



Trinity Tidings

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From the Pastor's Study...

January 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus:

It's the day after Christmas—actually early evening. My intent had been to write earlier in the day, but things have a way of getting away from us—or maybe in my case, God had something to teach or clarify.

My trip down to Newton was intended to be short, full of last-minute appointments, errands, and a family celebration. When I received the funeral announcement from Dean Yoder, I was conflicted. My friend and colleague was hurting; there was a sense of obligation to be there for her. Yet, my own loss, two years earlier, overwhelmed me. I tried to shut it out; I wanted to enjoy the happiness of the Christmas season. In the end, I drove down and found myself sitting in a beautifully decorated sanctuary, contemplating the Nativity of our Lord. As I looked at the Nativity, I realized that suffering and death were the initial reason for the season! Our Lord Jesus came into our world to bring hope where there was none—to bring eternal life and salvation where there was only suffering and death.

God sent His only Son into our world to make all things new!

No longer does death reign over us!

Our post-Easter faith assures us that in Jesus, we are victorious!

Do we really understand what the gift of Jesus means to us?

Jesus / Immanuel (God with us) is truly the reason for the season. For those who believe in Him, His entrance into our world changes EVERYTHING!

What a blessing! What a gift to be able to worship joyously with my friend, celebrating the life of her husband in Christ Jesus! Celebrating his entrance into the Heavenly Church triumphant! For there is no death where Christ Jesus is Lord!

The true meaning of the season = Hope, Light, Life, Love, and Joy all wrapped up in a small wooden box. No, not the end of the story; just the beginning.

May Christ Jesus Reign your lives.

May the blessings of His life-giving gift grow and multiply in your lives throughout the new year. May His sacred gift give all of our lives new and greater meaning.

Pr. Janice Kelly



TWIGS – Trinity Women In God's Service

We will be meeting at 11:30am on Friday, January 24th at The Baker's Box Restaurant, 1508 Asheville Hwy, Hendersonville.

MUGS- Men Under God's Sovereignty

We will be meeting at 9:00am on Friday, January 24th at Mills River Diner.



*** ALTAR FLOWERS ***

There is a sign-up sheet for altar flowers on the bulletin board located in the back of the church. Please be advised that the cost for Sunday altar flowers has is \$35.00. Trinity is currently partnering with FORGET-ME-NOT florist. If you would like something other than Sunday flowers please contact Jennifer. (Special requests may differ in price).

COFFEE TIME FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to those who lovingly prepare the food, thank you to those who stay to visit, and thank you to those who help to clean-up. Fellowship time is a wonderful way to touch base with each other and bask in the love we share with Christ. Volunteers are needed. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the back of the church. Thank you to everyone who participates in our fellowship time after service.

Habitat for Humanity

Great News! We are going to be able to participate in another Thrivent House in 2020. Start up should be sometime in April or May. We'll have more information in February.

*******WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED*******

Please take a moment to review the sign-up sheet for WORSHIP ASSISTANTS (Greeters, Lectors, Cantors, Ushers, Communion Assistants, Counters, Bulletin Preparers, Environmental Specialists (trash pick-up), Acolyte, Coffee Time Hosts, and Bank Steward) located on the bulletin board in the back of the church. Thank you.

Bible Study

A new Bible study beginning on **Wed., February 3rd at 11:30am** with a brown bag lunch, topic to be announced in January. All are welcome to join, a study book (\$10) will be ordered in advance. Please see Jim or Joanne Kresge if you have questions or suggestions. Sign up sheet will be posted in early January.

Cut-Ups

The blankets that were lovingly made last year were donated to the Storehouse in Hendersonville. There was an immediate need for them, and they were gladly received by those cold and less fortunate. We will be meeting again **Saturday, January 11 at 10:00am** in the church fellowship hall. All are welcome to join us. No experience necessary. We will have fleece available, but if you can donate to the cause that would be great. Bring sewing scissors if you have them. (Material needed: 5.5 yards (56" x 70") for adult size and 3 yards (48" x 48") for small size).

Happy New Year!

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. - 2 Corinthians 4:16-17

Congregational Meeting

We will be voting in 3 new Council Members and voting on an Amendment of our Constitution on Sunday, January 19th immediately after the Service.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

15 – Doris McPeters

31 – Janice Henderson

Spicy Crackers Recipe by Jim Kresge

Two sleeves of saltines crackers

One cup of Canola oil

One package of dry Ranch dressing

One tablespoon of red pepper flakes

One half teaspoon of cayenne pepper

One-gallon plastic storage bag.

If you want to up the "kick", simply double the red pepper flakes and the cayenne pepper.

Put all dry ingredients in the plastic bag and shake to mix them all up.

Put in the canola oil, seal and mix the oil with the dry seasoning.

Lay the two sleeves of crackers into the bag, reseal and gently rotate the bag, end over end and right to left.

Put the bag into the refrigerator and every hour, rotate the bag to distribute the coating. Do this for the three hours and leave in refrigerator for 8 hours.

Serve by themselves or with cheese.