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.THE MESSENGER

## FROM THE PASTORS DESK...

**A**s the New Year approaches, I've reflected on 2017. On the surface, it seems that the year is one of turmoil and confusion.

Violence seems to be the theme of the day. Unexplainable mass shootings have claimed hundreds of innocent lives. Sunday worship isn't immune to extreme violence.

Additionally, the country is deeply divided both racially and politically. The climate is so polarized that families and even congregations became divided.

Recently, a fury of sexual harassment charges against powerful entertainment, political, and sports figures received headlines. Even the owner of the Panthers was affected to the point that the team is for sale.

The situation in the world appears to be no better. We have been on the verge of conflict with North Korea several times. The Middle East is more unsettled than in the past. Various radical religious groups continue to oppress and kill people in several countries.

In short, everything seems to be out of control. Some of us experienced that personally during 2017. Lingering illness, death of loved-ones, and job loss caused confusion and stress. It seems that everywhere we turn there isn't anything positive.

However, if we look behind the headlines that draw audiences and readers, there are many things that cause a glimmer of hope. The violent attacks were followed by people risking their

lives to save others. The harassment charges caused organizations to take a hard look at the work environment and how it could be improved. Much of the war talk is merely "saber rattling" between world leaders with a desire for power and control.

Yet, I haven't mentioned the cure for the deep divisions in the United States. I believe there are a couple solutions to this madness. First, it is my opinion that we need to start focusing on the things we have in common rather than those that divide us. Surely, we all want the best for others. It shouldn't matter about skin color, personal preferences, or political affiliation. We all are human with identical needs and desires.

Second, we in the church have a great opportunity to bring people together. The Christian faith is based on love rather than hate. We can be those agents of love in a world that seems only to be driven by hate. We can be the voice of reason and calm where stress and anger want to prevail.

As we approach 2018 my prayer for each of us and for the church of Jesus is that we commit to be agents of change. We have too long stood on the sideline believing that it isn't our job or we aren't affected. I call all Christians, and especially those at Trinity to seek God's direction on how we can be the difference.

*Grace and Peace*

*Wade*

### For Church information visit:

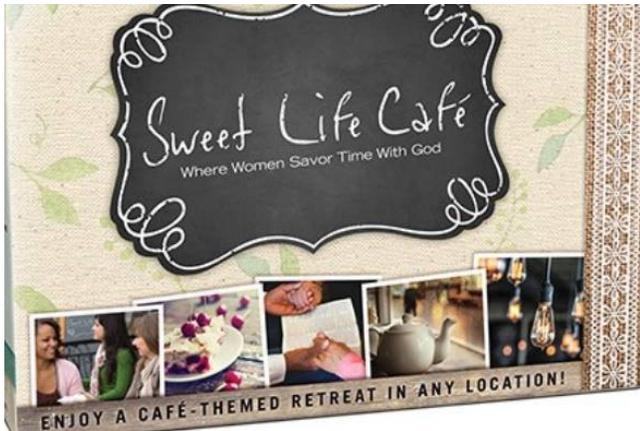
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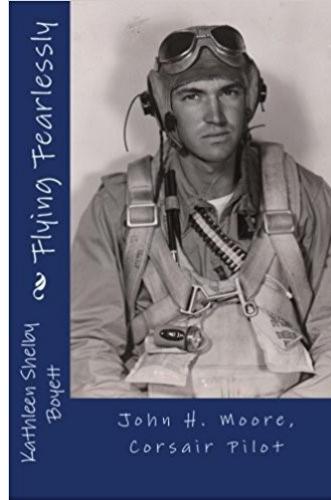
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## TRINITY HAPPENINGS



**Be refreshed at Sweet Life Café!** Yes, this café-themed getaway is as relaxing and refreshing as it sounds! Get away from the busyness of life as you relax with friends, share laughter and stories, and spend time with God. Join us on Saturday, January 27th from 8:30am-5:30pm at our Sweet Life Café retreat to experience all this and more! The cost is \$22.00 per person and **registration ends January 1st**. Forms can be found in the Church Office and in the back of the sanctuary. For more information see Jennifer McLemore.

## JOHN "DEAR" DAY



Trinity's own John Moore has a book written about his life. "Flying Fearlessly" John H. Moore Corsair Pilot. Trinity will honor Mr. Moore on Sunday, January 21st with a covered dish lunch immediately following the 11am Worship Service and give you a chance to have your books signed. We have many people asking us where they can get a copy of this book. Amazon has it online, Barnes and Nobles., and you can also get a copy by calling the

author, Shelby Boyett @704-846-0322. Mrs. Boyett is hoping to attend the book signing and will have copies here at the church that you can purchase from her,

You can also visit her website at:

[shelbyboyett.webs.com](http://shelbyboyett.webs.com)

### SANDWICH MINISTRY(LOAF Sunday)

Trinity has been blessed for the last 11 years to provide sandwiches for our neighbors at Urban Ministries under the leadership of Cheryl Howard. Cheryl will be stepping down from this in January. She has always made sure the group that makes the sandwiches has had the meat, cheese, bread and funds to make this ministry happen. She also delivered them each month to Urban Ministries so that they had them to serve on the third Monday of the month. There are not words enough to express our thankfulness to her and also to all who have helped with this, weather by donating a loaf of bread, funding, making the sandwiches or praying for this ministry.

Please consider making a contribution to the **DON AND VON HAVERLAH CARILION FUND** in her honor for her many years of service to this ministry. Thank you Cheryl!!!

### CLOSING and DELAYS POLICY

With the chance of bad weather looming around us this time of year we want to remind you of Trinity's procedure if the Sunday Services or other services need to be canceled or delayed. We have two options that will be available to you. The first would be that we will send out a Phone Tree message, so if you do not receive our Phone Tree messages please let the church office know so that your names and numbers can be added. The second way would be you will see our delays or cancellations scrolling across the bottom of the WSOC TV channel. This is Channel 9 and TV64 in our area.

But remember this all hinges on us having access to phones and or the internet. So if power is out this may not be something that we can get to you in a timely manner. First and foremost we want you to be safe.

### **Pastor Ogle & Church Family,**

Thank you so much for the beautiful service that you provided for Calvin.

Please continue to remember me in your prayers.

*Brenda Nance*

Trinity is starting a “Haverlah Carillion Bell - Fund” in memory of *Don & Von Haverlah*. These “Bells” will be added to our steeple and can be programmed to chime on the hour/half hour and to play hymns at a designated time. The approximate cost of this digital program would be \$3000.00 to \$4000.00 (we will also need to add new speakers to our steeple). We feel that these “bells” will be heard all over our community and will bring great joy to all!!! Don and Von would LOVE to be a part of this outreach ministry!

#### **ACTIVE SHOOTERS TRAINING CLASS**

An Active Shooter Training demonstration will be presented by the Mecklenburg County Sherriff’s Department on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at Trinity. This will be open to all churches and anyone who wants to attend. It will cover what should be done for prevention, awareness and what you should do in case this happens at your church or any situation you happen to be in should this occur. We invite you to join us at 7:00pm in The Family Life Center.

#### **CARDIOPULMONARY CLASS (CPR)**

There is still time to register for the CPR class that will be held here at Trinity on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is open to all. The cost is \$60.00 for the class. For more information see Shelly Black or call the Preschool.

Please E-mail Shelly Black @ [shelly@trinityumcofcharlotte.com](mailto:shelly@trinityumcofcharlotte.com) by December 29<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

#### **BACKPACK MINISTRY**

This has been an exciting year for the Backpack Ministry at Trinity. God continues to bless this ministry in so many ways. This past summer a non profit organization, Families Forward Charlotte, contacted Hornets Nest inquiring of ways they could help children at the school. The school referred them to Trinity because of our involvement with the Backpack Ministry. When they contacted Trinity they spoke with Ronna who took their information and passed it on to the Backpack Ministry. We all met and came up with a plan that allows Trinity to continue to serve 30 children per week and for Families Forward to serve an additional 30 children per week. The two groups work independently of each other but thanks be to God, 60 children are now being served each week.

Another exciting change this year for the ministry, Trinity's youth and their leaders are packing the backpacks and it has been a great help. Thank you all!

We are going to have a food drive in January and February to allow everyone the opportunity to participate in this ministry. We will be collecting the following items:

***JUICE BOXES, POP TARTS,  
FRUIT CUPS, APPLESAUCE***

Please continue to pray for the children and families being served through this ministry.

Marie Ross



The Staff all a

Christmas and the best in the New Year!

Trinity wish you Merry

The church office will be closed the week after Christmas with no newsletter until January 3, 2018. If you have items for that newsletter please send them via E-mail or to the church office so that they can be added on Wednesday, January 3rd.

# 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



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

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## Worship Helpers and Retirement

### RISE-UP NURSERY

Jan. 7—Melissa Falcone  
Jan. 14—Donna Stroupe  
Jan. 21—Carolyn Miller  
Jan. 28—Wendy Penninger

### TRADITIONS NURSERY

Jan. 7—Ginny Martin &  
Vickey Haley  
Jan. 14—Jennifer McLemore  
Jan. 21—Dolores LaPrade  
Jan. 28—Audrey Midthun

### USHERS FOR JANUARY

John & Carolyn McLemore, Charlotte Plummer, Linda Thummel

### STREAMING

Rise Up Service  
Traditions Service

### COMMUNION STEWARDS

3 Ushers

### FINANCE STEWARDS

Lynne Bruce & John McLemore

### HOMEBOUND

Kenneth Alexander, Marie Chesser

### PRAYER LIST

Kenneth Alexander, Marie Chesser, Judy Fogle, Anne Griffin, Butch Hough, Naomi Lee, Perry McConnell, Margaret Merritt, Paul Merritt, Jr., Mary Moore, Ed Puckett, Gene Snow, David Todd, David Wilson, Fred Wilson

### RETIREMENT RESIDENTS

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

Home—Butch Hough, Perry McConnell, Paul Merritt, Jr.

### January Scripture

Jan. 7—Isaiah 60: 1-6  
Jan. 14—1 Samuel 3: 1-10  
Jan. 21—Jonah 3: 1-5  
Jan. 28—1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

\*\*\*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  
**Received:** \$2,927.15 (12/10)  
\$8,996.00 (12/17)

A contribution has been given to the **Church Budget** in memory of *Mr. Calvin Nance* by The James Nance Family.

A contribution has been made to the **Church Budget** in memory of *Lewis & Doris Sigmon* by Sherry Sigmon.

A contribution has been made in honor of the Choir to **The Don & Von Carillon Bell Fund** by Cheryl Howard

Contributions have been made to the **Bell Fund** by Phyllis & Kenneth Alexander and Claudia Myers.

