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## TRINITY TIMES

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SEPTEMBER 2020

# TRINITY TIMES

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

## REOPENING GUIDELINES

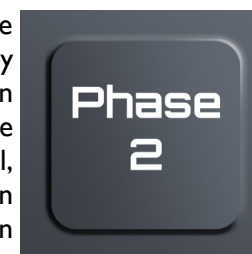
August brought us the opportunity to open up Sunday mornings for a small group of in person worshippers back to the Sanctuary. That's been going well, thanks to everyone's cooperation and Nursery Staff helping to check in folks.

At our Aug. 25 TLC meeting, we've decided to take another step into our own amended Phase 3 (because by state law we are still in their Phase 2, which has some gathering restrictions we need to follow). **We are welcoming anyone who would like to return to worship in the Sanctuary**, regardless if you have been participating on-line or not. We have space for 50 "units" (either families who do not need to distance or individuals) to safely distance and participate. We'll still have Zoom fellowship at the beginning as well as worship broadcast online via Zoom and Facebook Live. With this shift, we'll be a little less camera focused as we blend both in-person and virtual participants.

**We would still appreciate an RSVP in advance of each Sunday if you plan to attend in person.**

Here is the schedule of a typical Sunday for September:

- **Please call the church office by Friday if you will be one of the 15 attending in person.**
- Church building opens at 10AM. Upon arrival, plan to:
  - ◊ Sign in for contact tracing
  - ◊ Take & record your temperature (we have contactless thermometers)
  - ◊ Wear a mask and practice social distancing. TUMC will supply masks for anyone who does not have one.
- Zoom Fellowship begins ~ 10:30AM. This will be a chance to share with those of you who are new to Zoom how we catch up with one another! (We are hoping Ted will make coffee!!!)
- Worship begins at 10:45AM.
- To limit personal contact there will be individual bulletins and no hymnals. Those gathered in person will not be able to sing corporately, as this is a way the virus can easily spread.



- An offering plate will be available for anyone who would like to bring offerings in person. We will not pass the offering plate.
- After Worship concludes there will be another time for Zoom Fellowship.
- Before closing up, we ask for assistance from any Healthy Church Team folks in attendance to wipe down doors, handrails, any tables and chairs used, and bathrooms in order to have the space prepared for any youth activities that will follow in the afternoon.
- **This will continue provided it continues to comply with NC & Federal Law, the CDC recommendations, and guidance from our WNC Conference Bishop and staff.**

Some details/ continuing practices for using space at Trinity:

- Scheduling time in the building - All groups should schedule their time with the Office Administrator in order to ensure building capacity of 15 or less (not including staff in other parts of the building).
- **Remember, wearing masks protects those around you. As of June 25, 2020, this is now the Law in North Carolina** for public gatherings. The TLC asks everyone to wear a mask no matter the size or location of the gathering. We do not consider masks to be optional for any persons over 2 years old, including office staff when in common work areas.
- Volunteers (counters, worship assistants, Summer Lunch Program volunteers, Children & Youth parents helping with small group ministry) will have access to the church for their service & ministry use of the bathroom and should maintain social distancing, wear a mask, and use provided wipes to clean handles and surfaces they come in contact with.
- Sign-in for screening & contact tracing - All volunteers & staff will sign in and conduct their own health screening (including temperature check) upon entering the building. People are encouraged to bring their own masks; **TUMC will supply masks for anyone who does not have one.**

## PHASE THREE WILL INCLUDE

1. **Hybrid worship on-line and in-person in the Sanctuary, ~50 person max (~18 group units)**
  - a. People will stagger seating every 3 pews (and every other side in the middle section) practicing social distancing, mask wearing, etc.
  - b. Nursery staff will help with doors and commonly used surface cleaning while people are in the building.
  - c. To limit personal contact there will be changes in the use of such things as bulletins and sharing hymnals.
  - d. An offering plate will be available at the Altar rail for anyone who would like to bring offerings in person. We will not pass the offering plate.
  - e. "Passing the Peace" will be a socially distanced practice.
  - f. Our Custodian, Nursery Staff & Healthy Church Team will clean the Sanctuary, handrails, door handles and bathrooms after worship on Sundays.
2. **Until at least Sept 11, we remain under NC Phase 2.** Other than worship, small group gatherings are limited to 10 people indoors, 25 outdoors, including social distancing, mask wearing and CDC guidelines must be followed.
  - a. Online options will continue to be provided for all committees.
  - b. Other than Sunday worship, **all groups are responsible for cleaning spaces used during their function (cleaning supplies and guidelines provided).**
3. Scheduling time in the building - All groups need to schedule with the Office Administrator in order to maintain building capacity (not including staff in other parts of the building).
4. Volunteers (counters, worship assistants, Summer Lunch Program volunteers, Children & Youth parents helping with small group ministry) will have access to the church for their service & ministry.
  - a. All should follow posted guidelines for use of the bathroom, maintain social distance, **wear a mask**, and use provided wipes to clean handles and surfaces they come in contact with.
5. Sign-in for screening & contact tracing
6. Sunday School classes may resume provided they meet the above mentioned criteria. We suggest the Mary Mann class use the Fellowship Hall to meet in order to assist with social distancing.



## WORSHIP &amp; DISCIPLESHIP

## AUGUST WORSHIP NOTES

Sept 6 – A New Beginning

- Exodus 12:1-14 ; HOLY COMMUNION

Sept 13 – The Rev. Mark

Ralls, our new District

Superintendent, will preside as our guest preacher.

Sept 20 – Manna in the Wilderness - Exodus 16:2-15

Sept 27 – Strike the Rock - Exodus 17:1-7



## TUESDAY NOON COMMUNITY ANTI-RACISM DISCUSSION GROUP IS GROWING!

Would you like to join a 2nd group that meets on Sunday afternoons?

Are you interested in learning more about dismantling white supremacy and building more understanding of our black and brown bodied sisters and brothers? We began gathering in mid July for this kind of discussion and reflective work and would love to have you on the journey. Please contact:

Jonathan Capp ([cappson3@gmail.com](mailto:cappson3@gmail.com)) orNancy Walton ([nancy@trinitywavl.org](mailto:nancy@trinitywavl.org)).

Currently, we meet by Zoom (we can have 10 people meet at church with your RSVP if that is better for you) over the Lunch hour on Tuesdays.



## OCTOBER BOOK GROUP

Stay tuned for the announcement of our October read!

DISTRICT/CONFERENCE NEWS  
NOMINATIONS & CHARGE CONFERENCE

It's that time of year, and know that your Pastor and Nominations Team will be contacting you about various ways to engage in a servant leadership role at Trinity. Our Charge Conference is set for **Oct. 11, 2:30PM** and it will be held virtually with our Urban Asheville Missional Network via ZOOM. This includes Asbury Memorial, Trinity, Abernethy, Central, Haywood Street, St. Paul's, Wesley UNC-A Campus, Ministry, Brooks Howell, Wellspring, Skyland, Biltmore, Givens Estates

Frankfurt, Germany. Mary traveled the Scandinavian countries, studying homes and the lives of home makers.

Mary was a certified porcelain maker and was one of the founders of Land O' Sky Federation Doll Clubs of America. In times of failing health, she studied container and patio planning.

Mary was a lifelong Methodist, serving in all areas of church work, especially NC United Women, at one time serving as the District Vice President. She loved her family and friends, always ready with tea and cookies.

A graveside service was held at 11AM on Wed., Aug. 19 at Avery's Creek United Methodist Church Cemetery. Flowers are appreciated, but for those who choose, memorial gifts may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 587 Haywood Road, Asheville NC 28806 or to the Asheville Humane Society.

Groce Funeral Home at Lake Julian is assisting the family.



**EDITH ANN "TOMMIE" RICE ELLER**  
(08 Dec 1928 - 11 Aug 2020)

Edith Ann "Tommie" Rice Eller, 91, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at the Memorial Campus of Mission Hospital.

Mrs. Eller was a native and lifelong resident of Buncombe County and was a daughter of the late James Hillard Rice and Jennie Miller Rice. She was also preceded in death by her husband Dan W. Eller who passed away in 1981; sister, Sarah Chaney and husband Jimmy; brothers: Jack Rice, Gene Rice and wife Pauline, Hugh Rice and wife Dot; and nephew, James David Chaney.

Mrs. Eller worked as an associate at Eckerd's Drug Store for almost 20 years and was an owner, along with her late husband, Dan, of the Garden Spot. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church where she was also a member of the Sprinkle Bagwell Sunday School Class.

Surviving are her sons: Gary Eller of Asheville, and Tony Eller and wife Karen of Mandeville, LA; granddaughter, Ashley Marie Eller; grandson, Daniel Scott Eller; sister-in-law, Viola Rice; Auntie to Judy and Chuck Driggers, and Scotty and Mike Rice all of Asheville; and many special nieces, nephews, and friends.

Graveside services were held at 11AM Fri, Aug. 14 at Pisgah View Memorial Park, with The Rev. Nancy D. Walton officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Mission K9 Rescue, P.O. Box 395, Needville, TX 77461 -0395 or online at [www.missionk9rescue.org](http://www.missionk9rescue.org).



**DORIS T. "DOTTY" WHITLOCK**  
(29 Nov 1938 – 15 Aug 2020)

Doris "Dotty" Whitlock passed away on Saturday, August 15, 2020, at Givens Estates. She was born on November 29, 1938, in Eastern NC to the late Doris and Leland Thompson. She grew up in Plymouth, NC, where she enjoyed swimming in the Albermarle Sound and learning to play the piano. She graduated from Salem College in 1961 with a degree in math and worked for the Social Security Administration for a time prior to marrying a United Methodist minister with a tendency to move every few years. Dotty and her husband, Dwight Whitlock, raised three children and served churches in Central and Western NC for 37 years.

Due to her candor and gregarious good nature, no one ever accused Dotty Whitlock of being timid or dull. She enjoyed singing in choirs, traveling, and laughing with her family and friends. She and Dwight retired to the Asheville area where they were active members of Trinity United Methodist Church. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Cathy (Brenda), Frank (Pam), Tim (Krista), and six grandchildren. She also maintained countless friendships from across the years and the state. Her mischievous humor and joyous spirit will be sorely missed by her family and friends.

A private memorial service was held at Trinity United Methodist Church at 2PM on Sat., Aug. 22.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 587 Haywood Rd. Asheville, NC 28806, or to Givens Estates Assistance Ministries, 2360 Sweeten Creek Rd. Asheville, NC 28803.

## CONDOLENCES

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



**WALTER KEITH FOX**  
(20 Sep 1939 – 01 Aug 2020)

Of Anderson, IN. He is the uncle of **Kelly Hertzinger**. A service was held Thu., Aug. 6. Online condolences may be made at Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, Anderson, IN.



## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sep. 06 Kenneth & Carole Piercy  
 Sep. 08 Don & Diane Hall  
 Sep. 10 Carl & Kathryn Brickey  
 Sep. 22 Mike & Sarah Pruett  
 Sep. 25 Bob & Betty Mull  
 Sep. 30 Tom & Cathi Durham



## THANKSGIVINGS

- Thank everyone for all the cards, calls, thoughts and prayers during my illness. Linda Parham
- Nancy Hutchins would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, calls, messages, and meals during her recent cancer journey. She is ever thankful for the Trinity family and the way it embodies God's grace in everyday life.
- Thanks to the following volunteers who supported the Summer Lunch Program: Maxine Schrader, Kay and Fred Cooke, John McCullough, Holly, Ellie, and Gram Klingel, Lindsay, Hazel, and Theo Pharr, Sean and Celia Clark, Andrew. Across ten sites throughout Buncombe County, the program served over 78,000 meals this summer.
- Steve Penland & Darryl Parker, for help with grounds keeping work!
- All of you for your faithful giving to Trinity!
- All who have given to the Memorial Garden!



## OUR SYMPATHY



**GUNNAR ERIK GUMMESSON**  
 (10 Sep 1935 ~ 03 Aug 2020)

Gunnar Erik Gummeson passed away Monday, August 3, 2020 at the NC State Veterans' Home in Black Mountain, NC. He was born in Mineola, New York on 9-10-1935 to the late Berndt Erik Gummeson of Karlshamm, Sweden and the late Ellen Elizabeth Surakka Stenrose of Jupiter, Florida.

He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force after he graduated from Sewanhaka High School in January, 1953. After he was discharged from the service, he attended Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs, NC, and then began his career in Sales.

Erik was an Air Force veteran stationed at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida. It was here that he met the love of his life, Rebecca Ann Harris of Morganton, NC. They were married 64 years and raised 3 children.

He was a Sales Representative for several companies

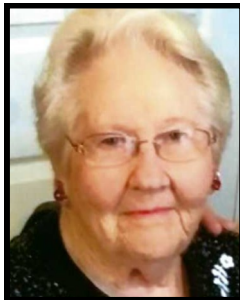
and retired from Kellogg's before he started his second career in law enforcement where he served as a Buncombe County Sherriff's Deputy, a State Correctional Officer at Craggy Prison and a Security Officer at AB-Tech when he retired the second time. After retirement, he spent numerous hours volunteering at the VA Hospital in Asheville NC.

Surviving are his wife, Rebecca (Becky) Harris Gummeson; daughter Catherine Todd-Carpenter (Dennis), son William Erik Gummeson (Mary), and daughter Elizabeth Ingrid Sanders; four grandchildren, Erika Todd Barringer (Jermell), Dr. Daniel Todd (Jessica), Cody Sanders, Brandon Sanders; step-granddaughter April Brock; four great-grandchildren; sister, Nancy Costner (Les); brother, David Stenrose; several nephews, nieces, and great nephews, and nieces.

A memorial service was held on Sat., Aug. 15, 11AM at Trinity United Methodist Church where he has been a faithful member for fifty years. Pastor Nancy Walton officiated.

A private family burial will be at a later date in Morganton, NC.

In lieu of flowers, memorials donations may be directed to: Trinity United Methodist Church, 587 Haywood Road, Asheville, NC 28806.



**MARY LANCE JOHNSTON WEST**  
 (13 Jan 1924 – 12 Aug 2020)

Mary Lance Johnston West died on August 12, 2020.

Born January 13, 1924, she was a native of Buncombe County and a daughter of the late Eugene and Della Johnston. She was also preceded in death by her husband of

51 years, Lt. Cdr, USN, Norris R. West; one daughter, Jennifer George Whittington and one brother, Eugene Johnston, Jr.

She is survived by one daughter, Jeannie R. Watkins of Cave City, AR; one son, David N. West (Kathy) of Asheville; son-in-law, Les Whittington of Weaverville; one grandson, Walter Smith (Toni) and one great-grandson, Avery Smith, all of Cave City, AR.

Mary was a graduate of Lee H. Edwards High School, St. Genevieve of the Pines Junior College and the University of Tennessee. She was a senior high school teacher.

After her husband's 30-year retirement from the US Navy, they moved to a farm in Avery's Creek Mary became interested in country women and culture and was active in both local and state levels of Home Extension. She represented her state at the World Convention of Country Women of the World in

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT &amp; MISSION

## RED WAGON

For **September**, This month's focus is Trinity Place Shelter for Youth. They are in need of: paper towels, toilet paper, sponges (washing dishes), automatic dishwasher detergent, shaving cream. Items can be dropped off at the church during the week, or please call the office to set up a time for the Little Red Wagon (AKA the Church Van) to come to **YOU** on **Thu., Sep 24.**



## MANN FOOD DISTRIBUTION

## EMMA COMMUNITY

**Mon., Sep. 14**, Emma UMC parking lot, 1-2:30PM (packing boxes) & 2:30 – 5PM (helping with distribution, loading into cars, etc.)

## HOMEWARD BOUND/RITI/RED ROOF INN MEALS

TUMC is providing supper on **Sun., Sep. 27** for the RITI/ Red Roof Inn residents. If you'd like to help provide salad, bread or rolls, or **if you'd like to help package the individual meals on Sun., Sep. 27, 3:30PM**, please contact Lee to sign up.

## ABCCM NEWS

**Would you like to tour the new Transformation Village as a small group from TUMC?** Often a delay has a silver lining - we now have an extra month for small groups of churches, volunteers and donors to see the whole facility rather than only part of it because we have already moved in with Covid restrictions to keep everyone safe. We are offering tours to special groups: Steadfast House volunteers and churches, plus our capital campaign donors. For those who feel safe to get together with me, Lynn and Carolyn; or Steadfast House Director Angela or new Volunteer Coordinator Beverly, **we will be happy to schedule a 30 minute walk through the building.** We especially want cook teams to arrange a time to come see the new kitchen setup. Other volunteers will want to see the children's enrichment area and the classrooms. Our donors will want to see how we are increasing capacity for beds, for life skills, for health and nutrition, as well as classrooms for the 17 career tracks offered by AB Tech. Our Steps to Success and Recovery Living programs truly transform lives.



Some churches have wanted to help with moving and can email:

[caleb.bradshaw@abccm.org](mailto:caleb.bradshaw@abccm.org) or  
[beverly.buckner@abccm.org](mailto:beverly.buckner@abccm.org).

For tours email:

[scott.rogers@abccm.org](mailto:scott.rogers@abccm.org) or  
[angela.pennell@abccm.org](mailto:angela.pennell@abccm.org).

We plan to celebrate responsibly to dedicate the building and will do so in person or virtually, so be on the look-out for more information.

## WALKING SHOE COLLECTION

For the month of September, Julia and Phillip Gibson are collecting gently-used walking shoes for orphans (toddlers to teenagers) of Kingsland Orphanage in Uganda. There are two drop off locations; The Pritchett Agency, 12 Regent Park Blvd, Asheville (M-F, 10AM-4PM) & 101 Whitfield Way, Unit 1, Lake Junaluska, NC (M-S, 8AM-7PM).

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Help **Habitat** by being a volunteer greeter or check-in attendees for the 2020 Southern Living Idea Home at The Ramble in Biltmore Forest. In return, Asheville Habitat will receive all proceeds from ticket sales - and revenue is expected to raise enough to build an entire Habitat home! To learn more and sign up, visit [asvillehabitat.org/how-to-help/volunteer/](http://asvillehabitat.org/how-to-help/volunteer/).



## HAYWOOD STREET

Current ways to support the ministry & our friends:

1. Make a meal for Friends 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.



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## TRINITY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

### TLC HIGHLIGHTS NEWS (FROM AUGUST 25 MTG)

Next TLC mtg – **Tue., Sep. 29, 6PM** via Zoom and socially distancing with Zoom connection in the Library. If you have an item for consideration on the agenda, please send it to Caroline Levi one week prior to meetings. We are finding our rhythm with our new model, completing the meetings in 1.5 hours!

### August Leadership Development Question of the Month - What Did We Assume? (TLC answers bulleted)

- What was undervalued before that may hold greater value now?
  - ◊ Actually seeing people in person
  - ◊ Fellowship
  - ◊ Covered dish meals
  - ◊ The routine of getting ready and going to church
  - ◊ Going together as a family unit! Too many distractions at home to be together on Zoom
  - ◊ Hearing music live!
  - ◊ Being in the **Sanctuary**, the stillness felt
  - ◊ Having childcare!
- What mattered about geography before that no longer matters?
  - ◊ Doesn't matter how close you may live; can't come!
  - ◊ DiLoretis (the family in Italy) are just as much a part as those of us a block away.
- What margin or lack of margin was built into our old model of doing church? What new abundance are we experiencing now? Where are we experiencing scarcity now that was not evident before?
  - ◊ We relied very heavily on being in person and have learned how to adapt; there are a whole lot of ways we should be connecting with others.
  - ◊ On zoom, Facebook Sunday posts (Carmelita Rogers) - people not connected to church are finding connection; reaching others we've not been able to reach before.
  - ◊ Sharing worship service in FB feed - a way to share that we're going to church in this new way.
  - ◊ Music creativity
  - ◊ Other preachers from different places
  - ◊ Easier to get involved! (S Clark; easier way to try out/ experience worship - less intimidating way
  - ◊ SCARCITY - We're not getting same money/ less cash resources; loss of rent through school
  - ◊ Volunteer support
  - ◊ Mission/ outreach is less
  - ◊ Christian Formation/ Sunday School/ small group

### September Leadership Development Question of the Month - What Wants to Emerge?


- What is our greatest asset now?
- What relationships will we need to build on or strengthen in the months ahead?
- What unique role might our congregation play in local, national, and even global recovery?
- What long term changes in the bigger picture would we like to be part of bringing to fruition?

**Feel free to submit your own answers to anyone on the TLC or Staff.**


### WORSHIP UPDATES

Amended Phase 3 Reopening   
(details of that mentioned on the front of the newsletter)

### DISCIPLESHIP/SMALL GROUPS

The survey sent out asking for participation in a Bible Study (other than on a Sunday morning) has only had 2  Discipleship GROUPS responses. The Dismantling Racism group is a growing small group with lively, good discussion and the possibility of adding another group on Sunday afternoons.

### FINANCE

It looks as if we have enough volunteers to take on the Pumpkin Patch this October, approximately Oct 16 - 31. Please be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet to volunteer to staff the Patch from 3-7PM each day. More details about the pumpkin delivery to come! This fundraiser will help us meet the budget for our mission-specific budget items! 


We continue to give thanks that Trinity is doing relatively well in terms of continued pledged & unpledged giving. Receipts are currently running ahead of budget. We have received some non-recurring gifts, so we cannot count on this healthy situation continuing. Tithing continues to be good, but it will not make up for the loss of rental income from the Asheville Waldorf School's leaving as of August 31.

Very careful spending continues to be the norm. We are catching up on our much reduced payments for lawn care. The TLC discussed the possibility of paying something towards apportionments but decided to wait to see how the August report and September expenses balance. The PPP loan "forgiveness" application is still awaiting approval; when it does, it will show up as

"income" in future reports (to date it has not been included for accounting purposes since it is technically still a loan). If anyone would like a detailed copy of our financial reports, please contact Lee in the Church Office.

**THANK YOU** for your steadfast support of Trinity and our ministries!

### TRUSTEES

The Education building is currently under contract for 2 rooms to be rented to a homeschooling co-op. It is also still listed for rent on the internet and we are scheduling showings. We are also discerning the possibility of offering classroom space for other distance learning "pods" of students and parent-leaders. 

Because we have had to reduce our services from our grounds keepers, Brothers Ross, we are much more dependent upon volunteers helping with regular maintenance. A HUGE thank you to Paul Sprouse for offering his time and talent over 3 days of pressure washing the building, sidewalks and doing much needed concrete repair around the building. Ongoing thanks to Steve Penland and Darryl Parker for their contributions to assist with these tasks.

To that end, we are scheduling a **Fall Work Day on Sat., Sep. 19, 9AM - 1PM**, for all who are willing and able to socially distance while working on some landscaping projects, wood repair of railings near the playground, light mulching and cleaning of flower beds in preparation for the Fall. Please sign up through Lee in the Church Office. **Please note that the Steady Collective will be sweeping the grounds to remove any needles prior to our workday. We thank them for being good neighbors!**

As you may have heard, since raising the needed first \$5500, the stone mason Marc Archambault (Hammerhead Studios) has begun carving the custom stones for the communal urn in our memorial garden. for a November 1/ All Saints Sunday dedication. We continue to accept donations for the second \$5500 needed for the bronze signs to hold the name plates. To date, we have raised \$2,635 for the signage. The TLC has tasked the Mary Mann Sunday School class with the honor of working with the stone mason and Rev. Nancy to decide which scripture will be inscribed on the round stone near the top.

### PASTORAL CARE, NURTURE & FELLOWSHIP

Save the Date – **Oct. 4** - St. Francis Blessing of the Animals & Fall Tailgate in the Parking Lot

Would you like to have a socially distanced Blessing of the Animals and Tailgate in our parking lot? Then mark your calendars for **Sun., Oct. 4, 4 PM**. Bring a picnic/ tailgate spread for your family, some lawn chairs, and your pets (or pet pictures) for an informal gathering and pet blessing - tailgate celebrating afternoon of face-to-face (or mask-to-mask!) fun!

Phone Tree - We still need a volunteer to take over the place of a phone tree volunteer! If you would be willing to be a "shepherd" and make these phone calls, please let Nancy or Lee know. They have the master list that has been divided and gives callers a place to make notes and give updates.



### CELEBRATIONS

#### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sep. 01 Chris Matthews  
 Sep. 02 Mary Gummesson  
 Sep. 03 James Davis  
 Sep. 04 Sheila Meadows  
 Sep. 04 Pierce Ruch  
 Sep. 05 Daniel Clodfelter  
 Sep. 05 Mark Locklear  
 Sep. 06 Kenneth Piercy  
 Sep. 07 James Sparger  
 Sep. 09 Janet Jarvis  
 Sep. 09 Sarah Pruett  
 Sep. 10 Emma Rose Dempsey  
 Sep. 11 Lucas Hertzinger  
 Sep. 12 Maggie Matthews  
 Sep. 15 Carolyn Craft  
 Sep. 15 Pat Ellis  
 Sep. 15 Robert McCormick  
 Sep. 17 Bryce Parham  
 Sep. 18 Mildred Hooker  
 Sep. 18 David Goist  
 Sep. 21 Barbara Johnson Davis  
 Sep. 21 Dan Harrison  
 Sep. 21 John Harwell  
 Sep. 23 John Crook  
 Sep. 23 David Mitchell  
 Sep. 23 Debra Anthony  
 Sep. 23 Kari Richmond  
 Sep. 24 Karl Ruch  
 Sep. 26 Orba Smith  
 Sep. 26 Holly Raphael  
 Sep. 29 Terry Levi  
 Sep. 29 Rowan Brickley

