



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Growing Together, Welcoming All On Providence

POSTSCRIPTS

May/June 2017

Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday:

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Stewardship Corner

With summer fast approaching, your Stewardship Ministry Team wishes you time for all the things you enjoy most. And thanks you for your continued, faithful support of the year round work and ministry of Trinity.



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If You Could See What I See



If you could see what I see - and perhaps you already do - you'd see some pretty amazing things going on at Trinity these days:

- Our Friday Food Trucks are becoming THE event in Cotswold. The crowds are robust, the food fantastic, the music a lot of fun to listen to. As the picture above shows, there's nothing quite like watching hundreds of families enjoying community on our church grounds.
- Our second Day of Discipleship saw 85 Trinity folks make a real, lasting impact on our community. Be sure to check out the article inside to get the details, but I'm telling you, it's pretty amazing watching everyone come together for an afternoon to put Christ's mission into action.
- I've seen a half-dozen new members join, and three of their children be baptized.
- I've seen four of our 8th-graders make a profession of faith in Christ and join this church.
- I've seen our youth lead God's people in worship on Youth Sunday, as well as be crowned co-champs of the annual presbytery kickball tournament. For so many reasons, our youth are tremendous.

If you could see what I see - and perhaps you already do - you'd see countless instances of God's grace in the people who walk through these doors to worship, grow together, and serve one another and the world! Thank you for being you!

Steve

THE SESSION

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Moderator
Lynette Neel, Clerk
Donnie Bobbitt, Pres. of the Corp.

CLASS OF 2017

Tony Arey
Donnie Bobbitt
Liz Countess
Warren Henry
Lori O'Keefe

CLASS OF 2018

Casey Field
David Hood
Sean Kirby
Kim Nims
Dale Sarjeant

CLASS OF 2019

Claire Etheridge
Laura-Nelle Parnell Hurst
Brent Mullis
Kathleen Schneider
Sherese Smith

2017 ADMINISTRATIVE ROSTER

CLERK: Lynette Neel

MINISTRY TEAM CHAIRS

Equip

Buildings & Grounds: Dale Sergeant
Capital Campaign: Walter Reid
Stewardship: Brent Mullis
Finance: Donnie Bobbitt
Personnel: Lori O'Keefe

Grow

Christian Formation: Kim Nims,
Sherese Smith
Youth: Casey Field
Worship: Laura-Nelle Parnell Hurst
Weekday School: Judith Parker

Serve

Welcoming: Anne Mar Kirby
Mission & Outreach: Warren Henry
Fellowship: Sean Kirby
Communications: Cookie Parnell

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Senior Minister
Rev. Grace Lindvall, Assoc. Minister
Dr. Chris Gilliam, Director of Music
Michael Rowland, Organist
Dr. Reta Phifer, Children's Choir Dir.
Becky Purnell, Office Manager
Cheryl Jernigan, Financial Administrator
Kevin Nunnery, Facilities Manager
Stephanie Palmer, Weekday School Dir
Jill Billings, Weekday School Asst. Dir.
Mark Grube, Part-time Event Assistant

Youth and Session Have a Ball. Kickball!



For Trinity's youth to engage in a game of kickball is not particularly newsworthy. But for them to play against the Session, well that's a new one.

Earlier this year, our youth issued a simple challenge to Session: Let's play a game of kickball. Perhaps to their surprise, the Session accepted. On March 19, they all gathered for the game on Trinity's softball field. While the youth outnumbered the Session, which definitely helped on defense, the Session was not deterred. In fact, while no official score seems to have been kept, sources tell the PostScripts staff that the Session outscored the youth. What is certain, though, is that both sides had a great time.

After the game, the teams sat down together for a great meal of fried chicken with all the fixin's. Both sides enjoyed the chance to visit with, and get to know, each other.

The game also proved to be a great warm-up for our youth, because a few weeks later they were crowned co-champions at the annual Presbytery of Charlotte Youth Kickball Championship!

Youth BBQ: Success on a Snowy Sunday



On March 12th, a surprisingly snowy Sunday, 125 Trinity members and visitors descended on the Carson Fellowship Hall after worship with one purpose in mind: to raise money for the 17th Annual Youth Mission Trip. This event was the sole fundraiser for the Youth's trip to Atlanta, where they will be working with the DOOR Network. DOOR is a faith-based network of cities that provides opportunities for service, learning, and leadership development within the urban context.

Each of the Youth donated items, from delicious chocolate chip cookies to babysitting to homemade fishing lure spray to custom graphic design work. Many Trinity members donated items like vacation homes, sporting event tickets, and Dale Sarjeant's famous woodworking. There was also a Ministry Board, where Trinity members could make a donation and pledge to pray for our Youth and leaders while on the trip. Casey Field led the barbecue team, smoking fifty pounds of barbecue, plus cooking up homemade sides and desserts.

The highlight for many was Pie-A-Pastor, back by popular demand. The Smith family won the opportunity to 'pie' Grace, and the Pickett family memorably won the opportunity to 'pie' Steve.

The grand total raised was [drumroll, please!] \$8,023! Many thanks to the Youth, their families, and the Trinity family for their support.

Leaving a Legacy *by Lindsey Field*

We are indebted to the past, to those who precede us. At the same time, we are seeds of the future, for those who will follow. Every member of Trinity can make an impact- by bequest, through various forms of estate planning, or another form of planned gift – leaving a "living legacy" that will provide for Trinity's ministry and missions for generations to come. The gift of such a living legacy is an acknowledgment that Trinity has been a significant part of your spiritual life and that you have decided to make a similar impact on the lives of future generations.

These gifts can be large or small and can be made by making a simple provision in a will or in numerous other ways. Such stewardship is the way we respond thankfully to God for our diverse and many resources. Sharing our wealth, spiritual and material, is one of the foundation principles of our Presbyterian heritage.

Want to know more about how a planned gift can impact Trinity or how you may facilitate a gift? Please visit <http://bit.ly/LegacyTPC> or feel free to contact a minister or member of our Stewardship Ministry Team.

Our Annual Montreat Retreat

For more than forty years, Trinity members and guests have claimed the third weekend in October as their special weekend at Montreat's Assembly Inn. Whether it's climbing to the top of Lookout Mountain, enjoying the shops in Montreat, visiting a microbrewery, singing by the fire in the evenings, square dancing on Saturday night, enjoying the buffet in the Galax dining room, taking a stroll around Lake Susan, exploring the creek, swinging on the playground, watching football in the lobby, or napping on Saturday afternoon, there is something for all ages. This year, we are thrilled to welcome Mihee Kim Kort who will speak about *Embodying Sanctuary: Acts of Radical Hospitality*. Mihee is a Presbyterian minister, agitator, speaker, writer, and slinger of hopeful stories about faith and church. She is married to another Presbyterian minister, and they live with their three kids in Hoosier country. For more information about Mihee, including samples of her writings and sermons, please visit her website at <http://miheekimkort.com>.

For more information about the weekend, including online registration, visit <http://trinitypreschurch.org/montreat-retreat/>. Paper registration forms are available in the church office. Registration opens May 15. Register by July 1st to receive a \$10/person discount on your registration fee and priority room assignment. We hope you will join us!

Spring Day of Discipleship Success



On April 2 our church celebrated a fabulous Day of Discipleship! We had over 85 people volunteer, serving for a total of 250 hours. We served at sites across the city of Charlotte (Galilee Center, Urban Ministry Center, McCreech Place, M2M NoDa, and our Friendship Garden). Throughout the day, we made over 400 sandwiches to serve at Urban Ministry Center, made care blankets for our homebound members and gathered enough financial support to purchase four Welcome Home Kits for neighbors transitioning from homelessness to housing!

The Day was not only a Day of service, but an experience of God's love as our church family gathered together as disciples of Christ, sharing with one another and with our greater Charlotte community. It was also a testament to God's love being shared and the power of our church family gathering together to serve our community.

Thank you for all the support this Spring Day of Discipleship received. We look forward to our next Day of Discipleship this fall - mark your calendars for September 30!

Weekday School Happenings

The Scholastic Book Fair and Roger Day concert were both a great success! There are still spots available for Kids in Motion Summer Camp in June. Costs are a one-time registration fee of \$35, tuition is \$90/week. Please call 704-366-3556 to check availability today!

Easter Egg Hunt



Save the Dates

Montreat Registration: Opens May 15

<http://trinitypreschurch.org/montreat-retreat/>

End of Year Church Picnic: May 21

Celebrate that summer is almost here! Bring a main dish to feed your family plus two, and a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share.

Mission Trip: Week of June 11

Be sure to keep our youth in your prayers as they travel to Atlanta for their mission work.

Montreat Youth Conference: July 23-29

This annual conference helps our youth become the church of today and tomorrow!

Our Church Family

Church Triumphant

- Feb. 28 Nancy Dickson Dorrier
- Apr. 6 Eleanor McDonald

Church Sympathy

- Mar. 4 Doris Lee Strader, grandmother of Lorie Lindsley
- Mar. 16 Mary Catherine Coates Lattanzio, sister of Karen Porter
- Mar. 16 Catherine (Cacky) Choate Ward, daughter of Betsy Sherard
- Apr. 5 Peggy Garth Bisette, sister of Gussie McDonald
- Apr. 8 Deborah Holland Nunnery, mother of Kevin Nunnery
Richard Melton, father of Greg Melton

Births

- Mar. 1 Lincoln David Devlin, son of Brian and Kaitlyn Devlin and grandson of Peter and Elise Devlin
- Mar. 12 Edward Theodore Parnell (Theo), son of Harris and Meredith Parnell and grandson of Cookie and Jerry Parnell

Baptisms

- Natalie Fay Wellman, daughter of Mike and Kate Wellman
- Owen Griffin Johnson and Henry Mancuso Johnson, sons of Steve and Kate Griffin Johnson

Trinity bid a fond farewell on April 2nd to our Seminary Intern Bill Prestwood who served our congregation with care and compassion for the past year.

Session Highlights

On Sunday, April 23rd, Trinity's Session welcomed into membership our 2017 class of confirmands. As part of the confirmation process, each confirmand was asked to write a faith statement that answered six questions:

- Who is God?
- Who is Jesus?
- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- What is Sin and Forgiveness?
- What is the Church?
- How does one live a Christian life?

Financials as of March 31

	March Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	39,616.65	162,782.60	683,888.00
Unrest. Funds Used:	2,528.80	4,334.55	62,150.00
Endow. Funds Used:	4,972.00	14,916.00	59,668.00
Boltz Funds Used:	453.00	1,359.00	5,447.00
Sanford Bldg Maint.			
Funds Used:	114.00	342.00	1,369.00
Expenses:	83,621.32	215,869.41	910,120.00
Surplus/Deficit:	20,980.27	32,135.26	97,598.00



Each confirmand shared his statement with Session, and all of them were moving and inspiring. Excerpts from each statement will be combined into one faith statement that the congregation will use during worship.

Our 2017 Confirmand Class and mentors are:

- Harrison Bobbitt - Steve Ball
- Connor Lindsley - Lee Tappy
- Jimmy Click - Casey Field
- Marshall Coley - Doug Bradley