

# THE HIGHLIGHTER

#### **Highlights from Trinity United Methodist Church**

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**TUMC Mission Statement:** 

**March 2021** 

"To ignite such a passion, for Jesus Christ and His teachings, that it sets our world on fire."

#### From the Pastor's Pen...



Dear Trinity Church Family,

I need a renewal of my soul, a re-creation of my spirit. How about you? Ezekiel 36: 26 says:

"And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you."

During the month of March, we are observing the season of Lent, using all the spiritual disciplines we can to allow the Lord to place a new soul, a new heart and a new spirit within us. Join us as we seek this... and we'll meet you at the empty tomb in April!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jim
Dr. James E. Swecker, Lead Pastor

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#### **Blessings, Thanks & Prayers**

Prayers for Those Who Have Been Hospitalized Recently... Carole Jean Hutchins and Rev. Dr. Corey Sharpe (Huntingtown UMC).

#### Praise God for New Life and Congratulations to...

Marti and Mike Booros, who welcomed a new grandson ~ Lucas Wayne Bello ~ on February 1. Martha and John Bello are the proud parents.

#### Congratulations and God's Blessings Upon...

- Christy and Freddie Lee, whose adoption was finalized on February 11.
- † Megan Christine Villano, who joined Trinity by Profession of Faith on February 21 and her daughter, Alaina Grace Sutphin, who was baptized and became a Preparatory Member on February 21.

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Our Sincere Sympathies to...

- Bette Bowen and family, as they grieve the death of her husband ~ Sidney Guy "Sam" Bowen ~ on January 23.
- † Leah Woods and family, as they grieve the death of her daughter ~ Abigail Ruth Maloney ~ on January 25.
- Greg and Jill Veit and family, as they grieve the death of her brother ~ Larry Tomko ~ on February 18.
- Betty May and family, as they grieve the death of her daughter  $\sim$  Pat  $\sim$  on February 19.

#### Visitation List...

Glenn Conner - 165 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 Arlene Downs - 4540 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 Madelyn "Kitty" Hoffman - 23 Well Street, Huntingtown, MD 20639 Carole Jean Hutchins - 1710 Old Adelina Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 Chip Jaworski - 1960 Shiloh Lane, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 Betty Southard - 1665 Mallard Point Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Asbury Solomons - Solomons, MD 20688 Fred Davenport - 11450 Asbury Circle, #421 Charlotte Hall - 11740 Asbury Circle, Apt. #1404 Margaret Hayes - 11740 Asbury Circle, Apt. #1308 Jane Schmidt - 11740 Asbury Circle, Apt. #1420

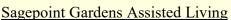
#### Fairfield Health & Rehab Center

Ron Sauer - 1454 Fairfield Loop Rd., Room 128, Crownsville, MD 21032

#### Flury House

Jason Gohn - 6045 Bauman Drive, Elkridge, MD 21075

The Hermitage at Solomons - 13325 Dowell Road, Solomons, MD 20688 **Doris Benesh** Louise McCumber



Eddie Wood - 123 Morris Drive, La Plata, MD 20646

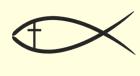
#### Solomons Nursing Center

Ruth Everhart - 13325 Dowell Road, (P.O. Box 1509), Patuxent Room 16, Solomons, MD 20688

Dr. James E. Swecker

Dr. Johnsie W. Cogman

LaTrelle Miller Easterling

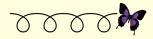


# Special Thanks to our Church Family

I want to thank the congregation for their prayers, cards, and expressions of love and care to my family following the passing of my son, Rob.

It was so encouraging and comforting to know that we were remembered, supported, and held up to God.

Robert Gray



I just want to thank everyone in our church family who has been praying for me over the last 7 years since God first put adoption in my heart. It has been a long journey, but staying faithful has led me to Freddie, an incredible young man I am proud to now call my son! Thank you all who have been praying for us since we first found out about Freddie!

Thank you for loving us!

Christy Lee



#### NO MAN IS AN ISLAND ENTIRE OF ITSELF ~ Hebrews 10:24

How thankful I am for my church family. They are important to me and I appreciate all of them very much. I celebrated a birthday recently with my church family. I want to thank all of them as I received 'well wishes' with gifts, flowers, cards and messages on the internet. It means so much to know you have so many friends to help you with celebrations and the sad times in your life as well. I am thankful for my immediate family so much, but my church family adds another dimension to my life and gives me strength through good times and 'not so good times'.

No one will be alone as long as he belongs to a church family.

With love, Naomi Stratton



# Calendar for Bible Study Groups

<u>Tuesday</u> Ladies of Grace Women's Bible Study

> 10 – 11:30 AM on Zoom Sue Clark

Wednesday
Open Bible Study
10 AM and 6:30 PM

on Zoom Pastor Jim and Friends



# After COVID-19 Restrictions have been Lifted

<u>Sunday</u> New Covenant Adult Sunday School Class 9:15 AM – Parlor

9:15 AM – Parlor Rick Cox

Special Needs Young Adult Sunday School Class 9:15 AM – Room 312

Thursday
Men's Bible Study

5:30 AM At the homes of: John Godfrey Morris Hawkins



If you are currently
attending our
virtual service,
don't forget to prepare
for Communion on the
first Sunday of each
month.
Prepackaged (sealed)
sets of wafers and juice
are available in the
church office
Monday through Friday
from 8 am-4 pm.

# The Prince Frederick Methodist Cemetery Corporation

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hereby notifies everyone that the

**Annual Spring Clean-up** 

at our cemeteries will occur the week of March 7 thru March 13, 2021.

Any decorations you wish to save should be removed before this time.

Spring decorations may be placed at the cemetery on or after March 14.

Please remove grave decorations when they become unsightly and keep them to a minimum during the mowing season.

THANK YOU





The Project Echo Ministry is looking for volunteers to make meals on the 2nd Tuesday of every month for the 2021 calendar year. Individuals, families, or groups of families can sign up to provide a meal for the 35 to 40 residents at the Project Echo Homeless Shelter. These meals can be anything from pizza to fried chicken, pasta to tacos, your favorite family casserole, or any other ideas you may have! The meal should be delivered by 6 pm to the Project Echo House. Look for the sign up clipboard in Trinity's Gathering Room and contact Ginny Noftsier with any questions.

Vnoftsier@yahoo.com/717-490-1009



# Food Pantry Donations are being accepted during regular Church Office hours.

#### Trinity's Virtual Schedule...

- **Sunday Worship Service**: To access the worship service on Sundays at 10:30 am, visit <a href="www.trinityumchurch.org">www.trinityumchurch.org</a> (Trinity's website) and click on LIVE STREAM. This service can be viewed throughout the week. The service is also available on You Tube ~ see below.
- † Open Bible Study: Open Bible Study will be conducted via ZOOM on Wednesdays. For the 10 am gathering, use <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85226513848?pwd=WG0vZXM3cERVYXhoVjE1djVyMFpJUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/jwd=WG0vZXM3cERVYXhoVjE1djVyMFpJUT09</a> with Meeting ID: 852 2651 3848 and Password: 011371. For the 6:30 pm gathering, use <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81695972777?">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81695972777?</a>
  <a href="pwd=ZUIJUXFPcTOwOVNIL0RhYmZjTXBQZz09">pwd=ZUIJUXFPcTOwOVNIL0RhYmZjTXBQZz09</a> with Meeting ID: 816 9597 2777 and Password: 010135.
- Youth Group: The Youth Group will meet in the parking lot, or via ZOOM if weather is inclement, on Sunday evenings from 6 7:30 pm. Contact Janet Swecker at <a href="mailto:firstladyjanet@gmail.com">firstladyjanet@gmail.com</a> if you would like to participate.
- † Young Adults: The Young Adults are meeting via ZOOM on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. Contact Ruthie Lewis at <a href="mailto:ruthielws@gmail.com">ruthielws@gmail.com</a> if you are interested in participating.
- † **Daily Prayer**: Pastor Jim is recording a Prayer each weekday morning. Visit www.trinityumchurch.org and click on *Daily Prayer*. You can also see past recordings on Trinity's YouTube channel (see below).
- YouTube Channel: The Sunday Worship Services and Daily Prayers are recorded and available on YouTube. Visit <a href="www.trinityumchurch.org">www.trinityumchurch.org</a> and click on YouTube Channel. Closed Captioning is available by clicking on the "CC" in the bottom right of the video screen (to the left of the cogwheel).

#### Farming 4 Hunger News

This year, Farming 4 Hunger is increasing their focus on growing food for students and their parents who receive food assistance. They have added 450 laying hens and hope to help families in need with eggs from the new hens.

How can Trinity help? You can help by saving your egg cartons to be reused to hold the eggs that will be donated. There will be a Farming 4 Hunger box in the Gathering Room soon to collect egg cartons. Farming 4 Hunger has also asked for donations toward feed for the hens. If you would like to help in the purchase of feed for the hens, please go directly to the Farming 4 Hunger website at <a href="https://www.farming4hunger.com/">https://www.farming4hunger.com/</a> Thank you!!!



#### **Our Journey of Hope Program**

Trinity UMC will be beginning a new ministry for our Church. It is called "Our Journey of Hope". This program is presented by the Cancer Treatment Centers of America. It is a biblically based cancer care ministry training program to equip, engage, and empower pastors and ministry leaders with the tools needed to effectively serve, comfort and encourage men, women and families fighting cancer by providing resources and training opportunities.

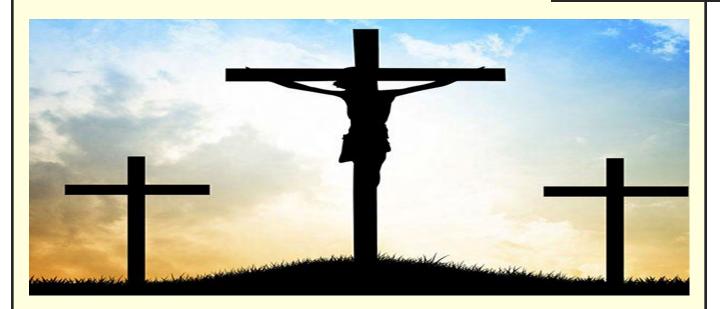
We are looking for someone who has a heart for this type of support for our church family. Anne Weems will be one of the leaders for this program, but the program requires two. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Anne Weems at weemsa@comcast.net.

These are difficult times to navigate.

Let the church keep your mind and spirit on track.

Mondays through Saturdays, go to

www.trinityumchurch.org and click on the Daily Prayer button
to hear the prayer of the day and to be reminded that wherever
you go, whatever you do ~ Jesus walks with you!



# NAIL YOUR SINS TO THE CROSS!

JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS FOR YOU AND ME

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WE INVITE YOU TO COME FROM
12PM TO 3PM TO NAIL YOUR SINS TO THE CROSS

SPONSORED BY THE EVANGELISM TEAM

ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT: JANETJHYDE@COMCAST.NET

#### **Trinity UMC 2021 Scholarship Application**



The 2021 Trinity UMC Scholarship application is now posted on the Trinity website (www.trinityumchurch.org). There are scholarships available for southern Maryland college students, graduating high school seniors and returning adult students. There is also a scholarship for ordained ministry candidates from the Washington East (WE) District.

The completed application and official transcripts must be received on or before 3 pm Friday, April 30 to be considered.

Contact Anne Weems at 410-586-3882 or via email at <a href="weemsa@comcast.net">weemsa@comcast.net</a> if you have any questions.

TRUST IN HIM AT ALL TIMES, YOU PEOPLE;
POUR OUT YOUR HEARTS TO HIM,
FOR GOD IS OUR REFUGE.

**PS&LM 62:8** 

## Are you receiving our Church emails?

If you are not part of Trinity's e-mail ministry, you may be missing important information. To be added to our active email list, please notify the church office:

at 410-535-1782 or <a href="mailto:churchoffice@trinityumchurch.org">churchoffice@trinityumchurch.org</a>.



### **Health Ministry Minute**



Do you have a passion for healthcare and are trying to find a way to help our congregation? The Health Ministry Team is forming to help provide service for our church family. We hope to work with other established leaders and committees to accomplish the goal of improving access to healthcare resources for our congregation and the community. Any amount of time that you have available to use your knowledge can make a positive impact. If this ministry appeals to you, please prayerfully consider joining it. Contact us for more information. Together, we can make a difference.

Kendra & Erik Johnson ~ khjrn@comcast.net ~ emtpej@comcast.net ~ 410-535-9011 Parish Nursing and Community Health Ministry

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month



To register for a COVID vaccine: Go to www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Vaccine or call 410-535-0218

# The Need for Blood is Real



Trinity's next blood drive is Wednesday, March 17 from 2 - 7 pm.

Download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule your life-saving donation.

Appointments are necessary. \* Walk-ins will not be seen at this time. \*

Please consider donating or volunteering.

For more info or to volunteer, contact Dawn Rice at 410-474-6477 or cdr727@aol.com.

#### **Christian Education at Trinity**



February brought us snow! Snow brings us pictures of our children playing outdoors, building snowmen, making snowballs and making snow angels. It also gives us time to go sledding, snow tubing and skiing! Our children have been very active during our Sunday snows last month, so enjoy the pictures (on the following pages) and remember your childhood adventures in the snow.

To Have VBS or Not Have VBS, that is the question on our minds right now!

We have had to make some tough decisions over the past year with Covid-19 being in our midst. After much thought and even more prayers for guidance, we have decided to postpone our Rocky Railway Adventure for another year. We are now in



the midst of trying to plan a one day VBS event to be held on Saturday, July 17, 2021. Please save this date and we will give you more information as our plans come together. We are planning to make this an outdoor event so that we can have more children participating. We are excited about this new possibility and pray that God will quide us in the planning process.

Congratulations to
Eleanor
for receiving her personal achievement badge
for selling cookies
for the Girl Scouts of America.

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Congratulations to Freddie Lee upon receiving his YELLOW BELT in Taekwondo! Freddie, your church family is so proud of you and your amazing accomplishment! Keep up the great job!!

Congratulations to Christy and Freddie Lee!!! On Thursday, February 11, 2021, Freddie's adoption was finalized so he is now officially Mr. Lee! This has been a long journey for Christy. We are Praising God for putting Freddie in her life. May God bless your family abundantly!! We are so happy to have Freddie with us at Trinity!!



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# Comeet the Date!



On Palm Sunday, we wave these

TeachSundaySchool.com

### Youth Ministry & Fellowship

Congratulations to David on being awarded the Rank of Eagle Scout!! David worked hard to complete all the requirements necessary to earn this Rank. For his Eagle Scout Project, David built 5



benches for the front lawn of the church so that we can enjoy the sunshine and the beauty of God's creation while worshipping outside. David is one of the many youth at Trinity who has earned the privilege of being an Eagle Scout.

We are praying that March will bring us some warmer weather so that we can get outside again. February was kind of rough on us with all the snow and ice, but thank God for Zoom so that we were able to stay connected.

In Christ, Miss Janet



# Happy Birthday

## to Our Trinity Family

March 1: Brooke Bell March 1: Bob Gray March 2: Brian Bowen

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March 2: Andrew McCorison, II

March 3: Suzanne Latham March 3: William Wood

March 4: Brian Haller

March 5: Christopher Beyer

March 6: Charles Cox

March 6: Samuel Hammett

March 6: John Holton

March 6: Dolores McClanahan

March 7: Jack Woodford March 7: Christine Ziegler

March 8: Sam Green

March 8: Gwyn Novak

March 9: Brooke Ball

March 9: Carey Bibb

March 9: Ericka Carswell
March 9: Catherine Moore

March 9: Barbara Wood

March 10: Page Bowen

March 11: John Jabara

March 11: William Morrison

March 13: Mary Frances Catterton

March 13: Vicki Treiber

March 15: Kevin Burt

March 16: Charlotte Hall

March 17: Robert Hall

March 17: Jim Van Duzer

March 18: Cole McCarthy

March 19: Keith Burns

March 20: Anaia Daniel

March 20: Linda Gott

March 23: Anna D'Agostino

March 23: Lauren Holt March 23: Landon Nelson

March 24: Ronnie Quesenberry

March 24: Barbara Short March 25: Andrew Daniel

March 25: Avery Reinhardt March 26: Nicholas Buckler

March 26: Gayle Bylan March 26: Nora Steuart

March 27: Chris Bates

March 27: Jacob Bush

March 27: Candice D'Agostino

March 28: Jack Green

March 28: Alexandra Latchaw

March 29: Janet Swecker March 30: Lavina Brewster

March 31: Austin Quesenberry







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#### Listen to the Words...

We sing beautiful songs and hymns every Sunday.

# Take Time to Be Holy

Verse 1

Take time to be holy
Speak oft with thy Lord
Abide in Him always
And feed on His Word
Make friends with God's children
Help those who are weak
Forgetting in nothing
His blessing to seek

Verse 2

Take time to be holy
The world rushes on
Spend much time in secret
With Jesus alone
By looking to Jesus
Like Him thou shalt be
Thy friends in thy conduct
His likeness shall see

Verse 3

Take time to be holy
Let Him be thy Guide
And run not before Him
Whatever betide
In joy or in sorrow
Still follow thy Lord
And looking to Jesus
Still trust in His Word

Verse 4

Take time to be holy
Be calm in thy soul
Each thought and each motive
Beneath His control
Thus led by His Spirit
To fountains of love
Thou soon shall be fitted
For service above



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# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

#### **Open Bible Study**

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. (on ZOOM)

#### **Sunday Schedule**

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

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10:30 a.m. Worship Service (live-streamed - www.trinityumchurch.org and on Trinity's You Tube channel)

#### **TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF**

Sharon Godfrey Financial Secretary
William Jenifer Sexton
Becki Nelson Bookkeeper
Kathy Pinkowski Administrative Assistant
Janet Swecker Coordinator of Christian Ed
and Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Jack Woodford Certified Lay Minister
Leah Woods Director of Music Ministries

Jim Swecker.....Lead Pastor

For Highlighter questions, comments or article submissions, contact Dawn Rice at cdr727@aol.com.





### **MARCH 2021**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	Trustees Meeting 7 pm	Missions Meeting 6 pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Worship Meeting 6:30 pm	10	11	12	13
Daylight Saving Time Begins	15	16	Blood Drive 2-7 pm	18	19	20
21	22	Church Council Meeting 6:30 pm	24	25	26	27 Passover
Palm Sunday	29	30	31			

#### **Weekly Ministries**

Sunday<br/>8:00 amWednesday<br/>10:30 amOpen Bible Study ~ Zoom10:30 am<br/>6:00 pmWorship Service ~ Live Streamed<br/>Youth Group6:30 pmOpen Bible Study ~ Zoom

7:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday
6:30 pm Young Adult ~ Zoom

Monday
9:00 am Church Staff Meeting
Saturday

Tuesday
9:30 am Stroller Strong
Stroller Strong

Women's Bible Study ~ Zoom

10:00 am