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# THE MESSENGER

## FROM THE PASTORS DESK...

Wow! It's hot. Welcome to summer in the Carolinas. About August most folks are done with the heat and humidity. My mother called August the "dog days of summer." I guess it's because it's so hot all folks want to do is lay in the shade panting as our dog did. In the days before we had air conditioning it was actually cooler under a tree in the backyard than it was in the house.

The August heat drains our energy and we hope for the cooler days of fall. All we want to do is stay inside in the AC, thanking Mr. Carrier who invented the machine that gives us blessed cool air this time of year.

It's good to find a cool place during this sweltering time of the year. Soon the weather will get more bearable and it will be time to ramp up church activities for the fall. One of the important meetings in the fall is Charge Conference. There are several important things that happen at this gathering. The Staff/Parish Committee (the group responsible to function as a liaison between the pastor and church staff and the congregation) recommends the pastor's salary for the coming year.

The most important function of the Charge Conference is to consider those recommended to serve on the various committees for the church. Since the United Methodist Church is led by the laity, the committee chairs and those on the different committees establish the vision and directions of the church. There are committees responsible for care of the congregation, reaching out to the community, sharing the Good News with others, dealing with the finances of the church, building maintenance, direction of worship, and relations between the pastor and church staff and the congregation. Each person on these committees commits three years to that particular ministry

At Trinity, the committees do a wonderful job providing leadership. If you are presently serving on any of the committees at Trinity I would like to thank you for being conscientious and dedicated to your ministry.

Each year, prior to Charge Conference, the Lay Leadership Committee meets to prayerfully consider folks in the congregation to replace those who have come to the end of their three-year term. If you would like to serve in a particular ministry, please let me know. The committee is always interested in people who are being called by God to focus on part of the mission of the congregation.

This year our Charge Conference will meet on Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. The Lay Leadership Committee will begin meeting in the middle of August to pray for direction and begin contacting folks to serve. If you are called, please consider serving. Please know that the committee doesn't simply try to find a "warm body" to fill a slot. Before anyone is called, their name, along with others, is offered to God in prayer. As God directs, names are decided upon.

In year's past, there seems to have been some confusion concerning who is serving. This year we hope to improve that situation. Each person nominated will be called so they can consider the ministry position. If anyone has a question about their committee's responsibility a member of the Lay Leadership group can explain it. If you have additional questions, please feel free to talk with me at any time. When someone accepts a nomination they will receive a thank you card. If you are called, please consider serving God during the next year.

Grace and Peace

Wade

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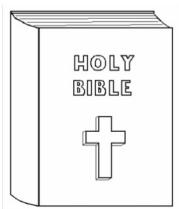
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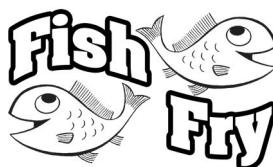
# TRINITY HAPPENINGS.....



## THIRD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY and BACKPACK SUNDAY



All parents mark your calendars for Sunday, August 27th. Trinity will honor all rising Third Graders with a Bible from their church on this Sunday as well as bless the Book bags of all those starting their new year of school. Plan to bring your book bags to church with you that day to either the 9 or 11am Worship Services.



## FISH FRY

The United Methodist Men will sponsor a Fish Fry on Saturday, September 9th. Mark your calendars now so that you don't miss out on *Catfish, Flounder and Shrimp with homemade Hush Puppies, Slaw and Fries*. All for just \$10.00 per plate.



The Trinity Church family expresses its heartfelt prayers and sympathy to Sylvia Ward and the family on the death of Mr. Fred Ward. Mr. Ward passed away on July 17th.

Please continue to remember this family during this time.



I would like to thank all of my family, church family, and friends for all of the love and support and mostly for your prayers during my recent surgery. Each prayer was definitely felt on Monday, July 10th. It truly has been a miracle. I only had to stay in the hospital for one night. I seem to be doing well, maybe just not to my liking, but I am sure it is in God's timing. They are even calling me the Miracle Woman!! Love and prayer to each of you.

Anne Griffin

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All Seniors are encouraged to join the Young at Heart Group on the first Thursday of each month for lunch, at Lancasters BBQ in Long Creek. They will eat then have a meeting with great fellowship. Hope to see you on Thursday, August 3rd at 12:00 noon.

The Young @Heart will be taking the bus to go get peaches at **Cooley's Strawberry Hill**, Saturday, August 5th. The bus will leave Bain Sharar's at 10:45am. (*7901 Beatties Ford Road*) All are invited to join them!

## ATTENTION ALL United Methodist Men

The next meeting of the UMM will be on Tuesday, August 22nd beginning at 7pm. All men of the church are invited to attend.

**FALL BAZAAR**  
**Saturday, November 4, 2017**  
**8:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**Trinity United Methodist Church – Family Life Center**  
**6230 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte NC 28216**  
**sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Women**

**Do you want to rent a table and sell your items at the Bazaar?**  
**Yes, you can! Table rental is \$20. Space is Limited so reserve yours TODAY. (first come first serve for tables with electricity)**

**Do you have a special talent BUT do not want to have your own table? Donate an item to us. We will gladly accept your handmade, homemade, baked, craft, jewelry or unique items to sell. All proceeds go to the UMW budget. We thank you for your donations.**

**COME HUNGRY AS FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE**

**This is a great time to start thinking about Christmas gifts too so please plan to come out and enjoy fellowship, shopping and FUN.**

**Questions?**  
**Contact Avis at 704-906-0072 or avissummerslewis@gmail.com or contact the church office**



# MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



**LOAF Sunday** will be Sunday, August 20th.

Please bring a loaf of bread to church with you on the 20th to donate to this ministry, honoring those children in your life who will be starting back to school during August and September, as we pray for a safe year for all!

## **SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM**

Monday—Friday Trinity is serving a hot lunch to those in need.

The Summer Lunch Program is running wide open. We have averaged 40 meals a day and have served 1294 through the first six weeks. I would call that an **awesome success**. We have five weeks left and I hope as many meals to serve. As the summer goes on, many of the volunteers are taking vacations. If you can help cook or serve, please contact Patty Wilson. Just working one day, helps out a lot. We need your continued support with the fruit cups and snacks and would like to thank everyone who has donated. It has taken many workers, much generosity, numerous prayers and a lot of patience from everyone to make this flow smoothly. Hope it will continue.

May God Bless Us For Our Work.

*Patty Wilson, Outreach Committee*



## **VASES NEEDED**

It's time to clean out your cabinets, our flower angels are again in need of vases.

They prefer the smaller vases to the larger ones. Each week vases of flowers are taken to the Nursing Homes in the area where many of our members are residents. If you have vases and can bring them to the church you can leave them in the back kitchen or church office. If you need someone to come pick those up please give us a call @704-399-1684 and we will make arrangements. Thank you for your help with this ministry of the church.



## **RISE AGAINST HUNGER**

On October 14, 2017 Trinity will hold a packaging event with **RISE AGAINST HUNGER** to package 15,000 meals, but we need your help. We need to raise \$4,500.00 and also 50 to 60 volunteers of all ages, (6 to 96), to work the event that Saturday morning.

In December of 2016 we sent a mission team to Bayonnais, Haiti. They personally witnessed the hunger and poverty of the children where school means not only an education but also getting the only meal they may have for the day. More than 40 percent of **RISE AGAINST HUNGER'S** meals are distributed to school feeding programs around the world. Those meals encourage school attendance and help to put those children and their families on a path out of poverty.

We kicked off the fund raising for this event at Bible School and the children, leaders and workers have raised \$999.93 thus far. You can help make sure children get the nutritious meals they need to grow and succeed. No gift is too small—every \$0.29 feeds a family of four and makes a difference in the lives of children and families around the world.

If you missed making an offering on Missions Sunday, the fifth Sunday in July, it's not too late. You can find donation envelopes in the Family Life Center during the early service at 9:00 AM and also in the church pews during the traditional service at 11:00 AM. Volunteer signup sheets will be available in the church office. If you have any questions contact *Patty Wilson, Susan Ogle, or Ronna Privette*.

## **"HOME GROWN" Family Fun Show**

With Homecoming week fast approaching (Sunday, Sept. 17) just curious if you can: **SING, DANCE, JUGGLE, PLAY AN INSTRUMENT, ACT, WRITE POEMS, ETC...???** If so we would LOVE for you to come be a part of our Homecoming Week Variety Show Friday, September 15 @7pm. Sign up in the office or see Cheryl Howard. Questions? Contact Cheryl @howardkt@aol.com

We also need a group who would help organize Homecoming Sunday. Please contact Rev. Ogle ASAP or call the church office so that plans can be made for the 202nd Homecoming Celebration.

# THE MESSENGER

Trinity United Methodist Church

answering Jesus' call to:

**"FEED MY SHEEP"**

Church—**704-399-1684**

Pastor's—**704-655-2841**      **704-456-8251**

**9:00am—Rise-Up Worship Service**

**10:00am—Small Groups**

Trinity United Methodist Church  
6230 Beatties Ford Road  
Charlotte, NC 28216

**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

Non-profit Organization  
U.S. Postage Paid  
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## Worship Helpers and Retirement

### RISE-UP NURSERY

August 6—Ronna Privette  
August 13—Melissa Falcone  
August 20—Donna Stroupe  
August 27—Carolyn Miller

### TRADITIONS NURSERY

August 6—Justin & Kristen Stroupe  
August 13—Cindy Hough and  
Wendy Penninger  
August 20—Malcolm &  
Carolyn Miller  
August 27—The Pistolis Family

### USHERS FOR AUGUST

Willie Ross, Dolores LaPrade, Patty  
Wilson & Teresa Hardee

### STREAMING

Rise Up Service  
August 6—Cindy Hough  
August 13—Bill McLemore  
August 20—Bill McLemore  
August 27—Malcolm Miller

### Traditions Service

August 6—Wayne Privette  
August 13—David Stroupe  
August 20—David Stroupe  
August 27—Wayne Privette

### COMMUNION STEWARDS

3 Ushers

### FINANCE STEWARDS

Lynne Bruce & Willie Ross

### HOMEBOUND

Naomi Lee,  
Fred Ward,  
Kenneth Alexander

### PRAYER LIST

Kenneth Alexander, Curtis Buchanan, Marie Chesson, Jeree Current, Carl Edwards, Anne Griffin, Naomi Lee, Margaret Merritt, Mary Moore, Calvin Nance, Beth O'Shields, Brenda Raynor, Maggie Sewell, David Todd, David Wilson

### RETIREMENT RESIDENTS

The Oaks—Margaret Merritt,  
Naomi Lee (Rehab.)  
The Laurels—David Todd  
Carrillon (Lincolnton)—Mary Frances  
Hunt  
Northlake House—Mary Moore

### August Scripture

August 6—Romans 9: 30-33  
August 13—Romans 10: 5-15  
August 20—Romans 12: 1-8  
August 27—Romans 12: 9-18

**\*\*\*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: - \$4,919.64  
Received: \$5,401.00 (7/16)

❖ ONLINE GIVING



# August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1 12-1pm—Summer Lunch 6:30pm—Zumba</i>	<i>2 11-2pm—Hot Dogs 12-1pm—Summer Lunch 7pm—Choir</i>	<i>3 12-1pm—Summer Lunch 6:30pm—Zumba 7pm—Praise Team</i>	<i>4 12-1pm—Summer Lunch 6pm—Karate 6:30pm—Food Pantry</i>	<i>5 10:45am—Young @Heart to go get peaches</i>
<i>6 9am—Rise Up Service 10am—Small Groups 11am—Traditions Serv 12pm—FLC Reserved</i>	<i>7 12-1pm—Summer Lunch</i>	<i>8 12-1pm—Summer Lunch 6:30pm—Zumba</i>	<i>9 11-2pm—Hot Dogs 12-1pm—Summer Lunch</i>	<i>10 12-1pm—Summer Lunch 6:30pm—Zumba 7pm—Praise Team</i>	<i>11 12-1pm—Summer Lunch 6pm—Karate 6:30pm—Food Pantry</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13 9am—Rise Up Service 10am—Small Groups 11am—Traditions Serv</i>	<i>14 12-1pm—Summer Lunch 1pm—Circle #3 @The Church 6:30pm—Circle #1 7pm—Circle #4 @Dolores LaPrades</i>	<i>15 12-1pm—Summer Lunch 6:30pm—Zumba</i>	<i>16 11-2pm—Hot Dogs 12-1pm—Summer Lunch 5:30pm—Preschool Board</i>	<i>17 12-1pm—Summer Lunch 6:30pm—Zumba 7pm—Praise Team</i>	<i>18 12-1pm—Summer Lunch 6pm—Karate 6:30pm—Food Pantry</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20 9am—Rise Up Service 10am—Small Groups 11am—Traditions Serv <b>LOAF Sunday</b></i>	<i>21 12-1pm—Summer Lunch</i>	<i>22 12-1pm—Summer Lunch 6:30pm—Zumba 7pm—UMM</i>	<i>23 11-2pm—Hot Dogs 12-1pm—Summer Lunch</i>	<i>24 12-1pm—Summer Lunch 6:30pm—Zumba 7pm—Praise Team</i>	<i>25 12-1pm—Summer Lunch 6pm—Karate 6:30pm—Food Pantry</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27 9am—Rise Up Service 10am—Small Groups 11am—Traditions Serv</i>	<i>28 Charlotte Meck School Begins</i>	<i>29 6:30pm—Zumba</i>	<i>30 11-2pm—Hot Dogs 7pm—Choir</i>	<i>31 6:30pm—Zumba 7pm—Praise Team</i>		