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# happy Thanksgiving

# Colossians 3:17

From the Pastor's Desk...

After last month's Annual Commitment to Ministry Celebration in worship, I have been giving plenty of thanks as we head into the season of Thanksgiving. Really, becoming your pastor commenced a season of thankfulness for me after the wilderness brought on by the pandemic. The pandemic (and it's wilderness) still lingers, of course, but I am so thankful for vaccines and masks and hand washing and the work our trustees have done to help with airflow and that our re-entry team has done to keep us safe here at Trinity. As uncertain as things still can be, I am so grateful that we get to figure out a new way of being church together. One of the famous passages of thankfulness in scripture comes from Paul's letter to the Philippians: "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now" (1:3-4). That is how I feel with you. I am praying for you and praising God for the ways you have been in ministry over the years and the way you are ministering now- and how I get to minister with you!

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This is also a season we give thanks for the saints in our lives. November 1 is All Saints' Day, which we will celebrate in worship on November 7. We will remember the great communion of saints who have gone on before us that week, celebrating their lives and the light they still leave in the world. And throughout the rest of the month we will celebrate other saints, particularly those who are living, doing the work of mission in the world. Stay tuned to worship this month to hear some powerful testimonies! November 28 is the first Sunday of Advent, and we will be giving thanks for a new liturgical year to jump into the familiar story of Jesus' birth. May we let this story speak to us in new ways.

There will be a new saint in our church family too. I announced in worship last month that Aaron and I are expecting. Zeke will be a big brother! Most of you know we have had a long fraught journey to parent living children, and we were not sure if we'd be able to have more kids, so we are so thankful- and so anxious that the baby stays healthy. Please pray for us! We are due in April just before Easter.

It is not ideal timing, perhaps, but resurrection season seems a great time to welcome new life into our family and church.

Gratitude and remembrance, celebration and witness. November is a full month, and I hope it will be a time of blessing for you and that you will take that blessing and share it with others.





### **Operation Christmas Child**

Annual Shoebox Packing Party Sunday, November 14, 2021 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

This Christmas season we are once again hosting a packing party to benefit Operation Christmas Child! We are hoping to fill hundreds of shoeboxes with gifts for children around the world, providing not only a gift, but an opportunity to share the good news of Jesus.

On November 14, we will gather in the multi-purpose room for this annual Trinity event.

Individuals, families and small groups are invited to enjoy a time of service and fellowship while providing hope and help to children all over the world!

We are asking that you sign up for one of two time slots in order to limit the number of people in the room and allow for social distancing. Masks will be required for all persons in accordance with Trinity's safety protocol. Come join us and bring your family and friends for this fun event. What says "Christmas" more than sharing the love of Jesus Christ with a child?

> Contact Laura Welker at 301 788-0048 or yardwelk@aol.com

Packing Session #1 will be from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Packing Session #2 will be from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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#### **Charitable Giving**

In addition to the giving of a monetary gift, there are many ways you can support the ministries and missions of Trinity United Methodist Church. There are many opportunities for charitable giving. This list is just some examples for you and your family to consider.

- I. <u>Gift of your time and talents:</u> God has given each of us talents and the church often has a need for those skills. You can help the Church with your skills, such as plumbing, HVAC, electrical, gardening, fixing appliances or lawnmowers, painting, computers, lighting, sewing, etc. Let the Church know how you would like to help by putting a business card or note in the offering plate or calling/e-mailing the church office. Many ministry teams could benefit from your skills and talents.
- 2. <u>Gift of appreciated property</u>: Some of us have appreciated stock, bonds, real estate or collectibles. The property must have been owned at least one year. You get a charitable deduction for the average market value as of the date of the gift and you do not have to pay capital gains because you gifted the property rather than the cash.
- 3. <u>Stock in a privately held company:</u> Does your closely held company wish to buy back some of its stock? Your shares could be donated to the church and the company would buy the stock from the church. The church receives the proceeds of the sale and you avoid recognizing capital gains. You also get a charitable deduction based on the appraised value of the stock.
- 4. <u>Sale of depreciated stock:</u> Do you have a stock that has gone down in value and it doesn't look like it will be going up anytime soon? Consider selling the stock and give the proceeds as a monetary gift. Not only will you get the charitable deduction, you will also be able to claim a loss on your tax return, subject to limitations.
- 5. <u>Life Insurance:</u> An easy and direct form of planned giving is through a new life insurance policy. You make Trinity the beneficiary and owner of the policy. The premiums are tax-deductible and policies can be paid up within a few years. Do you have an existing life insurance policy? If you transfer the ownership of the policy to the church and make the church the beneficiary, you will receive a charitable deduction in the amount of the cash surrender value at the time of transfer. Any additional premiums paid would be tax deductible.
- 6. <u>Charitable Remainder Trust or Charitable Gift Annuity</u>: Do you have investments but you need an income stream from the dividends or interest to pay your bills? You can set up a charitable remainder trust or a charitable gift annuity. The trust or annuity will pay you until your death with the remainder going to the church after death.
- 7. <u>Charitable lead Trusts</u>: Do you have investments and desire to leave your estate to your heirs? There are charitable lead trusts that can be set up where the first 15 20 years the annual payments go to the church, and, afterwards, the remaining funds revert to your heirs.
- 8. <u>Your Will:</u> Do you have investments but you want to make sure you have enough to take care of you through your retirement years? Consider including the church in the provisions of your will.

#### As Jesus said "Freely you have received; freely give" (Matthew 10:8)

If you want to talk more about these and other charitable giving options, please contact Gail Fitzgerald at 301-834-7867 or to donate to the Endowment-Sustaining Fund contact the Community Foundation of Frederick County at 301-695-7660 or CFO@frederickcountygives.org.

#### From the TRINITY PASTORAL COUNSELING CENTER



With Thanksgiving, comes a holiday opportunity. The CDC is encouraging people to discuss their family history around medical issues. This can be a helpful way to identify risk factors for certain diseases. Be sure to include mental health and addiction issues when asking

about family stories or understanding.

Coming from a place of compassion and better understanding can also be helpful in healing, especially if shame is a part of the story. If you are interested in more information, go to https://www.cdc.gov/genomics/ famhistory/knowing\_not\_enough.htm . The TPCC Ministry Team is looking for people who are interested in serving on its committee. Interest in supporting this community ministry is key. Skill sets sought, but not required are financial, legal, or leadership. If you have any questions, feel



free to contact Diane Younkins or Rev. Shannon Sullivan for more information. Meetings take place 3-4 times a year. Youth interested in serving on the committee should come forward.

We will teach you what you need to know to serve on the committee.

With gratefulness, Diane Younkins, LCPC, NCC Director and Pastoral Counselor



Once again, Kaia Wynne, a member of Trinity, a Middletown High Junior, and local Girl Scout, is collecting NEW Boots for Frederick and Washington County children in Elementary, Middle and High School. This effort is through Soles of Love a 501 c (3) organization run by Julie Gaver, a local motivational speaker who lives in Myersville MD.

The shoes are given to the students in the late Fall by various County organizations who know the need. Recently the Trinity UMC Missions Ministry has adopted this project under their mission initiatives and the Joy Club has supported the Spring effort for tennis shoes.

Please consider donating a pair of NEW boots for a boy or girl (any size). Contact us at 301-788-2548 or 301-401-9006 to learn more about this great effort to get our school kids back into school and feeling good about themselves.

Thank you so much for considering this in your efforts to give back to our County. There is a Soles of Love box for donations in the collection center in the Narthex.

Kaia and Nancy Wynne

<sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

NO WAY, Grinch!!! It wont go away. The cookies are coming on Cookie Walk Day!! A little bit different, a little bit new, CHRISTMas Cookies bring JOY, in spite of you!!



Saturday, Dec. 11 Cookie Pick up Pre-orders only

BAKERS NEEDED Easy cookie decorating ideas coming soon





#### STUDY LED BY PASTOR MARK : "THINK LIKE JESUS"

Mondays at 7pm *through 11/15* Email pastormark@trinityfrederick.org for more info

#### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesdays at 8:30am Email tumc@trinityfrederick.org for more info

#### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY : "TRUSTWORTHY"

Wednesdays at 9:30am & 7pm *through 11/10* Email heatherthrockmorton@trinityfrederick.org for more info

For zoom links and more information on future studies, please visit www.trinityfrederick.org and click on "Studies+"

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#### TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING FOR TUMC YOUTH!

**Upcoming Events** 

November 21: Youth group missions night December 18: Youth Christmas Party January 7-9: WAVE (formerly ROCK retreat) in Ocean City MD.

Have any questions? Would you like to volunteer? Please contact Director of Youth Ministries,

Wendy Huff: huff.wendy@gmail.com







#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY We will re-open on Friday, November

 Have a safe and peaceful holiday, remembering those brave men and women who have served. THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 &
26 IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING
We will re-open on Monday, November 29. Have a safe and blessed
Thanksgiving, praising the Lord for all He has given this season.



We are trying to be better stewards of the church's resources and are offering an electronic version of the monthly newsletter for those interested. If you would like to receive an electronic version instead of a paper copy, please e-mail the church office at tumc@trinityfrederick.org.



### **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 December 2021 newsletter will be due the second Sunday of November – November 14.



The church office is open Monday through Thursday, from 9am-4pm. Fridays the office is closed at 12pm but is available by phone 9am-4pm. (appointments preferred).

Pastor Shannon Sullivan (off on Fridays): 301-662-2895 (work) 410-937-8835 (cell)





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