

The Trinity Times

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Come as you are, grow in love, and make a difference.
We become followers of Jesus as we invite, relate, praise, serve, and grow.

NURTURE TEAM THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

“The greatest thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving.”

Pastor's Ponderings

I recently came across a retelling of a story about Howard Thurman, a twentieth-century Christian mystic. Thurman remembered a time when he was a young boy, out in the woods picking fresh berries for his family. The berries were delicious and plentiful, and as he moved deeper and deeper into the woods, filling his bucket and eating all he could hold, he didn't notice that it was getting dark. A storm was brewing, and it was getting late in the evening. By the time the first peals of thunder registered on the boy, he realized that it was almost dark, and he was completely lost!

His first reaction – panic! Young Howard had always been terrified by storms, and he started to run, not at all sure which way he should be going. Suddenly, he remembered a lesson his family had often told him: if you are ever lost, stop, be still and quiet, then look around and listen. Howard stopped, began to slow and deepen his breathing, and started turning slowly, looking in every direction. By this time he could only see by lightning strikes, but as he gazed intently, waiting for the next strike to give a brief moment of illumination, he saw something familiar. Slowly, a few paces after each burst of light, the boy began to move toward his destination. He was eventually guided home by the light of the very storm that had so terrified him.

We all encounter unexpected storms in our lives: accidents, illness, job loss, broken relationships. Sometimes our experiences jolt us into the realization that we are lost. Suddenly, we are in unfamiliar territory, alienated from people we love, feeling far from God, not even sure who we are anymore, or which way to turn. These times can be terrifying, driving some of us into bitterness, depression, and withdrawal. We may even start running from the very things that could help us, so determined to “make it on our own” that we become even more lost than we were before.

Of course, the hardest step for most of us is admitting we're lost in the first place. If we insist on holding on to the same attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors that

got us lost to begin with, we're not likely to make any real and lasting change. We may think we're getting back to what used to be; but more than likely, we are on our way toward becoming lost again.

The only thing to do when we're lost in darkness is follow the Thurman family advice: stop, be still, listen and look for the light. Sometimes our storms, our experiences of being lost, can provide opportunities for us to see things more clearly, to realign our priorities, and to move in new directions that will truly bring us home, to the place God intends us to be.

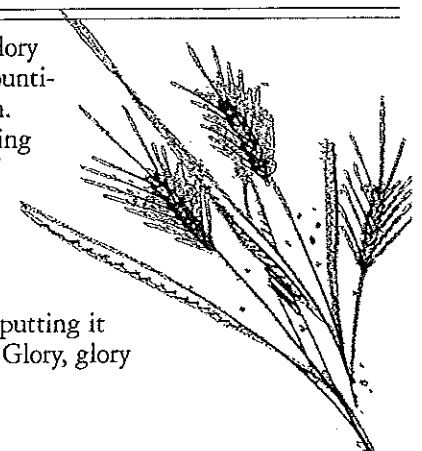
Your brother in Christ,



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON
NOVEMBER 6, 2011

A season of glory

Now has come the glory season. Glory in the bountiful fruits of God's earth. Glory in the breathtaking multi-colored leaves of the trees. Glory in the invigorating smells of Fall. Even glory in the sparkling frost-blanket covering the grass and putting it to sleep for the winter. Glory, glory everywhere we look.



NOVEMBER 2011 – TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 7:30 am UMMen to meet at Chestnut Grove UMC for breakfast 9:30 am Church School 10:30 am Worship 4 pm Children's Christmas Program Practice 5 pm Youth Meeting 6 pm – Finance Committee 7 pm – Church Council	7 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 8 pm AA	1 1 pm Circle I United Methodist Women – Lunch will be provided	2 7:15 am Youth Breakfast 6 pm Family Nite Meal 6:45 pm Chancel Choir	3 9 am Cook Chicken for Chicken Pies 6:30 pm Make Pie Crusts 7 pm Girl Scouts 8 pm AA	4 4 pm Make Chicken Pies 8 pm N/A	5
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27 – 1st Sunday in Advent 9:30 am Church School 10:30 am Worship 5 pm Youth Meeting 6:30 pm Outreach Team	28 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 8 pm AA	22 Deadline for articles for December newsletter	23 No Family Nite Meal No Chancel Choir	24 7 pm Girl Scouts 8 pm AA Thanksgiving Day – Office will be closed.	25 4 pm Decorating the church for Advent and Christmas 8 pm N/A	26 UMMen to go after Christmas Trees
United Meth, Student Day Communion	29 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	30 7:15 am Youth Braakfast 6 pm Family Nite Meal 6:45 pm Chancel Choir				



We invite all children to participate in the Children's Christmas Program. The program is called, ***Love Came Down at Christmas***. It is a narrative program with Christmas songs. Our first practice will be on Sunday, November 6 at 4:00 pm. The program will be on Sunday, December 18, at 5:00 pm.

Practice dates are:

- Sunday, November 13 - 3:00 pm
- Sunday, November 20 - 3:00 pm
- Sunday, December 4 - 1:00 pm
- Sunday, December 11 - 1:00 pm
- Sunday, December 18 - Program at 5:00 pm.

pm.

We will let you know the time of the dress rehearsal at a later date. Please contact Karen Hall if you have any questions.



All Saint's Day will be observed on Sunday, November 6, at the 10:30 am worship service.

Those who have entered the church triumphant in the past year will be remembered as we light a candle for each of them. We list them as follows:

- Charles Hauser -- December 31, 2010
- Earl Cavendish -- January 14, 2011
- Douglas Rierson -- January 29, 2011
- Rita Baker -- February 9, 2011
- Lorene Hooker -- February 27, 2011
- Ralph Engiman -- March 20, 2011
- Larry Bumgarner -- July 4, 2011
- Arthur Livengood -- July 7, 2011
- Hazel Kirby -- September 18, 2011

- Sausage and Country Ham Biscuit Breakfast
- Chicken Pies
- Assorted Baked Goods
- Holiday Rerun Items
- Crafts
- Make and Take Children's Ornament and Craft
- Handmade Quilt

Trinity UMC Bazaar

November 12, 2011
8 AM - 11 AM
725 W. Dalton Road
King, NC
(336) 983-5405

Sponsored by:
Trinity United Methodist Women

Handmade Quilt by
Circle II Ladies

Quilt Tickets are still available from Karen Hall, or the church office.

Planning for the Year



On Sunday afternoon, October 30, we will have a Church Council Planning Session to plan for year 2012.

All officers, old and newly elected for 2012, are encouraged to attend this event. Other members are also invited to attend.

The year is rapidly drawing to a close and it will be time to print a new church directory. If you have any changes in your address or phone number, please let Barbara know.



Youth News

The youth group continues to meet each Sunday evening at 5 pm. We are currently discussing obstacles that keep us from being the Christians we were made to be. Each member of the youth group is working to find a verse of the Bible that addresses a personal obstacle in his/her life. This verse will then be his/her guide for the coming months – a reminder that God's word will keep us focused on the MAIN THINGS in life.

We are once again collecting boxes for **Operation Christmas Child**. The filled

Boxes should be brought to church by Sunday, November 13. There is a table in the Narthex with brochures to pick up, indicating the intended age and sex of the packed box. In addition to the brochure, please include \$7.00 with each box to cover the cost of shipping.

Just a few reminders as you are preparing shoe boxes: Use a standard size shoe box or a small plastic container. Fill the box with suggested gifts (school supplies, toys, hygiene items, clothing, a personal note to the child, etc.). Please do not include candy that will easily melt, liquids or lotions, breakable items, or war-related items such as toy guns. If you have questions, please see Jessica Stump.



Youth You Should Know...

Hannah Bunn



Hannah is an 8th grader at Chestnut Grove Middle School. She stays busy as a member of the school's track team and a striker on the soccer team. Hannah has been a member of the National Junior Honor

Society for 2 years and has been on the Honor Roll since 3rd grade. WOW!! What a smart young Lady!

Outside of school, Hannah enjoys hanging out with her friends and shopping. She loves the fun we have in youth and enjoys getting to know the other members of our group. Hannah's cooperative, sweet spirit adds so much to our group.

STOP HUNGER NOW...

We worked with other local youth groups at Faith UMC to pack over 20,000 meals!! Thanks again for your financial contributions toward this huge endeavor.

"After finding out that one child dies every six seconds from hunger, it really made me want to help. I really liked the system that was set up, and the celebration after every thousand bags were packed. I also loved how Britt would get so happy when we got to the thousand mark that she would miss the funnel." –Erin Kye

"To me, Stop Hunger Now was so rewarding. The competition made it fun because each team was trying to fill more bags than other teams. The touching part was everyone was doing it for the glory of God." –Macy Rutledge

"I loved working together with our youth group. As we laughed and listened to praise music, I was so moved that by taking a few hours out of our Saturday, we were literally saving lives." –Betsy Kye.

"It was very fun. I loved it!" –Logan Childers
"I was amazed at how hard our group worked. Pierson must have scooped 100 lbs. of soy protein - one cup at a time! We were a great team!"
-David Childers

"Amazing. It was really cool. I'd like to return. I'll always remember the gong." – Pierson Kye
"It was fun packing all those meals." – Addison Stump.

"It felt really good knowing that I would be feeding hungry children with each bag we put together. –Sarah Childers

"The best thing about Stop Hunger Now was the fact that all these youth groups wanted to come together and save other people's lives on a day when they didn't have to but chose to." –Morgan Thomas

"Being able to stop hunger was very touching to me. Being able to help people I don't know. It was very fun hearing the bell and cheering because we were able to help STOP HUNGER NOW." –Britt Martin

Wedding Announcement



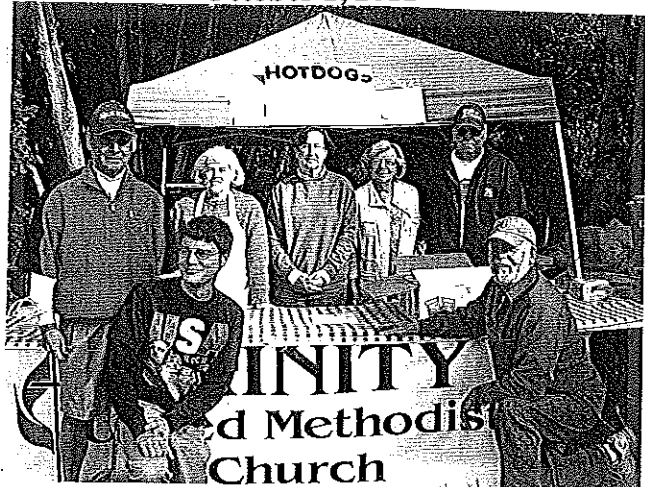
Congratulations to Mindy Hall and Brian Schlosser who were united in Holy Matrimony on October 1, 2011 in Corolla, North Carolina.

*"For this new morning with its light,
Father, we thank you.
For rest and shelter of the night,
Father, we thank you.
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything your goodness sends,
Father, in heaven, we thank you."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson*

The deadline for articles for the December newsletter will be Sunday, December 20.

New e-mail addresses for Donna Boyles....
dboyles1@windstream.net
donna.boyles@yadkin.k12.nc.us

KingFest Volunteers October 1, 2011



Front Row: Jordan Hudgins, Lloyd Ginns; Back Row: "Bubber" Boles, Beth Carroll, Ann Hartgrove, Joyce Welch, Sidney Welch.

Thank You Notes

**Thoughtful – Helpful – Always there –
Nice – Kindhearted – Supportive**

Dear Church Family,

My family and I would like to express our deepest appreciation for your support during my sister's brief illness and death. I knew that because you knew our situation that prayers would be lifted up for us. Thank you for those prayers, cards, calls, and visits.

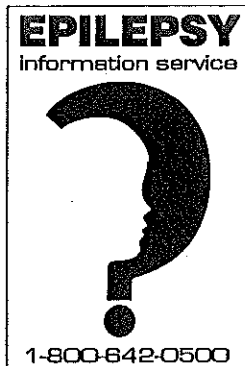
In Christ's love,
Kay Spilker

King Outreach Ministry

With sincere appreciation, we acknowledge and thank you for your contribution of \$250.00 received here on October 5, 2011. Your contribution is being used to help the "least of these, our brothers and sisters," meet basic needs for their family. Thank you for sharing with us to help others – we thank God for you!

Mike Culler
Executive Director

November is Epilepsy Awareness Month



Jim Mitchell has told of The need for donations to help provide medication to persons with epilepsy. If you would like to make a donation, get in touch with Jim or bring the donation to the church office. Jim will also be glad to talk to you about Epilepsy.

What is epilepsy?

- Epilepsy is not a disease. It's a symptom of a brain disorder.
- It can be caused by any number of conditions that injure or affect the function of the brain.
- Head injuries are a major cause of epilepsy in adults.
- Epilepsy takes many forms, from convulsions to short lapses of attention.
- Between seizures, people with epilepsy are perfectly normal and healthy.

For many people with epilepsy, society's reaction to the disorder creates a greater handicap than their seizures.

If you see someone having a seizure –

Keep calm. Help him/her lie down. Remove glasses and loosen tight clothing.

Clear the area of hard, sharp or hot objects which could cause injury. Place something soft under the head.

Do not restrain the person. You can not stop a seizure once it has begun.

Do not force anything between the teeth. Attempts to prevent tongue-biting can do more harm than good.

After the seizure, turn the person on his side to allow saliva to drain out of the mouth. Often the person will be sleepy and need to rest.

Do not offer anything to drink until the person is fully awake.

Call a doctor only if –

- The person has one seizure after another without waking up.
- The person does not start breathing after the seizure. (It is normal for people to have difficulty breathing during a seizure.)
- The person has been injured.
- This is the person's first seizure.

For more information call the **Epilepsy Information Service** Toll-free 1-800-642-0500.

PRAYER CONCERNS

NURSING OR ASSISTED LIVING HOMES...

Julia T. Nance, Priddy Manor... Alice Booze, Priddy Manor... Gladys Livengood, Village Care of King.

AT HOME... Gene Wall, Roy McMillon, Vernie Cox, Irene Smith, Charlie and Marge Van Meter.

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION...

Frances Hauser, Bob Snyder, Johnny Shore, Gina Calloway, Mike Lee's father, Fern Cobb, Harold Copeland, Alice Malt, Jerry Elter, Frank Gordon, Jason Lewellyn, Reid Hudgins, Melvin Bennett, Paula Rosenburg, Mark Griffin, Paul Smith, Conner Cresong.

THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES...

Kay Spilker and family in the death of her sister, Mabel Farrington...

Mark Gross in the death of his mother, Shirley...

Sandra Reich and family in the death of her husband Bill...

The Billy Edwards family.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY...

Zach Jennings, Cooper Smith, and Todd Snider

TRAVELING MERCIES...

For Debbie Andrews dad, Bill Dean and his wife Lynn who Are visiting.

Share the Blessing – Mission Blitz Volunteers October 7, 8 and 9, 2011



Trinity UMC Council Minutes October 2, 2011

Robert Jones called the meeting to order. Pastor David presented devotions "Jesus' Calling" words to you as if Jesus were speaking to you. Beth Carroll corrected the month of April to September from the previous month's minutes. A motion was made by Bill Chinault to accept the minutes as corrected, and Bill Mesler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Dale Holder gave the treasurer's report. The General Fund balance at the end of September was \$754.82. Receipts for September were \$18,420.26 and the actual spend for the month was \$18,335.62 which was \$6,319.26 less than what was needed. The receipts for the MPB for the month of October were \$3,221.50 less than what was needed to make the payment. That amount was taken from the general fund to cover the rest of the payment for the month. We are 75% of the way through the year and have spent 57.0% of the budget.

TEAM REPORTS:

Worship. Beth Carroll reported.

- Homecoming and the Revival went well.
- All Saint's Sunday will be November 6. There will be a cornucopia on the altar on Thanksgiving Sunday's service.
- December:
 - ❖ On the first Sunday families will be incorporated with new Chrismos to be added to the trees.
 - ❖ Chancel Choir Cantata – December 11 at 7 pm – *"Tapestry of Light"* and the Love Feast Service.

Nurture: The Nurture Team will be hosting the Wednesday Nite Meal on October 5.

Outreach:

- The Outreach Team will be hosting the Wednesday Nite Meal on October 19.
- There will be a Blood Drive on Monday, October 24, and one on Tuesday, December 27, which is the Annual Jobie Fie Blood Drive.
- The Mission Blitz has 4 or 5 jobs scheduled. An Opening Service will be on Thursday night at 7 pm at King Moravian Church and the Closing Service will be at First Christian Church beginning with a 6 o'clock meal followed by the program at 7 pm.

Communications: No report

Witness: No report

Youth: No report

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

SPRC: No report

Trustees: No report

Finance: Dale Holder stated that the budget was not completed due to difficulties. Church Council members will have to meet again to vote on the budget. This information is needed by October 22.

Lay Leadership: Pastor David reported. Anyone that steps up to an open position before October 23 will be officially approved at Charge Conference. He stated again that the council will meet again to approve the budget due to some items not being approved. Pastor David made a motion to accept the slate of nominations for officers to take to Charge Conference. Lloyd Ginns seconded the motion and it was approved.

Stewardship: No report

Parsonage Committee: No report
Cemetery Committee: No report
Hooker Endowment Committee: No report

United Methodist Men: Bill Chinault reported.

- The next meeting will be a joint meeting with Antioch, Trinity, Chestnut Grove and Mt. Zion. It will be held at Chestnut Grove UMC on Sunday, November 6, at 7:30 am.
- The UMM will be going to pick up Christmas trees the Saturday after Thanksgiving. 175 trees have been ordered and the plans are to sell beside Choice Video as in the past.

United Methodist Women: Lois Shields reported.

- The Annual Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, November 12.
- Trinity was represented at Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska as well as the District Annual Conference.

Pastor's Report: Pastor David Childers reported.

- Nominations will be taken to Charge Conference.
- He explained the brochures of a Vital Church – "Score Card" document information to be used in the future for the Conference to evaluate churches' functions and if the church is measuring up to be a "Healthy Church". Looking at this process to keep it simple and be creative.

Old Business:

- Mike Merritt stated there is a need to train 5 – 8 – or 10 people on the use of the defibrillator that has purchased for the church.

New Business:

- The 2012 budget. Due to confusion between the SPRC and the Finance Committee the budget is not available to be presented. A call meeting of the Church Council will be on Monday night, October 10, at 7 pm.
- A Church Council Planning Session is scheduled for Sunday, October 30, at 2 pm.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer. The next Council meeting will be November 6 and devotions will be by the Parsonage Committee.

Respectfully submitted: Lois Shields

Trinity UMC Council Minutes
October 10, 2011

Attendance: John Snider, Robert Jones, Bill Southern, Dale Holder, Kelly Fie, Beth Carroll, Barbara Gravitt, Jim Blume, Debra Lawson, Karen Hall, Ann Hartgrove, Pastor David Childers.

A called meeting of the Trinity UMC Council was held on October 10, 2011. The purpose of the meeting was to make final approval of the Lay Leadership for the church for 2012 and to approve the figures for the 2012 church budget.

Robert Jones called the meeting to order. Pastor David presented the Lay Leadership for 2012 as recommended by the Lay Leadership Team. It was noted that a few committees and teams would need to select chairpersons for their areas at their first meetings of the year. A motion was made by Jim Blume and seconded by John Snider to accept the list as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dale Holder, church treasurer proceeded to present the budget for 2012 as it was recommended by the Finance Committee. Specific numbers for the budget will not be printed in this report but will be available for all to review in the 2012 church directory. The WNCC apportionment portion was presented first. It included a .87% increase over the 2011 figures. A motion was made by Jim Blume and seconded by John Snider to approve this portion of the budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Pastor's compensation portion of the budget was presented next. The SPRC had met prior to the council meeting to approve their recommendation for this portion of the budget. The total package for the pastor had been calculated incorrectly at a previous meeting and the corrected calculations were presented to the council from SPRC. The recommendation was a 1.35% increase over 2011 figures. A motion was made by John Snider and seconded by Beth Carroll to accept the SPRC recommendation. The motion carried with only one person voting against the recommendation.

The remainder of the budget was presented. Requests for many work areas remained the same as in 2011. The budget for Outreach and Nurture will increase slightly. Staff salaries will increase by approximately 2% at the recommendation of the SPRC.

The question as to whether or not to keep the allocation for a DCE in the budget was brought forth for discussion. Keeping this figure in the budget does not give an accurate representation of our budget and it was shared that at the present time the SPRC is not actively looking to fill this position. Dale Holder noted that current giving by the church cannot support the needs of the general fund, the MPB debt and a DCE. After some discussion, a motion was made by Bill Southern and seconded by Jim Blume to remove the appropriations for a DCE and the associated expenses from the 2012 budget. The motion carried unanimously. When giving figures increase or indebtedness changes, this line item can be added back into the budget with adjusted recommendations at that time. When Dale makes all the final calculations and adjustments to the budget as directed by the council, there is expected to be an approximate 8.12% drop in the overall 2012 budget which equals about \$31,580.00 less than the 2011 budget. The overall weekly giving needs would change from \$7, 477.34 in 2011 to \$6,876.03 in 2012. A motion was made by Jim Blume and seconded by Bill Southern to approve the budget as presented with the minor adjustments that Dale will need to make. The motion carried.

It was noted that with new members coming into the church, and to keep in compliance with Safe Sanctuary guidelines, background checks need to be done on persons involved in church activities. This needs to be addressed in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted in the absence of the recording secretary by,

Beth Carroll

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

King Outreach Ministry Donations – Dish Detergent
Ushers – Bill Jennings, Bill Chinault, Sid Welch, Randy Rutledge
Greeters – Allison Thompson and Joyce Wall
Visitation – Derek and Robin Edwards

Date	Flowers	Acolytes	Nursery Care	Godly Play Storyteller	Children's Time	Scripture Readers	Sound System	CD Ministry
Nov. 6	Gina Calloway	Jobie Fie and Leighton Stump	Bill and Beth Southern	Lydia Blume	Jessica Stump	Bill Raines	Kelly Fie	Mike Lee
Nov. 13	Pat Keiger	Katie Maser and Emily Booe	Judy Mitchell	Kay Spilker	Pastor David	Kelly Fie	Michael Edwards	Kelly Fie
Nov. 20	Cornacopia	Alyssa Hucks and Krystin Rollins	Jessica Stump	Steve Carroll	Beth Carroll	Lloyd Ginns	Wyatt Andrews	Debra Lawson
Nov. 27	Michael and Christie Edwards	Worth and Mallory Martin	Lisa Fie and Garland George	Kelly Fie	Genia Martin	Beth Carroll	Jerry Poole	Bill Jennings

REMINDER: As per the Safe Sanctuary Policy, two persons must be in the Nursery each Sunday morning.

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