



Trinity United Methodist Church Newsletter

*Living as, and leading others to become,
Disciples of Jesus Christ.*

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GET READY FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our VBS this year will be held Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, June 27th through June 29th from 6:30 to 8:30 each evening. The theme for our VBS this year is *AMPED!* Students and leaders will be super-stoked to *LIVE FULLY ALIVE* in the confidence that comes from trusting God!

Plan now to be a part of this special time— and bring a friend!

Will's Wonderings

You may remember this devotional found in *The Upper Room* a few months ago. I think of it often, and I kneel to pray

Daniel knelt down, prayed, and praised his God three times [each] day.
- Daniel 6:10 (CEB)

Having put all five of us children and all our belongings into the cart, my father helped my mother get onto the carabao (water buffalo) and led us back to his church assignment about five kilometers across the river. It was raining hard, and the trail was muddy, knee-deep in some places. Father prodded the carabao to go faster because we had to cross the river before it became impassable. Going up the riverbank on the steep and slippery trail was difficult. Suddenly my younger brother cried out, "Father, look! The carabao is kneeling. It can't pull us up any

more!" Father looked back at us in the cart. "Don't worry, son," he said. "The carabao is strongest when it kneels." I watched the carabao as it struggled on the slippery trail one step at a time. It would stop, kneel, strain, get up slowly and pull, until we were over the top. The carabao's strength came from kneeling, just as Father had said. Each time it knelt, it pulled us up farther and faster.

That was many years ago. I often think of the carabao as I pass through difficult times in my personal life. I, too, have discovered extraordinary strength when I get down on my knees in prayer.

Phebe Gamata Crismo (Bulacan, Philippines)

Church, I wonder, do you know the power of kneeling in prayer? Do you know the power of rising to serve after having knelt in prayer?

Shalom, Will

See you Sunday!

You will find The Upper Room devotional guides on the shelves in the hallway just outside the sanctuary. Please pick up your copy and join with us each day as we spend time in the presence of God. This is one way that we are connected, even when we are apart!

There are also devotional guides for children—"Pockets" and youth—"Devazine"

Upcoming Opportunities

Sunday, June 3— 1st Sunday Covered Dish

Saturday, June 9th— College Grove Ice Cream supper and auction— proceeds go to support Mission and outreach ministries of College Grove UMC

Wednesday, June 13—Friday, June 15

Tennessee Annual Conference at Brentwood UMC. Stacy Bell is our Lay-member from Trinity, but anyone can, and all are invited to attend.

Wednesday, June 27 through Friday, June 29

6:30—8:30 each night — Trinity Vacation Bible School (see Dawn Stevens for Details)

THANK YOU!!

Thank you all for your generosity to help Betty enjoy life with her scooter and carrier. It certainly helps her maneuver in the yard and enjoy her flowers and shrubs. We will always be indebted to you for your thoughtfulness

May God Bless all of you

Betty and Herb.

Thank you all for the many cards, calls, and prayers during the sickness and death of my dad. Thank you, especially, for the generous monetary gift from the church. It has helped so much with the many unplanned-for travel expenses. Your kindness and generosity is inspiring!

Thank you, too, for your understanding of my absences.

Brother Will

Worship Leader Schedule

Sunday, June 3

Liturgist— Elaine Rhorig

Greeters— Dorise & Bill LeCates

Ushers— Jan & Stacy Bell

Sunday, June 10

Liturgist — Rachel Newman

Greeters — Joyce & Maurice Edwards

Ushers — Gina & Brandon Stewart

WELCOME KAITLYNN VAUGHN!!

Kaitlynn is our new children and youth worker Summer Intern. Kaitlynn is a rising senior and a religions studies major at Martin Methodist College in Pulaski. Kaitlynn's home church is Hillcrest UMC.

We are excited to have Kaitlynn with us to give leadership to our budding Children's Ministry here at Trinity.

Please be in prayer for Kaitlynn as she serves in our midst.

Birthdays in June:

6/11; Richard Stevens

6/16; Nancy Conway

6/26; Kenneth Stevens

6/28; Larry Eastwood



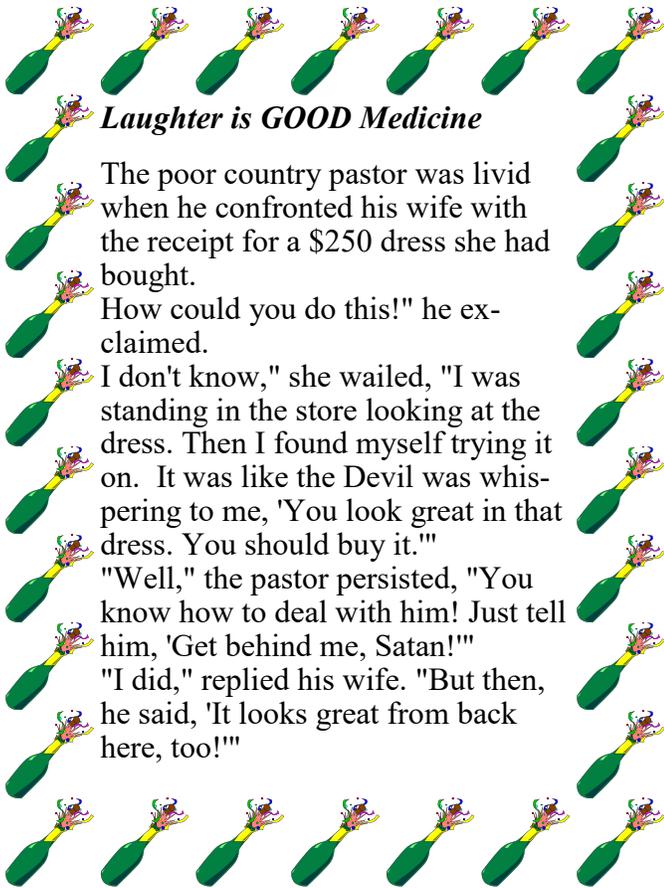
Trinity UMC Prayer Ministry

As members of Trinity UMC we all pray for the ministries of our church and for the needs of our fellow church members. However the members of the prayer ministry of Trinity United Methodist church covenant with one another to pray daily for:

- Those concerns on the prayer list of the Church and for healing of body and spirit for all persons listed;
- For each ministry of the church that each ministry would work to bring the Gospel to those within our community and most especially to bring the Gospel to those who have not yet accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior;
- For all the members of the Trinity UMC community that they be led and enabled to live as the Body of Christ;
- For our local community and all its needs, especially for those who are struggling with the burden of poverty;
- For our nation and our world that God help lead the people of the world to live in peace with God's Kingdom.

The following persons are currently part of the Trinity UMC Prayer ministry:

Elva Beard, Larry Eastwood, Leslie Eastwood, Hal Newman, Kenneth Stevens Patricia Stevens, Sam and Judy Richardson, and Charles Wilson. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please see Brother Will and we will be sure to add you to the list.



Laughter is GOOD Medicine

The poor country pastor was livid when he confronted his wife with the receipt for a \$250 dress she had bought.

"How could you do this!" he exclaimed.

"I don't know," she wailed, "I was standing in the store looking at the dress. Then I found myself trying it on. It was like the Devil was whispering to me, 'You look great in that dress. You should buy it.'"

"Well," the pastor persisted, "You know how to deal with him! Just tell him, 'Get behind me, Satan!'"

"I did," replied his wife. "But then, he said, 'It looks great from back here, too!'"

Up-Coming Sermon Series

In the coming weeks I plan, Lord willing, to offer a couple of sermon series during Sunday worship.

The first will be a series on prayer:

1. Prayer— What is it?
2. Prayer— Why do We Do It?
3. Prayer— Does it Work?
4. Prayer— How Do I Do It?

The Second series will be on the Psalms (These Are a Few of My Favorite Songs)

1. Psalm 23— He Maketh Me Lie Down
2. Psalm 84— AAH! Home
3. Psalm 121— I Lift Up My Eyes
4. Psalm 118 — This Is the Day

Also: One of these Sundays we will, again, Sing our favorite hymns. And one Sunday we will have "Ask the Preacher" when you can ask those faith questions that have bugging you. I'll let you know when we will sing and when we will "Ask"