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THE MESSENGER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

The coming of fall signals the beginning of the holiday season. From the last of October until the first of next year folks celebrate several holidays.

Sandwiched between Halloween and Christmas is what I believe is the most important occasion of the year...Thanksgiving. However, if you have visited any store lately, you probably realize Thanksgiving doesn't appear to very important.

I was in a store this week. Among all the Halloween décor and the Christmas decorations there was only one small corner designated for anything related to Thanksgiving. It seems there is more attention paid to costumes, candy, and selecting the perfect Christmas gift.

Maybe Thanksgiving has lost its importance because of how many of us think of the holiday. The fourth Thursday in November has become a day to stuff ourselves with loads of food, watch football, and take a nap on the couch. Or, it could be that Thanksgiving is only the day before Black Friday, when the Christmas sales begin.

I'd like for us at Trinity to renew our appreciation of Thanksgiving, returning to at least a little of the reason the day was set aside in the first place. The original thinking behind making Thanksgiving a federal holiday is found in its name. The day was meant to be a time to give thanks for all the blessings God bestowed on us during the year.

Thanksgiving was, when the country was centered mostly on farming, a time to give thanks for the harvest of that year. Maybe that could also be a reason Thanksgiving isn't a popular today.

However, if you think about it, we are still blessed with a harvest. Every time we receive a check from our jobs or as a result of various retirement plans, isn't that a harvest?

What I'd like us to consider during the entire month of November are the ways God has blessed us during the past year. Our sermon series during the month is entitled "Blessed."

Usually, we think of being blessed as good health, plenty of money, and basically being happy in life. We are blessed with those things. But, the sermon series will focus on ways we're blessed that we may not think of.

Let's think of November as a month of considering our blessings from God and how we might respond to those blessings. Sometimes we believe we're in so ways responsible for those blessing. However, we are blessed because a gracious God loves us. We are all blessed in so many ways. Let's take this month to count those many blessings.

Grace and Peace

Wade

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TRINITY HAPPENINGS

FISH FRY

The Trinity United Methodist Men will host their last Fish Fry in 2018 on Saturday, November 3rd. Come enjoy *Catfish, Flounder, Shrimp, Fries, Homemade Hush-puppies, Homemade Slaw* all for just \$10.00 a plate. You can get a homemade dessert for \$1.00. The doors open at 4:00pm, hope to see you then!

WOOLY WEDNESDAY

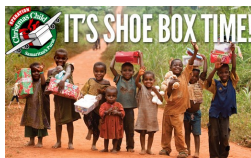
Come and join us for the Woolly Wednesday Dinner on Wednesday, November 7th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Our menu this month is *Boston Butts, Baked Beans and Cole-slaw*. All donations will go to fund the Back Pack Ministry. We will have take outs available, so just stop by and pick up your Supper on the way home from work or stay and enjoy a midweek worry free meal. Please come and join the FLC Sunday School Class in support of the Back Pack Ministry.

The Trinity Srs will go to IHOP in Cornelius on Thursday, November 1st. Please plan to join them at 12:00 (noon) for lunch and a fun afternoon for all!



HOMEGROWN CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW

.....Sunday, December 16th from 3:00-5:00pm.....start brushing up on your "acts"...comedy, dance, song, instruments, acting, poetry, animals (anyone have a monkey????), etc . See Cheryl Howard to sign up.



Sunday, November 18th will be Shoebox dedication Sunday. For many years Trinity has collected shoeboxes filled with gifts for children in need around the world. You can get a shoebox from the church or fill a plastic one that you purchase. Will you prayerfully consider joining us in this exciting ministry?

The Trinity United Methodist Women's **Fall Bazaar** is **Saturday, November 10th from 8:00am—1:00pm**. There will be many vendors along with baked goods, crafts, jewelry and unique items to purchase. It's a great time to start or even finish up your Christmas shopping. All proceeds go the UMW budget.

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! Soooo 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

PRAYER TREE

Trinity has a Prayer Tree....what is this you ask? Right beside the sanctuary steps is a tree that has red hearts hanging from it. Take a few minutes and pick a red heart out of the plastic container sitting on the bench write down you concern or name you would like prayed for and then take a clothes pin and attach it to the tree. **Trinity is a praying church and this is just another way we have to lift those up in prayer.**

WE NEED YOUR BOOKS!



Trinity UMC Preschool is having the Penny Book Sale again this year at the UMW Fall Bazaar on November 10th! We will be selling used books for \$.01 each! Plan to stop by and see us! Our sale last year was so successful, that this year—we need your books! If you

would like to donate books for the Preschool to sell, we would really appreciate it!

Please plan to drop off books at the Preschool Office or if you need someone to pick up your books for you, contact Shelly Black at 704-533-2234.

*Trinity United Methodist Church
Ladies Annual Christmas Tea
Saturday December 1, 2018*

2:00pm \$10.00 per ticket

Tickets are on sale NOW in the church office, see Ronna



Please join us for the
Christmas Tea

Trinity UMC
6230 Beatties Ford Rd,
Charlotte NC 28216
704-399-1684

We thank you for your support of the Christmas Tea at Trinity. This year's proceeds will support the back pack ministry. We thank and honor the Emmett Wilson class for doing this for so many years.

day service and at 11:30 AM we were enjoying pizza and fellowship. What an **Awesome, Awesome** outreach mission event for our Church. Not only did we have a good time, we were together, young and old, doing our Lords work. With this being said, I would like to send out my heart felt thank you to everyone who had a hand in making this possible. Thank you to those who made donations, volunteered to work and most of all, those who prayed each week for our success. It took the whole Church to make this happen. **This is Trinity Church and this is what we Do.** With much love, Patty Wilson.

POINSETTIAS

It is time to order your Poinsettias for Christmas in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is \$9.00 for a 6" red poinsettia with multiple blooms. Please fill in the form below and place it along with your \$9.00 per pot ordered in the collection plate or mail to the church office **by Sunday, December 2nd.** (This is about a week earlier than last year due to a deadline at the distributors) These will be used in the Worship Services on Sunday, December 23rd, then you can take them home to enjoy during the rest of the holiday season or to share with friends and family.

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

By: _____

Number plants ordered _____ Amount paid: _____

Rise Against Hunger

The Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event held Saturday, October 20th, was a HUGH success. We had 60 plus volunteers, young and old, all working together to get our 15,000 meals packaged. The set up team arrived at 7:30 AM to unload the truck and set up the Fellowship Hall. All other volunteers arrived at 9:00 AM. It was a fun, fast, smooth running process. The children enjoyed hitting the gong to announce when another 1000 meals had been packaged. The music played on and we continued to work. Two hours later, we were through. The packaged meals and equipment were loaded back on the truck. The Fellowship Hall cleaned and set back up for Sun-

GIVING SUMMARY

Budget amount thru September
\$194,722.78
Amount Received thru September
\$157,500.50

TITHES and OFFERINGS

Needed Weekly—\$4,994.17
Received—\$13,345.00 (10/14) \$5,604.00 (10/21)

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Rise Up Service—74
Traditions Service—70
Online—16

PRAYER TIME WITH THE PASTOR

On Sunday, November 25th Preacher Wade will host a Prayer Time in the sanctuary beginning at 4:00pm. All are invited to join him, you do not have to pray out loud (unless you want to). It's a time to sit and reflect and pray.



Our prayers and sympathy are extended to The Merritt Family on the passing of Mrs. Margaret Merritt on Friday, October 19th. Mrs. Merritt's funeral was held at Trinity on Thursday, October 25th. Please remember this family during this time.

THE MESSENGER

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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”

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Charlotte, NC
Permit No. 770

Worship Helpers and Prayer Request

RISE-UP NURSERY

Nov. 4—Donna Stroupe
Nov. 11—Carolyn Miller
Nov. 18—Wendy Penninger
Nov. 25—Lisa Laney

TRADITIONS NURSERY

Nov. 4—Jessica Mullins
Nov. 11—Sara Carey
Nov. 18—Jennifer McLemore
Nov. 25—Ginny Martin

USHERS/Greeters for Traditions

David & Donna Stroupe
Justin & Kristen Stroupe

GREETERS for Rise Up

Nov. 4—Jimmy Hunter
Nov. 11—Chuck Laney
Nov. 18—Avis Summers Lewis
Nov. 25—Jimmy Hunter

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE

Nov. 4—Ephesians 2: 19-21 and
Matthew 22: 37-40

Nov. 11—Nehemiah 1: 1-4
Nov. 18—Acts 21: 35
Nov. 25—1 Corinthians 9: 19-23

STREAMING Rise Up Service

Nov. 4—Bill McLemore
Nov. 11—Malcolm Miller
Nov. 17—Cindy Hough
Nov. 25—Cindy Hough

Traditions Service

Nov. 4—Wayne Privette
Nov. 11—Malcolm Miller
Nov. 17—Malcolm Miller
Nov. 25—Wayne Privette

COMMUNION STEWARDS

3 Ushers

FINANCE STEWARDS

Lynne Bruce & David Stroupe

PRAYER LIST

Kenneth Alexander, Judy Bain,
Paul Bolick, Kenny Bolton, Curtis
Buchanan, Lib Caruso, Joan Gra-
nack, Ken Hagar, Chet Kidd, Nao-
mi Lee, Carolyn McLemore, Mary
Moore, Claudia Myers, Marilyn &
Gene Quidley, Carol Wilson

RETIREMENT RESIDENTS

The Oaks—Naomi Lee (Rm 466)
Carol Wilson (Rm. 260)
The Laurels-David Todd
Carrillon (Lincolnton)-Mary
Frances Hunt
Northlake House—Mary Moore

***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).

