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Immanuel....God with us....

There are so many images around about who God is and how God acts. So many ideas and interpretations of how to put the Scriptures together. Like being in a room filled with loud voices chattering away...comes the still hush of a barn at night. God decided that the easiest way to clarify was to come himself and both say and show.

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UMW will meet Thursday December 6 at 7:00. This date is a change from our usual second Thursday of the month. We will be wrapping our Bellwood Christmas gifts at this meeting. You can bring an “extra gift” for the family such as boxed food, paper goods, candy, etc. Even if you did not sign up to bring a Bellwood gift, please come to help us wrap gifts and enjoy food, fellowship and fun. Hope to see you on Dec. 6th.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Wednesday, December 19th for inclusion in the January newsletter. You can send items by email to trinity@trinity-umc.com or drop off in the “Church Secretary” hallway mailbox

Remember when we were in elementary school and we got to do show and tells? Jesus is God’s show and tell. If you want to better understand what the Old Testament...and the New for that matter mean, read the Gospels. My Gramma use to say: it’s in the red letters Teresa! It’s in the red letters. “Not with swords loud clashing or roll of distant drums...” When we look at the life of Jesus and listen to his words, we experience actions of kindness and gracious teachings. We do not hear damnation but a gracious acceptance of who we are and a true urging to become who we are made to be.

So I encourage you to take this season of life and consider where you want to grow into the likeness of Christ in the coming year. Select one behavior or attitude that you will pray over and work on day by day in the coming year. And give this newness of life as a gift to the Christ child.

It is easy to ‘say it.’ Transformation is challenging to follow through on. But our God is with you to support, to pick back up, and to celebrate.

Teresa

MUSIC Ministry

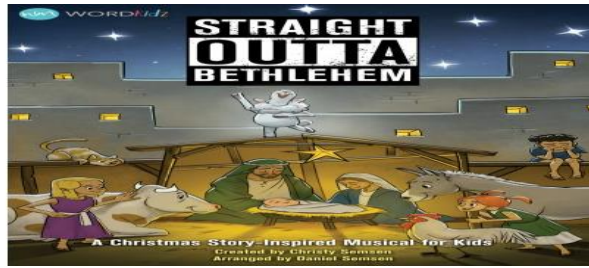
MUSIC NEWS – December 2018

Thanks to the Youth who participated in Youth Jam this year at River Road Baptist Church. It was an awesome experience and a joy to take Eric Rasmussen, Ruby Sawyer, MacKenzie Wiseman, and April Makins to this event. Thanks for sharing your song with us at the Thanksgiving Dinner. A special thanks to Pat Shrader, Dean Rasmussen, and Monica Wiseman for chaperoning this event. Thanks also to those who came to the concert on Saturday afternoon. It was a beautiful concert!



The Trinity Belles are busy this month ringing their Christmas music for all to enjoy. We will be ringing in church on December 16th and at St. Francis Hospital on December 20th at noon. We will also be performing at the Jefferson Hotel on December 27 for Music at Mid-day. Drop by to hear some secular Christmas songs like "Frosty" and "Rudolph" as well as some traditional carols.

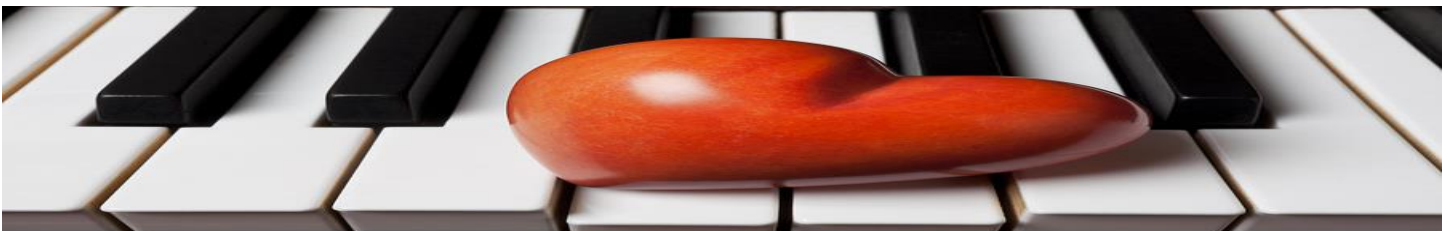




Our Children's Play and Santa Party will be December 16th at 7:00 p.m. The Cherubs and Angels will be presenting, "Straight Out of Bethlehem". This is a play about orphans who get to witness the birth of Christ and discover that they are part of a large family of faith. Please join us as we celebrate our children and the gift of Christmas.



Please make plans to come and bring a friend to our cantata to be presented on December 9th at 11:00 a.m. The Trinity Chancel Choir and friends have been rehearsing to bring you this special service of scripture and music announcing the birth of Christ. We will be accompanied by a small orchestral ensemble of some wonderful musicians. Join us on December 9th for this special service, "On This Shining Night".



While celebrating a birthday, the theme for this year's talent show was chosen by the men of the choir. We will be performing songs and skits and poems that represent "Memories". So give this some thought and get ready to share a memory in the talent show of 2019!

Have a blessed Christmas season! Pat

WHY IS IT SO DIFFICULT TO LISTEN...?



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We start again. Listening isn't as easy as it seems. We want to solve their problem. We want to answer before they finish... We begin processing before they finish talking...Ugh! Listening is a spiritual gift that some of us are born with but that many of us desire to develop. So...

On January 27th, from 2 to 4 we are offering another gathering time on listening. Together we will review what we practiced last time (responding to feelings vs problem solving) and we will work again on how listen. Just coming out of Thanksgiving and Christmas, we are sure that you will have all kinds of experiences to share. So we are asking everyone to bring some conversation starters on “this happened to me...where else could I have taken it?”

So whether this is your first time or a second, we invite everyone to come and join the workshop with us as we all continue to learn: how to listen.



A Second Helping and Dessert

By: Stephanye Fuina

As a mom of boys, I never think twice when they ask for a second serving at mealtime and dessert afterwards. French fries and M&Ms serve as rewards for good behavior. I often take for granted that on a busy night, dinner can be purchased or delivered with very little effort. What a blessing it is to open the refrigerator and choose a snack without concern as to where the food came from and if there will be food tomorrow. This should be the norm for all children and their families.

During this season of Thanksgiving and Rejoicing for the one who blesses us with all that we have let us pay it forward by doing our part to eradicate hunger. This year represents the third annual TUMC Rise Against Hunger food packaging event. The Children's Ministry is excited to begin fundraising for such a worthy cause. The goal this year is to raise \$10,000 and exceed the number of meals we packaged last year.

This church wide mission allows us to package meals for those that are chronically food poor. There is a job for everyone! Small hands, big feet, stand all day or need a seat, we want you to volunteer. This event provides a time of fellowship not only as a church but also as a community. Every year we receive new volunteer faces from the community eager to lend a helping hand to our church family and to those who are so very hungry.

As the year draws to an end and we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, please consider donating in His honor to help those in need. All donations received will be used to purchase meals to be packaged. If you would like to make a donation, please notate Rise Against Hunger with your donation.

Thank you so very much for your continued support. Please be on the lookout for the Event date and time so you can be sure to sign up as a volunteer!



A Note from the Nursery

Happy December! Can you believe Christmas is already upon us? We have been having such a wonderful time in the nursery the past few months. I am in awe of the love and giving hearts everyone in this congregation has, particularly regarding the children. I have had so many of you donate your time as volunteers in the nursery, art supplies, toys, words of encouragement and your prayers as we work to enhance our nursery program. I am so grateful for all of you. As you may have noticed our little nursery has been staying quite busy 😊 We have been going through the story of creation, one day at a time over the past few weeks. This has helped the children really grasp the message that God created everything -- especially them -- and that he loves them and wants to be their friend forever!

As we continue this month, I would really love to add some Christmas spirit to our nursery space. I am looking for some donations. I need the following:

- 1) A 3 foot Christmas tree. Color of tree does not matter, but the tree should be in good condition and from a smoke free home. This will be for the children to decorate/redecorate as they please during nursery time.***
- 2) Child safe ornaments (shatter proof, strings for hanging rather than metal hooks)***
- 3) Garland made of fabric or beads***
- 4) Shatter proof Tree topper***

Thank you so much for your continued support of the nursery! Merry Christmas to you all and a blessed New Year!

Cristal Jenkins
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We are so blessed to have Cristal in the nursery. Children and parents alike feel blessed with the way that she is teaching and being with our children. There are several items that she would appreciate help with. The church has a big vacuum but having a smaller one for the nursery and kept in the nursery would be super. Any new outside toys: trucks, buckets, walker push toys, balls) would be great. Any variety of reward stickers. She is also trying to develop the nursery library. If you find any Christian books from which she can read or teach, these would be wonderful!!! As well, Cristal makes gift bags for the children for new attenders and for birthdays. So any gift cards for the Dollar Store would be very helpful.

So if you see any of these in your Christmas Shopping trips, please consider a donation. THANKS! - Teresa





CHRISTMAS EVE

This year we will hold two Christmas Eve Service

The 5:30 service will be a family friendly service. The children will be singing and the entire service will be geared to families and children.

The 7pm service will be candle lit and quiet. The bells will play, candles will be lit, and the service will be held with dim lights.

Pat and I hope that you enjoy the different offerings that we are bringing. The mode and the content will be different at the two services. So we hope that you will pick the time or the content most dear to your heart.

- Teresa



We met Tuesday, November 27th to have a small celebration and wrap the shawls to be given to the ladies at the "Cares" shelter. We also got in some more fleece blankets and crocheted shawls. Members are always busy doing something. In January we will be giving 33 fleece blankets to the Virginia Home in memory of Stephanie Cox ... "Stephanie's Blankets" as we are calling them will go to the residents on the 2nd floor where Stephanie resided. No final date is set for the delivery. However, look to your bulletin for a date if you would like to be a part of this special ministry. Also we appreciate the donations that were given to the church for our ministry. We purchase fleece at a discounted rate but it is still approximately 15 dollars per blanket. We are grateful for any contributions. There will not be a December meeting. Again, please join us anytime for fun, prayer, fellowship, sharing anytime. Remember to please notify us if you would like a shawl for someone. It is hard to keep up with all who are ill, etc. from both services and we surely don't want to miss folks. Contact Pam Soto (pumice@comcast.net) or Janet Collins (montanadog96@gmail.com) or the church office or Teresa to let us know. A Very Merry and Blessed Christmas to all.

HOMELESS MAT WORKSHOP WITH ANGELA

Mat workshops are held every second Tuesday at 10-12 am. Looking for people to cut, tie and/or crochet. There is something for everyone to do. Plus good time to talk with each other. In mission alley, there is a place for your plastic bag donations, PLARN for crocheters and completed Mats that you can take to give out to the homeless.

Thanks to all who have helped with this project. We still need you and hope to see you on the Second Tuesday as well as the donated bags and PLARN created at home.

My new neighborhood has joined me to help with this project and we are having wonderful turnouts. Other groups are welcome to help out and if anyone wants help getting started please reach out to me.

Please remember that the only bags we can use are clean, dry grocery or other store bags. No bread, newspaper or plastic covering water bottles etc. (Next date: Dec 11 at 10 am)

Angela Bailey



Route 1 corridor missions

- **December Food Focus**

FOOD FOCUS for December will be canned chicken, tuna or any meat; snack bars and soup. Again this food will be distributed to the residents along the Route 1 Jefferson Davis corridor during the last Friday of the month food distribution at the Miracle Cafe. The people in this area of Chesterfield are the poorest in the county including the top two highest percentage free & reduced lunch schools, Bensley and Bellwood.

- **A Place of Miracles Café**

A Place of Miracles Cafe has moved to the Bellwood Baptist Church, 9138 Quinnford Boulevard (at the corner of Quinnford Boulevard and Willis Road). They are serving hot meals on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 5 - 7 PM. Grocery items are distributed on Friday evenings. We could still use crock pots for distribution to families that visit the Cafe. If you are interested in helping to prepare meals, please see Bill Poole. TUMC volunteers on December 7th and 21st.

- If you would like to adopt a child from Bellwood for Christmas, please find a paper in the UMW mailbox.
- We are collecting slippers and lap robes for nursing home patients at ENVOY nursing home. These are due to mission alley by Sunday December 16th.
- We are on the hunt for Men's all weather coats (weatherproof) for day workers at Colonial Inn. This is not a Christmas need, just a cold weather need. These can also be placed in Mission Alley.

Thanks for all you do, and all the ways you enable Trinity to help others!



Trinity “CARES” for Christmas

The Savior is coming and, with your help, His love will be shown to 20 - 25 people in Petersburg by...Santa Claus!

Last Christmas, Trinity United Methodist Church and our friends raised about \$6900 to make a nearly normal Christmas morning for abused or homeless women and children temporarily living at the CARES shelter.

Our Trinity family was especially generous last year. We prioritize spending so the women and children in the shelter receive the items on their wish list. Once we provide those items, we work on other priorities. Here's how your gifts were spent last year:

\$5125 shelter women and children

\$450 staff gift cards

\$115 new microwave for the shelter

\$215 shelter supplies (paper products and cleaning supplies)

\$1025 gift cards to help families moving into or out of the shelter

Please remember all that God has done for you and help lift up these frightened families as they struggle to get their lives back to normal.

What can you do?

Pray...for the women and children at the shelter and for CARES staff.

Place a donation in the offering plate no later than December 16th and mark “CARES” on the memo line.

Meet at Trinity at 9 AM on December 22nd to buy Christmas presents.

Meet at Trinity at 4 PM on December 22nd to wrap presents. Late arrivers are also welcome. We will probably be there until 8 PM

Bake desserts for Christmas dinner at the Cares shelter. Drop them off in the at the Christmas Eve service.

If you have any questions, contact Karen or Bill Poole at 739-1615.

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!

Dec 2	Bob Cassada
Dec 3	Douglas Bailey
Dec 8	Haley Rasmussen Ashlyn Sandlin
Dec 12	Derek Bailey
Dec 14	Neil Lisagor Hailey Donithan Jackson Mills
Dec 15	Jeffrey Burley
Dec 21	Edward Collins David Bailey
Dec 23	Rachael Stariha
Dec 24	Michael Arnold
Dec 27	Karen Cash
Dec 28	Ken Griffith
Dec 29	Rosie Tarkington Sue Morris
Dec 30	Noah Day Gwen Sapp

Communion Stewards:

December – Sunday school class

DECEMBER SERVANTS OF WORSHIP

MONEY COUNTERS:

December 3

Angela Bailey & Ed Cole

December 10 & 17

Angela Bailey & Georgina Foster

December 24 & 31

Angela Bailey & Brenda Shepherd

USHERS:

December 2

Bob, Mike, Duane

December 9

Jane, Faye, Jeff

December 16

Ann, Brenda, Tom

December 23

Kim, Linda, Mary

December 30

Kim, Carol, Kelly

NURSERY 8:30

December 2

Nadine Syrett

December 9

Open

December 16

Open

December 23

Open

December 30

Open

SOUNDBOARD:

8:30 Service

Lucas C & Lucas G

11:00 Service

Carroll S & Dewey C

ACOLYTES:

December 2

Sean Wright, Open

December 9

Open, Open

December 16

Nathan Griffith, Open

December 23

Katie Griffith, Open

December 30

Sean Wright

NURSERY 11:00

December 2

Sarah Bishop

December 9

Jae Benz

December 16

Sherry Farrow

December 23

Open

December 30

Open

Sunday Schedule

8:30 am Contemporary Service • 9:45 am Sunday School
 11 am Traditional Service • 4 pm Odyssey, Chimes, &
 Confirmation • 5 pm Angels & 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
30 9am Sunday School 10 am Joint Worship *No afternoon activities*	31 OFFICE CLOSED					1 8:30 am UMM
2 Regular Sunday Schedule	3 7 pm Cub & Boy scouts (1,2,4) 7 pm Trinity Belles	4 6:30 pm Sr. Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	5 Wednesday schedule	6 7 pm UMW 7 pm AA (4)	7 4:30 pm TUMC @ Miracles Café 6:15 pm Youth Volleyball 7 pm Adult Volleyball 7 pm Youth Lock-in (overnight)	8
9 Regular Sunday Schedule Cantata 11 am service	10 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Cub & Boy scouts (1,2,4) 7 pm Trinity Belles	11 10 am Homeless mat workshop with Angela 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	12 Wednesday schedule	13 7 pm AA (4)	14 6:15 pm Youth Volleyball 9:15 pm Adult Volleyball	15 9 am Children's music play full dress rehearsal
16 Regular Sunday Schedule (Confirmation during SS) 3 pm SPR 7 pm Children's music play and Santa Party	17 7 pm Boy scouts (1,2,4) 7 pm Trinity Belles	18 7 pm Praise Team	19 7 pm Boy Scouts District Meeting 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir * No Children's Music *	20 7 pm AA (4)	21 4:30 pm TUMC @ Miracles Café *No volleyball*	22
23 8:30 am worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship *No afternoon activities*	24 5 pm Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service 7:30 pm Candlelight Service for Christmas Eve	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 OFFICE CLOSED 12 pm Handbell choir at The Jefferson 7 pm AA (4)	28 OFFICE CLOSED *No volleyball*	29



December

- 1st – UMM at 8:30 am
- 6th – UMW at 7:00 pm
- 7th – Volleyball games: Youth at 6:15 pm; Adults at 7 pm
- 7th – Youth Lock-in
- 7th & 21st – TUMC at Miracles Café 4:30 pm
- 9th – Christmas Cantata at 11 am Worship Service
- 11th – Homeless mat workshop with Angela
- 14th – Volleyball games: Youth at 6:15 pm; Adults at 9:15 pm
- 15th – 9 am Children's play full dress rehearsal
- 16th – Confirmation during Sunday School; SPR at 3 pm
- 16th – Children's Play and Santa Party at 7 pm
- 19th – Newsletter deadline for January newsletter
- 24th – Christmas Eve Services at 5 pm & 7:30 pm.
- 27th – Hand bell Choir @ The Jefferson at 12 pm
- 30th – Joint worship service at 10:00 am
- Office closed: Dec 25 – Jan 1st, reopens on January 2nd.

January

Rise Against Hunger (DATE: TBD)

2018 shut in list

Mary Faris: 1719 Abbots Mill Way, Midlothian 23114

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Joy Tarkington: 6800 Lucy Corr Blvd,
Assisted Living Section, Rm 609,
Chesterfield, 23832

Aurora Tatro: 9101 Beach Rd, Chesterfield, 23838

Mel Parker: 7517 Springbok Road, Chesterfield, 23832

Ann Willis: C/O Morningside at Belgrade
2800 Polo Parkway, Midlothian, Va. 23113

Diane & Springy Springfield: 9606 N. Verlinda Ct. North Chesterfield,
23237

Linda Lewis: 4429 Village Garden Circle, Chester, VA. 23831

James Benfield: 3005 Sherwood Lane, Hopewell, VA. 23860

Isabelle Clark: 14212 Amstel Bluff Terrace, Chesterfield, 23838

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