



Trinity Echo

MARCH 2021

Pastor's COLUMN

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Wow! March is here already! I love March as we are usually in the middle of the Holy Season of Lent and the weather promises that spring is right around the corner. Enjoy the warmer days and cooler nights. Listen as nature comes alive to sing praises to their Creator reminding us that we, too, need to sing praises throughout the day to our Heavenly Father.

As we continue in the Season of Lent, I encourage you to daily deepen your relationship and strengthen your discipleship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Remember, we are to deny ourselves to engage with God. This is to be intentional on our part. We choose whether this is important to us or not. It is time for us, as followers of The Way, Jesus Christ, to make a choice of whether or not we truly want to be His disciples. What are we willing to give up? What are we willing to change? When are we going set this into motion? How important is this relationship to us? IT IS TIME! We will determine the future of our local church and the body of Christ through our faithfulness and discipleship to live like Jesus.

We end the month of March with Palm and Passion Sunday and journey to the cross with Jesus. While we know the ending of the story, it is important for us to make this journey at least once every year to remember and re-enter the story of the cost of salvation and reconciliation. Join us for this very important journey.

May the love of God overwhelm you, may the grace of God overflow in your life, may the mercy of God surround you, and may you experience the peace, Shalom, which surpasses all understanding day by day.

Love and Light in Christ!
Pastor Kristie

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> 11am Worship	8 10:30am UMW Meeting, Fellowship Hall	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> 11am Worship	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> 11am Worship	22	23	24	25	26 <i>Scholarship Applications Available</i>	27
28 <i>Passion/Palm Sunday</i> 11am Worship 12pm Meet & Greet	29	30	31			



United Methodist Women

FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

We are going to meet in person this month! Please note the change of date: **Monday, March 8th, 10:30 AM.** Jane will be leading our program. It will be wonderful to see each other again. We will be observing all the virus precautions, spacing ourselves apart and mask wearing. Bring your 2021 Yearbook. I hope to see you there.

Trinity Five Star Women make contributions to all five channels of mission giving. These channels are Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and the World Thank Offering. One



of our 2020 Special Mission Recognition recipients is Stephanie Dillard. Stephanie handles so much for our church and backs up our UMW work. We sincerely appreciate everything she does! Stephanie received a UMW pin and the SMR donation is made in her name.

Another way to enrich our UMW experience is to attend district events. If traveling to other churches isn't your thing, you can take advantage of the wonderful content these events have to offer by attending virtually. If you don't have a computer, there are always phone numbers provided to dial in and listen.

Our Smoky Mountain District Day Apart will be via Zoom on Saturday, April 10 at 11am. Mitzi Sadler-Thorne, a Deaconess, will be our key speaker. Her topic will be "My Path and Service as Deaconess"

I want to thank each of you for all you do for United Methodist Women! Even in these days of pandemic, United Methodist Women move forward to make a difference in the lives of those who live on the margins of society.

Terri

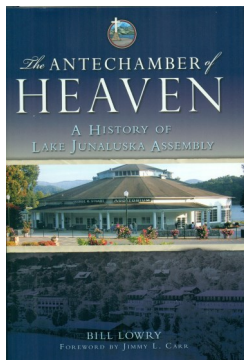
Why I Attend Trinity

In 1958, I joined Trinity and was baptized by the Rev. Marvin Gass. We have had many pastors since Rev. Gass, but I have remained a member of Trinity because I joined the CHURCH, not the pastor.

I have remained not because of the beautiful building, the copious decorations, or the beautiful music. It is because I feel the presence of the Lord within these walls, believe in our Mission work, and love the Christian people who also worship here.

It is the House of the Lord, and it is My Church.—Sandra Guinn

If you would like to share why you attend Trinity, you send it to us by email or postal mail or call the office Monday—Friday 8am-12pm and Stephanie will take it down for you.

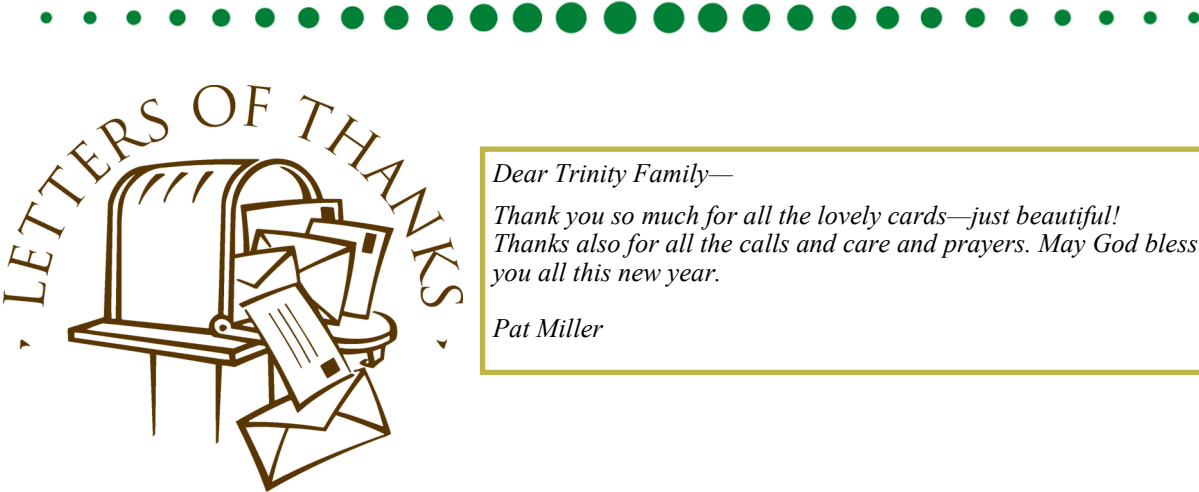
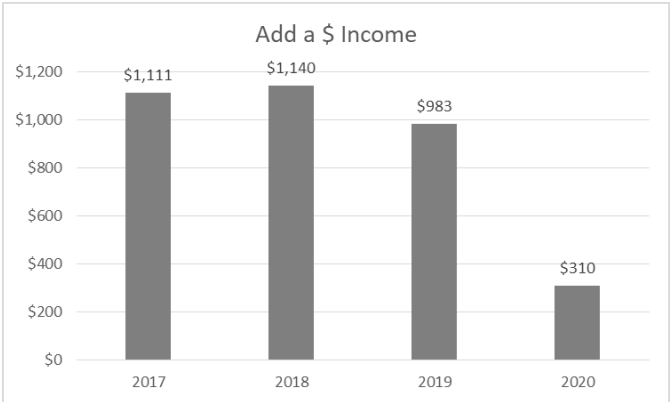


LAKE JUNALUSKA, NC

Gwen Yerger has donated a book to the Trinity library on the history of Lake Junaluska Assembly. *The Antechamber of Heaven*, by Bill Lowry covers 1899 through 2005 with a timeline of events, extensive notes, and an index. It covers the creation of the lake, construction of all the buildings, disasters, and controversies. If you enjoy the beauty of Lake Junaluska and are interested in history, you need to read this book.

It's just a dollar...

You may have wondered why many of those who attend Trinity put dollar bills in the offering plate. This is the **ADD-A-DOLLAR** program, which Betty Edwards suggested in 2011 when she was Trinity's Treasurer. Then, as now, we needed additional revenue to meet expenses. Betty said that almost everyone has a dollar, and if everyone at church "added a dollar" to the offering plate each Sunday (in addition to their regular contribution), it would significantly benefit the budget and help Trinity. These dollars help us perform various means of service. Our congregation is invited to continue this service as you are able. As you can see, it may be just a dollar but every dollar helps!



*Dear Trinity Family—
Thank you so much for all the lovely cards—just beautiful!
Thanks also for all the calls and care and prayers. May God bless you all this new year.
Pat Miller*

Thank you from the family of Sarah Smith Ellison

As many of you know, we lost our sweet mother, Sarah Smith Ellison, in late January of this year. She was diagnosed on July 28, 2020 with pancreatic cancer and, as is so often the case with this type of cancer, Mom's cancer was very advanced when the doctors found it. Sarah was able to take two rounds of chemo and did enjoy some good months before the cancer began to take its toll on her body and mind. On January 6, we moved her to our home in Lenoir City where my siblings and I and our family friends were with her around the clock. We were fortunate to have talented and caring nurses who also stayed with us at all times.

I share the foregoing to let each of you know that during this exceptionally difficult time, Trinity was also with us around the clock! Before Mom died, members of Trinity – past and present - showed up to visit, move furniture around, deliver flowers and generally help us with the things a family needs in such terrible circumstances. You called, texted, emailed, wrote cards (the cards!), visited and somehow carried us through our hard days. Following Sarah's death, Trinity fed us and helped us give Sarah the kind of funeral she envisioned and then you made donations in honor of our mother. The continual presence of Trinity seemed to be God's very presence with us and my siblings and I took great comfort from your support. We remain mindful and grateful for your efforts.

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03/02 Carla Wiggins
03/08 Terri Pearce
03/14 Jodi Qualls
03/15 Wanda Queener
03/25 Phil Reed
03/26 Shirley Thomas
03/29 Denise Brookshire

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



PALM SUNDAY

Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph

MARCH 28, 2021

Immediately following
worship - Meet & Greet



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Jesus dines with his disciples

APRIL 1, 2021

5pm-7pm
Holy Communion and
Reflection



GOOD FRIDAY

Jesus dies for our sins

APRIL 2, 2021

6pm
Encountering the Cross
Service



RESURRECTION SUNDAY

The tomb is empty!

APRIL 4, 2021

11am
Worship