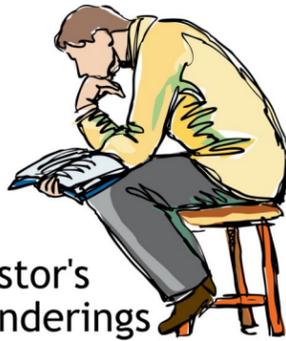


Pastor Out of Town Thanksgiving Week

The pastor and family will be out of town beginning on Saturday November 21st through Saturday November 28th. We will be taking some time away for the holiday. In his absence, the UVA Wise Wesley Foundation will be leading the service on Sunday November 22nd. Please come and support this extended ministry of our annual conference. While I am gone, the Rev. Brad Stapleton, from East Stone Gap UMC will be available for emergencies. You may call him at (276) 594-1492.

Pastor's Ponderings



The Great Cookie Caper is Almost Here

In case you have forgotten, we are once again going to engage in The Great Cookie Caper. This will be our third year of surprising folks in our community: doctors, firemen, policemen, and other folks that make our community so special. We will deliver them a tray of cookies and a note from the church thanking them for all that they do for us. In order to make this a success, we need cookies--homemade preferred--lots of them. Our goal is at least 3,000 cookies--it takes quite a few cookies to thank everyone!

Here is how it will work. We need for you to bring your cookies to the church on Sunday December 6th. Immediately following the worship service, we will gather in the fellowship hall and start boxing and bagging the cookies. Once we have them all prepared, we will then deliver them over the next couple of days. If you have any questions, then please contact Patty Robbins who is in charge of this activity.

The United Methodist Youth Are Planning a Lock-In

On Friday night December 4th, the United Methodist Youth are planning a Lock-in at the church. The event begins with a bonfire at 8:30 p.m. and the Lock-In proper begins at 10:00 p.m. We will let the kids go home Saturday morning at 6:00 a.m. Last time, we found that it worked really well to have some breakfast casseroles. We'd put the in the oven around 5:00 am and start serving when they were done. If you would like to supply a casserole or other treat: cookies, chips, veggies, etc. then please contact Christy Smith.

Please Donate to Staff Christmas Fund

Each year we take a special Christmas offering for our staff. The amount gathered will be divided among the following persons: Becky Rogers, Joyce Palmer, Rick Galyean, Robert Holbrook, Jan Tate, David Barker, Steve Guerreant, and Lisa Soechtig. PLEASE NOTE: You will not be able to receive a tax deduction for this gift. Please make your checks out to CASH or enclose cash in an envelope clearly marked Staff Christmas Gift. We will collect these gifts through Sunday December 13th. On behalf of the staff, let me say thank you for your generosity to this cause.

Upcoming Events/Activities

NOW Team Has Begun a New Ministry on Sundays

The NOW Team has decided to begin a new Sunday Morning ministry aimed at children up through the second grade. We are going to call it Children's Church. The basic format of the ministry is that the children will be in the worship service through the Children's Message. Following the message, those up through the 2nd grade, will then go upstairs for a special time that will involve teaching, crafts, and activities. Persons interested in assisting in some way with this ministry should contact Patty Robbins.

Hanging of the Greens is Scheduled

The first Sunday of Advent is the Sunday following Thanksgiving. (November 29th) We are going to have the Advent wreath up on that Sunday morning, but we are not going to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season until that Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm. So please plan on giving some of your time that afternoon so that we can prepare our worship space for the upcoming Advent/Christmas seasons.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations to Meet

There will be a meeting of the SPPRC on Monday night November 30th at 6:30 pm in the Wicker Room. All members should attend this meeting. Members of the Committee are: Skip Skinner, Chairperson, Alberta Mitchel, Martha Spurlock, Rob Moore, Dianne Botts, Jackie Mainous, Donnie Ratliff, Angie Clendenon, Ann Whittaker and Chris Higgins.

Come to our Christmas Cantata

The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Rick Galyean, has been working hard to get our Christmas Cantata- *The First Noel—Born is a King* ready for its premiere on Sunday night December 6th at 7:00 p.m. Accompanied by a small ensemble of brass, woodwinds, percussion and strings, the choir will take us into the spirit of the season. We need for everyone to commit to being a part of this event. You can do your part by deciding to attend. You can go over and above by bringing someone with you. If you have not attended one of our last few Christmas/Easter cantatas, then you just don't know what you have missed. So mark your calendar and join with us as we celebrate this Advent by preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

The Trinity Companion Sunday November 22, 2015



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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. 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: Nancy Allman and Peggy Beverly

Prelude

Announcements, Welcome, and Introduction : Martha Spurlock

Call to Worship: "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" No. 176
(Congregational Hymn)

*** Opening Hymn:** "Rejoice, the Lord is King" No. 715

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
Gloria Patri No. 70

Children's Message Bill Cole

The Presentation of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Ushers: Pat Bowden, Patty Robbins, Kathleen Gillespie, Alberta Mitchell

Offertory:

*** The Doxology** No. 95

Musical Offering: "His Eye is on the Sparrow" Soloist: Ryan Gibson

The Presentation of God's Word

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21 Scott Berthold

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon : "Radical Love" Evan Clark

An Affirmation of Our Faith: The Apostle's Creed No. 881

*** Closing Hymn:** "The Church's One Foundation" No. 545

• Pastoral Benediction : "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" No. 381
(Congregational Hymn")

Postlude:

*** Please stand, as you are able**
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walls around his heart have been shifting. Recently, Tony prayed and asked Jesus in to his heart. "I feel peace like I have never felt before," said Tony. We continue to rejoice as kids, like Tony, give their lives to the Lord. Join the celebration and please consider giving generously to Holston Home for Children this 5th Sunday, November 29th.

Community Thanksgiving Meal

The NOW Team will be hosting a Thanksgiving meal here at the church today Sunday, November 22nd at 6:00 pm. There is no cost for the meal.

Church Office Closings

The Church Office will be closed on November 26th and 27th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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November Meetings and Activities

—Sunday, November 22, 2015

—6:00 pm—Thanksgiving Meal

—Wednesday, November 25, 2015

—Noon—Kiwanis

—6:00 pm—Prayer Circle

—7:00 pm—Choir Practice

—Thursday, November 26, 2015

—Church Office Closed

—Friday, November 27, 2015

—Church Office Closed

—Sunday, November 29, 2015

—Sunday morning—Hanging of the Advent Wreath

—Sunday afternoon—Decorate the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season

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

Prayer Circle

The Prayer Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 25th at 6:00 pm.

Holston Home for Children

Tony suffers from Post-traumatic Stress Disorder because of his past, and has a hard time trusting anyone. During his time at Holston Home the



Financial Snapshot

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

Current Balance Forward Trinity Maintenance:\$976.22

Money Given to General Fund

Budgeted Need to Date\$139,910

Actual Amount Given to Date\$131,350



Children's Church

11/22—Ashley Turner
11/29—Christy Smith
12/06—Mary Beth Allen
12/13—Kim Parsons
12/20—Donna Mahan
12/27—Cathy Galyean

If you are unable to perform this service on your designated day, please contact someone on the list to fill in for you.

"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; Denise Qualls; Kathy Hirsch (Larry and Teddy Bland's daughter); David Burke (Bubba Burke's Dad); Karrie Compton (Randy and Phyllis Compton's daughter)

Facing or Recovering from Surgery or Hospital Stay

Beth Hagan; Becky Clark; Helen Cochran; Mary Warner; Liz Ashley; T. R Davidson; Melanie Sturgill; Mark Nickels; Ann Nickels; Patricia Redman; Jim Cooper

Non-Specific Prayers for:

Brownie Polly; 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

- 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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