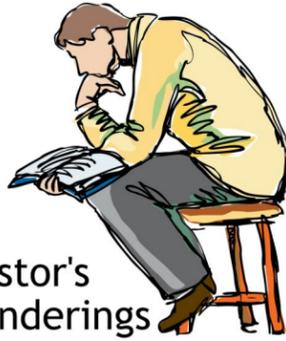


We Welcome Timothy Robinson to Our Pulpit this Morning

It is my pleasure to welcome to our pulpit this morning, Timothy Robinson. You have heard him preach on a few occasions over the past months. He is now a student at Asbury Theological Seminary and is on track to become a United Methodist Minister—hopefully within the Holston Annual Conference. I have a suspicion that just about any Annual Conference would love to have him as one of their preachers. So please extend to him a warm Trinity welcome.

Pastor's Ponderings



Pastor Back in the Office Tomorrow

Vacation will be over and I will be back in my office tomorrow morning. So if you need to get in touch with me give me a call or come by.

New Office Hours Begin Tomorrow

Beginning tomorrow, there will be new office hours for Becky Rogers. She will be in the office from 9:00 am until 1:00 p.m. with the exception of the time she will be out to go and get the mail at the post office. Please note these new hours.

NOW Team Meets Tomorrow Night

The NOW (Nurture, Outreach, Witness) Team will meet tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The NOW Team is the ministry arm of our church. It plans events, activities, and ministries to help our church engage persons within our community. It also develops ministries to help us grow stronger in our relationship with God and to care for our members. Some persons are on the team due to elected office, but ANYONE is welcome to attend the meetings and share ideas and to get involved with our church's ministries to members and the community. So come on out and join us. The NOW Team meets on the first Monday night of each month at 6:30 pm. Patty Robbins is the leader of the team.

New Focus for 2016 Make Trinity Stronger Initiative

The Administrative Board has provided a new focus for the church and its ministries in 2016. I have labeled this emphasis Make Trinity Stronger. The name suggests that we are strong, but that there is still the possibility that we can get stronger.

One of the emphases of the Make Trinity Stronger initiative is that we will have a new emphasis on outreach and evangelism. Our goal for 2016 is to make contact with 50 individuals/families in our community that do not currently have a church home or that are not actively involved in a church. We want to present Trinity UMC to these persons as a place where their spiritual needs can be met. The details of how this will unfold are not yet ironed out, but we know it will begin by asking each member to suggest the name of a Friend, Relative, Associate, or Neighbor that lives in our community that has no church home or that is not actively involved in a church. More information about this will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks.

In addition, the Board would like for our church to engage in an active Commitment Campaign this year in an attempt to better understand the level of giving of our members so that we may more accurately construct the 2017 budget. Most likely, this will begin rolling out in late summer/early fall.

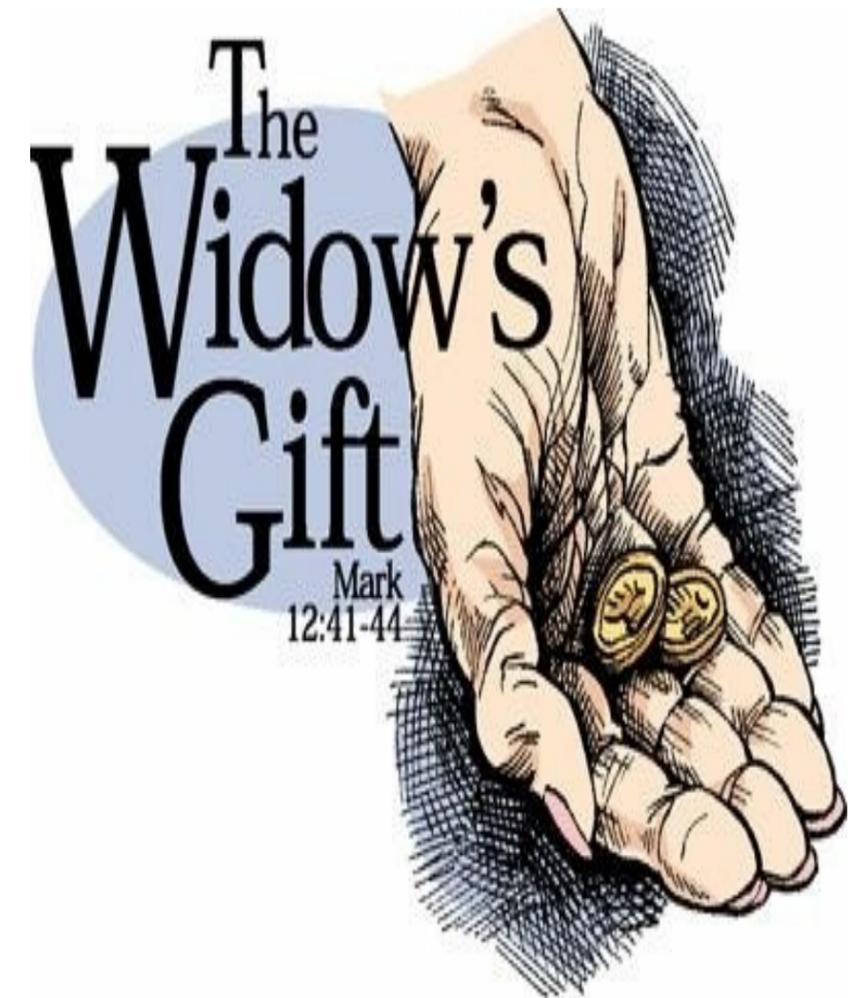
With the name Make Trinity Stronger, we open the possibility of focusing on various areas of our church's life. We can Make Trinity Stronger in —worship, service, attendance etc.

As I was tasked with creating this initiative, I envisioned a more involved church leadership that is willing to address obstacles that might arise as we attempt to implement new ideas and ministries. The Board also realized that this emphasis would be a long haul type of scenario. We might not see the growth of 50 newly engaged persons or families this year, but we will strive for that and keep striving into the future.

To help me with this initiative, I am going to call together 5-6 persons to form a Steering Team. I won't be able to do everything on my own. Besides, there needs to be some significant buy in from the congregation. Every new idea needs an advocate and the more that advocate for an issue the more likely that issue will gain some traction and really begin to make a difference in the life of our church.

So, as 2016 begins to unfold—I need you to pray. I don't have a completed game plan in front of me. There are a lot of plays and actions that I may not even know about yet. So, ask God to guide me and the Steering Team as we seek to help Make Trinity Stronger in 2016. Also, we would really like your ideas as to how we might Make Trinity Stronger.

The Trinity Companion Sunday January 3, 2016



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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:** "What Child is This" No. 219

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.)

Lord's Prayer as found at No. 895

Gloria Patri No. 70

Children's Message Kim Parsons

The Presentation of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Ushers: Patty Robbins, Patty Cooper, Pat Bowden, Kathleen Gillespie

Offertory:

*** The Doxology** No. 95

Musical Offering: "Open Up the Heavens"

The Presentation of God's Word

*** Scripture:** Mark 12:28-44 Chris Higgins

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Surrender All" Rev. Timothy Robinson

*** Closing Hymn:** "O Come All Ye Faithful" v. 1, 2, 3 No. 234

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

Postlude:

*** Please stand, as you are able**
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Sunday, January 3rd at 5:00 pm.

AARP

AARP will be meeting on Monday, January 4th at 11:30 am. Anyone 50 years of age or older is invited to attend.

NOW Team

The NOW Team will be meeting on Monday, January 4th at 6:30 pm.

Fellowship Supper

The next Fellowship Supper is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6th at 6:30 pm. Please bring a covered dish. The Hosts are Susan and Fred Herndon.

Circle Meetings

- Thursday, January 7th
 - 10:00 am—Susanna Wesley Circle
 - Noon—Wesleyan Circle
- Sunday, January 17th
 - 5:00 pm—Asbury Circle

January Activities and Events

- Sunday, January 3, 2016
 - 5:00 pm—UMYF
- Monday, January 4, 2016
 - 11:30 am—AARP
 - 6:30 pm—NOW Team Mtg.
- Tuesday, January 5, 2016
 - 5:30 pm—Girl Scouts
- Wednesday, January 6, 2016
 - Noon—Kiwanis
 - 6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
 - 6:30 pm—Fellowship Supper
 - 7:00 pm—Choir Practice

Prayer Circle

The Prayer Circle will meet on Wednesday, January 6th at 6:00 pm.

UMYF

The UMYF will be meeting on

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

Budgeted Need to Date\$168,364

Actual Amount Given to Date\$162,342



January



"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

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

- 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.

Money Counters

3-Martha and Kenny Spurlock
10-Bill Cole and Ashley Turner
17-Chris Higgins and Paul Clark
24-Diane Botts and Christy Smith
31-Pat Bowden and Kim Parsons

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