



FROM THE PASTOR:

It's on to the Super Bowl for the Panthers! I'm just a little sleepy this morning as I write after staying up to watch the local professional football team's decisive victory over the Arizona Cardinals. It was a great win for the Panthers and probably an economic windfall for many of the hotels and other businesses in the area.

There may be some fans that would love to go to California and cheer on the home team. If you are, I hope you've saved up. The cheapest flight to the other coast is over six hundred dollars... one way. Then you need to rent a car to drive one hour (with light traffic) to the stadium. A room at a hotel on par with Days Inn or Red Roof goes for over \$150/night. Of course you need to eat. A meal at McDonald's might run \$10 each.

Then there are the tickets to the game. Prices on Stub Hub this morning START at over \$3800. A parking pass at the stadium will set someone back \$35. And, if you have anything left you may want to buy some food, drinks, and souvenirs. Most of us know what those treats cost at a stadium.

So you can add up the cost. If you're willing to pay somewhere around \$12,000, including incidentals and not have to take out a loan or refi the house... you can be on the top row... and don't forget you'll probably need binoculars to see the game.

It might be cheaper to simply stay home and watch the match-up on TV. But even that doesn't come without a price. Some fans will purchase the newest and biggest TV to watch. The stores know this.

There aren't many deals on TV's until after the game. If you're planning to invite friends

over you'll have to pony up for food, drinks, and maybe some Panther themed plates and such. That's also more money out of our pockets.

Why did I go through all that math? Probably most folks understand the cost of enjoying the Super Bowl, no matter how it's done. However, the week after the Super Bowl is Valentine's Day.

I realize that there's also a pile of cash spent on Valentine's. Some of us, especially men, buy flowers, candy and other gifts. But, there may be another gift that each of us can give that doesn't cost anything. Rather than presents we might take the time to be present.

Taking time to spend quality moments with the people we love is a gift that they will appreciate. It's a gift that doesn't wither like flowers or will be consumed like candy. Our presence... our undivided attention will be remembered far longer than any of those other gifts.

On Valentine's we can also remember the one who loves us unconditionally. God poured out his love through Jesus. In fact, 1 John 4:19 says: "**We love because he first loved us.**" God gives us the ability to love others and love him. When we love others and love God we are responding to God's love in our life. On Valentine's we can acknowledge God's love for us by being present with the one's we love.

Grace and Peace

Wade

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UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS



A S H W E D N E S - D A Y

Trinity will observe **Ash Wednesday** on Wednesday, February 10th beginning at

6:30pm in the sanctuary.

Ash Wednesday is observed 40 days prior to Easter (excluding Sundays). It's a time when Christians prepare for Easter by fasting and praying. The movie "War Room" depicts how "prayer is a powerful weapon", will be shown during the service. There will be a nursery provided for those children whose parents will be attending the service.

Before the movie begins there will be a **Pancake Dinner** sponsored by the Prayer Committee. This will begin at 5:00pm in the FLC. The cost is a donation.

We hope that you will join us for **Dinner and a Movie** on Wednesday, February 10th!



TRINITY'S 57th ANNUAL Bar-B-Q

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 3rd to come enjoy Bar-B-Q, slaw, chips. There are all kinds of jobs that you can help with and your help is needed! Watch for more details to come!

WOOLY WEDNES- DAY DINNER

You are invited to come enjoy *Chicken and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and rolls* on Wednesday, February 3rd from 5:30-7:00pm in the FLC. The cost is a donation. You can eat in or get carry out.



 **LOAF Sunday** will be Sunday, February 14th with sandwiches made on Monday, February 15th beginning @8am in the FLC kitchen! Please note this is one Sunday earlier than normal but it will be the third Monday which is our delivery day.

Help is needed and appreciated! You can place your loaves of bread in the FLC or on the pew in the sanctuary



United Methodist Women

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WOMENS SUNDAY will be observed on Sunday, February 7th at both services. There will be a special guest speaker and the women will lead the services.



ATTENTION ALL YOUNG @HEART

The Young @ Heart (Trinity's Sr. Citizens group) will go to Huntersville Family Restaurant on Thursday, February 4th. All are invited to meet there at 12noon for some good food and great fellowship.



The next dates FOR Room In the Inn are:

February 19th-20th

March 18th-19th

Please check your calendars and if you can help in anyway on one or both of these up coming dates please see Lisa Roberts.

Thank you to those who have been able to help during December and January's Room In the Inn evenings. And also a big thank you to the youth who made warm winter hats for each of the guests who visited during December and January. Great job!!

2015 UNITED METHODIST MEN and HOT DOG report

The following reports were given by the **UNITED METHODIST MEN and HOT DOG MINISTRY** for their Outreach Ministry during 2015. We thank these 2 groups for their continued support of Trinity United Methodist Church and its many outreach projects.

Vacation Bible School	\$ 129.90
Angels of 97 (scholarship)	\$ 1000.00
High School scholarship	\$ 1000.00
Summer Lunch Program	\$ 650.00
Support Project	\$ 500.00
Food Pantry	\$ 900.00
Support Project	\$ 500.00
Tree Removal	\$ 1555.00
Support Project	\$ 3468.23
TUMC Budget	\$16179.00
Streaming FLC	\$ 1900.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$27782.13

HOT DOG REPORT...

Church Budget	\$6,000.00
Church Website	\$ 450.00
Huck's Parlor Renovations	\$ 494.37
Paving of parking lot	\$5,000.00
FLC Racks	\$ 230.00
Refrigerator Repairs	\$ 282.50
Wooly Wednesday Supplies	\$ 165.00
Chicken for Homecoming	\$ 184.00
Posters for Homecoming	\$ 129.60
Kitchen Grade DHHS	\$ 120.00
Drink Machine Repair	\$ 80.00
Sharpening of Knives	\$ 30.00
Memorial to Budget	\$ 50.00
Vacation Bible School	\$ 95.50
TOTAL Contributions	\$13,610.97

All taxed receipts for food and supplies purchased in order to run the Hot Dog Program for 2015 are kept in the Church Office on a weekly basis and are reported to IRS by Malcolm Miller twice yearly. Any money received from IRS goes to the Church Budget.



The **PLANNING SESSION** that was canceled in January due to the snow and ice has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 20th. The time will be 10:00am—1:00pm with a light lunch served. This is for all church members and especially if you are on a committee you are encouraged to attend!



February Scripture

- Feb. 7—Luke 9: 57-62
- Feb. 14—Luke 10: 30-37
- Feb. 21—Luke 11: 38-42
- Feb. 28—Luke 12: 13-21



The Preschool is sponsoring a “Giving Tree” during the month of February. There will be a tree in both the Family Life Center and the Education Building that you can choose a heart to take with you when you are shopping during the month of February. Once you have filled that heart request please bring your items back to the church and place in the collection boxes. You may even want to “pick” a new heart to fill. Lets pitch in to help the Preschool strip the tree down to the bare branches! This non-perishable food will be donated to the Trinity Food Pantry.

ONLINE GIVING

You can give online by going to trinityumcof-charlotte.com and following the directions under online giving. Thank you to all who are doing this from the convenience of your own home.

THE MESSENGER

Trinity United Methodist Church

answering Jesus' call to:

“FEED MY SHEEP”

Church—704-399-1684

Pastor's—704-655-2841 704-456-8251

9:00am—Rise-Up Worship Service

10:00am—Small Groups

11:00am—Traditions Worship Service



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RISE-UP NURSERY

Feb. 7—Ronna Privette
Feb. 14—Brenda Raynor
Feb. 21—Donna Stroupe
Feb. 28—Lisa Laney

TRADITIONS NURSERY

Feb. 7—Karen & Laurie Tucker
Feb. 14—Avis Lewis &
Becky Lancaster
Feb. 21—Jennifer & Bill
McLemore & Taylor
Feb. 28—Margie & John O'Shields
and Lisa Laney

STREAMING

Rise Up Service

Feb. 7—Cindy Hough
Feb. 14—Bill McLemore
Feb. 21—Bill McLemore
Feb. 28—Cindy Hough

Traditions Service

Feb. 7—David Stroupe
Feb. 14—David Stroupe
Feb. 21—Wayne Privette
Feb. 28—Wayne Privette

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

Willie Ross, Dolores LaPrade,
Patty Wilson & Teresa Hardee

FINANCE STEWARDS

Lynne Bruce & Willie Ross

RETIREMENT RESIDENTS

Olde Knox Commons—Bill Todd
The Oaks—Margaret Merritt
Unlimited Possibilities—David Todd

HOMEBOUND

Vance McKee, Naomi Lee, Mary
Moore, Calvin Nance,
Vicki Tucker

TITHES and OFFERINGS

Needed Weekly: - \$4,763.20


PRAYER LIST

Bill Atwell, Walter Ballard, Marie
Chesser, Jack Darby, Wayne Flowe,
Judy Fogle, Joyce Gibson, Ronnie Grif-
fin, Von Haverlah, Gary Heglar, Austin
Houser, Kate Keller, Naomi Lee, Mar-
garet Merritt, Billy Moss, Calvin
Nance, Nancy Pace, Eleanor Plummer,
Marlyn Quidley, Jeff Reid, Jaci Schif-
fern, Misty Fogle-Sizemore, Kim
Strange, Curtis & Helen Threath, Bill
Todd, David Todd, Vicki Tucker,
Cheryl White, David Wilson.

*(Trinity is a praying church,
please take a few minutes to
remember those in need.)*



February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUN SCHEDULE 9am-Rise Up Service 10am-Small Groups 11am-Traditions Serv 3:00-4:30 - Youth	1	2 6:30-Zumba	3 11-2pm-Hot Dogs 5:30-7pm-Wooly Wed Dinner 7pm-Choir	4 6:30pm-Zumba 12pm-Young@Heart 7pm-Praise Team	5 Youth to Summit 6pm-Karate 6:30pm-Food Pantry	6
7 UMW Sunday See Schedule	8 1pm—Circle #3 @ The Church 7pm-Circle #4 @Sandra Duggins	9 6:30-Zumba	10 ASH Wednesday 11-2pm-Hot Dogs 5pm-Pancake Dinner 7pm—Ash Wednesday Service “War Room”	11 6:30-Zumba 7pm-Praise Team	12 6pm-Karate 6:30pm-Food Pantry	13 9am—BBQ pit clean- up
14 LOAF Sunday See Schedule 	15 8am—Sandwich Shop 6:30-Circle #1@Sherri Barth's	16 6:30-Zumba 5-10pm-FLC Reserved	17 11-2pm-Hot Dogs 6pm—Praise Team 7pm—Choir Basketball	18 6:30-Zumba 7pm-Praise Team	19 6pm-Karate 6pm—RITI 6:30pm-Food Pantry	20 7am—RITI
21 See Schedule	22	23 6:30-Zumba	24 11-2pm-Hot Dogs 6pm—Praise Team 7pm—Choir Basketball	25 6:30-Zumba 7pm-Praise Team	26 6pm-Karate 6:30pm-Food Pantry	27 10am-1pm-Planning Session 5-11pm- Sanctuary Reserved
28 See Schedule	29					