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Important dates to keep on your calendar.....

- August 18—5:00 pm UMYF
- August 20-11:00 am The Ugly Mug Study Group
- August 21—6:00 pm Bible Study
- August 21—7:00 pm Choir Practice
- August 22-11:00 am | Love Growing Older Group
- August 25—5:00 pm UMYF
- August 27-11:00 am The Ugly Mug Study Group
- August 28—6:00 pm Bible Study
- August 28—7:00 pm Choir Practice
- August 29-11:00 am | Love Growing Older Group
- Sept. 1—12:30 pm Fellowship Supper
- Sept. 1— 5:00 pm UMYF
- Sept. 2— 6:30 pm Good & Beautiful Community Group

Here is the New Union Primary School Food List:

Jan—Breakfast CerealFeb—Single Serve FruitMar—Mac n CheeseApr—Juice BoxesMay—Juice BoxesJune—Cash DonationJuly—Cash DonationAugust—SoupSep—Chef BoyardeeOct—Ramen NoodlesNov—Breakfast BarsDec—Juice Boxes

Food Notes: *Soup (Chicken Noodle or Tomato) *Chef Boyardee (Spaghetti O's or Ravioli) *Ramen Noodles (Chicken or Beef) *Breakfast Bars (Apple/Cinnamon or Strawberry *Cereal (Small bulk bag 7-9 servings *Single Serve Fruit (Pears, Peaches, or Fruit Cocktail *Mac n Cheese (Individual servings *Juice Boxes (Apple or Grape)

UPS Back Pack Program

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School Back Pack Program with a specific kind of food. The food item for August is Chicken Noodle or Tomato Soup.



Memorial Gifts

Trinity has received 4 generous gifts to the memorial fund in the last week.

Study Group Breakdowns

Monday night's Parsonage Study Group will begin again on September 2nd with the Good & Beautiful Community Book.

Tuesday's group at The Ugly Mug is studying I Corinthians.

Wednesday Night Bible Study is focusing on Jesus' "I Am" statements in the book of John.

A new study group began last Thursday. The book of study will be I Love Growing Older but I'll Never Grow Old. Please reach out to Robert for more information if you are interested.

Note from Ms. Kathleen

Dear Robert and my Church Family,

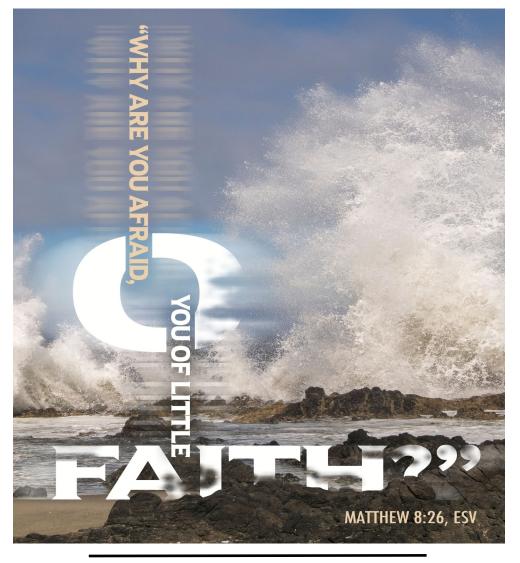
There aren't enough words to express all the love and kindness you have shown to me during the illness and death of my dear Debbie. The prayers, cards, and calls have carried me through these trying times. I deeply appreciate everything you have done for me and my family and will hold all of you close to my heart.

Love all of you, Kathleen & Family

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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The Trinity Companion Sunday August 18, 2019



Trinity United Methodist Church

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

Worship begins at 11:00 am
Pastor—Rev. Robert Burlingham
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Greeters: Alberta Mitchell and Lana Prater

Announcements: Diane Botts

Prelude: Sing a New Song to the Lord by Natalie Sleeth,

Arranged by Jean Anne Shafferman

Lighting of the Candles: Natalie & Caitlyn Shell

*Opening Hymn: How Firm a Foundation No. 529

Pastoral Welcome

*Statement of Faith No. 881

Gloria Patri No. 70

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Prayer of Blessing

Ushers: Phil Robbins, John Hagan, Sandra Rich, and Angela

Tipton

Offertory Music: Holy, Holy, Holy by John Bacchus Dykes,

Arranged by Christi Stills

*Doxology As found at No. 95

Children's Message: Nancy Toney

Anthem: Hear Me Singing, Lord

*Scripture Reading: Matthew 8: 23-27 and Job 38: 1-11

Rick Galvean

Homily: Growing Up in Christ Part 5

*Closing Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory No. 577

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace by Sebastian

Temple, Arranged by Lloyd Larson

*Indicates that you may stand, as you are able. CCLI #1083130

Invitation to Discipleship

Have you noticed the similarity your feelings share with wind? Our feelings touch us but cannot be grasped. Jesus asked his wind battered disciples, "Why are you afraid?"

Have you noticed the similarity your thoughts share with the waves of the sea. Feelings stir a storm that batters us with wave after wave of thoughts judging right and wrong. Again, Jesus asked, his Disciples "Why are you afraid?"

Surely, you have experienced the false sense of security created by human made structures. We are taught to trust our lives to seatbelts, child restraint systems, ADT, firewalls, airbags and the like. Many of the disciples were master fisherman. They placed their trust in a man-made boat. Have you learned you must answer Jesus' first question before his statement about "little faith" makes any sense?

Yes, the disciples practiced "little faith." Every act of faith denies self. We place our faith in seatbelts, child restraint systems, ADT, firewalls, air bags and the like to do something we cannot do ourselves. We also deny ourselves by placing trust in leaders, teachers, friends, and neighbors. What difference do you find between trusting your neighbor and loving your neighbor? Maybe its time to love our neighbor while placing our faith in the Lord!

The Disciples woke Jesus from his peaceful rest. Please do not miss that their false sense of security in the boat filled them with fear of "perishing" in a storm made of wind, wave, and sea. In that moment, they believed a lot of knowledge and facts about Jesus. How many storms must we experience before our "little faith" grows into love of neighbor and faith that builds a trusting relationship with the Lord?

Humankind built the boat! (Mama Seeger, a former Church member, says we must only love that which has the ability to return the love.) Have you ever met a seatbelt that loved you?

Jesus, the Son of Man, made the wind, wave, and sea. He created all things seen and unseen. Who is this man to whom the wind listens? What similarities do your feelings share with the wind? From where do these feelings arise? Describe how your feelings wash over your mind like a wave of the sea.

We trust what we believe, knowledge. We trust who we believe, relationship. Appreciate knowledge. Love people! The first part of the Christian life focuses on knowledge set apart as belief. To often people get stuck in knowledge. Like the Pharisees, Sadducees, and Essenes we divide into what -we -believe - groups.

The second part of the Christian life begins with a great storm that makes us feel like we are perishing. What we know, believe, and trust seems to crumble. Doubt drives us to seek something more. Our prayers often fail to take flight. They crash back into the heart and mind from which they were born. What purpose does such a storm serve? The wind reflects the image of the Holy Spirit!

In the first part of life, we mark progress with knowledge. We focus our efforts on "right" beliefs. "Right" groups! When the wind drives the sea into a storm of waves we feel as if we are perishing. In our story the wind, waves, and sea listen to Jesus. They have a relationship with him. They worship and adore him!

We shall see that the evil spirits believe in Jesus. In our next lesson, Jesus commands a legion of evil spirits to leave a man. The evil spirits believe. They believe but do not have a relationship with him!

Why are you afraid? Until you answer the question, the storm of life will continue to strengthen. Friend, Fear and Faith cannot abide in the same heart and mind. Answer Jesus's question and you will have "little faith." Little faith is enough to wake up. Hopefully, you seek a good and beautiful relationship unfolding.

One in Christ,

Robert

August



Van Drivers and Riders

- 4—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
- 11—Christy Smith & Donna Mahan
- 18—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
- 25—Christy Smith & Diane Botts

Money Counters

- 4—Christy Smith, Diane Botts
- 11—Ashley Turner, Tiffany Adams
- 18—Pat Bowden, Kim Parsons
- 25—Kenny & Martha Spurlock

Children's Message

- 4—Communion Sunday
- 11—Andrew Holyfield
- 18—Nancy Toney
- 25—Patty Robbins

Scripture Readers

- 4-Rob Moore
- 11—Dana Barlow
- 18—Rick Galyean
- 28—Paula Barton

<u>Greeters</u>

Alberta Mitchell and Lana Prater

Announcements

Diane Botts

<u>Ushers</u>

Phil Robbins, John Hagan, Sandra Rich, and Angela Tipton

Communion Ushers

Joe Toney, Nancy Toney, Ruben Allman, and Nancy Allman

Fellowship Dinner Hosts

Kathleen & Mary Beth







"I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers."

EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

For Those with Cancer:

Denise Qualls; David Burke (Bubba Burke's Dad); Karrie Compton (Randy & Phyllis Compton's daughter); Zac Carter; Steve Clark; Kamyrn (Patsy Mutter's great granddaughter's sister); Wilma Mills

Facing/Recovering from Surgery/Hospital Stay

Diana Wilder (Sandra Marshall's sister); Nick Hansen

Non-Specific Prayers for:

Marion Kocher; Matt Carroll; Bob Horne; Ida McCall; Judy Cole; Maurice & Patsy Lay; Andrew David Hartman; Jack Williams; Bill & Jean Hendrick, Larry Spears; Ann Nickles

- 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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