

# TOWER TALK



## TRINITY United Methodist Church

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### FEBRUARY 2023

## **Opportunities!** **Seized or Missed?**

February is often viewed as the month of love, and what better month to begin new ministries which show love not only to ourselves, but to those friends and members we have yet to make. Many people here are already connected with one or more ministries, but there are still individuals who have yet to plug into all we are doing here at Trinity UMC. Each day we are blessed with many opportunities to serve and witness. The question is what type of service do we do and what is our witness? We all serve in some capacity each and every day, the question is whom do we serve.

Is our service all about ourselves?

Is our service only about immediate family?

Or is our service about everyone and/or anyone?

Once while being with a family while their loved one was having surgery I was faced with an opportunity. While sitting in the waiting room with the family I was approached by an older woman I did not know or had ever met.

The woman explained she had heard the people calling me preacher and she was wondering if indeed I was a minister. I explained I was and then she began. Her grandson had been involved in an automobile accident early that morning and was upstairs in holding awaiting surgery to hopefully save his leg. She explained that her daughter and grandson did not attend church and she only attended sparingly. She asked me if I could possibly pray for her grandson. Faced with this opportunity I had a choice to make. I could explain I was only there for those families from the church I currently pastored, or I could have prayed with her right then and there. Instead, I went and received permission to go into holding and then had prayer with the boy and his mother. I could have gone on and believed I was at the hospital that day for the family of a church member, but the reality was God placed me there for another reason. I was faced with an opportunity and a choice had to be made.

Today anyone reading this newsletter is now faced with new opportunities. You can choose to just move on and say, "not my job," or "someone else will do it," or you can offer yourself and your time to be of service to God and those around you.

Are you available?

Ministries within the church:

- One such ministry I call Care Group. This group, currently made up of one ... gives her time to write and send out cards (get well, miss you, encouragement, thank you, etc.) to church members as well as visitors and neighbors. Remember, God is not concerned with your abilities He is looking for your availability. Are you available?
- Another ministry needing people is that of Greeters. These people would greet people as they arrive to church, and assist any visitors with navigating around the church as well as informing them of what we have to offer here at Trinity UMC.

- lytes, contrary to what most here think, it is not just for children, adults are needed. Taking part in a worship service by bringing in the light and/or taking the light out is vital.
- Outreach ministries ... Eggstravaganza (Easter) ... Pancake Supper ... Worship in the Park (set up/takedown/cook/cleanup) ... Community Yard Sale ... Community Activities ... Munch & Mingle (breakfast before worship service) ... 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Meals ... to name a few.
- Again, are you available? I pray you are.

— **Pastor Kevin**



**Trinity's Website is up!**  
[trinitybamberg.org](http://trinitybamberg.org)



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



## **SOUP-ER BOWL LUNCH**

The church is sponsoring a fundraiser –  
**Sunday, February 12, 2023**  
**immediately after church.**

Soups of different varieties, sandwiches, and  
 desserts will be served.

**Donations will be accepted and the donations  
 will be used for our Backpack Ministry.**

Please make plans to join us for a time of  
 fellowship & good food on Super Bowl Sunday.

## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT TRINITY**

### **SUNDAY**

10:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. – Worship

### **MONDAY**

3:00 p.m. – God's Squad, 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders,  
 upstairs in the middle building  
 3:30 p.m. – UMW, meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the  
 month, Joy Classroom  
 6:30 p.m. – Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

### **TUESDAY**

6:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### **WEDNESDAY**

5:00 p.m. – Pack Backpacks, Fellowship Hall  
 6:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 5:30 p.m. – Men's Club meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of  
 the month in the Fellowship Hall

### **THURSDAY**

7 p.m. – Bamberg County Chorale,  
 in the Fellowship Hall



## FAT TUESDAY

**FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

**5 – 7 P.M.**

**TRINITY UMC – FELLOWSHIP HALL**

You are invited to join us on Fat Tuesday  
for Pancakes and trimmings.

Donations will be accepted and the donations will  
be used for our Backpack Ministry.

Please make plans to join us for a time of  
fellowship and good food.

Pancake supper is sponsored by the Methodist  
Women group and Methodist Men group.

## LIST OF 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

## ASH WEDNESDAY *worship*

**FEBRUARY 22, 2023**

**7 P.M.**

at

**TRINITY**  
**United Methodist Church**

**EVERYONE INVITED!**



I am so pleased with the Amy Whitaker Handbell  
Choir. We have 9 ringers covering 3 octaves with  
eager hands to ring praises to God! It is, however,  
an ongoing process in not having rung in some 7  
years, but it is gradually coming back.

We rehearse on Tuesday evenings upstairs above  
the fellowship hall at 6:30. Come join us!

The Chancel Choir is working on some new pieces  
for Lent and Easter. We rehearse on Wednesday  
evenings at 6:30 in the choir room.

Please don't hesitate to join us as we rehearse in  
leading each Sunday morning worship service in  
song.

Through Music, *-David*

# FEBRUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Adam Hoffman  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Nancy Foster  
 Justin Mallouk  
 4<sup>th</sup> - Mary Ravenel  
 9<sup>th</sup> - Cynthia Tucker  
 Chester Hightower  
 10<sup>th</sup> - Courtney Azzarelli  
 14<sup>th</sup> - Aaron Ness  
 Carlie Bearden  
 17<sup>th</sup> - Sid Bellamy  
 19<sup>th</sup> - Susie Ulmer  
 20<sup>th</sup> - Peggy Kearse  
 22<sup>nd</sup> - Claire McMillan  
 26<sup>th</sup> - Joshua Ness



- 26<sup>th</sup> - Jack & Mary Ann Padgett



## Trinity T-Shirts

If you are interested in purchasing a Trinity T-shirt, contact Shryll at the Church Office, Monday – Thursday 9 am – 1 pm

There are adult and children's sizes, long and short sleeves. Prices vary according to size and kind.



Trinity United Methodist Church has been supplying food for children in need from Richard Carroll Elementary School each weekend for the past month. Thanks to generous donations we have been able to provide microwavable and ready to eat food items for the weekend.

Here is a list of what we supply each weekend to 50 children.

1 Bag	
2 Applesauce cups	1 Oatmeal pk
2 Pudding cups	1 Grits pk
1 Cup of noodles	1 Mac & Cheese
2 Chef Boyardee Bowls	2 Grain Bars

Several have asked about purchasing items for the bags, below is the list of items that are put in the bags each week.

### NO SUBSTITUTIONS, only listed items.

- Motts applesauce (cups)
- Quaker Oatmeal (individual packs)
- Quaker Grits (Individual packs)
- Snack Pack Puddings Vanilla/Chocolate packs
- Chef Boyardee microwavable bowls:
  - Beef Ravioli, Beefaroni, Lasagna, Spaghetti & Meatballs
- Kraft Mac & Cheese microwavable bowls
- Nissin Chicken Cup Noodles
- Kellogg Nutri Grain Bars

If you would like to contribute to this ministry just earmark your donation to Backpack Ministry. You can also help pack the bags.