

## Pastors Desk

Ash Wednesday is February 18. Our 7 PM service that evening marks the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent, probably the first established liturgical season of the nascent Christian church. Lent is the forty days (excluding Sundays) immediately before Easter Sunday. The forty day number connects the season with the Old Testament experience (children of Israel wandering for forty years in the wilderness) and the forty days of temptation which began Jesus' ministry. Numbers are important to our faith; keep an eye on them!

In the early church, Lent was a time for adult faith formation. Adults who wanted to join the church by baptism underwent forty days of instruction in the basics of the faith. During these forty days, they developed spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, and heard the stories of Jesus' ministry. At the end of forty days, they presented themselves for baptism, dressed in white garments, to be thrust beneath the water and emerge cleansed of their old life and ready to begin their life of faith. Their baptism was their moment of dying to the old self and rising to new life in the resurrected Christ.

Unfortunately, the observance of Lent has fallen by the wayside in recent years. For most congregations (including ours!) attendance at traditional Wednesday evening Lenten services has fallen so drastically that the congregations abandoned the services. Lent has become a "Sunday only" observance, just another Sunday experience.

Hopefully we can breathe new life into an old form. The central message of Lent, self-examination in order to be transformed by the love and call of God, is relevant to every time and place. Throughout the Sundays of Lent, I'll preach a sermon series I've titled "Why Good Friday and Easter?". This series will utilize the creation account in chapters 2 & 3 of Genesis to understand the "human condition", the various ways in which we are not the people God intends us to be and what God has done to heal us.

Join us this Lent on Sundays for 10:15 AM worship. Prepare for the Easter celebration by adopting the traditional Lenten disciplines of prayer, scripture reading and introspection. Make Lent more than just another Sunday service.

*All my love,*

*Joe*

## TRINITY HI-LITES "ABOUT US"

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

Sissy Miller	Gene Foltz
Jim Swisher	Greta Alley
Sarah Ellis	Warren Jamison
Saylor Family	Barbara Ficklin
Glenn Springer	Kathy Price
Jesse Homan	Bruce Martens
Debbie Knight	George Oden
Jean Thomas	Kenny Overstreet
Kevin Knight	Ginger Jones
Linda Donovan	Mark Karcher
Tara Kasper	Chuck Van Stone
Marilyn Gaver	Susan Horvath
Rich Cunningham	Susie Shaver
Peggy Beeler	Delores Ayars

### **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**.

### February Birthdays

Feb. 1	Karen Cunningham
3	William Dellinger
6	Robert Glausier
6	Amy Landsman
6	Elaine Scrivener
7	Joseph Donovan
9	Ashley Medley
10	Douglas May
10	Jason McElroy
10	Joseph O'Brien
11	Matthew Bikle
12	Larry Dalton
13	Kenneth Hoffman
14	Peggy Beeler
14	Laura McElroy
16	Lucy Eshelman
17	Jean Bridges
17	Stephanie Holder
17	Julie Seabright
18	Klaire Williams
19	Margaret Bidle
21	Tuba Greenfield
21	Laurie Metz
22	John Talley
24	John Everline
26	J. Gilbert Everline
26	Jacob Rockwell
26	Lisa Talley

### **SECRETARY AND PASTOR OFFICE HOURS:**

Wednesday	9:00 AM – Noon
Friday	9:00 AM – Noon



**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** goes out to Irene Ellis & family at the death of her father, Honorio "Johnnie" Juan. May God comfort them in their time of need.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** goes out to Larry Dalton & family at the death of his mother, Jeanne Dalton. May God comfort them in their time of need.



#### FEBRUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

- Feb. 1
- Feb. 8
- Feb. 15
- Feb. 22

The above dates are open for flowers to be placed on the altar in honor or memory of a loved one. Flowers and appropriate greenery add a great deal to the beauty of our church.



The Men's Bible Study meets in the social room at 8:00 AM each month on the first and third Sundays. We meet on February 1 & 15. We always have room around the table for a few more men. Join us as we gather over pastries and coffee to discuss scripture.



#### NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR 10:15 WORSHIP

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|--------|-----------------------|
| Feb 1  | Julie Hartman         |
| Feb 8  | Karen Cunningham      |
| Feb 15 | Jennifer Poffenberger |
| Feb 22 | Theresa Foster        |

Please be considerate to others when placing your children in the nursery during worship time. The nursery is for children age 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 ones are properly well cared for.



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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday's of the month as part of our 10:15 A.M. worship service.



#### 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. If you have any questions, please call Jen Poffenberger at 301-432-0456.



This is an invitation to anyone in the congregation to share their talents with us by offering to play and/or sing during the church year, not just for special services. Just let me know when you might like to present your prepared music as a part of the service and we will give you the opportunity to shine. You will have a rewarding experience as part of our worship.

Thank you, Mike Beeler.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

Check out the tentative schedule of middle and senior high youth activities for 2015. Laura Iager, Jennifer Poffenberger and parent volunteers have wonderful events planned. All they need is the support of the parents of youth group aged folks and youth from grades 6 through 12. Want to be a part of the wonderful opportunities for service and spiritual growth?

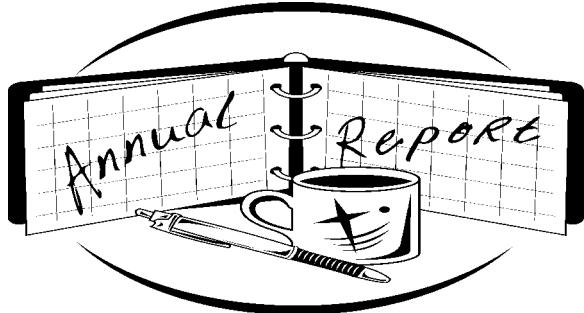


## FEBRUARY FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

First Friday in February will be here before you know it! The planned meal includes pulled pork barbecue and comfort food casseroles (i.e. macaroni and cheese, green bean bake). Proceeds in February will benefit Wheels for the World, a ministry of Joni Eareckson Tada, which provides a free wheelchairs, crutches or walkers, along with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to children and adults affected by disability worldwide. Please RSVP as soon as possible. And let us know if you would be interested in a few games of scrabble or other board games after the meal. FINE PRINT: May be canceled in the event of bad weather, so stay tuned! There will be no First Friday in March due to the chili cook off. We hope you will attend!

## TLC Youth Group Calendar 2015

Sunday, Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Meet after church to construct Sleds;
Sunday, Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Meet after church to finish sleds
Saturday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tentative: Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Cedar Ridge Cardboard Sled Derby; Registration 1-2:45pm; Race time 3pm (Tubing afterwards 5-7pm)
Sunday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Soup & bread for Seniors; play Bingo
Sunday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bowling after church
Saturday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>	MS Walk; Help @ rest stop or form a team
Sunday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Group will help with the service
Sunday, June 14-18 <sup>th</sup>	Help with VBS



## Annual Meeting held on February 22

**Trinity's Annual Congregational Meeting and luncheon** follows the 10:15 worship service on **Sunday, February 22**. Immediately following worship, we begin our meeting in the sanctuary. Following the meeting, we move to the social room for lunch. The Council will provide fried chicken for the luncheon. We ask you to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share when you come to church that morning. We will receive a free-will offering to help defray the cost of the chicken. This meeting is an opportunity to review the treasurer's reports and committee reports for 2013 and to discuss program ideas for this calendar year. Please come and be involved!



The Boonsboro Cemetery Association will hold its yearly meeting in the Social Room at 3:00 PM on **Sunday, February 22**. The members of Trinity's Congregation Council are members of the Association and asked to make every effort to attend this important meeting.

### Trinity's Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner

**Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30-7pm in Trinity's Social Hall**

**\$7 a person; family rate of \$25**

Tickets can be purchased in advance from

Cindy Hutchinson or at the door



Dinner includes a delicious entrée of spaghetti with homemade Italian meat sauce,

crisp green salad with a choice of dressing, coffee, cranberry punch, fresh baked bread and a variety of delectable desserts.



Come enjoy fine dining at its best provided by Trinity's

Youth Group where you will be seated immediately upon arrival, provided excellent service in a romantic but casual atmosphere.

Your valentine will love you forever. Hope you will choose to dine with us this Valentine's evening.

We are in search of someone to recover the rectangular cushions on the wood furniture in the high school Sunday school room. Do you have this skill to share? Fabric (purchased with your advice) and other materials will be provided or reimbursed. Please see Kristy Smith if you can take on this job.



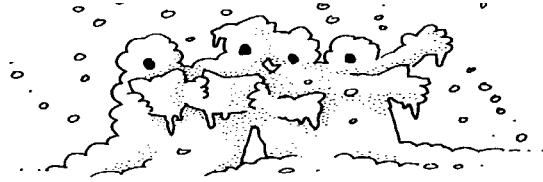
The always fun Chili Cook Off and open mic night will be held

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>  
at 5:30 pm  
in the Social Room**

We are currently recruiting chili cookers, a door prize/auction coordinator, stage acts and eaters.

Please let me know if you would like to participate in any of these areas!

Thanks! Kristy Smith  
[kristyathome@hotmail.com](mailto:kristyathome@hotmail.com) or  
240-285-8894.



## CANCELLATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

You may learn of the cancellation of Sunday school and/or worship services due to snow or ice by calling the church office (301-432-2226) and listening to the outgoing message, by checking your email for an email blast or by tuning to the following local radio stations:

**WCRH (90.5 FM)**

**WJEJ (1240 AM)**

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING** to be held on February 15, after the worship service, in the Secretary's Office.



Join us on **Tuesday, February 17** as we observe Shrove Tuesday with our annual all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage supper from **5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. A free will offering helps defray the expenses. All proceeds will go to Youth Education – Funk Fund and Mar-Lu-Ridge/ If you can help with the supper, please call **Mark Poffenberger at 301-988-6629** or email him at [markpoff84@yahoo.com](mailto:markpoff84@yahoo.com).



On **Wednesday, February 18**, we begin Lent with our Ash Wednesday service of Holy Communion and the imposition of

ashes. The service begins at **7:00 PM.**

**Please join us!**



February is Mar-Lu-Ridge Emphasis Month in the Delaware-Maryland Synod. Many Trinity youth have benefitted from MLR's summer and retreat programs the past years. In 2014 several families sent their children for a week of summer camp and at least two families whose children did not attend last year expressed interest and commitment to attend this summer's program. That is wonderful and Trinity's council is 100% behind MLR's program! At the January 13 meeting, the council voted to encourage children and youth to attend camp by providing camper **support of up to \$200 per child.**

Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for your children to attend camp this summer to grow in their faith, to interact with skilled, trained and caring camp staff and to have a wonderful time with other children their age. Here are a few details about this year's camping program:

- Register for summer camp by February 18 and take advantage of the **Early Bird Special and save \$35.**
- Camps range in per week cost from \$165 for the day camp to \$565 for horseback camp.
- All the pertinent information about the summer camping program is on the web at <http://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/>.
- Sarah Lefler, who usually sits on the pulpit side in third or fourth pew from the front, will gladly answer any and all questions about MLR and the summer camping program!!
- Trinity offers camper support of up to \$200 per camper!**

Don't so long to register your children that you lose the Early Bird Special registration discount!



## FUND RAISER FOR THE FUNK FUND

The Funk Endowment Fund provides money for programs that benefit Trinity's youth ministry and education programs including but not limited to Mar-Lu Ridge scholarships, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School and youth group activities. This endowment fund was established from a bequest from the estate of Merle and Peg Funk, former Washington County Public School educators who were also very involved with Trinity's education, youth and children's choir programs. This endowment fund **DOES NOT** generate significant revenue from investment income so its continued existence is **DEPENDANT** upon donations from the members of Trinity.

The church council voted to declare February as **Youth Ministry and Education Month** and to ask for **YOUR donations** to the Funk Endowment Fund to guarantee its continued existence. Every dollar you give to this fund will be used to benefit the education and youth ministry programs of our congregation. Please give generously! Place your **check or cash into one of the brown envelopes** in the pew rack and deposit it into the offering plate. Please make you **check out to Trinity Lutheran Church and write "Funk Fund" on the memo line.**

## Social Justice Night

On November 14, 2014, the night temperature was 26 degrees and your only shelter was a cardboard box. Warmth was provided by a fire in a metal burn barrel and by wearing as many clothes as you could.

Youth Ministry members and adult sponsors, Jennifer Poffenberger and Laura Iager, took part in an activity to help them become more aware of homelessness issues. This experience was always planned for the fall, to take advantage of cooler temperatures and nearness to the holidays.

The youth made sleeping shelters of large pieces of cardboard held together with Duct Tape. No electronics were allowed and cell phones were collected, to be returned in the morning.

Their available food to last for supper and breakfast consisted of soup, applesauce, pretzels, juice, a PBJ sandwich and cereal. The food was selected to demonstrate to the youth what might be found in a Micah's Backpack.

After the evening meal, the youth listened intently to a testimony from a previously homeless man who lived in a local Rescue Mission. The director of the Rescue Mission gave an overview of its Christ-centered purpose and activities. The youth presented the director with donations of white tube socks and male underwear.

The other evening activities included reading selected Bible verses from both the Old and New Testaments on poverty and sharing thoughts on homelessness and poverty. When getting ready to get into their cardboard boxes for sleep, the youth were bundled up with warm clothing, hats and gloves. More wood was added to the burn barrel to warm the surroundings.

The next morning the young people reported that the experience of sleeping in a cardboard box shelter was "hard," "cold," and "toes felt frozen." One said he gained a "new sense of respect for the homeless." Another said that the homeless man's testimony reminded her that "we take things for granted and we can lose everything." All of the members of Youth Ministry felt that the experience was very valuable and should be repeated next fall.

**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

JANUARY 13, 2015

The following slate of officers was nominated and approved by unanimous vote:

President	Chip Rockwell
Vice-President	John Everline
Secretary	Theresa Foster
Treasurers	John Tally (Current, Benevolence and Building Funds) Susan Layos (Special Projects, Memorial/Gift, Funk Endowment Funds)
Financial Secretary	Tony Nally
Asst. Financial Secy.	Christina McClellan

The following Committee Chairs/Liaisons were also agreed upon:

Christian Education	Laura Iager (Chair) Karen Tribett (Liaison)
Finance	Mark Poffenberger (Chair) Susan Layos (Liaison)
Mutual Ministry	Chip Rockwell (Chair/Liaison)
Outreach	Chuck Schwalbe (Chair) Melissa Schwalbe (Liaison)
Personnel	Rodney Cline (Chair) John Everline (Liaison)
Property	Steve Jamison (Chair) Tim Panther (Liaison)
Worship and Music	Pastor Donovan (Chair and Liaison)

Having agreed upon the slate of officers, the new President opened the meeting.

## FINANCE

Tony submitted written reports. He explained that, as a result of several generous gifts from the Congregation at the end of the year, we brought in more money than was budgeted for 2014.

**Tony will revise the percentages of Undesignated Funds going to Current, Benevolence and Building for 2015 to ensure that they equate to their percentage of Total Budget.**

Jean commended the Finance Committee for the difficult choices that were necessitated in 2014. Pastor Donovan also thanked Tony and Christine for their work.

John Tally submitted written reports and there were no questions.

Susan stated that she had met with the representative from M&T Bank to clarify some questions regarding the Memorial and Gift Fund and the bundling of our accounts. The Funk Endowment Fund needs to be closed out at M&T. **Mark Poffenberger will take care of this. Susan needs to get authorization from Mark to be placed on the Memorial and Gift Fund account.**

A check had been sent to the Fire Department for \$200 back in December 2013, but it has not been cashed. Susan was going to cancel this check and reissue it. **Tony suggested calling the Fire Department first to make sure it is not sitting around. Susan will take care of this.**

Susan is working on the Annual Report and will work with Jenny Garver to resolve some issues. John made a motion to approve these reports; Karen seconded; all voted in favor.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: No meeting was held.

FINANCE: A meeting is scheduled for January 21.

MUTUAL MINISTRY: No meeting was held.

OUTREACH: No meeting was held. Melissa reported that they will meet at the end of January. Their focus will be on nurturing our members and providing a welcoming environment.

PERSONNEL: No meeting was held.

PROPERTY: Melissa reported that a plumber is working on the Funk Education Building, which needs a new sink, and the teen room. Chip mentioned that there used to be a list of building/property needs that was posted in the Social Room. If anyone was aware of a need, they could post it on the list. Also, if anyone was interested, they could check the list and work on an item. **Melissa will look into reinstating this list.** Jean asked about snow removal. Jay Debaugh is doing the parking lots and Hutch is shoveling. **John will talk to Hutch about helping.**

MUSIC AND WORSHIP: Joe reported that a meeting was held on January 4. They critiqued the Advent and Christmas services and are working on ways to invigorate the worship service. They will be introducing a new liturgy (“WITH ONE VOICE”). More information will be put in the bulletin so it will be easier to follow (especially for new people). They also want to expand the number of people involved in the liturgy. Meetings are held the first Sunday of the month after worship.

PASTOR’S REPORT: Pastor Joe submitted a written report. He has two areas he wants to pursue in 2015: worship and education. He would like to get a listing of the children (Pre-K through Grade 5/6) and contact the parents who drop off, but are not otherwise involved in Trinity. **He will contact them and invite them to a separate Sunday School class, designed to develop a sense of community among themselves. Melissa asked for the list also, so the Outreach Committee can contact them.**

## OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

## NEW BUSINESS

It was agreed that all Committee Reports will be sent by email to Council members prior to the meeting, so that we do not need to spend so much time reviewing them. The Agenda will also be revised to have the Financial Reports first, Old Business, New Business, then Committee Reports.

Chip expressed a concern that the Council has been more reactionary, rather than setting direction for Trinity. **He asked that Council members come to the next meeting with ideas on how to improve our ministry.** As stated in the reading from Ephesians, we need to determine what we can do as leaders of Trinity “to equip the saints for the work of ministry.”

For example, in reviewing the budget, Chip noticed that Benevolence is listed as approximately 8% of the budget. However, if you look at Special Projects (such as Micah's Backpack, Mar-Lu Ridge, Orphan's Faith Home, etc.), our actual spending is more like 16%. We need to let the Congregation know about this.

Pastor Donovan reviewed an email he had previously sent to Council members regarding Mar-Lu Ridge emphasis month in February. After some discussion, Melissa made a motion to support Mar-Lu Ridge in the following ways: (1) provide scholarships to Congregation families, up to \$200 per child (from the Funk Endowment Fund); (2) advertise Mar-Lu Ridge in the bulletin, in Sunday School classes, and through emails; (3) invite Sarah Lefler to speak at worship; and (4) ask for donations during the month of February for the Funk Endowment Fund, which may be used for Mar-Lu Ridge scholarships, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and other youth ministries.

Susan seconded the motion and everyone voted in favor.

After further discussion, Melissa amended the motion to also provide scholarship funds, up to \$200, to guests of Congregational members attending Mar-Lu Ridge. Zane seconded the motion and everyone voted in favor.

Theresa made a motion to adjourn; Melissa seconded; all voted in favor.

The meeting concluded at 9:10 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa Foster  
Council Secretary

# The Bulletin Board

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8 AM Men's Bible Study 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM Worship w/Communion Youth Group meeting after church	2	3	4 7 PM Contemporary Choir	5 1-3 PM Food Bank 7 PM AA Meeting 7 PM Property Committee	6 5:30 – 7:00 pm First Friday Gathering	7
8 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM Contemporary Worship Youth Group meeting after church	9	10 7 PM Church Council	11 7 PM Chancel Choir	12 1-3 PM Food Bank 7 PM AA Meeting	13	14 Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner
15 8 AM Men's Bible study 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM worship Children's Church. 11:30 AM Blood Pressure screening	16	17 All-You-Can-Eat Sausage & Pancake Supper	18 Ash Wednesday Service 7PM	19 1-3 PM Food Bank 7 PM AA Meeting	20	21
22 9 AM SCS - 10:15 AM worship Children's Church/ Joyful Noise Choir - Children's Church Congregational Meeting following Worship 3 PM Boonsboro Cemetery Assoc Youth Group Cedar Ridge Cardboard Sled Derby	23	24 7 PM Outreach Committee	25 7 PM Chancel Choir 8 PM Contemporary Choir	26 7 PM AA Meeting	27	