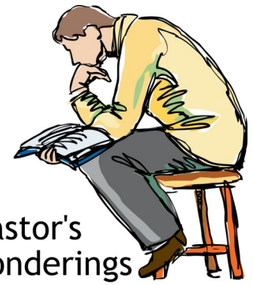
Join Us for a Soup Bean Meal After Church Today



The NOW Team is sponsoring a Soup Bean Meal after church today to raise funds for the upcoming Vacation Bible School. We will be serving soup beans, corn bread, slaw, desserts and drinks. Everyone is invited to join us in the fellowship hall for this fund raising meal. Donations will be accepted for the meal. Please give generously.

Office Closed Tomorrow in Observance of Martin Luther King Holiday

The church Office will be closed tomorrow in observance of MLK day. The pastor will be back in the office on Tuesday morning.

United Methodist Youth to Attend Resurrection 2016 Next Weekend

The UM Youth will attend Resurrection next weekend in Pigeon Forge, TN. They group will be leaving at 4:00 pm on Friday. Christy Smith and Debbie Goodman will be chaperones for this event. The pastor will also be attending. The group should be returning late next Sunday afternoon.

Pastor To Go On Spiritual Retreat

Pastor Goodman will not be returning from Pigeon Forge next weekend. He will be remaining in the area for a week long spiritual retreat. These yearly retreats help him focus and concentrate on God and God's plan for his life and direction for the church's ministry. He will be returning to Big Stone Gap on Saturday January 30th.

In his absence, Pastor Roy Hull, currently assigned to Legion Memorial, will deliver the message next Sunday morning.

United Methodist Youth Plan Lock-In

Once back from Resurrection the youth are planning a Lock-In beginning on Friday night January 29th with a bon-fire at 8:30 p.m. At 10:00 p.m. they will move indoors for movies, life-sized Bible Monopoly, other games and snacks. They will wrap things up on Saturday morning at 7:00 am. With a send off breakfast. All youth grades 6-12 are invited to attend.

You can sponsor a bulletin. For $15, we can put color on one side and for $25 we can put color on both sides. Contact the office to see if the Sunday you want is available.

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Utilizing Social Media

You may not know it, but our church has a strong presence on the internet. Primarily through our web site and through our FaceBook page. We work hard to keep fresh content available to appeal to a wide variety of persons.

On our church web site, (www.trinityumc-bsg.net) we have more than a hundred pages (probably closer to 150+) that help to tell our story to anyone that happens to be searching and come across us. In the last week we had 205 unique visitors that looked at a total of 1,632 pages on our site. Each page helped to tell the story of how our church is in ministry in our community and around the world. If you have never visited this web site, I encourage you to do so. More importantly, I encourage you to send an email to a FRAN (friend, relative, associate, or neighbor) and include a link to the site in the email. Encourage your FRAN to visit the page and learn about our church.

Another major presence on the web is through our church FaceBook page. It's a little harder to measure the numbers of people that we interact with on FaceBook, but the latest metrics, for the past week, indicate a post reach of 686. That means that videos/articles I have posted to the FaceBook page have appeared on the FaceBook feeds of 686 individuals. That doesn't necessarily mean they have watched the video or read the article. It means, though, that they have seen the post.

A more telling figure is the number of Post Engagement events. These events mean that when we reach someone, they actually click on the link and interact with the video or article in some way. They may like it. They may view or read it. They may share it. They may comment upon it. All of these things are good. It means that the video/article was looked at, and in some cases, deemed worthy enough to be liked or shared.

These likes and shares are very important in helping the church spread its presence on FaceBook. When users engage, the actions they take appear in their timeline, making their connection with our church visible to their friends, which contributes to a greater awareness of our church on FaceBook and generating more post reach which then generates more engagement.

This can create an upward spiral that helps us get the word out to other people in our community since we are all linked in this great web of online social relationships.

Here is what I need for you to do. If you are a FaceBook person, I need for you, at the very least, to like the posts that you see. Sometimes, go a step further and comment on the videos/articles that I post to the church page. If you really like it, then share it with your timeline or the timeline of someone that you know. All of these actions, cost the church nothing. No stamps. No envelopes. All it takes is the monthly internet connection fee. It is free advertising that can reach hundreds of people in our community. Better yet, it is advertising, that, when ***YOU*** engage with it, comes recommended to someone else from a friend. That's the advertising that money can't buy.

The Trinity Companion

Sunday January 17, 2016

Trinity United Methodist Church

203 E 1st St, South—POB 217

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Worship begins at 11:00 am

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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 : Diane Botts

Call to Worship: "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

*** Opening Hymn:** "When Jesus Came to Jordan" No. 252

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 Nancy Toney

The Presentation of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

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

Offertory:

*** The Doxology** ***No. 95***

Musical Offering: "He is the King"

The Presentation of God's Word

*** Scripture:** Matthew 3:1-17 Skip Skinner

Leader: The word of the Lord, for the people of the Lord.
People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon: "Baptism of Our Lord—Q&A"

*** Closing Hymn:** "Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine" No. 606

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

Postlude:

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

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January Activities and Events

—Sunday, January 17, 2016
—3:45 pm-Van leaves for Epiphany Service in Norton
—5:00 pm—UMYF
—5:00 pm—Asbury Circle
—Monday, January 18, 2016
—Office Closed
—Wednesday, January 20, 2016
—6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
—7:00 pm—Choir Practice
—Friday, January 22—24, 2016
—4:00 pm—UMYF Leave for Resurrection
—Sunday January 17, 2016
—Pastor Roy Hull preaches
—Pastor Goodman begins Spiritual Retreat in Pigeon Forge
—UMYF return late afternoon from Resurrection
—Wednesday, January 27, 2016
—9:00 am—Pop "n" for Jesus
—6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
—7:00 pm—Choir Practice
—Friday, January 29—30, 2016
—8:30 pm—UMYF Lock-In begins with bonfire
—Saturday, January 30, 2016
—Pastor Returns from Retreat
—7:00 am—UMYF Lock-in ends
—8:00 am—VBS Meeting
—Sunday, January 31, 2016
—UMYF Sunday—Youth Plan and Lead the Worship Service
—5:00 pm—UMYF

February Activities and Events

—Monday, February 1, 2016
—6:30 pm—NOW Team Meeting
—Wednesday, February 3, 2016
—6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
—6:30 pm—Fellowship Supper

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 is information will be updated when we get 2015 books closed.

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

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.