

The Nour

The Nour: To comprehend spiritual truth... An opening and a reaction by the love of God through the Holy Spirit

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May 2012

Youth Sunday, May 13th

Theme: In the Potter's Hands



**May 20th Congregational Meeting & Election of Officers immediately following the service
(see page 4 for more information)**

Pentecost Celebration Sunday, May 27th

A Time of Dream and Visions

9:30 a.m. Opening Worship

10:00 a.m. Gather in activity groups including, kite flying, banner making, vision cookies, Bible study and singing the songs of the church.

Potluck lunch will follow.

PLEASE WEAR RED



May 2012 Sermons

May 6 th	How to Stay Connected	John 15:1-8
May 13 th Mother's Day Youth Sunday	"In the Potter's Hands"	Isaiah 64:8
May 20 th Presbyterian Heritage Sunday	How Do You Spell Presbyterian?	Psalm 1 John 17:6-19
May 27 th Pentecost Celebration Sunday	Pentecost A Time of Dreams and Visions	Acts 2:1-21

Session Hires Tonya Menard as Assistant to the Pastor

Trinity's Session is happy to announce the hiring of Tonya Menard as Assistant to the Pastor. She begins work May 1st. Her responsibilities include:

To support the music ministry of Trinity.

1. Play piano for services
2. Accompany the Advent and Lent Choirs
3. Direct children/youth choir
4. Offer additional music opportunities for worship services
5. Meet with the Worship team

Support educational ministry.

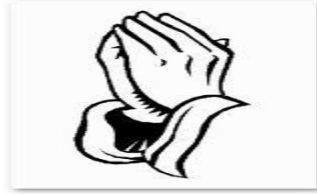
1. Work with Vacation Bible School/Summer Night Studies Team
2. Coordinate with Upper Room Leaders Music for Church School
3. When appropriate, teach the music rotation in Upper Room
4. Meet when requested with the Nurture Team

Assist in the Pastoral Care of Members

1. Visit shut-ins at the request of the Pastor or Pastoral Care Team
2. Be available to offer care especially to families of children and youth
3. While in Ann's absence, help coordinate crisis and hospital visitations

Tonya will be working between 12 and 15 hours per week. If you need to contact Tonya her email is menardtm@jmu.edu and phone number is 540-433-5034. We look forward to having Tonya as part of Trinity's team.

Trinity's Session Teams – Clerk of Session: Melodie Davis, Nurture Chair: Virginia Healy, Finance Chair: Paul Sleezer, Worship Chair: Judy LePera, Discipleship Chair: Malcolm Cameron, Special Events Chair: Sue Burket, Building and Grounds Chair: Mark Facknitz, Pastoral Care Chair: Jane Alberico, Personnel Chair: Polly Cushman.



Please keep in your prayers.....

Sherry Hester is home after a two week stay at RMH.

Richard Hogshead, at home having treatments.

Pat Wingo, recovering from surgery at RMH.

Steve MacRae and Jen Rose on the passing of Steve's father, John Hector MacRae (Ian) in Scotland on April 23.

Eleanor Baker and Jerry Rensch on the passing of Eleanor's mother, Tilde Sprenkel on April 25.

David Irving recovering from sinus surgery.

Betty Rainard at home.

Hannah Facknitz' young cousin, Connor Hester who will undergo surgery on May 24th for craniosynostosis.

Jean Peele, homebound in hospice.

Polly Cushman's sister Theo, in Ohio, is receiving radiation for cancer.

Donna Coffman, Pastor in Shenandoah Presbytery and former member of Trinity dealing with cancer.

Helen Poindexter at Bridgewater Home, Room 361.

Marta Burt at Emeritus, Room 316.

Flossie Quinn at Sunnyside Assisted Living, Room 266.

George Swecker at Sunnyside Health Care.

Isabelle Dotson, homebound living with her daughter.

Lill Richardson, who is in Oak Lea, Room 136A.

Alma Jenkins is in Oak Lea, Shenandoah section, Room 125B.

Individuals to be considered for the Office of Elder

Bob Baer

Bob has been married to Ronda for 35 years (in July). They have three children, Rob, Rachel and Ryan all happily married and living in Florida. They have three grandsons and one granddaughter. The Baer's are currently living in Broadway on 150 acres of mountain property. Bob has been in the construction industry for 34 years and presently works for Lantz Construction. Bob was an active member of First Presbyterian Church in Brandon, FL for 25 years, serving as an elder and Session member. Also, he taught Sunday School with Ronda for 15 years and they were youth advisers as well as trained small group leader. Bob's passions include his family, serving people and living a simple sustainable lifestyle. He is interested in traveling and building a home in the mountains. Bob is a member of Earth Care.

Linda Bradley

I came to Trinity in 1991 and have been truly enriched by its spirituality and commitment to serving others. I've been on the Session previously and have served on the Mission, Discipleship, Worship, and Finance Teams. Over the years, some of my other Trinity activities have included singing in the choir, teaching church school, and serving on the Personnel, Stewardship, and Building Committees and the Memorial Garden Task Force. I'm currently active in Bridges to Building Community House Church and Trinity's prayer shawl ministry. In my "spare" time, I enjoy gardening, photography, birding, and traveling with other Trinityites on Elderhostel/Road Scholar trips. I also try to find time to travel a couple of times a year to see my son David in Chicago, IL and my son Chris and his family in Gallup, NM.

Cheryl Henderson

Cheryl was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pa (Yay, Steelers!!). She has degrees in special education and elementary education from Slippery Rock University of PA and a master's degree in early childhood special education from JMU. She was a special education teacher in Garrett County, Maryland prior to moving to Harrisonburg, Cheryl is currently the co-director of a regional office for the VA Dept. of Education, Office of Special Education (T/TAC), located at JMU. Cheryl and her husband, Fred Good, have been married since 1999 (and became members of Trinity last June when they transferred from Harrisonburg First Presbyterian Church). Cheryl and Fred have served as ushers and greeters at Trinity. Cheryl is a member of Kara House Church and a member of the Nurture Team.

Shawn Richard

Shawn grew up on Cape Cod, MA with two sisters and four brothers and was baptized in the Catholic Church. After attending Vocational High School he worked in the hospitality industry as a cook and baker. Shawn has lived in DC, where he met his future wife, Amy Lemmons. Together they have lived in Atlanta and Charleston, SC where they began their family with the birth of their twin daughters Chloe and Shannon. After living in Weymouth, MA for nine years, they moved to Harrisonburg in 2006. Shawn has been pastry chef at Joshua Wilton House for the last six years. Shawn enjoys reading history and current events and occasionally writes poetry and lyrics. Shawn is a member of Bridges Building Community House Church.

Luke Burket – Youth Representative

Hi, my name is Luke Burket. I'm 15 and have lived in Harrisonburg my whole life. I'm going to be the Youth Representative. I went to Imagination Station Pre-school and have attended Trinity since I was about 4 or 5. I'm currently a freshman at Harrisonburg High School. I love to play the guitar and listen to music. If I could, I would listen to music all day. I'm also a big football fan, especially JMU football. I'm also involved in the youth group here at Trinity. I've attended 3 Massanetta youth conferences and I'm going to attend Montreat this summer. I'm also a member of the Bible 321 House Church.



Earth Care House Church led the worship service on April 22 in honor of Earth Day and our beautiful home that God entrusted to human kind. Several members of the house church shared personal poems and thoughts about their feelings or experiences. The book *Of Earth and Sky: Spiritual Lessons from Nature* compiled by Thomas Becknell was selected as a parting gift to Doreen Davis, a faithful member who is moving on in her life to go to graduate school in North Carolina. The house church also presented a banner celebrating the natural world to Trinity for use in its worship services.

Submitted by Pat Churchman



May Adult Church School Classes

- 1.) **Explorer’s Class:** This class is an opportunity to explore one’s faith journey and Presbyterian beliefs, and learn more about Trinity. This class will meet in the Pastor’s study and is led by Pastor Ann Held and Mary Lou McMillin.

- 2.) **Civility ~ American Politics and Christian Responses: How Christian civility can better the discourse of American politics.** This three-session, adult course offers discussion between people who disagree in light of the four virtues of civility and Christianity. This class is be led by David Carothers and Mark Facknitz.

- 3.) **Bible Discovery Class:** A Bible study which explores God’s call for justice. This class is led by Polly Taylor, John Henderson, Paul Sleezer and Homer Cornish.

UPPER ROOM

Doesn't everyone like being invited for dinner? Jesus told a parable in Luke 14:15-24 of a rich man who invited people to a great dinner. The children will better understand this story through art, music, cooking, computer, and audiovisual workshops until May 20th. We will culminate with our own Great Dinner (Potluck) on Pentecost, May 27th.

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Hello Trinity Congregation!

I am so excited and honored to be a new official member of your staff. I have been in several meetings the past few weeks with Ann, members of the session, worship team, and the personnel committee regarding my immediate future at Trinity. I am looking forward to my new role as Ann's assistant and doing more with the congregation as a whole. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this more intimate capacity.

Peace to You, Tonya

# Youth Events

**Mark Your Calendar for these Upcoming Youth Events!**

## Senior High and Middle School

Youth Sunday ~ May 13<sup>th</sup>

### Middle School



The Middle School Youth are coordinating a team from Trinity to participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The event begins Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and concludes on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 a.m. It is held at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. Mark your calendars and watch for more information to follow!

### **Skip Whitmore Fund**

The Finance Team wants to remind college students who are members of Trinity that they may apply for a scholarship from the Skip Whitmore Fund. The deadline is July 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications are available in the church office. The Skip Whitmore Scholarship Fund was started as a memorial for First Lt. Garland D. Whitmore, II and a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, who gave his life in the Vietnam conflict on September 5, 1967. Lieutenant Whitmore was awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster.



## **An Invitation to Join Me in Prayer**

In November, 2011 I was elected by Shenandoah Presbytery to be a Commissioner to the 220<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) meeting in Pittsburgh, PA – June 29<sup>th</sup> -July 7<sup>th</sup>. I have been assigned to Committee # 17: Theology, Institutions and Christian Education and have been asked by the Moderator, Cynthia (Cindy) Bolbach to be the Vice-Moderator of that committee.

As all of this has begun to ‘sink in,’ I am keenly aware that being ‘chosen’ is not only a ‘gift’ but also carries with it the burden of great responsibility. I am honored ... and a bit overwhelmed.

At our orientation session on March 17<sup>th</sup> we were told that the Association of Presbyterian Executives (APEs) has traditionally made a practice of praying for their respective commissioners beginning 40 days prior to the opening of the General Assembly. We were also advised to begin reading at least an hour a day in preparation for the Assembly – 40 days prior.

So, I invite YOU to please join in prayer with and FOR ME – beginning on **May 14<sup>th</sup>**. Challace and I will actually be ‘on pilgrimage’ in Scotland – on the isle of IONA at that time, so it seems a most appropriate way to begin my preparation in earnest. I covet your prayers and your support as I prepare for, attend, and serve in leadership at this 220<sup>th</sup> meeting of the General Assembly.

Thank you for ‘being there’ for me.

Mary Lou McMillin

## **Upcoming Events**



### **Prayer Shawl**

The group will meet on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Judy LePera, 3367 Mesinetta Creek Drive, 246-2619.

## Trinity's Got Talent!



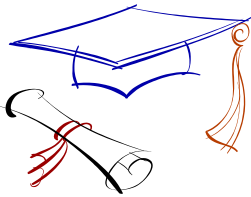
Please join us for an evening of fun and merriment on Friday, May 18, from 7 – 8:30pm. Come for coffee and dessert and see what a talented group of people belong to Trinity. The youth will be emceeing this show and we will take donations to help with the expenses of bringing our South African friends to visit. We need your help – if you'd like to show off your talent with a performance (or provide a dessert), please contact Sue Burket, 434-3270, ([burketsp@jmu.edu](mailto:burketsp@jmu.edu)).



Many thanks to all who helped make the yard sale a great success! The proceeds will benefit our South African visitor's trip to the US this summer. We made \$2,568.00!!! Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

Trinity's building and grounds have been "spring cleaned". Thanks to everyone who helped for your hard work and elbow grease. Many tasks were completed on the "to do" list.

## Graduates



**Brent Arbogast** is slated to graduate from JMU on Saturday, May 5 with a B.S. degree in Kinesiology.

**Charlotte Arbogast** will graduate from VCU on Saturday, May 12 with a Master's Degree in Gerontology. Charlotte was recently informed that she has been named the 2012 Department of Gerontology Student of the Year! This award is given in recognition of a student's demonstrating outstanding scholastic achievement and demonstrated service to the field of Gerontology.

**Alyssa Elliott** will graduate on Saturday, May 12 at 11:00 a.m. She will have a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal and Poultry Sciences with an emphasis on livestock business at Virginia Tech. She has been working as the Meat Center

Retail Manager while a student. After a short-term stay in Blacksburg she is hoping to pursue farrier school and work towards managing a beef cattle horse ranch in the western part of the country.

**William Klemt** is graduating from JMU on May 5 with a Bachelor of Science in Anthropology and a Minor in Technical Theater. He is working as a carpentry intern at the Glimmerglass Opera House in Cooperstown, NY for the summer, and then is planning to move to the Washington DC area.

## Update on South African Visit



Trinity is looking forward to having 14 South African guests with us this summer. They will arrive at Dulles airport on Friday, June 22, returning on Monday, July 9.

Below is a **tentative** schedule of events:

- Sunday, June 24 through Saturday, June 30  
Montreat Music Conference  
(there will be 12 Trinity folks going as well, so we will need food to take down to feed 26)
- Assisting in worship, open house for Presbyterian Community in the afternoon with song & dance on July 1
- Going to Monticello on July 2; possible DC trip July 5-6
- Saturday, July 7, working at Clothes Closet
- Sunday, July 8 leading worship  
Send off potluck 6:00 p.m.

Needs: people to house our visitors while they are in Harrisonburg, providing a lunch or dinner, transportation, willing to go on DC trip.

If you can assist in any way contact David ([carothdc@jmu.edu](mailto:carothdc@jmu.edu)), 540-435-1225 or Vicki Carothers ([carothva@jmu.edu](mailto:carothva@jmu.edu)) 540-435-1070, Nancy Hopkins-Garriss ([DonnieRam@aol.com](mailto:DonnieRam@aol.com)) 540-433-2082 or let the church office know.

## Green Thumbs at Work at Trinity

Trinity's mission vegetable garden is now a reality. On Saturday, April 14, a small raised bed was planted just beyond the storage shed. The garden should provide an early harvest of radishes, onions, lettuce, Asian spinach, and green beans, to be followed by later crops. It is the intent of the garden task force to donate the produce to clients of the clothes closet in cooperation with Kara House Church.



Bill Painter, blessing the garden project



Seeds and plants going in the ground

The Garden Task Force did a feasibility study and made plans for the garden. Workers on planting day included truck driver Paul Klemt, master carpenter Dane Byers, dirt movers and planters Jeannie Klemt, Judith LePera, and Rebecca, Evelyn, and Claire Sprague. Members of the task force will maintain the garden throughout the growing season. Anyone else who would like to help can sign up on the Garden Angel sheet on the bulletin board.

