

# Faith & Fellowship

## A Note From The Pastor

### A PRODUCTIVE STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our Recent Stewardship Campaign at Trinity Church was built upon the promise we all made when we became members of the Church: “Will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?” Our response to that basic question was “I will”, and our life in the church is then built on that affirmation. Our Stewardship message this year was an invitation to declare what each of us will do in 2018 to uphold the church in those five areas.



Now that all the returns are in, we can report that over 30 responses have been received, representing a portion of our worshipping congregation. Many of those responding volunteered to be on groups that will work on projects at Trinity, such as the one that has already met to plan special Adult Programs such as our Stargazing event. We look forward to other work that will be done by the commitments made to uphold the church with our time and talents.

The financial commitments that were made are also very encouraging to the foundation of the life of Trinity. A total of \$54,240 has been pledged for the year of 2018! Although this is less than half of our total budget of \$135,000, it is a great start to meeting our expenses. Surely with additional giving that comes in each Sunday, special giving, and fundraising events, we will be able to subscribe our whole budget and thus advance the program that expresses the life and work of our church.

Perhaps most importantly, however, the results of our Stewardship effort represent the depth of our Discipleship here at Trinity. In the coming months, following up on our work at our recent Retreat, we will be focusing on Discipleship as the essential component of our life as a congregation. We will be building on our goals to follow Christ in our daily living, allowing ourselves to be changed by Christ to better reflect His glory, and sharing Christ with others. All of this begins in our hearts. As our hearts draw ever closer to Jesus, our discipleship will grow stronger and more real and find effective expression in our individual lives and in the life of Trinity Church.

Therefore, we give hearty thanks and praise to God as we celebrate all the commitments that have been made as a result of the campaign and also those that are made in the hearts of many others in the congregation which can be seen in your faithful worship attendance and support of the programs here at Trinity. Those commitments are the ground of faith on which we stand. However, let each of us also be looking for coming opportunities to keep growing in discipleship and for reaching out to make disciples of others in Christ's name. Every commitment is an expression of Discipleship and another step in the journey that leads us closer to Jesus and to our presence in God's Kingdom.

Pastor David Carter-Rimbach

## Scripture of the Month

### **Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20**

**16** Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. **17** When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. **18** And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

When the season of Pentecost began on May 20, we moved into a fresh expression of our life and work in Trinity United Methodist Church. Resulting from the work we did with Rev. Rodney Smothers at our Leadership Retreat, we are looking to focus all our efforts on growing as Christ's disciples and making disciples for Jesus Christ. When, following his Resurrection, Jesus gave his final words to his disciples, he told them to "go and make disciples of all nations". (Matthew 28:19) Just 50 days later, the Holy Spirit comes upon them, they go out into the streets telling all the people they meet about Jesus, thousands are Baptized and the Christian Church is born. Our job is to keep doing what Jesus tells us to do. Be disciples, get better at it, and invite others to share the life of discipleship with us.

We are working to put this into as concrete and practical means as possible. Some of what it takes we are already doing: being faithful in Worship, study of the Scriptures, and giving of ourselves in service to others. In these ways we grow stronger and better at being disciples. Soon there will be the offer of other means for us to grow closer to Jesus in devotion and in service. Note the articles here in this newsletter on Bible Study, Labyrinth walking, and Service opportunities'

The other portion of our calling is to use every means possible to reach out to others with the invitation to be Christ's disciples. Some of this we also already do, but now we want to do it better. Look for

fresh signage around the church letting people know they are welcome and extending invitation. Look for new programs, like our Stargazing Events, a "Tour and Explore" opportunity, and "Away Game Bible Study", and others. Our participation in each of these will build the foundation for others to enter into them and into our congregation and our quest to be disciples of Jesus.

Above all, however, is our life together as a community of disciples. As the hymn says, "They will know we are Christians by our Love." A recent survey of people living in our area shows that more than anything else people are seeking "warm and friendly conversations". Let us each do all we can to make sure that people find them at Trinity. Include everyone in the greeting time in our Worship, seeking out those who are new. Share conversation with everyone you can at Fellowship Time, not letting anyone sit alone for long. And make friends wherever you go, letting people know about Trinity Church and our invitation to come and join us in the life of those who are disciples of Jesus



### **Treasurer's Report April, 2018**

#### **Income**

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund             | \$ 7,712.00         |
| Parsonage Rent           | \$ 1,655.00         |
| Hall Rentals             | \$ 255.00           |
| Memorials to             |                     |
| General Fund             | \$ 2,800.00         |
| Fundraisers              | \$ 1,155.00         |
| Thrift Shop/Flea Market  | \$ 1,156.75         |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$14,733.75</b>  |
| <b>Designated Income</b> | <b>\$ 957.00</b>    |
| <b>Grand Total</b>       | <b>\$15,690.75</b>  |
| <b>Expenses</b>          | <b>-\$15,377.53</b> |
| <b>Surplus for April</b> | <b>\$ 313.22</b>    |

## Leadership's Corner


**WORSHIP AT TRINITY IN  
JUNE**
**JUNE 3 – SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

We begin the month where we are nourished in our life as disciples: at the Table of Our Lord.

We will also be recognizing our Graduates at this Service.

**JUNE 10 – “TOUR DE SCRIPTURES”**

Disciples know the Scriptures. On this Sunday, Pastor David will come to Worship having just completed an early morning journey in the “Tour de Parks” bicycle ride in Baltimore City. His sermon will lead us on a six-stage journey through Scripture. Can you imagine where the six stops will be on this trip through the Bible?

**JUNE 17 – FATHER’S DAY: CELEBRATING THE FAITH OF OUR FATHERS**

*Scripture: Luke:11-31 – “The Parable of the Loving Father”*

Disciples faithfully work to create the community that shines with the light of God’s Kingdom. We ask the parable of Jesus show us the best of what fathers do for us and for the world.

**JUNE 24 – “AND WE ARE OFF...”**

*Scripture: Genesis 12:1-5*

Disciples follow Jesus everywhere. Pastor David begins a Summer Sermon Series on “Journeying with the Lord”, beginning with Abraham and traveling along with others who have taken great and eventful trips. As you travel this Summer, we are invited to take notes and pictures to send to Pastor David to include in his messages.

Following this Service, Pastor David invites you to journey with him to the Labyrinth at the Bon Secours Retreat Center in Marriottsville. The walk through Labyrinth is a journey to experience the presence of God. Be watching for more details of this journey to enrich our discipleship.

**A SERIES OF EVENTS TO GROW IN CHRIST AND  
REACH OUT TO MAKE DISCIPLES**
**Walk the Labyrinth with Pastor David – Sunday, June 24**

A Labyrinth is a path of concentric circles making 28 turns leading to an open center. The walk in brings you into the presence of God. The walk out prepares you for life in the world. It is a centuries old tradition of growing closer to the love and wonder of God. Pastor David invites all who would like to share this experience to go with him following Worship on Sunday, June 24 to walk the Labyrinth at the Bon Secours Retreat Center in Marriottsville. After the walk (it takes between 15 and 20 minutes, we will sit down together at a nearby restaurant to discuss the experience.

**Stargazing Event II – Monday, June 18 at 7:30PM**

We invite the community to gather with us again to look at the heavens. This time we will begin with a concert of “starry” music such as “Stardust”, “Star Wars”, and “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star”. Again our starmaster, Bob Prokop, will focus us on the heavens, and we will head out to the field to see what’s above.

**“Tour and Explore” - Sunday, September**

We will offer the families of the community to come and tour our building, and we will have members of the congregation positioned at key locations to welcome and explain what we do at this spot. “This is the Sunday School Room. Please meet Ms. Wanda who leads our Sunday School. She will tell you a quick, little story” “Here is the organ, and this is Ms. Ann who plays our music. Let’s let her teach us a song.” And at the end of the tour we will go into the Social Hall for “Fellowship Time” together. Watch for the date and volunteer to be a “tour guide”

### “Off Sight Bible Study” Date in the Fall to be determined

We will gather for a 4-6 week Bible Study at a nearby Restaurant, maybe Bob Evans, out where people can see us. With a little luck (and some prayer) some may join us. Others may just wonder what we are up to, and we can tell them how helpful it is to study and learn from God's Word.

There is a group in the church working on the details of these events. They will need the help of others in the congregation to help make them happen. Please join in. Disciples of Christ follow Jesus, are changed by him, and reach out to others to join them as disciples. In these four ways and more, added to what we are already doing in Worship, Witness, and Service will focus our life at Trinity as a

### FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 4:30-7:30 PM

Having found that it is not possible for us to staff a week-day, morning VBS, we have decided to offer a Family VBS experience on Sunday afternoon, July 15. It will follow the theme of “Hero Central”, but we will offer groups for adults as well as for children ages 3-14. The event will begin with a light meal at 4:30 pm where the theme for the evening and songs will be introduced. We will then move into groups for activities appropriate for each age, closing when all gather for a time of bringing it all together. We believe this is a special experience we can offer the church and the community and are looking for the support needed as plans continue, to make it a success.



3 Carol Blood  
5 Jeremiah Sacks  
5 Emily Lottie Bussey  
10 Lisa Ruehling  
16 Marilyn Gallagher  
18 Brandon Dyer  
25 Mary Quasne  
29 T.J. Wess

15 Tim & Katie Wess  
24 John & Pat Previdi  
28 Peggy & Tom Edmonds

### Thrift Shop News



### Thrift Shop Coverage

#### June

2 –Marilyn Gallagher & Deloris Kohlhepp  
9 - Sandy MacKenzie & Linda Lemmerman  
16 - Flea Market ( TS Hours 8:am-1:30pm) - Susan Shifflet & Michelle Elder  
23 - \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
30 –Peggy Greene & Shirley Case

If you would like to volunteer please contact Diane Bowman at [djbowman@howardcounty.gov](mailto:djbowman@howardcounty.gov)



## Cartoon Corner



### Note From The Editor



All articles in this newsletter have been copied directly from the articles' author the way it was submitted. Please direct any questions, comments or concerns to the appropriate author. If you have an article you would like published in the next news letter, please submit them to Arnetta Jones at [trinitycatonsvillesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:trinitycatonsvillesecretary@gmail.com) by the 21st of each month.



# June 2018



Thrift Shop Hours: OPENED EVERY SATURDAY 9am - 1pm

(From Jan. 7th to Dec. 22nd)

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue | Wed   | Thu  | Fri                                   | Sat   |
|---|---|-----|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|
|   |   |     |   |  | 1<br><i>Annual<br/>Conference</i>     | 2   |
| 3<br><i>Banneker<br/>Service 2:00-<br/>3:30 Banneker<br/>Museum</i> | 4<br><i>Music &amp; Wor-<br/>ship - 6:30pm -<br/>SS</i> | 5   | 6<br><i>SPRC Meeting<br/>7:00pm - Office</i>              | 7  | 8                                     | 9   |
| 10  | 11<br><i>UMW 11:30am</i>                                | 12  | 13<br><i>G.I.F.T. Circle<br/>- 6:30 - 8:30pm<br/>- FH</i> | 14<br><i>Disciple Group<br/>7:00pm</i>                       | 15<br><b>F&amp;F Articles<br/>Due</b> | 16<br><i>Flea Market<br/>8am - 1pm -<br/>G<br/><br/>Thrift Shop<br/>Hours 8am -<br/>1:30 pm</i> |
| 17<br><i>Father's Day</i>   | 18<br><i>Stargazing 7:30</i>                            | 19  | 20<br><i>Council<br/>Meeting 7pm -<br/>FH</i>             | 21<br><i>Mission Day<br/>10-3<br/>Mechancisville,<br/>VA</i> | 22                                    | 23  |
| 24<br><i>Music Under<br/>The Stars -<br/>6:00 pm</i>                | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28   | 29                                    | 30  |



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***“To totally immerse ourselves in the Word of God and share it with others.”***



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