

Between Organ Bench and Pulpit

Pastor Greg Shook

Dear Flock,

I must admit that I had my most recent reflective moment while I was standing in line a few days ago at Walmart. The lines were long, and for whatever reason I became fixated on the cashiers and their interactions with people. They were going about their business of scanning and bagging everyone's items, and each of them was wishing everyone a good day. The thing that really got my attention was that I noticed that very few of them, if any, made eye contact with people when they said it. They were so busy trying to keep the lines moving, that while they were saying "Have a nice day," there was little or no eye contact.

Picture it. A small Esso Gas Station (yes, Esso . . . just a few years ago) on West Washington Street. It was owned and operated by Mr. Smith. (My father called him "Smitty"). He always greeted us upon arrival, had conversation while the gas was pumped, and always said, "Have a good day, now." Mr. Smith was the first person I knew who consistently wished his customers a good day. He meant it. How did I know that at an early age? Because there was eye contact, a smile, a handshake, and a genuineness—you just knew it was sincere.

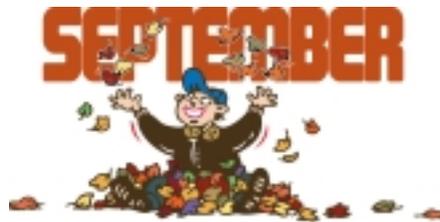
Almost everyone in just about every business now recites a few standard benedictions: "Have a nice day," or "Come back soon," "Take good care," or even "God bless you." I've used the words myself. However, if we ponder this a bit, is it sincere and genuine? It always was when Mr. Smith said it.

How about us? Do we mean it when we say "Have a nice day" to someone? I think mostly we do, but the busyness of life gets to us, and we become distracted and our minds are already thinking about the next item on our list while we offer parting words. I think of what keeps me engaged with people, or businesses, or whatever I'm doing where there are other people. It's all about the "genuineness" of the encounter. What makes it genuine? Well, for starters, how about meeting people right where they are? No expectations, no judgments, just on the level. I had a woman at a previous church who would give me

her "laundry list" on her way out of church (sometimes before worship). On a particular Sunday the list included that one altar candle was shorter than the other, the drape on the communion table was uneven, the hymn numbers were not spaced evenly on the tote board—and then there were the lists of what she considered to be "inappropriate apparel" for the day. And my favorite line from her as she left the building was, "God bless you and have a great day." I asked her one Sunday, as lovingly and sincerely as possible, how God spoke to her in church. She couldn't answer me. I then found the courage for some tough love and finally told her that she was in church for the wrong reasons. She left . . . but only for two months. You know, she came back! Why? She missed the relationships with folks and the community. I never received another list from her. God changed her heart.

I often think back to Mr. Smith and his sincerity. It was always there, and I like the way he did it. I also like the way God does it. In the first place, He notices us, for He says the hairs of our heads are numbered (Matthew

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Micah's Backpack

Carol Brashears

At the end of each school year, the Washington County Public School System surveys the students, parents, and teachers of the children receiving Micah's Backpacks. The results are included in this newsletter on page 4. Please take the time to read the report. The impact we are having through this ministry is tremendous. The food the children receive is making a difference in their families, health, and education. *Thanks be to God!* We are in the process of forming teams to assemble the backpacks and distribute them for this school year. Thanks to those who attended the organizational meeting in August. If you are interested in joining a packing or delivery team, please contact Carol Brashears at (301) 992-5016 or brash115@aol.com

Relief for Victims of Hurricane Harvey

Pastor Greg Shook

Bishop Gohl sent this as part of his weekly update: "Lutheran Disaster Relief is on the ground in Texas . . . your help and support is needed! Please consider donating now. Let us join our efforts to accompany and assist our sisters and brothers who are in devastating circumstances. We can make a difference!"

Let us keep everyone involved (victims and families, relief workers, first response folks, et cetera) in our prayers. If you would like to make a donation, please send or bring checks to the church. For easier bookkeeping, please keep your hurricane donations separate from others. Please note on your check that it is for "Hurricane Relief."

Thank you for your efforts and prayers!



September News from TLC Church Council

Judy Conrad, Council President

This fall is the beginning of another new season in Trinity's life. Rally Day brings the beginning of our fall church school schedule and fall may bring our new Term Call Pastor. Both of these new beginnings bring new opportunities but also require some hard work and preparation.

Our Christian Education volunteers have worked very hard this summer to update their rooms, clean out the old and bring in the new so that our students, from little ones to teens, will have wonderful spaces to learn in and great teachers to teach them. My special thanks go to Jane Drawbaugh for her tireless energy, creativity, and dedication to the young people of Trinity. Please thank her when you see her and check out the classrooms on the first floor plus the newly renovated Owl's Nest upstairs.

Your Church Council met with the proposed Term Call Pastor on August 22 for an informal supper and get together. They met on August 24 to vote and decided that they needed more information and more discussion with him before voting yes or no to his call. He is out of the country until after September 5, and at that point we will ask him to come in for another interview and more discussion.

I am very proud that our Church Council members did not just rubberstamp Bishop Gohl's suggested person. They have very specific questions that they would like him to answer and want to know his thoughts on moving Trinity into the future. It is a good sign of the ownership that they take over Trinity and their dedication to its success. I truly thank them for their thoughtful consideration and desire to do the right thing, not just the easy thing.

As we prepare for all the new activities, please take a look around the building. There seems to be lots of "stuff" lying about the hallways, store rooms, work rooms and closets. If any of it belongs to you or your team, please take care of it. Perhaps some things can go in the Yard Sale on September 30.

BETWEEN ORGAN BENCH AND PULPIT, *continued*

10:30), and to make it more plain, He says He calls us by our name (Isaiah 43:1). To make certain it can be a really good day, God gives us this message in Lamentations 3:22-23: "His compassions fail not. They are new every morning, great is thy faithfulness."

Oh, by the way, "Have a good day, now". . . and always!

Soli Deo Gloria!
—Pastor Greg

Fellowship Opportunities

Pastor Greg Shook

BREAKFAST AT THE AMISH MARKET

Join us on Fridays at 9 a.m. at the Amish Market at the Long Meadow Shopping Center. This is not an exclusive group, just a gaggle of Lutherans enjoying breakfast and fellowship time. Started several years ago with a few men having coffee and now can number up to 20! Come as you are able to join. No assigned seats, no membership fee, just fun.

CROCHET FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Ron Fisher will be hosting a Crochet Fellowship Group in the parlor from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., the first and third Wednesday of each month. Ron has been crocheting on and off for several years and finds it to be rewarding and relaxing. Come together to share ideas, work on projects for the community, do your own project, and bring your questions.

Learning from each other is a great way to make friends and share ideas, and a fun way to network and build your confidence in this art! All who love the art of crochet are welcome; some basic skills are needed to work on projects.

TRINITY TASTERS

Group changes for the Trinity Tasters dining-out activity will take place at the Rally Day Picnic on September 10. Sign-up sheets for those interested in participating are located on the table in Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex and will be available through September 3.

The Fellowship and Parish Life Committee will assign individuals and couples to the groups, and will hand out the assignments at the picnic. Please contact Scarlett Michael with any questions you may have: (301) 739-0170.

Parish Choir Begins

Parish Choir will start in just a few weeks! Our first rehearsal will take place on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m. in MEMORIAL HALL.

The doors at Memorial Hall will be unlocked so you can park in front and enter through those doors. Parish Choir sings weekly (rarely weakly!) at the 11 a.m. service.

There are openings in all sections. Tune up your shower voice and come and join us. It's a great deal:

- Priority seating on the "50 yard line"!
- Furnished uniform and materials!
- Much fun.

Rally Day!



Mark your calendar now for the annual rally day picnic to be held on Sunday, September 10.

The picnic will be held following an outdoor worship service that begins at 10 a.m.

The worship service and picnic will be held at Washington County Regional Park (near Black Rock, located out on Mount Aetna Road, past the Elks Club).

The picnic will be totally potluck. Fellowship and Parish Life will provide beverages and place settings, so bring a dish to share and a tablecloth and please join us. Games for children and bingo will follow the meal.

Bring a prize for bingo.

News from the TLC Finance Team

Ed Drawbaugh, Team Chair

Your Finance Team has been meeting regularly over the summer months planning for next year's budget and discussing other issues. We drafted a policy for handling offering monies to protect those who are involved in the process. That policy has been approved by Church Council and is being put into place. The 2018 budget is beginning to take shape, but is temporarily in suspension until the issue of an interim pastor is resolved. We are happy to tell you that we are "on budget" for expenses and giving so far this year.

We will be addressing the issue of pledging once again this fall as we attempt to get a better handle on expected offerings. We thank those who have pledged in the past and ask that everyone begin thinking and planning now for what they will be able to donate in 2018. Having a greater percentage of the congregation make a pledge this fall will be a tremendous help to us.

As you plan your giving, please remember the remaining debt (\$77,874) on the boiler loan. As the congregation will be facing another major expense for replacing the sanctuary air conditioning in 2018, it would be ideal to have the boiler loan paid off this year. Please consider adding an extra sum to your regular giving marked for the boiler debt so that we can get this paid off. Look for additional information on this topic from us soon.

Micah's Backpack Survey Results

Washington County Public Schools



During the spring of 2017, WCPS conducted a survey with all of the Micah's Backpack recipients, their parents, and teachers who are involved in the distribution of the backpacks. The survey resulted in 143 returned student responses, 56 returned parent responses, and 81 returned teacher responses.

STUDENTS' RESPONSES

Of the responses, 66 percent of students indicated they were less hungry as a result of receiving a weekly backpack, 91 percent indicated that they shared with their family, and 60 percent said there are still times when they are hungry and have nothing to eat. Additionally, 77 percent indicated that they were better able to pay attention in school, 29 percent stated that sometimes they come to school just to get food—which is up from 20 percent last year—and 65 percent responded that their family still needed more food.

When asked what they didn't like about Micah's Backpack, 44 percent had no complaints. Of the items they didn't like, 15 students responded that they didn't like the vegetables and fruits, 12 students responded they didn't like the milk, eight students responded they didn't like the ravioli-type food, and nine students responded that they didn't like the cans or that the bags were heavy.

When responding about the items student liked about the program the following quotes were received:

- We can get some food that we can't afford.
- It's nice to have extra food in the house.
- If I am out of food, it gives me the food without having to take money from my piggy bank.
- More food for me and my family. There is more food in the house.
- The food tastes good!
- It gives me food for over the weekend.
- I like to get food, sometimes we don't have much food at my house.
- The food is good, and it makes my family happy to have good food.
- We get food in our stomach, we get food we don't usually can afford.

Lastly, in response to concerns about bullying, 88 percent of students indicated that they do not get picked on for receiving a backpack.

PARENTS' RESPONSES

Of the responses, 81 percent indicated that their child is doing better in school since receiving a backpack; 69 percent indicated their child is less sick and thus misses less school, which is significantly up from last year at 41 percent. Additionally, 76 percent responded that they do feel more engaged in their child's school since receiving a backpack. 33 percent indicated that someone in the family skips meals because they cannot afford enough food, and 54 percent stated that they had additional children who could use more food. Lastly, 78 percent indicated that the backpack allows them to be able to pay other bills.

When responding about what they liked about the backpacks the following statements were made:

- Everything. It was so assuring he would get a breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snack during the weekend.
- It helps out when we are waiting on our food stamps, and are running low on food.
- Very nice they send food on extended days home from school.
- It helps me feed my kids.
- Keeps food in the house then we are running out at the end of the month.

TEACHERS' RESPONSES

Of the teachers' responses, 62 percent indicated that the students are absent, less which is up from last year at 44 percent. Additionally, 64 percent responded that the students are better behaved, 75 percent believe the students are more engaged in learning, and 92 percent believe the program has fostered a more positive relationship between the students and the teacher. Furthermore, 59 percent indicated that the students' grades have improved since receiving a backpack, and 52 percent believe the students complain of fewer health issues. In reference to family dynamics, only 20 percent have indicated more parental engagement at school, 32 percent stated that the students indicate fewer problems at home, and 34 percent stated that the receiving students have indicated that other members of their family are food insecure.

When asked for additional feedback, there were not many negative comments. Most teachers commented the program is great and doing well. The most negative feedback was the heaviness of the bags.

Lastly, all teachers responded that they have never witnessed bullying in relation to this program; one respondent stated, if anything, other children wanted it, too.

Thank you! from the Literacy Council

Brenda Vanover, Literacy Council of Washington County

I wish I had written this article a long time ago. I'm one of those people who is constantly amazed at how fast time flies. And as I get older, it flies faster. Please accept my apologies.

In case you didn't know, Trinity Lutheran has housed my employer, the Literacy Council of Washington County Inc., within your church, and we're considered one of your outreach programs. If you're over 18 and don't read, write, or spell as well as you'd like, we help you by matching you with a tutor who wants to teach what you want to learn. We also help with math, GED (General Education Development) classes, and learning English as a second language (ESL).

We've always been in Room 102, the first room on your left as you enter the church from Randolph Avenue. We were located between the Clothing Bank and the Food Pantry, and we were kinda in the way. Every week, people would come into the office asking for food, and I would direct them to the sign-up sheet and waiting area out in the hallway.

One day, Jeff Reed came in my office to ask if I would be receptive to the idea of moving to another room so the Food Pantry and Clothing Bank could use our office as a waiting room. I was fine with it, but had to consider all the visitors we receive. We have tutors and students in wheelchairs and walkers, some are pushing strollers with other kids following, and the second floor probably wasn't going to work for us.

Ralph Conrad walked me all over this church (at least twice) looking for an office that would be suitable and I *finally* ended up choosing the very first office he showed me. My husband said if he was Ralph, he would have killed me already. But Ralph apparently has the patience of a saint. So . . . we are now in Room 106, the last room of the same hallway.

Jeff cleaned out this room (because it was used for storage) so we could move in. And I'm not sure of everyone's names, but several hardworking men and women painted our new office a beautiful sunny yellow. The non-working air conditioner window unit was removed, shelves were painted and installed, and our internet and phone were wired in. Ralph helped me move many heavy boxes of books and arrange the furniture (again, with the patience). I know other people helped with other things, and I apologize that I can't remember everyone's names.

On behalf of the Literacy Council, I just wanted to say "thank you" to all of the people who worked so hard to make an appealing waiting room for your Food Pantry and Clothing Bank customers and to make a lovely office for

the Literacy Council. Thank you to Jeff, who always helps me with computer problems and other miscellaneous issues that pop up. Thanks to the Clothing Bank and Food Pantry ladies who let me join them for lunch. We are very happy in our new home and are grateful to be part of the TLC family.

LITERACY COUNCIL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Literacy Council of Washington County needs volunteer tutors to teach adult basic literacy and/or English as a second language. A two-day Tutor Training Workshop will be held 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 30, and on Saturday, October 7, 2017, at Trinity Lutheran Church.

To register for the tutor training, or for more information, please call (301)739-4208, or email office@literacycouncilofwashingtoncounty.com or www.literacyofwcmd.org.

Your new student can't wait to hear from you. You can make a difference in your student's life!

Reformation Hymn Festival October 29

Pastor Greg Shook



Mark your calendars for our Reformation Hymn Festival, "Alleluia Without End!"

Dr. Wayne L. Wold will lead the congregation and combined choirs in a program of narration and hymns geared toward the Reformation 500 celebration for 2017. The concert is Sunday, October 29, at 4 p.m. here at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Dr. Wold is Chair of the Music Department at Hood College, served on the editorial board of our hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, and is Director of Music/Organist at First Lutheran in Ellicott City, Maryland.

TLC Social Outreach

June Habeck, TLC Outreach Ministry

What is really known about the majority of those who are poor?

When and why did homelessness spread in the United States?

How does Hagerstown's percentage of poor compare to that of Maryland?

Aren't most or many panhandlers lazy bums who spend donated money on alcohol?

What follows are statements about the poor and the homeless. Decide if each is a fact or a myth (false). The answers appear towards the end of the article.

1. The first documentation of homelessness in the U.S. was in the early 1700s, and Christian churches in the colonies gave assistance.
2. In the 1840s, poor parents put their children on the streets to live because they could not afford to feed them.
3. During the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, homelessness was higher than at peacetime.
4. When those two wars were over, disabled and damaged people swelled the numbers of the homeless.
5. It was during the Great Depression that there was the highest number of homeless poor.
6. Drug addictions en masse began during and after the Civil War when people could buy morphine and heroin mailed in syringes from Sears and Roebucks catalogs.
7. Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal aided many White and Black Americans to afford housing.
8. In the 1930s, the poor lived in Skid Row. Then the federal government built them public housing in the 1980s. But in the 1990s, much of public housing was torn down to allow gentrification.
9. Other than wartime, the period in our history when there was the greatest increase in homeless poor was the 1960s.
10. From the 1980s to the 2000s, both the number of poor and the gap between the rich and the poor increased.
11. A court case in the U.S. in the 1990s ruled that arresting vagrants using a "zero tolerance" law was unconstitutional, based on the Bill of Rights guarantee of the "pursuit of happiness."
12. One of the fastest growing groups of homeless are people over 65.
13. The percentage of people in Hagerstown who live below the federal poverty level is just below the number of people in Maryland State who live below the federal poverty level.
14. The poor in Hagerstown consist of these races in order of highest to lowest numbers: Hispanic, mixed race, Black, Asian, and White.

15. Among young homeless people, the fastest new growing group are LGBT persons (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender).
16. If you give a homeless person money, odds are they will use it to buy alcohol.
17. The mortality rate for the homeless is twice what it is for housed persons.
18. The bodies of homeless women in their fifties age as if they were in their sixties, with similar chronic diseases.
19. The largest homeless group currently is families with children.
20. 25 percent of all homeless women are fleeing domestic abuse.

—THE ANSWERS—

1. *False.* The first documentation of homelessness in the U.S. was in 1640; the poor were seen as morally deficient. At that time, most believed that if the poor were good Christians, with God's grace, their needs would be met, and thus they believed the poor were being punished by God.
2. *True.* During the Industrial Revolution, there was low job security in rail, mill, mine, and dock work. Parents sent their older children to the cities to work in factories.
3. *Myth.* Homelessness decreased in wartime, as all able-bodied persons were recruited to fight or to work making war supplies.
4. *True.* After 1864, Blacks had unequal access to jobs due to continued prejudice. After more recent wars, soldiers who were physically disabled or suffered PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) often became homeless.
5. *Trick question!* The highest *number* of homeless is now in the 21st century, with 3.2 million. The highest *percentage of the population* was during the Great Depression.
6. *True.* Painkilling drugs came on the scene to assist field surgery and were dispensed liberally after the Civil War to those who could afford it.
7. *Myth.* 98 percent of the housing money went to Whites; Blacks were seen as "too "risky."
8. *True.* From 1991 to 1995, rental costs rose 21 percent, many public housing projects ended, and many older public housing projects were demolished so that prosperous couples could restore old homes or apartment complexes could be built.
9. *False.* Actually, homelessness was at its lowest in the 1960s, and it was predicted that homelessness would disappear by the 1970s. Instead, in the 1980s, there was a sharp increase in the poor and homeless, when massive mental institutions were closed. (The residents were put out on the street.) In addition, eight million workers became unemployed when factories around the country closed and federal programs for the poor were cut: \$140 billion from the U.S. Depart-

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FROM SOCIAL OUTREACH, *continued*

ment of Housing and Urban Development, Unemployment Insurance, Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Food Stamps, and family welfare programs.

10. *True.* The income gap between the highest CEO (chief executive officer) and the average worker in 1980 was 42 to 1. By 2000, it was 531 to 1.
11. *False.* A Baltimore court supported vagrants' First Amendment rights, which assure every U.S. citizen the freedom to associate. Panhandling in Maryland is protected by the First Amendment, which guarantees the right to speak (to ask for help)—provided that the action of panhandling does not harass, menace, intimidate, impede traffic, or cause harm.
12. *Myth.* In Hagerstown, the largest homeless group consists of children one to five years old (25 percent) and 12 to 17 years old (27 percent). Those over 65 years old comprise the smallest group (8 percent).
13. *False.* In Maryland, 12.7 percent of the population live below the federal poverty level. In Hagerstown, 32.2 percent do.
14. *True.* The poor in Hagerstown consist of these races in order of highest to lowest numbers: Hispanics (40 percent), mixed race (40 percent), Black (35 percent), Asian (26 percent), and White (16 percent).
15. *True.* Hostility and verbal, physical, and sexual abuse from their families caused LGBT youth to run away from home or be evicted by parents and end up on the street. These youth also are at a much higher risk of assault, depression, and addiction while homeless.
16. *Myth.* Some think vagrants can earn a good living panhandling. Two research teams (in San Francisco and Toronto) surveyed and observed 300 homeless persons, and found that 60 percent made \$25 or less a day, and 94 percent used the money for food first (then for tobacco, alcohol, or drugs).
17. *False.* Mortality for the homeless is four times that of people who are housed.
18. *False.* A homeless woman in her fifties will age as a housed woman in her seventies with similar ailments.
19. *True.*
20. *False.* 50 percent of all homeless women are fleeing domestic violence.

Sources: *city-data.com*; "Homelessness in the United States," *Wikipedia*; "History, Epidemiology, Health Issues and Public Policy," *academia.edu*; Base and Hwang, "Income and Spending Patterns among Panhandlers"; the Rev. Robert Fischer, *History of Homelessness*; Steve Carlson, *History of Homelessness in America*.



Downtown Lutheran Cooperative

Judy Conrad

The pastors and Executive Teams from St. John's, St. Mark's and Trinity have been meeting together for several months to determine ways that we can get to know each other better and combine efforts. We met on August 29 at St. John's. There are several events coming up that we will be working on together.

1. On Sunday, October 1, there will be a movie on Martin Luther shown at St. John's at 6 p.m. A potluck supper will be held at 5 p.m. before the movie. Please bring a covered dish to share.
2. On Saturday, October 21, we are looking for volunteers to assist in packing thousands of meals to be distributed to the hungry in Hagerstown. This is a Synod initiative, and we will be hearing more details soon.
3. On Sunday, October 29, Trinity will host a Reformation Hymn Fest at 4 p.m. We will be gathering at 3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for a potluck of "Snacks and Sweets." Members from St. Mark's and St. John's will be joining us with goodies.
4. Both St. Mark's and St. John's are interested in assisting us with our time at the REACH Cold Weather Shelter.

These meetings have been an opportunity for all three churches to get to know each other better, to share ideas and challenges, and to develop ways for us to get together in meaningful ways.



ISO New TLC Church Council Candidates

Judy Conrad

Before we know it, November 19 will be here and it will be time for our Congregational Meeting and Church Council election. Please consider becoming part of this very important team here at Trinity. Church Council is the true governing body of our congregation. It makes all the decisions regarding how things are done here. In the upcoming year or so we should be working on our Mission and Vision and setting long-term goals.

If you are interested in running for Church Council, please let one of the nominating team—Erin Harman, Mike Mowen, Brian Hammond, or Judy Conrad—know. We would love to have you join our team.

“Thank You!”

Dear Altar Guild:

Thank you so much for the beautiful patriotic-colored flowers you gave me for my birthday. It is such a nice surprise to be remembered each year by our church friends. Everyone appreciates your hard work and dedication to beautify Trinity and honor our members.

Sincerely,
Phyl Fehlauer

Dear Trinity,

How can we ever begin to express our appreciation for all the love and support shown to our family during this difficult time. The Celebration of Life Service was such a blessing, and we so appreciate the videotaping that we can share with other family members. The lovely dinner was so appreciated. All of your kind words and memories shared brought us much comfort. We always knew Clair was loved by his church family.

Blessings!
The family of Clair A. Johannsen

Dear Trinity friends,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful flowers that were given to us to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We have enjoyed them very much.

Also thanks to Mike Brashears for delivering them.

Blessings,
Junior and Scarlett Michael

To Trinity Church family,

Another year has quickly rolled by. Once again you have made my birthday special by giving me a beautiful flower arrangement to adorn my table.

Many thanks for this gracious Trinity tradition and for the birthday card as well.

Blessings,
Judy Wood

Membership Reminder

Colleen Gildee

Per Trinity Bylaw B1.01, to remain in active membership, the member must commune and make a contribution of record during the calendar year.

At the end of the calendar year, if the member does not commune and contribute, the member will be moved to inactive status. While in inactive status, the member remains on the roll and maintains voting privileges, provided that the member communes and makes a contribution of record one within 24 months. (See Section C8.02 of the Trinity Constitution and Bylaws.)

If the member does not commune and contribute within a 24-month period, the member is removed from the membership roll.

Please Call Us If You Need Us!

Pastor Greg

If you have a caregiving emergency, please call Pastor Greg on his cell phone.

It's okay to leave a message on the office phone (ext. 206), but should you have an immediate need, his mobile number is the best way to contact him: (301) 992-1305.

It's okay to leave messages there, as they will be heard and addressed sooner. Thank you!



Ruth Bohn*	1
Thomas Holler	1
Walter Bell*	2
Kelley Anthony	4
Alecsander Griemsmann	5
Ralph Conrad	7
Phyllis Garrett*	7
Dylan Dopson	8
Thomas Allen, III	9
Frances Harshman*	12
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Taylor Mayhugh	13
Susan Stull	14
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Sunday School for All Ages at 9:55 a.m.
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MAKING DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST

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