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*...and I will show you a more excellent way:*

*“Though I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, if I am not loving, I am a noisy gong or a clanging symbol. Though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and if I have knowledge, and if I have enough faith to move mountains, but am not loving, I am nothing.*

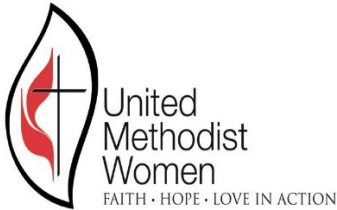
*Though I give away all that I have, and if I deliver my body for martyrdom, but have no love, I gain nothing.*

*Love is patient and kind;  
Love is not jealous or boastful;  
Love does not insist on its own way;  
Love is not irritable or resentful;  
Love does not rejoice in the wrong but rejoices in the right;*

*Love bears all things; believes all things, hopes all things; and endures all things.*

*Love never ends and it never fails.”*

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Try something new this year! The women of the Trinity UMW cordially invite the women of our church to join us on Thursday January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. We will have a brief pledge service and decide where to go to dinner at a local restaurant on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Come join us for prayer, mission and fellowship. We typically meet the second Thursday of the month. We hope you will give us a try.



## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the February 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

We live in trying times... The world is loud and rushed. Gentleness and kindness have given way to both apathy and pushiness. Into this darkness and wilderness, God's Word speaks quietly to remind us. There is a more excellent way.

There is a more excellent way. We are people of a paradox. The cross reminds us that oddly, we gain our lives when we lose them in the purpose of the Kingdom. Our discussions in 'civics' has become so hostile, unbending, and dishonoring. Everyone has rights. We of the South, remind people that there is purpose to politeness and listening and graciousness. The Methodist Church is about to have a debate about how much sexual orientation has the ability to break our relationship with God, how much it has the ability to pervert our purpose in creation, and how much power it has to destroy our relationships with each other. This discussion that I personally have watched the church debate since the 70's, has grown angry and hard as well. Wherever we find ourselves of different opinions, scripture gives us leading vision.

So, I am asking us to be people of the Book.

Realizing that we pick and rank different scriptures, please hear the Word as we find it in Paul's letter to the much divided church in Corinth. If you would, please read this passage every morning and every night in the month of January. As God's word to us creates and grows a home in it, like our master Jesus, we will become healers and bringers of peace.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."

# MUSIC Ministry

## MUSIC NEWS – January 2019

Thanks to the Cancel Choir members, Ed and Jane Cole, and members of the congregation that braved the snow storm to present our cantata on December 9<sup>th</sup>. A special thanks to Turner Wilkes for live streaming it so that others that were unable to travel in the snow could watch the service. It is wonderful to have the technology to share the story of Christ's birth with so many people. Thank you all for your hard work on a beautiful cantata.



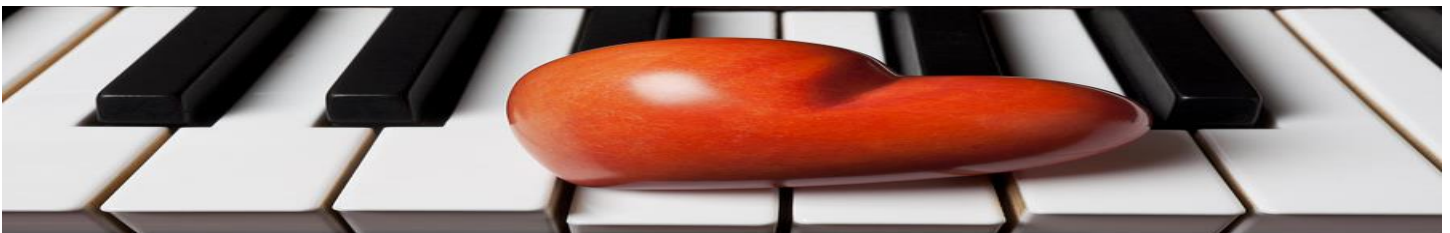
Our Trinity Belles have been very busy rehearsing and performing this December. Thanks ladies for taking time out of your busy schedules to ring and bring cheer to those at St. Francis Hospital and the Jefferson. We are blessed to have your beautiful music in our services. I am so grateful for your talent and dedication.



Congratulations to the Chimers, Cherubs, and Angels who entertained us on the night of the Santa Party. Thank you for attending rehearsals and learning your lines and songs. You were great! Our music activities will begin again starting the week of January 6<sup>th</sup>, Sunday afternoon at 4:00 for Chimes and Odyssey and 5:00 for Angel Choir. Wednesday activities will be the following Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. Come and see what we have planned for the coming months- new songs, talent show, spring play! All youth and children are welcome.



The theme for the talent show this year is "Memories". So get busy and find that song, skit, dance that brings back a wonderful memory! Date and time to be announced soon!



Don't forget to support our fund for a new piano for the music room in memory of Ed Hazzard. Please contribute when you are able. Thanks

Thanks for all the cards and gifts given to me by my Church Family. I thank you for your love and support.

Blessings,

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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.



## **Rise Against Hunger**

**By: Stephanye Fuina**

As we celebrate this season of merriment and joy let us not forget those who are less fortunate. The Children's Ministry is fundraising to host its annual Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event. We have generously received \$589 to date. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 and we must raise a minimum of \$3500 to host the event. Please consider those who are chronically hungry as you make your year-end donations. Help us to eradicate world hunger in the New Year. Thank you for your continued support.



## **Celebrating the Birth of Brysen Webber**

Happy, happy birthday! The Children's ministry is hosting a baby shower for Brysen Webber. He is the son of Robert and Victoria Webber. Brysen was born the 13<sup>th</sup> of December. In celebration of his birth we are hosting a baby shower from 4:30 til 5:30 on January 27<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary. While the chimes practice and the children sing, we will gather. We will get a wish list and publish it but in the meantime, please put the date on your calendar. One of the activities of the shower will be designing squares for a baby shower. So please, again, mark your calendar and play with what you will put on your square.



## 2019 Flower/Fruit Calendar

The new Flower/Fruit Calendar for 2019 is posted on the bulletin board for sign up of Sunday flower arrangements in memory or honor of someone special in your life. The flower arrangements are \$35 each and can be taken home after the 11:00 service. Please check the calendar early so you can sign up for your preferred date. If possible we would rather not have more than two arrangements per Sunday. Contact Lucy Shields if you have questions about flowers. If you would like to provide fruit that will go to Miracles Café, please purchase \$35 worth of fruit and you can bring Sunday morning or leave in the kitchen refrigerator. Please label it as “Altar Fruit.”

## 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: January 8th at 10 am)

Angela Bailey



### Route 1 corridor missions

#### - January Food Focus

FOOD FOCUS for December will be peanut butter & jelly and soup & crackers. 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 Quinnsford Boulevard (at the corner of Quinnsford 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 January 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Jen Walker usually volunteers to prepare meals every Tuesday, if you would like to help her out one week, please see her.

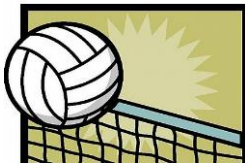


We were able to raise over \$7,000 for CARES this year and were able to provide gifts for 25 people at the shelter. Thank you so very much for your generosity.



## TRINITY FRIDAY 2019 MIRACLES CAFÉ SCHEDULE

1/4/19  
1/18/19  
2/1/19  
2/15/19  
3/1/19  
3/15/19  
3/29/19  
4/12/19  
4/26/19  
5/10/19  
5/24/19  
6/7/19  
6/21/19  
7/5/19  
7/19/19  
8/2/19  
8/16/19  
8/30/19  
9/13/19  
9/27/19  
10/11/19  
10/25/19  
11/8/19  
11/22/19  
12/6/19  
12/20/19  
1/3/20



### **Trinity Volleyball Teams**

All games are held at [Manchester Middle School](#)  
[7401 Hull Street Rd, Richmond, VA 23235](#)

January Games:

4<sup>th</sup>: Youth at 7 pm, Adults at 9:15 pm

11<sup>th</sup>: Youth vs Adults at 7:45 pm

18<sup>th</sup>: Youth at 7 pm; Adults at 7:45 & 8:30 pm

25<sup>th</sup>: Adults at 7 pm; Youth at 8:30 & 9:15 pm

## MEMBERSHIPS

We have been working on memberships and have received “return to sender” letters from the families listed below. If you happen to know where these people have moved to, please contact the office so we can update their information. Thanks so much.

Karen Bradley  
Mandy Burnette  
Bobby Donovan  
Donald Emigh  
Pat & Jason Francisco  
Linda Harrington  
David Harriss & family  
John Lovern & family  
Melanie Newlin  
Bill & Lizanne Orn  
Susan Pfeiffer  
David Riggins  
Joanna Robinson  
Bob Sawdy & family  
Troy & Pam Sharpe

## 2019 Communion Stewards Schedule

January – Sarah Bishop  
February – Boopie & Pat Murdock  
March – Sunday school class  
April – Sarah Bishop  
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

# 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!*

Jan 2 Brittany Napolitano

Jan 3 David Wright

Jan 4 John Morris

Jan 5 Annette Hairfield  
Dara Mills

Jan 6 Nathaniel Sawyer

Jan 8 Nelson Babcock

Jan 9 Stephen Ruxton  
Holly Love  
Zakary Sandlin

Jan 10 Samoeun Por  
Wayne Haley  
Bill Foster

John Thomas "Tom" Wallace

Jan 11 Kathy Harman

Jan 12 Jennifer Walker

Jan 14 Andrew Kennedy  
Katherine Madison

Jan 19 Justin Poythress

Jan 20 Jessica Farrar

Jan 23 Kendall Langford

Jan 24 Betsy Day  
Mike Costello

Jan 25 Lillian McGuffin

Jan 29 Jesse Sandlin  
Shannon McGuffin

Jan 30

Rachel Allyn

Ruth Allyn

## JANUARY SERVANTS OF WORSHIP

### **MONEY COUNTERS:**

#### January 6

Angela Bailey & Margaret Cox

#### January 13

Angela Bailey & Lana Lefferts

#### January 20

Angela Bailey & Sarah Bishop

#### January 27

Angela Bailey & Ed Cole

### **USHERS:**

#### January 6

TBD

#### January 13

TBD

#### January 20

TBD

#### January 27

TBD

### **NURSERY 8:30**

#### January 6

Open

#### January 13

Open

#### January 20

Open

#### January 27

Open

### **SOUNDBOARD:**

#### 8:30 Service

Lucas C & Lucas G

#### 11:00 Service

Carroll S & Dewey C

### **ACOLYTES:**

#### January 6

Open, Open

#### January 13

Open, Open

#### January 20

Open, Open

#### January 27

Open, Open

### **NURSERY 11:00**

#### January 6

Open

#### January 13

Open

#### January 20

Open

#### January 27

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

# January 2019

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> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>2</b> 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	<b>3</b> 7 pm AA (4)	<b>4</b> 4:30 pm TUMC @ Miracles Café 5 pm Fellowship class 7 pm Youth Volleyball 9:15 pm Adult Volleyball	<b>5</b> 8:30 am UMM
<b>6</b> Regular Sunday Schedule  <b>Odyssey, chimes, Angel Choir, Youth Group and Confirmation all resume</b>	<b>7</b> 7 pm Cub & Boy scouts (1,2,4) 7 pm Trinity Belles	<b>8</b> 10 am Homeless mat workshop with Angela 6:30 pm Sr. Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	<b>9</b> Wednesday schedule	<b>10</b> 7 pm UMW 7 pm AA (4)	<b>11</b> 7:45 pm Youth vs Adults in volleyball	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Regular Sunday Schedule	<b>14</b> 7 pm Boy scouts (1,2,4) 7 pm Trinity Belles	<b>15</b> 6:30 pm Sr. Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Cub Scouts (sanctuary) 7 pm Praise Team	<b>16</b> Wednesday schedule 7 pm Boy Scouts District	<b>17</b> 7 pm AA (4)	<b>18</b> 4:30 pm TUMC @ Miracles Café 7:00 pm Youth Volleyball 8:30 pm Adult Volleyball Pinewood Derby Prep	<b>19</b> 9 am Pinewood Derby (sanctuary all day)
<b>20</b> Regular Sunday Schedule	<b>21</b> 7 pm Cub & Boy scouts (1,2,4) 7 pm Trinity Belles	<b>22</b> 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	<b>23</b> Wednesday schedule	<b>24</b> 7 pm AA (4)	<b>25</b> Sr. Girl Scouts (lock-in) 7 pm Adult Volleyball 8:30 pm Youth Volleyball	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Regular Sunday Schedule 2-4 pm Listening 4:30 pm baby shower <b>Newsletter articles due</b>	<b>28</b> 7 pm Cub & Boy scouts (1,2,4) 7 pm Trinity Belles	<b>29</b> 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	<b>30</b> Wednesday schedule	<b>31</b> 7 pm AA (4)		





## **January**

Rise Against Hunger (DATE: TBD, based on funds raised)

1<sup>st</sup> – Office Closed

4<sup>th</sup>- 4:30 pm TUMC at Miracles Café

5-9 pm Fellowship class party

7:00 pm Youth Volleyball

9:15 pm Adult Volleyball

5<sup>th</sup> – UMM at 8:30 am

6<sup>th</sup>- Chimes, Odyssey, and Angel Choirs start back up

8<sup>th</sup> – Homeless mat workshop with Angela (10 am)

9<sup>th</sup>- Children's music meets at 5:45 pm (every Wednesday unless noted)

10<sup>th</sup> – UMW at 7 pm

11<sup>th</sup> – Youth vs Adult volleyball game 7:45 pm

18<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm Youth volleyball game; adults play at 7:45 & 8:30 pm

18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> – Pinewood Derby in the sanctuary and lock-in (scouts)

25<sup>th</sup> – Girl Scouts Lock-in (overnight)

7 pm – Adults volleyball; 8:30 & 9:15 pm Youth volleyball

27<sup>th</sup> – 2pm listening workshop

4:30 pm Children's ministry baby shower

February newsletter articles due