



Trinity Tidings

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From the Pastor's Study...

A few weeks ago Dorothy and I were in a drive thru line at a fast food restaurant when something happened that had never occurred to us before. We had placed our order for some burgers and fries at the speaker box and driven forward toward the service window. As we inched along behind the cars in front of us we chatted nonchalantly about this and that. But when we got to the window: what we heard struck us both silent.

“No charge, sir! The car in front of you paid for your order.”

Quickly we looked to see who had been so generous, but the car pulling away belonged to no one we knew. A perfect stranger! Couldn't tell if they were a man or a woman; black, white, brown or whatever. Someone we had never met had given us a gift. And suddenly I remembered something that Tony Campolo wrote about some years ago.

Tony says that when his father was a boy newly emigrated from Italy, money was tight. To help out Tony's father would glean beans in a field outside Philadelphia. The farmer who owned the field would let folks glean beans left over after the regular pickers were done. It was hard work, but Tony's father could sell the beans to a roadside stand and get extra money for his family, and every penny helped in those days.

One evening as he picked the leftovers, the boy looked up and saw, down at the end of the row, a gigantic African-American man moving quickly, picking beans so quickly and efficiently that Tony's father knew there wouldn't be a single bean left for him to pick.

Dejectedly he just stopped picking and sat down, his empty pail between his legs.

Then surprisingly, the big man stopped in front of the boy. And with a smile he took his bucket and emptied it into the boy's, filling it to overflowing. Then, still smiling, the man looked at the boy and said, “Someday when you see someone who is tired and needs some help, remember what I did for you and you do it for them.”

Grace is when we get what we don't deserve. Sometimes it comes in the form of a burger and fries. Sometimes it comes from a spouse or family member who overlooks a hurt or a neglect. Sometimes it comes from the Lord our God who sees us cowering in guilt and shame for how we've offended Him; but instead of walloping us with richly deserved condemnation, wraps us in His loving arms and speaks in a still, small voice to our minds, “You've said that you're sorry, and I forgive you – not because you deserve my mercy, but just because I love you. Go... try to do better. And as I've loved you: pass it on to someone else for my sake.”

I watched that day as the unknown car drove away, still holding my money out toward the clerk in the window. He repeated his words as he handed me our food. “Your order has already been paid for, sir!”

So I looked at him, and I handed him the money in my hand, and I said, “Here, take this... and use it to pay for the people in the car behind me.”

And holding our bag of grace-burgers, we drove off... secret agents of God's love, giving thanks, and praising God. Because to get grace and then to share grace... that is an awesome thing that fills the heart to overflowing!

"A new commandment I give you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." - John 14:34

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Mike

T.W.I.G.S (TRINITY WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE)

Please join us on Friday, June 30 for our monthly luncheon. Our first summer lunch together on Friday, June 30th will be at LIME LEAF THAI FUSION, 342 NORTH MAIN STREET HENDERSONVILLE The menu includes an *Express Lunch* offering stir fry, soups, and salads. Please add you name to the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the back of the church. If you would like more information or if you would like to car-pool please contact Dorothy.

MEN UNDER GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY (MUGS)

Our Trinity men's group will meet for its monthly breakfast gathering on Friday, June 30 at 9:00AM. The location will be the Mills River Restaurant.



PENTECOST SUNDAY IS CELEBRATED JUNE 4TH

We will celebrate Pentecost in worship on June 4th. This Sunday, traditionally characterized by the color red, commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit unto the Apostles in Jerusalem.

Prayers and Anointing for Healing will be offered immediately after our worship.

*****COFFEE TIME
FELLOWSHIP*****

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the **fellowship** of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

[2 Corinthians 13:14](#)

Thank you to everyone who participates in our fellowship time after service. 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.

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

*From him the whole body, joined and held **together** by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its **work***

Ladies we still have a few empty volunteer spaces for Sunday, June 18th (**FATHER'S DAY**). Greeters, Ushers, Acolytes, Lectors, Cantors, Communion Assistants, Counters, Coffee-Time, and Trash Removal are needed July/August. Please take the time to look at the "WORSHIP ASSISTING" sign-up sheet and add your name.

******ALTAR FLOWERS******

There is a sign-up sheet for altar flowers on the bulletin board located in the back of the sanctuary. If you wish to order special flowers please be advised that Trinity is currently partnering with **FORGET-ME-NOT** florist on a trial basis. The shop is located Hendersonville and **JEAN**, the owner, will be happy to work with ou on any special requests. The cost for Sunday altar flowers is \$30.00. (Special requests may differ in price.) The phone number is (828)692-3749.

NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED JUNE 4TH

On Sunday, June 4th we will receive three new members into our congregation. Philip & Kelly Behm and Linda Walker will be received by Affirmation of Baptism at the beginning of our worship. Please take a moment to welcome them into our family.

CHANGE TO COUNCIL MEETING DATE

Due to travel and scheduling conflicts among Council members, the regular June Congregational Council meeting will be conducted on Thursday, June 22nd at 5:30 PM in the Conference Room of our church. As always, council meetings are open to all members who care to attend.

AS IS OUR TRADITION, THERE WILL BE NO COUNCIL MEETING IN JULY. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 17th.

NEW "USED" LAWN MOWER ACQUIRED BY CHURCH

Our congregation has acquired a riding lawn mower for use in keeping our property tidy and attractive to visitors. The used mower is housed in the shed at the corner of our parking lot.

Volunteers are needed to take turns keeping the lawn mowed every 2 weeks during the growing season. If interested, see the sign up sheet in the church office or speak with Dorothy Greenauer.

PASTOR MIKE ON VACATION

Pastor Mike will be taking some vacation time out of the area from June 29th to July 10th. If there is a pastoral emergency while he is away, please call him on his cell phone.

In his absence worship will continue as scheduled led by laity. Lay leaders will share Pastor's prepared message and will distribute Holy Communion using the protocol for Communion in Special Circumstances as outlined in our Lutheran worship guides.

COME OUT TO THE BALL GAME JUNE 23RD

Plan now to be part of our crowd that will go to an Asheville Tourists baseball game on Friday, June 23rd. Game time is 7:05 PM. That night at the ballpark is \$1 hot dog night, with fireworks following the game.

A limited number of free tickets have been generously provided by the Moore Funeral Home at Forest Lawn. Sign up as long as they last on our narthex bulletin board.

As in previous years, carpooling from Fletcher is available. Please call Dorothy Greenauer if you desire to carpool.

COMMUNITY "LOVE MEAL" JUNE 27TH AT NOON

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve our monthly free community "Love Meal." The next meal will be provided to our friends and neighbors on Tuesday, June 27th at 12:00 PM.

Since beginning this mission, our congregation has served over 50 meals, and has given out \$ 375 in food gift cards (through our *'Gary's Fund'*) to help those in need. With an average attendance of 12 each month for the meal, Trinity Lutheran Church is becoming known in the East Flat Rock area as a caring church where Christ's love is shared.

****HABITAT HOUSE BUILD INFORMATION****

Ground breaking for the new Habitat House, located in Dodd Meadows took place this past week. TLC has volunteered for 3 Saturday workdays. Those dates are June 17th (exterior wrap, doors and windows), July 29th (siding), and August 19th (interior paint & trim). Although, TLC has committed for these days volunteers are needed for many other dates. TLC has also volunteered to serve lunch on 3 Tuesdays throughout the building project. Those dates are June 6th, July 25th, and August 29th. We need at least two people to set-up, serve, and clean up. Meals will be simple and served in disposable containers to approximately 20 crew members.

TLC has committed to providing \$500.00 toward the fundraising and volunteers to help work on the house throughout the project. TLC will be having several fundraisers and well as "NOISY OFFERINGS" to meet and hopefully exceed our pledge.

For more information please contact Dorothy.

THE STOREHOUSE

The Storehouse has requested the following items for the month of June: Soup, cereal, jelly/jam, and bar soap



June

Happy Anniversary

- 2 – Michael & Doris McPeters
- 12- Charles & Billie Roach
- 21 – Ron & Arlene Lab

Happy Birthday

- 6 – Billie Vess Roach
- 18 – John Kasper
- 26 – Bill Komara

