

Trinity Times

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February Highlights

A Conversation with Imam Khalid Latif on Interfaith Dialogue and Building Multifaith Leadership

**Sun., Feb.
10 ~ 6 PM**

Imam Khalid Latif is the University Chaplain for New York University and Executive Director of the Islamic Center at NYU, the first ever



established Muslim student center at an institution of higher education in the US. His exceptional dedication and ability to cross interfaith and cultural lines on a daily basis brought him recognition throughout NYC, including being selected as the youngest chaplain in the history of the NYC Police Department. In 2012, he co-founded the "Of Many Institute," a groundbreaking programmatic model for multifaith leadership at the university level that supports a new generation of religious and civic leaders who, deeply rooted in their own religious and spiritual traditions, reach across faith boundaries to solve social problems together.

Help us spread the word for our first speaker in our 2019 Community Speakers Series! **Volunteers are needed to help welcome folks as ushers that evening.** If you are interested in offering our Trinity hospitality, please see Rev. Nancy, Rev. Darryl, or Phillip Gibson as soon as possible!

Soup Bowl Sunday & Ministry Fair



Are you ready for some SOUP and FELLOWSHIP before the big game?!? Please plan to stay after church for a Fellowship

Fundraiser Meal to support our Youth AND learn a little more about the various ministry teams/committees at Trinity. We hope you might also discern where you feel your gifts and talents line up and consider offering your commitment to one of these ministry teams. We'll also have a "Gifts and Talents" survey for you to take that might help you in your discernment. See you on **Sun., Feb. 3!**



Ministry areas represented:

- Fellowship & Nurture
- Mission & Outreach
- Pastoral Care & Visitation
- Worship & Music
- Christian Formation & Sunday School (includes children & youth, college student support, UMMen, UMWomen, small groups, seasonal groups)
- Membership Development, Hospitality & Community Events (Avl Jazz Orchestra & speaker events)
- Administrative Ministry (offering counters, office volunteer, newsletter helpers, Audio Visual ministry, computer service, Buildings and Grounds upkeep, Finance & Stewardship efforts)

New Members



Congratulations

Congratulations again to our newest members - the 2019 Confirmation Class! If you haven't already, please welcome **Harlan Dempsey, Nate Durham, Isaac Kinney, Kimberly Kinney, Shawn Kinney, Isaac Richmond, Pierce Ruch, and Jeremy Walton** when you see them.

Special thanks to their Family, Faith Friend, Prayer Partners, and the reception crew! It was a beautiful service that was the perfect end to their Confirmation journey!

2019 General Conference

A special session of our denomination's largest body, the worldwide General Conference, convenes **February 23-26, 2019** in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the *Commission on a Way Forward* based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. The 32-member Commission was authorized by General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council of Bishops to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church.



2019 General Conference United Methodists Seeking a Way Forward



If you'd like to learn a little more about what you will probably be hearing in the media soon, you're invited to attend one of two sessions in our Library:

Sunday, Feb. 17, 5 - 6:30 PM

Tuesday, Feb. 19, 10:30 AM - 12 Noon

All are welcome!

Sundays ~ Worship and More!

Morning Prayer Chapel at 9:30 AM

Sunday School at 9:45 AM

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 AM

Nursery ~ 2nd floor

Children & Youth Sunday School ~ 2nd floor

(Age 3 - 12th Grade)

Adult Classes

Faith Class ~ 3rd floor

Koinonia Class ~ 1st floor

Mary Mann Class ~ 1st floor

Sprinkle-Bagwell Class ~ 2nd floor

New to Trinity?

***Please ask us for more description
about our educational offerings.***

Children in Worship

Worship takes place in the Sanctuary at 10:55 AM every Sunday morning. Following the Children's Message, children (age 3-3rd Grade) are invited for a time of age-

appropriate worship. We begin with worship in the Chapel on the third floor and then have games/activities in the Children's Assembly Room next to the nursery on the second floor, the playroom on the first floor, or the playground. A sign will be posted on the door of the Assembly Room on the second floor.

2019 Altar Flowers

Anyone in the church may place flowers on the altar in memory or honor of someone. The standard arrangement costs \$55. Any special flower requests may cost more. **What to do:** Contact the office to sign up for a date. We will order the flowers from the florist. Tell us what you want stated in the bulletin. Once we have received the bill, we will contact you with the amount if it is over the standard rate. Make payment out to the church and note on the memo line - "For Flowers." The 2019 calendar is ready for sign-ups. All of Feb & Mar OPEN.



Children & Youth News

Children/Youth Employment

Our Children and Youth Ministry is still looking for a new Youth and Children Assistant (or YACA). The YACA would work Sunday mornings and evenings, helping with Sunday School, Children's Church, and UMYF. If you know anyone that is interested, let Andrew know or have them contact him directly.

Volunteer with Children and Youth

There are many opportunities to help with two of our most important ministries: Children and Youth. Please visit the Youth Google Drive (directions on page) and click on one of the tabs. For example: UMYF - you can sign up to provide a snack supper on Sunday nights or to come be a chaperone/Capture the Flag participant.

You can also see Andrew for more information or to sign up for any of these and other volunteer opportunities.

Children's Aquarium Trip

The older Elementary kids from Trinity are heading to the Georgia Aquarium to spend the night on **Thu., June 20**. This is an amazing experience with a behind the scenes, after-hours tour and the chance to sleep in one of the exhibit spaces (we usually sleep with whale sharks and rays passing by all night). This trip is open to kids going into 3rd Grade through 6th Grade. At least one adult chaperone is needed. The cost of the trip is \$100, though financial assistance is available. Space is limited, so please contact Andrew soon to reserve your spot.

Sign ups at Google Drive spreadsheet:

Children and Youth Google Drive can be found by clicking the link on **TrinityWAVL.org/Youth**.

Andrew's Email Address: **andrewgtripp@gmail.com**

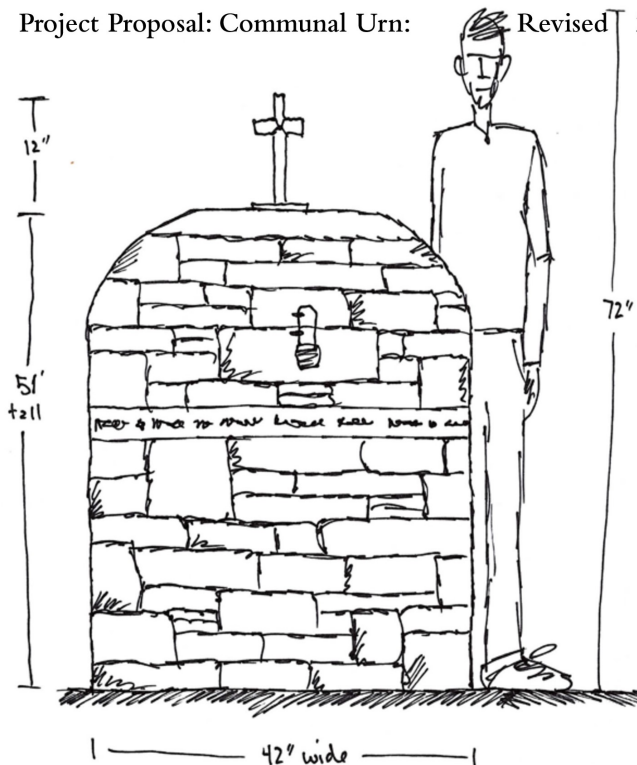
Memorial Garden

Memorial Garden

The Trustees are moving forward with a Memorial Garden that will contain a communal space for the final resting place of ashes of loved ones. Below is a custom design that has been submitted to the Trustees which they have viewed and are considering at the recommendation of the Trustees ad hoc committee overseeing the Memorial Garden. The "communal urn" design is intended to be a significant beginning of the Memorial Garden in which cremains would be secure inside a hand-hewn rock design that would be locked and sealed, thereby avoiding the expense of a fence and keeping the garden area on the Martin Street side of the

Project Proposal: Communal Urn:

Revised 21 September 2018



This is a revised design for a communal urn. Though similar in form to the first design, there are some significant changes to the piece.

The base has been removed, so that the sides continue down into the ground without any change to the profile.

The cap is a single piece of stone, that is flat and allows for a sculptural piece- a cross created by a member of the congregation.

Not shown in these sketches: the concrete footing that supports the piece will be a donut- open in the middle. This allows for the ashes to make contact with the Earth.

Midway up the main body of the urn there is a single piece of stone that is inscribed with a quote or verse that speaks to the cycle of life and the passage from one place into the next. I consulted with the engravers I like to work with; they expect that we would be able to fit about 97 letters on the perimeter of that stone. That should serve as a general guide to choosing a phrase or quote. I would be inclined to err on the lower side of that number as you search for a suitable saying.

As drawn, the urn would cost \$5500 to make and install.

Design ©2018 Marc Archambault

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sanctuary open to the public for meditation. Here is a rendering of the design (all hand-hewn stone and a circular stone with a scripture) from local stone artist Marc Archambault of Hammerhead Stoneworks: (the person drawn is 6' to offer perspective). The proposed cost is \$5500 and will have longevity for those desiring cremation and their cremains to be placed on the Trinity grounds.

Church Life

5 Minute Yoga

- First, let's release the tension in our neck and shoulders.
- Sit tall in your chair with your soles of the feet on the floor. Inhale and take the shoulders towards the ears, then exhale and release the shoulders. Repeat 5 or more times.
- Bend your arms at the elbows, like goal posts. Now, sweep the bent arms forward, touching the elbows and forearms and releasing tension in the shoulder blades and upper back. Return to the starting position. Repeat this move at least 10 times, remembering to inhale and exhale with the movement.
- Reach your arms overhead, extending the arms as straight as you can. Reach, reach, reach for the ceiling, then release the arms, hands on your lap. Repeat 5 more times. Breathe during the movements.
- Sit up straight and tall, and look forward. Drop your chin toward the chest. Take 5 breaths. Then sweep the chin from shoulder to shoulder several times. Return to center and take the chin so it is parallel to the floor. Now turn your head to the right, looking over your right shoulder. Breathe here. Then turn your head to your left and take several breaths. Return to center.
- Finally, do shoulder rolls, taking both shoulders up, back, and around. Then reverse the direction.
- Smile and notice the increased circulation in the neck and shoulders.



Andrea Davis and Mildred Dixon offer a gently yoga class each Thursday evening from 6 to 7 PM. We meet in the third floor yoga room and have mats and props for you. We look forward to seeing you this Thursday. God bless you.

United Methodist Women

The UMW will meet on **Mon., Feb. 11 at 10:30 AM** in the Koinonia classroom. If you would like to be a part of this group and want more information, please contact Kay Cooke (828-633-1098).

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast and fellowship on **Sun., Feb. 17 at 8 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Keith Clark (828-484-8950) for the UMM if you would like more information or to get involved with this ministry. **Thank you to the UMMen who gave \$3000 to ABCCM's Heating Fund!**

Pastoral Care Team

We are grateful to announce that we have revived our Pastoral Care/Visitation Team! These folks meet regularly with Rev. Nancy to discuss visits and issues surrounding our home-bound and skilled nursing resident members. If you'd like to join the team, please speak with Rev. Nancy. Our goal is for each team member to make 2 visits per month. If you know of someone who would like a visit, please let Rev. Nancy know.

Did you know we have an on-going prayer list? If you would like to add someone or situation or even an unspoken request for prayer, please send them to Julia Gibson, juliahuntergibson@gmail.com.

Book Group

The group continues reading Kate Bowler's *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved*. We're only halfway through, and it's an easy read, so considering joining us on **Wednesdays at 11 AM** in the Church Library. Here's the schedule of readings for the month:

- Feb 6 - Chapter 5
- Feb 13 - Chapter 6
- Feb 20 - Chapter 7
- Feb 27 - Chapters 8 - 9



Sabbath Meals Return

You are invited to the return of Trinity UMC Sabbath Meals. Join with family, friends and guests for a wonderful meal and Christian fellowship. Sabbath meals provide the opportunity for our church family to get to know each other in a relaxed, intergenerational environment!

Mark your calendar for **Wednesdays from 5:30 - 6:45 PM: Feb. 20, May 15, Sep. 18 and Oct. 16**. in the Fellowship Hall Meals are \$5.00 each or \$20.00 max per family.

If you are available to assist with meal preparations or setup for any of these above dates, please sign up at the Ministry Fair on **Sun., Feb. 3** or contact Laurie Bujdoso at ljobujdoso@gmail.com. We look forward to spending time together.

Worship Notes

From now until Lent, we'll actually be following the lectionary one week behind the assigned dates. We'll talk about what it means to "Be Church," to put our gifts and talents to work, individually and as a whole and how our individual and collective stories work together for the good of the Gospel (Feb. 3); how those "outside" the Church also weave their stories into the Gospel, sometimes with our encouragement, and sometimes in spite of us (Feb. 10); how God uses the ordinary and everyday to get our attention and call us to proclaim Good News (Feb 17); and how that Good News must include not only Good Friday but Resurrection, even in the midst of suffering. Finally, on the last Sunday of Epiphany we'll celebrate Jesus' transfiguration, break bread together, and hear God's reminder that Jesus is the Beloved who shows us how to be Beloved together.

Sunday Services

- ✦ Feb 3 - Holy Communion
(1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21)
- ✦ Feb 10 - Scout Sunday
(13:1-13 ;Luke 4:21-30)
- ✦ Feb 17 - 6th Sunday after Epiphany
(1 Corinthians 15:1-15; Luke 5:1-11)
- ✦ Feb 24 - 7th Sunday after Epiphany
(1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26)
- ✦ Mar 3 - Transfiguration Sunday Communion
(Genesis 45: 3-11, 15; Luke 6:27-38 & 9:28-36)

Attendance Pads

Did you know that when you sign the Registration & Attendance pad, it helps us collect important data for our church statistics, including the average worship attendance? FYI - having just completed our 2018 statistics, our average worship attendance (often referred to as AWA) was 119 and our average Sunday School attendance was 50. Other 2018 "fun fact stats": 8 baptisms, 14 new members received, 10 deaths, 409 professing members on our rolls (218 women, 191 men), 35 baptized (formerly called "preparatory" members still to become professing), 40 constituents ("friends" of TUMC who attend regularly but have not made official membership). Let us know if you'd like a full report!

In addition to attendance, we are also asking you to help us keep track of any volunteer hours you offer to the community or through Trinity, as that data helps us with grant applications.

Sunday Morning Van Drivers

We need Additional van drivers for our Sunday morning Transportation Ministry. If you are willing and able to serve in this way, please see Nancy Walton, Lee Thomas, or Darryl Parker.

Adult Sunday Schools

Christian Formation on Sundays:

Trinity has a lively program for adults on Sunday mornings:

The **Koinonia Class** is carefully working their way through scripture. In February, they'll be studying the Book of Ephesians with a focus on the early church and how it applies today.

The **Sprinkle-Bagwell** and **Mary Mann** Classes will be following Cokebury's Adult Bible Study Series. The last unit of the winter series concludes with passages from three of the Psalms expressing glorification of God. Psalm 48 focuses on a song of adoration for God's steadfast love; Psalm 66 focuses on part of a love song of praise to God for all God's mighty works of goodness; and Psalm 91 closes this unit with a praise song to God for assurance of protection and comfort for those who love God.

The **Faith Class** began a new book in January, Nouwen's *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. In seizing the inspiration that came to him through his encounter of Rembrandt's depiction of the powerful Gospel story, Henri Nouwen probes the several movements of the parable: *the younger son's return, the father's restoration of sonship, the elder son's vengefulness, and the father's compassion*. In his reflection on Rembrandt in light of his own life journey, the author evokes a powerful drama of the parable in a rich, captivating way that is sure to reverberate in the hearts of readers. The themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation will be newly discovered by all who have known loneliness, dejection, jealousy, or anger. We'll be continuing in this book during February:

- Feb 3 - Ch 4 (Rembrandt & The Elder Son)
- Feb 10 - Ch 5 (The Elder Son Leaves)
- Feb 17 - Ch 6 (The Elder Son's Return)
- Feb 24 - Ch 7 (Rembrandt & the Father)

Let us know if you need staff to order a copy for you (which we'll do gladly). Grab some coffee downstairs in the Fellowship Hall and then join us on Sunday mornings on the 3rd floor at **10 AM**.

Passages

Condolences

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



Rachel Elizabeth Rigsbee Carter (31 Aug 1927 – 24 Jan 2019) from Durham, NC. She is the aunt of **Peggy Weaver**. A funeral service was held on Mon., Jan. 28 at Clements Funeral Chapel. Clements Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.clementsfuneralservice.com.

Gratitude

Thanks for all the cards, prayers, and calls during my recent surgery. *from Hal Alexander*

Thanks to the kind donor who purchased new chairs for the church office. *from the Staff & Volunteers*

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and calls during Steve's recent hospitalization and recuperation at home. *from Steve & Ellen Mitchell*

Support

Dementia Support Group

Co-led by TUMC members Vernon & Joyce Robinson, will continue to gather at **6 PM** in the Church Library on **Mon., Feb. 4**, and **Mon., Feb. 25**. This gathering is for individuals, family members and caregivers as they deal with this disease, providing a supportive environment and basic coping and life skills as loved ones move through the stages of this disease. This ministry's goal is to provide a social (not clinical) setting to the community through which the group gives witness, shares struggles, and provides support as a means of hope and God's presence through one another. It is open to anyone in the community, not only church members. Please contact Vernon & Joyce if you have any questions [(828)-505-1669].



Trustee Updates

Window Unit AC's for sale

Since the new HVAC installs, we have about 5 window units that are available! All we ask is a donation back to the Capital Campaign fund to help pay off that debt. Please see Darryl Parker.

Duke Energy LED Light Grant Received - Fixtures Installed in Education Building

In mid-January, all three floors of our Education Building received either new LED fixtures or bulbs in existing fixtures! This was thanks to the support of the local Creation Care Alliance (a network of people of faith and congregations who have united around a moral and spiritual call to preserve the integrity, beauty and health of God's creation). They helped TUMC receive an energy audit and get us involved as one of a handful of local faith communities participating in the first "Congregational Light Renewal Pilot Project" Data from the Energy Savings Analysis helped us receive for a grant to offset the costs of upgrading all the light fixtures to LED fixtures (inside and out) for our Education Building (the building that has the highest usage on a weekly basis). This is also made possible through Duke Energy's grants with the Small Business Energy Saver Program that they are expanding to non-profits. These upgrades will result in ~\$140 savings each month. We will pay \$1460 of the more than \$9000 for the upgrades, and we return in monthly savings on that investment will be taken care of in less than a year. Trinity is one of the first churches in Asheville to receive this grant and help us care for creation as well as being good stewards of financial resources - a win-win!





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Weekly Sunday Schedule</u> 9:45 AM Sunday School (Various Locations) 10:55 AM Worship (Sanctuary)	1st Floor FH-Fellowship Hall/ Kitchen K-Koinonia P-Parlor MM-Mary Mann Class CG - Church Grounds OC-Off Campus	Main (2nd) Floor S-Sanctuary O-Office L-Library/ Sprinkle- Bagwell Class AR-Annex Room CR-Children's Room N-Nursery MR-Choir Room	3rd Floor FC-Faith Class YR-Yoga C-Chapel Y-Youth Room <u>Education Bldg</u> SR-Scout Room		<i>1</i> 11 AM Tai Chi (FH) 7 PM AA (FH)	<i>2</i>
3 Communion Sunday 12:15 PM Soup Bowl Lunch & Ministry Fair (FH)	4 9 AM Counters (O) 6 PM Dementia Support Group (L) 7 PM AA (FH)	5 11 AM Staff Meeting (O) 5 PM Trustees (L) 7:15 PM Handbells (MR)	6 11 AM Book Group (L) 6 PM Children's Choir (MR) 7 PM Adult Choir (MR)	7 12:30 PM Mary Mann Potluck (FH) 6 PM Yoga (YR) 6 PM Cub Scouts (SR)	8 7 PM AA (FH)	9
10 Scout Sunday 9 AM Pritchard Park Breakfast (OC) 6 PM Conversation with Imam Latif (S)	11 9 AM Counters (O) 10:30 AM UMW Reach Out Circle (K) 7 PM AA (FH)	12 11 AM Staff Meeting (O)	13 11 AM Book Group (L) 6 PM Children's Choir (MR) 7 PM Adult Choir (MR)	14 6 PM Yoga (YR) 6 PM Cub Scouts (SR)	15 7 PM AA (FH)	16
17 Red Wagon Sunday 8 AM UMM Breakfast (FH) 5 PM UMYF (FH) 5 PM A Way Forward (L)	18 9 AM Counters (O) 7 PM AA (SR)	19 11 AM Staff Meeting (O) 10:30 AM A Way Forward (FH) 6 PM Finance Committee (L) 7:15 PM Handbells (MR)	20 11 AM Book Group (L) 5:30 PM Sabbath Meal (FH) 6 PM Children's Choir (MR) 7 PM Adult Choir (MR)	21 6 PM Yoga (YR) 6 PM Cub Scouts (SR)	22 Newsletter Deadline 7PM AA (FH)	23
24 12:15 PM Church Council (L) 5 PM UMYF(FH)	25 9 AM Counters (O) 6 PM Dementia Support Group (L) 7 PM AA (FH)	26 11 AM Staff Meeting (O) 7:15 PM Handbells (MR)	27 11 AM Book Group (L) 6 PM Children's Choir (MR) 7 PM Adult Choir (MR)	28 9:30 AM Newsletter Mailing Team (O) 6 PM Yoga (YR) 6 PM Cub Scouts (SR)		

Serving in February 2019

Acolytes

Coordinators: Celia & Sean Clark

The following children will be serving our congregation this month:

Feb. 03: Solomon & Julian Eckley
 Feb. 10: Hazel & Emory Capp
 Feb. 17: Cora Richmond & Caroline Pruett
 Feb. 24: Ellie Klingel & Gram Klingel

Van Drivers

Do you need a VAN RIDE on a Sunday morning? Here's what you do. The driver rotation and contact information is on page 7. Please be sure and call the driver by **4 PM** on the **Saturday** before the Sunday you need a ride.

Feb. 03: Darryl Parker (281-3231)
 Feb. 10: Jim Helms (253-0180)
 Feb. 17: Ted Meadows (254-8496)
 Feb. 24: Ted Meadows (254-8496)

Monday Counters

Feb. 04: Diane Hall & Peggy Weaver
 Feb. 11: Ellen Mitchell & Norma Scholtz
Feb. 19: Glenn Parham & Don Hall
This is a Tuesday
 Feb. 25: Maxine Schrader & Gina Parham

Communion Servers

If you would be interested in being a part of the communion serving team, please contact the church office.

Feb. 03: Mildred Dixon & Scott Searle

Ushers

If you would be interested in being a part of the usher rotation, please contact the church office.

Feb. 03: Dottie Burton & Glenn May
 Feb. 10: Charlie Weaver & Keith Clark
 Feb. 17: Terry & Caroline Levi
 Feb. 24: Jennie Lynn Krichbaum & Don Hall

Directory Updates

Barker, Anne May
 15 Quail Hollow Dr
 Arden, NC 28704-3164

Gummesson, Erik & Becky
 Trinity View
 2533 Hendersonville Rd Apt 309
 Arden, NC 28704-9580

Milholen, Bill
 20 Highbridge Xing Apt 3201
 Asheville, NC 28803-4168

Milholen, Sylvia
 Givens Estate
 600 Barrett Ln #329
 Asheville, NC 28803-6000

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

Feb. 01 Brian Beasley
 Feb. 03 Billy Robertson
 Feb. 04 Glynn Lookabill
 Feb. 05 David Leach
 Feb. 05 Julie Ruch
 Feb. 05 Will Durham
 Feb. 06 Amelia Maney
 Feb. 06 Robin Edwards
 Feb. 07 Charlotte Clodfelter
 Feb. 07 Gary Eller
 Feb. 11 Bill Crout
 Feb. 11 Denise Swilling
 Feb. 11 Laura Bean
 Feb. 14 Libby McFeeture
 Feb. 15 Elizabeth McDevitt
 Feb. 16 Kitty Crout
 Feb. 16 Dan Bastian
 Feb. 17 Jeff Hutchins
 Feb. 18 Laura Peeler
 Feb. 19 Judy Shuster

Feb. 20 Andrea Davis
 Feb. 23 Keith Clark
 Feb. 24 Tom Damewood
 Feb. 24 Stephen Shook
 Feb. 24 Julian Eckley
 Feb. 25 Daniel Pruett
 Feb. 26 Claire Crout
 Feb. 27 Larry Scholtz
 Feb. 28 Mildred Dixon



Are we missing your birthday or anniversary? If so, contact the church office via telephone 828-253-5471 or email info@TrinityWAVL.org.

Meetings

Trustees

The next Trustee meeting is **Tue., Feb. 5, 6 PM**, in the Library.

The **New Officers** for 2019 are: Paul Mann, Chair; Mark Locklear, Vice-Chair; Vicki Biggers, Secretary

Finance

Our next Finance meeting is **Tue., Feb. 19, 6 PM**, in the Library. All are welcome to attend! Share your thoughts on the missional questions (found on page 11) with the team!

Church Council

The next **Church Council** meeting will be after worship on **Sun., Feb. 24**, in the Library. Please send any agenda items to Chair, Caroline Levi.

Outreach News

Pritchard Park Breakfast

TUMC will feed the homeless at Pritchard Park on **Sun., Feb. 10 at 9 AM**. If you would like to donate food, money to buy food, and/or serve breakfast the day of the event, contact Keith Clark at 484-8950. Food purchased for the breakfast must be delivered to the church by **1:30 PM Thu., Feb. 7**. Please note: **This is a different week for us to participate - just for this month.**



Red Wagon

For the month of **February**, we will collect snacks (packs of crackers, cookies, fruit cups, fruit snacks, etc.) for Hall Fletcher & Asheville Middle Schools. Remember you can bring donations to the church anytime during the week. However on the third Sunday (**Red Wagon Sunday, Feb. 17**), please keep them with you at your pew and place them in the wagon when the children come around during the opening hymn.

THANKS to all who helped with the collection of paper products for Trinity Place in January.

Room in the Inn

Drivers Needed! We have an urgent need for drivers to move mattresses each Sunday. This task takes approximately 1 ½ hours. If we can't add to our volunteer pool, then we will lose this valuable service. Please let us know if you would be willing to drive the truck. For more information please. Contact Sharon Blythe, Room in the Inn Director, sharon@homewardboundwnc.org.

ABCCM - URGENT NEEDS

Steadfast House

- Baby wipes

Veterans' Restoration Quarters (VRQ)

- thermal underwear (tops + bottoms - 2XL, 3XL & bottoms only - L, XL), sweat pants and sweat shirts: (2XL, 3XL, 4XL), heavy coats: (3XL, 4XL), men's new undershirts: (3XL, 4XL), new / lightly used work boots

Downtown Crisis Ministry

Pantry items:

- Fresh fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, grits, dry milk, vegetable oil, margarine, butter, soups, frozen meats, microwave frozen meals, vegetables (canned), fruits (canned), eco friendly plates (small and large), cups (8oz), spoons, forks.

Clothing:

- Warm winter clothing, blankets, comfortable shoes

Hominy Valley Crisis Center

Pantry items:

- Canned: soup, vegetables, beans, fruit, and peanut butter.

Clothing:

- men's clothing, jackets, blankets

Medical Ministry

- black "click" pens, sticky notes (a variety of basic sizes), automatic blood pressure cuffs in good working order; larger sizes especially needed, apple juice boxes, nutritious packable snacks (ie, gold fish or other cracker snack, granola bars, cracker sandwich packs)

Haywood Street

- **Respite Needs:** Non-Prescriptive Reading Glasses, Regular size bottles of shampoo and body wash, deodorant (please no travel sizes).
- **Respite Meals** - 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. Provide an evening meal for our friends in Respite. We invite you to stay and eat and be in relationship with our community. If you'd like to offer meals for this program, please contact Julie Ruch, 828-450-9081, julietherook@gmail.com.
- Clothing donations intended for **God's Outfitters** can be taken directly to the closet on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 10 – 12 AM, or dropped in one of our off-site clothing donation bins. (Bins at Biltmore UMC, 376 Hendersonville Rd. 28803 and Grace Covenant Presb. Church, 789 Merrimon Ave. 28804).
- Do you have an extra car that needs to find a new home? Imagine how difficult your life would be without a car! **Working Wheels** repairs and recycles donated cars, transforming them into working wheels for working families. The process is simple and the donation is tax deductible, plus your donation benefits local nonprofits whose clients need these cars. We also need volunteer drivers and mechanics. To donate or volunteer, please call (828) 633-6888 or visit www.workingwheelswnc.org.

To find out how YOU can be a part of our Outreach Ministry, contact John McCullough at 254-8485 or John Nelson at 254-4894. It takes all of us!!

A Look Ahead - March Happenings

Ash Wednesday

The 40 Days of Lent are right around the corner. Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, Mar. 6**. We'll serve "Ashes to Go" outside in front of Trinity (weather permitting) from **8:30 - 9:30 AM** and hold an evening service at **6:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall, following a simple meal beginning at **5:45 PM**.



Lenten Small Groups

Two new seasonal small groups will be available to assist you on your Lenten Journey - Sundays, **5 PM**, and Wednesdays, **5:30 PM** (with a simple meal on Wednesdays prior to Choir practice).

I Love to Tell the Story ~ Lent Study on Sundays 5 - 7 PM, March 17 - April 14

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Storytelling is in our DNA, it is how we understand our world and the interweaving relationships within it. Through story we give life to our past, meaning to our present, and hope for our future. Our Holy Scriptures bears witness to a people's intimate interactions with the Divine and how the story of God's glory, love, and salvation can transform lives. In this Lenten Study, we will explore the significance of story for the community of faith and develop skills that will help us to articulate and share God's transformative love in our lives. In this Lenten Study, we will explore the significance of story for the community of faith, discover how our personal stories are interwoven with God's story told throughout scripture, and develop skills that will help us to articulate and share God's transformative love in our lives by sharing our stories.

The **Wednesday Lenten Group** will hold conversation following up on themes from the Sunday sermon, a series called PeaceWorks and the vital task Jesus calls us to - making peace in the Kingdom of God on earth.

Trinity's Got Talent! Mardi Gras Variety Show and Pancake Supper!

Sun., Mar. 3 from **5 - 7 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Start practicing a short comedy sketch, a skit, a musical act, dramatic reading, and get ready to share in the gifts of our church family! Acts should be no longer than 4 minutes and you need to sign up through Lee Thomas in the church office. We are looking for 10 acts total and a LIVE audience to enjoy those courageous souls who will share with us! If you'd be willing to help with the making of pancakes, please see Rev. Nancy Walton, Lindsay Pharr, or Sarah Pruett.

Two Senior Recitals

Fri., Mar. 8 at **7 PM**
Senior Piano Recital by Nolan Anthony will be held at Fletcher United Methodist Church at 50 Library Rd, Fletcher, NC. 28732



Sun., May 5 at **4 PM** Senior Organ Recital by Nolan Anthony will be held at The Cathedral of All Souls, at 9 Swan St, Asheville, NC 28803

Service Trip to Eastern NC w/ UNCA Wesley Foundation

March 9 - 13 ~ Join us as we partner with the Rev. Jessica Dayson and the students of UNCA's Wesley Foundation to serve our brothers and sisters affected by storms in Eastern NC.

We will be coordinating with the NCC Disaster Relief, the North Carolina Conferences organizer for UMCOR, lodging will be provided at Wesley Memorial UMC's (Wilmington) mission house, and all tools and materials will be provided. We will make

This service trip will be multigenerational and will have opportunities for anyone interested to participate. Specific locations of work sites and projects will be communicated closer to our departure date. This is because the NCC Disaster Relief's progress on projects will determine what our work will be.

The fee for the trip will be \$50 per person. We will be preparing our meals each day, so the only cost of the trip will be for food. If you are interested in the mission trip or have questions for financial assistance, please contact Pastor Darryl Dayson for more information.

The Ministry of Generosity

We are pleased that we ended 2018 with less debt than in the previous 5 years, thanks to extra end of year giving and folks completing their pledges. THANK YOU!

Over 30 people had a great meeting on January 27 with the Rev. A.J. Thomas of the Joyful Giving Group who's led our Generosity course. Based off of this work, the Finance Team's goals for 2019 include some of what A.J. shared:

- **Let the mission drive the mission.** Often, other things are driving: budget/money, facilities, programs, personalities, peripheral issues. You can tell what other issues are driving by what is named as the reason we can't do something.
 - ◊ **Build a winning program** (changing hearts and lives in the congregation, community, world)
 - ◊ **Tell good stories of the congregation in mission** (elements of a good ministry story included)
 - ◊ **Focus on strengths, positives, and wins in the narrative** (think of the meeting after the meeting)
 - ◊ **Remember that money follows mission.** People give where they see lives being changed
- **Continue to follow the "step up" program** of asking ourselves to consider taking "just one step," even if that is a small percentage or fraction of a percentage. He gave the following example:
 - ◊ Take a step in that direction by increasing 1% relative to income
 - ◊ For the average person in our church's zip code, that equates to \$6 per person per week, \$312 per person per year, and possibly \$39,000 across the entire congregation in a year's time. Imagine if we just did \$3/ person per week? We'd most likely end the year in a surplus to begin a longed-for ministry or offer greater, deeper support for current ministry!

- **Clarify, focus, and articulate the mission.** Some questions to ask in this process:

- ◊ Why do people need this particular church?
- ◊ What does/can our church offer that is distinct from other churches?
- ◊ How is your heart tugged to meet the needs of people around our church?
- ◊ What's something unique about our church you're really proud of?
- ◊ How do our distinctives and uniqueness lend to meeting the needs of the people in our community?
- ◊ Though no church can do everything, each church can do a few things well. What are one or two areas where the church could focus its mission (activities, donations, volunteers, etc.) in order to have a deeper impact?
- ◊ Are there some mission activities we might need to let go of in order to focus deeper (quality vs. quantity)?

Capital Campaign

The Capital Fund Campaign will continue to be on our radar, but in a more quiet way. To date we have raised 65% of the \$50,000 goal. We still need your support to finish this project! Help us cancel this debt—just \$17,328 left.

ANALYSIS OF REVENUE & EXPENSES

JAN 2019		End of Year 2018	
Revenues	\$33,912	Revenues	\$346,350
Expenses	\$17,553	Expenses	\$361,961
Surplus	\$16,359	Deficit	\$15,611

Figures as of Jan. 31

2018 Giving Report

Reminders

THANK YOU for the many additional end-of-year gifts you gave! You may continue to offer your giving by three easy ways:

- ♦ **Bill Pay via Bank**
(Free in most cases - ask your bank how to set up)
- ♦ **On-Line**
- ♦ **Mail in**

Remember, copies of the current Financial reports are available on the hall table next to the elevator.

January Giving Report

Budgeted Collections	\$31,812
Actual Collections	\$33,912
Surplus	\$2,100



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- Utility storage shelving for our storage rooms (and some volunteers to help organize our storage areas especially upstairs!)
- Helpers to organize a spring church workday & lunch for the workers.

**Electronic Service
Requested**

Trinity's Music Corner

Trinity Adult Choir

How about giving the adult chancel choir a try! We rehearse every **Wednesday** at our regular time of **7 - 8:30 PM**. We hope that you will consider being a part of the church worship and join the choir. We have seats available in every section. There is not an audition, I only ask that you let me know so I can have a folder and music ready for YOU! Thanks.



Handbells

Handbells rehearse **Tuesday evenings** from **7:15 to 8:30 PM** in the choir room. We always welcome new ringers. If you are interested in giving it a try, please contact Nolan or Debra Anthony (828-778-6544).



Trinity T-Shirts

T-Shirts Are Still Available

T-Shirts are still available and make a great stocking stuffer!

The picture shows the front of the t-shirt, which is a heathered eggplant color and is a super-soft material! \$15 each or 2 for \$25. See Lee in the Church Office during the week or a member of the Membership Development Committee on Sundays (Mark Locklear, Cathi Durham, Phillip Gibson). Cash in envelopes marked "t-shirt" or checks payable to TUMC with memo "t-shirt."

Sizes still available: Large, X-Large and 2X-Large.

