

# THE TRINITY Messenger

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Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Fellowship Supper 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study & Youth 6:45 p.m.

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*A sluggard does not plow in season;  
so at harvest time he looks but finds nothing.*

*Proverbs 20:4*

I have been struck by the way things come in *seasons* in our ministry together. In May of 1999—before we moved to Aiken—we met with the SPRC and were told that the emphasis adopted for the ministry and mission of Trinity Church would be *Youth Ministry*. Together we sought to hire the right person and we committed resources and energy to see what God might do. I wanted to see what we could do in the area of ministry with our older adults, but it wasn't the right time...

After a few years Chuck Ross approached me and asked that, since youth ministry was going so well, couldn't we explore what we could do in the area of older adult ministry. God sent us a real angel in the person of Rev. Jay Pifer, then placed a longing in the hearts of a number of people we now call the Eagles Council. The Eagles really soared... it was the *right time!*

Now, another season is coming upon us and, in the vernacular of the Book of Proverbs, *we must plow while the time is right!* Christina McNeely has done a good job as our Children's Ministry Coordinator but she has helped us realize that Children's Ministry is too big for a coordinator. We need the entirety of the members and friends of Trinity Church to do what God is calling us to do with and for His "littlest saints".

The time is right. Plowing time is here. If we neglect this *kairos* moment we will look for a harvest and find nothing!

To that end, a brief meeting has been set for those *called* and *interested* in seeing where God may be leading us. **We will meet on Sunday, July 31, immediately following our morning worship time.** Diane Kingery and Tracy Greene will organize a new Children's Ministry Committee which, we hope, will include all who are already involved in any area of ministry for and with children, as well as anyone who will assist in the endeavor.

We're looking for those who LOVE JESUS, LOVE TRINITY, and who LOVE AND CARE ABOUT KIDS... Is that you?

You may be reading this after July 31... that's OK. There's still time. Call me or the office. Call Diane or Tracy. To adequately prepare for a good harvest it will take the kind of energy and resources for which Trinity Church is known. I can't help but envision the same quality and distinction we've seen before when we truly committed ourselves to God's ministry... Anything less just won't do!

See you in Church!

*Pastor Rodney*

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**Please note:** the email address for Larry and Darlene David is david350@atlanticbb.net.

**VBS closing program.** The Trinity congregation is invited to the closing program for VBS on Wednesday,

August 3, at 7:00 p.m. Ice cream sundaes will be served!

**A gentle but firm reminder.** Please remember to be good stewards of our building by checking that doors are locked as you are leaving at the end of a service or activity. Also, make sure to clean up after an activity or event. Wipe down the tables and chairs used, leaving the space clean for the next people to use it. If tables, chairs or other items have been moved, please restore them to their original position. And of course, take out trash and turn off the lights as you leave. Don't think that some one else will take care of things — take responsibility and do it yourself!

**Honduras Agape Foundation (HAF).** The past few weeks have brought completion of HAF's mission-trip season, and plans will be taking shape over the next few weeks for the Aiken-based, interdenominational ministry's 2012 efforts. Focal points of the ministry are education, health, nutrition, evangelism/nurture and construction of such items as schools, latrines, and smoke-free stoves, all in partnership with churches in northwestern Honduras. The dates for 2012's

trips have not been set, but the normal arrangement is to have one visit in January, another in the spring and two or three in the summer. Volunteer support is welcome and vital, whether through prayer, financial support or participation abroad. In terms of serving in Honduras, the ability to communicate in Spanish is helpful but definitely not necessary. Flexibility and patience are required. Details are available from several Trinity-based volunteers, including Tommy Thompson, Mandy Thompson, Dane Wood, Bill Bengtson and others, and also at [www.hondurasagape.com](http://www.hondurasagape.com).

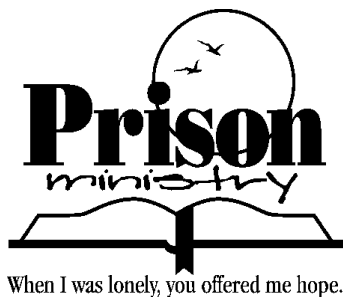
Another way to support this ministry is by the purchase of note cards available in the narthex hallway. These note cards feature art work of Honduras by a mission participant and are \$5 for 5 cards.

## **Bird feeders and bird food for Anchor Health & Rehab.**

One of the Eagles' ministries is providing **bird feeders and bird food** for the residents of Anchor Health & Rehab. The Eagles would like to ask the Trinity congregation to join them in this endeavor and become a part of this ministry. If you feel so inclined, please leave donations in the basket in the narthex hallway. Many thanks for your support!

**Kairos Ministry.** Trinity's involvement in prison ministries continues through several avenues and two full-scale outreach weekends are scheduled for September. Kairos (serving adult offenders) will be in action in McCormick, at a maximum-security facility for men on September 15-18. As always, support is welcome, whether through prayer (an around-the-clock vigil is part of the weekend), financial help (it costs \$150 per inmate for a weekend of ministry) or provision of cookies (about 6,000 dozen cookies are needed). Hopes are to bring — through words and deeds — the Gospel message to 42 inmates.

Epiphany (serving teen offenders) will be in gear in Columbia, September 22-25, looking to reach a group of possibly 10-12 girls via a similar approach, encouraging the "juveniles" to focus on short- and long-term goals. Outreach through both ministries is ongoing from month to month, sometimes for decades. More information on how to help is available on the missions bulletin board (between the narthex and the choir room) and also from such volunteers as Bob Kelly, Bill Bengtson and Donnie Bates.



**UM Women.** All ladies of Trinity are invited to attend the 3rd quarter **general meeting of the UMW** on Thursday, August 18, at 7 PM in the Youth Fellowship Hall, hosted by the Circle of Hope. Come enjoy dessert and a presentation by our guest speaker, Lillian Gaffney, who will discuss journaling and her project to collect blank journals and distribute them through charities to those who can benefit from their use. All attendees are asked to bring at least one blank journal to donate to her "Journal to Change Your Life" program.

**The Disciple Study Group** will begin again in mid-September. This year we will do an 8-10 week study in the Fall and then will begin a new 8-10 week study after the first of the year. The final plans for the specific study in September have not yet been made. We will meet on Monday evenings at the church.

If this sounds like the opportunity for you, please give your name to Jean Kling, Becky Carter, or leave it in the office. It is not necessary to have previously participated in a Disciple study to join us! Looking forward to another great year and group!

## Children's Ministry

Trinity has built a thriving youth program and an active senior adult program. Now, we are bringing the Children's Ministry to the forefront and will be working to enhance and enlarge the program. A new committee is being formed, and we are recruiting members who care about our kids and are willing to devote a little of their time and talents toward making a strong Children's Ministry.

An organizational meeting will be held in early August. If you would be interested in participating, please contact Diane Kingery (649-9847), Tracy Greene (643-7032) or the church office. We have a variety of jobs to fill. Let us help find your niche to serve the kids of Trinity!



# Stewardship Report For July 2011

## **Our Presence** (not including July 31)

Average Church School attendance	84
Average Worship attendance	218

## **Our Gifts** (not including July 31)

Received year-to-date .....	\$251,758.27
Needed to meet budget to date .....	\$245,490.00
Special offerings year-to-date .....	\$54,866.47
Non-gift reimbursements to date .....	\$13,389.18

*(includes payments for Eagles' lunches, youth ski trips, etc.)*

## **Our Prayers**

### **Homebound**

Sylvia Westerdahl [REDACTED]  
Barbara Johnson [REDACTED]  
Sabella Gray [REDACTED]  
Maude Pinson [REDACTED]  
Bessie Whatley [REDACTED]  
George Brooks [REDACTED]  
Buddy and Harriet Murray [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] George Hipp, Gene Sinclair and Al Lewis

### **Intercession**

Shirley Bowers, Joanne Morton, Mildred Holley, Joe Lubner, George Fowler, Thelma Pochek, our military personnel



If you would like to place someone or some happening on the prayer chain — or if you would like to be a part of the prayer chain — please call Joye Brotherton at 648-6426 or Jim Kannenberg at 649-5407.

# From the Eagles' Nest

**The next Soaring Eagles Luncheon** will be Monday, August 22, at 11:30 AM. Representative Tom Young of Aiken, a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, will speak on the latest legislative activity of our state government. A question and answer session will follow Rep. Young's report.

Lunch will be prepared by Karen Tempel. Please remember that the cost of the luncheon is now \$8.00 per person. If you need to cancel a reservation, please do so by the end of worship on the Sunday preceding the luncheon. You will be responsible for paying for lunches not cancelled by that time.

## **Wagon Load of Food for ACTS**

Don't forget ACTS Sunday at Trinity! Bring your food items on Wednesday, August 3, or Sunday, August 7 and place them in the ACTS wagon located in the narthex.

**Eagles Worship at Anchor Health** on Sunday, August 28. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this time with the residents at Anchor Health. You and they will be truly blessed.

**The October 25th Fall Foliage Trip** to Asheville and the Smoky Mountains is fully booked at this time. If you would like to be added to a waiting list, please contact Joyce Ross.



## **Trinity UM Men**

### **MEN'S GROUP**

The Men's Group work project scheduled for Saturday, July 30, has been cancelled due to hot weather. It will be rescheduled at a later date when the weather has cooled a bit. There is no Men's Group meeting scheduled for August — the next meeting will be Sunday, September 18, at 8 AM.

# August Birthdays

2	Gayle Gulick	21	Reese McCall
3	David Powell	22	Sabella Gray
4	Tina Kranenburg	22	Jamey Hooper
5	Ron Coffey	23	Ben Haupfear
6	Jim Carroll	23	Christine Paparella
6	Lila Crotwell	23	Doreen Paschal
7	Nancye Bethurem	23	Donna Salter
7	Matthew McDaniel	24	Billy Bowers
7	Daniel Wood	24	Elizabeth Brown
10	Randy Haupfear	24	Carolyn Martin
10	Eric Maier	25	Henrietta Eckert
11	Derek Barnhart	25	Brad Nix
11	Marjorie Brantley	25	David Smith
11	Jay Pifer	26	Patrick Francis
11	Michele Rice	26	Kelsey Turner
12	Jeri Buczek	27	Debbie Etheredge
13	Linda Brooks	28	Chris McCarley
15	Jim Peterson	29	Kimmie Stewart
15	William Smith	31	Howard Etheridge
17	Diane Herndon	31	Sandy Holman
17	Maddy McNeely	31	Maria Paparella
17	Chuck Woody III		
18	George Counts		
18	Hetty Craw		
18	Betty Maier		
19	Jennifer Morlan		
19	Diane Smith		
21	Sheri Fulghum		



**BLESSINGS  
ON YOUR  
BIRTHDAY**

All Women of Trinity Are Invited to a  
**High Tea**

on Saturday, August 27,  
at 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.



Please bring a tea cup to use - perhaps  
one that has a special memory attached to it!

RSVP by August 21.

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Sign-up for Women's High Tea. Please place in offering or  
turn in to the church office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- I will bring a tea cup.
- No, I will not bring a tea cup.

## Acolytes

**Aug. 7** Ella Morton

**Aug. 14** Elizabeth Morlan

**Aug. 21** Seth Wade

**Aug. 28** Ali Maclay

## Children's Church Volunteers

No Children's Church/communion

Mary Jo Herring

Linda Clarke

Vicki Snow

## Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for August are given by:

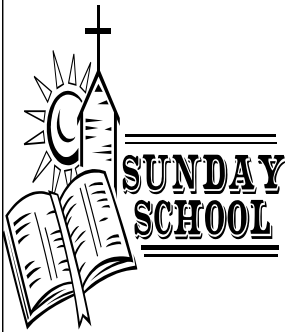
- 7 Jeri Wesner in loving memory of Tom Wesner
- 14 Carol Smith in honor of William Smith's 3rd birthday
- 21 Jim Peterson
- 28 Lila Crotwell in loving memory of Phil Crotwell



The cost of flowers for the altar is \$45.

## “Celebrate Sunday School Day” on Sunday,

August 28, at Trinity. We plan to emphasize the importance of Christian education during our service. We will honor our faithful teachers and promote children and young people going into the next class. There will be displays in the narthex that will show you information about each class from nursery through all five adult classes — who teaches the class, what they will be studying in the fall quarter, who is in the class and what some of their activities are. Don't miss it!



## Sonshine Choir

All children between 4 years old and 5th grade are invited to join the Sonshine Choir. We will resume practice on August 21, from 5—6 PM, then fall into our first and third Sundays practice schedule. Practice for the Christmas play will begin in October.

# Youth News

**Youth Council** meets on Sunday, August 7, at 4:30 PM.

## **Beach trip**

The Youth will be on the road to Hunting Island State Park on Saturday, August 6, leaving the church at 7:30 AM. Please bring money for dinner at Burger King on the way home. Lunch will be provided.

## **White Water Rafting Trip**

On Thursday and Friday, August 11 & 12, the Senior High Youth will be on a white water rafting retreat. We will be rafting on the Chatooga River where the film “Deliverance” was filmed. The cost is \$100 per person which covers all expenses except 2 fast food meals.



Well, it was early on Saturday morning and 18 youth and six adults were preparing to wash cars in support of our youth. Everything was in place. Well, almost everything — we needed your support by bringing your cars to be washed. Thank you for waiting patiently for us to wash and dry your car or cars ( some brought two cars — and even a few motor cycles!). We were hoping to raise enough money just to help with the cost of our travel and tickets for our Carowinds trip that we have skipped for a couple of years. Last year I promised this would be the year.

Thank you for your sacrifice of time, money and love for our young people. Your faithfulness showed them the family of Trinity is on their side and will show up when called upon. Again I say, “Amazing things happen when the body of Christ comes together.” We added up the cost of our projected ticket price before we counted the money that was donated. Cost of the tickets is \$735. After we added up our donations, we had \$732. During lunch another \$5 was given. More donations still came in to help our youth. The total received for our car wash was \$792! If you could have just seen the faces of “your” youth when the total was announced, your heart would have surely been warmed by the Holy Spirit. Thank you for the example you set and the love you show.

May the spirit of the Lord rest upon you, *Pastor Donnie*

# From the Church & Society Committee

## Hodge Podge of Info

### **VACATION: Why it's important**

It makes us better people — Without it our stress level increases — It makes you a better problem solver

**IT'S A GOOD THING!** Want some great news! Read this, then give a teen a pat on the back. There are less teens (percentage-wise) smoking and drinking since 1990. Gun-related deaths have declined along with less students who fight or carry a weapon. The percentage of students considering suicide has declined. Teen pregnancy is down.

### **FOOD FACTS — always check with the doc first!**

- Men who drink plenty of coffee lower their risk of prostate cancer
- Selenium was once thought to cut the risk of cancer, but studies find no evidence of that
- Peppermint quiets pain-sensing nerves in the colon and helps relieve irritable bowels
- Flax seed is a good source for fiber, but studies show it doesn't ease hot flashes

### **DO I REALLY NEED TO DRINK WATER? Plain water will:**

- Help prevent kidney stones and urinary tract infections
- Hydration makes blood clots less likely
- Drinking before a meal helps you eat less
- In a study, five glasses daily cuts in half the rate of men's fatal heart disease
- You're less likely to get bladder cancer
- Even slight dehydration affects your thinking and mood. So drink water and be happy!

### **THIS SUMMER**

- Volunteer at the food bank
- Walk dogs at the SPCA and donate old towels and animal food to the County Pound
- Recycle, reduce, and reuse
- Donate school supplies for children that need them
- Clean out your closet and give clothing to the Cumbee Center, Goodwill, Salvation Army, Helping Hand. Save stuff for our upcoming yard sale, and books for the fall book sale

**Don forget to check out and use our Seek Board** in the narthex hallway to buy, sell, promote, give away your stuff, ask for or offer help, etc.

**Have a hydrated, happy, healthy summer!**