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# THE MESSENGER

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

For some time I've been considering how to inform others about the great folks and ministries going on here at Trinity. I've always believed that Trinity is a special group of people. All of you are seeking God's leading and willing to be in ministry for Jesus Christ.

That's why I'm excited about an upcoming awareness campaign that several folks have created entitled: "This is Trinity." This effort will be concentrated in two areas.

First, we will seek to increase interest in Trinity through social media. This will include Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and others. Social media will use: #thisistrinity. Second we will review and update our web-site; making the site more informative with current ministry descriptions and pictures. The goal in both of these areas is to let folks know about the personality of Trinity.

You may be asking: "What is the personality of Trinity?" You may have never considered that all congregations have personalities. Why do churches have personalities? A church is simply a group of people drawn together by God for a common purpose and a common mission. As people come together their personalities make up the personality of the church.

Over the last years I've witnessed how effective Trinity is in several areas. You are a congregation that excels in being welcoming and inclusive for guest and members alike. You have the gift of making new folks feel welcome while not being overwhelming. Trinity is a community of believers that care for each other, pray for each other, minister to each other and support each other in the blessings and struggles of life. That is a rare gift that many congregations lack.

I ask guests often to share their impression of the church. I'm told repeatedly that

Trinity feels comfortable from the beginning. If I ask them to describe Trinity in one word that word is most often "family." Being a part of Trinity is like being part of a family.

So, how is this effort going to look and what can we do as members of the Trinity family. We are blessed to have several members who are professionals in the areas of social media and web-sites. Through their efforts pictures will be posted showing various aspects of the personality of Trinity. It may be two people in the congregation hugging. It may be children at VBS or Children's Worship. Don't worry if you're in a picture no one will see your face and you won't have to say anything. This campaign will focus exclusively on pictures; not words.

Now, what can we all do to support this effort? First, if you have pictures...any pictures you will be informed about how you can get them to these folks. Second, if you're on social media "like" or "follow" Trinity UMC Charlotte. When something appears on your site "share" it will go to your friends and other social media contacts. Sharing passes the information on to all your contacts. If it's not "shared" it only stays in the "Trinity" circle.

Trinity is a great, excepting and welcoming church. Let's all do our part to share how wonderful Trinity is. Of course, there is no better way to share Trinity than telling others face to face and inviting them to experience a "grace-filled" congregation.

*Grace and Peace*

*Wade*

**For Church information visit:**

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# TRINITY HAPPENINGS

## RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Just a reminder, this Sunday, July 29th, is our Mission Sunday for **Rise Against Hunger**. We hope everyone received their donation letter in the mail and has had an opportunity to pray over our request for funding. Our **Meal Packaging Event** will be on **Saturday, October 20, 2018**. Trinity will package 15,000 meals that will be sent all over the world to help make sure children get the nutritious meals they need to grow and succeed. No gift is too small -- every \$0.34 feeds a family of four. We are on our way to raising our additional \$3,000.00 needed to purchase these meals. Thank you to everyone who has already made a donation, which includes our Vacation Bible School Kids and Volunteers, who met and exceeded their goal by raising \$693.00. May God Bless us for our faithful effort to meet his request to "Feed My Sheep".

*Thank you, Patty Wilson and The Outreach Committee*

**\*\*Now is the time to enroll your child for the Fall Pre-school program. Come take a tour and see all the fun and exciting things planned for the next school year.** For more information call Claudia at 704-399-1684 or visit our web page [www.trinityumcofcharlotte.com](http://www.trinityumcofcharlotte.com)

## SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The numbers were up some this week with 187 meals served. We pray that they continue to grow as we have come to the half way mark for the summer. This is such a wonderful outreach mission Trinity offers our church community. With five weeks left before school starts back, we still need your help with fruit cups and snacks. Thank you for your prayers, support and donations.

## CAR WASH

Join us Saturday August 11 (8am 1pm) for a car wash and bake sale to benefit Montana Mission Team 2019. We are working hard to raise the money needed for the mission trip next year. **HELP US** by coming by and getting your car hand washed and grabbing a delicious treat. Car wash by donation. Event held in Trinity's parking lot starting at 8am Saturday morning. If you can't make it but still want to make a donation please leave in church office with Ronna (*marked for Montana Mission 2019*). Thank you for your support.

## LOOKING AHEAD...

The Trinity United Methodist Women will host a **Fall Bazaar** on Saturday, November 10th from 8:00am—1:00pm. Now is the time to let us know if you would like to rent a table and sell your items at the bazaar. Table rental is \$20 and space is limited so reserve yours today! Maybe you have a special talent but do not want to have your own table....if so you can donate your items to the UMW's table. We will gladly accept your handmade, homemade, baked, craft, jewelry or unique items to sell. All proceeds go the UMW budget. Registration forms can be picked up in the church office.

## **CHRISTMAS TEA**—December 1st

Would you like to decorate a table for the Tea? If so please see Avis Summers Lewis.

## BACKPACK BLESSING and THIRD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY

Sunday, August 26th will be Backpack Blessing Sunday as well as our rising third graders will receive their Bibles from the church. If you have a child going into third grade this year please take a minute to email, call or send a note to the church office so that we will be sure to put them on our list.

Please have your child (anyone in school) bring their backpacks to church with them on the 26th of August at either the 9 or 11am Worship Service to be blessed during the service.



Trinity's 203rd Homecoming celebration will be held on **Sunday, September 16th**. Please mark your calendars and watch for more details to come.



The Trinity Church Family extends its prayers and sympathy to Peggy Hough and her family on the death of her brother *Mr. Jimmy Stillwell*. His service was held on Monday, July 23rd.

### **AUGUST's FEATURED CHURCH GROUP**

*"The United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and experience freedom through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in ministries of the church."*

At Trinity, the UMW is organized in 3 Circles with over 50 ladies participating. Each Circle plans their own meetings and develops spiritual growth and mission opportunities. Circles have programs, devotions, prayer chains, and various studies. The groups of ladies also organize meals and support community and church members. When needed our ladies provide food, cards, clothes, supplies, Christmas gifts, and prayers. Circle also plan beach trips, go out to eat, shop, have craft days, talk, and laugh! The UMW Unit at Trinity is governed by one board made up of Circle members. As a group, we support the UMM with monthly meals for meetings, fundraise through cake sales at the BBQ and Fish Frys, host a yearly Women's Banquet in the Spring, and provide meals for the Huntersville Hospice House in June. Our budget supports awesome ministries at Trinity and our community - like the Food Pantry and the Summer Lunch Program, Angels of '97, Make a Wish, and Crisis Assistance. Money for our budget comes from member pledges and fundraising. Our Annual Fall Bazaar is planned for November 10 and a Cookbook will be coming out soon! Check out our bulletin board in the hall of the FLC! Being a member of the UMW and my Circle has been so rewarding to me. I am proud to be a part of all that we support. More than that - I cherish the relationships I have with my Circle Sisters. We would love to have you come to a meeting and see what it's all about!

Christie Pistolis, UMW President

*If you would like to send Ronna a write up about your group please leave it in the church office on the desk or email it to [Ronna@trinityumcofcharlotte.com](mailto:Ronna@trinityumcofcharlotte.com), and she will run it in our next mail out newsletter.*

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

The Bus Committee is in the process of selling the 1997 Thomas Bus that the church owns. They could use your help if you know anything about placing it online thru Craigs List or other venues. Please see Butch Hough if you would be willing to help with getting this set up and have experience in doing this or other ideas about how to sell the bus.



When school bells ring this August; 1 in 2 students will arrive at school empty handed; putting them behind on the very first day.

Trinity will be partnering with Classroom Central to make sure these students are prepared and excited to learn.

Classroom Central serves almost 100,000 students and their teachers across 6 school districts in 192 high-poverty schools. Their mission is to equip students to effectively learn by collecting and distributing free school supplies. Materials provided by Classroom Central not only physically equip students to effectively learn, but they also improve their self-confidence and self-esteem; increasing their attachment to school and their excitement for learning.

Our goal this year is to equip all of our local students in need with all of the basic tools they need to succeed. Doing so requires more than 1.8 million items!!

We will be collecting school supplies for Classroom Central. Our goal is to collect as many school supplies as possible and fill up our barrels.

Our supply drive will run from **August 5th-19th**. The collection barrels will be located outside of the office or you can give the supplies to me. Also, if you don't want to, or can't go shopping, I'll be glad to do so for you, just let me know.

Let's work together to equip students across our community to succeed in school and, ultimately, in life!

*Thanks, Chuck Laney*

### **GIVING SUMMARY**

Budget amount thru June

\$129,848.52

Amount Received thru June

\$99,752.69

### **TITHES and OFFERINGS**

**Needed Weekly**—\$4,994.17

**Received**—\$3,337.10

*Have you ever wondered how much it takes to run a church the size of Trinity? In 2017 utilities alone were \$37,328.57. That's Electricity, Natural Gas, Water, Telephone and Communications ONLY.*

### **ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY**

**Rise Up Service**—48

**Traditions Service**—46

**Online**—21

# THE MESSEGER

## Trinity United Methodist Church

6230 Beatties Ford Road  
Charlotte, NC 28216



Church—704-399-1684

Pastor—704-456-8251

9am—Rise-Up Worship Service

10am—Small Groups

11am—Traditions Worship Service

answering Jesus' call to:

**“FEED MY SHEEP”**

**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

Non-profit Organization  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Charlotte, NC  
Permit No. 770

## Worship Helpers and Prayer Request

### RISE-UP NURSERY

August 5—Melissa Falcone  
August 12—Donna Stroupe  
August 19—Carolyn Miller &  
Jennifer McLemore  
August 26—Wendy Penninger

### TRADITIONS NURSERY

August 5—Ginny Martin  
August 12—Jennifer McLemore  
August 19—Dolores LaPrade  
August 26—Audrey Midthun

### USHERS/Greeters for Traditions

Paul Merritt, Patty Wilson,  
Dolores LaPrade, Teresa Hardee

### GREETERS for Rise Up

August 5—Jimmy Hunter  
August 12—Cindy Hough  
August 19—Chuck Laney  
August 26—Avis Summers Lewis

### New Address:

Victoria Haley  
12733 Still Pond Road  
Still Pond, MD 21667

### AUGUST SCRIPTURE

August 5—Ephesians 4: 1-15  
August 12—Ephesians 4: 17-24

August 19—Ephesians 6: 10-20  
August 26—John 6: 1-13

### STREAMING

#### Rise Up Service

August 5—Cindy Hough  
August 12—Malcolm Miller  
August 19—Bill McLemore  
August 26—Bill McLemore

#### Traditions Service

August 5—David Stroupe  
August 12—Malcolm Miller  
August 19—Wayne Privette  
August 26—Wayne Privette

### COMMUNION STEWARDS

3 Ushers

### FINANCE STEWARDS

Lynne Bruce & Paul Merritt

### PRAYER LIST

Kenneth Alexander, Judy Bain,  
Paul Bolick, Marie Chesser, Lib  
Caruso, Judy Fogle, Joan Granack,  
Ken Hagar, Chet Kidd, Naomi Lee,  
Karen Sigmon McDowell, John  
McLemore, Mary Moore, Claudia  
Myers, Marilyn & Gene Quidley,

Gene Snow, Carol Wilson, David  
Todd

### 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  
Huntersville Rehab.— Carol Wilson  
Mercy Hospital—John McLemore

\*\*\*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).

