

Let's Help Our Graduates Celebrate

It is once again that time of year when we remember the accomplishments of our various graduates-both from high school and college. On Wednesday night June 1st at 6:30 PM we will have a very special fellowship supper in their honor. I hope that everyone will plan on attending this meal. We are encouraging everyone to bring extra dishes because we think that the turnout is going to be large. I am working on the traditional slideshow that celebrates the life of each graduate. So mark your calendar and plan on joining us for this event.

The following persons will be honored at the meal. Bubba Hubbard, Brooke Hubbard, David Goodman, Katie Rich, Wes Polly, Colston Polly, and John Michael Allen. If you know of any other graduates in our church family please have them contact the office so that we can include them in the celebration.

High School Graduation Date

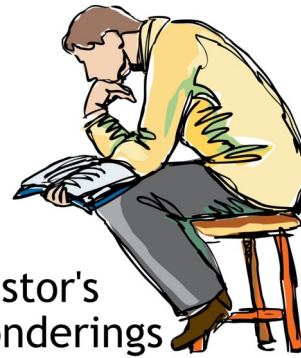
The official date for the Union High School graduation ceremony will be Friday night May 27 at 7 PM at the University of Virginia's College at Wise Convocation Center. This event is open to the public. There will be lots of traffic. So be prepared, if you come, to do some walking. We will have three students graduating at this event: David Goodman, Bubba Hubbard, and Katie Rich.

Update on Pastor Goodman

I just wanted to let you know that I am continuing on my road to recovery. I am currently working out of my house. I have set up a computer on the end of my kitchen counter and work from there a few hours each day. I'm also trying to make phone calls to various folk. I will be unable to make visits in homes or hospitals until the doctor clears me to drive. I'm going to be in a cast for at least 5 to 6 more weeks. Please keep me and my family in your prayers

Office Days Will Be Different This Week

For the week of May 16—May 20 the days the office is open will be different. Ashley will be in the office Wednesday, May 18 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and the office will be closed on Thursday, May 19. If you need to reach Ashley on Thursday, please feel free to contact her at 276-365-4415.



Pastor's Ponderings

Guest Columnist Thom S. Rainer

I Am Not in Church

I am not in church.

Sure, I have visited churches several times, but I gave up.

For the most part, the people were unfriendly in the churches. No one greeted me unless it was some contrived greeting time. No one noticed me while they gathered in their holy huddles. One church member sat down by me and told me I was sitting in her pew. I decided to leave right then.

I am not in church.

But I really would like to know more about Christianity. Unfortunately, most of the sermons I hear seem watered down. Too many of the preachers tend to shy away from dealing with the biblical text straight on. I want to learn, but they just seem to want to please.

I am not in church.

I could make you a list of over 100 things churches are against. The topics range from the serious to the ridiculous. I sure would like to find a church that also tells me what they are for.

I am not in church.

But I need help. I know I need help. There are times I hurt badly and seek answers. I was hoping to find some of those answers at church. I was hoping to meet people who cared. I was hoping to be in a place where I am treated with dignity and care.

I am not in church.

My co-worker goes to church. I even know where he's a member. But he's never invited me. My neighbor goes to church. My children play with her children. I see their family go to church every Sunday. But she's never invited me. I would go if she did. I would definitely go.

I am not in church.

But church members don't seem to care. They seem too busy to care. No one speaks to me. No one invites me. No one shows concern for me.

I am not in church.

I am not anti-church. I am not anti-Christian. I am really seeking answers. I am really looking for people who care.

I am not in church.

But I think I would like to be.

The Trinity Companion Sunday May 15, 2016

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...



and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8, NRSV

Trinity United Methodist Church

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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. We'd really like to get some contact information. Would you please text your email and name to 80123 and we'll get back in touch with you.

Greeters: Alberta Mitchell and Jackie Mainous

Announcements, Welcome, and Introduction : Diane Botts

Prelude

***Call to Worship:** "Spirit Song"

*** 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 Kim Parsons

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Ushers: Patty Robbins, Alberta Mitchell, Kathleen Gillespie, Christy Smith

Offertory:

*** The Doxology** No. 95

***Special Music:** "Crown of Life"

The Presentation of God's Word

Scripture: Luke 9—selected verses referenced in the sermon

Sermon: "Jesus Sends Them Forth"

***Closing Hymn:** "There's Within My Heart a Melody" No. 380

The Sacrament Holy Communion

(See Insert)

Communion Stewards: Bennie & Ashley Turner, David Goodman & Andrew Goodman

Communion Ushers: Patty Robbins, Alberta Mitchell, Kathleen Gillespie, Christy Smith

***Pastoral Benediction :** "Spirit Song"

Postlude:

***Please stand as you are able**

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May Events and Activities

- ◆ **Sunday, May 15, 2016**
 - ◆ **PENTECOST SUNDAY** wear something RED
 - ◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF
 - ◆ 5:00 pm—Asbury Circle
- ◆ **Monday, May 16, 2016**
 - ◆ 6:00 pm—Garden Club
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 18, 2016**
 - ◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
 - ◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice
- ◆ **Saturday, May 21, 2016**
 - ◆ 10:00 am—VBS Meeting
- ◆ **Sunday, May 22, 2016**
 - ◆ **TRINITY SUNDAY**
 - ◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 25, 2016**
 - ◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
 - ◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice
- ◆ **Sunday, May 29, 2016—5th Sunday**
 - ◆ 11:00 am—Contemporary Service
- ◆ **Monday, May 30, 2016—Memorial Day**
 - ◆ Office will be closed

June Events and Activities

- ◆ **Wednesday, June 1, 2016**
 - ◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
 - ◆ 6:30 pm—Fellowship Supper—Graduate Celebration
 - ◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice
- ◆ **Thursday, June 2, 2016**
 - ◆ 10:00 am—Susanna Wesley Circle
 - ◆ 12:00 pm—Wesleyan Circle
- ◆ **Saturday, June 4, 2016**
 - ◆ 8:00 am—UMYF—Farmer's Market
- ◆ **Sunday, June 5, 2016—Annual Conference Sunday**
 - ◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF
- ◆ **Monday, June 6, 2016**
 - ◆ 6:30 pm—NOW Team Meeting
- ◆ **Wednesday, June 8, 2016**
 - ◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
 - ◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice
- ◆ **Sunday, June 12, 2016**
 - ◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF

VBS Meeting
Saturday at 10:00 am
Lunch will be provided



May

Van Drivers and Riders

- 1—Pat Bowden, Christy Smith
- 8—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
- 15—Christy Smith, Diane Botts
- 22—Doug & Lucy Robinson
- 29—Kenny & Martha Spurlock

Children's Church

- 1—Patty Robbins
- 8—Mary Beth Allen
- 15—Kim Parsons
- 22—Donna Mahan
- 29—Cathy Galyean

Money Counters

- 1—Chris Higgins, Paul Clark
- 8—Diane Botts, Christy Smith
- 15—Pat Bowden, Kim Parsons
- 22—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
- 29—Bill Cole, Ashley Turner

Children's Message

- 1—Christy Smith
- 8—Nancy Toney
- 15—Mary Beth Allen
- 22—Diane Botts
- 29—Bill Cole

Greeters

Alberta Mitchell
Jackie Mainous

Announcements

Diane Botts

Ushers

Patty Robbins, Alberta Mitchell,
Kathleen Gillespie, Christy Smith



"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); Debbie Cooper; Phyllis Gilley; Melody (Mellie) Gilley; Doris Berta; Denise Qualls; Kathy Hirsch (Larry and Teddy Bland's daughter); David Burke (Bubba Burke's Dad); Karrie Compton (Randy and Phyllis Compton's daughter); Kim Shores

Facing or Recovering from Surgery or Hospital Stay

Becky Clark; Helen Cochran; Mary Warner; Liz Ashley; T. R Davidson; Melanie Sturgill; Mark Nickels; Ann Nickels; Jim Cooper; Barbara Hargrove; Ronnie Phillips (Patty Robbins' brother); Benny Clifton (Lillie Clifton's father); Siyere Williams; Elizabeth White; Nancy Toney; Terry Goodman

Non-Specific Prayers for:

Brownie Polly and family; 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; Beth and John Hagan; Nancy Kilgore and family; Johnny Wells

- 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.