

Next Weekend Will be a Busy One

In case you haven't heard, next weekend is the Movie weekend in our town. Members of our church will be involved in many events. We kick things off on Saturday morning at 7:00 am with the UM Men Pancake Breakfast. We are expecting a LOT of people. Mid-morning, we will be placing a float in the town parade. Work will begin this afternoon on the float. From 1000 am until 1000 pm next Saturday the church will have concessions in the Mutual Building: popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones, etc. Funds will be split between the VBS fund and the Asbury UMW Circle.

Help is needed for any and all of these events. If you have questions about the Breakfast, contact Paul Clark. If you have questions about the other activities, contact Nancy Toney.

We've Helped to Feed the Hungry...Now it's Time to Give Water to the Thirsty

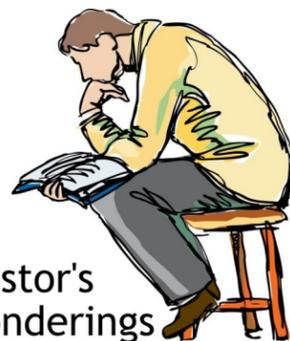
In case you haven't heard by now, we have another ambitious outreach event planned for mid-October. On Saturday October 17th, we will be going to MECC Craft Days and giving away 2000 bottles of water.

For those of you that have helped in the past, I think you could attest to the joy at being able to give water to folks that are thirsty. Although in the three years we have done this we have never had a "sweltering" day, we have had opportunities to give away lots of water (5000+ bottles) and to meet and talk to a lot of people.

Such an event does not happen by itself. We will need two things: water and servants, to make this event happen. We need for you to start bringing in water to the church so that we can begin stock piling it for the event. We would prefer smaller sized (8-12 oz bottles) but will gladly take the typical half liter bottles that are more easily available. If you have trouble carrying a case of water, then you can give us a donation and we will gladly purchase water to use at this event. So, start bringing in your water!

We are also going to need people. We will need to set things up. We usually take things to the site on Friday night and set things up Saturday mornings. We will need people to work the event. We usually schedule 90 minute time slots. We will need people to help take everything down on Saturday night. I thank all of you that recently indicated that you would be able to help in these ways on the survey. We will be in touch with you as the event draws closer to confirm how you will be able to help.

What I need for everyone to begin doing today is to pray for this event. Specifically ask God that we might meet a spiritual or physical need of someone that day. Pray that people would be blessed through this gift of water. Pray that lives might be changed as we actively seek to share God's love with our community.



Pastor's
Ponderings

Guest Columnist—Ron Edmundson 10 Ways to be a Good Follower

We aren't all called to be leaders, although I have a contention that we are all leaders in some environment in our life, even if it's self leadership. The point is clear though, not all of us will lead at the same level. Equally true is it is difficult to be a good leader without good followers — maybe impossible.

Here are 10 ways to be a good follower:

Help me lead better -You see things I don't see. You hear things I don't hear. You have experiences I don't have. Help me be a better leader in the areas where I may not have the access to information you do....Good followers find ways to make the leader better.

Do what you commit to do—One of the most frustrating things for a leader is to assign a task, practice good delegation, and then watch the ball drop because the person didn't follow through on what they said they would...If you aren't going to complete it, or if you find out along the way you may not, let me know in plenty of time to offer help or find someone who can.

Don't commit if you won't put your heart into it—If the leader strives to be a good leader, then he or she wants the task completed well...We need passion from those who follow leadership.

Pray for me — I don't have all the answers. In fact, some days I have none. I sometimes wonder why God called me to be the leader. I rely on the prayers of others, especially from those I am attempting to lead.

Complete my shortcomings— The reason we are a team is because you have skills I don't have. To be a good follower means you willingly come along side me to make the team better, bringing insights, talents and resources I can't produce without you...

Respect me— There will be days when I'm not respectable, but I do hold the responsibility to lead, so encourage me when you can. Chances are I'll continue to improve if I am led to believe I am doing good work. In public settings, even when you don't necessarily agree with my decisions, honor me until you have a chance to challenge me privately.

Love the vision—Genuinely love the vision of the team. You'll work hardest in those areas for which you have passion. Ask God to give you a burning desire to see the vision succeed, then become a contagious advocate of that vision.

Be prepared— When bringing an issue to me for a decision, do your homework and have as much information as possible. Know the positives and negatives, how much it will cost... Be ready to open to having your idea challenged in order to make it better. I also believe in consensus building and a team spirit and don't want to make all the decisions, so it's probably wise to have a solution or two in mind to suggest should you be asked.

Stay healthy — I admit, sometimes I run at too fast a pace. I believe a healthy organization is a growing organization, which requires a lot of energy. I also think we are doing Kingdom work, which is of utmost and urgent importance. You can't be as effective on the team if you are unhealthy physically, mentally, emotionally or spiritually...

Leave when it's time — I realize this is a hard word, but when you can no longer support the vision or my leadership, instead of causing disruption on the team, leave gracefully. If the problem is me, certainly work through the appropriate channels to address my leadership, but if the problem is simply differences of opinion, or something new God is doing in your heart, or you just don't love it anymore and can't get it back, don't stay when you cease being helpful to the team. (Never simply stay for a paycheck.) God may even be using your frustration to stir something new in your heart.

The Trinity Companion Sunday October 4, 2015



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Let me tell you how glad we are to have you at our worship service today. We hope that you will encounter the presence of the risen Christ. Please feel free to join in any of the activities or events that you see mentioned. Please come back and worship with us again!

Greeters: Alberta Mitchell and Patty Lynn Cooper

Prelude

Announcements, Welcome, and Introduction : Skip Skinner

Call to Worship: “Joyfull, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*** Opening Hymn:** “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” No. 110

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns
(You will be given an opportunity to share joys and prayer concerns. Please raise your hand and wait until an usher comes to you with a microphone.)

Gloria Patri No. 70
Children’s Message Kim Parsons

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Ushers: Phil Robbins, Ruben Allman, Spencer Quesenberry, John Hagan
*** The Doxology** No. 95

Musical Offering: “Be Thou My Vision”

The Presentation of God’s Word

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:15-17 Diane Botts

Lector: The Word of the Lord for the people of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon : World Communion Sunday: Communion Q&A

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(Please join in the ritual as it begins on page 12 in your hymnal.)

Communion Stewards: Nancy and Ruben Allman, Kathleen Gillespie and Pat Bowden

*** Closing Hymn:** “Just As I Am” vs. 1, 2, 3, 6 No. 357

*** Pastoral Benediction :** “God Be With You Til We Meet Again”

Postlude:

*** Please stand, as you are able**

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Prayer Circle

The Prayer Circle will be meeting on Wednesday, October 7th at 6:00 pm.

AARP

AARP will be meeting on Monday, October 5th at 10:00 am. Everyone 50 years of age or older is welcome to attend

NOW Committee

The NOW Committee will be meeting on MONDAY, October 6th at 6:30 pm. Please note this change of date from previously announced meeting time.

Fellowship Supper

The next Fellowship Supper is scheduled for Wednesday October 7th at 6:30 pm. Please bring a covered dish. The hosts are Pat Bowden and Alberta Mitchell.

October Meetings and Activities

- Sunday, October 4, 2015
—5:00 pm—UMYF
- Monday, October 5, 2015
—10:00 am—AARP
- Tuesday, October 6, 2015
—6:30 pm—NOW Meeting
- Wednesday, October 7, 2015
—6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
—6:30 pm—Fellowship Supper
—7:00 pm—Choir Practice

UMYF Meeting

The UYMF will be meeting today at 5:00 pm.

Choir Practice

Choir Practice is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7th at 7:00 pm.



Financial Snapshot

The Administrative Board thinks that it is important that we give you a weekly Financial Snapshot. Here are some figures to ponder:

Current Balance Forward Trinity Maintenance:\$726.22

Money Given to General Fund

Budgeted Need to Date\$118,001

Actual Amount Given to Date\$114,542



“I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS.”
 EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

For Those with Cancer:

James Horne; Robin (Rita Nash’s Daughter); Barbara Polly; Debbie Cooper; Wilma Nein; Phyllis Gilley; Melody (Mellie) Gilley; Doris Berta; Sandra Rich; Dennis Qualls; Kathy Hirsch (Larry and Teddy Bland’s daughter); David Burke (Bubba Burke’s Dad)

Facing or Recovering from Surgery or Hospital Stay

Beth Hagan; Becky Clark; Helen Cochran; Mary Warner; Liz Ashley; Don Whittaker; T. R Davidson; Melanie Sturgill; John Hagan

Non-Specific Prayers for:

Brownie Polly; Dagni Spurlock; Virginia Sigmon; Geneva Allen; Jim Gates; Fred Vanbever; Jennie Shupe; Hope Meade; Matt Carroll; Jim Cooper; Melvin Carter; Kenny Spurlock’s mother; George Gose; Bill & Jean Hendrick; Peggy Bates; Marion Kocher; Bob Horne; Mary Burton

- Pray for our Pastor and the Leaders of our church.
- Pray for the Leaders of the United Methodist Church.
- Pray for those in the Church in need.

If you know that someone on the prayer list has passed away, please contact the church office.

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UMYF meets Sunday nights at 5:00 pm for a meal and 5:30 pm for meeting. Choir meets each Wednesday at 7:00 pm