

# Trinity UCC

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Dear Friends,

It has been a long time since a newsletter has been published. It is my desire that a newsletter will be published bi-monthly beginning with this issue. I hope that it will be a means to promote fellowship, community and that it will keep our members and friends abreast of how God is working in and through our church and community. This is your newsletter and so I need your help in producing a meaningful newsletter. If you would like to work on this publication with me, just let me know and I will be happy to have you join my efforts. If you have pictures, events, articles, inspirational quotes, good humored jokes, or news to share, please be sure to submit your information. Thank you. Pastor Sean.

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## Council News

by Ross Lillard

The Trinity UCC Church Council continues to hold regular monthly meetings. The following are reviewed each month: the secretary's report, the treasurer's financial report, the kitchen treasurer's report, and the Pastor's report. Other items are addressed as needed.

Due to an apparent error with the state of Maryland, when the church's tax exempt number expired, Trinity UCC was required to submit a new application to be issued our tax exempt certificate. After many telephone calls and much hard work and perseverance, our treasurer, Andy Tokar, was finally successful in obtaining our church tax exempt certificate.

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## Upcoming Events

### August 19

Coffee, Donuts and fellowship. 10:15-10:45 am

### September 16

Coffee, Donuts and fellowship. 10:15-10:45 am

Do you have an event to list in the October/November newsletter? Please submit it to Pastor Sean by September 23.

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## Picnic July 2018



## Worship/Fellowship and Christian Education

by Lindsay Tokar

We started the year by following up on a wonderful idea from Irene Miller. We created "Sunshine Boxes" for our shut-ins. Members of the Committee gathered puzzle books, tissues, chap stick, candies and some treats to put into colorful boxes. We then hand



delivered the boxes. It was a memorable experience to see the smiles on the faces of our shut-ins. The pictures below are just a few of the happy recipients of our

"Sunshine boxes".

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we had an amazing time at our Annual Women's Tea. There was an abundance of wonderful food and lots of laughter. Rocky Birely provided us with great music while we enjoyed one another's company. The men



added something extra to this day by being excellent servers so the ladies could relax for a few hours.

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### Happy Birthday!

#### August

Catherine Ann Hahn – August 2

Lindsay Tokar – August 2

Butch Sharer – August 16

Mary Ann Sharer – August 28

#### September

Mary Matovich – Sept. 26

### Happy Anniversary!

#### August

Lynda and Ross Lillard – August 3

Judy and Lee Stambaugh – August 5

#### September

Bethany and Travis Watts – September 19

**Oops! If you didn't see your birthday or anniversary listed please submit the information to Pastor Sean.**

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A few more highlights from this past year include:



-Easter flowers were ordered in honor of our loved ones. They truly made the church feel like Spring had sprung.

-On Mother's Day flowers were ordered from Musselmans. All of the Ladies of the Church received a flower in appreciation. We had the pleasure of welcoming one of Sally Lay's gifted students to provide music for this special day.

-The Trinity Bell Choir put on a wonderful performance led by Linda Franklin on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, to honor our graduates. This year we were able to recognize 6 graduates: Katie and Jack Despeaux, Dylan Reid, Brent Bolton, Jordan DeLawder and Alexis Earley.

-On Father's Day, our committee provided all the men of the church with Sally's delicious homemade chocolate chip cookies.

-Currently, we are pairing with Weller United Methodist Church for Vacation Bible School. It looks to be a week of fun! Many local restaurants are providing food for the children to enjoy. Volunteers from each congregation are coming together to help with the education, crafts and activities.

Lastly, we are starting to plan for some events for the Fall and Winter. We always looking for new ideas and fresh faces to join our committees. The meetings are always a good time. If you are interested in joining the Worship, Fellowship, or Christian Education committee please see Sally or Lindsay Tokar.



## All in Fun!

What time of day was Adam created?

Just a little before Eve.

Who was the fastest runner in the race?

Adam. He was first in the human race.



Why are atoms Catholic?

Because they have mass.

Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

Because Noah was always standing on the deck

Why didn't Noah ever go fishing?

He only had two worms.

It has been some time since the last newsletter, and to think this year is over the half-way mark is just amazing. How does the time get away so quickly. First off, we began the year by cooking the dinner for our members before our annual church meeting held the third Sunday in January.

Catoctin Orchard opened for the season the first of May and they are off to a good start. As most know, we had to limit the amount we are doing for them as it just got to be too much of a chore for us. We still do Apple Crumb pies for them and any berries they have an abundance of they have asked us to make pies from these berries also. It was just too demanding for us to make those thousands of apple pies and dumplings. The time is approaching for several local church picnics that we always donate to which are held in the month of August. The Lewistown Ruritan Club continues to get fruit and cream pies for the monthly barbeque as well as the



Lewistown Fire Company for events they hold. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July week we furnished the ALL AMERICAN APPLE PIE for Manpower of Frederick which they in turn give to their clients. And, even though it is summer, we still have quite a few walk-ins and phone orders that we

take care of.

As everyone knows, corn season is in full speed. We have 1,200 ears of corn ordered for early August and will need plenty of help. The exact date will be announced when we are sure of it.

In January, a friend of ours asked to have a birthday party here at Trinity so we prepared dinner for approximately 80 and they were very pleased and grateful to be able to entertain here and be able to enjoy their fellowship without being rushed.

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### Prayer Ministry

Do you or someone you know need some extra prayers? Are you dealing with a hardship, health concern, or need some special attention. Our Trinity prayer team is here for you. Please submit your prayer requests to Pastor Sean and the prayer team will offer up daily prayers for you. The team respects the need for confidentiality, so if you are requesting prayer for someone other than yourself, the team would ask that you obtain prior permission from the person to be included in our prayer ministry. If you have a concern that you do not want shared with the congregation but would like for the team to pray for you, please inform Pastor Sean and your information will only be shared with the prayer team.

Would you like to be a part of this important ministry? Please contact Pastor Sean for more information.



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During the course of a year, the tax exempt number provides significant savings on the supplies that the church purchases.

The council manages the two rental properties the church owns, which are the house on Center Street and the house on Hammaker Street. The Center Street house maintained the same renter for numerous years and it is operating well. This is the first year for the Hammaker Street house and the relationship with the renter is being established. Andy Tokar and Ross Lillard conducted a walk-through inspection recently which revealed the need for several minor interior repairs. These are primarily nail pops, kitchen cabinet caulking, and minor drywall cracks at door corners, which are typical for newly finished construction. Andy is coordinating repairs with the contractor.

This spring the Pastor was approached by Susan Crone, a local elementary school teacher, about the possibility of using church space to hold meetings for local teens. The request was brought to the council which were receptive to the idea. The first teen meeting was held in May in the room beside the sanctuary. The meeting went well, and the council made agreement with Susan and the teen group "Fuse" to use several

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Unfortunately, 5 funerals already this year. We were asked to serve dinners for the family of Carol Myers, Jim Humerick, Gloria Clabaugh, Millie Elower and Betty Jagow. As you can see, three were members here at Trinity which says we are losing our own much too fast. We apologize having to fore-go our Mother's Day dinner this year but due to other scheduling it was impossible. We promise to be back at Christmas.

The big display freezer that was given to us by Highs in Lewistown many years ago finally gave up – we had to buy another one and were lucky enough to find a new one for just \$1,560. It is really doing a nice job for us.

Due to government regulations, the shortening we have used since day one was discontinued due to the trans fats it contained. The new shortening from the same distributor was almost impossible to work with so we switched shortening again and feel we can now save roughly \$1,200 per year with the product we are now using.

Fall is fast approaching and with different and larger projects that are held in the fall months, we will need to call on more help. As always, we appreciate very much all who give of their time and talents to help with our activities and different projects. You know who you are, and THANKS LOADS!! We couldn't do it without each and every one of you!

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Sunday school rooms twice a week during the summer to hold teen meetings. The goal of the Fuse group is to provide teens a place to meet for socialization, play games, enjoy a snack, engage with good adult supervision and mentorship. Although this is not promoted as a “religious” gathering, the teens will have opportunities to be exposed to biblical teachings. Although both Fuse and Trinity are adjusting to one another and addressing minor issues, the meetings have been going well and we hope to continue to be able to provide for the needs of the teen group and the church.

The council ensures that repair and upkeep of the church is maintained. Some of the recent items that have been addressed are: the replacement of the broken kitchen window in the Center Street alley, coordinating repair of the roof on the east side of the bell tower to prevent further leakage into the sanctuary, repair and repainting of two plaster walls in the sanctuary which were damaged by leakage, and coordinating cleaning items with the custodian. The council also reviews most church items which are described in other committee reports in the newsletter including reorganization of the Prayer Chain, the summer lunch program, providing access to the church for restroom use during the television visit to Thurmont, the church article in the Catoctin Banner, meeting with our financial advisor in May, meeting with shut-ins, the reactivation of the newsletter, and updating information on the church website.

## More Picnic Memories –

