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There are hermit souls that live withdrawn  
In the peace of their self-content;  
There are souls, like stars that dwell apart  
In a fellowless firmament;  
There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths  
Where highways never ran.  
But let me live by the side of the road  
And be a friend to man.

Let me live in a house by the side of the road  
Where the races of men go by –  
The men who are good and the men who are bad,  
As good and as bad as I.  
I would not sit in the scorner's seat,  
Or hurl the cynic's ban.  
Let me live in a house by the side of the road  
And be a friend to man.  
I see from my house by the side of the road,  
By the side of the highway of life,  
The men who press with the ardor of hope,  
The men who are faint with the strife.

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**May Calendar**

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But I turn not away from their smiles nor their tears—  
Both parts of an infinite plan;  
Let me live in my house by the side of the road  
And be a friend to man.

I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead,  
And mountains of wearisome height,  
That the road passes on through the long afternoon  
And stretches away to the night.  
But still I rejoice when the travelers rejoice,  
And weep with the strangers that moan,  
Nor live in my house by the side of the road  
Like a man who dwells alone.

Let me live in my house by the side of the road  
Where the races of me go by –  
They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong,  
Wise, foolish – so am I.  
Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat  
Or hurl the cynic's ban?—  
Let me live in my house by the side of the road  
And be a friend to man.

Sam Walter Foss

This is my commandment, that you love one another....Jesus the Christ

What does it mean to be a Christian? A follower of Christ? While I was visiting the other day, I had a fascinating encounter. I walked in the house and sat down. The parishner's niece was there. She started sharing about the neighbors next door. Really nice people, she said. But they go to a church called 'The Way'. Had I heard of them? "No," I replied. 'Well, she continued, they do not believe in the Trinity!' 'Oh! I replied. 'I do not think that that will keep you out of Heaven.'

What will keep you out of Heaven?

Hospitality is a very ancient habit. It is why Abraham and Sarah invited those 3 men into their tent. Those three men who were messengers of God and told the couple that they were going to have a baby.

A lack of hospitality is one of the reasons that Sodom and Gomorrah got blown up.

Hospitality is why Jesus washed his Disciple's feet.

The lack of hospitality is one of the reasons the church in Corinth got into so much trouble.

Hospitality.

My grandmother use to say: be nice to strangers. They may be angels.

However you look at it: we are supposed to take care of each other. We are supposed to welcome. How do we do this here? How do we welcome strangers? Do we give them our seats? Offer to them first? Follow up with kindness?

How do you extend hospitality to people? Through the centuries, hospitality has been understood to be one of the marks of a Christian. Name the places where this fruit is being produced in your life.



### **Trinity Softball Team**

#### **Games in May**

4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm on field 6

18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm on field 6

No Games 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

All games are played at  
Harry G. Daniel Park.

#### **Youth Missions yard sale**

Have some things to declutter? Need to clear out space? Want to donate? Trinity will be hosting their spring yard sale Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>. We will need your gently used/new items! This is our largest fundraiser and have supported our mission trips/retreats/fellowship events. We will have pick up Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please start collecting your items and mark your calendars! We will NEED help the weekend before picking up items; week of sorting; and day of!

## **WEBSITE HELP**

Years ago the first thing that someone wanting to visit our church would see was our sign and building. If that was appealing enough then they might come in and meet our smiling faces and get to know us. We could show them around learn about them, they would learn about us.

In the last ten years there has been communication shift that hasn't been seen in over five hundred years. We can find anything we want to know on the internet. We can get information, entertainment, or see what our friends are doing.

People don't come through our doors for us to greet and show around. They go to our website or Facebook page to find out what we are about. They are not just looking for the times of our services or our address. They are looking at pages and pictures to see what we are doing; how active we are; who we are helping, in our community, or Nation, or the world; how we relate and help each other.

We need to improve our "new" front door. Our website is in dire need of an upgrade. The council has asked the Communications Committee to see what it will take to improve our website. I am not a techie person nor am I creative, so I need a few people to assist me in improving our website, so we can not only be more inviting, but also make it more useful for current members.

Please contact me, Tim Ruxton, at [ruxtontm@gmail.com](mailto:ruxtontm@gmail.com) if you feel called to assist us with this ministry.

Thanks,



## MUSIC NEWS – MAY 2018

I would like to thank all who participated in the Tenebrae Service last month. Thank you choir and orchestra members and all who read: David Bailey, Angie Rasmussen, Judy Powell, Ed Cole, Ann Wright, Jane Cole, Betty Kennedy, Nadine Syrett, Susanne Brown, Ron Gray, and Rev. Teresa Keezel. This service was a blessing to all who came. A special thanks to Lucy Shields who spent much time collecting candle holders and candles for the service. Thanks also to Eric Rasmussen who was our acolyte for the evening.

Chimers, Cherubs, Angels, and Odyssey performed at Lucy Corr on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and represented our church very well. Great performance kids! Thank you parents for your support with getting them there to sing and play. I hope we can do this again in the fall.

The children's play, "O Chicken of Little Faith" will be presented on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 11:00 a.m. service followed by a picnic on the grounds. We will have a dress rehearsal with the band on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. You don't want to miss this special service so please plan to come and celebrate our children and their talents.

I have given out information about Kaleidoscope Music Camp for August 6-9, 2018. This is open to all choir members entering grades 3-6. If your child is interested, please get the application in to me by May 1<sup>st</sup>. I have to send in a deposit by May 12<sup>th</sup>. Remember we raised money to send these children through the talent show proceeds so there should be no cost to the parents. Please get those forms in as soon as possible.

The Trinity Chancel Choir is now rehearsing for an August concert with 4 other choirs. We need some new people to join us and now is the perfect time. The Men's chorus meets at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday and the ladies join us at 7:30 p.m. Please join us this Wednesday for rehearsal! If you have any questions, you can contact me or talk with a choir member. All ages are welcome!

Keep a song in your heart!

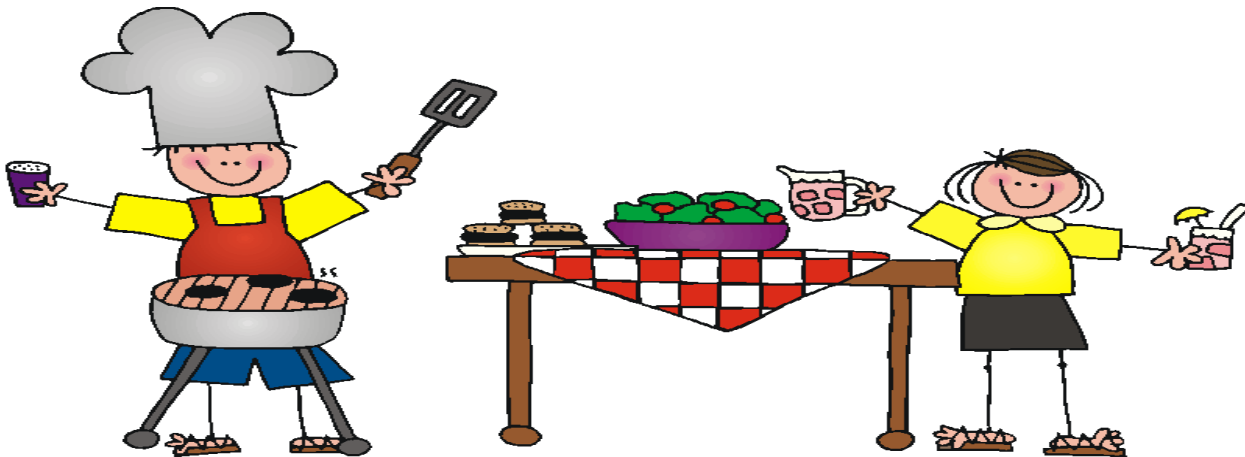
Blessings, Pat



# CHILDREN'S ministry NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

COMING  
UP



## Children's Play Picnic Celebration

Come and celebrate our talented and hardworking children!  
Join us June 3<sup>rd</sup> for a picnic on the lawn following the children's  
performance. The congregation is asked to bring a side dish to share!  
The entree and dessert will be provided.



**VBS will start July 8<sup>th</sup> 5:45- 8:30!!!  
(VBS Meeting on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm)**



## **Cookies for Kairos**

Thank you to all the parents and kids who participated in the making cookies for Kairos impromptu mission event. These cookies will brighten the day of many people as they learn about our God! Thank you to Lana for graciously preparing the cookie dough.



## **Children's Mission & Fellowship Suggestions**

Our children are busy! They are growing and changing. What activities does your child like? Suggestions are welcome on new ideas for fun fellowship and mission projects for our wee ones. The Children's Ministry strives to plant the seeds of fellowship, evangelism and mission work in the hearts of our children. Your suggestions are greatly appreciated. Please contact Stephanye at 804-651-4470 or [childrensministry@trinity-umc.com](mailto:childrensministry@trinity-umc.com) with your suggestions.

### **HOMELESS MAT WORKSHOP WITH ANGELA**

#### Homeless mat workshop

We will be having a workshop to prepare the homeless mats on May 8th from 10 AM until 12. All are welcome to come because there is something for everyone to do. We will be making strips out of the plastic bags and then we will be tying them together to make balls of PLARN. We have plenty of plastic bags to go through and if you have scissors that you don't mind using to cut plastic bags please bring those.

We can also use crocheters but you do not have to be a crocheter to help with this project.

Also, if you would like to cut bags and make strips at home there are plenty of bags in the restroom hallway. There is a bucket in hallway to drop off or pick up the Plarn balls.

If you have any questions Please call Angela Bailey at (804) 338-3203.



## Sharing the Table of Christ

In the next couple of weeks, the pastor will be equipping people to go out and share Holy Communion with other congregants and friends. If you would like to share in this connection with people, please contact the office. Everyone who goes out will have a small communion set and have bulletins that have a condensed service. This way the people bringing communion and the person with whom you are sharing will have liturgy to read and prayers to share. Again, if you are interested in sharing in this ministry, please let the office know. Thanks.



We are once again working on the nursery for worship. The rooms have been repainted and prepared. We are trying to hire someone who will be a nursery leader, but we will also need a second person in the room. So..... We will be sending a sheet around for people to volunteer to help.

When we painted the rooms, we found that children had painted on the walls and colored with markers on the wall. We do ask that until we get paid help, that when you are allow your children to go back into these rooms, a parent please accompany them. The church insurance policy requires two unrelated adults in a room when children unrelated to adults are supervising. As well, the rooms are designed for ages 6 and under. If children are 7 years old or older, there are several tables and rugs in the back of the sanctuary. Please encourage children to use these provided areas. Coloring sheets, pencils and other items are provided in these locations.

Thank you.

## *Treasurer*

**\*\$\$\*\* New Options for Paying Your Tithes and Offering \*\*\$\$\*\***

Trinity United Methodist Church is pleased to offer the option of processing your tithes and offerings via ACH Debit from your checking or savings account or via credit card. There is a form for each option. Please fill out the appropriate form and return to:

Treasurer  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
6600 Greenyard Road  
Chester, VA 23831

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Please make sure you attach a blank check for your ACH form. If you have any questions or would like the forms email to you, please email Janice Ellis at [Treasurer@Trinity-UMC.com](mailto:Treasurer@Trinity-UMC.com)

### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Friday, May 25th for inclusion in the June 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.



### UMW – May 2018

The UMW ladies will meet Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. Our speaker will be Linda Yarbrough from the Chesterfield County Senior Advocate’s Office. Come join us for inspiration, information, and fellowship.

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## Authorization to Charge Credit Card

I (We) authorize Trinity United Methodist Church to charge my (our) credit card for our tithes and offerings:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CCV code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Visa, Mastercard, Discover Card, American Express)

Amount to Charge: \_\_\_\_\_

This amount will be charged to your credit card on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. The first charge will be confirmed before processing.

The amount indicated above will be charged monthly until such time as the church is notified in writing of your desire to cancel.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL PROGRAM

Trinity United Methodist Church is offering contributors the option of using the ACH debit to process your tithes and offerings. Electronic payments benefit the church by providing consistent offerings even during the "slow" vacation periods.

All contributors are encouraged to prayerfully consider this option.

I (We) authorize Trinity United Methodist Church to direct debit my (our) account for the following financial gifts:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ This is my (our) first ACH Withdrawal form.
- ☐ I (We) have new banking information and this replaces all other withdrawal
- ☐ forms on file. I am (We are) changing our existing withdrawal to the amount(s) indicated below.

Bank Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Bank Routing #: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Checking or Savings-please circle one

Amount to debit: \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly or Weekly-please circle one

Monthly debits will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Weekly debits will take place every Monday. The first debit will take place after it is confirmed

The amount indicated above will be debited on the date you have indicated until such time as the church is notified in writing of your desire to cancel.

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

*(Both parties must sign if joint account)*

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK TO THIS REQUEST FOR NEW OR UPDATED ACCOUNT INFORMATION. CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT PRIOR TO THE FIRST DEBIT.**



### **Mission Trip to Fayetteville, NC**

Two of our church members along with other friends from local churches combined forces to help victims of Hurricane Matthew in Fayetteville, NC on April 26-29, 2018. As you may remember Hurricane Matthew ran its course of destruction on October 8, 2016. Many homes in the Fayetteville and Lumberton areas of NC are still uninhabitable. When the need arose a few of our Trinity members and others answered the call to help get these folks back into their homes. Many of these families have been living with other family members or paying rent on other homes and apartments until their homes can be made livable. We did everything from mudding to painting to sanding down walls to be primed for a final coat of paint. The destruction is still very evident 19 months after the hurricane hit that area. Most of the families receiving assistance from NCCUMC-NC Disaster Response did not have flood insurance so the construction remains at a standstill until these families can find funds to live in their homes again. Many residents have walked away from homes which are now in foreclosure as they could not afford a mortgage and rent on another home. We had a tremendous time of food, fun and fellowship and left the site realizing how blessed we are rather than being a blessing to another family. Much was done that weekend but MUCH more remains to be done. We will be going back to complete the work we started and hope these families can return to their homes by this summer. If you are interested in joining our return trip to Fayetteville or a future trip with our One People, One Mission group send an email to Cindy Frey at [cindyrd@comcast.net](mailto:cindyrd@comcast.net) with the subject line One People, One Mission. We would LOVE to have you join us for future trips to help our brothers and sisters in need.

**(Pictures from this trip at the end of the newsletter)**

In His Service,

Beth Wilkes & Cindy Frey

# 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!*

**May 1** Susanne Brown  
**May 2** Jennifer Johnson  
Wesley Carl  
**May 3** Neil Moran  
**May 6** Branden Beck  
**May 7** Joan Foster  
Rosa Lee Coleburn  
**May 8** Brenda Contreras  
**May 9** Harold Harvey  
**May 11** John Schneider  
**May 14** Brandon Hatcher  
**May 15** Kelly Wright  
**May 17** John Thomas  
Tyler Leinberger  
**May 20** Terry Lefferts  
**May 21** Cole Leinberger  
**May 22** Hunter Watson  
Marshall Dunn  
**May 25** Ava Walker  
Robert Napolitano III  
**May 28** Mike Parrish  
Robert Napolitano

## MAY SERVANTS OF WORSHIP

### **MONEY COUNTERS:**

#### **MAY 7**

Dana Potter & Georgina Foster

#### **MAY 14 & 21**

Dana Potter & Ed Cole

#### **MAY 29**

Dana Potter & Carrie Smith

### **USHERS:**

#### **May 6**

Bob, Mike, Duane

#### **May 13**

Jane C, Faye C, Jeff R

#### **May 20**

Ann, Brenda, Tom

#### **May 27**

Kim P, Linda C, Mary P

### **SOUNDBOARD:**

#### **8:30 Service**

Lucas C & Karen K

#### **11:00 Service**

Carroll S & Dewey C

### **ACOLYTES:**

#### **May 6**

Olivia Kelly, Charlotte Sawyer

#### **May 13**

Katie McGuffin, Nate Sawyer

#### **May 20**

Madisyn Asbell, Henry Sawyer

#### **May 27**

Nathan Griffith, Sean Wright

### **Communion Stewards:**

May – Boopie & Pat Murdock

June – Sunday school class

July – Sarah Bishop

August – Boopie & Pat Murdock

September – Sunday school class

October – Sarah Bishop

November – Boopie & Pat Murdock

December – Sunday school class

**Sunday Schedule**

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

# May 2018

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 Praise Team 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	<b>2</b> <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i>	<b>3</b> 7 pm AA	<b>4</b> 8:30 pm softball game on field 6	<b>5</b> 8:30 am UMM
<b>6</b> <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> Youth picking up yard sale items (van)	<b>7</b> 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	<b>8</b> 10 am Homeless mat workshop with Angela 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Praise Team 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	<b>9</b> <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i> 6:30 pm VBS Meeting	<b>10</b> 7 pm UMW 7 pm AA	<b>11</b> NO softball game	<b>12</b> 7 am Youth Yard Sale
<b>13</b> <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> No youth group	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	<b>15</b> 7 pm Praise Team 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	<b>16</b> <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i>	<b>17</b> 7 pm AA	<b>18</b> 8:30 pm softball game on field 6	<b>19</b> Bill Poole (van)
<b>20</b> <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> Sr Girl Scouts using kitchen at 12:30 pm 5 pm Parents Meeting	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	<b>22</b> 7 pm Praise Team 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	<b>23</b> <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i> 6 pm Nominations Meeting	<b>24</b> 7 pm Council 7 pm AA	<b>25</b> NO softball game <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> No youth group	<b>28</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	<b>29</b> 7 pm Praise Team 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	<b>30</b> <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i>	<b>31</b> 7 pm AA	<b>June 1</b>	<b>June 2</b> 9:30 am Rehearsal for Children's play



## **May**

- 5<sup>th</sup> – UMM at 8:30 am
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Youth picking up yard sale items
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Homeless mat workshop with Angela
- 9<sup>th</sup> – VBS Meeting at 6:30 pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> – UMW at 7:00 pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Youth Missions Yard Sale
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Finance Meeting at 6:30 pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Parents Meeting during youth group
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Nominations meeting from 6-7 pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Council at 7 pm

## **June**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9:30 am Children's play full dress rehearsal
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Children's play followed by church picnic
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Youth depart on mission trip

## **July**

- 8<sup>th</sup> – VBS begins

## **COMMUNITY CENTER**

We are looking into the building of the community center here at the Church and we have had a couple of planning meetings regarding this so far.

The planning meetings have involved various persons in the congregation, including an architect and others regarding a couple of issues in the planning of the community center.

These planning meetings will continue and focus on the following aspects of the community center:

1. Uses and mission's uses of the facility for the Church
2. Engineering and architectural drawings and renderings regarding the structure
3. Funding options for the community center, including:
  - a. Funds already donated and set aside
  - b. Donations and giving
  - c. Fundraising activities
4. Zoning and planning considerations
5. Projected costs and maintenance

It is considered that having the community center will approve the Church's outreach to the community and make Trinity United Methodist Church a center of activity for the community. This should further our missions goals of adding new members; increasing donations and contributions to the Church; raising the level of awareness of the Church in the community; increasing the activities at the Church; and furthering our missions internally and externally in doing God's work.

I would like to receive any ideas/visions that you may have with respect to the uses of the community center, including Church missions. Also, I would welcome any comments that you have with respect to the proposed community center. We will be having discussions regarding this during some of the Thursday Night Lite services and sessions and will post these on the calendar and agenda.

I invite your comments, suggestions, and anything else you would like to say regarding the community center to be sent to me at my email of [ebarnes@barnesfamilylaw.com](mailto:ebarnes@barnesfamilylaw.com), so that we can have as much input into this as possible.

Thank you very much.

God bless all of you,

Ed Barnes

Chairman, Administrative Counsel, TUMC

### ***Pictures from the Mission trip***





