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FROM THE PASTORS DESK...

The second Sunday in May is the traditional celebration of Mother's Day. On this day we recognize the influence and importance of our mothers. If your mother is still with us on earth, I hope that you will spend some time with her on May 13.

This year we celebrate another important day on May 20. On that Sunday we celebrate Pentecost in the church. Pentecost always falls on the seventh Sunday after Easter. Since the date of Easter varies each year, Pentecost occurs on a different Sunday yearly.

The date of Pentecost also occurs at the same time as the Jewish Feast of Weeks which is celebrated after Passover. At Pentecost we recognize two events.

In the book of Acts (2:1-13) all the believers were meeting together. This group included not only the disciples but others who followed Jesus. During this time, the Holy Spirit descended on them and they began to speak in languages. The Jews who were there for the Feast of the Weeks were amazed and confused at all of this.

Sometimes we don't talk much about the presence or actions of the Holy Spirit. It may be because some of the older versions of the Bible call this person of the Trinity the "Holy Ghost."

I know, when I was growing up, I didn't want to have anything to do with any kind of ghost; let alone a "Holy" one. Ghost gave me a vision of something bad. I believed ghosts were those things that "went bump in the night" and hid under my bed giving me bad dreams.

However, I came to understand that the Holy Spirit wasn't anything like the

ghosts of my dreams. Simply put, the Holy Spirit is the person of the Trinity that is present with us as we follow Jesus today. The Holy Spirit is our guide through life and our helper in times of struggle.

The Holy Spirit is our Advocate and Counselor. He desires to direct our steps and gives us strength to cope with all of life.

The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost also bound the early believers together. After Pentecost they became a force for Jesus in the world. The Spirit does the same for believers today. We are bound together for a common purpose to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world through the power of the Spirit.

Perhaps that is why we celebrate the birth of the Church at Pentecost. The coming of the Spirit transformed a loosely organized group of people into a movement that spread throughout the world.

We at Trinity are part of that movement. We have the power to affect the community and the world around because the Spirit lives within each of us. I pray that we allow the Spirit to lead us as we follow Jesus and answer his call to those around us.

Happy Mother's Day

Happy Pentecost

Wade

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TRINITY HAPPENINGS



NEEDED: LADIES TO DECORATE TABLES.
Any theme as long as you use a hat on it!

HATS OFF TO Women

A LADIES BANQUET
SUNDAY, MAY 6TH | 5:00PM

All ages welcome!

Wear a hat, bring a covered dish, and join us!

We'll have a photo booth, games, activities, and more!

HATS OFF! To Women – A Ladies Banquet. This year our Ladies Banquet will be held on Sunday, May 6th beginning at 5pm. This year's theme is centered around HATS! All different types of hats. Beautiful floral hats, cowboy hats, your grandmothers hats, old hats, new hats, all kinds of hats! Get creative! Grab a hat, bring a covered dish, and plan to join us! We will have LOTS of laughs! THAT is GUARANTEED! We are asking you ladies to sign up to decorate a table...use your imagination! If you would be interested in decorating a table, please contact Shelly Black at 704-533-2234 or email

shelly@trinityumcofcharlotte.com



The United Methodist Men will sponsor their next Fish Fry on **Saturday, June 16th.**

The cost is \$10.00 for a plate of *Shrimp, Catfish or Flounder* with all the fixings. Mark your calendars!



Thursday May 3, 2018, **National Day of Prayer** will be celebrated with an event starting at 7pm in the Family Life Center at Trinity UMC. Dessert

and drinks will be served and special music and prayer time will be observed. Please plan to attend and pray for our Nation, Our Church, Our Community and our Leaders. You won't want to miss the celebration!!

Trinity UMC Summer Sessions "Hey Mom, I'm bored"

Parents will be looking for ways to entertain their children during the summer when school is out and we have the answer for you. We are now taking registrations for our Summer Sessions at Trinity UMC. We offer classes for children 2 years old through five years old and we also have an Elementary Summer Adventure Camp. If you are thinking about coming, please let us know as soon as possible. We must line up our staff and set up classrooms. For more information call Claudia at 704-399-1684 or visit our web page www.trinityumcofcharlotte.com We have wonderful teachers and Interns lined up for the Summer. We have one space available for a teacher. If you or if you know someone, who would be interested, please let Claudia know.

Session one – June 12th through July 12th

Session Two—July 17th through August 9th

Hours 9:00 until 12:30

Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays

WANTED: Men!!!

Men to sing in the choir during the 11 o'clock service for Mother's Day, May 13th. Surprise the women in your life~~~show up in the back choir practice room, (*beside the parlor*), and be a part of a Men's Choir. No practice necessary~~~song will be familiar.



DESSERT THEATER...this SUNDAY APRIL 29TH AT 6:30 P.M.

Marvelous Voices, Fabulous Feet, Inspiring Instruments *plus* Delicious Desserts. Cost is a donation for a show that can't be missed! Proceeds support the Montana Mission Trip. To

donate a dessert, please contact Avis Lewis, 704-906-0072 or avissummerslewis@gmail.com. The final "Ice Cream" practices for the children will be at the church at 11:00 a.m. on April 28th. Contact Clint Lewellyn for more information at 980-253-6764 or clinth@hotmail.com.

SECOND MILE GIVING...Summer is fast approaching and you may remember that only part of the Air Conditioning in the Sanctuary was working at the end of the AC season. It is now time to replace these units. Would you like to help with this fundraiser? If so please place your checks in the collection plate marked for "A/C". Our hope is to have this installed in May. This is a second mile giving not to replace our tithing but over and above that, as the normal bills will continue as we make an effort to fund this project.

The Preschool invites you to join them on Tuesday, May 1st as they celebrate **MAYDAY** with games on the front lawn. This all begins at 10:30am.



GRADUATION DAY for Preschool will be Friday, May 25th at 10:30am in the sanctuary. Come out and support these young children as they finish up one phase of their young lives and begin the next.

MISSING and NEEDED

Please take a few minutes to look in your laundry room to see if you may have taken some of the long white round table clothes home to clean and have forgotten to bring them back. Over half of the ones that we had are missing. These are needed over the next few weeks for a number of events on the calendar.

HOT DOG WEDNESDAYS

Did you know that each Wednesday Trinity has a Hot Dog meal from 11:00am – 2:00pm? It's much more than hot dogs. They also serve Hamburgers, BLT's, Grilled Cheese, French Fries, Potato Chips, Pinto Beans, Slaw, Salad, Desserts and more. Stop by when you are in the area for a quiet, quick lunch, and a time to visit with many of your church and community friends. The proceeds from this program goes to help with many areas of your church. Enjoy a lunch and help your church all at the same time. You can even call in orders and they will have it ready when you get to the church. This program is staffed by many of the churches retirees, if you ever have a few free hours stop in and they will put you to work.

GRADUATION SUNDAY – June 3rd Do you have a student who will be graduating from High School or College this Spring or graduated in December of last year? If so please provide the church office with his or her name, school they will be graduating from and future plans. We are asking that you submit around 5 pictures of your graduate to the church office or Christie Pistolis. These will be used in a slide presentation on Sunday, June 3rd. The due date for these are Sunday, May 20th. You can send your pictures through E-mail or drop them by the church office for Ronna to scan and she will return them to you.

LOST and FOUND

Please check the box outside the church office to see if any of the items belong to you or your family. There are some nice pieces of clothing that we are sure someone is missing. These will go to Goodwill the first of May.

Contributions have been made to the **Church Budget** in memory of *Ed Puckett* by Jewell & Perry McConnell and Wanda & Neal Davis.

Trinity's VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- June 24th – 28th. If you can help during this week please see Cindy



Hough or Carolyn Miller. They need Teachers, Story time helpers, Prayer team, Craft helpers and Registration helpers. There is a place for everyone to help. This years theme is **"SHIPWRECKED Res-**

cued by Jesus".

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

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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Worship Helpers and Retirement

RISE-UP NURSERY

May 6—Cheryl Howard & Ronna Privette
May 13—Melissa Falcone
May 20—Donna Stroupe
May 27—Carolyn Miller

TRADITIONS NURSERY

May 6—Jessica Mullins
May 13—Ginny Martin
May 20—Audrey Midthun
May 27—Marlene Campbell

USHERS/Greeters for Traditions

David & Donna Stroupe
Justin & Kristen Stroupe

GREETERS for Rise Up

May 6—Avis Summers Lewis
May 13—Cindy Hough
May 20—Jimmy Hunter
May 27—Chuck Laney

MAY SCRIPTURE

May 6—1 John 4: 7-17
May 13—1 John 5: 9-13
May 20—Acts 2: 1-21
May 27—John 3: 1-17

STREAMING

Rise Up Service
May 6—Bill McLemore

May 13—Malcolm Miller
May 20—Cindy Hough
May 27—Cindy Hough

Traditions Service

May 6—Malcolm Miller
May 13—Wayne Privette
May 20—Wayne Privette
May 27—Cindy Hough

COMMUNION STEWARDS

3 Ushers

FINANCE STEWARDS

Lynne Bruce & David Stroupe

HOMEBOUND

Kenneth Alexander, Carol Wilson

PRAYER LIST

Kenneth Alexander, Joe Blythe, Paul Bolick, Marie Chesser, Wayne Flowe, Judy Fogle, Joan Granack, Edna Knight, Naomi Lee, Karen Sigmon McDowell, John McLemore, Margaret Merritt, Mary Moore, Marilyn & Gene Quidley, Gene Snow, Carol Wilson, David Todd, David Wilson

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
Asbury Care Center—John McLemore

GIVING SUMMARY

Budget amount thru March

\$64,924.26

Amount Received thru March

\$51,063.35

TITHES and OFFERINGS

Needed Weekly: - \$4,994.17

***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).

