suggested that I go to the doctor and get a knock out drug. I think Carl is right.

Day three we travel to Joppa, Mt. Carmel and Mt. Tabor. We sleep in Galilee.

Day four we go to the sight of the Sermon on the Mt., to Capernaum, along the Galilean Sea to the Jordan River and back to Galilee.

Day five we drive to Cana, Nazareth, some Roman remains at Bert She'an and then sleep in Jerusalem.

Day six has us all day in the City. We visit the Western (Weeping) Wall, the Pool of Bethesda, the Upper Room, and the Tomb of King David (apparently a church was built on this site.)

Day seven we worship and rest.

Day eight again keeps us in the area. We travel to the Mt. of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, Hezekiah's Tunnel, and a shepherd's field across from Bethlehem. (Because of the

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, February 2nd for inclusion in the February Newsletter. You can send items by email to trinity@trinity-umc.com or drop off in the "Church Secretary" hallway mailbox.

The February Newsletter will come out the first week of February.



OFFICE CLOSURE



The church office will be closed New Year's Day (1/1) and as the secretary travels from Jan 24-31.

PASTOR'S CORNER

I'VE GOT A QUESTION. WHO DO I GO TO?

REV. TERESA KEEZEL

On Saturday January 25th, I am offering a workshop for the Church Council, committee members, and anyone else who has the question, 'when I have a question, who do I go to?'

Trinity is tremendously blessed with so many capable people. God has blessed us and drawn to us such people of diversity of visions and skills/niches. As the Body of Christ, God has created all the committees and subcommittees for people to connect.

The Administrative /Church Council is the gathering of all the chairs of all these committees – committees/ministries that help us plan and carry out Christian education, worship, missions and more. Also present are the teams/committees that maintain our property, that supervise our staff, and that pay our bills. These Council gatherings bring together the Pastor and all the work area leaders. Together we keep each other informed about activities past and future, give feed-back, and make decisions for future direction.



I am hoping to explore on this Saturday morning just this question. Let's clarify together who is taking on which piece of what ministry, which ministries do different groups fulfill together, and which opportunities has arisen to be filled. Let's sort out for communication's sake, who do we go to and who do we need to include when we are making plans.

So please, put Saturday the 25th on your calendars. I hope to have the room set up by ministries and teams. I look forward to a morning of questions, answers, and spring boards. This gathering is open to the public....so if you have ever asked: who do I go to with this? Who is handling this? can we do this?....come be with us. Hope to see you there.....Teresa



JANUARY MUSIC NOTES

PAT MADISON, MUSIC DIRECTOR

UMW JANUARY NEWS

BARBARA SMITH

UMW will meet Thursday January 9th at 7 pm. We will begin the year by installing officers and having a brief pledge service. Try something new this year and join us for prayer, missions and fellowship.

Hope to see you at the January meeting!



Rehearsals Resume

MUSIC IN THE NEW YEAR

Enjoy a Christmas and New Year break!

Music groups resume in 2014 on

Wednesday, January 8

Sunday groups resume on January 12.

Thank you all for the wonderful cards and gifts I received this Christmas Season. Your love and generosity is greatly appreciated.

I thank you also for your prayers and concerns for my mother as she went through her illness. She was happy to be able to return home and to church this weekend.

She will once again return to Lucy Corr Daycare where she is very happy and loved. A special thanks to the Trinity Belles for providing a week of care at Lucy Corr. I am so blessed to have you all in my life.

I was pleased to hear that many of you enjoyed our quartet, Four in the Morning, at the Thanksgiving dinner. They enjoyed being with us and I am sure that you will see them again in the future.

Thanks for all the Christmas music from the Chancel Choir and the Trinity Belles. It was a wonderful experience to sing and play in the original Trinity Church. Thanks for all of you who came to support us and help us celebrate our "homecoming". It was great fun and I hope we will be able to do it again.

Our children's choirs gave a wonderful performance for the Santa party. I appreciate your hard work and devotion to the program. Thanks to all of our directors and helpers. Your help makes programs like this possible. Thanks to Lucy and Margaret for all the help with costumes and to Wayne and Lynda for their help with the set.



A date has not been determined for the talent show this year, but will let you know as soon as that has been decided. I am also looking for a theme, so if you have a good idea for a theme for the show, please email me at piano4mom@gmail.com.

Thanks again for your gifts including your time and your talent. I look forward to the New Year with renewed excitement.

Blessings, Pat

OUR VISION FOR A BEAUTIFUL CHURCH

KAREN SISMOUR

We strive for a church that gives a great first impression to visitors and a sense of pride to members. Here are some ways you can help keep the church neat and tidy:

1. Our Sunday school rooms are used throughout the week by various groups, inside and outside the church family. Please be respectful and keep the rooms picked up.
2. The janitor dusts “cleared” surfaces. In general, only furniture should be on the floor. A tidy church allows the janitor do a more efficient and thorough cleaning.
3. We are cleaning out and organizing the closets. Please discontinue the old habit of “throwing it in a closet somewhere, assuming someone will know what to do with it.”
4. We appreciate the generous response to requests for items to be brought to church. Please note the collection location (usually in the narthex, at a designated table) and deadline (not just anytime you clean out your closets). For example, we no longer need toilet paper rolls and we do not have the storage capacity for huge bags of old clothes. Please keep clothes at home until specifically requested, for events such as the Spring Yard Sale or specific Youth Monroe Park visits.
5. If you the leader for a project, please include the location and deadline in your announcement. Then label the location with large, readable lettering so that folks will know exactly where to drop something off. The kitchen is no longer the default drop off location. The kitchen is a busy place, so we need the counters cleared for maximum use.
6. Ongoing collections include:
 - a. Sherbourne – place food on designated table in narthex; please note the current focus food.
 - b. Apple Butter jars – take to the Fellowship Room, to the bookcase near the door, middle shelf.
7. We order bulk supplies of paper products, so each group or class no longer needs to keep their own stash of plates, cups, etc. This saves the church money and storage capacity.
8. Please check the Lost & Found cart in the narthex. Items remaining after a month will be donated to the yard sale or directly to a charity.
9. When bringing in food for an event, please include your name on a dish you want back, and pick it up immediately after the event. Dishes left behind will be placed on the Lost & Found cart.

If you have any further suggestions for a beautiful church, please let us know by emailing Karen Sismour at kjsismour@verizon.net.



40 YEARS OF BSA TROOP 2886

Scout Sunday 2014 will be February 9th, and Troop 2886 will also be commemorating 40 Years of Scouting with our anniversary celebration.

After attending the 11 am traditional worship service, the Troop will hold its reunion celebration starting at 12:30 pm in the sanctuary.

Join us as we remember 40 years, recognize our alumni, remember our fallen, and say thank you for the support of our charter partner, Trinity United Methodist Church.

Following the main program, we will adjourn to the fellowship hall for sharing, friendship and Scouting activities. All current and former troop members, leaders, family, and friends of Troop 2886 are invited to come and share in the fellowship.

Planning is still happening and you can have input into how we celebrate by contacting Gary Bryant, ASM Troop 2886, wgb2886@gmail.com or 804.748.2718. To reserve your reunion t-shirt email and to receive updates on the reunion email Gary.

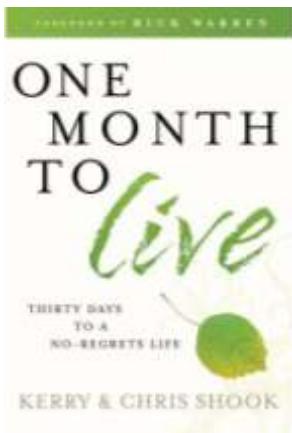
LENTEN ADULT EDUCATION “ONE MONTH TO LIVE” SMALL GROUP

KEVIN QUINLEY

Join us for study and discussion on Tuesday nights at 7:30, starting January 21st for 5 weeks. Based on the book, *One Month to Live: Thirty Days to a No Regrets Life* by Kerry and Chris Shook.

With eye-opening insights and soul-inspiring truths, *One Month to Live* challenges us to embrace the life God has given us and to live it out moment by moment, with wholehearted authenticity, honesty and integrity. Each of *One Month to Live*'s 30 (short) chapters - one for each day in a life-changing month - offers fresh strategies for overcoming habits that can mire Christians in mediocrity.

The study will be led by Kevin Quinley. Books are available at the first class or from Amazon.com. If you have a question, please call Kevin at 796-1939 or at kevinquinley@verizon.net



YOUTH NEWS: PARENT'S MEETING & TUBING TRIP

KRYSTAL COFER



The annual youth tubing event is Saturday, January 18 from 10:30 am to noon. We will be ziplining at 1 pm. Cost for youth is \$10.00 for both. Any other friend/family/ or church member may come and snow tubing cost is \$25.00 and an additional \$15.00 if they would like to zipline. Money will be collected through January 5, and can be turned in to Turner Wilkes or put in the youth box. To sign up for them to please email Krystal Cofer at coferkr@vcu.edu or put a message in the youth box.

We will be having a youth meeting as well as parent meeting January 5th at 5pm to go over spring events as well as signing up for additional volunteers for meetings and our upcoming events. This will also be the last day to pay for the Wintergreen Snow tubing event. Please bring your calendars!

BIRTHDAYS

Help us update our information; if your birthday is this month and you are not listed, please notify the office so we won't miss you again!

Jan 2 Brittany Napolitano

Jan 3 David Wright

Jan 4 John Morris
Jean-Kathryn Cassada

Jan 5 Annette Hairfield
Dara Mills

Jan 6 Nathaniel Sawyer

Jan 7 Linda Lott

Jan 8 Nelson Babcock

Jan 9 Stephen Ruxton
Holly Love
Zakary Sandlin

Jan 10 Samoeun Por
Erin Reeves
Wayne Haley
Bill Foster

Jan 11 Kathy Harman

Jan 12 Jennifer Walker

Jan 14 Andrew Kennedy
Katherine Madison

Jan 15 Jeff Harrison

Jan 19 Justin Poythress

Jan 20 Jessica Farrar

Jan 23 Kendall Langford

Jan 24 Betsy Day
Mike Costello

Jan 25 Lillian McGuffin

Jan 28 Carl Cosslett

Jan 29 Jesse Sandlin
Shannon McGuffin

Jan 30 Rachel Allyn
Ruth Allyn

OFFERING TELLERS

Jan. 5 Dave Shaffer & Aubrey Tarkington

Jan. 12 & 19 Flo Gray & Ted Soto

Jan 26 & Feb. 2 Karen Poole & Wayne Haley

NURSERY WORKERS

January 5 Lana Lefferts & Jackie Sawyer

January 12 Carolyn Wilson & Jannet Collins

January 19 Sherry Farrow & Jackie Sawyer

January 26 Betty Sawyer & Cindy Morris

February 2 Diane Springfield & Rosie Tarkington

NOTES OF THANKS

I am so appreciative and thankful for a very special Christmas! Abby and I would like to wish our Trinity family a Happy, healthy New Year.

Sherry Farrow

Thank you so much, Trinity Congregation, for the Christmas cards, well wishes, and bonus. I see the same generosity and care you showed to me every week of the year as I see this church bless the community in so many ways. Your loving kindness make my job a joy, for which I am truly thankful. Wishing you all a truly blessed New Year,

Katherine Dohl, Church Secretary

SHERBOURNE FOOD FOCUS FOR JANUARY

The food focus for Sherbourne in January is cans of chunky-style soup. Also, you can join us on the second Saturday of each month at 9 am at Sherbourne UMC to bag food. Contact Deborah Napolitano with any questions!



January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<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 -</p>			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY <i>Office Closed</i>	2 7 pm Fun with Faith 7 pm AA	3	4 8:30 am UMM
5 <i>Regular Morning Schedule</i> 5 pm Youth Group and Youth Parents Meeting	6 EPIPHANY 7 pm Boy & Cub Scouts	7 6:45 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm Worship Committee	8 5:45 pm Children's Choirs 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	9 7 pm UMW 7 pm Fun with Faith 7 pm AA	10	11 9 am Sherbourne
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