

Trinity Presbyterian Church

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Great Commission Offering

Sunday, July 12

We will receive the *Great Commission Offering* on Sunday, July 12, 2009. This is our opportunity to support missionary *Dr. Barbara Nagy* with financial aid as she does God's work at Nkhomo Hospital in Malawi, Africa. The Great Commission Offering was established as a very specific way in which churches in The Presbytery of Western North Carolina could provide support for missionaries.

Barbara was appointed in January, 2004 to serve in Malawi. She is a specialist in internal medicine and pediatrics. She presently resides there with her three daughters, *Melia, Anna* and *Happiness*. In her last letter dated January 12, 2009, Barbara reports that malnutrition is so pervasive in Malawi it is often overlooked. She explains it impacts just about every area of life: education, life expectancy (especially maternal and child survival), availability of trained personnel in every area (especially healthcare) and the list could go on much further. *(You can read more of her letter which is posted on the Global Mission Ministry Bulletin Board.)*



Barbara is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Morganton, North Carolina, where she has been active in the children's choir. She has also served as a volunteer physician at the Good Samaritan Clinic in Morganton. She was ordained to the office of elder in 1994 by Arbor Dale Presbyterian Church in Banner Elk, North Carolina.

Please pray for Barbara and her family and give generously to the *Great Commission Offering* on Sunday, July 12, so that she may continue her work in Malawi.

Pastor's Corner

Robert Burns said, "*Nae man can tether time or tide.*"

A few years ago, the Stanley family made a bounding run up to Maine, (Motto: "America's Vacationland"). After a quick stop in Freeport to make sure that L.L. Bean was still there, we headed "down-east" to Acadia National Park. We were lucky enough to get a camp-site right on one of the beautiful bays that ring the island. When we pulled up with our camper, I was surprised by the thoroughness of the out-going tide. Nary a puddle of water was visible for miles. There was plenty of slippery, rocky, muddy muck-- but the closest water was just barely visible out beyond the off-shore islands.

Just a few hours later, however, we became aware of a drastic transformation. As we watched, sea-water poured into the bay in an ever-widening river until water was lapping at the very edge of the camp-site. Each day this process would be repeated. After a while you could even estimate the time by it. (Well, you could if you first consulted the tide chart - which I pointed out to Becky was only a little more difficult than looking at a watch!) People who live on the sea know that sudden, life-defining change is often inevitable- they see it every day!

Jesus promised, "*Lo, I am with you always.*" No matter the tides or events of our lives, our Savior abides.

Shalom,

Mark

Note from the Associate Pastor

Well, as the drowsy days of summer overtake us, I'm continuing to plod my way through a book called *Traffic: Why We Drive the Way We Do (and What It Says About Us)*, by Tom Vanderbilt—and it continues to have relevance for the life of faith! Consider the following anecdote (you might even think of it as a parable):

"Once, on a driving trip in rural Spain, I decided to take a shortcut. . . . The road turned out to be a climbing, twisting, broken-asphalt nightmare of blind hairpin turns. There were few guardrails, just vertigo-inducing drops into distant gulleys. . . . And how did I drive? Incredibly slowly, with both hands locked on the wheel, eyes boring straight ahead.

"Was the road dangerous or safe?

"Now picture another road in Spain, the nice four-lane highway we took from the airport. . . . I drove at a healthy pace, because it felt safe: a smooth, flat road with gentle curves and plenty of visibility. . . . And what happened? Grown briefly tired from the monotony of the highway, . . . I just about fell asleep and ran off the road."

Mr. Vanderbilt doesn't quote Scripture in relation to this "parable", but what comes to your mind? Perhaps Matthew 7:13-14: "*Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.*"

With you on the journey,

Dwight

~ Approved the following Minutes: Stated Session Meeting of May 12, 2009, Special Session Meeting of May 17, 2009 and the Special Session Meeting of August 24, 2008.

~ *Mel Bringle* led a musical devotion with all Elders participating, followed by prayer.

~ The Finance Report was received by the Session. Treasurer *Ed Lockwood* sent a memo to all committee chairs requesting they curtail as much spending as possible. Total May income was \$49,317 vs. budgeted income of \$54,343 (\$5,020 shortfall). Total May expenses were \$40,330 vs. budgeted expenses of \$42,829 (\$2,499 difference).

~ Recorded new members *Nell and Bill Payne*, The Service of Recognition and Blessing of the relationship of *Phil King and Doris Renz*, and the death of *Earl Kratzer*.

~ *Dwight Christenbury* reported that the Ohmann Lecture Series is going well; and the Children's Learning Hour starting June 21st will explore *Rome: Paul and the Underground Church*. Dwight also requested Session approval of two fund raising events to raise money to help send our children and youth to Camp Grier and Montreat. Motion was approved to hold a 'Basket Auction' in July and also a 'Car Wash' in July.

~ *Feed the Kids Project*, a fundraiser at St. James was very successful, Trinity will prepare meals with Agudas Israel Congregation and Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, and perhaps First Congregational UCC Church once a month during the summer. *Connie Moore* will be in charge. Local Mission approved the allocation of \$300 from the Lowry Restricted Endowment for this project.

~ Vacation Bible School will be June 22-25 with five churches cooperating: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, St. James Episcopal Church, Grace Lutheran Church, Providence Baptist Church and Trinity Presbyterian Church.

~ *Mel Bringle* offered to share information from the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song with members of Trinity.

~ *Ron Hoverson* reported that the Fourth of July holiday for Trinity staff has been changed from Friday, July 3 to Monday, July 6. July 3 will be a regular workday and the church offices will be closed on July 6.

~ *Beth Harris* reported that the Preschool is collecting old cell phones. Also, on May 18th the TPS honored long time volunteer *Ruth Mills* by planting a maple tree in her honor on the playground; and a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon was held on May 26th.

~ *Deeana Bennett* has requested some extra help in getting the young children into the Sanctuary on Sundays when communion is being served. It would be best if the children could sit with their parents.

~ *Jim Norris* reported that the Building and Grounds Committee is concerned that doors are being left unlocked and lights are being left on when no one is in the church building. They request that everyone be aware of this and take care to lock doors and turn out the necessary lights. Two new plaques for the Columbarium have been received and will be erected soon. The Session approved the Report of the Comprehensive Plan for the Columbarium.

~ *Sue Hammer* reported that \$1500 from Endowment Unrestricted Funds have been approved to Habitat for the Duke Endowment/ Faith Works Grant - a matching grant of \$10,000 which will provide materials to build a Habitat home in the Shuey Knolls neighborhood - to be completed by December 2009. And the intent of the grant is to have congregations of all faiths join in the program. The 'Bring a Can When You Can' is ongoing and well-supported.

~ *Dave Shadron* reported that the Mission Trip to Guatemala was successful. Also that \$2,532.72 was received from the 'One Great Hour of Sharing' offering.

~ *Neena Haskins* said that the New Member Committee is trying to work with the *Shepherd Program* to find a suitable computer program to help us keep track of our membership.

~ *Mark Stanley* will be attending the 'Validated Ministries' Presbytery Committee meeting at Black Mountain on June 30, and the 'Acts Initiative' at Morganton on June 18. Mark announced that *Grace Boyer* will be preaching at Trinity on July 5th while Mark is on vacation.

~ Next meeting will be a Joint Pot Luck Dinner Meeting with Session and Diaconate - held on Tuesday, July 14th at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall - and the family members of these two groups are invited to attend.

Edith Clark, Clerk of Session

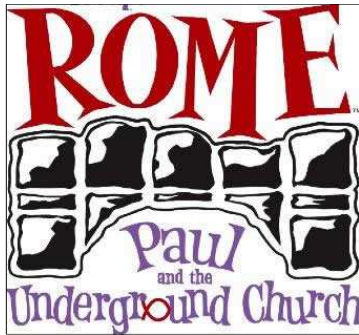


July Birthdays

- 1 Lyn Putnam
- 3 Paul Bennett
- 4 Bruce Penn
Don Robinson
Marina Zarnowski
- 6 Susan Mangrum
- 7 John Adams
- 8 Hal Beam
- 11 Bettye Sachs
Fred Van Itallie
- 12 Sarah Bridges
Anna Vanderwerf
- 13 Ken Sugawara
- 14 Marie Kern
- 15 Diane Bowers
Beth Harris
Brenda Holmer
- 16 Ron Hoverson
Sandie Walker
- 17 Chuck Noegel
Irene Robertson
Don Widmayer
- 18 Barbara Johnson
- 19 Jessie Ann Boterf
Sue Robinson
- 20 Priscilla Karvonen
- 21 Jeanne Gmeiner
Arlene Russell
- 22 Beth Miller
- 25 Bill Stewart
- 26 Gloria Andavall
- 27 Bob Hewett
- 29 Jan Bridges
Lois Ann Hess
- 30 Lynn Moore
- 31 Mel Bringle



Children's Learning Hour



Going on right under your feet . . .

For the rest of the summer, the ground floor of Trinity Presbyterian Church has become the catacombs of ancient Rome, as we learn about the apostle Paul and our earliest Christian sisters and brothers!

Every Sunday, beginning at 9:45 a.m.!



Ohmann Lectures

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

We thank *Marc Mullinax*, Associate Professor of Religion at Mars Hill College, for his engaging series of lectures on *Understanding Critics of Christianity*.

Coming this month, following a special program on July 5, we will welcome *Rabbi Philip Bentley* of Agudas Israel, here in Hendersonville, who will be speaking on understanding Biblical texts as taught in the Jewish tradition.

Then, in August, *Dr. George W. Ramsey* will be speaking on *Faith Meets Faith: What Can Christians Learn from Other Religions?* Topics will include Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam.



Ice Cream Social July 15th, 6:30 p.m.

Make your best recipe of homemade ice cream and compete for the "Golden Scoop" Award for the best churn.

Plan to join in the fun in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for ice cream, toppings or anything that goes well with ice cream!



Trinity Preschool Yard Sale

Save The Date
October 2nd and 3rd

Collections are coming in and our fine storage building is used well; however, there is still plenty of room. If you want to bring items to the church and use the building, get the keys from *Bettye*.

Neena, 606-5202, will be pleased to pick up as well, or you can put them under the Preschool stairs at the back of the building. Thanks to all who have been generous. We are going to have a wonderful sale!

Trinity Fellowship Events

Summer Fun

Life is full of changes and surprises. Wonderful Wednesday activities will change for the summer. We hope to have “**Wonderful Summer Activities**” that you will want to participate in. Watch for news on the following activities. Then sign up and mark your calendars.



July 15..... Ice Cream Social
August 12..... Bon Fire and More

Then, sign up and mark you calendars for the **Cook Out and Pool Parties** on: July 26th; and August 30th.

Cook Out and Pool Party

July 15th 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

“Young” or “Young at Heart”, join us for some fun-in-the-sun, in-and-around the pool this summer. Meat and drinks will be provided. The meat this month is hot dogs. Bring a salad or dessert and your lawn chair and/or swim suit. Eatin’ begins at 1:30 p.m. Help the Ball’s know how many to expect by signing up now. There is no age limit for having fun! Bring a friend and join us. For more information call *Carole* at 692-8774.



This summer, we’ll be taking a few excursions up to Asheville for Asheville Tourists baseball. We will meet at the church on game day and carpool to the ballpark. Check your calendar and plan to join us on one or all of the following dates:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Game Time</i>	<i>Tourists’ Opponent</i>	<i>Meet at Trinity at</i>
Wednesday, July 8	7:05 p.m.	Augusta Greenjackets	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 29	7:05 p.m.	Delmarva Shorebirds	5:30 p.m.
Sunday, August 16	2:05 p.m.	Kannapolis Intimidators	12:30 p.m.

General Admission tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$6.00 for seniors (65+) and children (3-12).

Driving directions to McCormick Field

Take I-26 west toward Asheville, then take I-40 east to Exit 50 (Biltmore Avenue). Turn left off the ramp and head north on Biltmore Ave., past Mission / St. Joseph Hospital, past the Ford dealer, through one traffic light, and right at the next street, McCormick Place (gas station on the corner). McCormick Field is on the right.

For more information, see <http://asheville.tourists.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t573>



Local Missions Ministry Spotlight



Did you know that -

- ~ Henderson County Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit Christian housing ministry founded in 1989.
- ~ Currently they are building homes at the rate of 10-12 a year.
- ~ Partner families are low-income residents of Henderson County and are selected for a Habitat home following Fair Housing guidelines.
- ~ Volunteer labor enables Habitat to reduce the purchase price of a Habitat home to just the cost of building materials, land, and infrastructure.
- ~ Each partner family must work a minimum of 400 hours on a Habitat home, and they pay for their home with a 25-year mortgage at no interest and no profit to Habitat.
- ~ It takes about 2500 volunteer hours to construct one home, and no experience is required. Instructions are provided.
- ~ Over the years many Trinity members have been and are involved with Habitat.

Want to know more? Call Habitat at 694-0340.

Remember Habitat has two thrift stores on Washington Street.

Re-designed Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden Committee cordially invites all church members to visit the re-designed Trinity Memorial Garden.

The work consisted of removing the old, rotting wood frame from around the garden containing the memorial plaque and replacing it with an enlarged border made from Mt. Airy granite that matches the cover plates on the columbarium wall.

Two new bronze memorial plaques have been added, since the original bronze plaque has been filled with names of members who have been interred in the garden over the past 20 years. New interment areas have been added in the re-design.

The entrance to the garden is the concrete walk that starts at the top of the ramp from the church front door to the upper sanctuary parking lot.

If you have any questions about the garden, please contact *Jack Case* at 696-9645.

Support Trinity Youth through **The Basket Auction, July 5-19**

The Trinity Youth will be holding a Basket Auction this month to raise funds for camp and conference scholarships, with a portion of all monies received to support a worthy local cause. Several Trinity children and youth will be attending summer camp at Camp Grier, the outdoor ministry site of our presbytery, while the Senior High Youth will be attending the Montreat Youth Conference (July 26-August 1), which this year includes a day of service through a new ministry called Asheville Youth Mission.

What Is a Basket Auction?

A Basket Auction is a form of silent auction in which folks are invited to bid on baskets full of all sorts of items. The possibilities are limited only by your imagination; examples might include a Coffee and Tea Basket, a Movie Basket, a Gardening Basket, a Reading Basket, a Night-on-the-Town Basket, a Rent-a-Person Basket, a Concert Basket, a Sports Basket, a Weedeater Basket, a Vacation Basket—even a Fruit Basket!

How Can I Help?

There are at least three ways you can get involved:

1. **Donate a Complete Filled Basket.** For example, if you chose to donate a *Movie Basket*, you might go shopping for a few inexpensive DVDs, some microwave popcorn, and a box of Milk Duds. Then, you'd place them in a basket, decorate the whole thing according to your tastes and abilities, and enter your basket in the auction. As another example (one that wouldn't involve shopping), you might be a person who enjoys weeding a garden; you could donate a *Weedeater Basket*, which would simply be a basket containing a card announcing that you'll offer your weeding services for a designated amount of time to the highest bidder. Remember, the basket possibilities are limited only by your imagination!
2. **Donate a Portion of a Basket.** If you're not able to put together a complete gift basket, consider giving individual items or an empty basket that could be filled with items that others have donated. For ideas, see the list on the Basket Auction bulletin board, adjacent to the Atrium.
3. **Bid on a Basket.** Once the Basket Auction is up and running, beginning Sunday, July 5, browse the available baskets (they'll be easy to spot!) and make a bid by writing your name and your bid on each basket's bidding form. Consider giving a basket as a gift (or if you spot something you like, give yourself a gift!).

When Is This Happening?

The Basket Auction begins on Sunday, July 5, and runs until Sunday, July 19. The bidding will close at 12:30 p.m. on July 19. If you'd like to contribute a basket, please try to do so on or before July 5 (you may bring baskets to the church office anytime before the opening date of the auction)—but if you aren't able to get your basket to us by July 5, late entries will be cheerfully accepted!

Thank You for taking the time to read all of this, and **thank you** in advance for your participation, and a constant **thank you** for your continued support of the Trinity Youth!

For more information about the Basket Auction, please see or call *Dwight Christenbury*.

News from Dan and Elizabeth Turk *Missionaries in Madagascar*

A letter dated June 12, 2009 has been received from the *Turks*. We are glad to inform you that they and their children, *Robert* and *Frances*, are still safe and continuing their work there. They write:

...“as a result of the coup d’etat on March 17, Madagascar is suffering a deepening economic and humanitarian crisis. Many people have lost jobs. Prices of basic necessities are on the rise; more people are going hungry. Many cannot pay school fees, purchase needed medicines, or pay their rent. The African Growth and Opportunity Act, which is responsible for probably over 150,000 jobs, especially in the textile sector, is in jeopardy. The coup government has cracked down on people advocating a return to democracy and constitutional order by shooting unarmed protesters on repeated occasions, arresting leaders of the movement to restore legality, denying people the right to assemble and shutting down radio and TV stations. In addition, those protesting the coup are being terrorized by a special military unit that was set up expressly to arrest and interrogate political opponents. A number of the protest leaders are either in jail or in hiding. The coup government used tear gas on protesters again today 12 June 09. There does not appear to be a solution for a just and durable peace in sight.”

The Turks thank everyone for their continued prayers for the country and the people of Madagascar. They ask for God’s grace and power to sustain the people and the church.

The members of the Global Mission Ministry also ask everyone to pray for Dan and Elizabeth and their children and that they can discern God’s will for them in this trying period of their lives.

You can read the letter from the Turks in its entirety. It is posted on the Global Mission Bulletin Board.

Pat Norris

Global Mission Ministry

PFLAG Chapter Meeting *July 6th*

Our next PFLAG Chapter meeting will be held on July 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the UU Church on Kanuga.

Our guest speaker will be Anita sharing with us what it is like to be a lesbian mother of a pre-teen. This is a chance to better educate ourselves about what some lesbian parents go through. You will be enthralled by Anita's story. Invite your friends.

We will also be taking time for support and for advocacy, with a report from the Spartanburg Pride march.

Jerry W. Miller

Year to Date Financial Results Through April

Actual	Budget	Over / (Short)
Pledge and Plate	\$126,680	\$144,008 / (\$17,328)
Other Income	\$11,568	\$20,367 / (\$8,799)
Preschool	\$17,270	\$15,360 / (\$1,910)
Total Income	\$155,518	\$179,735 / (\$24,217)
Total Expense	\$174,539	\$183,935 / (\$9,396)
Net Income	(\$19,021)	(\$4,200) / (\$14,821)

As reported by,

Glenn Walker

New Library Resources to Interest You

Sally Cook (from I.A.M. with FaithLink) has donated the title,

~ *Three Cups of Tea* (Young Reader's Ed.) (B/M)
Greg Mortenson

~ *The Astonishing Hypothesis: The Scientific Search for the Soul* ((6/C)

Francis Crick

~ *Dying, Facing the Facts* (addresses and essays) ed.

Hannalore Wass

John Hanson has donated the title,

~ *The Legends of St. Thomas Becket and of the Holy Cross* (Swedish and English –Swedish religious history including wall paintings discovered in a church dating back to 1325-50 A.D.)(14/L)

Andreas Lindblom

~ *Galatians* (Commentary)(4/R)

Philip Graham Rhken

~ *The Healing Power of Prayer* (10/T)

Chester L. Tolson

Irene Solbakken has donated the book,

~ *What Paul Meant* (4/W) Garry Wills

~ *The Heart of the Cross* (8/B)

James Montgomery Boice

Jeanne Thune has donated the following titles:

~ *Alone atop the Mountain* (historical fiction about Moses (33/S) Samuel Sandmel

~ *Strength in Weakness* (8/L)

Steven Laman

~ *Around the World in Eighty Years* (Medical Missions)(16/S)

Kenneth M. Scott

~ *A Tree Full of Angels* (9/W)

Macrina Wiederkehr

Jane Presseau

Chairman of the Library Committee

Lectionary Readings

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48:1-14
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24:1-10
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19

2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalm 89:20-37
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26

2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14:1-7
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

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In Memoriam

Earl Krazter

*Raised to the
Church Triumphant*

Preaching Schedule

July 5 Grace Boyer, Associate for Missions,
Presbytery of Western North Carolina

July 12..... Mark Stanley

July 19..... Mark Stanley

July 26 Dwight Christenbury

Weekly Prayer Persons

July 5 **Tom and Priscilla Karvonen**..... 890-5091
44 Cedar Drive
Mills River, NC 28759

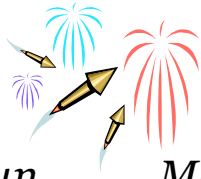
July 19 **John and Betsy Mixner**..... 693-1893
600 Carolina Village Road, #241
Hendersonville, NC 28792

July 12 **Cathy O'Neil**..... 693-3996
126 Azalea Way
Hendersonville, NC 28792

July 26 **Ruth Sampson**..... 692-6975
600 Carolina Village Road, #254
Hendersonville, NC 28792

The Lord is My Shepherd





July 2009

Sun

Mon



Tues

Wed

Thurs

Fri

Sat

			<p>1</p> <p>11:00 Nominating Committee</p> <p>3:30 Local Ministry</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 Finance Ministry</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Independence Day</p> 
<p>5</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>8:45 Worship</p> <p>9:45 Learning Hour</p> <p>9:45 Inquirer's</p> <p>11:00 Worship</p> <p>12:00 Trinity 30</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 New Member</p> <p>8:30 Staff</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>3:00 Support Group</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
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 <p>26 Five-Cents-A-Meal</p> <p>8:45 Worship</p> <p>9:45 Learning Hour</p> <p>11:00 Worship</p> <p>12:00 Trinity 30</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00 New Member</p> <p>8:30 Staff</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	

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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.*