

Trinity Trumpet

Trinity United Methodist

June, July, August 2025

From the Desk of the Pastor...

Acts 17:1-2 After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures...

My first year as a pastor, as the school year was winding down and summer was approaching, I will never forget the fourteen-year-old boy who said to me after church one Sunday in early June, "I'll see you in September!" I was dumbfounded and perhaps a little naïve, as I had no idea what he meant. So I asked him and his response stuck with me as well. "My mom says we can take off of church for the summer."

I had never heard of such things. How could we take off of church for a season? Yet, sure enough, I didn't see him again until the Sunday after Labor Day. It made me wonder, "When did church become optional?" I know that the summer, for many with students in school, has a different schedule and there is a lot more traveling, but optional?

I am reminded that the apostle Paul traveled a lot as a Christian missionary whose job was to reach the Gentiles with the good news of Jesus. And as he went to foreign places where they had never heard of Jesus, sharing the good news, he still took time every week to go to synagogue. Because that was how he worshipped. He was a Jew who was a Christian. Churches had not been formed as we know them, but he would go each week to worship, and to study, and often to teach, or argue as the Scripture says. But he never neglected his worship time with God.

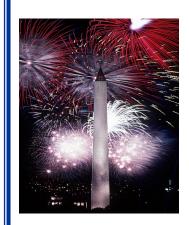
I am glad that we have the ability to worship online via YouTube so that when we are traveling we can still watch online to worship with Trinity, and I want to encourage you to learn how to use the YouTube app if you have not done so in order to continue worshipping with us during vacation or time away. Yet, I also want to encourage you to go and visit other churches in far away places when you are there. Worship with the people. Experience God in a new way.

When I was on Spiritual Renewal Leave, I did not take time away from God but searched for new places to worship, experiencing different ways, and styles, but always in an effort to connect with God. I encourage you to do the same, and then COME BACK AND SHARE with us. We have one member who always brings me a bulletin from the churches he visits while on vacation. Sometimes to show me something interesting they did, sometimes to show me how aligned we are, and sometimes just to prove he went to church! Regardless, I appreciate his desire to worship when he cannot be with us, for God does not take time off during the summer, and neither should we.

Worshipping together with you, near or far,

Pastor Hayden





Membership News

NEW MEMBERS

May 25, 2025

Amy Rader
Helen Rader
Mark Rader
Raymonde Macenat Bellange

Solva Macenat

Solva Macenat Vadeline Macenat

Lehama Macenat (Baptized Member)



BAPTIZED

May 25, 2025

Emersyn Carleigh Brackins

Daughter of Douglas and Alexis Brackins

Maternal Grandparents: Jessica and Joseph Foster Paternal Grandparents: Penny and Chris Brackins Godparents: Carleigh Foster; Emily and Nick

Kosmicki

Church Sponsor: Emma Chandler

DEATHS

March 13, 2025 Thomas Kellar May 10, 2025

Samuel Walker

May 5, 2025

May 21, 2025

Thomas DuPont Robert Todd



Meet Leah Creswell Trinity's New Account

I was born in Texas, raised in Colorado and then we moved to California, where I spent most of my life. I have two beautiful and very smart children and three wonderful grandchildren.

I have been doing bookkeeping since I was seventeen years old. I

was taught by this elderly Chinese man and he was very strict about details and making sure processes were always followed. I have worked in both public and private firms and have had great mentors and learned a lot along the way.

I went to college on the West Coast for a few years before my son was born. I have since been back for a year of random classes, but did not desire to obtain a CPA license.

I come from a family of very artistic women so I love being creative in art, design and even building. I renovated an old farm house and then redesigned and rebuilt an old fisherman house that had caved in and sat for twenty years along the Nanticoke River.

Thank Yous

Trinity UMC,

Thank you so much for the George Patterson Memorial Scholarship. I truly thank you for supporting me. I am going into my third year of study with Kairos University Seminary, and I have been learning a lot. Your support of me and my work both in class and outside of class has been really encouraging, and has helped me go on both financially and emotionally. I am proud to call you my home church, and thankful for all that you've been doing for me, and the community at large. I wish I could be there this Sunday, but as you know, I am already pastoring another congregation or two, still, I look forward to when I can come back again.

God Bless you all, Joseph Hayden.

Thank you so much for the cards of sympathy sent to us during the passing of our son, Jason. Your prayers and spiritual support meant so much to us during this time.

Dottie & John Butler

To: Pastor Hayden, Pastor Burris and all my friends at Trinity

Thanks for the visits, cards, gifts and other kindnesses shown to me since my illness.

I am now a permanent resident at Lakeside. My new address is: Lakeside Assisted Living, Apt, 103, Mallard Landing, 1109 S. Schumaker Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804

Love, Hazel Price

On behalf of our congregation, I would like to extend sincere thanks to Trinity UMM for the delicious pancake and sausage breakfast served in celebration of the mothers in our church. Your kindness and effort made the morning extra special. It was truly appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed.

With gratitude, Ann Hill, Trinity Lay Leader



2025

High School Graduates

Melissa Bell Wicomico High School Parents: Patrick and Xiuhua Bell

> Julia D'Angelo Delmar High School David and Katie Irvine

Ethan Richardson Delmar High School

Parents: Wesley and Susan Richardson

Sophia Sarbanes Parkside High School

Parents: Jimmy and Margo Sarbanes

Vadeline Macenat Parkside High School

Parents: Raymonde Macenat Bellange

and Solva Macenat

College Graduates

Dora Ashby	Anthony Sarbanes
Hood College	Methodist University
Parents: Bryan and Leisl Ashby	Jimmy and Margo Sarbanes
Emma Dunne	Caleb Thamert
Wake Forest University	Salisbury University
Parents: Mick and Stacy Dunne	Jeff and Amy Thamert
Ben Jordan	Kailey Thamert
University of Maryland College Park	Southern New Hampshire University
Parents: John and Susan Jordan	Jeff and Amy Thamert
Tenley Pelot	Erica Townsend
McDaniel College	Dartmouth College
Parents: William and Kimberly Pelot	Parents: Duane and Mickey Townsend

Hannah Richardson Salisbury University

Parents: Wesley and Susan Richardson

Scholarship Recipients

Rev. George R. Patterson Scholarship

Joseph D. Hayden Son of Tammy and Vaughan Hayden

Just like a blossom

Just like a blossom,

Jesus rose from the grave.

God gave his only son

So we might behave

When Jesus died on the cross,

We thought all was lost

Like a blossom,

His petals had fallen off.

But on the third day,

He rose with grace.

Bringing hope and love,

To every place. By Kiera Vickers













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Missions

By Carroll Thamert

A few weeks ago, I found myself sitting on my back deck enjoying a cup of coffee on a crisp, cool, late Spring morning. I do this often now surrounded by God's Creation Masterpiece of beautiful flowers, budding trees, singing birds, and colorful butterflies. This is my time to relax, think, and pray. I found myself humming a favorite hymn from a recent Sunday service, "Pass It On", by Kurt Kaiser. As the hymn states, this day was like God, ..."That's how it is with God's love; Once you've experienced it, You want to sing, It's fresh like spring, You want to pass it on".

With my eyes tearing up, as I hummed the tune, I thought how "time waits for no one". Time rushes on! Not only it is almost Summer, but this year Bobbie and I not only have celebrated 50 years of marriage, but recently 50 years as members of Trinity UMC on Heritage Sunday. It was during this 2/3 of our lifetime that members of Trinity have "passed on" not only the Church Heritage, but more importantly "God's Love that they have experienced" to us! It has made me realize that "God is always Good, Always in Control". He has always been with me, reinforcing and adding to my journey of faith. He has stepped in when I needed him most, providing me with the right situations, and bringing the right people into my life to strengthen my faith.

God Blessed me with loving parents that instilled values in me and a strong foundation in faith. My small community with its small Methodist Church looked out for me, treating everyone as family. In 1968, I graduated from high school, three months later traveling to the "big city of Salisbury to become a teacher. My faith took a back seat, as this shy student found his way through the many challenges and roadblocks of college; but God never left my side. He brought the right people into my life. My mentor teacher took me under her wing and taught me to be a teacher who cared. In fact, I would soon join her as a fellow teacher next door at Bennett Junior and later as a fellow member of Trinity UMC.

As the saying goes, the rest is history. I've been in Salisbury since. Bobbie caught my eye during my 2nd year as a history teacher when she joined the faculty as 1st year orchestra teacher that September. In March of that school year, we were married by Rev. Ed Thomas at Trinity Methodist. When Bobbie first came to teach, a fellow musician/teacher invited her to join the Trinity Choir. When we got engaged, Bobbie invited me to attend Trinity. The first Sunday I attended, I felt at home! The people all seemed to be filled with joy and happiness. Smiles were everywhere and I felt so welcomed. Even though the Church and congregation were probably ten times bigger than Neavitt Methodist, I soon felt part of the Trinity Family.

I felt like God had intervened and brought Bobbie and Trinity into my life. Soon after our marriage, we joined Trinity. From the first time attending Trinity, I've also felt the Presence of God's Love and the Salvation of Jesus! The beauty of the Sanctuary with its architecture and stained glass windows, along with the people, shines the Light of that Love on all that enter. Both our children were baptized at Trinity and brought up in the Church attending Sunday School, serving as acolytes/crucifers, fellowshipping in MYF, and serving on the Appalachian Service projects. My twin grandchildren were also baptized at Trinity 21 years ago.

My journey of faith has been strengthened each year by the different ministers and members I have had the pleasure of knowing. People like Mr. John Howe, a 70-year widower of Trinity, took me as a 25-year-old as an "adopted grandson" under his wing. His humble, caring ways and his faith definitely affected me. Even though Trinity has been Blessed with many wonderful ministers, it was Rev. Howard Gordy and his family that brought my faith in God and the Saving Grace of Jesus to fruition. He became my Spiritual Mentor as well as a lifetime friend until God took him home. He got me to "step out of my safe zone", taking on leadership roles with the MYF, the first Trinity Appalachia service adventures, playing on and later managing for over ten years with the Trinity Softball Team, and serving on various committees. He comforted me so much when my father died, even attending his Funeral in Neavitt where I gave the eulogy. Even after he retired back to Salisbury, he would often sit with me in the back row of Trinity as our wives sang in the choir, catching up on small talk and his jokes before the service.

It was members of the Trinity Family over the years like Mr. Howe, Rev. Gordy, the many other Ministers including Pastor Hayden (who made the scriptures more meaningful in his Bible Studies/Sermons and helped me to pray in public without fear) and the many friends that I have made at Trinity over the years that "Passed it On" to me. As the hymn says, it was the "spark that got (my) fire going. And soon all those around can warm up o its glowing. That is how it is with God's Love..:". The Family of Trinity expresses it, wanting to Pass the Love on to me and you!

Hopefully each of us will continue to "Pass It on" through the many Missions of Trinity as well as our interactions with others both in Church and community. Even though Summer is almost here with season that God gave to us in order to slow down some, to relax/rejuvenate, and to enjoy the wonders of His Creation, let us all still take time to support and pray for: Salisbury Urban Ministries; Joseph House; HALO; Santa's Angels, and Hands and Hearts; and others. Wherever you go this Summer: to the mountain tops, to the Beaches, overseas, or even in your own back yards, remember to "Pass It On" to others..."I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I've found. You can depend on Him...I want you to know; The Lord of Love has come to m, I want to pass it on". Enjoy the Summer! God Bless You All!



The members of Trinity UMC continue to support the programs of SUM through their donations of food/money/clothing, their time volunteering, and their prayers to help the community. Thanks to everyone who has helped SUM. With the Summer fast approaching, please continue to support the needy because the need is still there.

Last month, the Food Pantry served 433 clients (included 159 families; 262 individuals; and 12 new clients). A total of 362 bags of food (government funded as well as donated, bought, from grants)

God's Kitchen continues to serve lunches through volunteer help to 150-160 individuals each Saturday morning. The Kid's Café continues to operate an afterschool program for grades 1-5. They will also attend the YMCA Summer Day Camp for 4 weeks. Representatives of the Men's Welcome Center continue to give out 15 bags of food, snacks, hygiene items, and clothing monthly to the homeless men on the streets and in the

SALISBURY URBAN MINISTRIES ONA TIONS NEEDED FOR

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR:

LAZARUS FOOD PANTRY:

Raman Noodles Spaghetti Sauce

KIDS CAFÉ:

Individually Wrapped Snacks for Camp

MEN'S WELCOME CENTER:

Bug Spray Saltines

Donations can be dropped off at:

Salisbury Urban Ministries Office 326 Barclay St. Or call 410-749-1563

parks and camps. Volunteers and donations are always welcomed. Some possible donations needed are: Raman noodles and spaghetti sauce for the Pantry; individual wrapped snacks for the Kid's Café summer camp; and bug spray and saltines for the Men's Welcome Center. Donations can be left in the Lazarus Container after each Sunday service, Trinity's Office, or can be dropped off at SUM office at 326 Barclay Street.

Future Fundraisers: May Spring Letter Campaign; July School Essentials Project; August Dental Hygiene Month; and Fall Letter Campaign. Look for details later in the Bulletin.

Mother's Day Breakfast A Success

By Carroll Thamert



The Mother's Day Breakfast to honor Trinity's women was quite a success. Over 100 people attended. The men prepared and served the all you could eat pancake and sausage meal along with water, coffee, orange juice, and/or milk. A good time and fellowship seemed to be enjoyed by all.

Thanks to all the men that helped to make this event a success. Special thanks goes: to Tom for setting up for us on Friday; to Sue for all her help behind the scenes prior to the event; for Jay and Jay for their hard work in the kitchen; and, of course, all those that attended! Hope to see you all next year!



May 12th, 2025 UMM Meeting

The last Meeting of the Trinity UMM before the break for Summer was held on Monday, May 12, 2025, at the Deli at Pecan Square. Twelve men were in attendance for the dinner and meeting.

Gil Dunn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Hayden opened the meeting with a prayer and the blessing of the food. After dinner and a period of fellowship, Gil thanked everyone who helped to make the Mother's Day Breakfast a success. He also thanked everyone for a very successful year thus far, pointing out programs that the men have had success with thus far.

Treasurer Rick Darrah reported that the Treasury has a balance of \$711, which includes the \$200 collected from the Free Will Donation from the breakfast. The donation is more than enough to cover the expenses.

The following upcoming projects were discussed:

- The men will cook hot dogs for the the Trunk Yard Sale sponsored by the United Methodist Women at the Family Life Center on Saturday, September 27th, 2025.
- The men will help to prepare and serve the lunches for God's Kitchen for the Saturday in October, 2025.
- Pastor Hayden will keep the men informed of the Conference UMM Zoom gatherings and prayer meeting for the Summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm with a prayer by Rev. Burris. The next meeting of the UMM is scheduled for Monday, September 8th, 2025, at 6 pm. Have a great Summer!

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Julie Ayd Frank DelGaudio III Andrea Hudson Chris Mitchell Chris Shaffer Jennifer Trader
- 2 Robert Abel Anne Collins Zander Devies
- 3 John Long II T. J. Mumford III Gray Turner
- 4 Sheila Darrah Debbie Harris Ellen Moran Allen Wootten
- 5 Chana Ferretti
 Gary Luppens
 Katie Parsons
 Michael Payne
 Blake Twilley
 Jennifer Underwood
 Dale Vroman
 Steve Windmuller
- 6 Christopher Bozman Luke Emge Allie Guy Harper Mills Rick Smoak, Jr.
- 7 Logan Barnes Debra Downing Casey Lynch Susan Richardson

- 8 Cale Ashcraft Stephen Ashcraft Sherri Harkins Tanner Leonard Liam Nelson Mary Nelson Micah Outten Macallan Trader Chuck Ulm Dan Williams Brian Wright
- 9 Michael Murray Gayle Whitelock
- 10 David Downes Maysen King William Layfield Lucas Payne Leanna Pusey Donna Thompson Morgan White
- 11 Violet Jones Landry Parsons Linda Townsend
- 12 Alivia Devies Brittany Grier Melissa Kiser Elizabeth Nelson Trevor Peters Sophia Senkbeil Kennedy Soper John Timmons Richie Wright II
- 13 David Hooper, Jr.
 Jill McCabe
 (Mrs. Doug)
 Tilghman Mills
 Peyton Pearce
- 14 Michael Abercrombie Leisl Ashby Paige Greenwood Christine Okerblom Karen Payne Kaye Thomas Tom Ward
- **15 -** Kirby Ashcraft Matthew Gilland

- 16 Jackie Adams Margo Hunt Graham Moore Barbara Nazelrod Jay Reading Scott Robertson Karen Smith
- 17 Thomas Leonard Marcie McGrillies Rachel McGrillies Warren Pitsenbarger Woody Wilson, Jr.
- 18 Bruce Bostwick Danny Gregory, Jr. Kristi Jenkins Claire Wright
- 19 Jaqueline Leanne Irvine
 Brett Miles
 Brynne Moore
 John Rankin
- 20 Cindy Collins Gavin Mann Bettie Nichols Tom Preller Michael Shockley
- 21 Chad Lowe
- 22 Joe Beach, Jr.
 Marisa Farrelly
 Katie Fox
 Chip Jenkins
 Susan Jordan
 Sydney Mills
 Lynne Smoak
- 23 Ken MacFarlane Glen Parsons Brian Tregoe Marlene Waller
- **24 -** Ellie Ennis Dora Larimore John O'Brien
- 25 Barbara Culver Caden Pavese Jordan Plymale Jane Seagraves Lindsay Wallingford 8 Emily Wright

- 26 Mark Blades Jacob Corry John Fleming Taylor Lawson Kim Miles David Reichenberg Mitzi Scott Charles Staiger
- 27 Sonnie Lucas Peter Whaley
- 28 Natalie Booth June Burton Julia D'Angelo
- 29 Tim Pusey Pam Weeg
- 30 Dawn Hinman Hannah Johnson Michelle Mann Philip Mason Brooke Reese Alison Wootten

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Hannah Ashcraft Lauren Crouse Hannah McCabe Jennifer Race
- 2 Teresa McCain Teri Nelson Coral Rychener Caleb Wilson
- 3 Shirley Davis Natalie Shaffer Frank Taylor
- 4 Mimi Boulden Marissa Dickerson Colbey Hunt Mike Kelley
- **5 Harrison Brennan** Krissy Gilbert Courtney Wilkins
- 6 Sharon Kriegisch Amy Luppens Dan Peters David Price Alexa Sande Keith White
- 7 Dylan Maine
- 8 Tyler Barnes
- 9 Konley Brewer Casie James Adalyn Doyle Mason Shetler Keith Staton

- 10 Chase Bostwick Jack Calloway Shelby Frost
- 11 Nicole Acle Cameron Barnes Vickie Blades Allison Dickson Bill Fowler Joseph Ireland Regina Lankford Kaylyn Propst
- 12 Gary Brown Charles Smith, Jr.
- 13 Emily O'Brien Jay West
- 14 Cassie Dempsey Genevieve Payne Jeffery Thamert
- 15 Shelby Byrd Carolyn Chandler Natalie Dunn Everett Morton Mark Shipley Monroe Trader
- 16 Morgan Helfrich Judi Mason David Roe Wynn Smith Kate Soper Clay Thompson
- 17 Brady Hunt Carroll Nichols
- 18 Harper Ferro Lauren Follebout Cindy Laws
- 19 Karen Culver Russell Parsons Cheryl Plymale Zachary Savage

20 - Gordon

Abercrombie

Terry Dix Jennifer Dwiggins Joseph Scott Peggy Sheeran

- **21 -** Gavin Shipley Addie Tregoe Jeffery Webster
- 22 Nathan Douse Emily Hooper Bev Horner Janice Morton
- **23 -** Loudell Insley Kaytlyn Senkbeil
- 24 Emma Chandler Ethan Hall Tracy Horsey
- 25 Melissa Bell Linda Lloyd Isaac Mah Victoria McIntyre
- **26 -** Hannah Hooper Connor Smith

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- 28 Jonah Corry Carol Evans Samuel Evans John Stuart
- 29 Gabriel Alfano Jordan Davies Esther Joinice Gary Moore Christopher Okerblom Emil Paul Wendy Simpson
- **30 -** Kennedy East Ted Nichols
- 31 Jack Kutchen, Jr. Jackson Phiefer Terry Sell Mike Williams

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jay Bozman, Jr.
 Erika Corry
 Ed Glagola
 Vicki Gray
 Lee Larimore
 Brock Lawson
 Logan McIntyre
 Jimmy Sarbanes
 Luke Twilley
 Trent Warfield
- 2 Debbie Benedict Finley Helfrich Jamie Hudson Susan Lloyd Natalie Tull
- 3 Abigail Custis David Duplechain Mimi Parks Justin Shipley Krista Warfield Olivia West
- 4 Jack Bowne Ryan Dunn Devin Dunsten Suzanne Harkins Brady Leonard Ryder Nelson
- 5 John Rivello Hunter Shaner
- 6 Suzy Benedict William Custis Donna Malone Scott Malone Connie Taylor

- **7 -** Ella Meadows Ashley Wood
- **8 -** Ashton Evans Christopher Howard Ron Laws
- 9 Todd Grier, Jr. Colton Payne Dana Ryan Julien Scott IV Gwyn Terrell Zachary Titus
- 10 Joni Boyce-Butler Jack Brixner Evan Kiser Aiden Pusey Stephen Roser Andrew Thorsten
- 11 Nancy Johnson Bailey Moses Josh Shaffer
- 12 Jessica Fox Frank Harrrison Sue Posey Calvin Robinson
- 13 Chad Brown John Custis Jeffery Duplechain Matt Lankford Barry Tull
- 14 Andrew Endicott Nancy Horner Jill McCabe (Mrs. Hap) Bill Mengason Connie Strott
- 15 Lisa Barnes Luke Clatterback Ashlyn Ennis Jenny Roser
- 16 Tyler Dunn Ian Hinman Elliott Meeks Emily Ritchey Ruth Ann Savage Mace Smith

- 17 Jane Ashcraft Gary Chandler Jackson Doyle Madison Dunn Walker Harman Hillary Hogg Richard Snyder Cohen Weeg Phillip Wood
- 18 Maude Ahtes Bill Draucker Matthew Menzel John Routenberg Hunter Wright
- 19 Larry Albright Leigha Early Leonard Evans Kathy Hensley Peter Lischick Angie Mills
- 20 Joel Davies Tom Hehman Cindi Martin Sam Shannahan Pat Stein
- 21 Ryan Boyce Robert Bullock Helen Burns Ron Gilland Martha Usilton
- 22 Ryan Hedger Suzanne Wilson
- 23 -
- 24 Karalynn Fykes Marie Graef Patty Green Ava Sammons Lindsay Smith
- 25 Laura Benedict Scott Booth Ross Hammer Matthew Jones
- 26 Josh Downes

- 27 -
- 28 Kasey Ashcraft Emma Douse Lindsay Hall Shelly Hall Amanda Harris Dan Jackson Doug McCabe Joshua Price Susan Smith
- 29 Rebecca Boyce Hugh Jackson Ronald Nelson Sky Smith
- **30 -** Maddox Ferro Robert Hudson Cody Wheatley
- **31 -** Matthew Cooper Ryan Mann Laura Orbino



Sun & Skin Safety

Health Outreach Ministry

Dot Baker, RN



NO MATTER YOUR AGE OR SKIN COLOR, PROTECT YOUR SKIN TODAY AND EVERY DAY

WHY SHOULD WE BE CAREFUL? Skin cancer, caused by too much sun, is the most common of all cancers in the US. Melanoma - a serious and potentially deadly skin cancer - is among the fastest rising cancers in the US. Every day, more than 9,500 persons are diagnosed with skin cancer. More people will be diagnosed with skin cancer this year than breast, prostate, lung, and colon cancer combined. More young adults (especially women) are being diagnosed with skin cancer. About two Americans die "every hour" from skin cancer. WHAT ARE SOME RISKS? The sun is the primary source of radiation rays which cause most skin cancers. Other sources include tanning beds. Sun rays cause sunburns, eye damage, and early skin aging. Your risk increases if you have had more than 5 sunburns in your lifetime, have personal/family history of skin conditions, have numerous moles, &/or have been exposed to radiation and certain chemicals.

WHAT CAN YOU DO AT ALL AGES & SKIN TONES? Do Not Burn Too much sun is the most preventable risk factor for skin cancer. Avoid Sun Tanning and Tanning Beds Ultraviolet (UV) light from tanning beds and the sun causes skin cancer and wrinkling. If you want to look like you've been in the sun, use a sunless self-tanning product instead. Cover Up Wear protective clothing, such as a long -sleeved shirt, pants, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses. Seek Shade/Use Umbrellas Seek shade when possible. Remember that the sun's UV rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generously Apply Sunscreen Put all exposed skin using a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 30 that provides broad-spectrum protection from both UVA and UVB rays. Reapply every two hours, even on cloudy days, and after swimming or sweating. Use Extra Caution Near Water, Snow and Sand Water, snow, and sand reflect the damaging rays of the sun, which can increase your chance of sunburn. Check the UV Index The UV Index provides important information to help you plan your outdoor activities in ways that prevent overexposure to the sun. The National Weather Service (NWS) and EPA provides the UV Index for your area online @ Sun Safety | US EPA

Get Vitamin D Safely Get vitamin D safely from the sun and through a diet that includes foods fortified with vitamin D and vitamin supplements. Routinely check your whole body for any changes in your skin and report to your health care provider. Be a role model with sun safety and tell others.

BASIC RULES for EVERYONE: SLIP on a shirt SLOP on sunscreen SLAP @ on a hat SEEK shade & WRAP on some sunglasses

Resources:

Skin Cancer Foundation (2025) @ Skin Cancer Facts & Statistics

American Academy of Dermatology @ How to prevent skin cancer

American Academy of Dermatology @ Skin cancer in people of color

American Cancer Society @ https://www.cancer.org/

American Cancer Society @ Cancer Facts & Figures 2025

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