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# THE MESSENGER

## FROM THE PASTORS DESK...

When school begins and the weather turns cooler it's a sign that Homecoming at Trinity is near. This Sunday is important in many ways. At once we can celebrate the history and tradition of the congregation and look to the future, asking for God's direction and his vision for us in the coming years.

In a congregation that has been worshipping for over 200 years it's easy to look back and believe the best days are behind us. Probably there was a time when the pews were fuller, everyone lived near the church, and the social life of most families centered on the members of the congregation. I remember those days in the church I attended when I was much younger.

It's tempting to look back on those days and wish they would come again. Unfortunately, the world and society has changed. The community is different, folks are busier, and travel is much easier than in the past. Only looking back or desiring the "good ole days" has resulted in many churches the age of Trinity declining. Others have decided that they can no longer minister effectively and vote to discontinue the congregation.

I am blessed to let you know that Trinity is in amazing shape for a girl her age. It's true that the pews aren't as full as before. However, attendance is only one of many measures of an effective congregation. I believe that a more accurate measure of a congregation's health is the difference it attempts to make in folks lives.

Trinity is making a difference in the lives of the congregation, the community and the world. Over my time serving as your pastor I have witnessed folks in the congregation allow God's grace to move in

their lives in awesome ways. People who, in the past, were reluctant to speak in worship or teach a class have done so effectively. Many of the congregation have "stepped out of their comfort zone" to volunteer for many of the ministries in the church.

Many of those ministries reveal the heart Trinity has for folks in need. Our food pantry, pack back ministry and summer lunch program assist the less fortunate in the community around the church. For the second year, the congregation will gather to pack meals for those starving in Third World countries.

Worship at Trinity is alive and vital. We gather each week to experience God's grace and remember who we are in Jesus and how the Holy Spirit continues to mold us into the image of Christ.

Yes, Trinity is alive and well after over 200 years. We certainly remember our past but use those memories to help us focus on the future. We remember those who had a heart for ministry that have passed on. We build on their vision and wisdom to call us into a vital future in ministry and mission for the glory of God.

Homecoming is a time we can celebrate our history and apply that history to today and beyond. I pray Trinity will continue to look both ways, celebrating our past and seeking God for our future.

Grace and Peace

Wade

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# TRINITY HAPPENINGS.....



## FISH FRY

The United Methodist Men will sponsor a Fish Fry on **Saturday, September 9th**. Mark your calendars now so that you don't miss out on *Catfish, Flounder and Shrimp with homemade*

*Hush Puppies, Slaw and Fries*. All for just \$10.00 per plate.

## HOME COMING 2017

Sunday, September 17th is the date for Trinity's 202nd Homecoming Celebration. This service will begin at 10:45am in the sanctuary with special music.

We hope that you will bring a covered dish (*please be sure your dishes are marked with your name*) and plan to stay after the service for a time of fellowship with friends and family.

This year Rite Aid is offering a Clinic from 11:30-1:30pm in the Conference Room on Homecoming Sunday. You can plan to stop in after the service or after you have lunch to get your flu shot, shingles shot, pneumonia shot, tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis/whooping cough, Hepatitis B and Meningitis vaccine. Rite Aid will administer the flu shot to anyone (14 and over with parental consent)



*continued...*and the other vaccines to anyone 17 and up. Depending on the insurance company that your business uses, these vaccines may be FREE. Anyone with BCBS NC insurance (and covered dependents 14 and up) would be eligible for a flu shot at no out of pocket expense. Rite Aid is a

certified provider for BCBSNC which allows them to bill the vaccinations as a medical provider—that is how they can offer some of the vaccines at \$0 out of pocket to you.

Because some of these vaccines have stringent storage requirements we ask that you call the church office if you are wanting something besides just the flu shot. Let us know what you would like so that we can let Rite Aid know the amount of these vaccines to bring on Sunday, September 17th.

*The intent in offering this service is to help get your body ready for the flu season and provide a convenient time and place to have this done. One less visit to the Drs. office.*

## FISH FRY SCHEDULE

(We would love to have you join us for the pre-fish fry activities and especially the clean-up after the Fish Fry.)

**Thursday, Sept. 7th**—5:30pm—Make slaw

**Friday, Sept. 8th**-10am—Make tarter sauce and cocktail sauce and fill cups and bottles

**Saturday, Sept. 9th**—9am—fish and shrimp prep

12pm—make slaw cups and more cocktail sauce cups and bottles

1pm—Set up FLC

3pm—Start cooking

4pm—Doors open to begin serving

6:30pm—Clean up

\*\*\*\*\*All workers please park in the back

Fun  
Fellowship  
Great Finds

Food  
Crafts  
Gifts

**FALL BAZAAR**  
**Saturday, November 4, 2017**  
**8:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**Trinity United Methodist Church – Family Life Center**  
**6230 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte NC 28216**

sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Women

**Do you want to rent a table and sell your items at the Bazaar? Yes, you can! Table rental is \$20. Space is Limited so reserve yours TODAY. (first come first serve for tables with electricity)**  
We are asking for a donated item from all table vendors to support the auction

**Do you have a special talent BUT do not want to have your own table? Donate an item to us. We will gladly accept your handmade, homemade, baked, craft, jewelry or unique items to sell. All proceeds go to the UMW budget. We thank you for your donations.**

**COME HUNGRY AS FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE**

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

**Questions?**  
Contact Avis at 704-906-0072 or [avisummerslewis@gmail.com](mailto:avisummerslewis@gmail.com) or contact the church office



# **HOME COMING—September 17th (10:45am)**



**LOAF Sunday** will be Sunday, September 17th (Homecoming Sunday)

Please pack a loaf of bread with your covered dish that you will be bringing for Homecoming to donate to this ministry.

## **SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM**

The Summer Lunch Program ended on Friday, August 28th. What a long but awesome 11 weeks. We served 2433 meals and made many new friends. Thank you to everyone who provided snacks, financial support and prayers for this awesome summer mission. Our team of dedicated daily workers and food providers made it possible to serve a meal every day of the week throughout the summer. Thank you, UMM, UMW and the Hot Dog Committee for your continued support. We fed many families and touched many lives. **GOD IS GOOD.** *Patty Wilson, Outreach Committee*



## **SECURITY CAMERAS**

As you may have heard during the last few months we have had some vandalism here at Trinity. Three of the outside banners were taken from the sidewalk lights, the road sign messed up on one side etc. We have been looking into purchasing some outside cameras to help deter this type of vandalism. The cost is around \$1,500 with a couple church members installing them. We would like to give you the opportunity to help with this cost. You can place your checks in the mail, collection plate or give to the minister. Please be sure to mark them for “**security cameras**”. Thank you in advance for any help you can give towards this project.

## **WSOC TV WEATHER ALERTS**

You can now sign up to receive a personalized text alert @ [www.WSOCTV.com](http://www.WSOCTV.com) to receive information about church and preschool closings at Trinity. Once you go to **WSOCTV.com** select the **WEATHER** tab. Look for the “**Sign Up! Closing Alerts**” on the right side of the page and fill in the info and scroll down the closing side to Trinity UMC-Charlotte and then select submit your request. Anytime we have sent out a closing that would be scrolling on the WSOC TV station you will receive an alert. This should be much faster than trying to watch for the T’s to scroll across the screen.



## **RISE AGAINST HUNGER**

Our packing event, **Saturday, October 14th**, is approaching fast. On that day a tractor trailer load of food will be delivered to the Family Life Center here at Trinity and with your help, we will package 15,000 meals to be sent all over the world to feed hungry families. This all comes at a cost. Not just monetary, but a donation of your time, service and genuine love to help others. We are very close to our fund raising goal of \$4,500.00 which we started back with Bible School and again on Mission Sunday, Friday, July 31st. We have raised \$3,738.19 as of the last count. If you have not made a donation and you would like to, make your checks to Trinity United Methodist Church and designate **RISE AGAINST HUNGER** on the note line or use the donation envelopes that are available at both services and also in the church office. Mid September we will have the sign-up sheets ready. This mission project is for all ages 6 to 96 and older. There is a **job** for everyone. Please join us not only to accomplish our mission but to have great fellowship and fun.

*Patty Wilson, Outreach Committee*

## **“HOME GROWN” Family Fun Show**

Trinity’s Home Grown Family Fun Show is set for Friday, September 15th @7pm in the sanctuary. There is still time to see Cheryl Howard and sign up to be part of this event. It seems like Trinity has a lot of “hidden talent” out there. If you can **SING, DANCE, JUGGLE, PLAY AN INSTRUMENT, ACT, WRITE POEMS, ETC...**we would LOVE for you to come be a part of our Homecoming Week Variety Show. Sign up in the office or see Cheryl Howard. Questions? Contact Cheryl @[howardkt@aol.com](mailto:howardkt@aol.com)

## **THANK YOU...**

Dear Trinity,  
First off, I want to praise our God for allowing us to share my daddy with Him for so long. Secondly, I want to thank all of my family, church family and friends for all the support, love, phone calls, flowers, food, and fellowship during our time of loss. Daddy will be missed but I am sure he is finally riding in those green pastures he always skope about.

*In Gods love,*

*Fred Brantly Family, and Tex Kidd Family*

## **ATTENTION ALL YOUNG@HEART**

The Srs will go to Beatty’s Ford Park in Denver on Thursday, September 7th @12pm for a covered dish lunch. Chicken will be provided.

**Please note the change from the Sept. calendar.**

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## 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**

Trinity United Methodist Church

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## Worship Helpers and Retirement

### RISE-UP NURSERY

September 3—Wendy Penninger  
September 10—Lisa Laney  
September 17—No Early Service  
September 24—Cheryl Howard

### TRADITIONS NURSERY

September 3—Patty Wilson &  
Teresa Hardee  
September 10—Ginny Martin &  
Vicky Haley  
September 17—Laurie & Karen  
Tucker  
September 24—Lisa Laney

### USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Tom & Marlene Campbell  
Wayne & Ronna Privette

### STREAMING

#### Rise Up Service

September 3—Cindy Hough  
September 10—Cindy Hough  
September 17—No Early Service  
September 24—Bill McLemore

### Traditions Service

September 3—David Stroupe  
September 10—David Stroupe  
September 17—Malcolm Miller  
September 24—Malcolm Miller

### COMMUNION STEWARDS

3 Ushers

### FINANCE STEWARDS

Lynne Bruce & Wayne Privette

### HOMEBOUND

Kenneth Alexander, Calvin Nance

### PRAYER LIST

Kenneth Alexander, Sarah Blythe,  
Marie Chesser, Judy Fogle, Naomi  
Lee, Margaret Merritt, Mary  
Moore, Calvin Nance, David Todd,  
David Wilson



*Church Office will be closed 9/4*

### RETIREMENT RESIDENTS

The Oaks—Margaret Merritt,  
Naomi Lee (572)  
Marie Chesser  
The Laurels—David Todd  
Carrillon (Lincolnton)—Mary Frances  
Hunt  
Northlake House—Mary Moore  
**Home**—Donna Stroupe

### September Scripture

September 3—Exodus 3: 1-5  
September 10—Exodus 14: 10-14  
September 17—Homecoming  
September 24—Exodus 16: 2-20

**\*\*\*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).**

### TITHES and OFFERINGS

**Needed Weekly: - \$4,919.64  
Received: \$2,431.00 (8/20)**

