

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,

2 Peter 3: 9 says, “The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”

As we experience the resurrection of Jesus and all who follow Him, God continues to bring about changes in our lives and in Trinity Church. As we continue to transition into the new life the Lord has for us, please read these pages with joy and expectation for God’s great and perfect timing in all things.

Still your Senior Pastor for a few more days,

Pastor Jim

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Blessings, Thanks & Prayers

Prayers for Those Who Have Been Hospitalized Recently...

Michelle Lozier
Guy Hall
Harry Hill
Ken Ives
Pastor Eugene Thomas
Jimmy Catterton
Karen Van Duzer
Terrie Pirkey
Dolores McClanahan



Our Sincerest Sympathies to...

- † Arlene Downs and family, as they grieve the death of her brother Lowell who died in January. Arlene would like to thank the congregation for the prayers, flowers and cards she received recently after her brother Lowell's death.
- † Joy McCarthy and family, as they grieve the death of her long time boyfriend Greg Cameron a recently retired police officer who died on Saturday, March 16th.



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Youth News

We have been continuing our study on The Armor of God. In March, we learned about the Shield of Faith and the Helmet of Salvation. In April, we will finish up our study with the Sword of the Spirit.

The Shield of Faith

In our study, we have learned that the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Righteousness, and the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace all have one thing in common. Each item is something to wear, but the Shield of Faith is different. One cannot wear the Shield of Faith. As the apostle Paul says, the shield is something one must **raise** up. Just strapping it to your arm won't do any good unless one makes the effort to hold it up and use it. So, then comes the question, how is the shield associated with faith? The answer comes in 4 parts.

1. The shield guards and protects from physical harm. Faith protects spiritual lives in the middle of physical trials.
2. The shield of faith deflects Satan's arrows. Satan loves to shoot his fiery darts of fear, doubt, and worry in our direction, but the fiery darts can only hit us if we let the shield of faith down. This means that we have stopped believing that God is in control.
3. The shield of faith is our first line of defense. When our faith is strong, God's omnipotence and care is strong. When our faith is strong, Satan can't break through our shield and land his attacks. But, if we let doubt sneak in, we start to sink. The rest of our armor gets beaten and battered, and the same thing will happen to us. If we keep our shield high, it will prevent us from becoming too fatigued.
4. The shield of faith can incapacitate. When being tempted by Satan, faith in God's Word and God's commands repel Satan, oftentimes giving us the chance to attack his threats again. Just think, if we in the church joined our shields together, we could strengthen each other in faith, we could be building each other up and serving together within the Body of Christ, we could become an unstoppable force and have the ability to take on any challenges that come our way. The good news is that every dart that Satan throws our way is extinguishable if we have a God centered, biblical faith.

If we don't have a relationship with God or know His Word, it is like handing Satan the flag of victory. We know that Satan can't steal our salvation, but we need to remember that he will do everything he can to steal the confidence we have in Jesus Christ.

Knowing how to use our shields means that we have total trust in God and His Word, any fiery arrows that Satan throws at us can not penetrate our best defense. We can and will stand firm, we will be relentless in pursuing Christ and never give up our hope of Christ.

Here is how we can use our shields of faith:

When Satan says I am weak, faith says I am strong in Christ.

When Satan lays blame at my feet, faith says the blood of Christ makes me clean.

When Satan says you are a nobody, faith says I am a new creation thanks to the life-giving presence of my Lord Jesus Christ.

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When Satan says you can't do anything right, faith says I can do everything God calls me to do through Jesus who gives me strength.

When Satan says God doesn't care about you, faith says, oh yes, He does.

When Satan says you should give up, faith says God will carry me.

When Satan says you are all alone, faith says God is still with me.

When Satan says you are a slave to sin, faith says no, I am a servant of righteousness.

When Satan says, you lack what you most need, faith says God will supply all my needs.

The Helmet of Salvation

What does a helmet do for us? It helps protect our brains. It's an important part of our bodies and it needs a lot of protecting both physically and spiritually. FactSlides.com shares some interesting facts about the brain.

1. When awake, the human brain produces enough electricity to power a small lightbulb.
2. When you learn something new, the structure of your brain changes. We have more brain cells as a newborn baby than we will even have again in our lifetime.
3. You have about 70,000 thoughts a day.
4. The human brain has enough memory to hold three million hours of television.

God designed our brains to be incredible and our brains need protecting. The Apostle Paul writes about the "helmet of salvation as part of our armor in 1 Thessalonians 5:8-9. Paul tells us that Satan wants us to think we're not good enough to go to heaven. Satan wants wrath, sin, and evil stuff to happen to us. Satan wants us to think that we must do more and more good works to be able to go heaven, but that's not true. Jesus came and lived a perfect, sinless life. Then He died on a cross to be a sacrifice for you and me.

We know that when we have Jesus with us and in our hearts, we will defeat Satan. Satan can't stop us from the love of God through Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross because nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. That's why we need the helmet of salvation. For us to remember Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. We've got to keep Satan from getting into our heads and making us think we don't deserve that gift when we know it's a free gift for all. Since it is a free gift for all, it's important that we tell others about what Jesus did for us. Part of the deal with a gift, is accepting it. If we don't, take that gift and follow Jesus, then we don't get to spend forever with Him.

The helmet of salvation is the truth that Jesus rescued us from sin. That He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins, so we can have a relationship with God forever. Satan wants us to think that we must earn our way to heaven because salvation isn't a free gift. Satan is always telling us lies because he is the king of lies. That's why we need to read our Bibles, pray, and thank Jesus for His sacrifice. We also need to tell others about Him. We need to remember that nothing can separate us from God's love. That's why we need our helmet of salvation. To remember Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for you and for me.

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So, when we put on the helmet of salvation, we can avoid sinful thoughts and understand what is good and true. When we forget this, we are susceptible to thoughts that are planted in us by the enemy, who seeks to harm our walk with Christ.



The word Salvation appears more than 170 times in our English translations of the Bible. The related word, saved, appears approximately 100 times in Scripture. This concept must be very important. Why? Because through salvation/being saved, God saves believers from their sin, the power of Satan, death, and the judgment to come.



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Congratulations and Thank You's

Congratulations to Siena Matteson on winning the History Fair competition for her age group at Southern Middle School!! This victory let her compete in the County Competition and we are pleased to say that Siena won that Competition, as well!! Siena's History Fair project was on Rosa Parks!

Thank you to Miss Darlene and Mr. Wes for coming up with such wonderful craft ideas for our study of The Armor of God. Each project was fun and drove the point home that we really need to put God's Armor on every single day.

Thank you to Miss Dottie for her awesome activity, Chopped Jr.! The youth had a great time creating a main course and dessert for the leaders. Each dish was delicious, and the leaders went home with full bellies thanks to our creative youth. Caroline and Olivia won First place for their main course! Caydee and Matt won First Place for their dessert. We all had a great time watching them use their creativity in unique ways and then sitting down to eat and sample what they had prepared.



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OUTSIDE FUN AT
THE GAGA BALL
PIT



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Christian Education News

During the month of April, our young students will be learning the following Bible Stories, April 7th, Jacob's Dream; April 14th, The Good Samaritan; April 21st, Deborah; and April 28th, Tabitha/Dorcus.

THANK YOU to everyone who came out for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th. Everyone had a great time. A Huge Thank You to Caryn Migliaccio who planned and coordinated this amazing event. This event would not have been possible without your support through donations of time and materials.

CONGRATULATIONS to Brooke Lagana who earned 4 medals at the Maryland State Swim Championships recently. Brooke also qualified for and earned a spot at the East Coast Zones for her 500 meter Freestyle and her 50 meter Butterfly. Praying for success in swimming as she heads to New York to compete in the East Coast Zones.

CONGRATULATIONS to McKinley Dillon who was recently awarded the RESPONSIBILITY AWARD at St. Leonard Elementary School. We are so proud of McKinley and her hard work at school.

DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our SCUBA Vacation Bible School!! Sunday, July 21st – Thursday, July 25th from 6:00PM-8:00PM. Make plans to join us for this fun event.

With VBS coming up soon, we are in need of some Station Leaders, Teen Helpers and Group Leaders. I would like to welcome Jennifer Varnell to our VBS leadership team. Jennifer and Staci Lagana will be working hard to make sure things run smoothly during VBS week. If you have time to help set up and tear down before and after VBS your help would be greatly appreciated.

Pre K Station Leaders	Elementary Station Leaders
Sticky Scripture	Bible Adventures
Exploration Station	Imagination Station
Games	Games

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Janet Swecker (firstladyjanet@gmail.com), Staci Lagana (slagana@gmail.com) or Jennifer Varnell (ajennifer799@gmail.com).



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL'S

SCUBA:

DIVING INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

SUNDAY, JULY 21-THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024

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 _____

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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)



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)



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)



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)



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)



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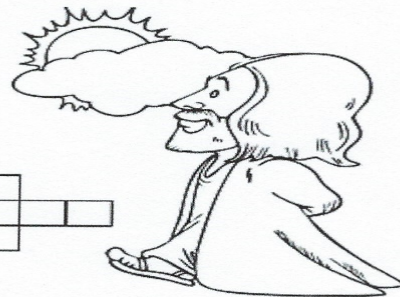
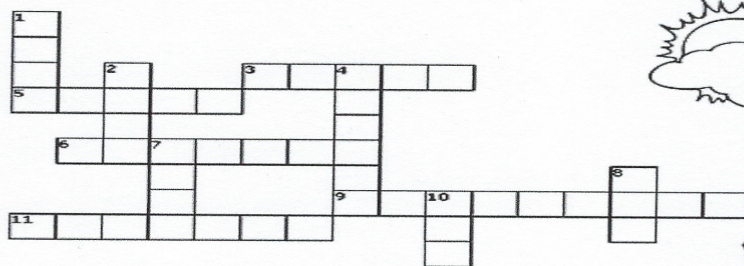
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Scholarships



The **2024 Trinity UMC Scholarship application** deadline is Friday April 19, 2024, at 2:30 PM, and the application is now posted on the Trinity home page. There are scholarships available for southern Maryland college students, graduating high school seniors and returning adult students. Please contact Anne Weems at (443) 532-8033 or via email at weemsa@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Got Jesus?



ACROSS

3. The organ in the body that pumps the blood
5. To make letters and words with a pen or pencil
6. To accept as true, genuine, or real
9. Evidence given by witness in court
11. Something that continues forever

DOWN

1. To understand something
2. The period from birth to death
4. To receive something willingly, such as a gift
7. Someone who doesn't tell the truth
8. The creator and ruler of the universe
10. A male child

Check your answers

accept	believe	eternal	write
testimony	heart	life	know
God	liar	son	

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HAPPY birthday

TO OUR TRINITY FAMILY

April 2: Eugene Hayden
April 2: Jennifer Petko
April 3: Grayson Carswell
April 3: Erin Beyer
April 3: Adam Scrivener
April 4: William Jennings Midgett
April 5: Christine Marie McCorison
April 5; Darcy Slayton
April 6: Gail Gott
April 6: Alexa Marie Nolan
April 7: Grace Stuart
April 8: Loretta Hall
April 8: John Carswell, III
April 10: Henry "Hank" Valentin
April 11: Virginia Mulford
April 11: Kathryn Serra
April 12: Cheri DeLaVergne

April 13: Kevin Nelson
April 13: Alyssa Osborn
April 14: Rebecca Zaidins
April 16: Peyton Kimmel
April 16: Thea Migliaccio
April 16: Jessica Lynn Hall
April 16: Grady Western
April 16: Jonathan Hardenstine
April 17: Christopher Dillon
April 17: Crystina Merritt
April 18: Matthew Short
April 18: Andrew Seawell
April 18: Eric Lupfer
April 18: Judy Warner
April 19: Daryn Elliott Willson
April 19: Staci Elizabeth Lagana
April 19: John Harms

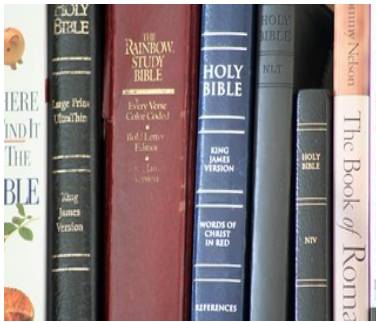
April 21: Linda Horsmon
April 21: Sean Bailey
April 22: Riley Quesenberry
April 22: Shirley Boylan
April 24: Susan Elizabeth Cox
April 24: Philip Mohler
April 24: Landen Mansfield
April 25: Genevieve A. Zentgraft
April 25: Timothy Wayne Clark
April 26: M. Robert Scrivener
April 27: Victoria Lynn Hall
April 27: Brennen McCorison
April 27: Thomas Lewis
April 28: Shelley Wahlgren
April 28: Hanah Bennett
April 29: Carol Lavoie
April 30: Edward Michael Evans
April 30: Stacy Hawxhurst

Contact the church office (410-535-1782) to have your birthday added to the list.



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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

For Highlighter questions, comments or article submissions,
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00 am Staff Meeting—LIBRARY 7:00pm Calvert Dance Band Rehearsal (Choir Room)	2 10:00am Women's Bible Study	3 10:00am Open Hybrid Bible Study 6:30pm Open Hybrid Bible Study	4 10:00am Vets—Library 6:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:00—Calvert Hospice 7:00pm BS PLC Planning Meeting (105) 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)	5	6 8:30am– 9:30am Stroller Strong
7 8:00am Contemporary Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Worship Service 11:45am Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm AA Meeting	8 9:00am Staff Meeting—LIBRARY 6:30pm-8:30pm TRUSTEES MEETING—(LIBRARY) 7:00pm Calvert Dance Band Rehearsal (Choir Room)	9 10:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm-8:00pm EVANGELISM Team Meeting	10 10:00am Open Hybrid Bible Study 6:30pm CNS Board Meetings 6:30pm Open Hybrid Bible Study	11 5:00pm—9:00pm GS Service Unit Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 6:00—Calvert Hospice 6:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal (High School/Adult)-Sanctuary 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)	12	13 8:30am– 9:30am Stroller Strong
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BOY AND GIRL SCOUT MEETING SCHEDULE

Boy Scout Troop 347—Monday April 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2024 from 6:30PM-9:30PM (Fellowship Hall, Room 101, 102 & 105)

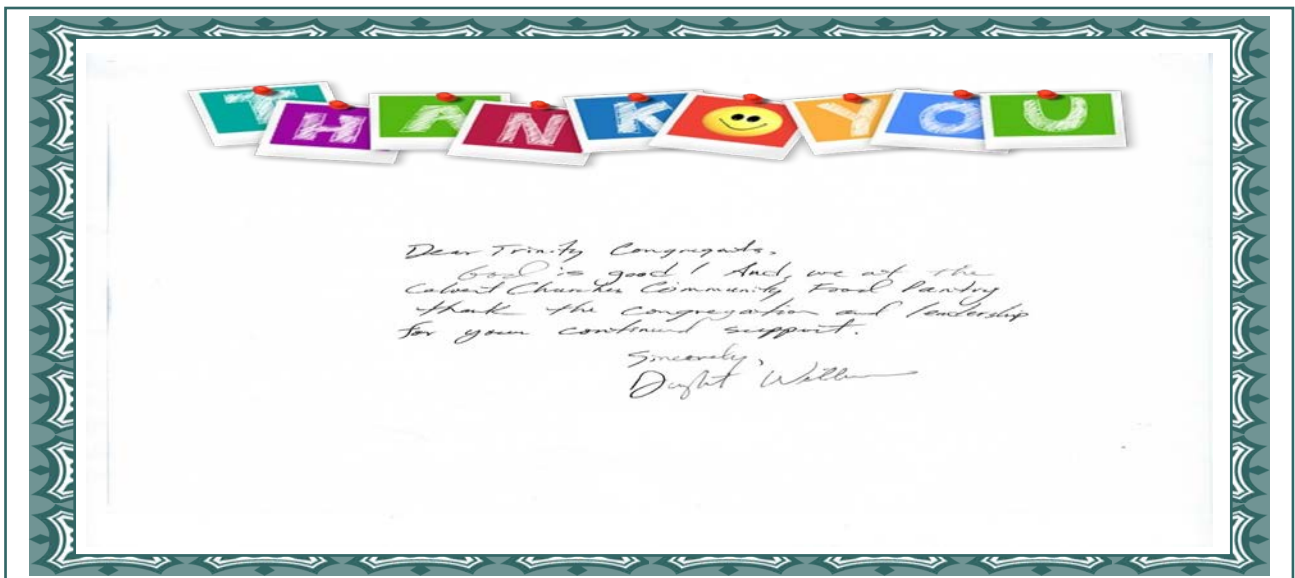
Girl Scout Troop 6333—Monday, April 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2024 from 6:15PM-8:45PM (314, 317)

Girl Scout Troop 11009—Monday, April 8 and April 22, 2024 from 5:45PM-8:00PM (Youth Room)

Girl Scout Troop 11050—Sunday, April 7 and April 21 from 3:30pm-5:30pm (Fellowship Hall)

Girl Scout Troop 11066—Tuesday, April 9 and April 23, 2024 from 6:00PM-7:30PM (Fellowship Hall)

Girl Scout Troop 11076—Thursday, April 4 and April 18, 2024 from 5:30PM-8:00PM (317)



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iBelieve.com
**30-Day Scripture
Writing Challenge**

April

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"/> April 2 | Matthew 20:18-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 17 | Isaiah 1:18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April 3 | Zechariah 9:9 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 18 | Colossians 2:6-7 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> April 5 | John 1:29 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 20 | 1 Chronicles 28:20 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> April 12 | Hebrews 9:15 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 27 | Jonah 2:6 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> April 14 | Acts 2:32-33 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 29 | 1 John 5:4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April 15 | John 11:25 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 30 | Proverbs 13:12 |