

# Trinity United Methodist Church

## The Highlighter

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[www.trinityumchurch.org](http://www.trinityumchurch.org)

*“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.”*

*1 Peter 4:10*

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### Try Something New in Worship This Summer

**A**t my church I was able to dance in the pew to the music praising God. I could hear the electric guitar and the beat of the drums.

At my church we had a full chancel choir where they sang the most touching song about God's love.

At my church I heard a 4-person orchestra play peaceful music as I reflected on the grace of God and was able to enjoy the holy sacrament of Communion.

All of these statements could be made by a person attending Trinity. Yes, we have three distinctive services that all happen on Sunday morning.

The 8 a.m. service is one that gets you started in the morning by getting up and letting the Spirit move you to dance, to clap, to sing. Now of course, some weeks we have lots of songs that lend to clapping and other weeks the songs are more quiet in nature and we just stand and bask in God's love. We also have a time where people verbally share their praises, prayers, and testimonies.

The 9:30 a.m. service is a traditional service with a full choir. We also follow a liturgical format starting with the

entrance of the light of Christ brought in by our acolytes (your child can sign up to be part of this worship experience), and a call to worship, a collect, and formal prayer time. This service is our largest service but also is the time when both children and adults can enjoy Sunday School. It is best if children have the opportunity to experience both Sunday School and time to attend worship in the sanctuary, so think about trying one of the other two services with your children. You can always join one of the adult Sunday School classes while your child attends their Sunday school, either before or after you go one of the other worship services. Being part of a small group adult Sunday school class is a great way to grow closer relationships with other members of the church and with God.

The 11 a.m. service has been changed this year, and is one that I find to be very touching and moving. During this service we have beautiful musical medlies from a rotating group of musical artists and a small select vocal choir. One week out of the month the music does change a little, as we have

Trinity's own *Unclouded Day*, whose plays bluegrass gospel; they strum, pick, and sing to the glory of God. At this service, there is a musical piece that is played after the sermon so that people can take time to meditate on God's Word and think and pray about what they just heard. The pace of this service is a little slower, and we end it weekly with communion. The liturgy that we use changes from week to week, and it is not the same full liturgy that is used on the first Sunday of the month for communion at all services. Now for the summer months, we have had musical groups and artists sign up for the 9:30 and 11 services on a weekly basis, so the music has been more similar at each of those service than during the remainder of the year.

With the summer coming to the end, I encourage you to try a different service from the one you are used to attending. Try adding to your schedule the opportunity to experience a small group adult Sunday school, which might mean changing which service you attend. As we go

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### Church School Rally Day

Mark your calendars for the annual Church School Rally Day Sunday, August 29 at 9:30 a.m. Christian children's entertainer, Wes Holly will return to kick off the school year with his special bag of magic tricks and jokes. Families with church school-age children are invited to gather in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. After the program they will be dismissed from worship in order to register their children for Church School, visit classrooms, and meet our teachers.

### Pastor's Blog

Check out Pastor Charles' new blog from Trinity's home page—  
[www.trinityumchurch.org](http://www.trinityumchurch.org)

## Apostles' Build Needs Your Help to Get Started!

**A**s you know, Trinity will be joining with Habitat for Humanity and other churches throughout Calvert County to build a home on Mason Road in Prince Frederick. At this point it looks like we will be breaking ground after Labor Day. The property is currently being prepared for water and sewer and they are working on selecting the family who will own the home.

Before they can start building however, more funds need to be raised. In these difficult economic times it is more important than ever to remember our neighbors who cannot afford their own home without our help.

There are several ways you can give to this Apostle's Build. First of all, you can give a direct cash (or check) donation through

Trinity. Just make sure to mark "Apostle's build" on the offering.

Secondly, you can donate items to the RESTORE. The RESTORE is located in Lexington Park. They take donations of all sorts of building materials (for example power tools, kitchen cabinets and laminate flooring), furniture and especially appliances. If you are remodeling or upgrading and have items that are still in good, working order, please consider donating them to the RESTORE. They will even come pick it up! When you make your donation, just tell them it is for the Apostle's build and that you are from Trinity UMC and the money raised from the sale of your donation will help benefit the project. For more information on the RESTORE, please see their website: <http://www.patuxenthabitat.org/restore/index.php>.

The final way you can give at this time is if you are a skilled, certified or licensed electrician, plumber, builder, excavator, etc. If you own your own business and/or have some free time or materials, they need as many "in kind" donations of labor and materials as possible to help keep the cost of the project down. If you have these specialized skills or equipment, and are willing to donate some time and expertise to the project, please let us know (in person, or through e-mail to [missionstrinity@aol.com](mailto:missionstrinity@aol.com)). (Remember, not only are you helping a good cause, but such contributions are tax deductible too!) When the ground breaking date is set we will look for more general volunteers to help with both the actual build and "hospitality" (feeding the build crew). Until then, please keep the project in your prayers.

## Blessings, Thanks & Prayers

### Ongoing Prayers for Those Who Have Been Hospitalized Over the Last Month...

Agnes Buckler, Ella Moore, Joan Quesinberry, Marlyn Sutton

### Congratulations to...

Madison Saberan who was born June 23 weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz. and measuring 20 in. Parents: Aaron & Tammy Saberan; great grandma: Dolores McClanahan  
 Dick & Sue Hu who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

### Don't forget to call and visit our nursing home residents.

Asbury Assisted Living: Shirely Jacobson (#122AL)  
 Calvert Nursing Center: Pam Robison, Hamm Hobbs  
 Solomons Nursing Center P.O. Box 1509 Solomons, MD 20688: Frances Sherbert  
 The Hermitage 13325 Dowell Rd., Solomons, MD 20688: Beth Emerson, Joann Dardin  
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## Serving the Least of These in Southern MD

**A**fter loving God, the next greatest commandment is to "love our neighbors as ourselves" (Matthew 22:39). In that spirit a number of churches throughout Calvert County are teaming up with individuals and groups that share our values to strengthen our community. Trinity is one of the founding members of the Southern Maryland Action Coalition (SMAC), a community organizing group concerned about all of our neighbors in Calvert County and the rest of Southern Maryland.

You may be wondering, "What does a community organizing group like SMAC do"? The answer is, it depends on the community. The first step is always to get to know the community, to enter into relationship with our neighbors. We talk with our neighbors about their hopes and dreams as well as their struggles. The churches involved in SMAC have been doing this to various degrees for the past few months, and for some, for more than a year. You may have been interviewed by a member of the Trinity team and not even realized it (often the interviews are very conversational in nature). In the next few months, a few volunteers may be doing some more, one-on-one interviews. If someone approaches you and asks

for a moment of your time to talk about our community, please, share openly and honestly with them. Unfortunately, our team is small, so there is no way we can interview everyone.

After a community organization gets to know their neighbors, they can begin to focus on issues which concern those in their community. Currently, SMAC is in the process of collecting information on a few key issues which have come before us thus far. We will take those issues and create a few key questions which we will ask potential County Commissioners in a forum before the general election. There will be a limited amount of time, so only a few issues will be addressed. Those issues will be selected at our August meeting (August 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, at All Saints Episcopal Church in Sunderland... if you're interested in attending). So far, the issues we will choose from include: Affordable housing, jobs, transportation, public safety, and homelessness/safe nights. The candidates' forum will be an opportunity to allow our community leaders to hear what is important to us and respond to our questions. In order to send a message that we will "Vote our Values", it is important that we have a significant number of people present at the forum. I encourage anyone who is a registered voter and concerned about the issues mentioned above to plan on attending the forum. The fo-

rum will be on October 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-7:30pm at Greater Mount Zion church just off route 231 on German Chapel Road.

Another issue which members of SMAC are involved in is the future of the Calvert Middle School. We, along with some of our partner organizations, have asked the county to delay demolition of the property in order to look at alternative uses for the site (including the possibility of a community center).

If you are interested in learning more about the Southern Maryland Action Coalition and what we do, please feel free to contact me, or come to one of our general meetings. Additionally, please let me know if you are interested in being part of Trinity's team (to conduct interviews, and spread the news about "action items" when they occur).

Julie Wilson



### Old Fashioned Church Picnic

Please join us for an old fashioned church picnic to be held here on the church grounds, Sunday August 15 from 1-4 p.m. There will be volleyball, activities for the kids, good music, good food and lots of fellowship! Please bring a dessert or side dish item to share. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. For more information or if you would wish to help with this very important event, please contact Angie Cook at 410.586.0507 or email at [acd-cook1@verizon.net](mailto:acd-cook1@verizon.net) to let her know how many are coming and what side dish or dessert your will bring.

*"Try our Sundays.  
They're better than  
Baskin-Robbins."*



### We Need You!

It's nearly that time of year again – when Church School gets back underway. Why not consider joining a teaching team, helping children grow in their relationship with Christ? No experience is necessary... Contact Kristin Dare 443.474.0531 or Jimmy Wood 410.610.2141 for more information.

### New Church Directory

It's also time to update our church directory. If you are interested in helping put together the new edition we would love your input. We are also planning an online version of the directory that can be updated more frequently. To get involved, just email churchoffice@trinityumchurch.org or call 410.535.1782.

## UM Women in Action

Summer is here and Trinity's United Methodist Women (both Rachel Circle and General Meeting) are busy taking advantage of the change in tempo. Following our June luncheon at Adams the Place for Ribs in Prince Frederick, our ladies have scattered hither and yon, although remembering to take time to prepare dinner for Project ECHO now and then, and participate in other activities when they are not out of town.

Trinity Volunteers in Mission – The United Methodist Women would like to commend all those who are actively participating in the V.I.M. projects. While most of us are not up to taking an active part in these activities, we certainly do admire and appreciate those who do, and we are glad to give monetary support, along with our prayers, when called upon to do so.

## Trinity Members in Mission Around the World

Please hold our Russia 2010 VIM team in prayer as they travel to Moscow, Orel, & Voronezh Russia (Black Soil District) August 1-16! Pastor Charles and Karen Van-Duzer lead the team of 16 (9 TUMC members) to work at the UM camp in Voronezh (camp Cristall) and to visit our sister congregation, Millennium UMC in Orel. Stay tuned for them to share about this trip when they return.

Our Navajo VIM team shared their trip experiences at all services on July 11. This trip was especially successful as our team went to support the youth and congregation of RoughSide of the Mountain church in a youth rally that they had planned. Also while there we joined their youth group in doing community service one day for some of the elders in their community and we painted the home of the founder of the church, Mr. Roger Tsosie. We presented a gift of a communion set to their church from Trinity UMC.

The director of the Four Corners Native American Ministry, Rev. Rodney Aist arranged for a biblical storyteller to come to the Thursday evening youth rally and share Bible stories with all in attendance. Each member of our Trinity VIM team was touched by this experience and will hold the memories we have from this trip close to our hearts. We ask that you please continue to pray for the RoughSide of the Mountain community.

Trinity polo shirts and t-shirts have been delivered! If you ordered a shirt and have not yet received it please contact [missiontrinity@aol.com](mailto:missiontrinity@aol.com)!

## New Van Takes to the Streets of PF & Beyond!

On Sunday, June 27 we dedicated and blessed Trinity's new church van. Thanks to the very generous donations of many in our congregation, we were able to purchase and letter the new 12-passenger white Chevy van. Annice Mattingly-Weaver, head of Trustees who spearheaded the purchase, said at the dedication, "Thank the Lord for putting the van on peoples' hearts to make the donations for making possible for us to out and spread God's love." Thanks to Bayside Chevrolet for letting us take ownership of the van before we had all the money. We only owe \$1731. And, a huge thanks to Harold's Body Shop for keeping the old one running.

### Pastor's Column

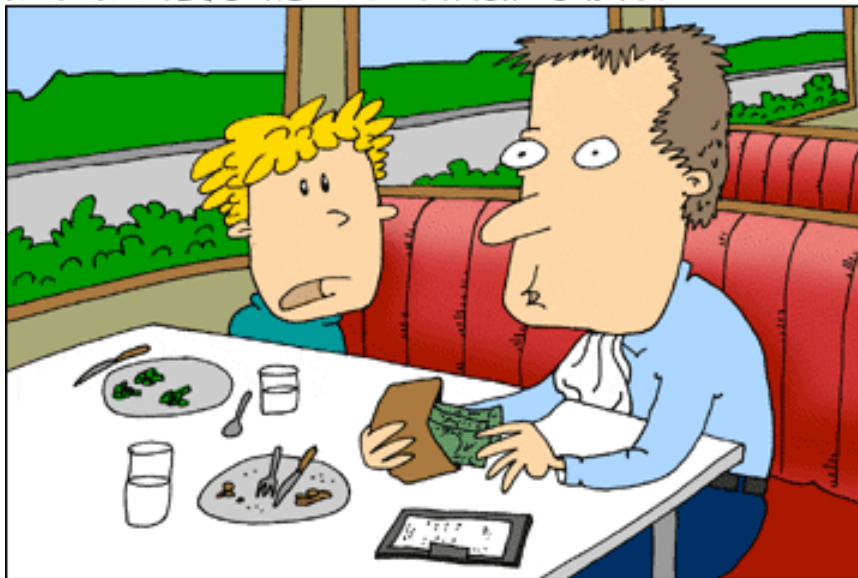
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through life, how we enjoy worshipping God can change. Everyone has different ways they are able to connect and enjoy worship. Worship is something that you should enjoy and want to be a part of. So here at Trinity we have three different worship experiences available. Why not try them all and decide which allows you to experience God's presence at this point in your life.

*Pastor Heath*

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summer's all church picnic  
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1-4 p.m.!

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