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FEATURE

Taking a Staycation in the Scriptures

By now you've probably heard of the "staycation," taking time off at home to enjoy the amenities around you and in your community instead of traveling. People have been taking more staycations than vacations in these recent financially lean years. Some churches have even seen less of a "summer slump" in attendance due in part, I think, to the staycation.

It turns out that the Christian Year has a staycation of sorts built right in. We usually call it the "Season after Pentecost" or "Ordinary Time." It starts after Pentecost Sunday and runs until the beginning of Advent. In this time, the church hears more of Jesus' teachings and healings than at other times in the year. One might say that the focus of the season is on our *growth* as disciples of Jesus, individually and corporately. Green, the color of growth, is the liturgical color during this time.

I call this a "staycation" for two reasons: (1) we *take a break* from the chronological life of Jesus (his birth, life, death, resurrection) to sit at his feet and learn, and yet, (2) our *zeal for being disciples* does not abate. We are at home with Jesus and with one another, but at the same time we enter a season of spiritual growth.

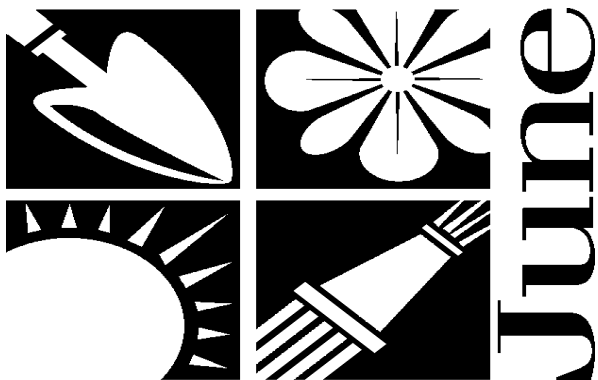
Enjoy reading through this newsletter today and plan to enjoy your staycation at Trinity UMC!

In Christ's Peace,



Rev. Taylor Mills

COMMUNITY LIFE



birthdays

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|------|-------------------|------|-------------------|
| 1st | Camani Turner | 15th | Diane Best |
| 2nd | Heather Bishop | | Jane Sturgeon |
| | Brandon Kerley | | Rachel Miller |
| | Emily Hall Utz | 16th | Eunice Davies |
| 5th | Debbie Rogers | 17th | Nick Shoaf |
| 6th | Janice Nicholson | | Frank Ford |
| | Dorothy Proctor | 21st | Stephen MacDonald |
| | Ed Miller | 22nd | Margaret Jones |
| | Amy Wilson | 25th | Brandi Carr |
| | Emily Osgood | | Brooke Carr |
| 7th | Carl Ross | 26th | Olive Joyner |
| | Bess Raper | 29th | Allen George |
| 9th | Ariel Viana | 30th | Donald Gladstone |
| 10th | Marian Kline | | |
| | Alexander Jones | | |
| 12th | Lawrence Fountain | | |
| | Kasimira Stewart | | |
| 14th | Harold O'Briant | | |

ON June 17th, Bessie Raper is celebrating her 101st birthday! Happy birthday, Bessie!

Altar Guild
Vicky Odom

Acolyte
Emily Utz

Happy Birthday!

If you have a May birthday and it is not listed here, please contact the church office!

GREETERS

- 6/5 Ed & Gwen Palmer
- 6/12 *Need Volunteer*
- 6/19 Michael and Vera Stewart
- 6/26 Ralph and Lib Rogers
- Trudy Maness (Every Sunday)
- Shirley Westervelt (badge table)

PARKING LOT GREETERS

- 6/5 Elizabeth Benson
- 6/12 Susan Osgood
- 6/19 Susan Osgood
- 6/26 Alex Crowell

Communion Stewards

James Robinson
Ted and Elizabeth Benson
Wayne Beverly

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 6/5 The Osgood Family
- 6/12 Angela & Dougal Fountain
- 6/19 *Need Volunteer*
- 6/26 *Need Volunteer*

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

- 5/1 Joan Pepper
- 5/8 Brian McGiverin
- 5/15 Elaine McVey
- 5/22 Dougal & Angela Fountain

USHERS

James Best, Captain

Diane Best	Sam King
Paul Mickey	Paul Joyner

Special Guest Preachers

Many thanks to Dr. Amy Laura Hall for preaching for us on Mother's Day, May 8th, at both services! Dr. Paul Mickey will be our guest preacher for Father's Day, 19th!

Pentecost Sunday: Where Red or Orange!

In celebration of Pentecost Sunday, we invite you to where red or orange to church on Sunday, June 12. The red symbolizes both the fire of Pentecost as well as the apostles and early followers of Jesus who were gathered in the Upper Room for the empowerment from God to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world.

Summer Choir!

Come sing! Please join members of the Chancel Choir during the months of June and July. We will have rehearsals prior to the 11 o'clock service beginning at 10:30 a.m. to go over Sunday's anthem. Everyone is welcome! See you in June and July!

Pictorial Directories Now Available

Pictorial directories are now being distributed to families who sat for pictures. They may be picked up at the church office anytime during the week from 9-3 or on Sunday mornings before the services.

Annual Conference Session in Raleigh

The North Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held in the Raleigh Convention Center from June 15 through 18. This year, our lay members that are nominated to represent Trinity UMC are David Taylor and Tyler Williams. The alternate is Wayne Beverly.

There will be an overview and listening session at the beginning of the Administrative Council meeting on June 5 after the 11AM Worship Service. All are invited but please RSVP to Duane Osgood (Council Secretary) if you will be joining the Council for lunch

Treasurer's Report for the month ending **April 2011**

BUDGET		<i>The left side set of numbers is where we should be in the budget to the date of January 31, 2011.</i>	ACTUAL INCOME	
Contributions:	\$116,000		Contributions:	\$104,130
Other Income:	\$22,266		Other Income:	\$15,507
TOTAL:	\$138,266		TOTAL:	\$119,637
BUDGET		<i>The right side set of numbers are the actual income and expenses that we have had up to this point of the year. The DIFFERENCE is the amount our expenses have exceeded our income.</i>	ACTUAL EXPENSE	
Apportionment:	\$22,179		Apportionment:	\$16,635
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$34,100		Utilities & Maintenance:	\$33,810
Personnel:	\$66,966		Personnel:	\$65,946
Other:	\$15,166		Other:	\$9,991
TOTAL:	\$138,412		TOTAL:	\$126,383
DIFFERENCE:	\$145		DIFFERENCE:	\$6,745

Update on Vision Team

Here's an update to the roster of Trinity UMC's Vision Team, charged with articulating our Core Values, Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and both broad and specific Goals. PLEASE commit them to your prayers and support!

Mark Daughtridge
Scott Whiteman
Lauren Williams
Jason Stubblefield
Kent Foss
Walter Brown
Andra James
Merle Richey

The team will now begin meeting. Overall, their tasks will include first training on how to do this vision work well, then great study of our church and community, then articulating the statements listed above, and then effectively presenting them to the congregation.

**In Search of
Childcare Assistant** Trinity United Methodist Church in downtown Durham seeks an experienced, capable, and personable Childcare Assistant for the nursery and children's ministries to work Sundays, 9:30AM to 12:30PM. Duties would include supervising children, assisting the Childcare Director, maintaining the nursery and other rooms, and assisting parents. Previous childcare experience (particularly in a church) is a plus. Resumes will be accepted through June 15th. Submit resumes and/or request to jobs@trinitydurham.org. To free Trinity Members for worship, the search team will look for a candidate outside the church family. Please encourage any prospective candidate whom you know to submit a resume.

Easter Lilies: Thank You!

Thanks to these members for creating special Easter memories to the homebound with visits and lilies: Duane Osgood, Stephen, Karen & Leland MacDonald and Priscilla Horvath, Ed, Gwen, and Emily Palmer, Sharon Jones, Ron Schooler, Jane Brasier and Ruth Jane Roycroft. Wayne Beverly, Magan Stubblefield, Vera Stewart and Annette and Jane Morgan.

Also thanks to Pam Guilry-Vollers and the Trinity youth for making the handmade name handtags for the lilies.



Things I Learned While Walking

After several months of medical disruption to my life, I can begin to see normal activity in the future. As part of the recovery process, I was instructed to begin a regular program of walking for exercise. This is nothing new for me. Before my illnesses, I walked quite a bit. However, with the long layoff, the restart was like beginning for the first time. Over the last few days, I have collected some fresh insights and observations while walking.

You don't always have the road to yourself.

Jesus walked all over Galilee, Judea and Samaria during his ministry. As soon as he started this long meandering journey, he called disciples to walk with him and taught them as they traveled. As I walk each day, I find that I have a cloud of invisible companions with me – some from earlier years, some from now and some from above. This ambulatory, meditative conversation is a powerful restoring force.

There is a lot of trash along the roads.

I often see food wrappers, beverage containers, old newspapers and other detritus on the roadside and feel that I should collect it and discard it our garbage cans at home. But the folks who live along the road will clean it up, and it is almost always gone in a couple of days. We can't walk through our lives without seeing sins, but we are not required to gather them up and bring them home.

There is a bumper crop of ticks this year.

Several times I have come home to find a tick attaching itself to me, or crawling on my clothes. I am not quite sure why this is happening because I walk on paved roads. If I don't deal with ticks quickly, they will become firmly attached and painful to remove. Little sins are like ticks. They come out of nowhere, but deal with them early and they are not a problem. Put it off, and they suck the lifeblood, grow large and are hard to remove.

If one walks a closed loop, the uphill and downhill parts exactly balance out.

A good exercise program is supposed to make you sweat. Sweating is something I do well nowadays, and the hills in our neighborhood give me plenty of opportunity. But for every hard-blowing, hard-dripping step uphill, there is a corresponding, easy-breathing downhill step. We are not required to walk uphill through life forever, and it's okay to have some fun.

It is better to carry a half-liter of water in each hand than to carry one liter in one hand.

Because I sweat profusely, I always carry water with me on my walks. I quickly learned that carrying a single big bottle of water is ungainly and unreasonable. Two smaller bottles work much better; it's the same amount of water, but with much less muscle strain. The big jobs that God gives us are the same way: it is far better to balance the load so that we can use two hands, two legs, and the two halves of the brain.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & GROWTH

Interfaith Hospitality Network

One of the tragedies affecting too many people these days is the loss of their homes. Trinity is one of the supporting churches in the Interfaith Hospitality Network, which gives a few families at a time overnight shelter, and support in getting them back on their feet. Trinity people combine with members of other churches to provide evening meals and stay overnight in the church with the families. Trinity's next week to provide IHN support (at St. Phillips Episcopal Church) is June 5 through June 12. We need eight or more volunteers. Please contact Joan Pepper, who coordinates for Trinity, or the Trinity Church office.

Allred/Shoaf ChristCare Group

The Allred/Shoaf ChristCare group meets on Monday morning at 9:30 am twice a month. Dates are chosen by the group monthly according to need.

We are starting a new book written by Luci Swindoll who is one of the speakers of the Women of Faith Ministry. The book is called "Knowing God's Word." It is about learning how to read and learn about the Bible. It will introduce many different resources like commentaries and cross references. We will start on Monday, June 6, and 9:30 am, and continue on June 27. Come and join us for this new study! Call Liz Allred for questions at 477-4371.

Reconciliation and Re-Entry Faith Team

We had a great response to the start of a new Reconciliation and Re-Entry Faith Team. There will be a training and orientation session from 9-1 on Saturday, June 18, at Sanctuary Methodist Church. After that we will have our initial meeting with our new faith team partner in which we will set a schedule to meet with him or her every 2 to 4 weeks. Sanctuary UMC is the former Lakewood UMC on Chapel Hill Rd near Anderson St. Training is required but if you can't make it June 18th we'll figure out alternatives. Contact Mark Daughtridge at 489-8959 or m_daughtridge@msn.com for details.

Be part of this one year team to change someone's life forever.

Urban Café: July 6th 2011

Trinity Young Adults will be organizing and serving a meal on the evening of July 6th at [Urban Ministries](#), a Durham organization that works to provide food, clothing, shelter and supportive services to community members in need. Volunteers can assist by shopping for food during the day on July 6th or helping to cook and serve the meal from 5:45pm-8:00pm on July 6th. All who are interested in volunteering - whether you are young, young at heart, or were once young and young at heart - are invited to sign up on the "Urban Café" poster in the narthex of the church and contact either James Robinson (jhartrobinson@gmail.com) or Lauren Williams (lauren.williams@duke.edu). Thank you for your interest and your service to the Durham community.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & GROWTH

Senior Recognition Service

On Sunday, June 5th, we will recognize our 2011 high school and college graduates at the 11am worship service.

Confirmation Class

Anyone between the ages of 12-18 who has not yet completed confirmation is welcome to attend Trinity's Confirmation Class led by Rev. Taylor Mills. The classes will be held on Sunday afternoons from 2:00-3:30pm beginning Sunday, July 10th and continuing through September 18th. A weekend retreat will be scheduled for the end of September, with a Service of Confirmation on October 9, 2011. Please contact the church office at 919.683.1386 or church@trinitydurham.org to RSVP.

Confirmation Mentors Needed

Mature Christians comfortable with being honest and open about their faith are needed as mentors to students during confirmation. If you have an interest in mentoring, please contact Magan Stubblefield (683.1386 or magan@trinitydurham.org).

Father's Day Event!

Looking for something to do for Dad on Father's Day on June 19? We have a great opportunity for you right here! Join us for a Casual Sunday, followed by a picnic on the lawn. The OnlyBurger truck has been invited to park on Church St. by 12:15 to start serving beef, turkey or veggie burgers prepared to your order. Canned sodas will be available on the truck. Ice water and lemonade will be served. Everything will be provided. All we need on June 19 is you!

“I Didn’t Know We Did That!”

You might be surprised to know that we estimate that over 100 Trinity members participated in one or more of the Trinity Outreach Ministries in 2010, and that we totaled over 200 occasions of those members participating. But it all comes down to the one-to-one ministry. Like the greeters who help direct visitors to the Fellowship Hall for Pancakes for the People; Like the crew who buy and serve dinner at the Urban Ministries every other month; Like the volunteers who meet with a person released from prison who wants to turn his life around; Like the people who host homeless families during a week sponsored by the Interfaith Hospitality Network. And on and on. The needs of our community are great, and new opportunities to serve are developing. It is clear that for Trinity United Methodist Church members, being a member is not confined to attending Sunday morning worship. In the next few months, we will expand more about various outreach missions and opportunities to serve.

--David Taylor

CHURCH CALENDAR

Every Wednesday	Weekly Prayer Group, 9:45am, church parlor Contemplative Prayer group, 12:15 pm in the a/v room. Chancel Choir, 7:30pm
Every Thursday	Men's Prayer Group, 6:30am, Parlor
Every Sunday	Knit Together, 4:00pm, Classroom 3
Sunday, June 5	Administrative Council, 12:30 pm, Fellowship Hall Interfaith Hospitality Network
Monday, June 6	Allred/Shoaf ChristCare Meeting at 9:30 am in the Parlor
Wednesday, June 8	Last Chancel Choir practice until fall
Sunday, June 12	Vision Team meeting, 4:00 pm
Monday, June 13	Croasdaile ChristCare meeting, 10:15 am, Croasdaile ChristCare Leaders and Equippers, 6:45, Church Parlor
Tuesday, June 14	Fellowship Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, Church Parlor
Sunday, June 19	Father's Day Only Burger Event, 12:15, outside the church
Tuesday, June 21	Middler's dinner meeting at a local restaurant
Monday, June 27	Allred/Shoaf ChristCare meeting, 9:30 am, Church Parlor Croasdaile ChristCare meeting, 10:15 am, Croasdaile

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, July 4	Office closed; Independence Day
Saturday, July 16	Annual Church Picnic, noon, at Piney Woods, 400 East Woodcroft Parkway

-----WANTED -----

An individual to serve on the Fellowship Committee at Trinity UMC

Job Description: team player with high energy, enjoy planning monthly events (e.g. Chilli Cook-off, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Church Picnic), collaborate with other church ministries in executing the meal or reception (honoring individuals or groups) and working that plan; attend a minimum of six annual committee meetings and each event. Indicate your interest by calling Jane Mickey (489-6907) or by emailing (trailsnforest@nc.rr.com).