

# TOWER TALK



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## DON'T EVER STOP SKIPPING

By Pastor Kevin

When was the last time you went for a walk with a small child? When was the last time you tried to walk with a small child? A child of 5 or maybe 6; just the two of you.

The sun was playing peek-a-boo through the clouds, and the breeze was just enough to keep you cool as you explored together. You watched the birds eating in the grass; saw butterflies around a flower bush. You took great joy in blowing dandelion seeds with as you walked along the trail.

It was just a simple, ordinary day but was it really ordinary?

As you walked along, you talked and laughed, and maybe even sang, but if you think hard and remember, one thing this small child did which made this day so special was how he/she skipped along.

People don't skip much anymore, especially adult people, grown people, mature people like us just don't skip. Seems we have too many worries and too much on our minds to do something as silly as skipping. We're all too self-conscious and way too careful and far too serious to skip. As a matter of fact, by the time you read this you too may realize you have actually forgotten how to skip. That happens when you get older and more mature. My prayer is that it hasn't or doesn't happen to you my child.

Right now, as a child, its full speed ahead and wide open. The happiness which is in your heart can't be contained there, and so you aren't satisfied doing something as simple as just walking. Where's the fun in that? No, you skip through these days and it's a thrill to watch. As I watch you skipping along, I want to remind you to never stop skipping. You see child, one day you may find yourself worrying about all kinds of things; about whether you're pretty enough or thin enough or smart enough, successful enough, or good enough. You may doubt who you are and look to other people to tell you.



You may find your worth in how much you weigh or how much money you make or the friends you have or don't have, or in a person who does or doesn't like you the way that you like them.

You may fear the future and regret things you've done and grieve people you've lost. You may have scars from the past that will scare you into stillness when what you really need to do is run. You may let all your grown-up cares and heavy worries gradually weigh you down and slow your stride, until all you can do manage to do, is to just walk. And that my child, would be a shame because you were created to skip. You were made to bound wildly through the trails and paths of this life, savoring the seconds and laughing loudly, with the wind in your hair and your eyes full of sunlight. You were created to live that way. Love who you are, always:

Don't ever let another person define you.

Don't ever let the mean angry people in the world change you or harden you.

Don't ever feel like you are less than or no good or not good enough.

Don't ever forget how beautiful and amazing and perfect you are.

Don't ever stop seeing the wonders in all of your ordinary days.

Don't ever lose the hope in your heart that makes you want to fly.

Don't ever be content just to walk through your life.

My sweet child of God, don't you ever stop skipping, because that's what were you created to do. You were created to enjoy God's creation so enjoy His creation and please don't ever stop skipping.

- *Pastor Kevin*



Thanks to generous donations we have been able to provide microwavable and ready to eat food items for the weekend.

If you would like to contribute to this ministry just earmark your donation to Backpack Ministry.

You can also help pack the bags.

**We will pack Backpacks on**

**Wednesday, April 26 at 5 p.m.**

***UMW***

***FUNDRAISER***

The United Methodist Women will have a fundraiser on **April 30, 2023** in the Fellowship Hall following our worship service. The fundraiser will be a meal consisting of chicken pilau, green beans, and yeast roll.

**Tickets are \$10/each and it will be eat-in or take-out.** There will also be plenty of desserts for purchase on April 30 to enjoy.

Tickets can be bought at the Church Office or from any of the following United Methodist Women: Sharon Cling, Faye Bellamy, Beulah Hand, Darlene Elwood, Joanne Calder, Linda Deibel, Norma Dukes, Elizabeth Gerkin, Ginni Bowes, Patty Weader, Patsy Whitaker, Renee Hagerman, and Tammy Smoak. Please make plans to participate and enjoy a delicious meal.



If you are interested in purchasing a Trinity T-shirt, contact Shryll at the church office. There are adult and children's sizes, long and short sleeves.

Prices vary according to size and kind.



It's time for us to consider bringing back Church-wide VBS. It will not just happen, it will take all of us. It will take us to give of our most valuable resource, **OUR TIME**. I'm asking everyone to pray about this seeking God's guidance to lead us.

Church-wide VBS has been a staple for children for years, and lately this staple has been absent. I'm praying God will lead you to help with this endeavor. Please let us (the office) know if the children can count on you. Together this can be another great ministry reaching the children of this community. It's going to take all of us. No date and/or time has been set .....yet! WE are considering a 1-2 day VBS and are you in?

- **Pastor Kevin**

## BAMBERG COUNTY CHORALE CONCERT

The Bamberg County Chorale will have their Spring Concert (featuring music from the Bee Gees) on **Friday, April 28** here at Trinity UMC at **7 p.m.**

Every is invited to come hear this concert.



Have you ever wondered on the possibilities in your own life and what the outcomes could be?

So many thoughts of "what if" and instant result visions appear, or at least what we think should appear. To many times we imagine what we think something should be like instead of what God knows it should be.

I was recently thinking of hymns that may give a full mortal understanding of what life should be like through God's presence. The one that came to my mind is "Hymn of Promise". This pretty much says that things are revealed in their own time through our all-knowing God. Everything and everyone has a beginning and an end and as we live our own life, it should not be filled with what if's but rather with I did's. Through this hymn we can see our image through nature in that through God and with God we can all reveal our own inner beauty in glorifying Him. Turn in the hymnal to page 707 and read this ever so true hymn and think of your own life through the presence of God.

- **David**

# TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees of Trinity UMC are in the process of having the church doors refinished a set at a time, that is why there is plywood covering the hole for the set of doors being refinished.



## GRADUATION HAPPENINGS!

**Graduates** if you or someone you know is graduating from high school or college this year, please let the church office. Thank you.

### GRADUATES SUNDAY

Trinity will be honoring our Graduates  
**on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**during the 11 a.m. service**  
**with a Covered Dish Lunch**  
**following the service.**

Please bring your favorite dishes to share with everyone and help us celebrate our graduates.



# ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Rad Free ..... Ch. Church Council
- Eddie Sanders..... Lay Leader
- Randy Maxwell ..... Ch. PPRC
- Patricia Izlar ..... Ch. Finance
- Marshall Bunch ..... Ch. Trustees
- Charlie Bellamy ..... Church Treasurer
- Tammy Smoak ....Lay Member to Annual Conf.
- Tammy Smoak .....Ch. Outreach
- Sharon Cling ..... President UMW
- Sharon Cling ..... Epworth Local Church Rep.
- Mary Jane Maxwell ..... Ch. Worship
- Carla Jowers ..... Ch. Education
- Vicki Whitaker ..... Age Level/Family Ministry
- Patty Weader ..... Older Adult Ministry
- Obie Williams . Superintendent Sunday School
- Laura Hoffman .....Ch. Outreach
- Laura Hoffman ..... Recording Secretary
- Faye Bellamy .....Ch. Missions
- Nancy Foster ..... Ch. Witness/Evangelism
- Mary Bray Mehrzad ... Communications Coord.
- Bob Smoak ..... Church Historian
- Shryll Williams..... Membership Secretary

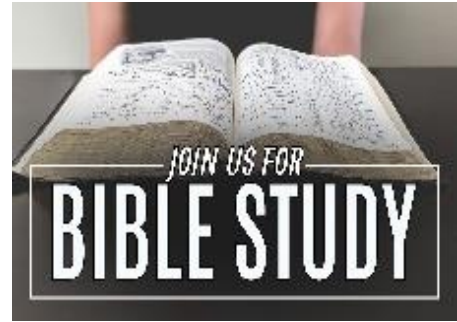


## APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Hagan West
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Alan Mehrzad
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Cheyenne Gregory
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Budd West
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Kim Osborne
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Ricky Kears
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Alice Williams  
Gene Hines, Jr.  
Clarkson Nimmo
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Gray Pregnall  
Joyce Bell
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Joanna Wallen
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Mary Wallen
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Becca Godley
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Angela B. Mitchell
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Hunter Azzarelli
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Elizabeth Bunch

## Anniversaries for April

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Art & Patty Weader
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Ken & Jennifer Ahlin



We are studying the **Book of John**  
Every Monday, at **6:30 p.m.**  
in the Fellowship Hall.  
Please join us for this study.