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**August Calendar**

### What type of church are we?

As I said last month, we are a congregation who sees ourselves as servants. We are called to help people. We do not feel called to save people's souls from hell. Our scores are low on evangelism. We do not feel called to produce disciples that quote scripture and go out to tell people what the Scriptures say. Our scores on teaching are low. What we did score high on is servanthood (463). This is our highest score.

Servanthood 463  
Healing 209  
Compassion 191

When we look at our other high scores, we get to see what types of servanthood to which we are called. We care about people. Our score for Healing is 209 and Compassion is 191. We acknowledge that we want to help people. We care and have kind hearts. Just look at all the mission projects we keep going: supplies for school children; food for those who do not have enough and have to choose between medicine and food; food and hygiene bags for anyone who stops by the church; homeless mats and prayer shawls for us to go and handout to anyone who needs; trips (day trips and longer trips) to repair homes and rebuild lives; And our Route One Corridor Ministry that we will talk more about later. In support of our ministry of healing and compassion, this fall we will be holding a workshop on how to visit.

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## INTERPRETATION

This gift helps build bridges across cultural, generational, and language divides.

This gift learns new ways of speaking and different ways of doing things so that others feel better understood and received.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Wednesday, August 29th for inclusion in the September 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.

## SECRETARY FOR A DAY

I will be out of the office on vacation Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Teresa is asking if anyone would like to volunteer on any of these days from 10 am to 1 pm to sit in the office and answer phone calls or the door if someone stops by. Please email ([trinity@trinity-umc.com](mailto:trinity@trinity-umc.com)) or call 748-2439 if you're interested. Thank you.

-Shannon McGuffin

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We will look once again at cards, food, communion, and visits. The visits may be in person or may be by mail. As well we will asking mission coordinators to come and share with us. How do we grow in living out our call to be caring and compassionate and facilitate healing?

The next highest concentration was the gift of Interpretation (247). We have a heart for building bridges with other ages and cultures. Look at the job we do with our children and youth. Reaching out to them, we fund Sunday school, weekly programs, monthly activities and yearly events. We support local and distant mission projects. These include trips to Lucy Corr and Youth

Mission projects out of state. This includes workshops in music and retreats on how to share our faith. Our love and concern also reaches out beyond ourselves to other cultures. The church invests various resources towards the Route One Corridor.

Whether it is at Miracle Café or Sherbourne UMC; be it at Bellwood Elementary or local trailer parks, we invest thousands of dollars and all kinds of hours building relationships and ministries with people from different cultures and walks of life. Always looking for how we can serve, we continue to discover new ways to share the love of Christ with people.

Shepherding 166  
Encouragement 171

The next highest score is Shepherding (166) and Exhortation or encouragement (171). As we partner with our young adults in how to grow into new ministries and invite them to join in with existing ministries, we keep trying to grow disciples. In the coming months, Lay Leadership Committee is working to bring in a workshop trainer to help us explore other options and skills in shepherding. Upon reading about generational differences, one of the encouraging reports is that young people enjoy mentoring.

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# MUSIC Ministry

## MUSIC NEWS – AUGUST 2018

Please join us for the service of music on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, at Bethany Place Baptist Church at 5:00!

You are invited to the Kaleidoscope Concert on Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Pisgah Methodist Church. Come and see our children perform some wonderful scripture and song with other children from area Methodist churches.

A big thanks to Pat Shrader, Amy Wadsworth, Hannah Donithan, and Hailey Donithan for their participation in leading the VBS Music team. We had fun with some wonderful children who we hope to see again this fall!

Our Music Program will begin again on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all children and youth to join us this fall. The schedule will be as follows:

### Sundays

4:00 p.m. Chime Choir (2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

4:00 p.m. Odyssey Choir (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

5:00 p.m. Angel Choir (1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

### Wednesdays

5:45 p.m. Pre-K -5<sup>th</sup> grade (Dinner is served, Bible study or craft, and Music)

Classes are over at 7:00 p.m. We will begin to work on the Christmas play when the program begins as well as learn songs for worship.

Look for more details in the September newsletter. Please plan to join us in September!

Thanks to our Trinity Chancel Choir for your participation during the summer months. We are grateful for your talent and service. New members and current members are invited to “Back to choir” night on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. We could really use additional singers in the choir.

Blessings, Pat



## Vacation Bible School News

First and foremost, thank you to the many volunteers and youth for all of your help and hard work during VBS. We had helping hands of all ages. Many thanks to those who donated shopping cards, cookies and funds to VBS. Without you all and without your generosity, love and support VBS would not be possible. This was a year of growth for VBS. Attendance at its highest was 59 children, this is almost double last year. Most of the faces were new to Trinity and it was a blessing to have them under our roof for the week. In all the excitement, the children and volunteers of VBS collected over 1300 items and over \$200 to make 100 blessing bags that will go out into the community. Again, many thanks to everyone who contributed, now the work begins for next year.



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### Youth News

Youth is ready to gear back up with our Annual Kick off! We will have it Sunday August 26th from 5-8! All students from 6-12th are invited and please RSVP to Krystal by 8/19.

If you're not receiving emails from Krystal please email her at [coferkr@vcu.edu](mailto:coferkr@vcu.edu) with your name, youth name/age/grade/school.

Congratulations to those entering the 6th grade, you're officially in the youth!

Weekly meetings will begin 9/9 from 5-6:15 with dinner provided.

Thank you for all the youth hands that helped Children's ministry this July with VBS!

### **Please mark your calendar for these upcoming Events:**

Parent meeting 8/26 during Sunday school

Kickoff 8/26 5-8pm

Willow Run -- Hosted by James River District Youth Council will be Sept 22-23.

Fall Yard Sale - Oct 12-13th

Thanksgiving Feeding - Nov 24th

Lock in - Dec 7th

## To Our Friends at Trinity United Methodist Church:

It's hard to believe it was only three months ago that we decided to look into moving to Oregon. Right from the beginning we felt that if the time was right the Lord would lead us on the right path. The sale of our home went quickly ~ sold in three days and above our asking price. We took our time traveling across country [5 to 6 hours driving time per day for a total of about 43 hours driving time ~ about 2990 total miles] and we quickly found a one month rental apartment that met our needs while we looked at homes in the area. When our agent learned of a home going on the market that day we scheduled a showing for that afternoon and made a full price offer. The owners accepted that day and we had all our household things in storage delivered on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

The community, Creekside of Hillsboro, is very similar to a 55+ modular home community, however there are a few younger families ~ about 80% of this community are 55+.

When we arrived in Oregon it was a couple days before Mother's Day and I was able to spend my day with our son, Patrick and on Father's Day George and Patrick were able to spend the day together for the first time in almost 30 years! Patrick took George to the Evergreen Air and Space Museum.

We are beginning the process of slowly getting our things set up in our home.

We have found a very nice church, Christ United Methodist Church, a few miles away that has a similar feel as Trinity.

Once again, thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

Always,  
Karen & George Kingsley



## Garden of Eden Activity

Our late Summer/Fall plans are being initiated and implemented with your help. The rain is helping everything to grow—A lot! So I've organized the planted areas into work zones for individual or small work party response.

You'll see a landscape ““floor plan” of our property broken into small work areas and displayed in the Narthex. Think of it as your little “Garden of Eden” which needs attention> your mission will be to sign-up as head gardener for 3 months and organize a work force (if needed) to complete the tasks that are pinned to the work plot.

One of your goals might be to invite a person that you would like to know better and include that person on your team. Thank you for adopting these areas for 90 days.



1. Members of the Trinity Chancel Choir will be uniting their voices with choir members from Bethany Place, Jahnke Road, Beulah, and Tomahawk to present a concert on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at Bethany Place Baptist Church on 1501 S Providence Rd. We will be singing:

O Victory in Jesus  
Hymn of Creation  
Midnight Cry  
He Never Failed Me Yet  
City Called Heaven  
I'll Fly Away  
By Faith  
Joy in the Morning

The concert is free and the audience is invited to a reception of cookies and punch after the performance.

2. The following will be attending Kaleidoscope Music Camp August 6-9<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Pisgah Methodist Church at 13312 Midlothian Turnpike:

Madi Johnson, Ruby Sawyer, Charlotte Sawyer, Sean Wright, Katie Griffith, Ian Pollard, Robby Napolitano. They will be participating each day from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a concert at 7:00 on Thursday, the last day. During these 4 days they will have choir, hand bells, play Orff instruments, scripture and worship, creative movement, and mission projects. The concert on Thursday is free to the public and is a great opportunity to hear what these campers have accomplished in 4 days. See you at Mt. Pisgah!



## **Church Clean Up & Organization Project**

**Stephanye Fuina**

Company is coming!!!! What do you do when you're having guests over? Most everyone tidies up just a bit before their guests arrive. Our church is a home too. Its home to the lost, to the poor, to those both strong and weak of faith and it needs to be cleaned up.

On any Sunday TUMC should anticipate having a visitor as we seek to grow and share Christ's love with our community; therefore, our church home needs to be maintained accordingly.

Beginning August 1, the task of reorganization and cleaning out will begin. Items not needed will either be donated or disposed of appropriately. Mission Alley will be set up and will be designated for the orderly gathering of any items TUMC is currently collecting for a mission or church project.

This will allow for the Narthex to be a neat and presentable entryway for both parishioners and guests. Moreover, with many of our congregation utilizing canes and walkers, it is important for us to keep a clear pathway to ensure their safety and to keep the flow of traffic moving.

Committee Chairs are asked to please contact Stephanye Fuina if there is a designated area that is in use for storing committee items. Items stored in other areas will need to be tagged with the Committee that uses them so that we can ensure nothing is inadvertently disposed of and to help with the organization. As we work to organize, label and utilize the storage we have more efficiently some closets/locations may be re-designated. Remember this project is a big undertaking. It will take some time to complete it and some adjusting as things are shifted around. Please keep in mind this project comes from a place of love to make our church more aesthetically pleasing to all who enter and to maintain everyone's safety. Anyone with questions or concerns should contact Stephanye at 804-651-4470 or [Stephanye.fuina2@gmail.com](mailto:Stephanye.fuina2@gmail.com).



## Route 1 corridor missions

### **- August Food Focus**

FOOD FOCUS for August will be canned chicken or tuna, boxed macaroni and cheese, and cereal. 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. The children are out for the summer; therefore, any extra food available to them is greatly needed and appreciated. Trinity continues to provide fresh fruit on every Friday and the residents love having this available to them. God is working through the congregation at Trinity to help feed his sheep. Thank you for your support for this area.

### **- 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 August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>.



### **- THANK YOU FROM HEIDI FOUTZ**

My tub runneth over! Thank you for being so generous and responsive to the call for school supplies for the children of Bellwood Elementary! They were delivered to a very happy community coordinator! She was thrilled to receive the much needed supplies! Thanks for once again answering the call to serve others.



Calling all women ages 18-40 who are interested in coming on an overnight retreat to fill their cup! UMW have an annual young women's retreat held this year Sept 14-15th. Retreat Leader Rev. Joanna Dietz talking about speaking out loud. Event will be held at Blessing Lodge Camp over look at 3014 Camp Overlook Lane Keezletown, VA 22832. Please reach out to Stephanie Griffith 2baagd@[ureach.com](mailto:ureach.com) or Krystal Cofer if interested. Cost for overnight stay, Fri dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch is \$75.00 Some scholarships available.

For more information and registration form please  
visit: <https://www.vaumw.com/events/young-women-s-retreat/>

Please sign up/pay no later than Sunday 9/2.

Please Take Note:

When cleaning up at church, PLEASE do not move stuff that is not yours.

## Confirmation

Several people asked me about leading another confirmation class this year. I will be offering it on Sunday nights from 4-5; just before youth time. Please let the pastor know if you are interested. Thank you.



# Confirmation

## CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Introduction/ Creation	
Sept. 16	The Fall	
Sept. 23		Willow Run
Sept. 30	Noah	
October 7	Abram	
Oct. 14	Joseph	
Oct. 21		Yard Sale
Oct 28	Passover	
November 4	10 Commandments	
Nov. 11	Atonement	
Nov 18	5pm Jonah	
Nov. 25		Thanksgiving
December 2	New Kingdom	
Dec. 9	Messiah	
Dec. 16		Christmas
Dec 23		Christmas
Dec 30		Christmas
January 6		New Year
Jan. 13	Baptism	
Jan. 20		youth
Jan. 27	Beatitude	
February 3	Parable	
Feb. 10	Parable	
Feb 17		Retreat
Feb. 24	Resurrection	
March 3	Gifts	
Mar. 10	Creeds	
Mar. 17	Creeds	
Mar. 24	Practice	
<b>March 31</b>	<b>Confirmation</b>	

# VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

## A PLACE OF MIRACLES CAFÉ

DATE      CHURCH

8/3/18	Trinity UMC
8/17/18	Trinity UMC
8/31/18	Trinity UMC
9/14/18	Trinity UMC
9/28/18	Trinity UMC
10/12/18	Trinity UMC
10/26/18	Trinity UMC
11/9/18	Trinity UMC
11/23/18	Trinity UMC
12/7/18	Trinity UMC
12/21/18	Trinity UMC



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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!

August 1	JoAnne Jones
August 2	Karen Bradley
August 4	Bill Shields James Benfield
August 7	Lee Kump
August 11	Preston Bradley
August 14	Ann Willis
August 16	Megan Madison Benjamin Fallin
August 22	Virginia White
August 24	Lois Thomas
August 28	Robert Ellis

## AUGUST SERVANTS OF WORSHIP

### **MONEY COUNTERS:**

#### August 6 & 13

Dana Potter & Ed Cole

#### August 20 & 27

Dana Potter & Georgina Foster

### **SOUNDBOARD:**

#### 8:30 Service

Lucas C & Lucas G

#### 11:00 Service

Carroll S & Dewey C

### **USHERS:**

#### August 5

Bob, Mike, Duane

#### August 12

Jane, Faye, Jeff

#### August 19

Ann, Brenda, Tom

#### August 26

Kim, Linda, Mary

### **ACOLYTES:**

#### August 5

Nathan Griffith, Open

#### August 12

Katie McGuffin, Open

#### August 19

Open, Open

#### August 26

Meredith Lively, Open

### **Communion Stewards:**

August – Sarah Bishop

September – Sunday school class

October – Boopie & Pat Murdock

November – Boopie & Pat Murdock

December – Sunday school class

## COFFEE TIME

#### August 5 Setup

Tom Baskin

#### August 12 Setup

Open

#### August 19 Setup

Open

#### August 26 Setup

Open

#### August 5 Cleanup

Open

#### August 12 Cleanup

Open

#### August 19 Cleanup

Open

#### August 26 Cleanup

Open

**Summer Sunday Schedule**

8:30 am Contemporary Service • 9:45 am Sunday School  
11 am Traditional Service

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

**Summer Wednesday Schedule**

7 pm Men's Chorus • 7:30 pm Choir

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	2 7 pm AA (4) 7 pm TNL	3 4:30 pm TUMC @ Miracles Café	4 8:30 am UMM
5 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship (communion) 5 pm TUMC choir concert at Bethany Place Baptist Church	6 7 pm Boy Scouts (1, 2, 4) <b>MUSIC CAMP</b> <b>9 AM – 6 PM</b>	7 7 pm Praise Team <b>MUSIC CAMP</b> <b>9 AM – 6 PM</b>	8 <b>MUSIC CAMP</b> <b>9 AM – 6 PM</b>	9 7 pm AA (4) 7 pm TNL <b>MUSIC CAMP</b> <b>9 AM – 6 PM</b> <b>*CONCERT AT 7 PM Mt.</b> <b>Pisgah Methodist</b> <b>Church at 13312</b> <b>Midlothian Turnpike*</b>	10	11
12 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday school (Prayer Walk) 11:00 am Worship	13 7 pm Boy scouts (1,2,4)	14 10 am Homeless mat workshop with Angela 7 pm Praise Team	15 7 pm Men's Chorus 7 pm Boy Scouts District Meeting (classrooms 2, 4) 7:30 pm Choir	16 7 pm AA (4) 7 pm TNL	17 4:30 pm TUMC @ Miracles Café	18
19 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship	20 7 pm Boy scouts (1,2,4)	21 7 pm Praise Team	22 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	23 7 pm AA (4) 7 pm TNL	24	25
26 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship 5 – 8 pm Youth Bonfire at Steph G's.	27 6 pm Boy scouts (2,4)	28 7 pm Praise Team	29 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	30 7 pm AA (4) 7 pm TNL	31 4:30 pm TUMC @ Miracles Café	



## **August**

3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> - TUMC @ Miracles Café 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

5<sup>th</sup> – TUMC choir concert at Bethany Baptist 5pm

6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> – Music Camp (9 am – 6 pm each day)

20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – Church Secretary on vacation all week

26<sup>th</sup> – Youth Bonfire at Stephanie Griffith's house (5pm)

29<sup>th</sup> – September newsletter deadline for articles

## **September**

3<sup>rd</sup> – Office closed

9<sup>th</sup> – Children's music begins (Chimes/Odyssey 4 pm, Angels 5 pm)

9<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation (4 pm) / Youth Group (5 pm) starts

13<sup>th</sup> – UMW meets at 7:00 pm

22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> – Willow Run (Youth overnight trip)

26<sup>th</sup> – Pumpkins arrive at 4:00 pm! Lots of help is needed!

## **October**

6<sup>th</sup> – Brunswick stew

13<sup>th</sup> – Apple butter

20<sup>th</sup> – Fall Yard Sale & Harvest Festival



This form may be used to order a brick (costing \$50) or to give a donation of any amount, even if no brick is desired. If grid spaces are left blank, it will be assumed that a brick is not being ordered.

The bricks are 4" x 8" and are engraved using state of the art laser technology, ensuring long lasting strength and durability. Please choose your own special message by using the block grid below.

#### Engraving Information

- Bricks may contain up to 3 lines of 17 characters per line.
- Characters include all letters, numbers, punctuation marks, and spaces.
- Please print legibly.

The example below has a total of 17 characters (11 letters, 3 punctuation marks and 3 spaces).

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In support of Braeden Jepsen's Eagle Scout Project, I/We, \_\_\_\_\_, wish to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

If the preferred method of cash or check is enclosed, leave this section blank

Please charge my credit card: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

This form can be deposited in the marked box at the entrance of the sanctuary or mailed to Braeden Jepsen at 12619 Crathes Lane, Chesterfield, VA 23838.

All checks should be made out to Braeden Jepsen

For any questions, please call  
(804) 295-6262 or email  
[Dragonbrother01@gmail.com](mailto:Dragonbrother01@gmail.com)

## Braeden Jepsen's Eagle Project

A quick update on the state of my Eagle Project, the paver stone patio to be constructed around the covered pavilion near the rear parking lot: I am currently working to get the bricks delivered to the church so the engraving process can begin. Shortly after this happens, work on the patio will begin. I am very thankful for the donations and brick orders I have received thus far, I have managed to raise approximately \$1,350 toward the goal of \$2,500. Brick orders are still being accepted and I sincerely apologize for the wait concerning brick engraving. As I mentioned, I am working to get the bricks delivered and engraved. Thank you all for your support and patience.

### STEPHEN MINISTER

I was trained as a Stephen Minister and then a Stephen Leader while a member of New Town UMC in Williamsburg. I believe Stephen Ministry would greatly benefit not only Trinity's congregation but the surrounding community and I've been praying about starting this ministry at Trinity.

Stephen Ministers are lay people trained by a Stephen Leader to provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care. They have a compassionate heart for those who are hurting, and they're equipped with caring ministry skills by their congregation's Stephen Leaders. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person once a week to listen, care, pray, encourage, and offer emotional and spiritual support. There are always many more people in need of care, both in the congregation and in the community, than a pastor alone can care for. This is a quiet ministry, with extreme confidentiality between the Stephen Ministers and their Care Receivers. Feel free to contact me for more information.

Nadine Syrett 757-879-0752 or [nadinesyrett815@gmail.com](mailto:nadinesyrett815@gmail.com).

## **HOMELESS MAT WORKSHOP WITH ANGELA**

We will be having Mat workshop to prepare the homeless mats on the second Tuesday of each month 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.

Please see me if you would like a mat to give out to someone in need. We have some ready to go.

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

What type of Church are we?

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They are looking for people to partner with them and to encourage them as they grow in their discipleship.

Trinity people serve all over the place: in schools and in libraries; in sports and in scouts; in senior centers and from door to door. To help us get a better handle on how we can share the love of Christ through all the places that we are, Lay Leadership is working to offer a class on “Lay Servants as Transformational Leaders.” Our world is a broken and dry place. But we have lots of love to give and Christ lives in us and through us. We are not evangelists, but we are people who offer the good news of God’s love.

**Who are we? We are caring compassionate people who want to share the love and grace of Christ with others. We are reaching out to people from all kinds of cultures and communities and we are willing to partner with them to grow their lives in hope and peace.**

Thank you for the surveys. And thank you for allowing Christ to dwell in your hearts and live through your very busy lives.



## Prayer Walk

Like many of you, I am still stunned that someone called the nursery director and told her that she was not wanted. I am not sure how the conversation went but all around it is painful. Painful that someone called her and spoke in a way that was uninviting. Painful that someone that God had been working on, responded and was rejected. Painful that one person's comments could cause such pain. Painful that this is like Kim Pratt all over again.

So, next week we are going to have a prayer walk. The District Superintendent suggested it and we are going to try it. During Sunday school the week of the 12<sup>th</sup>, all those who are able are invited to walk around the building and pray for Trinity, it's ministries, it's people, and our witness for God. We will start as a group over where we have our Sunrise Services and then encircle the building. We will have a printed prayer for us to pray together. For those who are unable to walk around the building, we invite them to either sit outside or to sit in the Sunday school rooms and join us.

I know that ya'll are as hurt and shocked as I am. We all need prayer: for ourselves, for the person who did this and their healing, and for Darcie and her family. May God bless our faithful attempt to bring healing.

Thanks.

Teresa