



Faith & Fellowship

Trinity United Methodist Church

May 2019

A Note From The Pastor

Are you ready for May? It's already here! April was a very exciting month for us at Trinity Church, featuring our two marvelous concerts and our Easter Serve and the Easter Dinner. The joy of the Resurrection is all around us and moving us forward. Also in April we had our Church Retreat and did some strategic planning focusing on our need to grow. Look for the report on the Retreat in this Newsletter.

It is my hope, in which I am sure we all share, that Trinity is very much moving forward. Let us be very clear, however, that it is only by the Lord's blessing that we are the church and by God's blessing alone that we will be the church the Lord wants and needs us to be. Only God can send us the strength and love we need and guide to us the people that will become a vital part of our congregation. Therefore, the first component of all our hope is our prayerful connection to the Lord. Let there be prayers for one another that never cease. Let there be prayers for our congregation to reflect the love of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Let there be prayers for our community that we might grow closer to the hearts of the people that live around us and that they will be open to our efforts to reach out to them in the love of Jesus. And let there be prayers that simply say Thank You to God for all the blessing that are ours because of the love and merciful presence of the Lord.



5 Michele Elder
7 Michelle Sirasky
8 Diane Bowman
10 Donald Jett
12 Pat Zeller
15 Martha Edmonds
18 George Gozik Jr
24 Ernie Carr
24 Gary Gibbs



2 Diane and Jerry Bowman
6 Barbara and Jim Flutka
16 Ann and Mel Stocksdale

SUNDAY MORNING “ZONE RESPONSIBILITY”

Providing a “warm and friendly” environment for people to gather in Worship is an essential ingredient for our being a vital congregation. Therefore, every guest who comes among us for Worship needs to be met, greeted, and assured of our happiness to have them with us. Every member of Trinity is on the team to make sure this happens every Sunday.

Our strategy for this is called: “Zone Responsibility”. If there is a person near you at Worship who is new among us, it is your responsibility to reach out to the that person and do three things:

Greet that person warmly, telling your name and asking their name. Introduce them to at least one other person near you. Invite them to stay for our Fellowship Time following the Service.

We will also have a person standing at the door with Pastor David to reach out to guests following the Service and seeking to obtain some contact information. But you should also repeat your invitation to Fellowship and offer to accompany the guest into our Social Hall. We consider every new person that comes among us as a “divine appointment” for us sent from God. We each have the responsibility to make that appointment our opportunity to show God’s love and welcome to Trinity Church.

WORSHIP IN MAY AND INTO JUNE

Sunday, May 5 – Service of Holy Communion

Scripture: John 19:1-19

Christ Gives Us Something to Live For

Sunday, May 12 – Mother’s Day

Speaker: The Rev. Carroll Gunkel

Scripture: John 13:31-35 – “Love One Another”

Sunday, May 19 – Praise and Glorify the Lord

Scripture: Psalm 148 and Revelation 21:1-6

Music with our Praise Band

Sunday, May 26 – Special Sermon Series: “The Gifts of the Holy Spirit”

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 – “Different Gifts/ Same Spirit”

Reception Following the Service in honor of Mathew Cherian

Sunday, June 2 – Service of Holy Communion

Ascension Sunday: Luke 24:44-53

Sermon Series: “Gifts of the Holy Spirit” #2

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 “Harmonious Functioning”

Sunday, June 9 – Pentecost Sunday

“The Day of the Holy Spirit”

Sermon Series: “The Gifts of the Holy Spirit #3

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:27-31

“Be Ye Zealous”

Lunch and Workshop on Identifying Our Gifts of the Holy Spirit”

SAYING 'THANK YOU' TO MATHEW CHERIAN

On Sunday, May 26, following our morning Worship Service, we will have a reception for Mathew Cherian to express our appreciation to him for the work he has done as our Choir Director this year. He will be graduating from UMBC this month and is enrolling in a graduate school in another state. This is all very good for him, and we congratulate him and wish him all the best. However, it means that he will no longer be with us. On May 26 we will all have opportunity to say our thanks to him and wish him well. Our search for his successor has already begun, but we want him to know that it means everything to us that he gave so much to our choir and to the music of Trinity Church while he as been hear. Make a special effort to be at Trinity on Sunday, May 26 to add your voice to those who will say, "Thank you, Mathew, for your work at our church."

CHURCH RETREAT – WE WORKED HARD

You have already seen in this Newsletter several indications of the work done by the 12 persons who participated in our Church Retreat on April 27. We spent six hours analyzing and developing strategies aimed at helping our church grow and feel that we came up with some pretty good ideas which we are in the process of implementing. Our attention was given principally to areas of Hospitality, Building Connection with the Community, Using the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and Targeting a Particular Segment of the Population.

We could not complete this work in one day. We have set **Saturday, May 18, 9:00-11:30 AM** to meet at Trinity and work on the next steps in our planning. At that time we will develop a longer range plan to provide for growth at Trinity, marking carefully the steps needed to bring about the results we desire.

Whether or not you were able to attend the first Retreat, you are invited to attend on May 18 and be a part of this work. Notice that we will end before lunch, but there will be light breakfast items available as we gather. Opportunity to indicate your interest will be given in upcoming Sunday Worship Bulletins. If you would like to know more about the Retreat, please speak to Pastor David.

LOOKING FOR THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AT TRINITY PENTECOST LUNCH AND WORKSHOP— JUNE 9



Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit...

1 Corinthians 12:4

At our Church Retreat, we found in 1 Corinthians 12 a description of a vital church built upon the working of the Holy Spirit through the gifts the Spirit gives to each one of us. We learned that "the church soars in ministry within and without when its members are engaged fully in Christian discipleship." ("The Laity Fix" by Lynda Byrd). And Christian discipleship is nurtured, encouraged, and informed by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

As St. Paul makes absolutely clear in his writing, the Spirit gives special gifts to every member of the Christians body and each are given for the good of all. Our task is to recognize and gifts we each have and to affirm and celebrate them in order to strengthen the congregation's ministry. This we will seek to do in a series of sermons on the Gifts of the Spirit, running May 26 – June 9, culminating on Pentecost Sunday, June 9 with a Lunch and Workshop following our Worship Service.

The Workshop will be built around a survey we everyone can take that will help us each to identify the gifts we have been given. In small groups, we will have a chance to share what our gifts are, affirm them, and discuss how they might best be used for the good of the entire church. We will take no more than one hour to do this, ending with a celebration of our gifts and giving God our thanks for all His blessings to us. We are hoping everyone will plan to remain for the hour after Worship on June 9 to share in this important work together.



VBS BECOMES "FAMILY FUN BIBLE SCHOOL" AT TRINITY

On **Sunday, June 23, 4:30-6:30PM**, we will launch a new approach to VBS at Trinity Church. Our "Family Fun Bible School" will be build around a picnic under the tree in our front yard. There will be burgers and hot dogs and beans for everyone, and after we introduce the theme of the night, "God's Heroes Have Power", the games will begin followed by crafts and then a game that will lead us into the Social Hall for the closing program of stories and songs.

This design is aimed to help us have maximum attraction to families in the neighborhood as well as to provide a great opportunity for our whole congregation to get together for a good time together. We hope to see everyone at the picnic to make this event a success. We also need two or three canopies (portable awnings, usually 8x8'). If you have one we can borrow, please contact the office.

There will be two other "Family Fun Bible School" events on Sundays July 21 and August 18. Each will have a different design and a new theme. Mark your calendars and spread the word to every child in your neighborhood. Something fun for families is happening at Trinity Church.

**THE 235th SESSION OF THE BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE
IN BALTIMORE, May 29 – June 1
"We Are One: United In Love"**

It is amazing to think about how long the Baltimore-Washington Conference has been meeting. Since the Lovely Lane Conference in 1784, the clergy and laity of the churches in our Conference have gathered to do the work of the Church. This year, the session is in Baltimore's Waterfront Marriott Hotel. Both our Lay Leader, Bobbie Bien, and Pastor David Carter-Rimbach will be attending the sessions where the retiring ministers are recognized, those who have died in the past year are remembered, new clergy are ordained and the business of the Conference is conducted. This year, attention will be given to the Traditional Plan adopted at the General Conference Session in March. The Baltimore-Washington Conference Delegation to the 2020 General conference will also be elected.

Since our Lay Leader is not able to attend on Saturday, June 1, there is an admission for that session available if you would like to attend and get a sense of our Conference in operation, please see Bobbie Bien or Pastor David. And please, keep this conference in your prayers.

**TRINITY'S TELEPHONE TREE IS ALSO
A PRAYER LINE**

Our Telephone Tree has generally been used to notify the congregation when services or events are cancelled for weather conditions. In the future, we will also be using this means of communication when under serious or emergency situations we need to call on the congregation to be in prayer. This will also help to keep everyone informed about such situations effecting persons in our congregation. There is nothing like the effectiveness of having all our members being in prayer for a person in need. Or as the saying goes: "more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of". We want to see those things happen among us. We hope using our Telephone Tree as a prayer line when need will result in great things.



March Treasurer's Report

Income	
Non-Designated	
Parsonage Rent	\$ 1,688.50
General Fund	\$ 6,193.00
Hall Rentals	\$ 430.00
Insurance Refund	\$ 148.00
Fund Raisers	\$ 504.00
Thrift Shop	\$ 435.00
Total Non-Designated	\$ 9,451.50
Total Designated	\$ 605.00
Total All Income	\$10,056.60
Less Expenses	\$12,505.47
Deficit for March	(\$ 2,448.87)



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

(From Jan. 6th to Dec. 22nd)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 <i>G.I.F.T. Circle - 6:30 - 8:30pm - FH</i>	9	10 <i>Mother's Day Family Dinner 6:00 pm</i>	11
12 <i>Mother's Day</i>	13 <i>UMW 11:30am</i>	14	15 F&F Articles Due 6:30 S.P.R.C	16	17	18 Next Step- Part 2 9:00-11:30 am
19	20 Westchester 6:30	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Thrift Shop Closed</i>
26	27 <i>Memorial Day</i>	28	29 <i>BWCUMC Annual Conference</i>	31 <i>BWCUMC Annual Conference</i>	31 <i>BWCUMC Annual Confer- ence</i>	



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



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