



Trinity Trumpet

**Trinity United
Methodist
Church**

March 2026

From the Desk of the Pastor

I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. 1 Corinthians 9:22b

We have been working diligently with our Vitality committee to help Trinity realize the potential impact we can have. We know that we have tremendous Christians as a part of our congregation, those involved in discipleship, and with a heart for mission. Yet when we discussed the results from our Readiness 360 program we discovered a few areas that deserve more attention.

The first one we have already begun addressing is our hospitality team. We are purposefully developing a plan to help guests and visitors feel welcome beyond the front door. This is a project that we will continue to refine as we strive to make connections with each person who chooses to worship with us each Sunday. We realize we may not get another chance to make the connection if we do not help them to feel welcome.

So while we have begun those plans and we invite any who have the gift of hospitality to join this welcoming team, it became apparent that there is another related area that we should address. For while we may be able to make people feel welcome once they get here, we need to consider our invitational method. Do we invite people to come, and then, how do we invite people to come? Most of us believe we have something tremendous to offer to all people as we worship together at both locations, but we seem to have fallen into the “Field of Dreams” trap. We have built it... they will come. It only works that way in the movie.

Since we are in March, it occurs to me that we could learn something from St Patrick. He was instrumental in reaching Ireland with the gospel. At the time, they didn't really have churches to attend, but he would go into the towns and build relationships with the people and tell them about God. He devised several methods and tools including the use of a shamrock. What is truly amazing about his story was that he was initially kidnapped and served as a slave in Ireland, but once he was released he felt God's call to help the people that mistreated him to find forgiveness and new life in Jesus Christ. He had a heart for the people, a heart for evangelism that led him to be canonized as a saint.

It reminds me of Paul's statement from 1 Corinthians, that he has become all things to all people, so that he might save some.

So what does that have to do with us? If we have a heart for people, we will seek ways to connect them with God, seek ways to invite them, engage with them and welcome them. We will look for opportunities to invite them to come and experience Church.

To that end, we are planning a special Friend Day at Trinity April 19th. This will be an opportunity to invite friends that do not have a church home, or that are not connected with a church. It is also an opportunity to invite friends who may have given up on church, or have never even given it a try. We want to give you an easy reason to invite people. Please continue to check the bulletin and the April Newsletter for more information.

Of course, you can invite them anytime, especially during Easter and Holy Week. But for those who might think that is too much, remember Friend Day on April 19.

Seeking to reach our community,

Pastor Hayden

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TRINITY UM ALTAR GUILD

INVITES YOU TO BE A MEMBER

The Trinity UM Altar Guild assists the minister in preparing for worship, weddings and funerals at our downtown sanctuary and at the Family Life Center. We have five meetings a year during which time we discuss any changes needed for the sanctuary and/or Family Life Center.

Each member is on a monthly committee and the chair assigns weekly duties as needed. We all help with decorating and coordinating the additional needs for Advent, Christmas and Easter. We would love to have more members. If interested, please contact Cynthia Dykes at cynad1@yahoo.com or (301) 351-7752.

March Chairperson:

Cynthia Dykes

March Committee Members:

Ellen DiCintio
Jennifer Doyle
Vicki Corbett

Pastor's Bible Study

The Pastor's Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the FLC Retreat House.

Trinity Prayer Group

Anyone is welcome to attend to intercede for concerns of the church and members and attendees. The meetings will last for approximately an hour, as we pray together. Dates and times will be in the church bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Ann Savage at (410) 251-3281

Use our Easter Lily Order form, pictured below, to place your order this year! Just print it and cut it out, and bring it into or mail it to the church office. You're also welcome to pick up an order form at the FLC or the sanctuary.

Remember, our last day for orders is Monday, March 30th.

Easter Lily/Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Please Check One:

- I wish to have a flower
- I wish to make a donation

The cost will be on the pew order forms.
For further information, please call the church office at (410) 749-5562.



A poster for a movie night event. At the top, red curtains frame the text "TRINITY UMC PRESENTS". Below this, there are illustrations of a red soda cup with a straw, a bucket of popcorn with "POP CORN" written on it, a clapperboard, and a film reel. To the right is a silhouette of a cowboy in a hat. In the center, a marquee sign with a yellow border and lights contains the text "MOVIE NIGHT" in red and "TOY STORY" in yellow. Below the sign, the text "SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH AT 6PM" and "IN THE JACKSON BUILDING" is written in white. At the bottom, it says "We'll have a popcorn bar with all the fixin's!"

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TOY STORY

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A poster for a harp concert. The background is dark grey with a faint illustration of a harp and several musical notes. At the top, it says "TRINITY UMC PRESENTS". The main title "Harp to Harp" is in white serif font, with "Concert" written in a cursive script below it. The date and time "Sunday, May 3rd | 6PM" and the location "In the Sanctuary" are in yellow. At the bottom, a dark red banner contains the text "We will take a love offering for the group that is performing." in white.

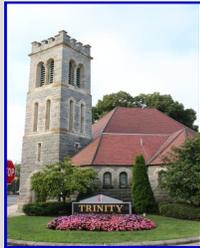
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Membership News



NEW BABY

March 2

Sophie Arlette Albright
Daughter of Scott and Stephanie Albright

NEW MEMBERS

February 8

Catherine Bridges
Jane Hudson
Kenneth Passwaters

February 15

David and Leigh Ann Chandler
Shelove Gressy
Chilove Joinice

Thank you

Dear Trinity Methodist Church

On behalf of Salisbury Urban Ministries, Trinity is to be thanked for its generous contribution to the "Souper Bowl of Caring" where \$464 was raised for the needy. At Trinity, the final tally was \$240.00 for the Seahawks and \$224 for the Patriots! The real winners were the needy that SUM represents!

God Bless You All!

Thanks to the many families who contributed to feeding the 36 men residing at the Hands and Hearts Ending Homelessness shelter. They really enjoyed the home cooked meals and the snacks, coffee and other food that was donated goes a long way towards keeping them fed until the shelter closes in April.

Maureen Williams
Missions Chairperson

Scholarships

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SCHOLARSHIPS –Trinity scholarships are available for high school seniors graduating in 2026. Applicants must be a member of Trinity UMC and meet the additional scholarship criteria noted on the application form. Applications are available in the church office, through the church website and on the Community Foundation scholarship page. Students should note that the official application form must be used to be considered eligible and completed applications must be delivered to the church office no later than April 1st.



Trinity United Methodist Men

By Carroll Thamert

Ten men gathered for a Lunch Meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at the Deli at Pecan Square. President Gil Dunn called the meeting to order with Pastor Vaughan Hayden giving the Opening Prayer and Blessing. Bill Lankford gave a very heartfelt and meaningful Devotion on the importance of Music in the spiritual life of a Christian.

After a delicious lunch and fellowship, the business meeting took place with a discussion on projects as follows:

- 1) After the Treasurer's Report by Rick Darrah, thanks went out to George Steber for heading up the Sarris Candies Fundraiser for the Trinity UMM. The sale of milk chocolate as well as peanut butter bars from a company out of Western Pennsylvania for \$2 per bar has already added to the treasury just from sales at the Chili Cookoff. The bars can be purchased from TUMM members as well at upcoming Trinity events. The fundraiser should be a great success with all profits going for TUMM sponsored projects
- 2) The TUMM have been asked to participate in United Methodist Men Conference Night at the Shorebirds game in June 2026.
- 3) The TUMM will provide 40 hot meals prepared by the Deli at Pecan Square to support Trinity's Mission Week of supplying dinners for the "Hearts and Hands Ending Homelessness" Shelter located at the Park Seventh Day Adventist Church. The TUMM will pay for and deliver the meals on Sunday, February 22, 2026.
- 4) The TUMM will continue to volunteer to unload the Maryland Food Truck at the Lazarus Food Pantry on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 a.m.
- 5) Rick Darrah will head up the committee to plan for the TUMM Mother's Day Breakfast at the JMB. All women are invited!
- 6) With Spring on the horizon, the men decided for the next meeting to go back to a Dinner Meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. starting with the March meeting.

The next meeting will be a Dinner Meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 09, 2026, at the Deli at Pecan Square. All Trinity men are invited to attend. Bring a friend!

MISSION: *MOMENTUM*

By Carroll Thamert

Philippians 2-13: "For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose".

Welcome to March! Spring is right around the corner with my favorite season of sport on the horizon—BASEBALL! Since the age of 10 in 1960, I dreamed of baseball night and day, rooting for my “beloved Orioles”, listening religiously to their games on my transistor radio or watching the few games on our small “black and white” TV. I always hoped that this was the year that the Orioles would take down the villainous Yankees in the American League!

To no one’s surprise, I soon was playing Little League baseball, playing first base for one of the teams in St. Michael’s, the Yacht Club. I tried to be like my Orioles hero, “Diamond Jim” Gentile, even trying to copy his long stretches out to catch errant throws of teammates at first base. To top things off, the Little League I played in was named after a “Hometown Hero” in Talbot County, John “Homerun” Baker, a professional baseball player and future member of the Hall of Fame who was born and buried in Trappe, Md. While playing for Philadelphia and New York, he helped to win three World Series championships as well as leading the league in homeruns from 1911-1914; thus the nickname “Homerun”!

After I hit my first homerun as a Little Leaguer, I knew I was going to end up like “Diamond Jim” and “Homerun” Baker, a professional baseball player. I went on to have success in Pony League and during four years of playing high school baseball for the St. Michael’s Saints. I still have a picture of myself hitting a homerun against our rivals, the Easton High Warriors from a local newspaper from 1968 hanging in my room at home. God gave my future plans a reality check later that year after graduating from high school.

My dream of a baseball career fell apart when I traveled to the “big city” of Salisbury to attend Salisbury State College (now SU). It was freshman year that I tried out for the baseball team as a first baseman. Along side of me that year was a sophomore from Pocomoke, Terry Dix, who was trying out for second base. We were sure that we would hold down the right side of the SSC infield for the next few years. The Coach, nicknamed “Digger” had other plans; both of us were cut that dreadful spring! To this day, over 57 years since, we, as friends and Trinity UMC members, still joke that “The Digger” got it wrong and we should have ended up as the right side duo of the Baltimore Orioles! Instead, we both went on to teach; coach young people; have families; and play on the right side infield of the Trinity UMC Softball team in the Church League. As teachers at Bennett High and Bennett Junior respectfully, Terry and I even had the pleasure of teaching “The Diggers” two children!

It was during one of Pastor Hayden’s recent sermons where the memories of baseball were brought back to me. He was mentioning in Faith that God had a plan for each of us and had given us talents that he would guide us in using that plan to witness for Christ through deeds and actions. The Pastor even gave a way to emphasize this by singing a line from Dan Fogerty’s 1985 hit song called “Centerfield”. Back in 1985, I was the manager of my son’s Fruitland Little League team. One of my best friends and fellow Trinity members, Gil Dunn, managed another team in the FLL, It was that song, “Centerfield”, played over the loudspeaker while we practiced that inspired the coaches, parents, and players to success—“...Oh, put in coach, I’m ready to play today; Put me in, coach, I’m ready to play today! Look at me, I can play Centerfield”!

To this day, I love that song; it still inspires me whenever I hear it! Through the years as I’ve gained knowledge through aging and the experience of life, I believe my failure to make the SSC team was part of a bigger plan that my real “Coach in Life”, God through Jesus Christ, guided me through. Hopefully as a teacher, a coach, an MYF leader, a husband, a parent/grandparent, a member of Trinity, God has used the talents he gave me to make a difference.

Paraphrasing Philippians 2:13, “God’s plan is to work through each of us to will and to act in a way using our talents to fulfill His good purpose to others”! He places each of us in “our own Centerfield” where we can make the most difference. John Fogerty’s “Centerfield” goes on to say....”The Sun came out today. We’re born again,...new grass on the field...roundin’ third and heading Home”. God has put each of us at Trinity where we can use our talents in its many programs and supported missions to witness for Jesus. We just have to believe and have faith in His Plan. Whether it’s singing in the choir; teaching or attending Grief Share, Sunday School, or Bible Studies; serving on a committee; praying; and/or supporting one of the many missions (HALO, Santa’s Angels, SUM, HOPE, or Hearts and Hands for the Homeless), God gives us many opportunities to witness so All will someday reach HOME, the ultimate Victory! God Bless!

Salisbury Urban Ministries Report



Trinity UM Church as one of the original Covenant Churches continues to support the programs of SUM. Members through their donations, volunteer hours, and prayer support the Lazarus Food Pantry; the Kid's Café; God'sKitchen; and the Homeless Men project of SUM.

A big thanks goes out to Trinity for supporting the annual "Soup-er Bowl of Caring" on Super Bowl Sunday. In spite of the snow and cold weather, Trinity raised a total of \$464 to support the SUM fundraiser. The overall results were \$240 for the Seahawks and \$224 for the Patriots. The FLC had the Seahawks winning with Downtown favoring the Patriots. Regardless, the real Winners were the needy of the Community that SUM supports.

God Bless all for spreading the Love of God!



Salisbury Urban Ministries Executive Director Retirement

Dear Covenant Churches and SUM Friends,

With mixed emotions, I am writing to share that I will be retiring from my role as Executive Director of Salisbury Urban Ministries, effective May 31, 2026. While this decision is bitter-sweet, I am looking forward to this next chapter, which will allow my husband, George, and me—now both retired—to spend more meaningful time together and with our family.

In accordance with Salisbury Urban Ministries' Succession Plan, a Search Committee has been formed and will soon begin interviewing candidates.

It has truly been an honor and a privilege to work alongside you. Your partnership, friendship, and support over the past 12½ years have meant more to me than I can express. I am deeply grateful for your support over the years. Thank you for enabling Salisbury Urban Ministries to minister to the people God has called us to serve.

Peace and Prayers,

Debbie Donaway

Executive Director



PLEASE NOTE: If your name does not appear on this list it does not mean that we do not have you as a Trinity member. It only means that we do not have your birth date. Please give the church office a call with any additions to, or corrections of this list.

MARCH

**1 - Harry Hansen, Jr.
Charles Shores**

**2 - John Cummins
Vera Emge
David Hill
Jenna Marquez**

**3 - Barbara Adkins
Jennifer Bernardi
Mitchell Fletcher
Taylor White**

**4 - Barbara Burkett
John Butler
Mark Hopson
Benjamin Jordan
Marilyn Simpson**

**5 - Sylvia Robertson
Rosenie Thimot**

**6 - Robin Ritchie
Joyce Townsend**

**7 - Martin Curry
Heather Ferro**

**8 - Roger Follebout
Philip Taylor
Kiera Vickers**

**9 - Shelby Cropper
Linda Kent
Brandon Laws
Jeri Miller
Tommy Rollins
Sophia Sarbanes**

**10 - Nancy Brown
Ellie Doyle**

11 - Anita Vroman

12 - Johanne Zamor

**13 - John Hill
Jacob Price**

**14 - Patricia Bozman
Cheryl Coffin
Linda Glagola
Melanie Mason
Caleb Thompson
Matthew Trader
Emma West**

**15 - Billie MacFarlane
Susan Pitsenbarger
Anna Taylor**

**16 - Kimberly Bowman
Blair Hunt
Teresa Peters
Caitlyn Terrell**

**17 - Isabelle Devies
Sylvia Rozaieski
Justin Tull**

**18 - Grace Godfrey
Noah Jordan**

**19 - Joe Magoon
Leah McCabe
Mary Nelson
Laurie Pearce
Scott Smith
Jacklyn Soule
Jacalyn Wood**

**20 - Cassandra Horner
Mary Leidner**

**21 - Debbie Emge
Fawn Hinman**

**22 -
Michael Kauffman**

**23 - Kristie Dunn
Mary Mengason
Lauren Paul
James Payne**

**24 - Mary Farrelly
John Lloyd, Jr.**

**25 - Bruce DiCintio
Jill Easton
Jason Hickman
Michael Kenney
Martha Marvel
Kevin Moyers**

**26 - Phyllis Collins
Vicki Purkey**

27 - Jordan Smarte

**28 - Gregory East
Alexis Robertson
Jennifer Stevens
Jordensley Molin**

**29 - Larry Plymale
Dean Pusey**

30 -

**31 - Kathy DuPont
Roger Fleming
Linda Kenney**



March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 9am Downtown Service 10:30am FLC Service 3pm Confirmation 3pm Youth Group 2nd Sunday in Lent	2 1-4pm Pastor's Office Hours 1:30pm UMW "Deborah"	3 1pm UMW "Esther" 2pm Prayer Group	4 9am-12pm Pastor's Office Hours 5:30pm Pastor's Bible Study	5 2pm ABC Study Group 4:30pm Handbell Choir 6:30pm Sanctuary Choir	6	7 6pm Toy Story Movie Night
8 9am Downtown Service 10:30am FLC Service 3pm Confirmation 3pm Youth Group 3rd Sunday in Lent	9 1-4pm Pastor's Office Hours 6pm UMM Dinner Meeting	10 10:30am UMW "Ruth"	11 NO Pastor's Office Hours NO Pastor's Bible Study	12 9:30am Altar Guild 4:30pm Handbell Choir 6:30pm Sanctuary Choir	13	14
15 9am Downtown Service 10:30am FLC Service 3pm Confirmation 3pm Youth Group 4th Sunday in Lent	16 1-4pm Pastor's Office Hours	17 2pm Prayer Group 3:30pm Outreach and Events Committee 5:15pm Vitality and Vision Committee	18 9am-12pm Pastor's Office Hours 5:30pm Pastor's Bible Study	19 2pm ABC Study Group 4:30pm Handbell Choir 6:30pm Sanctuary Choir	20	21
22 9am Downtown Service 10:30am FLC Service 3pm Confirmation 3pm Youth Group	23 1-4pm Pastor's Office Hours	24	25 9am-12pm Pastor's Office Hours 1pm Christian Ladies Book Club 5:30pm Pastor's Bible Study	26 4:30pm Handbell Choir 6:30pm Sanctuary Choir	27	28
29 9am Downtown Service 10:30am FLC Service 3pm Confirmation 3pm Youth Group Palm Sunday	30 1-4pm Pastor's Office Hours	31 2pm Prayer Group				



FAITH FILLED WOMEN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Flourish Through Life's Seasons

March 21, 2026

Featuring national speaker and author Grace Wabuke Klein

Ladies, grab your friends, family, co-workers and small group for a fun filled event in Salisbury. The Annual Faith Filled Women Conference titled "Flourish Through Life's Seasons" will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. National author and speaker Grace Wabuke Klein will lead us in a powerful presentation to grow our faith, and encourage, inspire, and equip us to take the next step. Returning this year will be two breakout speakers: local entrepreneur, pastor, and missionary Monica Brooks and North Carolina resident Vickey Stowe who serves with the Gideon ministry and as a hospital chaplain. In addition, there will be food, fellowship, music, retail and ministry vendors, and more. Cost is \$65/ person and on sale now until March 9th . For additional details, go to:

faithfilledwomen.com and follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Got questions? Email us at info@faithfilledwomen.com

The poster features a soft-focus background of pink and yellow flowers. At the top, the title "FLOURISH THROUGH LIFE'S SEASONS" is written in a large, black, serif font, flanked by two small bouquets of yellow daisies. Below the title is a photograph of Grace Wabuke Klein, a woman with curly hair, smiling and sitting at a table. To the left of the photo is a white text box with the following information: "FEATURING SPEAKER AND AUTHOR Grace Wabuke Klein PLUS BREAKOUT SPEAKERS TICKETS \$65 PER PERSON SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026 10 AM TO 5 PM WICOMICO CIVIC CENTER SALISBURY, MD". At the bottom of the poster, there is a QR code, the Faith Filled Women logo, and the website address "FAITHFILLEDWOMEN.COM".

Colorectal Health Month

Health Outreach Ministry

D. Baker, RN



5 FAST FACTS ABOUT COLON CANCER

1

Colon cancer is **not** rare.

- Actually, it's the **3rd** most commonly diagnosed cancer in the US.
- It ranks **2nd** in cancer-related deaths overall, and it's the leading cause of cancer deaths in **men under 50**.
- **1 in 25** women and **1 in 23** men will have colorectal cancer at some point in their lives.

2

More than half of all colorectal cancer cases could be prevented.

Most cases of colon cancer are caused, at least in part, by **unhealthy habits** like:

- Eating a lot of red or processed meat
- Drinking too much alcohol
- Not exercising
- Smoking tobacco

3

Colon cancer is on the rise in young people.

Doctors are still learning why this is happening, but it may be due in part to the same risk factors that affect older people — **like obesity, a lack of physical activity, and smoking.**

Since 1990, colorectal cancer rates have **doubled** in people under 50.

Nearly **50 new cases** are diagnosed **every day** in this age group.

4

The guidelines for when to start regular colon cancer screenings have changed.

Most people should **start regular screenings at age 45**. Before 2021, the recommendation was age 50.

You should **get checked** even earlier if you have certain health problems, like inflammatory bowel disease, or a personal or family history of colon cancer or polyps. **1 in 3** people with colorectal cancer have family members with the disease.

Ask your doctor when you should start.

5

African-Americans have higher rates of colon cancer than any other ethnic group in the US.

Indigenous Americans also have a **higher risk** than white people and Latin Americans. The risk is lowest in Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders.

What are the **SYMPTOMS** of colorectal cancer? Colorectal cancer does **not** always have symptoms, especially at first. Symptoms can include: (a) blood in/on your bowel movement (b) pain, aches, or cramps in your stomach – & you do not know why; (c) change in bowel habits – bowel movement may be more narrow than usual or you may be constipated; (d) nausea & vomiting; (e) lump in your abdomen; (f) weight loss & you do not know why; (g) anemia; and/or (h) chronic fatigue.



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Friday - Closed

