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PASTOR'S DESK

“Thanksgiving is Giving Thanks”

I have been ruminating on this November newsletter ever since last June, before I even knew I was going to be your interim pastor. Actually, many, many Junes. You see – my birthday is in June. June 8, to be precise.

June 8, 1961, Billy Barb and I got into a fisticuffs at school. He hit me right between the eyes and one of the teachers had to take me to the emergency room. I can still remember a pretty nurse who took care of me there. I can also think back to my birthday party that evening. All my aunts and uncles were present, and they all felt sorry for me what with my black eyes and bruised nose. I still remember Uncle Don slipping me a handful of dollars to help me get over my pain and embarrassment. Several others helped me in the same way.

June 8, 1966: Other boys this age were talking about cars and speed. I just wanted a bike for my 16th birthday. I can remember sitting through the family dinner, waiting for the bike that was sure to come. You see – I knew it was coming, because before dinner I was upstairs in my bedroom and I happened to look out into the backyard, where the garage was. My eye caught something shiny in the garage window. The sun was shining into the window and its rays reflected on the coppertone colored bicycle that Mom and Dad had hidden there for me. How did I know it was for me? Because I asked for a coppertone Schwinn 3-speed Traveler. So after supper Dad told me to go into the garage and fetch a shovel so he and I could do some digging in the yard. Of course I knew it was a ruse, so I immediately obeyed. When I opened the door and grabbed the bike, the whole family was standing behind me witnessing the event. Then Dad told my younger brother Rick that since I was going to be so busy riding my new bike, Rick was going to help him dig the hole. He directed Rick to get the shovel that was stored behind the car parked in the garage. When Rick went to get the shovel he found a bike too – a beautiful blue Schwinn 3-speed Traveler that matched mine. Then Mom and Dad explained that since both of us boys spent so much time helping the family repair and restore an old house that we had recently purchased and were planning on moving into, they were delighted to give us both these superb gifts.

June 8, 1974: St. Louis, Mo. When I drove home from my job at the restaurant, Vickie surprised me with a birthday cake and many gifts. How did she get all this stuff, since I had the car (which she had brought into the marriage)? She took the bus, of course. All for me.

As I look back onto these wonderful birthdays and so many more, I cannot help but realize the real, the lasting, the genuine gift that underlies all these gifts that excited me so at the time. What is that gift? It is the gift of people, who loved me enough to present me with these gifts. I had a large family. I assumed everyone did. I know now that not everyone does. I had two parents, indeed a whole nuclear family that loved me into existence and nurtured me into maturity. I have come to know deeply that this is a rare gift. I have a spouse and best friend who celebrates life with me and keeps all her promises to me. I am left speechless when I ponder the wonder of this.

And as I sink down more deeply into the wonder and gratitude of it all, I begin to realize another gift. The gift of God himself who has worked through each and every one of these people, including Billy Barb, to show me some of the depth of his love for me.

These are the things that elicit and draw out my thankfulness. For you it may be different. You may know God's love by events that were exactly opposite of what I have described. You may have discovered God's love by being spared a school yard brawl. Good for you. Or, you may have come upon the love of God only as you had to leave family, or only as you discovered someone you loved and cared for did not love you in return. But you discovered the love of God. If you know that love, it is worth the price you paid. If you know that love, there is nothing that can destroy you – ever. God bless you this Thanksgiving.

- Pastor Ron

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The following members and friends of Trinity were included in our prayer list during October:

Emily Saylor	Karen Saylor
Kristi Lescalet	Leonard Summers
Elouise Himes	Jean Carr
Lisa Lewis	Anna Burkett
Peggy Costion	Robert Domer
Jim Everline	Mary Wolfe
Rose Sours	Barbara Douglas
Bill Hughes	Martha Harshman
Jeff Stewart	Lori McLaughlin
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Jean McCammon	

ATTENTION

Announcements for the bulletin must be submitted to the church office **NO LATER** than **9:00 Friday morning**.

Newsletter articles should be submitted into the church office **NO LATER** than the **15th of the month**.



November Birthdays

Nov.	1	Howard Boyer
	1	Kevin Boyer
	2	Zachary Holder
	3	Klaire Talhelm
	5	Debra O'Brien
	9	Hannah Himes
	10	Mike Henry
	10	James Hinlicky
	12	Robert Dellinger
	13	Zachary Rowe
	15	Mike Schnackenberg
	16	Mark Gaylor
	16	Elaine Michael
	18	Charles Rockwell
	19	Leah Pippin
	20	Adam Metz
	20	Larry Funk
	29	Harold Beachley, Sr.
	29	Travis May
	30	Charles Hutchinson

SECRETARY AND PASTOR OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday & Friday 9:00 AM – Noon

You may reach the pastor and secretary by leaving a message on the church answering machine. Messages are accessed several times a day.

Do you want to use the social room for a church, community or personal family activity? Contact the church office at 301-432-2226 or by email at hello@trinitylutheranboonsboro.org for permission.



This is a reminder to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 5 as we return to Standard Time



Our Dearest Trinity Family,

Thank you all so very much from the bottom of our hearts for all your love, prayers, caring and concern during my Mom's illness and passing. We could feel your prayers and love and that is what got us through this difficult time. Thank you so much to Pastor Joe who came and sat with us and gave us communion for the last time with Mom. I know it meant so much to my Mom to have him there.

We were just overwhelmed at all who came to Mercersburg on the day of the funeral. Thank you also for all who made and brought food for the funeral. I don't even know who you are all, but thank you so much!

We are so blessed to be a part of this wonderful caring community called Trinity. Truly it is a special place with extremely special people doing God's work. God bless each and every one of you!

Love,
Beth, Chip, Jacob, Rebecca and Ben



NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR 10:15 WORSHIP

November 6 – Laura Iager
November 13 – Karen Cunningham
November 20 – Julie Williams
November 27 – Theresa Foster

Please be considerate to others when placing your children in the nursery during worship time. The nursery is for children ages infant to 4 years old. Older children 5 and older should not be in the nursery. Thank you for your cooperation to ensure our little people are properly cared for.



MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Bible Study meets in the Funk Education Center on **Sunday, November 6 & 20 at 8:00 AM**. Join us for this very meaningful opportunity for fellowship and study.



Our Children's Church Program at Trinity is a wonderful ministry to our young people ages 4 through grade 3. Children's church is offered the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month as part of our 10:15am worship service. Volunteers are needed! Please consider leading two Sundays a month so that we are able to continue this ministry. Thanks so much!



Joyful Noise Choir

Children ages 3 and older are encouraged to participate in the Joyful Noise choir. We practice the last 15 minutes of Sunday school and sing to the congregation on the 4th Sunday of each month. Any questions, please call **Jen Poffenberger at 301-432-0456**.



NOVEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS

Nov. 1	
Nov. 8	
Nov. 15	
Nov. 22	
Nov. 29	Hutchinson

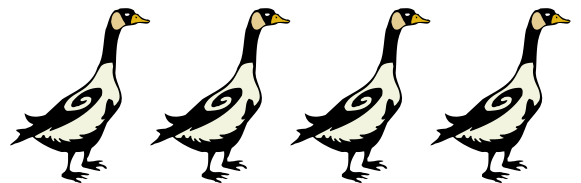
The above dates are for flowers placed on the altar in honor or memory of a loved one.



Sunday, November 6 is **All Saints Sunday**, the Sunday of our liturgical year set aside by the early church to commemorate the martyrs who died in the faith and all deceased Christians.

Each year on All Saints' Sunday, we recall the members of Trinity who passed over from this life into the fullness of the kingdom since last All Saints' Sunday. The service includes the celebration of Holy Communion.

We will commemorate Christians, past and present, which shaped us and the Church.



Gaggle Gathers to Giggle

The next gaggle is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1st at 6:15 at the home of Kristy Smith. The menu will be a baked potato bar. See any Gaggler for more information: Paula, Karen, Beth, Michele, Brenda, Theresa F., Cindy, Kristin, Anne, Melissa, Janice, Ruth, Susan L., Susan G., Jenny J., Debbie, Jane, J.J., Jean T., Judy, Lisa, Irene, Kristy.



WORK DAY AT SERRV IN NEW WINDSOR

Trinity will have a workday at the SERRV warehouse at the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3.**

We will leave Trinity's parking lot at 7:30am (or meet us at the warehouse by 8:30am). We will unpack, check, price, label and re-pack handmade craft items from all over the world to be sent to SERRV gift shops and other sales venues.

Our group will work from 8:30am until about 3:30pm, with an hour off for a plentiful and delicious **FREE LUNCH** and **DISCOUNTED SHOPPING** at the SERRV gift shop on location. We should be back to Boonsboro by 4:30pm.

A sign-up sheet is on the podium in the narthex. Please indicate whether you will be able to help out by driving if needed. I must give the folks at SERRV an accurate count of those in our group by October 31 so they can plan for our lunch.

***Notes:** Volunteers must be at least 12 years of age and those under the age of 18 must have a signed parental permission slip. Open-toe shoes, sandals or flip-flops are not allowed in the work area.

If you have any questions, please ask Elaine Michael (301-992-1191).



NOVEMBER FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Friday, November 4th from 5:30 PM to 7 PM.

Make your reservation via email now for the 4th. We'll meet in our social room for socializing, sustenance and stimulating conversation. The menu is still under discussion. RSVPs are really, really necessary. Email kristyathome@hotmail.com or call 240-285-8894.



Our chancel choir practices right here in the sanctuary most Wednesdays at 7 PM. Benefits include front row seats to all the best sermons. Gorgeous uniforms are provided.

The contemporary choir practices two weeks prior to the contemporary service (2nd Sunday). For November, practices will be Wednesday, November 2 and 9. See Chip Rockwell for the specifics.

Vision Mission & Values

WE NEED YOU! The Profile Committee is working diligently to put together a profile of our congregation, which is the first step in the call process. We need your input on our mission and our vision. Who are we? What do we do? What do we do well?

Please plan to stay after church on Sunday, November 13th for 45-60 minutes to share your thoughts with us. Some preliminary materials will be handed out on November 6th. Thanks in advance for your prayerful participation.



RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Trinity will receive new members at the 10:15am service on **Sunday, November 13**. If you would like to join Trinity, please contact Pastor Ron by phone at 304-561-4482 or by email at ronschlakjr@aol.com. Orientation classes will be held for several Sunday mornings at 9:00am during the Sunday school hour.



Every November Trinity has a congregational meeting following the 10:15am service to elect council members for the new calendar year and to approve a budget for the next calendar year. **This year's meeting is Sunday, November 20.**



Updating the Directory Listings

Over the next several weeks Cynthia Grills (#240-313-0995) will be calling or cornering you at church to update, correct, and edit your contact info from the directory for you and your family. Elaine Michaels has volunteered to put the updates into the church computer. We plan to have the directory update finished by December. No photos, just a paper copy of contacts. If you want to be proactive, call Cynthia with your corrections. If you want a copy, we will print you one. Details to follow.

This info is needed as many people have either gotten rid of, don't use, or still love, their land line phone. Thus, we need cell phones numbers or emails for some of you in order for us all to keep connected. This will be especially helpful to our interim pastor, Ron, and invaluable to our future pastor. Please help us out.

I know that there are some email lists here and there at church, but this is an effort to get all correct particulars in one place. If you do not want to have your cell phone and or email listed in the update that we will be compiling, be sure to tell us this specifically.

Phase two of this process will happen in the new year. A spreadsheet listing will be compiled specifically for our new pastor. This will include info to help him or her get acquainted with each member and their family. This will involve **voluntary** participation in answering a few census type questions which will be presented to the church council for approval beforehand.



The Prime Time group will have a Thanksgiving themed covered dish dinner in the social room on November 16th at noon. Please bring a dish to share. Questions? Call Larry Dalton 301-432-2061.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT

Meritus Medical Center does NOT inform area clergy when a parishioner is hospitalized. The only way clergy can know of a patient

admission is for the pastor to physically go to the hospital and check the clergy information available at the information desk or for you to call the pastor and inform him.

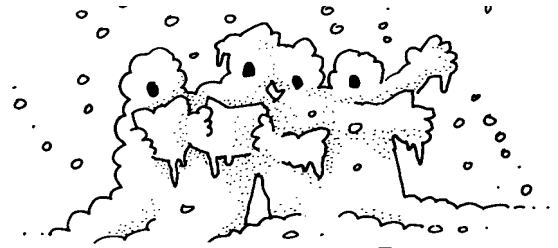
If a loved one is admitted to the hospital and you wish Pastor Ron to visit, please let him know that your loved one is in the hospital. Call him on his cell phone at 304-561-4482. He would love to visit any patient in the hospital but needs to know they are there!



Do you want to schedule the social room or other space at Trinity for a church-related or family activity or an event for an organization to which you belong? To schedule an event, contact the church office, Steve Jamison or Pastor Ron. The master event calendar is kept electronically through Google calendar.

Before you contact the office, you may view the Google calendar at Trinity's website at www.trinitylutheranboonsboro.org. Click "home" at the top of the page to make certain you are on the home page then scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "Calendar - See What's Happening at Trinity". This takes you to the Google calendar and you will be able to scroll through the entire year to find available dates.

Knowing Trinity's schedule in advance will help you plan your events! We try to keep the calendar up-to-date as best we can!



CANCELLATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcement of the cancellation of Sunday school and/or worship services due to snow or ice can be heard on the following radio stations:

WCRH (90.5 FM)

WFRE (99.9 FM)

WJEJ (1240 AM)



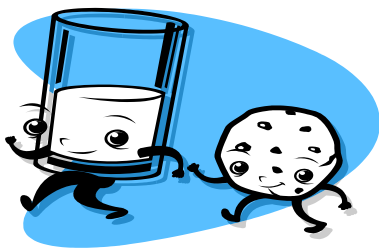
OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2017 will soon be available in alphabetical order on the table in the education wing. Please look for the envelopes in the near future and stop by and pick up your set of envelopes.



Toys For Tots

We have started our annual Toys For Tots drive for Washington County. Please donate,

we need your help. Last year we provided toys to more than 3,700 verified needy children in Washington County in 900 families. The need may be greater this year. Thank you for your help in the past.



Cookie Walk 2016

**Ready for another Cookie Walk?
Bakers will be needed!**

December 3rd from 10-3pm. Trinity will sponsor our annual Cookie Walk in the social room. Once again we ask for as many people to bake cookies as possible. Please put them on a tray or container and bring to church Friday evening or early Saturday morning so we can display them.

This is a fund raiser for Micah's Backpack that raises quite a bit of money. Last year was another great success.

This year we are suggesting \$5.00 for a baker's dozen. We accept all kinds of baked goods and cookies. If you remember what you made last year, bring it again this year. Please be sure to mark on a card if your item includes nuts of any kind.

Thank you in advance for the help. We appreciate it very much, but mostly the kids appreciate the food they receive for the weekend from MB. We will need volunteers for Saturday to help with the sale. Call Melissa Schwalbe 240-469-4569 or email mashogan@myactv.net.



Christmas Season is fast approaching, so tune up those voices for Christmas caroling. We will lead carols for the Olde Time Christmas Celebration on December 4th at Shafer Park, as well as visits to other locations, such as nursing homes, during the season. If you are interested in joining us watch for announcements in the bulletins or contact Barbara Holder at 301-432-8933, bholder@myactv.net.



CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Trinity's congregation is anxious to begin the Advent Season in our beautiful sanctuary! Eight wreaths will adorn Trinity windows at a cost of \$30.00 each. Please make out the check to Mountainside Gardens. Would you like to purchase a wreath as a memorial or to honor a loved one? Contact Elf Paula Ford by email at pkf0402@aol.com or phone/text her at 240-818-3335 to reserve a wreath.

Please give her your order by Sunday, November 22 (they go quickly). Wreaths will be hung on Saturday, December 5. Contact Paula Ford if you enjoy decorating and she will be certain to include you in the fun of decorating the Christmas tree in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 6, immediately following worship!

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5:30 AA 6 PM Cooking Class 7 PM AA	2 3 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Adult Choir 7 PM Support Group	3 1-3 PM Food Bank & Micah's Backpack 6 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM AA	4 5:30 PM First Friday	5 Clocks turn back
6 8 AM Men's Bible study 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM Worship –All Saint's Sunday w/Communion	7 7 PM Knitting Group – Social Room	8 5:30 AA 6 PM Cooking Class 7 PM Church Council 7 PM AA	9 3 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Adult Choir 7 PM Support Group	10 1-3 PM Food Bank & Micah's Backpack 6 PM Girls Scouts 7 PM AA	11	12
13 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM Contemporary Worship – Children's Church	14	15 5:30 AA 6 PM Cooking Class 7 PM AA	16 3 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Adult Choir 7 PM Support Group	17 1-3 PM Food Bank & Micah's Backpack 6 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM AA	18	19
20 8 AM Men's Bible study 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM Worship - Children's Church/Joyful Noise 11:30 AM Congregation meeting	21 7 PM Knitting Group – Social Room	22 5:30 AA 6 PM Cooking Class 7 PM AA	23 3 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Adult Choir 7 PM Support Group	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM worship – Children's Church	28	29 5:30 AA 6 PM Cooking Class 7 PM AA	30 3 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Adult Choir 7 PM Support Group			