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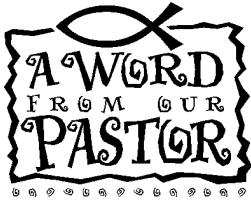
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NEW YEAR NEW ME

THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE
IS A NEW CREATION; OLD THINGS HAVE
PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, ALL THINGS
HAVE BECOME NEW.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

STARTING THE YEAR OFF RIGHT



When I was a child I remember hearing everyone talk about the New Year as something almost mythical. That is, so special because everyone kept wishing everyone else a great new year. At first, I found it hard to understand what all the fuss was about. As it happens then I joined in the traditional expectations forgetting all my misgivings. However, when I came to understand the love, and mercy of God as expressed through Jesus' life, then I also came to realize that every day, every week, month, and year are moments in life when we can celebrate the goodness of God; moments when we can celebrate God's constant acts of creation and recreation. So that every day, week, month, and year is a new opportunity to start again, it is a "New Year."

In January, we are celebrating the arrival of the New Year, new beginnings. Indeed, this is not an actual new start, for in God all days are filled with new opportunities for new starts. The new year is simply the idea, an idea, a belief, that something new is going to happen – and it actually does – because God is constantly creating and re-creating all over again. Can you see yourself starting all over again, can you see how God wants you to start all over? Indeed, God is doing something new every day, for the God we serve is always creating.

The God we serve will take you just the way you are, Jesus' God will accept you just the way you are but this God will not leave you the way you are. So, if you are content with the way you are, and you do not believe you need to get any better, to be transformed to your fullest potential in God, then you do not need God in your life. However, if you desire to experience everything that God has prepared for you then this is the year to surrender your all to Jesus. This is the year that you let God work in you what is God's will for you. Remembering the words on the Letter to the Hebrews:

*...let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **looking to Jesus**, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (12:1-3).*

The God we serve in Jesus the Messiah began a new journey for the human family, and you have been invited to participate in this new thing that God has been doing, is doing, and will continue to do. As a matter of fact God expect us to be engaged with God in this constant act of creation, and re-creation. This is why Paul says in 2 Corinthians:

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ...God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. (5:17, 19).

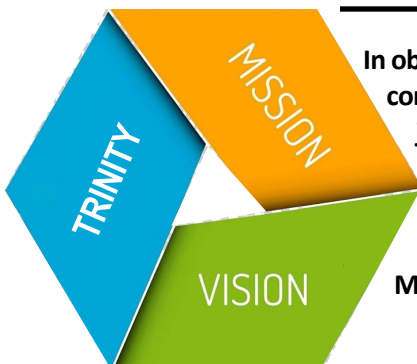
God is inviting you, again, to be part of the transformation of the world by working through the Messiah's message to bring God's transforming power to bear on our lives, our communities, and the world.

This is a year full of new challenges, and new opportunities. Our God knows exactly what you need, and what the world needs. If we put all our trust in the Lord we will experience the greatness of God, we will experience the goodness of our God, and we will be the people who, working with God, will bring forward the transformation God desires for our church, our communities, and the world.

Come, join in the journey of creating and re-creating that which God desires. You have been called by God to be God's hands and feet. Let the transformation begin!!


In Jesus' name,

Pastor Eliezer



In obedience to Matthew 25 (31-41), Trinity's mission is to challenge both ourselves and our communities to share the Good News of the Kingdom of God through acts of mercy and justice, compassion and love, piety and intentional faith development.

Make disciples for Jesus Christ, transform the community and world.



"I am inspired by Human Relations Day because it reaches out to meet the needs of those who are on society's margins, those who suffer from the inequalities of the world."

Human Relations Day
January 19, 2020

MILLER CARTER JR.
Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist Church
Charlotte, North Carolina

www.umcsgiving.org/HRD



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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**THE RELIGIOUS
COALITION**
Family Shelter

Here at Trinity
January 4-January 17

contact Dick Gessner 301-788-6447 for more info
or to volunteer and/or sponsor a meal for a night

Reverend Martin Luther King Celebration

Jan. 20 6-8pm
Trinity
Multipurpose
Room

Potluck | Movie | Speech
Guided Discussion



FILL IT FULL OF FOOD



The Missions Ministry Team is asking you to fill the back pew of the sanctuary full of canned goods and non-perishable food items to help feed hungry Frederick families. **Sundays, Jan. 5 and 12.** Then, the food will be delivered to the Frederick Food Bank and distributed to hungry people in Frederick. Help meet the monthly goal of and FILL-A-PEW it and watch as it grows!

*The Trinity Office will be
closed January 20 in
observance of Martin Luther*

A Part of Trinity Women's Ministry...
**women's
bible study** 9:30am & 7pm
growing deeper, together
Starting up Wed. Jan 22


8 AM TUESDAY, Jan. 7,
MEN'S Bible STUDY
then a break until February 11

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THANK YOU TO OUR JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

| Date | Drivers | Lay Readers | Ushers |
|------|----------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| 1/5 | Lars DeSalvio 301-471-7466 | Thea Clark | 8:45 - Wayne Buckingham 11:10 - Larry Boyer, Glenna Green, Pam Lesperance, Adrian Winpigler |
| 1/12 | Matt Stegle 301-694-2649 | Matt Stegle | 8:45 - Ernell Graham 11:10 - Larry Boyer, Jerry Ryan Sr., Judy & Michele Pickens |
| 1/19 | David Eisentraut 301-371-3534 | Kay Etzler | 8:45 - Bill Adamo 11:10 - Larry Boyer, Doug & Mary Wallick, Dave Romer |
| 1/26 | Bill Etzler 301-865-6026 | Barbara Maxwell | 8:45 - Marisa Hombach 11:10 - Larry Boyer, Barb Ellis, McKayla McNamee, Rachel Kenny |



ROCK

Ocean City Convention Center
Ocean City, MD
Feb. 7-9, 2020

For more information or to register contact Wendy at wendy.huff@gmail.com

TRINITY PASTORAL COUNSELING

We want to express our deepest gratitude to Trinity and all those who generously give of their time, talents, resources, and prayers. We are grateful to those who serve on the committee to help us stay focused on the church's ministry in the community. We thank the Trustees for their role in tending to the property so that clients can meet in a safe and comfortable space. Thank you to the TUMC staff who help with the many tasks that help the center to run smoothly.

We also want to thank the congregation whose collections help serve the clients we see who cannot afford counseling otherwise. At the time we wrote this article (mid-December 2019), we had received \$2449 from church donors through Trinity in 2019. Individuals who donate directly to TPCC gave \$1370 in 2019. Other people donate through the *United Way's Combined Charities Campaign* for which we received \$1263.95 in 2019.

We also want to thank the *G. Frank Thomas Foundation* for their continued support. We received \$3000 for 2020, an increase of \$500 over last year. Praise God!

Finally, we share this simple prayer with you. May all of these gifts be blessed and may they go on to be used in service to Thy Will.

Happy New Year!
Diane Younkings
TPCC

*Come Lord Jesus,
be our guest and
let thy gifts to us
be blessed.*

Passion Play • Oberammergau Germany September 2020

Rev. Chip Wright will lead a tour in September 2020 to the historic and famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany with an accompanying trip to visit the best of Switzerland. This exciting and inspirational 10-day tour is an experience not to be missed. For more information or to receive a full brochure outlining the details of the trip, contact Rev. Wright at RevHBW2@aol.com or call/text him at 301-639-6199.



Harmony Without Uniformity

Dorothy Granberry, Church & Society Ministry Team

As followers of Jesus Christ we are challenged to grow beyond ourselves, to expand our horizons, so that we come to include actions for others in our spheres of concern. Reaching this point often comes after encountering a situation or idea that throws our

world into turmoil, upsets our spiritual equilibrium, leads us to conclude something should be done to correct the situation.

Therefore, we empathize with the plight of others, we are disturbed by the homelessness of an army veteran, outraged by the injustice suffered by an innocent person who has spent 35 years wrongfully imprisoned, or incensed by an inhumane government policy that intentionally separates young children from their parents. However, we are frequently perplexed as to what actions we can personally take that will make a difference.

First and foremost we can become better informed about the challenging issue and what led to the unacceptable current state of affairs. How do you do this? Read about the matter, find and watch relevant online videos, seek out and talk to people about the issue. Write, e-mail, and/or telephone decision makers to let them know of your concerns. Make your voice part of the chorus saying we can do better than this!

Once you are on the path of proactively advocating for a change in policy, a change in how an issue is handled, a change in business as usual, you will undoubtedly encounter opposing ideas, even among people who fundamentally agree with you. It is at this point that you come to realize the importance of harmony without uniformity. As long as we share common ground, for example that all humans have a right to exist in a safe environment, we can debate the means by which this is accomplished with open hearts and minds, actively listening and hearing challenges to our positions. From differing positions we can then find common ground to make this a better, more humane world.

The Church and Society Ministry Team meets the second Sunday of each month in Rm. 109 at 12:30 p.m.

Recycle Your Christmas Cards

What to do with all your Christmas cards? Why not recycle them for a good cause? The ARC of Carroll County uses the fronts of Christmas, birthday and all sorts of cards for various projects throughout the year. If you would like to donate your cards, please cut off the fronts and place them in the Collection Center in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Buckingham at 301-473-5563.



Operation Christmas Child: Shoebox Wrap Up (pun intended)

On November 3rd approximately 60 people from Trinity and the community spent the afternoon packing **1000 shoeboxes** with items donated throughout the year. Together with shoebox gifts that were received by church members, and some additional boxes packed during *National Collection Week*, Trinity was able to provide 1201 shoeboxes to be distributed to children in need all over the world!

Trinity serves as the Central Drop Off Location during National Collection Week, and received 14,845 shoeboxes from individuals, churches, schools and other groups from Frederick and Carroll Counties. All needed to be counted, put in cartons and then loaded in trucks (it took three, 28-foot trucks to fit them all), before being transported to the processing center in Charlotte, North Carolina. 17 dedicated volunteers spent a total of 267 hours making sure donors were greeted, shoe box labels were secure and that the boxes were properly accounted for.

December 2nd-8th, Trinity sent a team of nine people to the *Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Boone, North Carolina* for a week of inspecting and preparing the boxes for shipment. For 6 weeks the warehouse is abuzz with volunteers from all over the country working to ensure the shoeboxes are safe and appropriate for the children. Boone is one of eight processing centers across the country, and collectively, approximately 11 million shoeboxes need to be inspected before being transported by plane or ship to their country of destination. Once there, they will be transported by boat, car, truck, camel, donkey, elephant --- whatever means necessary to reach the hands of a child.

It has been a year long project for Trinity, collecting and sorting donated gifts, making crafts, and fundraising for the shipping money required to get the boxes to their final destinations. And it would not be possible without the generosity of so many from Trinity contributing their time, resources and prayers. These boxes bless the children that receive them as well as their families with the message of God's love and the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your commitment to this ministry and for your heart for children of the world. **We give all praise and glory to God for allowing us to be a part of sharing His love in this way.**



NEWSLETTER COLLATING DATES

| | | |
|---------|-------------|-----|
| Tuesday | January 28 | 1pm |
| Tuesday | February 25 | 1pm |
| Tuesday | March 26 | 1pm |

These dates are subject to change. We are always looking for more volunteers. If you can help, please call Ruby Fine at 301-371-5617.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please submit your information or article for the monthly Newsletter in one of the following ways :

- mail or deliver to the church office
- email to TUMC@trinityfrederick.org.

Information for the February 2020 newsletter will be due the second Sunday of January— January 12.



The church office hours are 9am - 4pm, Monday through Friday.

Pastor Eliezer's day off is Friday. He is normally in the office Monday through Thursday. Your pastor is ALWAYS available by phone.

Eliezer: 301-662-2895(work) and 240-285-9623(cell)



(MT=Ministry Team)

JANUARY 2020

| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|----------------------------|
| SUNDAY SCHEDULE 8:45 am - Contemporary Worship 9:55 am - Grow Time for ALL ages 11:10 am - Traditional Worship <i>Staffed nursery care provided all morning</i> | SUNDAY CHOIRS 5:10 pm Youth Choir 6:00 pm Trinity Brass Room 206 Sanctuary | | 1 OFFICE CLOSED New Year's Day 7:00 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Chancel Choir | 2 6:00 pm Mission's MT | 3 | 4 Family Shelter |
| 5 Holy Communion | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Emergency Family Shelter | | | | | | |
| <i>Fill it Full of Food</i> 6:30 pm Youth Group | 7:00 pm Church Council | 8:00 am Men's Bible Study | 5:30 pm Women's MT 6:00 pm Taizé Service 7:00 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Chancel Choir | 6:00 pm Fellowship & Hospitality MT 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision | | |
| 12 Newsletter Deadline | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Emergency Family Shelter | | | | | | |
| <i>Fill it Full of Food</i> 12:30 pm Children's MT 6:30 pm Youth Group | 7:00 pm Staff Parish Relations MT | 6:30 pm Altar Guild | 7:00 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Chancel Choir | 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance MT | | |
| 19 UM Human Relations Day 10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening 12:30 pm Church & Society MT 6:30 pm Youth Group | 20 OFFICE CLOSED MLK Jr. Day 6:00 pm MLK Celebration | 21 7:00 pm Member Care & Nurture MT | 22 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:15 pm Chancel Choir | 23 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision | 24 7:00 pm Board Game Social Night | 25 |
| 26 6:30 pm Youth Group | 27 | 28 1:00 pm Monthly Newsletter Collating 6:30 pm Trustees MT | 29 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:15 pm Chancel Choir | 30 | 31 | |

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Join us for fun and fellowship at our board game party!



FRIDAY, JANUARY 24 AT 7:00 PM

Trinity's Multipurpose Room

Yahtzee? Monopoly? Maybe even Pictionary? Pick your favorite board game to share with friends at our board game night! We encourage games that all ages can enjoy as well as fun and interactive. Please bring refreshments and light snacks to share.

All ages are welcome!

Bring the family! Bring a friend!

For more info, please contact the church office at 301-662-2895 or tumc@trinityfrederick.org.