Sunday, November 1st please worship with us online at 10:30!
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

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.

Trinity Pre-K will reopen on November 2nd with 34 students and 7 staff members. Please be in prayer over us as we reopen... prayers of safety and protection from sickness. We are all excited to hear children's voices and laughter in our classrooms again. Love, Debbie Mishak

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PRAYER MEETING
Covid-19, lockdowns, virtual worship, remote learning, failing businesses, loneliness, isolation, social distancing, a national election marked by anger and division....2020 has been a year unlike any in our lifetime.

If ever there has been a time in which the church needs to be at prayer, it is now. So, while we cannot gather physically as the Body of Christ, we can meet via Zoom to pray as a congregation.

On Monday, November 2 (the night before the election) you are invited to join your fellow church members at 7 PM for a time of prayer. I will begin with a short devotion, and then we will take prayer requests and join in prayer together.

The Zoom meeting ID is 995 5861 9658. The passcode is 067842.

Join us for a time of prayer on Monday, November 2 at 7 PM.

God Bless,
Jim Watford

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Upcoming God’s Supper Table Schedule (each Wednesday @ 5:00 p.m.)
November 4th  Genesis Class
November 11th  He’s Alive Church
November 18th  Atrium –NE Anesthetists
November 25th  Trinity’s Thanksgiving ???
December 2nd  UMM
December 9th  He’s Alive Church
December 16th  Buchanan Family
December 23rd  No GST
UPDATE ON GOD’S SUPPER TABLE

As many of you are aware, despite not being able to meet for Sunday services or meetings in our church building since mid-March, we have been able to continue our Wednesday night God’s Supper Table meals without missing a week. Even though we have not been able to serve meals in our facility, we have been able to continue distributing take-out meals thru our drive-thru service under the portico in the back of the church. Under the leadership of Betsy Buchanan, we have been able to fill each Wednesday with groups, families or individuals who were willing to prepare meals for distribution. Not only have members and groups stepped up from our congregation to prepare food, we have had outside organizations including the Pilot Club, Nurse Anesthetists, Community Free Clinic and Outside the Lines prepare meals occasionally and He’s Alive Church fixes a meal one Wednesday each month. We look forward to hopefully having Brookdale Baptist back after the first of the year to fix a meal once each month. These groups fix the meals and package them for take-out distribution and clean up the kitchen. We have another small group of faithful workers who come in around 4:30pm, help to finish up packing the meals and transport the finished product to the back hallway tables for distribution. Beginning at 5:00pm, this group loads the meals into our guest’s vehicle or hands out meals to those who walk up. Distribution continues to 6:00pm or whenever we run out, whichever comes first. We also keep track the number of vehicles, number of occupants in the vehicles, number of walk-up guests and number of meals distributed through this process each week so that this information can be readily available should we have an opportunity to apply for a grant. At the end of the distribution, this group locks up, turns off the lights and sets the alarm.

We have noticed that since the middle of July, our numbers have dramatically increased by around 35%, probably due to stimulus money or unemployment money running out. Since that time, we are averaging close to 80 meals distributed each Wednesday. Several weeks, we have run out before 6:00pm but it makes no sense to fix more than approximately 80 meals each week as it would be difficult to distribute any leftovers after that time. We have no idea what losing daylight savings time in a couple of weeks and the winter months may do to our numbers.

This has been a great program that our church has provided for around a dozen years or so. If you are interested in helping with this community service program that our church provides, please contact Betsy Buchanan and she will be glad to find a place for you to volunteer. Thank you for your continued support of this program with your prayers, gifts and time.

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The Upper Room is no longer available for us to copy and put in the newsletter. Should they decide to continue making it available to copy we will put it in the upcoming newsletters. Thank you.

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OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

It has been many months since we have gathered as the Body of Christ to worship together. Many of you have expressed an interest in coming together for worship, so we are planning an outdoor worship service for Sunday, November 8 at 10:30 am in the parking lot next to the Preschool entrance. We invite you to come, to see old friends, and to worship God as the TUMC community.

Given that the weather is getting colder, this will be a one-time event. We will return to our regular online only worship on Sunday November 15, with the current attendance restrictions.

Join us and either worship in your car by listening to the service on your radio, or bring a lawn chair and sit outside. If you do leave your car, you must wear a mask, and practice social distancing. For those of you who feel uncomfortable gathering for worship, the service will be recorded and you may watch it online on our website as you would normally. PLEASE NOTE THIS SERVICE WILL ONLY BE HELD IF THE WEATHER PERMITS. IF IT IS TOO COLD OR IS RAINING, THE OUTDOOR SERVICE WILL BE CANCELLED, AND WE WILL HAVE OUR REGULAR SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY WITH OUR CURRENT RESTRICTIONS. WE WILL MAKE A DECISION IN PLENTY OF TIME TO LET YOU KNOW IF WE WILL BE ABLE TO MEET OUTSIDE.
We are also in the process of establishing guidelines for meeting inside for worship going forward. It is our wish to possibly begin worshipping in the sanctuary, WITH RESTRICTIONS, at some point in December. However, this is dependent on the course of Covid-19. If the number of cases continues to rise, we may be forced to postpone those plans until it is safer to gather as a community. When we do gather again in the sanctuary, we will continue to live-stream and record our worship services so that those who do not feel safe in a crowd may continue to worship with us online.

I appreciate your patience and flexibility as we continue to make plans for worship. As we all have discovered, it is difficult to make plans in these times because the case rates and hospitalizations of Covid-19 continue to fluctuate.

I also want to express my thanks and appreciation for Jeff Parker. He is going to extraordinary efforts to accommodate our attempts to worship outside next Sunday, and we owe him our gratitude. I also want to give a shout out to Jeff and Doug Roach, together with Andrea Buchanan and Chris Hudson, for all they do each week to broadcast our worship services online. We could not worship together in these difficult times without their hard work and dedication. And I also want to thank Barry Porter, who is at worship each Sunday to provide security and take care of any needs that arise for those of us who are participating in our worship services.

Come join us as we gather to celebrate and praise God outdoors next Sunday, November 8 at 10:30 am.

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Don’t forget!
It’s time to set your clocks back!