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**November Calendar**

### PASTOR'S CORNER:

REV. TERESA KEEZEL

“What gift can we bring, what present, what token?  
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?”

What gift do you bring?

We are regularly asked, for what are we thankful?  
What have we earned? Are we people of the world  
or people of God?

Psalm 100 teaches us the attitude of faith: it is he that made us; and not we are ourselves. It is HE that has made us; and not we ourselves? Do you believe this? That the Everlasting One gave you the gifts and abilities that you enjoy? That the Everlasting One is the one who laid out in front of you opportunities that you have taken? The mantra of the world is: look what I have done; look how hard I have worked and saved and prepared! Compared to: it is he that has made us and not we ourselves!

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## ONE HARVEST

The deadline for ordering online is Wednesday, November 9 at midnight. Distribution is on Saturday, November 19 at 8:00 am. Go to [www.oneharvest.com](http://www.oneharvest.com) for more info.

Take this time for reflection.

Is it he who has made you?

If it is he that has made you, how do you express your thanksgiving? Are you working towards giving the requested 10%? Are you bringing your gifts: Money and time and prayer into God's house for the upkeep of God's house? If you cannot manage the 10% are you working on it?

"What gift can I bring? What present, what token"  
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?

## FOOD FOCUS

Meadowbrook food focus for November is canned tuna and chicken and mayo.

## NEWSLETTER

### DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, November 27 for inclusion in the December newsletter. You can send items by email to [trinity@trinity-umc.com](mailto:trinity@trinity-umc.com) or drop off in the "Church Secretary" hallway mailbox.



## Missions and Outreach

By: Deborah Napolitano

Missions and Outreach are an important part of who we are as a church and as individuals. Please, please, please, if you or your committee are planning on a mission that asks the congregation for support,

### You Must Run It By The Missions Committee First!!

That is one of the committee's functions. We do not wish to duplicate what is already being done, nor do we wish to overburden the congregation at one time.

Thank you!

Deborah

## CHRISTMAS MISSIONS for 2016



### WINTER COATS NEEDED

Now that the morning air has a definite chill, it is time to think about the winter coats. What are you going to do with the winter coats that your family will no longer wear? Here's a suggestion: Donate them to Trinity's winter coat project. The coats will be available in December to any group who has adopted a Christmas family. Hopefully, we can provide coats for several of the family members so that our funds can be used to purchase other items. Place them on the pew by the narthex door to be picked up.

Karen Poole  
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Due date for all missions except CARES is Sunday, December 11th at 11:00 am.

Bellwood Elementary School- We will sponsor 27 children with a spending limit of \$125 to cover their wish list. Bellwood is one of the neediest schools in the county and it is screened that these children will not be receiving Christmas from another source. These lists will be available on Sunday, November 20th. Return the gifts wrapped, in a large trash bag, and labeled with the child's number.

United Methodist Family Services- We are doing something new this year. We will be collecting Christmas stockings. Our goal is 45. These stockings will be filled by a women's auxiliary. They should be large and special. Store bought is great, and homemade is wonderful! Our party with the youth is on the 16th of December. Pray about giving of yourself this year.

Seniors at Envoy- This is a predominately Medicaid facility leaving a meager allowance for most residents. We are asking for throw size blankets for residents to snuggle up in, adult slippers for men and women, and new or gently used sweaters for adults. It is preferable if the sweaters are zip up or buttoned. The collection container will be available beginning November 20th.

CARES- a battered women and children's shelter that Trinity has supported for decades. The Poole's will begin collecting funds on November 27th. Shopping and wrapping is scheduled for December 17th.

Blessings to all of you for your continued support of those less fortunate. If you have any questions, please contact Deborah @386\_8555 or @seven\_naps@verizon.net.

## Mission Team Report

The older adults have successfully completed their 27<sup>th</sup> annual mission trip. This year we stayed closer to home, traveling to Waverly, Virginia, to repair homes damaged by the tornado that struck that area last February. Our 20-member team stayed in the former Dendron UMC, which has been converted into a Volunteer Center to house work-teams coming to the area. Three of our members were responsible for our meals, and the rest of us worked on a mobile home in Wakefield. We resealed the roof, replaced rotted floors in the kitchen and one bedroom, and installed hardy-plank skirting around the outside. Steady rain on the last day prevented us from completing the skirting, but another team was able to finish it by the end of the week. On one of the rainy days, some of our team members stayed at the Volunteer Center and built a railing on the ramp at the front door, completed the sheetrock work in one of the bathrooms, and did several minor repairs inside. The rain was an inconvenience, but the work continued.

We want to thank the congregation for their prayers and also for the \$2,800 donation that we were able to present to the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) Coordinator to be used for building supplies and enable us to be witnesses of God's love and care to the homeowner's family. Projects of this magnitude would not be possible without your prayers and support.

Karen Poole

# MUSIC *Ministry*

## MUSIC NEWS – November

Our Cherub and Angel Choir and Trinity Chimers gave an outstanding performance at Lucy Corr on October 23<sup>rd</sup> for the residents there. Although we were missing some children, those that were with us represented us well and a good time was had by all. The residents love to see the children and were delighted when presented with a card and a pumpkin. Thanks to Deborah Napolitano for driving the bus for us and to all those parents who came and gave their support. The directors really appreciate your dedication to our programs.

The Trinity Chancel Choir will be presenting “Morning Star” celebrating the Everlasting Light of Christmas on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Please plan to come and share in this program of scripture and song as we celebrate the coming birth of Christ. The choir will be accompanied by a small orchestral ensemble. Please come and bring a friend to enjoy this special service.

The Odyssey Choir is small but busy as we prepare for Youth Jam on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The public is invited to a concert at 3:00 on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at River Road Baptist Church located at 8000 River Road in Richmond, Virginia. It is a thrilling experience to see 100 youth praising God through music. These youth come from all over Virginia and North Carolina for 2 days and present an amazing concert. We hope to see some of you Saturday afternoon at 3:00 on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Odyssey Group will also be presenting a short musical skit for your entertainment after the Thanksgiving dinner. We look forward to sharing our story of Noah with you!

Our Cherubs and Angels are practicing on Wednesday nights and on Sunday afternoons from 5 to 6 for our Christmas play, “All About That Baby”. This will be presented before the Santa Party on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Please put this date on your calendar. This is a performance you do not want to miss!

Trinity Belles are looking for a substitute ringer who can read music and meet on Monday nights at 7:00 for rehearsal. We are preparing for Christmas music and we need help because Ruth will be having a knee replacement in December. We would not expect a life time commitment but we need help now through December! Thanks for your consideration!

Blessings,

Pat

# Children's Ministry



BY: STEPHANYE FUINA AND AMANDA KELLY



**SO MUCH GRATITUDE!!!**

A sincere **THANK YOU** to everyone who volunteered and helped with the Fall Festival. **Thank you** to everyone who sponsored an animal, donated candy and volunteered. Big **thanks** to the youth for pitching in and doing a sensational job as always. **Thank you** to the praise band for providing uplifting music during the festival. **Thanks** from the bottom of our stomachs to the top of our hearts to all of the ladies and gents who made and purchased the scrumptious baked goods for the bake sale. There were so many delicious choices!! The bake sale raised well over \$100 for the Stop Hunger Now mission. There were over 195 people in attendance at the festival this year. The weather was perfect! The festival would not have been such a success if it was not for your continued support. **Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

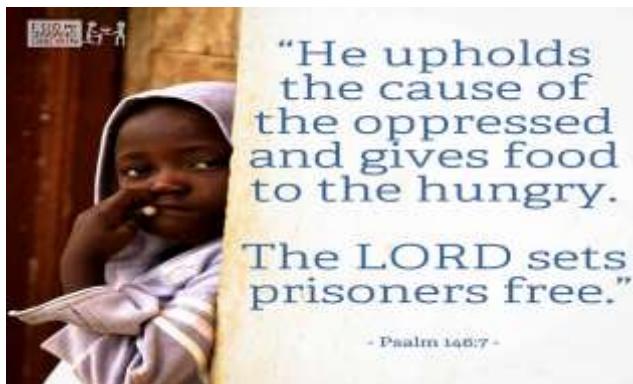
# Upcoming Events

## Live Nativity

The Children's Ministry will present The Live Nativity: The Story of Christ's Birth on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30pm. All children and youth are welcome to participate. For those interested in participating please contact Amanda & Stephanye at [childrensministry@trinity-umc.com](mailto:childrensministry@trinity-umc.com) . Please mark your calendars! The show is sure to be inspiring and comical. Enjoy the show with a warm cup of cocoa, and afterwards pet the animals.

## Cookies with Santa

Enjoy a sweet treat and finalize your Christmas list! Following the Children's Christmas play, the Children's Ministry will host its annual Cookies with Santa. Be entertained by the children, Christmas carols, cookies and fellowship get everyone into the Christmas spirit. We look forward to seeing everyone there!!



## SALEM STARS NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!!

Salem Church Elementary School is a local elementary school not supported by the local food pantry or adopted by a local church backpack program. What does this mean? This means children who do not have enough money cannot receive a hot lunch and are given a cold cheese sandwich for lunch. Many of these children are food poor and consistently hungry. Many times teachers and staff reach into their own pockets so that the children can have a warm meal.

The 2016 VBS Mission in part was to raise funds in support of the **NO Cheese Sandwich Campaign**. The Children were eager to help their community and their friends and did a great job raising funds!!! The funds raised were disbursed to the school but have already been depleted. **Hunger HURTS! Hunger is LOCAL! YOU CAN HELP!!** Please consider supporting the Children's Ministry as it works to support this school and its hungry students. Donations can be placed in the offering plate and labeled **SALEM**. The Children's Ministry challenges everyone to donate the price of one fast food meal in support of this mission. The price of one drive thru lunch or dinner can feed 3 elementary students. Food for thought!!!



**A Note of Thanks!**

### **Trinity Friends:**

This is to express my appreciation for all the prayers, cards, calls and visits I received over the last several months as I underwent chemo and radiation treatments. I have been blessed with your support and also for the thoughtful and caring medical professionals responsible for my health care. Thanks so much for keep me in your prayers.

Flo Gray

## PUMPKIN PATCH "WRAP UP"

Halloween has come and gone as has the TRINITY Pumpkin Patch evolution for 2016!

All of the hard work by the many volunteers has paid off with all the pumpkins, straw and all but five Mums being sold out! All though we were unfortunate to have a smaller inventory with less variety of pumpkins and gourds, we did well in raising funds for the church and the Trinity Women and Men's organizations. We appreciate the efforts of the many volunteers, including the Boy Scouts, who set up the pumpkin patch, unloaded the pumpkins (in the rain), mums and straw, and manned the daily operations of the patch for 31 days. Many of the volunteers worked the booth several times, a few up to six or seven different shifts. Special note goes to the Children's Missionary parents, the Sojourners and the Young Adults who manned the patch for one night each week.

Special thanks go to Ann Wright and the Trinity women who ensured the booth was manned for every shift and Betty Sawyer for handling the publicity. Of course we can't forget Beth Wilkes for doing the art work and preparation of all the characters and props which were located in "Charlie Brown's Pumpkin Patch". We sincerely appreciate her hard work and great ideas! It is very refreshing to know that the Trinity Congregation enthusiastically responds to the many requests for support in our fund raisers and other events. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR GREAT SUPPORT!!

## New Federal Labor Laws

Beginning December 1<sup>st</sup> a new Federal Labor Law is coming into effect. Churches are no longer exempt from a variety of things and this Federal Law is one of them. The Finance Leadership at the Conference Building have been informed by the Conference lawyer that we must comply. So we are in the process of working out the details.

The consequences of this law are that any employee whose salary is less than \$47,000 a year and/or does any business with someone from another state has to fill in weekly time sheets. Apparently there are businesses where employers have overworked people and not paid them overtime. These employers have also over worked them on some weeks and not on others and when they paid them, they grouped the times into a lump and in that way discovered how to not pay overtime.

Some employers have also used the ploy that they do not have to pay overtime because the employees are ‘professional salary’. Even though the employees did not have advanced degrees or training, employers were labeling them as professional so that they did not have to pay for the extra hours or overtime compensation.

So...starting on December 1<sup>st</sup>, all church staff will be filling in weekly time sheets. Several of our positions already had hours per week associated with the jobs. Now all positions will be hourly. (Clergy are exempt because of the advanced training and leading of worship.) We are asking our staff to keep a time sheet that will keep how many hours a day they work. We are not asking for time like on a time card...just the total hours a day. Daily. To be handed in every Monday morning.

Now this is going to be tricky for some of our special times of year. There are times when Pat is not going to be able to work office hours in order to lead Saturday practices. So sometimes people that are usually available will not be available. We are asking our staff to not work extra hours. These are not budgeted. We know that you will understand if sometimes things get rearranged.

Anyway, we are walking on a new journey. We are trying to be law abiding citizens. We are trying to work this out. Please pray for us in this transition and thank you for your help.

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Can you believe that Christmas is next month? We have been working on what the calendar of special events will look like. So here is a quick rundown:

- During the 11am service on December 11<sup>th</sup> the Chancel Choir will bring their cantata to us.
- That next Friday on December the 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, the Children's ministry will offer their live nativity on the front lawn.
- Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am is the Children's music dress rehearsal
- Sunday night at 7pm, the 18<sup>th</sup>, the music department will present the Children's music program.
- That following Saturday is Christmas Eve. The church is offering one service that evening. It will be at 5pm. We are hoping that this will not be too early or too late. This will be a family
- Christmas is a Sunday this year. So at 10am we will celebrate in a joint service. It will be nativity and carols.

Our king is coming. Breathe!

In many churches during Advent, you will find a special kind of tree. It is called a Jesse tree. (Do you remember Jesse, David's father?) Each ornament on the tree reminds us of people from the Bible. Match the letters with the person. If you need help, look up the Scripture below each one. Then find their names in the puzzle.



Robert S. Jones

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# Trinity UMC People Page

## 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!

Nov 1 Margaret Tingler  
Larry Madison, Jr.

Nov 2 Sharon Borch

Nov 3 Karen Sismour

Nov 4 Bryce Harman  
Ann Tougas  
Mark Reeves

Nov 5 Olivia Kelly  
Helen Moran

Nov 8 Patricia Madison

Nov 9 Katherine Leinberger

Nov 15 Cameron Kelly  
Susan Reeves

Nov 16 Shirley McPherson

Nov 17 Lauren Cox  
Kevin Mills  
Emma Miller

Nov 18 Jennifer Lively

Nov 19 Abigail Farrow

Nov 22 Bernadette Mills

Nov 23 Wesley Burley

Nov 24 Cynthia Corley  
Mandy Burnadette

Nov 27 Edward H. Cole, Jr.

## NOVEMBER SERVANTS OF WORSHIP

### MONEY COUNTERS:

#### November 7

Dana Potter & Linda Lewis

#### November 14 & 21

Dana Potter & Ed Cole

#### NOVEMBER 28

Dana Potter & Flo Gray

### USHERS:

#### November 6, 20

Danny Mizelle, Eric Rasmussen, Carol Pratt, Faye Cormier

#### November 13 & 27

Bill Foster, Duane White, James Benfield, Brenda Shepherd

### OFFERING and DESIGNATED GIVING

<u>October Budget</u>	<u>CCHASM</u>	<u>October Total</u>
\$26,400	\$1030	\$27,881.97

	<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>LOCAL MISSIONS</u>	<u>CHILDRENS MINISTRY</u>
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Nov 18	Jennifer Lively	\$500	\$419.17	\$275
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Nov 19	Abigail Farrow		<u>MORTGAGE</u>	<u>FLOOD BUCKETS</u>	<u>HARVEST FESTIVAL</u>
			\$1,500	\$410	\$194.08

Nov 22	Bernadette Mills			
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**Sunday Schedule**

8:30 am Contemporary Service • 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11 am Traditional Service • 4 pm Odyssey & Chimes  
 • 5 pm Treble Clefs • 5 pm Youth Group

# November 2016

If you have items to add to the calendar,  
 please let the office know

by email to [trinity@trinity-umc.com](mailto:trinity@trinity-umc.com) or phone at 748-2439.

**Wednesday Schedule**

5:45 pm Children's Choirs  
 7 pm Men's Chorus • 7:30 pm Choir

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	<b>2</b> <i>Regular Wednesday Schedule</i>	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA	<b>4</b> 9 am – 12 pm Office Hours  5 pm Brunswick Stew Preparation	<b>5</b> 8 am UMM 1 pm Brunswick Stew available for pickup
<b>6</b> <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i>	<b>7</b> 10 am Girl Scouts 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	<b>8</b> 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	<b>9</b> <i>Regular Wednesday Schedule</i> 11:59 pm One Harvest Deadline	<b>10</b> 6:30 pm Bible Study 7 pm UMW 7 pm AA	<b>11</b> VETERAN'S DAY	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i>	<b>14</b> 6 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Finance Meeting 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	<b>15</b> 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	<b>16</b> <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i> 10:30 am Young at Heart 6:30 pm Boy Scouts District Meeting	<b>17</b> 7 pm Council 7 pm AA	<b>18</b> Youth Jam	<b>19</b> 8 am One Harvest Distribution  Youth Jam
<b>20</b> <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i>  Church Thanksgiving 6pm Young at Heart to Ft Lee Playhouse	<b>21</b> 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	<b>22</b> 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	<b>23</b> <i>Regular Wednesday Schedule</i>  <b>No Children's music</b>	<b>24</b> OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY THANKSGIVING! 7 pm AA	<b>25</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>28</b> 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	<b>29</b> 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	<b>30</b> <i>Regular Wednesday Schedule</i>			

## CCHASM THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is almost here. As we plan our Thanksgiving dinner with loved ones, let us not forget those less fortunate than us. Last year CCHASM assisted 2,221 families in our area. This year's goal is 3,000 families served. Below is a list of items needed. Surely, we at Trinity can donate 50 bags! We will be collecting bags from Sunday, November 6th through Sunday, November 13th. If you are unable or unwilling to shop, please place a check in the offering plate marked CCHASM Thanksgiving in the amount of \$45.00.

### CCHASM THANKSGIVING MEAL PACKAGE 2016

• \$15.00 food gift card	• 2 - 15oz cans of corn	• 2 - cans or packages of gravy
• 1 - 40oz can of yams or sweet potatoes	• 2 - 15oz cans of green vegetables	• 1 - Box of hot chocolate
• 1 - 13oz box of mashed potatoes	• 2 - bags/boxes of stuffing or "Stove Top"	• 1 - Box of tea bags
• 1 - 14oz can of cranberry sauce		• 1 - Box or bag of cookies

Please check all items for expiration dates and keep them in original, unopened packaging. If possible, please place in doubled paper bags with handles or canvas grocery bags.

**IF YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER** at the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds Exhibition Center, here is the schedule:

**Monday 11/14** from 9AM -3PM - sorting and packing;

**Tuesday 11/15** from 11AM -7PM - sorting and packing;

**Friday 11/18** from 9AM -12PM - distribution to homebound and final packing;

**Saturday 11/19** from 6:30AM-7PM- package distribution

Contact Bob Cassada or Deborah Napolitano with questions.