

Trinity Times

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March Highlights

4 Ways to Observe Lent

Lent is a season of focus and preparation. It aligns our hearts with God's heart as we approach Easter. The following are just a few ways to focus and prepare.

Give It Up

Consider giving up something that distracts from your important relationships: like too much time on Twitter or Clash of Clans. Maybe cut out screen usage for several hours a day. Take a day of true rest: let go of toil for 24 hours.

Plug In

Consider adding in something that helps you connect to God. Read a book of the Bible, a devotional, or practice Lectio Divina on a daily basis.

Serve

Start a new routine of service. Volunteer regularly as an academic mentor, step up to volunteer in a local church, or visit a nursing home.

Share It

Make it a communal event. Share your Lent practices with others via a small group and/or attending worship.

Lenten Suppers

Join us for 3 Lenten Suppers & Holy Conversations about the Wilderness Journey - **5:30PM, Wednesdays Mar. 4, Mar. 25, & Apr. 1**. If you are willing to help with one of the meals (planning a simple meal about 20), please see Rev. Nancy. Ideal for families with 6PM Children's Choir or adults attending 7PM Adult Choir.

Variety Show

Our next Family Variety Show is **Sun., Mar. 8 at 5PM**. We need musicians,

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

Spring Work Day

On **Sat., Mar. 28** from **9AM - 1PM**, help with jobs around the church both inside cleaning and outside mulching work. Please bring gloves, wheelbarrows, pitchforks, rakes, shovels. If anyone would be willing to help organize a snack zone for our workers, this would be a very helpful ministry for our workers!

Stewardship Campaign Update

We are closing the gap! Join us for our first Fundraiser Meal on **Sun., Mar. 29** following worship. We'll also have a super brief and still very official **Charge Conference** to update the Clergy Compensation Form to reflect the new amount for our Pastor (required by our UM policy).

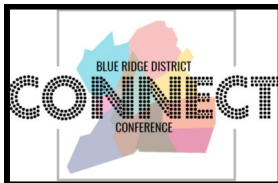
We have a total of 46 pledging units, 41 renewing, 5 new pledges! Help us surpass the mark of 50 pledging units! If you haven't turned in your 2020 estimate of giving, you are invited to do so at any time. Pledge cards are available in the pews.

2020 Total Projected Income	\$334,540
2020 Total Estimated Expenses	\$382,843
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District News

District & UMC News

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



Blue Ridge District Connect Conference Pathways to Peace

Sun., Mar. 22 from 2 - 5PM
at Covenant Community Church
in Fairview. Due to increased

interest and request on behalf of congregations across the district, we are changing our focus for the March District Connect conference to better prepare us for the upcoming General Conference. Join congregations and leaders across the district as we come together to receive up to date information and learn to lead peaceful conversations in the midst of discerning our path forward. This conference is open to all in the Blue Ridge District. There is a link to register on the District website wnc-reg.brtapp.com/ConnectConferenceMarch2020 or see Rev. Nancy.

Up-to-Date Information

To make sure you have access to the most up-to-date information on United Methodist, Western North Carolina Conference, and Blue Ridge District News and Opportunities, please visit our District website, www.blueridgedistrictumc.org.

Other Helpful websites & UMC-related communications sources:

gc2020welcome.org/

www.blueridgedistrictumc.org/communication-options

Thanks

- All who turned in Pledge Cards!
- Our Finance Team who has worked tirelessly to streamline our budget.
- Mildred Dixon for conducting our annual financial audit!
- All who are praying for TUMC daily, at 3:33PM or a time of your choice!
- Our Cub and Girl Scouts who helped with worship on Scout Sunday.

Thank You!

Going to College?

TUMC Educational Scholarships

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

Welcome New Member



Mark & Erica Locklear

We officially **welcome the Locklear Family** to our membership. While Mark, Erica and Faith have long been vital unofficial members (aka "constituents" in our statistical report), they have been vital members of our church family. In case you didn't know, Dr. Erica Abrams Locklear is Professor of English at UNCA, Mark is a web developer with NC State University, and their daughter Faith attends the New Classical Academy.

Children & Youth News

Children in Worship

Worship takes place in the Sanctuary at **10:45AM** 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.

Graduates

We want to recognize the 2020 College and High School graduates. High School graduates will be presented with a gift on Senior Sunday, which will be on **Sun., May 31**. Help us honor their achievements by sending Lee a bio of your graduate, including the school from which they're graduating and future plans.



Zoo



On **Thu., Jun. 18**, our children are spending the night in the NC Zoo in Asheboro. The cost is \$75 plus spending money and is open to all kids ages 7 and up (though it's not really for older youth). We will leave on that afternoon and get dinner along the way. We will get an after-hours tour of the zoo and then spend the night. The next day we'll stay to explore during regular hours and return late afternoon on the Jun. 19.

Camp Connect

Each summer Trinity UMC holds a week-long camp

for older elementary children to help teach the importance of serving our community. We are continuing that this year with Camp Connect. During the weeks of **July 13-17** and **August 10-14**, children going into grades 2-6 will go out and work with various service organizations in the Asheville area, like Hearts with Hands, ABCCM, Children First CIS, and Eblen Charities. On Friday we'll go to the Waynesville Rec Center indoor water park and the awesome playground near the rec center. Cost for the week is \$25. Kids can sign up for both weeks, but first-time campers will get preference in the second week, to allow space for everyone to have a chance to participate.

Camp Connect Mini

For the younger kids we will have a smaller version of Camp Connect the week of **June 29- July 2 (Monday - Thursday)**. This is for children age 4 through Third Grade. They will spend each day playing games, eating snacks, hearing stories, making crafts, and helping with service projects. The cost is \$5. Contact Andrew to register.

Youth Trip(s)

This summer we are offering the Youth trip two different times. One will be during the week of **July 19**, the other will be during the week of **August 2**. We are following our recent pattern of staying at a United Methodist College while we work, learn, and play in the surrounding communities. The trip is \$150/Youth and is open to everyone going into 6th-12th Grade. For now we're only letting youth sign up for one week, but as we get closer they can sign up for both if there's still space.

Note

For all the events listed above, contact Andrew for questions or to sign up.

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., Mar. 9.** and **Mon., Mar. 23.** This gathering is for individuals, family members and caregivers as they deal with this disease, providing a supportive environment and basic coping and life skills as loved ones



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

Church Life

5 Minute Yoga

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



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

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

United Methodist Women

The January meeting of the UMW will be on **Mon., Mar. 9 at 10:30AM** in the Koinonia Room. Please contact Kay Cooke (828-633-1098) if you are interested in joining the Reach Out Circle.



United Methodist Men

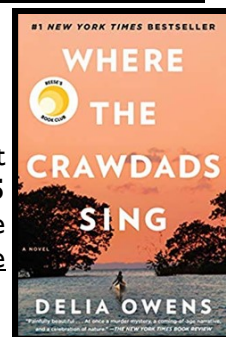
The United Methodist Men will meet on **Sun., Mar. 15 at 8AM** in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and fellowship. Please contact Keith Clark (828-484-8950), if you would like more information or to get involved with this ministry.



2020 Wednesday Book Group

TUMC Book Group

This fun group meets most **Wednesdays, 11AM, Mar. 4 & 25 (not Mar. 11 or 18)**. We are reading & discussing Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens.



Pastoral Care Team

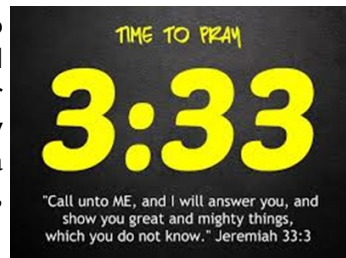
Our Pastoral Care/ Visitation Team meets regularly with Rev. Nancy to discuss visits and issues surrounding our home-bound and skilled nursing resident members. If you'd like to join the team, please speak with Rev. Nancy. Our goal is for each team member to make 2 visits per month. **If you would be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

On-Going Prayer List

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

Daily Prayer for Trinity

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



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 Andrew Tripp (meets in room next to Nursery).



Youth Sunday School & Faith Class

Is joining the Faith Class for Lent (Library) Beginning **Mar. 1, 9:45AM**, we're starting a new journey using a video curriculum called **The Bible Project**, AND we'd like to invite any youth to attend class with us. Mr. Andrew Tripp is aware that youth are invited to attend, yes, alongside us "older kids" knowing we are ALL learning together. Learn more about this by visiting www.bibleproject.com. If it's been some time since you've been able to attend, please consider this a great opportunity to re-engage with a wonderful group! There will still be Sunday School for elementary age children, and any youth who do not want to attend may be assistants to Mr. Andrew leading the class with the younger ones. There's a place for everyone! Won't you consider joining the journey to explore the Bible together? It will be more fun and fulfilling with you along!

Koinonia Class:

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

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

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

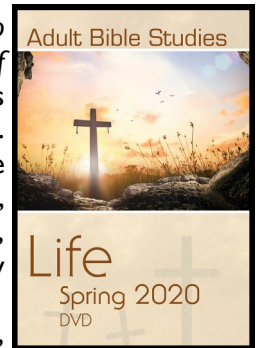


A hymn sung by Christians during persecution by Nero.

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

Mary Mann Class

The **Mary Mann Class** (also meets on the 1st floor, opposite end of the Fellowship Hall) follows Cokesbury's Adult Bible Study Series. The spring theme is **LIFE**. Scripture includes Genesis 3:8-24 (Mar. 1), Matthew 26:36-46 (Mar. 8), Numbers 21:4-9 (Mar. 15), Matthew 4:1-11 (Mar. 22), 2 Kings 25:8-21 (Mar. 29). Suffering is a reality of life, and this unit takes us to five places in



Scripture where suffering is a dominant theme: an Old Testament garden story and a New Testament garden story, an Old Testament wilderness story and a New Testament wilderness story, and the exile of the people of Judah. We examine these stories, not to wallow in misery, but to understand them as context for hope and salvation. (The March Spiritual Practice is Fasting.)

March Worship Schedule:

Mar. 1 ~ LENT 1 / Holy Communion

Matthew 4:1-11 (Jesus resists temptation in the wilderness)

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (Adam and Eve eat from the tree of knowledge)

Much of who we are is shaped by the wilderness. Made in the image of God, Adam and Eve discover how easy it is to get stuck in human brokenness. Jesus finds his sense of call in the wilderness, as his ministry becomes defined by what he resists: hunger (feeding the hungry) and power (finding power in servanthood).

Mar. 8 ~ LENT 2

John 3:1-17 (Nicodemus questions being born again)
Psalm 121 ("I lift my eyes to the hills")

Sometimes the wilderness mystifies and scares us. Nicodemus comes to Jesus by night, desperate for concrete answers to swallow up his doubt. Instead, Jesus offers him poetry and mystery, pointing him to the wildness of the Spirit. The hymn of Psalm 121 reminds us of the power of song when trudging through difficult or perilous wilderness spaces. In the wilderness of seeking justice, our songs give us courage and strength to climb even the highest of hills.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday 4 PM Confirmation Class (L) 5 PM Trustees (FR) 5:30 PM UMYF (FH/Y)	2 9 AM Counters (O) 7 PM AA (FH)	3 10 AM Staff Meeting (O)	4 11 AM Book Group (L) 6 PM Children Choir (MM) 7 PM Adult Choir (MR)	5 12:30 PM Mary Mann Potluck (FH) 6 PM Yoga (YR) 6 PM Scouts (SR)	6 7 PM AA (FH)	7
8 5 PM Variety Show & Hot Dog Supper (FH)	9 9 AM Counters (O) 10:30 AM Reach Out Circle (OC) 6 PM Dementia Support Group (OC) 7 PM AA (FH)	10 10 AM Staff Meeting (O)	11 6 PM Children Choir (MM) 7 PM Adult Choir (MR)	12 6 PM Yoga (YR) 6 PM Scouts (SR)	13 7 PM AA (FH)	14
15 Red Wagon Sunday 4 PM Confirmation Class (L) 5:30 PM UMYF (FH/Y)	16 9 AM Counters (O) 7 PM AA (FH)	17 10 AM Staff Meeting (O) 6 PM Finance Meeting (L)	18 6 PM Children Choir (MM) 7 PM Adult Choir (MR)	19 6 PM Yoga (YR) 6 PM Scouts (SR)	20 7 PM AA (FH)	21
22 8 AM UMM Breakfast (FH) 2 PM District Workshop (OC) 4 PM Confirmation Class (L) 5:30 PM UMYF (FH/Y)	23 9 AM Counters (O) 6 PM Dementia Support Group (L) 7 PM AA (SR)	24 10 AM Staff Meeting (O)	25 11 AM Book Group (L) 6 PM Children Choir (MM) 7 PM Adult Choir (MR)	26 9:30 AM Newsletter Mailing Team (O) 6 PM Yoga (YR) 6 PM Scouts (FH)	27 7 PM AA (FH)	28 9 AM Spring Clean Workday
29 12 PM Lunch Fundraiser & Church Council / Brief Charge Conference (FH) 5 PM Church Council (FR) 5 PM UMYF (FH/Y)	30 9 AM Counters (O) 7 PM AA (FH)	31 10 AM Staff Meeting (O)	<u>Weekly Sunday Schedule</u> 9:45 AM Sunday School (Various Locations) 10:45 AM Worship (Sanctuary)	<u>1st Floor</u> FH-Fellowship Hall/ Kitchen K-Koinonia P-Parlor MM-Mary Mann Class CG - Church Grounds OC-Off Campus	<u>Main (2nd) Floor</u> S-Sanctuary O-Office L-Library AR-Annex Room CR-Children's Room N-Nursery MR-Choir Room	<u>3rd Floor</u> YR-Yoga C-Chapel Y-Youth Room FR-Faith Room <u>Education Bldg</u> SR-Scout Room

Serving in March 2020

Acolytes

Coordinators: Celia & Sean Clark

The following children will be serving our congregation this month:

Mar. 01: Emory Capp & Faith Locklear
 Mar. 08: Fiona Ruch & Emma Rose Dempsey
 Mar. 15: Ellie & Gram Klingel
 Mar. 22: Hazel & Theo Pharr
 Mar. 29: Cora Richmond & Caroline Pruett

Van Drivers

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

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

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

Monday Counters

Mar. 02: Betty Mull & Norma Scholtz
 Mar. 09: Glenn Parham & Fred Cooke
 Mar. 16: Linda Parham &
 Mar. 23: Kay Cooke & Gina Parham
 Mar. 30: Maxine Schrader & Amanda Kollar

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

Mar. 04 Jill Clark
 Mar. 04 Evan Kinney
 Mar. 05 Ellie Klingel
 Mar. 06 Jolene Brookshire
 Mar. 07 Oris Crout
 Mar. 07 Paul Sprouse
 Mar. 11 Janice Nelson
 Mar. 15 Benjamin Pruett
 Mar. 16 Elizabeth Harwell
 Mar. 17 Joey Reinhart
 Mar. 18 Peggy Weaver
 Mar. 20 Fiona Ruch
 Mar. 21 Robert Harrison
 Mar. 23 Betty Mull
 Mar. 25 Glenn Waldroup
 Mar. 27 Diane Hall
 Mar. 27 Elizabeth Allan
 Mar. 27 Isaac Hertzinger

Mar. 28 Sonja Mann
 Mar. 29 Lee Thomas
 Mar. 30 Linda Hardy
 Mar. 31 Billie Corpening
 Mar. 31 Nate Durham
 Mar. 31 Emory Capp

Happy Anniversary to:

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

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.**

February Altar Flowers

- ♦ Feb. 2 Memory of Christopher Mann by Paul Mann
- ♦ Feb. 23 Honor of Carlos & Fran Kennedy
- ♦ No flowers on Feb. 9 & 16.



Worship & More

Mar. 15 ~ LENT 3

(The Rev. Vernon Robinson, preacher)

John 4:5-42 (The Samaritan woman at the well)

Exodus 17:1-7 (The Israelites thirst in the wilderness)

The Israelites experience the full spectrum of emotions the wilderness incites—doubt and disillusionment, disorientation and disconnection. Memories of their liberation fade as their thirst deepens and they ask, “Is the Lord among us or not?” In John’s gospel, Jesus greets a woman of Samaria—a foreign land Jesus chooses to go through, not around—and transforms her personal wilderness into living waters.

Mar. 22 ~ LENT 4

(The Rev. Rob Parsons, preacher)

John 9:1-4 (Jesus heals a man born blind)

Psalms 23 (“The Lord is my shepherd”)

Healing is a wilderness journey. The story of the man born blind shows us that sometimes we get worse before we get better, as his healing journey requires mud across his eyes and plunging into a pool he is forbidden to touch. In the familiar words of Psalm 23, we find comfort in God’s loving guidance even through the valley of the shadow of death.

Mar. 29 ~ LENT 5

John 11:1-45 (Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead)

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (The valley of dry bones)

Feeling stuck or depressed, navigating a failing marriage or working a job you hate, living with illness or chronic pain - these are all valleys of dry bones. In these spaces, we pray for God’s breath to rattle us toward becoming whole. The story of Lazarus reminds us of the wilderness of grief, as Martha’s response to her brother’s death captures the way we, too, might protest death, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

Embracing the Body: Renewing the Mind: Engaging the Spirit

First UMC Hickory, MAR. 13 at 8:30AM - 1:30PM

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

We invite you to celebrate with us at the 4th PHW Faith and Health Summit and first Western North Carolina Faith and Health Summit on March 13, 2020 in Hickory, NC:

- Congregations filled with people who believe that places of faith can support healthier communities

- Communities that are being transformed by the work of faithful congregations
- God’s care made visible in the places we live, eat and play

That each of us is made imago dei: mind, body and spirit

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

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

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

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

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

The Rev will be Down Under

Pastor on call March 9 -21 is the Rev. Kelly Crissman. and his cell is 828-266-5961. He is pastor of Asbury Memorial UMC and is the husband of the District Superintendent and is in charge of our missional network. Also, TUMC’s own:

Rev. John Nelson, cell is 828-775-2090; home is 828-254-4894.

Rev. John McCullough, cell is 334-596-2092

Rev. Vernon Robinson, call 1st (828) 620-2540 mobile, (828) 505-1669 residence.

Outreach News

Red Wagon

For the month of **March**, we will collect the following items for **Haywood Respite: HE** Laundry detergent (liquid only), dishwasher detergent pods, Coffee (ground, non-flavored), large black garbage bags, Clorox wipes, Shampoo and conditioner (full-sized for Respite; travel size for birthday bags), toothbrushes, and hand warmers. Remember you can bring donations to the church anytime during the week. However on the third Sunday (**Red Wagon Sunday, Feb. 16**), please keep them with you at your pew and place them in the wagon when the children come around during the opening hymn.



THANKS to all who donated snacks for Hall Fletcher & Asheville Middle Schools in February.

Room in the Inn

Save the Date! Trinity will host Room in the Inn the week of **July 5 - 12!** More details to come!



ABCCM NEWS



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

you'd like to know more.

Haywood Street Two Concerts

May 8 ~ 6 PM Steep Canyon Rangers at Salvage Station, 466 Riverside Dr, Asheville, NC 28801 in Support of the Downtown Welcome Table.



May 9 ~ 7 PM Imagine . . . Reprise! A Concert to support the Haywood Street Fresco at Central United Methodist Church, 27 Church St, Asheville, NC 28801

On-Going Ways To Serve at Haywood Street

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

Pritchard Park

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

2019 Information

2019 Statistical Highlights

Copies of the full report are available on our Hallway Table

- ♦ 408 professing members on our rolls (217 females, 191 males)
- ♦ 101 average worship attendance
- ♦ 9 people received into membership (8 through confirmation; 1 by profession of faith)
- ♦ 10 professing members died
- ♦ 64 constituent members (active participants who have not yet become members)
- ♦ 29 baptized members who have not yet become professing members
- ♦ 22 community ministries for outreach, justice and mercy!
 - ◊ Charitable Giving Total = \$42,147 (11% of our 2019 Expenses of \$382,023) \$32,675 given to UM sources (\$28,585 for Conference & District Apportionment & Mission; \$4090 given directly to UM causes not sent through our Annual Conference)
 - ◊ \$15,472 given to non-UM benevolent and charitable causes (includes giving from Mary Mann Class
 - ♦ \$17,918 spent on capital expenditures for building, improvements, & major equipment purchases.

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!!

Committee News

Church Council

Church Council met Sun., Feb. 23 to discuss and learn more about:

- The Single Board Leadership Team/ One Board Model - with a presentation/ Q&A with the Rev. Rob Parsons, Blue Ridge District Vitality Associate. Council members plan to meet with Sunday Schools to share more information and receive questions about this model which would include 9-15 members and potentially combine Council, Trustees, Finance & Staff Parish into one Leadership Team. *(Please see more details below)*

- Approval of our 2020 Budget

From the *Simplified Structure Planning Workbook*.

A **single executive team** structure is enabled by the 2016 UMC **Book of Discipline ¶ 247.2**. The duties and responsibilities of the traditional four administrative committees - finance, personnel (Staff/Pastor Parish Relations), property (Trustees), and administrative board (Church Council)] – can be combined into a single governing leadership team. This simplification of your structure allows a streamlined and clear line of accountable leadership:

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

The strategic work of aligning our church, its members, and its resources toward its purpose of making disciples becomes the sole focus of the governing board. Monthly presentations and long oral reports certainly are not required. Instead, permission-giving guidelines are provided so decisions are made easily with flexibility without the board/council micromanaging every decision. Whenever decisions are made, the governing board should be asking itself if a new policy or new guiding principle needs to be created.

Most often, the Leadership Team includes:

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

Finance Committee

- Copies of the **2020 Approved Budget as Mission** and current Financial reports are available on the hall table next to the elevator.
- Your Tithes & Pledges may be updated at any time for any reason by contacting Lee Thomas, Office Administrator.

Board of Trustees

Spring Workday – **Sat., Mat. 28, 9AM - 1PM**. Please join us as we work together to help save money on some of the seasonal landscaping and cleaning jobs.

Coming Soon:

- New American with Disabilities compliant door at the back of the church (former stained glass door).
- New key fob system.

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.

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

Finance ~ Next meeting is **Tue., Mar. 17, 6PM**, in the Library.

Church Council ~ Next meeting is **Sun., Mar. 29, 12PM** in the Fellowship Hall.

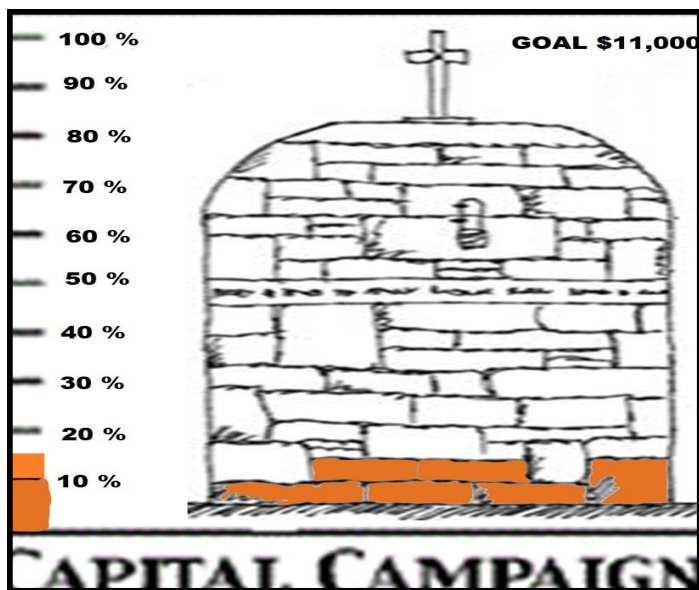
These meetings are open to ALL and YOU are welcome to attend!

Where We Stand! Updates

Memorial Garden Update

The Trustees continue to seek funds for our Capital Campaign to build a Memorial Garden along the Martin Street side of the Sanctuary. The garden will contain a communal urn for the final resting place of ashes of loved ones. This custom design was approved the Trustees in late 2018. We are grateful for the \$1668 that has already come in! **A poster of this design with explanation will be on display in the hallway outside the Sanctuary.**

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



JAN 2020 GIVING REPORT

Budgeted Collections	\$27,878
Actual Collections	\$33,176
SURP.	\$5,298

JAN 2020 EXPENSE REPORT

Jan Budgeted Expenses	\$31,904
Jan Actual Expenses	\$22,658
SURP.	\$9,246

JAN 2020 INCOME & EXPENSES

Jan Income	\$33,176
Jan Expenses	\$11,658
SURP.	\$10,518

Ways to Give

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



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**DEADLINE FOR
APR. NEWSLETTER
FRI., MAR. 20.**



Scout Sunday 2020
Rev Nancy & Glenn May

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

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

Adult Classes

**Faith Class ~ 2nd floor Library (10AM)
Koinonia Class ~ 1st floor (9:45AM)
Mary Mann Class ~ 1st floor (9:45AM)
See page 5 for more information.**

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Trinity's Music Corner

Trinity Adult Chancel Choir

Lent is a time of giving up or adding a new discipline. 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).



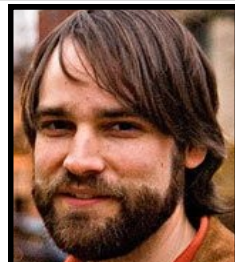
Children's Choir

Have a child who is interested in music and more? Join the Children's Choir! They meet most **Wednesday nights** at **6PM**. This open to Elementary age kids with any (or no) musical ability. They play games, explore the church, and occasionally sing. They also perform periodically in worship. See Andrew or Lee for more information.

Staff



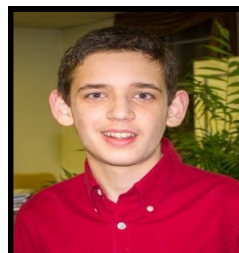
Rev. Nancy Dixon
Walton, Pastor



Andrew Tripp
Director of Children &
Youth



Lee Thomas
Director of Music



Nolan Anthony
Organist