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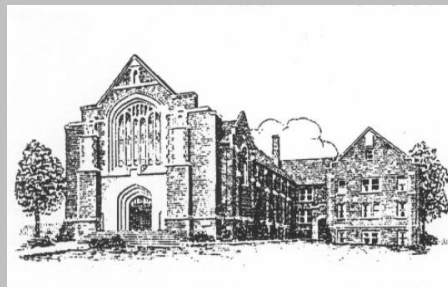
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A place to belong. A community that serves. Growing in God's abundant grace.



THE PUMPKINS ARE HERE

The **Pumpkin Patch** will continue selling pumpkins through **Halloween, Oct 31**. If you haven't had the opportunity to serve as a ministry partner, please use the notebook on the table on the 2nd floor hallway to sign up or, go to the online SignUpGenius link provided in the church email that you should find each week. We really need as many folks to help as possible. There are still many opportunities for you to plug in and serve. All monies raised through the Pumpkin Patch will go out into the world, through local missions and our Missional apportionment givings! Thank you to everyone who helps make this possible.

Our **Fall Harvest Festival** is happening again at Trinity! **Sat., Oct. 30 from 5:30 – 8PM**, we will host Trunk or Treat, a variety of fun games and a costume parade. Bring your appetite for Blessed Soul Food food truck that has all the yummy comfort foods you crave; fried chicken, fried pork chops, with sides like Mac-n-cheese!

It's going to be a really fun evening and opportunity to bless our neighbors and get to know them more.



WORSHIP

- OCT. 31 ~ Children's Sabbath, 5th Sunday.** Trinity's youth will be leading our worship service Halloween Sunday as we finish our latest sermon series, "Questions Jesus Asked." Come dressed as your favorite Super Hero and celebrate with our children and youth as we "look, listen and learn" from Jesus, the greatest Super Hero of all times, and how we can also become super heroes as we partner with God and team up to bring the good news of God's Kingdom to all of our neighbors!

- Nov 7 - All Saints Sunday & Memorial Garden Dedication,** with reception following! Turn in names of loved ones who have died in the last year for the reading of names. Send in a picture of any loved one you'd like remembered for a slide show during the fellowship following the service. There will be a reception following the service. Anyone wishing to offer assistance, please contact Kay Cooke.



- Nov. 14 - Cindy Fiala, guest preacher,** and long-range planning leader for Nov 12-13 retreat. Cindy is a gifted, visionary leader and a passionate speaker, who truly believes that every organization and team can be more effective and make a greater impact when they are healthy. Her heart is to serve leaders and teams WIN. No matter what size your team is you can realize a greater impact through team engagement, clear direction and defined next steps. Cindy is a seasoned professional serving

for the last 17 years as a Children's Pastor, Family Pastor and most recently as an Executive Pastor. She loves to inspire people through her passion for leadership and her love for God in practical, everyday applications. She speaks in a variety of platforms, including local weekend services, conferences, training workshops, and events. Cindy and her husband, John, live in northern Colorado. They have a growing family of five grown kids and six grandchildren that they love to spend as much time as possible with.

- **Nov. 21 - Christ the King Sunday & Hanging of the Greens** following worship. Please plan to stay after church and prepare the sanctuary for Advent/Christmas. Many hands make light work.
- **Nov. 28 - 1st Sunday of Advent!** (Please let Rev. Nancy know if you would be willing to assist with lighting of the Advent wreath and readings.)

DID YOU KNOW / FYI?

The video of worship is available each Sunday by Livestream on Facebook (you don't have to have an account but simply find us on our church's Facebook page under "videos"). It is also be available on our website following worship.

WORSHIP MUSIC

HANDBELLS

We are excited to let you know that the handbell ensemble will be rehearsing again in the near future (hopefully starting the week of **November 7** and playing in December during the Advent/Christmas season) AND in a NEW LOCATION. This past spring, we had 11 ringers. If you are interested in joining the group now, please email the church office or call Lee Thomas 828-253-5471, ext. 100 to GET ON BOARD!



SPECIAL MUSIC FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

We are going to offer weekly special music during the Sundays of Advent and for Christmas Eve Service. If you would like to be a part of this special music, please email the church office or call Lee Thomas 828-253-5471, ext. 100!

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School happens every Sunday! Nursery is available from 9:30AM - 12:15PM for Sunday School and worship. Three adult Discipleship groups (Mary Mann Class, Koinonia, & Faith classes).

YOUTH

Trinity's youth are meeting on Sunday afternoons again and other special times. Check with Melanie Robertson for dates and details.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & MISSION

OCTOBER RED WAGON

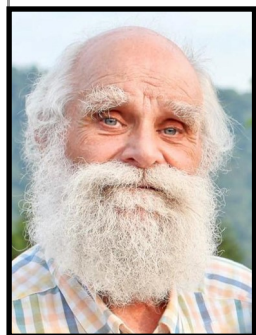
Haywood Street Respite is a safe place for eight homeless adults at a time to rest, get three meals a day, and be helped in other ways to "get back on their feet" following discharge from the hospital. It is short-term care in a home-like setting for folks who are too ill or frail to recover on the streets after surgery or acute illness. **ITEMS NEEDED:** HE Laundry detergent (liquid only), Dishwasher detergent pods, Coffee (ground, non-flavored), Biodegradable large black garbage bags, Shampoo and conditioner (full & travel sizes), Toothbrushes.



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER RED WAGON

We are collecting two requested needs for Beloved Asheville: Cold Weather Gear Drive & Toy Drive. The Cold Weather items are thick ski gloves, sleeping bags, tents & camping gear, blankets, backpacks, hothands, sternos, flashlights, can openers, AA batteries, and tarps. These items can be new or gently used. The Toy Drive is requesting "Culturally Celebrative gifts including the following: black & brown dolls, black & brown action figures, books with BIPOC (black, indigenous, people of color) characters & cultural themes, toys that focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), toys that helps kids move, games, art supplies, any and all variety of toys, toys for older

Memorial Service was held Sun., Oct. 17 at First Baptist Church, Stanley, NC and a Committal service was held Wed., Oct. 20 at the Western Carolina State Veteran's Cemetery in Black Mountain. Online condolences may be made at mlfordsons.com. Cards may be sent to: Ruth Gaddy, 24 Fairfax Ave, Apt. 4, Asheville, NC 28806.



OCTAVIUS CATERWOOD "WOODY" CUNNINGHAM (15 MAY 1946 - 17 OCT 2021)

We learned that former Trinity Staff and Church Member, Woody Cunningham, passed this week, October 17, 2021. Woody joined the church in Feb 1997. He was the church host prior to embarking to the Ukraine to do mission work with the children and youth of Ukraine. He was also instrumental in helping many of the area Ukranian/Eastern European families start their church in the Buncombe County area in the late 1990s. No obituary was available at press time.

PRAYER LIST

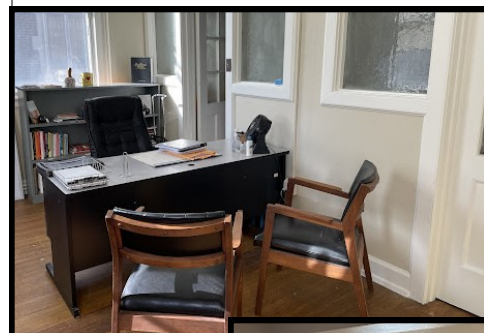
Praise for the changing season; those serving and those we encounter in the Pumpkin Patch; good neighbors, kindnesses of strangers; our sisters and brothers experiencing so much loss from natural disasters; for the unemployed; the "others" in our community; for our city & county leaders; our state and national leaders, our church leaders, and all in positions of public trust; **for our next Director of Family Ministry (whoever that will be!);** for our Trinity Leadership Council.

For the families of those who have died: Greg Pressley 10/11/21 (Louise Creasman's nephew), Vernon Rhodes 10/13/21 (Ruth Gaddy's father) Vicki Gail Davis 10/13/21 (Jimmy Davis's Niece);. Woody Cunningham 10/17/21.

For those in our congregation in need of God's healing: Taylor Biggers (now transferred at Walter Reed Hospital); Dan Clodfelter; Oris Crout; Jimmy & Barbara Davis; Mildred Hooker & Tony Hooker; Jennie Lynn Krichbaum; Paul Mann; Betty & Bob Mull; Tom & Mary Ann Patelidas; Larry Scholtz; Barbara Smith; Jim Sparger.

For family members & friends of our congregation: Lisa Boone (John & Janice Nelson's

daughter); Dennis Carpenter (Cathie G. Carpenter's husband), Debra Cascio (Cheryl Samoville's niece); James Connor (Doris Cooper's son); Judy Cox; Jane Ann Dempsey's father; Kristen Eckley; Katherine & Opie Frazier (Tom Patelidas' sister & brother-in-law); Paul Nelson_(Barbara Goist's father); Awana Johnson (friends of Patelidas); Lisa Patelidas Ledbetter; Tiffany Leger (Maxine Schrader's step great niece); Daryl Lyda & Cheryl Lyda Swiger (Betty Mull's children); Deb McCarson (Anne Cogburn's friend); Kay Prazak (Cheryl Samoville's family); Allison Schmidt (Bujdosos' daughter); Bobby & Sue Walton (Ellen Mitchell brother/sister-in-law); those struggling with mental illness & faith; unspoken joys & concerns.



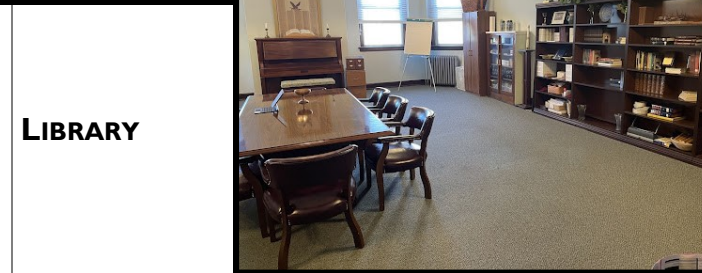
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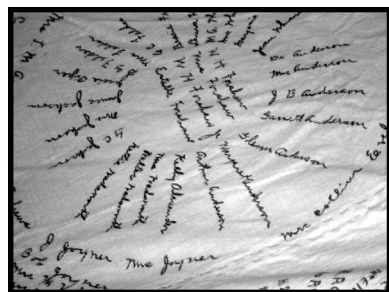
As some of you know, in the cleaning of the church, a quilt coverlet was found that was made in 1929 by the women's circles of Balm Grove Methodist Episcopal Church (now Trinity United Methodist Church). It contains over 250 names of members embroidered on the coverlet. The quilts was made based on a pattern known as the World War I quilt. These quilts were made to raise money to help returning veterans. A person paid to have his or her name on the quilt. The women of the church used this idea and other ways to raise money to save the church. Just after the church was built, the debt was around \$150,000. The great Depression of 1929 threatened to cause sale of the church. Somehow the people managed to raise the money to keep the church by also selling bricks and homemade chicken pies.

The quilt had been in the possession of a former pastor's family. In the summer of June 2005, the family gave back the quilt to Trinity. There are multiple squares with different layouts featuring names of families in the church at that time, children baptized, and more. Several of the members met in the parlor to look at this lovely gift. It was then packaged back up and placed in the third floor history room.

The quilt will be covered with polycarbonate and hung in the main hall of the church. When this is done, check the names. You might find one of your ancestors!

Trinity has a lot of history that many other churches do not have. These members of 90 years ago worked hard to preserve the heritage that came to them from the Miller Meeting House and formed in the 1800s and to hand down to us the house of God that we call Trinity United Methodist.

We are truly drinking from wells we did not dig.



PASSAGES

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



HELEN "CENA" NELSON
(14 Apr 1925 – 28 Sep 2021)

Pompton Plains, NJ. Cena is the mother of **Barbara Goist**. Services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, gifts in Cena's memory and honor can be sent to Union Congregational Church, 176 Cooper Ave., Montclair, NJ 07043. Cards may be sent to: Barbara Goist, 46 Juno Dr, Asheville, NC 28806.



GREGORY STEWART PRESSLEY
(30 AUG 1964 - 11 OCT 2021)

Candler, NC. Greg is the nephew of **Louise Creasman**. A Graveside Service was held Fri., Oct. 15 at Ridgeway Baptist Church Cemetery, Candler, NC. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Friends of Animals or a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be made on the Groce Funeral Home site. Cards may be sent to: Louise Creasman, 170 Swannanoa Ave, Asheville, NC 28806



VICKI GAIL DAVIS
(08 JUN 1966 - 13 OCT 2021)

Sumpter, SC. Gail is the niece of **Jimmy Davis**. A Memorial Service was held Sat., Oct. 16 at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home, Sumpter, SC. Online condolences may be made on the funeral homes website. Cards may be sent to: Jimmy Davis, 64 W Oakview Rd, Asheville, NC 28806.



VERNON "DUSTY" RHODES
(04 MAR 1925 - 14 OCT 2021)

Stanley, NC. Dusty is the father of **Ruth Gaddy**. A

children, razor scooters/skateboards, sports equipment, musical instruments, photography equipment, gift cards. Please bring any toys UNWRAPPED to the church by **Sun. Dec. 12**.

ON-GOING RED WAGON

We are also collecting **Breakfast Items** for the homeless: PopTarts, cracker packs, with cheese or peanut butter, fruit or applesauce cups, Vienna sausages, ready to eat tuna packs, cereal bars, boxes of cereal, instant grits.

MANNA FOOD DISTRIBUTION EMMA UMC COMMUNITY

Next scheduled distribution is **Mon., Nov. 1**. Boxing begins at **1:30-2:30PM** and distribution into families' vehicles is from **2:30-5PM** at Emma UMC.

HOSPITALITY BAGS

On Sep. 24, hospitality bags were packed by our kids and adults. These bags are for our unhoused neighbors and are available for you to take and place in your car to share as you are able.

ABCCM NEWS

There are many ways to serve through ABCCM, of which Trinity is a founding member church. Whether it be through the Crisis ministry, Transformation Village (their newest facility), Veterans' Restoration Quarters, Homeless care, Jail or medical ministries, you are assured there is a place for you to serve around Buncombe County. Visit ABCCM.org or talk with Rev. Nancy if you need assistance making contact with them to find your place to serve.



CREATION CARE - HARD 2 RECYCLE

The next Hard 2 Recycle event is **Sat., Nov. 13** from **10AM-2PM** – South Avl at TC Roberson High School, Long Shoals Rd Entrance, 16 Miami Circle, Arden, NC 28704. I am told you should go very early if you have Styrofoam.

ACCEPTING LISTED ITEMS ONLY

Books (all kinds), cardboard, shredded paper
Electronics, Small appliances, Batteries, Metals ALL TV'S AND CRT MONITORS \$10.00 recycling fee, not accepting wooden console televisions small LCD computer monitors are free, Cords; printers; scanners; copiers; Audio/video equipment; small electronics; AC adapters; medical equipment; white goods (no refrigerators) *Please consider taking large items directly to BIMCO
Phones, Desktop/Laptop Computers, Power supplies, cables, mice, computer peripherals. Hard drives destroyed on site. Toner & Printer cartridges
Food Grade Styrofoam (cups, meat trays, egg cartons, clam shells etc.) - MUST be sorted, clean and free of tape or stickers WHITE Packaging Styrofoam Sheet/block/molded. NO PACKING PEANUTS, insulation, or some foam.
Squeezable food pouches and caps. Empty containers only. Brita brand water filters Unopened, individual plastic cutlery packages
Personal care & beauty items as specified. EMPTY PLASTIC containers only: Razors and packaging; Toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, packaging; Skin care, hair care, and cosmetic packaging. Containers with pumps accepted.
NOT ACCEPTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS <i>Packing peanuts; paint, stains, sealers; light bulbs of any kind; markers, pens; cooking or motor oils; hard plastics; vinyl / PVC; rigid plastics (lawn furniture, buckets, flower pots, etc); VHS / cassette tapes; plate glass, foam; wooden items or cement; plastic bags/film</i>

TRINITY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

TLC MEETING

Next TLC meeting - **Tue, Nov. 2, 6PM**, in the Library and via Zoom. All are welcome! If you have an item for consideration on the agenda, please send it to Nancy Walton **one week prior to meetings**.

COVID UPDATES & REMINDERS

With the Delta Variant becoming the most dominant Coronavirus strain in the United States, **The CDC and Governor Cooper have issued new guidance regarding masks**, particularly for children under 12 and others who are unvaccinated.

As of July 28, 2021, the Bishop and Cabinet of the WNCUMC are recommending the following:

Our vital churches are blessed with the presence of multiple generations, and regard for the vulnerable is crucial. Please bring your children's ministry team into your decision-making processes and protocols, in addition to your Trustees.

1. The Bishop and Cabinet remain committed to our biblical mandate to “love our neighbors as ourselves” and our Wesleyan call to “do no harm.” Ministry encompasses not only worship but also fellowship events, mission activities, study groups, and age-level gatherings. The well-being of our children, youth, and vulnerable populations still needs to be considered with love and care in all areas of congregational life. Please take into consideration those who cannot be vaccinated because of age and/or pre-existing conditions when establishing safety guidelines for your local church.
2. We encourage persons to be vaccinated and respect the fact that some cannot be vaccinated because they are immunocompromised.
3. Due to the current rise in positive test results and hospitalizations, we encourage the wearing of masks at all indoor ministry activities, including worship.
4. To protect our children, we strongly recommend you consider the following in your ministries with children:
 - Requiring all students, volunteers, staff, and visitors to wear a mask over their nose and mouth while on church property or engaged in off-site children’s ministry activities.
 - Strongly recommend that volunteers be fully vaccinated, and that churches implement symptom screening for each volunteer before the gathering.
 - Try to use outdoor spaces as much as possible.
 - Limit the consumption of snacks during an event and use individually packed items.

SEPTEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

FINANCE

- ◇ Monies placed with the WNC UMC Foundation will have 2 funds per designation, both an endowment and investment (more accessible as needed). For example, there will be a Building Endowment as well as a Building Investment Fund. Endowed funds will only have access to interest earned, thus preserving principle for the long-term. Investment accounts will allow easier access to funds while still making a better return than traditional bank and CD funds. In addition to the Building Funds, there are a Missions, Music, and General accounts.

- ◇ The PPP loan received earlier in 2021 is in process of going through the “forgiveness” process. Once that is completed, it will show as an asset instead of a liability.

TRUSTEES

- ◇ Asheville Peak Academy has installed a new playground!



- ◇ Preventative maintenance contracts have been agreed upon for all HVAC equipment in both buildings.

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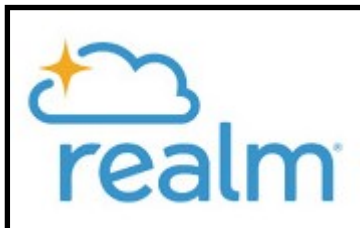
- ◇ Interviews for the new Director of Family Ministries and Missions have begun.
- ◇ SPRC hopes to have this person hired to begin Jan. 1, 2022.

DISCIPLESHIP

- ◇ A team is working on sending out cards to church members to celebrate and offer encouragement. If you’d like to help, please contact Maxine Schrader or Ellen Mitchell.
- ◇ Rev. Nancy is looking for a few folks willing and able to assist with home visits on a regular basis.
- ◇ A long-range planning team will meet with coach and leadership consultant Cindy Fiala Nov. 12-13 to help us discern a longer-term strategy for ministry.

NEW SOFTWARE UPDATE

We are transitioning our church management software to a product called **Realm** (cloud based software) which will allow staff to connect with congregants through their devices so we can communicate, share ministry information and volunteer opportunities (PLUS it will save the church financial resources). So over the



next week or so (if you have an email), you will be receiving a Realm invite so you can log in with devices and see volunteer opportunities and schedules, view your giving, and more. We are still learning how the system works and we appreciate your patience as we learn its implementation. Let us know what questions you may have! Anyone who was giving via VANCO (online giving portal) should not see a change in the service. However, VANCO always had a processing fee that the church had to consume when anyone gave through it. With Realm, the giver will be given an option to offset the gift (if they so choose) so the church gets the entire contribution.

FALL CLEANING PURGE

Fall Cleaning Purge & Moving Space is completed! Have you seen the newly organized Church Office? How about the Library? The new Kids’/Youth Multipurpose Room, across from the Nursery? Or the newly designed Choir/ Music Suite on the 3rd floor?

We invite you to explore these spaces if you have not yet seen them! Many thanks to Anne May Cogburn and her team of workers who helped make this possible. Also, a big shout out to Jess Reed and Erin of Green Mountain Space, who made the hard work all the more fun! Many hands helped sort, clean, paint, move, retrofit, recycle, reuse and donate funds to buy new and pay for the services used. We are most grateful and will be implementing healthy practices to keep these spaces clutter free and hospitable to all. **See pictures on Page 7!**

CELEBRATIONS

THANKSGIVINGS

- Steve & Anne May Cogburn for hosting the Church-wide picnic on Oct. 2 and the many hours and resources given to helping with the “big clean!”
- Laszlo Bujdoso for cleaning out the Education Building boiler room & hedges.
- Mark Locklear for regrading landscaping around the Education Building to assist with water runoff.
- All who have helped serve in the Pumpkin Patch!
- All who helped clean, purge, paint etc. in the recent “big clean!”

- All who helped unload ~ 1300 pumpkins on Oct. 10, a day later than we expected!!!
- Our team of volunteers: Greeters on Sundays, Lay Readers, new Acolytes, Weekly Office helpers (plus the ones who covered the phones in the office on Wednesdays during the “Big Clean.”)
- To everyone praying for Trinity and our witness to be faithful to God’s call!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Reminder that birthdays and anniversaries are included in the updated directory addendum and available from Lee if you don’t have one.

COLLEGE ADOPT-A-STUDENT

We are hoping to stay connected with our college students throughout their school year. One of the ways we feel we can support them is during the holiday/exam month of December. So Melanie Robertson is asking church members to Adopt-A-Student. If you are interested, please see her for more information and to get the students contact information.



A PART OF TRINITY’S HISTORY

Deuteronomy 6: 10-12 (When God ushers you into the land He promised through your ancestors, you will walk through cities you did not build, well-furnished houses you did not build, drink from wells you did not dig, and vineyards you did not plant. When you take it all in, don’t forget how you got there.)