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# THE MESSENGER

## FROM THE PASTORS DESK...

February occurs during the dead of winter. The world around us appears lifeless, cold, and drab. Perhaps that's why, in the 5<sup>th</sup> century a pope proclaimed February 14<sup>th</sup> as St. Valentine's Day. Originally, this celebration honored a man who ministered to Christians who were under persecution by the Roman Empire. Over the years Valentine's Day began to signify an expression of love modeled after the love of this saint of the church.

This year Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday (*the beginning of Lent*) both happen on the same day. There may be a few folks that remember the last time this happened. To find when it happened the last time we have to go back to 1945. So, it isn't very common.

Some may wonder how the day we celebrate romantic love between couples and a time when we consider our sinfulness and need for Jesus go together. I believe we can link the two.

I realize Valentine's Day usually involves the giving of gifts to express our love. We often celebrate with a special dinner, flowers, or candy. But, if we look deeper into what love means we may find that Valentine's Day is also a time to remember how precious love is. All the meals, flowers, and candy in the world aren't sufficient if we take the love we have for others (and the love they have for us) for granted during the balance of the year.

Although we would do well to celebrate this special day of love, it can't replace the daily effort to show others how much we care about them. Focusing to express our love on one day doesn't show our appreciation for those who love and care for us all during the year.

How does that relate to Ash Wednesday?

During most Ash Wednesday services we're reminded how precious and fleeting life can be. We focus on the fact that we're only here on earth for a short time. As we consider the frailty of life, we're called to a time of repentance and to consider our relationship with God. Ashes, in the form of a cross, are often placed on our foreheads as a visual reminder of our need for forgiveness and a closer relationship with Jesus.

However, just as heaping love on someone on Valentine's Day falls short of expressing that love daily, so does only realizing our need for repentance and forgiveness on Ash Wednesday. Our sinful nature causes us to be in need of turning away from our sin and receiving God's forgiveness each day.

Simply being contrite and humble one day a year isn't sufficient. Often we think more of ourselves and believe we're responsible for all our blessings. It seems that we usually depend on ourselves much more than we do the grace of God.

So, this year, as we celebrate both Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday on the same date, I'd encourage us to commit to showing those close to us how much we love them each day. I'd also pray that each of us could focus daily on our need to turn from our sin and receive the forgiveness of God. I believe that our lives will be more joyous and complete if we attempt to practice daily what we celebrate in these two days.

Grace and Peace

Wade

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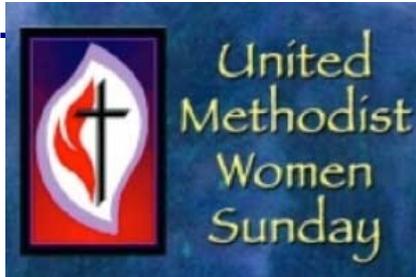
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## TRINITY HAPPENINGS



### UNITED METHODIST WOMENS SUNDAY and VALENTINES LUNCH

UMW Sunday will be February 11th during the 11am worship service. The UMW will take charge of the service and our own Cheryl Howard will be speaking. *(I have seen the title of her talk...and it makes me really curious to hear what she has to say)*

The United Methodist Men invite you to join them afterwards for a Valentines lunch in the FLC. All women are invited to eat for free and the men are asked to make a donation to help with the cost of the meal.



### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING AND CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE

The Administrative Council will meet on Tuesday, February 6th at 7:00pm with a called Charge Conference immediately following this meeting. This will be a short meeting as one item will be discussed and then need to be approved by the Charge Conference. Charge Conference is for all church members who would like to attend.

**T**hank you to all who joined us on Sunday, January 21st as we celebrated John Moore and his newly published book.

It was a great day and man to celebrate!



## 59th ANNUAL BAR-B-QUE

The United Methodist Men sponsored Bar-B-Que is Thursday, March 1st. They begin serving at 11:00am and runs through dinner. You can get one plate for \$10.00 or 3 sandwiches or purchase it by the pound for \$10.00 per pound. Be sure to mark your calendars and make plans to come help make this 59th anniversary of the Bar-B-Que a big success!

There is a job for everyone, watch the upcoming newsletters for the schedule of events leading up to the big day!

**\*\*Women remember to start pulling out and deciding which of your favorite dessert recipes you will make for this day.**

**THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** will be producing a new cookbook in 2018 and need your recipes. Please start bringing in your favorite recipes or family recipes to share in this book. Deadline for recipes will be Sunday, March 25, 2018. Please bring into the church office and place in the box marked RECIPES. We will then turn into a treasure for years to come.

Do you happen to have one of these in your basement or garage area that you are no longer using or need? If so the church is in need of an **8ft step ladder**. We have one that is broken and it needs to be disposed of and replaced. Please no wooden ladders. If you have one that you have been wondering what you could do with ...now is the perfect opportunity to donate it to the church. You can call the church office or the Pastor and we will make arrangements to get it to the church or just drop it off. Thank you for any help you can give with this issue.



### REMINDER TO ALL:

Please **DO NOT** leave any cardboard boxes in the back kitchen to be recycled. Break down any boxes you get and either take them home to your recycle or put them in the trash bin outside the FLC kitchen. Thank you for your help with this small problem!

## ATTENTION ALL YOUTH

If you are Middle School or High School age you are invited to join the youth on the third Sunday of each month at 3:00pm for their meeting and hands on service projects. Right now they are helping by packing the Backpacks that are taken to Hornets Nest School each week, and they are looking for other projects for the future. The next time together will be Sunday, February 18th at 3:00pm in the FLC!  
This group is always looking for ways they can be of service to others... *"The Hands and Feet of God"*.

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



AND

## PANCAKE DINNER

*"Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Its official name is "Day of Ashes," so called because of the practice of rubbing ashes on one's forehead in the sign of a cross. Since it is exactly 40 days (excluding Sundays) before Easter Sunday, it will always fall on a Wednesday—there cannot be an "Ash Thursday" or "Ash .."Friday and so on.* *copied*

The Trinity Prayer Committee will serve a **Pancake Dinner** in the FLC from 5:00-6:30pm. Followed by the **Ash Wednesday Service** in the sanctuary at 7:00pm.

Pancake Dinner menu is:

*Pancakes, Sausage, Sweet Treats and Drinks*

For a donation.

All are welcome.

There will be a 2018 Mission Trip Information Meeting on January 30th at 7:00 in the conference room. This meeting will be to discuss possible locations and dates for Trinity to go on a mission trip or two to help out with disaster relief this year. Everyone is welcome to go on these trips and come to the meeting.



## BACKPACK MINISTRY

The Backpack Ministry is having a food drive during the months of January and February to allow everyone the opportunity to participate in this ministry. They are collecting the following items during these months:

**JUICE BOXES  
POP TARTS  
FRUIT CUPS  
APPLESAUCE**

Please continue to pray for the children and families being served through this ministry. There is a collection box in the sanctuary as well as in the hallway of the FLC.

**"Haverlah Carillion Bell Fund"** in memory of *Don & Von Haverlah*. These "Bells" will be added to our steeple and can be programmed to chime on the hour/half hour and to play hymns at a designated time. The approximate cost of this digital program would be \$3000.00 to \$4000.00 (we will also need to add new speakers to our steeple). We feel that these "bells" will be heard all over our community and will bring great joy to all!!! Don and Von would LOVE to be a part of this outreach ministry! You can help by donating to this fund!

Helping people to connect with other people is one aspect of growing our church. Research shows that most people don't join a denomination, or a church nearer to their house – they join and connect where they bond with people. Greeters play a vital role in developing this connection. Being a greeter is an opportunity to express God's love through Christ and help set the tone of the upcoming worship service. Responsibilities include: *cheerfully welcoming each person as they enter for worship, assisting newcomers with questions about the service, childcare, restrooms, etc., distributing bulletins, and providing information of what programs and worship opportunities TUMC has to offer.*

The Evangelism Committee is seeking volunteers to serve as a greeter during our 9:00am worship service. Hopefully, we will have enough volunteers to create a rotating schedule.

An usher will serve as an assigned greeter in the 11:00am worship service (more to come on that schedule).

If you are interested in becoming a greeter at our 9:00 worship service, please contact Cindy Hough for more information.



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## Trinity United Methodist Church

answering Jesus' call to:

**“FEED MY SHEEP”**

Church—704-399-1684

Pastor—704-456-8251



9:00am—Rise-Up Worship Service

10:00am—Small Groups

11:00am—Traditions

Trinity United Methodist Church  
6230 Beatties Ford Road  
Charlotte, NC 28216

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## Worship Helpers and Retirement

### RISE-UP NURSERY

Feb. 4—Cheryl Howard &  
Ronna Privette  
Feb. 11—Lisa Laney  
Feb. 18—Melissa Falcone  
Feb. 25—Donna Stroupe

### TRADITIONS NURSERY

Feb. 4—Sandra Duggins  
Feb. 11—Marlene Campbell  
Feb. 18—Shelly Black  
Feb. 25—Wendy Penninger &  
Cindy Hough

### USHERS FOR February

Willie Ross, Dolores LaPrade,  
Patty Wilson and Teresa Hardee

### STREAMING

#### Rise Up Service

Feb. 4—Malcolm Miller  
Feb. 11—Cindy Hough  
Feb. 18—Cindy Hough  
Feb. 25—Malcolm Miller

### Traditions Service

Feb. 4—Malcolm Miller  
Feb. 11—Malcolm Miller

Feb. 18—Wayne Privette  
Feb. 25—Wayne Privette

### COMMUNION STEWARDS

3 Ushers

### FINANCE STEWARDS

Lynne Bruce & Willie Ross

### HOMEBOUND

Kenneth Alexander, Marie Chesser

### PRAYER LIST

Kenneth Alexander, Joe Blythe,  
Marie Chesser, Judy Fogle, Anne  
Griffin, Butch Hough, Naomi Lee,  
Perry McConnell, Karen Sigmon  
McDowell, Margaret Merritt, Mary  
Moore, Ed Puckett, Gene Snow,  
Carol Wilson, David Todd, David  
Wilson, Fred Wilson

### RETIREMENT RESIDENTS

The Oaks—Margaret Merritt,  
Naomi Lee  
The Laurels-David Todd  
Carrillon (Lincolnton)-Mary  
Frances Hunt

Northlake House—Mary Moore

### February Scripture

Feb. 4—Isaiah 40: 28-31  
Feb. 11—UMW Sunday  
Feb. 18—1 Peter 3: 15-18  
Feb. 25—Romans 4: 13-15

**\*\*\*In case of an emergency  
you can reach Rev. Ogle by  
calling 704-456-8251 or call  
the church office @ 704-399-  
1684 (Mon – Thurs).**

### TITHES and OFFERINGS

Needed Weekly: - \$4,994.17  
Received:

