



TRINITY NEWS

January 2022

From the Pastor

As we start a new year, I think many of us move forward gingerly, testing each step underfoot. We had such high hopes for 2021 — probably unrealistic hopes, given the pandemic reality that surrounds us. Our family certainly had huge challenges in 2021, just as many others did.

But through all of these challenges, we have an awareness of the presence of God. When we step out into the unknown, there is no better guide than the Word. In my office there is a hand-lettered plaque that reads:

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: “Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.”

And he replied: “Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.”

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

There is no better reassurance when entering unknown territory than to be hand-in-hand with the Maker. We give up our need for control, we give up our desire to know everything — because we know the One who truly does know it all.

I know that 2022 will bring surprises — but also great blessings that we cannot anticipate!

- Pastor John

Pledges for 2022

We did not do a traditional Fall stewardship campaign last year, opting instead to include a Stewardship message into every service. We will continue this practice. However, it is very helpful for the Board to have pledges and commitments in advance, even if you must “guesstimate.” So we have included in this mailing a 2022 pledge card which we ask you to return to the Church Office—or you may bring it to our service on January 23rd, when we will have a commitment prayer to present to God our anticipated offerings for the year.

Our congregation has been tremendously faithful during the pandemic. We have been able to stay “in the black” through most of the crisis, and have been able to pay our full Provincial assessment in both 2020 and 2021. Our thanks to each one of you for your faithful giving. The unique work of our congregation needs your faithful support to be able to continue to minister to our neighborhood, which is perhaps the most diverse area of Winston-Salem. We encourage you to consider setting up an automatic monthly check with your bank — or you can set up a automatic monthly or weekly donation online at

trinitymoravian.org/give



Thanks to the Rev. Walter Bishop!

Thanks to the Rev. Walter Bishop, who has led our worship services on January 2 and January 9 so that Pastor John could take a much-needed vacation. Walter has served as pastor of Bethesda Moravian Church and Hopewell Moravian Churches. A native of Charlotte, Walter studied at Moravian Theological Seminary. He is married to Debbie Fetner Bishop. Since Walter will preside over the January 9 Epiphany service, it seemed particularly appropriate that we use a picture of him riding a camel — perhaps he was tagging along behind the Magi?

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Puppet Making Workshop!

Saturday, January 22 at 2:00 pm, we will host a workshop on puppet making, led by Lyssa Troemel. This is open to anyone who is interested. Participants will actually learn how to make a classic hand puppet (not “Muppet” style) from scratch. Lyssa, who is attending UNCSA studying animatronics and is a member of the Puppeteers of America, has been attending regularly and has been involved in the LOGOS Puppet Team.

Watchnight Service

The annual Salem Congregation Watchnight Service was held at Fairview Moravian Church. The Rev. Tony Hayworth, brought the Watchnight message. The service included holy communion rather than lovefeast due to Covid concerns. In keeping with tradition, Rev. Hayworth’s message was interrupted by the band playing in the New Year. This unique Moravian tradition is held each Dec 31.

Outreach to Young Adults

This month, Pastor John will be holding several Zoom meetings with young adults from across the province to discuss ways that we (both Trinity and the Southern Province) can reach younger adults, especially “Gen Y” and “Gen Z.” We will also be having meetings focusing on the needs of young families with children and those who have left evangelical churches.. If you (or someone you know) would like to participate in one of these Zoom meetings, please contact Pastor John at pastor@trinitymoravian.org.

Prayer Ministry

This year, we will be organizing a *new and extended* prayer circle to actively pray for those in special or urgent need. In the past, we had a call-in system, then later we had a calling chain. The new Prayer Circle will receive prayer requests primarily on our website and Facebook group, which will immediately go to our pray-ers. The website will have a PRAYER REQUEST button on the homepage, which will also be published on Facebook. Our “prayers” will be able to log in and see the latest requests, and be able to flag that they have prayed for them. For the small number of members who don’t have access to the web, there will be a phone call option to update them. Please contact Pastor John personally if you wish to be a part of this important ministry.

Unity Prayer Watch

Did you know that there is a Moravian somewhere praying for the worldwide ministries of the Moravian Church every hour of the day, every day of the year? This prayer watch was begun in 1957, inspired by the “Hundred Year Prayer Watch” of the Herrnhut Moravians, and has continued unbroken for almost 65 years.

Trinity members are asked to cover the hours of **8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Wednesday, January 12**. There is a signup page with half hour increments on our website, and a printed signup sheet will be available in worship on January 9. Also available on the site is a downloadable guide for prayer that names specific concerns in each province and mission field. Participants are encouraged to cover the 30 minutes they sign up for at home, by being alone in a quiet space for the time assigned.

Omicron Precautions

Concerns continue about the spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. The Board is carefully tracking the numbers (hospitalizations and positive test rate) and guidance from the State. If concerns get to high, they may increase safety precautions. Remember that Omicron is extremely contagious, the use of KN-95 masks over cloth masks is recommended when in enclosed public areas with others.

Salem Congregation Annual Meeting

The annual Joint Meeting of the Salem Congregation Trustees and Elders will be held on Thursday, January 13 at 7 pm at the Archie K. Davis Center.

Trinity Board Planning Retreat

The Trinity Board members will gather for their annual planning retreat on Saturday, January 22, at 12:30 pm. Outgoing members are welcomed to this meeting to share their views and experiences with the new members. In addition to basic reorganization and orientation of new members, the group will discuss vision and direction for the church over the coming year.

Installation of Officers

The officers for 2022 will be officially installed during our service on Sunday, January 16. All Board members are asked to be present.

Seminary Intern

Caleb Carter, who has already been working in our office, will be installed on Sunday, January 23 as our seminary intern. Caleb is studying at Moravian Theological Seminary and is in the process of becoming a candidate for ordination. As an intern, he will help conduct worship, preach occasionally, and will be actively involved in our outreach to young adults and families.

January Birthdays

Jan 1 - Teresa Philley
 Jan 2 - David Sherman, Jr
 Jan 3 - Krystle Hibscheiler
 Jan 5 - Carol-Foltz
 Jan 8 - Gregory Gentle
 Jan 8 - Rebecca Tolley
 Jan 9 - Lisa Novak
 Jan 11 - Oliver Sisk
 Jan 13 - Terri Mabe
 Jan 14 - Hilda Barry
 Jan 15 - Janice Floyd
 Jan 18 - Tommy Brewer
 Jan 18 - Frances Holder
 Jan 20 - Sue Carmichael
 Jan 20 - Kyle Wilson
 Jan 22 - Logan Wood
 Jan 23 - Tucker Hege
 Jan 27 - Douglas Council
 Jan 28 - Jacob Melton
 Jan 29 - Wesley Hudson
 Jan 29 - Mack Lackey
 Jan 31 - Scottie Emerson

Mission Lovefeast

The Mission Society will host its annual Mission Lovefeast on Sunday, January 30 at 3:00 PM. The service will be both in-person and livestreamed at Friedberg Moravian Church and available online at Youtube. Lovefeast buns and coffee will be picked up by attendees as they enter the sanctuary. The missionaries supported by the Mission Society will share virtual updates, the Gray family will provide special music, and worship will be led by Mission Society board members. Please let us know if you plan to attend by email to jboles@mcs.org. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Boles at 336-773-1732.

Sunnyside Ministry is seeking a full-time Food/Clothing Assistant.

This is a full-time position M-Th 8 AM – 4 PM, Fri 8 AM-Noon Contact: David Holston 336-724-7558

Track 1 - "Sing All: A Study on Worship and Congregational song" Led by Rev. Mason Cantey and his Wife Rev. Maggie Cantey. You will be taking a closer look at the music of the Church and its importance in Christian worship. Maybe even give hymn writing a try.

Track 2 - "Forest Bathing" led by Henry Fansler. A member of the Moravian Task force for Environmental Stewardship, Henry will give you the opportunity to connect with Christ in an environment created by God. This track will include hiking suitable trails.

Track 3 - "Pastels and Creative Writing" led by Rev Bill Gramley. You will get your hands dirty for two sessions creating pastel pictures. Two sessions will be spent writing about what we've learned, remembered, and observed about ourselves and others on our earthly journey. Materials provided.

Join us for fellowship, meals and worship. Along with a program track of your choosing.

February 18-20, 2022
Higgins Lodge


Winter
Journey


Laurel
Ridge

Registration includes room, 6 meals and program.
 Salem wing single occupancy \$275 per person
 Salem wing double occupancy, \$350 per couple
 Bishop wing single occupancy, \$230 per person
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Call Karen Eagle at Higgins Lodge to make your reservation. 336-359-8238 or email at guest@laurelridge.org

Upcoming Schedule

Jan 2—Holy Communion for New Year

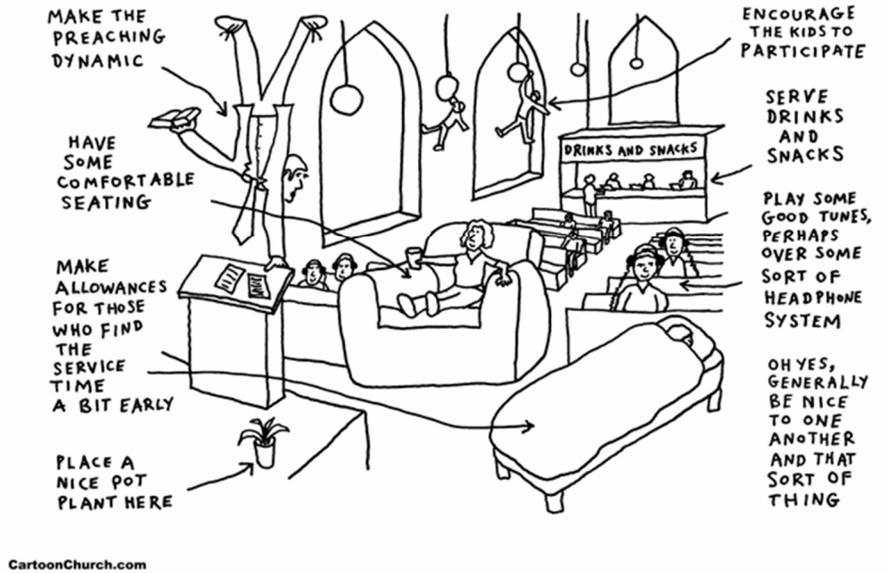
Jan 9—Epiphany Service
The Rev. Walter Bishop

Jan 16—John 2:1-11
“Wedding at Cana”
Installation of Officers

Jan 23—Luke 4:14-21
“Scripture Fulfilled”
Installation of Sem Intern

Jan 30—Luke 4:21-30
“Hometown Prophets”

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