



NOVEMBER 2016

# chimes

The Congregational Church of Tryon (UCC)

## WOW Service Auction a Success!

*It was touch and go for a while...*

**I**t was touch and go for a while...the WOW board wringing hands...Carol Jean's last plea from the pulpit...all shaking heads wondering, "Where are

the bids?!"

Hurrah! Last-minute bids that day got the total up to a respectable \$2849. So far. This includes a good bit of donation money. And, WOW guesses, it could get even more. Those who still need to pay for what they won or those who were not able to bid that Sunday but would still like to donate to the cause, please be in touch with Dianna Poague, Carolyne Rostick, or Stephanie Winterrowd (by the time you read this, the Vosburghs will have left for Florida for a few months).

Thank you one and all for your support, talent, cleverness, and generosity, and to WOW for another great service auction.



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## "Building on Blessings"

Share how YOU'VE been blessed by being part of our congregation! Put YOUR thanks to God on a card and tack it to our Blessing Wall in the back of the Sanctuary this Sunday or during the week. Do battle with "The Myth of Scarcity" which is loose in our world—and replace it with a Liturgy of Abundance,

because God, not fear, is in charge of our lives!

This message is courtesy of your Steward-ship Team: Becky Collins, Janet Joens, Rick King, Steve McKinsey, Paul Nelson, and Sherril Wingo.

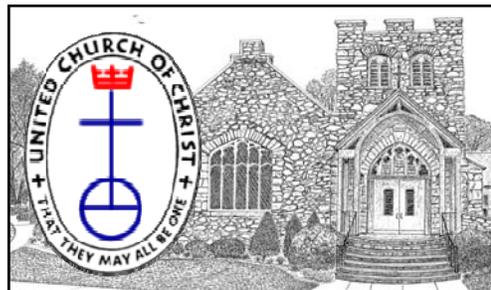


## Interested in Church Membership?

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If you are interested in joining  
The Congregational Church of Tryon  
(United Church of Christ)  
Speak with the pastor after the service.

*All are welcome to become part  
of this faith community.*

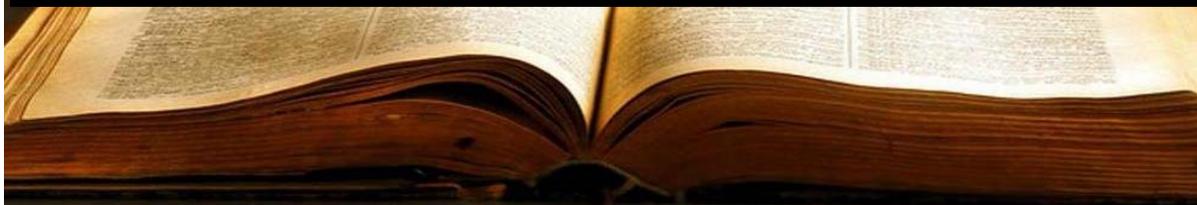


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## BIBLE STUDIES

Join us every Wednesday at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

*All are welcome!*



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## Financial Update

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### As of October 2016

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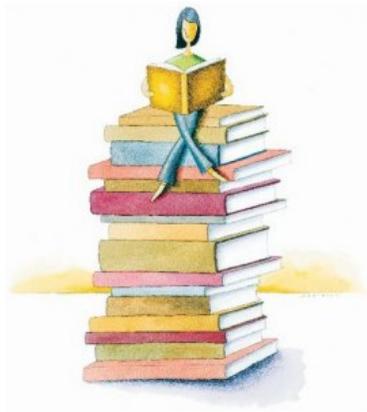
Pledges made : 177,500.00

Pledges received: 155,748.39

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Expenses budgeted: 240,310.00

Expenses paid: 208,504.34



# WISE

*WISE meets the 1st and 3rd  
Monday of every month at 2pm  
in the Church Parlor.*

***All are welcome to attend!***

This month's book:  
*"Becoming Wise An Inquiry into the Mys-  
tery and Art of Living"* by Krista Tippett

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Krista Tippett*



## **Stewardship Through Service** *Boards and Committees need your help*

**A**s we continue the prayerful consideration of our commitment to the work of the Church, it is time to plan for future governing through the Boards that support worship, education, outreach, and ministry. The Nominating Committee is seeking church members to fill positions for 2017-2019 on the Board of Trustees, Board of Deacons, Board of Outreach, Board of Christian Education and Board of Parish Life. Terms

of office are 2 years with the opportunity to serve consecutive terms. The next two years will be a crucial time for the congregational ministry as we evaluate our mission and vision for the future. Your willingness to serve our congregation in one of these areas will make a difference. Please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee to let us know of your willingness to serve.

-Becky Collins, Ann Franklin, Lynette Conrad

## **Super Sunday ~ Cowpens National Battlefield** *November 13, 2016 at 11:30 am*

**M**et at Cowpens National Battlefield. Picnic lunch provided by the Rogers Fund at about 12:45 in the picnic area. Activities include : Tour of the Battlefield at 1:30, movies on the hour,

museum exhibits, and walking trails. Wear your walking shoes and appropriate (warm?) clothing. Your RSVP to Ken Raymond (add your email and phone number) will help us plan for lunch and carpooling. Bring a friend. See you for another "Super Sunday"!

## Centering Prayer

*Experience God's presence within us.*

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**C**entering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship.

Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer. Rather, it adds depth of meaning to all prayer and facilitates the movement from more active modes of prayer — verbal, mental or affective prayer — into a receptive prayer of resting in God. Centering Prayer emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God and as a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Him.

The source of Centering Prayer, as in all methods leading to contemplative prayer, is the Indwelling Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The focus of Centering Prayer is the deepening

of our relationship with the living Christ. The effects of Centering Prayer are ecclesial, as the prayer tends to build communities of faith and bond the members together in mutual friendship and love.

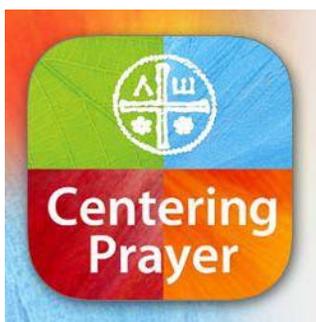
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### **Centering Prayer Class Thursday November 10, 2016 at 6:30 pm**

Pastor Rick King will be teaching a Centering Prayer class for anyone interested in learning this ancient Christian prayer form which resembles meditation, .

Rick first learned the method over 40 years ago, when he was 12, and is excited to share it with our congregation as part of helping us open ourselves to the

calming, peaceful presence of God necessary to discerning God's leadings in our search process. It's also fun to learn! The class is free of charge, but please register for it by contacting the church at [828-859-9414](tel:828-859-9414) or [churchadmin@windstream.net](mailto:churchadmin@windstream.net).



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## The Senior Parish Ministry

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**T**he Senior Parish Ministry is restarting under the care of Rick King and the Board of Deacons. Senior Parish is made up of church members who are no longer able to attend church. The plan is to gather volunteers who want to brighten the lives of

these absent church members with a monthly visit. A planning meeting will be scheduled soon. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of this ministry. Contact Cherie Brooks at 894-2710 or email her at [acheriebrooks@windstream.net](mailto:acheriebrooks@windstream.net).

## The Choir Misses Gretchen

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How many of us are aware that Gretchen Morris no longer sings in the choir on Sundays?

Why? Because she's preparing the coffee for after worship. Thank you to those who have, but not enough people have signed

up to do it, so Gretchen takes it upon herself to get it done. Not begrudgingly, of course, that's not her style. See that smile? She's done it for all of October and signed up to do it for December.

We love our coffee, juice and...fellowship! The sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall. It's not hard, and FREE training will be offered. Whoever does the coffee does NOT need to provide "goodies" unless he/she wants to.

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## Fun & Learning Night

*with Karen Dacey of Big Brothers Big Sisters*

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On Wednesday evening, October 19, after a delicious light supper provided by our Board of Christian Ed, a small group of us heard a presentation by Karen Dacey, Program Director for Big Brothers and Big Sisters (BBBS) of Polk County. As you've heard, our Outreach Board, headed by Christel Walter, has begun sponsoring the BBBS program. We learned a lot from Karen and her colleague, Mary Prioleau, BBBS's Polk County Outreach Coordinator, in that there is a HUGE personal reward for becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister, as well as for a child (the Little) in need, or for just donating to the cause. (Also see Christel's Outreach report in this CHIMES.) A few catchy BBBS slogans are, "Share a little magic. Little moments. Big magic." And, "Start Something Big...Friendships, School Success, Life Skills." See the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for more information. We are proud of our Outreach Board for sponsoring BBBS.

And, thank you to our Board of Christian Ed, headed by Linda Haynes. This reminds us to put Fun & Learning nights on our calendars, always the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30. Next month's program, on November 16, will be church member Stephanie Winterrowd and her presentation of her time spent living in a tent in the Galápagos Islands!

Food, Fellowship, Fun, and eye-opening Learning! You'll be really glad you came.





# November 2016

Congregational Cl

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	THURSDAY
		1) 10 am Lydia Circle 1 pm Bridge 2 pm Foothills Music 4 pm Senior Parish	2) 10 am Bible Study 11:30 am Kiwanis 7pm Choir Rehearsal	3)
6) 8:30am Celebration 10:30am Worship	7) 2 pm WISE 6 pm College Bound	8) 1pm Bridge 2 pm Foothills Music 4 pm Trustee Meeting 5 pm BOO	9) 10 am Bible Study 11:30 am Kiwanis 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	10) 6:30 pm
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## Happy Birthday

Thursday	FRIDAY	Saturday
	4) 10 am Tai Chi	5)
6 pm Centering Prayer	11) 10am Tai Chi	12) 11 am Tuesday School fundraiser
9 am Men's Group	18) 10 am Tai Chi	19)
Happy Thanksgiving	25) Office Closed	26)
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Kathy Campbell	1
Bill Faggart	1
Robby Franklin	1
Erin Ross	2
Dianne Poague	3
*Anthony Brenner	4
Carolyn Daily	4
Helen Gillespie	6
Anne Leger	7
Julia Fasnacht	8
Ellen Harvey Zipf	9
Judy Lankford	10
Walter Mize	11
Stephen Pace	12
Marjorie Lovelace	15
Carol Jean Vosburgh	15
Amy Besnard	16
Marianne Hubbard	16
Sarah Weihert	16
Megan LaBoda	19
Stephen Garner	22
Muriel Lambrecht	22
Jeanne Mize	22
Heinz Meng	22
Elizabeth Shanahan	22
Mary Pearson	23
Bob Veh	24
Joshua Meng	26
Patricia Gass	27
Sophie Meng	29
Carol Mann	30
Drew Bailey	30
Ezekiel Smith	30

# WOW Service Auction

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***Last-minute bids that day got the total up to a respectable \$2,849.***



***"It was touch and go for a while"***



## Board of Outreach

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**O**n October 14 and 15 our group of intrepid workers, Barney, Doug, Miles, George, Brian, Bill, Manfred and Mike put in more than 40 hours of labor to work on a major repair job on a trailer home in Mill Spring. As with many of these types of projects it is not just a coming together of skills and experiences that help accomplish the task but it is also an experience where everyone involved is in some way affected by the reality of poverty and hopelessness that is all around us.

Christian Education invited Karen Dacey, Program Coordinator for Big Brothers Big Sisters, to Fun and Learning on October 19. Our recent donation to BBBS makes us sponsors for their big fundraiser “Bowl for Kids’ Sake” but more importantly it helps support their youth mentoring program. As Karen explained the program matches children ages 6 – 14, the “Littles” with adult mentors, the “Bigs.” The outcomes for the children are evident in improved academic performance, motivation to learn, problem solving skills and self-confidence and for many of the adult mentors it becomes a lasting and loving relationship. There is a long waiting list for mentors and funds are always appreciated.

Roseland Fundraiser was on October 22. Several people donated items to the sale. Although it was another busy Saturday with much going on in the community several members of our congregation showed up, did a little shopping, enjoyed a delicious lunch and met new friends. For some it was their first visit to the East Side.

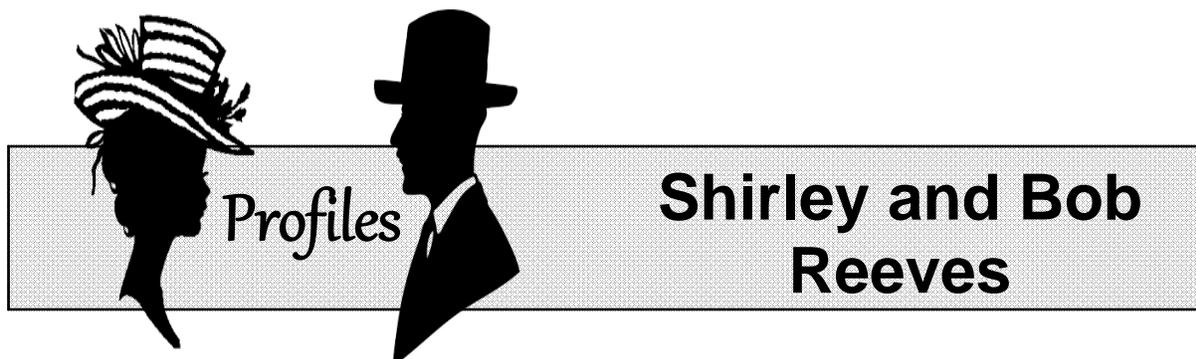


### Upcoming Happenings:

Thermal Belt Outreach Ministries is the designated beneficiary for the Tryon Half Marathon which takes place on November 12<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for brunch donations such as: Casseroles, Bagels, Muffins, Fruits etc. to be dropped off between 8 and 9 a.m. that Saturday. As we all know TBOM is helping Polk County residents meet their basic needs, any support is appreciated.

On November 19<sup>th</sup> the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration is having a Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. This church has supported our Feed-A-Kid program this summer through donations and volunteers.

It would be great to show our support for them. Also on Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> we are organizing a wood splitting party from 9 a.m. to noon at TBOM. George assures me that there will be plenty of logs to have fun with. Please call the church office or George to make your reservation. Please note Christmas will soon be upon us. Look for the Angel Trees from TBOM to arrive in the next couple of weeks. We are building community, thank you all for your support, your involvement and your stewardship.



They met at a “Sunday Nighter” at Bryn Mawr Community Church in Chicago where they both were members. Shirley had been a happy single woman for a few years after attending University of Iowa, loving Chicago and working as an industrial psychologist at Stevens, Thurow & Associates. Bob lived nearby and worked in industrial engineering at Republic Steel. They were married in Iowa City, Iowa, 64 years ago. The minister at Bryn Mawr Community Church even helped them find a place to live in the South Shore of Chicago.

Shirley Harper, from a family of three generations of Methodist ministers, was born in Boston, grew up in the mid-west, and spent her high school years in Iowa City where her father had become Director of the School of Fine Arts at the University of Iowa. Shirley always sang in church choirs, often as a soprano soloist. Her parents, Earl and Clara, were also professional musicians. Bob was born in Weldon, Illinois, on a grain farm. He was baptized in the Church of the Brethren there and later became a Methodist. His father died when he was eight months old leaving his mother, Cassie, to tend to and feed four children, ages 8 months to eight

years. Indeed she did. Bob covets a plaque he has honoring his mother: “Cassie Cross Reeves, 1957 Mother of Illinois, by The American Mothers’ Committee.” Shirley says Cassie was an neat lady.

It was the beginning of WWII; life’s choices were uncertain. From a class of 19 high school graduates in Weldon, Bob went on to Navy boot camp in Florida, then to an aviation machinists’ school and a gunnery school, both in Oklahoma. Too much shooting without ear protection left him nearly deaf in one ear. He spent one year at Cal Tech but moved to try pre-med at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. Industrial engineering became his field, and that’s where he succeeded throughout his career in Chicago, Des Moines at Frye Manufacturing Company, then Dayton, Ohio, for almost 30 years at Standard Register Forms. Shirley was very active with the children and their schools in Dayton, and in the social services branch of United Way; Bob served on a few boards as well.

All three Reeves children were born in Des Moines – Roger, Philip and Elizabeth (Libby) – and now live hither and yon. Roger is in

Annapolis, Maryland, Philip in Haines, Alaska, and Libby in San Mateo, California. There are two step-grandsons. All offspring and their spouses have always been productive and talented individuals with which Shirley and Bob are very, very pleased.

It was having a time-share at Lake Lure that brought the Reeves to our Foothills area. Their purchase of a house on Hogback Mountain Road came later in 1991, where Dick (Bob's brother) and Joyce Reeves had a house across the street. In 2006, Shirley and Bob moved to Tryon full time and enjoyed the incredible view from Hogback. In 2011, a villa at Tryon Estates caught their eye. There is an original Grant Wood on their walls, Fertility, and a print, Stone City. Apparently, Mr. Wood drove Shirley's father crazy in Iowa City at one point, and this artwork was a peace offering! Ask her.



*Shirley and Bob Reeves*

this time as an alto. Bob listened and learned seated in the pews. Bob now has Parkinson's, but it's not stopping him or Shirley. They are among our group of vibrant and loved nonagenarians, always with smiles on their faces and a nice word to say. By the way, Bob likes to report that he is 356 days younger than Shirley. Does that qualify her as a cougar?

God bless the Reeves.  
The Board of Deacons – November 2016

*Under the wide and starry sky  
Dig the grave and let me lie.  
Glad did I live and gladly die,  
And I laid me down with a will...”  
Robert Louis Stevenson, 1850–1894*

With as much exposure to Methodism as both had in their lives, they chose our church to gather them into its arms. Shirley was a fixture in the Chancel Choir for many years,



## CHURCH STAFF

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### Church Office Hours

The church office is open

**Monday through Friday,**

**8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**Closed for lunch between 12 & 1**

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\*you can always reach Rev. Rick King on his cell in case of emergencies 303-946-6807\*