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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2023
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Ash Wednesday Service

February 22

6:30 p.m

in the Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday is the start of the 40 days — also known as the season of Lent — leading up to Easter. The period is a time of reflection and observed with a combination of prayer, fasting, charity and service. The tradition of Christians marking their foreheads is a somber, symbolic reminder that all humans eventually return to dust and ash.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Connection Cafe—9:15 am

Atrium

Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.

Worship —10:00 am—Sanctuary

In Person and Online

Sunday School—11:00 am

Sympathy To.....

The Family of **Rachel Shore** who died January 2, 2023. She was the mother of Faith Gurganus.

Women's

Fellowship

All Ladies in the church are invited to our monthly meeting on Thursday, February 2 at 12 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is provided and the speaker this month is from Solus Christus.

Contact the Church Office if you have questions.



Little Library in the Prayer Garden

Trinity is blessed to have a Little Library in our Prayer Garden. Anyone can take a book, puzzle etc. and return it for more.

Encourage your friends and neighbors to enjoy this special gift from Trinity.

Happy Reading this Winter!

Pastor's Notes

The Annual Love Checkup

February is a big month in my household. In addition to my wife and her twin's birthday later this month, Valentines day is Mary's favorite holiday, and with two daughters it is a month for me to remind the most precious people in my life that they are loved.

Seems like that is true in the church also. Last night at the Methodist men's gathering they discussed final details for the upcoming Sweetheart Banquet. One question was why do we call it a Sweetheart Banquet? The answer was precious to me. The UMM president answered, "To let the widows and single women of the church know that they are loved and our sweethearts." I love that response.



The church should always be modeling Christ's selfless and sacrificial love. To the early church in Corinth, Paul wrote the following instructions for how believers are to love each other. *"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."* (1 Cor. 13:4-8)

Perhaps February should act as an annual checkup on loving others. It is time for all of us to consider how we love those around us. This February, particularly as Trinity is in a time of discernment about it's future, remember to love each other patiently, kindly, humbly, honorably, selflessly, forgivingly, truthfully, steadfastly and with holiness. This month is our opportunity to let those precious people in our life at home and church know they are loved.

Therefore, let me be the first to say how much I love and appreciate you. You are precious in my eyes and bless my life in innumerable ways. Your prayers, acts of appreciation, words of encouragement, gifts and calls lift my soul and fan the flame of the Holy Spirit in my life. I am so blessed to be your pastor and I love you!

Happy Valentines Day, Pastor Doug and family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **Adult Choir** will meet on Tuesdays, February 7 and February 21. They will sing on Sunday, February 12 and Sunday, February 26. Join the Choir in 2023!

SECU Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, March 9 at the SECU House. Contact Norma Reese (336-473-0934) to volunteer.

The First Sunday in Lent is February 26. Join us for 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Ed. Building), 9:15 a.m. Connection Café (Atrium), Worship at 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary) and Sunday School at 11:00 a. m. (Ed. Building). Start your Lenten Season in Church.

UPCOMING EVENT

SWEETHEART BANQUET

Saturday, February 11, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

All unattached Trinity Sweethearts are the guests of the Methodist Men. Trinity Couples \$35.00 per couple.

Reservations are required and you will be contacted.

Make plans now to enjoy this lovely dinner and entertainment. Contact the Church Office for more information.

MEMORIALS

In memory of ...

John C. Dunn by Cynthia Blair - Columbarium

Alzada Wilson & Terry Walker

by Sandra Walker - Budget

Don & Alzada Wilson & Terry Walker

by Sandra Walker - Capital Improvement

Rachel Shore ..

Paul & Nancy Gibson - Budget

Larry & Dorothy Murphy - Food Pantry

John & Susan Nelson - Good Neighbor Fund

Carolyn Roe - Stephen Ministry

Henry & Narda Marvin - Food Pantry

HONOR GIFTS

In honor of ...

Rev. Jeannette Shegog - Mary Culler - Food Pantry

Ruth Hill's Birthday - Cynthia Blair - Budget

Pat Beck by Vernell Springs - Stephen Ministry



**Ruth Hill on her 90th Birthday
January 22, 2023**



In Galatians 6 Paul tells us to “carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ”. Stephens Ministers have been trained and organized to do just that. If you carry burdens alone, Stephens Ministers can help you. Call Dorothy Murphy (336-760-4893, Vernell Springs (336-416-2940), Carolyn Roe (336-416-2940) or one of the Pastors for more information.

WORSHIP SERVICE

AND PRAYER TIME (Virtual)

Worship is each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and Prayer Time is each Thursday, at 7:00 p.m. led by Pastor Doug Miller.

Dial-In Feature: The dial-in number is (978) 990-5000 then enter the access code: 770664# or online at: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/tumcws>



Rachel Shore, 1939-2023



Rachel Shore went to be with her Lord and Savior on January 2nd, going on to Heaven peacefully from Arbor Acres. Her devoted daughter was by her side constantly during Rachel's last weeks after a fall precipitated multiple serious health conditions. I have known Rachel for many, many years, as that devoted daughter is our good friend Faith Gurganus. Her love for Faith, Van (she said she couldn't have asked for a better son-in-law) and Eden were expressed to me on numerous occasions over the years. I got to know her even better when she moved into the house next to Faith & Van and she began coming to Trinity on a regular basis. She joined as a formal member under Pastor Steve Pillsbury and she enjoyed working with Cynthia Blair and the flowers and shrubs across the front of the church. In addition to Faith, Van and Eden, Rachel is survived by two sons; a sister-in-law; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. I will miss Rachel and her bright personality and I'm happy I had the time to spend with her... *with love, Pastor John*



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COMING UP IN
MARCH

Friday Night Jam
and
Bingo

AA Meets at Trinity each Sunday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

DAA meets at Trinity each Monday at 8:00 a.m. Education Building



FEBRUARY

1- Van & Faith Gurganus
13-Rob & Carol Brassell



Inclement Weather

In case there is inclement weather on Sunday mornings, please listen to WXII News for the latest church closings. Your Pastor and Leaders of the church will have it posted there asap.

**SERVANTS
IN Ministry for
February**

USHERS

Kent Grubbs
David Burkleo
Dennis Weir
Carolyn Hamby

GREETER

Mike & Gail Phillips

MEDIA OPERATOR

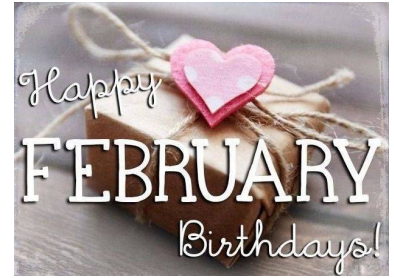
Sara Sylvester

LOCK- UP

Sandy Waldron

PEW RESTOCKER

Cynthia Blair



- 1-Don Ritter
Sandra Isley
- 3- Amanda Barnes
- 4- Friedrich Hahn
- 7- Pamela Brewer
Melissa Meadows
- 8- Gwyn Starling
- 9- James Horton
- 10-Carol Williams
- 13-Larry Damba
- 14-Gary Pierce
- 15-Stephen Pierce
- 16-Kasey Witherow
- 17-Sharon Crosby
David Tyler
- 18- Bette Myers
- 20- Adrienne Hahn
Jonathan Roe
Linda Roope
- 21- Kelly Champagne
- 22- Dorothy Murphy
Donna Nichols
- 23- Michael Blake Boyd
Chris Tyler
- 24- Richard Harding
Ashley Tyler
- 26- Michael Phillips
Dyllan Witherow
- 27- Vernell Springs
- 28- Julianna Oldham





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