



8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion  
September 5, 2010  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



**Welcome and Recognition of Guests**

Gretchen A. Miller

[Please fill out the yellow attendance and prayer request cards in the pew pockets.]

**Gathering Music**

*Entrée in G Minor*

Handel

**\* Call to Worship**

Miller

*Leader:* God is like a potter who shapes and forms our lives.

***People:* We have been called to be faithful to God's intention.**

*Leader:* God seeks for us to be vessels of compassion and service.

***People:* We have been given multiple opportunities to witness to God's love.**

*Leader:* Come, let us worship the Creator who has given us life.

***People:* Let us send our praises to God who knows us totally and loves us.**

**\* Gathering Hymn: UMH 140**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**Pastoral Prayer**

James C. Sprouse

**Lord's Prayer: UMH 895**

**Psalm 139 (UMH 854)**

Evan Ayars

**Announcements & Mission Moment**

Eric C. Song

**Sharing of Gifts**

Song

**\* Prophet Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11** (p. 678-679 pew Bible)

Sprouse

**Message**

*In the Potter's Hands*

James C. Sprouse

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper** (p. 12, UMH)

Song, Miller & Sprouse

(If you need to be served in your pew, please let an usher know or raise your hand.)

**Communion Music**

*One Bread, One Body*

Evan Ayars, tenor

Foley

**\* Closing Hymn:** "Praise you, praise you; let my life praise you.

Praise you, praise you; let my life, O Lord, praise you."

**\* Benediction**

Sprouse

Let the joy and love of the Lord flood into your hearts and lives today. Let this day of discipleship be a day of celebration as you go into the world to serve God. Go forth in peace and joy in all that you do. Amen.

**Closing Music**

*Little Prelude and Fugue in G Minor*

Bach

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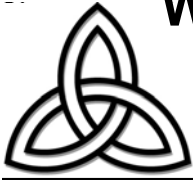


10:30 a.m. Worship  
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<b>Greeting and Recognition of Guests</b>		Gretchen A. Miller
	[Please take a moment to fill out the yellow attendance & prayer request cards in the pew pockets.]	
<b>Gathering</b>	Let the ringing of the Langley bell call us to a time of quiet meditation.	
<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Entrée in G Minor</i>	Handel
<b>* Call to Worship</b>		Miller
	<i>Leader:</i> God is like a potter who shapes and forms our lives.	
	<b><i>People:</i> We have been called to be faithful to God's intention.</b>	
	<i>Leader:</i> God seeks for us to be vessels of compassion and service.	
	<b><i>People:</i> We have been given multiple opportunities to witness to God's love.</b>	
	<i>Leader:</i> Come, let us worship the Creator who has given us life.	
	<b><i>People:</i> Let us send our praises to God who knows us totally and loves us.</b>	
<b>* Praise Hymn: UMH 62</b>	<i>All Creatures of Our God &amp; King</i>	
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		Sprouse
<b>Lord's Prayer: UMH 895</b>		Evan Ayars
	(Children ages 3-10 are invited to Children's Worship immediately following the Lord's Prayer.)	
<b>Psalm 139 (UMH 854)</b>		Ayars
<b>Prophet Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11</b>	(p. 678-679 pew Bible)	Dianne Martin
<b>Baptism: Avery Caroline Wei</b>		Sprouse & Song
<b>Reception of New Member: Winston Morrison</b>		Sprouse & Song
<b>Announcements &amp; Mission Moment</b>		Miller
<b>Dedication of Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>		Miller
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Faith, We Praise Thee</i> Summer Choir	McAfee
<b>* Doxology: UMH 95</b>		
<b>* Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33</b>	(p. 72 pew Bible)	Sprouse
<b>* Meditation Hymn: UMH 393</b>	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	
<b>Message</b>	<i>Not For the Faint of Heart</i>	James C. Sprouse
<b>Celebration of Holy Communion</b>	(p. 12, UMH)	Sprouse, Song & Miller
	(If you need to be served in your pew, please let an usher know or raise your hand.)	
<b>Communion Solo</b>	<i>One Bread, One Body</i> Evan Ayars, tenor	Foley
<b>Communion Hymn: FWS 2260</b>	<i>Let Us Be Bread</i>	
<b>Sending Hymn: UMH 68</b>	<i>When In Our Music God Is Glorified</i>	
<b>* Benediction</b>		Sprouse
	Let the joy and love of the Lord flood into your hearts and lives today. Let this day of discipleship be a day of celebration as you go into the world to serve God. Go forth in peace and joy in all that you do. Amen.	
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Little Prelude and Fugue in G Minor</i>	Bach

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# Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church

## September, 2010

### Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Greetings to you in the name of Christ Jesus!

Welcome to Trinity Church. We are delighted you chose to worship here this morning. All of us are on a spiritual journey, so we hope our time together today in worship blesses and strengthens you. Although people come as they are, our hope is that you leave transformed.

We have many exciting ways for you to grow with Christ at Trinity. Next week, our youth group will kick-off their program year with a parent & youth cook-out (see below for details) and our Sunday School kicks off another school year with a teacher commissioning and backpack blessing at the 10:30 service. From there, the children will be dismissed to their Sunday School classes and meet their teachers. There are also many learning opportunities for adults beginning this month. The purple insert has more details and contact information for each class.

We also have 4 mission trips planned for 2010-11: Mississippi Gulf Coast in October; Guyan Valley, WV in December; Honduras in February; and Ethiopia also on February. If you are interested in any of these trips or would like more information, please speak with me or the trip leaders. There is an informational paper with all details available in the Narthex and at the Mission & Outreach Table in the Fellowship Lobby.

Join us in the Fellowship Building following worship this morning. The salmon-colored flier in the pew provides you with a map of the church campus, a monthly schedule of events, and some of Trinity's exciting ministry and outreach opportunities. Chat with some of Trinity's members about the church's work you're interested in. Remember that God always welcomes you, and there is no telling how God may reach you in our worship and fellowship together. Just let your heart be open.

You are always welcome here where we have open hearts, open minds and open doors.

James C. Sprouse, Sr. Pastor



### TODAY

**Today's Communion Services** are in memory of: Si-las Horton, 09/14/1965; Dorene Bolles, 09/29/1965; Mrs. Edward Beals, 09/08/1969; Sarah Otis, 09/02/1985; Mary Daw, 09/13/1986; Fred Schuler, 09/22/1987; Gary Meredith, 09/24/1987; Mary Hardy, 09/25/1991; Janet Rothgeb, 09/04/1993; Andrew Hinton, 09/27/1993; Robert Jakubik, 09/12/1996; Laura Balmer, 09/09/2000; Lois DeSomma, 09/05/2002; Robert Froehlich, 09/24/2002; Dioni Harris, 09/25/2003; Mary Robeson, 09/20/2004; Anne Ramser, 09/13/2005; Rose Abbott, 09/25/2006; Mike Volz, 09/20/2007; and Sue Huckaby, 09/09/2008.

Today we **welcome** Winston Morrison as he joins the Trinity family.

We rejoice with Richard, Stacy and Breelle Wei for the baptism of their daughter and sister **Avery Caroline Wei** today.

Trinity extends **sympathy** to Judy and Allan Winters for the Aug. 30 death of their father and grandfather, Doug True. A funeral was held on Thurs., Sept. 2, at Arlington UMC.

**Greeting** you this morning will be **Charles & Genee Boykin** (8:30) and **Bob Ward** (10:30).

Today's **flowers** are given to the glory of God by Wade Rothgeb in memory of Janet Rothgeb.

**Join us for fellowship** in the Fellowship Lobby following the worship services; provided by **Charles & Genee Boykin** (8:30) and **Connections** (10:30).

**NURSERY CARE is available** for infant - toddler age between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. The Nursery is located in the Fellowship Building. Ask the ushers for assistance.



**No UMY Tonight:** Grades 7-12 **Parents and Youth**, Join us for our **Youth Group Kick-off on Sept 12** at noon. We will be meeting in the back parking lot at Trinity House. We will be grilling food as we eat and fellowship! Please bring a dish to share!

**Youth Lock In:** Sept 17 at 8 p.m.

Questions? Pastor Eric: 804-543-6309, [esong@vacoxmail.com](mailto:esong@vacoxmail.com).

### Children's Worship

**10:45 - 11:30 a.m.**

Children's Worship (403) - ages 3-10 combined: a Noah's Park experience.

## Exciting Trinity Mission Opportunities

We are very pleased to offer four short-term missions. All mission trips are with established missionaries and are "short-term work and witness teams." Each team leader has personal knowledge and experience with their mission partner. Each mission team is planned for 10 participants (Appalachia project could accept more than 10). It is our hope and prayer that our Trinity family will fill these four teams. We are also certainly interested in extending this service invitation to friends of Trinity.

Please prayerfully consider your response and let us know of your interest as soon as possible.

Our mission ministry needs financial support as well as your prayers. We will attempt to provide partial scholarship support for participants. The Trinity Missions Committee greatly appreciates any donations for that specific purpose.

For general information, please contact Dan or Chris Moore (703-893-0054). For specific interest in a particular mission, please contact the leaders indicated. More details are available in the Narthex and on the website.

Destination	Company & Website	Dates	Team Leader	Estimated Cost	Commitment Date
<b>Mississippi Gulf Coast</b>	Habitat for Humanity frederickhabitat.org	Oct. 24—30, 2010	Sandy & Vinnie DeMicco 703-938-7906	Housing (2 options): \$100/week with meals; \$50/night, no dinners. Airfare: \$300	Sept. 18, 2010
<b>Appalachia Guyan Valley, WV</b>	Appalachia Service Project asphome.org	Dec. 2—5, 2010	Jim & Molly Sprouse 703- 356-4896	\$150 per person for meals and lodging, travel by car	Sept. 30, 2010
<b>Honduras</b>	Mercy Ships mercyships.org	Feb. 25—March 5, 2011	Chris & Dan Moore 703-893-0054	\$1,700 includes project fees, airfare and lodging	Sept. 30, 2010
<b>Ethiopia</b>	Moria'h Deliverance of Ethiopian Children moriahchildren.org	Feb./March 2011	Karen Loss 703-850-2153	\$2,800 all inclusive	Late Oct./early Nov.

### Small Groups

The first Connections Social of the fall will be on **Saturday, September 18** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Karen and David Sherwood (1133 Dogwood Drive, McLean). Please RSVP to the Sherwoods and bring an appetizer to share (David@theSherwoods.com, 703-819-6792). Free child care and nursery will be provided at Trinity UMC from 6 to 9 p.m. by making a reservation with Karen and David. Children will be served a snack.



#### BOOK CHAT

**Book Chat:** Join us on **Wed., Sept. 8**, as the Trinity Book Chat kicks off a new season with *Island of the World*, by Michael D. O'Brien. Everyone is welcome, and reading the book isn't even required. Just bring a light dinner (dessert is provided) and meet in the Library at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship and lively conversation. Contact Kathy Maher (kmaher@ngs.org; 703-790-8884) if you have questions or would like to be added to the e-mail list. In the meantime, enjoy your reading!

**Trinity Moms Group:** We will meet at the home of Carol Brunner on **Thurs., Sept. 23**, at 8 p.m. (2000 Rhode Island Ave, McLean). Our guest speaker will be Senator Mark Warner's National Security Advisor, who will tell us about the state of the Middle East & Afghanistan and answer our questions related to Virginia issues. We will also discuss how we want to structure the group this year and

other special events. If you'd like to attend or simply be added to the Moms Group e-mail list, e-mail Carol at [bruno@brunnerhome.com](mailto:bruno@brunnerhome.com).

Join the **Crafts for a Cause** group on **Mondays at 7 p.m.** to make comfort pillows for chemo patients, bears for pediatric patients, and knit caps for newborns. Supplies and instruction provided. Sessions will be **Sept. 6** and **Sept. 20**. In October, we'll be making Christmas cards to send to overseas troops on **Oct. 4** and **Oct. 18**. Please contact Molly Sprouse at 703-356-4896 or [mollysprouse@gmail.com](mailto:mollysprouse@gmail.com) to RSVP. Everyone is welcome!



#### Choir Rehearsals Resume

**Trinity Ringers:** Tuesday, Sept. 7 (7:30 p.m., Rm. 115)

**Children's Choir:** Wednesday, Sept. 8 (6 p.m., Langley Hall and Rm. 115)

**Memorial Ringers:** Thursday, Sept. 9 (6 p.m., Rm. 115)

**Chancel Choir:** Thursday, Sept. 9 (7 p.m. Choir kick-off dinner at the parsonage)



Trinity's music groups start rehearsing after Labor Day; see the Bulletin calendar for details. Please contact Jerry Rich (if you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir or one of the handbell choirs) or Evan Ayars (if you have a child who is interested in joining the Children's Choir). The **Prelude** comes from the *Suite in G Minor* HWV 453 (ca. 1705) by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759). The **Offertory** pairs a 17<sup>th</sup>-century French melody with a six-century morning hymn attributed to Gregory the Great (see #680 in our *Hymnal*). The **Postlude** is one of eight popular "little" preludes and fugues formerly thought to be by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) but now attributed to one of his many organ pupils.

### A Record of Stewardship Faithfulness 2010

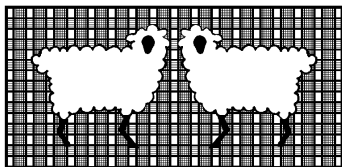
#### Operating Budget

	<u>Expense Budget</u>	<u>Actual Revenue</u>
Aug. 29, 2010	\$16,200	\$13,981
Year-to-Date	\$550,800	\$371,298

#### MFT/EOF Capital Campaign

	<u>Interest Budget</u>	<u>MFT/EOF Donations</u>
Aug 29, 2010	\$5,800	\$1,075
Year-to-Date	\$202,000	\$192,154

Notes: 1) Expense budget includes local outreach, staff salaries, programs, administrative expense and property. It does not include some District/Conference apportionments and benevolences, which are budgeted later in year. 2) MFT/EOF donations are used for debt service / loan reduction.



The Lord bless thee and keep thee.  
Numbers 6:24



Are you in your 20s or 30s and want to get more involved with other young adults at Trinity and the Northern VA area?

**Oct. 8-10:** Fall Bi-District Retreat. Contact Pastor Eric (esong@vacoxmail.com) for more details!

Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks to the **10:30 worship on Sept. 12** for a special blessing to start the new school year.



September 12



#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Worship (Sanctuary), 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship (Lobby), 9 & 11:30 a.m.  
Children's Worship (402-403), 10:45 a.m.  
Iglesia de Dios (Langley Hall), 4 p.m.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6—OFFICE CLOSED**  
**Crafts for a Cause (122), 7 p.m.**

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Bible Study (McLean Family Restaurant), 6:45 a.m.  
Pastoral Counseling (Trinity House), 7 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Bulletin Deadline (umtrinity@vacoxmail.com), 12 p.m.  
**Trinity Ringers (115), 7:30 p.m.**

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

**Ruth Circle (402), 9:30 a.m.**  
Communion & Worship (Chapel), 12 p.m.  
LRSS (205), 3:30 p.m.  
**Children's Choir (Langley Hall, 115), 6 p.m.**  
**Book Chat (Library), 6:30 p.m.**  
A.A. (Langley Hall, Kitchen, 205), 8:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

LRSS (205), 3:30 p.m.  
Teen CBS (Langley Hall, classrooms), 5 p.m.  
**Memorial Ringers (115), 6 p.m.**  
**Chancel Choir (Parsonage), 7 p.m.**  
Iglesia de Dios (Langley Hall), 8 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

McLean Islamic Center (Langley Hall), 7 a.m.  
Aherne-Haldeman Rehearsal (Sanctuary), 5 p.m.  
A.A. (Langley Hall), 8:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Roots Users Group (Langley Hall), 9 a.m.  
Aherne-Haldeman Wedding (Sanctuary), 2 p.m.  
Iglesia de Dios (Langley Hall), 6 p.m.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

**Sept. 12: Blessing of the Backpacks**  
**Sept. Sunday School Teacher Commissioning**  
**Sept. 12: Youth Group Kick-off**  
**Sept. 26: Inquirer's Gathering**  
**Sept. 28: Church Council**  
**Oct. 3: Pet Blessing**  
**Nov. 13: Charge Conference**

More on our website: [www.umtrinity.org](http://www.umtrinity.org)

## You Can Help

### September Collection Drive to Benefit Stanton Elementary School

In September, we will be collecting **school supplies and new or gently used khaki pants (sizes 3T-14)** for Stanton Elementary School. Needed school supplies are **24 count crayons, #2 pencils, glue sticks, blunt-nosed scissors, rulers and black marble composition books.** Donation baskets are located in the church foyers as well as the Fellowship Building.

If you have a home garden and wind up with a surplus of fresh **veggies** or **fruits, SHARE** would be happy to accept your donations. Drop off days are Wednesdays and Saturday before noon, and some Tuesday evenings. For more information, call 703-790-0824 .



## Prayers

Trinity's Prayer Chain is always available to pray. Prayer requests can be written on the reverse side of the Attendance card in the pew racks. Today, we remember: **Abby, Alicia & Alfonso, Allan, Andrew, Ann, Annie, Art & Faye, Bevan, Blake, Bobbie, Carey, Carl, Caty, Cesar, Clarann, Claudia, Clay, Clem family, Connie, Daniel,**

**Dee, Don, Ed, Edi, Frida, Frye family, Gary & Kim, Gerry, George & Anne, Hayes family, Helen, Hesty, Jen & Gaige, Jim & Lori, Johnny, Josh, Julia, Kard family, Kathy, Kyle, Lane, Liz, Louri, Max, Meredith, Michael, Molly, Muff, Nelson, Nick, Ostrand family, Paz, Praxi, Rosealeta, Rosie & Tao, Scott, Terri, Tom, Virginia & Hal, Winters family and Yancy.**



## Who We Are

Mission Statement of The United Methodist Church – The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and thus seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world. The fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world is the vision Scripture holds before us. The United Methodist Church affirms that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Savior of the world, and the Lord of all. We respect persons of all religious faiths and we defend religious freedom for all persons. Jesus' words in Matthew 28:19-20 provide the Church with our mission: **"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you."**



## In Ministry with Christ – the People of Trinity Church and...

Pastor	The Rev. James C. Sprouse	jcsprouse@vacoxmail.com
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Director of Children's Choir, Song Leader	Evan Ayars	evan.ayars@gmail.com
Director of Children's Ministry	Carol Brunner	bruno@brunnerhome.com
Director of Parents Day Out	Karen Jester	(703-790-2767)
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Custodian	Tuong Van Nguyen	(Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.)



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## New Classes this Fall:

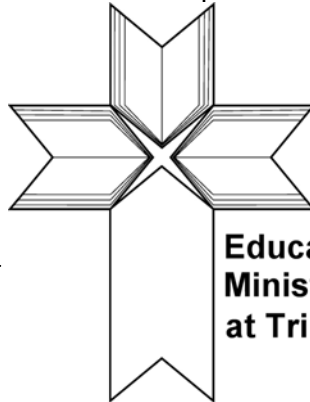
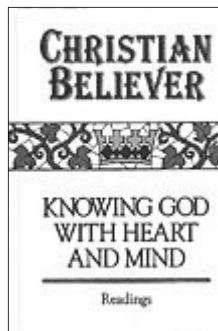
**The Path of Celtic Prayer** by Calvin Miller is our new topic for the Tuesday Women's Bible Study Breakfast that meets at McLean Family Restaurant, 6:45 - 8 a.m. New study will start Sept. 7; contact Dianne Martin (dmartin@gwu.edu) for more information.

**Embracing an Adult Faith**, a 5-week exploration of Christian faith by Marcus Borg. This class, led by Jim Sprouse, will meet on **Wed. evenings**, beginning **Sept. 22** at 7 p.m. To register, e-mail Jim: jcsprouse@vacoxmail.com.

**Bad Girls of the Bible** is back- a study that introduces participants to biblical women who've been overlooked and underestimated. It will meet **Wednesdays**, 10 a.m.- noon, starting **September 29**. Led by Gretchen Miller.

**Christian Believer:** Are you interested in learning about what it means to be a Christian? What the Christian faith teaches and what people believe and think the Christian faith teaches are often quite different. Through the **Christian Believer** study we will explore the teachings and doctrines of the Church to discover what faith is all about. **Christian Believer** will teach you the language of faith through an examination of scripture and the writings of church councils and theologians. The readings reflect the rich history of discussion and debate which has been taking place over the 2,000 year-long history of Christianity.

**Christian Believer** will be led by Amy Crisp, our Director of Christian Education, on Monday nights from 6:30-8 p.m. starting **September 20**. It is a 30-week commitment, but it is an amazingly enriching experience. If you are interested, **please sign-up** on the sheets located in the Narthex or contact Amy Crisp (acrisp@vacoxmail.com or 703-356-3312).



## Sunday School Returns Sept. 12

Adults, Sundays, 9:30—10:15 a.m. **Connections (302):** *Four Seasons of Marriage*: Karen and Andy Briscoe will lead a series on marriage this fall. Marriages are perpetually in a state of transition, continually moving from one season to another – perhaps not annually, as in nature, but just as certainly and consistently. Each one holds the potential for emotional health and happiness, and each has its challenges. We will follow the guide by Gary Chapman: *The Four Seasons of Marriage*. Childcare for babies and little ones and a program for the older children will be provided as well.

### Education Ministry at Trinity

**Cokesbury (Library):** Studying Ecclesiastes and led by Steve Cary.

**Children's Worship, Sundays, 9:30—10:15 a.m.** (402-403) A learning experience for children ages 3—8 using the Noah's Park program.

Children, Sundays, 10:45—11:30 a.m.

Children attend 10:30 worship with their parents and are dismissed to their classes after the Children's Message.

The children will continue to learn through the series, **Rock Solid**.

3 & 4 Year Olds (402-403)  
K/1st Grade (301)  
2nd/3rd Grade (303)  
4th/5th Grade (302)  
6th-8th Grade (124)



Beginning Sept. 12, there will be a new procedure for **Sunday School dismissal**. Parents will be required to sign out their children from their Sunday School classroom. This is in compliance with our Child Protection Policy adopted last Spring. We ask that parents pick up their children within 10 minutes after the end of the worship service. We thank you in advance for your patience as we continue to make Trinity Church safe for all children.



We are still looking for Sunday School **teachers, assistants and substitute teachers** for the next academic year. If you feel called and wish to volunteer (or would like more information), please e-mail Carol Brunner at bruno@brunnerhome.com.



There will be a make-up **teacher meeting** on **Saturday, September 18**, 10 a.m.—12 p.m. for those unable to attend on Aug. 22. **If you need childcare**, please contact Amy Crisp (acrisp@vacoxmail.com, 703-356-3312) no later than Sept. 8.

August 29, 2010

Dear Parents,

All of us here at Trinity United Methodist Church are excited for the upcoming church school year. Sunday School is a great way to educate children in the language and stories of faith. It is our goal that your children will begin to see themselves in the stories that are presented each Sunday. It is in this way that they will understand themselves as part of the ongoing story of the Church universal.

It goes without saying that the Bible is an integral part of your child's experience in Sunday School. We are currently exploring a couple different ways that we can integrate the Bible into our classrooms, and we would love to get all of the parents involved in the process!

There are a couple different options, and we are hoping to hear back from you on which one you would prefer. One option is to have each child bring their own Bible to church with them for use in the classrooms. This will take a great deal of commitment on your part as you remind your children each Sunday to pack their Bibles. A second option is to buy enough Bibles for each classroom. If you choose the second option, would this be something towards which you would be willing to contribute? The cost is \$15 per Bible, and we are looking to purchase 32 of them.

Please take the time to fill out and detach the bottom section of this letter. You may return it via mail, place it in my mailbox in the Church Office, or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. If you feel called to make a pledge, please include a memo specifying "Sunday School Bibles."

I look forward to hearing from you, and thank you for supporting your children's Christian Education!

*Amy Crisp*

Director of Christian Education

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, would prefer:

\_\_\_\_\_ Having my child(ren) bring his/her Bible to church each Sunday.

\_\_\_\_\_ Having a set of Bibles in each Sunday School classroom.

\_\_\_\_\_ I pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help purchase the Bibles.