The Good Word
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...a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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...therefore
I have hope:
The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end.

LAMENTATIONS 3:21-22
“Afraid to Ask”

The Gospel of Mark relates how Jesus told his disciples that the Son would be killed and in three days raised up again, and then Mark adds an editorial comment: “But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.” (Mark 9:32)

Afraid to ask! We know the feeling. Sometimes it is the result of our not wanting to appear uninformed, or to avoid looking silly or sounding totally ignorant. Sometimes it may be that we fear the answer will not be what we want.

I remember that on the first day of class, each semester, I always opened my classes with the remark, “If you don’t understand something, or you need help, just ask. There is no such thing as a stupid question in this class!” Some never took me up on the offer for fear of being the object of their classmates’ laughter.

When visiting someone, a member of a previous church I had served, I asked before I left, “Is there something the church can do for you?” That person replied, “Thank you, but I’m not one to expect or ask for help.”

We are all like that to a degree. Our pride gets in the way. We aren’t comfortable asking for help. We don’t like having to rely on other people.

As we continue through the season of Lent and approach Holy Week, as we remember our Lord’s final days before the Crucifixion, it is important for each of us to learn that we cannot rely on our own strength to overcome our sinfulness, or to get through the worries, anxieties, and confusions of life. Self-attempts at salvation always fail.

Jesus told us to ask. Why would we be afraid to ask Him?

Tresco E. Shannon

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Easter Lilies

Shirley Long Johnson has graciously volunteered to take our Easter lily orders for the sanctuary for April 4.

Orders will be taken from March 1-15.

If you would like to place a lily in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone, please contact Shirley.
Her cell phone is 843-251-3477
Home phone is 843-248-9045
E-mail is SLJ222@sccoast.net
NO MESSENGER!!!

The cost is $16 per plant. Please make checks payable and mailed to Trinity at P.O. Box 1072, Conway, 29528. Please mark your checks “Easter Lily”.

Shirley needs to know:
In honor of:
In memory of:
Donor:
E-mail address:
Cell/text phone:

Thanks to The Daisy Fair for working so beautifully with Trinity.
Trinity’s Music Ministry

Trinity is and has always been known for its vibrant music ministry. I want you to know how much I appreciate your support for what is a vital part of our Methodist tradition. We’ve been through the flood, and now we’re getting a glimpse of the end of the pandemic. Through it all music has lifted our spirits. In the coming weeks our music ministry will be expanding, with a few singers in the choir! Thanks be to God.

If you would like to participate but have not yet been a part of the choral singing at Trinity please let Andy know either through a call (843-457-9686) or email (andrewfowlermusic@gmail.com).

Once again this year we will be doing Easter baskets for kids aged 5-7, 8-10, 11-13 and 14-17 years old through “Help-4-Kids”.

Suggestions for the baskets: wrapped candy, chewing gum, Bible, stuffed animal, chocolate bunny, socks, pencils crayons, small toys, note pads, toothbrush, toothpaste or age-appropriate small toys.

Please cover your basket(s) with clear paper so the goodies will not spill out. Also, please clearly mark your basket(s) for a boy or girl with the age of the child it is intended for.

Bring your finished basket(s) to either service on Sunday, March 28 and leave them at the altar. You may also leave baskets at the church office prior to March 28.

Our goal is 100 baskets.

Easter Candy Needed!!
We need your help providing candy to fill eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt!
Please bring individually wrapped, non-chocolate candy by Thursday, April 1.

Thank you!
Children’s Sunday School Lessons for March

Week 1: Abraham and Issac

Video Lesson: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7MPZeHu54Q&t=30s
Song to Sing: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGDPp87iBXQ

Family Suggestion: Have an outdoor grill night and talk about how people used to have to sacrifice entire lambs or calves but how Jesus gave himself as the permanent sacrifice.

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BibleWise
Abraham and Isaac Worship on the Mountain

God told Abraham to go to a mountain and offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice. Abraham obeyed, but God stopped him from hurting Isaac. Follow the maze up the mountain to find out why Isaac wasn’t sacrificed.
Week 2: Jacob and Essau

Video Lesson:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7pfZsmyjC64

Song to sing:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kF8TPZFXwl&list=PLIrwxXyh4FZgO89UAULHE23cP3B_z-pWe

Family Suggestion: Play the game “Sorry!” This game tends to turn even the closest of friends and family against one another. Reflect on the challenges of loving our siblings even when they aren’t so kind to us.
Jacob and Esau

Isaac and Rebekah had twin boys. ___________________ was born first. The oldest son should have got the ___________________. But Esau traded his ___________________ for a bowl of ___________________. Because of this, ___________________ got the oldest son's rights even though he was the ___________________.

Connect the dots to complete the picture.

Jacob stew youngest Esau birthright

Jacob or Esau?

farmer hunter indoors red fair

hairy smooth outdoors

Write the correct name of the boy on the line. Draw a line from the word to the picture of the person who matches the description.
Week 3: Jacob Wrestles with God

Lesson: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zl8bU866z6A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zl8bU866z6A)

Song to sing: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmATk5F7WE&list=PLIrwxYyh4FZgO89UAULHE23cP3B_z-pWe&index=2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmATk5F7WE&list=PLIrwxYyh4FZgO89UAULHE23cP3B_z-pWe&index=2)

Family Suggestion: Watch the karate kid and talk about how strong Jacob must’ve been to wrestle GOD all night long.

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Week 4: Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors

Lesson: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnlqKPIZQzI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnlqKPIZQzI)

Song to sing: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLeG3yQpLTc&list=PLIrwxYyh4FZgO89UAULHE23cP3B_z-pWe&index=4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLeG3yQpLTc&list=PLIrwxYyh4FZgO89UAULHE23cP3B_z-pWe&index=4)

Family Suggestion: Keep a dream journal for a week and talk about your dreams over breakfast. Were they crazy? Were they amazing?
Color in the picture according to the key.

1- Yellow
2- Red
3- Orange
4- Green
5- Pink
6- Purple
7- Blue
8- Gray
9- Brown

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Genesis 37

Across
2. Prevented the brothers from killing Joseph
5. Bought Joseph from the brothers
6. Joseph's father
10. The sun, moon and stars ______ to Joseph
12. What Jacob made for Joseph
13. Where Joseph was sold
14. Suggested selling Joseph

Down
1. Bowed down to Joseph
3. Through it all, ______ was always with Joseph
4. Joseph was Jacob's ______
7. Brothers sold Joseph for ______ pieces of silver
8. Joseph's brothers were ______
9. Brothers took care of the ______
11. Had two dreams
Dear Trinity,
Thank you for the personalized blanket! It is a keepsake that we will keep for many years to come.

Sincerely,
Ross & Eye Beamon

Dear Trinity UMC,
Thank you for supporting the ministry of Epworth Children’s Home. This letter serves as an acknowledgement and receipt of your contribution in the amount of $175.00 as well as your contribution of a $25.00 Target gift card to Epworth. We appreciate your gift that will make a difference in the lives of the children who call Epworth home.

Sincerely,
The Rev. John E. Holler, Jr., President and CEO
Epworth Children’s Home

Dear Trinity United Methodist Church,
Thank you for your donation of $50.00 on 1/20/21. Your faithful donation will help us to continue our mission to feed people in Conway and the surrounding area.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,
Brandon Oates, Director
The Shepherd’s Table

Thank you. During a time like this we learn how much our friends and family really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

The Rains Family (Ann Bedwell’s family)

Dear Trinity Church Family,
Thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, beautiful cards, memorial gifts, and delicious meal prepared by the We Care Group. We are at peace knowing Dad is no longer suffering and is in a much better place in Heaven.

Love,
Andy Davis Family

March

7 In memory of Richard Holt, by Fay Holt
14 In loving memory of Jo Darby Rush on her birthday, by Dick, Cindy, Debbie, & Tammy
21 To the glory of God, by Phyllis & Rich Eisenman
28 In honor of the children of Trinity, by the Gainey family

World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 5, 2021

Spring Forward

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 14. Don’t forget to turn your clocks forward one hour.
Ground Breaking News!!

Trinity has a landscaping plan and a landscaping team! We have already begun by planting the live oak trees and crepe myrtles that were required by the City of Conway. Now we’re ready to “dig in” with the fun stuff!

As you can see by the landscaping plans, there is plenty to do! Our intention is to begin with the entrances to our beautiful sanctuary.

Volunteers are needed to help with watering, planting and putting out pine straw, or if you prefer, financial donations would be welcomed.

For more information or to volunteer, please call: Janet Howle (843-254-5583); Sara Reddick (843-254-2042); or Meredith Hyman (843-421-1902).
GATHERING CONCOURSE
FFE = 16.86'

FUTURE FAMILY LIFE CENTER
(RELOCATE PLANT MATERIAL WITHIN FOOTPRINT BEFORE FUTURE CONSTRUCTION)

PROPOSED FUTURE WALKWAY TO CONNECT PAVING & NEW CONSTRUCTION

CHURCH
FFE-16.86'

EXISTING HOLLOWS

MATERIALS & FINISHES
- Green plant material
- Gray stone pavers
- Black metal railings

LEGEND
- Dots: Existing garden beds
- Circles: New plant beds
- Lines: Pathways
- Notes: Design specifications

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Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Say what you will about the Ten Commandments, you must always come back to the pleasant fact that there are only 10 of them. —H. L. Mencken

Do you like ice cream? I do. But ice cream, especially the real creamy kind, has lots of calories.

Now there is an ice cream maker that claims to provide the creamy taste with fewer calories. I won’t mention the name of this company, but it got started in 2012 when a former attorney decided to create a lower calorie alternative to traditional ice cream. Today, his low calorie ice cream is sold in pints around the world.

One of their advertising campaigns reminds us of all the things we tell ourselves that we should do:

- We “should” work out
- We “should” lose weight
- We “should” eat more salads
- We “should” skip desserts

The ad tells us to “Stop ‘shoulding’ yourself.” (Notice, the ad is telling us what we should do!)

But in life, we can’t stop “shoulding” ourselves, can we? We should obey municipal, state and federal laws. We should wear seat belts. We should wear masks. We should practice social distancing. We should pay our taxes.

And, then, when we look at the Bible (like today’s reading from Exodus, for example), we learn that there are at least 10 commandments that involve things we should and should not do. And the rest of the Bible has more: We should be kind one to another. We should be patient. We should share. We should put others first. We should pray. We should love God. We should love our neighbors as ourselves. We should be compassionate. We should be humble and resist pride. That’s a lot of “shoulds”!

So, let’s eat ice cream, if our doctors give us permission. But let’s also remember that it is okay to remember the “shoulds” and the “ought to’s” in our lives. We owe it to our communities, our houses of worship, our neighbors, our friends.

We owe it ourselves. —Timothy Merrill

Prayer: God, thank you for giving us boundaries, guidelines and directions. We are happy to do what you ask us to do. Amen.
Memorials
Given in memory of....

**Alan Nagy**
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Mr. & Mrs. John S. Fisher
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Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Davis

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Dr. & Mrs. Lance Bedwell

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Patti Herbert

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**Elbert Long**
Patti Herbert

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Patti Herbert

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**Shane Williams**
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**Barbara Kraning**
Dr. & Mrs. Lance Bedwell

Honoraria
Given in honor of....

**Merilyn Holcombe**
Patti Herbert

**Building Committee**
Chancel HRT

That’s the point!

If prayer stands as the place where God and human beings meet, then I must learn about prayer. Most of my struggles in the Christian life circle around the same two themes: why God doesn’t act the way we want God to, and why I don’t act the way God wants me to. Prayer is the precise point where those themes converge.

--Philip Yancey
We Care for One Another

Rolling Green Village
4 Hoke Smith Blvd  Greenville, SC  29615
Eloise Smith  (Room 410) 843-371-6829,

Conway Manor
3300 4th Ave., Conway, 29526
Angell Pettit (Room 410)

Laurel Crest
406 Joseph Walker Drive W. Columbia, SC  29169

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9415 Frontage Road, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

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3006 Hoffman Rd, Florence, SC  29501
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Caroline Robertson (Cheryl & Steve’s granddaughter)
Finn Brown (grandson of Sara Newton Reddick)
Christine Kenmerly (Pat Rose’s daughter)
Vincent McLean (Lana Fortson’s brother-in-law)
Chuck Johnson & daughter (Pete & Martha Johnson’s son)
Ron Harper (Lynn Long’s brother)

MEMBERS’ FRIENDS & FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH
Rock Smith (Joe Hudson’s friend)
Mike & Carolyn McCormick (Iva Finkenbiner’s friends)
Rev. Julian Riddle (Russ Nixon’s friend)
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Marie Freeman (Lana Fortson’s friend)
Barbara Jenkins (Lana Fortson’s friend)
Beth Milcheck (Lana Fortson’s friend)
Patty Springle (Pete & Martha Johnson’s friend)
Karen Coats (friend of Russ Nixon)

SPECIAL REQUESTS
All in our church and community who were affected by the flooding.

Samaritan Counseling Service

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

Are there any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them. James 5:14

GOD is Listening

Please let us know if your phone number has changed and/or if you have dropped a land line. Please update your preferred phone numbers. We Care and we want to stay connected!!

MEMBERS
Betty Ackley
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Susan Johnson (friend of Carolyn Causey & mother of Scott Johnson, pastor of The Rock)

ARMED FORCES
Michael Merzke (Diane Fouquet’s nephew)
Matthew Merzke (Diane Fouquet’s nephew)
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Jackson Schade (Genie Peterson’s cousin)
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Gene Austin Norris, Jr. (Gene & Carolyn Norris’ son)
Ray Davis (Gene & Carolyn Norris’ son-in-law)
Dax Battaglia (Mary Ann Mehl’s nephew)
Alex Kani (Mary Ann Mehl’s granddaughter)
Rev. Shannon joins the entire Trinity Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to:

George Hubbard & family, following the death of his brother, William Fisher Hubbard.

The families of Genie Peterson, Buck Cutts and Edward Cutts following the death of their brother, Charles Cutts.

The family of Mozelle Goldfinch.

Robert & Irene Booth & family, following the death of their daughter, Amy Booth Metts.

Please meet Trinity’s Shepherds

Barbara Davis
Genie Peterson
Patty Grunsky
Patti Herbert
Brenda Plaugher
Brenda Murphy

If you have someone on our prayer list, one of these ladies will be calling to check with you each month.

If you have a need or a prayer request you can call:
Church Office
Carolyn Causey
Pastor Tresco
Brenda Murphy

One of us will get back with you.

TUMC Mailing address:
P.O. Box 1072,
Conway, SC, 29528-1072

Be loyal to your church. Uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.
Paying it back — and forward

During the pandemic, acts of kindness seemed especially meaningful. Last spring, as Covid-19 hit Native American communities particularly hard, an interesting transatlantic outreach occurred. Donations from Ireland began appearing in a relief fund for Navajo and Hopi families, leading administrators to suspect the account had been hacked. Then they realized a cross-generational payback was underway.

In 1847, Choctaw Tribe members sent $170 overseas to Ireland to help with Potato Famine relief. That generosity was never forgotten, and by May 2020, people in Ireland had contributed more than $4 million toward pandemic assistance for relatives of people who’d helped their ancestors. Many donors included an Irish proverb meaning "In each other’s shadows the people live."

The concept of paying it forward dates back to a 1784 letter by Benjamin Franklin. It also echoes Jesus’ Golden Rule: “Do to others as you would have them do to you” (Luke 6:31). How might you live out this practice today?

When God giggles

Before dinner, our family was preparing to pray, which we do by holding hands. Upon discovering that one child hadn’t washed his hands, my husband struck a contorted pose to avoid physical contact. The mealtime blessing quickly dissolved into laughter as we each peeked at him.

Afterward, as we passed around the food, I asked, “What do you imagine God thought about us laughing during prayer?” One child quickly replied, “I think he was laughing right along with us.”

Yes! Although prayer is reverent, God invites us to converse with words, emotions — and even giggles!

—Janna Firestone