



# Trinity *focus*

JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2023  
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



### TRINITY BIBLE STUDIES

- Wednesday Bible Study is in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. It is led by Brenda Wills. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Men's Bible Study is in the upstairs Education Building each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. It is led by Baxter Slaughter. All men are welcome.

**TRINITY UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

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**Office Hours:** Tuesday-Thursday  
10:00 am—2:00 pm

(If you need to reach one of the pastors on  
Mondays, please contact the church office.)

**Assistant Pastor John Nelson**

Cell: 336-287-2256

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Monday—Thursday - 9 am—2 pm

**Church Email:** [tumcws@gmail.com](mailto:tumcws@gmail.com)

**Website:** [trinityumc.church](http://trinityumc.church)

**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



**Thank You** to everyone for making our first Open House Nativity Festival and Bake Sale a success. Many thanks to those who loaned us their beautiful Nativity Sets from around the world, set up and take down and to all of you who came by to see them. Blessings on those who baked and purchased items at the Bake Sale. Thanks for making Trinity a great place to celebrate the Birthday of Jesus!

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**The Church Office will be closed** on Monday, January 16, 2023 in observance of Rev. Martin Luther King's Birthday.

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**Food Pantry** donations are always welcome. Containers are located near the elevator.





# Pastor's Pen

## Following the Bethlehem Star

The Christmas star led wise astronomers toward Bethlehem to worship the child who would be the promised king. During the days before Christmas, Mary and I watched a Dr. David Jeremiah's special "Why the Nativity?". (I highly recommend it at <https://www.davidjeremiah.org/whythenativity>) As I watched the story of the Maji, I reflected that all faithful God followers are journeying to be close to the one who was born King of kings, Jesus. The key is to keep following the light.

This new year, Trinity is on a journey to follow the light that is difficult. As the church, Trinity will vote upon whether to leave the United Methodist denomination or remain. The key is to keep following the light! What do I mean by this? Keep much in prayer and in God's word, keep worshipping and fellowshiping with your precious church family, keep listening and loving each other, and allow the Spirit of Christ to guide you.

I am sure that when the Maji left to follow the star they did not know it would lead to Bethlehem. (Mt. 2:1) Neither does Trinity know where the journey will lead. However, as by faith the wise ones journeyed together toward the Holy Land, so may we journey by faith toward an unknown future. Together God will lead Trinity to where the Lord wants the church to go.

On a less metaphoric note, there are some important dates to put down as you move forward. First, the District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Sam Moore, will come to speak at Trinity on Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 pm. He will share the United Methodist and Western NC Annual Conference perspectives. Second, former District Superintendent and pastor at Wesley Memorial in High Point, Rev. Dr. Jeff Patterson, will come to speak at Trinity on Thursday, January 19 at 6:30 pm. He will share the Wesley Covenant perspective on the current crisis in the United Methodist Church.

As Trinity journeys forward in 2022, keep Jesus the Light of the World before you that God's peace might be upon those on whom his favor rests. (Luke 2:14)

Depending on Christ,

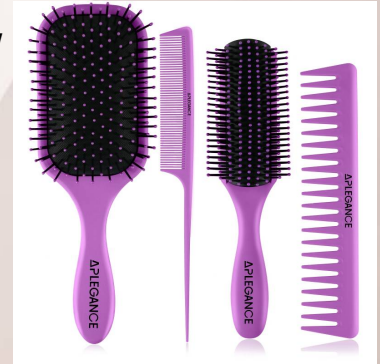
Pastor Doug Miller

# Announcements

## Women's Fellowship

January 5th is our next event with food, devotion and discussion, sure hope you can join us. Our project for the month of January is to help with the needs of Solus Christus residents, We are asking for Trinity members to join us in our effort. Solus Christus is an organization who strives to meet the emotional and spiritual needs of women experiencing, homelessness, trauma, and addiction. Also to help supply their physical needs of food, clothing and shelter. We will have a box at the entrance to sanctuary and a box at the door to the fellowship hall. These are gifts we can help with: **FOOD PERISHABLE AND NON PERISHABLE, DISH SOAP, HAND SOAP, LAUNDRY PODS, SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS, HAIR BRUSHES, FOOD LION GIFT CARDS, MAKE-UP AND ACCESSORIES, CHAPSTICK, UNDERWEAR SIZE 5-8, TOLIET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS AND GENERAL CLEANING PRODUCTS.**

Thank You Trinity for your help.



**Free Upper Room Devotionals** for January and February are now available throughout the church. Pick one up soon and begin your spiritual journey for 2023.

## Upcoming Events

**Sweetheart Banquet** - February 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Trinity Fellowship Hall. All unattached Trinity Sweethearts are the guests of the Methodist Men. Trinity couples \$35.00. Reservations required. You will be contacted.

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

February 22, 2023 in the Sanctuary. Make plans now to attend this most meaningful service.





## **Trinity United Methodist Church - January 12, 2023.**

To register for your Appointment and to receive the special Discount please call 1-800-640-6307 or visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HC](http://LLSA.SOCIAL/HC).

4 Screenings - Carotid Artery Disease, Atrial Fibrillation, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease. Trinity has two complimentary screenings available. Call Phyllis at the church office to obtain one of these valuable gifts.

Dear Trinity Friends,

I'd like to take a minute to tell all of you how much you mean to me. 2022 has been an especially hard year for me and my family. Mama died 1/19/22 and Terry died on 1/21/22, just 48 hours apart. That was a crushing blow but the kind folks at Trinity were there to offer a shoulder to cry on and an ear to listen. On April 20, 2022, my daughters father died. Then my daughter, Jennifer, was badly injured in a car accident 11/15/2022. Throughout the year, I have received many phone calls, texts, and cards that have brightened my day. I am blessed to have the church family that I do. Thank you all again and be blessed.



Happy New Year!

Sandra Walker

Phil 4:13

## **Stephen Ministry**

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Phillipians 4:6-7.*

**A Stephen Minister can help. Contact Dorothy Murphy (336-760-4893), Vernell Springs (336-416-2940), Carolyn Roe (336-416-2940) or one of the Pastors.**

## HONOR GIFTS

In honor of ....

Harley & Virginia Affeldt by Mary Culler - Food Pantry  
Richard & Marie Harding by Larry & Dorothy Murphy - Budget  
Doug Miller & Richard Harding by Sandra Scott - Capital Imp.  
Sandra Scott & Mary Culler by Larry & Dorothy Murphy - Budget  
John Nelson & Doug Miller by Vernell Springs - Stephen Min.  
Gary & Janine Pierce by Larry & Dorothy Murphy - Budget  
Henry Marvin by Charles & Brenda Wills - Budget  
Doug & Mary Miller by Larry & Dorothy Murphy - Budget

## MEMORIALS

In memory of....

Doris Braithwaite by Ruth Hill - Prayer Garden  
Mr. & Mrs. S.T. Moser, Jr by Tom Moser - Budget

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**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

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## **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.**



## Membership Notes

### New Address

Delores Creech  
% Laten Creech  
6475 Summerchase Dr.  
Fayetteville, NC 28311  
(Laten's Phone – 910-998-1544)

Shelly Laramore  
6255 Belews Creek Rd.  
Belews Creek, NC 27009  
336-761-7253

Ashley Nichols (was Thornton)  
800 Chatham Road, Apt. 155  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101  
Her Cell – 336-413-7675

Valerie & Thomas Mitchell  
252 Serenity Mountain Dr.  
Candler, NC 28715

(former pastor)  
Rev. Gayle Montgomery  
2042 Courtney Road  
York, SC 29745

### Address Unknown

Ike Slaughter

### Telephone & Email Update

No home number for Phil & Jane Wynne  
Her cell – 336-978-5358  
Her email - [janewynne48@gmail.com](mailto:janewynne48@gmail.com)  
His email - [wynne1948@gmail.com](mailto:wynne1948@gmail.com)

Janine Pierce (Gary)  
Her phone- 336-829-4287  
Her email address [jpierce1956@gmail.com](mailto:jpierce1956@gmail.com)



**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.



### JANUARY

9- Tommy & Linda Sue Brewer  
17-James & Brenda Jones  
20-Lindsay & Dianne Robertson

## **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>



**Trinity Bus** Ministry Picks up folks at Country Village and Arbor Acres. Contact the church office or Earl Williams if you need to be picked up in one of these areas.

## **SERVANTS IN Ministry for January**

### **USHERS**

Van Gurganus  
Karen Siburt  
Sandy Waldron  
Jane Wynne

### **GREETER**

Henry Marvin

### **MEDIA OPERATOR**

Earl Williams

### **LOCK- UP**

Richard and Marie Harding

### **PEW RESTOCKER**

Mary Culler



**Rev. Doug Miller - Pastor**

**Pastor John Nelson - Assistant**

(Photo by Marie Harding)



### **JANUARY**

1-Mike Ingram  
3-Fred Hahn  
Madeline Culver  
Maria Williams  
4-Lenda Fisher  
Daniel Starr  
5-Emily Nelson  
Samuel Reavis  
6-Will Boyer  
9-David Burkleo,  
10-Carolyn Hamby  
Alexandria Roe  
11-James Jones  
12-Patsy C. Johnson  
14-Lauren Roscana  
Walter Seger  
15-Katie Tyler  
16-Mike Flowe  
17-JoAnn Dunn  
18-Tommy Brewer  
19-Mallory Oates  
Mary Manning  
20-Linda Sue Brewer  
Kate Lassiter  
Patrick Raynor  
21-Mitzi Tredwell  
Jason Wilson  
22-Becky Folger  
Ruth Hill  
24-Riley Boyd  
Vikki Holcomb  
26-Mark Necessary  
27-Mary Catherine Bones  
Allison D. Atkinson  
31-Juanita Cook  
Nancy Burnett



*He has shown you,  
O mortal, what is good.  
And what does  
the LORD require of you?*

*To act justly and to  
love mercy and to walk  
humbly with your God.*

**MICAH 6:8 NIV**

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