



587 Haywood Road
Asheville, NC 28806
828-253-5471

NON PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 336
ASHEVILLE, NC

Electronic Service
Requested

JANUARY 2021

TRINITY TIMES

A place to belong. A community that serves. Growing in God's abundant grace.



Our money story is a spiritual story. We are grateful to Cathi Durham for sharing a testimony of this principle as we kick off our 2021 stewardship journey this month!

The Spirit of Giving
~ by Cathi Durham

As I write this note, we are entering the final days and hours of this holiday season and starting to look toward 2021. I reflect that I'm thankful for all the many ways that Trinity connected us this year. I am thankful for Nancy and the virtual worship services, Andrew's pre-recorded children's moments, youth group, the immensely successful pumpkin patch, Emma Food Drives, Red Roof Inn dinners, the opportunities to record music for services, and so much more. Personally, it's the regular connections - a hug, a shared meal, inviting people into my home, welcoming a visitor at church - that I've missed the most. We've all had to adjust our expectations and our priorities through this trying year. That said, through our gifts, whether it's through your pledges or the gift of our time and talents, we have ensured that critical connections continue to be made.

I'm grateful for these connections and look forward to expanding them in 2021 through my gifts to Trinity. Beyond our annual pledges, which remains the best way to ensure this community continues to thrive, I'd like to challenge each of us to think of ways we can combine connections with each other with continuing to support the Trinity community. Do you have a talent or skill that could raise funds for a missional effort? Have you cleared out your closets during 2020 and want to participate in a multi-family yard sale benefitting Trinity's programs? These are just ideas...I know you have many creative ideas for connecting us with our community.

As we finalize a draft 2021 budget, you will receive an estimate of giving card in January. Please pray about

what you can give realistically through your financial resources. And don't stop there - consider your other resources - time, talents, service and witness, and how you may be able to pledge those as well. Write those down on your estimate of giving as a faithful gift to our community. Let us hear from you and how you can help connect our talents to become much greater than the sum of the parts. And with God's grace, we will find what we have always seen God do - we will see there is more than enough! The Spirit of giving at Trinity is strong. Help us make it even stronger in 2021!

JANUARY MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

FOUR WEEK DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITY

Our Money Story Bible Study will meet weekly in January via Zoom or in person for up to 10 people in the Library on **Sundays, 9:30-10:30AM, for 4 Sundays beginning January 10 - 31.**

We all have a money story, whether we recognize it or not. Perhaps we are living from a story of fear or shame or guilt. Or a story that our actions won't have an impact. Or a story that we don't have enough. Where might God be speaking a new narrative into the limited ones we have told ourselves?

Often, to speak of money is to invite tension into the room. We so quickly want to avoid it. But we can reframe this. Money and possessions are one of the most common topics in scripture, and Jesus talked about money more than faith and prayer.

Our money story, therefore, is a spiritual story - for our own households and for our church family.

We will use a workbook and conversation to discern and share our money story. Our narratives around money, possessions and beliefs shape our actions. Ultimately, the hope is that our conversation & exercises will inspire us to give more faithfully of ourselves and our resources to bring forth God's money story of liberation and healing for all.

WORSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP

CALENDAR OF WORSHIP

- **Jan. 3** - Epiphany Joint Missional Network Worship & Holy Communion; the Rev. Stephanie Foretich-McKey, St. Paul's UMC, preaching.

TRINITY TIMES

STAFF

Rev. Nancy Dixon Walton
Pastor (Ext. 104)

Lee Thomas
Director of Music Ministries/
Office Administrator (Ext. 101)

Andrew Tripp
Director of Children
& Youth (Ext. 112)

Nolan Anthony
Organist

Darryl Parker
Custodian

Wendy Leach Parker
Zoe Cecil
Jasmine Eilers
Nursery/Children's Dept.

TRINITY UMC

587 Haywood Road
Asheville, NC 28806
828-253-5471

Emergency Contact #:
828-490-7419

EMAIL

info@TrinityWAVL.org

WEBSITE

TrinityWAVL.org

FACEBOOK PAGE

Trinity United Methodist Church of
Asheville



CALENDAR

Fri., 1/1	Church Office Closed
Sun., 1/3	10:45AM Worship
Mon., 1/4	12:30PM Manna Food Dist.
Tue., 1/5	12PM Dismantling Racism
Sun., 1/10	9:30AM Bible Study 10:45AM Worship 2PM Conference Keynote Address
Mon., 1/11	4PM Conf. Training
Tue., 1/12	6:30PM Conf. Training
Wed., 1/13	6:30PM Dismantling Racism
Thu., 1/14	6:30PM Conf. Training
Sat., 1/16	10AM MLK, Jr. Service
Sun., 1/17	9:30AM Bible Study 10:45AM Worship
Tue., 1/19	12PM Dismantling Racism
Sun., 1/24	9:30AM Bible Study 10:45AM Worship
Tue., 1/26	12PM Dismantling Racism
Tue., 1/26	6PM TLC Meeting
Wed., 1/27	11AM Book Group
Sun., 1/31	9:30AM Bible Study 10:45AM Worship 3:30PM Red Roof Supper

- **Jan. 10 – Remember - Luke 22:1-23** (The Last Supper & Judas' betrayal) | **Exodus 16:1-18** (Manna in the desert)
- **Jan. 17 – Release - Matthew 19:16-22** (A wealthy man seeks eternal life) | **Deut. 15:1-11** (The year of canceled debts)
- **Jan. 24 – Reimagine - Mark 12:38-44** (The widow's mite) | **Leviticus 19:9-10; 25:8-12** (The Year of Jubilee)
- **Jan. 31 – Restore - John 21:1-19** (Jesus appears to the disciples) | **Genesis 33:1-17** (Esau forgives Jacob)

COMMUNITY ANTI-RACISM DISCUSSION GROUP

Are you interested in learning more about dismantling white supremacy and building more understanding and resiliency to support our black and brown bodied sisters and brothers? We are using the book *Me and White Supremacy* and reading only 1 chapter and doing journal reflections to guide discussion each week. We'd love to have you on the journey. Please contact Jonathan Capp (cappson3@gmail.com) or Nancy Walton (nancy@trinitywavl.org) if you are interested. Currently, we meet by Zoom (or meet at church with your RSVP if that is better for you) over the Lunch hour on Tuesdays. Please let us know if you'd like to be a part but cannot meet at this time. **Would you like to join a 2nd group that meets on Sunday afternoons?** Please let Nancy or Jonathan know.

JANUARY BOOK GROUP

Meets **Wed., Jan. 27, 11AM**, in the Fellowship Hall (socially distanced) or via Zoom. We will be doing something a little different - both discussing and cooking (!) from Chapter 3 of the book *Taste and See: Discovering God Among Butchers, Bakers, and Fresh Food Makers* by Margaret Feinberg. Let Nancy know if you'd like the Zoom link or need the materials sent to you.

DISTRICT/CONFERNECE NEWS

WINTER LEADERSHIP TRAINING WEBINAR SERIES

Our Conference will offer a series of Conference-wide training webinars during the **week of January 10-14** to resource and equip all areas of your Church leadership. **These are not only for official church leaders but for ANYONE who feels the Spirit inviting you to learn and attend!**

Register through the WNCCUMC.org website looking for the "Winter Leadership Training Webinar Series."

SUN., JAN. 10, 2PM ~ KEYNOTE ADDRESS

We will host a watch party of the keynote address, **2PM Sun., Jan. 10** at **Trinity** for anyone who is interested and would prefer to watch in the Fellowship Hall. Author, creative worship and guest readiness coach **Jason Moore**, of Midnight Oil Productions, will launch the series on **"Telling the Old Story in a New Time"** for a two hour webinar for how to face these unique challenges to worship. Jason will lead your church into a deep dive through the questions and answers that must be asked and addressed as we worship today. Over two thousand individuals from all over the United States have already participated in this webinar experience and have already begun to implement learnings gathered from it. Here's what you can expect to take away from it:

- A primer on shifting practices from in-person to virtual
- How to offer worship beyond online (for the technologically challenged)
- Best practices for creating worship that lasts beyond the moment
- A guest readiness guide and tips for how to offer a deeper sense of community
- Technology tips (including what to do when things fail)
- Copyright concerns
- Equipment options, and how to achieve a good looking (and sounding) stream
- 20 Page PDF handbook filled with resource links and exclusive offers
- Extensive Q&A time
- 30 Days to re-watch the recorded stream
- Optional follow up coaching opportunities

Other topics throughout the week will include:

SUN., JAN. 10, 4PM

- **Staff-Parish Relations Committee - Building Relationships for the Mission** - You said "yes" to serving on P/SPRC. Now what? Experienced District Superintendents Laura Auten (Uwharrie) and Bev Copley (Northern Piedmont) invite you into a reflective conversation about the unique calling of P/SPRC members. We will begin by sharing scriptural guideposts for the work, then move on to the nuts and bolts of a good meeting, seasonal responsibilities, covenants, and how to approach differences. Kathy Odell, HR Consultant for WNCC (and Uwharrie District Lay Leader) will guide us through some legalities and best practices. Each attendee will also have an opportunity for Q/A with their own Superintendent during the last portion of the workshop.

- ◊ Who Will Benefit: P/SPRC chairs and members, pastors

Caroline Levi, Carolyn May, Ellen Mitchell, Cheryl Samoville, Maxine Schrader for donating the items to make the Christmas Ham dinner for the RITI meal on December 20. They expressed deep gratitude for the comfort food!

- Mark Locklear for doing some leaf cleaning around the parsonage grounds!
- FROM THE STAFF - Thank you all for your many expressions of love, goodies, generosity and support during the Advent & Christmas season. We count it a joy to serve you!
- All of you for your faithful giving to Trinity!
- All who have given and continue to give to the Memorial Garden! We are still raising funds for the outdoor bronze signs to hold names of those interred.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

Neal Baird Hutchins graduated from Western Carolina on Dec 12 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree. He double majored in Management and Sports Management. He is currently working the Western Carolina Basketball games keeping stats or running the clock. Proud parents are Greg and Nancy Hutchins.



BLENDED TRADITIONS GIFTS

IN HONOR

Jimmy & Barbara Davis

Marcie, Brian, Sandra and their spouses/families

Connie DeLoach Dewberry

Jennie Lynn Krichbaum
Ted Meadows
Ellen Mitchell

Nancy & Greg Hutchins & Family

Jennie Lynn Krichbaum
Maxine Schrader
Hal Starnes
Nancy Walton & Trinity UMC Staff

Nancy Hutchins

Wednesday Book Group

Jennie Lynn Krichbaum

Mary Jo Harrison
Emma Grace Hutchins

Paul Mann

Russell Paul Mann

Glenn & Carolyn May

Trinity UMC Staff
The May Family

Ellen Mitchell

Melanie Mitchell Robertson
David Mitchell

Maxine Schrader

Paul Mann
Linda & Glenn Parham
Trinity UMC Staff

James Sparger

Meg Sparger

Angela Waldroup

Bob & Betty Mull

IN MEMORY

Keith, Jill, Sean & Celia Clark

Joyce Clark

Charlotte Clodfelter

The Rev. William D. Clodfelter

Fred & Kay Cooke

Morgan Elizabeth Cooke

Connie DeLoach Dewberry

Steve Mitchell

Nancy & Greg Hutchins & Family

Kitty Crout
Tommie Eller
Malcolm & Sybil Gamble
Mary West
Dottie Whitlock

Carlos & Fran Kennedy

Kerri Kennedy O'Rourke

Paul Mann

Mary Mann
Christopher Mann

Ellen Mitchell

Steve Mitchell

Kari Richmond

Hugh & Ollie Ensminger

David Sales

Phil & Louise Sales

Cheryl Samoville

Doris Stubenvoll

Maxine Schrader

Mary Mann

Barbara, Deane, & Donna Smith & Family

Orba Smith

Lee Thomas

Arthur & Peggy Thomas
Trinity Members who have died in 2020.

down surfaces following any gatherings (supplies provided). Please call the Church Office if you have any questions or would like to reserve the Fellowship Hall or Library.

DECEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The TLC last met on Tue., Dec. 1, 6PM via Zoom and covered the following (our meeting minutes):

- Reflected on the questions - Where have you seen God moving this week? Where have you seen God's heart breaking this week? Where have you seen God rejoicing this week?
- Reviewed Church Finances through October & part of November:
 - ◊ We continue to hold steady in terms of income and expenses. We decided we are able to pay an additional month of apportionments, bringing us to being able to pay in 50% to our Conference and the General UMC this year. We are on track to end the year well, having kept expenses way below budget. Year-end statements to date will be sent out in December with the Advent Bags.
 - ◊ The Pumpkin Patch proceeds allowed us to pay all our local missional budgeted commitments (ABCCM, WNC Rescue Mission, Meals on Wheels, Haywood Street, UNCA Wesley Foundation, and one of the UMC approved Advance Special funds) and some of the Conference & General UMC missional apportionments (e.g., almost all our District Missions funds & WNC Conference missional funds). In addition, we are grateful for the Mary Mann Class; missional efforts - over \$4200 in additional missional giving! If we were to add in the monetary value of all the volunteer hours TUMC folks have given, this amount would be even bigger. Thank you SO much!
 - ◊ We set a goal of \$5000 for the "Blended Traditions" Christmas collection (Angel Tree, Fuel Fund, Poinsettia giving).
 - ◊ Our 2021 Stewardship Campaign, "Our Money Story," begins in January.
 - ◊ We made note that giving through the on-line portal does cost the church a small bank fee. Because on-line giving has increased, so have the Vanco fees. We will work to encourage regular givers to use their banking "bill pay" or an app like Venmo to reduce these administrative costs to TUMC.
 - ◊ We began working on a draft 2021 budget. We will be working hard to present a trim budget that hold our mission and ministry front and center around worship, discipleship of all ages & outreach. As we request households to turn in the "Estimate of

Giving" cards during January 2021, the TLC will revisit the budget to finalize and present TUMC with as close to a balanced budget as possible.

- Received Missional updates about Blended Traditions Collection, Manna Distribution, RITI/ Red Roof Inn meal plans & Red Wagon (lots for December!)
- Received Worship & Discipleship updates - including distribution of Advent Bags!
- Received Trustees updates, including completed tub repairs in the parsonage (partially under warranty); boiler/ radiator repair in Fellowship Hall is under review; updates on education building potential renters for next year - the Avl Peak Academy public charter school; the Memorial Garden is still under construction; and that all our Covid-19 protocols for welcoming up to 50 people in the church buildings are going well.

CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

As approved by the SPR Committee, the church office will be closed on **Fri., Dec. 25 - Fri., Jan. 1**. We will be reopen on **Mon., Jan. 4**. If there is a pastoral emergency, the minister from St. Paul's UMC, Rev. Stephanie Foretich-McKey [919-920-7423], will be on call or contact the Google Emergency Contact # (828)490-7419 and leave a message and someone will call you.

CELEBRATIONS

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 01 Caroline May	Jan. 13 Bill Gummesson
Jan. 03 Larry Sands	Jan. 16 Paul Mann
Jan. 03 Scott Eller	Jan. 22 Nancy D Walton
Jan. 03 Tyler Silvers	Jan. 23 Scott Williams
Jan. 04 Beth Kinney	Jan. 23 Mia Davis
Jan. 05 Bob Mull	Jan. 24 Doris Cooper
Jan. 05 Jeremy Walton	Jan. 24 David Guthrie
Jan. 07 Neal Hutchins	Jan. 25 Nina Reinhart
Jan. 08 Mike Pruett	Jan. 26 Judy Waycaster
Jan. 09 Norma Scholtz	Jan. 28 Barbara Smith
Jan. 10 Larry Cooper	Jan. 28 Jody Grose
Jan. 13 Glenn May	Jan. 29 David Ellis

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- Jan. 22 Glenn & Carolyn May
- Jan. 26 Carlos & Fran Kennedy

THANKSGIVINGS

- The Capp Family, Kay Cooke, Paul Mann, Melanie Robertson, Maxine Schrader, who helped either prepare, cook, package and/or deliver the meals; and to Kay Cooke, Ruth Gaddy,



MON., JAN. 11, 6:30PM

- **Financial Faithfulness in Uncertain Times** - The goal of this workshop is to share important information and resources to empower the ministry of financial administration in local churches. It will include resources for day-to-day financial management, for engaging generosity as a spiritual practice and supporting a generous culture in your local church, and the opportunity for Q&A.
 - ◊ This workshop would especially benefit Pastors, Treasurers, Finance Chairs, Financial Secretaries, Members of Finance Committee, Stewardship team, other church leaders
- **Welcoming, Hospitality, and Belonging** - This workshop will offer ideas for congregations to engage in dismantling racism and in racial justice and equity. We will explore our Denominational commitments and Conference Commitments, including reference to *Holy Listening, Holy Action: The Council of Bishops Statement on the Scourge of Racism*; and the book *To Be Faithful to Our Heritage* by Linda D. Addo and James H. McCallum. We will offer and practice models of meaningful and responsible engagement.
 - ◊ This workshop would benefit ANYONE, including Lay Leaders, Lay Servants, Christian Education, Staff Pastor Parish, Nominations and Leadership Development, Communications, Worship/Ushers.

TUE., JAN. 12 6:30PM

- **Evangelism and Discipleship During A Pandemic** - Discipleship is not a program but a way of living and an outpouring of who we are as followers of Jesus.
 - ◊ This conversation would benefit any ministry team leaders (paid or unpaid staff) in any kind of leadership role in the life of the church.
- **School Partnerships in a Virtual Learning World** - This session will provide ideas and strategies for initiating and strengthening church and school partnerships. We will focus on the church's response to the ongoing impact of COVID-19. We will share practical steps and resources.
 - ◊ This workshop would benefit anyone connected to outreach, mission chairs, educators, parents and anyone who is interested in responding to child poverty through organized partnerships.

WED., JAN. 13, 6:30PM

- **A Divided Nation Needs a United Church: What One Person Can Do - Leadership During a Pandemic for Church Councils** - In this workshop, we will explore a foundation by which

people can disagree without being disagreeable. How can the church offer an alternative way of living together and reflect that to their communities? Participants will engage in theological reflection and learn some helpful skills and tools.

- ◊ This workshop would benefit anyone who wants to consider how they can better interact with others and offer tools for reconciliation and healing.
- **Leadership during a Pandemic for Church Council Chairpersons, Lay Leaders, and Pastor** - This workshop will provide simple leadership skills for personal and group development in the midst of trauma and difficult decisions. We will provide short- term/ long-term strategies and protocols to lead a group during these times of division, fear and stress. A leadership tool kit will be provided for the long term development needed through a pandemic.
 - ◊ Who would benefit? Any person in a leadership role.

THU., JAN. 14, 6:30PM

- **The Work and Ministry of Local Church Trustees** - Effective trustees function as Christian stewards of the property which God has entrusted to the congregation. This ministry include supervising and maintaining both the physical property of the congregation and gifts made to the congregation so that the ministries of the local church are vital and effective. Join us as we look at the responsibilities of the Trustees in a local church.
 - ◊ Who will benefit? Local Church Trustees; Pastors.
- These trainings are open to ANY one, and we would love to sign you up!

PLEASE RSVP to watch the Sunday session at Trinity. **PLEASE** let us know if you need help registering! And please consider attending the Sunday keynote and at least one other session to build a healthy 2021 for our TUMC community!

AVL URBAN MISSION NETWORK UPDATES

Asbury Memorial UMC and our network said goodbye to the Rev. Kelly Crissmas, who is moving to Greensboro to serve churches there and to be closer to his spouse, the Rev. Beth Crissman, our former D.S. We are awaiting word of who will take his place as Asbury's next pastor. Stay tuned. In the meantime, did you know that our network includes a new UMC church start, Wellspring UMC?

2021 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SERVICE

The WNC Black Methodists for Church Renewal, the Justice & Reconciliation Team and the Commission for Religion and Race have set the 2021 Martin Luther King, Jr.



Commemoration Service for **Sat., Jan. 16, 10AM EST**. The theme is **The Urgency of Now: Ushering in the Kingdom of God**, with Luke 17:20-21 as the key verse for the day.

The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Joseph Daniels, the Senior Pastor of Emory Fellowship United Methodist Church, Washington DC.

The service will be hosted on Zoom, Facebook Live and YouTube Live.

Join Bishop Leeland and friends from across Western North Carolina for worship, music and a powerful message of hope and reconciliation. During the event we will be recognizing the Drum Major for Service Award Honorees and a Youth and Young Adult Contest.

Learn more at <https://www.wncumc.org/2021mlkjr>.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & MISSION

JANUARY RED WAGON

We will collect for Trinity Place Runaway and Homeless Youth Shelter. Trinity Place provides a safe place for up to six runaway and homeless youth, ages 7 to 17. The short-term shelter is open 24/7/365 and staffed with CARING case managers who provide support for youth and their families with the goal of family reunification or an alternative placement. The program also provides the family with referrals to community services and other helpful resources. Youth attend classes at their own schools (*within Buncombe County*) and are under 24-hour supervision. While in the program, youth participate in a variety of volunteer, social justice, and educational opportunities.



"Things were so bad at home, I knew I had to get out of there. Trinity Place gave me a safe place to stay while I worked on fixing my problems with my family." ~Todd, age 14.

Items needed are: Gallon size food baggies, Apple juice, Liquid body wash, Paper towels, & Gift cards for children that are with us during their birthdays

ON-GOING RED WAGON

We see a need to collect canned food items to have on hand. As you see on sale canned goods and dried

beans, please pick up an extra can or two for Emma/Children First Resource Center families or where needed.

RITI/ RED ROOF INN MEALS

Sun., Jan. 31, RITI/ Red Roof Inn Supper – For January, Kay Cooke will be making Brunswick Stew for 65 meals so **we are asking for monetary donations** (write "Red Roof" – in check memo/envelope) to cover the cost of the items needed in the stew and she will do all the shopping. If you want to provide cornbread/muffins or gluten free corn tortilla chips, those items can be dropped off by **IPM** on **Sat., Jan. 30**. A few volunteers are needed on **Sat., Jan. 30** (12PM) to help make the stew and a team of volunteers on **Sun., Jan. 31, 3:30PM** to package individual containers and/ or help deliver at 5PM. Please contact Lee in the Church Office to sign up for any of these activities.

CIMA/MANNA LATINX FOOD

DISTRIBUTION ~ EMMA COMMUNITY

Mon., Jan. 4, Emma UMC parking lot, 12:30 - 2:30PM (Packing boxes) & 2:30 - 5PM (Helping with distribution, loading into cars, etc.). **Volunteers are especially needed to pack the produce and dry goods boxes from 12:30 - 2:30PM**. Please sign up by calling Lee, Andrew.

ABCCM NEWS

Needs of our Neighbors page on ABCCM website (<https://abccm.squarespace.com/needs-of-our-neighbors>)

Ways to help monetarily:

- Donations (Any size) to any of the ministries

Crisis Needs

- Utility Assistance (\$250)
- Blankets (\$15)
- Food Boxes (from \$30)
- Groceries for 1-2 people for a week (\$150)
- Groceries for 3-5 people for a week (\$250)
- Eviction Assistance (from \$250)

Medical Needs

- Medicine (\$50)
- Medications for High Risk Patients (from \$250)

Veterans Restoration Quarters (VRQ) & Steadfast House

- Meal at the VRQ or Steadfast House for a resident (\$2)

HAYWOOD STREET

Current ways to support the ministry & our friends:

1. Make a meal for folks staying in Respite. Visit <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/dm2y6z> to sign up.
2. Donation needs: backpacks, tampons, toothbrushes and toothpaste, small & medium women's and men's

underwear, men's shorts and pants, Biodegradable trash bags.

New Drop Off Time: **Tuesdays 10AM – 12PM** or you may call Trinity and we will be happy to pick them up from your front porch.

HABITAT HOUSE OF FAITH

The House of Faith is sponsored by a diverse coalition of faith communities.

- TYPE: 2 Bedroom/ 2 Bath
- STYLE: Townhome
- HOUSE SIZE: 1,296 square feet
- LOCATION: Lot 10, Construction site at New Heights, off of Old Haywood Rd
- CONSTRUCTION START: Tue., Sep. 22, 2020
- STATUS: subflooring underway
- HOMEOWNER - Leesa Flowers

"Through years of renting I have always wanted to own a home. My youngest daughter has never had her own room. I would love to make her dreams come true." (~from Leesa Flowers' application letter)

Leesa Flowers has worked at Mission Hospital for 5 years, moving up and excelling in a variety of essential roles over the years. However, this mother of three has dreams that go beyond just her career.

"Although I have accomplished a lot working at Mission Hospital, a major life goal would be home ownership."

As a mother and a caretaker at heart, Leesa hopes to be able to own a home for her youngest daughter. Despite working full-time, the limited options for affordable rentals in Asheville left them living in an overpriced, one-bedroom apartment. There, they shared a bedroom and were often left waiting on upgrades and repairs that never came.

Leesa's mother then invited the two to come live with her in her two-bedroom apartment. While Leesa loves being close to her mother, she is ready to take the next steps toward her goal of homeownership, and most importantly, provide her daughter with a bedroom of her own.

"It would be a major accomplishment owning a home and hearing a little voice saying 'my mommy did that.'"

JAN. 28 – 29: CREATION CARE VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM

Sacred Lands, Sacred Bodies; Faithfully Caring for People and Place. Register here https://secure.everyaction.com/3EXokT2WB0iPPS2q_bLKGQ2

Morning & Afternoon Zoom Sessions each day. Our time together will include some connection with like-minded neighbors, lay leaders and clergy, prayer and ritual, stories of creation care and resilience from

congregations practicing right relationship and practical steps for caring for our neighbors and the earth. We will include time for regionally based brainstorming and discussion. Designed with creation care volunteers and clergy in mind, this retreat allows you to spend the time with colleagues, friends and clergy who care about people and planet. Whether you're new to creation care or a long-time advocate, you'll gain new language and tools to inspire your congregation to care for the environment, interwoven with space for rest, relationship, and prayer.

Workshops will include: A) Solar 101 for congregations, B) Sacred Lands (food, trees, land and faith), C) Next Steps in Creation Care, D) Eco-Justice/ Eco Racism, E) Climate Change 101, F) Eco/Climate Grief Circles, & G) Our part of the Covenant: Congregations, Disasters and the Climate Crisis.

Cost: \$20 per person OR \$15 per person if registering with a group of 4 or more from the same congregation or organization. Your registration fee will give you access to multiple workshops, plenary sessions, accompanying resources and the wisdom of your colleagues. If you would prefer to pay with a check, please contact Susan Bean at susan@mountaintrue.org or call 828-252-8671. Scholarship or reduced cost registrations are available, contact Scott@creationcarealliance.org to inquire.

TRINITY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

TLC MEETING

Next TLC mtg – **Tue., Jan. 26, 6PM** via Zoom and socially distancing with Zoom connection in the Library (please RSVP if you are coming to the church; otherwise, staff will Zoom from home). If you have an item for consideration on the agenda, please send it to Nancy Walton one week prior to meetings.

COVID REMINDERS

As of publication, our Sanctuary will remain open to 50 people to attend worship in-person, and small groups of 25 or less. If you are willing and able to attend, following our guidelines of masks, signing in for screening/ contact tracing, and social distancing, as we know this makes a difference and is required by our Trinity Leadership Council. With cases in Buncombe County at record levels, we understand people's desire to be cautious and will continue to provide our best offering of worship and meetings via Zoom and on-line. Currently, around 12 people attend in person on Sundays, so you no longer need to call the church to RSVP. Small groups may use the Fellowship Hall (up to 30) or the Library (up to 10) and need to follow all guidelines and plan for wiping