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.THE MESSENGER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Hello Everyone,

It'll be September, most likely when you are reading this; and, by now I have been serving for about two months! So, technically I can't use the *new guy* card any longer! Even so, every Sunday is still like Homecoming for me and I am enjoying every second of it! I hope this kind of newness never changes.

From my perspective, we've wound up a rather productive summer. I have watched the Summer Lunch Program folks come in and out as our church servants have literally fed our community. Thank-you for giving to the Lord!

I have witnessed our Hot Dog team work tirelessly and I am overwhelmed and overjoyed with all of their efforts. It's kind of nice to know where my Wednesday lunch is going to come from; and, it's awesome to reconnect with some old friends and some new ones that I have not yet met. Thank-you for giving to the Lord!

I have witnessed the flurry of activity that we host each Friday night. From the Food Pantry to Karate, to Recovery programming, Trinity is serving the masses. Thank-you for giving to the Lord!

I attended my first United Methodist Men's meeting in about twenty-five years. That was a hoot! Kudos to our UMM! Thank-you for giving to the Lord!

And, about our preschool, where do I begin? I have been bowled over with the smiling faces of children coming our way throughout the weeks and their laughter is infectious. This programming has to be the greatest opportunity as a portal of entry into our church. Big, big thanks to our Board, the teachers and staff. Thank-you for giving to the Lord!

Also, being able to participate in two worship services each Sunday has

been twice the fun! And, I say again that every Sunday is Homecoming to me!

And, just when things could not possibly get any better, we have the Fall coming our way! Yeehaw!

I do have some ideas regarding new programming that I am simmering over in my mind. I know we have a full slate already. Even so, I want to toss out some additional ideas for you to consider.

You've no doubt heard of TED Talks (Technology, Entertainment and Design). To avoid any copyright entanglements, I am considering the offering of JED Talks (Jimmy's Educational Dialogues).

These talks could be monthly and designed to highlight needed areas of education and information such as estate planning and settlement, health and wellness, benefits of Yoga and even informative talks on practical matters such as Fall gardening, canning and the benefits of organic foods.

Stay tuned. I am still working out the kinks. And, I am open to hearing from you regarding areas that you feel could enhance your life.

I see the need for a thriving youth program at Trinity. So, right wrong or in-between, Trinity Youth programming will begin on Sunday evening, September 8th at 6:30 PM! Youth programming is open to kids, grades six and up.

Another area of our church that seems to need a little boost is with regard to our young men and especially young dads. I have a program in mind that I am calling Real Men Cook with Fire. This program will target..... *continued inside*

support, fellowship and spiritual formation.

My thought is that we will provide a grill, beverages and meal

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these men in our church to offer peer support, fellowship and spiritual formation.

My thought is that we will provide a grill, beverages and meal trimmings, while the guys bring the meat of their choice to throw on the grill! Hence, **Real Men Cook with Fire!** I'll get back to you on this as well.

Still, I will need more time and patience as I better learn the church culture; and, as I become a wee bit more acclimated to our vision and purpose. So far, I feel very positive about our state of being; and, I am deeply grateful for every single thing that anyone does for our church family and the Kingdom, even if I don't really understand what you do yet!

Finally, I will leave you with the departing words of our Lord, "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8b NIV)."

This sounds like a plan!

In His Love, Jimmy

I wish to express my deepest and most heartfelt thanks to so many Trinity folks as well as Preschool leaders, teachers and staff who served our community so faithfully during the celebration of life for Claudia Meyers this past Sunday. Literally a village of servants gave the gift of love through the selfless offering of time, labor and accoutrements. Thank you all for giving to the Kingdom.

Jimmy Howard

ATTENTION ALL YOUNG @HEART Trinity's Srs. will have their monthly meeting on the second Thursday this month (September 12th). They will meet at the church at 11:00am to carpool to The Classic Family Restaurant in Denton, NC. All are invited to come be a part of this group.

Trinity Youth Programming

Our new Youth programming will begin on Sunday, September 8th at 6:30 PM in our old fellowship hall. Note that a partnering agreement has been established with the Asbury UMC Youth and an invitation has gone out Christ UMC as well.

A fall retreat is on the drawing board. We plan to travel to North Myrtle Beach, SC. The tentative dates are November 1-3, 2019. I would deeply appreciate any help that I can get in identifying Trinity youths who might want to participate in this programming and help in advertising .

TRINITY'S UNITED METHODIST WOMENS GROUP

will meet in a joint meeting on Sunday, September 8th at 5:30pm in the FLC. This is a covered dish meal and there will be a silent auction during this time. Make plans to come get to know some of the other ladies in the other circles and enjoy a fun filled evening. Invite a lady to come be a part of this night!

FISH FRY

The Trinity United Methodist Men will sponsor a Fish Fry on Saturday, September 28th. Flounder, Shrimp and Catfish with all the fixings for just \$11.00 per plate. The doors open at 4:00pm. Hope to see you then!

WELCOME BABY FISHER...

Congratulations to Rebecca & Seth Schadel on the birth of Fisher Reese born August 4th weighting 8 lbs 3 ozs and is 21 1/2 inches long. Fisher is welcomed by his big sister Sage and big brother Turner.

Dear Trinity Church, We want to say thank you as a whole to the church. You have been the hands and feet of Jesus with well timed meals, loads of diapers and wipes and prayers that I know are heard. We received several gifts without tags and want to make sure to say thank you. If you sent a gift and didn't receive a thank you, know that we are blessed and grateful for it. Trinity welcomed us with our daughter when we were looking for a church home and since has helped us welcome 2 more boys! We look forward to growing our children within the body of Christ and I ask that Trinity continue to help teach us. It truly takes a village and strong men and women who pray, teach prayer, who show grace and love to our kids, people who worship with our kids and invest time and play with them. Its **IMPORTANT** and we are blessed by you.

Sincerely, The Schadel Family

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

As the kids head back to school and summer comes to an end, so has the **Summer Lunch Program**. What an awesome, awesome summer mission here at Trinity. Over the past ten weeks we served 1551 meals. Not only did we feed the community children home from school, but we fed some parents, grandparents, aunts, sisters, and cousins. A gentleman from the neighborhood that walks and picks up trash each day. A small neighboring church's summer camp group. The occasional mail carrier delivering packages to the Church that needed some relief from the heat. A painter working to get our preschool building painted and ready for the next year and our own church members here making repairs to the Church. What a blessing it has been to welcome anyone that had a need for a meal on any given day of the week. We received as many blessings as the meals we served.

This was a large undertaking and involved the team work of so many people. To everyone that supported us with monetary donations, food, snack, your time to help serve, and your prayers; we are very grateful. Thank you for helping to make the **Summer Lunch Program** a successful mission.

Patty Wilson and The Outreach Committee

HOME COMING



CELEBRATION

We will be celebrating 204 years of worship at Trinity Church on Sunday, September 15th! As is tradition the first year a new minister is in the pulpit he is asked to speak at the celebration. So this year you will get to hear Rev. Jimmy Howard as he celebrates his homecoming back to Trinity after 25 years of being out in the field. At 10:30am the combined Rise Up and Traditions Service will begin in the sanctuary with lots of good music from our church family followed by the service at 11AM. Please pack your picnic baskets and join us after the service for a covered dish meal in the FLC. If you have friends who have moved away from Trinity please send them an invitation to join us and if you have friends who are looking for a church family invite them to join us on September 15th.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

October is around the corner and so is our meal packaging event for **Rise Against Hunger**. Saturday morning, October 19th, food will arrive by truck to the Family Life Center. With the help of 60 volunteers, ages 4 to 94, we will package 15,120 meals. Each packaged meal cost 0.34 cents and will feed a family of four. These meals will be shipped all over the world to help feed hungry families. Trinity's total cost for the event is **\$5,180.40** and **3 hours** of your time on Saturday morning. Our current fund raiser is \$3,124.00 and 10 volunteers. We have close to 8 weeks to raise the rest of the funds and gather all the volunteers.

The fifth Sunday of this month, September 29th has been designated as a **Mission Sunday for Rise Against Hunger**. We will be mailing out second mile giving envelopes and registration forms next week. We hope you will take the time to read and pray about this event and consider make a second mile offering on Sunday, September 29th. If you have any questions or do not receive the mail out, please see Patty Wilson. We will also have registration forms and envelopes in the Church office and available at each service on Sunday.

Patty Wilson and the Outreach Committee

FALL BAZAAR

The UMW will host their annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 2nd from 8:00am – 1:00pm. Now is the time to register to sell your items at the bazaar. You can rent a table for \$20.00. Space is limited so reserve yours early. If you have questions contact Avis Summers Lewis at 704-906-0072 or avissummerslewis@gmail.com or call the church office.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Trinity's annual Charge Conference will be held on Tuesday, October 15th in the Conference Room of the Family Life Center. Rev. Jimmy Howard will be the presiding elder for this conference. If you are a chairperson of a committee you may be receiving forms to be filled out in the next weeks. Please observe the due date so that we can get all these turned into the conference and ready for Charge Conference in a timely manner. All church members are invited to Charge Conference, so mark your calendars and plan on joining in on this very important time in the church.

THE MESSENGER

Trinity United Methodist Church

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Church—704-399-1684

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. 1—Carolyn Miller &
Jennifer McLemore
Sept. 8—Wendy Bastine
Sept. 15—Joint Service
Sept. 22 - Lisa Laney
Sept. 29—Cheryl Howard &
Ronna Privette

TRADITIONS NURSERY

Sept. 1—Aeron Ploy
Sept. 8—Patty Wilson
Sept. 15—Jessica Mullins
Sept. 22—Amanda Patrick
Sept. 29—Sandra Duggins

USHERS/Greeters for Traditions

Doug Darnell, John Moore
Ginny Martin, Wayne Privette

GREETERS for Rise Up

Sept. 1—Cindy Hough
Sept. 8—Jimmy Hunter
Sept. 15—Joint Service
Sept. 22—Avis Summers Lewis
Sept. 29—Karen Bryer

FINANCE STEWARDS

Lynne Bruce & Wayne Privette

STREAMING

Rise Up

Sept. 1—Malcolm Miller

Sept. 8—Cindy Hough
Sept. 15—Joint Service
Sept. 22—Cindy Hough
Sept. 29—Cindy Hough
Traditions Service
September—Wayne Privette

PRAYER LIST

Alaska Bible College, Kenneth Alexander, Paul Bolick, Curtis Buchanan, Mattie Harrison, Heritage Bible College, Chet Kidd, Perry McConnell, Carolyn McLemore, Brady McKay, Mary Moore, Sheila Oates, Bennie Todd, Margie Todd

***In case of an emergency you can reach Rev. Howard by calling 704-458-8187 or call the church office @ 704-399-1684 (Mon – Thurs).

RETIREMENT RESIDENTS

The Oaks—Naomi Lee (Rm 466)
The Laurels-David Todd
Carrillon (Lincolnton)-Mary

Huntersville Health and Rehab.—
Mary Moore
Ranson Ridge— Perry McConnell

TITHES and OFFERINGS

Needed Weekly—\$5,145.05

Received—\$3,198.88 (8/25)

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Small Goups—71

Rise Up Service—76

Traditions Service—102

Online—21



Frances Hunt