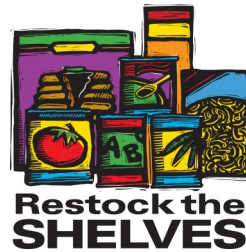


**UPS Back Pack Program**

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School Back Pack Program with a specific kind of food. The food item for January is Breakfast Cereal.



During the month of December, Trinity was able to provide 68 juice boxes and AARP donated 12 packs of noodles and 195 juice boxes.

**Memorial Gifts**

Trinity has received memorial gifts lovingly made in the following names: Marion Kocher and Lucy Robinson.

The gifts were generously made by: Ruben & Nancy Allman, Max & Marjorie Ankney, Peggy Beverly, Lawrence & Betty Fleenor, Melanie & David Irwin, Linda Kocher, Patty & Bill Lape, Ronald & Pamela Rhodes, and the Susanna Wesley Circle.

**Parsonage Group**

A new study session will begin on Monday evening at 6:30 pm. This Apprentice Group will meet for 6 weeks.

**New Discipleship Opportunity**

The book of focus will be *The Shack* by William Paul Young. He wrote the book as a Christmas gift to his family. At the time he was broke, working as a janitor and odd jobs. He never intended to publish the book. He tells the story of his journey with God. The group is asked to watch the movie. Robert has a copy that you may borrow. The class is scheduled to meet for 5 weeks.

- Description of the Class: Trauma and loss are unfortunately universal and finding answers to the questions of pain and suffering challenges everyone. THE SHACK STUDY GUIDE includes excerpts from *The Shack*, with questions for reflection and instructions to lead readers through a healing process. The goal, like the theme of *The Shack*, is to usher readers into the loving presence of the triune God, where together with Him, they will confront their deepest pain and experience a real, lasting healing. **The Group will set the day and time of our meeting.** Let Robert know if you plan to attend. The community is welcome to join.

**Epiphany Service**

Service will be hosted by Norton Methodist Church at 5 pm.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Meal and March sponsored by UVA-Wise**

Wise Baptist Church will be hosting a meal at 5 pm followed by a march to Wise Christian Church for a service. Transportation will be provided from Wise Baptist to Wise Christian for those who are unable to participate in the march.

**Here is the New Union Primary School Food List :**

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|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Jan—Breakfast Cereal | Feb—Single Serve Fruit | Mar—Mac n Cheese   |
| Apr—Juice Boxes      | May—Juice Boxes        | June—Cash Donation |
| July—Cash Donation   | August—Soup            | Sept—Chef Boyardee |
| Oct—Ramen Noodles    | Nov—Breakfast Bars     | Dec—Juice Boxes    |

**Food Notes:** \*Soup (Chicken Noodle or Tomato) \*Chef Boyardee (Spaghetti O's or Ravioli) \*Ramen Noodles (Chicken or Beef) \*Breakfast Bars (Apple/Cinnamon or Strawberry) \*Cereal (Small bulk bag 7-9 servings) \*Single Serve Fruit (Pears, Peaches, or Fruit Cocktail) \*Mac n Cheese (Individual servings) \*Juice Boxes (Apple or Grape)

January 2020						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Important dates to keep on your calendar...

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| • <b>January 12</b> | <b>7:00 pm</b>                    | <b>Board Meeting</b>  |
| • <b>January 13</b> | 6:30 pm<br>6:30 pm                | Apprentice Group at Parsonage UMM   |
| • <b>January 14</b> | 11:00 am                          | Ugly Mug Study Group  |
| • <b>January 15</b> | 6:00 pm<br>7:00 pm                | Bible Study<br>Choir Practice   |
| • <b>January 19</b> | 5:00 pm<br>5:00 pm                | Asbury Circle<br>Epiphany Service at Norton Methodist Church  |
| • <b>January 20</b> | 5:00 pm<br><br>6:00 pm<br>6:30 pm | MLK Jr. Celebration Meal @ Wise Baptist Church followed by march to Wise Christian Church for Service<br>Garden Club<br>Apprentice Group at Parsonage |
| • <b>January 21</b> | 11:00 am                          | Ugly Mug Study Group  |
| • <b>January 22</b> | 6:00 pm<br>7:00 pm                | Bible Study<br>Choir Practice   |
| • <b>January 27</b> | 6:30 pm                           | Apprentice Group at Parsonage   |

	Last Week	Last Month (December)	Year to Date
Worship Attendance	56	56 (AVG)	56
Offering to Budget	\$1416.71	\$28722.44	\$1416.71

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**The Trinity Companion**  
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(Give) thanks

to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.  
Colossians 1:12, ESV



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**Greeters:** Alberta Mitchell and Sandra Rich

**Announcements:** Martha Spurlock

**Prelude:** Baptism by Michael Card

**Lighting of the Candles:** Jaxon Anderson and Maverick Webb

**\*Opening Hymn:** Sweet Hour of Prayer No. 496

**Pastoral Welcome**

**Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles' Creed No. 881

**Gloria Patri** No. 70

**Lord's Prayer**

**The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Prayer of Blessing**

**Ushers:** Phil Robbins, Christy Smith, Lana Prater, and Angela Tipton

**Offertory Music:** The Baptism of the Lord by Stephen DeCesare

**\*Doxology** As found at No. 95

**Children's Message:** Kim Parsons

**Anthem:** Spirit Song

**\*Scripture Reading:** Colossians 1: 11-14

**Message:** Treasured Good News

**\*Closing Hymn:** Precious Lord, Take My Hand No. 474

**Invitation to Discipleship**

**Pastoral Benediction**

**Postlude:** When Jesus Came to Jordan by William Walker

\*Indicates that you may stand, as you are able.  
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### Treasured Good News

Paul tells us that the Good News of Jesus Christ reveals God's truth. (Colossians 1:5) In verse 14, Paul simply but clearly tells the Good News story with one word, Forgiveness. John tells us "the truth shall set you free." (John 8:32) The truth that sets us free is the gospel. In a word, it is forgiveness...of sin that separates us from God.

The Law of Moses exposes our sin. The Law judges sin. The Law sentences the sinner to death. Imagine living under the full weight of the Law. Imagine hearing that the Law has been fulfilled. Imagine learning that all your sin has been redeemed. Redemption means God has received our life of sin to give us Holy Life. This is what happened when Jesus suffered, died, and rose again.

Redemption is always an even trade. Redemption gives us a new place to stand. The redeemed no longer stand in judgment of sin with its death penalty. The redeemed stand in Christ Jesus living life eternally and abundantly, Now and Forever.

The Greek word "Aphesis" is translated into English as forgiveness. The word is a Noun, not a verb. Let that sink in!!! Forgiveness is first and foremost a place to Be, not something to do! The word has two meanings. First, it means "to release from bondage or imprisonment." (See Luke 4:16-21) Second, "to let go as if it had never happened." (See Jeremiah 31:34) Forgiveness is the Holy Place believers stand in God's presence. The Holy Place believers stand in God's presence is "in Christ." The word Christ means anointed one. Those in Christ are Anointed in Forgiveness. (If you want to check the facts above follow the link: <https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strongs=G859&t=KJV>)

In the Lord's Prayer, we are taught the way to pray. In other words, each line of the prayer provides instructions on how to move from the way of the world and judgment into the way of the Kingdom of Heaven and stand in God's presence. Weekly we pray, "Forgive us our (sins) as we forgive those who (sin) against us." Herein the way of forgiveness is a verb, *aphiēmi*. The verb calls us to "do this in remembrance of Christ Jesus." If we are in Christ, the Holy Spirit will lead us to live like Christ.

Friends, the Holy Spirit also leads us to see our temptation to hold on to our neighbor's sins. This is why Jesus taught us to pray, "lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil." God set us free from sin to give us a Holy Place to stand in his presence. That place is forgiveness. Each time we stand in that place and forgive our neighbor as God forgives us, we reflect the image of Christ Jesus to the world. (A witness reflects Christ to their neighbor. The witness makes room for the Holy Spirit to work in their neighbor's life. Belief will tempt us to fix or change our neighbor. Faith in Christ sets us free to be Christ's witnesses. A witness gives the Holy Spirit room to lead their neighbors to salvation.)

Belief is like an anchor. Our belief in Jesus Christ anchors us and gives us a place to stand before God. This forgiveness as a noun. Faith transforms forgiveness into a verb. Faith means we trust Christ enough to do the same things he did. (John 14:12) We suffer. We die to suffering through the power of forgiveness of sin. We rise again to Love as God loves. Here forgiveness becomes a verb! But the action reflects Christ, not self!

*Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*  
*Philippians 4:6*



#### January

**Van Drivers and Riders**  
5—Christy Smith & Donna Mahan  
12—Kenny & Martha Spurlock  
19—Diane Botts & Cathy Galyean  
26—NO VAN (RESURRECTION)

#### Money Counters

5—Pat Bowden, Kim Parsons  
12—Christy Smith, Diane Botts  
19—Kenny & Martha Spurlock  
26—Bill Cole, Tiffany Adams

#### Children's Message

5—Communion Sunday  
12—Kim Parsons  
19—Patty Robbins  
26—Diane Botts

#### Scripture Readers

5—  
12—Bill Cole  
19—Paula Barton  
26—Andrew Holyfield

#### Greeters

Alberta Mitchell and Sandra Rich

#### Announcements

Martha Spurlock

#### Ushers

Phil Robbins, Christy Smith, Lana Prater, and Angela Tipton

#### Communion Ushers

#### Fellowship Dinner Hosts



#### For Those with Cancer:

Denise Qualls; Karrie Compton (Randy & Phyllis Compton's daughter); Zac Carter; Steve Clark; Kamyryn (Patsy Mutter's great granddaughter's sister); Wilma Mills; Raymond McCoy

#### Facing/Recovering from Surgery/Hospital Stay

Sandy Wright, Jan Tate, Patty Cooper, Beth Hagan, Jean Hendricks, Bootsie Duncan, Deja Stallard Melott

#### Non-Specific Prayers for:

Matt Carroll; Bob Horne; Ida McCall; Judy Cole; Maurice & Patsy Lay; Andrew David Hartman; Jack Williams; Bill & Jean Hendrick, Larry Spears; Ann Nickles; April Hess

- 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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