

The Web Site Has Some Major Additions

This past week I have been working on the church web site. I have updated several pages and added new pages about upcoming events. A quick way to see what is happening at the church is to click on **Events by Month** and then click on the month you are interested in. It will take you to a page that will then display a series of banners. Each banner will have information about a specific event. Each banner will also link to a page with more information about that event.

The web site has become an effective way for our church to promote its ministries. We average 20-25 unique visitors each day. On some days that number soars. This usually happens when I promote a part of the web site on our Facebook or Twitter feed. People from all over are checking out our church and its ministries. Please continue to pray for the church and her ministries.

I also encourage you to click on **Sunday Worship Services** under the Quick Links on the home page. This takes you to a listing of Sundays. Click on a particular Sunday and you will be taken to a page that has all the elements of the worship service broken down into individual units. If you want to just view the Prayer Concerns or the Children's Message or the Pastor's message, then simply click on the video that displays that part of the service. In other words, you don't have to watch the entire worship service to get to the part you really want to see.

To see for yourself what our web site is all about, simply type in the following on your browser:

<http://www.trinityumc-bsg.net>

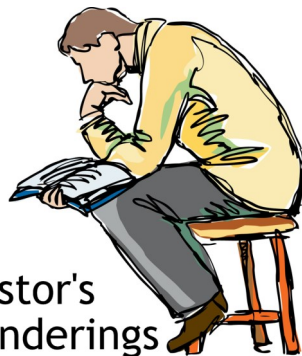
Did You Know that You Can Have Your Offering Sent Directly to the Church?

Most bank accounts now allow you to set up a recurring payment. Have you ever considered doing that with your church tithe? Currently about 15 of your fellow congregants do just that. A check regularly comes out of their banking account and is mailed to the church. We deposit it with the Sunday Offering and the donor gets credit just like he or she had placed the check in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Giving in this way helps to even out the ups and downs associated with vacations and bad weather. I encourage you to give it a try. You should set up an account for Trinity UMC, POB 217, Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219. You decide how much and how often.

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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Pastor's Ponderings



Looking Ahead

Homecoming Is Next Sunday

We are about to celebrate Homecoming next Sunday. We are very glad to have the Reverend Don Scott and his wife Peg returning to the church. They were here in the late 70's and early 80's. I am sure there will be a lot of stories to share and new memories to make. They are looking forward to returning.

We have a busy day planned. Rick Galyean has been working on some special music for the event. Christy Smith has been working on a slide show that will be shown on the monitor in the fellowship hall during the meal. Yes. There will be a meal. You can't have a Homecoming service without a terrific meal. We are asking those that attend to bring along a main dish/casserole and at least one side dish. The church will be supplying the bread, dessert and drinks. The dessert is going to be a large sheet cake with pictures of the church at varying points in history.

It is my hope that you have been telling your friends and especially former members that may have moved away about this event. I hope to see lots of faces that are unfamiliar to me, but, hopefully, very familiar to you. This can be a great moment of worship and fellowship for our church. Please plan on attending next Sunday.

Plan to Help with the PVPS Back Pack Project

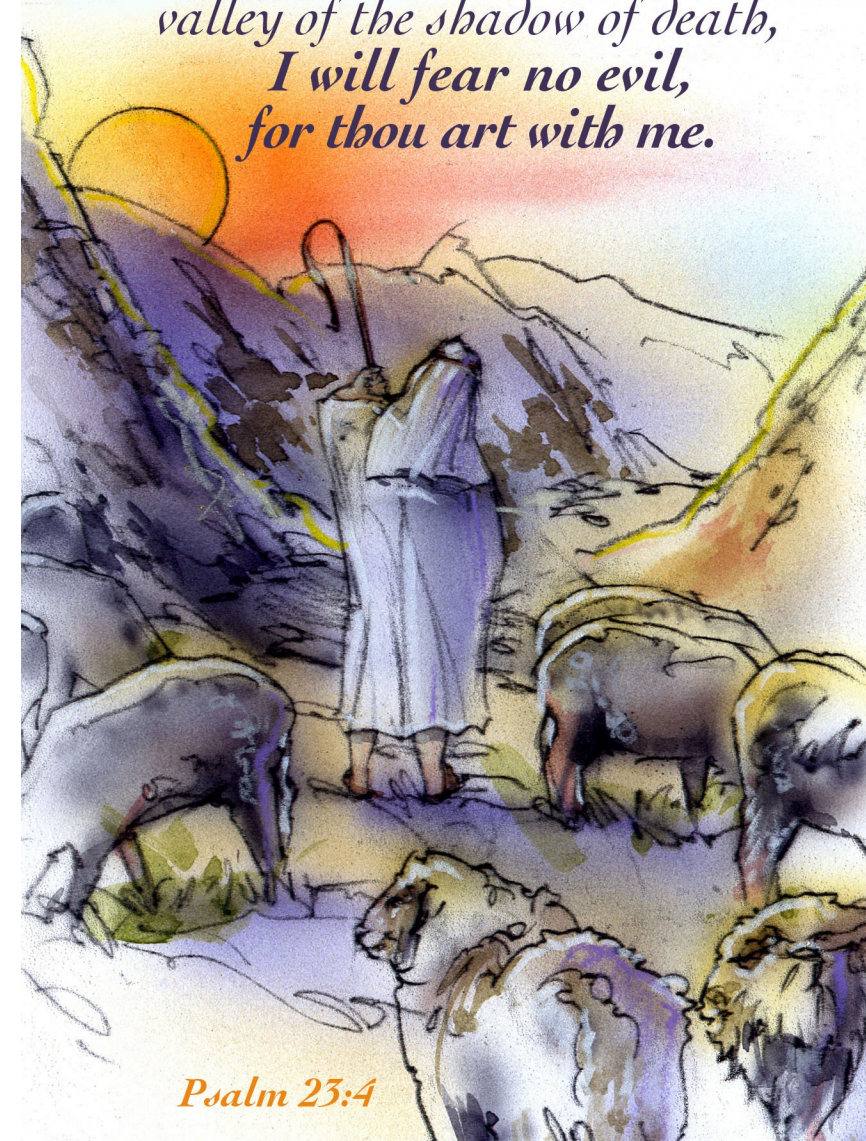
I hope that you can remember the previous two Back Pack Projects. We went into our neighborhood and asked our neighbors to supply food for the kids at PVPS. In the previous two collections, we gathered more than 15,000 items to share with hungry kids. This year, I hope that we can gather at least 4,000 more items.

Here is how we will do it. On Saturday September 12th, I will need volunteers to come to the church. We will have a door hanger that needs to be placed on all the homes in our neighborhood. The area will be divided up into routes. You will go out and place the hangers on the doors. The hangers will tell everyone about how the project will work.

On Saturday September 19th, we will go back to each of the homes and look for bags of food placed on the doorstep. We will collect them and bring them back to the church where we will count and sort the items. We will place them in the sanctuary and have a special blessing over them on Sunday. We will then take them to the primary school during the following week.

The Trinity Companion Sunday August 16, 2015

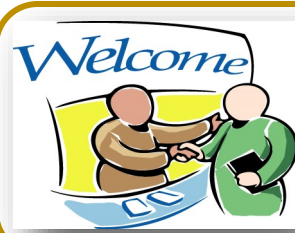
*Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for thou art with me.*



Trinity United Methodist Church

203 E 1st St, South—POB 217
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Worship begins at 11:00 am
Pastor—Rev. Terry Goodman
Office: (276) 523-0789



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: *Patty Cooper and Jackie Mainous*

Prelude

Announcements, Welcome, and Introduction : Martha Spurlock

Call to Worship:

*** Opening Hymn:** "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 92

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.)

Lord's Prayer as found at No. 895

Children's Message Nancy Toney

The Presentation of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Ushers: Jack Williams, Ruben Allman, John Hagan and Mike Allen

*** The Doxology** No. 95

Musical Offering: Special Music

The Presentation of God's Word

Scripture: 1 Kings 2:10-13; 3:3-14 Kim Parsons

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon : "An Honest Answer to an Honest Question"

*** Closing Hymn:** "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" No. 703

*** Pastoral Benediction :**

Postlude:

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

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Starting in September, the In Home Communion Program will launch to serve the Holy Eucharist to our Shut-Ins. We will need volunteers who can be available Sunday afternoons and are willing to visit our Shut-Ins. August 16th and 23rd, there will be a short meeting after church for individuals to sign up. On the August 30th, we will have a short training session after church for all volunteers. Contact Evan Clark if you are interested in volunteering at 276-275-9501 or emc7j@uvawise.edu.

Shepherds' Team

The Shepherds' Team will be meeting on Monday August 24th at 10:30am.

Trinity UMC Homecoming

Trinity UMC's Homecoming celebration will be held on Sunday, August 23, 2015. We will have appropriate music, a special guest pastor, and a potluck meal following the service. There will also be a special project completed and displayed during the meal. In order to complete this, we're asking for parishioners to lend us old photographs from the church and church events. We want photos from any and all years. These photographs will be returned to you intact (we will scan them and make them electronic). Photos are required by Sunday, August 16. Please contact Christy Smith at 703-629-6040 or cmsmithfor17@yahoo.com to sign up to bring something for the meal and/or to provide photographs.

August Meetings and Activities

Sunday—August 16, 2015

—5:00 pm Asbury Circle

—5:00 pm—UMYF

Wednesday—August 19, 2015

—6:00pm—Prayer Circle

—7:00pm—Choir Practice

Friday—August 14, 2015

—12:30 pm—Church Reserved for Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday—August 15, 2015

—Wedding

Monday—August 24, 2015

—10:30 am—Shepherds' Team

UMYF meets Sunday nights at 5:00 pm for a meal and 5:30 pm for meeting.

Choir meets each Wednesday at 7:00 pm

UYMF Meeting

The UYMF will be meeting today August 16th at 5:00 pm.

Prayer Circle

The Prayer Circle will be meeting on Wednesday August 19th at 6:00 pm.

In Home Communion Needs Volunteers



Financial Snapshot

The Administrative Board thinks that it is important that we give you a weekly Financial Snapshot. Here are some figures to ponder:

Funds need for HVAC Units.....\$ 5,800
Current Balance Forward Trinity Maintenance:\$ 5,802
Money Given to General Fund
Budgeted Need to Date\$98,381
Actual Amount Given to Date \$95,863



"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); Barbara Polly; Debbie Cooper; Wilma Nein; Phyllis Gilley; Melody (Mellie) Gilley; Doris Berta; Sandra Rich; Dennis Qualls

Facing or Recovering from Surgery or Hospital Stay

Beth Hagan; Becky Clark; Helen Cochran; Mary Warner; Liz Ashley; Don Whittaker; T. R Davidson; Janice Mohn

Non-Specific Prayers for:

Brownie Polly; Dagni Spurlock; Virginia Sigmon; Geneva Allen; Jim Gates; Fred Vanbever; Jennie Shupe; Hope Meade; Matt Carroll; Jim Cooper; Melvin Carter; Kenny Spurlock's mother; George Gose; Bill & Jean Hendrick; Mike Shaffer; Peggy Bates; Marion Kocher; Bob Horne; Ann Davis, Travis Rogers, Roy Rogers

- 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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