

TRYON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE TRYON TRUMPET

FEBRUARY 2017

LISTENING WELL

This is an exciting time to be a part of Tryon Presbyterian Church! Our annual meeting on January 29 will share (or “have shared” depending on when you are reading this) many different descriptions of a vital and vibrant ministry that have been happening throughout our church, as well as some very good financial news. This year we also bid a grateful farewell to Karen Bland on her retirement after over 20 years of service to the church, and we greeted Tara Calton as she came to join our ministry team as Church Administrator. You can read more about Karen’s retirement elsewhere in this issue of the Trumpet. In addition, you will see Bill Daniel’s construction update along with some pictures that Lesley took describing our renovation progress.

The renovation of our facility offers us many opportunities. One of our major tasks in 2017 is to think together about what we might do differently as a congregation

after the construction is completed, such as using the coffee area for conversation or planning the process for using name tags. To do that we will need to understand God’s call to us here at 430 Harmon Field Road. That calling is unique and will be different from God’s call to other churches in other situations, so careful discernment is important.

How do we do that? By listening to God, to each other with patience and persistence, by thinking and praying, and trusting that we will discover the answer. Listening is not something many of us do well, even in our personal lives, so this is a chance for all of us individually and together to gain a clearer understanding of our best path forward. God has given us a great opportunity for ministry through this building project. I can’t wait to see where God will lead us as we move forward.

Grace and Peace,

Dent

KAREN BLAND’S RETIREMENT

On Sunday February 19 following the 11:00 AM worship service we will formally mark Karen Bland’s retirement, and celebrate the many gifts she has shared during her decades of service among us. The Session will share a gift on behalf of the congregation, several among us will highlight parts of her ministry, and together we will give thanks for her many gifts that she shared so unselfishly for so many years. If you would like to share a card of thanks for her ministry at Tryon Presbyterian, please either send it to the office or bring it on February 19. We will collect the cards and share them with her as a part of her recognition.



USHER LIST FOR FEBRUARY

February 5

8:30 am

*Glenn LeFeber
Bret Diedrich*

February 12

8:30 am

*Jim Raney
Ken Shull*

February 19

8:30 am

*Ralph Kuether
Rob Leidheiser*

February 26

8:30 am

*Hugh Hursey
Sally Hursey*

10:00 am

*Caroline Brown
Susan Woodcock
Rodger Walker
Dennis Hill*

11:00 am

*Mary Carruth
Diane Demeter
Charlie Speight*

11:00 am

*Charlie Speight
Dennis Sakos
Bonnie Sakos*

11:00 am

*Charlie Speight
Woody Headden
Jackie Headden*

Communion Servers - February 5

8:30 am - Bret Diedrich, Glenn LeFeber

11:00 am - Don & Peggy Lyons, Jon & Kerry Austin, Gail Muir

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4 Marjorie Phillips

5 Bonnie Sakos

6 Tom Clark

7 Rob Leidheiser

10 Callie Dunn

11 Dewell Gwinn

13 Elaine Prather

14 Hayden Britton

14 Virginia Burr

17 Molly Dunn

17 Cappy Pruette

21 Betty Huddleston

22 Rick Dunn

22 Fern Porter

24 Bob Gilman

28 Ann Rose

1 Mark & Dona Jean Dacey

8 Dewell & Dot Gwinn

13 Jim & Lee Heelan

20 Jim & Ruth Sutherin

STATUS REPORT OF BUILDING RENOVATION

Even though the sanctuary building may still look familiar, a lot has been happening behind the scenes in our building renovation project.

1. The pipe organ has been removed by Zimmer Organ Company. The company is rebuilding the console. They are also making other changes to pipes, speakers for the pipes, and electronics in order to make sure the sound of the new organ fits well in the newly renovated sanctuary. The new organ will not be reinstalled until all renovation work is complete.

2. The pews and chancel furniture have been removed and are at New Holland Church Furniture Company. They will be modified as necessary to make them code compliant when reinstalled. All of the furniture (pews, chairs, chancel furniture) will have matching finishes and fabrics. Just as with the organ, the furniture will be reinstalled when all renovation work is complete.

3. The stained-glass windows on each side of the sanctuary have been removed and securely stored in custom built crates by the Willet Hauser Company. The crates are on wheels and will be stored within the sanctuary. This option (as opposed to offsite storage) resulted in savings of \$3,000 - \$5,000. The windows were removed and stored so that Clayton Construction, the General Contractor, can extend the sanctuary to create two additional exits from the Sanctuary. Once this is done Willet Hauser will come back to reinstall the side windows and at the same time replace exterior protective coverings on all stained-glass windows.

4. All of the overhead lighting has been removed and will be modified or replaced as needed to provide improved Sanctuary lighting.

5. Our architect, Ron Geyer, has completed construction drawings. As with any renovation the process has led to a few unexpected elements.

6. Previously, our facility was considered to be two separate structures (Sanctuary building and office/classroom building). Neither of these was greater than 12,000 square feet. However, by enclosing the breezeway the entire structure is considered to be one building.

7. Because the new building size is greater than 12,000 square feet we now fall under a NC Code that would require a sprinkler system to be installed throughout the facility. This would have been a very expensive undertaking. After several meetings with the Building Inspector, Ron has been able to modify the design by including a firewall that will meet code, and still provide the aesthetics we are looking for in the new Commons Area.

8. In addition, Ron has been working with other engineering consultants (electrical, HVAC, etc.) to make sure we are addressing all issues. Scheduling these consultations has taken time but is important in ensuring a good outcome.

9. The construction drawings have been submitted to Clayton Construction Company and we expect to have final pricing by February 3rd.

10. Once all issues have been addressed and we come to an agreement with the Clayton Construction Company, the plans will be submitted to obtain a Building Permit. With any luck that will happen by mid-February. At that point the actual construction will begin.

Bill Daniel

NOTE: See photos of recent work on page 9.



STEPHEN MINISTRY PROGRAM

~ CELEBRATING 20 YEARS IN 2017! ~

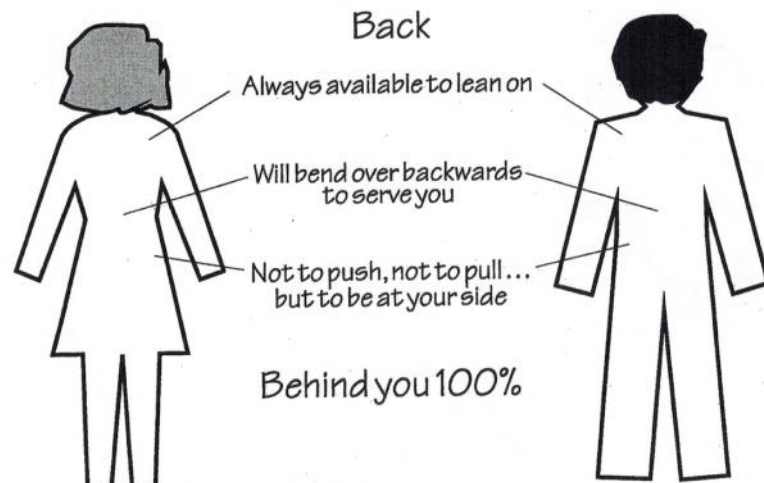
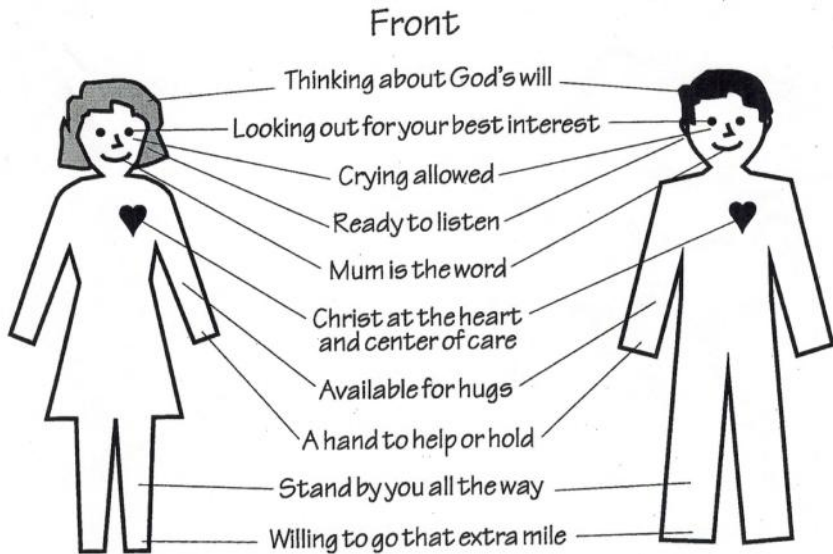
Our church's Stephen Ministry is looking for our congregation members who would like to become a Stephen Minister. We are a caring group of Caregivers. We will be starting a training class beginning the first of the year 2017. If you are interested in knowing about our ministry, please contact Charles Drawdy at 828-817-3893, or Gail Muir at 828-859-2857. We look forward to hearing from you.

Gail Muir

Stephen Minister Leader and Lay Coordinator

what stephen ministers are equipped to do

After commissioning, feeling so proud, I realized a lot of my friends and some family members still did not get the "whole" picture of what a Stephen Minister is equipped to do. So I drew them a picture, and have since shared this with our congregation for increased awareness of our Stephen Ministry program.



NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 1 - 10:00 am Peer Support and Continuing Education (Note new time!)

All Stephen Ministers are asked to please attend.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 12
Stephen Ministry Sunday
TBA (February)

Information Session

Presentations and questions answering regarding becoming a Stephen Minister and the upcoming Training Session

TBA (Commencing in March)

Training Sessions

50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care. This will be led by TPC Stephen Ministry Leaders



LITURGIST SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Monday, February 6

Lydia Circle 10:30 am
at Tryon Estates Private Dining Room

Naomi Circle 10:30 am
at TPC - Jones Conference Room

Sunday, February 12

Glory Girls Circle 6:00 pm
at TPC - fellowship hall

Monday, February 13

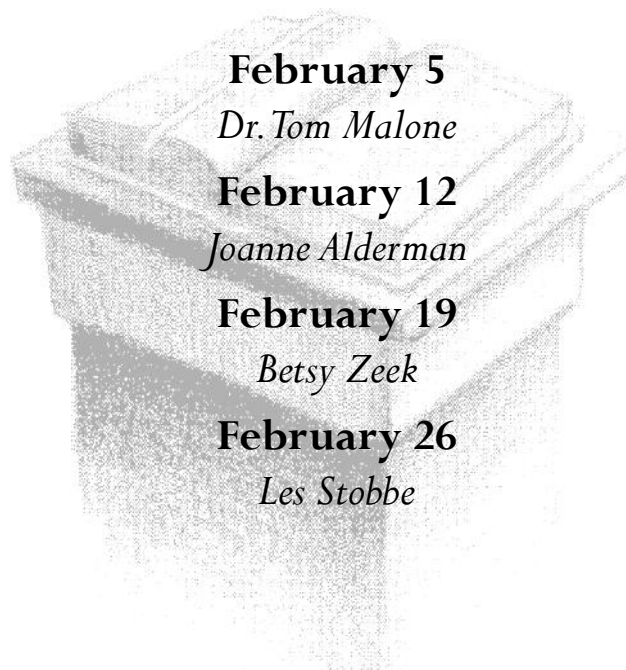
Ruth Circle 3:00 pm
at White Oak Village Lounge

Monday, February 27

Co-Team Meeting 10:30 am
at TPC - Jones Conference Room

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

**Save the Date for
2017 Women's Retreat
April 21-22, 2017
Kanuga Conference Center
(Details coming soon)**



February 5

Dr. Tom Malone

February 12

Joanne Alderman

February 19

Betsy Zeek

February 26

Les Stobbe

MEN'S B&B

(Bible and Breakfast)

Thursday, February 2

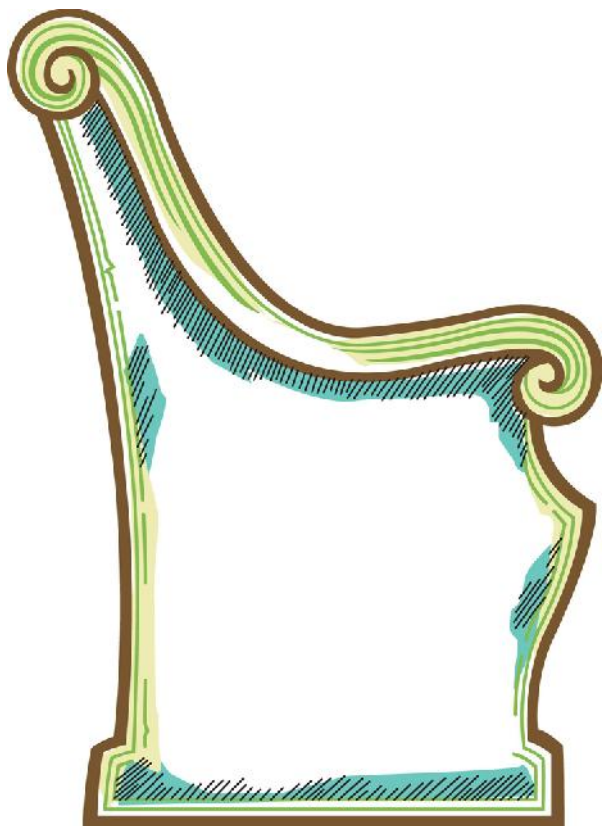
8:00 am

Fellowship Hall



SEVERAL PEWS FROM THE SANCTUARY AVAILABLE

Because of the use of some chairs in the sanctuary redesign, as well as widening the aisles and increasing the distance between the pews for comfort and safety, not all the older pews will be needed. The Session has decided to make them available on a first come, first served basis for a donation to be made to the building fund. Please let the church office know if you are interested before February 15, 2017. Those wishing to have a pew will be responsible for removing it in a timely manner.



FEBRUARY YOUTH SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 5

Souper-Bowl of Caring Offering

8:30 & 11:00 am worship

Super Bowl Party

6:00 pm

Saturday, February 11

Thermal Belt Outreach Firewood Program

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Saturday, February 18

TPC Grounds Project

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Sunday, February 26

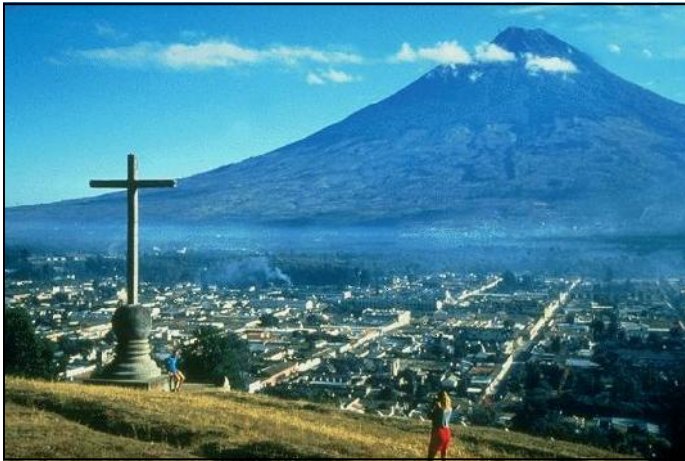
Dinner and Movie

6:00 - 8:00 pm

SOUPER-BOWL OF CARING OFFERING

On Sunday, February 5, the youth of the church will be collecting money and canned goods for Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry through the "Souper-Bowl of Caring Offering." Please bring food items or financial contributions to this annual food drive sponsored by the youth.

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP



The Mission Interpretation and Outreach Committee is looking for 3-5 people who would like to represent the Tryon Presbyterian Church on a Mission Trip to Guatemala in October/November 2017. The cost is \$1,200 per person and the church will cover one-third or \$400 of that total. The remainder will need to be paid by the attendee or through fundraising efforts. After the trip each attendee will be required to further participate in the church-wide promotion of the *Church to Church Partnership* and *Guatemalan Scholarship Campaign* which will involve public speaking and/or other events. This trip is not a 'hands on' service project but more of a goodwill ambassador trip.

Please contact Terri Hendrix at [\(864\) 468-5576](tel:864-468-5576) if you are interested.

MARDI GRAS PARTY AT TRYON YOUTH CENTER

Sunday, February 26

Tryon Youth Center

5:00 pm



You are asked to bring hors d'oeuvres and finger foods to share. You may also bring your own beverage (beer or wine). Please sign-up at church to let the Fellowship Committee know how many to prepare for.

TPC BRIDGE

Now is the time to consider joining the church bridge group. We play an average of five or six games depending on the number of groups we have. In November we have a luncheon that is enjoyed by all. Find a partner and kindly join us for another year of fun.

Cost is \$15 per person (\$30.00 per couple).
Deadline for registration is March 15, 2017.

Contact me if there are any questions.

Merle Greene

828-859-5978

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR FEBRUARY (THREE OPTIONS)

1. **Bible Class**—meets in classroom beside Church Nurse. “*Finding God in Genesis*” -We will work our way through the book of Genesis, seeking to find God as Creator, Judge, Covenant Maker, The LORD Who Sees, The LORD Who Provides, etc.—Betsy Zeek, Teacher
2. **Forum Class**—meets in Forum Classroom
2/5 - Learning to Walk in the Dark (Session #4) - Gloria Underwood, Teacher
2/12 - Learning to Walk in the Dark (Session #5) - Gloria Underwood, Teacher
2/19 - Bible Study of Mark 1:1-2 - “Forgiveness of Sins” - The purpose of this lesson is to help us understand the relationship between the forgiveness and the healing that Jesus provides. - Rev. Mary Potter, Teacher
2/26 - “Interactive Book Pass” - Learn about
- the many good books in our church library - Sally Hursey, Teacher
3. **Elective Class**—meets in Conference Room “Reflections on Judaism” - Over four weeks of guided class discussions, we will explore the origin of Judaism and its growth into both a religion and a nation state. We will examine the convulsions politically and religiously as a result of failed leadership both before the arrival of Jesus and soon after it. We will explore the persistence of Judaism as a culture during the Diaspora despite centuries of mistreatment through pogroms and the monstrosities of the Holocaust. Finally, we will explore how Judaism is faring in the modern world.—Les Stobbe, Teacher



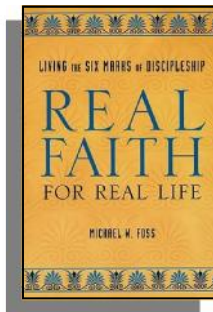
PHOTOS FROM THE SANCTUARY RENOVATION



SNIPPETS FROM THE LIBRARY / MEDIA RESOURCE CENTER

Real Faith for Real Life: Living the Six Marks of Discipleship

By: Michael W. Foss

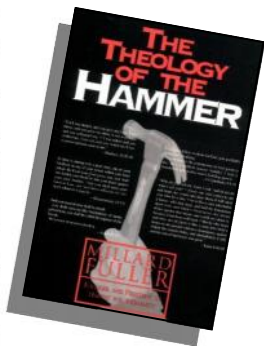


One reviewer considered this to be “a workbook for the soul.” The author encourages readers to practice their faith everyday. Six marks of discipleship are discussed: daily prayer, Bible reading, weekly worship, Christian service, relationships that encourage spiritual growth, and giving in the spirit of generosity. Each area enhances and supports a person’s journey of faith by using Bible passages and real-life stories.

The Theology of the Hammer

By: Millard Fuller, Founder and President (1994) of Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity began in 1976 and now ministers to individuals and communities worldwide. Fuller was greatly influenced by Clarence Jordan know for his “Cotton Patch” translations of the New Testament. “To me, he actually thought like Jesus!” Clarence was against religious ritual. Fuller believes that practicing faith and being relevant is the theology and the testimony presented by the builders. (Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter; Bill, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton; and Al and Tipper Gore are among the more famous builders presented.) Many powerful

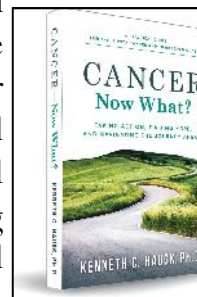


and intriguing stories are given. Obedience to God yields more than the expected, and the recipients got more than a house!

Cancer Now What?: Taking Action, Finding Hope, and Navigating the Journey Ahead

By: Kenneth C. Haugk, PhD

Dr. Haugk presents “A Practical Guide for Those with Cancer and Their Loved Ones.” He is founder and Executive Director of Stephen Ministries, pastor, and clinical psychologist. Here he presents a “what-to-do” for ordinary folks with cancer and their loved ones. His personal experience of accompanying his wife through cancer, and over 3,500 others - survivors, loved ones and medical professionals - share information for managing the “diagnosis of cancer.” Questions for the medical team: how, what, and when to ask. Emotional coping: expressing feelings, defining and caring for yourself. Relating to others: getting support, telling others, and feeling safe. Spirituality: being honest with God, asking is okay, and getting support. This guide IS practical, comprehensive, and easy-to-understand.



February 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 10a Stephen Ministers 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	2 8a Men's B&B 12p Tryon Rotary Club	3	4
5 8:30a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship 6p Youth Event <i>Souper-Bowl of Caring Offering</i>	6 10:30a Lydia PW Circle 10:30a Naomi PW Circle	7	8 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	9 12p Tryon Rotary Club	10	11 9a Youth Event
12 8:30a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship 6p Glory Girls PW Circle <i>Stephen Ministry Sunday</i>	13 1p Staff Meeting 3p Ruth PW Circle 4p Administrative Committee	14 4:30p Square Meeting <i>St. Valentine's Day</i>	15 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	16 12p Tryon Rotary Club	17	18 9a Session Retreat at Steps to Hope 1p Youth Event
19 8:30a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship 12p Session Meeting	20 1p Staff Meeting 6:30p Community Chorus Rehearsal	21 12p Thermal Belt Ministerial Association	22 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	23 12p Tryon Rotary Club	24	25
26 8:30a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship 5p Mardi Gras Party at Tryon Youth Center 6p Youth Event	27 10:30a PW Co-Team 1p Staff Meeting 1:30p AAUW 7p Community Chorus Rehearsal	28				

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Les Stobbe



Winter Weather Closing Notifications

During the winter months, Tryon Presbyterian Church will notify you concerning any cancellation of worship services by sending an email to the congregation and by posting information on our website. If you do not have email, closing information will also be posted with WSPA-TV channel 7 in Spartanburg, SC and with WYFF-TV channel 4 in Greenville, SC.

NOTE: Please use caution in travelling to and from church, especially while walking through the parking lot after a winter storm and especially when the renovation of our sanctuary begins.

Tryon Presbyterian Church Mission Statement:

To be and make disciples of Jesus Christ, who love God and their neighbor.