

PastScripts

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Beneath the Spire...

SPEAKING THE LANGUAGE

When the Feast of Pentecost came...the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit gave them the ability.
Acts 2: 1, 4

There are many things I will miss about DC when she leaves us at the end of June. One is a skill of hers I didn't know about for a while – the ability to speak multiple languages with tremendous ease. And not just speak them – sing them!

I was first made aware of this hidden talent last summer, worshipping in the Fellowship Hall. Last hymn of this particular Sunday, #341, “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine.” I was singing along but something sounded strange, different. I looked around and my eyes fell on DC, just a few feet away from me, standing behind the makeshift lectern. As my eyes and ears honed in on her I quickly realized that she was not, in fact, singing English, but the alternate Korean text: “*Joo ahn eh ees suh jeul guh wuh rah.....*” Wow! I had no idea!

It was on that day I learned: whenever a Sunday morning hymn presented an alternative to English, you could count on DC engaging that foreign tongue with fervor and gusto. Spanish on “Lord, You Have Come To The Lakeshore.” Korean on “How Great Thou Art.” Even Choctow on “Amazing Grace” (when she wasn't singing Cherokee). I'd look over at her and she would just smile. Classic DC.

The real beauty of this, on my end at least, is that in some weird way, by hearing her singing all these different languages, I somehow started paying closer attention to what I was singing myself. Hymns I've voiced since my childhood, hundreds of times. Now the words were speaking anew to me: *This is my story, this is my song. Praising my savior all the day long. Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me – now with you, I will seek other seas. Then sings my soul – how great thou art! I once was blind but now I see.....*

We celebrated Pentecost in May, but its impact continues far beyond an annual calendar date. And contrary to popular belief, it's not “speaking in tongues” that's going on here. These are actual languages the disciples are suddenly able to give voice to (a skill I would've killed for in my high school Latin final....) And why? If these disciples were going to tell the world about Jesus, they would need to be equipped with the most important skill of all: speaking the language.

Thing is, that can go far beyond the words that come out of one's mouth. I believe each of us has been given an ability to communicate the love of Christ to those who have yet to hear it, or hear it completely. Maybe it's

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language. Or maybe it's a caring heart, or a sympathetic ear. Or maybe it's the ability to write, or the ability to serve food at Room in the Inn, or surprise a total stranger with an unsolicited smile. There are thousands of extrapolations of how to speak the language in a way that resonates with someone else – all it takes is us to go figure it out and then engage it fully.

Does that take us out of our comfort zone? I certainly hope so! Pentecost was not about people feeling comfortable, but people feeling inspired – literally, in-spired. Breathing the Spirit in so we can exhale things like grace, hope, love in our own language. A language that will most assuredly be heard by someone else in a way they had never heard it before.

That's one of the many lessons I'll take from DC. Well, that and the ability to sing Korean in a Presbyterian hymn. When we speak God's language, whatever that language is, we can always count on lives being refreshed and renewed – others as well as our own.

Your pastor and friend,

Steve



Summer Worship Hours

Sunday morning worship begins at 10:00 a.m. through September 6. There will also be NO Sunday School during this period.

Session Highlights

Stated Session Meeting on May 17, 2015:

A motion from the Worship Ministry Team was approved for moving Sunday morning worship hour at Montreat from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and discontinuing inclusion of the Sunday lunch as part of the food package offered to the attendees beginning October, 2015.

A motion from Capital Campaign Construction Ministry Team was approved to spend up to \$35,000 to hire Grant Adams to prepare construction drawings for proposed renovations, parking lot configuration and overall site plans for future construction.

A motion from the Finance Ministry Team was approved to edit the explanation of the "Purpose of the Funds" for the Endowment Fund.

IMPACT STORY - Anne Mar Kirby

Congregation members share an "Impact Story" during the worship service at least monthly. Please find below Anne Mar Kirby's story shared February 15, 2015.

My husband, Sean and our two kids, Elaine and Hank, started coming to Trinity in January of 2013. We decided to join and become members a year later. Our time here has been short but we are truly happy to have found a place as special as Trinity. I was asked to share my impact story and the fact that I am speaking in front of you today is indeed a tribute to the impact Trinity has had on me and my family. Public speaking is not something I normally volunteer to do, but I did want to share with you what we love about Trinity.

During our first visit to Trinity, we happened to sit behind the Tappys and they greeted us immediately after the service. They extended a very warm welcome as several others did over the next few weeks. Over the course of the spring, there was a span of a few weeks when we were not able to make it to church. And when we did make it back; Mr. Tappy greeted us by name and said he was glad to see us after missing us for a few weeks. I was very impressed and touched that in a big church in the middle of Charlotte, someone would notice we weren't here. And it was an experience we had not had at any other church we had visited. At that point, Sean and I knew we had found a church that could be for us.

Another indication that we had found a special place was when we received our invitation to attend the Montreat Retreat. Last summer, Sean and I were considering attending Montreat. We were on the fence about whether it was the right time to go, with our kids at young ages and if it would be something we would get much out of. I asked around to a few people and one day I got a full, one page letter from a member of the congregation, in great detail, explaining all the reasons the annual trip to Montreat was so special to her and her family. After reading that letter, I was again touched imagining the time she had spent, the thought she put in the letter, to try to nudge us into going. And not in a pushy way at all, but in a way that described what a great experience it was for her and she wanted us to share in that great experience too. I took that letter as a sign that we should go and I signed up that next day. Our entire family enjoyed every minute and we pledged that we will never miss a Montreat Retreat in the future.

The impact of Trinity on me and my family is how caring, thoughtful, kind and nurturing the congregation is to new and old members. We knew Trinity was our new church home because it was the caring people of Trinity that drew us in.

Summertime. Long walks on the beach, hikes up a mountain side to see a beautiful vista, a trip overseas for a really new experience, or perhaps just an opportunity to rest, relax and re-create ourselves with a break from our usual work and responsibilities. Fortunately, the church does not take a vacation. Its work and mission go on throughout the year. Its financial responsibilities continue even if its members miss a Sunday now and then. Let us all remember to keep current with our pledges and gifts to the church throughout the summer.

Financials as of May 31, 2015

	May Actuals	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget
Receipts:	\$ 36,809	\$ 242,101	\$287,042
Unrestricted Funds Used:	\$ 3,574	\$ 18,351	\$ 23,675
Endowment Funds Used:	\$ 4,523	\$ 22,615	\$ 22,615
Boltz Funds Used:	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,053
Expenses:	\$ 76,917	\$ 385,285	\$423,942
Surplus/Deficit:	\$ (32,011)	\$ (102,218)	\$ (88,557)

ELDER SUGGESTIONS

The Officer Nominating Committee invites your suggestions for members to serve on the Session. Please use this form for making suggestions or submit written suggestions to a member of the Nominating Committee. **It would be helpful if recommendations are supported with reasons** you believe a particular person is qualified to serve. There is a box for submissions in the church office workroom.

The Nominating Committee will give consideration to particular candidates':

Christian living in daily life

Within the family, at work, in the community
Someone who loves Jesus and loves his church

Commitment to the church

Regular worship attendance
Stewardship of finances, time and talents
Participation in church activities
Offices previously or currently held

Leadership characteristics

Team player
Commitment to the "greater good" above personal agendas
Openness to new ideas and readiness to listen
Willingness to express own ideas
Willingness to serve on or chair a sessional ministry team
Available for monthly session meetings and ministry team meetings as needed

Please submit your suggestions by 5:00 p.m., Sunday, June 28, 2015 so that the committee's work may be completed in a timely manner. Return your suggestions to the church office or to any member of the Nominating Committee: **Class of 2015** – Phil Blount, Lynn Davis, Candy Hambacher, Earl Porter and Debbie Thompson; **Class of 2016** - Tom Collins, Betty Lynn Lambert, Margaret Rowe and Ron Twitty. **The Nominating Committee reminds you that at this point in the process there is no need to contact the individual(s) whose name(s) you are submitting.** Thank you.

After prayerful consideration, I suggest the following person(s) to be considered for the office of Elder:

Name: _____

Comments: _____

Name: _____

Comments: _____

Name: _____

Comments: _____

Name: _____

Comments: _____

Name of member submitting this form: _____

Other names may be submitted on a separate sheet of paper.

"The mountains are calling and I must go." ~ John Muir

ANNUAL RETREAT TO MONTREAT

October 16-18, 2015

Join our Trinity family for a weekend of great
fellowship, study, and fun!

Registration deadline is September 9!



Can't go this year, but would like to make a donation? Please make checks payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church and put "Montreat Donation" in the memo line. You may also go to the Trinity website, www.trinitypreschurch.org, follow the instructions under the giving section and designate "Montreat Donation" under Misc. Income.



Gather with your Trinity friends and family for our speaker sessions and you're sure to come away inspired! These sessions are always thought-provoking, challenging, and entertaining!



Our youth will once again participate in a service project, reminding us all that there is a response in all of us to the gifts that God gives to us.



We'll have many fun lessons and activities for children! They're sure to love walking around Lake Susan and the Saturday Night Square Dance!



It wouldn't be Montreat without the Saturday night Sing-A-Long! All are welcome, and no experience is necessary!

Tentative Schedule

Friday, October 16

- 3:30 p.m. Check-in begins
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:45 p.m. Welcome
- 8:00 p.m. Session with Rev. Dana
 - Infant & Toddler Care
 - K to 12th Grade Sessions
- 10:00 p.m. Vespers

Saturday, October 17

- 6:30 a.m. Group Run/Walk
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. Sessions with Rev. Dana
 - Infant & Toddler Care
 - K to 12th Grade Sessions
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Activities
- 5:15 p.m. Group Picture
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Square Dancing in Barn
- 9:00 p.m. Sing-a-long in Lobby

Sunday, October 18

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Pack & Check-out
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
- 11:00 a.m. Lunch on your own or a la carte
(Sunday lunch not included
in meal plan)

PATRICK SPEAKER

"The Improvising God: A New Theology for an Imperfect World" **Rev. MaryAnn McKibben Dana**

MaryAnn McKibben Dana is a writer, pastor and speaker living in Virginia. She is author of *Sabbath in the Suburbs*, a Chalice Press bestseller for two years running and a "must read" by Ministry Matters. Her forthcoming book is *Spirituality for the Smartphone Age*. Her writing has appeared in TIME.com, The Washington Post, Religion Dispatches, Journal for Preachers, and the Christian Century, and in a monthly column for Presbyterians Today. She was recently featured on PBS's Religion and Ethics Newsweekly for her work on Sabbath.

She is a sought-after speaker, preacher, conference leader and writer around issues of leadership, faith formation, technology, and congregational transformation. She served as co-chair for two years of NEXT Church, a movement within the Presbyterian Church (USA) that seeks to call forth vital ministry for our changing cultural context. MaryAnn is a graduate of Rice University in Houston, Texas and received her M.Div. in 2003 from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. She is a mother of three, a haphazard knitter, and an occasional marathoner. Connect with MaryAnn at her website, The Blue Room (theblueroomblog.org).



Infant & Toddler Care

Care will be provided for the youngest of our group during the scheduled speaker times.

Children K-5th Grade

Elementary age children will meet together during the scheduled speaker times and have their own lesson.

Youth 6th - 12th Grade

Youth will plan and lead Friday night Vespers.
They will also participate in a mission project Saturday morning.

Perrin Thomson Montreat Fund

Perrin had a great love for the Montreat Retreat weekend and left a gift to Trinity to help offset Montreat expenses for Trinity members. Every Trinity member going to Montreat will share in Perrin's marvelous gift:

- ~Any Trinity family attending for the first time will receive \$100 off the room rate.
- ~Any Trinity single adult attending for the first time will receive \$50 off the room rate.
- ~All children through high school will receive complimentary meals (Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast.)
- ~All Trinity members receive reduced registration fees.

Assembly Inn Rates — October 16, 17, and 18, 2015

Room with private bath	\$ 96.30 per night includes tax
Connecting rooms with private bath	\$192.60 per night includes tax
Connecting rooms with shared bath	\$171.20 per night includes tax

Registration Fees:

\$10.00 per Trinity member adult \$30.00 per non-member adult \$10.00 per non-member child

Meal Fees:

Adult meals for the weekend are \$54.04 (includes tax) per person and begin with Friday supper and end with Sunday breakfast. All children through high school receive complimentary meals provided by the Thomson Fund. Please note any food allergies on your registration form below as Montreat must have this information in advance of your arrival.

ASSEMBLY INN NON-REFUNDABLE ROOM DEPOSIT

There is a deposit of \$70.00 that must be paid with registration due by September 9 (this deposit is applied to your final balance). The balance of your room and meals will be due in ADVANCE on Friday, October 9 and payable by check to Trinity Presbyterian Church or you may pay online by going to the Trinity website, www.trinitypreschurch.org, using VISA, Mastercard, Discover, debit card, or bank draft.

Please remember that all persons under the age of 18 who are attending without their families must have a designated adult guardian to be responsible for the young person(s) all weekend. The designated guardian must have a signed parental consent form, which provides for emergency medical treatment. These forms are available in the church office.

TRINITY MONTREAT REGISTRATION FORM

3115 Providence Road
Charlotte, NC 28211

I/We prefer a (check one):

- ☐ Room with a private bath
☐ Connecting rooms with a private bath in each room
☐ Connecting rooms with a shared bath

Please circle preferred accommodations (not guaranteed)

King bed

Queen bed

Twin beds

Most single rooms can accommodate an air mattress or sleeping bag.

☐ **Are you a First Time Attendee?** (See Thomson Fund information on previous page)

Names of adults attending: (please print) Email address _____

Names of children attending. Please list ages and school grade as of September 2015: (please print)

Food allergies: _____

Signature _____ Phone _____

Please return registration form by Wednesday, September 9, 2015 with your deposit of \$70.00.

Capital Campaign Committee Update

This report was made after the worship service on May 31, 2015 by Walt Reid.

Good morning.

I am excited and thankful to be here today to give an update on where we are with the capital campaign construction activities. The theme for today is “celebration”...we want to take time and reflect on what we have accomplished together and talk about where we are going next.

As Dr. Cockrill expressed to us in August 2013, our capital improvement projects were prioritized into phases, based on committee input and Session approval. Phase 1 includes repair and renovate the air conditioning and paint the front entry columns, sanctuary and steeple. Phase 2 is to paint the rest of the buildings; add technology and building security, and perform interior renovations. Phase 3 is about reconfiguring our parking and entranceway.

So let's celebrate!

We celebrate...the cool air in the sanctuary! Last year at this time, we were just kicking off the renovation of the air conditioning.

We celebrate...that our weekday school students and church staff are safer because we have controlled access to our buildings.

We celebrate our contribution to making the world a greener place... our energy costs are down by almost 40% over this time last year.

We celebrate...that some projects are under budget but some are over budget but with the guidance of the Session and the congregation's support to “do it right”...we have found a way to keep moving forward.

We celebrate...that we have honored our commitment to repay the endowment.

We celebrate...the columns that have been repaired and repainted...well, almost.

And lastly, we celebrate...that our campus is more inviting to our neighbors...fresh paint does wonders!

This opportunity to celebrate would not have been possible without your support and for that we are thankful.

So now let's turn to what's next. As we started the work on Phase 2 and Phase 3 we reminded ourselves that we need to remain true to the input collected in the feasibility study, congregational comments, and capital campaign materials. We have expanded that thinking to include Trinity's original vision and history. At our meetings, the committee reiterates this “guiding principle”....which is to make Trinity a comfortable and appealing place to gather as well as worship. To that end, we have a couple of exciting announcements:

With the Session's approval, we have hired an architect. The architect has been charged with designing the renovations of the administration building but also to develop a campus master plan. The intent is to help us consider both current and future needs so we can be good stewards of our financial resources. The design and engineering work will take several months. We expect to be ready to brief the Session in early fall.

The second important announcement is related to the columbarium project. Several members have expressed interest in a columbarium but frankly progress has been a challenge. So, in concert with the Session and Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team, we will incorporate the design and planning of the columbarium into our go-forward planning.

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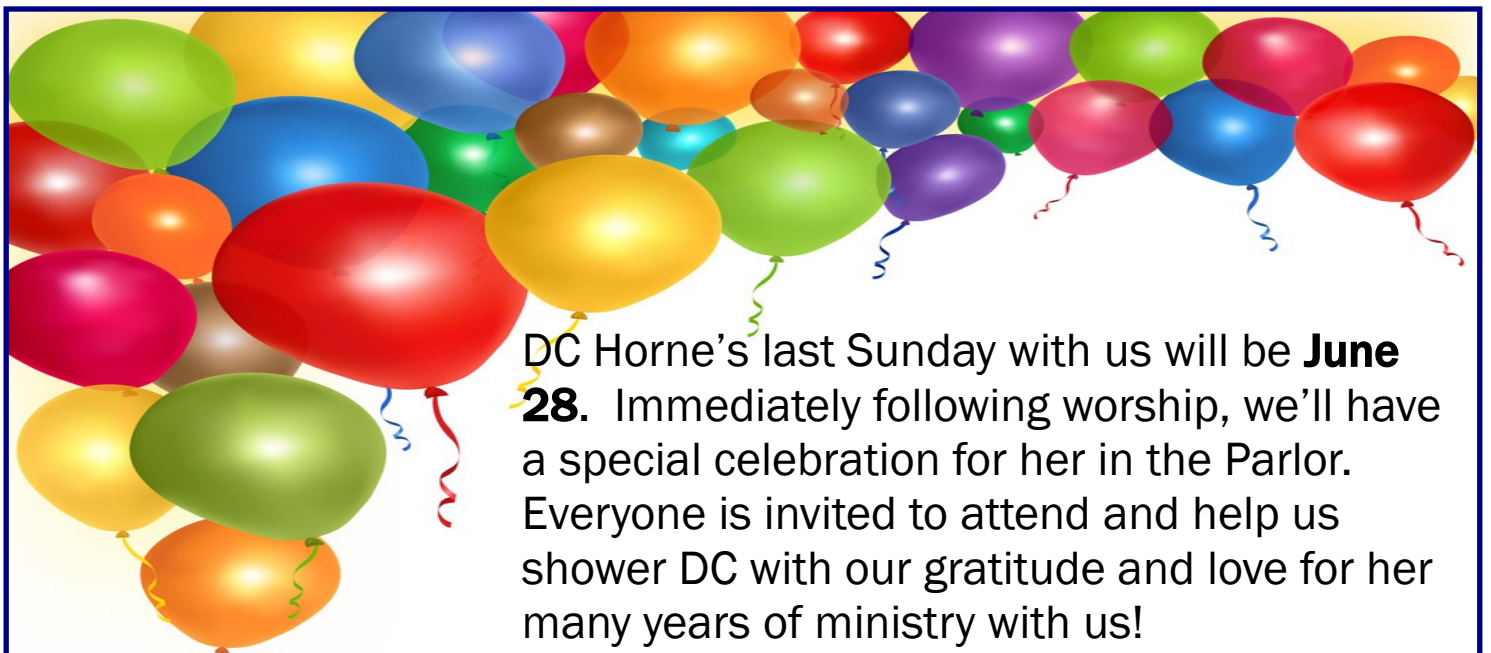
We are excited about what has been accomplished but what the committee calls the “big stuff” is coming up and we need your support more than ever. I remain energized and excited to see what this

congregation can do when it sets its mind to it. I will close by saying...on behalf of the CCCC, we are looking forward to the opportunity to make Trinity a wonderful place to both worship and gather.

Phase I:	Status
Update Air Conditioning and Control System	Complete!
Repair columns	In progress
Exterior painting of sanctuary & steeple	In progress
Campaign Expense	Complete!
Repay Endowment for prior Air Conditioning expenses - first payment	Complete!
Phase II:	
Exterior painting of the Administration, Week Day School, Youth Center & Education Buildings	Complete!
Technology upgrades, including sound systems	Fellowship Hall sound complete!
Building security upgrades	Complete!
Interior renovations to Administration Building	Planning
Youth Center upgrade	Planning
Repay Endowment for prior Air Conditioning expenses – second payment	Complete!
Phase III:	
Administration Building parking	Planning
Port cochère / covered entrance	Planning
Repaint parking lot	Not started
Repay Endowment for prior Air Conditioning expenses - final payment	Planning

What's Happening at Trinity

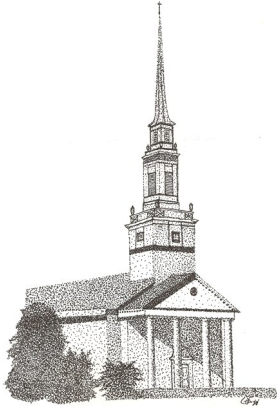
July 1	PostScripts Deadline, August Issue Take Off Pounds Sensibly (weekly) Welcoming Ministry Team	July 18	Stated Presbytery Meeting First Presbyterian Church - Rockingham
July 2	Bridge	July 21	Trinity Book Club
July 3	Church Office Closed - Independence Day F3 Nation Fitness & Leadership (weekly) Sons of Timaeus (weekly)	July 22	Embroiderers' Guild
July 6	Philips Academy Summer Program Begins Sew 'N Sews Mondays (weekly)	July 26	Personnel Ministry Team
July 7	F3 Nation Fitness & Leadership (weekly) Sew 'N Sews Tuesdays (weekly) Trinity Staff Meeting (weekly) Al-Anon (weekly)	July 26 - August 1	Montreat Youth Conference
July 7-8	Trinity Annual Audit	Births	
July 8	Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team	Ben Griffith and Owen Manning Jackson	May 6
July 13	Weekday School Ministry Team	Sons of Tom and Melissa Jackson	
July 14	Stewardship Ministry Team	Grandsons of Thorny and Debbie McLaney	
July 14-17	Massanetta Middle School Conference	Great-grandsons of Betty McLaney	
July 15	In-Home Communion Communications Ministry Team Mission and Outreach Ministry Team Finance Ministry Team American Needlepoint Guild	Church Triumphant	
July 16	In-Home Communion	E. Blaine Ramsey	May 30
		Husband of Shirley Ramsey	
		Congregational Sympathy	
		William J. Lehmberg	May 17
		Father of Suzanne Hair	
		Grandfather of Billy, Millie and Ellie Hair	





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Worship at Trinity

Summer Worship Hours
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Publication Deadlines

Sunday Bulletin/Church Notes: Wednesdays at Noon
Newsletter - *PostScripts* and Website: 1st day of each month

THE SESSION

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Moderator
Fran Worthington, Clerk
Damon Coley, President of the Corporation

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Helen Alford
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Laura Gutknecht
Candy Hambacher
Bob Lyons
Shane Nofziger
Bruce Voorheis

Class of 2016

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Marty Brownlow
Tom Collins
Betty Lynn Lambert

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ADMINISTRATIVE ROSTER FOR 2015

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Fran Worthington

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Buildings and Grounds	Tony Arey, Hayden McMahon
Capital Campaign	Walter Reid
Communications	Cookie Parnell
Finance	Damon Coley
Personnel	Lori O'Keefe, Donnie Bobbitt

Grow

Christian Formation	Laura Gutknecht, Candy Hambacher, Tom Collins
Welcoming	Marty Brownlow
Worship	Betty Lynn Lambert, Liz Countess, Bob Lyons
Youth	Laura Gutknecht

Serve

Congregational Care	Helen Alford
Fellowship	Steve Ball
Mission and Outreach	Warren Henry
Stewardship	Bruce Voorheis
Weekday School	Lynn Davis

CHURCH STAFF

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Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.