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PASTOR'S CORNER



"Glory be to God who, according to the power at work within us, is able to do far more abundantly than all we can ask or think."

Ephesians 3:20

Start with a pandemic that has reshaped major aspects of all of our lives. Add a political system that has too often proved polarized and ineffective. Pour in equal parts wildfires, hurricanes, floods, refugee and immigration concerns. Let that sit, and then mix in a culture where calm, courteous conversations over differences are becoming less common than their noxious counterparts. Garnish with emotions, individual perspectives, and multiple news sources. Bake in an oven at a high temperature of climate change. What do you have? A "recipe for disasters."

The word "disaster" comes to us from the word *disastro* (*dis*=not and *astro*=star). *Disastro* was generally used to blame a calamity on a not-favorable or misalignment of the stars. It has evolved to represent any catastrophic or devastating event of nature or humanity.

There has always been an interesting relationship between disasters and religion. Some continue to interpret disasters (*disastro*) as a misalignment of the stars, while other view them as acts of God's wrath or fulfillments of prophecy. More likely, natural disasters are value-neutral events with no prescriptive divine message other

than a reminder to us of how all of creation works together. Human-made disasters, on the other hand, are more of our own making, and therefore more in our control.

The cookbook of our lives is often opened to the page on "A Recipe for Disaster." Disasters occur in the world, and with great frequency. They have a way of causing us to reflect on what we deeply value and hold dear. Every incident is yet another reminder of how perishable and precious life is, as well as how treasured and valued each person should be.

Our Stewardship Theme this year is inviting us, appropriately, to reflect on the blessings, as opposed to the disasters, in our lives. (We even have a display board in the narthex where everyone is encouraged to write down and share the blessings in their lives!) Each of us holds the ingredients to respond to disaster and blessing to make this world a better place. Combine equal parts of care and kindness, peace and joy. Sprinkle in respect, relationship, harmony, and gratitude. Top it all off with a big helping of love. I invite you to consider what ingredient you might offer.

Perhaps that is what Ephesians 3:20 is all about – a reminder of the unquenchable power of the Spirit that is, "at work within us, and is able to do far more abundantly than all we can ask or think." Glory be to God.

MARK

Wednesday Night Live: Holy LandScapes

October 20, 2021, 7:00 p.m. (via Zoom)

Join us for virtual fellowship on Wednesday evening, October 20, at 7:00 p.m. Dwight Christenbury will present *Holy LandScapes*, a visual tour of some of the surprisingly varied scenery and terrain of the region we call the Holy Land.

While no one can visit the Holy Land (either in person or virtually) without brushing up against important religious sites, political conflict, history and archeology, and/or the stories of God's people, this virtual tour will be mainly about what the place looks and feels like—perhaps it will help you to visualize scenes that you read about in the Bible.

So put on your hiking boots and join us as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus . . . and Elijah, and Jonah, and Abraham and Sarah, and Peter, and Mary, and . . .



DWIGHT

note from the associate pastor...

If you've been paying attention to goings-on in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in recent years, you're aware that we've been emphasizing the 25th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew. The church has been promoting Jesus's teachings in that chapter as a way of focusing both our worship and our mission.

You'll be hearing more soon about Matthew 25 from a group of folks at Trinity who are studying how we might make it a focus of our own ministry in Hendersonville, but I also wanted to let you know how the Presbytery of Western North Carolina Youth Council (PYC), for which I serve as an advisor, has adopted Matthew 25 for the school year.

Specifically, the PYC is focusing in on Matthew 25:35-40:

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"

At its planning retreat in August, the PYC studied this passage and then came up with a short and sweet theme for the year: *Love, Regardless*. I look forward to seeing how the PYC unpacks and translates this theme and Jesus's teachings into worship and action for the young people of Western North Carolina over the next nine months.

Peace,

DWIGHT

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Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina

Mission Trip Opportunity for PWNC

The Mission Committee of Presbytery has worked closely with those in the Eastern part of North Carolina to setup a mission trip to help with flood damage.

Below you will find links to helpful information about the trip. Feel free to share this information with others who may have an interest in going.

TRIP INFORMATION

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Team size is limited to 15 people.

Fall Work Trip Scheduled

**October 10-16, 2021
Wilmington NC**

Cost: \$75 per person
Financial aid available upon request.

Trinity
is here to support you.
Please reach out!

session notes:

The Session held its stated meeting by Zoom on September 13. Kathryn Forsythe shared a devotion and led us in an opening prayer.

We welcomed new members Jane and Joe Strange and new affiliate members Mark and Martha Johnson and Steve Byerly with joy.

Diane Bowers brought a motion, which passed unanimously, to begin the process of becoming a Matthew 25 Church by forming a Matthew 25 Task Force to:

- a. Review ways in which Trinity has historically, and is currently, responding to Matthew 25 issues.
- b. Recommend and implement ways in which to educate the congregation about PCUSA's Matthew 25 Initiative (i.e., sermons, Minutes for Mission, Tidings, Learning Hour, meetings, brochure, FAQs, etc.)
- c. Survey the Ministries about how they are currently involved in Social Justice Issues and what more they can/should do to grow in these areas.
- d. Using Ministry responses, survey the congregation about the same and ask, "Which would you like to be a part of?"
- e. In early 2022 make a recommendation to Session about becoming a Matthew 25 Congregation, including Focus Area(s) and next steps, and time-line.

Ed Spencer shared the report of the Reopening Task Force. Session approved the following recommendations unanimously:

1. Continue face mask use by all individuals at all meetings within in the church building
2. Continue to encourage all members and family to secure the preventive shots
3. Discontinue the use of all food and beverage consumption in the building until conditions improve (including Memorials)
4. Continue social distancing at services including "Passing the Peace" to your left/right while in your seat
5. Continue to utilize zoom meeting technology for varied meetings as much as possible
6. Continue one 11:00 AM service until conditions improve (to be evaluated month to month)
7. Members of the congregation shall sing softly while seated.
8. Close the church office on Fridays until conditions improve (continue phone coverage)
9. Allow the church staff to work remotely from home as needed.

Until children under 12 are eligible to receive Covid 19 vaccines, and for the safety of all, Learning Hour classes and other indoor programs for children and youth will not be held. Outdoor activities for children and youth, with appropriate supervision, are permitted. All ages are welcomed in worship services with adherence to the Covid 19 safety guidelines that are currently in place.

Fitz Sthreshly presented a motion from the Personnel Ministry that, while only a single service is being held, we continue to pay section leaders as if there were two services. This motion passed unanimously.

Leslie Nissen presented the report of the task force evaluating building use by the Mankind Project and moved the majority recommendation of the task force to allow the ManKind Project, led by Ben Coonrod, to meet at Trinity on Sunday evenings for the next 6 months, with Richard Weidler to be asked to serve as liaison. The motion passed with 13 in favor and 1 opposed.

Ed Spencer shared the report of the Stewardship Ministry, noting in particular the Blessing Board that is now in the Narthex, which focuses on acknowledging how we have been blessed.

Diane Bowers, for the Finance Ministry, noted that budget planning will be requested in the near future, and provided guidelines and recommendations for Ministry submissions

Rev. Dwight Christenbury closed the meeting with prayer.

Session's next stated meeting will be October 11 at 6:30 via Zoom.

Peace be with you,

KATHRYN FORSYTHE

Clerk of Session



Trunk or Treat 2021

Mills River Presbyterian Church

October 30, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

It's October, and our partners and good friends in Mills River are busily getting ready for our annual Trunk-or-Treat Halloween Celebration!

Get your costume ready (optional) and plan to join the fun on Saturday, October 30, 2:00–4:00 p.m. at Mills River Presbyterian Church (10 Presbyterian Church Road, Mills River, NC 28759).

We're also looking for volunteers to decorate their vehicles and hand out candy to children. Please contact Dwight Christenbury for more information and to sign up!

Call for Writers: *God in Our Midst*

*The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.*

*On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;*

do not let your hands grow weak.

*The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;*

*he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love. . . .*

As we approach Advent 2021, our theme for the season, based on Zephaniah 3:15–17, is *God in Our Midst*. It's been a difficult, joyful, tragic, and hopeful year—a strange combination of adjectives to describe a strange period in history and in our lives. But through it all, in good times and hard times, Christians affirm that God is with us, and so we approach the Advent season with expectation, faith, and hope.

Advent 2021 begins on Sunday, November 28, and one of Trinity's great seasonal traditions is our Advent Devotional Guide, which you create. We hope that you'll consider writing a brief meditation for *God in Our Midst*; look for more information and signups beginning on October 10.



Endowment Committee & Local Missions

“Bushels of Hope “

A woman who had just driven up to the Interfaith Assistance Ministry (IAM) food distribution door stood by as Wally, the Operations Manager, loaded boxes of food into her car. Specifically, Wally loaded up a week's worth of food, for her family of five.

Wally noticed the woman was shaking. As he finished up, she “just broke down crying,” he describes. He asked if everything was OK. Through her tears, the grateful woman told Wally that she'd been laid off from work that very day. “And she just could not believe that she was getting a week's worth of food. She was crying because of the blessing she was receiving.”

On Drive-Thru Tuesdays, local families experiencing hunger or food insecurity can drive up to the door and receive enough nutritious food for a week, for each family member. They also receive personal hygiene supplies, pet food, face masks, a bit of stress relief, and a huge serving of hope. In some cases, food is delivered right to recipients' homes. IAM also offers clothing assistance, along with financial assistance for utilities, rent or mortgage payments, prescription medicines and gasoline. All support is provided with compassion and respect.

A faith-based non-profit organization, IAM has been providing emergency relief to Henderson County residents for nearly four decades. Trinity Presbyterian has

been a substantial and long-standing financial contributor to IAM, largely through endowments that help fund the budget of our Local Missions Ministry. Those endowments, along with other generous donations, enable our church family to help IAM meet critical basic needs of neighbors who are experiencing acute (and varied) financial crises. As Wally points out, “There's no way we could do it without our faith community.”

IAM is the largest provider of crisis services in Henderson County, yet the agency is not funded with tax dollars. They are also not a United Way agency. (IAM chooses not to compete with community partners who rely on those funds.) Instead, support comes from businesses, civic service organizations, individuals, and churches like Trinity.

Via endowments, Trinity can remain steadfast in sending monetary donations to IAM (our largest charitable recipient) as well as to 22 additional local agencies. Endowments anchor Trinity's commitment to offer love – and hope – to our neighbors, as a Matthew 25 Church.

-- **LESLIE NISSEN**, Local Missions Ministry

p.s. – Hear Wally and others tell their stories in a video produced by IAM for the Local Missions team's Minute for Missions video series. Find it under the “Giving Back” section of Trinity's website (select the Local Missions tab) or go to directly to <https://www.trinitypresnc.org/giving-back>. Scroll down a bit to find the IAM video, plus videos for the Hendersonville Rescue Mission and Safelight.



2022 STEWARDSHIP

Every year you are invited to renew your financial giving decisions. This is a very personal and private commitment that helps Trinity to plan responsibly. Your giving style may be to tithe your income (before or after taxes); your discretionary income (after fixed expenses); and/or your financial investment gains for the year. You may be able to increase your giving as a personal challenge as each year you try to get closer and closer to tithing; or you may need to be responsible about decreasing your pledge due to increased medical expenses or for other reasons. Your Stewardship Committee is praying for you and asking for your response by October 24 (Dedication Sunday). Individually and collectively, God continues to shower us with blessings regardless of our individual contributions. Thank you.

JIM SMELKER

TRINITY YOUTH & FAMILIES FALL 2021 EVENTS

Note that some of these events are designated for families and kids of all ages, while some are specifically for middle and/or high school youth.

We're planning a variety of outdoor events for youth, children, and families this fall. **Please note that all of the below is subject to addition, subtraction, and/or modification, given all the variables we can't control (weather, Covid-19, family calendars, etc.), so please confirm particular events with Dwight Christenbury.**

- Sunday, Oct. 3** **Presbytery Youth Rally, 2:50–6:15 p.m. (Montreat)**
For Middle School and High School Youth
(Talk to Dwight Christenbury for more information.)
- Sunday, Oct. 10** **Eliada Corn Maze, meet on site at 2:00 p.m.**
For families and kids of all ages!
(Eliada, 2 Compton Drive, Asheville, NC 28806)
<http://www.eliada.org/events-sponsorship/corn-maze-2>
- Sunday, Oct. 24** **Pumpkin Carving, 1:00–4:00 p.m.**
For families and kids of all ages!
Talk with Dwight Christenbury for more information.
Currently we're planning a potluck, picnic lunch; bring a dish to share!
- Saturday, Oct. 30** **Trunk-or-Treat, 2:00–4:00 p.m. (Mills River Presby. Church)**
For families and kids of all ages!
(If you can bring a car trunk and candy to hand out, please let Dwight Christenbury know as soon as you can, so that I can let our friends at Mills River know. Thanks!)
- Sat.–Sun., Nov. 6–7** **Presbytery Middle School Retreat (Camp Grier)**
*For **middle school youth**; details forthcoming*
- Saturday, Nov. 20** **Family Hike Outing**
For all ages; Location and time to be determined.
- Sunday, Dec. 5** **Campfire Songs and Stories, 3:00–5:00 p.m.**
(Trinity campfire circle)
- December** Other holiday events are still in the works! Stay tuned. . . .

Again, please RSVP to Dwight Christenbury both if you will and if you will not be participating in the above.

OUR GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP

"that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith". Romans 1:12

"News from Fuente de Vida"

Enrique Sanchez and I recently held a telephone conversation with this year's pastor, Enrique Lopez, of Fuente de Vida and three members of their Partnership Committee. I give much appreciation to Enrique for his understanding of the Spanish language, of the people, and for his profound help in talking with our sisters and brothers.

In our conversation we found that little had changed during the past year. There is still a very high level of the covid virus in Guatemala and several cases in Monterrey. While several members of the church have been infected with the virus, they have thus far managed to stay at home and treat the symptoms. Only 18 % of the population ages 18 and up have been vaccinated. Aside from the difficulty of getting to a location for the vaccine many have fears of the safety of taking the shot. There are many false information stories in circulation much like in the US. This means there is still little travel and bus travel is definitely not a safe choice. Lack of bus transportation makes obtaining food difficult and the lack of work and pay makes it more difficult.

The new pastor visits the church one weekend each month. Meetings are held on Saturday and worship service is held on Sunday. Due to the lack of funds the church building is deteriorating. They do have hopes of building a "real bathroom" at the church, improving the room where the pastor stays when he visits, and replacing aluminum roofing. Members have managed to paint the building this year and worked on removing a root that was raising several tiles in the sanctuary.

Education is still virtual with teachers lacking the capacity to use it and many students lacking computers. If there is a computer in the home, internet reception is poor if possible at all. This means teachers try to visit each student every 7-10 day to give and receive schoolwork. Many parents are illiterate thus leaving the children to struggle on their own. In our discussion we raised the possibility of having older students and those adults who could read hold small study groups. While this raised the potential for spreading the virus the pastor thought it was a good idea and would give thought to it. He called this "pragmatic teaching" and would discuss it with church members.

The church continues to pray for Trinity and sends best wishes to all members. When asked what Trinity could do for Fuente de Vida the answer was, pray.

The Global Missions Committee asks that as you continue to pray for our sisters and brothers in Monterrey, you also continue to give financial and scholarship support to the students. Much appreciation is given to the session for selecting the partnership with Fuente de Vida as a recipient of matching funds and for those of you who have contributed to this fund and to those of you who continue to honor your scholarship pledge.

Health, peace, and grace to each of you.

CAROLE BALL

and the Global Mission Committee.

Trinity Book Group

Trinity Book Group will meet Thursday, October 28, at 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The book we will be discussing is *Before and After* by Lisa Wingate. This is the sequel to *Before We Were Yours*, which the group read last year.

Insert book description here.

All are welcome to join the fun!

BILLIE HICKLIN

Before and After

Lisa Wingate/Judy Christie

The incredible, true stories of victims of a notorious adoption scandal – some of whom learned the truth from Lisa Wingate's bestselling novel ***Before We Were Yours*** (read in 2020-21) and were reunited with birth family members as a result of its wide reach. Encouraged by their contact with Wingate and award-winning journalist Judy Christie, who documented the stories of fifteen adoptees in this book, many determined Tann survivors set out to trace their roots and find their birth families. *Before and After* includes moving and sometimes shocking accounts of the ways in which adoptees were separated from their first families. Wingate and Christie tell of first meetings that are all the sweeter and more intense for time missed and of families from very different social backgrounds reaching out to embrace better-late-than-never brothers, sisters, and cousins. Victims return to Memphis with Wingate and Christie to reclaim their stories at a Tennessee Children's Home Society reunion...with extraordinary results.

FINANCIAL UPDATE---August 2021 results

Our bottom line in August was positive and favorable compared to budget. Through August, we remain better than budget, but below 2020 for the same time period.

August pledge receipts were about on par with the average monthly budget figure. We are now running but about \$23,000 behind last year through August, although that gap has been narrowing. Plate and Unpledged income remain strong at \$16,000 above budget.

Total Expenses are \$31,000 under budget, reflecting in part the impact of COVID on our programs and building use. All ministries are under budget in their spending. Due to the reduced building use and our solar system, our electric bill is now running \$2200 below budget for the year.

After paying for recent building repair and exterior painting, the balance in our Capital accounts is \$26,000.

NEW IAM/GUATEMALA MATCH PROGRAM: The program ends September 30th.

Member donations through August:

- IAM: \$10,497.50;
- Guatemala: \$5257.50;
- Total = \$15,755 (63% of \$25,000 goal)

HUNGER WALK: As of 9/13, the donations now total \$2900. We will continue to collect outstanding amounts through the end of the month. Thank you so much for your support.

TOM KARVONEN & DIANE BOWERS

Guardian Ad Litem Program

Due to a critical shortage of Guardian ad Litem volunteers in Henderson County, over 50 children are in need of advocates who will speak for them in court.

The eight-minute video below may be helpful to you, whether you're considering answering this call or just want to know more about the program.

[Video Link](#)

The next GAL volunteer training begins **Mon. Oct. 18**, 10 a.m. - 12 Noon for daytime classes, OR **Tues. Oct. 19** 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. for evening classes. They are hoping the later start date might give more people a chance to sign up for training!

Training will run once per week for six weeks. You may mix day and evening sessions if needed. Also, the at-home reading hours -- required between each weekly session-- bring the total number of training hours to 30.

Thank you again for considering helping kids who have *no one* to speak for them in court!!

LESLIE NISSEN (912) 398-1018

Want to Join a Ministry?

Trinity is a family of faith, trusting and following Jesus Christ, welcoming and nurturing all people, reaching out to serve the needs of our communities near and far, and doing these things humbly and joyfully, believing that the greatest commandment is love. This is our vision. This includes all of us.

At Trinity, we believe all God's children are gifted for ministry. We invite you to be active in the church and community...doing things you enjoy... sharing your time and talents and interests...using your gifts in service as Christ's hands reaching out to those in need.

Opportunities exist in the ministry areas listed below and in many other areas in the church. Please ask anyone and let us know what calls to you.

Worship

Christian Nurture

Fellowship

Local Mission

Global Mission

New Member

Finance & Stewardship

Building and Grounds

Administration

Personnel

If you cannot volunteer, please know that your worship and your prayers for Trinity, the Church, and the world are welcomed and valued. You are loved.

SANDY WEEKS

New Library Resources to Interest You

Billie Hicken donated a delightful book she wrote about her mother:

- *The Talk of the Towers: A Story of Love in a Retirement Community* (32/HIC)

The Trinity Book Club gave a donation to the library in memory of Judi Weeter to purchase books. The following titles in Judi's memory are now ready to circulate:

- *Afterlife* (story of a woman trying to repair pieces in her life and to remind herself of who she is) by Julia Alvarez (33/ALV)
- *Before and After* (Real-life Stories of Orphans Who Survived the Tennessee Children's Home Society) by Judy Christie (33/CHR)
- *Halsey Street* (modern day story of family, loss, and survival) by Naima Coster (33/COS) *Memorial Drive: A Daughter's Memoir* (reckoning with the brutal murder of her mother) by Natasha Tretheway (32/TRE)

Another book in memory of Doris Klimach from the book club is

- *The Secretary* (a heart breaking and gripping WWII story) by Catherine Hokin (33/HOK)

Jane Presseau donated the title

- *The Library Book* (tribute to public libraries in the story of the Los Angeles Public Library fire in 1986) by Susan Orlean (31/ORL)

Additional purchased books include:

- *Good Neighborhood* (asks big questions about life in America today) by Terese Anne Fowler (33/FOW)
- *The Soul of the Family Tree: Ancestors, Stories, and the Spirits We Inherit* by Lorie Erickson (32/ERI)
- *What Is God Like?* by Rachel Held Evans (A/EVA - children's book)

Additional anonymous gift books include the following titles:

- *The Book of God: The Bible as a Novel* by Walter Wangering Jr. (33/WAN)
- *Ladies of Liberty: The Women Who Shaped Our Nation* by Cokie Roberts (32/ROB)
- *Late Harvest: Rural American Writing* ed. by David R. Pichaske (29/PIC)

JANE PRESSEAU

revised common lectionary - october 2021

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 3, 2021	Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Psalm 26	Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 10, 2021	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
Canadian Thanksgiving Day October 11, 2021	Joel 2:21-27 Psalm 126		1 Timothy 2:1-7	Matthew 6:25-33
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost October 17, 2021	Job 38:1-7, (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c	Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost October 24, 2021	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)	Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost October 31, 2021 (If All Saints not observed on this day)	Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146	Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Psalm 119:1-8	Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 12:28-34

Smoke on the Smokies

A pea-sized, half-eaten nut almost lands in my cup of coffee,
dropped by a squirrel squawking in the tree above me,
As I admire the array of color visiting feeders this morning:
yellow finches, a couple of blue birds, the red splash of a cardinal,
a speckled, red-capped pecker stops for a snack of suet before re-
suming its work,
a wren stops on the railing in front of me,
a hummer buzzes by on the way to flowers and its sugar water.

Squirrels take turns before quarreling at two feeders where they are welcome,
brazenly crawling within arms' reach, pausing to scratch,
leaping six feet to a branch when finished.

I give thanks to be almost surrounded by the full green and color of summer:
a maple, tulip poplar, the hickory above me that feeds the squirrels,
shrubs—some we planted—and a red-spiked flower below,
highlighted by hanging baskets with white, yellow, and purple flowers.
Yet this patch of green hides us from the unnatural haze obscuring distant
mountains,
but not from a faint, acrid smell.

I email my sister in eastern Washington and friends near LA
to ask how they are doing,
can they go outside?

The next day we slow on the way to Asheville, grieving for the smoke
we know has drifted our way from Oregon
masking the familiar heart-shaped Smokies.

Of course, we add to the haze
with our cars, trucks, planes, power plants,
and neighbors' brush fires.

Remnants of storms sweep through, fueled by warming waters,
leaving devastation in their wake, drenching us for days,
flooding our streams and streets.

We lament witnessing forests and homes turned to ash, lives lost,
and our atmosphere treated as an open sewer.
More of us must identify ourselves as active stewards of this Earth,
to challenge those who see themselves as its masters
and others who ignore a reality we cannot escape.

If we cannot gather together "to leave this planet cleaner and greener,*"
we can only watch and wait for the next catastrophe to find us.

ROBERT MILES

Hendersonville
July & September 2021
*John Lewis, 2019

2 Ginny Vallar
Reese Burnham

4 Jim Lowry

5 Jim Vallar

7 Gene Kirkley
Bea Miller

8 Cindy Stanfield

10 Sue Schreck

11 Jerry Miller
Jocelyn Tolleson
Alex Vining

13 Barbara Garrison
Linda Stokes

14 Bob Ohle

19 Brian Dillon

25 Richard Weidler

26 Pat Harter

27 Dick Bobb
Mary Ashley

28 Ann Campbell
Jack Miller
Don Osterberg

29 Mary Congdon
Dottie Koopman

30 Andrew Morgan

31 Sandra Dwork
Sharon Slade
Jane Sugawara

October
Birthdays

Artist's Spotlight

You are invited to visit my art show entitled BIRDS MATTER during the month of October.

The show will consist of about a dozen paintings of birds in pastel.

The location is ART MOB Studios and Marketplace, 124 4th Ave East, Hendersonville NC. The gallery is closed on Tuesdays.

From as far back as I can remember, drawing and painting has been an important part of my life. Even though I was Professor of Vertebrate Biology at the State University of NY, one of my favorite avocations has been art, which included painting, illustrating, theatrical lighting, and set design. I have used watercolor, acrylic, pen and ink, charcoal, oil, and more recently pastel. My favorite topics for painting are landscapes, nature, and still life. I especially enjoy painting light, color and texture in wildlife, sky, and water, with pastel.

Pastel is a medium that straddles the line between painting and drawing. The finished pieces can look just as luscious and luminescent as paintings yet the process to create them resembles drawing more than painting. The pastel stick is shaped like a crayon and is powdered pigment combined with a binder and compressed into a stick form. Pastel is a dry, immediate medium in that you make a mark and it is finished. With pastel you can get a unique variety of textures, and the deep rich colors can be blended.

The title BIRDS MATTER was selected because of my life-long interest in birds. My interest in the contamination of the environment by humans was initially brought to my attention when I was in graduate school and read Rachel Carson's book, *Silent Spring* (1962). As a teacher I have tried to generate awareness of the adverse environmental effects caused by the indiscriminate use of certain chemicals in the environment. For example, in the past 50 years we have lost 25% of the bird population of North America, partially due to human induced chemicals into the environment. Birds matter because they are important contributors to a healthy, functional ecosystems. It behooves us to know how their populations are changing and how changes in the environment affects them.

Melanie Driscoll, Director of bird conservation for the Gulf of Mexico and the Mississippi Flyway summed it up very nicely in this phrase. "Birds are important because they keep systems in balance, they pollinate plants, disperse seeds, scavenge carcasses and recycle nutrients back into the earth. But they also feed our spirits, making for us the passage of the seasons, moving us to create art and poetry, inspiring us to flight and reminding us that we are not only on but of this earth."

Thank you. **DON OSTERBERG**





The Hunger Walk Team,; AT RIGHT - Priscilla & Tom Karvonen, Barbara Pickwood



Jocelyn Tolleson; Margaret Bolick, Clara Lou Evans, Kathryn Forsythe



The Hunger Walk Team,; The Widmayer family, The Origami Group



Dan & Pat Donovan; Jay & Ken Sugawara; Cindi Sthresley



Lisa, Jane, Jay, & Ken Sugawara; Martha & Mark Johnson; Doris & Wayne



Judi & Duane Johnson; Origami Group; Billie Hicklin



Jane Presseau; Don Widmayer, Kathryn Forsythe

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2:00 Memorial for Albert Sharke

3 - COMMUNION 9:45
Issues & Concerns
11:00 Worship
3:00 Presbytery Youth Rally

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9:00 Finance Team
10:00 New Members Sub-committee
2:00 PW Coordinating
4:00 Tai chi

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9:00 Staff Meeting
10:00 Coffee Group
2:00 Saluda Presbyterian Fundraiser (Tryon Country Club)
3:00 Origami Group
6:30 PFLAG Panel Discuss.

6
10:30 Friends in Christ
1:00 Re-Opening Task Force Mtg

7 10:00 Quilters' Guild
10:00 Endowment
11:00 Zoom BTL Book
1:30 AA Ladies
2:00 Spanish
4:00 Finance Ministry Mtg.
4:00 Tai chi
6:30 Zoom: Christian Nurt.

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9:45 Issues & Concerns
11:00 Worship

11 - INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)
9:00 Finance Team
1:00 Rebekah Circle
4:00 Tai chi
5:30 Zoom: Local Missions

12
9:00 Staff Meeting
10:00 Coffee Group
3:30 Deacons Meeting
4:00 Global Missions Mtg.
6:30 Zoom Session Mtg

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10:00 Esther Circle
10:30 Friends in Christ

14
10:00 Musicka Antiqua
11:00 Zoom Between the Lines Book Study Group
1:30 AA Ladies
2:00 Spanish
4:00 Tai chi
6:30 Cub Scouts

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2:00 Memorial for Janet Baker

17 - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
9:45 Issues & Concerns
11:00 Worship

18
9:00 Finance Team
10:00 New Members Sub-committee
4:00 Tai chi

19
9:00 Staff Meeting
10:00 Coffee Group
1:00 Zoom Naomi Circle
3:00 Origami Group

20 - TIDINGS DEADLINE
10:30 Friends in Christ

21
10:00 Musicka Antiqua
11:00 Zoom Between the Lines Book Study Group
1:30 AA Ladies
2:00 Spanish
4:00 Tai chi
6:30 Cub Scouts

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24 - STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
9:45 Issues & Concerns
11:00 Worship

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9:00 Finance Team
10:00 New Members Sub-committee
4:00 Tai chi

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9:00 Staff Meeting
10:00 Coffee Group
6:30 Deborah Circle

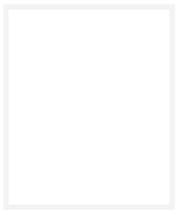
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10:30 Friends in Christ

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10:00 Musicka Antiqua
11:00 Zoom Between the Lines Book Study Group
1:30 Book Group
1:30 AA Ladies
2:00 Spanish
4:00 Tai chi

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31 - HALLOWEEN
9:45 Issues & Concerns
11:00 Worship

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We are Christ's people and this is Christ's place
with its doors wide open.

Welcome!

tidings

october,
baptize me
with leaves!

Rainbow Rowell

