

# Trinity Times

*A place to belong. A community that serves. Growing in God's abundant grace.*

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## February Highlights

### Soup Bowl & Ministry Fair

Are you ready for some **Soup and Fellowship** before the big game?!? Please plan to stay **after church Sun, Feb. 2** for a Fellowship Fundraiser Meal to support our Youth. This is their first fundraiser of the new year. They are continuing this tradition of the last few years where our church family can gather together over some delicious soups and contribute to the fund that helps keep their summer mission trip and other retreats (like the Confirmation Retreat) affordable for the youth and children.



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Afterwards, learn a little more about the various ministry teams/ committees at Trinity. We hope you might also discern where you feel your gifts and talents line up and consider offering your commitment to one of these ministry teams. We'll also have a "Gifts and Talents" survey for you to take that might help you in your discernment.



### Ash Wednesday

**Feb 26**

Services will be at 12 Noon, place TBA with our Missional Network Churches and 6PM at Trinity, Fellowship Hall. A simple soup supper provided by Laurie & Laszlo Bujdosos will begin at **5:30PM** and the service will begin around **6:15PM**, ending just before 7PM choir practice. If you'd be willing to help with set up, clean up or provide dessert (brownies and /or cookies) please see Rev. Nancy or the Bujdosos.



### Stewardship Campaign Update

To date, we have received 32 pledges, totaling \$124,260. With anticipated rental income of \$105,220 added to those pledges, we need \$187,951 to balance our budget. (Currently, our 2020 proposed budget is \$417,431.) Last year, we had 52 pledging units. If you have not yet turned in your 2020 pledge, or have never pledged and would consider doing so, please find pledge cards in the hallway, narthex and in the pews. You may turn it in via the offering plate on Sundays, in the mail, or drop it by the office.

**For information on the UMC Protocol for a Gracious Separation, go to page 12 (Reports).**

## District News

### District & UMC News

Interested in being a Blue Ridge District At Large Delegate, Youth (12-17) or Young Adult (18-35) to serve at our 2020 Annual Conference in June at Lake Junaluska? Let Rev. Nancy know - the District is looking for additional delegates to represent our District.

### Please Save the Date

**Sun., Mar. 22** - District Connect Conference, at Covenant Community UMC, Asheville. This Sunday afternoon training Information session (regarding current protocol and general conference information) on having Healthy Conversations and will include a time of worship. 2-5PM

### Up-to-Date Information

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, [www.blueridgedistrictumc.org](http://www.blueridgedistrictumc.org)

Other Helpful websites & UMC-related communications sources:

<https://gc2020welcome.org/>

<https://www.blueridgedistrictumc.org/communication-options>

## Better Know the Staff

**Zoe Cecil** joined the Trinity staff a couple of years ago. She worked in the nursery and wowed the congregation with her exceptional talent with a camera (the official Confirmation photos from 2017 are proof!). After graduating from Asheville High School she went to Savannah for a



year. Sadly for Savannah, (but fantastic for us!) she came back to Asheville and asked if Trinity still needed help in the nursery. The timing was perfect because Andrew was still looking for an assistant with Sunday morning and Sunday evening activities. Now Zoe can be found most Sunday mornings in either the Nursery or with the Children's Church kids and most Sunday evenings with the Youth group. She has also been utilizing her artistic gifts by leading the children and youth in several projects, including the Mr. Rogers Trolley and the Hanukkah cards. If you haven't met her yet, find her and say hello.

## Going to College?

### WNCCUMW Scholarship Program

Do you know a student that is a member of a WNC United Methodist Church? Will they attend one of our conference institutions (Bennett College, Brevard College, Greensboro College, High Point University, Pfeiffer University) for the fall semester 2020? Then they are eligible to apply for a WNCCUMW scholarship! Applications should be requested by contacting the scholarship committee chairperson:

Cathy McCauley

6835-A Farmingdale Dr, Charlotte, NC 28212

704-965-6566 ~ [cathymc855@yahoo.com](mailto:cathymc855@yahoo.com)

Applications are due to the committee by Mar. 1. Interviews will be conducted on Sat., Mar. 28, 2020.

### TUMC Educational Scholarships

In case you are not aware, Trinity UMC offers scholarships for advanced education after high school to our young folks **who are active in the life of this church**. Years ago, the Scholarship Fund was established with a very generous donation. Over the years of helping many Trinity youth, it is in need of replenishing. Please consider helping our youth with the high costs of furthering a degree after high school. You may make a donation to this fund as a memorial, an honorarium, or just as a simple gift to make the path of one of our young folks easier. If you have questions, please contact Ellen Mitchell or Lee Thomas. There is a set of requirement and guidelines available to anyone interested in the program.

## Thanks

Pastor Walton & Trinity,

Thank you so much for the lovely Hanukkah card I received from the congregation at temple last week. My prayer is that your holidays were full and meaningful as well.

Your card couldn't have been more timely as the previous week we were the recipients of an unusually vile anti-Semitic piece of mail. It is gratifying to know that we are supported in our wider community.

Thank you for all you do. To a brighter, and hopeful New Year.

All the best,

Rabbi Batsheva Meiri & Craig Frustaci,

Executive Director

Congregation Beth HaTephila,

43 North Liberty St, Asheville, NC 28801

## Children & Youth News



### UMYF

Sun., Feb. 02 No UMYF due to Soup Lunch  
 Sun., Feb. 09 5 - 7PM ~ UMYF  
 Sun., Feb. 16 5 - 7PM ~ UMYF  
 Sun., Feb. 23 5:30 - 7PM ~ UMYF

### Children in Worship

Worship takes place in the Sanctuary at **10:45AM** every Sunday morning. Following the Children's Message, children (age 3-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) are invited for a time of age-appropriate worship. We begin with worship in the Chapel on the third floor and then have games/activities in the Children's Assembly Room next to the nursery on the second floor, the playroom on the first floor, or the playground. A sign will be posted on the door of the Assembly Room on the second floor.

### Children's Choir

The new year brings with it a new opportunity for new friends to join the Children's Choir. We meet most **Wednesday nights at 6PM**. This open to Elementary age kids with any (or no) musical ability. We play games, explore the church, and occasionally sing. We also perform periodically in worship. See Andrew or Lee for more information.



### Confirmation

Our 2020 Confirmation Class is starting next month! But don't worry, if you are or know a young one in at least the 6th Grade that hasn't gone through Confirmation before, they can still join us when classes start next month. They will have several class sessions and a retreat in early May, with Confirmation Sunday happening on **May 31**. Talk to Andrew for more information.

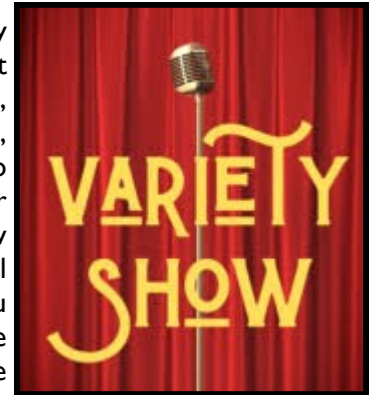


### Confirmation Class Schedule

Once our Confirmation Class begins, the Sunday night schedule shifts. The Confirmands will meet from 4 to 5:30PM with UMYF picking up at 5:30 and going to 7PM. Those dates are: 2/23, 3/1, 3/15, 3/22, 4/19, 4/26, and 5/17.

### Variety Show

Our next Family Variety Show is **Sun., Mar. 8 at 5PM**. We need musicians, comedians, actors, singers, poets, magicians, etc. to share their talents with our congregation. Let Andrew or Lee know if you will participate and what you would like to do. Also, the plan is to have a simple meal of hot dogs (with chili, slaw and fixin's). If your talents lie more with cooking/serving, please help us with that and let the producers of the show know that you plan to help.



### **Sign ups at Google Drive spreadsheet:**

Children and Youth Google Drive can be found by clicking the link on **TrinityWAVL.org/Youth**.

Andrew's Email Address: **andrewgtripp@gmail.com**

## Dementia Support Group

### Dementia Support Group

Co-led by TUMC members Vernon & Joyce Robinson, the group will continue to gather at **6PM** in the Church Library on **Mon., Feb. 10.** and **Mon., Feb. 24.** This gathering is for individuals, family members and caregivers as they deal with this disease, providing a supportive environment and basic coping and life skills as



loved ones move through the stages of this disease. This ministry's goal is to provide a social (not clinical) setting to the community through which the group gives witness, shares struggles, and provides support as a means of hope and God's presence through one another. It is open to anyone in the community, not only church members. Please contact Vernon & Joyce if you have any questions [(828)-505-1669].



# Church Life

## 5 Minute Yoga



Are your bulbs emerging? Mine are, so now I am thinking of Spring. So, let's spring into our 5 minute yoga routine.

- Stand behind your chair and hold the back of the chair for balance. Come up onto your toes. Hold the position for a count of 4, then lower your heels. Repeat 10 times to wake up the calf muscles and loosen the ankle joints.
- Standing on the right side of the chair and hold on with your left hand. Lift the right knee and lower; do this movement a total of 10 times, then switch to the other side.
- Go back to the right side of the chair, and now swing your right leg forward and back. This will loosen the hip joint. After 10 swings, switch to the other side.
- Still standing behind the chair, stand on one foot, practicing balance. You may hold onto the chair for support, but if you feel secure, try balancing without holding onto the chair. Practice this a couple of times, then switch sides.
- Let's sit in the chair with both feet on the floor, knees bent. With an inhale, raise your arms overhead, reaching for the ceiling. With an exhale, lower the arms. Repeat this movement 10 times to loosen the shoulder joints.
- Finally, extend the arms in a T position. Actively reach your hands to the side walls. Hold for 2 breaths, then release the arms. Repeat this 10 times.

Take a moment to give thanks to God for this time of movement and intentional breathing. Andrea Davis and Mildred Dixon invite you to join our gentle yoga class each Thursday evening from 6 - 7PM. If you are new to yoga, know that we walk you through each pose and only ask that you work within your limitations. We hope to see you soon.

## United Methodist Women

The January meeting of the UMW will be on **Mon., Feb. 10 at 10:30AM** in the Koinonia Room. Please contact Kay Cooke (828-633-1098) if you are interested in joining the Reach Out Circle.



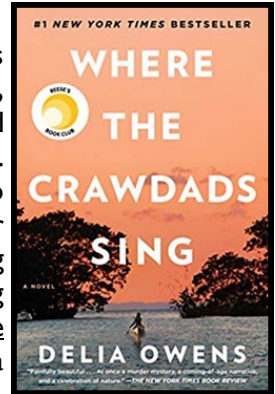
## United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet on **Sun., Feb. 16 at 8AM** in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and fellowship. Please contact Keith Clark (828-484-8950), if you would like more information or to get involved with this ministry.



## TUMC Book Group

The group meets **Wednesdays, 11AM, Feb. 5, 12, 19, & 26.** We're taking a field trip and lunch on **Wed., Feb. 5.** Meet at the church, carpool to Whist Card shop (just in time for Valentine's Day) and then meeting for lunch in the area. Beginning Feb. 12, we'll be reading Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens.



## Pastoral Care Team

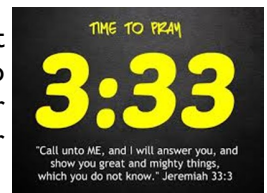
Our Pastoral Care/ Visitation Team meets regularly with Rev. Nancy to discuss visits and issues surrounding our home-bound and skilled nursing resident members. If you'd like to join the team, please speak with Rev. Nancy. Our goal is for each team member to make 2 visits per month. **If you would be willing to help utilize altar flowers on Mondays, arranging them in smaller vases to be shared by our Care Team with our home bound and those in skilled nursing, please see Rev. Nancy.**

## On-Going Prayer List

Did you know we have an on-going prayer list? If you would like to add someone or situation or even an unspoken request for prayer, please send them to Julia Gibson, [juliahuntergibson@gmail.com](mailto:juliahuntergibson@gmail.com).

## Daily Prayer for Trinity

Would you be willing to set your alarm for 3:33PM each day to lift up a prayer for Trinity and our new year? (Yes, 3:33 as a reminder of our name, *Trinity!*)



## Thank You

- All who turned in Pledge Cards!
- All who are praying for TUMC daily, at 3:33PM or a time of your choice!
- Zoe Cecil for creating our trolley for the Mr. Rogers Sermon Series.
- Volunteers who help in the office every month with the Trinity newsletter.
- Weekly team of counters.



# Christian Formation & Worship

## Christian Formation on Sundays aka "Sunday School"

Small groups are our main opportunity for growth and support along our faith journey. It's the way we invite the Holy Spirit into our lives to continue to shape and form us more into God's image. Trinity has lively offerings for Christian Formation for all ages on Sunday mornings:

### Children's Sunday School

Led by James and Lindsay Pharr (meets in room next to Nursery).

### Youth Sunday School

Led by Andrew Tripp (meets in room next to Nursery and then goes to Youth Rooms on 3rd floor)

### Koinonia Class:

The class has found riches in the study of 2 Timothy.



### **The Song of the Martyr 2 Timothy 2: 11 – 13.**

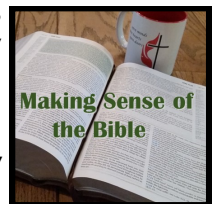
This is a saying which can be relied upon:  
 If we die with him, we shall also live with him.  
 If we endure, we shall also reign with him.  
 if we deny him, he too will deny us.  
 if we are faithless, he remains faithful  
 for he cannot deny himself.

A hymn sung by Christians during persecution by Nero.

They meet in the classroom just across from the Fellowship Hall.

### Mary Mann Class

The **Mary Mann Class** (also meets on the 1st floor, opposite end of the Fellowship Hall) follows Cokesbury's Adult Bible Study Series. The winter theme is **Promise**. The four lessons in this unit call us to live into the promise God gives us to be holy people. Holiness, a primary attribute of God, is also present in the world God has created; these lessons invite us to look at holiness in four of the ways in which it is expressed: holy place (Feb. 2), holy presence (Feb. 9), holy people (Feb. 16), and holy purpose (Feb. 23).



### Faith Class

They meet at **10 AM** in the Library

and will be utilizing Adam Hamilton's **Making Sense of the Bible**. Join us for this thought provoking study and conversation.

### February Worship Schedule:

- ♦ Feb. 2/ Holy Communion "The Gospel According to Mr. Rogers: Taking Time to Say Thank You" (1 Cor 11:23-26; Mt 5:1-12)
- ♦ Feb. 9/ Scout Sunday/ "The Gospel According to Mr. Rogers, the Prophet" (Micah 6:1-8; Eph 4:25-32; Mt 5:13-20)
- ♦ Feb. 16 "The Gospel According to Mr. Rogers: What Do You Do with the Mad That You Feel?" (1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Mt 5:21-37)
- ♦ Feb. 23 "The Gospel According to Mr. Rogers: Look and Listen" (Ex 24:12-18; Mt 17:1-9)
- ♦ Feb. 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY - services at 12 Noon (Joint service with Missional Network churches, place TBD) & 5:30 Soup Supper/ 6:15PM Service in Fellowship Hall. Remember, Lent begins Feb. 26!

### Lay Readers Needed!

Would you like to assist in leading parts of our Sunday morning worship? We are looking for lay readers. This role could be as short as: as leading the Prayer for Illumination (right after the opening hymn) and the first reading and/ or Responsive Reading, or as broad as leading the Call to Worship, the Prayer for Illumination, offering the Children Sermon, leading the Prayers of the People, helping with the Offering (Prayer and handling the offering plates) or some in-between combo of the above. If you would be interested, please see Rev. Nancy for more info and to sign up.

## Thanks

Dear Pastor Walton, staff, and congregants of TUMC,  
 On behalf of the Board and all of Congregation Beth Israel I want to thank you for your beautiful Hanukkah card and the well-wishes of your congregation. We feel very fortunate to live in such a warm and caring community with such wonderful neighbors.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness, and we wish you a season of light and joy, health and blessings in the new year ahead.

Sincerely, Ali Climio, CBI President  
 Congregation Beth Israel

## Condolences



**Nan Gordon**  
(10 Apr 1946 – 23 Dec 2019)

Nan was born in 1946 in Cleveland, Ohio. She and her brother John attended the Shaker Heights schools. Nan graduated from Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA and earned a master's degree in music education

from Duquesne University.

Having always had a love of US history particularly the colonial era, she relocated in 1970 to the Massachusetts South Shore, teaching in the Duxbury Public Schools for thirty two years. In the summer of 1971 she took a job as a program assistant at the Craigville Conference Center (now UCC) on Cape Cod. It was there she met the love of her life, Seth Gordon who was attending the Culinary Institute of America on the GI bill, and was cooking at the Craigville Inn for the summer. They were together nearly 34 years.

Retiring to Florida to escape the cold and be closer to Nan's parents, they had three years retirement in Citrus Springs prior to Seth's untimely death from cancer. During Nan's years of raising other people's children they never desired any of their own.

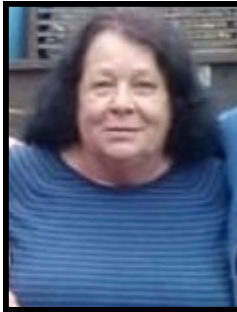
Nan began to do a lot of traveling at this time, and volunteered three times at McCurdy School in Espanola, New Mexico. It was there she heard of the Deaconess Home Missioner program from a fellow volunteer. This same volunteer arranged for her to be invited to a discernment event at Alma Matthews in New York. Once accepted for the 5 course core studies she began to discern what her calling would be (or, as a pastor recently said, "Where her deepest joy met the world's deepest hunger").

She relocated to Gainesville which she had learned was home to one of the groundbreaking programs in Arts in Medicine. She was mentored by outstanding artists in writing, drama, visual arts and music. One of them referred her to a domiciliary for homeless veterans just about to open. With a "Cutting Edge Ministries Grant" from United Methodist Women she equipped a music studio within the facility, solicited donations of gently used folk instruments and instructional materials, and "Fret4vets" began.

Nan was commissioned in 2010 at the UMW Assembly in St Louis and remained with these two programs for the next 8 years. On a visit, passing through Brooks-Howell on an errand in August of 2017, Nan felt the call to bring her gifts to Brooks-Howell. This

call was further validated when her mentor in Gainesville indicated an eagerness to take over Fret4vets as part of her responsibilities. Nan arrived at Brooks-Howell in January of 2018.

Nan shared her light, energy and love of music with everyone, be it guitar, singing, flute and/or piano. At Brooks-Howell she serenaded as "Piano Nan" in the front lobby, directed the choir for chapel services, and played in the recorder trio. She also shared her talents and laughter leading music with health center residents. She was also a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Asheville and played with the Asheville Flute Choir. Her energy and love of life was an inspiration to all of us. At Nan's request, memorials may be given to Brooks Howell Home Activities Fund.



**Dorothy Owenby Parker**  
(20 May 1947 – 15 Jan 2020)

Dorothy "Dot" Owenby Parker, age 72, of Forest City, passed away Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at Spartanburg Regional Hospital.

Dot was born May 20, 1947 in Buncombe County to the late Jack Owenby and Elsie Warren Owenby.

She was a homemaker and loved her family dearly. Dot was of the Methodist faith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Christine King; brother, Jack "Junior" Owenby and sister-in-law, Ruth Owenby.

Those left to cherish her memory include two daughters, Rhonda McConnell (Frank) of Chesnee, SC and Darlene Parker of Indiana; son, Jesse King of Chesnee; two brothers, Jake Owenby and Jerry Owenby (Sheila) all of Candler, NC. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, Tiffany Parker, Brittany Middleton (Josh), Carol Ann Nelson, Darius Nelson, Beckie Proffitt, David Norton, Harley King; seven great-grandchildren, Keith, Tanner, Mason, Jaxson, Kenslee, Amontae, Taylor; special friends, Bill and Cheri Kempster of Forest City and many close nieces and nephews who were near and dear to her heart.

The funeral service was conducted at 7PM on Mon., Jan. 20, 2020 at the Harrelson Funeral Chapel with Reverend Eric Whiteside officiating. The family received friends one hour prior to service time at the funeral home. At other times they will be gathered at 209 Westwood Drive, Forest City. The body lay in state from 8:30AM Monday prior to the service time.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Weekly Sunday Schedule</u> 9:45 AM Sunday School (Various Locations) 10:45 AM Worship (Sanctuary)	<u>1st Floor</u> FH-Fellowship Hall/ Kitchen K-Koinonia P-Parlor MM-Mary Mann Class CG - Church Grounds OC-Off Campus	<u>Main (2nd) Floor</u> S-Sanctuary O-Office L-Library AR-Annex Room CR-Children's Room N-Nursery MR-Choir Room	<u>3rd Floor</u> YR-Yoga C-Chapel Y-Youth Room FR-Faith Room Education Bldg SR-Scout Room			1
<b>2</b> Communion Sunday 12 PM Soup Lunch / Mission Fair (FH) 5 PM Trustees (FR)	<b>3</b> 9 AM Counters (O) 7 PM AA (FH)	<b>4</b> 10 AM Staff Meeting (O)	<b>5</b> 11 AM Book Group (L) 6 PM Children Choir (MM) 7 PM Adult Choir (MR)	<b>6</b> 6 PM Yoga (YR) 6 PM Scouts (SR)	<b>7</b> 12:30 PM Resilience & Restoration Retreat (OC) 7 PM AA (FH)	<b>8</b> 8:30 AM Resilience & Restoration Retreat (OC)
<b>9</b> 5 PM UMYF (FH/Y)	<b>10</b> 9 AM Counters (O) 10:30 AM Reach Out Circle (OC) 5 PM Habitat Fundraiser Dinner (OC) 6 PM Dementia Support Group (OC) 7 PM AA (FH)	<b>11</b> 10 AM Staff Meeting (O) 6 PM Finance Budget Meeting (L)	<b>12</b> 11 AM Book Group (L) 6 PM Children Choir (MM) 7 PM Adult Choir (MR)	<b>13</b> 12 PM Habitat House Dedication (OC) 6 PM Yoga (YR) 6 PM Scouts (SR)	<b>14</b> 7 PM AA (FH)	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Red Wagon Sunday 8 AM UMM Breakfast (FH) 5 PM UMYF (FH/Y)	<b>17</b> 7 PM AA (SR)	<b>18</b> 9 AM Counters (O) 11 AM Staff Meeting (O) 6 PM Finance Committee (L)	<b>19</b> 11 AM Book Group (L) 6 PM Children Choir (MM) 7 PM Adult Choir (MR)	<b>20</b> 6 PM Yoga (YR) 6 PM Scouts (FH)	<b>21</b> 6:30 PM Movies & Meaning (OC) 7PM AA (FH)	<b>22</b> 9:30 AM Movies & Meaning (OC)
<b>23</b> 4 PM Confirmation Class (L) 5 PM Church Council (FR) 5:30 PM UMYF (FH/Y)	<b>24</b> 9 AM Counters (O) 6 PM Dementia Support Group (L) 7 PM AA (FH) 7 PM 12 Baskets Concert (OC)	<b>25</b> 10 AM Staff Meeting (O)	<b>26</b> Ash Wednesday 11 AM Book Group (L) 6 PM (MM) 7 PM Adult Choir (MR)	<b>27</b> 9:30 AM Newsletter Mailing Team (O) 6 PM Yoga (YR) 6 PM Scouts (SR)	<b>28</b> 7PM AA (FH)	<b>29</b>



## *Serving in February 2020*

### Acolytes

#### **Coordinators: Celia & Sean Clark**

The following children will be serving our congregation this month:

Feb. 02: Hazel & Theo Pharr

Feb. 09: Emory Capp & Faith Locklear

Feb. 16: Ellie & Gram Klingel

Feb. 23: Fiona Ruch & Caroline Pruett

### Van Drivers

Do you need a VAN RIDE on a Sunday morning? Here's what you do. The driver rotation and contact information is on page 7. Please be sure and call the driver by **4 PM** on the **Saturday** before the Sunday you need a ride.

Feb. 02: Darryl Parker (215-6914)

Feb. 09: Jim Helms (253-0180)

Feb. 16: Ted Meadows (254-8496)

Feb. 23: Ted Meadows (254-8496)

**Could you give one Sunday a month to help with our Van/ Transportation Ministry? We need additional van drivers for our Sunday morning Transportation Ministry.** If you are willing and able to serve in this way, please see Nancy Walton, Lee Thomas, or Darryl Parker.

### Communion Servers

If you would be interested in being a part of the communion serving team, please contact the church office.

### Ushers

If you would be interested in being a part of the usher rotation, please contact the church office.

Feb. 02: Jill Clark & Darryl Parker

Feb. 09: Charlie Weaver & Keith Clark

Feb. 16: Terry Levi & Darryl Parker

Feb. 23: Ted Meadows & Mark Locklear

### Monday Counters

Feb. 03: Linda Parham & Amanda Kollar

Feb. 10: Maxine Schrader & Gina Parham

**Feb. 18: Maxine Schrader & Amanda Kollar**

**This is a Tuesday.**

Feb. 24: Laszlo Bujdoso & Caroline Levi

## *Celebrations*

### **Happy Birthday to:**

Feb. 05 Julie Ruch

Feb. 05 Will Durham

Feb. 07 Charlotte Clodfelter

Feb. 07 Gary Eller

Feb. 11 Bill Crout

Feb. 16 Kitty Crout

Feb. 16 Dan Bastian

Feb. 17 Jeff Hutchins

Feb. 19 Judy Shuster

Feb. 20 Andrea Davis

Feb. 23 Keith Clark

Feb. 25 Daniel Pruett

Feb. 26 Claire Crout

Feb. 27 Larry Scholtz

Feb. 28 Mildred Dixon



Are we missing your birthday or anniversary? If so, contact the office.

### **2020 Altar Flowers**

Remember a loved one, honor someone living, or just place flowers on the altar on any open Sunday. The \$55 cost covers the two standard arrangements. Any special flower requests may cost more. Contact the office to sign up for a date. We'll order the flowers. Tell us what you want stated in the bulletin. Submit payment and note on the memo line - "Altar Flowers." **Available dates: all Sundays of 2020 are OPEN except Feb 2.**

### **January Altar Flowers**

- ◆ Jan. 5 Memory of Mary Mann by Paul Mann
- ◆ Jan. 12 Honor of Paul Mann (birthday) by Maxine Schrader
- ◆ Jan. 19 Honor of Maxine Schrader by Jimmy & Barbara Davis
- ◆ Jan. 26 Honor of Rev. Nancy Walton (birthday) by anonymous.





## Area Retreats

### **Resilience and Restoration in the Mountains**

Designed with creation care volunteers in mind, this retreat allows you to spend a day with a theologian, a climate scientist, a forest biologist, and local colleagues and pastoral innovators. Whether you're new to creation care or a long-time advocate, you'll gain new language and tools to inspire your congregation to care for the environment, interwoven with space for rest, relationship, prayer and good food.

The retreat begins on **Fri., Feb. 7** with workshops designed specifically for Clergy. This portion will run from 12:30–6PM. We will open the retreat on **Sat., Feb. 8** to all Creation Care advocates and leaders. Workshops that day will run from 8:30AM-5:30PM. Snacks both days and Saturday breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please indicate below if you have any dietary preferences or restrictions. We will be hosted at the Montreat Conference Center which also has lodging available on Friday and Saturday night for an additional cost.

Discount is offered if 3 or more people from the same congregation will be attending the retreat. The discount is per person, not a cost for the group. The Creation Care Alliance is also able to offer scholarships to folks. Please contact Scott Hardin-Nieri at [scott@creationcarealliance.org](mailto:scott@creationcarealliance.org) for more information about scholarships.

#### **Our conversations will be supported by:**

- Dr. Emily Askew, Associate Professor of Theology at Lexington Theological Seminary
- Deke Arndt, Climate Scientist
- Rev. Carol Devine, Pastor and Green Chalice Innovator
- Josh Kelly, Public Lands Biologist
- Karim Olaechea, Communication Director
- Catie Morris, Social Media adviser
- Sarah Ogletree, NCIPL Program Coordinator and climate advocate

#### **Proposed workshop topics include:**

- Hope in times of challenge
- Creating and Sustaining a Creation Care team
- Next Steps for Creation Care
- Food and Faith
- Faithfully Exploring Solar
- Creation Care in Prayer and Liturgy
- Communication for change (Social Media and print media story telling and advocacy)

### **Wortham Center for the Performing Arts**

**Feb. 21 - 23, Movies & Meaning** builds a better world through telling better stories. We gather around

art and activism - those who desire to heal our personal and cultural wounds as a diverse community, laugh and cry around the “campfire experience” of great movies, and gain tools for constructive, respectful, and thoughtful dialogue across boundaries.

### **Embracing the Body: Renewing the Mind: Engaging the Spirit ~ First UMC Hickory, Mar. 13 @ 8:30AM - 1:30PM**

***“Jeremiah 31:25 I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint”***

We invite you to celebrate with us at the 4th PHW Faith and Health Summit and first Western North Carolina Faith and Health Summit on **Mar. 13** in Hickory, NC:

- Congregations filled with people who believe that places of faith can support healthier communities
- Communities that are being transformed by the work of faithful congregations
- God’s care made visible in the places we live, eat and play
- That each of us is made imago dei: mind, body and spirit

There will be opening worship, opportunities to connect with local resource organizations, workshop sessions ranging from rural mental health, healthy aging and community engagement, to the opioid crisis and harm reduction in faith communities. Come share laughter, celebration and connection. We are excited to have clergy and health leads from congregations leading some workshops at this year’s Summit and a Community Garden Tour of First UMC Hickory’s Paradise Garden.

**Keynote Speaker:** Wayne Dickert, pastor of Bryson City United Methodist Church

**Other speakers include:** Justine Post and Jaimie McGirt: Resourceful Communities, Debra Kuykendall: North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry, Eric Reece: pastor of Robbinsville UMC, Ashley Cole: Vaya Health, Tina Miller: Area Agency on Aging, Kevin Bates: UMC pastor/creator of new wild-church plant Into the Wilderness, Parable Garden Committee of FUMC Hickory, Michelle Mathis: The Olive Branch Ministry

Register through our church office or by visiting <https://www.ncchurches.org/event-single/embracing-the-body-renewing-the-mind-engaging-the-spirit/>. There will be 2 workshop sessions with a variety of topics and speakers. (You will choose your workshops when you register.)

**\*Promo codes are available to the primary health lead and pastor of PHW Collaborative member congregations. Trinity is a PHW member!**

## Outreach News

### **Pritchard Park Breakfast**

The Pritchard Park Breakfast Ministry has come to an end at the decision of the founding couple, John and Virginia Himmelheber. Trinity received a certificate of appreciation for our longstanding service (we believe at least a decade if not more!). TUMC member Keith Clark would love to hear from you about any new missional outreach ministry for us to consider. His phone is 828-484-8950.

### **Red Wagon**

For the month of **February**, we will collect snacks (packs of crackers, cookies, fruit cups, fruit snacks, etc.) for Hall Fletcher & Asheville Middle Schools. Remember you can bring donations to the church anytime during the week. However on the third Sunday (**Red Wagon Sunday, Feb. 16**), please keep them with you at your pew and place them in the wagon when the children come around during the opening hymn.

**THANKS** to all who donated toilet paper and paper towels for Trinity Place Shelter for Homeless Youth in January.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

**Feb. 10** - from **5 to 9PM** Habitat Night at Native Kitchen, 25% of food sales will be donated to Asheville Habitat. Native Kitchen is located at 204 Whitson Ave, Swannanoa, NC 28778.

The 21st Interfaith House (of which TUMC was a sponsor) will be dedicated on **Thu., Feb. 13** and we would love for you to attend. The event is at Lake Hills Church in Candler at **12Noon**, with a chili lunch and the program to follow. Homeowner Deborah Kohlhepp, mother of four adult children, and multi-tasker extraordinaire, will receive her keys! Here's a little more information on Deborah:

When her 25-year career as a stay at home mom ended, Deborah faced the difficult task of finding employment without the benefit of traditional job experience. While parenting is widely accepted as the hardest job in the world, employers often undervalue the vast array of skills learned from holding that position.

Led by her love for children, Deborah found her calling as a Transportation Safety Assistant for Buncombe County Schools. For 10 months out of the year, Deborah aids special-needs children helping them navigate to their classes. To make ends meet, she also maintains 3 part-time positions; Universal Mental Health, The ARC of NC,

and Davidson Family Services. Deborah's resume is proof that the hardest job in the world can prepare you for some of the most important jobs on the planet.

Having successfully leveraged her experience into a career, the only thing that was missing from her second act was secure housing. A family member offered her an affordable basement apartment, with the understanding that it would be temporary. Acknowledging that it was time to stand on her own, Deborah began a journey that led her to Asheville Habitat. Having been approved to purchase a 2 bedroom/2 bathroom townhome in Candler, Deborah cannot wait to make Curry Court her permanent address!

### **12 Baskets**

Asheville's 1st Annual Hidden Voices Concert will take place **Mon., Feb. 24 at Grey Eagle at 7PM**. This is a fundraising event for Asheville Poverty Initiative's 12 Baskets Café featuring local musicians living the daily realities of poverty. Ten artists will be chosen to perform one song at Grey Eagle that night and the top three performers will receive an award. Purchase Tickets at [thegreyeagle.com](http://thegreyeagle.com)!



### **ABCCM NEWS**

Did you know that Trinity has been a part of ABCCM since its beginnings 50 years ago? If you would like to volunteer with ABCCM, please email [volunteer@abccm.org](mailto:volunteer@abccm.org) to start your volunteer experience! See Kay Cooke, a regular volunteer at their Hominy Valley site, if you'd like to know more.

### **Haywood Street:**

#### **On-Going Ways To Serve**

- NON-PRESCRIPTIVE READING GLASSES, regular size bottles of shampoo and body wash, deodorant
- Clothing donations intended for **God's Outfitters** can be taken directly to the closet on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 10-12, or dropped in one of our off-site clothing donation bins. (Bins located at Biltmore United Methodist Church, 376 Hendersonville Rd. 28803 and Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, 789 Merrimon Ave. 28804).

**To find out how YOU can be a part of our Outreach Ministry, contact John McCullough at 254-8485 or John Nelson at 254-4894. It takes all of us!!**

## Church Council News

Church Council met Sun., Jan 26 to discuss and learn more about

- Our 2020 calendar,
- Our 2019 Financial report & 2020 Stewardship program,
- The Single Board Leadership Team/ One Board Model update from the Nominations and Lay Leadership Team & Pastor Nancy

### **From the Simplified Structure Planning Workbook**

Churches desiring to recruit and equip modern leaders will likely need to shift into the simplified, accountable leadership structure. This is often called a single-board model of governance (although using that terminology can be misleading), in which all the ongoing administrative and strategic functions of leadership are delegated to a **single executive team**. This structure is enabled by the 2016 UMC **Book of Discipline ¶ 247.2**. The duties and responsibilities of the traditional four administrative committees -- finance, personnel (Staff/Pastor Parish Relations), property (Trustees), and administrative board[Church Council] – can be combined into a single governing leadership team. This simplification of your structure allows a streamlined and clear line of accountable leadership:

- The governance responsibilities of fiduciary work (goal assessment, financial and facility oversight, and legal responsibilities), generative work (creativity, teambuilding, new questions) , and strategic work (creating plans for the future) take priority in the lay leadership team's work.
- The management of the day-to-day church should be the responsibility of the pastor and staff (paid and unpaid).
- The laity of the church are equipped for ministry, both short-term teams and longer-term goals.

When leadership moves to the simplified, accountable leadership structure, the church begins to align all its resources to the congregation's mission and unique vision. Those resources include such things as time, energy, people, facility, budget, or calendar.

With a clearly stated purpose and trajectory (the "WHY"), decisions are made with the focus on the church's community mission field, and the congregation's resources (people, facility, and financial) are focused on the church's mission and disciple-making plan. In other words, [T]he strategic work of aligning our church, its members, and its resources toward its purpose of making disciples becomes the sole focus of the governing board.

Policies and guidelines are created to allow permission-giving to ministries and new ideas to ensure both congregational alignment and alignment with the

conference Trajectory. The policies and guiding principles of the congregation become the "traffic guard rails" for the church ministries, keeping the church on the road toward fulfilling its mission. Individual decisions by the board/council on every ministry are no longer required. Monthly presentation and long oral reports certainly are not required. Instead, permission-giving guidelines are provided so decisions are made easily with flexibility without the board/council micromanaging every decision. Whenever decisions are made, the governing board should be asking itself if a new policy or new guiding principle needs to be created.

Some [churches] seek this change in governance because the number of active members does not allow for filling all the disciplinary committees as separate entities. While a simplified structure may help to solve that dilemma, it should never be the ultimate purpose. Fewer people making decisions is not the goal, nor is a new governance architecture a silver bullet. The goal is, and should always be, creating vital congregations that make disciples of Jesus Christ, who make disciples equipped to transform lives, communities and the world. Changing the number of people around the leadership table without also changing the leadership culture and leadership behaviors will only result in an isolated and ineffective board.

Most often, the Leadership Team includes:

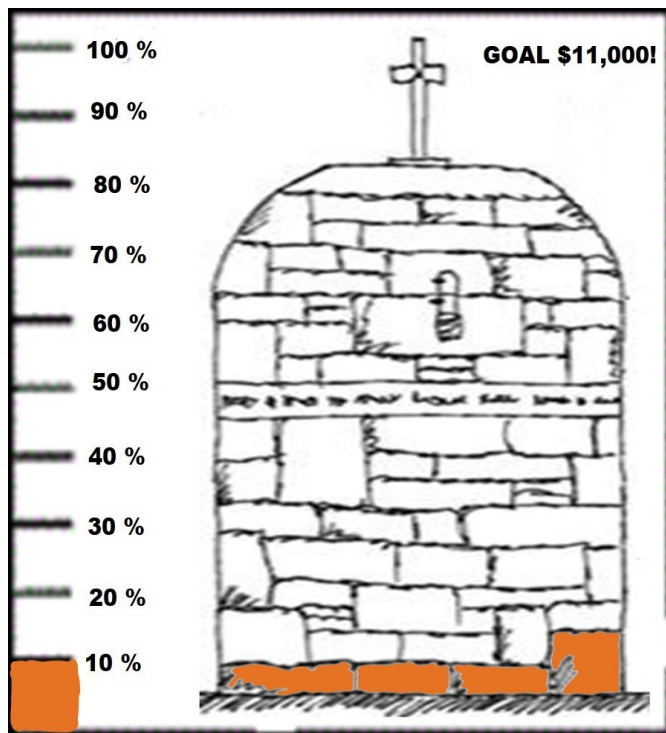
- 9-15 members.
- Members serve a three-year term. The Lay Leader and Lay Delegate are exempt from the three-year term.
- Those around the Leadership Council table may serve in the function of SPRC, Trustees & Finance when specific decisions are needed. In order to meet the maximum number of 9 people per SPRC or Trustees, not all members of the Leadership Council will serve as official SPRC or Trustees designated members but may serve in an advisory capacity. The Nominations Team will serve to help the Leadership Council determine which Council members will serve which specialized roles.
- Even though the re-structuring occurs, ministry teams are still needed and in place. Fewer people on the Board means more people are available to do ministry. Simplifying structure is the combining of the four administrative teams of the Council, Trustees, Finance and SPR Committees. The nurture, outreach, and witnessing ministries continue their disciple-making work.

## Reports

### Trustees

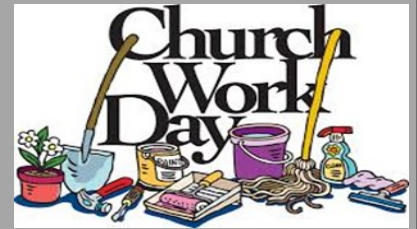
The Trustees continue to seek funds for our Capital Campaign to build a Memorial Garden along the Martin Street side of the Sanctuary. The garden will contain a communal urn for the final resting place of ashes of loved ones. This custom design was approved the Trustees in late 2018. We are grateful for the \$1538 that has already come in! A poster of this design with explanation will be on display in the hallway outside the Sanctuary.

Please talk with Trustees if you have any questions about this project and campaign. The project will begin once we have raised the \$11,000 needed to fund the project. We would love to begin this project in 2020 to offer a final resting place to a number of church members who have died in the last couple of years and their families desire to place their ashes at Trinity. If you would like to donate to this campaign, please memo donations "**TUMC Memorial Garden.**"



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**Save the Date!**  
**Sat., Mar. 28,**  
**9AM - 1PM**  
**Spring Workday!**



### UMC Protocol for a Gracious Separation Update

1. The Protocol released on Jan 3, 2020, *still has to be written into legislation* and introduced to General Conference which begins on May 5 in Minneapolis, MN. General Conference delegates from all over the world will attend and this is the only body that can make official decisions for the UMC. FYI - Bishops are *not* delegates. Delegates are voted upon in the year prior to a regularly scheduled General Conference (e.g., our WNCUMC delegates were voted upon at Annual Conference 2019.).
2. The Protocol and pending legislative allows for a traditional branch of our Methodist Family Tree to separate, retaining their properties and assets. Congregations that stay remain in the UMC.
3. Should the Protocol be the approved plan at General Conference in May, local congregations have 4 years to determine whether or not to separate with the traditional branch. A vote would be required to separate. A vote is *not* required to stay within the UMC. TUMC's Church Council has said it would like to take a full year to discern where we are before making any decisions should the Protocol be passed.

For more information, to read the Protocol and up-to-date UM news, please visit [blueridgedistrictumc.org](http://blueridgedistrictumc.org), [gc2020welcome.org](http://gc2020welcome.org), and [wncumc.org](http://wncumc.org). If you do not have internet access and would like printed copies of recent news and the Protocol, please let Rev. Nancy or Lee Thomas know.

### Complete Minutes

Finance, Trustees and Council meeting minutes are available in respective notebooks in the Church Office. If you would like to read them at the church or get a copy of these or any minutes, please contact the Church.

## Monthly Meetings

**Trustees** ~ Next meeting is **Sun., Feb. 2, 5 PM**, in the Library.

**Finance** ~ Next meeting is **Tue., Feb. 11 (Budget) & (Regular Meeting) Feb.18, 6PM**, in the Library.

**Church Council** ~ Next meeting is **Sun., Feb. 23, 5PM** in the Faith Room (3rd Floor).

**These meetings are open to ALL and YOU are welcome to attend!**



# The Ministry of Generosity

## Finance News

Remember, copies of the **2020 Draft Budget as Mission** and current Financial reports are available on the hall table next to the elevator.

Pledge Cards have totaled \$124,260 as of Jan 28. This leaves us with a \$187,951 gap in order to provide a balanced budget. The Finance Team will be meeting to determine if we need to cut budget items in order to have a balanced budget by the end of February. Your Tithes & Pledges may be updated at any time for any reason by contacting Lee Thomas, Office Administrator.

## How does it work for stock gifts?

**Donating\* appreciated stock** held for at least one year can help a donor avoid costly capital gains taxes while supporting your church!

The United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina, Inc. will liquidate gifts of stock on the church's behalf **at no cost**, sending a check directly to the church in the full amount of the stock gift.

For more information and assistance on making a stock gift to your church, contact Suzanne Matthews Atkins at the Foundation at (704)817-3990 or smatthews@umfwnc.org.

## How does it work for IRA gifts?

### Donors who are:

- Age 70 1/2 or older
- Required to take a minimum distribution (RMD) from an IRA
- Not dependent on their IRA for income
- Desiring a reduction in their taxable income

Can instruct their IRA administrator to direct all or some of their required minimum distribution to your church.\*

The donor reduces their taxable income dollar-for-

dollar of the contribution (up to \$100,000) that goes directly to the church. It's a win-win!

*If the proceeds from the sale of stock or a distribution from an IRA pass through the donor's hands, no matter how briefly, a taxable event will be triggered for them. Be sure the plan administrator (IRA) or broker (stock) sends the gift directly to the church.*

DECEMBER GIVING REPORT	
Budgeted Collections	\$36,548
Actual Collections	\$32,458
DEF.	\$4,090

2019 YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING REPORT	
YTD Budgeted Collections	\$438,580
YTD Actual Collections	\$372,122
DEF.	\$66,458

2019 DECEMBER INCOME & EXPENSES	
DEC. Income	\$32,458
DEC. Expenses	\$38,369
DEF.	\$5,911

2019 YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME & EXPENSES	
YTD Income	\$372,122
YTD Expenses	\$382,023
DEF.	\$9,901

## Ways to Give

- BILL PAY VIA YOUR BANK (FREE IN MOST CASES)**
  - Most banks offer online banking with Bill Pay. If your bank does, you can set up an account to pay "Trinity UMC" via an electronic check. When you set-up Bill Pay, make sure that the check Trinity UMC receives will include YOUR name on it so that we may credit your giving record.
- ON SUNDAYS** - Place a check or cash in the offering plate during worship. If you are making a cash offering and would like to receive contribution credit for tax purposes, please use an offering envelope and include your name and address on it.
- MAIL IN** - If you prefer, you can drop a contribution by the Church Office, 9AM-2 PM, or mail to: 587 Haywood Rd., Asheville, NC, 28806.
- ON-LINE** - You are able to make a secure, one-time or recurring contribution with your debit card, credit card or ACH using a checking or savings account. On our website, trinitywavl.org, click on the upper right-hand link that says "♥ OnLine Giving." There are fees incurred with the online gifts.



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**DEADLINE FOR  
MAR. NEWSLETTER  
FRI., FEB. 21.**

**Morning Prayer Chapel at 9:30AM**  
**Sunday School at 9:45AM**  
**Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45AM**  
**Nursery ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (10AM)**  
**Children & Youth Sunday School ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**  
**(Age 3 - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade) (10AM)**  
**Adult Classes**  
**Faith Class ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Library (10AM)**  
**Koinonia Class ~ 1<sup>st</sup> floor (9:45AM)**  
**Mary Mann Class ~ 1<sup>st</sup> floor (9:45AM)**  
*See page 5 for more information.*

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## *Trinity's Music Corner*

### **Trinity Adult Chancel Choir**

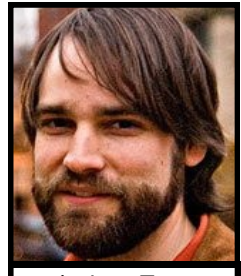
Start the NEW YEAR off with a resolution to SING! Join the CHOIR. We rehearse every **Wednesday** at our regular time of **7 - 8:30 PM**. We hope that you will consider being a part of the church worship and join the choir. We have seats available in every section. There is not an audition, I only ask that you let me know so I can have a folder and music ready for YOU! So if you have questions about the choir or any other music idea, please contact **Lee Thomas** at (828-253-5471, ext. 101).



## *Staff*



Rev. Nancy Dixon  
Walton, Pastor



Andrew Tripp  
Director of Children &  
Youth



Lee Thomas  
Director of Music



Nolan Anthony  
Organist