

Trinity *focus*

AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HOMECOMING - 2022



August 28, 2022

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH will celebrate their Homecoming on August 28th, with guest speaker, Rev. Gail Montgomery. A Covered Dish Lunch will follow worship in the Fellowship Hall, so bring your favorite dish to share. Drinks and paper products will be provided. Make plans now to attend and invite former members to join us!

**TRINITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Connection Cafe—9:15 am Fellowship Hall

Praise Music—9:50 am - Sanctuary

Worship—10:00 am—Sanctuary

Sunday School—11:00 am

In Person and Online

Sympathy To...

The Family of **Mary Manning** who died July 2, 2022.

Sarah Hill Carter in the death of her son, **Shawn Carter Sr.** who died July 16, 2022

The **Connections Café** will not operate on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Please make a note of this change.

FREE UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS

The Upper Room Devotionals are free and located throughout the church. Pick up as many copies as you need for family and friends. It can change lives.

Altar Flowers

Please sign up for Altar Flowers on the Flower Chart in the back hallway outside the Pastor's Office. You may also contact Carol Williams (336-407-5270) or the church office for more information.

Issue an invitation!

When I enter that beautiful city

And the saints all around me appear,

I hope that someone will tell me:

It was you who invited me here.

Pastor's Pen

Town Hall Meetings for Prayer and Listening

As I was working in my yard on a sunny Monday evening the winds picked up and thunder could be heard in the distance. I knew from experience it was time to stop working, put away my tools and get ready for a summer thunderstorm. From my Annual Conference Report last month you heard that I believe we are in a calm before a storm of a different sort. A storm is brewing over who we ordain and marry that cannot be avoided. The stormhead clouds can be seen coming.

First, the Reconciling Ministry Network ("progressive") movement is strongly represented in our conference and appears to be the way forward for the Western NC Annual Conference. Second, the Global Methodist Church launched on May 1, 2022 as a new denomination for the "disaffiliating" traditional churches to join. Third, 2023 will mark the closing of a window for churches who wish to disaffiliate based on the 2016 Book of Discipline. Finally, the General Conference after being postponed 8 years will finally meet in 2024 to decide "the way forward" and if they will allow churches, conferences and jurisdictions to leave the UMC or close the door as it changes the historic stance on ordination and marriage.

On Monday, I finished putting up my tools and the rain started as I walked to our front porch. I was not caught in the downpour because I paused to prepare for the storm. Since a storm is coming, we want to make sure we have our house in order to face the tempest.

The Church Council voted to have a series of meetings to learn, listen and pray about these topics and the way forward as a congregation. Therefore, Trinity will have **Town Hall Meetings for Prayer and Listening** starting **Wednesday, August 24 at 6:30 p.m.** and for the three following Wednesdays (**August 31, September 7 and September 14**).

As I pointed out last month, I want to be completely transparent with you, I find myself aligned with more traditional Methodist theology. However, I will be presenting material from our Bishop and other perspectives. I am open to the Holy Spirit convicting me if I am wrong, and am here to listen deeply to other perspectives. As we gather, it will not be for the purpose of changing anyone's mind. It will be to open our hearts and minds to God and one another. Until we meet for listening and prayer, my office and heart is open to sit down with you and talk.

In closing, one of our Council members said after the July meeting, their biggest concern was that we do nothing to harm the special love they feel at Trinity. I wholeheartedly agree. Therefore, as the Trinity family, I encourage us all to daily be in God's Word and in prayer. Take time to review the Trinity Covenant that is in the front of your church directory. It is based on Matthew 18 for how we handle hard topics going forward in humility and love. As John Wesley admonished, *"Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may."*

Depending on Christ,
Pastor Doug Miller



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

UMW- NOW WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The officers of the **United Methodist Women** met on June 28 to plan and to discuss reorganizing in light of a name change that has been made at the Conference level. The conference chose to rename UMW to United Women of Faith. Our group chose the name, **Women's Fellowship**. The next meeting for the entire group will be held on Thursday, August 11th at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall where any changes will be explained. We are asking current members to bring a dish to share and hopefully to bring a guest. This will be a meet and greet with food and games. We want to provide a fellowship for women where they will experience fun, support, love and spiritual growth. All women are welcome regardless of church affiliation. We think this is the way to open doors to those who might be alone, those who do not have a church home or those who just might need a friend. Put the date on your calendar!

Friday Night Jam

August Friday Night Jam is Friday, August 5th at 6:00 p.m. Dinner provided. Come and join us as we play and sing and make our Fellowship Hall become a room of joyful music. There is always a variety of music you are certain to enjoy. Bring a guest or your family!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Ladies Tea - Please mark your calendar for Trinity's Ladies Tea on September 17 from 1-3 p.m. It is a Fall theme so decorate as you wish for the centerpiece. It does not have to be a tea pot this year. Plates and silverware will be provided. Please supply napkins and cups. Invite a guest. Each table will seat 8 people. Sign up sheets in the Fellowship Hall or call Jane Wynne - 336-768-3542

MEMORIALS

In memory of Al Reams

Vivienne Burkleo - Choir Loft

In memory of Al Reams

John & Susan Nelson - Columbarium

HONOR GIFTS

In honor of Richard & Marie Harding

Julia Moser - Sanctuary

In honor of Jackie Harding's Birthday

Jettra Wise - Budget

In honor of Bill Conroy's Birthday

Jettra Wise - Budget

In honor of Marie Harding's Birthday

Jettra Wise - Budget

In honor of Harley & Virginia Affeldt

Henry & Narda Marvin - Choir Loft

In honor of Henry & Narda Marvin

Larry & Dorothy Murphy - Budget

In honor of Henry Marvin's Hallelujah Sunday

Vernell Springs - Choir Loft

In honor of Cathryn Teer-Hodge

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In honor of the Stephen Ministers

Dorothy Murphy - Stephens Ministry

In honor of Betty Trotman

Larry & Dorothy Murphy - Budget

DIAL-IN FEATURE: You can dial in to Worship on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and the Wednesday Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. Or join the Thursday evening Prayer Time at 7:00 p.m. The dial-in number: (978) 990-5000 then enter the access code: 770664# online at: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/tumcws>

Trinity Annual Holiday Sale

Saturday, November 19
from 8 am - 12 pm in the
Fellowship Hall. Contact
Jane Wynne or Norma
Reese for more information



MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Updated Address

Barbara Miller

9064 N. Jessy Lane

Tucson, AZ 85742

New Address

Sandra Walker

100 Buckhead Rd., Apt. 115

Winston-Salem, NC 27127

Address Unknown

(contact the church office if you have any information on these members.)

Jerry & Scarlett Sears

Nancy Chamblin



Kitchen Pantry Cleaned Out

The Kitchen Pantry has been cleaned out. All excess paper products, pots, pans have been taken to the storage room (former Fellowship Classroom) in the Education Building. Please check this room before any order requests are made. There is plenty of supplies right now.

New Prayer Garden Benches



NEW THINGS IN THE PRAYER GARDEN AND PLAYGROUND

Photos by Cynthia Blair



New Birdhouse handcrafted by
Larry Ham n the Playground



Recycled Water Fountain into a
planter pot.



There are times when each of us needs the care of another person, a Christian friend, A Stephen Minister. For more information contact, Dorothy Murphy (336-760-4893), Vernell Springs, (336-695-2844), Carolyn Roe (336-416-2940), one of the Pastors or the Church Office.



You are invited to join the Wednesday **Bible Study Group** that meets each Wednesday morning in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. It is led by Mrs. Brenda Wills.



Givelify is an app for download on your phone that enables you to make donations to the church any-time, 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.

August Anniversaries

2-Michael & Gail Phillips
 3-Ronald & Regina Huffman
 4-Jonathan & Ruby Pullen
 5-Bobby & Lenda Fisher
 6-Thomas & Valerie Mitchell
 16-Mark & Debbie Raulerson
 17-Paul & Nancy Gibson
 18-Chris & Jenn Witherow
 19-Joe & Jean Aflano
 24-Shane & Tracy Collins
 24-Mark & Stephanie Necessary
 24-Don & Mary Lou Ritter
 25-Richard & Marie Harding
 25-Greg & Ashley Schultes



**Community Connections
 Dinner Planning Meeting**
Wednesday
August 3 at 6:30 p.m.
**Everyone is encouraged to
 attend.**

SERVANTS In Ministry for August

USHERS

Kent Grubbs
 David Burkleo
 Jane Wynne
 Van Gurganus

GREETER

Henry Marvin

MEDIA OPERATOR

Gary Pierce

PEW RESTOCKER

Jane Wynne

LOCK- UP

Jerry Lawson

BUSY BAGS

Gail Allred

**Alcoholics Anonymous
 (A.A.)** Meets at Trinity in
 the Fellowship Hall each
 Sunday and Thursday at 8
 p.m.

**Drug Addicts Anonymous
 (D.A.A.)** meet on Monday
 at 8 p.m. in the Educational
 Building.

Pray for these groups as
 they reach out to those with
 addictions. The public is in-
 vited.



1- Teresa Horton
 3-Shelly Laramore
 5- Stephen Pillsbury
 Ryleigh Roe
 6 -Phillip Lanning
 8 -Brianna Gerdes
 Maria Roa-Sanchez
 10-Larry Kirsch
 Doris Good
 11-Shane Collins
 13-Henry Marvin
 14-Matt Necessary
 15-Susan Dinkins
 Amy Hirsch
 Paul Van Breemen
 18-Spencer Rush
 19-Rosalyn Fielding
 Tom Harding
 Dana Raynor
 20-Mary Margaret Lucas
 Sandra Scott
 21-Scott Williams
 26-Amber Bauguess
 30-Caroline Alexiou
 Lee Capell
 Nicole Champagne



AUGUST COMMUNITY CONNECTION COOKOUT

Thursday, August 18

at 6:00 p.m.

South Fork Park

Picnic Shelter

We will eat, pray and love as we connect to each other and God.

Contact the church office for more information or to volunteer

Other dates are: September 15 and October 20.

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