



# Trinity UMC Preschool Newsletter September 2019

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> – Trinity's Homecoming @10:30am  
 Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – Soccer Shots DEMO Day  
 Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – Soccer Shots Season Opening  
 Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry  
 Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair Preview Day  
 Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – Yankee Candle Fundraiser  
 Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> – See You At the Pole (National Day of Prayer)  
 Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> – Scholastic Book Fair

## LOOKING AHEAD

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Walk for Wishes  
 Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – Fire Truck Visit  
 Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> & Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – Student Portraits

## NEWS ABOUT YOUR CHILD



At the beginning of each school year the teachers and children are very busy, but soon you will begin to see pictures and stories from your child's day on SchoolVine. Hopefully all of you have received an email to confirm your email address with SchoolVine. If you did not, it may be caught in your SPAM. **It is important that you confirm your email with us** so that you can receive all the important information that teachers will be sending out in the weeks to come. If you have not received ANY communication from Trinity UMC Preschool VIA SchoolVine, please let Shelly know right away so we can make sure we have the correct email address on file for you.

## FALL FISH FRY

Mark your calendars and plan to join us Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm for some **FAMOUS** Trinity fish. The UMM will be serving flounder, shrimp, and catfish with all the fixings for just \$11.00 a plate. Homemade desserts will be available for \$1.00. If you love fish - You are going to love this! Feel free to dine-in or drive-thru, but **COME EARLY** because they have sold out before!



## September Birthdays

### One Year Olds

Ella Zogg September 3

### Four Year Olds

Ian Kantrankov September 15



## From the Desk of Denesa Lawson

Denesa Lawson is our new Account Receivable Coordinator! If you see her around the church or

working at the preschool on Thursdays, please make her feel welcome! She oversees the collection of money from tuition and fees, fundraising, and donations. Denesa is a member of Trinity UMC and a parent to two Trinity Preschool Alumni!

We have moved the Tuition Drop Box to the main lobby area. If you aren't sure where that is located, please ask and we will be happy to show you the way. Please do not hand money to any staff member or send a check in your child's bookbag or lunch box. All money should be dropped into the tuition box by you directly.

On the bright yellow bulletin board in the Main Lobby, you should find envelopes and a pen. If you are paying with cash, please be sure to put it inside an envelope with your child's name printed clearly and the amount you have included.

Monthly tuition payments are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. A late fee of \$10.00 will be added to all tuition payments received after the 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions about your payments, invoices, or if you need a statement, you can reach Denesa at:

Denesa Lawson, Accounts Receivable Coordinator  
 704-399-1684 ext. 24  
[tumcmoney@yahoo.com](mailto:tumcmoney@yahoo.com)

## **A Note from Heather Figaro, daughter of Miss. Claudia Myers, Founder and Director of Trinity UMC Preschool**

I have a secret that I have held on to for over a year. Shortly after my Mom, Miss Claudia, was diagnosed with lung cancer, she underwent surgery in August 2018 to see if the cancerous mass could be removed. We all now know that she made it through the procedure, like the champion that she was, but what you probably do not know is that she was scared she would not. In fact, she was so scared that she thought this may be her last 'With Love, from Miss Claudia' column. On August 10, 2018, just days before going into surgery, she wrote the column below. On August 13, 2018 at 8:42 PM, just hours before she was to be at the hospital, she emailed me a copy of the column for safekeeping.

I have read more of her columns than I could ever count. Some I read in advance, when she asked for my opinion; some I read after the newsletter was written and distributed. Many I read in horror as she told embarrassing, but mostly true, stories about me and my brother as children.

But this one is not about me. It's not about "Miss" Claudia. This one is about you. In her very own words. And you make want to take a seat for this one – she doesn't hold back. I hope that you appreciate her honestly, her candor, her wisdom and well, her just being "Miss" Claudia as much as I do. And I hope that you know how much she loved your children, and each and every one of you. With Love, Heather Figaro

### *With Love from Miss Claudia*



*It is August the 10<sup>th</sup> as I write this. In less than one week. I will have surgery for lung cancer. There are some other small spots in both lungs so right now, they do not know if it has started spreading through my body. The surgery will give some answers, but not all. Only time will tell. As we were eating lunch Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall, someone said. "Heaven is a place that everyone wants to go, but no one wants to die." I am sure that I am going to have a ball in Heaven. But there is so much that I want to see before I go, like my grandkids weddings and the great grandchildren.*

*Hopefully, you will never see this article because I really believe I am going to be just fine. Just in case that I am wrong, and don't make it to Open House, there are a few things that I wanted to say. First, Thank you. I have felt your love and prayers. I honestly believe that we have the best parents and children in the world. I have enjoyed every second of over 37 years. These kids are my heart. They have taught me to stop and smell the roses, to believe anything is possible, and to love with all my heart, body and soul. When we had our reunion a few years back, we realized over 1,000 children have passed through these doors.*

*Ok, now that I have said all of that, bear with me. If my time is running out, I am tossing the filter and telling you what I think. I think that one of the most important things that you can give your children, as their parents, is to show love and respect for each other. Over the years, I have heard wives say demeaning things to their husbands and husbands use their wives as the material for a put down joke. I have heard things uttered between people, who should always have each other's backs and they treat them in a way that they would never treat a friend or a stranger. OK, if your mouth is hanging open and you are thinking, "How dare her speak to us that way, I am sorry. Stop reading" Next item cell phones...look, I know little ones can ask a million and one questions, tell you stories that go on and on. It may seem trivial to you, but to them, it is a very big deal to feel that they have your attention and are not being ignored. Talk to your children; tell them stories of your faith. family history and they especially love hearing stories about when they were babies.*

*Daddies, if you have little girls, you play a bigger part in the woman that she will become than you ever dreamed. You are the first male to give her unconditional love and to treat her in a way that she will insist all men treat her. Overhearing you say that you are proud of her will give her wings to soar, but negative comments will scar her for life.*

*And you mothers, I believe are the ones that*

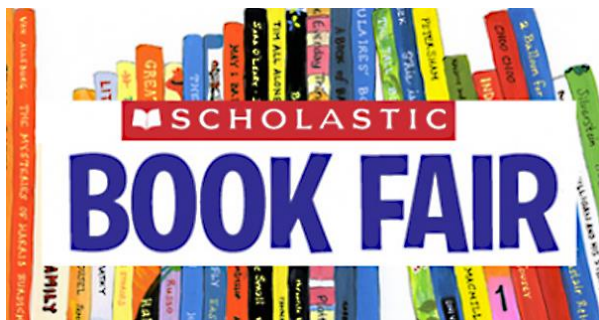
your children watch most and from you, form their moral base. If they see a woman who is excepting of all people, no matter their differences, they will too embrace diversity and live a rich life.

Try to have a least one meal a day together at the kitchen table instead of in front of the TV and make that time a no cell phone time.

If I have overstepped my bounds, well that is just the way it is. I truly love each of you SO therefore, I feel it gives me the right to talk to you about anything.

If this is my last rodeo and I am leaving the school sooner than I would like, pull together and keep her going strong. I never was the head of this school, so it does not have to have me. This is God's school and He will always be there to guide you. With All the Love in the World from Miss Claudia.

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Our Book Fair will be held September 30<sup>th</sup>-October 4<sup>th</sup> – with a special Preview Day on September 27<sup>th</sup>!

Please plan to stop by with your kids to pick out some amazing titles for them to take home – OR – drop the kids off and stop by and browse for a moment alone! These books make great gifts, too! The proceeds from our book fair will allow us to put a new book in the hands of each and every student in our school. It also helps us book new books into our classrooms!

Consider shopping for your kids, relatives, or pick a title from your teachers wish list! Thank you for your continued support!!!

## Hot Dog Wednesdays



Please plan to join us on Wednesdays for Hot Dog Lunch! The menu includes hot dogs, hamburgers/cheeseburgers, grilled cheese, BLT's, chicken sandwiches, French fries, chilli, pinto beans, and more! We also offer some wonderful desserts! (My son always picks his dessert FIRST!)

Many of our preschool families stay each Wednesday to eat lunch - it has become one of the most popular places in the area to eat each week! Make sure you join us soon. You will be glad that you did.

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Make – A – Wish grants the wish of a child diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition in the United

States and its territories, on an average, every 38 minutes. On October 2<sup>nd</sup> our children will Walk for Wishes to raise money for this organization. We do this in memory of Isaiah Joseph, who was a graduate of Trinity Preschool. We lost Isaiah to brain cancer, but are so thankful that he was able to fulfill his dream of a Disney World vacation with his family. This vacation was paid for by the Make a Wish Foundation. The money we raise will go to making other terminally ill children's wishes come true. Mark your calendar now and you will receive more information in the next few weeks.





We are working with Soccer Shots – The Children’s Soccer Experience – this year to bring them into our school on Tuesdays after school to teach the children the basic skills of soccer, sportsmanship, and most importantly letting the kids have FUN! Their belief is that a positive experience with sports can make a lasting impact on your child’s life!

All of their coaches and staff are aligned with NC Early-Childhood Standards, they have all been background checked, certified through a comprehensive training course, and they continue on-going training and evaluations routinely.

**We will be hosting a 30 minute DEMO session on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm.** If you are interested and would like to learn more, please plan to pick up your child and allow them to participate in the demo session. You will be able to sign up for our Tuesday Soccer Shots class via the Soccer Shots website next week. Learn more about the program via the website:

<http://www.soccershots.org/charlotte>

We will be sending out additional information via emails about this program in the coming weeks! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Shelly Black at anytime!

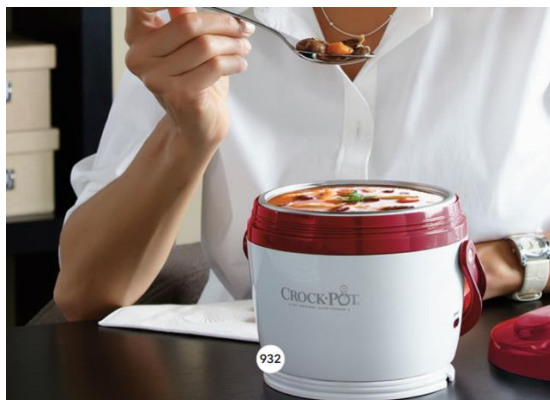


# YANKEE CANDLE® FUNDRAISING

We are excited to be partnering with Yankee Candle Fundraising again this year! They offer some amazing products – NOT JUST CANDLES – that are perfect for the holidays around your house or would make amazing Christmas gifts for any member of your family!

This year our fundraiser will be held September 24<sup>th</sup> – October 15<sup>th</sup>. We will profit 40% of all sales to further the ministries of Trinity UMC Preschool. This will help us to improve the playground, put new toys in our classrooms, and purchase materials that are needed to further our ministry to your children.

This year they are selling the Woodwick Candles, Yankee Candle jar candles, seasonal décor, wrapping paper, and more. Plan to do some early Christmas shopping and help support your preschool! If you have any questions, you can always reach out to Shelly anytime by email at [shelly@trinityumcofcharlotte.com](mailto:shelly@trinityumcofcharlotte.com) or by phone at 704-399-1684.





Come Pray with Us...

SEE YOU AT THE POLE™



IF MY PEOPLE PRAY . . .

9.25.19

2 CHRONICLES 7:14

**Trinity United Methodist Church  
invites YOU to join**

as we PRAY at the POLE (Flag Pole)  
on National See You At The Pole Day

**Wednesday September 25, 2019**

**9:00 am and 7:00 pm**

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*2 Chronicles 7:14*

*If my people, who are called by my name, will humbles themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

# TRINITY UMC INTRODUCES NEW YOUTH PROGRAMMING!

Our new Youth Programming has just begun! If you have a child in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade that would be interested in joining us, please plan to! We will meet this coming **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in our old fellowship hall. We have already partnered with Asbury UMC Youth and an invitation has gone out to Christ UMC, as well. A fall retreat is on the drawing board. We plan to travel to North Myrtle Beach, SC. The tentative dates are November 1-3, 2019. We would love to have your 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders join us on Sundays!



## Trinity United Methodist Church Annual Christmas Tea Saturday, December 7, 2019 3:00 pm

Tickets are \$10  
and are on sale  
now in the church  
office.



Please join us for the  
Christmas Tea

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