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SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER:

Happy New Year-
January 1st

Take Down
Christmas Decor-
January 5th @ 2:00

Awakening Service
@ Washington UMC
January 11th @ 7:00

Winter Blitz-
January 17th-19th

Confirmation
Classes begin
January 26th

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A New Year's Resolution of Rest

Well, the Christmas season is at an end. The decorations are slowly being put up or already packed. The leftover food is getting to the point that it really needs to be eaten or thrown out. You've made – or think you need to make – your New Year's resolutions, but this ritual usually brings a feeling of insecurity because of all of the resolutions in the past that you never kept.

But, the reality is your greatest need is rest.

During orientation for visitors at the Abbey of Gethsemani, home of the famous 20th century monk Thomas Merton, the monks speak of all the prayer times, meal times in silence, and the like. But, there is a small speech or laid-back homily that goes something like this from the guestmaster monk:

"We have found over the years of opening up our monastery to visitors that most of our guests that live beyond our home are so very busy. Most people come here seeking to be closer to God, but they treat their time here as an extension of their normal lives. So, they attend every single hour of worship at 3:15 a.m., 5:45 a.m., 6:15 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. You can imagine how this schedule would be grueling for those who have not created this rhythm in their lives. So we have found most guests need to simply sleep and rest for a good two days, before they are able to commune most effectively with God."

When we think about the year ahead, and as we watch videos reviewing the past year on the Internet and TV, it is easy to feel overwhelmed. Give yourself the greatest blessing you can: rest.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

<http://www.rethinkchurch.org/articles/spiritual-practices/a-new-years-resolution-of-rest>



Happy
NEW YEAR!



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**Wishing you a year full of happiness,
peace and good health!**



SONBeam Kids Church takes place every Sunday morning @ 11:00 AM for ages Kindergarten thru 5th grade. Everyone leaves from the main service together, so join us for a time of worship, Bible & fun this Sunday!



PAID NURSERY STAFF POSITION

Sunday AM & Wednesday PM

Visit www.maysvilletrinity.com

for more info or contact

Andrea Bramel

The nursery is for ages Birth-4 years old and is open from 9:30 Sunday morning until the 10:45 service has ended. Childcare is also provided on Wed. evenings from 5:45 till the end of our small group Bible study and includes all elementary age children.

DO NOT LET ANYONE LOOKDOWN ON YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE **YOUNG** BUT SET AN **EXAMPLE** FOR BELIEVERS IN SPEECH, IN LIFE IN **LOVE**, AND IN PURITY.
-1 Timothy 4:12

Text @lighthsmn to 81010
for announcements/info

PROMOTION POLICY

Students entering the 6th grade and high school graduates (post college) are welcome to attend our events and participate in all Lighthouse Student Ministries weekly gatherings.

LIGHTHOUSE
STUDENT MINISTRIES
Middle School & High School



JAN. MEETINGS:

Jan. 5th- Youth Meeting @ 5:30

Jan. 12th-Youth Meeting @ 5:30

Jan. 19th- No Youth Meeting- Winter Blitz Weekend

Jan. 26th-Youth Meeting @ 5:30



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Winter Blitz weekend is coming soon!
January 17-19, 2020
Looking forward to a great time of worship, fellowship, and fun!



2020 Confirmation Classes will begin on January 26th. If you have not completed this course and are interested, please see Michael & Andrea

A sign-up sheet to provide meals for our Sunday night meetings is posted on the bulletin board. We appreciate your help and willingness to serve! Have questions? Contact Donna Hartman @ 606-301-3320. Thanks!

Finance Notes

As you know our theme for stewardship emphasis for this year was "Spiritual Generosity", and we can now report that our collective family of faith responded "in spirit and truth" to this effort. With essentially all pledges received, we think everyone should be congratulated for their generous response.

For 2019, the total pledges reported were \$205,000.00, which was adjusted to \$202,402.00 when reviewed. This represented 59.07% of the operating budget of our church. There were 50 pledged "giving units" for this period. For 2020, the number of "giving units" increased to 66. The pledged amount for 2020 is \$255,226.00 or 74.48% of the budget. Comparing last year with this year reflects remarkable growth in our spirit of generosity. For example:

The number of giving units increased 32%

The percentage of budget pledged increased 16%

The percentage increase in actual dollars pledged was 26.1%

Measured by the yardstick of financial commitments, we feel that it is appropriate to say "Spiritual Generosity" is alive and well at Trinity! Thanks to all for choosing to demonstrate your faith in this tangible way and thanks be to God, the giver of all good and perfect gifts!

In His Service
Finance Team



Jansen Biddle is receiving his Eagle Scout honors on January 19th. Congratulations Jansen!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Frank and Judy Mayfield

Our Presence & Offerings December 2019

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| December 01, 2019 | \$ 16,866.50 * | 111 |
| December 08, 2019 | \$ 22,015.00 * | 184 |
| December 15, 2019 | \$ 7,869.00 | 130 |
| December 22, 2019 | \$ 6,647.00 | 149 |
| December 29, 2019 | \$ 3,261.00 | 85 |

TOTAL: \$56,658.50

Average Attendance: 132

Christmas Eve Service attendance- 83

***includes \$ 22,000.00 2020 prepaid pledges**



SERVICES & MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

Sunday:

Chapel Worship @ 8:30 AM

Sunday School/Small Groups @ 9:30 AM

Sanctuary Worship @ 10:45 AM

SONBeam Kids Church @ 11:00 AM

Lighthouse Student Ministries @ 5:30 PM

Wednesday:

Men's Mid-Week Prayer Breakfast-McDonalds @ 8:00 AM

AI-Anon @ 10:30 AM

Music Library Work Session @ 5:30 PM

Small Group @ 6:00 PM

Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal @ 7:00 PM

Thursday:

Reach Out @ 5:30 PM

Saturday:

Men's Prayer Breakfast-Bob Evans @ 8:00 AM

Come and worship with us!!

Glorybound Mission Team supported several families with Christmas toys. They also restocked the CASA Closet and delivered food to Stoneleigh residents. Merry Christmas from the Team!

Reach Out: Children presented a Christmas play "Tis the Reason for the Season" hosted at Seddon. Family and friends attended and a reception followed. The music was led by Harriet Groh. The children did a lyrical dance led by Denise Lewis to Silent Night.

Thank you for all your work Marcia, John, Lori and a host of volunteers!!

Merry Christmas from Reach Out Team!





January 4- Gary Booher
January 5- Loretta Hunter
January 8- Linda Johnson
January 15- Julie Clarke
January 17- Jim Hatton
January 18- Bobby Evans
January 19- Tara Hester Halbert
January 20- Davis Lindsay
January 21- Donna Hatton
January 25- John DeSpain; Chris Kizer, Jo McEuen
January 26- John Davis
January 27- Mark Dearing
January 28- Russ Wallingford
January 29- Jamie Booher



February 2- Carol Shugars
February 5- Rita Brothers Blakefield
February 10- Clark Throckmorton
February 11- Lynda Gifford
February 16- Connie Marinaro
February 17- Ethella Mann
February 19- Joseph Baxter
February 20- Carol Brown, John Charles Clarke, Jr.
February 22- Camden Faith Walton
February 23- Anna Louise Shupert
February 24- David McMurtrey



Sunshine Circle



The final Sunshine Circle meeting of 2019 was a joyous occasion with carols, presents and praises. Thanks to all who participated in collections for the food

bank, clothing banks, giving trees and children's home throughout the year. The Circle has grown this year and so many cards have been sent and prayers lifted up to support our friends and neighbors! We have mourned the loss of dear ones and praised God for healing others. We enjoyed two Joyous Friends Gatherings in 2019 and reached out to fellow Christians in celebration of our love for Christ. Our hope for 2020 is that the Lord will continue to work through us and provide opportunities to share our love for Jesus and our talents and resources with our community. We recognize our blessings and thank God for the beautiful collection of Trinity women who meet every month to fellowship and to encourage each other.

Sunshine Circle will meet on Monday, January 13th at 6pm at De Sha's in the Goose Room. All women of Trinity UMC are welcome. Meetings open with a devotion and prayer. Dinner is ordered from the menu and each attendee is responsible for their own bill. A short meeting is conducted. We close by reciting Genesis 31:49. An offering of dues will be collected in January. New officers are president Debbie Wallingford, treasurer Sue Grant, recording secretary Audrey Anderson, and corresponding secretary Lynda Lytle. Nancy Hunter and Betty Hester are January hostesses. Sunshine Circle wishes everyone a very blessed new year!



CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

Our team had a wonderfully busy and blessed 2019. Looking forward to more of the same in 2020.

Hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Much love and many prayers.

Phyllis McMurtrey - Chairperson



*You crown the year with
Your goodness,
and Your paths drip with
abundance.*

Psalm 65:11
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**Copies of our new
Church Directory
are available in the
church office!**

**A special thanks to
Michael Bramel for
creating and
printing these for
us!**





The Joy of Music

Celebrating the Music Ministries of Trinity UMC

January 2020

C.J. Hunter IV, Music Director/James L. Clarke, Organist & Choral Accompanist



THE MUSIC CALENDAR:

January 5th-Epiphany Sunday/The Celebration of Holy Communion

Chancel Choir Anthem and Vocal Solo

January 12th-Baptism of the Lord

Chancel Choir Anthem

January 19th-Second Sunday After the Epiphany

Chancel Choir Anthem

January 26th-Third Sunday After the Epiphany

Chancel Choir Anthem

February 2nd-Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany/The Celebration of Holy Communion

Chancel Choir Anthem

(Chancel Bell Choir Anthem Dates: To Be Announced)

REGULAR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

Wednesday:

Regular Rehearsals on Wednesday-January 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th

Nursery care provided during Chancel Choir rehearsals upon request.

Winter Weather sometimes causes a change in the Wednesday music rehearsal plans, listen to WFTM Radio (1240 AM or 95.9 FM) for changes in the rehearsal schedules. For questions, contact C.J. Hunter at 606.564.1467

We hope you've enjoyed the newsletter! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please send them to office@maysvilletrinity.com. Thanks and God Bless!

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