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REOPENING GUIDELINES (APPROVED BY TLC 06-23-20)

Dear TUMC Members and Friends,

It has been three months since we last gathered together, and many of us have spent these months imagining what it will be like when we are back in the church building and worshiping in person. We now recognize that returning to church will have to happen in phases. What future we will find ourselves in depends not only on the behavior of the virus, but on the actions of people – as individuals, churches, communities, and governments. The way forward will not be a matter of following a timetable, but of faithfully discerning the progress of the pandemic, and responding accordingly.

Please understand: for at least the next year, we anticipate our lives to be shaped by the timeline set by COVID-19. We face difficult choices between conflicting needs and imperatives. If we don't continue our efforts to contain the virus, a new wave of infections and deaths will cause further damage, and we will lose what we've gained from the measures we've already taken. And if we push the envelope too far by reopening our buildings and resuming gatherings prematurely, we put the health of our members at risk.

We pray for a spirit of discernment, for wisdom, and patience. We pray for researchers and medical professionals; for the planners; for the ill and recovering; for essential workers; for those who have lost or at risk of losing businesses and jobs; for those grieving and struggling with the weightiness of these times.

TUMC's Trinity Leadership Council (hereafter "TLC") has discussed recommendations for how to gradually reopen TUMC's building with the help of volunteers on the Healthy Church Team.

HOW WILL WE KNOW WHEN TO RETURN TO TUMC'S BUILDING?

We will continue to follow the guidance of the state of North Carolina, the CDC, and the WNC Annual Conference. Our primary concern is the ongoing safety of our community. We will always err on the side of safety and caution when faced with multiple guidelines.

Churches are unique because being "open" for us is different than for a store or other businesses: we have large groups of people that come into the building, sit

close together to talk, and spend 1-3 hours in a room at a time. It is different from an office where everyone is in separate spaces or from a store where people come and leave quickly. Opening the building means being able to handle the volume of cleaning needed, follow social distancing protocols, and provide masks and sanitizer for all who need it. We know this means reopening the building in multiple stages.

Here are some of the questions we are asking as we evaluate what each stage of reopening looks like:

- How will we maintain social distance while entering and exiting buildings, using bathrooms, worshiping, and greeting one another?
- In early phases of reopening, how will we cap attendance at events so that members of the community can join and so we don't exceed guidelines?
- How many people can our worship space hold if we are worshiping in family groups sitting 6 feet apart?
- How will we ensure sanitation and disinfection in regards to communal spaces? This includes: worship bulletin disposal, hymnals, areas where small groups meet, nursery and church school classrooms, pews and chairs, doorknobs, bathrooms, kitchen, other areas that people touch. Is there ample access to purchase additional cleaning supplies?
- What safety precautions such as masks, sanitizer, and cleaning supplies do we need to provide? Who is responsible for maintaining the supply of these and how do we ensure their use is enforced?
- If someone contracts COVID-19 or test positive for SARS-CoV-2, how will we communicate with our congregation and members who may have come into contact with that individual while maintaining privacy and pastoral care?

SUNDAY WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Even as the building slowly begins reopening, we will continue to worship online using Zoom, Facebook and our website. We will do so until it is safe to have 100+ people in one space together, with safety and social distancing precautions in place. We know that some of our most beloved worship practices (singing, communion, coffee hour and/ or fellowship time) are not recommended even when small groups are initially able to gather. For that reason, we will continue to worship

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online for Sunday mornings.

As the building slowly reopens Pastor Nancy Walton, Lee Thomas, Andrew Tripp, Nolan Anthony, and additional worship participants such as liturgists, and special musicians will continue recording worship and/ or offering and assisting in live worship. These worship segments are combined by Andrew Tripp and Lee Thomas with the help of Mark Locklear. We lament that our adult and children's choirs will not be able to meet in person for quite a while, but are heartened by the creativity of our staff and lay leadership to create our online worship.

ONLINE WORSHIP

It has become abundantly clear that having TUMC's worship services available online is a ministry of accessibility and outreach. We are committed to continuing to offer an online worship option in an ongoing manner, both live streaming and recording and publishing Sunday morning worship services each week. Before moving back to live worship in the sanctuary we will finalize a plan that includes accessing services online in perpetuity.

WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

We will evaluate how we conduct weddings and funerals as the need arises depending on the safety recommendations of the moment. We will work with families to create a plan that honors their loved one, honors their grieving process, and keeps everyone safe. We have ideas and wisdom about how to have online memorial services or visitation should a family not wish to postpone their service.

BUILDING RENTALS AND SUPPORT GROUPS

We will not open up the building to rentals and support groups until: 1) we are in a phase that can support the size of their group, 2) they can ensure they will follow social distancing and safety guidelines, and 3) we can keep up with the demand for sanitizing spaces when they are done. Our TLC (via our Office Administrator) will communicate with our outside groups about meeting requirements and timelines for reopening.

WHAT WILL REOPENING LOOK LIKE?

For a congregation our size, reopening will happen in several phases.

- The timeline will not be linear. As we have just learned in NC, there will be times when we either remain in a certain phase or return to earlier, stricter, phases, before opening back up for a second or third time. We have to be flexible in adapting to the guidelines, and we will continue to clearly communicate how to participate in church ministry at every step of the way.
- **Wearing masks protects those around you. As**

of June 25, 2020, this is now the Law in North Carolina for public gatherings. The TLC asks everyone to wear a mask no matter the size or location of the gathering. We do not consider masks to be optional for any persons over 2 years old, including office staff when in common work areas.

PHASE ONE

Proposed July 1 - August 8 (as long as meets with state & WNCUMC guidelines)

This Phase will occur as long as there are continuing declining case counts, improved availability of testing, improved contact tracing and no PPE shortages.

Phase One will include:

1. Access to the church by members & friends for **small group gatherings of 10 or less.**
2. No support groups will gather inside the church during this phase. They may be granted permission to use the playground but no bathroom access.
3. Access to church for key staff members who manage the day to day operations
 - a. All staff members will maintain social distancing, and will wear masks and disinfect surfaces per CDC guidelines when sharing common spaces.
 - b. Committees may meet in person as long as they follow the 10 person or less rule and follow all protocol for sign-in, mask wearing, and cleaning surfaces. Online options will continue to be provided for all committees.
4. Scheduling time in the building.
 - a. All groups 10 or less should schedule their time with the Office Administrator in order to ensure building capacity of 10 or less (not including staff in other parts of the building).
5. Volunteers
 - a. Volunteers (counters, worship assistants, Summer Lunch Program volunteers, Children & Youth parents helping with small group ministry) will have access to the church for their service & ministry use of the bathroom and should maintain social distancing, wear a mask, and use provided wipes to clean handles and surfaces they come in contact with.
6. Sign-in's for screening & contact tracing
 - a. All volunteers & staff will sign in and conduct their own health screening (including temperature check) upon entering the building. People are encouraged to bring their own masks; TUMC will supply masks for anyone who does not have one.



- before returning. 17.5%
- It may be quite a while before I/we return.....40%
- Not sure..... 22.5%

When the United Methodist Conference lifts its restrictions against in-person worship, which of the following would you prefer for Trinity?

- Resume in person worship services at Trinity immediately. 15%
- Wait to see what happens when public gatherings resume..... 57.5%
- Not sure.....20%
- I do not see returning to be safe.
- The medical community says the rate is still increasing. 5%
- Phased approach.2.5%

When we are able to resume in-person worship, and you are still going to participate from home, Do you have a preference of online platforms/how you watch it?

- Zoom (Fellowship Time and seeing one another's faces is important to me.) 48.3%
- Zoom (Fellowship Time and seeing one another's faces is not as important to me.)..... 13.8%
- Zoom (Because I do not utilize Facebook or YouTube.) 10%
- Facebook 20.7%
- YouTube 7.20%

When we are able to resume in-person worship, how important is it to you that Trinity maintains an online worship experience comparable to what has been developed while we could not meet?

- Very important..... 47.5%
- Somewhat important 27.5%
- Not that important but I/we would like an online option 17.5%
- Not important7.5%

In addition to guidance from the United Methodist Conference, are there other signals you would want to see before you attend a worship service at church? Select all that apply.

- Stay-at-home orders have been lifted..... 18 (45%)
- Other public gatherings have resumed (concerts, theaters, sports)21 (52.5%)
- An effective treatment for COVID-19 is widely available 15 (37.5%)

- A vaccine for COVID-19 is widely available 10 (25%)
- I don't know if I will ever feel comfortable at public gatherings6 (15%)

Other: (Write-ins)

- When Buncombe's numbers go down 1 (2.5%)
- I need church 1 (2.5%)
- It is clear case numbers are going down 1 (2.5%)

What precautions, if any, do you plan to take when you return to a worship service? Select all that apply.

- I will wear a face mask 31 (77.5%)
- I will stand/sit at least 6ft from others 29 (72.5%)
- I will avoid physical contact 27 (67.5%)
- I will avoid crowded hallways 25 (62.5%)
- I will bring and use hand sanitizer 24 (60%)

Other: (Write-ins)

- I can't see the staff being able to manage the church properly. 2 (5%)
- Will not attend at all. 1 (2.5%)

What precautions, if any, do you expect our church to take for returning to our building (for small groups and/ or worship gatherings)? Select all that apply.

- Require face masks be worn 33 (82.5%)
- Do health screenings at entrance..... 14 (35%)
- Limit handouts or materials of any kind 26 (65%)
- Not celebrate communion at this time..... 12 (30%)
- Use individual, no-touch method for communion 29 (72.5%)
- Use a new method for collecting offerings 21 (52.5%)
- Require social distancing in sanctuary seating 32 (80%)
- Prop doors open to not have to touch handles 27 (67.5%)
- Provide hand sanitizer stations 22 (55%)
- Have sign-in for contact tracing purposes .. 16 (40%)

Other: (Write-ins)

- Play music instead of sing 3 (7.5%)
- Temp check 1 (2.5%)
- Will not attend 1 (2.5%)
- Probably no choir for now 1 (2.5%)
- Don't pass peace until vaccine is available..... 1 (2.5%)

Trinity United Methodist, where she was a member since 1946. She was Treasurer of the Lee H. Edwards class of '43 which continued to have reunions well into the 2000's.

Hazel had many titles over her lifetime, but the one she loved the most was "Grandmother". From family beach trips to having help in her kitchen, to attending school functions and sporting events, or just having sleepovers, she relished it all.

Hazel was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, and her son Bobby. She is survived by her son, John Lee (Rebecca) of Asheville; daughter-in-law, Robin Hensley (George) of Russellville, TN; grandchildren, Troy, Isaac, Ian (Erica), Elizabeth (Jared), and John; and great-grandchildren, Tyron, Kendra, Laken, and Austin.

The family would like to thank the staff at Aston Park for their continued care over the last seven years.

An outdoor service at 10AM was held on Sat., June 13 on the lawn at Trinity United Methodist Church. Since gathering in these times is difficult, Hazel's family would like to encourage you to honor her memory by doing the things she loved most, while remembering and celebrating her kindness, love, and devotion to others: make a pan of brownies and deliver to a friend, enjoy a plate of peanut butter crackers and a "classic coke", or simply take a 2 mile walk around your neighborhood.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to Trinity United Methodist Church Memorial Garden Fund.

CELEBRATIONS

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- Jul. 01 Anne Capp
- Jul. 01 Carl Brickey
- Jul. 02 Andrew Tripp
- Jul. 05 Mike Mann
- Jul. 06 Don Hall
- Jul. 08 Jimmy Hutchison
- Jul. 10 Lin Walton
- Jul. 12 Holly Klingel
- Jul. 14 Deane Smith
- Jul. 16 Jennie Lynn Krichbaum
- Jul. 17 Eevee Henthorn
- Jul. 18 Erica Abrams-Locklear
- Jul. 21 Vernon Robinson
- Jul. 21 Phillip Dexter
- Jul. 23 Jim Helms
- Jul. 26 Cheyenne Waldroup
- Jul. 27 Lindsay Pharr
- Jul. 28 Ellen Mitchell
- Jul. 28 Jim Anthony
- Jul. 29 Anita Lyda
- Jul. 29 Susanna Pharr
- Jul. 30 Brooks Buddy



- Jul. 31 Kay Cooke
- Jul. 31 Julia Gibson

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- Jul. 04 Bill & Mary Gummesson
- Jul. 13 Larry & Jean Sands
- Jul. 16 Greg & Nancy Hutchins
- Jul. 23 Larry & Jolene Brookshire
- Jul. 23 Bruce & Cheryl Samoville
- Jul. 26 Fred & Sheila Meadows
- Jul. 26 James & Lindsay Pharr



FAREWELLS & HELLO

The Blue Ridge District office is going through several transitions this month. Rev. Beth Crissman, District Superintendent, will be headed to Greensboro to pastor West Market Street UMC and Rev. Rob Parsons, District Vitality Strategist, will pastor Saluda/Polk County New Start. We welcome Rev. Mark Ralls from First UMC Hendersonville as the incoming District Superintendent.



Rev. Crissman Rev. Parsons Rev. Ralls

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY ON REOPENING
40 Responses at Press Time

How often have you participated in Trinity's online worship?

Every Week	55%
Occasionally	40%
Never.....	5%

When watching online worship, do you typically worship live (on Sundays at 10:45 AM) or watch the service later in the week on Facebook?

Live on Zoom.....	65%
Live or Later on Facebook.....	30%
NA – Don't watch or participate in online service.....	5%

When the United Methodist Conference lifts its restrictions on in-person worship, which best describes your attitude toward returning to a worship service at church?

I/We will return the first opportunity.....	20%
I/We will wait several weeks	

PHASE TWO
Proposed August 9 - 30

The second phase start date will depend on continued guidance from the aforementioned agencies and an on-going decline in case counts, widespread availability of testing, and notes improved contact tracing, and no PPE shortages.

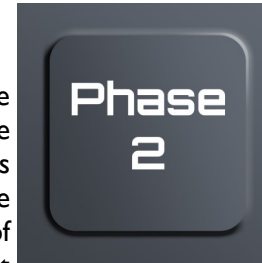
Phase Two will include:

1. **Hybrid worship on-line and in-person in the Sanctuary, ~50 person max (~18 group units)**
 - a. People will stagger seating every 3 pews (and every other side in the middle section) practicing social distancing, mask wearing, etc.
 - b. Volunteers will help with doors and commonly used surface cleaning while people are in the building.
 - c. To limit personal contact there will be changes in the use of such things as bulletins and sharing hymnals.
 - d. Our Custodian will clean the Sanctuary, handrails, door handles and bathrooms after worship on Sundays.
2. Small groups (25 people or less) can meet in person - social distancing, mask wearing and CDC guidelines must be followed.

Online options will continue to be provided for all committees.

Other than Sunday worship, **all groups are responsible for cleaning spaces used during their function (cleaning supplies and guidelines provided).**

3. Scheduling time in the building
All groups need to receive approval for their scheduled time from the Office Administrator in order to ensure building capacity (not including staff in other parts of the building).
4. Volunteers
Volunteers (counters, worship assistants, Summer Lunch Program volunteers, Children & Youth parents helping with small group ministry) will have access to the church for their service & ministry.
All should follow posted guidelines for use of the bathroom, maintain social distance, wear a mask, and use provided wipes to clean handles and surfaces they come in contact with.
5. Sign-in's for screening & contact tracing
All (members/ friends attending worship, small groups, volunteers) will sign in and conduct their own health screening upon entering the building. Staff will also do this when small groups are present.
6. Sunday School classes may resume provided they



meet the above mentioned criteria. We suggest the Mary Mann class use the Fellowship Hall to meet in order to assist with social distancing.

PHASE THREE
Proposed September 6 Forward

The third phase start date will depend on continued guidance from the aforementioned agencies. The task force will be noting data that supports a decline in case counts over the next 2-3 months, widespread availability of testing, improved contact tracing and no PPE shortages. When those criteria are met the TLC will announce our moving to Phase Three.

Phase Three will include:

1. Worship will open to capacity following CDC and social distancing guidelines (possible mask wearing, 6' apart, etc. This will need to be updated closer to beginning Phase 3 if allowed by CDC.)
2. All the above mentioned ministries will continue with on-line options continuing.
3. Fellowship events/ Coffee hour will be evaluated with changes to meet CDC guidelines for sanitizing.
4. All members should continue practice safety measures (including possible wearing masks, regular hand sanitizing and surface cleaning).

LOOKING AHEAD LONG TERM

Although there is still a lot about the future we do not know, we believe we can anticipate these things:

- There will be some continued change that feels like a loss, and some that feels like an opportunity. It is okay to grieve the changes in our rituals and gatherings.
- It is also okay to look for the ways our creativity is drawing us into new, more accessible ministries.
- We are in this together and there will surely be a wide range of feelings that we are all processing.
- We will continue to create space for us to share and process our experiences together.

Our staff and church leadership are prepared and poised to take on these new challenges. They have been working together for the past three months to ensure the safety of our congregation and to bring TUMC's ministry to life in new ways. With the help of God, may our church continue to be a beacon of hope and a touchstone of care for all who encounter us, mindful of our scriptural and Wesleyan call to "love others" and "do no harm."

In hope and love,
TUMC's TLC and Staff



WORSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP**JULY WORSHIP NOTES**

The Worship Series, "Unraveled," concludes July 5:
July 5 - Exodus 7: 8-23, 15:1-3 || Pharaoh Unravels
 Justice, God Weaves Justice

NEW SERIES BEGINS

July 12 - "Set Your Mind" - Romans 8:1-11
July 19 - "Creation Waits" - Romans 8:12-25
July 26 - "More Than Conquerors" - Romans
 8:26-39

COMMUNITY ANTI-RACISM DISCUSSION GROUP

Are you interested in learning more about dismantling white supremacy and building more understanding of our black and brown bodied sisters and brothers? There is a small group at Trinity interested in gathering with people from West Avl and beyond for this kind of discussion and reflective work. Please contact Jonathan Capp (cappson3@gmail.com) or Nancy Walton (nancy@trinitywavl.org) if you are interested.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & MISSION**JULY RED WAGON**

For July we are collecting the following items for **Room in the Inn/Red Roof Inn**: Poptarts, instant coffee, single serve drinks (tea, fruit juice, gatorade, sodas), bottled water, single serve powdered drink mixes, shampoo, conditioner, soap and lotion, first aid items, Depends (Med/Lrg/XL), trash bags for laundry. If you have donations, please contact the church office to schedule pick up on **Thursday, July 23** (or if you need another day). **THANK YOU!!!**

**ROOM IN THE INN (RITI) NEWS**

Focus and attention has shifted from working with the 12 women in Room in the Inn to providing support and case management to the 65 individuals staying at the Red Roof Inn shelter. Kate Brown, RITI Program Manager, is now shifting her focus to help all these folks start working toward permanent housing. The great news is that people are thriving at the hotel. Just having some solid ground to work from and a safe space to call home for the moment, people have started reconnecting to healthcare providers, gotten much needed surgery, found employment and started saving for their forever home. The circumstances that created this situation has been a blessing in disguise.

Madeline Wadley, RITI's Volunteer Engagement Coordinator will also be our interim contact going forward for all things Homeward Bound. She is looking forward to getting to know you all and finding creative ways to engage your congregations.

TUMC was scheduled to host RITI July 26 - Aug 2. Because they are now being housed at the Red Roof Inn, our focus will shift to providing some resources for these neighbors.

HAYWOOD STREET

Current ways to support the ministry & our friends:

1. Make a meal for Friends staying in Respite.
2. Donation needs:
 - Shoes, underwear, and socks
 - Cleaning products: Lysol spray, hand sanitizer, etc.
 - Tampons, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hairbrushes/combs, sunscreen

All donations can be dropped off on Thursdays from 9 am - 11 am. Drive around back to the single, white door. Or you may call Trinity and we will be happy to pick them up from your front porch.

ABCCM NEWS

Would you like to tour the new Transformation Village as a small group from TUMC? Often a delay has a silver lining - we now have an extra month for small groups of churches, volunteers and donors to see the whole facility rather than only part of it because we have already moved in with Covid restrictions to keep everyone safe. We are offering tours to special groups: Steadfast House volunteers and churches, plus our capital campaign donors. For those who feel safe to get together with me, Lynn and Carolyn; or Steadfast House Director Angela or new Volunteer Coordinator Beverly, we will be happy to schedule a 30 minute walk through the building. We especially want cook teams to arrange a time to come see the new kitchen setup. Other volunteers will want to see the children's enrichment area and the classrooms. Our donors will want to see how we are increasing capacity for beds, for life skills, for health and nutrition, as well as classrooms for the 17 career tracks offered by AB Tech. Our Steps to Success and Recovery Living programs truly transform lives.

Some churches have wanted to help with moving and can email: caleb.bradshaw@abccm.org or beverly.buckner@abccm.org. For tours email: scott.rogers@abccm.org or angela.pennell@abccm.org. We plan to celebrate responsibly to dedicate the building and will do so in person or virtually, so be on the look-out for more information.

**TRINITY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL NEWS****TLC APPROVED TO SERVE THROUGH THE FALL CHARGE CONFERENCE (TBD)**

- Caroline Levi (former Council Chair)
- Vernon & Joyce Robinson (lay leaders)
- Kay Cooke (Staff Parish Relations Chair)
- Sarah & Mike Pruett (will take turns attending; Christian Formation, Fellowship & Nurture rep - Sarah; SPRC - Mike)
- Maxine Schraeder (Worship Team, Finance & Missions rep)
- Cathi Durham (Finance Chair)
- Mildred Dixon (Finance Team specialist)
- Mark Locklear (Trustees Chair)
- Vicki Biggers (Trustees specialist)
- Julia Gibson (Annual Conf. delegate)

TLC HIGHLIGHTS NEWS - FROM JUNE 23 MTG

- This marked the 1st mtg of our combined, single board governance team affectionately known as the "TLC!" We reflected on what is bringing us joy in an unusual summer, and Rev. Nancy reminded the group that as leaders, it is important to be able to identify and name where God gives us joy, for ourselves and our community.
- We were delighted to have covered many topics in the 1.5 hr meeting on June 23 via Zoom with 4 people socially distancing in person in the Library. This is in part due to reports being sent out ahead of time and only discussed if needed.
- Gratitude was expressed that monthly giving has remained strong, even though we are not worshipping together for the time being. May saw a \$2059 surplus, and a decrease in the YTD deficit from \$4500 to \$2031. This is in part due to the PPP loan (which will be forgiven) to cover all staff salaries (including Nursery workers) for the 2 months of May & June.
- FYI - If you would like a detailed financial report for May, please contact Lee Thomas who will send you a copy.
- Rent from Waldorf School was paid in full (including the 50% rate given for March - May). Trustees Chair Mark Locklear will be negotiating their new lease midsummer.
- After a heartfelt and healthy discussion of finances, the TLC reached a consensus to hold off paying Apportionments to the WNC Annual Conference this summer, continuing fiscally conservative practices, and will re-evaluate the health of our finances following the end of the PPP funds and once we enter the fall. Tom Patelidas, Nancy Walton and Lee Thomas will analyze spending in July and August

to recommend how much of the Apportionments might be made, based on cash flow.

- As nursery workers have been able to be paid through PP Program, we hope to have their help in re-opening the building, assisting in safety protocols.
- Guidelines for reopening TUMC were discussed and adopted (and also revisited to confirm alignment following the Governor's updates as of June 25). Some of the results are shown in this newsletter (Page 6 & 8).
- We hope to begin building the communal urn for our memorial garden this fall. To date, we need \$1582 of the needed \$5500 to build the urn. Another \$5500 is needed for the bronze signs to hold the name plates. **Memorial Garden donations total to date = \$3918.**

JULY TLC MEETING

Tue., Jul. 21 6PM via Zoom and socially distancing with Zoom connection in the Library. If you have an item for consideration on the agenda, please send it to Caroline Levi one week prior to meetings.

OUR CONDOLENCES**HAZEL THOMPSON HARWELL (22 May 1925 - 8 Jun 2020)**

Hazel Thompson Harwell passed away on June 8, 2020 at the Aston Park Health Care Center. She was 95. Hazel was born on May 22, 1925 in Tuscumbia, Alabama to William Issac and Clara Kate Thompson. She moved to Asheville in the late 30's when her dad was transferred there by Southern Railroad. She attended Hall Fletcher Jr. High and Lee H. Edwards High School, graduating in 1943.

During her high school years, she met Bob Harwell, "that cute boy down on Pennsylvania Ave who was really good on skates". On June 2, 1946, they were married in Calvary Baptist Church on Haywood Road. Together they raised two sons, Robert Troy III and John Lee.

Hazel stayed home and raised her children for the early part of their marriage, but joined the workforce as her kids grew. In 1963, she went to work as a drive-in teller at First Union Bank on Merrimon Ave. On July 22, 1988 she retired as Asst. Manager after 25 years of service at that same location. After her retirement, she continued to work part time for First Commercial Bank and A.G. Edwards Co.

Hazel was a people person who loved working with and being around others. She worked on many local election campaigns, volunteered at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center, and was active in her church,