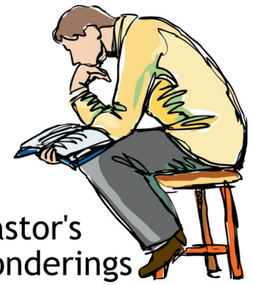
United Methodist Church District Office Needs Non-Perishable Food Items



The District Office has begun a new program where bags of food are made up and taken to those in need in our community. If you would like to donate food items, you are asked to please drop them off here at the church office by Wednesday July 27. The bags of food will be made up on the evening of July 27 and taken out into the community on Thursday July 28. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to the United Methodist Church District Office and in the memo line write "Trailer Missions".

It's Time to Be Thinking About Homecoming

This year our Homecoming Sunday will be August 28th. Rev. Nate Ware will be our Homecoming preacher. In addition to his preaching, we will also have a meal immediately following our church service. This would be a good time for you to invite former members to come back and worship with us. More details will be forthcoming.

The Power of Prayer

If you have not checked out the Prayer Team on Wednesday evenings, I invite you to come join us in prayer. To give you an idea, each time we meet we discuss everyone who is on the prayer list and offer updates on as many as we can. We add persons as needed. Then we all go before the Lord in prayer. It is a truly uplifting experience. Please set aside about an hour this Wednesday July 27 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary to meet with us and pray.

UMYF Lock In

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship is hosting a lock in beginning July 29 at 10:00 pm and ending on July 30 at 7:00 am. Anyone in grades 6 through 12 are invited to this event. There will be video games, card games, Bible Jeopardy and Bible Monopoly, movies, music, board games and more. There will be snack foods available throughout the night, but the children will need to eat before arriving. Please pass the word around to anyone you may know that would be interested in attending this event. For more information, please contact Christy Smith or the church office.

NOW Team Meeting

The NOW Team will meet Monday, August 1 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Anyone and everyone is invited to participate in this meeting. If you would like to help with the ministries in the church that reach out to the community, then please come join us.

The NOW Team would also like to thank everyone for all the donations of books, magazines and bibles!

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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Christmas Carols in July?

Are we singing Christmas carols today? I think the pastor has lost it? Did he hit his head when he fell. I thought he broke his kneecap!!

Lest you think I am off the deep end or that the heat has fried my brain, today we are celebrating Christmas in July. This is the Sunday closest to the 25th of July. Why are we doing this? Why not?

Sometimes, it helps us to think of certain important events, such as Christmas, in a time and frame of mind that seems so un-Christmas like. It doesn't seem very holly jolly when the outside temps are pushing 100 degrees. Yet, the message of Christmas is not about snow men and Christmas trees, and lights, and all that we have come to associate with this earth changing event.

Christmas is about God taking on human form and coming to live in our midst. He came as a babe in a manger and grew to become the young man that would save the world through his sacrificial death on the cross for our sins. Jesus—Immanuel—God with us became Jesus—Savior and Redeemer. The Lamb of God slain from the foundations of the world.

I don't know if it is easier to think about that reality in July or not, but I know it is easier to separate the cultural baggage from this most important of events in Christian—let me be bold enough to say—WORLD— history.

So. Yes. We are singing Christmas Carols in July. I hope you enjoy hearing them today and I hope their message will speak to you as the year moves progressively toward our celebration of Christmas on December 25th.

The Trinity Companion

Sunday July 24, 2016

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: Peggy Beverly and Jackie Mainous

Announcements, Welcome, and Introduction : Ashley Turner

***Prelude:**

***Call to Worship:**

***Opening Hymn:** "Joy to the World" No. 246

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.)

The Lord's Prayer *(as found at No. 895)*

***Gloria Patri** No. 70

Children's Message: Diane Botts

The Presentation of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Ushers: Nancy Allman, Donna Mahan, Kathleen Gillespie, Sandra Rich

***Offertory:**

* **The Doxology** No. 95

***Anthem:** "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

The Presentation of God's Word

Scripture: Colossians 2:6-19 Nancy Toney

Lector: The Word of the Lord for the People of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Your Li-Fi Connection"

***Closing Hymn:** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" No. 251

***Pastoral Benediction :**

Postlude:

***Please stand as you are able**

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July Activities and Events

- **Sunday July 24, 2016—Christmas in July Sunday**
  - 5:00 pm—UMYF
- **Wednesday July 27, 2016**
  - 6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
  - **No Choir Practice**
- **Friday July 29 2016**
  - 10:00 pm—UMYF Lock In begins
- **Saturday July 30, 2016**
  - 7:00 am—UMYF Lock In ends
- **Sunday July 31, 2016—5th Sunday Contemporary Service**

August Activities and Events

- **Monday August 1, 2016**
  - 6:30 pm—NOW Team Meeting
- **Wednesday August 3, 2016**
  - 6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
  - 6:30 pm—Fellowship Supper
  - 7:00 pm—Choir Practice
- **Thursday August 4, 2016**
  - Back to School
  - 10:00 am—Susanna Wesley Circle
  - 12:00 pm—Wesleyan Circle
- **Sunday August 7, 2016**
  - 5:00 pm—UMYF
- **Monday August 8, 2016**
  - 6:30 pm—United Methodist Men Meeting
- **Wednesday August 10, 2016**
  - 6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
  - 7:00 pm—Choir Practice
- **Sunday August 14, 2016**
  - 5:00 pm—UMYF
  - 7:00 pm—Administrative Board Meeting
- **Monday August 15, 2016**
  - 6:00 pm—Garden Club
- **Wednesday August 17, 2016**
  - 6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
  - 7:00 pm—Choir Practice
- **Sunday August 21, 2016**
  - 5:00 pm—UMYF
  - 5:00 pm—Asbury Circle
- **Wednesday August 24, 2016**
  - 6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
  - 7:00 pm—Choir Practice

Please have all donated food Items at the church by Wednesday July 27

Our Lay Ministers

July

Van Drivers and Riders
3—Pat Bowden, Diane Botts
10—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
17—Christy Smith, Pat Bowden
24—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
31—Pat Bowden, Diane Botts

Children's Church
3—Donna Mahan
10—Kim Parsons
17—Cathy Galyean
24—Ashley Turner
31—Christy Smith

Money Counters
3—Bill Cole, Ashley Turner
10—Chris Higgins, Paul Clark
17—Pat Bowden, Kim Parsons
24—Diane Botts, Christy Smith
31—Martha & Kenny Spurlock

Children's Message
3—Christy Smith
10—Bill Cole
17—Nancy Toney
24—Diane Botts
31—Mary Beth Allen

Greeters
Peggy Beverly
Jackie Mainous

Announcements
Skip Skinner

Ushers
Nancy Allman, Donna Mahan, Kathleen Gillespie, Sandra Rich

"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 & Teddy Bland's daughter); David Burke (Bubba Burke's Dad); Karrie Compton (Randy & Phyllis Compton's daughter); Zack Carter; Carey Mills; Steve Clark

Facing/Recovering from Surgery/Hospital Stay
Becky Clark; Helen Cochran; Mary Warner; 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; Jean Hendrick; Dottie Allen; Haylee White; Don Whittaker; Karen West

Non-Specific Prayers for:
Brownie Polly & family; Geneva Allen; Jim Gates; Jennie Shupe; Hope Meade; Matt Carroll; Melvin Carter; Kenny Spurlock's mother; Bill & Jean Hendrick; Peggy Bates; Marion Kocher; Bob Horne; Nancy Toney; Beth & John Hagan; Nancy Kilgore & family; Johnny Wells; Debbie Goodman; Sarah Shores; The Stidham Family; Elmer Lowe; June Pendergrass

- 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.