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# THE MESSENGER

## FROM THE PASTORS DESK...

*Well, it's time for my yearly expression of discouragement concerning the holiday season. It seems I'm bothered more and more about the time between mid-October and the last of December as it continues to get squeezed into one retail sale-a-thon. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy the holidays as much as the next person. The problem I have every year is that all you see in the stores are decorations for Halloween and Christmas. What's happened to Thanksgiving?*

I guess it isn't financially effective for stores. It appears that there's not a lot of money to be made on pumpkins without a scary face, displays of fall leaves, or pictures of turkeys. In short, Thanksgiving isn't a money maker. The only recognition the retail world gives Thanksgiving is that "Black Friday" is the day after (*and some stores even start their big sales on Thanksgiving Day*).

Another problem just might be the world we live in and society's mindset. Being thankful, at least in part, requires we give credit to someone other than ourselves. When most of society believes that what they have and how they have been blessed during the last year, there really isn't a reason to be thankful for anything other than their own efforts and hard work. Society has become so self-centered, recognizing that someone else may have had something to do with their positive situation in life lessens who they believe they are. This is especially true when it comes to giving a gracious and loving God credit for anything.

However, those of us who follow Jesus realize that it is only through God's grace that we are blessed. Whether the past year was somewhat difficult or if it was fairly easy, God has blessed us beyond what we anticipated or deserved.

If we think for a minute, we all can recall a time during the last year that God blessed us or someone close to us. It may have been when the medical tests didn't turn out as bad as first thought. It may have been when God's strength helped us overcome a habit or addiction. It may have been when a prayer was answered that seemed almost too good to be true.

How can we respond to all the blessings God gave this year? Of course, we can thank him in prayer. However, there is something concrete we can do. As Trinity nears the end of the year, we have financial obligations. Most of these obligations are the same as we have at home.

Utility bills, insurance policies, and repairs are as much a responsibility of a church as they are for us individually. During the last several months budget offerings were extremely low. I realize we asked for special giving to various ministries, but the general expenses of the church continue.

During the month of November I encourage each of us to consider how God blessed us during 2017 and respond by giving a special "thank offering" to the budget. I realize many of us give faithfully during the year and I thank you for that response.

The month of November and Thanksgiving gives us another opportunity to say thanks to God in a concrete way for all that he continues to do in our life. Please prayerfully consider how God has blessed us and how we can respond by making November a month of thankfulness by giving additionally to the budget as we continue to seek the direction of God at Trinity.

Grace and Peace, Wade

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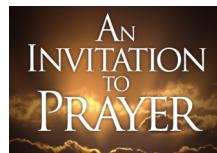
# TRINITY HAPPENINGS

## CHARGE CONFERENCE

Now that all the Charge Conferences for the district have been completed the churches will come together for a **Missional Network Gathering**. This will be held on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at University City United Methodist Church beginning at 3:00pm. This year's gathering will be a little different. We are going to be asked to be the Hands and Feet of God. That's right; we will be putting together flood buckets and hygiene kits. This is the perfect opportunity for us to help, but not actually go to the mission field.

Trinity has been asked to provide **500 Scouring Pads**. This should be very easy for us to accomplish. You can pick these up at the grocery store, dollar store etc. There are collection boxes in each building, please drop off your donations by **Sunday, November 5th**.

**THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN's EXECUTIVE BOARD** will meet on Wednesday, November 15th at 6:30pm in the Conference Room. All members of the Executive Board are encouraged to attend.



On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month Rev. Ogle invites you to join him in the sanctuary at 4:00pm for **Prayer Time**. This is an informal time to bring your prayer concerns to the altar as you talk with God. Any questions please see Rev. Ogle. The next "Prayer Time" will be held **Sunday, November 26th at 4:00pm** in the sanctuary. You will not be asked to pray aloud, unless you want too, it is truly up to you. Rev. Ogle will be leading the prayer time, he would love to have you join him!

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 5th Trinity will honor those members who have passed away since November, 2016. If you are a family member you are invited to the 11am Worship Service as we take a few minutes to remember these persons.

## ATTENTION

### ALL LADIES

Saturday, January 27, 2018... save this date for a one day retreat at the church. Watch for more details to come!



## VISIONARY PLANNING SESSION

Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is the date for Trinity's **Visionary Planning Session**. This will be held from 10-1pm in the FLC. This is for any church member to attend as plans are discussed and made for 2018. This is especially for all 2018 Committee Chairpersons as well as their committee members. Chairmen if you have not received a list of your 2018 committee members you can stop by the office or give Ronna a call to e-mail you a copy.

## COUNTRY HAM BREAKFAST

The Emmett Wilson Bible Class will host a Country Ham Breakfast on Saturday, November 11th from 7:00am—10:00am. The cost is \$6.00 for a plate of Country Ham, Eggs, Grits and biscuits. Come enjoy breakfast and stay for the Visionary Planning Session.

**FALL BAZAAR**  
**Saturday, November 4, 2017**  
**8:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**Trinity United Methodist Church – Family Life Center**  
**6230 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte NC 28216**  
*sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Women*

**Do you want to rent a table and sell your items at the Bazaar? Yes, you can! Table rental is \$20. Space is Limited so reserve yours TODAY. (first come first serve for tables with electricity)**

**Do you have a special talent BUT do not want to have your own table? Donate an item to us. We will gladly accept your handmade, homemade, baked, craft, jewelry or unique items to sell. All proceeds go to the UMW budget. We thank you for your donations.**

**COME HUNGRY AS FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE**

**This is a great time to start thinking about Christmas gifts too so please plan to come out and enjoy fellowship, shopping and FUN.**

**Questions?**  
Contact Avis at 704-906-0072 or [avissummerslewis@gmail.com](mailto:avissummerslewis@gmail.com) or contact the church office





**LOAF Sunday** will be Sunday, November 19th Please plan to bring a loaf of bread to donate to this ministry as you remember all the things you have to be thankful for over the past year.

### **EARLY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING**

UMCOR Early Response Team Basic Training will be held at Harrison UMC on Saturday, Nov. 18th from 9am—5pm. (doors open at 8:15am) The cost is \$35 and must be paid online. A background check will be required and is not included in this fee. You must be at least 18 years old. UMCOR participants learn the basics of disaster response, including how to stabilize and secure homes safely, how to work effectively with survivors and others on the response team. This standardized class is required for the basic ERT UMCOR identification badge. Sign up at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/early-response-training-harrison-umc-pineville-tickets-37620377562#tickets> or see Chuck Laney.

### **SHOEBOX DEDICATION SUNDAY**

Sunday, November 12th is the due date for all filled Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Please plan to bring these to church with you that morning so that we can get them to the collection site. Boxes are available in the FLC and Sanctuary area. These boxes have instructions in them as to how they should be packed. New this year is **NO** candy!

### **RISE AGAINST HUNGER**

You did it!!!!!!! That's right Trinity reached its goal of raising \$4500.00 to purchase 15,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger and THEN you packed those 15,000 bags in about 2 hours. What a fun time for all who were able to be a part of this packing day and we fed so many hungry people while having fun. Thank you to all who gave money, came out and packed, gave of your time and prayed for this event. You are AWESOME! Also a big thank you to Patty Wilson and her Outreach Committee for making this happen. As with anything this large there is lots of planning ahead of time to make it all run smoothly and Patty was on top of this. WOW what will 2018 bring???

### **ATTENTION ALL YOUNG@HEART**

The Srs will go to Longhorn Steak House in Huntersville on Thursday, November 2nd for their last meeting of 2017. You are invited to meet them there @12pm . All are invited to attend!



### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

Asbury UMC invites you to a BBQ dinner on Saturday, November 4th from 5:30-7pm. The cost is \$10.00 per plate. Following the dinner you are invited to a free Campfireball Variety Show presented by Cory Howard (son of Jimmy & Cheryl Howard).



### **BABY SHOWER**

We are tickled pink and happy to say, an adorable baby girl is on the way!

Please join the family and friends of Sara & Brian Carey as we celebrate the impending arrival of their little girl with a baby shower!

Sunday, November 12th, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Trinity FLC Auditorium

Sara is registered at Amazon and Target.

## ***Trinity United Methodist Church Ladies Annual Christmas Tea Saturday December 2, 2017***

**2:00pm                  \$10.00 per ticket**

Tickets will be on sale starting October 1 in the church office  
Questions contact Cindy Hough at 704-799-5340 or [cyhough71@yahoo.com](mailto:cyhough71@yahoo.com)



Please join us for the  
Christmas Tea

Trinity UMC  
6230 Beatties Ford Rd,  
Charlotte NC 28216  
704-399-1684

*This year's annual tea is being held in honor and memory of those in UMW Circle 3 for their hard work and dedication in serving 10 years of Christmas Tea at Trinity UMC*

# THE MESSENGER

Trinity United Methodist Church

answering Jesus' call to:

**"FEED MY SHEEP"**

Church—**704-399-1684**

**9:00am—Rise-Up Worship Service**



Pastor's—**704-655-2841**

**704-456-8251**

**10:00am—Small Groups**

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

## CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-profit Organization  
U.S. Postage Paid  
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# Worship Helpers and Retirement

### RISE-UP NURSERY

Nov. 5—Cheryl Howard  
Nov. 12—Ronna Privette  
Nov. 19—Melissa Falcone  
Nov. 26—Donna Stroupe

### TRADITIONS NURSERY

Nov. 5—Marlene & Tom Campbell  
Nov. 12—Shelly & Daniel Black  
Nov. 19—Kevin & Jessica Mullins  
Nov. 26—Cindy Hough and  
Wendy Penninger

### USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

David & Donna Stroupe  
Justin & Kristen Stroupe

### STREAMING

Rise Up Service  
Nov. 5—Malcolm Miller  
Nov. 12—Cindy Hough  
Nov. 19—Cindy Hough  
Nov. 26—Bill McLemore

FINANCE COMMITTEE will  
meet on Monday, Nov. 6th  
@6:30pm.

Traditions Service  
Nov. 5—Malcolm Miller

Nov. 12—Wayne Privette  
Nov. 19—Wayne Privette  
Nov. 26—Wayne Privette

### COMMUNION STEWARDS

3 Ushers

### FINANCE STEWARDS

Lynne Bruce & David Stroupe

### HOMEBOUND

Kenneth Alexander, Calvin Nance,  
Marie Chesser

### PRAYER LIST

Kenneth Alexander, Marie  
Chesser, Judy Fogle, Anne Griffin,  
Jerry Kidd, Naomi Lee, Joan  
McLemroe, Margaret Merritt,  
Mary Moore, Calvin Nance, Gene  
Snow, David Todd, Bobbi Vannoy,  
Fred Ward, David Wilson

Carrillon (Lincolnton)—Mary Frances  
Hunt  
Northlake House—Mary Moore

### November Scripture

Nov. 5—Joshua 3: 7-17  
Nov. 12—Joshua 4: 4-7  
Nov. 19—Joshua 24: 14-25  
Nov. 26—Ezekiel 34: 11-16

**\*\*\*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: - \$4,919.64  
Received: \$4,247.95

### RETIREMENT RESIDENTS

The Oaks—Margaret Merritt,  
Naomi Lee  
The Laurels—David Todd

❖ ONLINE GIVING