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February Calendar

PASTOR'S CORNER:

REV. TERESA KEEZEL



SHROVE TUESDAY MISSIONS

This year for Shrove Tuesday we plan on enjoying our usual Soup and Salad fun and we want to add another blessing to it! We want to include a mission activity. A while ago we had a Thursday Nite Lite activity where we put together kits that we could had out to people standing on the street. People gave out the kits and asked for more.

Just before Christmas, I got a call from the District UMW. They had that we gave out kits at Monroe Park and at other times: did we want their hygiene kits? "Yes!" I responded.

So... we have 50 hygiene kits from the UMW. These kits include wash cloths and hand towels, soap, tooth brush and paste, shampoo, socks, wipes and soap.

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ONE HARVEST

One Harvest Food Ministries is no longer in business.

FOOD FOCUS

The Food Focus for February is soups. Any and all types of soups are welcome.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, February 26 for inclusion in the March newsletter. You can send items by email to trinity@trinity-umc.com or drop off in the "Church Secretary" hallway mailbox.



MetroCash

Every Wednesday from February 1st through April 12th the United Way will be using the Sunday school classrooms in the new wing to help low income families with their taxes. Times will be 2 pm to 6 pm with overlap to setup and take down equipment.

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On Shrove Tuesday, Nick will lead us once again in a mission activity to put together kits to give out and then we will take them out with us!

We will have boxes set up for the next month and collect hand and feet warmers (like from CVS), Gatorade, band aids, large black trash bags, 1 gallon zip lock bags, fingernail clippers, hard candy/cough drops, fingernail files, granola bars, chapstick, and shiny emergency blankets.

We will also collect the items from the UMW kits. Our goal is to compile 150 kits the night of the dinner.



So....put February 28th on your calendar. Start playing with what dessert, soup, or salad you want to bring to share that night....and please, let's collect the items to share with those who are on the street corners.

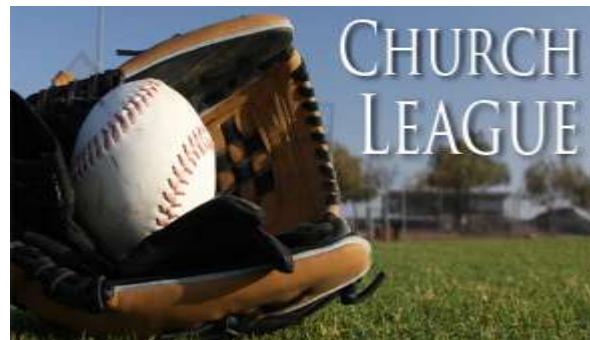
Thanks,



Teresa



PS: Angela Bailey has learned how to make mats from the plastic bags we get at stores. The church has started to collect them. That Tuesday night, Angela is going to show us how to weave or crochet them. The mats are made big enough for a homeless person to put down on the ground to keep dry and warm.



A NOTE OF THANKS!

We are so very appreciative of the baby shower given to honor our new little guy. Thank you all for your love and generosity you have shown our new baby. We are very touched and humbled by the kindness you have shown our family. We sincerely thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Love –

Samuel & Stephanye

WANNA PLAY BALL?

Trinity is trying to put together an adult soft ball team for a church league. The cost of the team is about \$700.00. If we can field a team (we need about 15 people) we will ask Church to fund part of it. Each participant will be asked to give \$25.00 toward the cost and then purchase a shirt. If you are interested, please let the office know. The games will start in April. Two games will be played every Friday evening. Contact Stephanie Griffith for more information. Wanna play?

“All are welcomed here”

Rev. Neill Caldwell, a united Methodist who used to be director of the Virginia Conference Advocate, is presently working for the Virginia Interfaith Center. The Center is co-hosting a gathering at the Islamic Center of Virginia at 1241 Buford Rd in Bon Air. The gathering will focus on common values and commitments between Christians and Muslim. The sharing starts at 3:30 in the afternoon and will finish well in time for the Super Bowl.



MUSIC Ministry

MUSIC NEWS – February

Our new year is off to a great start. We are planning some wonderful programs for this New Year. This is a great time to join our existing groups so if you have an interest please attend at the following rehearsal times:

Trinity Belles – 7:00 p.m. on Monday nights

Children's choirs – ages 2 and up – 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday nights

Men's Chorus – 7:00 on Wednesday nights

Trinity Chancel Choir – 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights (We could provide nursery if you would like to come and sing and have young children)

Odyssey Choir – 4:00 p.m. on Sundays

Trinity Chimes – 4:00 p.m. on Sundays (need more ringers!)

Treble Clefs – 5:00 p.m. on Sundays – Grade 1-5

We would love to see you!

All of the music groups will be working on the talent show which will be held Friday night, March 17th! This is a great night of fun with food, songs, dances, skits, and a million laughs. The theme for this year's show is "A Blast from the Past"! We want a variety of acts so please limit your act to 5 to 8 minutes so that we can include everyone. All acts need to be registered by February 19th!!! So find your talent to share and let me know your number as soon as you can. If you need help please contact me at piano4mom@gmail.com. Or call the church office- 748-2439. Donations from the evening will go to the youth mission trip and the music department. March 17th – Talent Show- come to participate or come to listen!

The Trinity Chancel Choir is beginning work on our music for spring. We will be presenting a cantata on April 9th at the 11:00 service. You are invited to join and learn with us the new music of the Lenten Season.

Our Children have already begun working on their new musical, "A Not so Terrible Parable". There is still time to join and be a part of this fun. Grades 1-5 are rehearsing on Wednesday nights or on Sunday afternoons at 5:00 p.m. This is a mysterious 'whodunit" about the good Samaritan. Join us for the fun! This will be presented to the church in June.

A special thanks to Megan Madison for sharing her musical talent with us this past month. May you continue to be a blessing to others through your music.

Kaleidoscope Music and Missions Camp is now a day camp for choir members in the rising 3rd to 6th grades. The camp will be held at St Marks Methodist Church on August 7, 8, 9, and 10th. Activities include lunch, choir rehearsals with a special director, games, hand bells, scripture, worship, and recreation. We have money from last year's talent show to cover at least 5 children to go. We are hoping to raise additional money this year if needed for more children. I did this years ago and it was a wonderful experience for the children. Please think about this when you are planning the summer for your child!

Thanks to all who provide food for the Wednesday night music program. We have such a wonderful time with these children. A special thanks to Ed and Sharon Boroch for their donation of a television with DVD player. This will make our lessons with "Superbook Explorer" so much easier. Our Angels thank you!!

Have a blessed February!

Pat



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.



TUMC Children's Ministry

BY: STEPHANYE FUINA AND AMANDA KELLY



YOU ARE ALL SO VERY APPRECIATED!!!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Live Nativity. Thank you to the men who helped build and take down the stable. Thank you to those who helped set up the inside for the show. Thank you to all of the helping hands with dinner service, costumes and wings. Thank you for the donation of hats/gloves for the kids. Thank you to those that made the music cd's and worked the sound system. Thank you to those who sponsored animals and most especially thank you to all of the parents and kids for participating and making the show possible. Thanks to everyone who came out to watch the Live Nativity and stuck around to help clean up afterwards. Without the support and love of YOU ALL, none of this would be possible. All of your efforts and generosity are greatly appreciated.



Still More Folks to Thank!!!

Did you know that our UMW is a group of generous ladies who are always lending a helping hand??? Thank you to our UMW for lending a helping hand in all of the children's activities. Thank you for providing the treats for the children that were given out during the Santa party.

Thank you to everyone who helped set up and clean up for the Santa Party. Thank you to everyone who helped serve refreshments and to everyone who brought treats to share. A special thank you to Old Saint Nick for bringing joy and fun to the children and for taking time to stop by!



STOP HUNGER NOW

WE DID IT! Trinity United Methodist Church packaged 12,000 meals to help those internationally who are food poor and in need! Thank you to all of the volunteers and helping hands who made the event possible. The generosity and love of the TUMC congregation and community made it possible to raise the funds and host this mission project. What a great time was had by all as we fellowshiped and worked together for the good of others. A big shout out to our little ones who dug right in and worked hard, to our youth for always pitching in and for our impromptu photographers and video crew for documenting such an amazing day!! **TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE! UNITED WE ARE A POWERFUL FORCE!**

(Pictures from the event on the next page)





Valentines by TUMC Children

Each year we gather to share our love and good fortune with members of our church family who may be ill or unable to come to church. In keeping with tradition, the Children's Ministry will host a Valentine's party on Friday, February 3, 6:30-8:00pm. We will make valentines for our church family, enjoy dinner and a game. Remember this is open to all children of the church and everyone is encouraged to bring a friend or TWO! If your child will be participating, please RSVP by email or text to Stephanye by February 1st. Two volunteers are needed to help with this activity please contact Stephanye if you are able to help.

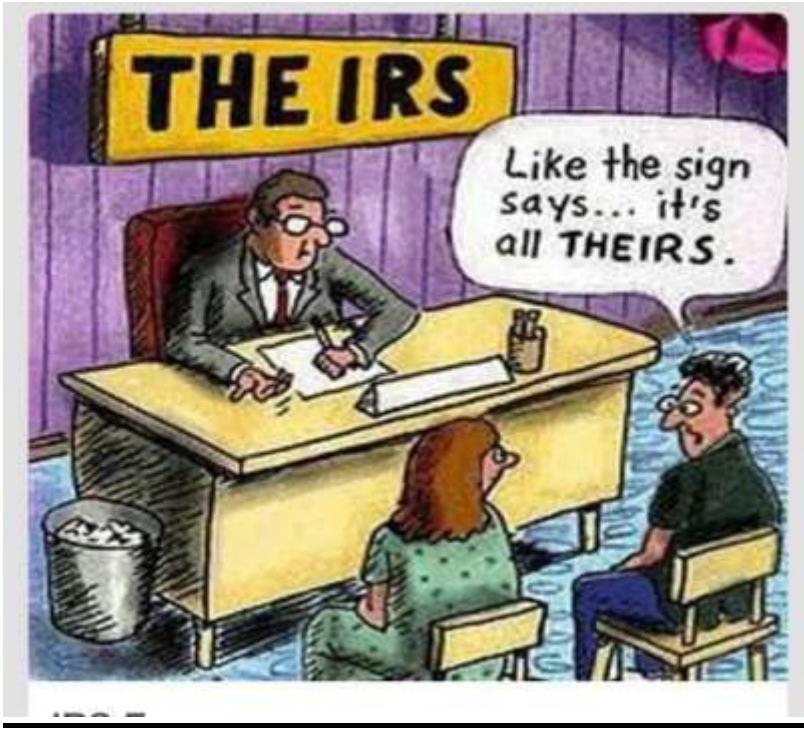
Accolades for Trinity

The mission projects at Trinity are well-known far beyond the door of the church. The Volunteer in Missions Coordinator for the Virginia Conference has announced that Trinity was one of the Top Ten Church in the entire Virginia conference for their monetary donation to the Disaster Recovery Fund which is providing supplies for repairs and re-building in the tornado-impacted areas. That is quite an honor, considering the size of our congregations as compared to others across the state.

Also, Trinity's Mission Committee has received a note from the Richmond area American Cancer Society thanking the church for providing food and gasoline for cancer patients who are struggling financially to pay for treatments and medicines. God is richly blessing all of us and enabling us to bring light into the darkness.

Thanks,

Karen Poole



Fun with the IRS

The world has changed. Much that use to be is no more. Plucking chickens and quiet blue law Sundays. Tax codes have changed as well.

We are trying to get a handle on what this means for the church. We are working on the wording that Conference is handing down to us as well as CPA's are sorting through. Conference has told us that that local church has a tax id number. We do. For giving to the church to be counted as tax exempt, the funds must be given to the church. The funds must also be approved as an official church mission by the Church Council. So we have asked all our committee chairs to bring any non-budget items to Council for certification. Then the Finance Committee will set up a special giving line for this amount.

As well, as you know, if you get anything in exchange for the money, the funds are not tax exempt. When you purchase stew or pumpkins, these are not tax deductible under the church id number.

As the Finance Committee continues to work on the wording for special offering, we will keep you in the loop. We want people to get all the tax savings that one can. We are also trying to comply with the IRS.

Thank you.

Finance



Trinity United Methodist Women

The women of Trinity UMW cordially invite the women of our church to join us on Thursday, February 9, 2017 @ 6:00 p. m. for dinner at Antonio's Restaurant on Rt. 10 in the Walmart shopping center. Please let Ann Wright know by Monday February 6, if you can attend. (790-0403 or davidandannw@g-mail.com) There will be a very brief meeting and then it is all social!

Kroger sign-ups need to be renewed every year to continue contributions to the UMW and Youth. We will be helping those who need help in doing this and encourage others to sign up for this program. Stand by for further information. Many thanks to those who have signed up!

Soup? Did I hear someone say "soup"? The executive committee is planning a soup sale for delivery on March 5, 2017. Three soups will be offered and pre-sale orders will be taken on February 19, 26, and Shrove Tuesday February 28, 2017. Watch for the clipboards and enjoy some home-made soup by our women! Snow date will be March 12, 2017.

We congratulate the Children's Ministry in their efforts to bring in STOP HUNGER NOW and the preparation of 12,000 meals! Well done!

Betty Sawyer, President, Trinity UMW

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!

Feb 1 Darleen Morgan

Feb 3 Isabelle Clarke

Feb 5 Allie Pettigrew
Cecil Burley
Anthony Lively

Feb 7 Gary Poythress

Feb 8 Eric Rasmussen

Feb 9 Rodney Shields

Feb 10 Drew D'Amato
Katie Haley

Feb 11 Diana D'Amato

Feb 12 Lucas Griffith
Alexis Bailey
Katie Griffith

Feb 13 Mark Saunders
Claude Springfield

Feb 14 Suzanne Saunders

Feb 17 Faye Cormier

Feb 18 Henry Sawyer

Feb 19 Barbara Linkous
Jack Ball

Angela Rasmussen

Feb 20 Maurice Linkous

Feb 25 Ronald Cash

Tom Kennedy

Joshua Lisagor

Feb 27 Sally Love

FEBRUARY SERVANTS OF WORSHIP

MONEY COUNTERS:

February 6 & 13

Dana Potter & Ed Cole

February 20 & 27

Dana Potter & Flo Gray

USHERS:

February 5, 19

Kim Pratt, Ann Wright, Mike S.

February 12 & 26

Tom Reis, Mary Palmer, Kim Pratt

The VAUMC Center for JUSTICE AND MISSIONAL EXCELLENCE.

“On behalf of the Virginia Conference Disaster Recovery Ministry, thank you to Trinity for its donation of \$5,400 in 2016 to our ministry efforts. Your church was one of 31 around the Conference to donate \$2,000 or more, putting it among the top 3% in giving to this ministry. Our challenge is big. But God is Bigger! We’re blessed to have the support of churches like Trinity. We’re in this together and best of all, God is with us!”

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

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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.

Wednesday Schedule

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i> 2-6 pm Metrocash Tax Prep	2 7 pm AA	3 OFFICE CLOSED 5 pm UMFS 6:30 pm Children's Fellowship	4 8 am UMM
5 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i>	6 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	7 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	8 <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i> 2-6 pm Metrocash Tax Prep	9 1 pm Missions Committee Meeting (classroom by nursery) 6 pm UMW (Antonio's) 7 pm AA	10 Youth Winter Retreat	11 Youth Winter Retreat
12 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> Youth Winter Retreat	13 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	14 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	15 <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i> 2-6 pm Metrocash Tax Prep 6:30 pm Boy Scouts District Meeting	16 7 pm AA 7 pm Council	17	18
19 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i>	20 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	21 7 pm Praise Team 7 pm Cub Scouts	22 <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i> 10:30 am Young at Heart Game Day Luncheon (lunch provided) 2-6 pm Metrocash Tax Prep	23 7 pm AA Scouts Blue and Gold setup in sanctuary	24 Scouts Blue and Gold setup in sanctuary	25 Scouts Blue and Gold 3 – 9 pm
26 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	27 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	28 6 pm Shrove Tuesday 7 pm Praise Team 7 pm Cub Scouts				

It Couldn't Hurt

Random Acts of Kindness huh! *It Couldn't hurt.*
I told my husband I love him. *It Couldn't hurt.*
I packed a note in my son's lunch
box telling him how special he is. *It Couldn't hurt.*
I opened the door for a lady in a
wheelchair at Walgreens. *It Couldn't hurt.*
I left a box of cookies for the
mailman. *It Couldn't hurt.*
I let someone go in front of me in
the grocery line. *It didn't hurt.*
I called my brother to tell him
I miss him. *He misses me too!*
I sent the Mayor a note saying
what a good job he is doing. *It Couldn't hurt.*
I took flowers to the nursing home. *It Couldn't hurt.*
I cooked some chicken soup for a
friend who is sick. *It Couldn't hurt.*
I played Candy Land with my
daughter. *It was fun.*
I thanked the person who bagged
my groceries. *He beamed.*
I gave my assistant the day off
with pay. *It only hurt a little.*
I played ball with my dog. *It felt good.*
I invited a woman who doesn't
drive to lunch and a movie. *I enjoyed myself.*
I got a massage for me. *It felt marvelous.*
Random Acts of Kindness-hmmm,
maybe I'll live this way all year. *It Couldn't hurt.*
Sandy Ezrine

"We cannot do great things—only small things with
great Love." *Mother Theresa*