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.THE MESSENGER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

September is an important month at Trinity. This year we will celebrate our 203rd year proclaiming the Good News of Jesus and being in ministry to the community and the world.

As this important time approaches I considered its significance. What attitudes do we, or should, we have when thinking about homecoming? It seems that churches have at least two attitudes when celebrating an anniversary.

One of those lines of thinking is remembering the past. They focus on what they see as the "glory days" of the congregation. They remember when the pews were full and the church was the center of both social and family life. They honor those who faithfully supported the church and its ministries.

I believe it's important to remember the history of a congregation. It's right to honor those faithful saints that are responsible for Trinity still being a vital and effective congregation. However, there's a danger in this attitude.

When we focus exclusively on the past, we tend to get stuck there. It's easy to fall into the trap of believing that Trinity is only a shadow of its former glory. This thinking leads us into complaining about all the folks that have moved away or the ministries that once were so integral to the life of the church. We tend to wish for years gone by. We might even get depressed and discouraged. When a congregation focuses exclusively on what used to be it denies the presence, power, and guidance of God today. They often begin to believe that God has left them alone and doesn't care about the present.

When folks get stuck in the past and those memories, it's difficult to discern what God has for us in the present and

where he wants to lead us in the future. For that reason I believe at homecoming we can look in two directions. We can remember those that went before us; their efforts forming who we are today. We can also consider how we can build on those foundations to seek God and his direction in the future.

There is a reason Trinity has been blessed by God to be a presence in this community and in the world for 203 years. There have been many people affected by the ministry of this congregation. As we remember the accomplishments of the past we're also called to follow God into the future and answer his call to mission today and tomorrow.

Trinity has a great past. I believe the church continues to have a role in God's plan in the future. Homecoming is a time to remember where we've been. It's also an opportunity to ask God where he desires us to be in the future.

I hope that September 16th is a time of remembrance but also a time of focusing on God's vision for us in the future.

Grace and Peace

Wade

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TRINITY HAPPENINGS



Trinity's 203rd Homecoming celebration will be held on **Sunday,**

September 16th. Please mark your calendars and help us spread the word. The ONE Service will begin at 10:45am with special music. Following the service at 12 (noon) we will join together for a covered dish lunch in the Family Life Center. You can drop your items off before going into the service...you can even drive up to the back kitchen door. Please be sure to mark **ALL** dishes (lids as well) with your name so that they can get back to the right person. We look forward to seeing you as we worship together and celebrate 203 years of Trinity's presence in the Long Creek Community.

FISH FRY—Saturday, September 22nd the UMM will host a Fish Fry. The doors will open at 4:00pm. *Flounder, Catfish and Shrimp* will be served with homemade *slaw, hushpuppies and fries* all for \$10.00 per plate. You can also purchase a homemade dessert from the UMW for \$1.00. We hope to see you then!

The Trinity United Methodist Women will host a **Fall Bazaar** on Saturday, November 10th from 8:00am—1:00pm. Now is the time to let us know if you would like to rent a table and sell your items at the bazaar. Table rental is \$20 and space is limited so reserve yours today! Maybe you have a special talent but do not want to have your own table....if so you can donate your items to the UMW's table. We will gladly accept your handmade, homemade, baked, craft, jewelry or unique items to sell. All proceeds go the UMW budget. Registration forms can be picked up in the church office.

CHRISTMAS TEA—December 1st

Would you like to decorate a table for the Tea? If so please see Avis Summers Lewis.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

On Saturday, October 20th a large truck of food will arrive at Trinity Church and with the help of 50 volunteers we will package meals to be sent all over the world to feed hungry families. 34 cents will provide a meal for a family of four. Our goal is to package 15,000 meals at a cost of \$5100.00. With seven weeks until our packing event we need less than \$1,000.00 to meet our goal. Now we need to get our volunteers signed up. If you would like to volunteer, the registration forms will be available outside the church office or see Patty Wilson. Remember, this event is for everyone, 6 to 96. There will be a job for everyone. We will start at 9:00am, package until around 11:30am and then enjoy PIZZA for lunch. Hope you will come out and join us.

Patty Wilson, Outreach Committee

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Trinity's annual Charge Conference will be held on Tuesday, October 30th at 7:30pm in the Conference Room. All church members are invited to attend. As you may know it takes much preparation before this date to get everything in order for the Charge Conference. One of the first things that we will need your help on is committee members. If you are a part of a committee now and would like to be removed from it please let Rev. Ogle know asap. OR if you would like to be a part of a committee we would love to here from you. A willing and eager committee member is always a blessing.

The Nominations Committee chaired by Rev. Ogle will meet on Tuesday, September 18th at 6:30pm in the Conference Room. Those members are: *Wade Ogle, Cindy Hough, Justin Stroupe, Wendy Penninger, Gus Pistolis, Marie Ross and John McLemore*. This will be the time that these members will set up the new committee lists. Most of our committees are on a three year rotation. Meaning you stay on the committee for 3 years and then rotate off, unless you were placed on the committee as a fill in for someone who was unable to complete their three years and then you may go off earlier. **YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU, NOW IS THE TIME TO STEP UP!**

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The Summer Lunch Program came to an end Friday, August 24th. We served a total of 1824 meals throughout the 10 week summer school break. This was an awesome outreach mission for Trinity and required the team work of so many volunteers. I would like to extend my gratitude to the dedicated team of weekly lunch volunteers, weekly meal donors and also to everyone who gave snacks, fruit cups and monetary donations. As always the United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, and the Hotdog Committee were so gracious with their donations and support. Our church may be small in numbers, but our teamwork and generosity is unmeasurable when it comes to helping those who have a need. **This is Trinity. This is what we do.**

Patty Wilson, Outreach Committee

A BIG THANK YOU to Patty Wilson and her helpers for stepping up and making this Summer Lunch Program a reality again this year. It was lots of work and consumed a lot of her personal time but she was always willing to step up when someone could not be here to serve and to make sure the food was there for the servers each day. Trinity and the community was blessed to have this team!

MOVIE NIGHT

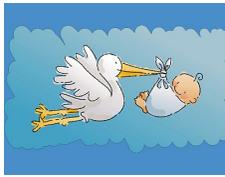


The Montana Mission Team will have a fundraiser **Movie Night** on Saturday, September 29th. Information on show times and features are coming very soon! See you at the cinema!

UNITED METHODIST MEN

BREAKFAST

Journey through history and be inspired by what God can do through ordinary men who are surrendered to Him at the 2018 Men's Breakfast and Tour. Ron Sea son of George Beverly Shea will offer a behind the scenes look at the ways the Lord used his father during more than seven decades of global Crusade ministry. Men of all ages will enjoy a hot buffet breakfast, and uplifting music, plus Biblical encouragement on purposeful living from Ron Shea. Guided Journey of Faith tours will be offered after the breakfast. This will be held on Saturday, September 15th at 8:00am or second setting at 10:30am at the Billy Graham Evangelistic Center. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and space is limited. Purchase tickets by seeing Chuck Laney or call 704-401-3271. All sales are final and no refunds are provided.



Congratulations to Justin & Allison McKee on the birth of their daughter Miss Anniston Lee who was born Wednesday, August 1st weighing 6 lbs 12 ozs and is 20 inches long. Anniston has two big brothers Tanner and Trenton. Her proud grandparents are Jerry & Kathy McKee and proud great-grandmother Mrs. Hazel Dunn.



The Church Family extends its prayers and sympathy to the family of Mr. Joe Blythe. Mr. Blythe passed away on Thursday, August 23rd and his funeral and burial was held at Trinity Monday, August 27th.

Also to the family of Mrs. Marie Chesser. Mrs. Chesser past away on Sunday, August 26th. Her funeral service will be held on Thursday, August 30th at 2:00pm in the sanctuary with visitation at 1:00pm in the FLC.

Please remember these two families during this time.

PRAYER TIME WITH THE PASTOR

On Sunday, September 23rd 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.

GIVING SUMMARY

Budget amount thru July

\$151,489.94

Amount Received thru July

\$128,736.34

TITHES and OFFERINGS

Needed Weekly—\$4,994.17

Received—\$3,028.00 (8/26)

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Rise Up Service—55

Traditions Service—62

Online—15

THE MESSENGER

Trinity United Methodist Church

6230 Beatties Ford Road
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

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Worship Helpers and Prayer Request

RISE-UP NURSERY

Sept. 2—Lisa Laney
Sept. 9—Cheryl Howard
Ronna Privette
Sept. 16—ONE Service
Sept. 23—Donna Stroupe
Sept. 30—Carolyn Miller
Jennifer McLemore

TRADITIONS NURSERY

Sept. 2—Sandra Duggins
Sept. 9—Marlene Campbell
Sept. 16—Kristen Stoupe
Sept. 23—Shelly Black
Sept. 30—Cindy Hough

USHERS/Greeters for Traditions

Wayne & Ronna Privette
Tom & Marlene Campbell

GREETERS for Rise Up

Sept. 2—Cindy Hough
Sept. 9—Jim Hunter
Sept. 16—ONE Service
Sept. 23—Avis Summers Lewis
Sept. 30—Cindy Hough

SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURE

Sept. 2—Mark 6: 47-52
Sept. 9—Mark 7: 31-37

Sept. 16—Homecoming
Sept. 23—Mark 8: 27-30
Sept. 30—

STREAMING

Rise Up Service
Sept. 2—Malcolm Miller
Sept. 9—Cindy Hough
Sept. 16—ONE Service
Sept. 23—Bill McLemore
Sept. 30—Bill McLemore

Traditions Service

Sept. 2—David Stroupe
Sept. 9—David Stroupe
Sept. 16—Malcolm Miller
Sept. 23—Malcolm Miller
Sept. 30—David Stroupe

COMMUNION STEWARDS

3 Ushers

FINANCE STEWARDS

Lynne Bruce & Wayne Privette

PRAYER LIST

Kenneth Alexander, Judy Bain,
Paul Bolick, Kenny Bolton, Curtis
Buchanan, Lib Caruso, Judy Fogle,
Joan Granack, Ken Hagar, Chef
Kidd, Naomi Lee, Karen Sigmon
McDowell, Carolyn McLemore,
Mary Moore, Claudia Myers, Mar-

ilyn & Gene Quidley, Carol Wilson

RETIREMENT RESIDENTS

The Oaks—Margaret Merritt (Rm. 428)
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).

