

# Trinity Times

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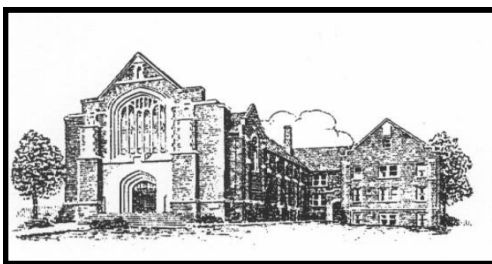
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## April Highlights



The Church Building may be closed, but the more truthful statement is that the Church has left the building. What do I mean? I mean YOU are the Church! As lovely as our Sanctuary is, it is not the Church. YOU are the Church. And you are being the Church in so many places and ways these days - phone calls, text messages, errands for those in need, kind gestures, extra patience, creativity galore in terms of celebrations, funny Facebook posts to keep us laughing (I loved the Little Debbie transitioning to Big Debbie in 14 days of quarantine!), learning new skills (especially technology), tutoring others in new skills (especially technology!), and so much more.

### In this abbreviated April edition, you will receive info on:

- Holy Week and Easter on-line services
- Other ways to celebrate Easter at home
- Ways to serve in and around our community while following good health protocol
- Options to share any federal government stimulus money you may not need
- April on-line Sunday School
- District and Conference Information and Links
- April Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Holy Week & Easter Worship

Trinity will join our Missional Network sister churches for 2 virtual Holy Week services - **Maundy Thursday & Good Friday**. We will send out links by email by Wednesday of Holy Week.

For Easter worship you will receive a email by Saturday with the link to Zoom link. Also look for instructions to access room.

Since we will not be able to adorn our Sanctuary with lilies, this year, please consider our **Alternative Easter Lily** giving by making a donation towards the building of our Memorial Garden. You may give in honor or memory of a loved one this Easter Season. We will collect these alternative lily donations and publish the names on Pentecost Sunday (May 31), the end of our 50 days of Easter. Hope we may be able to celebrate that special service in person!

### Ways to Celebrate Holy Week At Home:

- Share in a home hand or foot-washing on Holy Thursday to replicate Jesus asking his disciples to serve each other.
- Share in prayers at home on Good Friday and blow out a candle to symbolize the crucifixion.
- Hang white Christmas lights (or other lights, or electric candles) on Holy Saturday and turn them on Easter morning in time for what might have been your Easter Sunrise service.
- Write in chalk on your driveway or sidewalk the words, "Christ is risen!"
- Step outside with the persons with

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whom you are sheltering in place and offer a prayer of thanksgiving on Easter morning.

- View an additional online service of a church of another racial/ethnic background or Christian background, and offer your prayers for that community. (recommendations from the National Council of Churches, Christian Churches Together, and Churches Uniting in Christ)

### Ways to Serve our Community:



**MANNA FoodBank** Are you part of the low-risk population for COVID-19? Consider volunteering with MANNA to package meals for the hungry in our Asheville area. Please see the link below, scrolling down until you get to the "How You Can Help" section. Please note: **IF YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER YOU MUST REGISTER FOR A TIME SLOT.** You cannot just show up to help. You'll be turned away.



<https://www.mannafoodbank.org/covid-19/>

**Homeward Bound** is holding an Emergency Donation Drive and will be collecting items at our donation center at 205 Elk Park Drive in Woodfin. Items critically needed at this time include: **Camping gear, toilet paper, paper towels, trash bags, disinfectant cleaning supplies including wipes, regular baby wipes, disposable gloves, towels, soap, underwear, socks, and unopened (without the seal broken) over-the-counter medications such as pain relievers and cold medicine.** Donors may drop items off any time of day, but preference is between 11:00am and 2:00pm outside the front door and placed in the donation bins. In an effort to promote social distancing and to curb any potential spread of illness, donation center doors will not be open to the public and donated items will be sanitized upon receipt.



**Homeward Bound** will be hosting April 5-11 **Room in the Inn (RITI)** week with Haywood Street Congregation. We will have the volunteers beds in the acupuncture room (which is very comfortable) and setup the ladies in the sanctuary. There is also a brand new bathroom and easy access to the smoking area right nearby. RITI women will be escorted by Homeward Bound staff over to Haywood Street each night at 6pm and helping get everyone settled. If so, contact Kate Brown to offer help, 828.776.9741.



**Pisgah Legal Services (PLS)** is looking for congregations or groups who could provide help for families in crisis during this time. Some families were just starting to get on their feet before they were unemployed due to COVID-19. If you can offer help such as **gift cards to Ingles, diapers & wipes, or a refurbished laptop from PC** for people (\$100-\$150), these items would be extremely helpful. Please contact Sandy: [sandy@pisgahlegal.org](mailto:sandy@pisgahlegal.org).



**HANDS ON ASHEVILLE-BUNCOMBE** has a great website of various other ways to help! Visit [www.handsonasheville.org/covid-19-community-response/](http://www.handsonasheville.org/covid-19-community-response/)

AND FINALLY . . .

**TUMC** is hosting 2 opportunities:

- ♦ A **RED WAGON pick up on Apr. 15.** Staff will use our Church Van as a mobile Red Wagon & come to you on Wed., Apr. 15, a collect **canned food items** (or any of the above items mentioned) from your front porch/ door. Canned

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foods will be given to ABCCM. If you have items specific to Homeward Bound, Haywood Street or Pisgah Legal services, please clearly mark those items for the agency intended. **PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN UP FOR PICK UP.** We will only come by IF you have called and registered your need for pick up. If April 15 does not work for your schedule, or if we have a huge response and need to schedule another day, we will let you know. ALSO, if we may bring anything to you to leave on your front doorstep (groceries, Rx pickup, a copy of *The Upper Room Daily Devotional*, please let Lee know and we will be glad to deliver!



◇ **\$ donations from your Cares Act Federal Government checks.** Consider if you are able to donate even a small portion of the check you may receive from our government to one of the many needs at Trinity - our JDHowell Mission Fund (specifically for missions & outreach), the Pastor's Discretionary Fund (often given to church members or community folk in need in small amounts for vital services - Rx's, transportation, educational needs; *this could also assist members who have lost their jobs due to Covid-19*), the Bless the Schools Fund (given to local school children's medical & educational needs in coordination with school social workers), or our current capital campaign to build our Memorial Garden.

### Interested in April On-line Sunday School?

If you would like to attend an on-line Zoom Sunday School for adult and youth? (it may not happen on Sunday morning), please let Rev. Nancy or Lee know. We will send out a poll of possible class times after Easter.

### District, WNC Annual Conference & Global UMC news:

To make sure you have access to the most up-to-date information on United Methodist, Western North Carolina Conference, and Blue Ridge District News and Opportunities, please visit our District website, [blueridgedistrictumc.org](http://blueridgedistrictumc.org).

Our Blue Ridge District also has a great Resource webpage for Covid-19 ministry to and amongst our district churches. Visit <https://www.blueridgedistrictumc.org/covid19response>

As you may have heard, due to Covid-19, our worldwide General Conference that was scheduled for May 5-15 in Minneapolis, MN, has been postponed until 2021. Much will be sorted out on those plans as we move to a more settled post Covid-19 world. Until then, here is a helpful video from 2 clergy from the VA Conference who were a part of the small panel of UMC folks who crafted the gracious separation plan that will be considered whenever General Conference does happen. The Rev. Ketih Boyette, leader of the Wesleyan Covenant Association and representing the Traditionalist perspective, and the Rev. Tom Berlin, a pastor representing the Centrist perspective, have conversation on how our UMC has come to this point, in (this is the good news), in grace and love. Here is that link: <https://novaumc.org/two-perspectives/>

### APRIL

#### BIRTHDAYS

- Apr. 01 Dwight Whitlock
- Apr. 01 Kimberly Kinney
- Apr. 02 Karen Kane
- Apr. 05 Jessica Tripp
- Apr. 05 Emma Reinhart
- Apr. 07 Lynn Maney-McIntosh
- Apr. 13 Ashley Drake
- Apr. 14 Larry Brookshire
- Apr. 15 Maxine Schrader
- Apr. 15 Nathan Hutchins
- Apr. 15 Sloan Crout
- Apr. 15 Miles Buddy
- Apr. 16 Darryl Parker
- Apr. 16 Emma Grace Hutchins
- Apr. 18 Mary-Ellen Miller
- Apr. 18 Ben Harvey
- Apr. 18 Myra Harvey
- Apr. 18 Eli Lukens
- Apr. 21 Malvary Gamble
- Apr. 28 Greg Hutchins



#### ANNIVERSARIES

- Apr. 01 Bill & Lynne Crout
- Apr. 03 Oris & Kitty Crout
- Apr. 12 Glenn & Linda Parham
- Apr. 16 Charlie & Peggy Weaver
- Apr. 18 Bryce & Gina Parham
- Apr. 25 Jimmy & Diane Hutchison





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**Condolences**

The members of Trinity United Methodist Church send our sympathy to the family of:

**David Russell Allan** (2 Nov 1965 – 7 Mar 2020) of Raleigh, NC. He is the brother of **Gary Allan**. No service arrangements have been made. Online condolences may be made at Cremation Services of the Carolina, Raleigh, NC.

**Thanks**

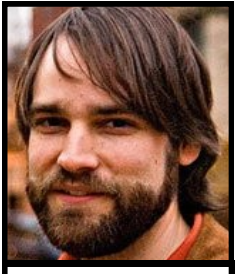
Thank everyone for all the cards, calls, thoughts and prayers during my illness.

James S. Davis

**If you are experiencing a financial crisis, please contact Pastor Nancy Walton, [NWalton@wnccumc.net](mailto:NWalton@wnccumc.net).** She can offer confidential financial assistance through the Church's Discretionary Fund. We want you to know your Church Family is here for you and you are not alone.



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