



# *Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall!*



## UPCOMING EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT TRINITY UMC!

### September

- 9/2—Monday, Labor Day, church office closed
- 9/8—Sunday, music group rehearsals starting back up
- 9/9—Monday, Women's Evening Bible Study starts
- 9/11—Wednesday, Women's Morning Bible Study starts
- 9/15—Sunday, Social Principles Bible Study starts

### October

- 10/19—Saturday, Church Conference, at Brook Hill UMC
- 10/19—Saturday, Children's Fall Fest/Trunk or Treat

### November

- 11/3—Sunday, All Saints Day
- 11/17—Sunday, OCC Packing Party in Worship
- 11/24—Sunday, Breakfast w/Santa & Hanging of the Greens





In January, I wrote about our church's participation in the Source Collaborative, a program with Wesley Theological Seminary's Innovation Hub that helps congregations come up with processes to try new things that will help them thrive. Instead of coming up with a vision or mission statement, we focused on our values and learned to try new things that do (or stop trying old things that don't) fit with our values. This past year, our team looked at a few different projects and kept coming back to a big one: affordable housing on Trinity property, specifically the property around the office building.

In the Source Collaborative process, we focused on our values (in bold): We are a congregation with a heart for **service** and a good practice of **hospitality**- what better way to serve our community by providing housing for others, as we have done with the transitional shelter in the past? We value **investment** in deepening discipleship and creating new disciples, and, while we don't want to create housing to get butts in pews, we know affordable housing is a good way to invest love into our community. We want to **build more bridges** with organizations doing good work in Frederick- affordable housing and wrap-around services would create tons of opportunities for new partnerships. All of this would give us amazing **stories to tell**.

Now, we are only in the exploring phase. We have been meeting with developers, a group called the Frederick Housing Task Force, and other churches who have redeveloped their property just to see what would even be possible. We have shared a feasibility study with the trustees. We will have meetings that make it seem like affordable housing is impossible on our property, followed directly by meetings that are inspirational and give us hope. Rev. Cindy Kent, who is the Property with a Purpose coordinator with the conference, reminded us that working with affordable housing is a marathon, not a sprint.

Please keep us in prayer. Feel free to reach out to me if you have opinions, ideas, questions, concerns, or contacts. But also know that we are in the super beginning stages, so before we make any real decisions, you will hear through more newsletter articles, in worship, in church meetings. We would have a whole Church meeting before we make any decisions. For now, we are just praying and trying to follow the leading of the Spirit!

The Source Collaborative's name comes from Ezekiel 47:

*Wherever the river flows, every living thing that moves will thrive.” Ezekiel 47:9*

So we are trying to move with our Source, God, knowing that whatever God touches will thrive!

-Pastor Shannon

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## Fall 2024: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Psalm 100: 1

Dear Trinity friends, please consider trying one of our Trinity Music/Arts groups! We all welcome new people ANYTIME! Please contact any of the directors if you need more information. Feel free to share this with anyone who might be interested. We look forward to hearing from you! It's a fun way to honor God and meet new friends!

Group	Meeting Day & Time	Meeting Room	Leader/Contact
<b>Chancel Choir</b> (adults)	Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Starting Aug. 28	206	Valerie Wittkamper 301-788-2147 valwitt@gmail.com
<b>Praise Band</b> (adults)	Wednesdays as needed - 6:30 p.m. Contact Jim for info.	Sanctuary	Jim Chamblee 240-344-1231 jimchamblee2005@yahoo.com
<b>Children &amp; Youth</b> Grades 1 - 12 Chimes, Songs, Drums	Sundays 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Starting Sep. 8	206	Denise Berry 301-471-8980 dberry24@comcast.net
<b>Trinity Brass</b> Grades 9 - adult	Sundays 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ongoing	Sanctuary	Matt Stegle 301-509-3042 info@trinitybrass.org
<b>Joyful Ringers</b> Teens & Adults Handbell Group	Sundays 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. Starting Sep. 8	206	Kathy Kohl 301-704-4547 RevKKohl@verizon.net
<b>Liturgical Movement Group</b>	TBD	Sanctuary	Leader needed. Please contact Denise if you have any ideas!
<b>Drama Group</b>	TBD	Sanctuary	Leader needed. Please contact Denise if you have any ideas!

Do you have a special talent to share? Or a desire/idea to lead or start a Music/Arts group? Please contact Denise Berry, TUMC Coordinator of Music and Arts. I would love to hear from you!  
dberry24@comcast.net or 301-471-8980

### HERE ARE SOME OF THE WAYS YOU CAN REQUEST PRAYER (OR PRAY FOR OTHERS)...

1. **Prayer Card** | Fill out a prayer card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate.
2. **Joys and Concerns Book** | Write down your joys (prayers for celebrations!) and concerns in the book near the entrance to the Sanctuary
3. **Online** | [www.trinityfrederick.org/prayer-needs](http://www.trinityfrederick.org/prayer-needs)
4. **Prayer Bookmark** | Contact the church office via phone or email to be placed on the prayer bookmark for Sunday service. *Please don't forget to update the church office if prayer requests have changed!*
5. **Monthly Prayer Service** | Via zoom on the last Thursday of the month. *Go to [www.trinityfrederick.org](http://www.trinityfrederick.org) for the online link*
6. **Facebook** | Did you know you can send Trinity UMC a message on Facebook? You can also stay up to date on current happenings of the church! *Visit [www.facebook.com/tumcfrederick](http://www.facebook.com/tumcfrederick)*



# Stephen Ministry

CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE

One to one confidential  
emotional care

Contact Pastor Shannon or Pastor John,  
or Stephen Leaders Nancy Boyd or  
Heather Throckmorton to learn more

## Growing at Trinity...

Sun. at 8:45am | Grow Time: Open Door Adult Class\*

Sun. at 11:30am | Youth Grow Time

*And new coming in October...*

The CHOSEN Discussion Group

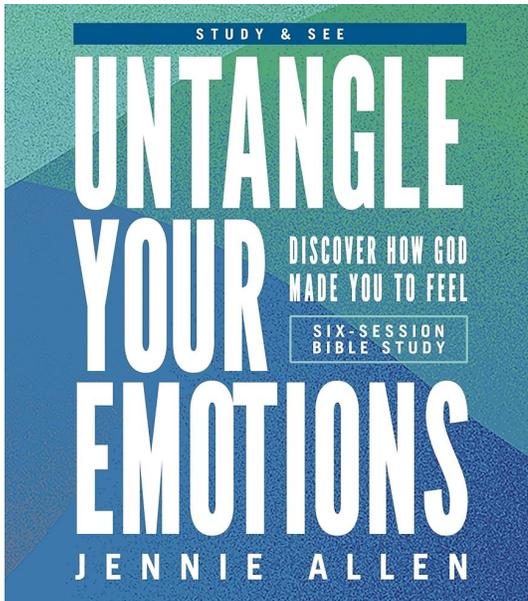
Sun. at 8:45am

\*Want to join via zoom?

Go to [www.trinityfrederick.org](http://www.trinityfrederick.org), click on  
Studies+ then click on the corresponding link.

Questions? Contact Heather Throckmorton at 301.662.2895 or [heatherthrockmorton@trinityfrederick.org](mailto:heatherthrockmorton@trinityfrederick.org)

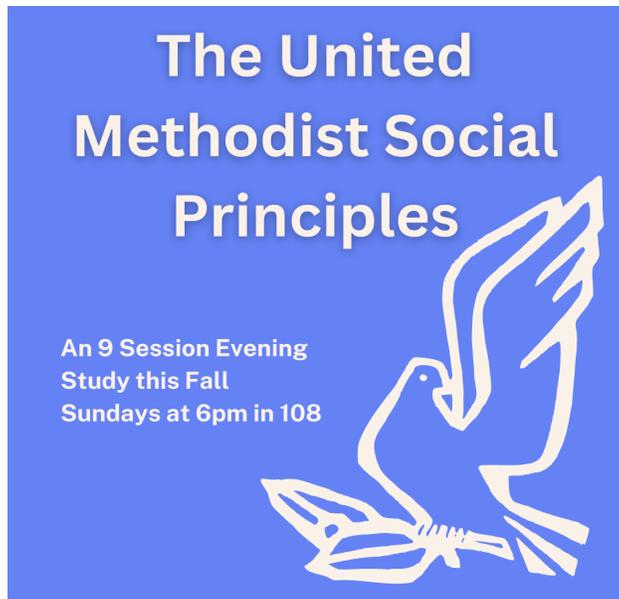
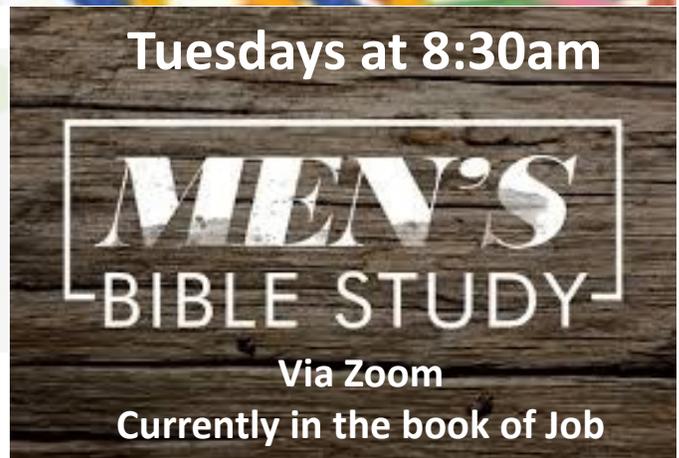
For zoom links and more info, go to [www.trinityfrederick.org](http://www.trinityfrederick.org) and click on the Studies+ tab!



**Women's Bible Study**  
 starting Sept. 9 & 11  
 Mon. 6:30 pm & Wed. 9:30am  
**6 weeks**  
*Will have study books available @ 1st session*  
 Questions: Call Heather at 301-662-2895 or email [heatherthrockmorton@trinityfrederick.org](mailto:heatherthrockmorton@trinityfrederick.org)



*Watch for details coming this fall*



**Coming this fall...**  
***A study on the Social Principles with Pastor Shannon***

Since its founding, The United Methodist Church engaged in social issues of the day, as an expression of the Wesleyan commitment to social holiness. Over many decades, Methodists continued to address social concerns via the Social Creed. In 1972, United Methodist Social Principles were created and adopted at the General Conference and revisions have been made, including major ones adopted this year. Join us for the study and discover what the denomination says about social issues and interrogate your own values, beliefs, and practices!

**September 2024**  
**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

(MT=Ministry Team)

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1	2 LABOR DAY	3 8:30 am Men's Bible Study	4 6:00 pm Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts	5	6	7
8 5:00 pm Chimes, Songs and Drums	9 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Church Council	10 8:30 am Men's Bible Study	11 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts	12 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry	13	14
15 5:00 pm Chimes, Songs and Drums 6:00 pm Social Principles Bible Study with Pastor Shannon	16 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	17 8:30 am Men's Bible Study	18 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts	19 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance MT	20	21
22 5:00 pm Chimes, Songs and Drums 6:00 pm Social Principles Bible Study with Pastor Shannon	23 11:30 am JOY Club 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	24 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Trustees MT	25 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts	26 6:00 pm Monthly Virtual Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry	27	28
29 5:00 pm Chimes, Songs and Drums 6:00 pm Social Principles Bible Study with Pastor Shannon	30 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	<b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b> 8:45 am   Grow Time "Open Door" 10:00 am   Worship Service 11:30 am   Youth Grow Time		<b>SUNDAY MUSIC SCHEDULE</b> 11:30 am   Trinity Brass 6:15 pm   Joyful Ringers Handbell Choir		<b>WEDNESDAY MUSIC SCHEDULE</b> 6:00 pm   Chancel Choir 6:30 pm   Praise Team

All baptized and confirmed Christians are the ministers of the church.

**CHURCH STAFF**

Senior Pastor.....*Shannon Sullivan*  
 Minister of Visitation.....*John Morrill*  
 Director of Program Ministries.....*Heather Throckmorton*  
 Administrative Assistant.....*Jenna Cintron*  
 Director of Community Engagement.....*Curtis Osborne*  
 Coordinator of Music & Arts..... *Denise Berry*  
 Organist.....*Dominic Bechtel*  
 Facilities Caretaker.....*Sandra Berry*

Director, Chancel Choir.....*Valerie Wittkamper*  
 Director, Youth Choir.....*Denise Berry*  
 Director, Trinity Brass.....*Matt Stegle*  
 Director, Jacob’s Ladder Praise Band .....*Jim Chamblee*  
 Director, Audio/Visual/Media Ministries .....*Guy Berry*  
 Audio/Visual/Media Ministries technicians..... *Jim Clark*  
*Trevor Forman*

**CHURCH LEADERS & MINISTRY TEAM CHAIRS**

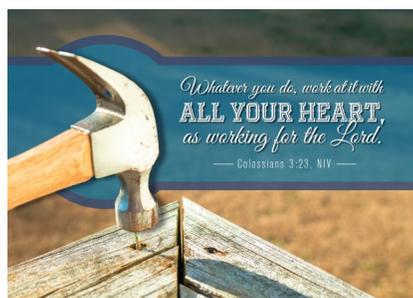
Co-Chairpersons, Church Council.....*Don Fine, Dick Gessner*  
 Lay Leader.....*Michele Pickens*  
 Chairperson, Staff-Parish Relations MT\* ..... *Matt Stegle*  
 Chairperson, Stewardship & Finance Team.....*Wanda Osborne*  
 Treasurer.....*Gail Fitzgerald*  
 Financial Secretary..... *Sandy Wiles*  
 Chairperson, Board of Trustees.....*Guy Berry*

Missions Team.....*email tumc@trinityfrederick.org*  
*to be added to the list*  
 Chairperson, Women’s MT .....*TBD*  
 Co-Chairpersons, Altar Guild.....*Sue Rowland*  
*Pamela Lesperance*  
 Chairperson, Member Care & Nurture MT.....*Don Hott*  
 Chairperson, Fellowship & Hospitality MT.....*Dick Gessner*

\* Ministry Team



We are trying to be good 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](mailto:tumc@trinityfrederick.org).



The church office will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

**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](mailto:TUMC@trinityfrederick.org).

Information for the October 2024 newsletter will be due the second Sunday of September – September 8.



The church office is open Monday through Thursday, from 9am-4pm and Friday from 9am-12pm, with the phones being available until 4pm. Your pastor is here for you: Rev. Shannon Sullivan (off on Fridays): 301-662-2895 (work) 410-937-8835 (cell) [seniorpastor@trinityfrederick.org](mailto:seniorpastor@trinityfrederick.org)



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