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.THE MESSENGER

## FROM THE PASTORS DESK...

Wow! It's already Easter again! Easter is the center of both our faith and our hope. But, for many ministers, including me, Easter Sunday is one of the most difficult to preach.

Now, it's not because we don't have plenty of scripture to choose from. Every Gospel, and some of the other New Testament books, gives detail accounts of Jesus' resurrection. In fact, the resurrection of Jesus was passed down verbally long before any of the New Testament was written.

It's also not because most folks haven't heard of the resurrection. There are people who don't profess a faith or who don't attend worship regularly that are able to at least give some details of the event.

So, what's the big deal? The thing I've struggled with for some twenty-one Easters is how to relate an event that is so familiar in a way that might make a difference in our life. I often think we've heard the story so many times that we've become immune to the importance and meaning of Easter. For many years I attempted to find some "hidden nugget" in the Easter story that might re-awaken our excitement and awe of Jesus being raised from the dead.

I've often wondered if, because of our familiarity with the resurrection, that folks become numb to its importance. I've often wondered if attending worship on Easter morning becomes a requirement to having a family lunch and being at the egg hunt in the afternoon. Have we become so indoctrinated to the resurrection that we use the day as an excuse for a new outfit and to dress up for one Sunday a year? Do folks come on Easter to "see and be seen" rather than renewing our awe and wonder of what the resurrection means for us?

Several years ago I came to a conclusion that may shock some folks. I realized that I needed to stop trying to find a new way to present the resurrection on Easter Sun-

day. Jesus being raised from the dead was familiar. I needed to own that fact and simply tell the story again. There's nothing new and different...it is familiar...let's claim that.

There's something about things being familiar. There's something about the sameness of the resurrection. Our familiarity with the resurrection account gives us the confidence that Jesus' victory is our victory. Since the resurrection story doesn't change, our future...and in fact our present doesn't change.

Now, I believe it's okay to know the resurrection story...it's okay to be familiar with the events of that first Easter morning. But, I also believe there's a difference between being familiar with the story...of knowing the story...and being comfortable with it. When we become comfortable with the resurrection it often ceases to make a difference in the way we live and relate to others. When we become comfortable with the story it's easy to believe we are worthy of eternal life.

So, take time to read that familiar story in the days ahead. Look at all the accounts of the resurrection. However, guard against becoming comfortable. Perhaps our familiarity with Jesus being raised from the dead will renew our faith and our drive to live in the power of the resurrection and share that story with others.

Happy Easter! He is risen...the Lord is risen indeed

Wade

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# The Malt Shop(Srs. Day)

**A SPECIAL DAY FOR TRINITY'S SENIOR CITIZENS** – The ladies of Trinity United Methodist Women's Circle #1 invite Trinity's Young @Heart (this is any Sr. Citizen, you do not have to be attending the Young @Heart meetings each month) to join them from 2-4pm on **Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** in the Family Life Center for a fun filled afternoon honoring **YOU!** You have impacted each of our lives in some special way and we want to say a small THANK YOU. There will be music, food, games, skits and just a good time for all. We would love to have someone pick you up to bring you to the church if there is a need. We ask that you call 704-399-1684 or 704-619-4647 to help us set this up. Otherwise we look forward to seeing you on Saturday, April 21st as you honor the Circle by letting them say thank you for being the special people that you are!



**The United Methodist Men** will sponsor a Spring Fish Fry on **Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**.

The cost is \$10.00 for a plate of *Shrimp, Catfish or Flounder* with all the fixings. We hope you can join us beginning at 4:00pm!

### Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> (Easter Sunday) Schedule

- 7:00am – Sunrise Service
- 8:00am – Breakfast (cost is a donation)
- 9:00am – Rise Up Service
- 10:00am – Small Groups
- 11:00am – Traditions Service

### **Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> (Easter Monday)**

Church Office closed



### DESSERT THEATER

(SPECIAL CHILDREN'S ACT) **ATTENTION!** The Montana Mission Trip Committee is planning to hold a Dessert Theater Fundraiser in the FLC on the evening of Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. The show is really taking shape! Clint Lewellyn will be teaching a **children's song/dance** for the show. Practice will be on Saturdays beginning April 7<sup>th</sup> at the church. If you think your child or grandchild would like to participate, please contact Clint Lewellyn at [clinth@hotmail.com](mailto:clinth@hotmail.com) or call 980-253-6764. Also, if you would like to sign up to perform in the show, please sign up with Clint!



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is the week of **June 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**. Mark your calendars and help us spread the word. It is always a great time at Trinity's VBS! This years theme is **"SHIPWRECKED Rescued by Jesus"**.



Talented in the kitchen? Please see Avis Lewis to bring a dessert for the Dessert Theater on April 29th. You can contact Avis at [avissummerslewis@gmail.com](mailto:avissummerslewis@gmail.com) or 704-

906-0072.



## HATS OFF To Women

A LADIES BANQUET

SUNDAY, MAY 6TH | 5:00PM

All ages welcome!

Wear a hat, bring a covered dish, and join us!

We'll have a photo booth, games, activities, and more!



The cross that the Liturgical Dance team will be using on Easter Sunday was designed and built by Tom Busteed. Below is the story of the wood. Thank you Tom for such a beautiful piece for our church that can be used for many years to come.

The wood is flooring from my son's home and felt the weight of my grandchildren's feet and witnessed the struggle of everyday family life. The vertical face reflects the flow of Christ's blood shed for our salvation. The horizontal beam face gives a time line left to right. As a child we accept God's love but as we age the grain tightens to show our resistance to God's will and our decision to resist His directions and do our own thing. God loves you. The cross is a symbol of how much we need Jesus in our life. Tom Busteed

**COMMUNITY EVENT**

**Spaghetti Luncheon & Make a Wish Fundraiser**

Trinity United Methodist Church  
6230 Beatties Ford Rd, Charlotte NC

**Sunday, April 8, 2018**  
**12:00pm**







Cost of lunch is a donation with all proceeds to Make-a-Wish Foundation in memory of Isaiah Joseph. Lunch includes salad, spaghetti, bread and tea. So instead of going out after church please plan to stay or come visit us for a delicious home cooked meal. Spend your money with us and help grant wishes.

*Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. We may not be able to change the diagnosis but we CAN be a life-changer for a wish child.*

Hopewell High School will be performing "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" on April 19, 20, an 21. Curtain time is 7pm .

**DISASTER RELIEF**



*Help those in need*

There will be a disaster relief mission trip to Lumberton, NC leaving on Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>, and returning Friday April 20<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to come, you do not have to be ERT certified, this will be a rebuild project. For more details you can see or call Chuck Laney. There is still a space for you if you would like to go help make a difference in someone's life.

**HAVERLAH CARILLION BELL FUND**

It is our pleasure and delight to announce that our Haverlah Carillon Bell system will be up and running on **EASTER SUNDAY!!** God is SO good.....and so are you! Thank you for your generous donations to this ministry....and YES.....that's what we feel like it is....a MINISTRY! These "bells" will be heard all over our community and those that hear it will be reminded of our presence here (Trinity UMC) AND of God's love! Don and Von Haverlah BLESSED ALL who they came in contact with.....and will continue to do so through the ringing of this carillon system!

**HOT DOG WEDNESDAYS**

Did you know that each Wednesday Trinity has a Hot Dog meal from 11:00am – 2:00pm? It's much more than hot dogs. They also serve Hamburgers, BLT's, Grilled Cheese, French Fries, Potato Chips, Pinto Beans, Slaw and Desserts and more. Stop by when you are in the area for a quiet, quick lunch, and a time to visit with many of your church and community friends. The proceeds from this program goes to help with many areas of your church. Enjoy a lunch and help your church all at the same time. You can even call in orders and they will have it ready when you get to the church. This program is staffed by many of the churches retirees, if you ever have a few free hours stop in and they will put you to work.

**GRADUATION SUNDAY – June 3<sup>rd</sup>** Do you have a student who will be graduating from High School or College this Spring? If so please provide the church office with his or her name, school they will be graduating from and future plans. The due date for these is Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.



# THE MESSENGER

## Trinity United Methodist Church

answering Jesus’ call to:

“FEED MY SHEEP”



Church—704-399-1684

Pastor—704-456-8251

9:00am—Rise-Up Worship Service

10:00am—Small Groups

11:00am—Traditions

### CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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## Worship Helpers and Retirement

### RISE-UP NURSERY

April 1—Melissa Falcone  
April 8—Donna Stroupe  
April 15—Carolyn Miller  
April 22—Wendy Penninger  
April 29—Lisa Laney

### TRADITIONS NURSERY

April 1—Patty Wilson & Teresa Hardee  
April 8—Jessica Mullins  
April 15—Sara Carey  
April 22—Jennifer McLemore  
April 29—Dolores LaPrade

### USHERS for Traditions Service

Doug Darnell, Ginny Martin,  
Kay Rainwater, Brenda Blackwelder

### GREETERS for Rise Up Service

April 1—Chuck Laney  
April 8—Avis Summers Lewis  
April 15—Cindy Hough  
April 22—Jim Hunter  
April 29—Chuck Laney

### STREAMING

#### Rise Up Service

April 1—Cindy Hough

April 8—Malcolm Miller  
April 15—Malcolm Miller  
April 22—Bill McLemore  
April 29—Bill McLemore

### Traditions Service

April 1—Wayne Privette  
April 8—Wayne Privette  
April 15—David Stroupe  
April 22—David Stroupe  
April 29—David Stroupe

### COMMUNION STEWARDS

3 Ushers

### FINANCE STEWARDS

Lynne Bruce & Doug Darnell

### HOMEBOUND

Kenneth Alexander, Carol Wilson

### PRAYER LIST

Kenneth Alexander, Joe Blythe,  
Paul Bolick, Lynne Bruce, Marie  
Chesser, Wayne  
Flowe, Judy  
Fogle, Edna  
Knight, Naomi  
Lee, Karen Sigmon McDowell,



Margaret Merritt, Mary Moore, Marilyn & Gene Quidley, Gene Snow, Carol Wilson, David Todd, David Wilson

### RETIREMENT RESIDENTS

The Oaks—Margaret Merritt (Rm. 428)  
Naomi Lee (Rm 466)  
Marie Chesser (Rm 373)  
The Laurels-David Todd  
Carrillon (Lincolnton)-Mary  
Frances Hunt  
Northlake House—Mary Moore  
Home—Carol Wilson, Lynne Bruce

### APRIL SCRIPTURE

April 1—Mark 16: 1-8  
April 8—1 John 1:5-2:2  
April 15—1 John 2: 15-17  
April 22—1 John 3: 1-3  
April 29

\*\*\*In case of an emergency you can reach Rev. Ogle by calling 704-456-8251 or call the church office @ 704-399-1684 (Mon – Thurs).

### TITHES and OFFERINGS

Needed Weekly: - \$4,994.17