



March 2019

Trinity Times

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March Highlights

PEACE WORKS

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins **Ash Wednesday, Mar. 6.**

6. Services that day include:

- Ashes to Go (outside the front of church on Haywood Rd sidewalk), 8:30 ~ 10AM
- Midday imposition of Ashes and Prayers, 12:15PM, Sanctuary
- Evening Fellowship Meal & Service, 5:30PM - meal; 6:30PM - Service

Sundays in Lent

During the Sundays of Lent (which aren't counted in the 40 days of Lent!), we'll begin a sermon series on the work of peace that Jesus Christ to which calls us. Here are the scripture readings for each Sunday for you to read and study ahead of each Sunday:

- March 10 - Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 5:9 - "Peace...WORKS!"
- March 17 - Romans 12:18; Luke 7:36-50 - "Hearts of Peace & Getting Out of the Box"
- March 24 - Isaiah 6:1-8 ; Acts 10 (selected verses) - "Hearts at War"
- March 31 - Genesis 1:26-28a; 31; 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 - "Eyes of Peace"
- April 7 - James 3:13-18; Proverbs 13:16-19; Luke 14:15-24 - "A Banquet of Misfits: Giving it Away"

Special music is being prepared for many of these Sundays by the Choir & Trinity Strings. We hope you'll join us and invite a friend, co-worker, and neighbor to consider attending these 5 Sundays.



Safe Sanctuaries Training - Sun., Mar. 17, 1:30-3PM - Fellowship Hall

Trinity is hosting this vital training for area churches as well as our own. This is for all staff and volunteers who haven't gone through the training in the last 3-5 years (WNC Conference standards). We all need this training regularly, including your pastors and staff.

While we train folks who become volunteers at any time (e.g., summer youth programs, new nursery workers), there is benefit to the regular group training. And since it's not every year I want to strongly encourage everyone to make it a priority. Whenever new families come into the church, it is a powerful claim to let them know this is something we do for them. Some volunteers ask **why** they have to keep going through this every so often, and all we have to do is pay attention to news reports about abuse and misconduct within church walls to find our answer. *It's about our baptismal pledge to uphold a safe and loving environment, "resisting evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves."*

In addition to Safe Sanctuaries training for working with children and youth, this session will have components about working with vulnerable adults and utilizing social media safely. Questions, please see Rev. Nancy. Thank you for helping to keep TUMC a safe and welcoming place for all God's children.

Blue Ridge District Conference

Mark your Calendar for Sun., Mar. 3rd!

The Blue Ridge District will host a gathering at First UMC Hendersonville from **1:30-6:30PM** including time for: worship, a 2019 General Conference Recap from Bishop Leeland, celebrating District Staff Debra Luther's retirement and the following Workshops for Leadership Training. (**Rev. Nancy is looking for TUMC folks to attend these three workshops listed below. Please see her to sign up.**)

- **Are we a Safe, Welcoming, and Sacred Place?**

Every church should be welcoming and inviting but also safe, sacred and secure for all who enter. This workshop, led by Ross Robinson, will explore the tension between providing safety and hospitality in and around our church buildings.

- **Checkpoints for Affordable and Sustainable Ministry**

Susan Cothern from the UM Foundation will provide helpful information about resources and approaches to better ensure financial health and sustainable ministries for your congregation.

- **Is Single Governance Structure Right for Us?**

Would you like to have more people **Serving** in ministry than **Sitting** on committees? Church Vitality Strategist, Rev. Rob Parsons, will explore this model as a viable option for churches to maximize laity and clergy

time and efforts to lead the church in ways that foster collaborative communications and free people's time and efforts for ministry.

A special session of our denomination's largest body, the worldwide General Conference, met February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. Due to our newsletter publication date, we are unable to provide a summary here. So we encourage you to visit umc.org to find out more information and plan to attend the Bishop's General Conference follow up address on **Sun., Mar. 3, ~ 1:30 PM** at 1st UMC, Hendersonville.

We'll also give a short recap at our 5th Sunday Fellowship on **Mar. 31** from **10-10:30AM** in the Fellowship Hall.



2019 General Conference
United Methodists Seeking a Way Forward



Sundays ~ Worship and More!

Morning Prayer Chapel at 9:30 AM

Sunday School at 9:45 AM

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 AM

Nursery ~ 2nd floor

Children & Youth Sunday School ~ 2nd floor

(Age 3 - 12th Grade)

Adult Classes

Faith Class ~ 3rd floor

Koinonia Class ~ 1st floor

Mary Mann Class ~ 1st floor

New to Trinity?

**Please ask us for more description
about our educational offerings.**

Children in Worship

Worship takes place in the Sanctuary at 10:55 AM every Sunday morning. Following the Children's Message, children (age 3-3rd 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.

2019 Altar Flowers

Anyone in the church may place flowers on the altar in memory or honor of someone. The standard arrangement costs \$55. 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." **All of March, April 7 & 28, May 5, 19 & 26, all of June, July, August, September 1, 15, 22, 29, all of October & November are OPEN.**



Children & Youth News

Children/Youth Employment

Our Children and Youth Ministry is still looking for a new Youth and Children Assistant (or YACA). The YACA would work Sunday mornings and evenings, helping with Sunday School, Children's Church, and UMYF. If you know anyone that is interested, let Andrew know or have them contact him directly.

Volunteer with Children and Youth

There are many opportunities to help with two of our most important ministries: Children and Youth. Please visit the Youth Google Drive (directions on page) and click on one of the tabs. For example: UMYF - you can sign up to provide a snack supper on Sunday nights or to come be a chaperone/Capture the Flag participant.

You can also see Andrew for more information or to sign up for any of these and other volunteer opportunities.

Children's Aquarium Trip

The older Elementary kids from Trinity are heading to the Georgia Aquarium to spend the night on **Thu., June 20**. This is an amazing experience with a behind the scenes, after-hours tour and the chance to sleep in one of the exhibit spaces (we usually sleep with whale sharks and rays passing by all night). This trip is open to kids going into 3rd Grade through 6th Grade. At least one adult chaperone is needed. The cost of the trip is \$100, though financial assistance is available. Space is limited, so please contact Andrew soon to reserve your spot.

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

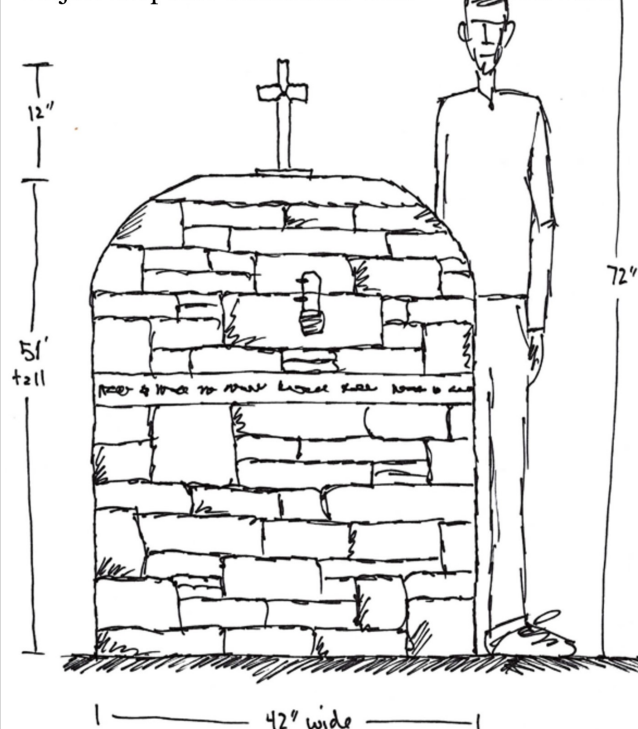
Memorial Garden

Memorial Garden

The Trustees are moving forward with a Memorial Garden that will contain a communal space for the final resting place of ashes of loved ones. Below is a custom design that has been submitted to the Trustees which they have viewed and are considering at the recommendation of the Trustees ad hoc committee overseeing the Memorial Garden. The "communal urn" design is intended to be a significant beginning of the Memorial Garden in which cremains would be secure inside a hand-hewn rock design that would be locked and sealed, thereby avoiding the expense of a fence and keeping the garden area on the Martin Street side of the

Project Proposal: Communal Urn:

Revised 21 September 2018



This is a revised design for a communal urn. Though similar in form to the first design, there are some significant changes to the piece.
The base has been removed, so that the sides continue down into the ground without any change to the profile.
The cap is a single piece of stone, that is flat and allows for a sculptural piece- a cross created by a member of the congregation.
Not shown in these sketches: the concrete footing that supports the piece will be a donut- open in the middle. This allows for the ashes to make contact with the Earth.

Midway up the main body of the urn there is a single piece of stone that is inscribed with a quote or verse that speaks to the cycle of life and the passage from one place into the next. I consulted with the engravers I like to work with; they expect that we would be able to fit about 97 letters on the perimeter of that stone. That should serve as a general guide to choosing a phrase or quote. I would be inclined to err on the lower side of that number as you search for a suitable saying.

As drawn, the urn would cost \$5500 to make and install.
Design ©2018 Marc Archambault

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sanctuary open to the public for meditation. Here is a rendering of the design (all hand-hewn stone and a circular stone with a scripture) from local stone artist Marc Archambault of Hammerhead Stoneworks: (the person drawn is 6' to offer perspective). The proposed cost is \$5500 and will have longevity for those desiring cremation and their cremains to be placed on the Trinity grounds.

Church Life

5 Minute Yoga



We'll practice a few exercises for the eyes.

- Sit tall in your chair, with your feet on the floor, back straight, shoulders down and away from your ears.
- Look directly in front of you, and without moving your head, look to the upper right corner of the room. Take 3 breaths here, then take your gaze back to center.
- Next, take your gaze to the upper left corner of the room. Take 3 breaths before taking your gaze back to center.
- Shut your eyes and rest them for a few seconds.
- Next, open your eyes and look forward. Then take the gaze to the lower right corner of the room and take 3 breaths. Then take your gaze back to center, then gaze to the lower left corner of the room. Take 3 breaths before returning your gaze to center.
- Shut your eyes and rest them for a few seconds.
- Next, raise your hand in front of your nose, about a foot away. Keep your eyes on your hand as you bring the hand closer to your face, then take the hand away from the face. Repeat this action a couple more times, and remember to breathe normally.
- Shut your eyes and rest them for a few seconds.
- Next, keeping your face still, imagine a clock face, and slowly take your gaze to each hour around that clock face. Pause as the 12 hour, and then go in the opposite direction.
- Shut your eyes and rest them for a few seconds.

Smile and praise God for all His blessings in your life.

Andrea Davis and Mildred Dixon invite you to the Thursday evening yoga class, which meets on the third floor of the main church building from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. We hope to see you soon. There is no cost for this lovely hour together, but any donations are given to The Haywood Street Congregation.

United Methodist Women

The UMW will meet on **Mon., Mar. 11 at 10:30 AM** in the Koinonia classroom. If you would like to be a part of this group and want more information, please contact Kay Cooke (828-633-1098).

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast and fellowship on **Sun., Mar. 17 at 8 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Keith Clark (828-484-8950) for the UMM if you would like more information or to get involved with this ministry.

Pastoral Care Team

We are grateful to announce that we have revived our Pastoral Care/Visitation Team! These folks meet 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 know of someone who would like a visit, please let Rev. Nancy know.

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.

Book Group

We will finish reading Kate Bowler's *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved* on **Mar. 6**.

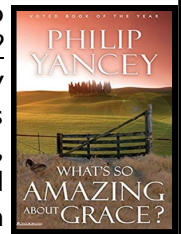
Beginning **Mar. 13**, we'll begin Phillip Yancey's *What's So Amazing About Grace?*

Award-winning author Phillip Yancey explores grace at street level. If grace is God's love for the undeserving, he asks, then what does it look like in action? And if Christians are its sole dispensers, then how are we doing at lavishing grace on a world that knows far more of cruelty and unforgiveness than it does of mercy?

Yancey sets grace in the midst of life's stark images, tests its mettle against horrific "ungrace." Can grace survive in the midst of such atrocities as the Nazi holocaust? Can it triumph over the brutality of the Ku Klux Klan? Should any grace at all be shown to the likes of Jeffrey Dahmer, who killed and cannibalized seventeen young men?

Grace does not excuse sin, says Yancey, but it treasures the sinner. True grace is shocking, scandalous. It shakes our conventions with its insistence on getting close to sinners and touching them with mercy and hope. It forgives the unfaithful spouse, the racist, the child abuser. It loves today's AIDS-ridden addict as much as the tax collector of Jesus' day. This is a wonderful, accessible book. Consider joining us on Wednesdays at 11AM in the Church Library. Here's the tentative schedule of readings for March:

- Mar. 6 - last chapter of *Everything Happens...*
- Mar. 13 - Yancey's *What's So Amazing About Grace?* Chapters 1-3
- Mar. 20 - Yancey, Chapters 4-5
- Mar. 27 - Yancey, Chapters 6-8



Sunday Happenings

Attendance Pads

Did you know that when you sign the Registration & Attendance pad, it helps us collect important data for our church statistics, including the average worship attendance? FYI - having just completed our 2018 statistics, our average worship attendance (often referred to as AWA) was 119 and our average Sunday School attendance was 50. Other 2018 "fun fact stats": 8 baptisms, 14 new members received, 10 deaths, 409 professing members on our rolls (218 women, 191 men), 35 baptized (formerly called "preparatory" members still to become professing), 40 constituents ("friends" of TUMC who attend regularly but have not made official membership). Let us know if you'd like a full report!

In addition to attendance, we are also asking you to help us keep track of any volunteer hours you offer to the community or through Trinity, as that data helps us with grant applications.

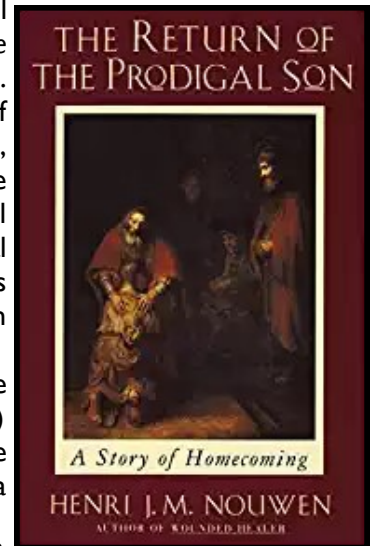
Sunday Morning Van Drivers

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.

hospitality, counting the cost, reaching the lost, and salvation for all people, and include readings from Deuteronomy 6:1-9 | Joshua 24:1-3, 13-15, 21-24 | Psalm 103:1-17, 21-22 | Luke 1:26-31; 2:22, 25-35 | Matthew 25:31-46. The Sprinkle-Bagwell Class has decided to participate in the other three classes for the time being.

The **Faith Class** will finish Nouwen's book *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. The themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation have made for powerful conversations. This final section of readings focuses on the role of the Father in the parable:

- March 3 - Ch 8 (The Father Welcomes Home)
- March 10 - Ch 9 (The Father Calls for a Celebration)
- March 17 - Conclusion & Epilogue (Rembrandt & the Father)
- March 24 - Final thoughts & conversation



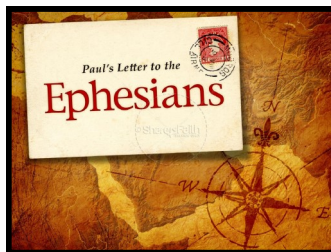
Grab some coffee downstairs in the Fellowship Hall and then join us on Sunday mornings on the 3rd floor at **10 AM**.

Adult Sunday Schools

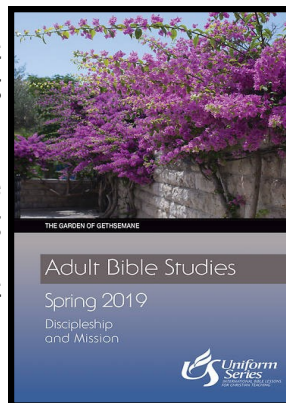
Christian Formation on Sundays

Trinity has a lively program for adults on Sunday mornings:

The **Koinonia Class** is carefully working their way through scripture. In March, they'll be studying the Book of Ephesians with a focus on the early church and how it applies today.



The **Mary Mann Class** follows the Cokebury's Adult Bible Study Series. This spring series presents readings following the theme "Discipleship and Mission." The first four lessons of the spring unit, "Call to Discipleship" highlight several aspects of what it means to be called by Jesus as a disciple. They include



Fifth Sunday

It's a **5th Sunday** on **Mar. 31**, and we invite all Sunday School classes to attend short recap/ Q & A of General Conference 2019 news at our **5th Sunday Fellowship** from **9:45-10:30AM** in the Fellowship Hall. We'll have some snacks, hymn requests to begin before the General Conference updates.

Passages

Condolences

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



Magda Clara Bujdoso (28 Apr 1936 – 19 Feb 2019) from Newark, OH. She is the mother of **Laszlo Bujdoso**. A service will be held at a later date in Lisbon, OH. Brucker & Kishler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.brucker-kishlerfuneralhome.com.

Gratitude

Dear Trinity “Church Family,” I thank all of you so much for the beautiful, meaningful cards sent to me. They are not destroyed. I take them to Meals on Wheels and they are put on the baskets that are taken to the shut-ins – they all love the cards – I give all my cards to them. Thanks again to all of you. God Bless you. **Dottie Burton**

To all who helped with the Soup Bowl and Ministry Fair! We are grateful for your participation and support of the youth as well as the 7 ministry areas of Trinity - Worship, Christian Formation, Pastoral Care, Fellowship & Nurture, Mission & Outreach, Membership Development/ Community Engagement, & Administrative Ministry.

All who helped host our Interfaith Gathering on Feb. 10 with Imam Latif.

Laurie & Laszlo Bujdoso for hosting our February Sabbath Meal & Winter Picnic!

To the J. D. Howell Mission Fund for providing \$500 to Bennett College, in Greensboro, NC, one of our United Methodist-Related Historically Black Colleges for women of color for more than 100 years. Due to severe financial difficulties, Bennett College is in danger of losing its accreditation. The Board of Trustees are working to assure a sustainable plan for Bennett’s future, and they need our continued financial support in order to fulfill this plan. In February, Bishop Leeland invited all church in the Conference to celebrate the 100 years of Women’s Suffrage and the passing of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution by receiving a second mile offering for Bennett College which has committed itself to a vision of producing phenomenal women scholars and global leaders.

Trustee Updates

Church-Wide Workday

Sat., Mar. 30, 9AM - Noon - PLEASE attend if you are able. There will be many different jobs and ways to assist, inside and out.

HVAC Capital Campaign

Help TUMC complete the **Capital Campaign** that began almost a year ago, to provide new ductless HVACs to our rooms in need of AC and Heat (when the boiler isn’t on). With just a little over \$16,000 left, we need your help to complete this campaign before Memorial Day! We believe you’ll find these new units are a wonderful addition, especially this summer. But let’s pay this off before summer arrives! Consider offering a tithe of a tax refund, a part of a required minimum distribution of an IRA (RMD), or providing an additional monthly gift. Your financial advisor is often able to help make this happen - please have them contact our church office for more information to make this specific gift. Thank you to so many of you who have already given generously and sacrificially - every bit helps.

TUMC cards are available for sale in the church office. All monies received support the HVAC Capital Campaign (thanks to the generous donors who made the cards!).

Window Unit AC’s For Sale

Since the new HVAC installs, we have about 5 window units that are available! All we ask is a donation back to the Capital Campaign fund to help pay off that debt. Please see Darryl Parker.

Support

Dementia Support Group

Co-led by TUMC members Vernon & Joyce Robinson, will continue to gather at **6PM** in the Church Library on **Mon., Mar. 11** and **Mar. 25**. 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].





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>Weekly Sunday Schedule</u> 9:45 AM Sunday School (Various Locations) 10:55 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/Sprinkle- Bagwell Class AR-Annex Room CR-Children's Room N-Nursery MR-Choir Room	<u>3rd Floor</u> FC-Faith Class YR-Yoga C-Chapel Y-Youth Room <u>Education Bldg</u> SR-Scout Room	1 11 AM Tai Chi (FH) 7 PM AA (FH)	2
3 Communion Sunday 9 AM Pritchard Park Breakfast (OC) 5 PM Trustees (L) 5:30 PM Pancake Dinner & Trinity's Got Talent Show (FH)	4 9 AM Counters (O) 7 PM AA (FH)	5 11 AM Staff Meeting (O) 7:15 PM Handbells (MR)	6 8:30AM Ashes 2 Go 11 AM Book Group (L) 12:15 PM Ash Wed Service (S) 5:30 PM Ash Wed Meal & Service (FH) 7 PM Adult Choir (MR)	7 12:30 PM Mary Mann Potluck (FH) 6 PM Yoga (YR) 6 PM Cub Scouts (SR)	8 11 AM Tai Chi (FH) 7 PM AA (FH)	9
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17 Red Wagon Sunday 8 AM UMM Breakfast (FH) 1:30 PM Safe Sanctuary Training (FH) 5 PM UMYF (FH) 5 PM Lenten Small Group (L)	18 9 AM Counters (O) 7 PM AA (SR)	19 11 AM Staff Meeting (O) 6 PM Finance Committee (L) 7:15 PM Handbells (MR)	20 11 AM Book Group (L) 5:30 PM Lenten Small Group & Meal (FH) 6 PM Children's Choir (MR) 7 PM Adult Choir (MR)	21 6 PM Yoga (YR) 6 PM Cub Scouts (SR)	22 Newsletter Deadline 11 AM Tai Chi (FH) 7PM AA (FH)	23
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31 5 PM UMYF (FH) 5 PM Lenten Small Group (L)						

Serving in March 2019

Acolytes

Coordinators: Celia & Sean Clark

The following children will be serving our congregation this month:

- Mar. 03: Stella & Romolo DiLoreti
 Mar. 10: Hazel Pharr & Ryder Brickey
 Mar. 17: Hazel & Emory Capp
 Mar. 24: Fiona Ruch & Caroline Pruet
 Mar. 31: Solomon & Julian Eckley

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.

- Mar. 03: Darryl Parker (281-3231)
 Mar. 10: Jim Helms (253-0180)
 Mar. 17: Ted Meadows (254-8496)
 Mar. 24: Ted Meadows (254-8496)
 Mar. 31: Darryl Parker (281-3231)

Monday Counters

- Mar. 04: Linda Parham & Cheryl Samoville
 Mar. 11: Diane Hall & Peggy Weaver
 Mar. 18: Maxine Schrader & Don Hall
 Mar. 25: Betty Mull & Norma Scholtz

Communion Servers

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

- Mar. 03: Jessica Tripp & Matt Leggat

Ushers

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

- Mar. 03: Dottie Burton & Glenn May
 Mar. 10: Charlie Weaver & Keith Clark
 Mar. 17: Terry & Caroline Levi
 Mar. 24: Darryl Parker & Don Hall
 Mar. 31: Trinity Youth

Directory Updates

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Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

- Mar. 01 Pam M. Fortner
 Mar. 04 Jill Clark
 Mar. 04 Evan Kinney
 Mar. 05 Ellie Klingel
 Mar. 06 Jolene Brookshire
 Mar. 07 Oris Crout
 Mar. 07 Paul Sprouse
 Mar. 11 Janice Nelson
 Mar. 12 Libby Davis
 Mar. 13 Dottie Burton
 Mar. 15 Beverly Fontaine
 Mar. 15 Benjamin Pruet

- Mar. 16 Elizabeth Harwell
 Mar. 17 Joey Reinhart
 Mar. 18 Peggy Weaver
 Mar. 20 Fiona Ruch
 Mar. 21 Robert Harrison
 Mar. 22 Cathy Haddock
 Mar. 22 Chris Ellis
 Mar. 23 Betty Mull
 Mar. 25 Glenn Waldroup
 Mar. 27 Diane Hall
 Mar. 27 Elizabeth Allan
 Mar. 27 Isaac Hertzinger
 Mar. 28 Sonja Mann

- Mar. 29 Lee Thomas
 Mar. 29 Elizabeth Ward Peavy
 Mar. 30 Linda Hardy
 Mar. 31 Billie Corpening
 Mar. 31 Nate Durham
 Mar. 31 Emory Capp

Happy Anniversary to:

- Mar. 03 Vernon & Joyce Robinson
 Mar. 12 Tom & Mary Ann Patelidas
 Mar. 23 Larry & Norma Scholtz

Monthly Meetings

Trustees ~ Next meeting is **Sun., Mar. 3, 5 PM**, in the Library.

Finance ~ Next meeting is **Tue., Mar. 19, 6 PM**, in the Library. All are welcome to attend!

Church Council ~ Next meeting is **Sun., Apr. 28**, after worship on in the Library. Please send any agenda items to Chair, Caroline Levi.

Outreach News

Pritchard Park Breakfast

TUMC will feed the homeless at Pritchard Park on **Sun., Mar. 3 at 9 AM**. If you would like to donate food, money to buy food, and/or serve breakfast the day of the event, contact Keith Clark at 484-8950. Food purchased for the breakfast must be delivered to the church by **1:30 PM Thu., Feb. 28**.



Red Wagon

For the month of **March**, we will non-prescriptive reading glasses, regular size bottles of shampoo and body wash, regular size deodorant (please no travel sizes) for Haywood Street Respite program. Remember you can bring donations to the church anytime during the week. However on the third Sunday (**Red Wagon Sunday, Mar. 17**), 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 helped with the collection of snacks for Hall Fletcher Elementary & Asheville Middle Schools.

Room in the Inn

Drivers Needed! We have an urgent need for drivers to move mattresses each Sunday. This task takes approximately 1 ½ hours. If we can't add to our volunteer pool, then we will lose this valuable service. Please let us know if you would be willing to drive the truck. For more information please. Contact Sharon Blythe, Room in the Inn Director, sharon@homewardboundwnc.org.

ABCCM - URGENT NEEDS

Steadfast House

At Steadfast House, folks are needed who will just rock babies and those that will enrich children's lives for an hour or two with pre-planned activities. The Veterans' Restoration Quarters and Steadfast House need teachers who will lead not only Bible studies, but classes around life skills. Those life skills can be anything from how to buy a car, to how to manage to a checkbook, or how to manage their emotions, or develop better communication skills in their personal life. Email volunteer@abccm.org to start your volunteer experience!

Veterans' Restoration Quarters (VRQ)

- thermal underwear (tops + bottoms - 2XL, 3XL &

bottoms only - L, XL), sweat pants and sweat shirts: (2XL, 3XL, 4XL), heavy coats: (3XL, 4XL), men's new undershirts: (3XL, 4XL), new / lightly used work boots

Downtown Crisis Ministry

Pantry items:

- Fresh fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, grits, dry milk, vegetable oil, margarine, butter, soups, frozen meats, microwave frozen meals, vegetables (canned), fruits (canned), eco friendly plates (small and large), cups (8oz), spoons, forks.

Clothing:

- Warm winter clothing, blankets, comfortable shoes

Hominy Valley Crisis Center

Pantry items:

- Canned: soup, vegetables, beans, fruit, and peanut butter.

Clothing:

- men's clothing, jackets, blankets

Medical Ministry

- black "click" pens, sticky notes (a variety of basic sizes), automatic blood pressure cuffs in good working order; larger sizes especially needed, apple juice boxes, nutritious packable snacks (ie, gold fish or other cracker snack, granola bars, cracker sandwich packs)

Haywood Street

- **Respite Meals** - Haywood Street Respite is a safe place for eight homeless adults at a time to rest, get three meals a day, and be helped in other ways to "get back on their feet" following discharge from the hospital. It is short-term care in a home-like setting for folks who are too ill or frail to recover on the streets after surgery or acute illness. Provide an evening meal for our friends in Respite. We invite you to stay and eat and be in relationship with our community. If you'd like to offer meals for this program, please contact Julie Ruch, 828-450-9081, julietherook@gmail.com.

- Clothing donations intended for **God's Outfitters** can be taken directly to the closet on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 10 – 12 AM, or dropped in one of our off-site clothing donation bins. (Bins at Biltmore UMC, 376 Hendersonville Rd. 28803 and Grace Covenant Presb. 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!!

More March Highlights

Lenten Small Groups

Two new seasonal small groups will be available to assist you on your Lenten Journey - Sundays, **5 PM**, and Wednesdays, **5:30 PM** (with a simple meal on Wednesdays prior to Choir practice).

I Love to Tell the Story ~ Lent Study on Sundays 5 - 7 PM, March 17 - April 14

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Storytelling is in our DNA, it is how we understand our world and the interweaving relationships within it. Through story we give life to our past, meaning to our present, and hope for our future. Our Holy Scriptures bears witness to a people's intimate interactions with the Divine and how the story of God's glory, love, and salvation can transform lives. In this Lenten Study, we will explore the significance of story for the community of faith and develop skills that will help us to articulate and share God's transformative love in our lives. In this Lenten Study, we will explore the significance of story for the community of faith, discover how our personal stories are interwoven with God's story told throughout scripture, and develop skills that will help us to articulate and share God's transformative love in our lives by sharing our stories.

The **Wednesday Lenten Group** will hold conversation following up on themes from the Sunday sermon, a series called PeaceWorks and the vital task Jesus calls us to - making peace in the Kingdom of God on earth.

Trinity's Got Talent! Mardi Gras Variety Show and Pancake Supper!

Sun., Mar. 3 from **5:30-7 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Start practicing a short comedy sketch, a skit, a musical act, dramatic reading, and get ready to share in the gifts of our church family! Acts should be no longer than 4 minutes and you need to sign up through Lee Thomas in the church office. We are looking for **4 more acts** total and a LIVE audience to enjoy those courageous souls who will share with us! If you'd be willing to help with the making of pancakes, please see Rev. Nancy Walton, Lindsay Pharr, or Sarah Pruet.

Two Senior Recitals

Fri., Mar. 8 at **7 PM**
Senior Piano Recital by Nolan Anthony will be held at Fletcher United Methodist Church at 50 Library Rd, Fletcher, NC. 28732



Sun., May 5 at **4 PM** Senior Organ Recital by Nolan Anthony will be held at The Cathedral of All Souls, at 9 Swan St, Asheville, NC 28803

Service Trip to Eastern NC w/ UNCA Wesley Foundation

March 9 - 13 ~ Join us as we partner with the Rev. Jessica Dayson and the students of UNCA's Wesley Foundation to serve our brothers and sisters affected by storms in Eastern NC.

We will be coordinating with the NCC Disaster Relief, the North Carolina Conferences organizer for UMCOR, lodging will be provided at Wesley Memorial UMC's (Wilmington) mission house, and all tools and materials will be provided. We will make

This service trip will be multigenerational and will have opportunities for anyone interested to participate. Specific locations of work sites and projects will be communicated closer to our departure date. This is because the NCC Disaster Relief's progress on projects will determine what our work will be.

The fee for the trip will be \$50 per person. We will be preparing our meals each day, so the only cost of the trip will be for food. If you are interested in the mission trip or have questions for financial assistance, please contact Pastor Darryl Dayson for more information.

The Ministry of Generosity

For 2018, spending exceeded revenue by around \$10,000, which is the smallest deficit in the past 5 years, so we are moving in a positive direction. Finance Chair Cathi Durham expressed thanks to the church staff for their hard work in keeping expenditures down.

We still need around \$17,000 to pay off the funds borrowed from the J. D. Howell fund for the Capital Campaign.

Trinity received a donation of stock which was immediately sold in accordance with the wishes of the donor. We need a policy so we will be confident on how to deal with future gifts of stock.

Finance approved having fund raisers to raise money for the Membership Development speakers, to pay an honorarium and travel expenses. We will need \$1500 for the next two scheduled events.

Mildred Dixon has volunteered to do an internal audit of our main account, and has proposed that this be done on an annual basis.

To date we have received 52 Estimate of Giving Cards totaling \$237,526 for our 2019 pledge campaign, **“Just One Step.”** Our goal was 60 units. This has enabled us to increase the 2019 budget a bit. If you have not **made that step**, you can still do so, see Rev. Nancy or the church office.

Remember, copies of the current Financial reports are available on the hall table under the television.

February Giving Report

Budget Collections	\$36,548
Actual Collections	\$37,963
Surplus	\$1,415

February 2019 Income & Expenses

Feb. Income	\$37,963
Feb. Expenses	\$31,184
Surplus	\$6,779

Year-to-Date 2019 Income & Expenses

YTD Income	\$73,244
YTD Expenses	\$55,173
Surplus	\$18,071

2019 Giving Report

You may present your tithes and offerings by four easy ways:

1. **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.
2. **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.”
3. **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.

4. **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.

Did you know that Trinity is able to receive **Gifts of Securities?** Consider gifting appreciated securities, such as stocks. Your gift of appreciated securities can provide you with significant tax and financial benefits, such as bypassing capital gains taxes and providing a valuable income tax deduction. Consult your tax advisor. If you need further assistance on making this kind of contribution, contact our church office who will direct you to our UM Conference Foundation Office, whose job it is to help the local churches in this area.



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CHURCH WISH LIST

- **Utility storage shelving for our storage rooms (and some volunteers to help organize our storage areas especially upstairs!)**
- **Landscaping funds for area between church and education building (to replace dying holly trees).**

**Electronic Service
Requested**

Trinity's Music Corner

Trinity Adult Choir

How about giving the adult chancel choir a try! 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! Thanks.



Handbells

Handbells rehearse **Tuesday evenings** from **7:15 to 8:30 PM** in the choir room. We always welcome new ringers. If you are interested in giving it a try, please contact Nolan or Debra Anthony (828-778-6544).



Trinity T-Shirts

T-Shirts Are Still Available

T-Shirts are still available and make a great stocking stuffer!

The picture shows the front of the t-shirt, which is a heathered eggplant color and is a super-soft material! \$15 each or 2 for \$25. See Lee in the Church Office during the week or a member of the Membership Development Committee on Sundays (Mark Locklear, Cathi Durham, Phillip Gibson). Cash in envelopes marked "t-shirt" or checks payable to TUMC with memo "t-shirt."



Sizes still available: Large, X-Large and 2X-Large.