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VBS HIGHLIGHTS!





Knights of North Castle assembled and had a wonderful week at Trinity in June.

Of the 19 registered attendees, we averaged 17 thoroughly engaged knights from 2 1/2 to 10 years old (and that doesn't include all of our over 28 fabulous volunteers!). During the week, the young knights soared through adventures with our amazing Bible Storyteller, learning about Paul and Silas breaking free from their chains, created crafts, wielding their mighty shields of faith, learned magical science, enjoyed games both outside and in the MPR, and gathered together daily for creative snacks while learning about our mission for this year. The knights learned about the armor of God as each day they set out on a quest from Sparky, the ice breathing dragon who helped our knights on their journey learning about each piece and how to wield it as mighty knights!

We decided as a team that this year's mission would support the Family Shelter here in Frederick. Our small and mighty crew of knights brought money in daily to reach a goal of \$130! What a great example by our caring knights that you don't have to be many (or big!) to be mighty!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped during this week but also behind the scenes. We are especially thankful for you, the congregation, for your continued prayers and support for this vital mission of Children's Ministries!

Mighty Knights with their Shields of Faith!





FROM THE PASTOR

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 1 John 4:16

On her last Sunday with us before moving to Texas, our Music and Arts Coordinator Angela Spencer shared that before she started working here Pastor Eliezer named Trinity as a place where God's love abides. She found that to be true, and so have I as I complete my first year as your senior pastor. In the United Methodist Church, pastors are appointed yearly, and I have been appointed to stay the senior pastor of Trinity UMC for another year. I wanted to share with you those places I have seen love abiding in my first year here.

Coming right from Vacation Bible School, I saw that love abiding in the hours and hours Chris and Rachel Kenny put into planning VBS and decorating for it. Rachel is an amazing artist! Trish Abell was also love abiding in the deft way she helped diffuse situations with hyper kids (Doug should be sainted for he also had a lot of hyperactivity to deal with!). I didn't get to see the leaders of each station at work, but I know they poured love into what they did. And I saw the love abiding in the way the slightly bigger kids cared for slightly smaller kids. How they took turns being David and Goliath or walking on water. There was a sweet moment in Bible story time when almost the whole kindergarten and first grade class were cooing over the doll that was playing Baby Jesus for one of our stories!

I also see love abiding in our staff. We have had our share of difficulties this year, including having difficulty finding staff, but every single person that has worked here or is working here has been a gift. They are so willing to jump into any crazy idea I have or run with their own crazy ideas because they know love makes a difference in the life of the church as well as the community. Love inspires them to keep pressing on when it's one of those days when the bad news doesn't stop coming. Love moves them to pay attention to details some of us might not even notice at first, just to make life easier for a family in the case of a funeral, for instance. Our staff prays for one another and walks alongside one another in all sorts of trouble, and for that I give thanks always.

We don't often talk about love this way, but a love that abides in us and has deep roots means it can challenge us. I see that challenge in conversations in Grow Time and other small groups as well as my own one-on-one meetings, even as we pray for one another. Our Lenten study on the book Good Enough made some of the perfectionists among us pause, but they trusted the pastors and leaders enough to try it anyway. In a world so deeply divided by politics, and

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even within a church where literally twice the same week I have gotten one phone call from someone saying we aren't conservative enough and another phone call saying we aren't progressive enough, I see love abiding in the way we continue to hold onto this community even in our differences.

Our Re-entering Well Team has been one I feared would be fraught with politics over whether or not we should wear masks, but instead they have kept the question of how we ought to best love our neighbor at the forefront of what they do. Our missions, music, hospitality, trustees, and nurture teams also have continued to show that love abides in them with the ways they have enthusiastically re-learned how to do their ministries in the Pandemic over and over again. That persistence and willingness to try new things is not always easy, but when you are deep rooted in the love of God you seem to make it work, and Trinity certainly does that.

Of course, July is a month in which my family celebrates one year with you, one year in our amazing house, and one year since I got pregnant with the baby who would be lost too soon. We thought the world was wide open with joy for our family a year ago, and instead we are now living in the great tragedy of the loss of Autumn. Yet I think your response to our loss is one of the clearest places I have experienced God this year. God's love abides in the care you had for your pastor, in the cards you sent and continue to send. In sharing your own stories of loss. In your hugs and check-ins. Throughout the season of Easter, we followed the book Brave Church to talk about the real hurts we carry, but long before that you showed you are a church who cares for one another in the way you cared for me and my family.

I give thanks for you and for the ways God has been present in and through you. I look forward to our continued ministry together!



United Methodist pastors get a week of continuing education time in addition to vacation. Pastor Shannon doesn't often take a whole week away (especially because she doesn't want to be far from Zeke!), but this year she is concluding part of a continuing

education cohort with the United Methodist Interreligious and Ecumenical Training program in-person in *Taize*, *France*, *from July 23-July 31*. Pastor John and Don Hott will be preaching, and Pastor Mark will be available for pastoral care. Taize is an ecumenical Christian monastic community that hosts mainly people under 30 for prayer and worship. Pastor Shannon has wanted to go for years and is excited for this opportunity. You will hear all about it when she returns.



I am excited to announce:

Our 2022 ASP Youth Missions Team has been assigned to go to Nicholas County, West Virginia during Week 5 (July 10-16).

The ASP Center is located at:

St. Luke's United Methodist Church 18001 Webster Road Craigsville, WV 26205

We will learn more about our home owners once we arrive. The ASP Mission Trip is an important one, and has meant so much to our youth, young adults and adults who participate.

We have been working hard to raise funds for the mission trip. I am grateful for our church family, as they have prayed with and for us, have helped financially, and in many cases, even rolled up their sleeves and helped out.

Youth Minister 301-602-0950 youth@trinity

Thank you for your continued support.

This year's theme is: **Rooted in Love**, based on the scripture from John 13:4

"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch can't produce fruit by itself, but must remain in the vine. Likewise, you can't produce fruit unless you remain in me."
-John 15:4 CEB

There may be space for a few more people to join us on the mission trip. Please contact me ASAP, if you are interested in going.

God Bless,

Wendy Huff Youth Minister 301-602-0950 youth@trinityfrederick.org



FILL IT FULL OF FOOD!

The Missions Ministry Team is asking you to fill the bin marked "food bank" located in the collection center in the Narthex full of food to help feed hungry Frederick families. In the past, the goal has been to fill-a-pew (now collection bin) with canned goods and non-perishable food items on Sundays, July 10 & 17. Then, the food will be delivered to the Frederick Food Bank for distribution to hungry people in Frederick. Each week, bring food to help fill it and watch as it grows!

Plan now to attend August 14th for Trinity's

EXTRAVA-FESTA-LEARN-ATHON

where we celebrate with gratitude all those contributing to the many facets of spiritual growth, learning and intentionally developing our faith...

BIBLE SUNDAY

ALL those (adults too) 3rd grade and up who do not have a Bible are invited to the 10 am service to receive one. It is an important tradition to receive and have a Bible, to read and study the sacred scriptures that guide our faith. Please contact Heather Throckmorton at 301-662-2895 or via the email* below, if you would like to receive a Bible.

BACKPACK BLESSINGS

Frederick County Public School students return on August 17 so Sunday, August 14 we will have a Back to School Blessing in worship for all those who work or study in any type of school environment! You are welcome to bring your backpack to the service virtually or in person to receive your blessing.

TEACHER APPRECIATION

If you help others learn or grow in any capacity here at Trinity or beyond, August 14 is a day we want to thank and celebrate you. Please come to the 10 am worship service where we

can appreciate your willingness to be used by God in this profoundly important way.



In·ten·tion·al deliberate, done on purpose, not by accident

Are You Interested in being part of the Intentional Faith Development Ministry Team?

If so, contact the church office at 301-662-2895 or email Heather at *heatherthrockmorton@trinityfrederick.org.

5TH SUNDAY COLLECTIONS NEXT DATE: 7.31.22

The Mission Ministry Team is excited to announce that on the fifth Sunday of any month in which there are five Sundays, a special offering will be collected to support local and national disaster recovery projects.

These monies will enhance our ability to serve and meet

the needs of many in our community and those in states which have been affected by natural disasters. For 2022, these dates will be May 29, July 31, and October 30. Your support is greatly appreciated, but please keep in mind that these offerings will be in addition to your regular church givings, and not in place of them. Contact Kay Etzler (301-514-8293) for more information.



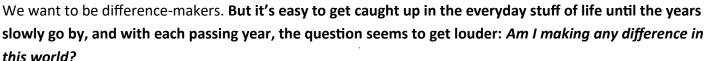
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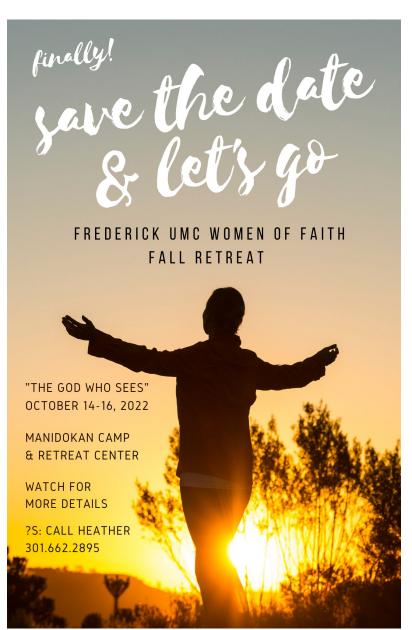
a branch of Trinity's Adult Faith Development Ministry

@ 8:45 Sunday Mornings VIA ZOOM & IN-PERSON Room 302-304

Find Zoom link at www.trinitvfrederick.org

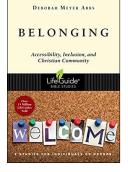
Summer focus: **ONE AT A TIME by KYLE IDLEMAN**





Summer Study for Young Adults Tuesdays at 7pm at Mountain View Diner

Join us for the Tuesdays you are in town to catch up, pray for one another, and imagine what it would be like to not feel left out. We'll have books



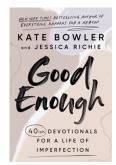
available, but don't let not reading or missing a few sessions keep you from joining us anytime



Women's Summer Study You loved it... You Get More

A Good Enough Reprise

Now - July 27 Wed.at 9:30am or 7pm



Study will be available both In-person in room 108 and via Zoom - see www.trinityfrederick.org for the link

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3 8:45 am - Grow Time "Open Door" 10:00 am - Worship Service 11:30 am - Youth Grow Time	4 Happy 4th of July!	5 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study	6 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Walk & Talk 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	7 6:00 pm Mission's MT	- ∞	6
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All baptized and confirmed Christians are the ministers of the church.

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor	Shannon Sullivan
Associate Pastor	Mark Claiborne
Minister of Visitation	John Morrill
Director of Program Ministries	.Heather Throckmorton
Director of Youth Ministries	Wendy Huff
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	Trevor Forman
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hairpersons, Church Council	on Fine, Dick Gessner
rperson, Staff-Parish Relations MT*	TBD
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rperson, Stewardship & Finance Tean	nWanda Osborne
surer	Bob Kripowicz
ncial Secretary	Sandy Wiles
rperson, Board of Trustees	Guy Berry
rperson, Missions Team	Kay Etzler
rperson, Women's MT	TBD

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	Pamela Lesperance
Chairperson, Member Care & Nurture MT	Don Hott
Chairperson, Fellowship & Hospitality MT	Dick Gessner
TPCC (Counseling Center) MT	Dee Demich
Chairperson, Children's MT	TBD
Chairperson, Youth MT	TBD
Chairperson, Church & Society MT	Dorothy Granberry
	* Ministry Team



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.



The church office will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Have a safe and wonderful holiday!

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 August 2022 newsletter will be due the second Sunday of July — July 10.



The church office is open Monday through Thursday, from 9am-4pm and closed on Fridays for the Summer from July 1-September 2.

Your pastor is here for you: Rev. Shannon Sullivan (off on Fridays): 301-662-2895 (work)

410-937-8835 (cell) seniorpastor@trinityfrederick.org





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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Yard Sale to Benefit ASP Youth Mission Trip!

Saturday, September 10, 2022 8:00am - 1:00pm Rain or shine!



We're Back!! It's that time of year again! Let us help you clean out those closets!

To rent a space, please complete the form below (Note: No selling of food, drinks or guns in spaces) Donations for the sale may be dropped off Friday, September 9 between 5:30 pm and 7:00pm

Name:			
Address:			
Email:		Phone:	
Each space will be appro	ximately 15' X 15'. There	are a limited number of tables ava	ilable for rent at \$5 each.
# of Spaces	x \$25 = \$	Total amount Due:	Payment must be received within 48 hours of us receiving
# of Tables	x \$ 5 = \$	\$	your registration to confirm your spot
Ouestic	ons? Please contact Wen	dv Huff at vardsale@trinitvfred	erick.ora

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X # please memo "yard sale"