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## PASTOR'S CORNER:

What are the “essentials of the faith?”



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John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Way, wrote in his sermon entitled “The Catholic Spirit” that we just need to agree on the essentials of the faith. “If your heart is as my heart...this is enough.”

What do you believe that the essentials of your faith are? If you wrote your own creed and listed for you what were the bottom line, most important beliefs, what would you include in that list?

Among the essentials for me are The Shema: Deuteronomy 6: Hear O Israel, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind. And you shall teach it to your children...” It is I Corinthians 13: Love is.... It is I John 4: 20: you cannot love God whom you have not seen, if you do not love your brother whom you have. To me these Words from God tell me about the love the LORD God has for us; they tell me how “love” behaves; and instruct me how big the circle of love is to extend. They explain to me why God created us and explain to me Jesus willingness to die for us on the cross. (Continued on page 2)

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**February Calendar**



The Trinity UMW cordially invites the women of our church to join us on Thursday, February 7th for dinner. We will be meeting at 6:00 p. m. at Antonio's Restaurant on Rt. 10 in the Wal-Mart shopping center. After a short meeting we will enjoy food, fellowship and friends. Come join us! If you plan to attend please let Ann Wright know by Monday February 4. (790-0403 or davidandannw@gmail.com)

**FEBRUARY**

**24**

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, February 24th for inclusion in the March 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

These essentials of God's self-declared love for us and his direction to us to take care of each other...they form for me the core of how I live in relationship with my deity and my neighbors. What about you? What are your essentials? What is your bottom line about who you are and how you are to organize and live your life? Think about it.

What is the Biblical purpose of a marriage?

Life is all about relationships. Relationships within our families; relationships with our neighbors; relationship at our work place. RELATIONSHIPS. When you consider the purpose for you bonding yourself to one person with whom you build your life, how do you form that relationship? What is its purpose and how does it work? What are the commitments and promises? In February, the United Methodist Church is meeting for a special called convention to try to work out a sticky issue that we have been, quite frankly, dealing with since the 1970's. And the question circles around 'what is the purpose of a marriage?' Jesus does not give us help on this topic. In the scriptural debate about homosexuality, Jesus never speaks. But since people do bat around scripture right and left in this exploration, I was wondering if we would like to explore this together. So, I am offering a Bible Study beginning the second Wednesday in February. It will run from 6:15 to 7:15. We will consider how the Bible/the Word of God is put together, we will look at the Genesis 1 and 2; we will explore how to discuss differences graciously; we will explore the mandates from the ancient world; we will consider how we put the puzzle together. Understand, the Bible can be organized in many ways. I have seen its words used to prove everything from justification of slavery, to holy war, to child abuse. I have heard arguments on food laws and on how to treat the exposure to blood. I do not intend to take a side in this Bible Study. I do intend to look at both sides from a Biblical foundation and to consider how we 'love' each other as we do so.

So... if you have a bend on the topic, join me. If you are curious what the Bible has to say and what the different words are for homosexuality in the Bible, come and join me. If you are just curious, join me February 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:15 pm.

- Teresa

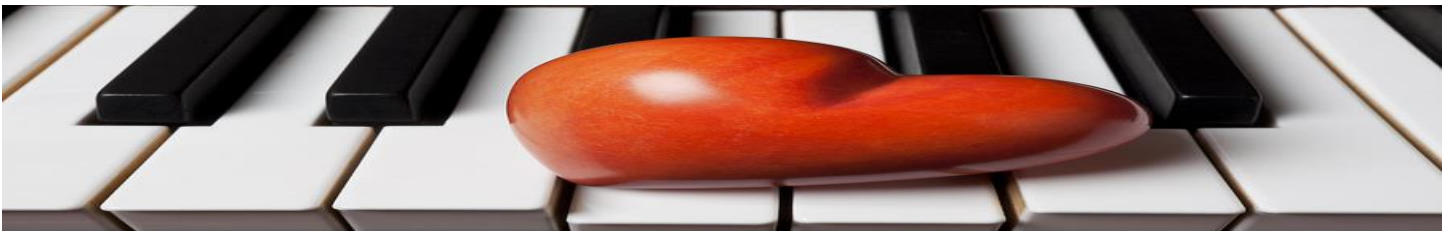




Odyssey Choir, Angel choir, and Cherub choir are all working on numbers for the talent show as well as anthems for church. The children are learning the new play, “Faith News” so now is a great time to join our group.



The Trinity Belles are practicing Monday nights and will be ringing in church on February 10<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 service.



Thanks to everyone who contributed to the piano fund to purchase a piano for the music room in memory of Ed Hazzard. We shall soon see a new piano!

Remember your pictures by February 15<sup>th</sup>, your art work and quilts and crafts, and your presence at the Talent Show on March 1<sup>st</sup>!

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 February 24<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**

*And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." Luke 3:11*

### **.29 Cents and Your Time**

The gift of .29 cents is enough to give a starving person a meal. One hour of your time can package many meals to feed those who are chronically hungry. The Children's Ministry is excited to be fundraising for this year's Rise Against Hunger food packaging event. It doesn't take much to fill an empty belly. Please consider the gift of .29 cents and your time to help eradicate hunger.



### **Children's Ministry Valentine Social**

The Children's Ministry is hosting a Valentine Social on February 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-12:00pm in the education wing. The children will enjoy making Valentine packages for our shut-ins/ill church family, along with snacks and games. All children are welcome, please feel free to bring a friend. Donations of 6x9 padded envelopes, chocolate chip cookies and valentine candy are appreciated. Donations can be left in the box marked Children's Ministry in Mission Alley. If your child will be attending, please RSVP to Steph F. by February 7<sup>th</sup>.



## 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: February 12th at 10 am)

Angela Bailey





## **Route 1 corridor missions**

### **- February Food Focus**

FOOD FOCUS for February will be canned meat (chicken, tuna, etc.), macaroni & 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.

### **- 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 February 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<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.

## **Buildings and Grounds**

We are in the midst of our winter season and we will be pondering the task of changing some of the planting areas around the church to enhance its eye or street appeal. Stephanye Fuina is heading up this project using her relationship with Edgar Blanco, a longtime friend who has his own landscape company and who does our lawn cutting service. This project will be discussed by the Trustees, the Finance committee and the Administrative Council in the near future.

In the meantime, I want to continue the work to maintain the planting areas by finishing the pruning of these areas. Please join me on most Saturday mornings in February or contact me to get a weekday assignment that you want to work on. Thank you in advance for your effort to support our landscape new plan and our current



## 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  
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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](#)

February Games:

1<sup>st</sup>: Youth at 7:45 pm, Adults at 9:15 pm

8<sup>th</sup>: Adults at 8:30 pm, Youth at 9:15 pm

15<sup>th</sup>: Adults at 6:15 pm, Youth at 7:00 pm

22<sup>nd</sup>: Adults at 7:45 pm; Youth at 9:15 pm \*Final Games of Season\*

## 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.

Peggy Byrd  
Mandy Burnette  
Douglas and Linda Cook  
Bobby Donovan  
Donald Emigh  
Pat & Jason Francisco  
Linda Harrington  
David & Andrea Harriss  
Karen & Lori Madison  
Melanie Newlin  
Bill & Lizanne Orn  
Susan Pfeiffer  
David Riggins  
Joanna Robinson  
Kathryn & Freeman Russ  
Bob & Brenda Sawdy  
David Shaffer & family  
Troy & Pam Sharpe  
Greg Smith

## 2019 Communion Stewards Schedule

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!*

Feb 1 Darleen Morgan

Feb 3 Isabelle Clarke

Feb 5 Cecil Burley

Anthony Lively

Feb 7 Gary Poythress

Feb 8 Eric Rasmussen

Feb 9 Rodney Shields

Feb 10 Katie Haley

Feb 12 Lucas Griffith

Alexis Bailey

Katie Griffith

Feb 13 Mark Saunders

Claude Springfield

Feb 14 Suzanne Saunders

Feb 17 Faye Cormier

Feb 18 Henry Sawyer

Feb 19 Barbara Linkous

Jack Ball

Angela Rasmussen

Feb 20 Maurice Linkous

Feb 25 Ronald Cash

Tom Kennedy

Joshua Lisagor

Feb 27 Sally Love

## FEBRUARY SERVANTS OF WORSHIP

### **MONEY COUNTERS:**

#### **February 3**

Angela Bailey & Kathy Harman

#### **February 10**

Angela Bailey & Lana Lefferts

#### **February 17**

Angela Bailey & Georgina Foster

#### **February 24**

No Counting, Angela on vacation

### **USHERS:**

#### **February 3**

TBD

#### **February 10**

TBD

#### **February 17**

TBD

#### **February 24**

TBD

### **NURSERY 8:30**

#### **February 3**

Sherri McCaul

#### **February 10**

Open

#### **February 17**

Stephanie Griffith

#### **February 24**

Open

### **SOUNDBOARD:**

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

Lucas C & Lucas G

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

Carroll S & Dewey C

### **ACOLYTES:**

#### **February 3**

Lillian Asbell, Open

#### **February 10**

Cameron Kelly, Open

#### **February 17**

Nathan Griffith, Open

#### **February 24**

Olivia Kelly, Open

### **NURSERY 11:00**

#### **February 3**

Ann Wright

#### **February 10**

Open

#### **February 17**

Open

#### **February 24**

Rosie Tarkington

**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

# February 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> 4:30 pm TUMC @ Miracles Café 7:45 pm Youth Volleyball 9:15 pm Adult Volleyball	<b>2</b> 8:30 am UMM
<b>3</b> Regular Sunday Schedule <b>*Communion Sunday*</b> - No Youth Group - Confirmation meets during Sunday School	<b>4</b> 7 pm Cub & Boy scouts (1,2,4) 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Mercy Mall	<b>5</b> 6:30 pm Sr. Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	<b>6</b> Wednesday schedule	<b>7</b> 6 pm UMW at Antonio's 7 pm AA (4)	<b>8</b> 8:30 pm Adult volleyball 9:15 pm Youth Volleyball	<b>9</b> 10 am – 12 pm Children's Ministry Valentine Social (classroom 2)
<b>10</b> Regular Sunday Schedule *Scout Sunday* <b>No Confirmation</b> <b>2 pm SPR</b>	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Boy scouts (1,2,4) 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Mercy Mall	<b>12</b> 10 am Homeless mat workshop with Angela 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	<b>13</b> Wednesday schedule 6:15 pm Bible Study	<b>14</b> 7 pm AA (4)	<b>15</b> 4:30 pm TUMC @ Miracles Café 6:15 pm Adult Volleyball 7:00 pm Youth Volleyball	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Regular Sunday Schedule	<b>18</b> 7 pm Boy scouts (1,2,4) 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Mercy Mall	<b>19</b> 6:30 pm Sr. Girl Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	<b>20</b> Wednesday schedule 6:15 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts District	<b>21</b> 7 pm AA (4)	<b>22</b> 7:45 pm Adult Volleyball 9:15 pm Youth Volleyball <b>*Final Games*</b>	<b>23</b> Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet (Sanctuary)
<b>24</b> Regular Sunday Schedule 2 pm Listening Post <b>No Confirmation</b> Newsletter articles due	<b>25</b> 6:30 pm girl Scouts 7 pm Cub & Boy scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Mercy Mall	<b>26</b> 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	<b>27</b> Wednesday schedule 6:15 pm Bible Study	<b>28</b> 7 pm AA (4)		





### **February**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> – TUMC @ Miracles Café 4:30 pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – UMM at 8:30 am**

**6<sup>th</sup> – UMW at Antonio's Restaurant 6 pm**

**9<sup>th</sup> – 10 am – Noon Children's Ministry Valentine Social**

**13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study 6:15 – 7:15 pm**

**23<sup>rd</sup> – Scouts Blue & Gold banquet (church sanctuary)**

### **March**

**1<sup>st</sup> – TUMC dinner & talent show at 6 pm**

**5<sup>th</sup> – Shrove Tuesday Dinner**

**6<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday Services**

### **April**

**1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>: Chesterfield Co. Spring Break (no children's music)**

**14<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday (Easter Cantata)**

**21 – Easter Sunday**

### **May**

**TBD – Youth yard sale**