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### PASTOR'S CORNER:

REV. TERESA KEEZEL

### What is Missions?

The Gospel commands us to visit the sick, to clothe the naked, to feed the hungry, to free the oppressed, to lift up the fallen.

The Gospel commands us to do all this so that people come into a relationship with God.

The last command Jesus gave us before ascending into heaven was to make disciples of him.

So what is the point of missions and where is the mission field?

Council is going to pick up this Biblical trail starting in January. We are going to be looking at the question of how do our missions help people to get to know Jesus? Scripture tells us that it is important that people know that Christ has come into their midst. We do not do missions as humanitarians. We do not give because human dignity demands it. We give because Christ died for them and he tells us to reach out that they might know that he cares. How do we make sure that Christ gets the credit?

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## **ONE HARVEST**

The deadline for ordering online is Wednesday, January 11 at midnight. Distribution is on Saturday, January 21 at 8:00 am. Go to [www.oneharvest.com](http://www.oneharvest.com) for more info.

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We are also going to be looking at where is the mission field? Within the theology of the Church, the field is both outside of the church and inside of the church. Whether we are giving out hot dogs here or sending food to a local school, both of these are mission fields. Whether we are serving food to children on Wednesday night or at VBS or at youth group....whether it is in the facility or outside of the facility, we are inviting people into the abundance of God.

So I invite you to join in the search. What does a mission field look like?

How does Christ get the credit so that people know HE had come near them?

How do we personally share the faith and grow in faithfulness?

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, January 29 for inclusion in the February 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.



## **SHROVE TUESDAY**

Yes, Yes.....

We are working on eating again! Every year on the Tuesday prior to Ash Wednesday (March 1<sup>st</sup>) we have a soup dinner here at Trinity. I am looking for some people to head this up. Please check in with the office is it sounds good to you.

Thanks!!

## **“NEWER WOMANS GATHERING”**

Sorry for the delay! Yes, yes....I am always behind myself. As some recall, some of the newer women attenders of the church tried to start meeting every so often. Then summer waylaid me. The fall deluged me. So, I am back. On Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>, I am planning a gathering. We will meet at 2:30 that afternoon to share and laugh. All kinds of things have been happening in our lives. So if you will RSVP to me, I will appreciate it. If everyone will bring a dish to share, I will appreciate the help as well. Hope this date works; I know that we are all busy.

Teresa

## **Making Church Inviting...**

I do not know if you heard, but Council approved a little bit of a budget to hire one nursery worker for the 11am worship service. I felt so terrible that we had a family with a small child visit and we did not have a nursery. The parents took turns being out of worship to be with the child. (Did you notice?) I have tried to find someone who is willing to work for \$10.00 an hour for 2 hours on Sunday mornings. The person has to be 18. If you know of someone who might be a candidate, will you ask them if they are interested? And if they are, will you contact the office? We really need help. We want to be as inviting as possible. Thanks for the queries and the prayers.

# MUSIC Ministry

## MUSIC NEWS – January

Thank you all for the many Christmas gifts and cards I received this holiday season. I really appreciate the gifts from the congregation as well as those from the Trinity Belles and the Trinity Chancel Choir. I am thankful to still be serving our Lord through music at Trinity. I am so blessed to be a part of this wonderful church family.

The Trinity Chancel Choir gave us a beautiful service with their cantata. Thanks for all the hard work you did individually as well as attending rehearsals on Wednesday nights. If you enjoyed listening to the cantata but think you might like to sing in the next one, please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. We would love to have you join us for the Easter Cantata. We will meet again on January 4, 2017 at 7:30.

The Trinity Belles brought smiles to faces as we rang bells at St. Francis Hospital and Cancer Center. It was a fun time for us and a great feeling to bring Christmas music to some people who could use the Christmas cheer. Thanks to Bill Poole and Ron Gray for being our “roadies” and to Betty Kennedy for coming to hear us play. Thank you ladies for sharing your time and talent!

Last Sunday night was awesome as our children presented “All About That Baby”. You did such a good job! It was wonderful to see all 26 children singing out with joy as they told us of the birth of the Messiah. I think I will remember “Sheep Stuff” for a long time! I hope to see you all back for Wednesday night music and Bible study on January 4<sup>th</sup>! We will be introducing the spring play and working on a number for the annual talent show. Come and bring a friend!

Thank you Trinity chimers for your Christmas music. I am sure Pat Shrader would like to add to this group on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. All ringers and interested youth join us on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00!

The theme for the annual talent show is “A Blast from the Past”! I am looking at dates in March and will announce as soon as it is decided. So get ready to take us down memory lane with your songs, dances, skits, etc. Let me know your idea and number as soon as you can. I am also looking for discs that have family or church memories on them to play during dinner. If you have one you could share, please see me or Turner Wilkes. We will make this a great night of fun and memories!

Blessings, Pat



## TUMC Children's Ministry

BY: STEPHANYE FUINA AND AMANDA KELLY



Between VBS, Children's Ministry, Youth Group, Staff Parish and being a supportive friend and member there isn't anything that Stephanye doesn't make better by being present. She is always there to lend a helping hand or pick up a spoon and serve a meal. She brings meals to groups that are working at the church. It is time for the congregation at Trinity to say THANK YOU to Stephanye for all she does for us.

Join us for a baby shower for Stephanye and Samuel as we celebrate their little boy to arrive in March.

**Saturday, January 14, 2017**

**2:00 ~ 5:00 PM**

**Trinity UMC Sanctuary**

If you are interested in assisting by providing refreshments, or helping in any other capacity please contact Amanda at [akelly@vumh.org](mailto:akelly@vumh.org) or Emilee at [emilee42@gmail.com](mailto:emilee42@gmail.com).



## STOP HUNGER NOW

Our vision is finally coming true! The Children's Ministry has been working towards raising funds to host a Stop Hunger Now food packaging event. Thanks to **YOUR** support we have reached our goal!! TUMC Children's Ministry will host a church wide mission event on January 22 at 1:30pm. This mission will benefit the Stop Hunger Now organization which provides packaged, vitamin enriched meals to those in need both locally and internationally. There is a job for **EVERYONE!** 50 volunteers are needed and everyone is welcome to volunteer from the smallest helping hands to those young at heart. **TOGETHER** we can make a difference. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Cathy Whalen at [cwhalen53@gmail.com](mailto:cwhalen53@gmail.com) or Stephanye Fuina at [childrensminitry@trinity-umc.com](mailto:childrensminitry@trinity-umc.com) . Transportation via the church van is available to those who need a ride.



### A Note of Thanks!

#### Dear Trinity Family,

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, and the excellent food brought for our dinners, while I have been dealing with the back issues. I am a "work in progress" to get the pain under control and would like continued prayers. God has blessed us with a caring church family. Again, thanks to everyone.

Judy Seely



#### **2017 Flower Calendar**

The new Flower Calendar for 2017 is posted on the bulletin board for sign up of Sunday flower arrangements in memory or honor of someone special in your life. The arrangements are \$35 each and can be taken home after the 11:00 service. Please check the calendar early so you can sign up for your preferred date. If possible we would rather not have more than two arrangements per Sunday. Contact Lucy Shields if you have questions.

The Staff-Parish Relations (SPR) Committee handles Human Resources matters in the United Methodist church. Though much of its work is confidential, as is that of any HR department, it is not secret. The TUMC SPR is committed to improving communication with the congregation when possible.

The SPR is tasked every January to vote whether the current minister should be re-appointed the following June. In preparation for this vote SPR must identify the priorities, strengths and weaknesses of the church and identify the gifts and skills that are appropriate to meet the needs of the congregation. In this regard, the SPR was directed by the District Superintendent to answer the following questions. Following extensive discussion at the December meeting, the SPR voted to approve the responses provided below.

***A. What are the priorities for the mission and ministry of our church?***

1. Building relationships through belonging to each other and to Christ.
2. Growing Christ-filled children, youth and young adults.
3. Building relationships with our community through missions.

***B. What are our church/charge's three greatest strengths?***

1. Worship.
2. Missions.
3. Children and Youth programs.

***C. In what area(s) does our church/charge need to develop strength?***

1. Identifying and empowering new leaders.
2. Raising up children to become young leaders in faith.
3. Become better encouragers of and for one another.

***D. What are the current or anticipated needs for clergy leadership in this congregation?***

1. Truly love God and others.
2. Educate, equip and mentor.
3. Visit regularly with the sick, elderly and home-bound.
4. Knowledgeable of the discipline, and have a good understanding of how to use it to administer the church.

***E. What are the gifts and skills of clergy that are needed in the life of this congregation now?***

1. See B.
2. Knowledge of Bible, United Methodist Theology and the Book of Discipline.
3. Thick skin and a sense of humor.
4. Fresh in thought.

On a final note, Thank You to everyone who contributed to the 2016 Staff Christmas Gift fund. The gift was distributed following the Children's Play on December 18. Your generosity once again demonstrates collectively the love and appreciation of the congregation for our staff and Pastor and the work they do for Trinity.

May God bless us all with a safe, happy and successful 2017.

# 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!

Jan 2	Brittany Napolitano	Jan 30	Rachel Allyn
Jan 3	David Wright		Ruth Allyn
Jan 4	John Morris		
Jan 5	Annette Hairfield Dara Mills		
Jan 6	Nathaniel Sawyer		
Jan 8	Nelson Babcock		
Jan 9	Stephen Ruxton Holly Love Zakary Sandlin		
Jan 10	Samoeun Por Erin Reeves Wayne Haley Bill Foster		
	John Thomas "Tom" Wallace		

Jan 11	Kathy Harman
Jan 12	Jennifer Walker
Jan 14	Andrew Kennedy Katherine Madison
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

## JANUARY SERVANTS OF WORSHIP

### MONEY COUNTERS:

#### January 3

Dana Potter & Sarah Bishop

#### January 9 & 17

Dana Potter & Nellie Page

#### JANUARY 23 & 30

Dana Potter & Linda Lewis

### USHERS:

#### January 1, 15, 29

Jeff Raymond, Jane K, Carol Pratt, Faye Cormier

#### January 8 & 22

John Parochka, Duane White, James Benfield, Brenda Shepherd

**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

# January 2017

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> 10 am Joint Worship Service (No Sunday School)	<b>2</b> 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	<b>3</b> 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	<b>4</b> <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i>	<b>5</b> 7 pm AA	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9 am Council Planning Meeting (off site)
<b>8</b> <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> 2:30 pm SPR	<b>9</b> Van not available today 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	<b>10</b> 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	<b>11</b> <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i> 11:59 pm One Harvest Deadline	<b>12</b> 7 pm UMW 7 pm AA	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8 am UMM 2-5 pm Baby Shower for Stephanye Fuina
<b>15</b> <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i>	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm Finance 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	<b>17</b> 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	<b>18</b> <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i> 6:30 pm Boy Scouts District Meeting	<b>19</b> 7 pm AA	<b>20</b> 6 pm Pinewood Derby Setup	<b>21</b> 8 am One Harvest Distribution 9 am Pinewood Derby
<b>22</b> <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> 1:30 pm Stop Hunger Now	<b>23</b> 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	<b>24</b> Van not available today 7 pm Praise Team 7 pm Cub Scouts	<b>25</b> <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i>	<b>26</b> 7 pm AA	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 2 pm Women's Gathering	<b>30</b> 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	<b>31</b> 7 pm Praise Team 7 pm Cub Scouts				

