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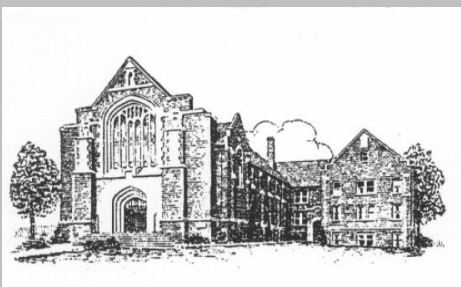
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CALENDAR

Tue., 2/2	12PM Dismantling Racism
Sun., 2/7	10:45AM Worship
Tue., 2/9	12PM Dismantling Racism
Sat., 2/13	Love God, Love Neighbor
Sun., 2/14	10:45AM Worship Pledge Cards Due Lent Kits Ready
Mon., 2/15	12PM Manna Food Dist.
Tue., 2/16	12PM Dismantling Racism
Wed., 2/17	8AM Ashes to Go 12PM Virtual Ash Wednesday Service
Sun., 2/21	9:30AM Bible Study 10:45AM Worship 3:30PM Red Roof Supper
Tue., 2/23	12PM Dismantling Racism 6PM TLC Meeting
Sun., 2/28	9:30AM Bible Study 10:45AM Worship

FEBRUARY 2021

TRINITY TIMES

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

LENT BEGINS

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17

You may have heard us share that our word for 2021 is Jubilee! After a year of Covid, it feels as if we've been living a perpetual Lenten season. And so, this Lent, consider making your focus on a Lenten "Jubilee" - considering what you would like to be freed from in order to love God more. Anxiety? Anger? Divided attention? Join us as we begin this Jubilee journey together.



- Lenten Jubilee Bags will be available for pick up on **Sun., Feb. 14** right after worship **until 2PM**. PLEASE consider coming that day to pick up for yourself and another TUMC household that lives near you. We need help in getting these resources to folks. We will also have them available all Ash Wednesday for pick up!
- Ash Wednesday Services - **Feb. 17**
 - A recorded service with our Missional Network UMCs that will be available on our Facebook page or via Zoom at **12Noon**.
 - Ashes to Go, **8-9AM Feb. 17**. A drive-through offering of the imposition of ashes and a short prayer (All will need to be masked and enter the back parking lot, following signs for entry & exit.)
 - Use the short devotional and ashes included in your Lenten bags to have your own service at home.
- Lenten Study Feb. 21 through March 28**. Join either Sunday School & Wednesday Book Group! We're using Adam Hamilton's book & videos of **Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the 10 Commandments Today**.

WORSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP

CALENDAR OF WORSHIP

- Feb. 7** - Holy Communion
- Feb. 14** - Transfiguration Sunday - Joint Missional Network worship, the Rev. Nancy Walton preaching.
- Feb. 17** - Ash Wednesday

- Feb. 21** - 1st Sunday of Lent - Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15
- Feb. 28** - 2nd Sunday of Lent - Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38

TUESDAY NOON 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.

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES AKA "LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR"

Sat., Feb. 13 from 12Noon - 2PM
Want to get a head start on Lent and consider a powerful way to celebrate Black History month? Consider attending the virtual meeting **What's Love Got to Do with It? White Supremacy in the Church**.

Have you been concerned or even fearful after constantly witnessing white supremacist behaviors and ideology all around our nation? Do you wonder how Christians can live out God's mandate to love one another through it all while we work out our soul salvation and forge mutual liberation?

Join the Rev. Tami Forte-Logan and Faith 4 Justice Asheville as we explore how whiteness distorts God's love for humankind and begin imagining what mutual liberation looks like. This free online event will be an introduction and invitation to examine how the church can return to love, cast out white supremacy, and practice holy imagination. Register through [this link](#) (if viewing this newsletter online), visit gpcusa.org or contact Rev. Nancy to receive help signing up! Your

TUMC staff is happy to help set up an in-person viewing of this important training.

(FYI - Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Avl, is hosting an event on **Feb. 11** at **7PM** entitled "Disrupting White Supremacy in Cultures and Communities: A Collaborative Conversation with Dr. Tema Okun and Rev. Tami Forte-Logan" which is a great opportunity to prepare for this seminar. Visit www.gcpcusa.org/events to register for this Feb. 11 event.)

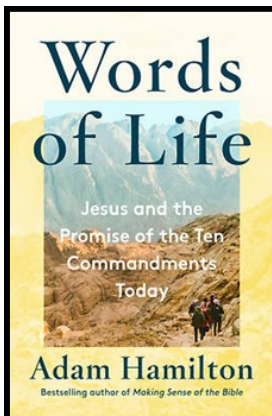
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

United Methodist Women have curated a selection of resources and stories for Black History Month including links and quizzes from UMC.ORG or unitedmethodistwomen.org/black-history-month

LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL & WEDNESDAY BOOK GROUP

2 OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE! ADAM HAMILTON'S BOOK ON THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments, the list of "thou-shalt-nots" found in the Bible. Jesus saw these commandments not as onerous burdens, but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life. In this book of Scripture and inspiration, bestselling author Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics in history. He considers the commandments in their historical context, considering the meaning of each commandment in Hebrew, unpacking how Jesus reinterpreted them, and showing how every thou-shalt-not was intended to point to a life-giving "thou shalt." He also explores how the latest research in science and psychology illuminates these commandments, rightly understood, as a way of ordering one's life beautifully in the present day. In a culture marked by workaholicism, materialism, and social media-driven envy, God has given us a time-tested path that leads to gratitude, confidence, and peace.



COVID REMINDERS

- 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 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.

DISTRICT/CONFERNECE NEWS

ASHEVILLE URBAN MISSION NETWORK UPDATES

Avl Urban Mission Network updates - Asbury Memorial UMC welcomed the Rev. Sallyanne McVay as their new interim pastor. Our next joint Missional Network service will be **Sun., Feb. 14!**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & MISSION

FEBRUARY RED WAGON COLLECTION

Haywood Street Respite is a safe place for eight homeless adults at a time to rest, get three meals a day, and be helped in other ways to "get back on their feet" following discharge from the hospital. It is short-term care in a home-like setting for folks who are too ill or frail to recover on the streets after surgery or acute illness.

Items needed are: HE Laundry detergent (liquid only), Dishwasher detergent pods, Coffee (ground, non-flavored), Biodegradable large black garbage bags, Paper towels, Shampoo and conditioner (full & travel sizes).

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

Sunday, Feb. 21, RITI/ Red Roof Inn Supper - Please donate \$ to help us make a comforting meal for our sisters and brothers in the RITI program, staying at the Red Roof Inn. A small team is coordinated to shop, prep and cook the meal each month. We need volunteers to meet **Sun., Feb. 21, 3:30PM** to package the meal in the church kitchen and deliver around 5PM. Thanks to everyone who gave funds for the January meal.

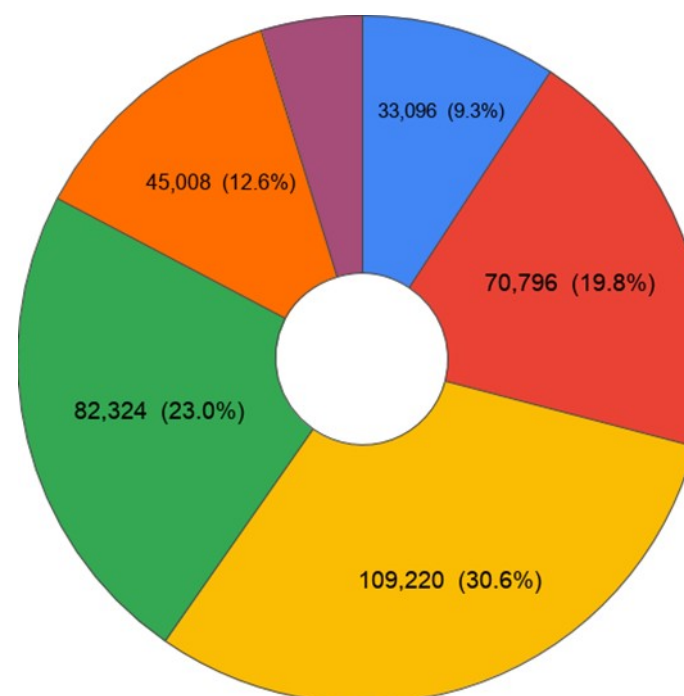


2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR ESTIMATE OF GIVING/PLEDGE CARD BY SUN, FEB. 14!

STEWARDSHIP/PLEDGE REPORT OF "OUR MONEY STORY"

Here is our 2021 draft budget totaling \$357,224, divided by ministry area. These numbers represent reduced spending in areas where, due to Covid, we expect to not spend as much this year in hopes we will need to return to normal spending in 2022 (e.g., Nursery workers, reduced utilities due to reduced building usage). This graphic includes staff salaries into our specific ministry areas.



2021 BUDGET EXPENSE CATEGORIES

MISSION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

\$33,096

- (includes 1/6 of Pastor salary, mission apportionments)

WORSHIP

\$70,796

- (includes Music Director, Organist and 1/3 of Pastor salary)

EDUCATION, OUTREACH & MEMBER SUPPORT

\$109,220

- (includes Children & Youth Director salary and Pastor salary @ 1/3 member care & 1/6 education)

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

\$82,324

- (includes Custodian salary & property insurance)

LOCAL ADMIN

\$45,008

- (includes Office Administrator salary)

CONNECTIONAL ADMIN

\$16,780

- (includes admin apportionments)

TRINITY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

TLC MEETING

Next TLC mtg – **Tue., Feb. 23, 6PM** via Zoom with setting the budget as our main agenda item.

JANUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The TLC last met on Tue., Jan. 26, 6PM via Zoom and covered the following items:

- The Rev. A.J. Thomas, Director of Client Relations at the UM Foundation of WNC shared with us the most recent information about opening an account with the Foundation in order to use our resources wisely and possibly begin an endowment for TUMC.
- Reviewed our end of year, 2020 Finances, and found that we ended the year with a \$15K surplus. While we were not able to spend all budgeted nor met 100% of our apportionments, we are MOST GRATEFUL to the congregation for steadfast stewardship and the staff's careful spending. THANK YOU!!! This helps us begin 2021 with hope!
- Reviewed our 2021 draft budget & held a conversation around the reality based off of 2020 spending, not typical year ministry spending. Stewardship Letter & pledge cards to go out in early Feb.
- Discussed Education Building rental and that we are still awaiting word from a prospective tenant, the Avl Peak Academy.
- Discussed SPRC updates, Sunday School re-engaging, COVID good practices in place, Missional efforts for early 2021 and Lent/ Easter plans.

CELEBRATIONS

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 05 Julie Ruch	Feb. 19 Judy Shuster
Feb. 05 Will Durham	Feb. 20 Andrea Davis
Feb. 07 Charlotte Clodfelter	Feb. 23 Keith Clark
Feb. 07 Gary Eller	Feb. 25 Daniel Pruett
Feb. 11 Bill Crout	Feb. 26 Claire Crout
Feb. 16 Dan Bastian	Feb. 27 Larry Scholtz
Feb. 17 Jeff Hutchins	Feb. 28 Mildred Dixon

THANKSGIVINGS

- Kay Cooke, Maxine Schrader, Lee Thomas, and Rev. Nancy Walton who helped either prepare, cook, package and/or deliver the meals; and to everyone who gave money to purchase the groceries for the Brunswick Stew for the RIT meal in January. They expressed deep gratitude for helping in their ministry to provide food!
- Paul Mann & Darryl Parker for helping repair the broken pipe feeding the radiator in the Fellowship

Hall.

- All of you for your faithful giving to Trinity in 2020 and your continued support for 2021!
- 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.

BLENDED TRADITIONS GIFTS

Thanks to everyone who donated to the "Blended Tradition Gifts" during the holiday season. Through your generosity, we collected \$3,627.50 for the United Methodist Men's Fuel Fund which will go to support people in our community who need fuel oil assistance during the winter months and \$2,377.50 for the Local Bless the School Fund which will go to support children's needs at Hall Fletcher Elementary & Asheville Middle School. The following donations were not in the January issue.

IN HONOR

Caroline & Terry Levi

Charlotte Clodfelter

Paul Mann

Rev. Dwight Whitlock

Meg Sparger

James Sparger

IN MEMORY

Mary Judd

Dan & Norvelle Judd

Caroline & Terry Levi

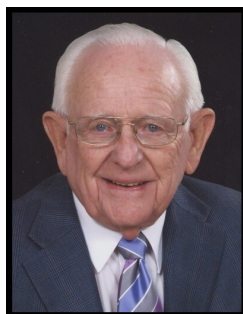
Erik & Becky Gummeson

Mary West

Dotty Whitlock

CONDOLENCES

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



HAL ERSKINE BLAKELY SR.
(21 Aug 1927 – 21 Jan 2021)

Winston-Salem. Hal was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church of Asheville, NC for all his life until moving to Winston-Salem, NC in 2006, where he then joined Trinity United Methodist Church of Winston-Salem, NC. A private service was held at Hayworth-Miller Silas Creek Chapel for family (his wife, Margie, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren) and close friends. Interment was held Mon., Jan. 18 at Green Hills Cemetery in Asheville. Online condolences may be made at www.hayworth-miller.com.

We were able to meet the cost for the month - about \$3 per person and provide 75 meals!

CIMA/MANNA LATINX FOOD

DISTRIBUTION ~ EMMA COMMUNITY

Mon., Feb. 15 Manna LatinX Food Distribution at Emma UMC (59 Adams Hill Rd. Avl 28806) . **Volunteers are especially needed to pack the produce and dry goods boxes from 12 - 2:30PM.** Please sign up by calling Lee or Andrew at the church.

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'."

CREATION CARE ALLIANCE

Join the annual Great Backyard Bird Count, Feb. 12-15



Choose the easiest way for you to share your birds:

- Identify birds with Merlin Bird ID app and add sightings to your list
- Use the eBird Mobile app
- Enter your bird list on the eBird website (Desktop/ laptop)

All you need is a free Cornell Lab account to participate. This account is shared with Merlin, eBird, Project FeederWatch and other projects at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. If you already have an account please use the same username and password for submitting your bird list for the Great Backyard Bird Count.

They recommend observing birds for at least fifteen minutes. See this page for more counting instructions. Submit one or more lists over the four days of counting and you become a contributing citizen scientist (community scientist)!