

Trinity

Talk

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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Pastor's Pen

It was a hot Sunday morning on July 1st, 2018 and I awoke in Marion, Kentucky. The day before had marked a couple big mile stones for me. First, I had finished being on the road for a full month, and second, I was now across the Ohio River and officially on what I felt was "the east coast." I recorded in my journal the following reflection.

Day 31 - "What a blessed Sabbath. I did ride my bike today, but only 65 miles to get from one church to another. My dad and I awoke in the youth room of Marion UMC. After our McDonald's breakfast we went back to the church for their 8:30 worship service. It was a cute service being just us, Pastor David and one church member. Pastor David led the entire service. He played the guitar, preached and offered us communion. It was a little strange to just be us four and I ended up running the media. Only when we started singing did my heart come alive and tears filled my eyes. I was overwhelmed by how much I had been singing alone to the Lord (on my bike) and how precious it was to sing now with others."

I believe when we finally get together and sing as a congregation, tears will again fill my eyes because I have been missing corporate worship so much. "Sheltering in place" is getting old. I am ready to be back to some semblance of normalcy and even more ready to enjoy being together with my church family.

What a day of celebration that will be!

Leadership is planning on a Homecoming like celebration with perhaps a catered meal when we get back together. However, when I picture this I also realize we will not be returning in the way we departed. Unless a vaccine is miraculously created in the next weeks, we will gather with the possibility of Covid-19 returning to our community. This means when we return it will necessitate social guidelines to be in place to protect one another. We will follow the recommendation of our local health professionals, but begin to think with me about how this might look.

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METHODIST CHURCH**

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Continental Breakfast- 8:30am

Fellowship Hall

Early Worship - 8:45am - Fellowship Hall

Sunday School -9:45am

Worship -11:00am - Sanctuary

Sympathy To.....



The Family of

Jay Anderson who died
March 28, 2020.

Obituary for Jay Anderson

Our hearts are heavy at the news of the passing of James "Jay" Anderson (b. March 23, 1961). He was found deceased in his apartment off New Walkertown Road after a police wellness check. The date of passing was March 28. He is proceeded in death by his wife, Susan and recently by his father, Eldon. He is survived by his mother, Barbara and sister, Debbie of Warrenville, Illinois, a brother Bill of Midland, Texas and brother David of Dallas, Texas. Jay has a cemetery plot at Becks Baptist Church where his wife is buried and his ashes were interred there also. Jay loved God's word, singing in the choir and the singles ministry he started at Trinity. Memorials may be made to the Trinity choir. Condolences may be sent to the family at: Barbara Anderson, 3S501 4th St. Warrenville, IL 60555



I want to tell you how much me and my family appreciate the love that was shown us by helping us move, to giving us goodies, gifts cards and all the stuff that we need for the house for all that I just want to say thank you and love each and everyone.

Elaine Jones & Family

Pastor's Pen

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Coming back together will probably involve being careful to not physically touch one another. We will more than likely have to sit 6 feet apart from those who are not in our immediate family. I would imagine we will need to wear masks to protect one another. Worship services may be limited to 50 people. Early worship might not be around tables. Music may not initially involve our choir being in the choir loft. All this is just speculation, but you get the idea; we will be back at church but not back to church as normal.

Let's begin to prepare ourselves mentally for what this might feel like and pray with me for God's wisdom. We will need to use a lot of caution as we restart gathering, but I am sure we can be much better protected than you would be if you were at Lowe's Hardware or Walmart.

Until then, please join in as many things online or by phone as you can to connect with your church family. Call one another. Write notes of encouragement to each other. Most of all pray for one another. Also, if we are still not able to gather for worship starting in May, plan on joining us for the First Sunday Drive-thru Communion on May 3 from 10:30 to 12:30. This was a big hit during Easter and I hope you will come by to receive the Lord's Supper at our covered drive-way entrance. Also, consider bringing along your tithes as we will have an offering plate on the table.

As I said in my weekly update, you are in my prayers each day and I will continue to try and call as many of you as possible. If you need to speak to me please feel free to call me (336-460-0615). Until we gather with rejoicing, may you experience the unity, love and peace that comes through the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 4:2-3).

Depending on Christ,

Pastor Doug

"Why don't streetlamps have ears?"

"Mom!" my 3-year-old self hissed at 6 a.m. "Why don't streetlamps have ears?" My mom later wrote (in a 1974 article) that she peered at me sleepily, silently asking a question of her own: "Seriously?!"

That year I amused — and exasperated — my parents with countless questions: "Why did sister leave one shoe here and one there?" "If God is up in heaven, how did he make the grass?" "Why are dandelions yellow?" To that query, Mom replied, "I guess that's how God wanted them" — and wrote, "In our house, we let God answer many of our questions."

I still have questions: Why is my dynamic young friend dying of cancer? Why are a parent's own children sometimes hard to love? How can we end war, poverty, sex trafficking? Should we donate money or save for college? How, exactly, does salvation work? Sometimes science or professionals are God's instruments to answer my questions. Sometimes answers come quietly to my heart — and sometimes they don't come at all.

Faith doesn't mean never questioning. It means trusting enough to ask, even when a question seems silly or pointless. Thanks, Mom and Dad, for teaching me by your loving example that God always welcomes my questions.

—Heidi Mann





CHUCK BURKLEO, A GOOD SCOUT

I got to know him originally through South Fork School and the Cub Scout Troop here at Trinity. As a matter of fact, if it wasn't for the three musketeers of Chuck Burkleo, Roy Harding, Sr. and Don Wilson, we might never have come to Trinity and it has been a blessing to be at Trinity for these many years. So I'm a father of "one of Chuck's boys", that's what he called them, "his boys", and in the last several months he was just as happy to see those boys grown up as he was to work with them weekly during their scouting years. He was proud and always got emotional when he talked about "his boys". He talked about my Brian less than two weeks before he passed.

At Trinity, his favorite duty was being an usher. I'm sure you can imagine why he liked being an usher...I'll tell you a little secret...Chuck wasn't an usher...he was a greeter who handed out bulletins, and he only did that after he got a hug. Hands down, Chuck was Trinity's number one hugger. And...he was an equal opportunity hugger...he'd hug a 93 year old woman as she came in and then he'd bend over to hug a six year old girl that came in...and he'd hug everyone in between. He'd almost knock you down to get to someone he hadn't hugged. It was that important to him. He always signed up to be usher and when someone was absent...guess who volunteered to be substitute usher? Chuck and I ushered together scores of times over the years and he made clear his seniority. But you also get to know someone better when you're in a job like that together. Several months ago, as he was recovering from one of his illnesses, I took him off the list of ushers, thinking of course, that he would need time to recover properly. Oh he gave Van, our head usher such a time. I had to step in to keep Van from taking all the heat. So I admitted to Chuck that I took him off the list. And I told him why. He looked me straight in the eye, with tears starting to well up, and he said shaking a finger at me, "you're the last person I ever thought would do that to me". I was petrified and I got emotional about it. But I also realized just how important it was to him. He continued to usher until his final illness just got too much for him. He loved the engagement with other people.

Construction was his line of work and there are things around the church that Chuck worked on even still. He was a volunteer fireman back in his New York days and he used that experience down here when there was a crisis. He and Vivienne travelled all over the country and to other parts of the world...but he also enjoyed the simplicity of bird watching and working with his son, David.

He was very proud of both Vicki and David and I know that because of the many times he complimented them in front of me.

And as far as Vivienne is concerned, it couldn't have always been a bed of roses during their 64 years together, after all, Chuck was Chuck, but she handled every moment with grace and charm and raised a family that includes 4 grandsons and 2 great-grandsons.

Chuck was a character and he was a big part of what makes up the Trinity family. We're all characters in one way or another. But in addition to being a character, Chuck was love....all love comes through God and flows through us—it originates from the father and that is where it should ultimately rest. But remember, Jesus is the stranger, the sick, the child, the neighbor, the prisoner, you, me, and it was Chuck whose boundless love and energy leapt out of him at every turn.

Chuck was very supportive of my going into the ministry and he always told me how proud he was. The last time he got serious with me and wagged his finger at me was to say..."when I go, I want you there to talk about me...promise me". And then he said "talk loud". Well I hope you've heard me old friend...I'll see you at the house!!

pastor john nelson



Stephen Ministers are the "After People" they are ready to come alongside you or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.

...**after** you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.

...**after** your family and friends have heard your story one to many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Contact Dorothy Murphy at 336-760-4893 or Rev. Doug Miller at 336-460-0615 to request a Stephen Minister.



Givelify is an app for download on your phone that enables you to make donations to the church anytime, anywhere. Once you have downloaded the app, search for our church on the map or by address and enter your debit or credit card and you are ready to give. You may give to any fund. Receipts by email.

Front Door of Trinity
UMC photo by Mary
Catherine Bones



Brandon Scott, son of Sandra Scott has been deployed with his NC Air National Guard unit to the Middle East until July. It is a remote air base. They have been directed to have spacial distancing and are not able to attend movies, etc. in groups. If you could send an uplifting card or message to him it would be appreciated.

His address is:

Brandon Scott

386 ECES/CEPFP

Unit #61402

APO, AE 09855

(this mail does not require extra postage.)

Food Pantry News

We had drive thru pantries on March 27th (providing for 75 folks) and April 10th (providing for 40 folks). Everyone stayed in their cars as we loaded trunks and back seats with bags of food. We had new guests and many regular guests. Thanks to everyone for your generous donations. We hope to continue getting food and funds to be able to continue this ministry.

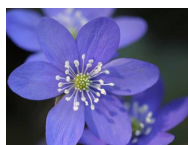
SECU House Update

The SECU House has temporarily closed. We look forward to this Mission opportunity in August.

The Shepherd Center has postponed their annual Book Sale until August 27-29th.

The Prayer Garden "Little Library" is offering books to read and puzzles for all ages. They will be changed out every 2 weeks. Check us out!

MEMORIALS



In Memory of...

Deb Ham

Hoyt & Mary Beard—Budget
 Hal & Margie Blakley—Budget
 JoAnn Dunn—Budget
 Paul & Nancy Gibson—Budget
 Shelba Harton—Budget
 Lucille Long—Budget
 Susan Pfaff—Budget
 Don & Mary Lou Ritter—Budget
 JoAnn Testo-Curlee—Budget
 James & Beth Wilson—Budget
 Louise Williams—Budget
 Cynthia Blair—Budget
 Dawn & Kent Grubbs—Budget
 Jim & Brenda Jones—Budget
 Barbara Lash—SonShine Circle
 Dorothy & Larry Murphy—Budget
 Sandra Scott—Good Neighbor Fund
 Brenda & Joseph Hunt—Budget
 Betty & David Spillman—Budget
 Terry Firle—Budget
 Amy & Paul Johnson—Memorial Fund
 Janie & Joseph Marshall—Budget
 Robert & Susan Harrell—Budget
 Julia Sain—Budget
 Betty Gardner—Budget
 Ruth Hill—Budget
 Henry & Narda Marvin—Budget
 Barbara Miller—Food Pantry
 Melissa & Charles Beck—Budget
 Harley & Virginia Affeldt—Memorial Fund
 Jackie Harding—Budget
 Terry & Bonnie Heflin—Budget
 Sandra & Terry Walker—Food Pantry
 John & Susan Nelson—Good Neighbor Fund
 Charlie & Cindy Holder—Missions
 (the sister of my heart. She is greatly missed)
 Sandra & Mike Flowe—Food Pantry
 Carolyn Roe—Good Neighbor Fund
 Peggy Reavis—Choir Renovations

In Memory of **Chuck Burkleo**

Hal & Margie Blakley—Budget
 Marilyn Baird—Budget
 Cynthia Blair—Good Neighbor Fund
 Nancy & Paul Gibson—Budget
 Jim & Brenda Jones—Budget
 Barbara Lash—Food Pantry
 Dorothy & Larry Murphy—Budget
 Mary Lou & Don Ritter—Food Pantry
 Sandra Scott—Good Neighbor Fund
 Ruth Hill—Budget
 Henry & Narda Marvin—Budget
 Barbara Miller—Budget
 Harley & Virginia Affeldt—Columbarium Fund
 Jackie Harding—Budget
 Sandra & Terry Walker—Food Pantry
 Sandra & Mike Flowe—Good Neighbor Fund
 Carolyn & Jonathan Roe—Good Neighbor Fund
 Peggy Reavis—Choir Renovations

In Memory of **Jay Anderson**

Cynthia Blair—Choir Fund
 Sandra & Terry Walker—Food Pantry
 Carolyn Roe—Good Neighbor Fund
 Peggy Reavis—Choir Renovations

In Memory of **Geraldine Lewellyn**

Grandmother of Meagan Lewellyn
 (she was a regular member of Trinity until her passing a few years ago.)
 Meagan Lewellyn—Budget

Honor Gifts given by **Liell & JoAnn Adams**

Harley & Virginia Affeldt—Budget
 Richard & Marie Harding—Capital Improvement
 Henry Marvin—Good Neighbor Fund
 Norma Reese—Good Neighbor Fund
 Van & Faith Gurganus—Helping Hands
 Cynthia Blair—Prayer Garden
 Jim Jones—Prayer Garden
 Jim Binkley & Julia Moser—Food Pantry
 Earl Williams—UMM
 John & Susan Nelson—Children & Youth

In Honor of **Pastor Doug, Pastor John & Richard Harding**

By Vivienne, Vicki & David Burkleo

Honor Gifts give by **Terry & Bonnie Heflin**
 for the Church Budget

In honor of....

Doris Link
 Larry Ham
 Mike & Sandra Flowe
 Harley & Virginia Affeldt
 Naomi Davis
 Carol Baynes
 JoAnn Dunn
 Dorothy & Larry Murphy
 Henry & Narda Marvin
 Lee & Tina Capell
 Mary Culler
 Barbara Miller
 Sandra Scott
 Terry & Sandra Walker
 Richard & Marie Harding
 Peggy Reavis

In honor of **Larry Ham**

By John & Susan Nelson—Good Neighbor Fund

Poem submitted by donor of a gift in memory of Deb Ham

The Beauty of Friendship

Friendship is a Priceless Gift,
 It cannot be bought or sold;
 But its value is far greater,
 Than a mountain made of Gold.
 For gold is cold and lifeless,
 It can neither see nor hear'
 And in the time of trouble,
 It is powerless to cheer.
 It has no ears to listen,
 Nor heart to understand.
 It cannot bring you comfort,
 Or reach out a helping hand.
 So when you ask God for a gift,
 Be thankful if He sends...
 Not diamonds, pearls or riches, But the
 Love of Real True Friends.

Helen Steiner Rice

Wanted Used Bikes

We are collecting Bikes for needy kids to take on our Mission Trips. Please Contact Larry Murphy at 336-6186914 or Bill Conroy at 336-403-5703.



SAVE THOSE COUPONS

Thanks so much for all the coupons you have been collecting for the Military. Keep them coming. Please save coupons from magazines and newspapers for mailing to our military personnel. The can be used for discounts in their PX and Commissary. Please put the coupons in the box over the telephone at the entrance to the fellowship hall. Question, contact Jane Wynne.

New Church Directories

The 2020 Church Directories are available. If you were not able to get your copy, please contact Phyllis, John or Doug and one will be mailed to you.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY FOR May

Church Lockup

Jerry Lawson

Greeters

Wilma Neubach
Sandy Waldron

Ushers

Delores Messner
Barbara Lash
Dave Tyler
Kent Grubbs

May Hospital Visitors

(when permitted)

(Weeks of May)

May 3– Ruth Overby
& Lenda Fisher
May 10—JoAnn Adams
May 19—
May 26—Mary Culler
May 31—Cathryn Teer-Hodge

Lawn Mowing for May

5/2 Jerry Lawson & Ray Brewer
5/9 Mike Flowe & Liell Adams
5/16 Henry Marvin & Sara Sylvester
5/23 Van Gurganus & David Burkleo
5/30 John Nelson & Bill Davis



- 1- Jason Shaw
- 4- Kelly Collins
Joanna Hill
- 5- Judy Cook
Susan Nelson
Gavin Michael Schultes
- 6- Thad Lawson
- 7- Dwight Whitesell
- 8- Anne Damba
- 9- Courtney Holcomb
- 12- Debbie H. Carter
Gordon Kirkland
- 13- Madeleine Bauer
- 14- Ruth Overby
- 15- Carissa Joyner
Sandra Ouellette
Jennifer Stewart
- 16- David Reavis
- 19- Carol Baynes
Barbara Miller
- 20- Virginia Affeldt
Joe Alfano
Shane Gerdes
Erin Mitchell
- 21- Carmen Baldwin
Jane Wynne
- 23- Sam Boyer
- 24- Lenora Henley
- 25- Diane Martin
Lee Reavis
Peggy Reavis
- 28- Roxane Billings
- 29- Doris Braithwaite
- 30- Elizabeth Reavis
- 31- Beau Forward
Jennifer Witherow



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