From the Pastor's Pen...

Dear Trinity Church Family,

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, “Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more” (Luke 12: 48).

What does the Lord expect from us? As for me and my household, I feel like we’ve been richly blessed by God and so we have much expected of us. How about you?

As you read opportunities to serve and to give of ourselves in this month’s Highlighter, what do you think the Lord might expect from you and your household? Has He given you much or little?

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

TUMC Mission Statement:
“To ignite such a passion, for Jesus Christ and His teachings, that it sets our world on fire.”

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Blessings, Thanks & Prayers

Prayers for Those Who Have Been Hospitalized Recently…
Jim VanDuzer.

Praise God for New Life and Congratulations to…
† Warren and Dawn Rice, who welcomed their new granddaughter ~ Collins Ellis Rice ~ on December 30. Tyler and Brooke are the proud parents, and proud great-grandparents are Bob and Carol Ann Scrivener.

Our Sincere Sympathies to…
† Bob Gray and family, as they grieve the death of his son ~ Rob Gray ~ on January 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, Apt. #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

Sagepoint Gardens Assisted Living
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
The Prince Frederick Methodist Cemetery Corporation 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

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me... Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

*Psalm 51:10,12*

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.

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**Calendar for Bible Study Groups**

**Tuesday**
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**

**Sunday**
New Covenant Adult Sunday School Class 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
Inclement Weather Policy

Sunday Mornings:
- If it snows on a Sunday morning, the lead pastor will make the decision by 6 a.m. whether or not to hold worship. The congregation will be notified by email and through the church’s telephone answering machine.

During the Week:
- If the Calvert County Public School system closes, outside groups will not be permitted to meet in the building. Trinity scheduled activities will go on as scheduled.
- If the Calvert County Government closes, all Trinity activities will be cancelled and the building will be locked.

Project ECHO
Hope for the Homeless

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 Nofsier with any questions. Vnofsier@yahoo.com/717-490-1009
Trinity’s Virtual Schedule...

† **Sunday Worship Service:** To access the worship service on Sundays at 10:30 am, visit [www.trinityumchurch.org](http://www.trinityumchurch.org) (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 [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85226513848?pwd=WG0vZXM3cERVYXhoVjE1djVyMFpJUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85226513848?pwd=WG0vZXM3cERVYXhoVjE1djVyMFpJUT09) with Meeting ID: 852 2651 3848 and Password: 011371. For the 6:30 pm gathering, use [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81695972777?pwd=ZUlJUXFPcTOwOVNILORhYmZjTXBOZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81695972777?pwd=ZUlJUXFPcTOwOVNILORhYmZjTXBOZz09) 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 firstladyjanet@gmail.com 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 ruthielws@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

† **Daily Prayer:** Pastor Jim is recording a Prayer each weekday morning. Visit [www.trinityumchurch.org](http://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 [www.trinityumchurch.org](http://www.trinityumchurch.org) 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).
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.

Contact Anne Weems at 410-586-3882 or via email at weemsa@comcast.net if you have any questions.

...TRUST STEADILY IN GOD, HOPE UNSWERVINGLY, LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY, AND THE BEST OF THE THREE IS LOVE.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

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!
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.
2020 Tree of Angels and Giving Trees Recap

I was truly amazed at the way the congregation at Trinity UMC answered God's call to be generous to all of the Trinity Giving Trees this past year. We faced many challenges as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, but we overcame them.

I know there were many gift cards donated to both the Family and the Light In The Mountain/Roughside of the Mountain Giving Trees.

This year, the Angel Tree provided gifts for 26 children from 10 local families. We also provided gifts for the 3 children of a family that came to Trinity asking for assistance. Therefore, we actually were able to provide gifts to 29 children from 11 local families.

One of the challenges that we had this year was, as a result of the pandemic, members of the Church were not coming out to take tags off of the Tree of Angels. Some reached out to me requesting that I send them information electronically. I scanned some of the tags and emailed the information to them. There were others who made financial contributions so that my wife Sandra and I were able to go shopping for the gifts of the tags that were not taken.

Also this year, an overwhelming amount of gift-wrapping supplies were donated and distributed to the families.

This was the first year, since I have overseen the Tree of Angels at Trinity, that all of the tags and gifts were returned on time. I am truly grateful for that.

On behalf of the Trinity UMC Missions Team, I would like to thank each person who contributed to the Giving Trees in any way this year - those who prepared the Tree of Angels tags to hang on the tree, those who set up the Giving Trees display in the Gathering Room, those who took the tags and purchased gifts and gift cards, and the volunteers who sorted and inventoried the gifts. And, a special Thank You to Rob Rallo who helped me deliver the gifts to the Tree of Angels Distribution Center and helped at the Tree of Angels Distribution Center on Distribution Day. The Calvert County Christmas Tree of Angels program provided gifts for over 354 children from 164 Calvert County families.

This Christmas season has been a difficult period as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, but God provided a way for the Giving Tree Ministry to be successful.

Little Jack Woodford
The Sorting of the Gifts
Christian Education at Trinity

Happy Valentine’s Day!! February is the month we celebrate Love!!

I pray sometime soon we will all be able to be back in the church building with our Sunday School Classes back in full swing!! I would love for that to happen. I can’t even begin to tell you how much I have missed each and every one of you. Sundays just aren’t the same anymore. The classrooms and the hallways are quiet. The Gathering Room is empty… no one visiting with friends, no food, nothing. I hope this all changes soon!!

Next month it will be a whole year since we have been able to have Sunday School and all the other activities that we try to do for our Church Family. By now, we are usually well on our way planning for Vacation Bible School. We know our theme will be “Rocky Railway” and we are praying that by the time July rolls around, we will be able to have Vacation Bible School. I don’t know if I can go another year without VBS.

CONGRATULATIONS!!! ASHLYN LAGANA!!!

The MSDE Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented Students selected Ashlyn Lagana as an awardee for the Outstanding Student Accomplishment in Gifted and Talented Education!

What a great accomplishment Ashlyn!! Your Trinity Church family is very proud of you!

On a personal note: I would like to thank all of the children who contributed pictures and letters for the book I was honored to receive as a Christmas Gift. The book is beautiful, and I will cherish it forever!! Thank you to Miss Staci, who I believe was the mastermind behind this endeavor.

In Christ,
Janet Swecker  firstladyjanet@gmail.com
More Fun Baking the Dough
Holy Night Christmas Cookies!
Youth Ministry & Fellowship

Happy Valentine’s Day!!

The Youth have enjoyed being together. Being able to meet has helped us have a bit of normalcy in our lives. I am grateful that they want to be together. When we have gathered, we have had fun playing games and we have had great discussions.

It has been a challenge to come up with activities for the youth to do. We have had a bonfire, played “Scrabble” on the parking lot, and even played flashlight tag and glow in the dark kickball. Our youth are very creative in coming up with new ideas. We have also had some deep discussions regarding feelings with the pandemic, the recent riots in D.C., being in the classroom vs. virtual learning and tried to tie all of our discussions into how Jesus would have handled these situations. When we are together, we are trying hard to help the youth grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

We have an amazing group of youth at Trinity and we are trying to help them find their niche in serving the Lord among us. We are grateful for those who have already found their place serving on the tech team, as hosts and as liturgists. All of these are important jobs, and they are doing an awesome job showing the love of Jesus Christ to others.

Please pray for our youth. They have been facing difficult times like the rest of us. They have been challenged with virtual learning, little to no sports and other afterschool clubs or activities. Most of our youth are involved in many different activities and they are missing the opportunities to participate with their friends. Let’s pray that this pandemic comes to an end soon so that we can get back to as normal a lifestyle as possible. We need to pray especially for our Seniors who have lost so much this year - Prom, Homecoming, sporting events, drama and choral productions and band concerts, just to name a few. Depending on what the pandemic does in the next few months, they may even miss out on the traditional Graduation that they have worked so hard to achieve. They really need our prayerful support as they navigate the days ahead.

In Christ,

Miss Janet
Color by Numbers!

1 = Brown  
2 = Skin tone  
3 = Red  
4 = Purple  
5 = Green  
6 = Light blue  
7 = Black  
8 = Orange

Jesus loves the little children.  
Luke 18

TeachSundaySchool.com
1. **Worship Weekly** (not weakly): being a disciple of Jesus means regularly and faithfully worshiping the Lord to stay connected to Him and His people. Illness or out of town obligations can often prevent us from being with the Church when it gathers on Sundays, and we understand this. Our goal is to be as faithful as possible being in God’s house for worship. The scripture says Jesus Himself worshiped regularly.

   **SCRIPTURE:** Luke 4: 16-17 and Hebrews 10: 24-25

2. **Meet Monthly**: become part of a Bible Study or some other small group. Followers of Jesus study His word, not in isolation, but with the help of other disciples seeking to be closer, deeper and more effective. You may want to participate in your Bible Study or small group more than monthly, but at least consider this minimum standard for keeping your life with Christ fresh, active, living and growing.


3. **Serve Seriously**: serving others is a part of following Jesus in the world. Serving the needs of other people and witnessing to the love of Christ are part of the same motion, taking the Gospel outward into the world. Witnessing is a part of serving and spreading the good news of Jesus happens as we feed the hungry. Faith without works is dead, so an active, growing, vibrant faith must have SERVING as a regular component. We recommend serving locally at least 4 times per year (every 3 months) and ask you to consider serving outside our local community once each year, if possible.

   **SCRIPTURE:** Acts 2: 32-37; Psalm 100: 2a and Matthew 28: 16-20
Happy Birthday to Our Trinity Family

February 1: Sam Bowen
February 1: Olivia Buck
February 1: Daniel Howdyshell
February 2: Ben Garrett
February 3: Robert Short
February 4: Patricia McCardell
February 5: Julie Koehn
February 6: Allison Hummel
February 6: Ashlyn Lagana
February 7: Jennifer Loscomb
February 7: Janice Williams
February 7: Laura Yax
February 8: Michele Emory
February 8: Sarah Shaulis
February 8: Trenton Weaver
February 10: Robyn Law
February 11: Rebecca Bowen
February 12: Libby Skiendzielewski
February 13: Ella Bylan
February 13: Addison Reinhardt
February 13: Evan Wojciechowski
February 13: Aidan Zajicek
February 14: Lucille Bowen
February 14: Sarah Draheim
February 14: Andrew Sferra
February 14: Naomi Stratton
February 15: Kathleen Joseph
February 16: Edwin Bradley
February 16: Daisy Hardenstine
February 16: Catherine Lupfer
February 17: Leslie Cox
February 19: Taylor Bowen
February 19: Kimberly Catterton
February 21: Jenna Catania
February 21: Hollie Cox
February 21: Guy Hall
February 22: James Hardenstine
February 24: Carolyn Carter
February 24: Steven Houchin
February 25: Kimberly Lopez
February 25: Michael Mason
February 25: Joan Mattingly
February 26: Rebecca Nelson
February 27: Marvin Hutchins
February 28: Melvin Matteson
Listen to the Words…

Friend of God

Verse
Who am I that You are mindful of me
That You hear me when I call
Is it true that You are thinking of me
How You love me it's amazing
(It’s amazing it’s amazing)

Chorus
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
He calls (You call) me friend
(REPEAT)

Bridge
God Almighty Lord of Glory
You have called me friend
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 YouTube 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.
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### Weekly Ministries

**Sunday**
- 8:00 am Worship Service
- 10:30 am Worship Service ~ Live Streamed
- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**Monday**
- 9:00 am Church Staff Meeting

**Tuesday**
- 9:30 am Stroller Strong
- 10:00 am Women’s Bible Study ~ Zoom

**Wednesday**
- 10:00 am Open Bible Study ~ Zoom
- 6:30 pm Open Bible Study ~ Zoom

**Thursday**
- 6:30 pm Young Adult ~ Zoom

**Saturday**
- 9:30 am Stroller Strong