

TRINITY *Talk*

JUNE NEWSLETTER - TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH—VOLUME 6

Join us each Sunday

For worship at 9:30 a.m. at
the church in the sanctuary,
on Facebook or our website:

trinityumc.church

music, joys and concerns
and an inspiring message by
one of our pastors,

Rev. Doug Miller
or Rev. John Nelson



**TRINITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship –9:30 am - Sanctuary

Sympathy To...

...The Family of **Doris Cheek Link** who died May 11, 2020.

...**Robin Denise Baynes McKeown** who died May 14, 2020. She was the daughter of Carol Baynes and the late Paul Baynes.

...Phillip Lanning in the death of his mother,
Wilma Todd Lanning who died May 24, 2020.

Membership Notes

New Address

Elaine Jones & Family
1720 Richard Allen Lane
Winston-Salem, NC 27105

Gary & Janine Pierce
211 Timberline Ridge Ct.
Winston-Salem, NC 27106
(no home phone only cells)

Ruthie Foster
% English Meadows
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Blacksburg, VA 24060

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Pastor's Pen

On Mother's Day we had a garden party that was hosted by Jordan and Christian for their mom. It was an effort to make the best out of social distancing. It was a similar scene for Memorial Day as we sat and gathered at our home in the High Country. In both cases it was weird but actually wonderful. We sat at different tables and could not hug or kiss our oldest daughter, Jordan and our son-in-law, Ryan, but we were together.



It just feels both unnatural and unloving at first to wear a mask, not shake a hand, give a hug, or even stand close. While not natural it is in fact a loving thing to wear a mask, not shake hands, give hugs or stand close. It keeps those I love safe.

As we now start cautiously gathering as a church family it will feel different and maybe even weird, but it will be wonderful. We will be together. Of course, I hope you will follow the advice of your physician and health experts about being in public gatherings. Thus, I am committed as your pastor to continue to operate with an effort to include those who must still "shelter in place."

Here are some of the efforts our staff and volunteers will continue to do as we move forward to include those who are unable to attend worship:

- Offer weekly updates in lieu of bulletins.

- Mail out weekly Joys and Concerns

- Provide conference calls to connect in prayer and fellowship for Wednesday Bible Study, Thursday Prayer, and Sunday Worship.

- Continue to offer LIVE worship on Facebook.

- Provide monthly drive-through communion on the first Sunday of the month for those who cannot be in public worship.

- Brother's Keepers volunteers will continue to offer aid

- Council Caller's will continue to reach out to our church family with phone calls.

In these "weird" days, I pray you find wonderful moments to be with those you love. I look forward, Lord willing, to being with you soon. I love you, but God loves you more.

Depending on Christ,

Pastor Doug



Council Meeting 5.12.20

Pastor Doug opened the meeting with prayer.

Outreach: Norma Reese

Over 70 families were provided with food from our Food Pantry last Friday.

Norma noted that several regular clients opted to stay home due to concerns with the virus.

Food Pantry donations have been adequate.

Lowe's Foods is no longer donating bread but Krispy Kreme continues to donate some of their products.

We had an anonymous donation of paper towels.

The Rescue Mission has re-opened and we have donated lots of clothing and shoes.

We have six boxes of books for the Shepherds Center, which has postponed their book sale until August.

Bill Conroy noted that he is continuing his efforts to get Second Harvest Food Bank set up as a partner agency.

Nurture Ministries: Betty Sluder and Susan Stockwell

There was a brief discussion of a luncheon when we return to attending services at the church.

Witness Ministries: Barbara Lash and Vernell Springs -No report

Trustees: Bill Davis

Plastic protection of our stained-glass windows appears to be the better way to proceed versus using glass. Glass is much more expensive, is heavy, and subject to breakage. Acrylic Plexiglas costs \$172.50 for each window when bought in quantity. We have 6 windows on the west side, 4 on the east side plus one smaller one on the east side.

New Plexiglas covers for the sign in front of the sanctuary are scheduled to be replaced by Bill and Dave on Thursday May 14.

Gutters on the picnic shelter will be repaired.

Bill will run water to the fountain in the columbarium this week. A discussion about the appearance of the columbarium took place. John has been waiting for the addition to be finished by Richard before he proceeds with retaining a landscaping company for ongoing maintenance. Richard will get estimates on repair or replacing the concrete floor. He will also price out the addition of a short walkway from the edge of the asphalt parking lot to the entrance of the Prayer Garden and the repair of the concrete at the picnic shelter. Richard asked that the prayer garden committee spray paint the grass to identify the location of the walkway.

United Methodist Women: JoAnn Dunn

JoAnn asked the Council Callers to notify the UMW members that the May meeting has been cancelled.

United Methodist Men: Earl Williams

All events have been postponed.

Graffiti artists have decorated the bus. Earl was able to clean it and has decided to park the bus behind the church.

Finance: Faith Gurganus

Giving has exceeded our expectations. We are on budget after paying our apportionments, utilities and salaries.

The United Methodist Church credit union loan that Faith applied for has been approved. There are certain requirements that must be met during the next eight weeks, then we can apply for forgiveness of the loan.

Doug noted that we have also been granted a waiver for pension and health care line items.

Faith, Doug and John said that they felt humbled by the generosity and faithfulness that the Trinity family has demonstrated.

Assistant Pastor: John Nelson

John expressed his thanks for the work being done by the Council Callers, the Brothers Keepers, the counting team (Sandra and Marie) and Phyllis who tirelessly gets everything done (and more!) from home.

Through the Council Callers and Brothers Keepers programs, there have been 18 to 20 requests by our congregation for help going to the grocery store or drugstore. The Brothers Keepers have satisfied these requests and stand ready to fulfill even more.

Pastor: Doug Miller

Doug expressed his "cautious optimism" that we may be together again in the not so distant future. In preparation for this, Doug met with Richard, Van, Faith and John to create a plan for a Phase II re-opening. Trinity will only worship when our government officials say it is appropriate. Our opening will be a "soft opening" with limited and shortened activities. The committee made the following decisions:

We will encourage our congregation to protect each other by limiting personal contact, not attending if they are not feeling well or if they have been exposed to someone who is sick. Signs will be placed at the entrances to announce this policy.

Wearing a mask will be required on the church campus. Masks will be available if the attendees do not have one.

Social distancing will be assisted by preparing pews and indicating places where people may sit. Sanctuary attendees will be limited to around 50. An overflow option for the fellowship hall is being explored.

Sunday services will be combined into a single 9:30am service.

During this phase there will be no Sunday School or nursery.

Bathrooms will be closed except for emergencies.

Water fountains will be closed.

Activities will be limited due to the need to sterilize between gatherings and must be coordinated with the office calendar, Phyllis and our cleaning schedule.

Worship will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook.

No mass gatherings (Friday Night Jam, Bingo, etc.) will take place.

Food Pantry will continue to be drive-through only.

Fellowship hall tables will be put away to encourage social distancing.

We will not be preparing food or coffee.

Communion will utilize prepackaged cups. We will also continue to offer drive through communion.

Singing will be limited or eliminated due to the vapor created by those who sing.

Doug asked the Council to consider these things and let him or John know if there are any additional ideas to help keep the congregation safe during phase II.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Vernell Springs.



Doris Link The Little Lady With the Big Heart

I think I should start at the end, because I think there is some comfort in how the Lord took Doris home. She had a wonderful, really perfect Mother's Day. Looking at photographs and sharing laughs and memories with her son Todd and a call with Carol Baynes that night. She awoke Monday morning and received a phone call from Todd that he would be about 15 or 20 minutes late to make her 9am coffee. She said she loved him; he said he loved her. He was home 15 minutes later, and the Lord had taken her home. She was sitting in her chair, with the Game Show Network playing loudly on the TV. Now if that isn't the way Doris Link would want to go, I don't know what it would be. *Suddenly, yes...peacefully, yes...gratefully...at home...yes, mercifully. Perfect timing...yes indeed...the morning after a perfect Mother's Day. Was it her time? I think she couldn't have planned it any better.*

There was a full, well lived life before that ending. A lot happened in *that small package of a woman. Part of the surprise and shock even, considering she was closing in on 92 was that she was still so full of energy; so interested in everything going on around her; so sharp of mind and so loyal to her ministry of "checking in" on others, and I call it that purposely...it was a ministry, it was a gift, a talent. She seemed ageless...we might have taken it for granted...like she would go on forever...*

Son Todd said in his younger days, she was known as "the cool Mom" among his friends. Now that's a gift right there for those boys, having the "cool Mom". But you've got to work at being the "cool Mom". And the great thing we learned from Doris was that "cool" gets better with age!

She attended Trinity, this church for over 55 years and rarely missed. She was a Sunday School teacher and attendee and was in the Chancel Choir for almost half a century. She served on countless committees, council positions, cooking teams...this, Trinity was her second family.

She loved the beach, but she loved the mountains too, especially Lake Junaluska. She loved cards and dominoes; bingo and basketball, she bled Duke blue and made the greatest meat loaf you'd ever wrap your mouth around.

She was fun—even a bit of a prankster--and a bit stubborn. She was independent but oh so loving and giving. How many people did she give birthday cards to? How many children received little gifts on their birthdays from her? She was loyal and supportive...had new friends and old friends. There were Friday night dinners, Wednesday night suppers; after Church lunches; Cagney's, K&W, the Fellowship Hall.

The ministry that I touched on earlier was her desire and ability to keep in touch with people...cards, notes, letters, Facebook and phone calls. I heard from at least 12 people who had contact with her in just the five days prior to her passing. She kept up that ministry to the last minutes of her life.

A gift that was given to Doris in her last years...and she called it a gift were the times that she got to have Megan and lastly Todd live with her in the family home. They were there when she needed someone the most and it most assuredly extended her life with us.

I mentioned earlier that in her last years Doris became quite active on Facebook and she learned how to do most of the Facebook things that you do on there. She would "share" humorous things and religious pieces. But she also would on occasion, write what could only be called "Words of Wisdom From Doris Link". On May 3rd, 8 days before she passed she wrote this and shared it on Facebook about 1:30 in the afternoon...

"What a beautiful Sunday God has given us! When I looked, there was not a cloud that I could see, birds singing and the whole world just looked fresh and new!! Maybe He has decided that we have learned a lesson and it's time to give us a second chance, or maybe we have decided that our way just doesn't work! It's time now to ask for forgiveness and a promise that we'll each do a better job with what You have given us! I have to say one never gets too old to experience another "first" in their life! This AM, Todd and I experienced this together when we had Communion in our car during a "drive-by" service planned and provided by our Ministers Doug Miller and John Nelson at Trinity UMC, Winston-Salem! Thanks to both of them, and also Richard and Marie Harding and Van Gurganus for taking such good care of us! I can't wait until we're together again and "elbowing" each other! It's gonna be hard not to hug!!"

So she gives thanks; she gives advice and shares her wisdom, including looking to the future. She takes no credit for all she's meant to this church. Beautiful thoughts from Doris herself.

To me, she was like another mother, a best friend, an advisor and mentor, a loyal supporter of anything I might do. She was a wonderful example of a true Christian. If you couldn't make out the photo on the podium at her service livestreamed on Facebook (with 740 views so far), I've included it here. It's a photo of two hands, each making one half of a heart; so that together they make a whole heart. In that photo, the older hand is Doris' and the younger hand is her granddaughter Megan. I think I could have shortened my remarks considerably by saying that photo represents what Doris Link is all about. Doris Link is LOVE. Not was. IS LOVE. She extended her heart to anyone and everyone. This tiny little firecracker of a lady has left a big hole...but her legacy is that a part of her lives on in all of us, and that's why she'll never be forgotten.



Pastor John



Memorials

In memory of **Deb Ham**

Doris Link—Budget
Earl & Carol Williams- Good Neighbor Fund
Van & Faith Gurganus- Budget
Carol Baynes—Choir Renovations
Glenn D. Hart Property—Budget
Karen Ray—Budget
Judy Cook—Budget

In memory of **Jay Anderson**

Carol Baynes—Choir Renovations

In memory of **Chuck Burklee**

Doris Link—Budget
Earl & Carol Williams—United Methodist Men
Van & Faith Gurganus—Budget
Carol Baynes—Choir Renovations
Judy Cook—Budget

In memory of **Doris Link**

Sandra & Terry Walker—Food Pantry
Mike & Sandra Flowe- Choir Renovation
John & Susan Nelson—Capital Fund
Don & Kate Ashe—Choir Renovations
Doug & Patti Gilbert—Choir Renovations
Leon Monroe—Choir Renovations

In memory of **Robin McKeown**

Sandra & Terry Walker—Food Pantry
John & Susan Nelson—Budget

Honor Gifts

In honor of **Paul & Nancy Gibson** by Cynthia Blair
Prayer Garden

In honor of **Peggy Reavis** by Carolyn Roe -Choir Music

In honor of **Susan Nelson** by Carolyn Roe-Choir Music

In honor of **Jimmy & Teresa Horton**

by Dorothy & Larry Murphy—Food Pantry

In honor of **Carol Baynes** by Sandra & Mike Flowe—Food Pantry

In honor of **Peggy Reavis** by Sandra & Mike Flowe
Good Neighbor Fund



**"Always laugh
when you can.
It is cheap medicine."**

—Lord Byron



Trinity Family Graduates

Christopher Franklin Peters, will graduate from Bishop McGuiness High School. He plans to attend Penn State. He is the grandson of Frankie Jones.

Brandon Scott, has completed his Associate Degree from his Air Force studies while currently serving in the Middle East. He is the son of Sandra Scott.

Daisy Jean Harris graduated from UNCG with a Bachelors degree in Social Work, she will be attending NC STATE to get her Masters degree in Social Work. She is the granddaughter of Delores Messner.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Make it a good day

with acts of kindness

- Let someone go in front of you in line
- Hold a door open for someone
- Pat a friendly dog (always ask the owner first)
- Thank someone
- Put coins in an expired parking meter





Wanted Used Bikes

We are collecting Bikes for needy kids to take on our Mission Trips. Please Contact Larry Murphy at 336-6186914 or Bill Conroy at 336-403-5703.

New Church Directories

The 2020 Church Directories are available. Please contact the church office to obtain a copy.



Givelify is an app for download on your phone that enables you to make donations to the church anytime, anywhere. Once you have downloaded the app, search for our church on the map or by address and enter your debit or credit card and you are ready to give. You may give to any fund. Receipts by email.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY FOR

June

Church Lockup

Ray Brewer

Greeters

Delores Messner

Brenda Jones

Ushers

Mary Catherine Bones

Sandy Waldron

Liell Adams

June Hospital Visitors

(when permitted)

(Weeks of June)

June 7—Earl Williams

June 14—John Nelson

June 21—Ruth Overeby &
Lenda Fisher

June 28 -

Mowing Schedule

June 6—Bill Conroy

June 13—Spencer Brill

June 20—Lee Capell

June 27—Jerry Lawson



- 1-Jude Necessary
Aiden Schultes
- 2- Carol Brassell
- 4- Rebecca Boyd
Jerry Sears
- 6-Jennifer M. Wilson
Larry Murphy
- 7-Amanda Greer
- 9- Ben Baldwin
Hannah Carpenter
- 10-Teri Ingram
Scott Reavis
- 11-Lori Allen
Sonia Bambauer
Lisa Gerdes
Sue Pence
- 12-Vivienne Burkleo
- 13-Bob Brown
Diane Harper
- 18-Christopher Laine Dodd
- 19- Mike Phillips
Cody Raulerson
- 21-Robert Aaron
William Van Etten
- 23-Stephen Webb
- 24-Traci Collins
- 26-Tony Fisher
Kassady-Lynn Raynor
Shylynn Roe
Andrea Henley
- 27-Michael Tinus
- 28-Michael Reavis
- 29-Cynthia Marvin
- 30-Jackson Champagne





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