

Trinity Times

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December Highlights



Fri., Dec. 14 - 7 PM

Trinity will hold the annual **Asheville Jazz Orchestra's Stan Kenton Christmas Concert** in our sanctuary. Bring a friend and come and enjoy. This is a free concert, but a good will offering will be collected to raise money for Trinity's Bless the School Fund (a fund used to assist students at Hall Fletcher & Asheville Middle Schools when a need arises) and for the Asheville Jazz Council, a non-profit organization dedicated to jazz performance and education.

Sat., Dec. 15 - 10 AM

We need volunteers to help **remove the stage** from our Sanctuary.



Sun., Dec. 16 - 5 PM

Christmas Potluck Dinner and Play in our Fellowship Hall. The church will provide drinks and entertainment.

Please bring a dish to share. It's always well-attended and a lot of fun, so please join us!



Wed., Dec. 19 - 5 PM

We will have an evening of **Caroling** in the neighborhood and then return to the church Fellowship Hall for a pizza party afterwards around 6:15 PM. This is for all ages.



Thur., Dec. 20 - 7 PM

Pastyme will offer their Advent and Christmas Concert in our Sanctuary. The concert is a free, but a love offering will be taken to support the concert.

Monday, Dec. 24 - 5:15 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is always a special time for families and friends to gather and honor the birth of Jesus. The service will include the Christmas story, carols, special music by the chancel choir and others with extended prelude music. So arrive early. Please bring your family, your neighbors, and friends.

Staff Parish Relations

A Note From Your SPR Committee

Staff Parish would like to continue the tradition of recognizing our wonderful staff at Trinity as we approach the Christmas season. Gift baskets for each staff member are placed on the pew on the piano side entrance for your cards and other tokens of your appreciation. These will be available throughout the month of December. Our staff includes: Rev. Nancy Walton, Rev. Darryl Dayson, Andrew Tripp, Lee Thomas, Nolan Anthony, Darryl Parker, Wendy Parker, Jasmine Eilers, and Annaleise Lukens. Thank you for remembering our church staff during the holiday season.



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Church Schedule for the Holidays

The church office will be closed on **Tue., Dec. 25** (Christmas Day), **Wed., Dec. 26**, and **Tue., Jan. 1** (New Year's Day).

New Members



Matthew and Kari Richmond both grew up in East Tennessee and met at East Tennessee State University; they were married in 1998. After a year together in Ithaca, NY, they moved to West Asheville in 1999, where they both teach music. Matthew teaches percussion at UNCA and enjoys playing percussion for various theatrical productions in the area. Kari teaches *Music Together* classes to families with children ages birth to 5, as well as piano and percussion lessons to students of all ages. 13 year old Isaac is an 8th grader at Asheville Middle, practices Tae Kwon Do and enjoys reading and playing piano and percussion. Cora is 8 years old and is a student at Vance Elementary. She enjoys gymnastics, dance, music, and reading. Among other things the Richmonds enjoy hiking, gardening, playing music, and watching movies together.

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

Sprinkle-Bagwell Class ~ 2nd 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. **What to do:** Contact the office to sign up for a date. We will order the flowers from the florist. Tell us what you want stated in the bulletin. Once we have received the bill, we will contact you with the amount if it is over the standard rate. Make payment out to the church and note on the memo line - "For Flowers." The 2019 calendar is ready for sign-ups.



Dream Team

In November, we addressed the “DESIGN” portion of our appreciative inquiry process, namely answering the questions:

**What are we already doing
to live into this vision and our strengths?
What might we try?
And Who do we need to invite to join us?**

We began our meeting sharing stories of saints (living or passed on) whose relationship with God was so vibrant that it strengthened our own faith. Then we got to work and began to focus on the above questions as they relate to our strengths. We feel God’s movement for ministry focus in 2019 in two areas - Wholistic Evangelism (which we also discussed as “care” and “hospitality”) and Risk-Taking Mission. This also aligns with what the Staff Parish Team and Clergy agreed upon as our two greatest potential growth areas for our church family.

Here’s a sampling of the specific ideas we’ve dreamed could be built upon:

Wholistic Evangelism to our elders:

- Organize Visitation Team (to visit home-bound and those in care facilities);
- Survey elders to determine what is their desire for fellowship and engagement (e.g., the “next generation” of YAH, “Young at Heart”)

Wholistic Evangelism to new Christians/ those desiring to know more and our surrounding community:

- Identify teachers (staff and members) to lead rotating classes (e.g., Bible, Methodism)
- Utilize building & location as tool for building relationships with new Christians & discerning faith
- Better utilize multiple media means (social media, website, West Asheville Business Association, print ads) to communicate “Our Story”/ who we are and invite relationship:
 - ◊ E.g., put “chicken pie” story on our website
 - ◊ Ask TUMC members to produce short videos about TUMC
 - ◊ Offer surveys, esp. to young families & singles about activities to join (e.g., date nights with babysitting, hiking, tubing, snow tubing, etc.)
 - ◊ Investigate Asheville “Newcomers” groups to see how we might engage with them

Risk-Taking Mission:

- Utilize building & location as tool for building

relationships with those outside our “tradition” discerning faith through partnerships with like-minded groups

- Utilize building & location as tool for helping people experience God’s love through having sanctuary open and staffed for prayer and reflection at regular times (perhaps in cooperation with 12 Baskets Lunch schedule and AA meetings).
- Utilize location to create a community art project, e.g., Prayer Mural Wall outdoors
- Plan an intergenerational mission trip and continue to build upon local missional engagements

We’ll meet again on **Sun., Jan. 20, at 5PM** in the Library, beginning our meetings with a time of sharing, getting to know one another a little better. We honor all perspectives, believing that the Spirit moves when we come together as the Body of Christ. We are in a constant learning movement of discovering our strengths and designing ministry. All are welcome!

2019 Leadership

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet **Dec. 9 at 5:30** in the Library. At this meeting we hope to link outgoing and incoming new members and hear a report on the Dream Team’s 2019 Ministry Vision.

2019 Church Council Leadership

- Chair: Caroline Levi ('19)
 Lay Leaders: Vernon & Joyce Robinson('21)
 Staff Parish Relations Chair: Kay Cooke ('20)
 Finance Chair: Cathi Durham ('21)
 Trustees Chair:Elected by Trustees in Jan.
 Treasurer:Tom Patelidas ('21)
 Assistant Treasurer Ellen Mitchell ('21)
 Mission & Outreach Co-Chairs:John Nelson ('21)
& John McCullough ('21)
 Worship Chair:Debra Anthony ('19)
 Christian Formation & Discipleship Chair:
Nan Gordon ('21)
 Nurture & Fellowship Co-Chairs:Lindsay Pharr ('19)
 Sarah Pruettt ('21)
 Membership Development Chair: Phillip Gibson ('21)
 Delegate to Annual Conference: Julia Gibson ('21)
 Alt Delegate to AC: Phillip Gibson ('21)
 President United Methodist Men:..... Terry Levi
 President United Methodist Women:Kay Cooke
 Rep. from the United Methodist Youth:.....Sean Clark
Celia Clark
 Member-at-Large:..... Phillip Gibson ('20)

Children & Youth News

Confirmation

Confirmation is in full swing with eight confirmands that have been meeting most every week for class. They are supported by a Faith Friend that they chose and a Prayer Partner that they might not know personally. It is great that this important part of their faith journey is so thoroughly supported. Please be in prayer for the confirmands and their supporters and plan to be a part of their Confirmation on **Sun., Jan. 13.**

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 following tabs:

- 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.

UMYF Christmas Party

On **Sun., Dec. 9**, the UMYF will have its Christmas Party. From **5 - 7 PM** all youth between 5th and 12th grades are invited to join for a night of fun, food, and presents. Bring a favorite holiday food to share. This is a 5th Grade night, so our soon-to-be-youth can get a sneak preview of what Sunday nights are like.

Children's Choir Christmas Schedule

Children's Choir will meet **Wed. Dec. 5** and **12** to prepare for their performance in Worship on **Sun., Dec. 16**. Then on **Wed. Dec. 19** we will meet at **5 PM** to go caroling with others from the church with a Christmas Party afterwards around 6:15 PM.

Christmas Play Rehearsals

The Christmas Dinner and Play is on **Sun., Dec. 16** at **5 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Rehearsals are Sundays Dec. 2 and 9 after church until about 1:30 and Sat., Dec. 15 from 10 - 12.

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

2019 Leadership (cont.)

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Class of 2019

Don Hall, Betty Mull, Mike Pruett

Class of 2020

Kay Cooke, Bryce Parham

Class of 2021

Chris Matthews, Julie Ruch
Vernon & Joyce Robinson (Lay Leaders)

Board of Trustees

Class of 2019

Jim Anthony, Ellen Mitchell

Class of 2020

Larry Brookshire, Mary-Ellen Miller, Paul Mann

Class of 2021

Mark Locklear, Vicki Biggers, Fred Cooke

Nominations Committee

Class of 2019

Gina Parham, Darryl Parker

Class of 2020

Fred Cooke, Jennie Lynn Krichbaum

Class of 2021

Lindsay Pharr, David Hertzinger

Finance Committee

Cathi Durham (Chair), Tom Patelidas (Treasurer), Ellen Mitchell (Asst. Treasurer), Mildred Dixon (Financial Secretary), Caroline Levi (Church Council Chair), Kay Cooke (SPR Chair), TBD (Trustees Chair), Julia Gibson (Delegate to Annual Conference), Vernon & Joyce Robinson (Lay Leaders), Rev. Nancy Walton (Pastor), Rev. Darryl Dayson (Assoc. Pastor), Lee Thomas

Church Life

Yoga

Wake up your facial muscles with these simple movements:

1. Sit tall in your chair with your feet touching the floor and knees bent. Close your eyes and take three deep cleansing breaths. Slowly open your eyes.
2. Keeping your face still, just raise and lower your eyebrows about 20 times. This engages the muscles along the forehead. Pause at the end and notice the sensations.
3. Crinkle your nose (like you smell something unpleasant) then release. Do this at least 20 times. Feel the effects on the upper lip and sides of the nose.
4. Does everyone remember the show Bewitched and the character Samantha? She twitched her mouth from side to side. Let's mimic her movement, pulling your lips from side to side. Notice the stretch along the upper lip and at the chin. Do this movement about 20 times each side.
5. Now, open your eyes wide as you open your mouth in a big yawn, then close your eyes tightly as you close your mouth. Work the joints of the jaw and stretch the muscles on the side of your face and jaw. Open and close about 10 times.
6. Finally, pucker your lips, like you're going to give your honey a big kiss, then release. Do this movement at least 20 times.
7. Close your eyes and feel the sensations. Your face should feel alive.



Take a moment to give thanks to God for this time to take care of your body.

Andrea Davis and Mildred Dixon offer a gently yoga class each **Thursday**, from **6 - 7 PM** Come learn and practice stress release techniques, as we enter this busy holiday season. We hope to see you soon.

United Methodist Women

The UMW Reach Out Circle will meet on **Mon., Dec. 10** at the home of Charlotte Clodfelter. 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 NOT** meet for breakfast and fellowship during the month of December. However, they will resume on **Sun., Jan. 20 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.

UM Men Warm Morning Breakfast

Thanks to all who supported the November breakfast. \$1912 was raised to help with heating bills in our community this coming winter.

Dementia Support Group

A Dementia Support Group, co-led by TUMC members Vernon & Joyce Robinson, will have an initial gathering on **Mon., Dec. 3, 6 PM** in the Library. 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.

Memorial Garden

The Trustees have viewed plans for the Memorial Garden that will contain a communal space for the final resting place of ashes of loved ones. A custom design has been submitted which they have approved, but put on hold until funding is available. 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 sanctuary open to the public for meditation.

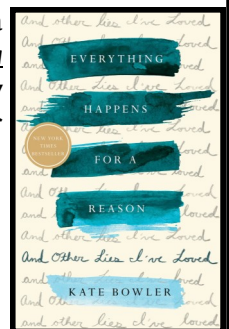
Book Group

The Trinity Book Group will finish the novel *Abide with Me* by Elizabeth Strout. Join us on **Wednesdays, 11 AM - Noon** in the Library. This is a great group, offering lots of good wisdom, insight and life experience, and they would love to welcome you to share yours! Stay tuned for the next read in January.

⇒ **Dec 5** - Chapters 7 & 8 (to p. 238)

⇒ **Dec 12** - Chapters 9 - 11 (to end) We will meet at Brooks-Howell. Lunch following, \$12 per person. **RSVP by Dec. 10.**

On break until January 16 with a new book, *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lives I've Loved*, by Kate Bowler. See Rev. Nancy to order a copy.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2 <i>Communion Sunday</i></p> <p>9 AM Pritchard Park Breakfast (OC) 12:15 PM Christmas Play Rehearsal (MM) 2 PM Golda Cox 100th Birthday (FH) 5 PM UMYF (FH)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9 AM Counters (O) 6 PM Dementia Support Group (L) 7 PM AA (FH)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11 AM Staff Meeting (O) 7:15 PM Handbells (MR)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11 AM Book Group (L) 6 PM Children's Choir (FH) 7 PM Adult Choir (MR)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:30 PM Mary Mann Potluck (FH) 6 PM Yoga (YR) 6 PM Cub Scouts (SR)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11 AM Tai Chi (FH) 7 PM AA (FH)</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>12:15 PM Trustees (L) 12:15 PM Christmas Play Rehearsal (FH) 5 PM UMYF Christmas Party (FH) 5:30 PM Church Council (FH)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 AM Counters (O) 11 AM UMW Reach Out Circle (OC) 7 PM AA (FH)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11 AM Staff Meeting (O) 7:15 PM Handbells (MR)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11 AM Book Group (OC) 6 PM Children's Choir (MM) 7 PM Adult Choir (MR)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6 PM Yoga (YR) 6 PM Cub Scouts (FH)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline 11 AM Tai Chi (FH) 7 PM Stan Kenton Jazz Concert (S)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10 AM Christmas Play Rehearsal (FH) 10 AM Stage Removal (S)</p>
<p>16 <i>Red Wagon Sunday</i></p> <p>5 PM Christmas Dinner & Play (FH)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9 AM Counters (O) 7 PM AA (FH)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11 AM Staff Meeting (O) 6 PM Finance Committee (L) 7:15 PM Handbells (MR)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11 AM Book Group (L) 5 PM Caroling (FH/OC) 7 PM Adult Choir (MR)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6 PM Yoga (YR) 7 PM Pastyme Concert (S)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>11 AM Tai Chi (FH) 7 PM AA (FH)</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9 AM Counters (O) 5:15 PM Christmas Eve Service 7 PM AA (SR)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30 AM Newsletter Mailing Team (O) 6 PM Yoga (YR)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11 AM Tai Chi (FH) 7 PM AA (FH)</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>5 PM UMYF (FH)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9 AM Counters (O) 7 PM AA (FH)</p>	<p><u>1st Floor</u> FH-Fellowship Hall/Kitchen K-Koinonia P-Parlor MM-Mary Mann Class CG - Church Grounds</p>	<p><u>Main (2nd) Floor</u> S-Sanctuary O-Office L-Library/Sprinkle-Bagwell Class AR-Annex Room CR-Children's Room N-Nursery</p>	<p><u>3rd Floor</u> FC-Faith Class YR-Yoga C-Chapel Y-Youth Room Education Bldg SR-Scout Room</p>	<p><u>Weekly Sunday Schedule</u> 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>12/1</p>

Serving in December 2018

Acolytes

Coordinators: Celia & Sean Clark

The following children will be serving our congregation this month:

- Dec. 02: Solomon & Julian Eckley
 Dec. 09: Hazel Pharr & Caroline Pruett
 Dec. 16: Stella & Romolo DiLoreti
 Dec. 23: Margo Buddy & Ellie Klingel
 Dec. 30: Hazel & Emory Capp

Van Drivers

If you need a ride to church on Sunday, please contact the van driver by the Saturday before the Sunday service.

- Dec. 02: Darryl Parker (281-3231)
 Dec. 09: Jim Helms (253-0180)
 Dec. 16: Ted Meadows (254-8496)
 Dec. 23: Ted Meadows (254-8496)
 Dec. 30: Darryl Parker (281-3231)

Communion Servers

- Dec. 02: Laszlo & Laurie Bujdoso

Ushers

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

- Dec. 02: Dottie Burton
 Glenn May
 Dec. 09: Charlie Weaver
 Keith Clark
 Dec. 16: Terry Levi
 Caroline Levi
 Dec. 23: Jennie Lynn Krichbaum
 Don Hall
 Dec. 30: Trinity Youth

Counters

- Dec. 03: Betty Mull & Norma Scholtz
 Dec. 10: Glenn Parham & Fred Cooke
 Dec. 17: Ellen Mitchell & Cheryl Samoville
 Dec. 24: Diane Hall & Peggy Weaver
 Dec. 31: Kay Cooke & Gina Parham

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

- Dec. 01 Carmelita Rogers
 Dec. 01 Mike Scholtz
 Dec. 02 Carole Piercy
 Dec. 03 Diane Hutchison
 Dec. 04 Mary Matherly
 Dec. 05 Golda Cox
 Dec. 05 Steve Mitchell
 Dec. 05 Drew Kocot
 Dec. 06 Lisa Ballard
 Dec. 06 Sheila Drake
 Dec. 05 Cissy Ballard Burwell
 Dec. 06 Suzanne May
 Dec. 06 Ryder Brickey
 Dec. 07 Joann Wren
 Dec. 07 Russ Davis
 Dec. 08 Tommie Eller
 Dec. 08 Tom Patelidas
 Dec. 08 Karen Haynie
 Dec. 09 Susan Rytell Smyrock
 Dec. 10 Charlie Weaver

- Dec. 10 Howard Howell
 Dec. 10 Laura Hutchins
 Dec. 10 Karie Gregory
 Dec. 12 Addie Gregory
 Dec. 11 Caroline Pruett
 Dec. 15 Bill Milholen
 Dec. 15 Marty Kocot
 Dec. 16 Fran Kennedy
 Dec. 17 Malachi Dayson
 Dec. 18 Jean Freeman
 Dec. 20 Carolyn May
 Dec. 20 Cheryl Samoville
 Dec. 20 Rodney Hagans
 Dec. 22 Anna Levi
 Dec. 23 Carolyn Arrington
 Dec. 23 David Sales
 Dec. 23 Ed Shuster
 Dec. 23 Cory Brookshire
 Dec. 24 Lee Harwell
 Dec. 25 Patricia Henderson
 Dec. 25 Carolyn Arthur

- Dec. 27 John Harper
 Dec. 27 Chris Nelon
 Dec. 29 Della Gregory
 Dec. 30 Scott Gregory
 Dec. 30 Hannah Jarvis
 Dec. 31 Marie Silvers
 Dec. 31 Hazel Capp

Happy Anniversary to:

- Dec. 08 Rodney & Cheryl Hagans
 Dec. 21 John & Janice Nelson
 Dec. 27 Karl & Julie Ruch



Are we missing your birthday or anniversary? If so, contact the church office via telephone 828-253-5471 or email

info@TrinityWAVL.org

Passages



Rev. H. Wendell Brittain (2 Apr 1931 - 16 Nov 2018)

Rev. H. Wendell Brittain, age 87 of Brank Cove Road, died Friday, November 16.

Wendell was born April 2, 1931 in Buncombe County to the late Verona and Lula Cole Brittain.

Rev. Brittain received a degree in music theory and a master's in theology. For 47 years he was involved in Methodist Ministry, pastoring 15 churches, including Associate Pastor and Education Director at Trinity UMC, and was also Minister of Music and Bell Choir Director at Salem United Methodist Church. He was versatile in playing numerous musical instruments and incorporated his talent into his ministry. A veteran of the U.S. Army; he served 17 months in Germany as a scout dog trainer.

He enjoyed oil painting, cooking, writing poetry, being outdoors, singing, composing and even produced several CD's. He sang in 35 out of 47 productions of Handel's Messiah in Weaverville. Christmas was his favorite time of year and he always made it special for his family.

Surviving are his daughters, Wendy Spainhour and husband Todd and Cara Furr; brother, Rev. Dr. Robert Brittain and wife Lurline Cope Brittain; grandchildren, Crystal Moor and husband Mitchel, Dillon Furr, and Madeline, Natalie and Eleanor "Elle" Spainhour; great grandson, Caius Moor.

His funeral service was held at 11 AM Tue., Nov. 27 in Salem United Methodist Church. Rev. Kent Smith and Rev. Dr. Tim Brittain officiated. Burial followed in Clark's Chapel Cemetery.

The family received friends 6 - 8 PM Mon., Nov. 26 at West Funeral Home. Flowers are appreciated or monetary donations may be made to either, Salem United Methodist Church, 9 Salem Church Road, Weaverville, NC 28787 or Charles George VA Medical Center, Attn: Hospice Care, 1100 Tunnel Road, Asheville, NC 28805.

For those who desire, condolences may be offered to the family under Rev. Brittain's obituary at West Family Funeral Services.

Condolences

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

Marian Davis Peacock (1 Jan 1928 - 24 Nov 2019) from Athens, GA.



She is the sister of **Jimmy Davis**. A memorial service to celebrate a life well lived will take place at a later date at Marian's beloved Fontana Village. Bernstein Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.legacy.com.

Gratitude

Thanks to all who helped with the Abraham Jam concert: Ellen Mitchell, Maxine Schrader, Cathi Durham, Mark Locklear, Mindy Beller (Congregation Beth Ha Tephila) & Scott Evans, Mandy Kollar, Donna Smith, Nan Gordon, Cheryl McIntosh, Julia & Phillip Gibson, and 4 UNCA/ Asheville Wesley Students!

Thanks to all who helped with the Hanging of the Greens to prepare our sanctuary for Advent: Hal Alexander; Jonathan, Anne, Hazel & Emory Capp; Keith, Jill, Sean & Celia Clark; Phillip & Julia Gibson; Nan Gordon; Don Hall; Tom Harrison; Ellie Klingel; Jennie Lynn Krichbaum; Annaleise Lukens; Cheryl McIntosh; Glenn Parham; Wendy Parker; Maxine Schrader; Lee Thomas; Andrew Tripp.

100th Birthday Invitation!



The 100th party for Golda Cox is still on **Sun., Dec. 2**, drop-in between **2 - 4 PM** in the church Fellowship Hall. No gifts requested but a basket for cards and good wishes will be available! If you are unable to attend, but have a card for her, you may mail it or leave it at the church office and someone will take it for you.

Brooks-Howell Home News

You are invited to hear the **Asheville Flute Choir** under the direction of Kate Steinbeck in concert in the Brooks-Howell chapel on **Sat. Dec. 1** at **3 PM**. This is a great time to see the Nativities, dolls, angels, and other decorations brought here by mission personnel who served all over the globe!

Brooks-Howell will hold a **Christmas Open House** on **Sat. Dec. 14** from **2 - 5 PM** at 266 Merrimon Ave to celebrate the grand opening of their Community Clinic and Medical Loan Closet. Feel free to bring a toy that will be donated to St. Paul's Bear Closet. For more information, please contact Jill Knight (828) 253-6712.

Outreach News

Pritchard Park Breakfast

TUMC will feed the homeless at Pritchard Park on **Sun., Dec. 2 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., Nov. 29.**

The Angel Tree

The Angel Tree will available for you to adopt a child for Christmas. Please check the hallway for the display. The gifts are due **Sun., Dec. 9. Please note:** They are requesting that the gifts **are not** wrapped. They want the parents of the children to do that at the school. Please put all gifts in a bag with the number attached. Since we are only getting around ten children, if families would like to work together and split the cost for a child, then team up. If you don't get a child and want to help, they can use wrapping supplies. We are also trying to support Asheville Middle School so if anyone would like to donate \$5 to help the middle school children, it would be greatly appreciated – please mark your donation "AMS Donation."

THANKS to the many ways you continue to give to the community, such as:

ABCCM

In its 35th year, ABCCM's *Return to Bethlehem* is the longest running Nativity production in North Carolina and is again graciously hosted at Groce United Methodist Church on December 6-9. Over fifty volunteer actors, dozens of local musicians, live animals, and many more come together to reenact first century Bethlehem under Roman rule which was the humble and culturally tense backdrop in which the baby Jesus was born. Return to Bethlehem is a gift back to the community from ABCCM's staff and its 280 member churches intended to make this a lasting Christmas tradition for all. If you would like more information about volunteering for this event please contact brad.owen@abccm.org.

Thur., Dec. 6, and Fri., Dec. 7, 6 - 8:30 PM;

Sat. Dec. 8, 2 - 8:30 PM; Sun., Dec. 9, 2 – 6 PM.

Haywood Street

- "All hands on deck" meal prep day is **Sat., Dec. 22** for the Dec. 23 Christmas feast. Please contact

Haywood Street for more information, 828-575-2477.

- 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.

Red Wagon - School Supplies for Belize

Rev. Nancy and her family will be traveling to Belize January 2 - 7. She will visit Holy Cross Anglican School (holycrossbelize.org), a school connected to her work there from 2002-2006. Below are some items that would be easy for them to pack and deliver to the school. If you happen to already have any new, unused items on this list that you would be willing to donate, they will gladly deliver them on your behalf:

Very Urgent - Toner for Kyocera TK-1172

Cannon Print Head QY6-0078, Cannon Inkjet Color ink (CLI-221) We need all the colors (cyan, yellow, magenta, grey and black), HP 950 951 replacement print head (US Print Head for CM751-60186A OFFICEJET 8100 8600), pocket folders, filler paper, Wite-Out, #10 self-seal envelopes, rulers, staplers, composition books, glue sticks (size mini), wide-tip permanent markers, pens (red, black and blue), heat activated laminating sheets, large 10" x 13" envelopes, white printable business cards, AA Batteries, sheet protectors, Chewable Pepto-Bismol (adults & children), Triple Antibiotic Ointment, and flash drives.

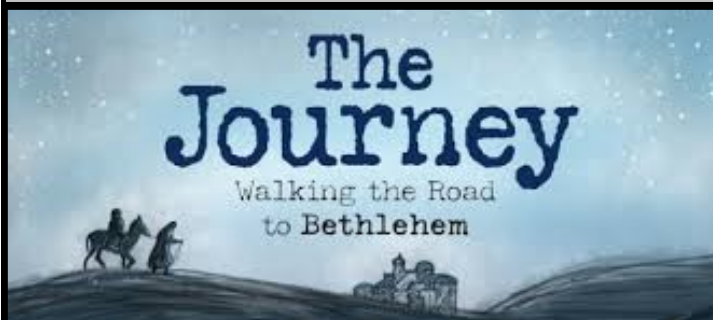
Simple toys & prizes – for good behavior, dental visits, academic excellence & graduation. Matchbox cars, noise makers, fun pencils & notebooks, hair clips

Holiday decorations (Easter, Christmas & Valentine's Day).

Graduation gifts for top class – Scientific calculators (6), Spanish/English dictionaries (6), English dictionaries (6), nice back packs for graduation (6) & top 2 students in each class (32), Bibles (6).

To find out how YOU can be a part of our Outreach Ministry, contact Maxine Schrader at 258-2942. It takes all of us!!

Worship Notes for December



Sunday Services

Beginning **Dec. 2**, Liturgical Year C (the 3rd year of the 3 year cycle). However, this Advent, we'll be focusing on the geography and characters of the Christmas story, using Adam Hamilton's book, *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem* as we prepare for Christmas.

- **Dec 2** - 1st Sunday of Advent & Holy Communion - "Mary of Nazareth"
- **Dec 9** - 2nd Sunday of Advent - "Joseph of Bethlehem"
- **Dec 16** - 3rd Sunday of Advent - "Mary's Visit to Elizabeth"
- **Dec 23** - 4th Sunday of Advent - "From Nazareth to Bethlehem"
- **Monday, Dec. 24** - **5:15PM** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service begins with extended Prelude
- **Dec. 30** - 5th Sunday Christmas Intergenerational Celebration & Carol Sing
- **Jan. 6** - Epiphany Sunday

Advent Readers

We need readers for each Sunday of Advent and the lighting of the Advent candles in addition to the lessons read on Christmas Eve. If you would be interested in reading, please contact Rev. Nancy.



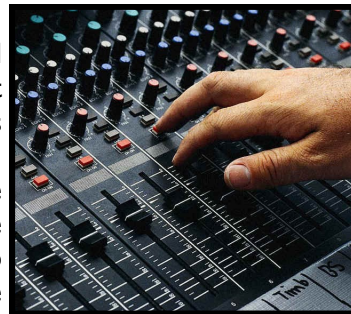
Attendance

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? 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.

Sound in Worship

The church is looking to have a team of people that can help with running sound during worship. No sound

system experience is necessary and no musical talent is required. Most anyone could do this job, as long as you can be here and pay attention during the service. If you'd like more information or would like to be added to the team, please contact Andrew. Training will be provided as necessary.



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.

End of Year Giving

Helpful Hints from the WNC United Methodist Foundation (WNCUMF)

As we head towards the end of the year, some of you may be considering how to provide a little extra to Trinity with an additional tax benefit. Consider how to make the most of an IRA Required Minimum Distribution:

Per the IRS, people 70½ and older are required to take a minimum distribution from their IRA or be faced with a hefty tax penalty. If you must take a required minimum distribution, but don't need the funds and don't want to pay income taxes on it, please consider gifting it to Trinity as part of your annual support.

To qualify for the tax credit, you must have your retirement plan administrator direct the distribution DIRECTLY to Trinity UMC; it cannot pass through your hands or it will trigger an income taxable event for you.

If you have questions about how to execute this gift transaction, please contact **Susan Cothorn** at the WNCUMF at (888) 450-1956 ext. 1507 or email her at scothorn@umfwnc.org and she will be happy to help you through the process. She is also willing to speak to your financial planners to assist in the process for any gifting of investments (including sale of stocks). Trinity UMC is working with her and the WNCUMF to increase our stewardship awareness and she is a wonderful resource!

The Ministry of Generosity

“Just One Step”

During November, we mailed our annual Stewardship Campaign letter and Estimate of Giving (pledge card). If you'd like the “Cliff Notes” version, read on!



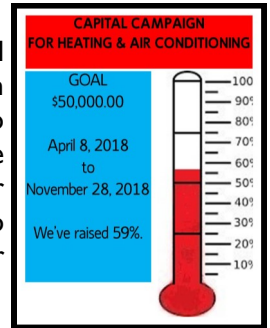
Trinity does incredible ministry in our community, region, and even around the world. Our budget tells a story - a faithful process of continuing such ministry in 2019, with you, through you, and on your behalf. Your Finance team worked diligently from August through October to present a budget we believe is faithful and requires faith to move forward. We are asking each household to consider giving 1% more, “just one step up” in order to meet an increased budget. You'll receive a Giving Guide that helps you determine what that might look like. Just a 1% increase would make a HUGE impact for meeting our budget (copies available on the Hallway Table or via email from Rev. Nancy).

As of publication, we have received **38 Estimate of Giving Cards**, totaling **\$175,356**. **Our goal is to have 60 households turn in cards.** Completing this card is not a contract but a commitment and a spiritual experience of discernment, prayer leading to your

commitment and faith to see you through. Turning it in on this Sunday is an act of worship, a tangible offering of your love for God and your commitment to continue serving God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind. Remember, your church family understands that circumstances may change and you may need to adjust your giving. Do not let fear keep you from making a commitment. Just one step . . .

Capital Campaign

The Capital Fund Campaign will continue to be on our radar, but in a more quiet way for the fall. To date we have raised 59% of the \$50,000 goal. We still need your support to finish this project! Help us cancel this debt by December 31, 2018.



Christmas is Coming!

Yes...Christmas is coming and look what has been found just in time for your Holiday decorating...Trinity ornaments! (See picture.) These lovely ornaments are from the 150th anniversary of the church. They look beautiful on the tree or with a hanger on a tabletop! For a minimum donation of \$10.00 one of these can be yours! There are only 35 left - so act fast! See Jennie Lynn Krichbaum to make a purchase. All proceeds from these goes to the Capital Fund Campaign for the new HVAC units.



ANALYSIS OF REVENUE & EXPENSES			
NOV 2018	Actual	Year To Date	Actual
Revenues	\$24,733	Revenues	\$317,855
Expenses	\$27,540	Expenses	\$320,390
Deficit	\$2,808	Deficit	\$2,535

Figures as of Nov. 28

2018 Giving Report

November Giving Report	
Budgeted Collections	\$32,576
Actual Collections	\$24,901
Deficit	\$7,675

Year-to-Date Giving Report	
Budgeted Collections	\$361,997
Actual Collections	\$317,855
Deficit	\$44,142

Reminders

THANK YOU for helping to keep our finances healthy! Our Finance Team has worked hard on a draft 2019 budget. Now we need to end 2018 strong. Please help us fulfill our 2018 ministry by keeping current on your pledge and givings by three easy ways:

- ◆ **Bill pay via your bank (free in most cases)**
- ◆ **On-line**
- ◆ **Mail in**

Remember, copies of the current Financial reports are available on the hall table next to the elevator.



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**DEADLINE FOR JAN NEWSLETTER
FRIDAY, DEC 14**

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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 fence in between church and education building (to replace dying holly trees).**

**Electronic Service
Requested**

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.

Trinity's Music Corner

Trinity Adult Choir

We are working on music for Advent and Christmas so now is a wonderful time to give 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."