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# TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN MAY Tidings



*Hang on  
TO YOUR HOPE*



## PASTOR'S CORNER

### *HOPE!*

During this tumultuous year, as our world experiences warfare and

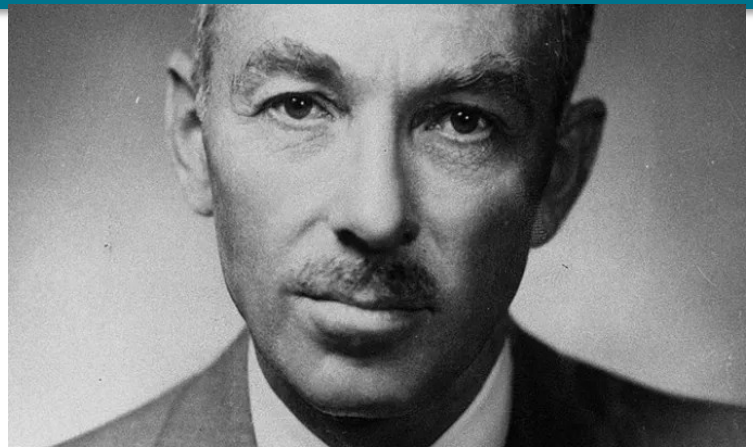
uncertainty and as we as a nation face unprecedented choices in our election cycle, I wanted to share this perspective on HOPE. Our Stewardship Ministry has determined that Hope will be our theme this year. I am seeking to share a variety of perspectives on Hope in the months ahead. This question and response feels like a good place to start: (with apologies for the sexist language of the 1970's!)

*In 1973, E.B. White wrote the following reply to a Mr. Nadeau, "who sought White's opinion on what he saw as a bleak future for the human race."*

*"Dear Mr. Nadeau:*

*As long as there is one upright man, as long as there is one compassionate woman, the contagion may spread and the scene is not desolate. Hope is the thing that is left to us, in a bad time. I shall get up Sunday morning and wind the clock, as a contribution to order and steadfastness.*

*Sailors have an expression about the weather: they say, the weather is a great bluffer. I guess the same is true of our human society—things*



*can look dark, then a break shows in the clouds, and all is changed, sometimes rather suddenly. It is quite obvious that the human race has made a queer mess of life on this planet. But as a people we probably harbor seeds of goodness that have lain for a long time waiting to sprout when the conditions are right. Man's curiosity, his relentlessness, his inventiveness, his ingenuity have led him into deep trouble. We can only hope that these same traits will enable him to claw his way out. Hang on to your hat. Hang on to your hope. And wind the clock, for tomorrow is another day."*

I "hope" that Mr. White would not object too strenuously to this modest addition to his message- "By the Grace of God."

With HOPE,

*Mark*

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IAM  INTERFAITH  
ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

## May Pantry Needs

- 1 lb. bags of rice
- Peanut butter
- Canned fruit
- Canned tuna and chicken
- Canned corn
- Canned mixed vegetables
- Canned beans
- Canned soup
- Canned diced tomatoes
- Dry pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Low-sugar cereals
- Oatmeal

## letter from the associate pastor...

It is May, which can only mean that summer is coming! Though our pace here at Trinity tends to be a little bit slower than the rest of the year, you can still find summertime opportunities for all ages; here's a quick look:

**Ohmann Speaker Series.** We're planning an occasional series of guest speakers, spaced throughout the summer months. Some details are still being finalized, but we do know two of the names who will join us this summer: Jeannie DuBose, a warm and gifted author, speaker, and retreat leader who focuses on the spirituality of aging (among other things); and Richard Boyce, a recently retired professor of preaching at Union Presbyterian Seminary. More details, dates, and additional names coming soon.

**General Assembly.** True, the Presbyterian Church's biannual General Assembly (GA) isn't exactly a Trinity program—but we are part of a “connectional” church and it's important that we keep up with the faithful work and important decisions of our siblings from across the country. Our own Mark Stanley will be a GA commissioner this year, and we will keep you informed on the GA's important work..

**Vacation Bible School.** Our long-standing partnership with Grace Lutheran and St. James Episcopal Churches continues, and we look forward to hosting VBS on the mornings of June 24–27. (More information and registration details for kids and volunteers can be found inside.)

**Youth Events and Mission Trips.** Please keep our youth in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for a Confirmation Class, which begins with a two-day retreat on June 3, and a week of mission and learning in Charleston, South Carolina, with a group from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina in late July.

And there will be more! Stay tuned. . . .

Peace,

*Dwight*

# 2024 VBS

*June 24-27*  
*9 am-Noon*



**Trinity Presbyterian - 900 Blythe Street,  
Hendersonville, NC 28791**

**Wild Life is a four-day adventure where kids discover how special they are to God and how wild it is that they can share their story, use their gifts, spend time with God and spend time with others. VBS participants will rotate through stations including: Bible/small group time, crafts, games, snack, and a daily hands-on activity.**

**Registration: <https://bit.ly/2024WildlifeVBS> (participants)**

**<https://bit.ly/2024WildLifeVolunteer> (volunteers)**

**Open to kids 4 years old (as of Aug. 31, 2022) through those who finished 5th grade. Volunteers - anyone who has finished 6th grade up is welcome to help as station leaders, small group leaders or assistants.**

## Finance & Stewardship Ministry

### THANK YOU MARIAN!

Marian Lowry was, for many years, a force in Henderson County's volunteer organizations. From Girl Scouts to the League of Women Voters to the Council on Aging & many others, Marian donated countless hours and her considerable skills to ensure a better life for all of us.

We at Trinity were blessed to have Marian as a long-time member of our congregation. She served as a role model for all of us to become involved in making Henderson County a better place.

As you know Marian passed away last December. She left Trinity a very generous bequest. To ensure Marian's legacy is honored, Trinity's Session has approved the donation of the entire \$100,000.00 bequest to nonprofit organizations in the county and mission projects within Trinity. We chose organizations Marian actively volunteered in, as well as several whose missions she supported. Trinity is excited to announce that donations and allocations to the following have been made in Marian's honor.

*Diane Bowers*

### DAVID SHADRON CHOIR ENDOWMENT

Susan Mangrum has provided a gift to Trinity in memory of her late husband David Shadron. David Shadron's service to Trinity included being a member of the Trinity Choir. Susan's gift is in the form of an endowment – permanently invested funds – making it a “forever gift”. Annually, income distributed from this investment will be restricted, for use by the Trinity Choir as determined by its members. The Endowment Fund Committee joins all members of the Trinity congregation in gratitude for this endowment gift.

*Steve Culp*

Endowment Fund Committee



- **LOCAL MISSIONS MINISTRY**
- **GLOBAL MISSIONS MINISTRY**
- **EARTH CARING MINISTRY**
- **OHMANN FUND  
(SPEAKERS' SERIES)**
- **MATTHEW 25 MINISTRY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (CIRCLES PROGRAM)**
- **TRINITY LIBRARY**
- **WILLIAM LOWRY ENDOWMENT  
(LOCAL MISSIONS)**
- **TRINITY 60TH ANNIVERSARY FUND**
- **THE COUNCIL ON AGING**
- **LITERACY CONNECTION**
- **PISGAH LEGAL (FOR HENDERSON CO. PROGRAMMING)**
- **HOUSING ASSISTANCE CORPORATION**
- **HENDERSON CO. EDUCATIONAL FUND  
(GROW YOUR OWN SCHOLARSHIP FUND)**
- **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (FOR KIDS' PROGRAMMING)**
- **CUB SCOUTS (PACK 640, WHICH INCLUDES BOYS AND GIRLS)**

## Finance/Stewardship Ministry QUARTER 1 2024 FINANCIAL UPDATE

The first quarter of the year is behind us, so it is time for our first financial update of the year. Bottom Line: We are \$16,000 positive for the year but \$17,000 behind last year's strong start. Income: Total income is \$8,500 (5%) above budget but lags last year through March by \$15,000, primarily due to pledge receipts. This first quarter had the usual volatility in pledge receipts with a strong January followed by weaker February and March.

**Expense:** Expenses are \$4,800 under budget, some of which is related to timing.

**Other:** Recently our capital accounts were tapped for replacing toilets in the lower level (child size to adult size) and tree removal. The current balance in the three accounts is \$61,000.

## REVIEW OF OUR 2023 FINANCIALS

Over many years, we have developed a program with several steps meant to evaluate how well we are following appropriate steps in receiving your donations, managing our funds, and paying our bills.

We have been using a volunteer team of three members to review these steps each year. For 2023, our Finance/Stewardship Ministry recommended, and Session approved, contracting with a retired CPA (also a member of the Presbytery Finance Committee) so we may get an expert viewpoint from outside of Trinity. We have received the reviewer's report. Finance/Stewardship is reviewing the report which will be presented to Session next month. We will share more in next month's update.

## *The Finance Team!*

*(a.k.a. Diane Bowers, Bob Forsythe,  
& Tom Karvonen)*

**Local Missions Ministry** - The 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Hunger Walk is Saturday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>---please mark your calendars! It is likely not a surprise to know that large agencies such as IAM, the Rescue Mission, and the Salvation Army receive grants from the Hunger Coalition. But---how about the Council on Aging, Community Food Pantry (Edneyville), Fishes and Loaves, and Safelight? Calvary Episcopal Food Pantry, St. Vincent DePaul, and the Storehouse?

The Henderson County Hunger Coalition's primary fundraiser to make annual grants to all these organizations, big and small, is through the annual Hunger Walk.

This year's Walk will have a new starting point and routes! We will begin and end at Lennox Park---the same place as our "mid-way" stops in the past. Plenty of parking in the Trailways Brewery lot. They also allow our walkers to use their restrooms. More details will follow in the coming months.

Please mark your calendar for our walk on September 28<sup>th</sup>! *Tom Karvonen*



*You're Invited to*

# LET LOVE BREW

**A FUNDRAISER FOR THRIVE**



**WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 4TH @ 2PM**

**WHERE: GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1245 6TH AVENUE  
HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28791**

**TICKETS: \$35 FOR A SINGLE TICKET  
\$250 FOR A TABLE OF 8**

**CONTACT KRISSEY BROWDER MASOTTI AT  
KBROWDER@THRIVE4HEALTH.ORG OR 828-697-1581  
OR SCAN THE CODE FOR TICKETS!**



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# ***TWO SPRING CONCERTS 2024***



**A Joyful Community Chorus Bringing People Together**

## ***\*Enduring Life's Storms\****

*with songs of Carole King, Simon & Garfunkel, spirituals, & more*

**1.) 5:00 pm Sunday, May 5**

**Trinity Presbyterian Church Hendersonville**

900 Blythe St, Hendersonville, NC 28791

**2.) 7:00 pm Tuesday, May 7**

**Tryon Fine Arts Center Auditorium**

34 Melrose Ave, Tryon NC 28782

**FREE! DONATIONS ACCEPTED, ALL ARE WELCOME.**



# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE



Blue Ridge  
Audubon

## Fellowship Ministry

We will have two Wednesday Night Live fellowships in May 2024 PLUS an additional concert sans dinner. Come out to learn, listen, support arts and science, see your friends, etc. It's Fellowship party time!

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

- 5:30 pm – WNL Dinner
- 6:30 pm – Program: **Blue Ridge Audubon**, a chapter of the National Audubon Society, in western North Carolina, whose **mission** is to protect birds and the places they depend on. We believe that a world in which birds thrive is a world that benefits all living things. Their **vision** is a vibrant and just community where the protection of birds and our natural world is valued by everyone.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

- 5:30 pm – WNL Dinner
- 6:30 pm – Program: **Hendersonville Swing Band** with director Jerry Zink, playing music of the Big Band era of the '30s, '40s and '50s providing 3-4 local benefit concerts each year.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

- **NO DINNER**
- 6:30 pm – Program: **Musicke Antiqua Early Music Ensemble**, performing music from the Medieval and Renaissance through the Baroque and Modern eras, in costume, on replicas of a wide variety of early music instruments, including recorders, double reed instruments, strings and percussion.

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is here  
to support you  
Please reach out!

## May Birthdays

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- 2** Penny Honker  
John Sheiry
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- 3** Flora Hobson
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- 4** Robin Hodgson  
Charlie Snead
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- 6** Leslie Zarnowski  
Cindy Householder
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- 8** Betty Musser
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- 10** Billie Hicklin  
Bill Payne
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- 11** Jock Aplin
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- 12** Brandon Haskins
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- 13** Bob Forsythe
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- 14** Norie Sanchez
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- 15** Diane Smelker  
Josh Burnham
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- 16** Vivian Emme  
Steve Culp
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- 18** Helen Dearborn  
Charles Keefer
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- 19** Paul Soltesz
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- 20** Carolyn Erickson
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- 24** Bud Weeks  
Betty Sloop
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- 25** Bonnie Godsey  
Barbara Howard
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- 26** Ron Howard  
Cindi Sthreshley
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- 27** Kim Henderson
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- 31** Charlie Hunnicutt
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## June Previews

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- 2** Barbara Goodman
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- 3** Kim Ball  
Cora Wright
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From Top Left: Don Widmayer & Myrl Jean Hughes, Tim Kuykendall at Hendo Earth Fest; Middle: Bud Weeks & Tom Karvonen with our friends from Sugar Hollow Solar; Julie Carter w/ a sunny friend at Hendo Earth Fest

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# May 2024

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10:30 Friends in Christ  
1:00 Spanish Class  
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

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9:30 Musicke Antiqua  
9:55 Bible Study: Mark  
11:00 BTL Book Group  
1:00 Technology Mtg.  
3:30 Beginning Tai Chi  
4:00 Intermediate Tai Chi  
6:30 Cub Scouts

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8:00 Toastmasters  
10:00 Feed the Kids  
1:00 NACA Testing

4 - **PYC ADVENTURE**

9:00 Zoom: NACA Housing Workshop  
9:00 Bradford Pear Tree Bounty (City Ops)  
2:00 Thrive Tea (Grace Lutheran)

5 - **COMMUNION**

8:30 **Worship**  
9:45 Learning Hour  
10:30 Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 **Worship**  
11:00 Fiesta Hendersonville  
12:15 Thriving Cong.  
5:00 ManKind Project  
5:00 Mountain Song Con.

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9:00 Finance Team  
9:30 Painters' Group  
10:00 New Member Sub.  
10:30 VBS Team  
2:00 PW Coord. Team  
3:30 Beginning Tai Chi  
4:00 Intermediate Tai Chi  
7:00 Zoom: B&G Ministry

7 - **FOAM RECYCLING**

9:00 Staff Meeting  
10:00 Coffee Group  
4:00 Global Missions

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10:00 Esther Circle  
10:30 Friends in Christ  
1:00 Spanish Class  
5:30 WNL Dinner  
6:30 WNL Presentation  
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

9 - **ASCENSION DAY**

9:30 Musicke Antiqua  
9:55 Bible Study: Mark  
11:00 BTL Book Group  
3:30 Beginning Tai Chi  
4:00 Intermediate Tai Chi  
4:00 Zoom: Finance/Stewardship Ministry  
6:30 Cub Scouts

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8:00 Toastmasters

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9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

12 - **MOTHER'S DAY**

8:30 **Worship**  
9:45 Learning Hour  
10:30 Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 **Worship**  
5:00 ManKind Project

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9:00 Finance Team  
9:30 Painters' Group  
10:00 New Member Sub.  
10:30 New Member Min.  
3:30 Beginning Tai Chi  
4:00 Intermediate Tai Chi  
5:30 Local Missions Mtg.  
6:30 Session Mtg.

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9:00 Staff Meeting  
10:00 Coffee Group  
10:30 Building Use Mtg.  
3:00 Origami Group  
3:30 Deacons' Mtg.

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10:30 Friends in Christ  
1:00 Spanish Class  
3:00 Zoom: Earth Care  
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

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9:30 Musicke Antiqua  
9:55 Bible Study: Mark  
11:00 BTL Book Group  
3:30 Beginning Tai Chi  
4:00 Intermediate Tai Chi  
5:00 Project Dignity 7th Anniversary Fundraiser  
6:30 Cub Scouts

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8:00 Toastmasters  
4:00 Silent Vigil for Immigration (Historic Courthouse)

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19 - **PENTECOST**

8:30 **Worship**  
9:45 Learning Hour  
10:30 Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 **Worship**  
12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry  
5:00 ManKind Project

20 - **TIDINGS DEADLINE**

9:00 Finance Team  
9:30 Painters' Group  
10:00 New Member Sub.  
3:30 Beginning Tai Chi  
4:00 Intermediate Tai  
4:30 Hunger Coalition Board Meeting

21 - **FOAM RECYCLING**

9:00 Staff Meeting  
10:00 Coffee Group  
10:30 Naomi Circle  
6:30 Zoom: Worship Min.  
7:00 Mountain True 5Point Film Fest

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10:30 Friends in Christ  
1:00 Spanish Class  
5:30 WNL Dinner  
6:30 WNL Presentation  
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

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9:30 Musicke Antiqua  
9:55 Bible Study: Mark  
11:00 BTL Book Group  
1:30 Book Group  
3:30 Beginning Tai Chi  
4:00 Intermediate Tai Chi  
6:30 Cub Scouts

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8:00 Toastmasters

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9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

26 - **TRINITY SUNDAY & 5 CENTS A MEAL**

8:30 **Worship**  
9:45 Learning Hour  
10:30 Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 **Worship**  
5:00 ManKind Project

27 - **MEMORIAL DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)**

9:00 Finance Team  
9:30 Painters' Group  
3:30 Beginning Tai Chi  
4:00 Intermediate Tai

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9:00 Staff Meeting  
10:00 Coffee Group  
3:00 Origami Group  
4:00 Death Cafe  
6:00 Deborah Circle

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10:30 Friends in Christ  
1:00 Spanish Class  
6:30 CONCERTL Musicke Antique Ensemble  
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

30 - **CORPUS CHRISTI**

9:30 Musicke Antiqua  
9:55 Bible Study: Mark  
11:00 BTL Book Group  
3:30 Beginning Tai Chi  
4:00 Intermediate Tai Chi  
6:30 Cub Scouts

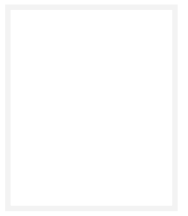
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8:00 Toastmasters



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We are Christ's people and this is Christ's place  
with its doors wide open.

Welcome!

tidings

may the sun shine warm  
upon your face

Traditional Irish blessing

