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THE MESSENGER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

In a few days we'll turn our calendars to February. That month is often viewed as the middle of winter. When we think of special days in February our minds may remember Valentine's Day on the 14th or Presidents Day on the 18th. But there is another "unofficial" day at the beginning of the month.

Ground Hog Day is celebrated on the 2nd of February. This day is based on the Pennsylvania Dutch superstition that if the ground hog comes out of his burrow on this day and sees his shadow, he will retreat to his home because winter will last six more weeks. If it is cloudy that day spring will come early. Of course, this prediction of the weather isn't very accurate.

The most famous of the groundhogs is Punxsutawney Phil in Pennsylvania. In recent years our own ground hog Queen Charlotte has predicted the weather at the Nature Museum.

Several years ago, there was movie about Ground Hog Day. This picture starred Bill Murray. The plot of the movie was Murray celebrates Ground Hog Day and, waking up the next morning, realizes that it's still February 2. He enjoys repeating the same day in the beginning. The routine is comfortable and familiar. Soon, however, he finds that he is doomed to spend an eternity doing the same things, experiencing the same situations, and seeing the same people over, and over, and over, and over.

I wonder: Do any of us feel that way? Are we stuck in a rut and a routine? Are we experiencing the same things in life over, and over, and over? Maybe we still find that routine is comfortable and familiar. Or, maybe, we've gotten to the point that we believe we're

doomed to run in this circle for the rest of life.

It's easy to fall into the comfort of a routine during the winter. The temperatures might lead us to hibernate like those ground hogs. We might stick our heads out occasionally and go back to our comfort zone. Perhaps, before long, we begin to yearn for something different....for something to snatch us out of our routine.

If we're feeling as if we're doing the same things over and over, maybe it's time to ask God to shake up our life, giving us renewed energy for service and his mission. We often sit back, knowing there's more to life and more to our faith that what we're experiencing. We just don't have the courage to ask God to show us the new things he has for us.

That's probably because we're fearful of the unknown. We know where we are and, although we need a change, we're don't know what God will call us to do. However, we can rest assured that where God is calling us will always be the best for us. Yes, new directions and new experiences are challenging. But God will go before us and guide us.

So, on Ground Hog Day maybe we could ask God to show us a new direction, new situations, and renew our faith. We don't have to experience the same things over, and over, and over.

Grace and Peace

Wade

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United Methodist Women



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY

On Sunday, February 17th we will celebrate the United Methodist Women of the church. They will lead the Worship Services and be honored with a meal following the 11am Service. Now is a great time to be a United Methodist Woman!!! If you would like information on this group please see Christie Pistolis or any UMW.

It's also a great time to pick up the newest version of the Trinity cookbook. The cost is \$15.00 for a new cookbook or you can get the newest one and a copy of the 2001 cookbook all for \$20.00.



UNITED METHODIST WOMENS BOARD MEETING

The UMW Executive Board will meet on Tuesday, January 29th at 6:30pm in the Conference Room. All Circle Chairpersons and committee heads are encouraged to attend.

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! So 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



WOOLLY WEDNESDAY

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 6th for the Woolly Wednesday meal, 5:30-7:00pm. This will be a (variety) of soups and salad dinner. The cost is a donation and all proceeds will go to the backpack ministry.



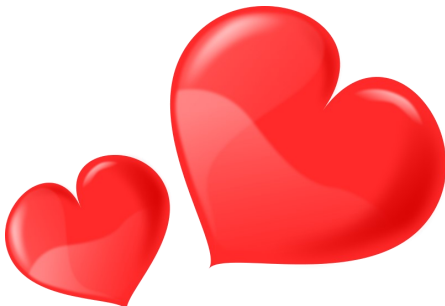
Classes & Training

METRO DISTRICT LAY SERVANT TRAINING

Now is the time to get registered to take the Lay Servant Training classes that will be held this Spring. Anyone can take these classes. There will be two places offering the class. **Pineville UMC**, March 30 & 31. Saturday from 9am - 4pm and Sunday from 2-6pm. Or **Central UMC**, April 6 & 7th. Saturday from 9am - 4pm and Sunday from 2-6pm. The cost is \$30.00 for either place and the deadline to register is March 4th. For more info call Jatana Royster at 704-451-3816 or go online to register.

BAKE SALE

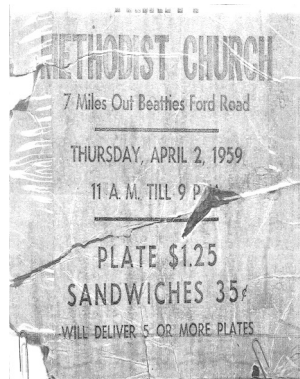
The Montana Mission Team will have baked goodies for sale on Sunday, February 10th. You can purchase these following either of the Worship services. It is a great time to purchase a Valentine treat for that special person in you life.



TRINITY UMC 60th ANNUAL BBQ

Thursday, March 7, 2019

11:00am—



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Thursday, April 2, 1959 was the first BBQ...there have been many pounds of pork cooked here over the past 60 years and it is still the best in town!

Plate or 3 sandwiches—\$10.00

1 lb of BBQ—\$10.00

Homemade Desserts—\$1.00

Soft Drinks—\$1.00

(Tea and Coffee served in dining hall with meal)

Sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Men

Who wants to help us with a service project for our “friends in need” for Valentine’s Day? Help us share some LOVE this season. We are helping an existing organization with a project called “Socks of Love” – Will you join us?

We are collecting socks (Men’s & Women’s) and filling these with toiletries and much needed items (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, chapstick, hand warmers – just a few suggestions – make them your own). Take one of the socks and stuff the other inside along with some toiletries! You may also wish to add a personal encouraging note or drawing from your child inside (please do so) Tie a string and paper heart around it with the following.

Socks of Love from Trinity UMC —

Happy Valentine’s Day!

If you would rather just donate items you may drop those in the box and we will take care of the rest for you. If you travel and stay in a hotel please bring us the small bottles of supplies – we would be happy to use them!

Look for the drop location in the FLC and Education Buildings.



It has come to our attention (after putting up Christmas items) that our basement is in need of some “Spring Cleaning”, especially after our water leak back in the fall. If you have put something down there in the past few years would you mind checking on those items and make sure they are still usable and still in the appropriate boxes/

tubs? In the coming months we will begin clearing out loose/damaged/old/unusable items that have not been marked SAVE.

TITHES and OFFERINGS

Needed Weekly—\$5,145.05

Received—\$2,478.00

A contribution has been made to the Hucks Parlor Fund in memory of Margaret Merritt by Ted & Corinne Carland.

Contributions have been made to the Music Fund in memory of Carol Wilson by JimBob & Joyce Stewart and Louella Hefner.

A contribution was made to the Cemetery Fund in memory of Betty Brumley by Trinity UMW.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Rise Up Service—74

Traditions Service—72

Online—24

***End of year tithing statements are available for pick up at the church. These will be on the bench in front of the office in the FLC in alphabetical order. Please take a few minutes to stop by and get your statement.

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to Christie Pistolis and her family on the passing of her grandfather this past week. Please remember Christie and family during this time.



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”

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Worship Helpers and Prayer Request

RISE-UP NURSERY

Feb. 3—Carolyn Miller
Jennifer McLemore
Feb. 10—Wendy Bastine
Feb. 17—Lisa Laney
Feb. 24—Cheryl Howard
Ronna Privette

TRADITIONS NURSERY

Feb. 3—Holly Hartsell
Feb. 10—Patty Wilson
Feb. 17—Jessica Mullins
Feb. 24—Amanda Patrick

USHERS/Greeters for Traditions

Patty Wilson, Audrey Midthun,
Dolores LaPrade, Teresa Hardee

GREETERS for Rise Up

Feb. 3—Cindy Hough
Feb. 10—Jimmy Hunter
Feb. 17—Chuck Laney
Feb. 24—Avis Lewis

FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE

Feb. 3—1 Corinthians 13: 1-13
Feb. 10—1 Corinthians 15: 12-20
Feb. 17—UMW Sunday
Feb. 24—2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

STREAMING

Rise Up

Feb. 3—Malcolm Miller

Feb. 10—Cindy Hough
Feb. 17—Cindy Hough
Feb. 24—Cindy Hough

Traditions Service

Feb. 3—Gus Pistolis
Feb. 10—Gus Pistolis
Feb. 17—Gus Pistolis
Feb. 24—Gus Pistolis

COMMUNION STEWARDS

3 Ushers

FINANCE STEWARDS

Lynne Bruce & Patty Wilson

PRAYER LIST

Kenneth Alexander, Paul Bolick,
Kenny Bolton, Lib Caruso, Joan
Granack, Ken Hagar, Chet Kidd,
Naomi Lee, Perry & Jewell
McConnell, Carolyn McLemore,
Mary Moore, Claudia Myers,
John O'Shields, Marilyn & Gene
Quidley

RETIREMENT RESIDENTS

The Oaks—Naomi Lee (Rm 466)
The Laurels-David Todd
Carrillon (Lincolnton)-Mary
Frances Hunt

Northlake House—Mary Moore
Carolina Medical Center—
Perry McConnell
Jewell McConnell
Mercy—Carolyn 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).

