



# Faith & Fellowship



## A Note From The Pastor

### OURS IS THE JOURNEY WITH GOD

Have you ever looked at life as a journey? I am sure you have. It is not just the travel we do from cradle to grave, but being on the road of life; seeing things, experiencing things, doing things, meeting people, and hopefully moving forward. The question is: What does it all amount to?

It is my hope that as we move through the Scriptures of September continuing in my Sermon Series of "Journeying with God" that the journeys of Moses and of the People of Israel will not only give depth to our own journeys but also help us see how God is moving with us. As Moses led the people from slavery to freedom, from servitude to a godless Pharaoh to service to God as their King, and from death to life, so we might be led to see these themes of faith arising in our own lives. In addition, we might also gain some wisdom from avoiding the pitfalls in the Journey of those who have gone before us as warnings to avoid the grumbling, overcome the faithlessness, stay focused on God despite the alluring distractions, and most of all to trust the amazing power of God's love to be always with us. And maybe we too might meet God at our own Burning Bush or see God on the mountain top, or know what it means to travel toward the Promised Land.

As the story of the Book of Exodus progresses, it seems to me that God takes an ever deeper hold of the life of the people, showing how the Lord provides, giving strength when needed, and finally getting them where God wants them to be, across the Jordan and into Canaan. As we experience this Book together on Sundays, I hope we find the same thing happening in our lives: God moving deeper into our existence to give us strength, helping to meet our needs, and taking us where God wants us to be. It worked out very well for the people of Israel. I hope we also will be able to look around at our lives and know that God is with us, not only to help us but also to lead us with His mighty arm right into the goodness of God's Kingdom.

Best of all is knowing that it is Jesus who invites us to this "Journey with God". It is Jesus who said, "Follow me". He then looks around to see who is on the journey of faith with him so that he can take us by the hand and bring us ever closer to the presence of God. And it is into the land of promise that Jesus calls us. "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the Kingdom." (Luke 12:32) So let us Journey with God and look for the blessing.

Pastor David Carter-Rimbach



## Scripture of the Month

### Exodus 13:21



**21** The Lord went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day and by night.

### Exodus 14:13, 21-22, 30-31



**13** But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again.

**21** Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. **22** The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

**30** Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. **31** Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

### Psalm 138



**1** I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; **2** I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for

your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. **3** On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. **4** All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth. **5** They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. **6** For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. **7** Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. **8** The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

## Leadership's Corner

### From The Church Office

We have been working diligently in the church office to make it more organized. We still have some things to get done but wonderful progress is being made everyday to improve functionality of the office. It is our hope to adopt new ways to keep the office looking presentable at all times. In order to do this we have designated certain areas in the office for mail, letters to the secretary, notes for pastor and notes for the treasurer.

We ask that everyone helps us keep the office looking pristine by using those labelled areas instead of placing items on the desks and open spaces. If you have a question about the organization or if you have any ideas that could help us in the office please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Bien at mbien1@comcast.net or Bobbie Bien at bbien@comcast.net

Michelle & Bobbie Bien,  
Church Office Substitutes

### Treasurer's Report

#### June Treasurer's Report

Income	\$9,993
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$8,033</u>
Surplus	\$1,960

### From Finance

Mark your calendars for our next Flea Market on Saturday, September 16th. We are always looking for volunteers to help on Flea Market Days. If you have an hour or two, we can find something for you to help with. This is a great way to meet the community and fellowship with other congregation members. If you are able to help in the Thrift Shop please contact Michelle Bien.

If you are unable to help on Flea Market day, donations for the kitchen of 12-ounce canned Coke products, napkins, bottled water or baked goods to sell is a great way to contribute. See Lee, Bobbie or Diane if you have any questions or want to sign up to help.

Our annual Spaghetti Supper will be on Saturday, September 23rd from 4 to 7 pm. All you can eat Spaghetti with Trinity's famous meat sauce or marinara sauce, salad bar, bread, dessert and drink. Adults \$13 – Children 3 – 10 \$6 – Carryout's available for \$11. Baked Goods are needed for the Bake Table. As always volunteers are needed for set up, clean up, serving and prepping for the dinner. Please contact Lee, Bobbie or Diane if you are able to help in anyway.

Thank you  
Diane Bowman, Finance Chair



### Ladies Day Apart - September 9, 2017

Let me introduce you to Nicole Johnson. I had desired for our folks to become acquainted with this very talented Christian lady. Like the others affiliated with Women of Faith, Nicole has serious messages yet, she provides her audiences with amazing entertainment. Only one DVD introduced her in the beginning but did not include her as a principle speaker along with the others. She is the "Drama Queen".

There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex in August. Arrival time (NEW) will be from 9:30 to 10 AM with lite fare. There will be two DVDs shown followed by lunch. We encourage you to come, bring a friend and enjoy an uplifting time of fellowship.

Peggy & Bobbie

### Oella Fest - September 30, 2017

Trinity UMC will be participating in the Oella Fest again this year on Saturday, September 30, 2017 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. We are looking for donations of 12 oz. can soda and 16 oz. bottled water. Anyone able to help will be appreciated. See Lee Rockenbaugh or Diane Bowman for any information or to volunteer to help.

### DVD Ministry



Our Sunday Worship Services are now online and can be watched from any computer or mobile phone. If you would like to watch the video online please go to the Trinity United Methodist Church webpage and select Videos page on menu. Or you can go to our "YouTube Channel" and view all of our services.

If you would like a copy of our services on DVD please contact Jon & Michele Elder

#### Trinity UMC Website:

<http://www.trinitycatonsville.com/>

#### Trinity UMC YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgJW2AjYJyaww0k2uLCbSGA>

(We will have an easier to remember YouTube address once we get 100 subscribers)



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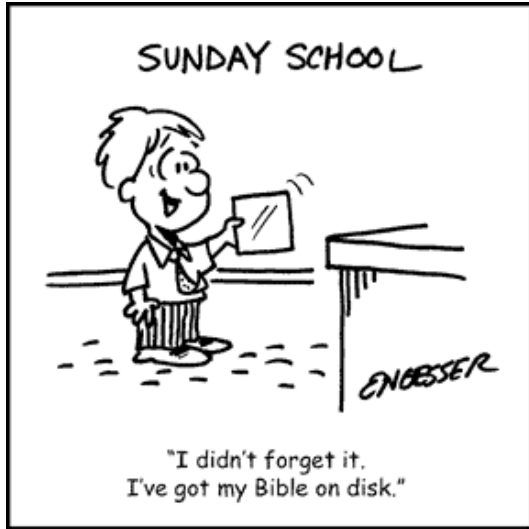


Thrift Shop Hours: OPENED EVERY SATURDAY 9am - 1pm

(From Jan. 7th to Dec. 16th)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours  8:00 pm - AA Meeting	2 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Thrift Shop Hours  7:00 pm - NA Meeting
3 <i>Sunday School Resumes</i> 9:15am - Worship Service <i>Teacher Recognition</i> 9:15am - Child SS 10:30am - Fellowship Time	4 <i>Labor Day</i> Office CLOSED  7:00 pm - Tai Chi	5 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours  Pastors Bible Study	6 Office CLOSED  <i>Trustee Meeting 6:30pm - 8:30pm - FH</i>	7 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours	8 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours  8:00 pm - AA Meeting	9 <i>Ladies Day Apart 9:00 am-1:00pm</i>  9:00 am 1:00 pm - Thrift Shop Hours  7:00 pm - NA Meeting
10 <i>Operation Christmas Child Begins</i> 9:15am - Worship Service 9:15am - Child SS 10:30am - Fellowship Time 11:00 am - Adult SS	11 <i>UMW 11:30am</i> Office CLOSED  7:00 pm - Tai Chi	12 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours  <i>SPRC Meeting 7:00pm - Office</i>	13 Office CLOSED  <i>G.I.F.T. Circle - 6:30 - 8:30pm - FH</i>	14 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours  6:30pm Choir	15 <b>F&amp;F Articles Due to Michelle Bien</b>  9:00am-12:00pm - Office Hours  8:00 pm - AA Meeting	16 <i>Flea Market 8am - 1pm - G</i>  <i>Thrift Shop Hours 8am - 1:30 pm</i>  7:00 pm - NA Meeting
17 9:15am - Worship Service 9:15am - Child SS 10:30am - Fellowship Time 11:00 am - Adult SS	18 Office CLOSED  Music & Worship Meeting - 6:30pm  7:00 pm - Tai Chi	19 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours  <i>Finance Meeting 7pm - Office</i>	20 Office CLOSED	21 <b>F&amp;F Articles Due to Michelle Bien (Last Day Will Be Accepted)</b>  9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours  6:30pm Choir	22 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours  8:00 pm - AA Meeting	23 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Thrift Shop Hours  <i>Spaghetti Supper 4pm - 7pm - FH</i>  7:00 pm - NA Meeting
24 9:15am - Worship Service 9:15am - Child SS 10:30am - Fellowship Time 11:00 am - Adult SS	25 Office CLOSED  6:30pm - "Just Say Yes" Bible Study  7:00 pm - Tai Chi	26 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours	27 Office CLOSED  <i>Oella Fest Meeting - 7pm - FH</i>	28 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours  6:30pm Choir	29 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours  8:00 pm - AA Meeting	30 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Thrift Shop Hours  <i>11:00am-5:00pm Oella Fest</i>  7:00 pm - NA Meeting

# Cartoon Corner



## Thrift Shop News



### Thrift Shop

Since I took over the Thrift Shop I'm always reminded of the remarkable generosity of our members and those that live in our community. I'm thankful for the success we have had and the opportunity to help those in need. The Thrift Shop wouldn't have been a success without all of the caring and helpful volunteers keeping it going. I appreciate every single person who has helped and volunteered their time to make the Thrift Shop what it is today.

We are currently still in the process of doing a little "spring cleaning" of our clothing room. If you are available to help with this project please contact me.

#### Requests:

The Thrift Shop would appreciate donations of L.A. Awe-some (found at the Dollar Store), Mr. Clean Erasers, plastic storage totes with lids (18 gallons or more) (Rubbermaid or Sterilite), and zip-lock bags.

## Thrift Shop Coverage

### August

- 5 - \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 - \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
- 19 - Flea Market (TS Hours 8am-1:30pm) - Susan Shifflet & \_\_\_\_\_
- 26 - \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

### September

- 2 - CLOSED
- 9 - Lady's Day Apart (9am-1pm) Mary Kolleck & \_\_\_\_\_
- 16 - Flea Market (TS Hours 8am-1:30pm) - Susan Shifflet & Michele Elder
- 23 - Spaghetti Supper (4pm-7pm)
- \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
- 30 - \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

### October

- 7 - \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 - \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
- 21 - Flea Market (TS Hours 8am-1:30pm) Susan Shifflet & Michele Elder
- 28 - \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to volunteer please contact Michelle Bien at [mbien1@comcast.net](mailto:mbien1@comcast.net)



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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 6 Angela Carr     | 20 Shelley Conway    |
| 10 Sheila Dyer    | 21 Mary Uebel        |
| 14 Shane Franklin | 22 James Jenkins     |
| 16 Maddie Corns   | 23 Joe Leidy         |
| 17 Ray Miles      | 24 Alexandra Sirasky |
| 19 John Previdi   | 30 James Flutka, Sr. |



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| 5 Jon & Michele Elder | Greene                   |
| 8 Ron & Pam Sheets    | 25 Dave & Susan Shifflet |
| 9 Joel & Shirley Case |                          |
| 10 Preston & Peggy    |                          |

## Note From The Editor



### 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 Michelle Bien at [mbien1@comcast.net](mailto:mbien1@comcast.net) by the 21st of each month.



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## From The Conference

### In the wake of Hurricane Harvey - How You Can Help

Friends:

Hurricane Harvey hit hard. The rains, the winds, and the floods have come. Hurricane Harvey is a very serious storm and is leaving its mark on the state of Texas with nearby states on watch. The flooding is bad and is expected to get worst in the days ahead. The rebuilding is going to be a long process.

In a conversation with Northeastern Jurisdiction VIM Coordinator the Rev. Tom Lank, he said what is needed right now is much prayer and UMCOR Flood Buckets/Relief Kits and Health Kits.

For now, individuals and local churches can help in two ways. Monetary contributions can be made to UMCOR to support the full-time personnel, supplies, and equipment needed for the disaster response and setting up the long-term rebuilding plan.

You can give online to UMCOR's Domestic Disaster Advance #901670, or send a check to UMCOR, with the Advance number in the notation line, to Conference Treasurer, 11711 E. Market Place, Fulton, MD 20759.

Help can also be given by preparing Flood Buckets/Relief Kits and/or Health Kits for distribution. UMCOR has warehouses across the country stocked with Relief Kits and other supplies ready for the next truck headed to an area of immediate need.

Putting together Relief Kits can be done by a family or small group or as a larger church effort. For details about specific immediate needs and instructions for Relief Kits and Health Kits, visit <http://missioncentral.org/how-can-i-help/donate-items/>.

Currently the Baltimore-Washington Conference has three 'mini-hubs' which collect flood buckets and transport them up to the main storage facility called Mission Central in Pennsylvania. These mini-hubs are in Maryland at Bentley Springs UMC in Parkton, Liberty Grove UMC in Burtonsville, and St. Matthews UMC in Bowie. For more information about these hubs, visit <http://missioncentral.org/hubs>. If you can not get to one of the hubs, completed flood buckets can be dropped off at the BWC Mission Center at 11711 E. Market Place in Fulton.

This is the immediate need and how we can help the people in Texas right now. FEMA is working with the local and state agencies in Texas to make sure everyone is safe. At the appropriate time, Emer-

gency Response Teams (ERT) will be requested and, when Texas is ready to receive teams for helping with the recovery and rebuilding, there will be opportunities for UMCOR teams to travel and work directly with the people. We will keep you posted and updated as this unfolds.

Please surround the people of Texas in your prayers and let us be a light of hope and love in their time of need.

Blessings,

Rev. Joan Carter-Rimbach,

BWC Volunteers in Mission Coordinator

Rev. Stacey Cole-Wilson and Pam Bowen,

BWC Support Staff

Updates:

**August 30, 2017**

» UMCOR is posting updates to their news item [UMCOR Responds to Harvey](https://www.umcor.org/umcor/resources/news-stories/2017/august/0825umcorrespondstoharvey) (<https://www.umcor.org/umcor/resources/news-stories/2017/august/0825umcorrespondstoharvey>). They will also continue to post updates to social media: [UMCOR on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/UMCOR) (<https://www.facebook.com/UMCOR>) | [UMCOR on Twitter](https://twitter.com/UMC_UMCOR) ([https://twitter.com/UMC\\_UMCOR](https://twitter.com/UMC_UMCOR))

» Trinity UMC has Download the UMCOR church bulletin insert to share 5 Things You Can Do in response to Harvey. If you are interested in seeing a copy of this please pick up a bulletin or contact that church office.

» The Rev. Jennifer Webber, a BWC pastor who now serves in Texas, shares an update by email today:

*I first wanted to let you know that our family and church is safe and sound where we are. Our little community has minor damage and need compared to the the communities just south and east of us. There are so many people in desperate need of everything! ... First UMC Bryan is on call to be a Red Cross Shelter. I doubt we are needed as they have been opening mega shelters all over (accommodate 1000s instead of 100). We are waiting, however, for the opportunity to go serve. I wanted to personally ask you to encourage the congregations to begin praying about ways to donate and serve. Perhaps a collection to support UMCOR or even send some mission teams in the near future... My vision at 4:00am this morning is that the disaster relief will unify our churches, our communities, and our nation...*



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