



# The Bridge

The Newsletter of the Chesapeake City United Methodist Charge  
**Town Point † Jacob's Well † Trinity**

February 2009

***Our mission is to make disciples by inviting, developing, and sending people in the name of Jesus Christ through a worshipping, nurturing and teaching fellowship.***

## Discipleship

I think one of the great gifts of discipleship is the purpose and direction God infuses into our lives. Of course, receiving this gift requires paying attention to the purpose and direction God has for us.

We are currently in the midst of worship series that focuses upon this question. We each have different spiritual gifts, and varying calls among us. Yet we all share the same broad purpose as Christians:

1. Loving God passionately and our neighbor as ourselves in response to God's love for us (Matthew 22)
2. Being equipped for ministry in the world by our spiritual gifts (Ephesians 4:12)
3. Being in ministry with the overlooked (Matthew 25:31-46, Luke 4) *February 8*
4. Caring for Creation (Gen. 1) *February 15*
5. All of this leads to making disciples through relationship (Matthew 28:16-20) *February 22*

Our tech team of Gina Troy, Patrick Donnelly, and Chris Niner have been doing fabulous work in creating video from among our church family and wider community to reflect upon each theme. At the end of the series, a DVD with all of the segments will be available for all who want one.

The series concludes our ordinary time after Epiphany. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday February 25 and the first Sunday in Lent is March 1. We will again celebrate communion each Sunday of Lent. We will also have our community worship services during Lent, one at each of our member Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association Churches.

As we worship, let us remember: God is the audience, those who gather for worship are the "actors on the stage" and those who lead in worship are the directors of this great drama. May your life be infused with God's purpose and direction.

*Striving to be faithful,*  
Pastor Amy

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**Pam Downey,  
Youth Director**

*(Editor's Note: Many thanks to Pat Meehan and Erin Bifferato for contributing news from the Youth Group. Their willingness to help Pam Downey during her illness is a testimony to their spiritual growth as well as their dedication to Pam—not to mention Pam's outstanding work with the youth.)*

**Rotating Shelter Dinner**

The Youth Group had the chance to help the homeless at the rotating shelter by making and serving a restaurant-themed dinner on January 1st at Trinity Church. We got together on December 31<sup>st</sup> at Town Point to cook and prepare.

Even though we lost electricity because of the windstorm that day, we made the best of it and everyone worked very hard to get most of the cooking done before dark. The next day, the group split into



*Shelter Dinner*

kitchen crew and servers and served a four course meal to the guests and volunteers. Not only did everyone eat a wonderful meal, but the youth group had a chance to see life through some of the homeless residents' eyes. We found out that life isn't always served on a silver platter and we sometimes need to work to get what we want.

**Youth Rally**

The youth rally in Ocean City on January 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> was a wonderful trip. The speakers were enjoyable and inspiring, and spoke honestly to those gathered about some of the toughest challenges facing young people. When it came to the music,



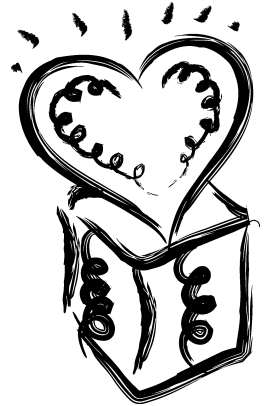
there was something for everyone. Overall, this rally was one of those years when we had even more fun with our group than the actual rally. We were all sad when our leader Miss Pam had to leave early, but it was a lot of fun getting to know everyone better.



**Maura Kalafut,  
Preschool Director**

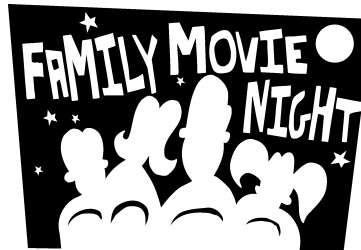
Didn't we just celebrate Christmas? Where has the time gone? Well the children returned to school without missing a beat after the long holiday break. Way to go preschoolers!

We got right back to business with the letter L and the number 12 during the first week of January. The children also heard many different stories and poems during literature week. The rest of January had them learning the letters M-O and 13-15. We talked about money, counted with M&Ms, discovered opposites and had fun with nursery rhymes. January ended with a pajama day at school. We relaxed in our pj's, watched a Veggie Tales movie and had popcorn.



The teachers met with the parents individually to discuss their child's accomplishments and areas for improvement. We reviewed the goals together and discussed a plan to meet those goals before the end of the school year. Some of the children are already reading! The teachers began introducing sight words to the children and encouraging them to recognize them in stories. Wow! They are so smart!

February will be full of fun, too. We'll be learning the letters P-S and the numbers 16-19. We will be taking a trip to the Chesapeake City Library. Also in February, the preschool will be hosting a movie night for the children and their families on Friday the 20th. Several youth group members will be assisting us with this event. Thanks for your help! We will learn about people and places, friendship, the rain forest and have fun with science.



The children will be learning about the miracles of Jesus. Jesus calms the storm and Jesus feeds 5000. Every other Wednesday, the children visit the sanctuary (we call it Chapel). They listen to a story about God and Jesus, sing songs and then create a craft back in the classroom that reinforces the story they heard. The preschoolers are so respectful in church and know that this is God's house. I thank God every day for the blessings he has given me. The children help to remind me of the simple things in life.

As always, thank you for your continued support, kind words and encouraging prayers to make the preschool program successful!



## Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association

**Deb Forsythe,  
President**

Angel Food boxes have come to Cecil County through our member church Bohemia Wesleyan. Pastor Kevin reports **300** boxes were ordered! This was nothing short of amazing. New menus will be available on January 24th, and should be distributed to the churches shortly thereafter. Please remember there are no financial requirements to purchases these boxes, but they must be paid for on the date ordered and you must be present to pick up approximately 2 weeks later.

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, at our Art Show/Silent Auction, Cecil County was introduced to "Bra Art". This year's event included a partnership with the Breast Health Center of Union Hospital and nine talented artists created unique works of art which were displayed at 1st Presbyterian church. In addition we received approximately 135 art pieces, most from Cecil County artists. We did, however, have pieces from as far away as California and South Dakota! As of January 23rd, the unofficial total is about \$6,700.00! There are a few more figures to tally, but this will be close to the final total. We will publish a final report by mid-February and The Breast Health Center will receive their check, plus the bra art, which will be used for fund-raising at future events sponsored by The Center.



### ART SHOW AND SILENT AUCTION

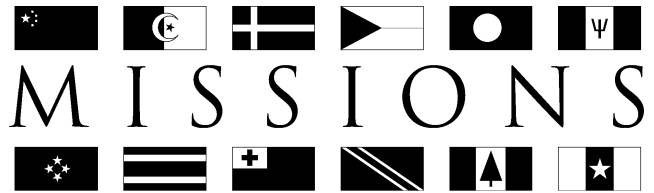
The raffle piece (hammered copper, miniature body form) raised \$60.00 and was won by Rev. Kathy Pownall. The restored trunk and "survivors quilt" raised \$265.00 and was won by Leslie Carrington, who was present and ecstatic!

I would like to extend a personal thanks to the planning committee and the hosting halls for the tremendous job! We heard many wonderful comments on the food and displays in every hall, and while we did not serve a "meal", no one left the evening hungry. We heard many

wonderful comments about the opportunity to once again gather and fellowship.

Nominations are now being prepared by the member churches in preparation for elections for the 2009 Board. Elections for general board and our Executive Board will be held in the Summer of 2009 and the new board will be seated in the fall session.

May GOD keep you safe in HIS arms...



**Joyce Stansfield, Sending Chairperson**

## Thank You Shelter Volunteers!

Tom Duffy, Gary and Laura Cochran, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each person who helped our Charge host the Rotating Shelter Program from December 29, 2008 to January 5, 2009. We are truly blessed to have such an ecumenical team effort



involving the congregations of Town Point, Trinity, Jacobs Well, St. Rose's Catholic Church, St. Augustine Episcopal Parish, and the First Presbyterian Church of Chesapeake City. Since we hosted the week after Christmas, when schools were closed, we were also blessed by the young people in our community. The CCUMC Youth

Group and their adult support group served a wonderful Bistro dinner and several Boy Scout and Cub Scout groups with their adult leaders provided dinners and breakfast during the week. The shelter residents enjoyed their week with warm beds, delicious meals, and great fellowship. Please know that whatever your role was in helping us host the shelter program, YOU WERE APPRECIATED.

*Blessings to each and every one of you, Joyce*

# Winter Study Opportunities

## Fellowship Dinner, Every Thursday Night, 6 p.m.

You are invited to a delicious, free dinner every Thursday night at Trinity! Enjoy the opportunity to have dinner cooked for you and to get to know others in our community of faith. After dinner, you are invited to participate in one of the ongoing studies or groups. \*\*Donations and volunteer cooks/cleanup are welcomed\*\*

### New Studies

**NOOMA** is a series of short films that explore our world from the perspective of Jesus and are an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion. Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something right here, right now, and anybody can be a part of it. He encouraged his listeners to search, to question, to wrestle with the implications of what he was saying and doing. He inspired, challenged, provoked, comforted, and invited people to be open to God's work in this world. Wherever he went, whatever he did, Jesus started discussions about what matters most, because for Jesus, God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in. Beginning Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at Trinity, 7 pm.

#### Beginner's Bible Study

Do you want a very basic, beginning Bible Study? You are invited to study with Pastor Amy for 4 weeks in February. We will begin at the very beginning of how to study the Bible alone and in group settings. Invite a friend from within our church family or beyond. Bibles provided, or you may bring your own. Thursday nights at 7p.m. on Feb. 5, 12, 19, and 26.

**Lenten Study: Living with the Mind of Christ** by James A Harnish  
This study based on Philippians 2:1-11 features a Scripture reference, a personal reading, and questions for personal reflection and group study. Also includes suggestions for ways to deepen the Lenten journey or a focus for the coming week. The goal is to discover what it might be like to live with the mind of Christ. A 6-week study beginning Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at Trinity, 10:30 am. Led by the Reverend Cindy Koski.

### Ongoing Studies

#### Bible Study with Pastor Amy

Be a part of Pastor Amy's sermon writing by exploring the coming week's sermon scripture. Wednesday mornings at Trinity 10:30 am.

#### Lose it for Life

A uniquely balanced program that deals with the physical, emotional and even spiritual elements that lead to permanent weight loss. Thursday evenings at Trinity at 7 pm. Led by Cindy Wallace

#### Next Door Savior

A video study based on the Max Lucado book by the same name in which readers come face to face with both the holy and human sides of Jesus. Unforgettable stories and powerful truths draw us to a Savior who is as approachable as a next-door neighbor, yet holy enough to save humanity. Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am at Trinity. Led by Joann Jones.

#### Adult Sunday School at Trinity

Sundays mornings at 10. Led by Jim Tomlin

**Covenant Discipleship** is a small-group ministry in the Wesleyan tradition. Groups meet weekly for one hour. Through a process of mutual accountability and support for practicing the basics of Christian faith, members "watch over one another in love."

**Men's Covenant Groups:** Contact Ray Yarnall 410-398-8003

Thursdays, 6:15 a.m., Jack & Helen's Restaurant

Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Pastor Amy's office, Trinity

**Covenant Group:** Wednesdays, 9:15 a.m., Pastor Amy's office

### Coming in March...

#### Chasing Daylight

Erwin McManus uses the biblical account of Israel's war with the Philistines (1 Samuel 13-14) and the characters of Jonathan and Saul to demonstrate the difference between living a life of purpose and adventure, and living one of apathy and missed opportunity. Through this story, McManus artfully illustrates the eight characteristics of an adventurer's heart, what he calls the "Jonathan factor". The DVD series uses powerful examples from McManus' life, along with fresh biblical teaching to assert that God crafts divine moments specific to each of us - priceless opportunities for us to actively engage in God's big picture plan. A 10-week study on Thursdays at 7 pm at Trinity beginning March 5<sup>th</sup>. Led by Carl Davis.

#### Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, Extravagant Generosity. These words capture the core process by which God uses congregations to make disciples and will match the worship themes during Lent. Come explore how these critical practices can be incorporated into our mission of inviting, developing and sending in the name of Jesus Christ. A five-week study on Thursdays at 7 pm at Trinity, beginning March 5<sup>th</sup>. Led by Pastor Amy

#### Organic God

What if we could simplify our lives, starting with our faith? In our ever-changing world, simplicity is a craving. Imagine what it would look like to have an organic relationship with God, one that is stripped of all pollutants, additives, and other distractions that can cloud this ultimate relationship. The Organic God removes the unhealthy fillers and purifies our relationship with the God of the Scriptures. Through personal stories and scriptural insights, Margaret Feinberg shares glimpses of God's character - talkative, beautiful, mysterious - that points us to an authentic and naturally spiritual relationship with Him allowing you to discover God in a healthy, refreshing, new way. Thursdays at 7 pm at Trinity beginning March 5<sup>th</sup>. 6 week study led by Susan Davis.

### To register for Small Groups:

Look for sign up sheets at each worship center or call or e-mail the church office. No registration is required for the Nooma study.

### Wanted: (Contact the church office at 410-885-5641)

✓ Ideas for Small Groups

✓ Small Group Leaders

✓ Childcare providers Thursdays at 7 pm



By Jen Dolde

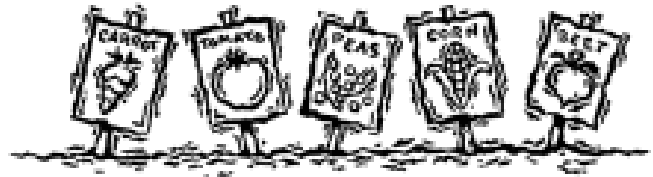
### Do We Reap What We Sow?

*Don't be misled. Remember that you can't ignore God and get away with it. You will always reap what you sow.*  
Galatians 6:7 NLT.

This passage from Galatians has always seemed harsh to me. I have heard it used as a stern warning, or more often than not, an "I told you so" thrown at people who have made a grievous mistake in their lives. As my Study Bible points out, however, it really just means that if you sow corn you can not expect to get pumpkins; and if you gossip about your friends you should not be surprised if you lose their friendship. "But if you plant to please God, you'll reap joy and everlasting life."



I prefer the more positive imagery of sowing and reaping. If you think about it, we actually reap much more than we sow. One slice of a seed potato will sprout a plant that will develop pounds of spuds; a pinch of tiny carrot seeds will produce enough of that root vegetable to supply a family for a month; and one squash seed will grow into a vine that will produce more zucchini than you can possibly give away in August. What miraculous powerhouses are the seeds God has given us!



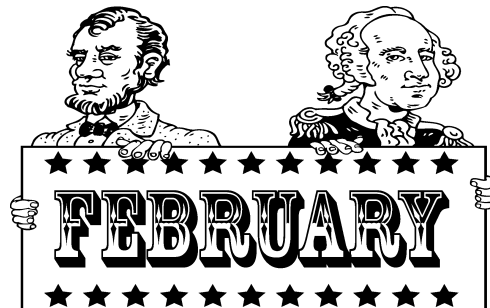
I will grant you that it takes a little care to make those seeds sprout, grow to maturity and ripen their fruit. Look at it this way, though: A packet of seeds costs about \$2.00. If you can grow one cantaloupe, a quart of tomatoes, or half a dozen ears of corn, you have gotten your money back.

Seed catalogs are arriving in mailboxes everywhere, and they are full of pictures of beautiful fruits and vegetables you can grow and harvest in your own yard. Plan a garden for this spring, and see if you can reap more than you sow!

### Write to Rosemary

Rosemary Maloney is missing her friends from CCUMC and would love cards and letters. **(Note that her birthday is this month)** Send correspondence to:

Rosemary Maloney  
Ocoee Health Care Center  
15556 Maguire Rd, Ocoee, FL 34761



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★ **2009 Leadership** ★  
★ Look for a list of the members ★  
★ of the 2009 Leadership Team, ★  
★ along with ★  
★ contact information and ★  
★ goals for the year ★  
★ in the March edition ★  
★ of the newsletter. ★  
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- 1 Lucy Titter  
Eric Ohline
- 2 Rosemary Maloney  
Carmen Romano  
Jack Shitama  
Nancy Huebner
- 3 Joann Jones
- 4 Bill Hawkins  
George Park
- 9 Bertie Ferguson

- Shawn Justice
- 10 Andrew Dougherty  
Katie French  
Ed Lee
- 15 Brittany Myers
- 16 William Vaugham
- 17 Alexander Bleezarde
- 19 Janet Vinc
- 21 Fred Wallace
- 22 Jim Watson
- 25 Patrick Howard
- 26 John Ryan  
Andrew Russell
- 27 Kerry Gustafson  
Chris Huey

29 Jimmy Lucas



- 2, Betty & Tom Godwin
- 5, 1938 Edith & Wayne Benner
- 14, 1993 Laura & Gary Cochran
- 14, 1996 Joann & Paul Craig
- 22, 1963 Bertie & Bill Ferguson

**SERVING THE LORD AT TOWN POINT**

Lay Reader:	<b>February 1</b> Mkki Senn	<b>February 8</b> Carol Wieser	<b>February 15</b> Pam Dolde	<b>February 22</b> Victoria Foraker
Offertory Prayer	Doug Senn	Dave Koski	Carl Davis	Gindy Koski
Acolyte:	Josef Dolde			
Ushers/Greeters:	MaryAnna & Dick Taylor	George & Vicki Maxwell	Gindy and Dave Koski	Dolde Family

**SERVING THE LORD AT JACOB'S WELL**

Inside:	<b>February 1</b> Linda Squier	<b>February 8</b> Phyllis Davis	<b>February 15</b> J. Stansfield	<b>February 22</b> Sally Sheldon
Outside:	Megan Shitama	Ginni Poist	T. Stansfield	Spin Sheldon
Parking:	Rick Squier	Niki Gnelli	P. Shores	C. Dougherty
Ushers:	Renie Poole J. Hambling Squiers	Ray Yarnall, Sr. Gnellis Phyllis Davis	Sue Lee MJ. Titter Stansfields Andy Stansfield	Sue Lee C. Dougherty Gindy Wallace Sally Sheldon
Refreshments:	Allison Everett Deb Vogelsong	Roxanne Niner Barb Stuart	Sharon Hess Phyllis Davis	Kim Nahrgang Sally Sheldon
Setup:	L Guinard Robin Reiver M Carlisle Dissingers	Edna Wyatt Ree Gnelli Jesse Riffin Barb Stuart	Downeys M Milson Janet Hufford L Guinard	Edna Wyatt Sheldons Trish Shores L Guinard
Teardown:	L Guinard C Wallace Squiers Deb Vogelsong	Janet Nickle Bifferatos Ray Yarnall, Sr.	Downeys L Guinard	Dissingers Bifferatos
Service Coordinators:	L Guinard C Wallace	L Guinard G. Bifferato	Downeys L Guinard	T. Shores G. Bifferato

**SERVING THE LORD AT TRINITY**

Lay Reader:	<b>February 1</b> Tom Duffy	<b>February 8</b> Cheryl Dawkins	<b>February 15</b> John Ginny	<b>February 22</b> Marian Harvey
Offertory Prayer:	Joyce Stansfield	Tucker Matthews	Jim Prigel	Hannah Harvey
Acolyte:	Matthew Lynn			
Ushers/Greeters:	Green and Smith Families			
Nursery:	TBA			
Communion Steward:	Frances Lee			
After Worship Fellowship:	Kathy Moran			

# February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b> <b>Invite a friend Sunday</b> Choir Practice, TR Chrysalis 2pm-4 Trinity Hall, Rm 4 Pastor Amy home this evening from Quadrennial Training in Florida</p>	<p><b>2</b> 9:30 am Bag of Hope, TR Hall 6pm Scouts rm 5 6:30 pm Men's covenant</p>	<p><b>3</b> 10:am Bag of Hope, TR Hall 8am - 6pm Wesley Patti 10:30 am Next Door Savior, TR 6pm Scouts rm 4,5 6:30 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>4</b> 9:15am cov't group 10:30am Pastor's Bible study, TR 6pm - 9pm Scouts Hall, Rms 2,4,5</p>	<p><b>5</b> 8:30 am - 12:30 Pastor Amy at Candidacy Mentor Training, 6pm Fellowship Dinner 6:30 pm Scouts R2 7pm small groups</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> 9am-5pm Leadership Retreat At Town Point  B. Kline Shower, TR Hall 2pm-5pm</p>
<p><b>8</b> Choir practice, TR After Worship Fellowship TR  12:30 Mission Trip Information Meeting at Trinity  Chrysalis 2pm-4 Trinity Hall, Rm 4</p>	<p><b>9</b> 6pm Scouts rm 5 6:30 pm Men's covenant</p>	<p><b>10</b> Exercise 9:15 am 10:30 am Next Door Savior, TR 6pm Scouts rm 4,5 6:30 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>11</b> 9:15am cov't group 10:30am Pastor's Bible study, TR 6pm - 9pm Scouts Hall, Rms 2,4,5  7:pm Vision Team Meeting at TP</p>	<p><b>12</b> 615am Men'sCov't 9 am - 10 am Lewis Fellowship Event 9:15 am Exercise 6 pm Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm Scouts R2 7pm small groups *Pastor Amy at Leadership Event</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> Blue and Gold Dinner, Scouts TR 2pm -8pm Hall  10am-4pm Pastor Amy - How to Tell Your Story, Reconciling Ministry Training, Dover</p>
<p><b>15</b> Choir practice, TR  Chrysalis 2pm-4 Trinity Hall, Rm 4  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> 9am-4 Boundaries Ethics Training, Cornerstone Church Pastor Amy &amp; Pam Downey 9:30 am Bag of Hope, TR Hall 6pm Scouts rm 5 6:30 pm Men's covenant group</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9:15 am Exercise 10:30 am Next Door Savior, TR 6pm Scouts rm 4,5 6:30 - 8:00 pm 6:30 VIM Dover  J. Hufford TR Hall, 6pm-9pm</p>	<p><b>18</b> 9:15am cov't group 10:30 am, Pastor's Bible Study 6pm - 9pm Scouts Hall, Rms 2,4,5</p>	<p><b>19</b> 9:15 am Exercise 6 pm Fellowship Dinner 7pm small groups 6:30 pm Scouts R2</p>	<p><b>20</b> <i>Preschool Family Night 6pm-9pm, TR Hall, Rms 1,3</i>  11:am Staff Meeting,</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b> Choir Practice TR  Chrysalis 2pm-4 Trinity Hall, Rm 4</p>	<p><b>23</b> 6:30 pm Men's covenant 6pm Scouts rm 5</p>	<p><b>24</b> 915 am Exercise 10:30 am Next Door Savior, TR 6pm Scouts rm 4,5 8:30am -12:30 Lenten Day at Aldersgate  7:pm Lead Team</p>	<p><b>25</b> 9:15am cov't group 10:30 Pastor's Bible Study 6pm - 9pm Scouts Hall, Rms 2,4,5  7:30 pm Ash Wednesday @ Ebenezer</p>	<p><b>26</b> 9:15 am Exercise 6 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:30 pm Scouts R2 7pm small groups</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> M. McCormick TR Hall 3PM-8PM  Kanal Kitchen 12-1</p>
<p><b>Rotating Shelter</b> will be held at Trinity Monday, March 2, 2009 through Monday, March 9, 2009. Please be in prayer for this ministry and all involved.</p>						



See Page 4 for three new studies  
beginning in February

And

Three more beginning in March

Come on Thursday Nights for a Free  
FELLOWSHIP DINNER  
6 p.m., followed by small groups at 7 p.m.

The  
Chesapeake City  
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Sunday Worship  
Services

Town Point UMC  
8:45 a.m.,  
61 Port Herman Road

Jacob's Well I  
10 a.m.  
Godly Play 9:45 Bo Manor  
Auditorium

Trinity UMC  
11:15 a.m.  
Godly Play 11:10 a.m.  
Third St. & Bohemia Ave.

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