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Invited!  
To VBS 2017  
**June  
5-9**

**Supper: 5:30 p.m.**  
**Program: 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

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And on Friday, June 9,  
Join us for the Bible School Family Picnic!  
Hamburgers & Hot Dogs  
Live Music, Fun, & Games!  
Bring the Whole Family!


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And Adults, Join Us for  
Dig Deeper into the Parables  
Adult Bible Study  
**June 5-8**



May 30, 2017

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# *How long does it take to transform a tadpole to a frog?*

Rev. Rhonda Hobbs

My house in Soddy Daisy, came with a two-tiered pond in the front yard. The water spout that feeds the pond is a replica of an old- timey well pump. I loved to sit on the porch and listen to the water trickle from the spout down into the upper pond and flow down into the lower pond, then watch it spurt out like a mushroom from the fountain. One spring, two frogs took up residence in my pond; it was relaxing to hear their croaking at night.

Do you know what happens when you have two frogs? Yes, they make baby frogs. When I started to clean out the pond, I noticed hundreds of little objects swimming in the water. I was now the proud owner of a pond full of tadpoles! I haven't seen tadpoles since I was eight years old and played down at the creek by our house. I thought it would be neat to watch them transform from tadpoles into frogs. I shut the fountain off and left the algae to grow so I wouldn't kill the tadpoles. After all, how long could it take to transform from a tadpole to a frog?

A couple of weeks went by, the tadpoles grew a little, they were really cute but there were so many of them! The pond was a little dirty and I missed the fountain but it was just for a little while. I just had to bear it long enough for the tadpoles to transform into frogs. How long could it take to transform from a tadpole to a frog?

# Prayer Requests



## *Continuing Prayers*

Joanne Stansberry, Kenny Higgins, Rowena Walker, Delt Sharp, Gary Sharp, Sherran Key

## *Prayers for those with recent surgeries and health needs:*

Paul Boyer, Joe Mischlich, John Mitchell, Jack Woods, Gary Simmons, Jack Shaw, Charlene Walker, Ellen Ferry, Roberta Fogle, Joann Rayburn, Megan Emeheiser, Rita Raymond, Belle Simms, David Ruckart, Velma Bradford, Sadie Kinnamon, Clara McGill, Joyce Ooten, TJ (grandson of Larry Anderson), Buddy Judd

## *Continuing Care*

Lola Corrier, Mary Heimbaugh, Nancy Wallace, George Jack George Deaton (father of Julius Deaton.)

## *In the Military*

**Mathew Chesney  
Tim George  
Wayne Houser  
James Raxter  
Ryan Witzak  
Bennie Satterfield**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6/2	Deedra Glenn	6/18	Deborah Welch
6/3	Wayne Houser	6/20	Caitlin Hodge
6/4	Tammy Judd	6/21	Mary Dixon
6/4	Charlie Stevens	6/21	June Nickle
6/5	Issac Neil	6/21	Jackson Wright
6/6	Amy Newby	6/23	Amy Jones
6/6	Loanna Woods	6/23	Belle Simms
6/7	Ginger Mayfield	6/24	Mary Satterfield
6/9	Colleen Hauser	6/25	Suzy Ooten
6/9	Liz Seaman	6/26	Randy Walker
6/12	Kristen Edds	6/27	Polly McNutt
6/14	Carolina Jones	6/27	Rita Raymond
6/15	Beverly Dunham	6/28	Layne Jennings
6/15	James N. Raxter	6/30	Debbie Bunch
6/15	Ashley Bell	6/30	Pam Cunningham
6/17	Libby Price	6/30	Ashley Houser

## Honorarium

*In honor of Rev. Rhonda Hobbs  
& Rev. Larry Carroll  
given by Sadie Kinnamon*

A couple of more weeks went by. I really missed listening to the fountain. The tadpoles were getting bigger, but nowhere close to looking like a frog. Only about half of them were left – I didn't know cats liked tadpole for breakfast! The algae was getting pretty thick by now, they had to become frogs pretty soon. After all, how long could it take for a tadpole to transform into a frog?

At 9 weeks, curiosity got the best of me – I did a “Google” search, “How long does it take for a tadpole to transform into a frog?” Answer: There are a lot of variables, too many to list, but transformation can take from as little as 30 days to 18 months! How long is it going to take for these tadpoles to transform to frogs???!!!

Twelve weeks went by there were about two dozen really large tadpoles and one big pile of pond scum. I was ready to abort the tadpole project, the Holy Spirit asked me, “How long does it take you to transform into who I created you to be?” Does God look at the beautiful world He created, blemished by the scum of sin and ask, “How long does it take for them to transform?” Transforming into the image of Jesus is the goal of the Christian life – it can take 50, 60, even 80 years!

God is patient. He allows us to grow and to be transformed, little by little. We go through some really ugly stages of transformation and if we aren't careful, the world will have us for breakfast. How long does it take to transform from a tadpole to a frog? As long as it takes.

*“And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.”*

*- 2 Corinthians 3:18*





# CHANCEL CHOIR

June 4	Sing 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
June 11	Sing 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
June 18	Choir off
June 25	Sing 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Our last rehearsal before the Summer break will be May 31!

We will take six weeks off. Next rehearsal will be Wednesday, July 19.



The youth will do a mission project for VBS this June and will be collecting items for homeless kits to distribute to KARM and our community. Beginning May 21, there will be designated bins in the narthex. Please consider donating the following items...

**\*washcloths**

**\*socks** (*wool if possible*)

**\*lotions, conditioners, shampoos** (*hotel or travel size*)

**\*hand sanitizing wet wipes**

**\*non-perishable food items** (*multi-grain bars, fruit bars, peanut butter/cheese crackers...varieties, graham bars, fruit cups, etc.*)...**NO CANNED FOODS**

**\*Bibles, upper rooms, small devotional books, Gideon Bibles, etc...**

**\*deodorant, chapstick/lip balm**

**\*toothbrushes** (pack or individual)

**\*bottled waters**

**\*combs**

## *Just A Friendly Reminder*

Please remember that the deadline for newsletter submission is *the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.* If you have an event or article that you want included in the newsletter, all information must be received by the 20<sup>th</sup>. Anything that is received after the 20<sup>th</sup> is not guaranteed publication.



**CROSSFIRE**  
YOUTH of TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
*Sundays @ 5 pm*



**Every  
Sunday  
At  
5 pm!**

# MOVIE Night

**Our first family movie  
night is Friday, June 23!**

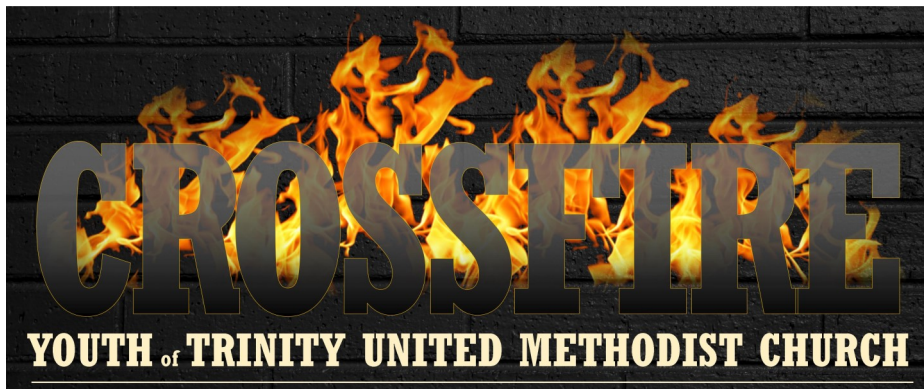
**Gathering at 8:00 p.m.**

**Movie Begins at 8:30 p.m.**

*Bring your own lawn chair or blanket!*

*Bring your friends!*

In the event of rain, the movie will take  
place in the gym.



Dear Trinity UMC Members,

*The youth would like to give a warm thank you to the congregation for their support of the Mother's Day Rose fundraiser. We made \$268 in total! Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to help fund the youth Mission Stay July 16-21 here at the church and Resurrection in January.*

*As we move into the month of June, the youth will be collecting items for homeless kits over the next few weeks to distribute at KARM and to the congregation to give out in the community. **There will be labeled bins in the narthex for the homeless kit items to be placed in. The last week of collection will run through VBS June 5-9. Please refer to the Sunday morning bulletins, TV in the narthex, and/or ask me for the specific items that are being collected.** As always, thank you for your continued support for the youth program.*

Would you like to stay connected and know what is going on with the youth in the church? If yes, then you can ask to join Trinity UMC Crossfire Youth on Facebook, Trinity Crossfire Youth on Instagram, and/or sign up to get Remind texts. To sign up for Trinity UMC Crossfire Youth Remind texts follow the directions below.

**On your cellphone enter the number and message below and hit send. You should get a message saying you have joined Mr. Balcom's Trinity UMC Crossfire Youth. IF it sends you a text asking for any further information, then just answer the questions.**

**To – 81010  
Message - @tricroumc**

**Here is a prayer to pray for the youth and children this month.**  
*“Grant, Lord, that my children may learn to live a life of love, through the Spirit who dwells in them” (Gal. 5:25, Eph. 5:2).*

*Donald Balcom  
Director of Youth Ministries*

For the past two years, we have challenged ourselves to give to ministry with the children who live in the shadows of our church buildings. This year, we expand that vision to give to the children who live in the shadow of God's love thousands of miles away. All these children are held in the palm of God's hand. All these children are the precious ones Jesus invited to come to him.



Please share in the Holston Conference Mission Offering for Ishe Anesu on May 7 or the Sunday designated by your congregation. Your pastor or lay member to Annual Conference will then bring your church's offering to Annual Conference for the Tuesday evening Mission Celebration.

*Thank you, Holston, for the ways you care for all God's children and for your commitment to the children of Ishe Anesu.*

### *Please give.*

Mark your gift for Ishe Anesu Mission Offering and give it through your local church offering. *Thank you!*

For information on Ishe Anesu, visit <http://ac.holston.org>.



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## Holston Annual Conference 2017 Mission Offering



**I**she Anesu, which means “*God is with us,*” holds a special place in the hearts of Holston Conference congregations. When you visit, you find a Rock City birdhouse from Chattanooga and a storage unit filled with food buckets

provided by Holston churches through the annual Hands-On Mission Project.

For 20 years, Maria and Bill Humbane have provided the leadership for this school and community outreach that literally saves the lives of the poorest children in Mutare, Zimbabwe. Holston has provided the food for these children for over 18 years. Children who are vulnerable to the ravages of disease and poverty now thrive through the love, care, and support offered without fail.

Holston will continue to provide food buckets this year as part of our hands-on mission kit collection. In addition, Ishe Anesu is the recipient of this year’s mission offering.

In 2017 Maria and Bill Humbane are retiring. Due to visa requirements, they will return to their home country of Mozambique. The ministry of Ishe Anesu will continue. For its future to be secure, Holston is providing a cash offering that will be used to meet the immediate needs and provide the foundation for long-term security for the school.

The children of Ishe Anesu have become Holston’s children. We are committed to their welfare and to providing for their future. This is our chance to express our appreciation to Bill and Maria for their selfless giving to the children and this ministry. This is our time to invest in the children whose lives will be transformed by the touch of Christ through Ishe Anesu.



# Young in Heart

*Bob & Liz Seaman*

Join us on Thursday, June 15 at 11:00 a.m.  
For our picnic in the park!

*See you there!*

**Sunday, June 4 is  
Lay Leadership’s  
Celebration of Gifts  
& Pentecost Sunday!**

Wear something red  
& join us for worship,  
then a celebration lunch  
after the Bridge Service!

# June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	2 10:00 am Hearts to Hands Raxter's Home	3
<i>Pentecost</i> 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:45 am Cornerstone 9:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Youth Class 11:00 am Bridge Service 12:00 pm Commitment Sunday Celebration Lunch 5:00 pm Children	5:30 pm VBS Supper 6:00 pm Band of Brothers 6:30 pm VBS Program 6:30 pm Adult Study 7:00 pm Lydia Circle	5:30 pm VBS Supper 6:00 pm Joyful Gathering 6:30 pm VBS Program 6:30 pm Adult Study 7:00 pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	5:30 pm VBS Supper 6:30 pm VBS Program 6:30 pm Adult Study 6:30 am Early Birds	9:00 am Crafters 10:00 am Esther Circle 5:30 pm VBS Supper 6:30 pm VBS Program 6:30 pm Adult Study 7:00 pm Young Adults	10:00 am Hearts to Hands Raxter's Home 5:30 pm VBS Supper 6:30 pm VBS Program	
<b>Digging For Treasure VBS June 5-9 • Supper at 5:30 p.m. &amp; Program at 6:30 p.m.</b>						
<i>Trinity Sunday</i> <i>1st Sunday After Pentecost</i> 11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:45 am Cornerstone 9:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Youth Class 11:00 am Bridge Service 4:00 pm Trustee Meeting 5:00 pm Children	6:00 pm Band of Brothers 6:00 pm TCDC Board 7:00 pm Kairos Meeting	5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:00 pm Joyful Gathering 6:30 pm Ruth Circle 7:00 pm Abigail Circle 7:00 pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm Sons of Thunder 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	6:30 am Early Birds	11:00 am Young in Heart 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	10:00 am Hearts to Hands Raxter's Home 6:00 pm TCDC Graduation	4:30 pm Emmaus
<i>2nd Sunday After Pentecost</i> 18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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<i>Father's Day</i>		<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>				
<i>3rd Sunday After Pentecost</i> 25	26	27	28	29	30	
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