



Trinity UMC Newsletter

March 2014

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mar. 3rd-19th Butter Braids Fundraiser
- Mar. 6th - BBQ
- March 11th and 13th - Playground Pictures
- Mar. 31st - School Closed

LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL

- April 4th and 7th - Class and Graduation Pictures
- April 2nd - Spring Music Program
- Apr. 13th - Palm Sunday, Children's program, Lunch and Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr. 14th - 18th - Easter Break, School Closed

Registration

Report



Registration for the new school year has taken place over the month of February. If you have not enrolled yet please do so as soon as possible. Getting an accurate count of children registered helps us to plan for next year. If you know anyone that has shown an interest in Trinity, be sure to let them know that classes are filling up for the fall and summer sessions. For forms and availability come by and see Claudia or stop in at the Preschool Office.

Spring Music Program



Come one; come all to the Spring Music Program!

Everyone from littlest to the biggest will have a part in the program! We will sing our favorite songs as well as show you some of the amazing things we learned in Music class this year. The Spring Music program is Monday, April 7th at 11:30 in the sanctuary. See you there!
Mrs. Beverly

Playground Pictures

Coming Soon!



When someone enters the preschool for the first time, one of the first things that they notice is the beautiful framed pictures of Trinity Preschool children. The pictures were taken by Faith Massey. Tuesday March 11th and Thursday March 13th, Faith will be on the playground taking pictures of the children. Faith will then offer a very reasonable package that is greatly reduced from her normal fees. If you would like to see more examples of her work you can visit her website at Images by Faith. We are truly lucky to have her and her talents at our preschool. Your teacher will let you know next week which day that your child's picture will be taken.



Don't miss getting BBQ this coming Thursday, March 6th, 11:00 am until. Trinity has the best around. You can dine in or go through the drive through line. Prices are as follows:
\$9.00 for three sandwiches or a plate
\$8.00 for a package of one pound

Pirate Day in Captain Kidd's Transitional Kindergarten Class



With Love from Miss Claudia

I am very confident that each of you are seeing how much each of your children are learning at Trinity and we, like you are so very proud of them. It is easy to see the giant steps your child is taking academically, but maybe not so evident are the skills and mindset that the teachers share daily with your child.

How easy is it for you to have control of your attitude and mood in any situation? Do you believe happiness is a certainty in your environment or do you believe happiness has more to do with choice? Anne Frank was credited in saying, "Our very lives are fashioned by choice. First we make choices. Then our choices make us." In other words, Happiness and a positive attitude toward others and your life, as a whole, come from deliberate thoughts and actions.

The following is one of my favorite teaching stories which is called, "Two Travelers and a Farmer." The story is about finding what you seek.

A traveler came upon an old farmer hoeing in his field, beside the road. Eager to rest his feet, the wanderer hailed the countryman, who seemed happy enough to straighten his back and talk for a moment. "What sort of people live in the next town?" asked the stranger. "What were the people like where you've come from?" replied the farmer, answering the question with another question. "They were a bad lot; troublemakers all, and lazy too, the most selfish people in the world, and not a one of them to be trusted. I'm happy to be leaving the scoundrels." "Is that so?" replied the old farmer. "Well, I'm afraid that you'll find the same sort in the next town. Disappointed, the traveler trudged on his way, and the farmer returned to his work.

Some time later another stranger, coming from the same direction, hailed the farmer, and they stopped to talk. "What sort of people live in the next town?" he asked. "What were the people like where you've come from?" replied the farmer once again. "They were the best people in the world; Hardworking, honest, and friendly. I'm sorry to be leaving them."

"Fear not," said the farmer. "You'll find the same sort in the next town."

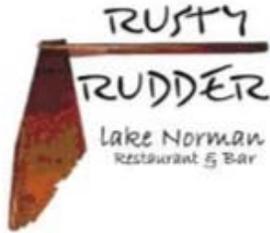
People are either like the first traveler or the second. I don't believe we are born that way, but that it is a conscious choice on how you choose to view others, situations and the world. As a parent who loves our children, we may be tempted to drill into their heads the old saying..."If it walks like a duck, talks like a duck...then it's probably a duck!" Well, I will give you that one. Sometimes people and situations are bad, so does that mean that we should then assume ALL people are bad and in ALL situations we could be hurt.

I had two amazing parents that taught us no matter how it appeared to be, if you expected to find good and positive in all things that would most times be exactly what you found. Yeah, OK, so once in a while, I may get a nasty surprise but I don't think that should make me suspect the worst in perfectly nice people, who make up the vast part of the population. I would hope to always have more faith than that, so I ask you, "Which traveler are you modeling for your children?" Maybe a good way to live your life would be to, "Wag more and Bark less."

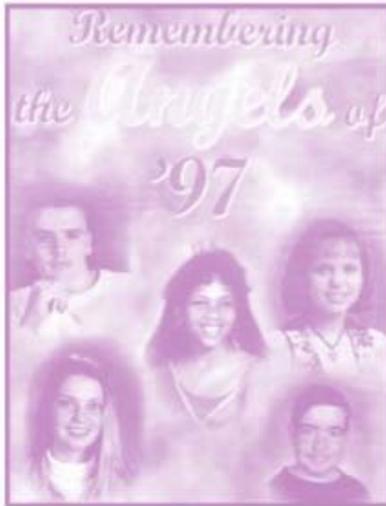
Parent Planning Group

As you know, Trinity UMC Preschool is not surrounded with lots of new developments and Beatties Ford Road is no longer the main route into Charlotte. We depend on you, the parents. The vast majority of new students come to our school because one of you has told them about our school. I would like to form a parent committee to brainstorm ideas on how we can get the word out to more people about Trinity. If you feel that this is something you could help with, please plan to meet together at 12:00 on Tuesday, March 11th. There will be staff available to watch your children and let them enjoy lunch together. There will be a sign up sheet outside of my office on the bulletin board. Please consider giving an hour of your time to help us.

1st Miracle Monday
ANGEL'S OF '97 AND
THE RUSTY RUDDER
MONDAY—MARCH 10TH, 2014
25% OF PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
ANGEL'S OF '97



North Mecklenburg High School Class of 1997 lost several of their classmates during their 10th and 12th grade years. The five “Angels” left lasting impressions on the community of North Mecklenburg. This is the 18th year that family members and friends have hosted a community-involved spaghetti dinner to honor their “Angels”. The money raised is used to provide scholarships to North Mecklenburg, Hopewell and Hough High School Seniors. Angels of '97 has provided over \$500,000 to local high school students to assist with higher education. The Angels of '97 organization has also expanded over the years to outreach to other families in the community who have suffered the loss of a child or sibling.



Angels of '97 is a 501(c)3 local non-profit

For more information, please contact Jane at
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Go to the following website for a list of activities for your whole family -March 15th to honor Angels of 97

www.angels97.com