

THE HIGHLIGHTER

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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TUMC Mission Statement:

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“To ignite such a passion, for Jesus Christ and His teachings, that it sets our world on fire.”

From the Pastor’s Pen...



Dear Trinity Church Family,

In the written Word of God, John 20: 18, on resurrection day for Jesus, we’re told **“Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’-and that He had said these things to her.”**

One of the best things about the new life we receive through Jesus Christ is that we get to share it with others. We get to experience it ourselves, but then we have the privilege and joy of giving it away freely to others!

May the pages of this newsletter help spread the joy of Jesus’ new life through you (and me) to others everywhere!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jim

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Blessings, Thanks & Prayers

Prayers for Those Who Have Been Hospitalized Recently...

Susan Gemeny Midgett

Ronnie Wood

Carole Bowen

Michelle Lozier

Guy Hall

Al Schwencer

Tommy Harrison

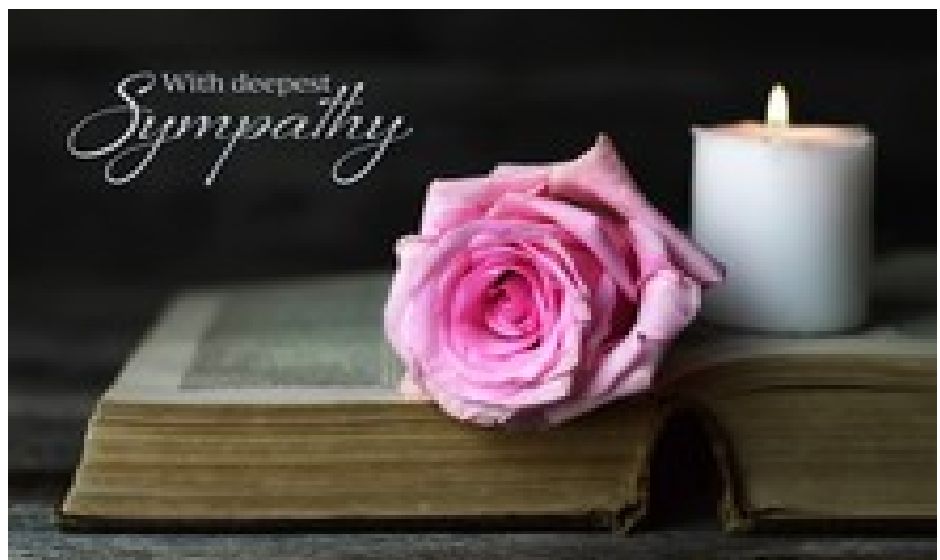
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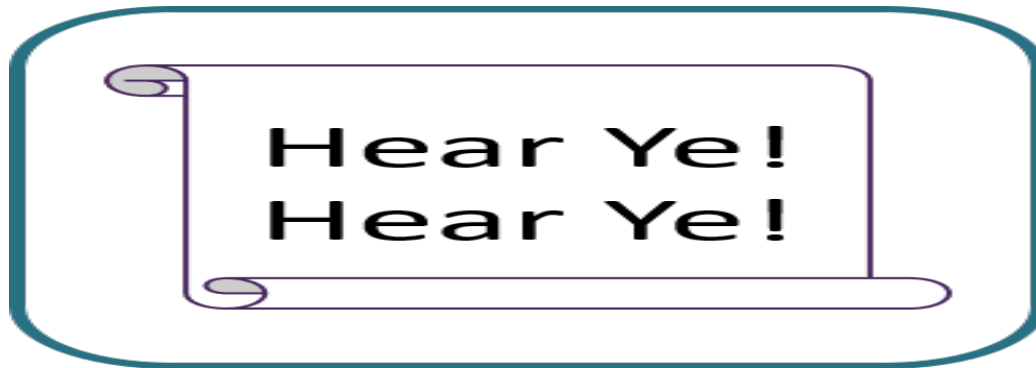
Our Sincerest Sympathies to...

† Dawn Ellison and family, as they grieve the death of her beloved father Jeff Western who died on Wednesday, April 17th.



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WHO

The Rev. Dr. James Swecker, Senior Pastor, and Mrs. Janet Swecker, Director of Children and Youth Ministries of Trinity United Methodist Church.

WHAT

A jubilant celebration honoring our Brother and Sister in Christ, who have passionately served our Lord Jesus Christ with the Trinity United Methodist Church family.

WHERE

Trinity United Methodist Church
90 Church Street
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

WHEN

Sunday, May 26, 2024, Worship Service on the lawn, weather permitting, at 10 o'clock followed by a momentous celebration in the Fellowship Hall from 11 o'clock to 1 o'clock honoring Pastor Jim's retirement from Trinity United Methodist Church, at the end of June. As our shepherd, we thank God for Pastor Jim's deep compassion, generosity of spirit, and vision for God's justice. Over these forty years, with the UMC, he has worked to bring the message of God's word alive in so many ways, through his inspiring sermons, his dedication to our church, and his desire to be an example of Jesus' love to others. We can say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Janet is stepping down as Director of Children and Youth Ministries after serving Trinity United Methodist Church. She is Christ's representative to plant seeds and introduce young people to the beauty and truth of their faith that will be passed on and on to their adulthood. Sometimes she was the only source of the Gospel that our youth knew, and we thank her for her bold witness to the Gospel.

DEDICATORY GIFTS

A combined monetary "love" offering, for Pastor Jim and Ms. Janet will be collected from April 18- May 22nd. Checks are made payable to TUMC with a note in memo line for "Swecker Retirement". Please send these items to the TUMC office.

After May 22nd, SPRC will offer a decorative basket for monetary gifts and cards. Checks after May 22nd are made payable to James Swecker and/or Janet Swecker. The basket will be located in the church office.

On May 1st, a MEMORY BOX will be in the church office for anyone to leave a personal note, card or special memory for Pastor Jim and Ms. Janet. The Memory Box will also be placed on the gift table at the reception.

The "love" offering, card, gifts, and memory box will be presented on Sunday, May 26, 2024.

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EASTER EGG HUNT FUN!!!



Thank you
Caryn Migliaccio and all the
volunteers who helped put this
special event together!



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Christian Education and Youth News

Dear Friends,

This is probably one of the hardest articles I have ever had to write. I don't like goodbyes, but the time has come for me to do just that. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with an amazing group of teachers, leaders, children, and youth over the past 11 years. You all have taught me so much. You have supported me and some of my crazy ideas. You have loved me through some very painful times in my life, the death of my very best friend, the death of my mother, mother-in-love, two aunts and an uncle, plus the losses we have shared together as a church family, a lot of loss in a few short years. You loved me and encouraged me during the four years that Jenny taught in the United Arab Emirates. You have helped keep me grounded in my faith and even helped my faith to grow.

As I was beginning my Christian Education ministry in Baltimore and Western Maryland, I came across this message and decided to make it my goal for ministry. I found it to be very helpful over the years. I have read it often over the years and tried to heed the wisdom it imparts:

“The Calling by Roger Fields

I am a minister. I minister to the largest mission field in the world. I minister to children.

My calling is sure. My challenge is big. My vision is clear. My desire is strong. My influence is eternal. My impact is critical. My values are solid. My faith is tough. My mission is urgent. My purpose is unmistakable. My direction is forward. My heart is genuine. My strength is supernatural. My reward is promised. And my God is real.

In a world of cynicism, I offer hope. In a world of confusion, I offer truth. In a world of immorality, I offer values. In a world of neglect, I offer attention. In a world of abuse, I offer safety. In a world of ridicule, I offer affirmation. In a world of division, I offer reconciliation. In a world of bitterness, I offer forgiveness. In a world of sin, I offer salvation. In a world of hate, I offer God's love.

I refuse to be dismayed, disengaged, disgruntled, discouraged or distracted. Neither will I look back, stand back, fall back, go back or sit back. I do not need applause, flattery, adulation, prestige, stature or veneration. I do not have time for business as usual, mediocre standards, small thinking, outdated methods, normal expectations, average results, ordinary ideas, petty disputes or low vision. I will not give up, give in, bail out, lie down, turn over, quit or surrender.

I will pray when things look bad. I will pray when things look good. I will move forward when others stand still. I will trust God when obstacles arise. I will work when the task is overwhelming. I will get up when I fall down.

My calling is to reach boys and girls for God. It is too serious to be taken lightly, too urgent to be postponed, too vital to be ignored, too relevant to be overlooked, too significant to be trivialized, too eternal to be fleeting and too passionate to be quenched.

I know my mission. I know my challenge. I also know my limitations, my weaknesses, my fears and my problems. And I know my God. Let others get the praise. Let the church get the blessing. Let God get the glory.

I am a minister. I minister to children. This is who I am. This is what I do.” (continued on page 6)

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Christian Education and Youth News

I know that I have fallen short at times, but you all have been very gracious in letting me make mistakes without making me feel bad about making them. You have loved and supported me with the love of God in every situation. I have loved every minute of my ministry with the children and youth of Trinity. I have enjoyed attending various activities such as soccer, t-ball, baseball, lacrosse, and football games, swim meets, chorus, band, and orchestra concerts, awards ceremonies, and school plays. It has been a privilege to support your children and youth through prayers and attendance at events that are important to them. Without the children and youth of Trinity, I would not have had a job that didn't feel like a job. I have loved getting up every morning and going to "work," I haven't minded working late into the night to work on projects, make decorations for VBS, plan parties and special events for the families at Trinity. It has been a true labor of love.

It has always been my prayer that I would be able to live up to these standards. If I have fallen short, I pray God will forgive me and that He will know that I did my very best to be the person He wanted me to be. As I close out this chapter in my life, I pray that I have been faithful to you and most importantly, to God in my ministry among you.

I will always treasure the memories I have made here. I will treasure the notes, pictures, and gifts that I have received from everyone, especially those handmade gifts made by little hands that are full of love. I will treasure the moments when I have seen faces light up because they understood the Bible Story or understood the concept for the very first time. So many exciting things to remember and treasure for the rest of my life.

Thank you to everyone at Trinity for 11 wonderful years of teaching, caring, and loving my church family!

In Christ,
Miss Janet

Important dates to remember!

For those students in Pre K- Young Adults, the last day for Sunday School will be **Sunday, June 9th**. Once Pastor Walter gets here, Miss Staci and her team will be working with him to restart Sunday School Programs in the fall. Watch the bulletins and newsletters for the official Restart date for Sunday School.

For the Youth Group, our year will end on **Sunday, May 19th** with our Annual Salute to Seniors night. More details will be coming soon. This year, we will be celebrating 4 Seniors, Cash Bingham, Caydee Haire, Matt Robertson, and Evan Wojciechowski. We wish them well in their future endeavors and pray God's blessings upon them.



**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL'S**

SCUBA:

DIVING INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

**SUNDAY, JULY 21-THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024, 6-8 PM
(with dinner served each night at 5 PM)**

FOR CHILDREN AGES: 3 YEARS OLD -5TH GRADE

Registration form

Last Name of Family _____

Child(ren's) Names _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Phone Number: _____

Mom's name and Cell Phone Number: _____

Dad's name and cell phone number: _____

GUARDIAN'S NAME AND CELL PHONE NUMBER:

List any allergies your child(ren) have:

PHOTO PERMISSION RELEASE FORM

**WE LOVE TO TAKE PICTURES DURING VBS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER AND SANCTUARY SCREENS
TO SHOW EVERYONE PICTURES OF WHAT WE DID DURING VBS. PLEASE SIGN THE BOTTOM OF
THIS FORM TO LET US KNOW WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN TAKE PICTURES OF YOUR CHILD.**

YES, PERMISSION GRANTED FOR PHOTOS _____

NO, PERMISSION IS NOT GRANTED FOR PHOTOS _____



BIBLE CONTENT

One memorable Bible Point is reinforced throughout each station, each day—making it easy for kids to remember and apply in real life.

Bible Point:
God is a friend who's real.

Key Bible Verse:
"We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:69)

Bible Story:
God shows himself to Elijah through ups and downs. (1 Kings 18-19)



Tad

Bible Point:
God is a friend who loves.

Key Bible Verse:
"Just as I have loved you, you should love each other." (John 13:34)

Bible Story:
God shows compassion to the people of Nineveh. (Jonah 1-3)



Finnley

Bible Point:
God is a friend we can trust.

Key Bible Verse:
"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart." (John 14:27)

Bible Story:
Jesus calms a storm. (Mark 4:35-41)



Fisher

Bible Point:
God is a friend forever.

Key Bible Verse:
"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying." (John 11:25)

Bible Story:
Jesus dies and comes back to life. (John 18-20)



Waylon

Bible Point:
God is a friend for everyone.

Key Bible Verse:
"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Bible Story:
Lydia believes in Jesus. (Acts 16:11-15)



Octavia

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Happy Birthday

May 1: Oliver B. Cox
May 1: Christopher Aaron Holt
May 2: Amanda Curran
May 2: Karli Hawxhurst
May 2: Christopher Varnell
May 3: Robert Carter
May 4: Eric Curran
May 4: Gregory Veit
May 6: Carly McCarthy
May 7: Rhonda Buckler
May 7: Aaron Saberan
May 8: Patricia Bowen
May 8: Michelle Morris Vieley
May 9: Charles Joseph
May 9: Angela Denton
May 9: Ellie Ford
May 10: Kimberly Lusby
May 10: Amanda Ocker

May 10: Cheryl Quesenberry
May 10: Ashleigh Harms
May 11: Charles DeBolt
May 12: Megan Williams
May 13: Ethan Matteson
May 13: Luke Bylan
May 13: Brandi Catherine Hutchins
May 13: Kimberly Darnell Rallo
May 14: Katie Stephens
May 14: Lawson Grace Vieley
May 15: John Godfrey
May 15: Joshua Bush
May 17: Nicole Curran
May 17: Caryn Migliaccio
May 17: Fred Lange, Jr.
May 17: Tenley Draheim
May 19: Kendra Johnson
May 19: Joy McCarthy

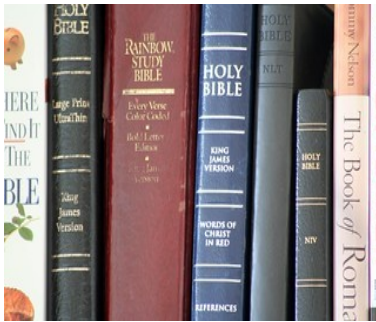
May 19: Crystal Willson
May 19: Miranda Haire
May 20: Noah James Thomas
May 21: Winston Warner
May 22: Renee Stadelman
May 22: Jeffrey Lewis Besse
May 23: Steven Houchin
May 25: Michael Latham
May 26: James Hall
May 27: Hayden Haller
May 28: Kaitlyn Jones
May 28: Jack Taylor MacMillan
May 28: Addison Shaulis
May 29: Janet Hyde
May 30: William Bradley
May 31: Lincoln Migliaccio
May 31: Andrew David Avery Mason



Contact the church office (410-535-1782) to have your birthday added to the list or to let us know of any name changes.

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Open Bible Study
STUDY OF PROVERBS

Wednesday's at 10 AM and 6:30 PM

In Person and Zoom

Trinity United Methodist Church Staff

Sandy Daelemans..... Organist/Accompanist

Sandy DrahamAdministrative Assistant

Sharon Godfrey Financial Secretary

William Jenifer Sexton

Jarron Nathan..... Media Production Coordinator

Becki Nelson..... Bookkeeper/Treasurer

Jack Perdue..... Director of Music Ministries

Sandy St. JohnChild Care Attendant

Mary StortzumLead Child Care Attendant

Janet Swecker Coordinator of Christian Ed
and Coordinator of Youth Ministry

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Rob Carter Pastor Emeritus

Jim Swecker Lead Pastor

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May 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 General Conference of the UMC 10:00am Open Hybrid Bible Study 6:30pm Open Hybrid Bible Study	2 General Conference of the UMC Leah Woods Birthday 10:00am Vets—Library 6:00—Calvert Hospice 6:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal (High School/Adult)-Sanctuary 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)	3 General Conference of the UMC	4 8:30am– 9:30am Stroller Strong
5 8:00am Contemporary Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Worship Service 11:45am Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm AA Meeting	6 7:00pm Calvert Dance Band Rehearsal (Choir Room)	7 10:00am Women’s Bible Study 6:30pm Missions Team Meeting—Zoom 6:30pm Scholarship Team	8 10:00am Open Hybrid Bible Study 6:30pm CNS Board Meetings 6:30pm Open Hybrid Bible Study	9 6:00—Calvert Hospice 6:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal (High School/Adult)-Sanctuary 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)	10	11 8:30am– 9:30am Stroller Strong
12 8:00am Contemporary Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Worship Service 11:45am Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm AA Meeting HAPPY MOTHERS DAY	13 6:30pm-8:30pm TRUSTEES MEETING—(LIBRARY) 7:00pm Calvert Dance Band Rehearsal (Choir Room)	14 10:00am Women’s Bible Study 6:30pm Worship Team Meeting-Library (Hybrid)	15 10:00am Open Hybrid Bible Study 1:00pm-6:00pm BLOOD DRIVE (Fellowship Hall) 6:30pm Open Hybrid Bible Study	16 10:00am Vets—Library 6:00—Calvert Hospice 6:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal (High School/Adult)-Sanctuary 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)	17	18 8:30am– 9:30am Stroller Strong
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26 10:00am Worship Service on the lawn (weather permitting) 11:00am—Retirement celebration for Pastor Jim and Mrs. Janet (Fellowship Hall) 7:00pm AA Meeting	27 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY	28 10:00am Women’s Bible Study 6:30pm Church Council Meeting (Hybrid)	29 BWC Annual Conference 10:00am Open Hybrid Bible Study 6:30pm Open Hybrid Bible Study	30 BWC Annual Conference 6:00—Calvert Hospice 6:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal (High School/Adult)-Sanctuary 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)	31 BWC Annual Conference	

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BOY AND GIRL SCOUT MEETING SCHEDULE

Boy Scout Troop 347—Monday May 6, 13 and 20, 2024 from 6:30PM-9:30PM (Fellowship Hall, Room 101, 102 & 105)

Girl Scout Troop 6333—Monday, May 6, 13 and 20, 2024 from 6:15PM-8:45PM (314, 317)

Girl Scout Troop 11009—Monday, May 6 and May 20, 2024 from 5:45PM-8:00PM (Youth Room)

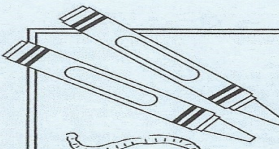
Girl Scout Troop 11050—Sunday, May 12 and May 19 from 3:30pm-5:30pm (Fellowship Hall)

Girl Scout Troop 11066—Tuesday, May 7 and May 21, 2024 from 6:00PM-7:30PM (Fellowship Hall)

Girl Scout Troop 11076—Thursday, May 2 and May 16, 2024 from 5:30PM-8:00PM (317)

Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting—Thursday, May 9, 2024 from 5:00PM-9:00PM (Fellowship Hall)

Girl Scout Service Unit Year End Event-Thursday, May 16, 2024 from 1:00PM-10:00PM





Just for KIDS

Bugs in the Bible

Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests – bugs! Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible.

Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse. Circle them in the puzzle below.

Proverbs 6:6 _____	Exodus 16:20 _____
Psalms 78:45 _____	1 Sam. 24:14 _____
Matt. 23:24 _____	Isaiah 50:9 _____
Judges 14:8 _____	Isaiah 59:5 _____
Acts 12:23 _____	Leviticus 11:22 _____
Leviticus 11:22 _____	Leviticus 11:22 _____
Leviticus 11:22 _____	Leviticus 11:22 _____
Deuteronomy 7:20 _____	Leviticus 11:22 _____

M	O	T	H	S	G	N	A	T	B	H
A	N	T	A	L	L	C	H	P	E	O
G	R	A	S	S	H	O	P	P	E	R
G	F	C	R	I	C	K	E	T	S	N
O	L	S	P	I	D	E	R	S	B	E
T	E	C	L	O	C	U	S	T	D	T
S	A	E	F	K	A	T	Y	D	I	D
G	F	L	I	E	S	W	O	R	M	S

Answer: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket

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God speaks to us through His Word, so take some time each day this month to write down the following Scripture. If you have time, you might want to also write a prayer that the Scripture leads you to pray, or your reflections as you write.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> May 1 | Exodus 23:25 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 17 | Luke 24:49 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 2 | Daniel 3:17-18 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 18 | Acts 1:8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 3 | Jeremiah 17:5 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 19 | Acts 2:4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 4 | Revelation 4:8 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 20 | Acts 4:31 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 5 | Matthew 6:9 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 21 | John 3:5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 6 | Nehemiah 1:5 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 22 | Romans 5:5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 7 | Psalms 33:4 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 23 | 1 Corinthians 2:12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 8 | Isaiah 26:12 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 24 | Galatians 4:6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 9 | Micah 7:18-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 25 | Exodus 20:12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 10 | Proverbs 31:10 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 26 | Proverbs 23:25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 11 | 2 Corinthians 9:8 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 27 | Luke 1:46-47 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 12 | Job 33:4 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 28 | Proverbs 22:6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 13 | Psalms 143:10 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 29 | Colossians 3:20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 14 | Exodus 31:3 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 30 | Psalms 103:17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 15 | Micah 3:8 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 31 | Romans 5:10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 16 | Joel 2:28-29 | | |

Come back next month for a new Scripture writing challenge!