

# TRINITY TIMES

*We exist to share the love of God, now & forever.*

## **WINTER SHELTER UPDATE**

We are delighted to share that the WNC Presbytery has approved use of the former West Avl Presbyterian Church for continued winter shelter through March 31. This will provide stability for the guests and volunteers who have built a community there.



There are a variety of volunteer opportunities to serve at the Winter Shelter - gather a team to cook (prior to delivering), serve and enjoy the meal (around 7PM) and stay until 9PM if you are able, you may be a 2nd adult volunteer with the paid staff for a shift from 8:30PM-11PM each night, you may offer funds/ resources for needs as they arise. Two families have found permanent housing since staying in this shelter (housed at the former West Avl Presbyterian Church) since it opened on Dec. 21.

Visit [counterflowasheville.com/safeshelter](https://counterflowasheville.com/safeshelter) for an up-to-date list of items and to sign up.

## **TRINITY TABLE**

Chicken Pie Sunday! If you'd like to learn how to make the chicken pies, please contact Laurie Bujdoso. Suggested donation for both meals: \$7/adults, 3/child, \$20 max/family. Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available. To sign up, go to:



<https://onrealm.org/TrinityUnitedMe54986/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ZTk5ZDZjNWYtNzUyYS00Y2E4LWFhYzgtYWY2ZTAxMzQxMjdm>

## **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation begins Feb. 5, following worship most every Sunday. Contact Pastor Dustin for more information. See Page 2

## **WORSHIP**

Lent is just around the corner! Ash Wed is Feb. 22, and we will have a 12 Noon service in the Sanctuary and a simple meal and service at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall.

### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

- Jan. 22 - Special Intergenerational Sunday School and Trinity Table following worship
- Jan. 29 - 5th Sunday Epiphany Celebration

### **WAYS YOU MAY OFFER YOUR PRESENCE/ SERVICE/TIME . . . AND IT'S NEEDED**

Would you be willing to serve one Sunday/month?

- ☐ Help with livestream camera and/ or sound board if needed
- ☐ Serve as greeter
- ☐ Lock all doors except front wooden doors around 11AM (Mark Locklear has been doing this and can show you the routine, key locations, etc.)
- ☐ Close & lock front wooden doors at the end of worship
- ☐ Check coffee pot downstairs is turned off on the back (green light is off)
- ☐ Take trash and recycling cans to the opposite side of Balm Grove Avenue if not already.

### **WORSHIP RECAP & THANKS**

About 25 folks gathered in the warmth of the Fellowship Hall for Christmas Day worship and breakfast. We enjoyed a delicious variety of breakfast casseroles, received the painting of the Nativity in West Asheville and heard from artist, Joe



Robb, and were encouraged by Pastor Dustin's message. Matt Leggat, who came with his family including two youth shared, "This was the best Christmas morning ever!" Thanks to all who helped set up, cook, sing, and make it a festive morning to also welcome from our winter shelters. One of those guests said, "If I had not started off Christmas Day at Trinity, I would have ended up angry and alone. But I wasn't, and I'm so glad."

Thanks to the Rev. Michael Hayes for being our guest preacher on Jan. 15!



## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & MISSION**

### **JANUARY RED WAGON**

We will collect snacks for **Asheville Middle School**. (Individually wrapped: nuts, crackers, granola bars, fruit cups, etc.)

### **ON GOING RED WAGON**

We also continue to collect items for those in need: PopTarts, cracker packs - cheese or peanut butter, fruit or applesauce cups, Vienna sausages, ready to eat tuna, granola bars, boxes, cereal, instant grits.

### **BEAR CLOSET @ ST. PAUL'S UMC**

If you enjoy organizing and helping young families, we have a wonderful ministry opportunity for you! St. Paul's UMC is in need of volunteers for the BEAR Closet ministry (Babies, Equipment, And Resources). Volunteers meet at St. Paul's every

Thursday morning from 9-11 AM to help organize, clean donations, sort and bundle clothes, and put together orders for our guests. If you are interested, please join us on Thursday mornings. For more information, call the St. Paul's church office on Wednesday mornings at 828-252-6512.

## **DISCIPLESHIP & FORMATION**

### **ADULTS DISCIPLESHIP**

#### **9:45AM options:**

- Koinonia Class - 1st floor across from Fellowship Hall entrance, led by Mrs. Charlotte Clodfelter
- Mary Mann/ Faith Class - Library, on the Sanctuary level, across hallway from Sanctuary. Beginning Dec. 4 through Dec. 18, we will use Dr. Efird's series on The Birth Narratives.

### **CONFIRMATION**

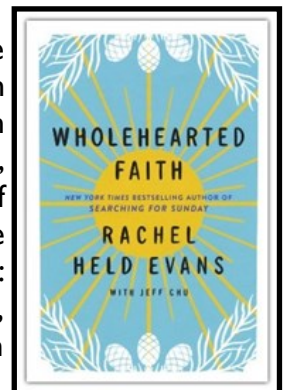
Confirmation begins after worship on Sunday, Feb. 5, led by Pastor Dustin with assistance from Rev. Nancy, former Associate Pastor Darryl Dayson (now Pastor at Simpson-Gillespie UMC in Charlotte), and others. Over the course of their 4-month journey, they will learn about our distinctly Methodist heritage, visit other faith communities, do service projects, and travel to Atlanta to visit significant places from the church's involvement in the Civil Rights movement. If you'd like to donate food or gift cards for lunches for their Sunday classes, please see Pastor Dustin.

### **TUESDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS**

We're currently reading through one Psalm per week and reflection time with the pastors at Izzy's Coffeehouse, 975 Haywood Rd. - **7:45AM**. These continue through Dec. 20, and we will be on break until Jan. 3.

### **BOOK GROUP**

Meeting at 11AM on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month, we are continuing with Rachel Held Evans' final work, finished posthumously by Jeff Chu, *Wholehearted Faith*. The schedule of reading includes: Jan 18 - Ch. 9, Feb. 1 - Ch. 10, Feb. 15 - Ch. 11. AND just in



case you'd like to mark it down, as we begin Lent, we will finish with Mar 1 - Ch. 12, Mar 15 - Ch. 13, and a 5th Wednesday mtg, Mar 29 - Ch. 14 & Epilogue. We will break until after Easter, resuming with a lunch mtg on April 19.

#### **DEMENTIA PARTNERS**

Dementia Partners: a support group led by Vernon & Joyce Robinson at **Scenic View Terrace Clubhouse at 60 Fallen Spruce Dr, Asheville, NC 28806**. They meet the first Thursday of each month at 6PM and the third Saturday of each month at 10AM.

### **TRINITY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

#### **NEXT TLC MEETING**

Next TLC mtg is Jan. 31, 6PM, in the Library or via Zoom. Agenda includes conversation with WNC UM Conference Staff, the Rev. Rob Hutchinson, Director of Church Development, to discuss Trinity's participation as an anchor church in a possible new ministry initiative for the Blue Ridge District. We will also be working on our 2023 planning and budget process after closing out the 2022 financial year. If you have an item for consideration on the agenda, please send it to Laszlo Bujdoso or Nancy Walton **one week prior to meetings**. Contact Lee in the office if you need the Zoom link to attend virtually.

#### **TRINITY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL FOR 2023-2025**

This is our Trinity Leadership Council, "TLC" for short. When needed this Board has 7 members who function as official Trustees, designated with an \*. Welcome new TLC (Trinity Leadership Council)! Here is our TLC for 2023-2025:

#### **Voting Members for TLC**

**Laszlo Bujdoso ('24)\***

Council Chair & alt. Annual Conference delegate

**Maxine Schrader ('25) & Eric Sands ('25)**

Lay Leaders

**Caroline Levi ('23)\* & Melanie Robertson ('24)\***

Staff Parish Relations Co-Chairs

**Ellen Mitchell ('25) & Kendra Rhodin ('25)**

Fellowship & Nurture Co-Chairs

**Maxine Schrader ('23)\***

Worship Team Lead & Missions

**Marjorie Hansen ('25)**

Worship Team assistant

**Cathi Durham ('23)\* & Travis Broome ('25)**

Finance Co-Chairs

**Sarah Leggat**

Finance Secretary

**Mark Locklear ('23)\***

Trustees Chair

**Glen Shults ('25)\***

At-large Trustees

**Anna Broome ('25)**

Discipleship & Formation Chair

**Everett Leggat, Veda & Jovi Rhodin**

Youth reps

**Laurie Bujdoso ('25)**

Annual Conference Delegate

#### **Non-Voting Advisors for TLC:**

**Tom Patelidas & Ellen Mitchell**

Treasurer & Assist. Treasurer

**Lee Thomas**

Office Administrator & Director of Music

**Dustin Mailman**

Associate Pastor of Family Ministries & Mission

**Nancy Dixon Walton**

Pastor

#### **SPRC & Nominations**

(We keep this as a separate team to do confidential staffing work)

('23) Mike Pruett, Caroline Levi, (co-chair)

('24) Melanie Mitchell Robertson (co-chair), ONE VACANCY

('25) Eric Sands, Laurie Bujdoso

#### **NEWS FROM STAFF PARISH RELATIONS**

1. Staff Appreciation: Rather than honoring all our staff in October, which is traditional Staff Appreciation Month, we have decided to honor and appreciate our staff individually in their birthday month. And we get to start this with a bang! Both Pastor Nancy, Pastor Dustin, and our new accompanist, Adam will be celebrating their birthdays this month. We will be celebrating

with them at the Trinity Table meal after Morning Worship on Sun., Jan. 22, and adding to the festivity will be the menu: Charlotte Clodfelter's recipe for Moravian Chicken Pie! Please plan to join us as we eat together and share our love and appreciation for our pastors. We will have a basket available where you can place cards for them, gifts, notes of appreciation, shared memories, and other remembrances. We look forward to seeing you there!

Birthday Months are Jan. Dustin, Nancy, & Adam; Mar. Lee; & Nov. Wendy

1. Our new Organist, Adam Waldo started on Sun., Jan. 15, and we will officially welcome him at the Trinity Table the next Sunday as well. Please plan to introduce yourself and welcome Adam to our church family.
2. Please remember that your Trinity Staff Parish team is focused on building and strengthening our church community. If you have any questions or need to share or discuss anything church-related, feel free to reach out to one of our committee team members.

Thanks!

Caroline & Melanie

## **PASSAGES & CELEBRATIONS**

### **PASSINGS**

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



**NELLE YOUNG MILLS**  
**(13 Nov 1924 – 23 Nov 2022)**

Nelle Young Mills, 98, completed her journey and slipped out of this life November 23, 2022, at The Laurels of Summit Ridge, where she resided for the past four and a half years.

A lifelong resident of Buncombe County, she was the daughter of William Gay and Margaret Wilson Young, from whom she inherited her amazing musical talent, and a quick smile and pleasant disposition that remained with her until her final day.

A summa cum laude graduate of Mars Hill College, she was a professional accountant and

worked for many years for Harrison Publishing Company in Asheville.

In 1941, she met Charles Mills while performing with her accordion on his local radio program. Nine years her senior, he went to war never having asked her out. In 1947, they reunited and married, living a wonderful life together until his death in 2001. He always said he couldn't believe his luck, that he married the sweetest girl in the county.

In addition to her husband and parents, Nelle was predeceased by her sister, Lillian Chandler; brother; William Young; and her twin sons, Kevin and Keith, who died at birth in 1959.

She is survived by her only child, Marlisa Mills, of Black Mountain; her granddaughter, Kristen Mumpower Carter (Rj.); two adult great-grandchildren, Addison Childers (Audra) and Hailey Lewis (Michael); and five great-great-grandchildren, Mackenzie, Tinsley, Baileigh, Harper, and Serenity. She said she never planned to produce a dynasty, but her family was her great love. Although she couldn't retrieve their names at the end, she never forgot her happiness at their mere existence.

She also leaves behind three nieces and two nephews, and the memory of a beloved niece who died in 2001 of breast cancer, which she herself survived in 1971. She collected a legion of friends, most of whom have gone before her. Her talent for creating a soft and beautiful life was well known to everyone who loved her.

Nelle grew up and married in First Baptist Church of Asheville and was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church for 74 years, 65 of which were spent playing the piano for the Sprinkle Class. She played at the nursing home until COVID and lack of long-term care creativity shut down the music. On the day she died, many staff and residents reported that her final, and only, complaint was that the facility piano was out of tune.

We would like to thank the staff of CarePartners Hospice for their kindness and care of Nelle over her last days. One of her final requests was we remember to thank her nursing home family, especially the aide who called her "Nellie" and couldn't understand that she added the final "e" in college, pretending she was from Paris. We also thank Hazel and Alice for being such fascinating roommates. When she forgot the names of her family members, everyone became "Hazel." We



hope they unite in the afterlife and continue their hilarious repartee. And share dark chocolate. On the day before her death, Alice said, "Nelle was my best friend. We would have had good conversations if either of us could have been able to hear."

Groce Funeral Home is arranging her final journey. Due to the return of Covid and the prevalence of flu, a memorial service will be postponed until warmer weather. Until such time we can celebrate her together, we wish her luck and love, and the knowledge that we are eternally grateful to have been chosen as her descendants. We will try to live half as well.

One of Nelle's final comments, in the midst of extreme confusion, was this: "I hope I did this graciously. Now let's move on. Don't let worry about this odd situation ruin the remainder of your life."

In lieu of flowers, and in honor of her amazing courage, please mail a card to a random nursing home patient. That small act would make her smile. A private service will be held at a later date.



**GUY KENNETH PENLAND  
(21 Aug 1931 - 22 Nov 2022)**

Guy Kenneth Penland, 91, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, after a period of declining health. Guy was a native and lifetime resident of Buncombe County. He was the son of the late Weldon and Ida Louise

Penland. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Mr. Penland was a veteran of the Korean War where he served as a truck driver and soldier for the United States Army. When Guy left the military with the rank of Private First Class, he pursued a new career. Mr. Penland's experiences in the Army played a very important role throughout his life. He held the value of strength and self-discipline the Army taught him in high regard and encouraged all of us to invest in a cause larger than ourselves. In 2013 and 2016, Mr. Penland was recognized as the Patriot of the Year. At the age 66, Mr. Penland made the decision to go back to school at Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College and earned his high school diploma. He was a member of

the Asheville Lions Club where he served as the district 31-A Vice District Governor from 1994-1995 and the District Governor from 1995-1996. In 2007, he received a lifetime membership to the North American Hunting Club.

Shortly after his time in the military, Mr. Penland served as an officer at the City of Asheville but later chose to pursue a career in diamond grading and evaluation. In 1977, Mr. Penland graduated from the Gemological Institute of America and took a position with the Jewelry Box where he worked for many years. In the early 90's, he made the decision to step out on his own and opened Diamond Jewelry and Pawn where he worked until his retirement. Guy later returned to law enforcement for a short time after retirement and served as a volunteer deputy at the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department.

Guy is survived by his loving wife, Kathy Penland; his three loving daughters, Patricia McCoy, Susan (Michael) Carter, and Vicky (Rick) Beachboard; step-children, Patricia Meares, James Patrick Mears, Joshua McHone, and Justin McHone; grandchildren, Richard Martin, Chris Martin, Jeremy Carter (Angela), Matthew Carter (Amber), Nicole Vinciguerra (Travis); several step-grandchildren, five great-granddaughters, Alex and Rachel Carter, Addison and Cassidy Vinciguerra, and Sydney Carter and a great-grandson Ryan Carter, and two great-great-grandsons. In addition to his family, Guy will be missed by his many friends and those that were considered family, including his close neighbors, Liz and Saxon Webb, Keisha (Chris) Chambers, and Robin (Marshall) Barry.

Mr. Penland was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Nancy Penland; brothers Hanford W. Penland and Hilliard Penland, and sister Christine Ingle.

Guy's legacy to his family was the strength and courage as he faced his final days with dignity. "There are some who bring a light so great to the world that even after they have gone, the light remains."

A service honoring the life of Guy Penland will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2022, at Groce Funeral Home on Patton Ave. Visitation for family and friends will be one hour prior to the service. Burial, with military honors, will then follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park.



**MILDRED HOOKER**  
(18 Sep 1935 - 10 Jan 2023)

Mildred Ann Hooker, of Asheville, passed away peacefully at her daughter's home on Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

Mildred was born on September 18, 1935, in Emporia, KS. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph F. Hooker, Jr.,

who is remembered as a loving husband and father.

She leaves her daughter, Elizabeth McElreath (Douglas), of Lake Junaluska; sons, John W. Hooker (Kim), of Chapel Hill, NC, Larry Hooker (Kathy) of Asheville, NC, and Tony Hooker, also of Asheville; nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She had many loving nieces and nephews, and many precious friends in Christ.

A funeral service for her family will be held in the Patton Avenue chapel of Groce Funeral Home on Saturday, January 14, at 2:00 p.m., officiated by Rev. Nancy Dixon Walton of Trinity United Methodist Church of Asheville NC

The family will greet friends immediately following the service.

Private burial will be at the Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in her honor to [Four Seasons Hospice](#) or to [The American Cancer Society](#).

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



**JOHN EDWARD MCJUNKIN**  
(11 Nov 1930 - 26 Dec 2022)

Brevard, NC - John Edward McJunkin is the brother-in-law of Tom Patelidas. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the NC Baptist Children's Home. Online condolences may

be left at [www.moodyconnollyfuneralhome.com](http://www.moodyconnollyfuneralhome.com).

**ROLLIE RAE MORGAN ALLEN**  
(30 May 1933 - 08 Jan 2023)

Orlando, FL. Rollie Rae Morgan Allen is the mother of Buck Allen (who has made a connection with Trinity and has been worshipping with us



recently). In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to The Bob Allen Family Foundation. Checks can be sent to 305 Palm St, Windermere FL, 34786. Online condolences can be made at Woodlawn Funeral Home & Memorial Park, <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/gotha-fl/rollie-allen-11101045>.

**THANKSGIVINGS**

- From the Staff - Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the many expressions of love during Christmas! A special thank you to Charlotte Clodfelter for hosting the staff for a Christmas lunch of her famous Chicken Pie!!!
- From Dustin - thanks for all the expressions of love, support and comfort during his injury and upcoming surgery. (FYI - Anna Broome will be scheduling a Meal Train for Dustin and Katlyn following his upcoming surgery.) We are grateful for the Jubilee JAMS shelter community for helping with set-up and participating in Christmas Day.
- Gratitude to the Trinity Book Group for providing the evening meal at the Winter Shelter on Jan. 10!
- Thanks to Maxine Schrader, Ellen Mitchell and Melanie Robertson for hosting a meal for the Mildred Hooker family on Saturday, Jan. 14!
- Deep appreciation to Marjorie Hanson, Steve Penland, Lia Reagan, & Maxine Schrader for assisting with taking down all the greens, poinsettias and Advent/ Christmas decorations!
- Thanks to Juan Carlos Leivar, Anna Pizzo, Laszlo and Laurie Bujdoso for cooking, setting up and cleaning up the Trinity Table on Jan. 11.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN**

Since the dedication and the name plate sign has been installed, the Memorial Garden is now ready. The church office has a form available to order the name plate for the loved one. The fee of \$150 has been guaranteed through now and June 2022. Please contact the church office for more information and to obtain the form.

**PRAYER LIST**

Praise for the changing season; 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 those in our congregation in need of God's healing:** Hal Alexander; Enoch Ball; Taylor Biggers; Oris Crout; Jimmy & Barbara Davis; Tony Hooker; Jennie Lynn Krichbaum; Jerry Lyda; Betty & Bob Mull; Tom & Mary Ann Patelidas; Larry Scholtz; Maxine Schrader; Barbara Smith; Hal Starnes.

**For family members & friends of our congregation:** Lisa Boone (John & Janice Nelson's daughter); Dennis Carpenter (Cathie G. Carpenter's husband); Andrea Cook's cancer patients; Rebecca Dotson (Mary Ann Patelidas' great niece); Mary Long (Ruth Gaddy's sister); Tiffany Leger (Maxine Schrader's step great niece); Daryl Lyda (Betty Mull's son); Deb McCarson (Anne Cogburn's friend); Rev. Dr. L. C. Ray & Rev. Robbie Williams of One Youth at a Time; Denny Teal (Anne Cogburn's friend); Bobby & Sue Walton (Ellen Mitchell brother/sister-in-law); those struggling with mental illness & faith; unspoken joys & concerns.

Please send your joys, requests & updates to the Church Office, [tumcnc@yahoo.com](mailto:tumcnc@yahoo.com) or call.

## SAVE THE DATES

Trinity Table - Wed, Feb. 8, 6PM

Trinity Table - Sun, Feb. 19 12 Noon

Concert - Berea College Bluegrass Ensemble - Tue, Mar. 7, 7PM, Sanctuary. This ensemble provides students with the opportunity to improve their individual and collective musical skills through performing in a traditional bluegrass band format. The overall style and character of the ensemble will reflect the actual abilities and preferences of the ongoing membership of the group. Under the direction of the instructor, students will actively participate in song selection and instrumental and vocal arrangements, thereby giving each member the authentic experience of performing in a working bluegrass band.



## DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

Did you know that the carpets in the hallways and library were cleaned over the holidays? Thanks to monies from the 2022 Winter Shelter experience.



Did you know that Pastor Dustin is now roasting coffee!!? Want to learn more? He'd love to share more with you about it - just ask!



Have you seen our Little Library? If you have any children's books, please feel free to donate at your convenience! It's been very successful!



## DECEMBER 18 SERVICE CLOSING HYMN WITH CHILDREN ~ AWAY IN A MANGER!







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Asheville, NC 28806  
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*We exist to share the love of God now and forever.  
We strive to be generous and  
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We will work together to build community  
by providing brave spaces and opportunities  
to gather, engage and serve.*

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**Rev. Nancy Dixon Walton**  
Pastor

**Dustin Mailman**  
Associate Pastor  
of Family Ministries & Missions

**Lee Thomas**  
Director of Music Ministries/  
Office Administrator (Ext. 100)

**Adam Waldo**  
Accompanist

**Wendy Leach Parker**  
Nursery Worker

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Thu. 9:30AM - 2PM  
Fri. Church Office Closed

**Google Emergency Contact #:  
828-490-7419**

Can't reach someone at church or  
after hours? Dial the number and  
state your name. It will ring the  
pastor or staff on call.

### EMAIL

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### FACEBOOK PAGE

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The Asheville Nativity,  
Painted by Joe Rob

