

THE MESSENGER

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FROM THE PASTORS DESK....

♡ IS the Answer ~ No Matter What the ?

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I was in a seminar one day and about 30 minutes into the session a man stood and informed the speaker that he had come in late and he wanted to know what he had missed. I was waiting for the speaker to explain to him how rude he was being but INTSTEAD she did not judge him, she simply paused, smiled and said, “I love you and I’m glad you’re here!”. The man replied, “Thank you!”, and sat down.

The man was not really seeking information, but love and acknowledgment. He felt left out, out of the loop and just wanted to be included. GIVING HIM THE LOVE HE SOUGHT CUT PAST THE GAME HE WAS PLAYING TO GET IT. All of us in the audience that day were blessed with the “extra” bonus of being able to observe the gift the speaker gave him.

We all have at our core the need to *give* and to *receive love*. Every act we do is either an *expression* of love or a *call* for it. Just stop and think about that for a minute. We know it’s true. God made us in His own image. **God is love. Love** is the only diet, therapy, or activity that always works. If we were truly honest with ourselves and others we would agree that most of our actions stem from our need to know that we are lovable.

The next time someone’s actions or behaviors irritate us we need to STOP and think of it as a call for love and figure out a way to give them what they need. “*What the world needs now is love, sweet love. No not just for some.....but for everyone!*”

I ♡ You!
Cheryl Howard



Mystery Dinner – Who’s Coming to Dinner??

On Saturday, March 13th, Trinity Age Level will sponsor another Mystery Dinner. Here’s how it will work...

Sign up to be a host or guest.

The host will prepare the main course and drinks, guest are responsible for a side or dessert. We are going to try and have “Theme” dinners – Mexican, Italian, American, Tailgate, etc. Sign up for your favorite “Theme”.

On Friday, March 12th, guest will be called and told where they will go for dinner. The host is not called, they find out who the guest are when they arrive!! Also, guests do not know who else may be coming! That’s the mystery!

Guest will arrive at 6pm. Nursery will be available at the church from 5:30pm to 9:00pm. We are asking \$5 per child (\$10 max per family) to offset the cost of the childcare.

We think this will be a fun night! Guest and host are matched RANDOMLY! It’s a chance to get to know someone from our church family that you may not have met or know well. We have had lots of fun at our last two dinners. We hope you will join us on this fun night!

Age Level Committee

Please tear and return to the church office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

I will be a Guest Host Cir-
 cle one.

How many guests can you accommodate for the Mystery Dinner? _____

Do you need childcare? Yes No Circle one. How many children? _____



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Trinity’s Prayer Shawl Ministry is off to a good start. We began meeting in November and on January 24 we dedicated/prayed over 15 shawls during the 11 o’clock service. We will meet every 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 10 am in the FLC. We have about 20 ladies that are crocheting or knitting. It’s not too late to come and learn how. Just show up. We are so very excited about this new ministry. Our shawls will be used for our own congregational needs at Trinity and then also for the Hospice House in Huntersville.

ROOM IN THE INN

The January Room In The Inn week-end is February 19 & 20th. Room In the Inn is an extension of the homeless shelter during the winter months. It is a faith based program through Urban Ministries. The Trinity Sandwich Shop makes all those sandwiches each month for these same people.

A collection basket is in the FLC to collected donated hats, gloves, scarf’s, socks and underwear for men, women and children. If you would like to help during one of the week-ends give Lisa Roberts a call at 704-622-9015 or e-mail her at robertslr2003@yahoo.com

BANNERS...anyone interested in purchasing a banner in memory or in honor of someone please see Cheryl Howard. The winter Glory To God In the Highest still needs an owner. She also has one for February and one for March in mind. They are about \$100.

TRINITY APOSTLES

The Trinity Apostles next meeting will be Tuesday, February 9th @ 7:30pm at the home of Mike & Brenda Raynor. They will serve light refreshments, you do not need to bring anything but yourself and if you have your service cards bring them along. This is NOT a closed meeting. Spouses who may not have attended a Walk or Flight are welcome as well as anyone interested in attending a future walk or flight. This group’s purposes will be guided by an attitude of INCLUSION not EXCLUSION!!

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, April 25 Trinity and Asbury choirs will join together for a SOUTHERN GOSPEL CONCERT. More info coming.

TITHES AND OFFERING 1-17-10

Budget—\$1,144.00
Montana Missions—\$25.00
Playschool Scholarship—\$50.00
Banner Fund—\$100.00

1-24-10

Budget—\$3,056.00
Haiti Disaster Relief (UMCOR) - \$1,110.38
Bus Fund—\$25.00
Trinity Sandwich Shop—\$125.00

A contribution has been made to the **Church Budget** in honor of *Mrs. Rilza Heglar* by The Rockin' K and Kidd Family.

A contribution has been made to the **Church Budget** in memory of *Scott Penninger* by Wayne & Ronna Privette, and Curt & Karen Kidd

A contribution has been made to the **Church Budget** in memory of *Mrs. Rilza Heglar* by Paul & Margaret Merritt and Roger & Peggy Wally.

A contribution has been made to the **Sandwich Shop** in memory of *Rilza Heglar and Scott Penninger* by Ken & Tommie Plummer.

Thank you everyone for all the cards, calls, visits, food and most especially your prayers during this most difficult time.

J.B. Heglar & Family



NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Seth & Megan White on the arrival of their twin sons Brycen Fisher and Hunter Dylan. Brycen and Hunter were born on December 21, 2009.

The boys' big sister is Aubrey, and their proud Grandparents are George and Sibby White.

These boys make this Trinity's third set of twins born in 2009....can we top it in 2010????

Also to Leah & Eric Molyneaux on the birth of their son Master Noah James who was born Saturday, January 23rd. Noah weights 8lbs 8ozs and is 20 1/2 inches long. His proud grandparents are Randy & Denesa Lawson.



VALENTINE'S DINNER & DANCE

**Middle & High School Youth Fundraiser
Saturday, February 13, 2010 | 6:30pm**

Cost: \$15 per plate

Childcare \$5 per child \$10 Family Max.

Formal Dining, Live Music, & Childcare Available
Contact Shelly Black for More Information at 704-533-2234



We extend our prayers and sympathy to Wendy and the Penninger and Hough Families on the death of Scott Penninger. Scott passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, January 16th, his memorial service was held at

Trinity on Wednesday, January 20th.

We have received word of the Sunday, January 24, 2010 death of the Reverend Joseph M. Taylor, Jr. (retired and a former minister at Trinity 1968—1972) at the Fitzgerald Health Center at Arbor Acres United Methodist Retirement Community in Winston-Salem. He is survived by his wife, Millison B. Taylor; a son, Timothy H. Taylor and a daughter, Marian Dickens of Kernersville; and four grandchildren. A memorial service is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 30 at Sedge Garden United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends in the fellowship hall following the service. Memorials may be made to the Resident's Fund at Arbor Acres UM Retirement Community, 1240 Arbor Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27104 or to Sedge Garden UMC, 794 Sedge Garden Road, Kernersville, NC 27284.

LOAFers.....Thanks for ALL of the bread in January!!! Especially for Kristen Stroupe who brought 1 loaf of bread for every year of her life because it was her birthday (I LOVE THAT IDEA.....but some of us would have to take out a bank loan wouldn't we ?J) On Monday January 18, nine people met in the old kitchen and we made 650 sandwiches! The nine were: Von Haverlah, Ed Puckett, Willie McManus, Alice Flowe and her granddaughter Savannah, Kate Keller, Marie Ross, John Moore and me. Anne Griffin donated 100 slices of turkey and we were able to make the most sandwiches ever!!! Hurray. What a great month to show radical hospitality. DO IT AGAIN!!! DO IT AGAIN!!! DO IT AGAIN!!! When? February 14th is LOAF Sunday. Love Often And Freely. Even YOU can be a LOAFer.

HANDBELL practice begins on Wednesday, February 3rd @ 6 pm. Come and be a rowdy ringer with us. No musical background is required.....seriously!



**January, 2010
Georgia Mission Team**

February, 2010

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**FEBRUARY WORSHIP
RESPONSIBILITIES**

INFANT NURSERY

Feb. 7—Elizabeth & Scott Hyatt
14—Holly & Shea Hartsell
21—Jennifer & Bill McLemore
28—Joanne & Charles Jacquin

TODDLER NURSERY

Feb. 7—Sandra Duggins
14—Patty Wilson &
Ginny Martin
21—Mike & Kim Taormina
28—Michelle & Joerg Brachten

USHERS

Charlie Tudor—*Head*
Brenda Raynor, Kim Howard,
Mike Taormina, Michael Hicks

FINANCE STEWARDS

Finance Committee & Charlie Tudor

RETIREMENT RESIDENTS

Regency Retirement Village —
Lawrence Duke

Shad's Landing - Lee Almond
Olde Knox Commons at the
Village— Patsy Ward
Bill Todd
Churchill Assisted Living-
O'Neal Harpe
Maple Leaf Healthcare
Center— Hilda Morris

HOMEBOUND

Betty Johnston
Melvin Kerns
HOSPITAL NEWS
Presbyterian (*Main*) - Buddy
Kidd



**PLEASE REMEM-
BER IN PRAYER:**

Bobbie Almond, Curtis
Buchanan, Peggy
Byers, Ed Butler, Leah
Callender, Sara Forrest, Melvin
Kerns. Buddy Kidd, Rainey
Kidd, Roy Knight, Peggy
Lewis, Bill Todd.

Playschool Scholarship monies
are due for February. Remem-
ber? \$10 a month for nine
months. Extravagant generosity.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Montana Mission Team is hav-
ing a Spaghetti Lunch this coming
Sunday, January 31st. Donations
will go for the mission trip to the
Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Au-
gust. Anyone interested in partici-
pating in the Montana Mission
should plan to stay after lunch for a
short information meeting.

There will be an upcoming auction
Feb. 27th 7:00pm at The Bostic
Barn.

Sunday, January 31st is The One
Service...the service begins at
10:30am with Sunday School at
9:15am.

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