

# Trinity Times

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## *December Highlights*



### **Sun., Dec. 15 - 5PM**

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!



### **Fri., Dec. 20 - 7PM**

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.



### **Tuesday, Dec. 24 - 5:15PM**

**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 at **5:15PM** and service begins at **5:30PM**. So arrive early. Please bring your family, your neighbors, and friends.

### **The Angel Tree**

The Angel Tree is available for you to adopt a child for Christmas. Please check the hallway for the display. The gifts are due **Sun., Dec. 8**. **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.



## Transformation Journey / District News



### SAVE THE DATE - JAN 10 - 12, 2020!

#### Trinity's Long Range Vision Discovery Weekend

Help Trinity begin the New Year! Our Long Range Vision Discovery Weekend – Jan. 10-12, 2020

PLEASE plan to attend. Childcare will be available for group gatherings, **especially for Saturday, Jan. 11!** It is vital to have as many voices at the table, so know your presence really matters as we work together!

#### Advent Preparations

I am also seeking a core group of folks who are willing to commit to 30 days of prayer beginning **Dec. 1** as we lead up to our Discovery Weekend in January. We are



asking for folks to pray for the weekend, the leaders who will guide us through a weekend of visioning for our church, our denomination, and to pray for our church's future.

**Advent Bible Study begins Sun., Dec. 1, 4PM in the Library** and runs through **Dec 22**. See Rev. Nancy to sign up. **SEE PAGE 5 for more information.**

#### WNCCUMW Scholarship Program

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

Cathy McCauley  
6835-A Farmingdale Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28212  
704-965-6566  
[cathymc855@yahoo.com](mailto:cathymc855@yahoo.com)

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

## Staff Parish

#### From Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

This year the SPRC has decided to collect funds toward a monetary gift for each staff member. As in past years, we will still leave out baskets designated for each staff member where you may leave individual greetings and/or homemade treats. If you would like to make a contribution towards a Congregational gift, please contact Kay Cooke or Jill Clark before **Dec. 15**. We hope this will make your gift giving a little easier as well as express our appreciation to our dedicated staff.



#### Church Schedule for the Holidays

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

## New Member

#### Welcome to our Newest Member Andy Smith

Andy is an Asheville native, the son of Allen and Cathy Smith, and grandson of Mabel, Bennett, Bertha and Clarence. He's 33, loves music, writing and the outdoors. He's thankful to be welcomed back into the fold, and to join TUMC.



## Children & Youth News



### UMYF

Sun., Dec. 01 No UMYF

Sun., Dec. 08 5 - 7PM ~ UMYF

Sun., Dec. 15 5PM ~ Christmas Dinner & Play

Sun., Dec. 22 5 - 7PM ~ UMYF

Sun., Dec. 29 No UMYF

### Children in Worship

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

### Children's Choir

Children's choir is going - get your kids aboard! If you're not familiar, we are a little non-traditional in the sense that we aren't just in the choir room with the traditional Children's Choir music. We explore the church building and sing and play different types of worshipful music. Periodically we will perform in Sunday morning worship, but we will have other opportunities to share our gifts with the congregation.



Children's Choir

Choir is open to kids in Elementary school - roughly. Ask Andrew if you're not sure about your young one. We will meet every Wednesday until December 11, except for November 27 (Thanksgiving). We officially start at 6:00, but I will be here by 5:30 in case that helps those of you with busy schedules and other commitments. End time is 6:45-7:00 (Lee has to get to adult choir on time, but sometimes the rest of us aren't ready to stop the fun). If you have any questions, please call/text/e-mail Andrew anytime. Otherwise, we hope to see you on Wednesday.

### Christmas Play Schedule

Play rehearsal - **Sun., Dec 8** from **12:30 - 2:30PM**

Dress rehearsal - **Sat., Dec. 14** from **10AM - 12PM**

### Confirmation

Our 2020 Confirmation Class has started meeting for some mystery field trips, but that doesn't mean others can't still join! If you have a young person in at least the 6th Grade that hasn't gone through Confirmation before, they are welcome to join. The actual classes will begin around February with a retreat in April and Confirmation Sunday in May. Contact Andrew for more information.



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

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

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

## Dementia Support Group

### Dementia Support Group

Co-led by TUMC members Vernon & Joyce Robinson, the group will continue to gather at **6PM** in the Church Library on **Mon., Dec. 2**. The **Mon., Dec. 16** gathering will be off campus. **Please check with Vernon & Joyce if you plan to attend this night.** This gathering is for individuals, family members and caregivers as they deal with this disease, providing a supportive environment and basic coping and



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



## Church Life

### 5 Minute Yoga

December is a joyful time of year as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It can also be a very stress filled time, so let's practice 3 breathing meditations to help calm our mind, relax our body, and create space in our heart for the peace and love that Jesus gives us.



1. Sit in a comfortable position, with your feet on floor, and your back straight. Close your eyes and take three deep breaths. Breathe normally for about 30 seconds (just count to 30.) As you take your next normal breath say to yourself as you inhale, "welcome," and as you exhale "Jesus." Practice this meditation for at least one minute, or longer if you are able.
2. Place your hands in the prayer position, with the thumbs at your breastbone, and palms together. Breathing normally, form a mental picture of a lit candle - the light of Christ. Continue breathing normally with this image in mind for at least 30 seconds, or for 1 minute or longer.
3. Finally, place your hands on your lap, palms up. Breathe normally, and as you inhale, say to yourself "love" and as you exhale, "peace." Practice this meditation for at least 1 minute or longer.

May you know the love and peace of Jesus this Christmas season and every day.

Andrea Davis and Mildred Dixon offer a gentle yoga class each Thursday from 6 - 7 pm in the yoga room on the upper floor of the main church building. We invite you to stretch and breathe in a supportive environment.

### United Methodist Women

The December meeting of the UMW will be our annual Christmas luncheon at the home of Charlotte Clodfelter. We will gather on **Mon., Dec. 9 at 11:30AM**. Please contact Kay Cooke (828-633-1098) if you are interested in joining the Reach Out Circle.

The UMW selected Debra Anthony and Mark Locklear as 2019 recipients of the Special Mission Recognition award. We greatly appreciate their dedication and service to Trinity.

The UMW received a nice thank you note from Haywood Street in response to the congregation's donation of underwear last month. Haywood Street is asking for gently used blankets and/or comforters to give out as the cold weather sets in. During the month of December, there will be a place on the pews in the connecting hallways to the Sanctuary.



### United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men **will not meet** in December for breakfast and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. They will resume in January 2020. Please contact Keith Clark (828-484-8950) for the UMM if you would like more information or to get involved with this ministry.



**Thanks** to everyone who got up early and had breakfast with the United Methodist Men. They raised **\$1,973** for their Warm Morning Fuel Fund which will go to help people in the community with their winter fuel oil.

### TUMC Book Group

The TUMC Book Group meets **Wednesdays, 11AM, Dec. 4, 11, & 18** and we'll be reading ***Don't Sweat the Small Stuff . . . and it's all small stuff*** by Richard Carlson, Ph.D.



### Poinsettias

Our sanctuary will be adorned with red poinsettias during the Advent and Christmas season. If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, please submit to the church office the number of flowers, your name, and the name(s) of the person(s) being recognized. Poinsettias are \$13 each and orders need to be placed no later than **Sun., Dec. 8**.

I would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail or email this information back to the church by Dec. 8.**

# Christian Formation & Worship

## Christian Formation on Sundays aka "Sunday School"

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

### Children's Sunday School

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

### Youth Sunday School

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

### Koinonia Class:

The class has found riches in the study of I Timothy. We should remember:

1. Our lives are a gift from God.
2. We are made for sharing with others.
3. Lives should be lived with gratitude.



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

### Mary Mann Class

The **Mary Mann Class** (also meets on the 1st floor, opposite end of the Fellowship Hall) follows Cokebury's Adult Bible Study Series. The WINTER Theme is **PROMISE**. The 5 December lessons focus on one of the things promise gives us: hope. Hope – the expectation that, regardless of what is happening in the present, God has a good future for us – is an underlying and uniting theme in these lessons. Lesson 1 (DEC 1) follows Abraham, who left his homeland and moved to Canaan, trusting that God had something good ahead for him. Lesson 2 (DEC 8) recalls how Abraham's trust that God was going to give him a place as an inheritance motivated him to make the move. Lesson 3 (DEC 15), based on one of the servant songs from Isaiah, speaks of the hope of a servant who "will bring justice to the nations" (Isaiah 42:1). Lesson 4 (DEC 22) focuses on the angel's announcement to Joseph that Mary would bear God's Son, declaring that Jesus is the fulfillment of "God with us." Lesson 5 (DEC 29) looks at Jesus' final words to his disciples before ascending into heaven, planting in them



the hope of the Holy Spirit's coming and the reality of Spirit-filled living.

### Faith Class

They meet at **10 AM** in the Library and will be utilizing Adam Hamilton's **Making Sense of the Bible**. Join us for this thought provoking study and conversation.



### Worship



Advent is a season of waiting, but is idle waiting what God wants of us? In preparation for the coming Messiah, we wonder together—what things can't wait? What demands our immediate attention? What requires our work and preparation? What is it that God can't wait for? Is it our praise, reconciliation, and proclamation? Is it the end of suffering, isolation, and fear? This Advent, we invite you to join us in imagining, prioritizing, and preparing. As we wait, what can't?

### Dec. Worship Schedule:

- ♦ Dec 1/ Advent 1 - HOPE CAN'T WAIT (Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14)
- ♦ Dec 8/ Advent 2 - REPENTANCE CAN'T WAIT (Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12)
- ♦ Dec 15/ Advent 3 - DELIGHT CAN'T WAIT (Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:46b-55)
- ♦ Dec 22/ Advent 4 - COURAGE CAN'T WAIT (Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25)
- ♦ Dec 24/ Christmas Eve - WHAT CAN'T WAIT (Luke 2:1-20), Isaiah 9:2-7)
- ♦ Dec. 29/ Christmas 1/ 5th Sunday - Love Feast Sunday & Carol Sing

### Advent Bible Study

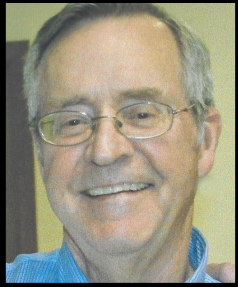
Advent prayer group & Bible study begins Dec. 1! Calling all those willing to spend time in prayer and study! We will be spending time to prepare for Christ's coming and the Holy Spirit's movement through the Transformation Journey Discovery Weekend in the New Year. We'll be studying good portions of Paul's letter to the Romans through the following themes:

*Why Does the Church Exist and What Should it Be Doing?, How We Function as a Body Endowed with Wonderful Gifts!, Living Like Jesus, and Praying for Transformation.* We will meet for **3 sessions – Dec. 1, Dec. 8, and Dec. 22**, all from **4-5PM** in the **Library**.

## Condolences, Gratitude & Care

### Condolences

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



**Talmage Newton Penland** (23 Jan 1930 – 9 Nov 2019) of Asheville, NC. He is the uncle of **Steve Penland**. Funeral at Groce Funeral Home Chapel and internment at Green Hills Cemetery were held Nov. 14. Online condolences may be made at Groce Funeral Home.



**Mary Ruth Fulk Rhodes** (20 Jan 1930 – 17 Nov 2019) of Emerald Isle, NC. She is the aunt of **Ruth Gaddy**. A private family service in Emerald Isle was held Nov. 29. Online condolences may be made at Munden Funeral Home & Crematory ~ Morehead City, NC.

### Thank You

- ♦ Thank you to Kay Cooke, Maxine Schrader, Amanda Kollar, Laurie and Laszlo Bujdoso, Gina Parham, Cheryl Samoville, Holly Klingel, Ruth Gaddy, Jill Clark and Andrew Tripp, who did an outstanding job of preparing and serving Sunday Stew. It was a special afternoon of sharing, fellowship and thanksgiving.
- ♦ All who helped with the "Hanging of the Greens" to make our church so lovely for the Advent-Christmas season!
- ♦ All who serve on the Worship team!
- ♦ All who worked so diligently on our 2020 Budget figures!
- ♦ Vernon & Joyce Robinson for leading our Dementia Support Group!
- ♦ Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, visits, and beautiful cards. Tommie Eller



### Pastoral Care Team

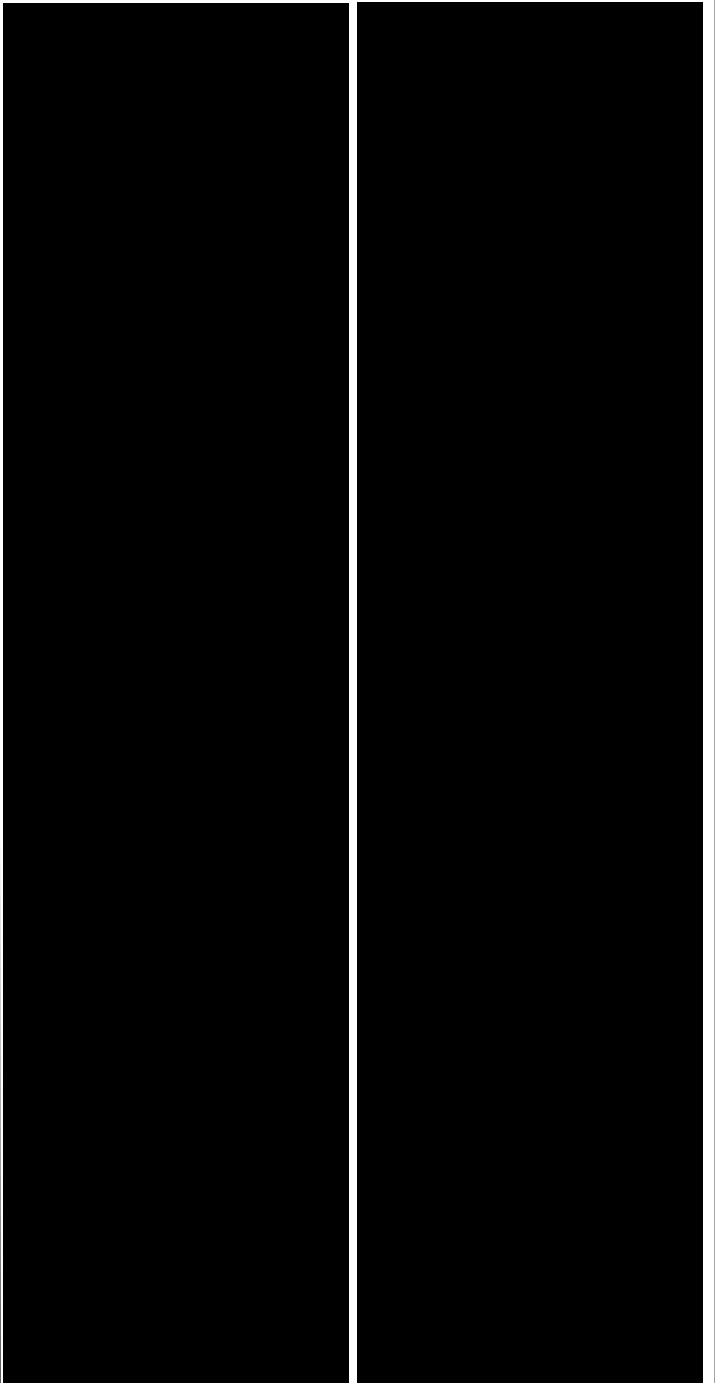
Our Pastoral Care/ Visitation Team meets regularly with Rev. Nancy to discuss visits and issues surrounding our home-bound and skilled nursing resident members. If you'd like to join the team, please speak with Rev. Nancy. Our goal is for each team member to make 2 visits per month. If you know of someone who would like a visit, please let Rev. Nancy know.

### On-Going Prayer List

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

### Christmas Card Gift

Send some extra cheer to our church folks who are not able to make it regularly to worship this Advent. If you know of anyone else, please let us know.





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

## Serving in December 2019

### Acolytes

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

The following children will be serving our congregation this month:

Dec. 01: Cora Richmond & Faith Locklear  
 Dec. 08: Hazel & Theo Pharr  
 Dec. 15: Ellie & Gram Klingel  
 Dec. 22: Emory Capp & Caroline Pruett  
 Dec. 29: Fiona Ruch & Ryder Brickey

### 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.

Dec. 01: Darryl Parker (215-6914)  
 Dec. 08: Jim Helms (253-0180)  
 Dec. 15: Ted Meadows (254-8496)  
 Dec. 22: Ted Meadows (254-8496)  
 Dec. 29: Darryl Parker (215-6914)

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

### Communion Servers

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

### Ushers

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

Dec. 01: Jill Clark & Darryl Parker  
 Dec. 08: Charlie Weaver & Keith Clark  
 Dec. 15: Terry Levi & Darryl Parker  
 Dec. 22: Ted Meadows & Mark Locklear  
 Dec. 29: Trinity Youth

### Monday Counters

Dec. 02: Betty Mull & Norma Scholtz  
 Dec. 09: Glenn Parham & Fred Cooke  
 Dec. 16: Laszlo Bujdoso & Caroline Levi  
 Dec. 23: Kay Cooke & Gina Parham  
 Dec. 30: Linda Parham & Cheryl Samoville

## Celebrations

### **Happy Birthday to:**

Dec. 01 Carmelita Rogers  
 Dec. 01 Mike Scholtz  
 Dec. 02 Carole Piercy  
 Dec. 03 Diane Hutchison  
 Dec. 05 Golda Cox  
 Dec. 06 Sheila Drake  
 Dec. 06 Suzanne May  
 Dec. 06 Ryder Brickey  
 Dec. 07 Russ Davis  
 Dec. 08 Tommie Eller  
 Dec. 08 Tom Patelidas  
 Dec. 10 Charlie Weaver  
 Dec. 10 Laura Hutchins  
 Dec. 10 Karie Gregory  
 Dec. 11 Caroline Pruett  
 Dec. 12 Addie Gregory  
 Dec. 14 Sabine Meador  
 Dec. 15 Bill Milholen  
 Dec. 16 Fran Kennedy  
 Dec. 18 Jean Freeman

Dec. 20 Carolyn May  
 Dec. 20 Cheryl Samoville  
 Dec. 21 Erin Eckley  
 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. 29 Della Gregory  
 Dec. 30 Scott Gregory  
 Dec. 30 Hannah Jarvis  
 Dec. 31 Hazel Capp

### **Happy Anniversary to:**

Dec. 21 John & Janice Nelson  
 Dec. 27 Karl & Julie Ruch

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

### 2020 Altar Flowers

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

**Available dates:**  
**all Sundays of**  
**2020 are OPEN.**





## Outreach News

### Pritchard Park Breakfast

TUMC will feed the homeless at Pritchard Park on **Sun., Dec. 1** at **9AM**. 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 **1:30PM Wed., Nov. 27**.



### Red Wagon

For **December**, we have supported the Family Resource Center at Emma Elementary, especially with their Holiday Food Boxes. This year we will collect for those boxes throughout November and the first part of December. Here are their most-needed items: cereal, dry beans, rice, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, macaroni and cheese, cooking oil, sugar, self-rising flour, corn meal, laundry soap, dish detergent (not for dishwashers), shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, and diapers. Bring donations to the church anytime during the week. However on the third Sunday (**Red Wagon Sunday, Nov. 15**), 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 help with the paper products for Trinity Place.

### UMAR

If you would be interested in visiting one of the UMAR homes, please contact Rev. Nancy. Our hope is to schedule TUMC folks to visit one afternoon and socialize around cookies or an art activity.

### ABCCM

Did you know that Trinity has been a part of ABCCM since its beginnings 50 years ago? If you would like to volunteer with ABCCM, please email [volunteer@abccm.org](mailto:volunteer@abccm.org) to start your volunteer experience!

### Haywood Street

If you have not seen the new fresco at Haywood Street, you are in for a treat! If you'd like to go as a group from Trinity to visit Haywood Street for worship and the Welcome Table in January, please let Rev Nancy know.



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- Holidays are special at Haywood Street

Congregation. Friends from all walks of life are invited to come together over an abundant meal, delight in rich desserts, and linger over conversation. Your contributions this month will help make possible our Thanksgiving and Christmas feasts — ensuring everyone has access to turkey, ham and all the trimmings. Donations can be made online via Kindful or by texting "GIVE" to 828-340-9335. Thank you for helping to make these special occasions possible.



- Haywood Street merchandise makes for great holiday gifts and helps support our core programs! Click here to view.
- Please consider attending the Holiday FUNdraiser hosted by Town & Mountain Realty! At The Orange Peel (101 Biltmore Ave, Asheville, NC 28801), **Fri., Dec. 20 5 – 10PM**. Visit their website for more information and the kid friendly schedule!

### Habitat for Humanity

Here are some photos of TUMC members working at the Habitat site in Candler back in September. See Mike Dempsey's TUMC's Habitat Coordinator, [Michael.Dempsey@lr.edu](mailto:Michael.Dempsey@lr.edu) to sign up for future workdays.

**Pictured (L-R)** Charlie Weaver, Glenn Parham, Maxine Schrader, & Mike Dempsey.



**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!!**

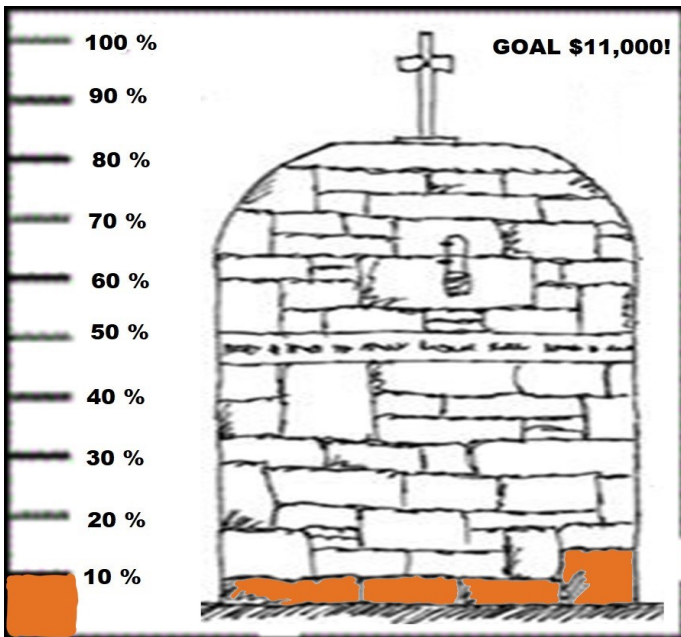
## Reports

### Trustees

Capital Campaign for Memorial Garden along the Martin Street side of the Sanctuary!

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 open to the public for meditation. The design (all hand-hewn stone and a circular stone with a scripture) is by local stone artist Marc Archambault of Hammerhead Stoneworks. The proposed cost is \$5500 for the urn and \$5500 for traditional styled bronze signs that will both name the space and hold name plates (~\$150 per name) for those who want to have their loved ones placed in the garden.

The project will begin once we have raised the \$11,000 needed. If you would like to donate to this campaign, write in memo "Memorial Garden." As of Nov. 26, we have raised \$1,438.00 towards our \$11,000 goal.



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

### Stewardship is Year Round. Our Pledge Campaign will begin in January!

- ◆ Our first act of New Year stewardship for Trinity will be to attend the Discovery Weekend, Jan 10-12.
- ◆ Our second act will be to give a theological look at our 2020 budget, ask questions about it, and seek discernment as to how we will meet it in faith and thanksgiving.
- ◆ Our third act will be to consider what your household is able to pledge to the 2020 ministries of our church family, and if it is possible to increase your pledge even 1% over the past year. The 2020 Budget should be available in mid-December. Our pledge Sunday will be Feb 2, 2020, which is also our Youth's Souper Bowl Sunday following worship.

### Church Council, Finance & Trustees News

- ◆ Tue., Dec. 10, 6PM - Combined Council and Finance meeting to consider 2020 Budget.
- ◆ Remember, copies of the current Financial reports are available on the hall table next to the elevator.
- ◆ Copies of all Committee minutes are available in the Church Office.
- ◆ Year-To-Date Statements of Giving will be mailed at the end of November so that all might have a chance to confirm your giving and if your pledge is on track to be fulfilled for 2019. All tithes and pledges need to be turned into the office no later than Sun., Dec. 29, for us to credit them to your account for the 2019 tax year. Please let Lee know in the Church Office if you have any questions.
- ◆ Everyone will receive an end-of-year giving statement in January 2020.

### Complete Minutes

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

## Monthly Meetings

Trustees ~ Next meeting is **Sun., Dec. 1, 5 PM**, in the Library. ????

Council & Finance ~ Next meeting is **Tue., Dec. 10, 6PM**, in the Library.

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

## The Ministry of Generosity

### Year End Gifts Accepted!!

Those looking to maximize giving and minimize tax liability would be wise to consider a gift from their stock portfolio or IRA!

### How does it work for stock gifts?

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

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

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

### How does it work for IRA gifts?

#### **Donors who are:**

Age 70 1/2 or older

Required to take a minimum distribution (RMD) from an IRA

Not dependent on their IRA for income

Desiring a reduction in their taxable income

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

The donor reduces their taxable income dollar-for-dollar of the contribution (up to \$100,000) that goes directly to the church. It's a win-win!

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

#### OCTOBER GIVING REPORT

Budgeted Collections	\$36,548
Actual Collections	\$25,256
DEF.	\$11,292

#### YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING REPORT

YTD Budgeted Collections	\$402,032
YTD Actual Collections	\$338,706
DEF.	\$63,326

#### NOVEMBER INCOME & EXPENSES

NOV. INCOME	\$25,256
NOV. EXPENSES	\$27,115
DEF.	\$1,859

#### YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME & EXPENSES

YTD INCOME	\$338,706
YTD EXPENSES	\$338,422
SURP.	\$283

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

## Ways to Give

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



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**DEADLINE FOR  
JAN. NEWSLETTER  
MON., DEC. 23.**

**Morning Prayer Chapel at 9:30AM  
Sunday School at 9:45AM  
Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45AM**

**Nursery ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (10AM)**

**Children & Youth Sunday School ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
(Age 3 - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade) (10AM)**

**Adult Classes**

**Faith Class ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Library (10AM)**

**Koinonia Class ~ 1<sup>st</sup> floor (9:45AM)**

**Mary Mann Class ~ 1<sup>st</sup> floor (9:45AM)**

*See page 5 for more information.*

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## Trinity's Music Corner

### Trinity Adult Chancel Choir

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



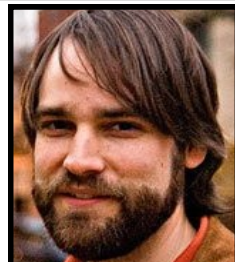
### Upcoming Concert

**Lee Thomas**, Trinity's Director of Music, will be one of the featured soloist in Bob Chilcott's **Wenceslas** in the Haywood Choral Society concert on **Sun., Dec. 1 at 7PM**. This will take place at First United Methodist Church, 566 S Haywood St, Waynesville. The concert is free and open to the public.

## Staff



Rev. Nancy Dixon  
Walton, Pastor



Andrew Tripp  
Director of Children &  
Youth



Lee Thomas  
Director of Music



Nolan Anthony  
Organist