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THE MESSENGER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

For many folks the month of December is the most wonderful time of the year. The world comes alive with twinkling lights. Children are wide-eyed with expectation. Crispness in the air foreshadows the hope of coming snow.

However, there might be a downside to all the splendor of Christmas. For many folks the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas brings heavy stress. Stress comes from all directions. There is the anxiety of finding the perfect gift for that family member we haven't seen in a year. There is the worry of preparing the perfect meal as the clan gathers.

We might be torn between all the functions and commitments that folks put on our time. Our employers expect us at the office Christmas party. The kids beg to look at every Christmas display in the area. Then, there are always the programs and services at the church. It often seems that we have more to do accomplish than hours in the day.

Trying to attend everything and please everyone might leave us stressed out and burnt out before Christmas arrives. Each year I wonder how each of us can relieve some of the confusion and hassle of the holidays. Perhaps there might be a few ways we could carve out just a pinch of time to reflect on the season and relieve some of the pain. I'd like to suggest some ways to enjoy the holidays rather than dreading the "most wonderful time of the year."

We could decide to buy one less gift this year. Is it necessary to get a gift for the cousin twice removed living in California (you know the one who we haven't seen in years)? We might choose to not attend a gathering of co-workers or friends (would they really miss you if you weren't there)?

Then, take some intentional downtime. I realize this suggestion is the hardest one.

Perhaps we could find a good Christmas movie. There are a variety of them out there this time of year. We might be surprised how relaxing an evening with a movie by the fire can be.

Of course, I believe we should all take time to read about the birth of Jesus in the gospels of Luke. After all, that's what all this activity is all about isn't it? Okay, we've read it a million times. Many of us can almost quote it from memory. This year try reading it as if we haven't heard it before. Better yet, read it to a child...slowly... explain the importance of the Christmas story.

Finally, perhaps we could give ourselves a gift this Christmas. Maybe that gift could be the gift of silence and stillness away from the hustle and bustle. A great time might be on Christmas Eve after everyone is asleep or on Christmas evening when the wrapping paper is gathered up and the presents stacked up neatly.

I pray that we each can find some quiet time during the next weeks. After all, the angels sang about peace on earth. I pray we'll each find a little of that peace during this "most wonderful time of the year."

Wade

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TRINITY HAPPENINGS



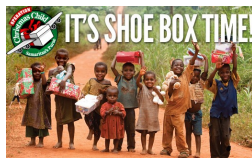
This Saturday, December 1st beginning at 2:00pm in the Family Life Center. You can purchase your ticket for \$10.00 at the door if you were unable to get them in advance. We would love to have you ladies join us for an afternoon of Christmas fun.

The Montana Mission Team wants your old shoes!

Don't toss your old shoes in the trash...bring them to church! The Montana Mission Team is collecting old shoes (wearable shoes are worth \$1.00 a pair, unwearable shoes are worth \$.10 a pair) and sending them to needy countries. It takes a pair of shoes 30-40 years to decompose in a landfill...there is an estimated 200 MILLION pairs in US landfills! What's really staggering is there are over 600 MILLION shoe-less people worldwide! Soooo help out our environment, help out our needy neighbors, clean out your closets and help the Montana Mission Team...**BRING YOUR SHOES TO CHURCH!** Collection bin is in front of the church office



You and your family are invited to a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Tuesday, December 24th at 8:00pm in the Family Life Center. Come enjoy a time to sit quietly, relax, reflect and remember who we are celebrating during this season.



Sunday, November 18th the Trinity Family brought in 42 filled shoeboxes that will be distributed to some very happy children in the next few months. Thank you Trinity!!!



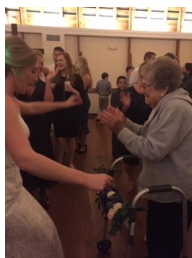
Doug and Patricia Darnell and Cathy invite you to an Open House at their new home on Sunday, December 2nd. Please drop in from 2—4pm. The address is: 9108 Edinburgh Avenue,

Huntersville, NC 28078.



Can you help a family in need by purchasing a turkey and dropping it off at the church office (during office hours) or placed in the large freezer in the back of the Family Life Center. The Food Pantry would like to have approximately 60 turkeys to give out Christmas week. If you don't want to shop for a turkey, please consider making a financial donation to the Food Pantry for this specific project by marking it "Food Pantry Turkey".

Thank you so much and thank you for continuing to spread the love and message of Jesus Christ thru the ministry of feeding those who just need a helping hand.



Congratulations and best wishes to Laura Miller and Eli Greear who were married on Saturday, November 24th. Laura's parents are Malcolm & Carolyn Miller and Grandmother Beth O'Shields. We wish Mr. & Mrs. Eli Greear a long and happy future together.



Join Cheryl and Shelly (and David and Wayne....HEAVY STUFF) THIS Friday @ 10am to decorate our church for the Advent Season.....doesn't take long when we have helpers. ☐

Home Grown Christmas Variety Show.....Sunday December 16 @ 3 pm. It's shaping up to be VERY interesting!!! We will begin the afternoon with our children doing their CHRISTMAS PROGRAM called **SHEPHERDS, SHEEP and a SAVIOR**. This will be followed by musical entertainment, dancing, signing, jokes and lots of fun! Hope you can join us!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: This year our children's program will be a short play called **SHEPHERDS, SHEEP and a SAVIOR!** They will present the play on Sunday, December 16 @ 3 pm during the Home Grown Christmas Variety Show (1st for that matter ☐). It is **NOT TOO LATE** to be a part of this program.....see/contact Cheryl Howard for a cd of the 4 songs that they will sing. PRACTICES will be:

Saturday December 8 @ 11 am AND Saturday December 15 @ 11.....in the sanctuary! (practices are 30 – 45 minutes)

TRINITY FAMILY CHRISTMAS MAIL



Once again this year for Christmas the Congregational Care Committee has placed a mailbox for you to place any Christmas cards you would like to send to church members. These will be sorted out and placed in alphabetized boxes in the FLC for families to pick up weekly. If you come by and see a pack of cards for someone you are going to visit, you can deliver theirs, especially to our shut-ins. The mailbox will be left up through Sunday, January 6th. This is an excellent way to send all those cards you like to send each year, and you can save on postage. *Maybe that money you have saved on postage can go to the church budget this month.*

POINSETTIAS



Sunday, December 2nd is the last day to place your orders for Poinsettias. The cost is \$9.00 per plant. These will be in the Worship Services on Sunday, December 23rd and then available for you to take home to enjoy over the Christmas holiday.

Please make every effort to have the ones that you ordered picked up on that day as the church office will be closed the following week.



SUPPER WITH SANTA

Santa will be arriving at Trinity via Firetruck on Wednesday, December 5th about 6:30pm. Come join us for a hot dog or chicken dinner from 6—7pm. The cost is \$3.00 for a Hot Dog, Chips and drink or Chicken Nuggets, Chips and a drink.

It will be the perfect time for both young and old to let Santa know what you are dreaming of for Christmas this year!

GIVING SUMMARY

Budget amount thru October \$216,414.20
Amount Received thru October \$188,574.35

TITHES and OFFERINGS

Needed Weekly—\$4,994.17
Received—\$2,616.01

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Rise Up Service—47
Traditions Service—60
Online—14

We received a letter from Rise Against Hunger stating that the meals that were packed here in October have been sent to Madagascar to help feed those in need. Again thank you Trinity for helping to feed those in need!

A contribution has been made to the **Cemetery Fund** in memory of *Mrs. Margaret Merritt* by *John Moore*.

Contributions have been made to the **Hucks Parlor Fund** in memory of *Mrs. Margaret Merritt* by Vance Southard, Joan & Dan Hargett, and Judith & Tommy Caldwell.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome Clint Lewellyn to the Church membership. Clint joined Trinity on Sunday, November 18th. We look forward to continuing work with Clint in the many areas of the church that he has been supporting for many months now.

THE MESSENGER

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
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Worship Helpers and Prayer Request

RISE-UP NURSERY

Dec 2—Cheryl Howard
Ronna Privette
Dec. 9—Melissa Falcone
Dec. 16—Donna Stroupe
Dec. 23—Carolyn Miller
Dec. 30—Wendy Bastine

TRADITIONS NURSERY

Dec. 2—Dolores LaPrade
Dec. 9—Audrey Midthun
Dec. 16—Sandra Duggins
Dec. 23—Marlene Campbell
Dec. 30—Shelly Black

USHERS/Greeters for Traditions

Gus & Christie Pistolis
Brian & Sara Carey

GREETERS for Rise Up

Dec. 2—Cindy Hough
Dec. 9—Chuck Laney
Dec. 16—Avis Lewis
Dec. 23—Jimmy Hunter
Dec. 30—Cindy Hough

DECEMBER SCRIPTURE

Dec. 2—
Dec. 9—Luke 2: 1-20

Dec. 16—Matthew 2: 1-12
Dec. 23—Luke 2: 25—32
Dec. 30—Colossians 3: 12-17

STREAMING

Rise Up Service

Dec. 2—Bill McLemore
Dec. 9—Bill McLemore
Dec. 16—Cindy Hough
Dec. 23—Cindy Hough
Dec. 30—Malcolm Miller

Traditions Service

Dec. 2—Wayne Privette
Dec. 9—Wayne Privette
Dec. 16—David Stroupe
Dec. 23—David Stroupe
Dec. 30—Malcolm Miller

COMMUNION STEWARDS

3 Ushers

FINANCE STEWARDS

Lynne Bruce & Gus Pistolis

PRAYER LIST

Kenneth Alexander, Paul Bolick,
Kenny Bolton, Betty Brumley, Lib
Caruso, Joan Granack, Ken Ha-
gar, Chet Kidd, Naomi Lee, Car-
olyn McLemore, Mary Moore,
Claudia Myers, Marilyn & Gene
Quidley, Carol Wilson

RETIREMENT RESIDENTS

The Oaks—Naomi Lee (Rm 466)
Carol Wilson (Rm. 260)
The Laurels-David Todd
Carrillon (Lincolnton)-Mary
Frances Hunt
Northlake House—Mary Moore

Novant (*Huntersville*) -

Claudia Myers

***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*).

