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THE MESSENGER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

As the Fourth of July approaches, I'm reminded of the freedoms we enjoy in the United States. We are privileged to have rights that many countries do not have.

As I considered the freedoms we have I thought about what it took to obtain those freedoms. Back in the late 1700's there was a group of people who believed that British rule in the "American Colonies" was unfair. These people came together with a common purpose. They set a goal and took action. Eventually, that action became the American Revolution that resulted

The same thing happened years later. There was a group of people called Methodists. They realized that, as the country expanded folks were in need of worship opportunities and to allow them be drawn to the grace of God. The result was empowering acting to insure that most frontier towns had a building where they could worship and a pastor to provide care. Some of these pastors served in these small towns while others rode on horseback to the smallest communities (circuit riders).

What is common in both of these situations? In both cases, a circumstance was identified that resulted in an action...a solution....to them. It wasn't enough for the American colonists or the early Methodists to simply identify something that needed correcting. They ACTED.

It appears, in today's society, that we have lost part of the process. It seems that many people decry the situation in both our country and in the church but fail to act to deal with it. I think we only need to look as far as the nightly news or social media to see evidence of this condition.

There's an old rock song by the Buffalo Springfield called "For What It's Worth" that seems to describe our current national and Christian situation. This song was written in 1967. I don't know if the writer knew they were being prophetic, but it seems they were.

Part of the words of the song seems to fit today. "There's battle lines being drawn. Nobody's right if everybody's wrong....A thousand people in the street singing songs and carrying signs. Mostly say, hooray for our side."

It appear to me that there's a lot of talk and posts focusing on what is amiss in the country and in the church but there also seems to be very little suggestion on what action we could take to correct the problem. There's a lot of complaining without any offering of a solution.

We who follow Christ are called to do more than identify a problem or an inequity. We're called to action. It's easy to talk or write about all that is wrong. It takes prayer, energy and effort to act.

If there is something God shows us that needs addressing, let's pray for guidance and direction. Often the task may seem too great for us...but nothing is too big for our God.

Wade

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TRINITY HAPPENINGS

Ice Cream Social



ST. JAMES MALE CHORUS

The St. James Male Chorus will be singing at Trinity on Sunday, July 8th beginning at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. We hope that you will come join them as they sing many of your favorites.

Following the singing there will be an Ice Cream Social held in the Family Life Center for all to enjoy!

THE TRINITY UNITED METHODIST MEN

A **BIG THANK YOU** to the UMM who came to the church this past Saturday and cut back the trees that have been covering the light poles behind the FLC for a while now. We can now see the light coming from those light poles and we thank you!

JULY BBQ CHICKEN LUNCH—Please join us on Sunday, July 8th @12:00pm in the FLC. This is sponsored by the Emmett Wilson Bible Class. *BBQ Chicken, Slaw, Baked Beans and Dessert* will be served all for a donation!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER The Outreach Committee has voted to sponsor another Food Packing Event with Rise Against Hunger. We would like to designate the 5th Sunday of July as a Mission Sunday for **RISE AGAINST HUNGER**. On Saturday, October 20th, a tractor trailer truck of food will come to Trinity Church and with the help of 40 to 50 volunteers we will package meals to be sent all over the world to feed hungry families. \$0.29 cents will provide a meal for a family of four. Our goal is 15,000 meals at a cost of around \$4,300.00. We kicked off the fund raiser during Vacation Bible School with a challenge to the kids to raise \$200.00. We would like to challenge the church members to help us raise the balance presently needed of \$3,000.00. So clean off the tops of dressers and counters, empty your change jars and bring your coins to Church on Sunday, July, 29th. We hope you will feel the same joy and excitement the kids felt when they heard the coins jingle as they hit the bottom of the collection buckets passed around at Vacation Bible School. Folded money and checks don't make the same sound, but they can create the same joy and provide the same meal. May God bless us as we meet this challenge to "**Feed His Sheep**".

LOOKING AHEAD...

The Trinity United Methodist Women will host a **Fall Bazaar** on Saturday, November 10th from 8:00am—1:00pm. Now is the time to let us know if you would like to rent a table and sell your items at the bazaar. Table rental is \$20 and space is limited so reserve yours today! Maybe you have a special talent but do not want to have your own table....if so you can donate your items to the UMW's table. We will gladly accept your handmade, homemade, baked, craft, jewelry or unique items to sell. All proceeds go the UMW budget. Registration forms can be picked up in the church office.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome Angie McGee to the church family. Ms. McGee is transferring her membership from Cole Memorial UMC.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM—The Summer Lunch Program has been growing by the week. The first week we served 197 meals and last week we served 322 meals. At this rate we are on target to serve around 825 meals for the month of June. We have also seen many familiar faces at Vacation Bible School this week. GOD IS GOOD and working here at Trinity Church. With this being said, we want to thank everyone for the donations and support of the Summer Lunch Team. Please continue to pray for this awesome summer outreach mission. We can always use volunteers to help prepare the meals and are always in need of fruit cups and snacks as we serve these daily. If you would like to volunteer or make a donation please see Patty Wilson or Avis Lewis.

Hopewell Presbyterian Church Camp August 5 - 9

Every August, Hopewell rents the entire Camp Grier facility (located in Old Fort, NC, about 2 1/2 hours away) for their annual Church Camp. Rising 3rd - 12th grade youth are eligible to attend. Both Hopewell members and non-members are welcome. The campers leave on Sunday afternoon and return at noon on the following Thursday. It is an experience that your child will never forget!

You can visit their website to see more info and how to sign up your children. www.hopewellpresbyterian.com

For more information, please contact Bill Farley, Camp Director, or Pastor Jodi, Interim Director of Children and Youth.

Trinity UMC Summer Sessions

Summer Sessions at Trinity continues and lots of fun and memories have been made so far this summer. Call and check out the weeks remaining and see if your child may want to join us for a week or two away this summer. They offer classes for children 2 years old through five years old and we also have an Elementary Summer Adventure Camp. For more information call Claudia at 704-399-1684 or visit our web page www.trinityumcofcharlotte.com

****Now is the time to enroll your child for the Fall Preschool program. Come take a tour and see all the fun and exciting things planned for the next school year.**

GIVING SUMMARY

Budget amount thru May

\$108,207.10

Amount Received thru May

\$84,960.24

TITHES and OFFERINGS

Needed Weekly—\$4,994.17

Received—\$1,525.00 (6/24)

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Rise Up Service—74 (6/24)

Traditions Service—67 (6/24)

Online—23 (6/24)

DO YOU HAVE AN OVER ABUNDANCE OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS?



If so Collins Cleaners will take them. You can drop off at any location but the closest one to Trinity is at Mt. Holly Huntersville Road and Beatties Ford

Road. Just put them in with your cleaning or drop them by one day when you are by that area.



When school bells ring this August; 1 in 2 students will arrive at school empty handed; putting them behind on the very first day.

Trinity will be partnering with Classroom Central to make sure these students are prepared and excited to learn.

Classroom Central serves almost 100,000 students and their teachers across 6 school districts in 192 high-poverty schools. Their mission is to equip students to effectively learn by collecting and distributing free school supplies. Materials provided by Classroom Central not only physically equip students to effectively learn, but they also improve their self-confidence and self-esteem; increasing their attachment to school and their excitement for learning.

Our goal this year is to equip all of our local students in need with all of the basic tools they need to succeed. Doing so requires more than 1.8 million items!!

We will be collecting school supplies for Classroom Central. Our goal is to collect as many school supplies as possible and fill up our barrels.

Our supply drive will run from **August 5th-19th**. The collection barrels will be located outside of the office or you can give the supplies to me. Also, if you don't want to, or can't go shopping, I'll be glad to do so for you, just let me know.

Let's work together to equip students across our community to succeed in school and, ultimately, in life! Watch for more info to follow.

Thanks, Chuck Laney

JULY'S FEATURED CHURCH GROUP

Trinity's United Methodist Men meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm. We enjoy a wonderful meal followed by our business meeting. All the men of Trinity are welcome to come anytime to our meetings. The mission of the UMM is "Helping Men Grow In Christ, So Others May Know Christ". Trinity's UMM helps out the church and community in a variety of ways each year, in whatever areas that are possible. Trinity's UMM hosts several missions each year here at our church, we have our annual BBQ the first Thursday of March each year, and 4 fish fries throughout the year as well. We could not do these events without the help of the whole church, and we are so appreciative of everyone that steps up for these missions!

If you would like to send Ronna a write up about your group please leave it in the church office on the desk or email it to Ronna@trinityumcofcharlotte.com, and she will run it in our next mail out newsletter.

THE MESSEGER

Trinity United Methodist Church

6230 Beatties Ford Road

Charlotte, NC 28216



Church—704-399-1684

Pastor—704-456-8251

9am—Rise-Up Worship Service

10am—Small Groups

11am—Traditions Worship Service

answering Jesus' call to:

“FEED MY SHEEP”

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-profit Organization
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Worship Helpers and Prayer Request

RISE-UP NURSERY

July 1—Donna Stroupe
July 8—Carolyn Miller
July 15—Lisa Laney
July 22—Wendy Penninger
July 29—Cheryl Howard &
Ronna Privette

TRADITIONS NURSERY

July 1—Christie Pistolis
July 8—Laurie & Karen Tucker
July 15—Jessica Mullins
July 22—Patty Wilson
July 29—Sara Carey

USHERS/Greeters for Traditions

Willie Ross, John & Carolyn
McLemore, Linda Thummel

GREETERS for Rise Up

July 1—Avis Summers Lewis
July 8—Cindy Hough
July 15—Jim Hunter
July 22—Chuck Laney
July 29—Avis Summers Lewis

JULY SCRIPTURE

July 1—
July 8—2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

July 15—Ephesians 1: 3-14
July 22—Ephesians 2: 11-22
July 29—Ephesians 3: 14-21

STREAMING

Rise Up Service

July 1—Bill McLemore
July 8—Bill McLemore
July 15—Bill McLemore
July 22—Cindy Hough
July 29—Cindy Hough

Traditions Service

July 1—Wayne Privette
July 8—Wayne Privette
July 15—Wayne Privette
July 22—David Stroupe
July 29—David Stroupe

COMMUNION STEWARDS

3 Ushers

FINANCE STEWARDS

Lynne Bruce & John McLemore

PRAYER LIST

Kenneth Alexander, Judy Bain,
Paul Bolick, Tom Campbell, Marie
Chesser, Judy Fogle,
Joan Granack, Anne Griffin, Chet
Kidd, Naomi Lee, Karen Sigmon
McDowell, Mary Moore, Claudia
Myers, Marilyn & Gene Quidley,
Gene & Jean Snow, Carol Wilson,
David Todd

RETIREMENT RESIDENTS

The Oaks—Margaret Merritt (Rm. 428)
Naomi Lee (Rm 466)
Marie Chesser (Rm 373)
The Laurels-David Todd
Carrillon (Lincolnton)-Mary
Frances Hunt
Northlake House—Mary Moore
Olde Knox Commons— Carol Wilson

TITHES and OFFERINGS

Needed Weekly: - \$4,994.17

***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).

