

Trinity UMC  
Preschool  
Newsletter  
April 2017



Trinity UMC invites each of you  
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

April 1<sup>st</sup> – Easter Egg Hunt  
April 9<sup>th</sup> – Spaghetti Luncheon  
April 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break  
April 29<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry

**LOOKING AHEAD**

May 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> – May Day  
May 7<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Luncheon Fundraiser  
May 14<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day  
May 24<sup>th</sup> – End of Year Program  
Miss Diane and Miss Dana's Class  
Miss Mary and Miss Melanie's Class  
May 25<sup>th</sup> – End of Year Program  
Miss Kim and Miss Bette's class  
May 25<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School  
May 26<sup>th</sup> – Playschool Graduation

Please make plans to join us on Friday, April 14th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary for the Good Friday Service. On Good Friday we remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. We hope that you will invite your family and friends to be a part of this service.

**SUNRISE SERVICE and BREAKFAST**

We invite you to begin your Easter morning with us for a Sunrise Service beginning at 7:00am in the sanctuary.

The Emmett Wilson Class will serve breakfast following the Sunrise service at 7:30. The menu will be: *Grits, eggs, bacon, biscuits, coffee, juice and jellies* all for a donation.

**11:00 am – Traditions Worship Service**

**Butter Braid Fundraiser**

Thank you, parents, you rock! We sold a total of 306 Units of Butter Braids this year!!! That is nearly double what we sold last year! That is a total of \$4,734.00 in total sales, and a total PROFIT of \$1,944.00. We have also received \$187 in donations for an estimated total of \$2,131 in money raised through the Butter Braid Fundraiser this year!

Top Sellers this year:

The Black Family - \$1,796 Total Sales  
The Carey Family - \$758 Total Sales  
The Staley Family - \$420 Total Sales  
The Wilmoth Family - \$406 Total Sales

**Fish Fry**

The  
a

United Methodist Men will sponsor  
Spring Fish Fry on

Saturday,  
April 29th.

Catfish, flounder,  
shrimp and all the  
fixings. Mark your  
calendars; we hope  
you can join us!





# May Day Games

Spring is FINALLY here so May Day plans are under way. May Day is an event that was started over

thirty years ago, and we will have it this year on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will be a fun filled event for all children and their families. At 10:30 the children will run out to your applause and the games will begin. There will be relay races and other field type games followed by a covered dish lunch on the front lawn. Let me stop here and explain what a covered dish lunch is for all you young parents that have no clue what I am talking about. Each family brings a large covered dish to share with everyone. It can be an entrée like fried chicken or ham, a vegetable dish or a dessert. This day and time it is easier than ever. You can get drive through chicken or any type of prepared salads from grocery stores. The food will be set out after the games and you will fix your plates buffet style. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket and don't forget to bring your cameras to catch all the action. We need our Daddy Volunteers for Team Daddy just like the last couple of years. All the moms may miss seeing those cute firemen, but everyone agrees, Team Daddy ROCKS!

If you enjoyed BBQ when trinity had their BBQ in march and wish you had more, the church has pound bags in the freezer for sell. The BBQ is \$10 a pound and you can buy sauce by the pint for \$4.00 or the quart for \$6.00. If you are interested just stop by and see Ronna in the church office in the family life center building, Monday through Thursday.



## Two Years old

Avery Murray April 30<sup>th</sup>

## Three Years old

Cormac Sullivan April 19<sup>th</sup>

## Four Years old

Aryan Agarwal April 10<sup>th</sup>  
Wyatt Carey April 10<sup>th</sup>  
Gracyn Shields April 12<sup>th</sup>  
Ava Lockler April 10<sup>th</sup>

## Five Years old

Evelyn Upton April 16<sup>th</sup>  
Lana Long April 26<sup>th</sup>

And a HAPPY LATE BIRTHDAY to Aidan McGinnis who was mistakenly left out of last month's newsletter. Aidan turned 4 years old on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

May 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>



## *With Love from Miss Claudia*

The article below appeared in the church newsletter. As I read it I could not help but feel God's goodness. We have had donation boxes in the past to help out the pantry.

In 2014, God placed a call on the heart of a handful of people at Trinity to start a food pantry. Research was done, a plan was formed, the old kitchen was cleaned out & prepared and the doors opened in November 2014. Since then, the pantry has served 234 different families (a total of approx. 942 people). We average 12 families at the pantry weekly. Some of our first families still come and some no longer need our assistance. New families come in almost every week. It costs approx. \$150-\$200 a week to keep the pantry stocked with basic staples. During this time, God has called the United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women and a few individuals to assist by regularly providing funding to help with purchasing food. God has called children to give up receiving presents for their birthday and instead, ask their friends to bring food to donate. God has called a growing handful of volunteers to be at the church EVERY Friday night to sort food, greet shoppers, pack boxes of food & even help carry that food to cars. They love on the children that come and get to know many of our shoppers by name. They have even had the privilege of praying with some of them if a concern or need is expressed. God has called 3 faithful men to go to Trader Joe's EVERY Friday to pick up the perishables that they donate to us. God has called the Preschool and other church groups to have periodic food drives. The mission of the Trinity Food Pantry is "To stave off hunger in families and show the love of Jesus Christ to all we encounter." We cannot be the weekly grocery store shopping trip, but we can provide the food needed to get families in need "over the hump." It's an old story with a modern twist. At Christ the King Catholic Church in San Diego, there is a statue of Jesus with His hands missing. Vandals broke them off in the mid 1980's. Rather than have the statue repaired, the pastor chose to put a plaque at the base that reads, "I have no hands but yours." Is God calling you to help fulfill that mission by praying or donating food or money?

During the month of April as we celebrate the Easter Season and remember the ultimate gift that Jesus gave us, I remember the only thing that Jesus asked us to do for Him. All He asked us was to "Feed my sheep." There will be a box sitting by the table as you enter the preschool. As you do your weekly grocery shopping, please remember the pantry with gifts of canned goods or boxed goods. Items they always need are VEGETABLES – carrots, corn, mixed veggies, peas, tomatoes tomatoes sauce, green beans, pork n beans, great northern beans. CANNED MEAT – canned tuna, potted meat, Vienna sausages. PASTA – spaghetti, egg noodles, mac and cheese – boxes, rice, canned ravioli, canned spaghetti and meatballs. SOUP – chicken noodle – canned, raman noodles. MISCELLANEOUS – grape jelly, peanut butter, grits – instant or regular, oatmeal – instant or regular.

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# Spaghetti Luncheon & Make a Wish Fundraiser

Trinity United Methodist Church

6230 Beatties Ford Rd

Sunday, April 9, 2017

12:00pm



**Cost of lunch is a donation with all proceeds to Make-a-Wish Foundation in memory of Isaiah Joseph. Lunch includes salad, spaghetti, bread and tea. So instead of going out after church please plan to stay or come visit us for a delicious home cooked meal.**

**Spend your money with us and help grant wishes.**

*More information*

*World Wish Day is Saturday April 29, 2017 at Carowinds. This event takes place of the normal Walk for Wishes event held yearly. All money raised by groups will be matched by Shamrock Environmental for this Make a Wish – Pay it Forward Together Campaign. Money raised is helping to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses.*

# "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. 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](http://www.trinityumcofcharlotte.com)

## Preschool Summer Camp Fun 2017

### Session One

#### Week One – "Our Creepy, Crawly Friends"

What Preschooler does not like bugs? And... If you have one of the rare ones who doesn't... after this week we hope they will think they are really cool.

#### Week Two – "Space, the Final Frontier"

Planets, Stars and Rocket Ships and tons of pretend play.

#### Week Three – "Exploring the Bible –The Armor of God"

#### Week Four – "Chef For the Day"

We will enjoy children's literature that is all about food, then go to the kitchen and create our own meals.

### Session Two

#### Week Five - "We Are Going on a Safari"

We will learn about all of the animals in the wild.

#### Week Six - "Fun with Math and Science"

Hands on learning with many fun activities.

#### Week Seven - "Exploring the Bible"

Focusing on Jesus and the Children and the Parables of Jesus

#### Week Eight - "If You Give Mouse a Cookie"

We will enjoy children's literature that is all about food, then go to the kitchen and create our own meals.

Our youngest children will have their own special themes! It is through an amazing curriculum, **Teach as Jesus Taught**. There will be lots of songs, puppet shows and hands-on activities. The first four weeks the ones and twos will be learning about how **"God Watches Over Us"**. In Session Two they will be learning that **"God Can Hear Us When We Talk"**. The children will use all five senses to discover no matter where they are or what they are doing, God is protecting them, and that we can talk to God anytime and He hears us.



# Trinity's 2017 Summer Adventure Camp

## For Elementary Ages Rising 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Graders!

### God's Natural World

#### Week One – "Hike an Unnatural Trail"

God created a beautiful world but there are places our world has been littered by manmade items. Campers will learn a valuable lesson about conservation and keeping nature clean and beautiful by walking an unnatural trail.

#### Week Two – "My Neighborhood Tree Guide"

Campers learn to identify trees by their leaves, seeds, bark, and overall shape. Through experiments they will learn how to estimate the age and height of trees.

#### Week Three – "Finding Symmetry in Nature"

Learning opportunities are everywhere in nature! It is filled with all kinds of shapes and patterns. Campers will see God's hand in nature as they learn about rotational and reflection symmetry.

#### Week Four – "What's Your Habitat?"

Campers will explore basic survival needs of humans and wildlife as they study and draw their own homes and neighborhoods.

### Magic Tree House Adventures

#### Week Five – "Mummies in the Morning"

Campers will be learning about Ancient Egypt and Moses' world. They will get to mummify an action figure and draw the Nile River!

#### Week Six - "Lions at Lunchtime"

Campers will go on an African Safari to discover new animals and track them throughout the church grounds. They will also be able to make and learn to play African Drums!

#### Week Seven - "Knight at Dawn"

During this week, we will be taking our campers back in time to the Renaissance. They will be transformed in knights and princesses, build a castle, and even cross a moat!

#### Week Eight - "Polar Bears Past Bedtime"

Campers will join Jack and Annie on an adventure to the Freezing Arctic. While we are there, they will learn all about polar bears and how to build a real polar bear habitat!