

A Message from the Finance Team

THANK YOU!!!

Through your sacrificial gifts, the Lord was able to do a great thing with our end of year finances.

As we entered into the month of December 2015, we were just over \$19,000 in the red in our Operations Fund. The only way that we were able to do this was to rely on our cash reserves. On December 20th, Dr Fleenor apprised the church of our financial situation and asked for special end of the year gifts. In the remaining days of December, many of you stepped forward and we were able to turn the \$19,000 deficit into a deficit of just over \$4,400. While we finished the year in the red in our Operations Fund, we will be able to more easily tackle a \$4400 deficit that we will have a \$19,000 deficit in 2016.

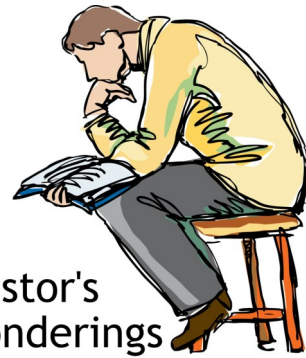
So, on behalf of the Administrative Board and the Finance Team, I want to thank you for your sacrificial gifts.

Vacation Bible School Meeting Sunday After Church

It is once again time to begin planning for VBS. This year, the VBS will be held in June rather than the end of July as it was in 2015. Since David Goodman is in charge and since he will be playing soccer and trying to graduate, he can't wait until the last minute to begin, so the first meeting is Sunday January 10, 2016 immediately after the church service in the Wicker Room. Anyone that would like to help in any manner is invited to attend this planning meeting.

Volunteer Help is Needed to Clean Kitchen/ Fellowship Hall

With the budgetary need to remove Lisa Soechtig from the payroll, we are now seeking to use volunteers to keep the fellowship hall, kitchen and down stairs bathrooms clean. Steve will continue to be responsible for the sanctuary and all the hallways, the upstairs, and the offices. In order to facilitate volunteers we will be placing a work sheet in the kitchen. On the sheet there will be a place for the date, your name, and check boxes indicating the kind of work you did on that date. Please complete this after each time you come in and clean. This will allow the person after you to look at the sheet and see what has been done in terms of cleaning. We will give this a try. As of right now, Mary Beth Allen has volunteered to come in and clean and Kathleen and Nancy Allman have volunteered to come in on Friday afternoons. If you would like to volunteer, then please come by and check out the list that will be in the kitchen.



Pastor's Ponderings

New Focus for 2016 Make Trinity Stronger Initiative

NOW Team Helps Morgan Family After Fire

As many of you know, just a couple of weeks ago, there was a home fire in our town. The Morgan family was displaced by the fire. All of the family made it out safely, but their home was lost. The Morgans are a unique family. They raise several foster children. At our NOW Team meeting on Monday January 4, 2016, we discussed their situation and decided that we would use money from a fund called: Clothes and Local Missions to assist the family. To be honest with you, that fund was established when I came in 2012. I don't know why it was created and I can't ever remember it being used since my arrival. We have \$1,881.17 in that fund. The NOW Team decided to use \$500 of that to provide a Walmart gift card for the family.

I spoke with Jeannie Morgan, the mom, on Tuesday. She was in Johnson City buying beds for the family. She came by the church yesterday and picked up the gift card and told me that seven mattresses had just been delivered to the home they were just moving into. She said the card would be buying sheets and towels.

She also expressed thanks for our donation. She said that the folks of Big Stone Gap had really rallied behind her family. She said that she had always been a giver and was now learning how to receive. Let's continue to pray for this family as they get their lives back in order.

Online Bible Study Options in 2016

I want us to get the year of 2016 off on the right foot when it comes to our need to grow in our relationship with God. One way that I intend to do this is to offer an online study. The studies will be provided at a place called Study Gateway. Up to 100 of us can sign up to participate in these studies. The studies are video based and will cover a broad range of topics. I'll choose one and we all will seek to look at one lesson in the study each week. There will be an online study guide that you can access to help you better comprehend the material. You can study at home at your own pace, but the cool thing is that we can all be studying the same thing. At various points we might even get together for a live discussion at the church on what we have been learning.

To participate, you simply have to inform the office and we will send you an email that will grant you access to the study. Once you get signed up, you will have access to hundreds of other online studies from popular Christian authors based on popular Christian books. You can access and study these on your own as well.

The Trinity Companion Sunday January 10, 2016



The Adoration of the Magi by Leonardo Da Vinci

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Worship begins at 11:00 am

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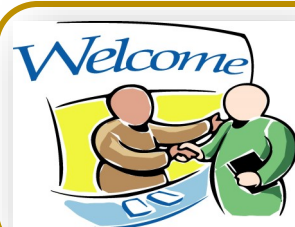
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Let me tell you how glad we are to have you at our worship service today. We hope that you will encounter the presence of the risen Christ. Please feel free to join in any of the activities or events that you see mentioned. Please come back and worship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

Greeters: Jackie Mainous and Peggy Beverly

Prelude

Announcements, Welcome, and Introduction : Martha Spurlock

Call to Worship: “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

*** Opening Hymn:** “O Worship the King” No. 73

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 Christy Smith

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Ushers: Patty Robbins, Patty Cooper, Mary Beth Allen, Kathleen Gillespie

Offertory:

*** The Doxology** No. 95

Musical Offering: “Past Three a Clock”

The Presentation of God’s Word

*** Scripture:** Matthew 2:1-12 Diane Botts

Leader: The word of the Lord, for the people of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “The Adoration of the Magi”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Communion Stewards: Jack and Cathy McClanahan and Christy Smith and Ashley Turner

*** Closing Hymn:** “How Firm a Foundation” No. 529

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

Postlude:

*** Please stand, as you are able**
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The Administrative Board will not Meet in January. The next scheduled meeting will be February 14th at 7:00 pm

Prayer Circle

The Prayer Circle will meet on

Wednesday, January 13th at 6:00 pm.

UMYF

The UMYF will be meeting on Sunday, January 10th at 5:00 pm.

United Methodist Men

The UMM will be meeting on Monday, January 11th at 6:30 pm.

Circle Meetings

—Sunday, January 17th

—5:00 pm—Asbury Circle

VBS Meeting

There will be a VBS meeting immediately after the Church Service on Sunday January 17th.

Office Closing

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

January Activities and Events

—Sunday, January 10, 2016

—5:00 pm—UMYF

—Monday, January 11, 2016

—6:30 pm—UMM Mtg.

—Wednesday, January 6, 2016

—Noon—Kiwanis

—6:00 pm—Prayer Circle

—7:00 pm—Choir Practice

—Sunday, January 17, 2016

—Noon—VBS Mtg.

—3:45 pm—Van leaves for Epiphany Service in Norton

—5:00 pm—Asbury Circle

—Monday, January 18, 2016

—Office Closed

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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:\$976.22

Money Given to General Fund

This information will be updated in next week’s bulletin



January

Van Drivers and Riders

3-Martha and Kenny Spurlock

10-Pat Bowden and Diane Botts

17-Martha and Kenny Spurlock

24-Pat Bowden and Diane Botts

31-Martha and Kenny Spurlock



“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; Denise Qualls; Kathy Hirsch (Larry and Teddy Bland’s daughter); David Burke (Bubba Burke’s Dad); Karrie Compton (Randy and Phyllis Compton’s daughter)

Facing or Recovering from Surgery or Hospital Stay

Beth Hagan; Becky Clark; Helen Cochran; Mary Warner; Liz Ashley; T. R Davidson; Melanie Sturgill; Mark Nickels; Ann Nickels; Patricia Redman; Jim Cooper; Barbara Hargrove; Rachel Robinette

Non-Specific Prayers for:

Brownie Polly; Geneva Allen; Jim Gates; Fred Vanbever; Jennie Shupe; Hope Meade; Matt Carroll; Melvin Carter; Kenny Spurlock’s mother; Bill & Jean Hendrick; Peggy Bates; Marion Kocher; Bob Horne; Nancy Toney

- 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.