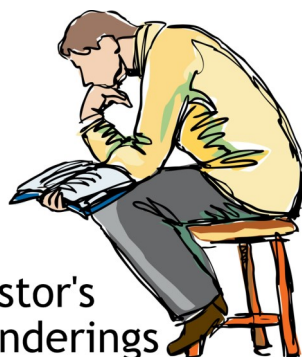


Welcome to the Service of Carols

We tried this approach to the Sunday after Christmas last year and everyone seemed to be blessed by the service. So, let's try it again this year. Today's service is one that is mainly Christmas carols.

Rick will be the emcee and provide some structure to the service and we will loosely follow the order of worship. You will have the opportunity to pick the carols that you'd like to sing. We may not do all the verses, but we will sing some of the more familiar verses and we will let the music and its message minister to us on this special morning.

Pastor's Ponderings



Pastor and Family Take Some Vacation Time

It's over the hills and through the woods to grandmother's house we go.... We are taking some family time away this holiday season. We're not going anywhere other than my mom's house in East Tennessee. We'll kick back and enjoy some family time and maybe make a trip or two to Dollywood—weather is supposed to be great for such an excursion. If an emergency arises, please contact me on my cell phone (304) 960-4438.

Pastor Has a New Text Number

For those of you that contact me via text messages, please note that I no longer prefer to use the (760) 621-8264 number. While it has served its purpose (i.e. it was free to use) I am having difficulty receiving texts and a single text on your end may come across on my end as a text in 3-4 parts and the parts don't always come in order and sometimes it appears as if words are dropped between the parts, once I do try to read them in order. So, I have activated the text feature on my cell phone. So, in the future, if you need to send me a text, please use (304) 960-4438.

God is Not Through With Us!

As you may remember, last Sunday Dr. Fleenor delivered a message from the Administrative Board. The message, in a nutshell, was that 2015 has not been a good year for income to our Operational Fund. This fund pays for: utilities, repairs, insurance and salaries. These are the items that keep the doors of the church open. We also have a set of Designated Funds. These funds pay for most all of the ministries, events, and activities, that our church undertakes as well as some of the repair and maintenance issues at the church and parsonage.

During 2015, we have not received the Operational Funds that we needed. As a result, we have been forced to use savings — "Seed Corn" as Dr. Fleenor so eloquently put it in his message. As of the first of December, we found ourselves just shy of \$20,000 into the red. As a result, the Board had to make some tough decisions regarding the 2016 budget and staffing needs.

All in all, it wasn't a pretty picture that Dr. Fleenor painted for us. I remember a conversation that I had earlier last week with someone and I said, "We will have to trust God. After all, it is God's church."

Well, it seems that God is not yet done with HIS church. This past Sunday, we received the largest single Sunday offering since my arrival back in June of 2012. We received just over \$9000. In addition, the United Methodist Men also gave us a gift of \$1000 for the Operational Fund. So, in one week, we received over \$10,000 for the Operational Fund. **THAT IS A GOD MOMENT!!!**

We are not out of the woods just yet. While most of that amount will help offset the deficit, we still have the normal monthly expenses that have to be paid from that amount as well. So, you can't just say it cut the deficit in half, but it is definitely going to take a large chunk out of our deficit.

The Good News, is that I don't think God is done with us yet. We still have today's offering and we still have those last minute checks that tend to come in before the year's end. If God continues to speak to our hearts, then we just may have a chance to eliminate our 2015 deficit and begin the year on a much more solid financial footing.

YEAR END GIFTS DEADLINE

If you discover that you can make a Year End gift, but can't put it in the offering plate this morning, then the cut-off for accepting that donation, so that you receive a 2015 income tax deduction, is 3:00 pm this coming Thursday December 31st. Becky Rogers will be in the office until that time. Any donations received after that time, will be included on your 2016 giving.

The Trinity Companion Sunday December 27, 2015



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Worship begins at 11:00 am

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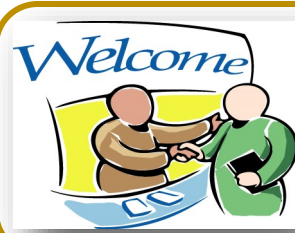
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Let me tell you how glad we are to have you at our worship service today. We hope that you will encounter the presence of the risen Christ. Please feel free to join in any of the activities or events that you see mentioned. Please come back and worship with us again!

Greeters: Alberta Mitchell and Pat Bowden

Prelude

Announcements, Welcome, and Introduction : Skip Skinner

Call to Worship: David Baker—organ

*** Opening Music:** Christmas Carol Sing—A-Long

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns Martha Spurlock

(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 -Bill Cole

Ushers: Jack Williams, Ruben Allman, Spencer Quesenberry, Phil Robbins

Offertory:

*** The Doxology** No. 95

Musical Offering: Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long

A Reading of the Christmas Story —Ken Spurlock

*** Closing Hymn:** Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long

*** Pastoral Benediction :**

Postlude:

*** Please stand, as you are able**
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The Church Office will be closed on January 1st in observance of the New Year's holiday.

AARP

AARP will be meeting on Monday, January 4th at 11:30 am. Anyone 50 years of age or older is invited to attend.

NOW Team

The NOW Team will be meeting on Monday, January 4th at 6:30 pm.

Fellowship Supper

The next Fellowship Supper is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6th at 6:30 pm. Please bring a covered dish. The Hosts are Susan and Fred Herndon.

Circle Meetings

- Thursday, January 7th
 - 10:00 am—Susanna Wesley Circle
 - Noon—Wesleyan Circle
- Sunday, January 17th
 - 5:00 pm—Asbury Circle

—Wednesday, December 30, 2015

- Noon-Kiwanis
- 6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
- 7:00 pm—Choir Practice

—Thursday, December 31, 2015

—New Year's Eve

—Friday, January 1, 2016

—Office Closed

—Sunday, January 3, 2016

—5:00 pm—UMYF

—Monday, January 4, 2016

—11:30 am—AARP

Prayer Circle

The Prayer Circle will meet on Wednesday, December 30th at 6:00 pm.

UMYF

The UMYF will be meeting on Sunday, January 3rd at 5:00 pm.

Church Office Closings



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 \$157,362
Actual Amount Given to Date \$144,549



"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.

Announcements

Martha Spurlock

Ushers

Patty Robbins, Patty Cooper, Pat Bowden, Kathleen Gillespie

Greeters

Jackie Mainous, Peggy Beverly

Scripture

3-Chris Higgins

10-Diane Botts

17-Phil Robbins

24-Kim Parsons

31-Skip Skinner

Children's Message

3-Kim Parsons

10-Christy Smith

17-Nancy Toney

24-Bill Cole

31-Angie Clendenon

Nursery Workers

3-Kenny Spurlock

10-Pat Bowden

17-Paula Barton

24-Cathy Galyean

31-Kenny Spurlock

Children's Church

3-Pat Bowden

10-Ashley Turner

17-Patty Robbins

24-Christy Smith

31-Mary Beth Allen

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