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PASTOR'S CORNER:

Where might God be calling us?



Where might God be calling us? One of the options that we have been exploring is a community center. A place in our community where non-church people can gather in God's space. A place for basketball or volleyball or pickle ball. A place for plays or community meetings or dinners. A place to come and walk or.....? Several people have been visiting churches. (Continued on page 2)

Exploration is underway and the group will be again getting back with the congregation for more feedback and suggestions. In the meantime, a donation of \$50,000 was given to the effort. So, we do not know where God is leading us, but we are explorers into God's dreams. Stay tune for more participation.

HOW CAN I AVOID PUNISHMENT?

How can I avoid punishment? As we begin to learn, before we even have the ability to realize that we are learning, we shape an understanding in ourselves of what we should

and should not do. What is good and what is not good. As small children, we decide this based on how we are treated. Do we get praise or do we get scolded. Based on people's response to us, we determine what to repeat. If we are praised, this is good, right? If we get scolded or punished, this is bad, right? And when we are young, we equate good and bad behavior as us being good or bad people. Only as we mature are we able to discern the difference between a good or bad behavior and a good person doing a bad behavior. Small children do not recognize this difference. Many times, we do not either. When someone is not nice to us, we often ask: What did I do wrong? When someone appreciates something we do, we feel that we are good. And from before we are cognitive, these definitions of good and bad behaviors are ingrained into us. They get reshaped as we grow and as our peer groups change. At all ages we have a difficult time to separate out the difference between behavior and person.

God has decided that he loves us and declares each of us worthy. That we are of value. God's word tries to teach us the difference between good and bad behaviors. Good behaviors bring us closer to God and each other. Bad or sinful behaviors break our relationships with God and each other. Learning to separate the value of a person from their behaviors is one of the stages of maturing. In September and October, I will be working with the youth asking them to sort out what are the 'good' and 'bad' behaviors of their different groups. At home and with friends, what gets you praise and what gets you ostracized? We will coordinate these with healthy behaviors (sometimes people praise us for unhealthy actions and attitudes) and if and how these actions are portrayed in God's word. So parents, if ya'll can be talking at home about what are your family values, this would be super. As we work, hopefully you can interact with your youth on their perceptions and on your own. Looking forward to the fall.

Teresa

MUSIC Ministry

MUSIC NEWS – September 2018

Why Music? As we look at how we spend our time, consider you or your child becoming involved in a music program. Music fuels our creativity and can help children focus and remember things they learned for a long time. Music has health benefits especially when we sing and also reduces stress and anxiety. Music is a universal language that can communicate across cultural and language boundaries and brings people together. Music is a wonderful avenue to worship God and bring us closer to Him. So, consider bringing music into your family's life this year by joining one of the groups that we offer here at Trinity. All are welcome!



A big thanks to Pat Shrader, Heidi Foutz, and Lori Poythress for their help with transporting and leading groups of children from class to class at Kaleidoscope camp in August. Our Trinity campers: Ruby Sawyer, Charlotte Sawyer, Sean Wright, Katie Griffith, Ian Pollard, Robby Napolitano, and Madi Johnson had a great time learning new songs, playing Orff instruments, handbells, drama, and crafts. Everyone enjoyed the worship services at the beginning and ending of each day. This was a wonderful experience for our children and those adults who attended. We really appreciated all who came to the concert on Thursday night. The children's choir under the direction of Mark Patterson was awesome! I hope we can continue this experience for our children again next year!

The Trinity Chancel Choir thanks all of our church members who attended the combined choir concert at Bethany Place Baptist Church. It meant a lot to us to look out in the audience and see familiar faces. We really appreciate your support and hope you enjoyed the concert as much as we did.

September 5th is our “Back to Choir” night at 7:30 p.m. All returning and new members are encouraged to attend this night of practice and fellowship. This is a wonderful time to join our choir. With the coming of Christmas, we could use some new singers in the group. So please join us on Wednesday, September 5th! Choir members please bring a snack to share and a friend!



Registration for Children’s and Youth music activities will be on Sunday, September 9th beginning at 4:00 p.m. with Odyssey Choir and Chime Choir. Angel and Cherub Choir registration will be at 5:00 p.m. **Even if you come only on Wednesday evenings, please come Sunday, September 9th to complete the paper work we need.** Registration will be followed by a brief explanation of our schedule and goals this year and a light supper for parents and children. Here are the groups and times involved:

Sunday afternoon

Odyssey Choir 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. (Grades 6-12)

Chime Choir 4:00- 5:00 p.m. (Grades 2-5)

Angel Choir 5:00 -6:00 p.m. (Grades 1-5)

Wednesday Evenings

Cherub Choir 5:45-7:00 p.m. (Ages 2-kindergarten)-Dinner is served

Angel Choir 5:45- 7:00 p.m. (Grades 1-5)-Dinner is served

Please come on September 9th and see what we are all about!



The Trinity Belles will begin meeting again on Monday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m, followed by their retreat in Wakefield on Friday and Saturday, September 21st and 22nd. We will be planning our performances and learning our music for the fall and winter. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel to Wakefield and work on the challenges of our new music.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Wednesday, September 26th for inclusion in the October newsletter. You can send items by email to trinity@trinity-umc.com or drop off in the “Church Secretary” hallway mailbox.



Youth News

If you're not receiving emails from Krystal please email her at 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:

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

Registration deadline is Sunday, September 2nd. Cost is \$40.

Fall Yard Sale - Oct 12-13th

Thanksgiving Feeding - Nov 24th

Lock in - Dec 7th

COMMISSION ON A WAY FORWARD'S REPORT to the GENERAL CONFERENCE

Just click on the link below and you can view the 93 page report...or you can copy and paste into your Internet browser

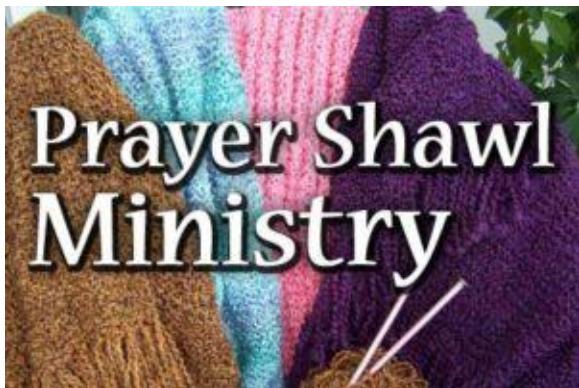
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UMW BEGINS AGAIN!

The pumpkins are coming and it is time for UMW to begin once again. UMW extends an invitation to all ladies of the church to join us for a pot luck dinner Thursday, September 13th at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be in the sanctuary next to the kitchen. Bring a dish and a friend and join us for food and fellowship. We meet the second Thursday of the month, usually at 7:00 p.m. but this month we meet at 6:00 to enjoy dinner together. We hope you will join us and find out what we are about.



Prayer Shawl:

Attention all you knitters, crocheters, and fleece blanket makers ... Fall is near... so time to get back to work on our ministry .Our next meeting will be Sept 25th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. If you have any questions about the ministry please contact Janet Collins at montanadog96@gmail.com or Pam Soto at pumice@comcast.net. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry but not sure if it is a fit, we invite you to " try us out" by attending a meeting. No hard feelings if you think your gifts are better used at something else. We will be considering a new place for distribution of the fleece blankets at this meeting as well. Hope to see you there!

- Pam Soto



Route 1 corridor missions

- September Food Focus

FOOD FOCUS for September will be canned soups, vegetables or packaged potatoes/rice, and snack crackers/nutrition bars. 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 September 14th and 28th.

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 SCHEDULE

September 9 th	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	
March 31	Confirmation	



Movies on the Lawn

Back by popular demand! The TUMC Children's Ministry will host free outdoor movies on the lawn beginning Friday September 7th thru Friday September 28th. The movies are open to everyone so please invite a friend or a neighbor. Popcorn and water provided. Candy concessions will be for sale with all proceeds going towards the Youth Mission Trip in June. Be sure to bring a comfy chair, blanket and a sweater as we bring in the fall season with fellowship fun. For questions or comments please contact Stephanye Fuina at 804-651-4470.

Last two pages of this newsletter, Print a flyer for a friend or neighbor



It's that time of year. The pumpkins are coming, and October proves to be a busy month for our church. After taking a break, we are bringing back the TUMC Annual Fall Festival. It will be held Saturday, October 20th from 2:00-5:00pm. There will be food for purchase. All proceeds will benefit the Youth Mission trip to Puerto Rico in June. Carnival games, bounce house and more! This is a FREE family friend event open to the community. Past attendance has brought more than 200 people in attendance. **I NEED YOUR HELP!!!!** Volunteers are needed to help run carnival games and staff the bounce house, greet guests and distribute bags. There is a job for everyone!!!! Please consider giving the gift of time as we seek to welcome our community to the church grounds. To register as a volunteer please contact Stephanye Fuina at 804-651-4470 or by email at Stephanye.fuina2@gmail.com. **DONATIONS** of individually wrapped Halloween candy are needed. This candy is given as prizes for the games. Candy donations can be left in the crate located in Mission Alley. Please consider not only traditional Halloween favorites but also gluten free/nut free candy options so that everyone may enjoy a sweet treat.

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!

Sept. 1	Lori Poythress
Sept. 5	Kaitlyn Leinberger
Sept. 7	Todd Miller
Sept. 8	Tristan Echols
Sept. 9	Angela Bailey Laura Parrish
Sept. 10	Kayla Parrish Jane Lisagor
Sept. 11	Brian Foutz
Sept. 12	Charlotte Sawyer
Sept. 13	Donna Short Allan Fallin Campbell Griffin
Sept. 14	Kevin Sapp
Sept. 15	Sarah Bishop
Sept. 16	Clark Griffin
Sept. 18	Robert Linkous
Sept. 21	James Day Sr. Dawn Fallin Ryan Sapp
Sept. 22	Kari Collins Judy Seely Taylor O'Shea Zachary Mills Hannah Donithan
Sept. 24	Bob Adams
Sept. 25	TJ Kennedy Barbara Smith
Sept. 26	Linda Lewis Jean Harvey
Sept. 27	Norma Stanfield
Sept. 28	David Cox
Sept. 29	Michael Cash Stephanie Arnold

SEPTEMBER SERVANTS OF WORSHIP

MONEY COUNTERS:

September 4 & 10

Dana Potter & Brenda Shepherd

September 17 & 24

Dana Potter & Aubrey Tarkington

SOUNDBOARD:

8:30 Service

Lucas C & Lucas G

11:00 Service

Carroll S & Dewey C

USHERS:

September 2

Bob, Mike, Duane

September 9

Jane, Faye, Jeff

September 16

Ann, Brenda, Tom

September 23

Kim, Linda, Mary

September 30

Kim, Carol, Kelly

ACOLYTES:

September 2

Open, Open

September 9

Open, Open

September 16

Madisyn Asbell, Open

September 23

Open, Open

September 30

Lilly Asbell, Open

Communion Stewards:

September – Sunday school class

October – Boopie & Pat Murdock

November – Boopie & Pat Murdock

December – Sunday school class

COFFEE TIME

September 2 Setup

Open

September 2 Cleanup

Open

September 9 Setup

Open

September 9 Setup

Open

September 16 Setup

Open

September 16 Setup

Open

September 23 Setup

Open

September 23 Setup

Open

September 30 Setup

Open

September 30 Setup

Open

Open

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

September 2018

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 Regular Sunday Schedule						1 2 pm Bailey Wedding
2 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship (communion)	3 7 pm Boy Scouts (1, 2, 4) OFFICE CLOSED	4 3:30 pm Youth to Miracles Café (van) 7 pm Praise Team	5 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir (Back to Choir night)	6 7 pm AA (4)	7 7 pm Movies on the lawn	8 8:30 am UMM
9 Regular Sunday Schedule resumes 3 pm SPR	10 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Cub & Boy scouts (1,2,4)	11 10 am Homeless mat workshop with Angela 6:30 Finance (Office) 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	12 Wednesday schedule	13 6 pm UMW 7 pm AA (4)	14 4:30 pm TUMC @ Miracles Café 7 pm Movies on the lawn	15
16 Regular Sunday Schedule	17 7 pm Cub & Boy scouts (1,2,4) 7 pm Trinity Belles	18 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	19 Wednesday schedule 7 pm Boy Scouts District Meeting	20 7 pm Council 7 pm AA (4)	21 7 pm Movies on the lawn	22 Youth at Willow Run
23 Regular Sunday Schedule Youth return from Willow Run (No Confirmation and no youth group)	24 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Lay Leadership 7 pm Cub & Boy scouts (1,2,4)	25 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	26 Wednesday schedule PUMPKINS ARRIVE AT 4 PM!!! ALL HANDS ON DECK!	27 7 pm AA (4)	28 4:30 pm TUMC @ Miracles Café 7 pm Movies on the lawn	29



September

- 3rd – Office closed
- 4th & 18th – 3:30 pm Youth depart church for Miracles Café (van)
- 8th – UMM meet at 8:30 am
- 9th – SPR meets at 3 pm
- 9th – Children’s music begins (Chimes/Odyssey 4 pm, Angels 5 pm)
- 9th – Confirmation (4 pm) / Youth Group (5 pm) starts
- 13th – UMW meets at 6:00 pm
- 14th & 28th – TUMC volunteering at Miracles Café
- 17th – Trinity Belles 1st practice
- 20th – Council at 7 pm
- 22nd-23rd – Willow Run (Youth overnight trip)
- 24th – Lay leader meeting at 7 pm in Pastor’s office
- 25th – Prayer Shawl meets at 6:30 pm
- 26th – Pumpkins arrive at 4:00 pm! Lots of help is needed!

October

- 6th – Brunswick stew
- 10th - Lifeline screening 8 am – 5:30 pm
- 20th – Fall Yard Sale, Harvest Festival, and Apple Butter



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

ONLINE SIGN-UPS.....COMING SOON

We are looking into doing sign-ups online, such as weekly acolyte, coffee time, the pumpkin patch, etc. Stay tuned as this should eliminate use for clipboards for signing up.



In case you missed it, Turner did a livestream of the August 26th Contemporary Worship Service. We now have the livestream license, so we will continue livestreaming services via our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TUMC.Chester>)

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.

I could use a spokesperson for early service if anyone would like to help fill the space left by Karen Kingsley.

- Angela Bailey

Fall Festival

Where: Trinity United Methodist Church 6600 Greenyard Rd., Chester, VA 23831

When: October 20th 2:00-5:00pm

Come and join us for Carnival games, prizes,
Bounce house, Face painting and MORE!!
This is a **free** family friendly event everyone is
welcome. Concessions available for purchase.
Check out our **pumpkin patch**, indoor yard sale
and homemade **apple** butter!

A day of family fun with
something for all to enjoy!

Call 804-748-2439 for more info



Movies on the Lawn

**Where: Trinity United Methodist Church
6600 Greenyard Rd. Chester, VA. 23831**

**When: Fridays beginning
September 7th—September 28th**

Time: 7:15 pm

**The Movie and popcorn are FREE!
Candy Concessions available for
purchase. All proceeds benefit the
TUMC Youth Mission Trip.**

Contact: 804-748-2439 for more info