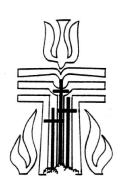
Trinity Presbyterian Church

Tidings



"Older AND Wiser"

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What do Harry Belafonte, Doris Day, Cicely Tyson and Betty White all have in common? They are all nonagenarians! Some active nonagenarians have even been spotted around Trinity Presbyterian Church! From the Latin "nona," (ninth) and "genae," (at a time) we derive the word nonagenarian, used to describe an individual who is from 90 to 99 years of age.

We have nonagenarians involved in all aspects of our congregational life. There are persons in their nineties who serve as ushers, sing in the choir, sit on committees and ministries, visit those in need, and those who offer their gifts and graces in so many other important and meaningful ways. There are, of course, others whose functions and abilities do not allow them to be as mobile or independent as they once were. Many of these still make phone calls, offer prayers, or contribute in a more personal fashion. There are others still, whose physical levels have diminished, but who continue to be steadfast and unwavering in their faith.

Over the years, I have heard several of Trinity's nonagenarians exclaim, "Growing old is not for sissies!" As the years accumulate, we can all identify with that statement more and more.

The Creator who designed our bodies, the Redeemer who offers grace, and the Sustainer who provides us with energy, does not leave or abandon us over the passage of time. In fact, many nonagenarians report an increased sense and use of spiritual power in this chapter of their life. We "age grace-fully" with the help of "amazing grace." "Twas grace that brought us safe thus far, and grace will lead us home." With faith in this truth, we can find that there really is gold to be found in the Golden Years!

Grace and Peace, Mark

Trinity Youth News

Thank you, thank you to all who supported the Trinity Youth Bake Sale. We couldn't have done it without you!

Trinity Youth have two big events coming up this month:

<u>Raleigh Youth Mission Trip</u>. From July 15 to 20, the Trinity Youth will join youth from across our presbytery for a week of mission, service, learning, worship, and fun in Raleigh with Raleigh Youth Mission, an organization with roots in Asheville that partners with a variety of agencies to provide eye-opening learning and opportunities for youth to experience something of what Jesus was talking about when he commanded Christians to "love your neighbor as yourself."

<u>Annual Lake Santeetlah Retreat</u>. From July 27 to 28, the youth will embark for our annual overnight summer retreat at Lake Santeetlah. Huge thanks to Kathie and Fred Van Itallie for their hospitality and friendship!

Note from the Associate Pastor



I have on my bookshelf a collection of wartime sermons preached by Harry Emerson Fosdick when he was pastor of New York's famous Riverside Church. In one of them, *A Great Time to Be Alive*, Fosdick writes the following:

The greatness of our time lies in the fact that it not only calls for Christianity but challenges Christianity, too. We have said that scientific inventiveness and education cannot solve our problems. Yes, but there is plenty of Christianity that cannot solve our problems either—little, petty, hide-bound Christianity, an escape from life, utterly irrelevant to the vast issues that confront mankind.

In days like these one recalls that great Christianity has commonly emerged in troubled eras. A great time calls for great religion.

So let Christianity speak in an era like this! Our problem is not to see how little we can believe but what great things we can see in the Christian message and make real to the world that desperately needs them. This is a great time for great convictions.

The world in 2018 is vastly different from the world in 1942—and yet not so different either, when you stop to think about it. Certainly Fosdick's words still ring true, both in the sermon excerpt above and on those occasions when we *sing* his words in worship (see hymn 307, *God of Grace and God of Glory*).

Peace,

Dwight

FINANCIAL UPDATE

May results: May income exceeded budget by \$2400. With 42% of the year behind us, we have collected about 50% of our budgeted EOGs. Plate and unpledged receipts are running ahead of budget estimates.

May expenses were about \$900 higher than budget. Expenses for the year are about \$4000 higher than budget due to heavy building and HVAC maintenance expenses as well as high natural gas expense during the heating season earlier this year.

Copy Machines: A new contract has been negotiated (thanks to Bob Smith and Ed Spencer) with Toshiba. We will have two new machines and save almost \$700 per year!

Capital/Long-Range Maintenance Funds now have a combined balance of about \$76,000. This puts us in a strong position as Buildings & Grounds begins to consider replacing portions of our roofs.

Tom Karvonen, Finance/Stewardship Chair



SESSION NOTES

Stewardship Ministry, under the leadership of Jim Smelker, presented an outline of the planned Stewardship Campaign to be used later in 2018.

The approach for 2018 will change somewhat from what has been done over the past six years. Session approved the use of the program, as

presented.

meeting on June 12, 2018. The meeting was opened with a devotional by Tom Karvonen. He presented the attributes of a positive congregation and worship experience based on good leadership. Tom led in an opening prayer.

The Session held its regular monthly

The Session noted the death of Don Shimon on May 10 and the baptism of Madeline Grace Reider on May 13.

Dwight Christenbury presented a report of his activities for the past month, and highlighted the fact that Vacation Bible School and the Music and Drama Camp will take place later in June.

Mark Stanley was not in attendance due to his scheduled vacation. A written report of Mark's activities for the past month was circulated.

Tom Karvonen presented an update on the progress an ad hoc committee has made to research the possibility of placing solar panels on or in the lower parking area of the church. There is more information about this matter in another part of this newsletter.

The Session passed a resolution to request the Presbytery of Western North Carolina to commission Elder Sally Beghtol to serve as a Lay Minister of Pastoral Care for Trinity Presbyterian Church. This will be brought for approval at the Presbytery meeting on July 31.

Tom Karvonen presented the 2017 Annual Financial Review Report. The Session voted to accept the report, and to express its sincere appreciation to the members of the Financial Review Committee.

Treasurer Fitz Streshley presented the following financial summary. **Income**: Through May we continue to benefit from the high amount of EOGs that were prepaid last year and booked as income in January. This impact will decrease over time. Plate and unpledged receipts were strong in May and are now \$4400 above budget estimates.

Expense: YTD expenses are \$4000 over budget due primarily to unexpected lighting repair, building repairs and higher natural gas usage during the earlier part of the year due to very cold weather.

Trinity Preschool: Expenses are about \$2300 higher than income for the year so far. Tuition and donations are running behind budget estimates.

Capital and Long Range Maintenance Funds: These have a combined balance of \$76,000.

There will be no Stated Session Meeting in July. The next meeting will be on August 14.

Duane Johnson, Clerk

July Birthdays

- Nancy Twitchen
- Fitz Sthreshlev
- Don Robinson Marina Johnston Bruce Penn
 - 6 Susan Mangrum Alice Gantt Sue Ellsasser
 - 11 Fred Van Itallie Jim Smelker
- 13 Ken Sugawara Dan Donovan
- 15 Diane Bowers Bill Campbell
- 16 Ron Hoverson
- 17 Don Widmayer Chuck Noegel Irene Robertson Emma Persigehl

- 18 Barbara Johnson Frank Maston
- 19 Jessie Ann Boterf Sue Robinson Cheryl Spencer
- 20 Priscilla Karvonen
- 22 Beth Miller
- 27 Bob Hewitt Pat Dienst
- 28 Sondra Luebke
- 29 Jan Bridges
- 31 Mel Bringle Judy Woelke



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Presbyterian Women, Local Mission Ministry and Global Mission Ministry have combined efforts to attack this particular evil form of slavery. North Carolina is now among the top eight states where Human Trafficking is a huge problem. Fighting for victims who have no freedom is one way to continue our faith journey here at Trinity.

A Task Force of four people representing the above three ministries is continuing to make plans which will hopefully defeat this form of evil found in North Carolina and throughout the world. Members Jim Smelker (Local Missions Ministry), Diane Bowers (Presbyterian Women), Bev Luzadder (P.W. and Global Missions Ministry), and Pat Norris (Global Missions Ministry).

On May 24th a "Letter Writing Party" was held at the church. Eleven people attended and over thirty letters were written to county commissioners, state legislators and federal legislators. Members of the Task Force developed sample letters for assistance in writing the letters. Many church members have indicated that, although they couldn't attend the party, they would be happy to be included in the letter writing project. Please call Bev Luzadder at 890-4404 or Pat Norris at 685-1076 if you can help in this way.

Dr. Daniel Turk and Elizabeth Turk in Madagascar

We salute our mission co-workers in Madagascar. Serving in partnership with the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM), Dan and Elizabeth work to improve the lives of the Malagasy people. Elizabeth trains village health workers, helps communities develop safe drinking water sources, and educates church leaders and youth about HIV and AIDS prevention. Dan has helped the FJKM Develop an extensive fruit tree program that greatly improves food security and nutrition in a country where 80% of the people live in poverty. Training in fruit tree propagation and agriculture is provided to all FJKM pastors so that they can provide communities with the resources to address serious country-wide malnutrition. Dan also works in environmental education, helping people live in harmony with God's creation.

This year \$2,000 is designated to support the Turks in doing God's work in Madagascar. You may get more information on them by reading their prayer letter posted on the Global Mission Poster Board.KM pastoirs\

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

It hardly seems possible - while people in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico are still recovering from the hurricanes of 2017 – that hurricane season is already with us again. In fact, natural disasters have no season. Recent volcano eruptions, fires, tornadoes, floods, drought-induced famine – they just keep on coming. As if this was not enough, we can add man-made disasters that result in thousands – even millions – of refugees.

When disaster strikes we want to help, but often we are not quite sure how best to channel our efforts. Your Global Missions Ministry budgets a certain amount of money each year under the heading "To be decided." This enables us to respond in a timely manner to major disasters around the world. In most cases, our donations are made through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is on the ground not only in the USA but in countries around the world, where they work in cooperation with local churches and other responders. By working with groups that already have a presence in the affected area they can provide aid right where it is needed. They can also understand the needs and the culture of the local people. It is often the churches that offer the most effective and sustained effort in response to human suffering. They are not only there when disaster strikes but continue to be there for the long haul, long after most organizations and most of us have moved on to another disaster. PDA, through its partnerships, understands what is needed and is in a position to "hit the ground running".

If you would like to learn more about Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and its work around the world, check out their website at http://pda.pcusa.org/

THE GREAT COMMISSION OFFERING DEDICATION ON SUNDAY, JULY 15

Over almost 100 years, Nkhomo Hospital has developed from a single missionary doctor equipped only with a qualification in tropical medicine, into a reasonably well-equipped 220-bed facility, with all major departments and a busy eye department. The hospital and Nkhomo synod mission premises are still located at the original mission site, many buildings dating back to 1912, when the mission was founded.

The hospital's primary catchment area is the surrounding rural 32,000 strong community, but it serves patients from all over Malawi as well as from neighboring Mozambique. It offers inpatient and outpatient care on site and conducts mobile clinics within its catchment area.

Nkhomo CCAP (Church of Central Africa Presbyterian) Synod Health Department covers the central area of Malawi and comprises Nkhomo Hospital, 10 health centers scattered throughout Malawi Central Region, the Nkhomo College of Nursing (training 100 nurses yearly), and several other health structures currently under development.

On average, every month the 10 health centers see 4900 children under 5 years of age, 435 outpatients, 980 mothers in antenatal care and perform an average of 20 deliveries at each health center. These centers greatly increase access to health care, vital in a country where public and private transport is extremely limited. On July 15 we will dedicate this special offering. Please give as generously as you can as we further Christ's ministry in Malawi, Africa. Dr. Martha Sommers was scheduled to be a mission co-worker in Malawi at Nkhomo Hospital as a lecturer and family medicine practitioner. Prayers are needed for Dr. Sommers as she is now in the United States being treated for cancer. Please pray

IAM ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

School supplies are expensive, especially for families with several school-age children or a child in high school. Purchasing the required school supplies is a financial strain on families struggling financially. Many can't afford them at all. IAM provides school supplies for children whose families cannot afford them. We believe every child deserves to begin the new school year with the supplies they need to do their best. Last year with your help, IAM distributed new school supplies to 503 Henderson County students. They were very excited to have new school supplies and their parents were relieved to have this help.



3-ring binders
(1&1/2" and 2")
Dividers
Notebook paper
(wide and college ruled)
Pocket folders
Colored pencils
Colored markers
(bold and fine line)
Crayons (24 pack)
Pink erasers

Rulers
Highlighters
Pencils
Pencil sharpeners
Pens
Pencil pouches
and boxes
Index cards
Glue sticks
Safety Scissors
Calculators



We especially need large, sturdy backpacks suitable for high school students.

The Sun, Solar Energy, and Us...

Ready to support a new adventure in protecting God's gift of the Earth? A team has started exploring the environmental and economic issues of using solar energy here at Trinity. We have many questions, as will you. We all have much to learn. We'll face ups and downs, barriers and breakthroughs, and we'd like everyone at Trinity to be in the know and in on the adventure.

Chaired by Bob Forsythe, the core team includes Dick Bobb, Julie Carter, Dr. Stan Dienst, Dan Donovan, Barb Engle, Priscilla Karvonen, Tom Karvonen, Enrique Sanchez, Jim Smelker, Ed Spencer, Bud Weeks and Sandy Weeks. Updates will be provided via Tidings, Wednesday Night Live, Sunday morning forums, bulletin inserts, in as many ways as possible. This project needs your support!

Got questions? Got ideas? Please talk with any member of the core team. Trinity is our church. Let's talk about the sun, solar energy, and us...

Join the Spanish Class at Trinity!

Several Trinity members and friends met last Spring to learn vowels, consonants, numbers, days, months, colors, family members, and other words in Spanish. Trinity member and our esteemed friend, ESL teacher Jocelyn Tolleson, is our Spanish-as-a-Second-Language (SSL) teacher.

Spanish classes begin anew on July 19 at 9:30am on Thursday mornings. If you were in the Trinity class last Spring, or if you studied Spanish in high school or college and want a refresher course, please join us as we have fun learning Spanish together. Cost is \$10/class and well worth it!

Learning to speak and understand conversational Spanish is a pretty cool personal mission. Estoy tratando de hablar español. See Kathy Madigan or Sandy Weeks if you have questions. We hope to see you at 9:30am on Thursdays beginning July 19!

TRINITY 30 HOSTS



Hosts are needed for several weeks in July and August. Since our hospitality after the 10:00 a.m. service has grown—we now offer fellowship to the congregation that now includes both services and the Choir. We are asking that two hosts share the responsibility. Mark's comments in the June Tidings spoke to hospitality and Trinity 30 is a significant response to this fellowship every Sunday. Please let Neena (606-5602) know when you can partner with a friend. THANKS!

BBQ Weather!



August 1st - Wednesday Night Live - BBQ dinner at 5:30pm followed at 6:15pm by a fascinating video about the weather, then your questions with answers by Carl Schreck, III, son of Trinity members Sue and Carl Schreck. Dinner sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Join us on August 1st for a Wednesday Night Live BBQ Weather event!

New Library Resources to Interest You

Frank Maston has donated the following titles:

The Heart of Christianity by Marcus J. Borg (9/BOR)

Messengers of God: Biblical Portraits and Legends by Elie Wiesel (29/WIE)

Three Gospels by Reynolds Price (5/PRI)

What Jesus Meant by Garry Wills (5/WIL)

Tom Karvonen has donated the following title, *God of the Sparrow* by Jaroslav J. Vajda (A/VAJ).

The library's purchase of *Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography* by Harold Ivan Smith (32/ROO) is now available.

The library also purchased a copy of *God of the Sparrow* by Jaroslav J. Vajda (A/VAJ).

Jane Presseau

Trinity's Learning Hour—July 2018

Special Time for Summer: 9:00-9:45

Trinity's Sunday Morning Learning Hour offers opportunities for learning and Christian growth for all ages.

FOR ADULTS:

July 1: Report of Highlights from the 223rd General Assembly

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) just completed its latest biannual national meeting, and Dwight Christenbury will present a summary of some of the highlights of the work done by our elected representatives.

July 8, 15, 22, 29: From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians

You're invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a multi-part video and discussion series beginning on June 3. For the first half of each session, we'll watch a portion of a film documentary that explores the biblical, historical, cultural, and archeological roots of Christianity. For the second half of the session, we'll discuss and reflect on what we have learned.

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Primary (Grades K-4)—Room 103 (lower level) Tweens and Youth (Grades 5 and up)—Room 101 (lower level)

This summer, join us for the Learning Hour at 9:00, before our 10:00 a.m. worship service—make it two hours on Sundays at Trinity!





The Trinity PreSchool Yard Sale is scheduled for September 28-29 this year. For those of you who have not been involved in this ministry before, our Yard Sale benefits our Trinity PreSchool by raising funds that can be used as scholarships for those children whose parents could not otherwise afford to send them to preschool. We accept donations of household items, gently used children's clothing, small appliances, jewelry, holiday decorations, linens, toys, games, tools, antiques, and collectibles. If you have any questions about what we will accept, please feel free to contact Linda Walker or any member of the PreSchool Board.

The boxcar will be open for donations on the first Sunday of each month after the 10:00 worship service. If you would like to drop items off at other times, call Linda Walker at 891-2486. If you need assistance with transporting your items, please contact Harry Hankla at 696-3829.

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex in September for you to designate when you prefer to work with us on sorting, displaying, etc. We will also be requesting bakers at that time to supply our Bake Sale which will also take place during the yard sale.

JUNE 9 WORK DAY



The work day was a great success with fourteen members working diligently for four hours on Saturday morning. The front benches were sanded and painted, yellow caution stripping was repainted on the steps, back shed was repaired, windows were cleaned, sanctuary pew cushions and floor were cleaned, a dead outdoor bush was removed along with other improvements were completed. The volunteers were: Ken Sugawara, Russ Russell, Ron Howard, Bud Weeks, Bob and Mary Louise Forsythe, Tom and Priscilla Karvonen, Tom Bridges, Jock and Jan Aplin, Barb Pickwoad, Brian and Linda Dillon and Anne Fennell.

Jim Kisner

OUR GIFTS TO THE PENTECOST OFFERING—2018

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, the Pentecost Offering for this year totals \$1,662. 40% of the offering goes to Local Missions for aid to children at risk, youth and young adults. 60% goes to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to aid ministries with youth and young adults, child advocacy and children at risk.

GLOBAL MISSIONS And OUR GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP

Welcome Rev. Leslie Vogel Mission Co Worker in Guatemala



Thursday, July 26th at 6:30 Leslie Vogel will speak at Trinity. The program will be preceded by a pot luck dinner at 5:30.

Leslie has worked as facilitator for the Intercultural Encounters program of the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA) for many years. She has helped CEDEPCA provide people from the US with immersion opportunities in which they work alongside Guatemalans and experience everyday life in the country. Many mission teams, including Trinity, have met and worked with Leslie at CEDEPCA in Guatemala City. Programs supported by CEDEPCA include: Disaster Ministry, Intercultural Encounters, Women's Ministry, and a Biblical and

Theological Seminary

Rev. Vogel has recently accepted the position of Presbyterian World Mission's regional liaison for Guatemala and Mexico. She will continue working in Guatemala City.

Her presentation at Trinity will include the work of CEDEPCA and her new position as regional liaison for Guatemala and Mexico. CEIPA is a cause that Global Missions has been supporting for the last several years as we find it to be one of the most organized, focused, and Christian based organizations in Guatemala. Learn more at http://cedepca.org/en

Sign up now on the Kiosk outside the sanctuary.



Summer Pool Party and Cook Out

July 22nd—12:00—3:00 August 5th—12:00—3:00 At Carole Ball's 1962 North Rugby Road (692-8774)

Please bring a dish to share (salad, vegetable, fruit or dessert). Meat and drinks will be provided. You might also wish to bring your favorite lawn chair.

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Lectionary Readings

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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July 8

July 15

2 Sam. 1:1, 17-27; Ps. 130; 2 Cor. 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

10; Mark 6:1-13

2 Sam. 5:1-5, 9-10; Ps. 48; 2 Cor. 12:1- 2 Sam. 6:1-5, 12b-19; Ps. 24; Eph. 1:3-14: Mark 6:14-29

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 22

July 29

2 Sam. 7:1-14a; Ps. 89:20-37; Eph. 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

2 Sam. 11:1-15; Ps. 14; Eph. 3:14-21;

John 6:1-21

July Preaching Schedule

July 1—Music & Drama Camp Performance

July 8—Mark Stanley

July 15—Mark Stanley

July 22—Dwight Christenbury

July 29—Mark Stanley

Weekly Prayer People

Each week we will include the names of four to six church members in the bulletin and in the monthly Tidings. We ask that you include these people in your prayers.

Carol Danilin, Myrl Jean Hughes, Bill and Juli- July 22 July 1 ette Blakely

Jessie Ann Boterf, Ray and Helen Dearborn, Frank Hyde, Russ Russell and Robin Hodgson

July 8 Connie Johnson, Barbara Dawson, Charlie and Peggy Hunnicutt, George and Mary Bradberry

July 29

Diane Bowers, Paddy Deich, Millicent Hunnicutt, Bill and Debra Hirsbrunner, Kayla and Zoey Lynn

July 15 Barbara Bennett, Ron and Waltraud Dalrym-

Judi Johnson

ple, Ron and Barbara Howard, Duane and

Aluminum Cans Only



Recycle Aluminum Cans for Guatemala Children's Scholarships 1st Sunday of each month

Every can helps! Please bring your cans in a plastic bag and place them in the gold Toyota in front of the church between 9:30 and 11:30. Cans will not be collected on rainy Sundays. If it rains they will be collected on the 2nd Sunday or the following month.



July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:00 Learning Hour 10:00 Music and Drama Camp 11:00 Trinity 30	4:00 Tai Chi	9:00 Staff Mtg. 10:00 New Member Subcommittee 10:00 Jongo Java 4:00 Finance 4:00 Global Missions	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** *	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED		
8 Communion	9	10 9:00 Staff Mtg.	11	12	13	14
9:00 Learning Hour 10:00 Worship Service	4:00 Worship Ministry	10:00 New Member Subcommittee 10:00 TPS Board 10:00 Jongo Java	10:30 Friends In Christ 2:00 Solar Panel Group	10:00 Study of Luke		
11:00 Trinity 30	4:00 Tai Chi	5:30 Local Missions Ministry	'	4:00 Tai Chi		
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July 2018



"All men are created equal. They are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness"

TRINITY MISSION STATEMENT

Trinity is a family of faith called to make the Word known to all ages, to grow in faith together, to minister to those in need, and to do all these things with joy, love, and compassion in the name of Christ the Lord.