

ANNOUNCEMENTS for 12/4/16

Church Schedule this week:

- TODAY!:** Meeting and Luncheon: Meeting in sanctuary after worship and luncheon downstairs social hall following the meeting
- Tues., Dec. 6:** Worship and Music Committee meeting: 7:00 p.m., church library
- Tues., Dec. 6:** NO TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK!
- Tues., Dec. 6:** Zumba: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., gym
- Wed., Dec. 7:** School Chapel: 8:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m., sanctuary
- Wed., Dec. 7:** Executive Church Council Mtg.: 5:30 p.m., church library
- Wed., Dec. 7:** Chancel Choir Practice: 7:00 p.m., choir room
- Thurs., Dec. 8:** VCS Rehearsal: 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., sanctuary
- Fri., Dec. 9:** LFS Christmas Party: 4:30 - 9:30 p.m., social hall
- Sun., Dec. 11:** Deadline for Christmas Basket food collection

GUEST CANTOR: Welcome, once again, our guest cantor, Stephanie Marx, who will be sharing her vocal talent with us today. Thank you Stephanie!

SPECIAL SERVICE TIME AND CALLED MEETING: Today, the purpose of having a special called meeting following the service is to elect members to council and trustee positions, to vote on a call for Pastor and a motion for a school loan authorization. Following the meeting, there will be a catered luncheon in the social hall. Mike Rapier and his Encore staff will be serving the lunch.

AMENDMENT FOR CALLED MEETING: The motion to be presented today at the called Church Congregation meeting is to amend the agenda to include a vote on a request from the school board for approval to borrow money for the purchase of a new school bus. As per the Church Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions, Chapter C20.04.e, the school board may not borrow money or purchase or dispose of real estate without the approval of this church's congregation. At the beginning of the school year, the 26-year old bus was too costly to be repaired and the school started to use the church's van to transport students to school. The van itself is getting old and was not intended to be used as a long-term solution. It was determined that a new bus could be purchased or leased at a cost equal to or less than the budgeted repair costs. A favorable seven-year purchase loan from Bayport Credit Union would insure a more reliable and safe ride for the students. Acquisition of the bus is pending approval from the congregation to allow the school board to borrow the money.

VIRGINIA CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT: On Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m., the Virginia Choral Society will be presenting *Sound the Trumpet*, a variety of seasonal favorites accompanied by a local high school at each concert, here at Trinity. Purchase your tickets online now at the following website: www.virginiachoralsociety.org/tickets.

SOCIAL MINISTRY CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE: Please bring in canned and boxed food for the Christmas food collection by our Social Ministry committee. Please use the brown bags that were available for Thanksgiving food collection. The same type of food items are requested. Boxes to place single food items will also be available in the church library. Food items are due no later than **December 11th**.

DECORATING AND CAROLING: On December 18, Trinity youth will help in the Decorating of the church and then go caroling to our homebound members delivering the gifts that we made for them in Sunday School. Youth group members will meet immediately following the 10:45 worship service in the church library. We will decorate the church, play a few of our favorite youth group games, and head out to carol. The evening will end with a pizza party at the Rummel household to include a favorite Christmas movie. Parents can pick up their youth at 8 PM at the Rummels – remember, we moved! Things to bring: A packed lunch (we will eat quickly at the church), \$5 for pizza for dinner, your beautiful singing voice, and a Christmas goody to

share at dinner (cookies, side dish, whatever you want to make). Sign up on the youth group bulletin board. Happy Holidays!!! Other youth sign-ups are on the bulletin board for events next year.

LASER TAG/LOCK-IN: On January 6, the Trinity Youth will meet at Lazer Rush in Kiln Creek at 6 PM. We plan to play two games of Laser Tag and then head to the church for an evening of fun and games to include Sardines, Train Wreck, Dodge Ball, and whatever other games I can create (Human Hungry Hippos again anyone)! Things to Bring: \$20 for Laser Tag, a snack to share at the church, a sleeping bag, pillow, PJs, change of clothes, tennis shoes, and a flashlight! **EAT DINNER BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT LASER TAG PLEASE!** Parents ... please pick up your youth at 8 AM on January 7. Sign up on the youth group bulletin board.

SKI TRIP: This event is for all members of Trinity! The annual Seven Springs Ski Trip will be held February 2-5, 2017. See the youth bulletin board for details and a sign-up sheet.

TROUPERS PERFORM ON OUR WAY TO BETHLEHEM: On Sunday, December 18, the Trinity Troupers will be performing a musical that depicts the significance of the journey to the manger as it relates to today. The performance begins after the first service, in the social hall. Join us on this journey to Bethlehem.

2017 CALENDAR SALES: Trinity 2017 calendars by JoAnne Rawls are now available! There is a *very* limited number of calendars available, so if you wish to purchase one, please contact JoAnne *immediately!* She will have the calendars during second service and at choir practice, but don't wait to make your purchase! JoAnne may be able to provide one shipment of reorders, by request, **one time only.** In that case, a reorder deadline for the final shipment will be announced and all ordered at once. Delivery on this shipment may take place in January.

CHANCEL FLOWERS NEEDED: Please consider donating flowers to the church for an upcoming Sunday in December. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR: Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: Andrea & Mike Cobb, USCG; James Fielding, Marine Corps; Elijah Harter, Army, Georgia; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Maputo, Mozambique; Eric Lindfors, Navy, Santa Rita, Guam; Chip Nassau, Navy; Tyler Obara, Air Force Reserves, LAFB. **Our Missionary:** Robin Strickler, serving in the ELCA Mission: The Rwanda School Project. **Our Call Committee:** Suzanne Beckstoffer, Connie Hoover, Mark Madler, Kelly Rummel, John Savage, and Bill Solomon (Chair). **Church and school weekly prayer families:** Loyd and JoAnne Rawls and Brenda DuPree, TLS Bus Driver.

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY: Remembering in our prayers: Millie Christensen (The Gardens at Warwick Forest, Rm 334), Alberta Fricke (Riverside - Surgical ICU), Slim Hawkins (The Hidenwood, Rm 411), Ethel Long (home), Bob McWithey (Riverside Rehab – Old Mary Immac. Hosp.), Ernie and Doris Moeser (home) and Charley Smith (Riverside Rehab, Hampton); **Retirement Home:** Gloria Driver (Williamsburg), Betty Hasel and Marge Zender (The Mennowood-Assisted Living); Wilma Johnson (Envoy), Charles and Viola Kessler (The Chesapeake-Assisted Living).

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: **The Ahlen Family**, requested by Kathy Stevens; **Bill Nuckols (father), Cynthia Ladlee, Katey Loy**, requested by Patricia Fielding; **Peggy & Hardy Cash; Ray Hinton and Natalie Rimmer**, requested by Pastor Cobb; **Christina McManama and Charlotte Rogers**, requested by Richard and Sandra Anderson; **Nancy Orrison**, requested by Dick and Laura Davis; **Joan Johnston; Stephanie Beauvais and Gary Brooks**, requested by Jarvis and Janet Edwards; **Joe and Anna Dunker**, requested by Jerry and Sandy Cobb; **Jennifer Henderson**, requested by Kristen Turnage; **Ruth Davis and (Jenny's grandmother), Bill Oglesby, Stephen Edward Ripel and Patricia Davis**, requested by Jenny Davis; **Jay and Ron Vodenichar and Linda Rahn**, requested by Don and Sandy Sniady; **Leda Hogle**, requested by Nancy Lindfors; **Kimberly Winget**, requested by Kristen Young; **Don and Billie Jo Harvey and Robert Lee**, requested by Anne Obara; **Todd Recupero**, requested by Carter Recupero and **Laurie Lynn** (Erik's stepsister), requested by the Rummel family.

THIS WEEK'S CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD . . . in loving memory of Leslie McWithey, by Brian, Thomas and Stephen McWithey and in honor of Bob's 85th birthday, by Bobbie McWithey.

2016 COUNCIL NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES:

Jessica Moye (*Editor note: Jessica is seeking a second term on Church Council.*): My family have been members of Trinity since 1986. My parents, Jack and Wendy Kowalski became youth advisors shortly after joining the church. So around the age of five I was happily tagging along to the youth meetings and activities and interacting with all the older youth members. I liked to think of myself as an honorary member and was so excited when I could officially become a youth group member in 6th grade. Being around the youth growing up I saw how much fun they had doing the service projects that I always preferred those projects and helping others more than the “fun” trips. I was in the children’s choir when Don Golden was the church organist. I attended Vacation Bible School until I was too old then I helped my mother teach. I attended Sunday School regularly and later in High School, taught 1st and 2nd grade Sunday School for a couple of years. I also assisted my mother when she was the Sunday School Superintendent and I have served as an acolyte or crucifer for several years. In 2009 my daughter Michaela Moye was born. She started Sunday School with Linda Madler in the Musikgarten class. My hope is that my daughter will grow up in this church and have the same experience I had of growing up with a great church family. In addition to being a full-time mom I work part time as a sales representative for Mars candy.

Sounthone Mynoymany (*Editor note: Sounthone is seeking a second term on Church Council.*): Born in Vientiane, Laos in 1967, I resided in Laos until the age of 9, at which time my family fled across the Mekong River into northern Thailand. In 1981, Trinity Lutheran Church sponsored my family to immigrate to Newport News, where we have been members of Trinity Lutheran ever since. Educated in the Newport News school system and a graduate of Menchville High School, I pursued a career in the local grocery/food service industry, a field in which I am still employed, albeit with Nestle Foods as a wholesale sales representative and distributor. I am an active participant in the church, serving regularly as a clergy cross bearer, communion assistant, and sometimes acolyte with my son Matthew. I also volunteer with PORT, and until recently, my wife and I were the sponsors of the Young Adult Dinners. Being re-elected to the Council will enable me to put my years in the church as a parishioner to good use and provide another opportunity to continue to serve God and my community.

Todd Recupero: I have been serving as an interim voting member on Church Council for the past few months. Additionally, I served on the Transition Team to identify Trinity’s needs for the new pastoral selection process. I became a member of Trinity in 1999 through marriage to then Natalie Lindfors. Since then, we have raised our family through Trinity, having our children baptized here and their first communions. They have a close connection to Trinity Lutheran School as well and our son Carter is currently enrolled there. At Trinity, I have served as a presenter, nursery aide, and volunteered during the 2016 Youth Group Yard Sale.

I was born in Harrisburg, PA in 1972 and was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church in Steelton, PA. I moved to Virginia with my parents in 1980. We attended St. Timothy’s Lutheran Church in Norfolk where I was involved in the youth group, volunteered with the homeless sheltering program, served as an acolyte, crucifer, and as an assistant minister. I served 8 years in the United States Marine Corps and received an honorable discharge. I then served the City of Virginia Beach as a police officer for 17 years until my retirement in 2015. Recently, I was conferred with a Master’s of Science Administration/Global and Homeland Security degree from the University of Phoenix, where I graduated with a 4.0 GPA. Locally, my family volunteers with the Alzheimer’s Association. I serve as an Assistant Den Leader for Carter’s Cub Scout Pack 48 in Newport News, and belong to several organizations including the Fraternal Order of Police and the American Legion.

Laura Davis: I have been a life-long Lutheran, formerly member of St. Peter’s, Toms Brook; St. Luke’s, Richmond, and Christ, Richmond. I have been a member of Trinity since 1973. I was married to Richard Davis in 1977 at Trinity, where we also met. We have a daughter, Ellen Davis Badgley who was baptized and confirmed at Trinity. I received a BA degree from Roanoke College in 1968 and a MS degree from Florida State University in 1969. My professional career includes a Reference Specialist at the Virginia State Library, an Acquisitions Librarian at Christopher Newport College, and a Library Media Specialist in the Newport News Public School system.

Piecemakers Quilt Guild, Golden Thimble Needlecraft Guild, PTA at Hilton Elementary, Riverside Elementary, Hines Middle, and Warwick High Schools (various offices at each level), Newport News Public Schools TAG Advisory Board, Newport News Child Abuse Prevention Committee, Newport News Historical Committee, Virginia Peninsula Alpha Phi Alumnae (various offices, including President). I have served the congregation as part of the Chancel Choir since 1973, two terms on Congregational Council, Sunday School teacher, Nursery volunteer, Christian Education Committee, Chairman, Worship and Music Committee, Altar Guild, Lay Reader, President, Lutheran Church Women, Helped organize and volunteered with Respite Day Care, Helped organize and served as Co-Librarian for church library, Represented Trinity at Virginia Synod Assembly, and Attended Power in the Spirit (4 summers). I am currently the Chair of the Worship and Music Committee and have been serving as an interim on the Church Council.

Michelle Carpenter: I grew up in an ELCA Lutheran church in Ohio where I was baptized and confirmed. I was active in the Lutheran Youth Group growing up. I attended Miami University in Oxford Ohio, where I met my husband, Chip. We were married in 1991. I attended Graduate School in Louisiana before joining Chip in Hampton Roads who was in the Navy. We moved to Huntington Heights in 2000, and have been attending Trinity Lutheran ever since. We have two children, Lois Jean and Carl, both of whom were baptized and received first communion at Trinity. I teach marketing at ODU's Strome College of Business. Additionally, I am serving as the leader of Trinity's Girl Scout Troop 4170 since 2010.

Dave Roselius: I have been a member of Trinity since 2003, not long after Diane and I moved into our home in Smithfield. For some time I simply attended church regularly, but gradually began to assume Sunday worship duties, serving as a presenter or usher with Diane, and later as an occasional lector. Due to Diane's artistic talents, I got to help her paint the murals downstairs, and when Pastor Guy wanted a Nativity table, I was able to make one. My religious background is somewhat vague, growing up as the child of an Air Force officer and moving from place to place. When I was unable to verify my baptism at my grandparent's church, Pastor Guy baptized me at Trinity in November 2012, bringing me fully into the fold.

I haven't served on any committees, but seem to be one of the go to guys when something needs to be made (like Pastor Cobb's manger or Rob's organ console sound shield). Most recently I trimmed and rehung the stage front doors in the social hall. What I expect to bring to council is simply a logical mind and good decision making and communications skills, mostly developed over 40 years as an engineer with Newport News Shipbuilding.

Phillip Shook: I am 54 years old and employed as an engineer at Newport News Shipbuilding. I have been a member of the church since 2013 and currently serve as a member of the property committee. In my free time, I am a volunteer fitness instructor at the NN YMCA, chair of the city's North End Huntington Heights Architectural Review Board, and board member of the One City Historic Foundation.

2016 TRUSTEE NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY:

Dee Klapperich: I have been a member of Trinity since 1986. I have served on the Social Ministry Committee, Church Council and served as Recording Secretary of Council for a number of years, Stephen Ministry, Call Committee for the Minister of Music, Sunday School Teacher, Youth Group Leader, Trinity Women of the ELCA President and Secretary/Treasurer, Columbarium Committee, Alter Guild, Usher, Lay Reader, and Archives Committee. I completed Adult Confirmation Instruction and the two-year Crossways Bible Study Class receiving a certificate from Crossways International. I have served as delegate to the Virginia Synodical Women's Organization Conventions and congregational delegate to the Virginia Synod Convention.

My community involvement includes serving as a volunteer recorder at a White House Conference on Aging in Washington. Served the Boy Scouts of America as Tiger Cub and Cub Scout Den Leader, Troop Committee Chairman, District Commissioner of Newport News, Served on BSA Woodbadge Courses (earned 3 beads), and received the Silver Beaver Award. I am married to Butch and we have one son Dan (deceased), two Stepsons Joe and John. Between Butch, Joe, John and I, we have slightly over 80 years of military services (Navy and Army). I have worked for Diamond Shamrock and Big Brother of Greater Cleveland in Ohio. I recently retired in my 31st years from Peninsula Agency on Aging, Inc.