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.THE MESSENGER

FROM THE PASTORS DESK...

July not only marks the “middle of summer.” It is the month that we celebrate “Independence Day.” On July the Fourth, we traditionally celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. That document declared the “American Colonies” would no longer be subject to the rule of the British Empire.

Traditionally, the “Fourth” is celebrated by family vacations, cookouts, and huge fireworks displays. Many folks break out their red, white, and blue apparel; often wearing the clothes proudly the entire month. Millions of dollars are spent each year to celebrate this important day of freedom from oppression.

I believe that celebrating freedom and independence is an important part of our American heritage. But, followers of Jesus can celebrate another independence day. This day probably isn't the same for most of us. This other “independence day” is the time we professed a faith in Jesus.

There was a day when we accepted the love of Jesus and the grace of God. At that moment we were free...free from the death of sin... free from the power of sin...free to be who God created us to be. Just as the colonies were bound under the weight of the British Empire, we were bound under the weight of sin.

Perhaps some folks begin to take that day of freedom for granted over the years. We don't remember the oppression sin caused. We forget the hopelessness...the hopelessness we felt before Jesus found us. Over the years we often believe that we, in some way, were worthy of God's grace. We may even become convinced that we deserved salvation because of all the things we've done for God.

The day we accepted Jesus was a great day...a day to be celebrated...a day to thank God for his grace. Unlike the colonists that had to fight for their freedom; our freedom from sin was a gift. No matter how we struggled to overcome the bondage of sin... we couldn't do it ourselves.

As we celebrate the freedom we enjoy as Americans, we can also celebrate the freedom we enjoy through Jesus. We don't need to use fireworks or dress in patriotic clothes. All that's necessary is to thank God for doing what we couldn't.

Take a few minutes to reflect on the difference our freedom of sin and death makes in our life. And...if you have an opportunity...tell someone about our personal independence day and the difference it will make in their life.

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Happy Independence Day.

Grace and Peace

Wade

TRINITY HAPPENINGS.....

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

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

The Summer Lunch numbers has increased each week. The first week we served 186 hot meals and last week we served 211. Many of those same faces that we feed each day, both children and adults, have been seen this week at Bible School. What an **AWESOME OUT-REACH!** We are guessing we will serve around the same number of meals by the close of this week making a total of 600 meals for the month of June. With this being said, your continued support of prayers, service, and donations of fruit cups, snacks and funding is needed and greatly appreciated. We will have the program running throughout the summer including the week of July 4th with the exception of the actual holiday on Tuesday. If you have any questions about the program or would like to help cook or serve the meals, please see Patty Wilson. May God Bless Our Church as we continue to **"Feed His Sheep"**.

Patty Wilson , Outreach Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Finance Committee will meet on Monday, July 10th at 6:00pm in the Conference Room. Those members are: *Paul Merritt, Lynne Bruce, Kate Keller, Mike Gregory, Betty Busted, Marsha Puckett, Tommy Helms, Jeff Elliott, Curtis Buchanan, Cindy Hough, Denesa Lawson, Avis Summer Lewis, David Stroupe and Wade Ogle.*



Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 9th. The St. James Male Chorus will be singing at Trinity beginning at 6:00pm in the sanctuary.

The Choir will host an Ice Cream social immediately following the singing . This will be held in the FLC.

Ice Cream Social



LOAF Sunday will be Sunday, July 16th.

Please bring a loaf of bread to church with you to donate to this ministry in honor of all those who have sacrifice much so that we can attend a church of our choice.

This bread will be made into sandwiches on Monday, July 17th at 8:30am in the FLC kitchen.

ATTENTION ALL UMM

The next meeting of the UMM will be on Tuesday, July 25th beginning at 7pm. All men of the church are invited to attend.



All Seniors are encouraged to join the Young at Heart Group on the first Thursday of each month for lunch, meeting and great fellowship.



The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of the Fourth of July holiday.



JULY 4th LUNCHEON

The Emmett Wilson Bible Class invites you to join them **THIS COMING** Sunday, July 2nd for their annual BBQ Chicken lunch. This will be held immediately following the 11am Worship Service. They will serve *BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Slaw, Rolls and Desserts* all for a donation.

THE STORY OF THE FOURTH OF JULY

The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They had been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes.

July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.) It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broad-sides, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 was the date they remembered.

HOW DID THE FOURTH OF JULY BECOME A HOLIDAY?

For the first 15 or 20 years after the Declaration was written, people didn't celebrate it much on any date. It was too new and too much else was happening in the young nation. By the 1790's, a time of bitter partisan conflicts, the Declaration had become controversial. One party, the Democratic-Republicans, admired Jefferson and the Declaration. But the other party, the Federalists, thought the Declaration was too French and too anti-British, which went against their current policies.

By 1817, John Adams complained in a letter that America seemed uninterested in its past. But that would soon change.

After the War of 1812, the Federalist party began to come apart and the new parties of the 1820s and 1830s all considered themselves inheritors of Jefferson and the Democratic-Republicans. Printed copies of the Declaration began to circulate again, all with the date July 4, 1776, listed at the top. The deaths of Thomas Jefferson and John Adams on July 4, 1826, may even have helped to promote the idea of July 4th as an important date to be celebrated.

Celebrations of the Fourth of July became more common as the years went on and in 1870, almost a 100 years after the Declaration was written, Congress first declared July 4 to be a national holiday as part of a bill to officially recognize several holidays, including Christmas. Further legislation about national holidays, including July 4, was passed in 1939 and 1941.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

RISE AGAINST HUNGER



July has five Sundays in the month and the Outreach Committee would like to designate this 5th Sunday as a Mission Sunday for **RISE**

AGAINST HUNGER formally known as **STOP HUNGER NOW**.

Many of you joined us last year and hope you will do so again this year. On Saturday, October 14th, a tractor trailer truck of food will come to Trinity Church and with the help of 50 to 60 volunteers we will package meals to be sent all over the world to feed hungry families. Just 29 cents will provide a meal for a family of four. As you may remember our goal last year was to provide 10,000 meals at a cost of \$3000.00. We raised over \$4,000.00. Our hope and prayers are that we can match or even double that goal in 2017.

We have kicked this mission off during Bible School with a challenge to the children to raise \$350.00. Last year the challenge was \$200.00 and the kids and Bible School volunteers raised \$815. We would also like to pass this challenge to the church members. So clean off the tops of your dressers, counters and change jars and bring your coins in throughout the coming months with a big fund raising push on Sunday, July 30th. We hope you will feel the same joy and excitement the kids feel when they hear the coins jingle as their money hits the bottom of the bucket.

Folded money and checks don't make the same sound, but they create the same joy and provide the same meals. This mission is for everyone, young and old. Just ask anyone who helped last year. We have a great fun time and accomplish such a worthy cause. Please save the date, October 14th, and plan to join us.

Patty Wilson, Outreach Committee

THIRD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY and BACK- PACK SUNDAY

All parents please 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.

THE MESSENGER

Trinity United Methodist Church

answering Jesus' call to:

“FEED MY SHEEP”



Church—704-399-1684

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704-456-8251

9:00am—Rise-Up Worship Service

10:00am—Small Groups

Trinity United Methodist Church

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RISE-UP NURSERY

July 2—Donna Stroupe
July 9—Carolyn Miller
July 16—Wendy Penninger
July 23—Cheryl Howard
July 30—Lisa Laney

TRADITIONS NURSERY

July 2—Brian & Sara Carey
July 9—James & Erin Morgan
July 16—Marlene & Tom Campbell
July 23—Shelly & Daniel Black
July 30—Kevin & Jessica Mullins

USHERS FOR JULY

John & Carolyn McLemore
Charlotte Plummer
Linda Thummel

STREAMING

Rise Up Service
July 2—Bill McLemore
July 9—Bill McLemore
July 16—Cindy Hough
July 23—Cindy Hough
July 30—Cindy Hough

Traditions Service

July 2—Wayne Privette
July 9—Wayne Privette
July 16—David Stroupe
July 23—David Stroupe
July 30—Wayne Privette

COMMUNION STEWARDS

3 Ushers

FINANCE STEWARDS

Lynne Bruce & John McLemore

HOMEBOUND

Naomi Lee,
Fred Ward,
Kenneth Alexander

PRAYER LIST

Kenneth Alexander, Lynne Bruce,
Marie Chesser, Carl Edwards,
Karen Elliott, Anne Griffin, Callie
Grace Johnson, Edna Knight,
Naomi Lee, Kat McClure, Margare
ret Merritt, Mary Moore, Calvin
Nance, Beth O'Shields, Brenda
Raynor, Maggie Sewell, David
Todd, Fred Ward, Carol Wilson,
David Wilson

RETIREMENT RESIDENTS

The Oaks—Margaret Merritt
The Laurels-David Todd
Carrillon (Lincolnton)-Mary Frances
Hunt
Northlake House—Mary Moore
CMC (University)-Calvin Nance

July Scripture

July 2—
July 9—Romans 7: 15-25A
July 16—Romans 8: 1-11
July 23—Romans 8: 12-17
July 30—Romans 8:26-30

*****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





July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9am-Rise Up Service 10-Small Groups 11-Traditions Service 12-July 4th Luncheon	3 12-1pm-Summer Lunch	4  12-1pm-Summer Lunch No Hot Dogs 7pm—Choir	5 12-1pm-Summer Lunch No Hot Dogs 7pm—Choir	6 12-Young@Heart 12-1pm-Summer Lunch 6:30-Zumba 7pm-Praise Team	7 12-1pm-Summer Lunch 6pm-Karate 6:30pm-Food Pantry	8
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