



February 2022 Theme

Promises that *Bind* You

From Your Pastor's Heart

My dear Trinity family,

Happy February! As you enter this Valentine month, I pray you will find that there is no greater love than the one that we find in Jesus.

I am writing this letter to you a few days before leaving for India. The trip ahead of us will be blended with a sense of anticipation, uncertainties and a tryst with memories that will bring joy and pain.

Life has a way in which it turns our attention to the grace of God. Valentine season is a time of joy for those who have found love or celebrate the memory of its goodness. Such people find gratitude for grace. On the other hand, the season brings pain to those who have not found true love in relationships or have been through a broken road. Such individuals need the consolation of the grip of grace.

Addressing the subject of love and family-life has become all-the-more complex today. This is especially in view of the increased numbers of single parents, kids growing up without father figures, people living together rather than committing to marriage, and the problem and pain of divorce. To complicate things further we are navigating through the uncertainties of a pandemic-struck world where school shootings and false alarms make school communities feel all the more unsafe. It might not be an overstatement to say that life in the world of kids and youth is certainly under fire.

Years ago, a little girl asked me, “Pastor Arun, will you be my dad?” Her question caused my heart to feel a sense of deep heaviness – not because I was unwilling to consider her appeal. Reality was that the little girl had her own dad staying at home with the family. Yet for reasons that she knew best, she longed for the love of another father figure. It is hard to imagine how complex the world looks from the perspective of a child whose life is torn apart between adults who are not able to hold it together. May I invite you to think about, pray for, and do things for families that might be hurting this season?

Could this Valentine month be a season in which we can do the following:

1. Pray for families and couples and their well-being.
2. Pray that families will become Christ-centered and thus find true and eternal well-being.
3. Rededicate ourselves to our marriage covenants.
4. Remember in gratitude spouses who have gone ahead of us to glory. Pray for those who hurt from their loss.
5. Seek to be loving role models of Jesus-love to kids and youth.
6. Is there anything else you can think of?

Someone wrote these words, “In the first year of marriage, the husband spoke, and the wife listened. In the second year of marriage, the wife spoke, and the husband listened. In the third year of marriage, they both spoke, and the neighbors listened.” While the humor in those words might make us laugh, the reality of such circumstances is painful. We live in a world of harsh words, curse words, hurting words, and words that are hard to forget. When you have to raise your voice or yell at someone, wouldn’t you normally only have to do it if they are at a greater physical distance? When the volume of our conversations increases while we are yet in close physical proximity, might it indicate that we have a growing emotional distance? That’s something to think about.

In this season of love, I pray that you will celebrate, find strength in, and rediscover the truest love of all in the sweet, unfailing love of the Lord Jesus. I also pray that you will take to heart the words of scripture that tell us, “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13)

When I turned 50, a friend of mine sent me the song, “The Older I Get” by country singer Alan Jackson. Let me share some words to close this letter:

*“The older I get, the more I think,
You only get a minute, better live while you’re in it,
‘Cause it’s gone in a blink,
And the older I get, the truer it is,
It’s the people you love, not the money and stuff,
That makes you rich.”*

In the midst of colder days, may the warmth of God’s love wrap you and hold you.

Because His love never fails,
Pastor Arun



OUR MONTHLY PRAISE AND PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that young people choose God’s way and the scriptures’ standards for their relationships and marriages. Every time you pass by a school or educational institution, would you pray that young people find true and Godly love?

FEBRUARY THEME

PROMISES THAT BIND YOU

February 6

Adam and Eve:

Paint my Love

Scripture: Genesis 2:20-24

February 13

Abraham and Sarah:

You're still the one

Scripture: Genesis 21:1-7

February 20

Isaac and Rebekah:

Lean on me

Scripture: Genesis 24:61-67

February 27

Boaz and Ruth:

You're my best friend

Scripture: Ruth 4:9-17

THE PRAISE CORNER

by Todd Davis, Director of Music Ministries

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Happy February!

This month, we celebrate Valentine's Day! It's a beautiful day of gift giving and sharing expressions of love to those who are dear to us. And, alas, even stores begin to market Valentine's Day immediately after Christmas! Certainly, though, our expressions of love need not be limited to one day or season of the year.

The hymn above always gives me reason to stop and ponder the great love of God and the immeasurable love Christ showed for us. That love is exquisitely penned in this hymn:

*How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.
Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.
I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.*

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Beautiful hymns. Beautiful expressions of love. My prayer for February is this: to feel Christ's love, to show Christ's love, to share Christ's love every day, this month, this year, forever.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Todd

CHOIR

Have you considered joining choir? We are always recruiting new members. Please let me know if you are interested in doing so! As the current Covid situation seems to be escalating, we are always adapting to remain careful and vigilant regarding everyone's health and safety.

I am so very appreciative of all who take part in the music ministry. Thank you to all for offering praise and prayer through the gift of music!



ORGAN RESTORATION



As I have mentioned previously, I am looking forward to the restoration of the pipe organ! The Peragallo Organ Company of Paterson, NJ, will complete the work. To begin after Easter, the restoration includes needed repairs to the instrument. Much of these repairs we will not 'see.' By this, I mean that the work will take place inside of the organ chambers located behind the walls on either side of the choir pews. Behind these walls, in these organ chambers, is where we find the many, many parts that give the organ breath, and musical life!

The entrances to the organ chambers are in the sacristy and outside of the sanctuary, behind the piano, on the pulpit side, near the stairway. These entrances are extremely small and difficult to climb! (I do not endorse or recommend trying it, only to look if you are interested in the project.) Removing pipes and other parts for repair will not be an easy task. Yet, with the professionalism and experience the company brings to the work, it will get done!

There will be a period, during the restoration process, when the organ will not be playable. Know however, when the instrument is ready to be played again, it will do so with great might! It really is an exciting time knowing we will breathe new life back into the lungs of the organ for many years to come.

MIDWEEK MUSIC CONCERTS

Midweek Music concerts continue!

On Wednesdays at noon, there is always a variety of music, and musicians! Concerts are approximately 30-40 minutes in length. I invite you to join us for these times of music! The Midweek Music program will celebrate its two-year anniversary this May. It's always a time of praise! It's always a time of prayer. It's always a fun time!



NOTE FROM STAFF PARISH

Church Members are reminded to be sure that all of their meetings at the Church be listed on the Church Calendar in the office. This is especially important for those that may require a set up of tables and/or chairs. We need all meetings to be listed so that the planned meeting room is properly set up and ready for use. Harry frequently checks the Church Calendar for upcoming events. Also, if a meeting is added at the last minute, a call to Harry should be made. In these situations, any volunteer help by the group to set up and/or take down would be appreciated if possible. Without timely notice of an upcoming meeting, it is possible that a room may not be set up ahead of time.

Thank You!
Ken Gable, Beth Sider

FEBRUARY REFLECTIONS: JESUS, the Light of the World!

by Pastor Peggy

Well, you're already into the New Year and the days are getting longer...day by day. I always celebrate the Winter Solace, December 21 (the shortest day of the year) and begin adding a minute a day to the light of the day. That means by March 9, the day we start our Lenten Study, Max Lucado's series entitled, "You'll Get Through this: Hope and Help for Your Turbulent Times." it will still be light at 6:18 pm. You can come to the church in daylight.

This study considers the story of Joseph – who discovered that God is near even when it seems there is no way to get through. God is ready and able to help you. He is in the business of redeeming the broken. He was then, He is still! If you crave some hope for these tough times? Then this study is for YOU!

Pastor Arun is asking God for a full company of folks to be part of the study. PLEASE PRAY asking God to allow you to be part of this wonderful time of fellowship and to bring a friend or neighbor. Maybe they could provide you transportation. PRAY THAT WE CAN OPEN THE KITCHEN AND SHARE A MEAL WITH THIS STUDY. We will be having a homework study time for our students and childcare for the little ones.

Since the Life of Joseph is recorded in the book of Genesis, why not started reading Joseph's story beginning in Genesis 37 now? There are only 13 Chapters and "You'll Get Through This" by Wednesday, March 9 to start the series.

The promises of God for the people of "light". Us!

...and now giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saint in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the Kingdom of HIS Son of His love."

Colossians 1:12-13

"I know whom I believed". Hymnal #714

Chorus: I know whom I believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day".

Meditate on each of the verses of this beautiful hymn and commit to memory this beautiful chorus.

See you on Wednesday, March 9

Prayerfully, Pastor Peggy

Wednesday Evening Bible Study Series Starts: Wednesday, March 9th

You'll get through it!
Hope and help for turbulent times.

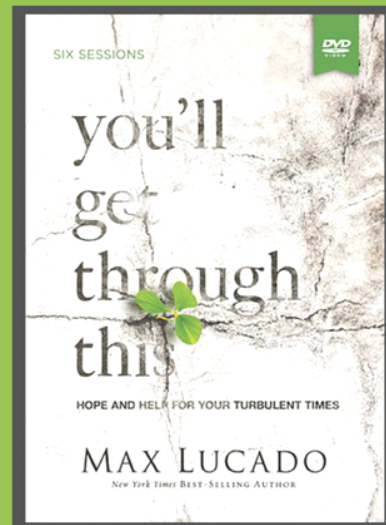
The following are ways to register:

- Sign-up sheet across from the mailboxes
- Call the church office
- Send an email to office@trinityumnc.com

Contact Shirley Sharpe, Jody Blacksmith, Janice Ocamb, Barbara Hawk, Pastor Peggy or Pastor Arun to know more.

Bring a friend!

This is going to be exciting and a big blessing!!!



Thank You!

We would like to thank our Trinity family for your prayers and expressions of sympathy following the passing of Renée's father. We take great comfort knowing that he is safe in the arms of his Lord and Savior.

*In Christian love,
Greg and Renée Cassimatis*

Dear Trinity Family,

George and I would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love that we received at the passing of my mother. Your flowers, hugs, and cards, many expressing personal stories and memories of Mother, were so touching and greatly appreciated and needed at such a difficult time. Thank you for your love and support.

George and Kathy Karnes

I want to thank Rev. Arun and my church family for the birthday cards and all the prayers and support this past year. Patsy Bashore

Gratitude from the Andrews family
The Andrews family wishes to thank you, once again, for your prayers, thoughts, messages, phone calls, and precious hand-written cards. We cannot be in a more loving church family! We thank God for you from the bottom of our hearts.

Your prayers gave my family a wonderful gift. We had time to speak with and say goodbye to my sister Artha Maddalena before she went to heaven. She only had a 10 % chance of surviving her surgery and she did. She tried her best to recover and felt Jesus all around her. We had another week with her and had chances to speak with her and were, again, touched by her faith.

Please continue to pray for our son Lee who has serious heart/cancer issues.

Thank you for your prayers and support during this hard time. Marjorie Creamer



WORDS OF WELLNESS

A few things I've learned in 2021...

For better or "Verse"...

A poem of admission - submission - redemption:

When we err - as err we do -

"accusing finger" points to you.

I, too, am flawed and stand with you,
accused of things I've said, and do...

Still, struggling to resist the urge
to find the fault - and others - purge.
Though sight be dim and insight flee -
three fingers now point back to "me".

How can this be?

Why can't I see?

But, GOD reveals the mystery -
Because HIS vision is the Mercy = Key.
"Forgiveness", now, my only plea.

*Holding a grudge corrodes the container in which it is held.

*You are "the answer" to someone's prayer - today.

May GOD make in us - all things new - in 2022

His blessings to each of you!
Your Parish Nurse,
Barbara Z.

FEBRUARY CHILDREN'S TALKS

February 6: Loving God first

Scripture: Matthew 6:33

February 13: It's good to be a promise keeper

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 5:5

February 20: Caring about those who are going through hard times

Scripture: Proverbs 11:25

February 27: Being a true friend

Scripture: Proverbs 18:24

HELP OWEN REFRESH THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ROOM

We are delighted that Owen Rynex is working towards his Eagle Scout project and is giving back to the children's ministry that nurtured his faith. The project involves repainting, upgrading lights to LEDs and creating storage cabinets in one of our children's ministry rooms. Would you help Owen reach his target to \$1650 for the project? You can share your contributions by marking checks to "Children's room project". Thank you! To know more contact Ed and Owen Rynex or Dave Leppo.



NEED FOR NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Could you prayerfully consider helping us during the 8:15 & 10:45 am services? Thank you to all those who volunteer regularly, you are much appreciated. Our new nursery has been a welcome, beautiful and safe space for our children. Thanks to Sandy Williams and Joyce Klinger for coordinating attendants.

Would you like to bless our kids and families?
A child won for God can change the world.

KIDS FOR CHRIST: TRINITY'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Bring your kids and grandkids. Invite a new family to Trinity and their children to "Kids for Christ"
One little heart touched by God can change the world.

Keep shining for Jesus, kids!

TRINITY'S YOUTH MINISTRY

We are grateful that our youth and youth leaders continue to meet on Sundays.

Youth Sunday School at 9:30 AM.

Youth meetings on Sunday at 6 PM.



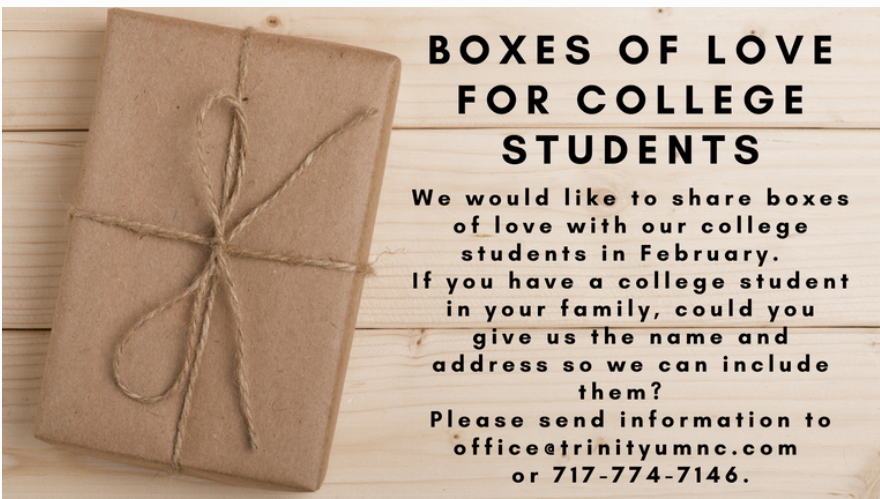
GRANDPARENTS IN PRAYER

Are you a grandparent? Would you like help praying for your grandchild? Come to Grandparents in Prayer at Trinity. This group meets every other Monday morning. We gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10:45 and dismiss by 12 noon. The February dates are February 7th and 21st. Grandmothers and Grandfathers are welcome in this group! Contact Beth Sider for more information.



BOXES OF LOVE FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

We would like to share boxes of love with our college students in February. If you have a college student in your family, could you give us the name and address so we can include them?
Please send information to
office@trinityumnc.com
or 717-774-7146.



STARFISH MINISTRY

February 13 outreach is in need of volunteers. Jim Luck will be coordinating this outreach. Another family is handling the food. If you're wanting to help out, please contact Carol Crossley or Jim Luck.

CURRENT NEEDS

Foot/body powder, aspirin/Tylenol, deodorant, cold and flu meds (no liquids)
Many of these items can be purchased at the Dollar Tree.

DOWNTOWN DAILY BREAD

Trinity is serving the 1st and 2nd Tuesday of every month. 2 volunteers are needed each time. A sign up sheet is on the table across from the mailboxes.

ADDITIONAL HELP NEEDED

Starfish Ministries is also providing sandwiches and homemade desserts for each of our dates. If anyone would like to provide 80 sandwiches or dessert for 80, please sign up. Starfish is willing to cover your expenses. (It's ok if several people wish to go together to provide these items) Our friends on the street LOVE to come to lunch when Trinity is serving because they know our sandwiches and dessert are homemade. We've got a reputation! Contact Carol Crossley with any questions.

SECRET SISTER

**February 19th @ 10 AM
Fellowship Hall**

Do you need a friend? Would you like to be lifted in prayer daily? Come join us at the Secret Sister's meeting. If you cannot attend monthly meetings, you can still participate.

Please know that you can move those mountains when you pray for your Secret Sister. A card of encouragement will brighten her day and lift her spirits. Contact Vicky Forman with questions or concerns.

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

Ever think about how a small gift can be passed on and multiplied? My husband Steve and I recently had this experience.

My father-in-law had given me an exercise bike which he wanted out of his house. After several turns of the wheels it became a great clothes tree in our bedroom. So we asked him if we could sell it. In October we posted a for sale ad and received a call from Robert who was interested. He and his wife, Wendy came to purchase the bike. While Steve was talking about bikes with Robert, Wendy and I began a conversation and I shared my Starfish Ministries story. It turned out that this wonderful couple is a Christian family, had just purchased a home in Marysville and were going to raise chickens. The purpose of the chickens was to help in some way with a mission.

Just recently I got a call from Wendy. The chickens were producing and she wanted them to go to Starfish. So with 7 dozen fresh eggs we made egg salad sandwiches for Downtown Daily Bread. (Actually our neighbors wanted to help so they made the sandwiches for us!) This month we received 9 dozen eggs and I gave them to Downtown Daily Bread to be used in their Breakfast Ministry. We now have a plan to do egg salad every other month and share with DDB the other months.

So you see, selling an exercise bike is now serving many friends on the street. And we've met wonderful friends!

Carol Crossley

NEXT PRAY & GO

The next scheduled gathering at the church for Pray & Go is Monday, February 21, 2022 @ 2:30 PM weather permitting. If that date / time does not work for you and you want to walk with a partner(s) at another time so as not to duplicate houses please contact Coordinator, Sharon Sheffer 717-774-3137 (sesheffer@outlook.com) for where to Pray & Go. Once you walk please e-mail Sharon with street and house numbers you covered so Sharon has the information of which houses have been covered. Thank You.

DUTIES FOR FEBRUARY 2022

DUTIES	FEBRUARY 6	FEBRUARY 13	FEBRUARY 20	FEBRUARY 27
WORSHIP LEADER	Sharon Sheffer	8:15 Bob Rosenthal 10:45 Kaylynn Snyder	Carol Evertts	Meredith Hetrick
CHILDREN'S TALK	Betsy Leppo	Genevieve Lupold	Rodney Miller	Raymond Brooks

COVID CHALLENGES AND OUR RESPONSE

In view of the need for increased care with the spread of the omicron variant, we are sincerely requesting your cooperation to:

- Maintain social distance
- Avoid physical contact as much as possible
- Use sanitizer that is made available at entries and exits
- Wear masks

Thank you very much for your cooperation.
Continuing to pray for a pandemic-free world.



Check out Trinity's Blog series
"Scripture & Song"
on our website.
Words of scripture and ageless hymns.



February 10th

9 - 11 AM

A MEAL & FOOD ITEMS

**PICKUP BY
APPOINTMENT ONLY**

FIRST COME ~ FIRST SERVE

LOVE BOXES FOR FREE!



GOD'S PERFECT PLAN

I wanted to share a God moment I had recently when I dropped off the quilts at the United Methodist Children's Home. We had 20 quilts for them this year which is more than we have been able to give in the past.

I asked the lady in the office how many children were presently at the home. She said because of the staff shortages they have had to turn children away this year, so they only have 20 children.

God's perfect plan. Kathy Karnes

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Stop & Pray at 8:30 pm</i>		1 10 AM TMWG (FH) 12 PM DDB 7 PM Facebook Live Time of Prayer	2 12 PM Facebook Live Midweek Music	3 10 AM Sewing Group (WR) 11 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (SJ)	4 9 AM Prayer Breakfast (Ickler's)	5 9 AM Communion Prep
6 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM Worship Services 9:30 AM Sunday School 6 PM Youth Group	7 10:45 AM Grandparents in Prayer	8 10 AM TMWG (FH) 12 PM DDB 7 PM Facebook Live Time of Prayer	9 12 PM Facebook Live Midweek Music	10 9 AM Love Boxes (FH) 11 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (SJ) 7 PM NCTB (FH)	11	12
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27 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM Worship Services 9:30 AM Sunday School 6 PM Youth Group	28 6 PM Leadership Team Mtg (SJ)	<div> <p><i>Happy Birthday Doris!</i></p> <p>Doris Bair is celebrating her 96th birthday on February 16th. Would you be so kind to shower her with cards? If you need her address please contact the church office.</p> </div>				



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Sunday Worship Services

8:15 AM and 10:45 AM

Sunday School Classes

For all ages at 9:30 AM



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**FORWARDING SERVICE
REQUESTED**



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Please submit articles for the
March 2022 TRINITY TIDINGS by February 15th.

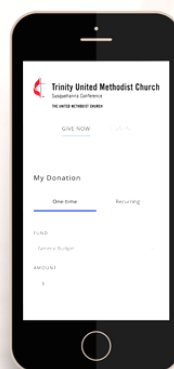


GIVE ONLINE

Did you know that you can give to Trinity online or thru Text-to-Give? Online giving is quick, safe, and secure. You can also set up automatic online giving which allows you the flexibility to give any dollar amount from your bank account or credit/debit card on any schedule you prefer. The amount and frequency of withdrawal can be edited at any time from your account. This option helps families and individuals remain faithful in their giving even when they are unable to attend a Sunday worship service.

Just click the GIVE button in the navigation bar of Trinity's website and follow the steps to give either by credit card, debit card or ACH bank account.

Please contact Carol Wilson with any questions at treasurer@trinityumnc.com.



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