

Trinity focus

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2023

HOLY WEEK SERVICES AND EVENTS



April 2 - Palm Sunday Service

10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

April 6 - Maundy Thursday Service

6:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

April 9 - Easter Services and Breakfast

Sonrise Service - 8:00 a.m. - Prayer Garden

8:45 a.m. Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

(No Sunday School or Connections Café)

Easter Worship Service - 10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

**TRINITY UNITED
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Pastor: Rev. Doug Miller

Cell: 336-765-0150

Email: DMiller2@wnccumc.net

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

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Email: seerman@bellsouth.net

Lay Leader: Sandy Waldron

Administrative Assistant: Phyllis Brown

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Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday - 9 am—2 pm

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Website: 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

**Upper Room Devotionals for
March and April** are available throughout
the Church. Pick-up a copy soon to enrich
your Lent and Spring season.

Trinity UMC has a Dial-In Feature:

Dial in to Worship on Sunday at 10:00
a.m. or join the Thursday Prayer Time
at 7 pm. The dial-in number is (978)
990-5000 then enter the access code:
770664# or online at: [https://
join.freeconferencecall.com/tumcws](https://join.freeconferencecall.com/tumcws)



**ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED
FOR 2023**

Please sign up on the
Flower Calendar in the
back hallway for Sunday
Worship Altar Flowers

**for 2023. Lots of Sundays available. Con-
tact the church office if you have ques-
tions.**

**THERMOSTATS are being left on and it's
costing the church extra money. Please
follow the directions posted near the
thermostats, especially those in the sanc-
tuary, Fellowship Hall and Education
Building.**

Food Pantry

Fridays

March 10 and 24

10:00 a.m.—12: p.m.

Pastoral Update

As I drove away from Trinity United Methodist Church last Sunday evening and headed home, I called Mary to tell her of the vote and that Trinity had approved to disaffiliate from the UMC. She asked me a question I had heard many years ago as we drove toward NC after our wedding. "Do you feel any different?" My mind went back to those kids holding hands and driving into our unknown future, knowing God was with us, but not sure what it all would mean. I thought for a moment and repeated words I had shared some 34 years before, "I feel the same, but I know everything is different."

On Sunday, February 26, 2023 you, the Trinity family, voted with your hearts and convictions on a motion to disaffiliate from the UMC. The petition for disaffiliation under Par. 2553 of the UM Book of Discipline passed with a 72% majority. 104 members voted. 75 in favor of the petition and 29 against. So what does it mean and what is next?

First of all, it means that we have at least 29 of our church family who are hurting. When one part of the body hurts the whole body feels it. No one should feel this is a victory, as it is a loss to have to leave the UMC. I want you to know I am a pastor to all the congregation and available to come talk in person or on the phone. My cell is 336-460-0615.

Second, Trinity is still a United Methodist Church until the Annual Conference votes upon this request on May 6. This will happen at a special called Annual Conference that Bishop Ken Carter will lead on Zoom for the sole purpose of voting upon over 100 other congregations that are also petitioning to disaffiliate. I will be a part of the voting body as clergy and Richard Harding will be Trinity's lay delegates for this virtual Annual Conference.

Third, though Trinity will not be a "United" Methodist congregation, it will continue forward in the Methodist faith tradition. Thus, you will be considering what Methodist denomination Trinity will enter into fellowship in the near future. Trinity is the only UM congregation in the Winston-Salem's city limits to have disaffiliated and will be uniquely positioned as a lifeboat for traditional Methodist from the 20 other UM churches in the city that need a new home.

Fourth, the Western NC Annual Conference Trustees will review the documents that have been submitted and give a final dollar amount that Trinity will need to pay. This should be the equivalent of roughly 6 years of apportionments or \$120,000. The Finance Committee and Trustees will be meeting to consider several options to pay this fee. However, it will be a one-time payment, Trinity will hold the deed to the church free and clear, and will never have to pay the over \$20,000 in annual apportionments again.

Finally, there will be a concluding Charge Conference sometime after the May 6th Annual Conference to formally move all accounts to the Trinity hands from the UMC.

In closing, as we held hands during the closing benediction at Sunday's Charge Conference, my prayer was that the love of Christ at Trinity would continue to unite us. As we drive into Trinity's new future, let us pray for one another and love one another with God's tender, kind, patient and merciful love.

Depending on Christ,

Pastor Doug Miller

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Joined February 19, 2023

Anthony Russell, Dick Kelly, (Lee Capell) Dreama Miller, Roy Harding,
Betty Miller, Kathy Peascoe, Ann Scarboro

UPCOMING EVENTS

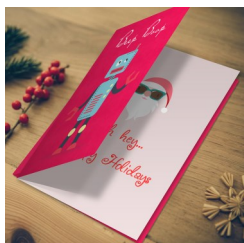
Women's Fellowship would like to invite the women of the church and the community to the next Fellowship on March the 2nd at 12 o'clock in the fellowship hall for a meal of baked potatoes and sides and a speaker about The Blessing Boxes around town.

BINGO!!!! begins Monday, March 13 at 6:00 pm and again on March 27 in the Fellowship Hall. Snacks provided.

Bring your Canceled Stamps - There is a container at the entrance to the fellowship hall for your canceled stamps. This is for the Alliance Stamp Ministry which purchases Spanish materials for Spanish speaking countries.

Card Front Collection

We are collecting the fronts of greeting cards except HALLMARK, AMERICAN GREETING AND DISNEY due to copyright laws in an effort to provide teens with life and work skills at St Judes Ranch for children. A basket for these is near the entrance door to the Fellowship Hall.



SWEETHEART BANQUET 2023



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FORMS:

These forms were handed out on January 15th when we spoke of "Service & Stewardship". Remember, only 12 items to choose from, but these are the areas where help is *most needed*. *Blank forms are in the Narthex. Amazingly, only 20 forms have been handed in so far. I know we have more able and willing volunteers out there. Please step up and help us out! Thank you for your prayerful consideration...*

UPDATED VOLUNTEER LIST is in the Narthex and the table outside Pastor Doug's office. Those that have volunteered so far will find updates for February through August. Please find an able substitute if you can't serve a particular week. Thank you for helping out!!

EASTER TRIBUTES

This year instead of Easter Lilies, we are asking people to make a donation to the budget in Memory or in Honor of someone. A list of the tributes will be available on Easter Sunday. There will be forms available throughout the church for you to fill out to include with your gift. You can put these in the offering plate Sunday or drop them off at the church office during the week.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Jonathan & Alexandria Roe
Shylynn & Ryleigh
8305 Ridge Road
Tobaccoville, NC 27050

Vernell & Dwight Springs
208 W. 23rd Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27105

Ben & Beth Baldwin
151 College Dr.
Luray, VA 22835

Address Unknown

Debra Griffin
Katie Tyler

PRAYER GARDEN BEAUTIES

VISIT SOON!



**During a prayer, one pastor said,
"Jesus, we love you to death."
Though it was fitting, the slip-up
led to chuckles.**

MEMORIALS

In memory of ***Rachel Shore***—Prayer Garden
Cynthia Blair

HONOR GIFTS

In honor of

- **Henry Marvin** - Good Neighbor Fund
Sandy Waldron
- **Ruth Hill**—Good Neighbor Fund
Carolyn Roe
- **Lena Waddell**—Budget
Larry & Dorothy Murphy
- **Frankie Jones**—Budget
Larry & Dorothy Murphy
- **Carolyn Roe**—Stephen Ministry
Mary Culler
- **Vernell Springs**—Stephen Ministry
Mary Culler
- **Norma Reese**—Busy Hands
Larry & Dorothy Murphy
- **Cynthia Blair**—Prayer Garden
Valerie & Samuel Mitchell
- **Dorothy Murphy & Family**—Budget
Mary Catherine Bones



STEPHEN MINISTRY

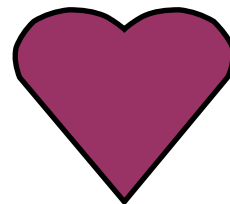
A Stephen Minister will become a friend that you can really count on.
Contact Vernell Springs (336-416-2940) or Carolyn Roe (336-416-2940) or one of the Pastor for more information.

SECU DINNER

March 9th

At the SECU HOUSE

Contact Norma Reese for more information.

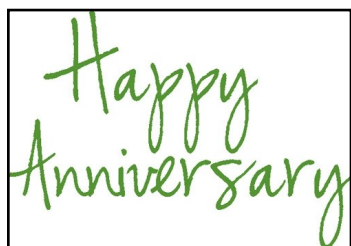




Sing For Joy

Trinity Choir
will meet

**March 7 and 21 at
11:00 a.m. in the Choir
Room. Join us!**



- 1-Jonathan & Alex Roe
- 4-Gordon & Sandra Kirkland
- 6-Lee & Tina Capell



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 March

USHERS

Kare Siburt
Sandy Waldron
Jane Wynne
Bette Myers

GREETER

Sandra Isley

MEDIA OPERATOR

Sara Sylvester
Earl Williams

LOCK- UP

Jerry Lawson

PEW RESTOCKER

Gail Allred



Special Thanks To:

Ricky Needham
who prepares our
weekly updates for
mailing

And To.....

Those who prepare the monthly
newsletter for mailing:

***Vernell Springs, Maddie Culver,
Gail Allred, Sandra Scott,
Sandy Waldron, Betty Sluder and
Mike & Sandra Flowe***



- 1- Barbara Lash
Janine Pierce
- 2- Alan Greer
- 3- Donovan Allen
Frankie Jones
- 4- Deborah Coley
Lena Waddell
- 5-Peter Cost
- 7- Elaine Jones
- 8- Sandy Erwin
Hillary Shepherd
- 10- Jo Ann Adams
- 11- Matthew Harding
Brooklyn Baker
- 14- Lauren Greer
Baxter Slaughter
- 15- Greg King
- 16 -Darby Allen
Zachary Kiger
- 20- Steve Tredwell
- 22- Maryann E. Hill, IV
Jessica Kiger
Sandra Waldron
Phil Wynne
- 25- Susan Burton
Katie Drane
- 26- Lucille Tucker
- 27- Mary Lou Ritter
- 28- Johnnie Johnson
David Tyler, Jr.
- 29- Yvette Boyd
- 30- Betty Sluder
Earl Williams
- 31- Harley Affeldt
Andrea Brill





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