

THE LAMPLIGHTER

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
1600 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, WV 25311

Our Mission is to live and share God's Word in Jesus Christ

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This is a harder newsletter article to write than usual. I need to qualify that by confessing that all newsletter articles are just a little difficult for me to compose. I enjoy preparing and preaching sermons, teaching classes, and visiting the sick. For some reason, I just don't get too excited sitting at a desk in front of a computer. It is just my nature, and I have come to accept it. But I have dreaded this newsletter article more than others. This month I have to tell you something about myself, and something that is wrong with me. Every other month I tell you what I think God is doing, or what your church is doing, or what you could be doing. This month I must tell you about me.

During Lent I discovered that I have prostate cancer. My primary care physician suspected it at my annual physical and made arrangements for me to see an urologist. After several tests and a biopsy, the diagnosis was made in March. It is early. The cancer is contained within the prostate. If the prostate is removed, the cancer should be gone and will never affect me. Surgery is scheduled for June 7. I am told it will require an overnight in the hospital and then a week to ten days to make the initial recovery.

Meanwhile, I feel just fine. I never even knew I was sick. All the while I was taking blood tests and through the biopsy, I figured I would breeze through this concern the way I have always breezed through any suspicions or cautions doctors have brought to my attention. Not so this time. And when the doctor said the word "cancer," I actually heard a little voice in my head that said, "Cancer? That can't be. Don't you realize how many fruits and vegetables I eat, and how much fish I consume – and all the exercises I do?"

All that is called "denial." I am discovering that I am no different from any of God's other children to whom I minister. There is a part of me believes that since I do healthy things, I should never get sick – as if I can control my fate. And that's another thing I am discovering; I am mortal, and won't be around forever. Right now I am fortunate in that this cancer has been discovered in a very early stage and the rest of my body is healthy enough to handle the surgery. And my friends who have had this surgery tell me that within time I can expect to return to the active lifestyle I enjoy (except for biking – I have to be off the bike for three months).

I ask you to keep me in your prayers. I walk the corridors of the hospitals so often, ready and willing to offer prayer and encouragement to all in need. This time, for the first time, I will have opportunity to see what it is like to be the one prayed over.

God bless you –
Pastor Ron

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To include your news item in your Church publications, please observe the following deadlines. Submission by email is appreciated!

Bulletin	9:00 a.m. Tuesdays
Midweek	9:00 a.m. Mondays
Newsletter	The 20th of the month

*God's Work ...
Our Hands*



LUTHERAN LINES

The latest issue of *Lutheran Lines* is available at www.Lutheransonline.com/mtnwelca. A copy is also on the board in the Social Hall. Learn more about WELCA on the national website: www.womenoftheelca.org

Women of the ELCA

Our Purpose:

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

WELCA Dates for 2011

May 15, 2011	Coffee Fellowship (Graduation Sunday)
July 9, 2011	Picnic at Bennington's
July 14-17, 2011	Triennial Gathering in Spokane, WA
August 5-6, 2011	Convention in Huttonsville
September 17, 2011	Saturday Brunch at Trinity 10:30 a.m. (meeting)
September 18, 2011	Coffee Fellowship
October 15, 2011	Hot Dog/ Bake Sale
October 16, 2011	Coffee Fellowship
October 22-23, 2011	Fall Retreat at Tygart Lake
November 2011	Bean Soup Mix Sale (date to be announced)
November 20, 2011	Coffee Fellowship
December 18, 2011	Coffee Fellowship (Christmas Program)

Trinity WELCA news

It is with much regret that we accepted Mary Jo's resignation as our Vice President. She has been a dedicated worker for several years and we will miss her great program ideas and support. We wish her and Alex the very best and will look forward to seeing them at fellow Lutheran activities.

Susanna Circle

Susanna Circle met on **Tuesday**, May 3, at 9:30 a.m. in the Lounge. Nancy Schmellenkamp hosted and provided us with very tasty treats.

Rebekah Circle

Our next **Rebekah Circle** meeting will be Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the church social hall. Robin Chesney will present our Bible study *The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity* - Session 1 *Reading the Bible*. This first session focuses on how we read the Bible and introduces readers to the four study methods used in the ELCA Book Of Faith initiative. Vickie Schlak will provide us with our tasty treat during fellowship. Hope you can come and join in our study and fellowship.

This is the day: A devotion for May

Hymn: *Day of Arising (vs 1-2) ELW 374*

Responsive reading: Psalm 118:14-24

The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

**The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;
the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.**

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

**Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.**

This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Reflection

Let us rejoice and be glad! This is a new day. We celebrate the power of the Risen Christ and the meaning of the resurrection in our lives. We believe in the good news of salvation and the promises of Easter, which now have been fulfilled. God is the source of our strength, and the works of the Lord are indeed marvelous in our eyes. We will continue to ask for God's help in our lives on this day and in the days yet to come. When have *you* experienced God's help in a powerful way?

Closing hymn: *Day of Arising (vs 3-4) ELW 374*

Prayer focus: This July, elected delegates from all around the country will come together to conduct the business of the organization, elect churchwide leaders, worship and pray together, and pass resolutions representing issues important to this organization. These delegates give of their time, their energy, and their passions. We are grateful for their commitment, prayer, and stewardship, as well as *your* stewardship, which makes our convention—and indeed our whole organization—possible.

Triennial Convention July 14-17, 2011, Spokane, Washington

"The Triennial Convention shall be the highest legislative authority of Women of the ELCA and shall deal with all matters that are necessary in the pursuit of the purpose and functions of this organization" (Churchwide Constitution of Women of the ELCA, Article XI, Section 1).

Women of the ELCA meets in convention every three years. This is where the business of the organization is accomplished:

- Delegates hear a report from the executive board describing the activities of the organization since the last Triennial Convention.
- Officers and board members are elected.
- The previous fiscal year's audit and the next year's budget are discussed and voted on.
- Issues of concern--memorials--raised at synodical women's organization conventions and memorialized to the Triennial Convention are presented and voted on.
- Issues raised by delegates--resolutions--are brought to the convention as new business and voted on.
- Constitutional changes are made.

Delegates to the convention represent women in their region, synodical women's organization, and unit. They cast votes on their behalf. If you are interested in going as a delegate or a visitor, please see Pat Schillings for more information.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May	1 Sunday	9:45 a.m. SCS Opening 12:00 p.m. Committees	
	3 Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Susanna Circle 6:00 p.m. PRIDE	
	4 Wednesday	6:15 p.m. Worship Study Dinner/Discussion	
	5 Thursday	7:00 p.m. Rebekah Circle	
	7 Saturday	1:00 p.m. Relatives as Parents	
	Mother's Day	8 Sunday	10:30 a.m. Mother's Day Reception 12:00 p.m. Congregational Luncheon/Church Council
		8-11 Sunday— Wednesday	Daily ELCMA CONVENTION
	10 Tuesday	6:00 p.m. PRIDE	
	11 Wednesday	6:15 p.m. Covered Dish Dinner/Hymn Sing	
	14 Saturday	4:30 p.m. Handbell Concert/Spaghetti Dinner	
	15 Sunday	9:45 a.m. SCS	
	16 Monday	6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering Training Meeting	
	17 Tuesday	6:00 p.m. PRIDE	
	18 Wednesday	11:00 a.m. Friendly Lutherans	
	18 Wednesday	6:15 p.m. Worship Study Dinner/Discussion	
	21 Saturday	8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast	
	22 Sunday	9:45 a.m. Last SCS for the year	
	22 Sunday	10:30 p.m. Worship Assistant Training	
	22 Sunday	2:00 p.m. Doll Club	
	23 Monday	9:30 a.m. KCARSE Board Meeting	
	24 Tuesday	6:00 p.m. PRIDE, Lounge	
	24 Tuesday	7:00 p.m. Rose Society, Social Hall	
	25 Wednesday	11:00 a.m. Friendly Lutherans	
	27 Friday	2:00 p.m. Meadowbrook	
Memorial Day	30 Monday	Memorial Day, Church Office Closed	
	31 Tuesday	6:00 p.m. PRIDE	

CHURCH ACTIVITIES, cont.



ALTAR GUILD

Looking for a new and different way to serve the church? Want to know more about why we do what we do during Communion or the services? Want to get involved with making new banners, paraments, or liturgical art? Then you need to be a member of the Altar Guild! Contact the office, Linda Cook, or Eunice Burch if you are interested. We'd love to get you involved!



There are open dates on the readers list for both services. Stop and look at the chart located on the bulletin board opposite the secretary's office. If you are not comfortable singing the Psalm, the Pastor will do it for you. If you are looking for something to do for your church, this is one thing you can do. Thank you.

Do you enjoy the **Children's Sermon**? See Laura Knauff or any of the presenters listed to volunteer.



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| May 1 | Sara Busse |
| May 8 | Greg Mallory |
| May 15 | Lisa Williamson |
| May 22 | Laura Knauff |
| May 29 | Rosa McKinney |



To dedicate the altar flowers or sanctuary candle to someone, place their name and information on the sign-up sheets across from the church office. Flowers are \$46.00 and candles are \$2.00. You may place the money in the offering plate or bring it to the church office.

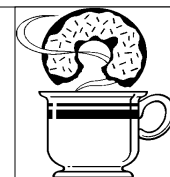


Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will be held on May 21 at 8:30 a.m. Y'all come and bring your appetites. It is a great way to start your Saturday with fellowship and good food.

Coffee Fellowship on Palm Sunday

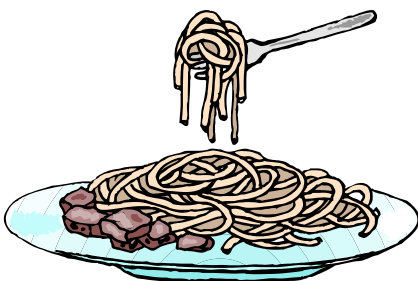
Thanks for all the goodies that were shared at the fellowship to honor our confirmands. We are proud of Megan and Samantha!



Coffee Fellowship on May 15th, Graduation Sunday

We will be honoring Trinity's graduates at this coffee fellowship at 10:30 a.m. in the social hall. Rebekah and Susanna Circle will be providing some tasty treats.

Graduates: High School: Emma Busse, Josh Helgoe, Donald Mallory, Andrew Weirick; College: Catlin Howe, Christene Gardner, Thomas Gunnoe, Chris Suppa, Joe Wilson (fall of 2011); Graduate School: Greg Mallory, Tim & Boryana Schlak.



Annual Spaghetti Dinner

The annual Social Ministry Spaghetti Dinner will be held immediately following the Spring Bell Tones Concert on Saturday, May 14, at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for children under 12, and children 5 and under eat free. Raffle Tickets will be sold. Come join us for a great evening to benefit the Social Ministry Projects.

Sunday School News

Our last day of Sunday School will be on May 22, 2011 for this term. We will start up again on **Rally Day**, September 18th at 9:45 a.m. in the Social Hall. See you at Sunday School in May!

The Lamplighter will publish a combined June/July issue in June. Deadline for article submission will be June 20. Please ensure your activities for the summer are included in this issue by sending your articles in no later than **June 20**.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES, cont.

With the arrival of Spring it's time for some recent Property good news!

If you haven't noticed, the church building was recently equipped with new downspouts. A little over two months ago someone stole most of the copper downspouts that had been in place since the church was built. Rather than replacements in copper we chose to go with dark brown aluminum. They look great and blend in well with the other dark brown trim on the roof. Harris Brothers Roofing did the work and it looks as good or better than the originals. The cost of the new downspouts will be more than paid for by the insurance recovery plus the value of the recycled copper which the contractor is handling for us.



It's also that time of year when the church lawn begs for attention. We once again have set up a six-team schedule to handle the cutting and cleanup. As before we are sure the teams will do the usual good job and we wish to thank them in advance.

The Columbarium looks even better with the arrival of good weather and Spring. We wish to acknowledge the work of Sherry (Suppa) and Paul (Zirkle) for the flowers they planted throughout the boxes and flower beds in the Columbarium as well as the mulching and cleanup. Thanks for a beautiful and well done job!!



Trinity's Table Report For March

During the month of March Trinity's Table served 694 meals at a cost of \$398.94 or approximately 57 cents a meal. Year to date we have served 2280 meals at a cost of \$1521.58 or 66 cents a meal.

We joined Believe In West Virginia Store House. We will be able to receive items free that have been donated to them. This month we received two cases of crackers, one case of Snicker candy bars, six cases of water/lemonade, one case of tortilla chips, one case of latex gloves to use in the kitchen, a case of Gummy Life Savers, several story books for kids, and some small footballs for kids. We will be able to shop once a month from Store House.

We have had an offer from a Tonya Casto and her husband Richard to grow and donate fresh vegetables this year from their garden. Their youth group will be helping maintain the garden. They brought a group of the kids to visit us on March 19th, and they will be coming back with additional groups over the next several weeks. Tonya and Rick want to teach the value and rewards of hard work to their youth, and we're happy to benefit.

We have approached U.S. Food Service to ascertain if we can benefit from buying food from them at wholesale prices. It appears there are opportunities to save money by buying some food from them. We are in the process of trying to finalize the arrangements.

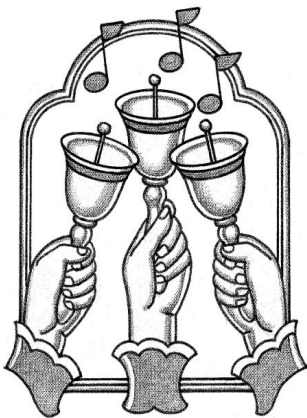
We purchased another freezer this month with a donation from a Trinity member. This freezer was necessary because of the increase numbers we are feeding, and since we only receive meat once a month from Mountaineer Food Bank. With the number of meals increasing we could not store enough meat to last a month in just one freezer.



Acolytes Off to College

It is with our thanks and blessings that we say goodbye to our Acolytes who are college-bound: Donald Mallory, Josh Helgoe, Emma Busse and Andrew Weirick. Over the years it has been wonderful to watch these responsible, caring young people make our worship more meaningful and complete. No one can count the number of times these four people (and many of our other acolytes) came to church, sat in a pew, realized there was no acolyte on duty, then made their way to the sacristy, vested and assumed the responsibilities of the day. We are proud, and very thankful, of our terrific acolytes and will miss these four when they go off to college.





On May 14th, the hand bell choir will present its annual Spring concert. The concert will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the church. After the concert, there will be a spaghetti dinner hosted by the Social Ministry Committee. There have been many reminders for you to mark this date on your calendar.

The bell choir has worked very hard all year and this concert is a culmination of the work it does to add to the worship service. We have rung in church every month this bell year, except for September. The choir is very proud of this fact because it has been one of our objectives at the beginning of each year to be able to do this. We truly hope that many of our church family and their guests will be in attendance for the concert. It is sad indeed to have more in the choir than we have in the audience. Besides, Trinity has always been loyal to the bell choir and we look forward to presenting this program for you.

Meadowbrook

You are invited to join us in our nursing home ministry at Meadowbrook Acres Nursing Home on Friday, May 27, at 2:00 p.m. We will celebrate birthdays as we sing songs, offer prayers, and eat cake. For more information, please call Jonalee Young at 304-346-1851 or Pat Schillings at 304-345-9003.



FRIENDLY LUTHERANS Friendly Lutheran News



For the month of May, we are going to try something different. It was suggested by one of our members that we bring a chicken dish to share. It could be in the form of an appetizer, or part of a main dish. If you would rather bring a side dish to go with chicken, please do that. As always, we will begin the morning at 11 a.m. with snacks, beverage and visiting. After that, we will have the main lunch which will begin at noon. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please feel free to talk with Pastor Ron or with Karen or any member of the group. We will do our best to accommodate your ideas.

If you don't tell us, it won't get done. I am looking forward to the interesting chicken dishes your will come up with. See you May 18th.

Trinity is fortunate to have a scholarship fund for members who need some help with college expenses. The Mabel and Donald Hopwood Scholarship fund was willed to Trinity by the Hopwoods to assist those full time students who need some financial assistance.

It is a wonderful opportunity and there are few restrictions. The scholarship acts as a non-interest bearing loan with no time frame for repayment. The recipient is asked to repay in order that the fund may continue to assist others in the future.



The applicant does not need to be an entering freshman, but must be a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Charleston who wishes to enter or return to an accredited four-year college and carry twelve or more semester hours of the equivalent. The fund is for undergraduate students only except those entering the seminary are eligible until their studies are completed. The student may request renewal with a new application each year.

All information, including the names of the recipients, is confidential.

Applications are available in the church office. Completed applications should be returned to the church office in a sealed envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL and addressed to the Scholarship Committee, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1600 Kanawha Blvd., Charleston, WV 25311.

Applicants MUST meet the deadline date, June 5, 2011

Coffee Providers

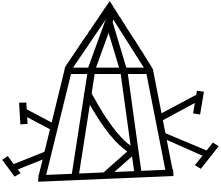
Thanks to all the people who have been keeping our coffee hutch in the Social Hall filled with supplies. We are still in need of volunteers for 2011 and the volunteer list is at the hutch. Thanks again for your helpfulness!



Maureen McGee's memorial service and inurnment in the columbarium will be on May 8 between the early and late services



CHURCH ACTIVITIES, cont.



Attention: Camp Luther Campers!

For the 66th year, the "hillsides of Camp Luther" will again come alive with laughter, music, learning, and fun, as Camp Luther participants gather the week of June 19-25 at Camp Caesar in Cowen, WV. The theme this year will be *Jesus Chooses Us!*

Camp Luther Bus

I am sorry to inform you that there will not be a Camp Luther bus this year because of low camper numbers and expenses both at Trinity and St. Paul in Huntington. We would like to suggest carpooling. It's a beautiful drive. Pat Schillings



M IS FOR THE MANY THINGS SHE GAVE YOU. **O** IS FOR SHE'S GROWING OLD-----You had better skip that line and come and give your Mom a great gift of sitting with her in church on May 8th (Mother's Day). Mark your calendar for Sunday **MAY 8th** Mother's Day. We will have a special Mother's Reception between the services to honor our special ladies. If your Mom can not be here "adopt" a Mom! She will love it and you will be making someone feel special. See you on **May 8th "FILL-A-PEW FOR MOM"**

The Yard Sale and Hot Dog Sale scheduled for Saturday, May 7 has been cancelled. Sorry for any inconvenience this causes.



HYMN SING Please join us on Wednesday, May 11, at 6:15 p.m. for a covered dish dinner followed by a Garrison Keillor story and Hymn sing. This evening was such a success a few months ago that people even brought copies of old hymns that they had used as children. Be thinking about, and in some cases finding, your favorite old hymns and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED As many of our Acolytes are college bound, Trinity is in need of adult Worship Assistants. If you are interested, please join us at a training session between the services at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, May 22.

COMMUNITY NEEDS & NEWS

ON-GOING MINISTRY

In each monthly newsletter there is usually included a list of the needs of various agencies in our area such as the Gabriel Project, Covenant House, and the Food Pantry. You may sometimes ask yourself "when do I have time to take my donations to these different places, where exactly are these various agencies located, and what hours might they be open to accept donations?" Those are very good questions, and Trinity's Social Ministry Committee has the answers! To make it easier for Trinity's members to donate to the many needs of these local groups, each month the Committee will focus on a particular group's needs with a collection box in the Church foyer. At the end of the particular month, the Committee will deliver all of the donated items.



The Gabriel Project

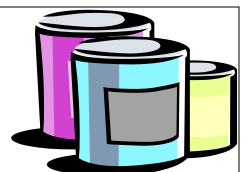
Please bring in new or used onesies, sleepers, socks, and receiving blankets. Also, diapers, formula, and baby toiletries are always needed. A collection box is in the Church lobby.

SOCIAL MINISTRY PROJECT FOR MAY

During May, the Social Ministry will focus on Sojourner's Shelter. Needed are toiletries of all types, laundry detergent, disposable razors, socks, new underwear. A basket will be available in the front hall of the church for your donations.

Food Pantry Needs

Donations are welcome in the Food Pantry. The food pantry is in need of any type of grain items such as cereal, macaroni and cheese, and plain macaroni. Canned fruit and vegetables, soup and canned meats, pasta sauce, and peanut butter are also appreciated.





CARE LIST



If you or someone you know is in need of prayer on a Sunday morning, please fill out a prayer card and hand it to the usher (as we have done for some time). The usher will give the cards to Pastor Ron, who will mention those names in the prayer of the church that morning. If you or the person whose name you present is in need of prayer over a long period of time, please call the church office so we can put the name on Trinity's prayer list.

The dear ones below would love calls, cards, or prayers from their friends at Trinity. Won't you contact one of these folks today?

Please let us know if a name needs to be added or removed.

Please pray for:

Rose Anadei
Cathryn Angel
Bob Busse
Martha Cox
Kitty DeBolt
Ruth DeBolt
Dewey Dixon
Nancy Entley
Rachel Farnsworth
Gwen Fawcett
Heather Harper
Florence Heilman
Barron Helgoe
Vera Howe
Judith Judy
Leah
David McCormick

George McKinney, III
Shawn McKinney
Penny and Alan Meadows
Avrie Nelms
Cynthia Pratt
Linda Ruthers
Susan Slater
Dorothy Strohmenger
Raelyn Strader
Norma Weddington
Laveda Winkler
Charlie Young Sr.
Marian Zamiela

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304-343-6934
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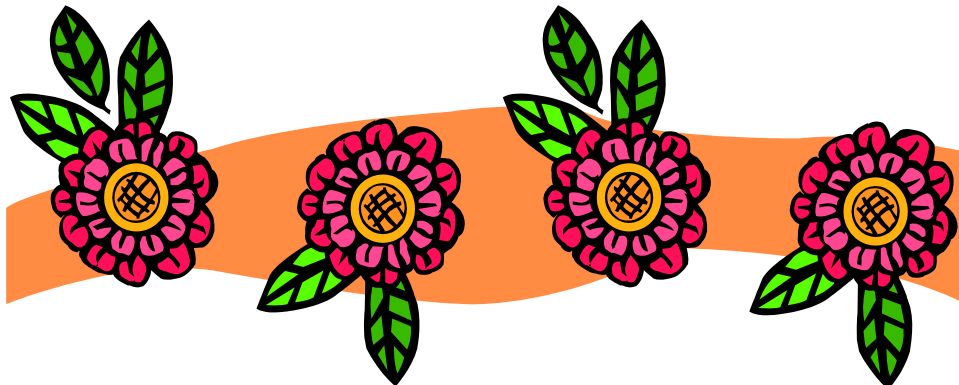
Willie Daugherty
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304-925-0917

Marian Zamiela
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304-346-3656

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Vero Beach, FL 32962

Florence Heilman
Marmet Center - D 36
#1 Sutphin Drive
Marmet, WV 25315





**DON'T MISS
THE SPAGHETTI
DINNER
SATURDAY,
MAY 14
5:30 PM**

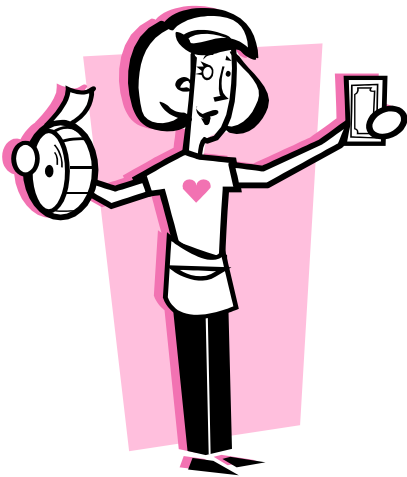
Adults \$5
Ages 6-12 \$2

RAFFLE!!!

Prizes include:

- Pottery by Geri Macklay**
- Afghan by Eunice Burch**
- Jewelry Box by Eddie Burch**
- Painting by Helena Stricker**
- Basket of California Wines**
- Bouquet of Local Restaurant**
- Gift Certificates**

\$1 per ticket



Need not be present to win!

All proceeds fund Social Min-

