



## FROM THE PASTOR:

As I walked through the stores in the last few weeks I noticed some things missing. Even in the home improvement businesses and Walmart's I believe they've forgotten something.

The Halloween displays were in one section. These ranged from scary skeletons and ghosts that could be displayed in the front yard to huge bags of candy for the trick-or-treaters. Then, only a few aisles over, all the Christmas decorations were on the shelves. The yard displays were "center stage." There were also wreaths and all sorts of stuff to hang on the tree.

I realize this is the "holiday" season. I admit that I don't get into Halloween. The kids dressed and going door-to-door are cute. However, I think some folks go overboard with the scary stuff. I also have a problem with some churches sponsoring "judgment houses," trying to scare teens into accepting Jesus. But all that is for another time.

Now, I love the Advent/Christmas season. We focus on the coming of Jesus, enjoy the shiny decorations, and have great fellowship with family and friends. I do think putting the blowup yard stuff out in the middle of October is just a little early.

As I walked down the aisles...between the Halloween scariness and the Christmas sparkle I was hunting for something to celebrate the other holiday that comes between October 31 and December 25. The holiday that seems to be missing is Thanksgiving.

Okay, if I looked hard enough I could find some napkins and plates with fall leaves. You might scrounge up pilgrim salt shakers or an occasional ceramic turkey. But that was the extent of what you could find.

Probably, for the stores, Thanksgiving decorations aren't a big seller. There's a lot more money in stuff for Halloween and Christmas. But the lack of anything "Thanksgiving" made me wonder. Is that a reflection of American society?

Have we ceased to be thankful to God for the blessings of life? Perhaps, even worse, have we begun to expect God to bless us? Do we believe we're entitled to God's blessing because we're good folks?

Sure, we may share what we're thankful for in a worship service or around the Thanksgiving feast. But is that merely giving "lip service" to God.

I pray that we all take time to seriously consider how God has poured out his blessings on us in the past year. I realize that some had difficult times...but the blessing of God's strength and healing saw them through. I realize some have lost loved ones...but the blessing of God's peace allowed them to face the next day.

It really doesn't matter if the stores have forgotten about Thanksgiving. We, as believers, are called to give God the thanks and the glory only he deserves.

Thankfully  
Wade



*Happy Thanksgiving!  
To You And Your Family*

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# TRINITY HAPPENINGS

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The Administrative Council will meet Tuesday, November 1st at 6:30pm in the Conference Room. Those members are: *Wade Ogle, Jeff Elliott, David Stroupe, Avis Summers Lewis, Butch Hough, Paul Merritt, Denesa Lawson, Kristen Stroupe, Cheryl Howard, Patty Wilson, Donnie Bruce, Claudia Myers, Malcolm Miller, Ronna Privette, Cindy Hough, Curtis Buchanan, Sandra Duggins, and Chuck Laney.*

## CHARGE CONFERENCE

Trinity's Charge Conference will be held Tuesday, November 1st beginning at 7:30pm in the Conference Room. All church members are invited to attend.

## GET INVOLVED



## CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Have you picked up a shoe box or two for your family to fill? If not

we still have a few. Lets fill those 100 boxes with items for that special boy or girl and have them back to the church by dedication Sunday which will be **Nov. 20th**. Inside each shoebox is a list of items that can and can't be placed in the boxes. Also, there are tags for a boy or girl and the age.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

**WAREHOUSE**...mark your calendars for Thursday, Dec. 8th to join the Trinity group as they go to help prepare the boxes for shipping. This will be from 3-7pm. Watch for more info to come.

**“GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD, HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.”** 1 Chron 16:34



**LOAF Sunday** will be Sunday, November 20th. Please bring a loaf of bread to donate.

This bread will be made into sandwiches on Monday, November 21st at 8am in the FLC kitchen. All are invited to come help with this ministry.



## FISH FRY

The next UMM sponsored Fish Fry will be held on **Saturday, December 3rd** beginning at 4:00pm in the FLC. Make plans now to come enjoy Flounder, Shrimp, Catfish with all the fixings for just \$10.00 per plate.

## November Scripture

Nov. 6—Matthew 7: 7-11

Nov. 13—1 Corinthians 10: 23-33

Nov. 20—Galatians 6: 7-10

Nov. 27—1st Sunday of Advent



**WE DID IT!!!** 10,152 meals were packed this past Saturday for



Sunday, November 5th @2:00am  
Daylight Savings time ends!

## ONLINE GIVING

You can give online by going to [trinityumcofcharlotte.com](http://trinityumcofcharlotte.com) and following the directions under online giving. Thank you to all who are doing this from the convenience of your own home.



**STOP HUNGER NOW!!!** These “highly nutritious dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, flavoring and essential vitamins and minerals will be shipped around the world. Each package provides servings for six and is easy to transport, store and distribute to those in greatest need.”



**“I WILL GIVE THANKS TO YOU LORD, WITH ALL MY HEART.”**

*Psalm 9:1*



**WOOLLY  
WEDNESDAY  
DINNER**

The Haiti Mission Team will host a Wolly Wednesday dinner on Wednesday, November 2nd from 5:30-7:00pm. They will be serving . *Chicken and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and rolls.*

You can stop in and get carry out or plan to come sit down and enjoy your meal with friends before heading home or to a scheduled meeting. The cost is a donation. And all proceeds will go towards the mission trip in December.

**United Methodist Women’s Fall Fundraiser**

On **Saturday, November 5th** the Trinity UMW will sponsor a Bazaar from 8am—1pm in the FLC.

There are over 30 vendors as well as a UMW table where all proceeds go to the UMW budget. Anyone can donate a baked good to the UMW table.

This is a great time to start thinking about Christmas gifts too so please plan to come out and enjoy fellowship, shopping and FUN.



**TRINITY CHOIR** is working hard on their Christmas program **“Come Let Us Adore”** on Wednesday nights

There is still time to join them, please see Cheryl Howard for more info (and a CD). We would LOVE some new faces (even if it is just for Christmas ☺) The music will be presented Dec. 4th at 11:00am.

**To Our Awesome Church Family;**

Words cannot express how blessed I am to have friends like all of you. I want to thank all of you for your phone calls, cards and most of all for your prayers. Your concerns were so encouraging. You never know how to appreciate having a praying church to worship in every Sunday until you cannot be there. God bless you.

I love all of you,  
*Jewell McConnell*



The Trinity United Methodist Women’s circle #3 will host their 10<sup>th</sup> annual **Christmas Tea** on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm in the Family Life Center. The tickets for

this fun filled afternoon are \$10.00 each. Please see a Circle #3 member to get your tickets ro stop by the Church Office.

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The Children will present a short play before the Choir Concert on Sunday, December 4th at 11:00am. This is for all children. They will practice during Children’s Church and then a couple times in the sanctuary.

Immediately following this service there will be a Hot Dog lunch in the FLC. We understand Santa has been invited to stop by and visit, so get your list ready. Mark your calendars for Sunday, Dec. 4th at 11am.



**POINSETTIAS**...If you would like to place a poinsettia in the church in honor or memory of a loved one for Christmas please fill in the form below and mail it into

the church office or place in the collection plate by Sunday, December 11th. The cost is \$8.25 per potted 6” covered pot. They have multiple red blooms on each plant. These will be in the Worship Services on Sunday, December 18th and can be taken home that day to enjoy for the holidays.

**In memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# ordered** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amt. paid** \_\_\_\_\_



# THE MESSENGER

Trinity United Methodist Church

answering Jesus' call to:

**“FEED MY SHEEP”**

Church—704-399-1684

Pastor's—704-655-2841 704-456-8251

9:00am—Rise-Up Worship Service

10:00am—Small Groups

11:00am—Traditions Worship Service



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## Worship Helpers and Retirement Residents

### RISE-UP NURSERY

Nov. 6—Cheryl Howard  
Nov. 13—Ronna Privette  
Nov. 20—Brenda Raynor  
Nov. 27—Donna Stroupe

### TRADITIONS NURSERY

Nov. 6—Marlene & Tom Campbell  
Nov. 13—Cindy Hough &  
Wendy Penninger  
Nov. 20—Patty Wilson &  
Teresa Hardee  
Nov. 27—Kevin & Jessica Mullins

### USHERS FOR November

David & Donna Stroupe  
Justin & Kristen Stroupe

### FINANCE STEWARDS

Lynne Bruce & David Stroupe

### STREAMING

#### **Rise Up Service**

Nov. 6—Bill McLemore  
Nov. 13—Malcolm Miller  
Nov. 20—Malcolm Miller  
Nov. 27—Bill McLemore

#### **Traditions Service**

Nov. 6—Wayne Privette  
Nov. 13—Wayne Privette  
Nov. 21—Wayne Privette  
Nov. 27—Malcolm Miller

### COMMUNION STEWARDS

3 Ushers

### TITHES and OFFERINGS

Needed Weekly: - \$4,763.20

### HOMEBOUND

Naomi Lee, Mary Moore,  
Calvin Nance, Fred Ward

### PRAYER LIST

Alaska Bible College, Marie Chesser,  
Shannon Freeman, Wayne Flowe,  
Anne Griffin, Heritage Bible College,  
Austin Houser, Naomi Lee, Jewell  
McConnell, John & Carolyn  
McLemore, Margaret Merritt, Calvin  
Nance, Jeff Reid, David Todd, Fred  
Ward, David Wilson.

### RETIREMENT RESIDENTS

The Oaks—Margaret Merritt  
The Laurels-David Todd  
Carrillon (Lincolnton)-Mary Frances  
Hunt



# November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b><u>SUN SCHEDULE</u></b> 9AM-Rise Up Serv 10am-Small Groups 11am-Traditions Serv 3pm-Youth 4pm-Liturgical Dance		<i>1</i> 6:30—Adm Council 6:30-Zumba 7:30-Charge Conference	<i>2</i> 11-2pm-Hot Dogs 5:30-7pm-Wooly Wed Dinner 6:30-Trustees Mtg 7pm-Choir	<i>3</i> 6:30—Zumba 7pm—Praise Team	<i>4</i> 6pm-Karate 6:30pm-Food Pantry	<i>5</i> 8-1pm-Fall Festival
<b>6 Daylight Savings ends</b> <b>See Schedule</b>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 11-2pm-Hot Dogs 2pm—FLC Reserved 5:30pm—Preschool Board 7pm-Choir	<i>10</i> FLC Reserved 6:30—Zumba 7pm—Praise Team	<b>11 VETERANS DAY</b> FLC Reserved 6:30pm-Food Pantry	<i>12</i> 3:00pm—Christmas Tea
<i>13 See Schedule</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 7pm - United Methodist Men	<i>16</i> 11-2pm—Hot Dogs 7pm—Choir	<i>17</i> 6:30—Zumba 7pm—Praise Team	<i>18</i> 6pm-Karate 6:30pm-Food Pantry	<i>19</i>
<b>20 See Schedule</b> <b>LOAF Sunday</b>  Christmas Shoeboxes due	<i>21</i> 8am—Sandwich Shop	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> No Hot Dogs No Choir	<b>24 THANKSGIVING</b> 	<i>25</i> 6pm-Karate 6:30pm-Food Pantry	<i>26</i>
<i>27 See Schedule</i>	<i>28</i> 9am—Hanging of the Greens	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> 11-2pm—Hot Dogs 7pm—Choir			