



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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What Will Your Role Be in Our Next Level Innovation?

By James C. Sprouse, Senior Pastor

What's next for Trinity in NLI, Next Level Innovation? In May, the Staff and Lay Leader will develop a **Worship Planning Team** (WPT) to make worship more conducive to new visitors. Our target audience will be persons forty and under. The WPT will develop:

1. A sermon series that is relevant to persons not now attending.
2. The skill of integrating the theme of the service into the sermon, the music and audio/visuals
3. The WPT will work to diversify Trinity's music offerings and engage more laity in the music ministry.
4. Explore and develop a video live-stream.

A **Vision Funding Team** (VFT) will be created using a team of persons oriented toward generous giving and who have skills around vision, gratitude and communications. The VFT will develop and deploy both a Stewardship Campaign and Capital Campaign for 2018/2019.

Trinity's Executive Council will help create a **Community Connection Team** (CCT) that will develop a plan for improving Trinity's hospitality. In the fall the CCT will lead our entire church in hospitality training. They will recruit and deploy greeters to all entrances of the church and the parking lot to assist new guests/visitors and those who may need assistance. CCT will develop one or two third-place ministries (soccer fields, gyms, coffee shops, pubs, etc.) which will connect TUMC to younger and more diverse ministries. Finally, the CCT will lead our congregation in a prayer walk around the local neighborhoods and possible third-place sites.

Lastly, our Executive Council will create a **Vision Team** (VT) which will deploy the volunteer recruiting and membership training programs so that they align with our church's vision for our future.

We NEED YOU to join the NLI team(s) of your choosing. Speak to our pastors and lay leadership. Tell us where you see your gifts best aligning with

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the goals of NLI. Together we'll build a beautiful and bright future for present and future members of Trinity Church and make the ministry of Christ among us known throughout McLean.

Shalom, Jim S.

Membership Update

Birth

John Leland Smith

This will ensure that we have all the correct information to send news and contribution statements to the correct address. Thank you.

Baptism

Colleen Racenberg

If you are interested in **joining the church** or learning more about our ministries, please contact a pastor or the church office.

Address Changes

Rose & Susan Altieri
202096 Cockerill Rd.
Purcellville, VA 20132

A new **Membership Directory** was produced in late January. It can be found as a button attachment to the E-News each Friday. If you do not receive the E-News, please send your email address to info@umtrinity.org to be added.

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Are you moving?

Please send your new address to the church office (703-356-3312 or info@umtrinity.org). Thank you.

What's New on Our Blog: tumcthespire.wordpress.com

Ask Duke

- Duke considers if seeing is part of believing (<http://wp.me/p3ZFFv-oo>)

Book Chat

- May 8 meeting (<http://wp.me/p3ZFFv-oq>)

Music

- Free Concert: June 2, presented by Trinity's musicians (<http://wp.me/p3ZFFv-os>)
- Trinity Trebles present *The Sound of Believin'* on May 13 (<http://wp.me/p3ZFFv-ov>)

Care and Compassion at Trinity Church

By Eileen Gilmer, Associate Pastor

“The most beautiful people we have known are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known struggle, known loss, and have found their way out of those depths.”

Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

The woman who wrote that quote was a psychiatrist who did groundbreaking work on grief. You've probably heard of the five stages of grief she documented: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. She did amazing work in the area of helping those who are facing illness and death. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross got it. She did not shy away from the struggle.

Grief is just one of the challenges most of us will face in our lives. There are plenty of others. Some will be easier to get through; some will be more difficult. As Christians, we know from reading the Bible that we are not alone in our struggles. But, sometimes it can be difficult to remember that fact.

There's another way you are not alone. You have three clergy members who are here for you. We love being a part of your life in all the times you'll encounter. We invite you to come by the church, meet us after worship or join us for coffee near your home or work. You'll often find one of us at hospital bedsides, meeting members for lunch or making phone-call check-ins. These personal connections are a vital part of what we do. You are our church family and we take your care seriously.

There will be times when someone might need help finding a mental health counselor. We are blessed to have a wonderful team of counselors who are as close as Trinity House, located on our campus. There is a psychiatrist, multiple psychologists and a social worker. Between them, they cover many areas of expertise and treat all age groups, including children.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to Jim, Keith or me if you ever need us. We are happy to listen, pray with you, provide support and help however we can. As Elisabeth Kubler-Ross said, you are the “most beautiful people we have known.”

I'll see you in church!

NLI for The Next Generation and Summer Camp 2018

By Keith Lee, Associate Pastor

NLI for The Next Generation

Trinity is full steam ahead with Next Level Innovation (NLI), and I anticipate much change, development and strengthening in various ministries. The question for us is, "How is NLI going to impact our next generation ministries?" The ministries to our children, youth and young adults are vital when we want to grow into the future.

There are four areas of leadership that NLI requires: Vision Team, Vision Fundraising Team, Hospitality-Communication Connection Team & Worship Planning Team, and Discipleship Team. We are recruiting members to participate in these teams, and I am writing this to highlight the need for parents, concerned grandparents, youth and young adults to be involved in the NLI process.

When visions and goals do not line up among different ministries, the church as a whole does not reap all the benefits from the efforts and sacrifices made by leaders and members. There is no synergy but a seemingly inefficient operation of ministries. When there is a clear and relevant focus then each ministry adds to the whole. Everyone involved feels like s/he is part of something greater and more meaningful.

I would love to see concerned parents, youth and young adults be involved in the visioning, fundraising, hospitality and discipling process of NLI. We need your ideas, creativity, work and participation.

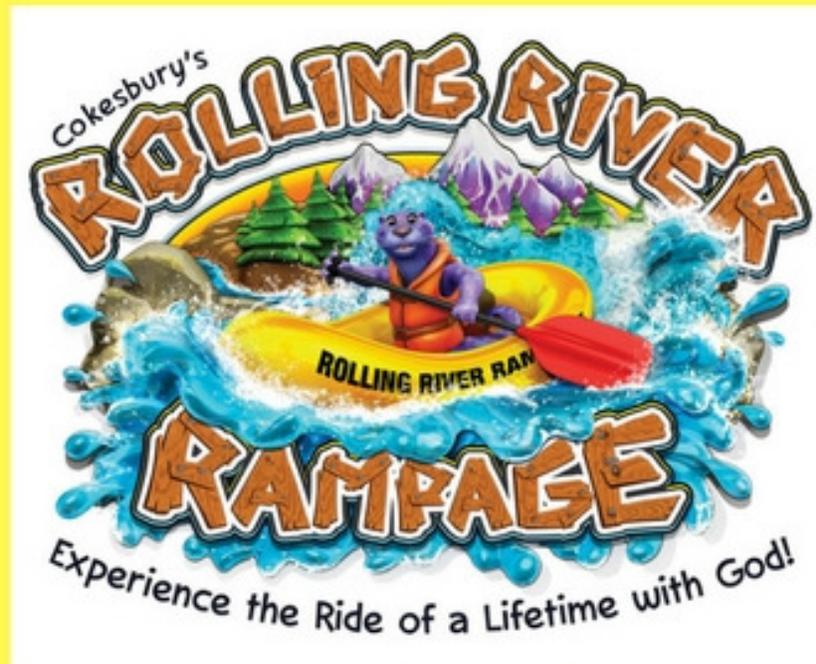
Summer Camp 2018

Put yourself in your kids' shoes. Remember the long school days? And then you hit summer vacation and how excited you got because you didn't have to go to school for a while? Then imagine your parents telling you that you have to go to Sunday SCHOOL ... School again, mom?!##:-(

Hopefully this summer will be little different. I hope to get kids excited, engaged and educated through music, crafts, videos and games for the summer. Spring semester ends on June 17 with a celebration picnic, and summer session begins June 24.

We need musicians, artists, dancers, singers and educators because it's going to be Summer Camp 2018! Please let me know if you're interested in joining the summer camp team and allow our teachers to have a well-deserved break to be recharged for Fall 2018.

Vacation Bible School 2018



August 6 - 10, 2018

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Ages 3 - rising 4th grade

Volunteer / Register at
umtrinity.org/education/vbs

Questions? Contact:

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Schedule of Events

May 6	Church & Society 11:30 a.m.	Committee meeting in Room 402; newcomers welcome
May 7	Crafts for a Cause 7 p.m.	Meet in Room 124 for fellowship and crafting. Instructions provided.
May 8	Book Chat 6:30 p.m.	<i>Madame Bovary</i> by Gustave Flaubert. For more, visit http://wp.me/p3ZFFv-oq
May 12	Men's Breakfast 7 a.m., Langley Hall	A meal and fellowship for the TUMC men. Contact: Jim Wilson, jaswilson@sloft.com
May 13	<i>The Sound of Believin'</i> 10:30 a.m.	Presented by Trinity Trebles For more, visit: http://wp.me/p3ZFFv-ov
May 20	Confirmation at the 10:30 a.m. service Class of 2018: Kate Black, Kyle Black, Sydney Detwiler, Evan Dunn, Jake Hensley, Lauren Hensley, Joyce Lee, Claire Mont- gomery, Sophia Raveling, Anna Speidel, Owen Sullivan, Riley Turk	
May 21	Crafts for a Cause 7 p.m.	Meet in Room 124 for fellowship and crafting. Instructions provided.
May 28	Office Closed	
June 2	Tales As Old As Time free concert, 7 p.m.	For more, visit: http://wp.me/p3ZFFv-os



Trinity United Methodist Church

Sunday Morning Worship Services
at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School (all ages) – 9:30 a.m. (Sept–June)

Children's Education –10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Communion and Healing – 12 noon

Celtic Evensong & Communion–5 p.m. (last Sun. of month)

Here to serve Christ and you:

James C. Sprouse – Senior Pastor

Eileen Gilmer – Associate Pastor

Keith Lee – Associate Pastor

Jerry Rich – Director of Music

Catherine Wethington–Dir. of Children's & Youth Choirs

Harriet Latta – Office Manager

Jose Luis Nuñez-Ruiz–Sexton

Janine Whitfield – Director of Parents Day Out Preschool

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The Mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is to be a vibrant, growing church home for all who seek companionship, direction and inspiration in their lives as they develop a personal, relevant relationship with God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

We are anchored in Scripture and energized by congregational commitment. Trinity Church fosters the Christian values of joy, faith, service, hope and love.

Trinity extends the opportunity to experience the Grace of God through worship, discipleship, study and fellowship in the traditions of the United Methodist Church.



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?? Bible Quiz ??

While in Jerusalem for Pentecost, people from many
foreign lands miraculously heard the disciples preach-
ing in their own native languages. Which of the
following modern-day places
was/were represented?

- A. Egypt
- B. Libya
- C. Costa
- D. Korea
- E. All of the above
- F. A, B and D



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