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March Calendar

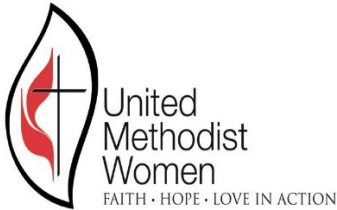
“Come into God’s court with thanksgiving and praise.”

Lent is almost here. It is a time of year for us to reflect on our faithfulness to God. He gives to us all year long. He provides us with opportunities and blessings. His spirit upholds us and gets us through.

At this time of year, we consider our faithfulness to God. So I ask you, how are you doing? In particular, I am asking you to review your finances. When you look at your spending habits, where does your money go? How often do you eat out? How much do you spend on personal items like your hair? What hobbies: plays, tools, outings do you support? Write out your budget over several months and see where your money goes.

Next I ask you to look at how much you put into God’s house. God asks for 10%. Whether this is before taxes or after, what would the 10% be? And how close to the 10% are you?

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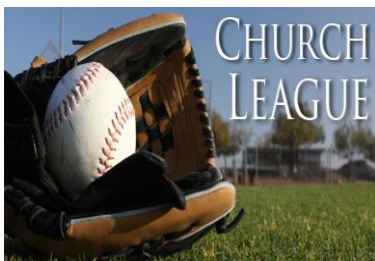
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The UMW ladies will meet Thursday March 14th at 7:00. We hope you will join us for inspiration and fellowship.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, March 24th for inclusion in the April newsletter. You can send items by email to trinity@trinity-umc.com or drop off in the "Church Secretary" hallway mailbox



Finally, if you are not at the 10%, how can you rearrange your spending so that you can move in the direction of the tithe? I have told you that our budget went up 4%. This is not a lot of money, but it is an increase. Can you increase your giving by 4%. If you are giving \$5 a month, can you increase it to \$9? I started by asking how much you spend on yourself because often, the steps toward faithfulness is found in the odd treats we give to ourselves.

Budgets are not made in a day. Being faithful with our money isn't done in a day either. It is a conscious effort and decision, made over years of decision making.

Please consider taking this year and take steps of faithful discipleship. What is your next step? Make a decision to be faithful and celebrate God's care of you and faithfulness to you.



I would like to thank all for the cards, calls, and visits I've received during my recovery. They really brighten my day!

-Ann Tougas

Trinity Softball Team

We are currently taking sign-ups for the 2018 church softball team.

Season runs April thru August every Friday night.



Our Wednesday night program is growing! We are delighted to welcome new members in our groups. The children are studying characters of the Old Testament such as Moses, Abraham and Sarah, and Joshua. These characters are also in the play we are working on entitled “Faith News”. The Cherubs and the Angels will be singing in the Talent Show on March 1st. We also sing once a month for the church services. Come join in the fun!

Blessings,

Pat



Treasurer

*\$\$** 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
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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 Tawanda at Treasurer@Trinity-UMC.com

Mulch Fundraiser: ALL HANDS ON DECK

Do you have a truck? Can you lift 30-50 lbs?

We are embarking in our Spring Mulch fundraiser with the boy scouts at our church! We can deliver to your home or have pick up Saturday 3/23

Please come out and help us by driving a truck or helping us deliver!

Please see Krystal if you are interested or email kcofer@vcu.edu



Parent Meeting:

There is a mandatory parents meeting of those who have youth interested in going on the mission trip on Sunday, March 3rd at 4 pm.

Buildings and Grounds

March activities that will involve your support, I hope, include

Cleaning windows

Spreading mulch

Preparing several planting beds for new shrubbery

Meet me on any March Saturday morning after 9 AM or call me to arrange your own weekday task. Consider organizing your own work party if you find it beneficial. Our building and grounds always have chores to work on so continue to step up to complete these hands on tasks. Being on your knees leads to interesting consequences and benefits.



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

Cookies for a Cause

Thank you to the 2nd-5th grade Sunday school for their cookies sales and those that donated cookies in support of Rise Against Hunger. You all did an amazing job and because of your service and generosity we are well on our way to reaching our goal.

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.



You ARE Appreciated!

Thank you to all of those that donated candy and cookies for the Children's Valentine Social. Thank you to the grown-ups who gave their time and helping hands. A special thank you to all the children who participated. The Valentines they created were amazing and sent to some of our very loved and missed church family.



Please join us as the Children's Ministry hosts the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon on Palm Sunday following the 11:00 service. Children participating in the egg hunt should bring their own basket. Donations of individually wrapped Easter candy are needed. Please consider gluten free/nut free options when making your donation. Candy donations can be left in the crate marked Easter Candy located in Mission Alley. All children and families are welcome so please invite a friend or neighbor.

The congregation is asked to bring a side dish share for the luncheon. The entrée will be provided by the Children's Ministry. Please be sure to label any dishes with your name so they can be returned promptly. Volunteers are needed to help set up and prepare. If you would like to help please contact Steph F.



We will be selling Easter Eggs again this year. We will be offering Peanut Butter and Butter Cream eggs, both gluten free, at the same cost of \$4 per egg. They are personalized and packaged pretty and would make a thoughtful gift for someone. The order forms will be available starting March 10 in Mission Alley with egg pickup on Palm Sunday, April 14. Please fill out an order form for each egg ordered and money is due when you turn in your order by Sunday, April 7. The money will go to the construction of a sound stage in the sanctuary.



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: March 12th at 10 am)

Angela Bailey



Route 1 corridor missions

- March Food Focus

FOOD FOCUS for March will be canned chicken or tuna, chicken or tuna helper, and canned fruit. 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 March 1st, 15th, and 29th. Jen Walker usually volunteers to prepare meals every Tuesday, if you would like to help her out one week, please see her.

TRINITY FRIDAY 2019 MIRACLES CAFÉ SCHEDULE

3/1/19	9/13/19
3/15/19	9/27/19
3/29/19	10/11/19
4/12/19	10/25/19
4/26/19	11/8.19
5/10/19	11/22/19
5/24/19	12/6/19
6/7/19	12/20/19
6/21/19	1/3/20
7/5/19	
7/19/19	
8/2/19	
8/16/19	
8/30/19	



Lenten Coin Folders Coming Soon!

With Lent beginning March 6th, we will be offering the Lenten coin folders to anyone who wishes to make a daily commitment to kindness, faithfulness, and spirituality. It is a special way individuals or families with children can decide what each person can do every day to show they are doing what God wants us to do. This can simply be an act of kindness, reading a bible verse each day, or saying a small prayer to give thanks. When they have completed the task, they insert a quarter into the coin folder. On Easter Sunday the folders are returned to church and put in the offering plate. It is such a good way to develop a habit of being of service and thanking God for all of our blessings.

The money collected from these folders will go to the Rise Against Hunger project.

2019 Communion Stewards Schedule

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!

March 1 Les Morgan
March 2 Lucy Shields
Matthew Saunders
Amber Schneider
March 6 Gerald Moody
March 9 Carolyn Wilson
Elizabeth Kump
March 10 Peggy Farrar
March 11 Corey Sapp
Brenda Shepherd
March 12 Hillary Shields
Emily Shields
March 14 Evelyn Cox
March 16 Guy Cash
March 17 Pat Trombley
Alyssa Lively
March 21 Dylan Day
March 23 James Miller
March 24 Peyton Roach
March 26 Joe Sellers
March 28 Angie Parrish
March 29 Bert Watson
March 30 Dorothy Taylor
Rachael Linkous
March 31 Madeline Sawyer
Bobby Farmer

MARCH SERVANTS OF WORSHIP

MONEY COUNTERS:

March 3

Angela Bailey & Brenda Shepherd

March 10

Angela Bailey & Lana Lefferts

March 17

Angela Bailey & Aubrey Tarkington

March 24

Angela Bailey & Sara Bishop

March 31

Angela Bailey & Ed Cole

USHERS:

March 3

TBD

March 10

TBD

March 17

TBD

March 24

TBD

March 31

TBD

NURSERY 8:30

March 3

Lori Mizelle

March 10

Open

March 17

Open

March 24

Open

March 31

Open

SOUNDBOARD:

8:30 Service

Lucas C & Lucas G

11:00 Service

Carroll S & Dewey C

ACOLYTES:

March 3

Sean Wright, Open

March 10

Katie Griffith, Open

March 17

Nathan Griffith, Open

March 24

Katie M & Meredith L, Open

March 31

Open, Open

NURSERY 11:00

March 3

Cindy Morris

March 10

Ginny White

March 17

Open

March 24

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

March 2019

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
31 Regular Sunday Schedule					1 4:30 pm TUMC @ Miracles Café 6 pm TUMC dinner & talent show	2 8:30 am UMM 10am-2pm Broken Leg Theater auditions
3 Regular Sunday Schedule *Communion Sunday* - 4 pm Parent's meeting for youth mission trip (No youth group tonight)	4 7 pm Cub & Boy scouts (1,2,4) 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Mercy Mall	5 6 pm Shrove Tuesday Dinner 6:30 pm Sr. Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	6 5:45 pm Children's Music 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service Choir practice after Ash Wed Service	7 7 pm AA (4)	8	9
10 Regular Sunday Schedule *Set clocks ahead one hour*	11 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Boy scouts (1,2,4) 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Mercy Mall	12 10 am Homeless mat workshop with Angela 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	13 Wednesday schedule 6:15 pm Bible Study	14 7 pm UMW 7 pm AA (4)	15 Office Closed 4:30 pm TUMC @ Miracles Café	16
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24 Regular Sunday Schedule 3 pm Listening Post (Grief Process) Newsletter articles due	25 7 pm Cub & Boy scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Mercy Mall	26 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	27 Wednesday schedule 6:15 pm Bible Study	28 7 pm AA (4)	29 4:30 pm TUMC @ Miracles Café	30



March

- 1st – TUMC dinner & talent show at 6 pm**
- 1st, 15th, 29th – TUMC at Miracles Cafe**
- 2nd – Broken leg theater auditions (10 am)**
- 3rd – Parent's meeting for youth interested in mission trip (4 pm)**
- 5th – Shrove Tuesday Dinner at 6:00 pm**
- 6th – Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm**
- 10th – Daylight Savings Time**
(Set clocks ahead one hour Saturday night)
- 13th, 20th, 27th – Bible Study on the purpose of Marriage (6:15 pm)**
- 23rd – Mulch delivery and distribution day**
- 24th – Listening Post at 3 pm (Grief Process)**
- 24th – April Newsletter deadline**

April

- 1st – 5th: Chesterfield Co. Spring Break (no children's music)**
- 7th – Confirmation Sunday**
- 14th – Palm Sunday (Easter Cantata)**
Easter egg hunt and luncheon follow the 11:00 o'clock service
- 21 – Easter Sunday**

May

- 11th – Youth yard sale**

I thought of you

I thought of you today, and I wished I could give you the biggest hug. It would be nothing but a small comfort, in a world that easily brings one down. I just thought you'd appreciate the warmth.

I thought of you today, and wished we could have one of our marathon phone calls. But we both work, have kids, and lives to take care of so that doesn't happen as often as either of us would like. I just like to hear your voice sometimes.

I thought of you today, as my mind was going through the daily whirlwind of stuff to do. Sometimes we get busy and forget to breathe. Don't forget to take a moment, look up, and say "Thank you God, for helping me through this." Really. He's there. He'll hear you.

I thought of you today, and hoped you know how much I care about you even if it goes unsaid.

Unspoken words are more powerful than people let on, and prayers work the same.

I thought of you today, when it's bedtime and my mind is winding down. I wonder if you had a good day, or if you're feeling overwhelmed. So I raise my eyes to the Heavens and say: "Dear God, help them, heal them, keep them strong for tomorrow's fight."

I thought of you today, in my dreams I visited you. It was the best visit! We talked about life, empathized with each other's struggles, and just had time together. Nothing grand or extraordinary, just time spent with good people.

I wanted you to know that you are thought of every minute of every hour of every day. Not just by me, but by God, Jesus, and the Church. Trials come, and can be overcome by God's Grace. We are strong willed, but not stronger than the Holy Spirit. We lean on Him when we are weak, as He is strong. Our minds can have moments of weakness, but through prayer we find our strength again and land on our feet as He gently puts us back on the ground. You are thought of, Loved more than you know, and have a God like no other! Hallelujah!

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 3rd 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.



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 2nd 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: _____

