Sunday, October 4th please worship with us at 10:30 online!
We are streaming live our Sunday morning worship service…
http://www.ustream.tv/channel/trinity-umc-kannapolis OR
http://www.trinity247.org click on the blue “U” in the upper right hand corner
~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
• The Finance committee will meet Thursday, October 8th @ 6:30 pm via ZOOM
• The Pre-K Board will meet Tuesday, October 13th @ 7:30 pm in the stage room
~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
In addition to our prayers, we also have an opportunity to make a monetary donation to help the victims of the fires on the West coast, as well as those communities recovering from Hurricane Sally. UMCOR is working diligently to assist those many in need. If you would like to contribute, please send a check to the church. Make your check out to TUMC and write UMCOR on the memo line.
~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
Our annual Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, October 25 at 7 pm through Zoom. Please mark your calendars.

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
DVD/CD Ministry
If you would like a DVD or CD of the previous Sunday service mailed to you please contact the church office at 704-933-1127. If you do not have any of these types of players available, the church will provide one for you.

Upcoming God’s Supper Table Schedule:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Theme</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>October 7th</td>
<td>Outside the Lines</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October 14th</td>
<td>He’s Alive Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October 21st</td>
<td>Pilot Club</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October 28th</td>
<td>Pat Wood</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November 4th</td>
<td>Genesis Class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November 11th</td>
<td>He’s Alive Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November 18th</td>
<td>Atrium –NE Anesthetists</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November 25th</td>
<td>Trinity’s Thanksgiving??</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 2nd</td>
<td>UMM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 9th</td>
<td>He’s Alive Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 16th</td>
<td>Buchanan Family</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 23rd</td>
<td>No GST</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
This year’s CROP WALK will be done virtually due to the COVID-19 virus on Sunday, October 11 at 1:30 p.m.
The need to help those in hunger and with other supplies and health services is very great this year, so please help as you can. I am the captain of our team - Trinity UMC Kannapolis. If you would like to participate as a team member or support a team member, here's how to do it:

1. To be a team member, sign in the www.crophungerwalk.org/cabarrusnc.
2. Find the Trinity UMC Kannapolis team and click the join button. Enter your information and choose an amount you set as your goal to raise. Let me know if you need collection envelopes.
2. Team members will be announced soon and you can donate to one of them by making checks payable to CWS/CROP. If you prefer, you can donate directly on the web site in #1 with a credit or debit card. You may also drop off checks at the church office or mail them.

The walk is jointly sponsored by the Cooperative Christian Ministry (CCM) and Church World Service (CWS). 25% of donations go directly to CCM, and 75% goes to CWS for assistance world-wide, including countries hit hard by the pandemic and the United States. There is no mileage goal for walks or specific locations this year, but participants can just take short walks or even stay at home. The need is urgent so please do what you can to help. Our goal is $1,000, but we can probably beat that amount with good participation.

Keith Moore, Trinity UMC - Kannapolis Team Captain

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

THE UPPER ROOM
Sunday, October 4 – Saturday, October 10

Sunday, October 4
TABLE FELLOWSHIP
Read Ephesians 4:3-6

[Those who accepted Peter’s message and were baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. — Acts 2:42 (NIV)

Every day when Edwin, my Nigerian college roommate, would prepare his native foods in our kitchen, the house would fill with a distinct aroma that didn’t appeal to my American palate. One afternoon, Edwin invited me to share his evening meal. Finding no suitable excuse, I reluctantly agreed. We sat across from each other at the table, where Edwin had placed one pot of a soup-like mixture and one plate that held a ball of biscuit dough. After the blessing Edwin explained, “In my country, we eat from one bowl as a sign of friendship.” He took a piece of dough, dipped it in the soup, and ate the two together. I was humbled that Edwin counted me as a friend, and this meal became sacred to me. It reminded me of Holy Communion — one loaf, one cup, one Body, one people. Better than ever before, I understood that transformation happens at the Lord’s Table. God unites people into the body of Christ. This same transformation happens when we sit down to eat with a Sunday school class or share a meal with people who are experiencing homelessness or gather for Holy Communion. Jesus shows up in the breaking of bread. We have the opportunity to invite others to share this meal, and around the Lord’s Table we will be united as God’s family.

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, as you invited us to the table and into your family, help us invite others to your table and your family. Amen. – Kevin Thomas (Alabama, USA)

Thought for the Day: At the Lord’s Table, I unite with other Christians as family.

Prayer Focus: THOSE WHO FEEL EXCLUDED

Monday, October 5
COMFORT IN LONELINESS
Read Psalm 147:1-7

[God] hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. — Hebrews 13:5 (KJV)

I work in a memory-care facility with residents who have middle-to-late stage dementia. One day, a resident named Margaret told me that she felt lonely and didn’t know where her family was. She didn’t remember that her family had recently visited. I tried to reassure her that she was not alone, and I gave her a hug and a smile. But it seemed like that wasn’t what she needed to hear in that moment. Margaret started to walk away and then turned around to look at me. She said, “God said he will never leave us or forsake us.” I told her that she was absolutely right. As she walked away, she seemed to feel better. Although Margaret struggled to remember many things, she remembered a Bible verse that brought her comfort at the right time. I believe that God sends us the encouragement we need in the exact moment we need it — through songs, experiences, other people, and the Bible. I have experienced this in my own life and witnessed it in the lives of others. We serve a mighty God! Whatever we’re facing today, we can trust that God is here for us. God will never leave us or forsake us, and we are never alone.
Prayer: Dear Lord, guide us to show your love to those who are lonely. During our own times of loneliness, remind us that you are with us. Amen. - Jenny McBride (Alabama, USA)

Thought for the Day: Scripture serves as my reminder that God is always with me.

Prayer Focus: THOSE WHO ARE LONELY

Tuesday, October 6

A BEAUTIFUL MESSAGE

Read Isaiah 58:7-11

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. — Proverbs 11:25 (NIV)

Every time my family plans a trip to the northern part of Puerto Rico, I suggest going to the city where I was born. On one trip, our visit coincided with a craft fair in the plaza. Artisans and vendors displayed an array of merchandise. Music filled the air as musicians entertained the crowds. It was a festive and joyful day with much to see and do. During the busiest time of the day, my daughter stood in line to buy lunch at a food stand. It was hot, and people complained about the heat and the long line. Suddenly a disheveled woman approached. She seemed disoriented, speaking unintelligibly, and a few customers shied away from her. But the owner of the food stand immediately stopped what he was doing and approached the woman in a gentle manner. His voice was filled with compassion when he asked if she would like something to eat. He quickly served her a generous meal. Moments later, she was smiling as she went on her way. My daughter returned to us with tears in her eyes. She said, “I have witnessed and heard the most beautiful message, a message far better than the ones I normally hear. It has opened my eyes and helped change my attitude. I pray I can honor God by showing mercy and compassion to others.”

Prayer: O God, help us to abide in your love and to show compassion to others just as Jesus taught us. Amen. - María M. Urdaz (Puerto Rico)

Thought for the Day: God rejoices in my acts of kindness.

Prayer Focus: ADVOCATES FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Wednesday, October 7

WHERE THE BIG FISH LIVE

Read James 1:1-12

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. — James 1:12 (NIV)

I recently took my eight-year-old grandson fishing for the first time. We spent much of the day casting our lines into the middle of the lake. He was excited to catch and release some small sunfish, but he really wanted to catch a bigger fish. As the day wore on, he suggested we cast into the shadows where the water was full of reeds. I told him it would be risky — that we would probably get our hooks tangled with the reeds. “But Grandpa,” he said, “I think that’s where the big fish live.” So we cast into the shadows, and our lines got tangled with the reeds more than once. But we persevered and finally knew the thrill of hooking a big fish. Jesus did not promise us that following him would be easy. It may seem safer to keep to our usual routines rather than to take a risk by speaking about and acting on our faith. But James tells us that if we faithfully persevere, the Lord promises us a great reward.

Prayer: Gracious and loving God, thank you for the wisdom of children. Give us courage to take a risk and to persevere for the sake of Christ. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen. - Doug Wingert (Arizona, USA)

Thought for the Day: Following Christ can be risky, but it’s always worth it.

Prayer Focus: THOSE WHO FISH FOR A LIVING WED

Thursday, October 8

ALIVE AND ACTIVE

Read Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is alive and active. — Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)
I made yogurt from scratch the other day and was amazed at how simple the process was. All I had to do was bring a gallon of milk to a rolling boil and then lower the temperature. When the liquid was cool enough, I dropped in a dollop of yogurt that contained active live cultures. Then I covered the whole thing and let it sit for 24 hours. During that time, the cultures multiplied and grew, turning the whole bowl of milk into beautiful creamy yogurt. The active cultures were real, even though I couldn’t see them. The day after I made the yogurt, I was sitting in church listening to my pastor talking about the word of God being alive and active. I couldn’t help but think of the yogurt. I wonder if a little of God’s truth added to my life could grow and create change until it affects my whole being. I wonder how much God’s word is changing me without my noticing. How much change will continue to happen if I add more scripture to my heart, day after day? The possibilities fill me with excitement and hope!

Prayer: Thank you, Lord that your word is alive and can create change in us so that we become more obedient to you.
Amen.

~Cara Grandle (Oregon, USA)

Thought for the Day: The word of God creates change in my heart.
Prayer Focus: BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Friday, October 9
WIND AND WAVE

Read Mark 4:35-41

Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him! — Mark 4:41 (NIV)

Anyone who has traveled with me knows that I fall asleep in uncomfortable and unconventional places. Whether in crowded subways or on bumpy van rides — sitting or standing — I’ll find a way to get some shut-eye. However, I can’t say that a small fishing boat in the midst of one of Galilee’s squalls would be my idea of a pleasant napping spot. But it seemed to be adequate for Jesus. While his disciples battened down the ship’s cargo against the raging sea, Jesus settled in for a snooze. Often we cry out as the disciples did: “Save me, Lord! Don’t you even care?” After Jesus rebuked the wind and the disciples, they were awestruck: “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!” We must ask ourselves: Who is God, in whom I claim to trust? Do I rest in the arms of a Creator and Sustainer, or have I constructed a cold and distant savior who is powerless to meet my needs? While we might fear for our lives in the storm, God remains unthreatened. If we choose to focus on the storm, it will inevitably overtake us. But if we choose to focus on God’s presence and power, we can be confident that our circumstances hold no power against the Master of wind and wave.

Prayer: Lord God, teach us to seek you during the storms of life. Give us faith to walk on the waves and to trust in your everlasting love for us. Amen. —Joel Broberg (Minnesota, USA)

Thought for the Day: Today I will focus on God’s power instead of the storm.
Prayer Focus: THOSE WHO WORK ON THE SEAS

Saturday, October 10
GOD OF RESTORATION

Read Isaiah 61:1-7

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. — Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)

One morning, I was looking at new growth on a branch of my potted plant. A few days earlier, the very same branch had looked too old and worn out to produce any new leaves, and I had considered pruning it. But in that short time, the plant produced new green leaves — not just one, but a cluster of three! Sometimes I feel the way my plant looked. We may feel so worn out that we think we can’t do anything. But God can restore and make everything new. God is able to bring a harvest even from a field that seems barren to us. There is a purpose and a correct timing for everything under heaven. God has blessings in store for us. We need only to be still, believe, and receive them.

Prayer: Dear Lord, we cast all our cares on you, trusting that you can handle every situation better than we can. Amen.

—Deepika Emmanuel Sagar (Rajasthan, India)

Thought for the Day: God is able to restore even the most worn-out parts of me.
Prayer Focus: THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN UP
Trinity United Methodist Church Staff

Rev. Jim Watford, Senior Pastor          Joy Amerson, Office Administrator
Brenda Goldfaden, Director of Music and Worship Arts
Linda Rickenbacker, Organist & Accompanist
Debbie Mishak, Pre-K Director           Kristina Barker, Nursery Supervisor

Mailing Address: 416 East First Street, Kannapolis, North Carolina, 28083
Email: trinityumcadmin@charlotte.twcbc.com   Website: www.trinity247.org

New Office Hours until we can gather in the sanctuary again:
Monday – Friday 8:30 – 12:00          Church Number: 704-933-1127

If there is an emergency you may contact Jim at 336-210-0753