



To the members of the George Elder and Friendship Sunday School Classes, Thank you so much for your generous donations! Our patients sometimes spend the entire day with us (sometimes treatments lasting 8 hours) and to offer them food and snacks and drinks truly is appreciated. We are so thankful that you all help to keep us well stocked so that no patient goes without.  
Thank you for your continued generosity and prayers!  
The Hayworth Cancer Center

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

This year, our youth are hosting our Ash Wednesday Service that will take place in the Fellowship Hall and Community Room on March 6 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We will have the stations set up around the fellowship hall with instructions that will guide you on a reflective activity and prayer. They will center around Salt & Light, Oil, Water, Offering, Clay, Forgiveness, and Ashes. You may come at any time during this period to participate in the seven interactive prayer stations and then at the end of your walk, you will move to the Community Room for a quiet time of prayer. Please come and join us for this time together as we reflect on our walk with God as we prepare for Easter. And remember, you may come anytime from 6:30

The George Elder Sunday School Class Social will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Trinity UMC needs 4-5 people to help provide and serve the meal for Neighborhood Café on the 2nd Thursday of each month in March & April.

**A special thank you to the Friendship SS Class who will assist in May and September.** Our goal is to have enough volunteers to assist Trinity UMC so that individuals will only have to help once a month. This mission effort continues to serve our community. We thank you in advance!  
If you would like to help please contact the church office 336-431-7111 or you may email to aumc@northstate.net

**Where We Were Last Month**

Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Traditional / Casual	Total Worship Attendance
02/03/2019	\$5,787.92	\$26,684.24	\$30,869.90	5	151	122/80	202
02/10/2019	\$4,856.00	\$31,540.24	\$37,043.88	6	121	103/82	185
02/17/2019	\$6,548.53	\$38,088.77	\$43,217.86	7	131	108/71	179
02/24/2019	\$4,593.25	\$42,632.02	\$49,391.84	8	132	103/65	168

<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>New Sign</b>
Given in February : \$950.00	Given in February: \$150.00
Received to date: \$1,125.00	Fund Balance: \$11,830.00



**MARCH 2019**

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**WORSHIP TIMES**

9:00 am  
Worship Service  
10:00 am  
Sunday School  
11:00 am  
Casual Worship Service

**MINISTERS**  
The Congregation

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The suffering Messiah. This is one of the main themes in the Gospel of Mark found in the New Testament of the Bible. Mark shows that the early followers of Jesus did not understand that Jesus must suffer for the world instead of being a sword carrying liberator. I am not so sure we have gotten the message either, I know I have not. **In Mark 8:31-38 (The Message),<sup>30-32</sup> Jesus warned them to keep it quiet, not to breathe a word of it to anyone. He then began explaining things to them: "It is necessary that the Son of Man proceed to an ordeal of suffering, be tried and found guilty by the elders, high priests, and religion scholars, be killed, and after three days rise up alive." He said this simply and clearly so they couldn't miss it.**

<sup>32-33</sup>**But Peter grabbed him in protest. Turning and seeing his disciples wavering, wondering what to believe, Jesus confronted Peter. "Peter, get out of my way! Satan, get lost! You have no idea how God works."**

<sup>34-37</sup>**Calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to saving yourself, your true self. What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you? What could you ever trade your soul for?"**

**38" If any of you are embarrassed over me and the way I'm leading you when you get around your fickle and unfocused friends, know that you'll be an even greater embarrassment to the Son of Man when he arrives in all the splendor of God, his Father, with an army of the holy angels."**

By acknowledging that Jesus was and is a suffering Messiah we must be willing to suffer for His cause. We must be willing to loving give of our time to bring others into contact with Jesus Christ. We must be willing to wipe the slate clean: clean off old habits; clean off old ways of doing things; clean off arrogance, gossip, my way, my money, and my time; clean off tradition when necessary; clean off sin. We must be willing to sacrifice everything, even life itself, if we are to truly worship this Man.

**However, Jesus did not look at His ministry and His death in terms of suffering, but in terms of love.** To the outside world it was suffering and Jesus was "nuts." For many synagogue/church leaders as well as many in Jewish society, to give up many of the world's pleasures was just plain crazy. But to Jesus, what He did, He did out of love, plain and simple self-giving love. He went against tradition and traditional wisdom. He went against what the world would have done if they would have been in His place. He taught in an unorthodox way compared to other teachers and preachers of His day so that others, who had not heard the "Good News," would understand. Everything He did was done because He loved you, me and the rest of the world; past, present and future. If we say we believe in Christ and have faith in Him; If we say we want to follow Him and be a disciple, then we must also give up our ways and our wants.

My prayer is that I will become a "loving, self-sacrificial" disciple of Jesus Christ. It will not always be easy and it will take time and dedication. But through this journey, I will draw so much closer to Christ! Will you join me as all of us try harder to be a disciple whose purpose is to practice daily a self-giving, self-sacrificial love toward Christ and toward others?

In Christ's Love, Allan

# IN THE NEWS!

**Lina Clausel Sheets** was pictured in the Archdale-Trinity News of January 24, 2019 as she received the Golden Shovel Award at Trinity High School. She is always willing to work with students, staff and parents to ensure every student has a positive, well-rounded high school experience. Lina is a former graduate of Trinity High School and not only supports students through Student Services, but also in her role as Trinity High coach. **Congratulations!**

**Lora Krpejs**, a teacher at Hopewell Elementary, was pictured in the Archdale-Trinity News of February 7, 2019 with two of her students. They participated in the Fun Run held February 1<sup>st</sup> which was to collect money for a shelter for their school's car drop-off area. The students set out to collect one-time and per-lap pledges prior to the Fun Run. They seemed to be excited about their run.

**Cyenthia Hudson** was featured in the Local Business Briefs in The Courier Tribune, February 9<sup>th</sup>. She has joined Pinnacle Financial Partners as a treasury management advisor and will oversee the treasury management function for the firm's North Carolina Central Region. Best wishes to Cyenthia in her new career role.

The **Neighborhood Café at Archdale United Methodist Church** was listed in The Courier-Tribune, February 16<sup>th</sup>, in a picture with Meredith Cunha and Rebecca Brown who were preparing food for the meal. Meredith was recently recognized with the Youth of the Year Award at the Archdale-Trinity Chamber of Commerce awards dinner. She is an active member at Mount Vernon UMC.

**Sally Hord** was pictured several times in The High Point Enterprise on February 24, 2019 as one of the High Point Rah Rahs. This is a cheerleading squad comprised of seniors who practice once a week at the Roy B. Culler Senior Center. Sally is the second oldest cheerleader on the squad. They will complete later this year at the North Carolina Senior Games. Way to go Sally!

## Please pray for those serving our country.

**Logan Brinkley** - US Marines (friend of Rae Hicks)  
**Ian Burley** - US Navy (brother-in-law of Dylan Fling)  
**Matt Cain** - US Army (family friend of the McGavics)  
**Spencer Dyson** - US Marines (grandson of Don Miller)  
**Alec Gardner** - US Air Force (family friend of Sharon Crist)  
**Bryan Hayworth** - US Coast Guard (brother of Jami Coggins)  
**Avery Hazelwood** - US Army (friend of Donna Harrill)  
**Jospeh Hennesy** - US Marines (nephew & Godson of Steven Durr)  
**Jinniffer Hobbs** - US Navy Sailor (niece of David McKinney)  
**Richard Ivy** - US Military, Louisiana (Lewis Stroud's grandson)  
**Jake Lawrence** - US Army (friend of Rebecca Kidd)  
**Marcus McKeregan** - US Navy (Gayle Rearwin's cousin)  
**Daulton Rogers** - US Marines (family friend of the McGavics)  
**Eric Schneider** - Afghanistan (Donn & Rachel Jackson's son-in-law)  
**Joel Summerlin** - Iraq and Afghanistan (Jill Connor's brother)  
**Zack Willey** - US Army (Chuck & Jane Liebscher's son-in-law)



*"Save us, LORD our God,  
 and bring us back from among the  
 nations, that we may give thanks to your  
 holy name and glory in your praise."*

## Please Pray For Our Homebound Members:

Debbie Dean, Charles & Zula Dobbins,  
 Mandy Forrester, Charlie Game, Mary Lou Hines, Susie Knotts, Don Miller,  
 Betty Roach, Mary Jean Smith, Larry Soule, Henry Stuart, Betty Warren, Lois Welborn, Iris York



Remember  
 in  
 Prayer

## With Special Thanks.....

*A humble, heartfelt thank you for all of your kindness. Thank you for the beautiful flowers and the gift card, it was greatly appreciated.*  
 Priscilla Simonenko



AUMC is a proud sponsor for Run 5 Feed 5. Thank you for your generous donations. We collected a total of \$1,045 for this local organization. Your contributions help feed families in need that are right here in our community.

## CPR TRAINING

We want to express great thanks to Penny Stewart for providing CPR training at AUMC.

The following people have completed their CPR training:

Erika Habib  
 Matt & Myndy Walden  
 Carolyn Lawrence  
 Brittany Stanley  
 Thomas & Sandy Foster  
 Charles Eurillo  
 Paige Chappellear  
 Linda Anderson  
 Sharon Carpenter

If you are currently CPR certified please notify the church office by emailing [aumc@northstate.net](mailto:aumc@northstate.net)  
 There will be another class offered in the future.  
 Information and details will be provided once the date has been set.

## MARCH CALENDAR

**Mar. 02 UMM Brunswick Stew**  
**Mar. 06 Ash Wednesday**  
**Mar. 09 George Elder Class Social**  
**Mar. 12 Tuesday Morning Circle UMW**  
**Mar. 14 Stephen Ministers**  
**Mar. 17 Sunday Morning Circle UMW**  
**Mar. 20 Senior Luncheon**  
**Mar. 24 UMM Breakfast Meeting**  
**Mar. 31 5th Sunday Breakfast**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

03/01 Paul Clausel	03/17 Danny Mann
03/01 Matthew Connor	03/18 Lisa Clausel
03/02 Heather Bartlett	03/18 David Skeen
03/02 Steve Brown	03/20 Jared askew
03/02 Jon Dysinger	03/20 Cheryl Byerly
03/03 Mariah Askew	03/20 Ethan Dysinger
03/03 Roy Catlett	03/20 Cole Liebscher
03/03 Linda game	03/21 Deidra Colclough
03/04 Alex McGavic	03/21 Sharon Congdon
03/04 Tara Owens	03/21 Cody Page
03/05 Connor Allen	03/22 Tom Holtam
03/05 Trevor Allen	03/22 Sally Hord
03/05 Debbie Kennedy	03/23 Kyle Barefoot
03/05 Michael Linthicum	03/23 Jane Peeper
03/05 Tamara Owens	03/23 Andrew Wilson
03/07 Donna Smith	03/23 Toni Wray
03/07 Martha Shives	03/24 Blake Page
03/08 Craig Grimmett	03/26 Jack Lance
03/08 Blair Hawley	03/26 Sylvia Smith
03/08 Jim Johnson	03/26 Aliene Soule
03/08 Cameron King	03/28 Jennifer east
03/08 Tammy Roberts	03/28 Jake Stewart
03/09 Brittany Stanley	03/31 Kelly Becker
03/10 Iris York	03/31 Jaxon Kimmons
03/11 Catherine Fulcher	03/31 Andrew McGavic
03/11 Alexandria Sarmiento	03/31 Georgia Mertel
03/11 Edwin Sechrest	
03/11 Ethan Simpson	
03/12 Rusty Smith	
03/13 Sue McDonald	
03/13 William Rains	
03/14 David Stewart	
03/15 Lindsay Byrum	
03/15 Alexa Fulcher	
03/17 Linda Anderson	
03/17 Terry Gates	
03/17 Rae Hicks	
03/17 Jacob Lowe	



The Archdale UMW has **Apple Pies** available in the church office for \$10 each. (regular & sugar-free)



The Jeff Patterson Class has **Chicken Pies** available in the church office for **\$10 each.**



## MARCH WEEKLY CALENDAR

**SUNDAY: 9 am Sanctuary Worship Service**  
**10 am Sunday School**  
**11am Casual Worship Service**  
**5 pm Kids Steps**  
**5 pm Thru The Roof Youth Ministries**

**MONDAY: 7 pm Scouts**

# MEMBERSHIP 2018 Report

Dear Archdale UMC Family,

I wanted to let all families of 5th -12th graders know that we are joining with United Methodist Churches in our Missional Network to have a joint Confirmation Class. It will be led by several pastors in our network and is being coordinated by Keith Bradley the Youth Pastor at Fairfield UMC.

Confirmation in The United Methodist Church is a time of intentional preparation, it gives teens and tweens the opportunity to reflect on the most basic tenants of our faith and gives them a safe environment to ask questions and grapple with the divine truths and mysteries proclaimed by the church of Jesus Christ. Confirmation helps youth to investigate to depths of the faith and helps them begin to understand what it means to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ, and to make their first public profession of faith. During this time young persons "make firm" what has gone before: God's prevenient grace, baptism, the teaching and witness of parents and other persons of faith, the teachings and life together in the church, the student's own growing faith. Youth are invited to claim for themselves the name Christian and the name United Methodist. We believe that Confirmation is a significant step in the journey of faith.

In addition to confirmation of younger youth, it is also a time of intentional preparation and confirmation for older youth as well. Because the middle school years (5th-8th grades) are when young people begin to move from concrete thinking to abstract thinking, that is when most people begin to make lifelong faith decisions. Also, during these middle school years, youth are seeking a sense of belonging. Belonging to the community of faith is an appropriate response to that developmental task.

Likewise, the teenage years are important for making a commitment to live as a disciple of Christ. Thus, we also encourage our Jr. High and High School students who have not participated in confirmation to join us.

Our Missional Network Class will probably start on March 7 and last for 8 weeks. We will have a meal at 5:30 p.m. and the Confirmation Class will be from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. It will be held here at Archdale UMC.

If your young person is interested in beginning this journey of faith or if you or your young person have any questions, please email me at, [allandiv@aol.com](mailto:allandiv@aol.com) or call me on my cell phone, 336-403-6792.

Peace, Grace, and Love to All,

Allan

**PS... If you know of a family from the 9am or 11am service that may not have received this email, please feel free to forward this email to them.**

*Confirmation is a weekly class, taught vibrantly and diligently, where we guide our young people towards a mature faith through everyday acts of compassion, justice, worship, and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Covenant Discipleship helps connect our young people with Jesus Christ and one another through ongoing mutual accountability and support for living in the world as Christ followers.*

The required year end report was completed in late January for the district and conference. We have three reports to compile: Membership and Participation, Church assets and expenses and Church income. Some of the membership information is listed below.

Total membership: **646**

Average attendance at weekly worship service: **176**

Average Sunday School attendance: **131**

During 2018 we had 2 baptisms. We have 68 baptized members who have not become professing members. We have 80 constituent members (those under the love and care of the church who are not members).

We have 11 Sunday School classes. We have membership in the United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women which is reported annually. We also report our mission engagement which includes the number of ministries focused on engaging in ministry with the poor-socially marginalized. The mission engagement also includes the number of persons from the congregation serving in mission/community ministries. We also must list the number of persons served by community ministries for outreach, justice and mercy. These are just some of the highlights of the two page report.

Any group participating in events relating to our mission engagement should provide that information to Shirley Cecil. It is best to keep records throughout the year in lieu of trying to capture all the information in January of the following year.

Shirley Cecil

Membership Secretary