

# Trinity Outlook

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## Trinity UMC Celebrates Homecoming

We hope that by now you have heard that we are celebrating Homecoming Sunday on August 23rd. We will welcome back to our pulpit, the Rev. Don Scott and accompanying him is his wife Peggy. He was pastor of the church in the late 70's and early 80's.

We are also planning a meal following the service. It will be a potluck meal. The church will provide: drinks, desserts, and bread. We ask you to bring along a main dish and/or a casserole and at least one or more side dish. Remember, we are supplying the dessert for this meal, so you don't need to make one.

There are so many things that are about to happen that we have created this special newsletter to keep you informed. We might not know the specifics of all the events, but we are going to let you know about the events so that you can be looking for more information to come!

I hope that you will take the time to read through the various ideas and events that are found in this newsletter. We are entering into a season of the year that will allow us lots of opportunities for outreach. Please get involved in one or more of these activities and especially pray that God might use us to be a blessing in someone's life.

## The Movie Comes to Town

The latest news that I have tells me that the Big Stone Gap movie will premiere in our area on Friday October 9th and Saturday October 10th. I am not sure of all the details, but I understand a lot of things are being planned. So stay tuned to the local media for more information.

## Fall Festival Date Has Been Set

I've been talking with Nancy Toney and we have set the date of Sunday October 25th as the date for our annual Fall Festival. The Fall Festival is an

outreach event open to all persons in the community.

Immediately following church, we will be setting up for the event, and at 3:00 pm, we'll open the doors and get the party started. Based on past events, there will be a blow up jumpy, a pot luck dinner, hot dogs, games, popcorn, cotton candy, a DJ and, of course, cake walks. We'll need a lot of help, so be prepared to join us for this event. We will especially appreciate the donation of cakes for the cake walks that we will hold during this event.

## The Great Cookie Caper is Being Planned

In early December, we reach out for our third year to the community with our Great Cookie Caper. We will be asking you to make some home made cookies—a lot of home made cookies—so that we can bundle them up and take them to various offices in our community thanking people for their service to our community.

We hope to once again host a Wednesday night video study in the months ahead. So be alert to more information on this topic!!



## **It's Time to Collect Food for the Powell Valley Primary School Back Pack Program**

We have selected Saturday September 12th as the weekend we will go around the community and place informational fliers on the doors inviting people to participate in the Food Drive. On Saturday September 19th, we will go back to homes and pick up the food that is sitting on doorsteps. We will then tally the food and pack it up to take it to the Powell Valley Primary School for their Back Pack Program.

## **Let's Get Ready to Give Away Some Water**

The Saturday following the movie events, October 17th, will be the day that we give water away at the Mountain Empire Community College Craft Days. This will be our fourth year at this event, and, maybe, if we are lucky, it will actually be hot enough for people to really want some water! This year, our goal is to collect 2,000 bottles of water. We are asking for donations. We would really prefer the smaller sized (8-12 oz) bottles rather than the .5 liter bottles. We'll take donations of bottled water or money so that we can purchase the water. You can start bringing in your donations at any time.

## **Laundry Mat Ministry is in the Planning Stages**

Another new ministry that we hope to debut this fall is currently being called our Laundry Mat Ministry. Once we get clearance from the owner of the local laundry mat, located behind KFC, we will schedule a night during which we will go to the laundry mat from 6:00 –9:00 pm and do the following:

- We will pay for the washing and drying of the clothes of the people that come to the event.
- We will supply laundry detergent for the event.
- We will supply some sort of meal for those that attend. It could be a simple as pizza or it could get more complex if there is interest.
- We will need 5-8 persons for this event.
- While the clothes are being cleaned, the event workers will be talking with the folks that have come to the event.
- It will become an opportunity to share God's love through our actions and through our words.

## **Something to Think About.... A Thanksgiving Basket**

Although I haven't yet mentioned it to the NOW Team, it has been suggested that perhaps our church would like to get involved in a Thanksgiving Food Basket program this year.

Basically, we would get the names of families in our community and provide them with a basket of food that they could cook for their Thanksgiving Dinner.

The basket could include:

- A canned Ham
- Stuffing Mix
- Gravy
- Cranberry Sauce
- Green Beans
- Potatoes
- Rolls
- And other items as we saw fit.

If we got our Laundry Ministry up and running in November, we could provide these food boxes to persons that came to the event. We could get them to complete a form and then bring the box to them the week of Thanksgiving. This would allow us a follow up contact with those we had talked with at the Laundry Mat Servant Evangelism event.

I need your feed back. What do you think of this idea?

## COPE Ministry Is Up and Running

We are happy to announce a new ministry focused on our community that we think will be an entryway for folks to come to know Jesus Christ. The ministry is called COPE, which stands for Christian Outdoors and Prepper Enthusiasts. The goal of the ministry will be to connect with hunters in our area and to also connect with folks that want to learn about prepping. Prepping is a fancy way of saying, learning how to be prepared for the things that life throws at you. Everyone is welcome to join in at the meetings. We are brainstorming the following ideas:

- Stew, Soup, Chili and Dessert Meal
- A Wild Game Night Meal With Speaker
- A Turkey Shoot with the Possibility of a Turkey Fry
- A Heritage Seed Swap and Sale
- Classes on Canning and Storing Food
- A Fishing Tournament



## Join Us for a Stew, Soup, Chili, and Dessert Meal

After looking at the calendar and events in our community, we have decided that we are going to have our initial COPE Community Event on Saturday November 7th. We will be hosting a Stew, Soup, Chili and Dessert meal at the church from 5:00-7:00 p.m. On the night before, we host our final home football game. Our goal is to pass out lots of fliers inviting people to the meal at the church. We are going to need lots of volunteers for this Friday night passing out flier event and lots to help us on Saturday night at the meal.

Here's how you can help with the meal:

- If you have any wild game meat you would like to share, then please offer it. Better yet, if you can cook it up in a stew, soup or chili that would be awesome! Contact Chris Higgins if you can donate some wild game.

Contact the church office and let us know if you are willing to make any of the following:

- If you don't have any wild game, we still need some stew, soup and chili.
- We will also need corn bread and crackers.
- We will need some desserts as well.
- Since the weather is beginning to get colder, it would be nice to have a big pot of hot apple cider.

## ***Pancake Breakfast***

**Saturday October 10th**



## United Methodist Men Host their Pancake Breakfast

The United Methodist men will host their Pancake Breakfast on Saturday October 10th. Rumor has it that there will be a 5K run that morning starting in the vicinity of the church. If so, we should have lot's of extra folk around for this breakfast. We might need a lot of help!

## **More Music for Communion**

I have been working with Rick on our rite of holy communion. There are several versions of the rite that incorporate singing into the liturgy. We are going to begin integrating these sung forms into our communion ritual in the months ahead. We think that it will make a good addition to our time of worship.

## **Additions to the Order of Worship**

Beginning in September, we are going to add some new elements to our order of worship. I call them new, but we have sung them many times in years gone by. We will be adding the singing of the Gloria Patri immediately following our morning time of prayer. As the months go by, we may also add other traditional elements such as the Apostle's or one of the other Creeds in our hymnals.

## **All Saint's Sunday**

Behind Easter and Christmas, this is the Sunday of the year I most look forward to celebrating! I hope that you too will be able to begin to understand just how significant All Saint's Sunday can be for the Christian. We will remember and celebrate the men and women of the faith that have helped us on our journey—those faithful that have been sources of courage and inspiration. We will also have Holy Communion to bind the church on earth and the church triumphant together for a glorious moment of

worship. I strongly encourage you to be present on Sunday November 1st as we celebrate All Saint's Sunday.

## **The Wesley Foundation Will Lead Worship**

The UVA Wise Wesley Foundation will be coming to the church on the Sunday before Thanksgiving: November 22nd. The group will provide leadership for the entire worship service.

## **The Christmas Cantata is Scheduled**

Rick Galyean has already selected our Christmas Cantata and has scheduled its performance for Sunday night December 6th @ 7:00 p.m. It may seem a little early in the month to host a cantata, but to get the musicians, we need to have it while they are still available. Also, we are finding that the night time event is working well for these cantatas.

## **Christmas Eve Candle Light Communion Service Moved to a New Time**

We will once again celebrate a Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service. However, this year, the NOW Team has decided to move the service to a 7:00 pm start time. The 11:00 p.m. service was difficult for some of our members, and especially those that have children, to attend. Please note this earlier time and be prepared to join us for this annual celebration.

# **Worship Notes**

