

### A PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN, BASED ON JESUS'S WORDS ABOUT TO WHOM THE KIN\*DOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS

Holy Little One,  
What a strange way to reach out to speak to You God, but in the Gospels you celebrated children as the ones to whom the kin\*dom belongs. As the public school year begins for us here in Frederick, we want to remember your preferential option for children, the way you lift them up and remind us that the way we treat children is the way we treat you.

Of course, we do not treat children well, and put so many stumbling blocks before them. Our politicians cut school budgets and food programs. Our tax dollars support genocidal bombing and starvation of kids in Gaza, and also supports the neglect of children around the world. Too many of our celebrities, elected officials, and religious leaders have sexually abused children. Our schools are not safe for children because of our love of guns in this country. Woe to the world for these stumbling blocks! Forgive us, God.

But don't just forgive us- give us the strength to repent, to turn away from all the ways we hurt one another, espe-

cially the children. Help us cut out all that is within us that causes us to stumble in our care for one another. We give you thanks for the tenacity, brilliance, and joy of the children in our lives and the way they teach us. This year is the year many COVID babies are starting kindergarten- they have been through so much turmoil in their short lives, and still they are full of wonder and anticipation for the adventure that is life. May we all share in that wonder and hope, choosing to learn from all young people have to teach us.

You told all of us to be more like children- to humble ourselves and to welcome all. However, children are not usually humble and not always welcoming. We give thanks for the confidence of our children and ask that you protect them from themselves and help them find room for humility! We also ask that for all of us who are a little older. We also pray for all those who are bullied or excluded or lonely, that you might inspire us to notice and help them feel less alone. As this school year begins, help us all to bless the children in this world and to cultivate our own child-like natures. Give strength and peace to all those helping to raise our children in this broken world. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the one who welcomed the little children. Amen.

## The United Methodist Church Unveils New Guiding Vision Statement

Council of Bishops & Connectional Table  
The United Methodist Church...

...CHICAGO, IL – The Council of Bishops, in conjunction with the Connectional Table, is pleased to announce the unveiling of a new vision statement for The United Methodist Church. This vision reflects the Church's deep commitment to embodying God's dream for the world.

The vision states:

**The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.**

This vision statement complements the Church's longstanding mission statement, inspired by Matthew 28:18-20: "The mission of The United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

The vision encourages United Methodists to embody the following principles:

- **Love Boldly:** Passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender and walk of life.

*Inspired by Matthew 22:37-39 and John 13:34-35*

- **Serve Joyfully:** With a Christ-like heart, journey alongside the most vulnerable, offering care and compassion with joy.

*Inspired by Psalm 100:1, Nehemiah 8:10, John 13:14-15 and 1 Peter 4:10*

- **Lead Courageously:** Follow Jesus' example by resisting and dismantling all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression, striving for peace, justice and reconciliation.



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# Baptism

All things have  
become new.  
2 Corinthians 5:17, NKJV

*Welcome to Trinity! We had three baptisms last month!  
Join with us as we keep the children who were baptized  
and their families in prayer.*



**Heads Up — Aesthetically Pleasing Changes Are Coming to Trinity...** The Board is excited to announce that a donation has been received to update and make our church more welcoming and inviting to the community. A team that is being referred to as the Aesthetics Team has been evaluating improvements and upgrades that are needed. The minimum list includes new windows in the sanctuary, cleaning the pews and replacing the upholstery, new sanctuary flooring, and new glass walls and doors in the entrance way that will be ADA compliant. Some additional upgrades would be new lighting in the sanctuary and entranceway, narthex and entranceway flooring, new dorsal curtain, and perhaps some way of brightening and warming the entranceway. The donation will cover most of this work, but information will be coming soon regarding options for how you might be able to support this project.



The "Women's Ministry Summer Evening Escape" was a great combination of yummy food, refreshing company, and wise, applicable insights. Guest speaker, Tara Rudo, the credentialed and extremely experienced CEO and professional organizer at No More Piles, LLC. shared different approaches to organizing, decluttering and planning across life seasons. She also answered questions and made great recommendations for specific situations. Make plans now for the Fall Evening Escape on September 11.



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## Saturday 5/24/2025 - What a Perfect Day to Distribute 42,000 lbs. of Potatoes!



ONE TEAM 2025

The Feed the Hungry Potato Drop was a successful event again this year spreading potatoes throughout Washington County, Frederick County and a couple locations in West Virginia and Pennsylvania. We had over thirty different Organizations & Churches come pick up potatoes to feed the hungry. We also had more than sixty volunteers helping throughout the day. The truck load of potatoes came Friday evening and we had about twelve volunteers unload (22) pallets (840 fifty-pound bags of potatoes). On the day of the event, we had volunteers outside loading (50) pound bags for organizations arriving for pick up. The volunteers inside the Trinity Multi-Purpose Room were able to create over 800 of the smaller eight-pound bags of potatoes and that only took a little over an hour to accomplish. That's Amazing!! Those were delivered to (4) Senior Citizen complexes in Hagerstown and Frederick as well as (4) low-income housing developments. We fed over

5,000 families. We finished around noon which included organizations coming to pick up potatoes, the creation of 800 plus smaller bags, deliveries to senior citizens and low-income housing complexes, and clean-up. On top of all of that, we received donations from some of the Organizations and from Lewistown UMC totaling \$895.00. The total amount will be sent to the Society of St. Andrews on behalf of Lewistown UMC to help keep this ministry alive and to help end hunger throughout the United States.

**"God is good all the time!!"**

Thank You Trinity United Methodist Church for hosting this event. We give Thanks for all of the volunteers that came out from the different churches and organizations, as well as the donations, the snacks and drinks, and the companies that allowed us to use their machinery, equipment and trucks for this project. I can't wait to do this again next year!!

May God continue to Bless you all,  
Reverend Mark Claiborne, Sr.  
**Lewistown United Methodist Church**

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT MARYLAND LAW AND DNR...

Chip Jewell wanted to point this out as part of our discussions for our *Living as Those Prepared series*. Maryland has a specific form and requirements for DNR, **this is the only form that will allow EMS personnel to honor a DNR request, the Five Wishes or other forms are not valid for our EMS personnel**. By law, EMS personnel are required to do advanced life support measures, including CPR, for any patient unless they have a valid MOLST form.

Chip said, "I have been on incidents when the family has another form of DNR and get very upset when we have to treat the patient based on protocols. If you would, please make sure our congregation are aware of the Maryland specific requirements before EMS can honor DNR."

### Maryland Order for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST)

Effective January 1, 2013, the **Maryland Order for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST)** form replaces the EMS/DNR form. Prior EMS/DNR forms are still valid and will be honored by **Emergency Medical Services (EMS)** clinicians. The MOLST form can be downloaded from the Maryland MOLST site: <https://marylandmolst.org/pages/MolstForm.html>

Maryland MOLST is a portable and enduring medical order form covering options for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other life-sustaining treatments. The medical orders are based on a patient's wishes about medical treatments.

#### The Maryland MOLST order form:

- ◆ Consolidates important information into orders that are valid across the continuum of care
- ◆ Standardizes definitions
- ◆ Reminds patients and clinicians of available treatment options
- ◆ Increases the likelihood that a patient's wishes regarding life-sustaining treatments are honored throughout the health care system

The order form may be signed by a doctor, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. Every time a form is completed, a copy must be given to the patient or authorized decision maker within 48 hours, or sooner if the patient is discharged or transferred. The MOLST form is valid across the continuum of care, and is to be honored by physicians, nurses, and other health care providers, as well as EMS clinicians. In the absence of a valid MOLST form or EMS/DNR Order, patients calling for ambulance service who are unable to communicate their health care wishes will receive restorative interventions under the statewide *Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS Clinicians*.

Plastic bracelets to hold the order insert from the form may be ordered through MIEMSS by calling (410) 706-4367. Patients and caregivers without access to the internet may order forms through MIEMSS by calling (410) 706-4367. Patients may obtain metal EMS/DNR bracelets or necklaces by contacting Medic-Alert directly at (800) 432-5378.

For further information regarding MOLST and access to forms, visit <http://marylandmolst.org/index.html>.



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*Inspired by Joshua 1:9 and Ephesians 6:10*

"This is a Kairos moment in the life of The United Methodist Church. This new vision is not simply a statement or a plan, it is a catalyst for transformation," said Bishop Tracy Smith Malone, President of the Council of Bishops.

"It is a vision that will help the Church embrace the divine opportunities before us, to follow where God is leading us, and to more fully engage in our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

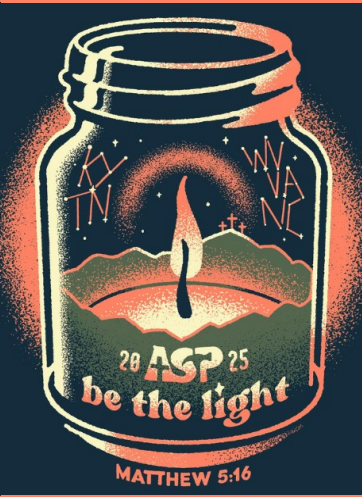
The Council of Bishops and the Connectional Table will

work with our United Methodist General Agencies to create resources that inspire and equip disciples, leaders, and congregations to live into this vision. Resources will be shared at Annual Conference sessions and with leaders within local churches this summer, with lay member resources anticipated to follow in late 2025/early 2026.

Learn more about the vision, access the informational video and get resources as they become available at [ResourceUMC.org/vision](https://www.umc.org/en/content/the-united-methodist-church-unveils-new-guiding-vision-statement).

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Thank you to the dedicated crew who went to Nicholas County, West Virginia for ASP 2025! Here are a few pictures from the trip...

*...Hear the stories, moments and more on ASP Sunday, August 24!*





# August 2025

## TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b> 8:45 am   Grow Time "Open Door" 10:00 am   Worship Service 11:30 am   Youth Grow Time			<b>WEDNESDAY MUSIC SCHEDULE</b> 6:00 pm   Chancel Choir 6:30 pm   Praise Team		1	2
3 11:30 am Trinity Brass	4 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	5 8:30 am Men's Bible Study	6 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts	7 6:30 pm Summer Book Club	8	9
10 11:30 am Trinity Brass	11 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	12 8:30 am Men's Bible Study	13 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts	14 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry	15	16
17 <b>Back to Church Sunday</b> 11:30 am Trinity Brass	18 7:00 pm Simplified Board Meeting	19 8:30 am Men's Bible Study	20 6:00 pm Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts	21 6:30 pm Missions MT	22	23
24/31 11:30 am Trinity Brass	25 11:30 am Senior Luncheon	26 8:30 am Men's Bible Study	27 6:00 pm Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts	28 6:00 Monthly Virtual Prayer Service 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry	29	30

## CHURCH STAFF

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## SIMPLIFIED BOARD

Missions Team.....*email tumc@trinityfrederick.org*  
*to be added to the list*  
 Chairperson, Women's MT .....*TBD*  
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*Pamela Lesperance*  
 Chairperson, Member Care & Nurture MT.....*Don Hott*  
 Chairperson, Fellowship & Hospitality MT.....*Dick Gessner*

\* 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](mailto:tumc@trinityfrederick.org).



Back to  
school for  
FCPS students  
on August 20!



The church office is open Monday through Thursday, from 9am to 4pm and ***will be closed for Summer Fridays starting July 11-August 29.***

**OFFICE HOURS** Your pastor is here for you. You can reach Rev. Shannon Sullivan at 410-937-8835 (cell) or at [seniorpastor@trinityfrederick.org](mailto:seniorpastor@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 September 2025 newsletter will be due the second Sunday of August – August 10.



TEXT "GIVING" TO: 301-265-2895



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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

*Save the Dates for...*

 **BACK TO**  
**CHURCH**  
*Sunday*

**August 17, 2025**

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