

# *PastScripts*

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## *Beneath the Spire...*

### SHOWING US THE WAY

Some number of years ago I was driving in town in Winston-Salem for a few errands and a hospital visit. It was a beautiful spring day, much like the ones we've had here recently, and I had some extra time on my hands, so I elected to take the more scenic route home through some nearby neighborhoods.

A few minutes into the jaunt and I regretted my decision. A big storm had passed through the area the day before and dropped a huge tree right across the road I was used to traveling on. I was forced to take a detour through a neighborhood I'd never been in before. Great. I had no idea where I was and no idea how to get out of there. But I kept going deeper into the neighborhood, hoping at some point something would look familiar or give me a sense of how to get out of there and get home.

Just at the point when I thought about turning around and backtracking out, I came upon two young girls, probably around twelve or thirteen, standing on the corner. They were holding a sign made out of poster board and markers, consisting of a big arrow pointing to the right and two words: TURN HERE. As I slowed at the intersection, they pointed me in the direction, and one of the girls flashed with her hand two fingers and then made an "L" sign – two lefts. I followed their directions and found myself emptied back onto the familiar road I had left before, on the other side of the fallen tree, back on my way home.

For the rest of my trip I thought about those two girls and how cool it was that they would do something like that. They didn't have to do it, of course. There were a million other things they could've done with their time. And yet they saw a need – many lost motorists – and decided to do something about it. They made a sign and stood out on the corner for goodness knows how long to help folks like me find their way home.

We need people like that in our lives. Taking time when they could be doing a million other things to show us the way, help us out when we get lost, get us back on track. We need teachers and coaches, mentors and friends, anyone who will pull out the sign and flash us some directions as we mosey along our way. In fact, I think that's a large part of what Jesus was about. You look at all the things he did and everything he was – a teacher, preacher, miracle worker, status-quo challenger – and essentially it was all about showing us the way: standing on the street corner, pointing his finger toward God and asking us to follow.

May usually marks the beginning of various trips, with Memorial Day weekend and summer vacations. I certainly hope you get your GPS charged and ready to go. I also hope you'll take time to thank those people in your life who have shown you the way, and to thank the One who shows us THE way!

Your pastor and friend,

*Steve*

## Session Highlights

### Stated Session Meeting on April 19, 2015:

Examination of Confirmands Peter Mazeine, Lanie O'Keefe, Duncan Pickett, and Caroline Reid was sustained and a motion made and approved that the confirmands be accepted into the membership of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

A motion from the APNC was approved to call a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 10, 2015 to receive the recommendation for calling an associate pastor.

A motion from the Worship Ministry Team was approved for the wedding of non-members Cameron Johnson and Curtis Strubinger on January 2, 2016 with their rehearsal being on January 1, 2016. They are also requesting that Dr. Lindsley officiate along with Cameron's uncle who is an ordained Baptist Minister.

The Weekday School Task Force presented their findings and reported that they created a vision/mission statement, updated the website and the results have been very beneficial for the everyday operation of the school. The Weekday School Ministry Team, other components of the Session, and school staff will consider the recommendations and will determine those sections to implement. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the report of the task force with sincere thanks for their diligence and hard work.

# Summer Worship Hours

Trinity will be changing the Sunday morning worship hour to 10:00 a.m. beginning June 7 and continuing through September 6. There will also be NO Sunday School during this period.

## Financials as of March 31, 2015

	March Actuals	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget
Receipts:	\$ 62,179	\$158,438	\$183,325
Unrestricted Funds Used:	\$ 520	\$ 12,536	\$ 12,500
Endowment Funds Used:	\$ 4,523	\$ 13,569	\$ 13,569
Boltz Funds Used:	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,232
Expenses:	<u>\$ 81,364</u>	<u>\$234,779</u>	<u>\$256,714</u>
Surplus/Deficit:	\$ (14,142)	\$(50,236)	\$ (46,088)

# IMPACT STORY - Kim Nims

Congregation members share an "Impact Story" during the worship service at least monthly. Please find below Kim Nims' story shared January 18, 2015.

*I love surprises, and I enjoy both being surprised and also surprising other people. An attempt to surprise someone else is how my relationship with Trinity Presbyterian Church began. Last March, my husband and I moved to Charlotte, and at about that same time, I decided to be a latecomer to the Facebook scene.*

*I don't remember exactly how it happened, but somehow on Facebook one day, the familiar name of Steve Lindsley popped up - the very same Steve Lindsley who had held my dripping wet 6 and 7 year old daughters on his knee when he served as their swim team coach while a student at Wake Forest. That same Steve Lindsley had reappeared in our lives when he finished seminary and came to be our associate minister at First Presbyterian Church in Lexington, NC. Steve and I became fast friends as we worked together on the church staff. We seemed to agree on what is important and also on what is funny! My children grew up before his eyes and with his much appreciated attention, love, and his daily involvement in all of our lives. I guess Steve kind of grew up before our eyes too. I still remember sitting in his office one day and hearing him say, "I think she's the one!" Not long after that Steve and Lorie were married and soon had a baby boy. But then 12 years ago, Steve's family and my family both moved away from Lexington and we lost touch over the years.*

*SO, it was a wonderful surprise to learn on Facebook this past March that Steve and his family had also moved to Charlotte! I didn't communicate with Steve at the time, but instead said to my family, "Let's go surprise Steve one Sunday at his new church!" And so we Googled Trinity Presbyterian Church and headed out one Sunday morning last April.*

*The first surprise was on us as we turned off of busy Providence Road into this vast church campus, and then walked into this gorgeous sanctuary. WOW! What a place to worship God!*

*I am pretty sure Steve was surprised that day, but little did we know that the surprises were just beginning...*

*After the service that day, we were invited to stay for the youth sponsored lunch and silent auction. That's where the real surprises started, for it was there we began to encounter some of the warmest and most welcoming people we had ever met. I was surprised to feel immediately welcomed and at home. I was surprised that we felt like family among you in just one day.*

*And the surprises have continued as we have become a part of Trinity. What an impact you have made on my life by extending Christ's hospitality to me as I have come to know you through book club, food truck events, by caring for your precious children in the nursery, serving coffee to you, serving alongside you on small teams of ministry, and through seeing you in the grocery store or at the mall. These are all wonderful surprises.*

*I experienced a not so good surprise when my mother fell and broke her hip in October, but again I was surprised by you as I received cards, texts, and emails from so many of you who said you were praying for us.*

*As I said before, I love being surprised but I also love surprising other people. People in this world are surprised by other people who extend God's grace and hospitality to them in very real ways.*

*In thinking about that, I am excited because there is this sense that as Trinity Presbyterian Church, we are on the brink of surprising ourselves, Charlotte, and perhaps even the world. As we grow together, I believe we will surprise lots of people with God's grace and love.*

*I thank you for welcoming me and my family, for taking us in as family and letting us be a part of you. God used Steve to bring us here and God has used you to keep us here. What a wonderful God given surprise it all continues to be!*

# CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 17, four confirmands were accepted into church membership. Please welcome our newest members.

**Peter James Mazeine**

Son of Pete Mazeine and Alyce Mazeine  
Mentor: Jim Calder

**Ansley Lane O'Keefe**

Daughter of Jeff and Lori O'Keefe  
Mentor: Reta Phifer

**Duncan Blue Pickett**

Son of Neal and Patrice Pickett  
Mentor: Gary Sugg

**Caroline Anne Reid**

Daughter of Walt and Susanne Reid  
Mentor: Fran Worthington



## FIFTH GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

On May 3, NRSV Bibles were presented as a Faith Milestone to the following fifth graders who have completed the Elementary Sunday School program and will now continue to Middle School in the fall.

William Hull Coley

Parker Holbrooke Davis

Richard Graham Gutknecht

George Garrett Sistrunk

Special thanks to all the Sunday School teachers who have shared this faith journey with them.



*Thanks for all the youth who participated in Youth Sunday on May 3 and the adult youth advisors for their hard work and support*



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 GRADUATES!



**Jameson Deans Blount**

Jamie is the son of Phil and Jane Blount. He will graduate from Myers Park High School and attend the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in the Honors Program this fall.



**George Daniel King**

Daniel is the son of George and Susan King. He will graduate from South Mecklenburg High School and attend the University of North Carolina in Greensboro this fall to pursue a BFA in Acting.



**Allison Elizabeth Porter**

Allison is the daughter of Earl and Karen Porter. She will graduate from Myers Park High School and attend Auburn University in the Engineering Program this fall.



**Jesse Tyler Walker**

Jesse is the son of Jeff and Emily Walker. He will graduate from Butler High School and attend the University of North Carolina in Charlotte this fall.



**Molly Michael Nutter Anderson**

Molly is the daughter of Michael and Sandra Nutter. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of North Carolina in Charlotte with a degree in Elementary Education. She plans to teach in the fall.



**Warren Douglas Henry, Jr.**

Douglas is the son of Warren and Sarah Henry. He graduated from North Carolina State University in December 2014 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is employed by Shipman Technologies in Durham, NC.



**Kevin Andrew Jordan**

Kevin is the son of Howard and Ammie Jordan. He graduated from The University of Maryland University College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Information and Science. He joined the Navy in 2012. He serves at Fort Meade, MD.

# Trinity Presbyterian Church Goes OVER the RAINBOW!

June 22-25, 2015 5:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

## Vacation Bible Adventure

In keeping with the vision statement of Trinity Presbyterian Church, we will gather together here on Providence as a community of faith at the close of our busy days to eat and share fellowship with each other. Following a child friendly snack supper, we will join voices in music provided by our own Trinity members. Then, we will separate into age groups to visit learning centers where we will hear Bible stories (worship God), enjoy games and recreation (love each other), create crafts, and bring outreach items for mission (serve our neighbors).

### Who is eligible to attend?

- Members or grandchildren of members of Trinity Presbyterian Church turning 4 years old by January 1, 2015 - NO UPPER AGE LIMIT!
- An invited friend
- Students enrolled in the Trinity Weekday School who meet age requirements

Following music time, adults may participate by attending a specially designed adult class led by Phil Tappy or by serving one or more evenings as a helper with the children.

### *Children ... Youth ... Adults Growing Together ... Here on Providence*

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### CHILD Registration Form- Ages 4 years - 5th Grade

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE (Must be 4 by Jan. 1, 2015) \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE IN SCHOOL THIS YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CELL # \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT OTHER THAN PARENT:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CELL # \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S ALLERGIES \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS \_\_\_\_\_

I give Trinity Presbyterian Church VBA staff permission to administer first aid and/or seek medical help for my child.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PARENT SIGNATURE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

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### ADULT Registration Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

BEST CONTACT PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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**Registration Fee is \$15 for an individual or \$25 per family. Please complete a form for each adult and child attending. Please make checks payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church and enclose with, or attach to, this completed form(s).**

For more information contact Candy [candyhambacher@gmail.com](mailto:candyhambacher@gmail.com) or Kim [kim.nims@gmail.com](mailto:kim.nims@gmail.com).

# MISSION - MINDED



It is not too late to register for the 2015-16 school year! Registration is now on a first-come, first-served basis. Tours are available every Wednesday and Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Registration forms are available in both the Weekday School Office and Church Volunteer Office. We look forward to serving you and your family!

Summer Camp registration is still underway! Join in on the fun and take part in exciting weeks such as "Summer Science," "Around the World," "Wacky Olympics," and "Treasure Hunt!" Registration forms are available in the Weekday School Office. Summer Camp will operate from June 2 – 25 (every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

The diaper drive to benefit Crisis Assistance Ministry yielded 823 diapers and 21 packages of wipes that will be distributed to families in need. Thank you for your support!

The Leroy Fox Spirit Night was an overwhelming SUCCESS which raised \$691.74! Hooray!!!!



**TRINITY'S FRIENDSHIP GARDEN** takes many hands to make it successful. Would you like to participate but can't commit to an entire season? This year we're asking families and/or individuals to commit to one week of tending the garden (Monday – Sunday). Obviously some weeks will require more "tending" than others but even in the busiest times (during harvesting) you won't have to go every day. What a wonderful way to contribute to this vital ministry while experiencing the miracle of watching seeds and small plants turn into produce. Children have marveled at the realization that potatoes and carrots do NOT come from Harris-Teeter! Last year our garden contributed 338 pounds of fresh produce to Friendship Trays (Charlotte's home meal delivery service). The gardeners also get to

share in the bounty. Please sign-up for a week or share a week with another individual or family at the [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com). For further information contact Carol or Gary Sugg at [csrsugg@aol.com](mailto:csrsugg@aol.com) or 704-552-2955.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Dear members,

Through the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering those most in need are finding hope and help through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Self-Development of People Program, and their partners in ministry.

This is why we give to One Great Hour of Sharing. Feeding the hungry, helping people build up their own livelihoods, responding to disasters—these are all ways that your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing can help change lives, change communities, and change the world.

Throughout the Lenten Season, **\$131.00** was collected for this special offering.

. . . . from the Mission and Outreach Committee



FREEDOM  
SCHOOL  
PARTNERS

## Our Ongoing Summer Work With Freedom School Partners

*Proud winner of the 2013 New York Life Excellence in Summer Learning Award  
through the National Summer Learning Association*

For the third year in a row, we have been gifted with a very special mission and outreach opportunity. It is uniquely special because it is fully funded and partially staffed. Trinity has the missing piece of the puzzle to make a huge difference in the lives of many Charlotte children. What is it, and what is the role we are to play?

We will again be partnering with Church at Charlotte (June 18 through July 29 - scholars on site). Trinity will provide the physical space and volunteers for one of Charlotte's nineteen (19) Freedom Schools.

Freedom School Partners have been operating in their present form with their current name in the Charlotte area since 2004. Their mission is to engage, educate, and empower children K-8th grade to succeed in school and in life through quality year-round academic enrichment programs. Children at a summer Freedom School are referred to as scholars. The program is literacy based. The participants are expected and required to read daily. Parent involvement is welcomed as the spaces for each school are limited. Not everyone who applies will be selected. Our scholars will come from Sharon Elementary and the Gladedale Community, which is at the intersection of Olde Providence Road and Providence Road.

This summer we will offer the following opportunities for Trinity members to participate: (included are the names of some past volunteers)

site setup (June 16 and 17)

pick up stored supplies and bring to Trinity - Candy Hambacher and Margaret Rowe

morning Harambee reader - ask Peggy Savas or Peggy Gandy about their experience last summer

afternoon enrichment activity - talk to Jeff O' Keefe or Janet Sarjeant

field trips and special events - Helen Alford, Carolyn Voorheis, Guyla and Terry Vardell have tales to tell

shopping for supplies - speak with Myra Griffie, Margaret Rowe or Candy Hambacher

end of the week thank you bags for our interns - Louisa Shugart can share ideas

clean up/pack up - Candy Hambacher and Guyla Vardell (July 30 and 31)

To learn more about Freedom School Partners, please visit their website at [www.freedomschoolpartners.org](http://www.freedomschoolpartners.org). Many of you will want to be a part of this opportunity and we know all will be thankful that Trinity can serve Charlotte's children in this way. Even though this comes at a busy time of year, new volunteers will lighten the load for those who have already planned to participate. "We trust in God who calls us to be the church; to love and serve others\*."

\*From Affirmation of Faith from the United Church of Canada



# TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Together, Welcoming All On Providence

[www.trinitypreschurch.org](http://www.trinitypreschurch.org)



## FOOD TRUCKS AND LIVE MUSIC AT TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN

Thursday, May 28, 6-9 pm

3115 Providence Road

Front Parking Lot and Lawn



Please join us for an evening of great food, fellowship, and music as Trinity Presbyterian once again hosts its Food Trucks and Live Music event. Some of the Queen City's finest food trucks will be on hand, and The Holdouts will be performing. There will be mouthwatering food options from Roaming Fork, Yummi Banh Mi, and Sweet Treats Bakery, and, of course, there will be great music!



Be sure to bring a blanket or chairs and stake out the perfect spot on our lawn, and bring your family and all your friends to treat them to a night like no other.

Finally, please feel free to bring one or more non-perishable items so that we may donate them to Loaves & Fishes to help fight hunger here in our community.

**MUSIC BY:**

We hope to see you there.

**THE HOLDOUTS**

(in case of rain, come on inside!)

*"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!**

There is something for all ages!

### **Adult Education**

**Our Montreat speaker this year  
is Rev. MaryAnn McKibben Dana**

**"The Improvising God:  
A New Theology  
for an Imperfect World"**

**For more information about  
MaryAnn, please see her website  
[theblueroomblog.org](http://theblueroomblog.org)**

### **Infant & Toddler Care**

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

### **Children K-5th Grade**

**The elementary age children will  
meet together during scheduled  
speaker times**

### **Youth 6th - 12th Grade**

**Youth will plan and lead Friday  
night Vespers and then participate  
in special events during Saturday**

singing ~ hiking ~ square dancing ~ shopping ~ meals together ~ rest ~ reflection

***Look for registration information and more details in next month's newsletter!***



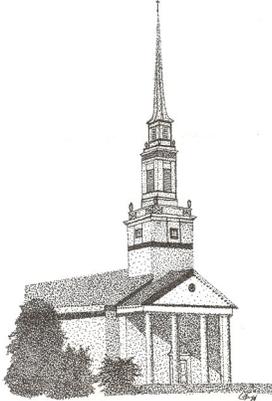




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## Worship at Trinity

9:45 a.m.      Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m.     Sunday Worship Service

**Publication Deadlines**

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

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

Class of 2015	Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Helen Alford	Steve Ball	Tony Arey
Damon Coley	Marty Brownlow	Donnie Bobbitt
Lynn Davis	Tom Collins	Liz Countess
Laura Gutknecht	Betty Lynn Lambert	Warren Henry
Candy Hambacher		Lori O'Keefe
Bob Lyons		
Shane Nofziger		
Bruce Voorheis		

**Office Hours**

**Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**  
**Friday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

### ADMINISTRATIVE ROSTER FOR 2015

<u>CLERK</u>	Fran Worthington
<u>MINISTRY TEAMS</u>	<u>TEAM CHAIRMAN</u>
<i>Equip</i>	
Buildings and Grounds	Tony Arey, Hayden McMahon
Capital Campaign	Walter Reid
Communications	Cookie Parnell
Finance	Damon Coley
Personnel	Lori O'Keefe, Donnie Bobbitt
<i>Grow</i>	
Christian Formation	Laura Gutknecht, Candy Hambacher, Tom Collins
Welcoming	Marty Brownlow
Worship	Betty Lynn Lambert, Liz Countess, Bob Lyons
Youth	Laura Gutknecht
<i>Serve</i>	
Congregational Care	Helen Alford
Fellowship	Steve Ball
Mission and Outreach	Warren Henry
Stewardship	Bruce Voorheis
Weekday School	Lynn Davis

**CHURCH STAFF**

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Senior Minister  
 The Reverend DC Horne, Minister of Congregational Life  
 The Reverend Heather Koontz, Parish Associate  
 Rhonda McClain, Seminary Intern  
 Chris Gilliam, Interim Minister of Music  
 Michael Rowland, Interim Organist  
 Becky Purnell, Office Manager  
 Cheryl Jernigan, Financial Administrator  
 Bill Jones, Facilities Manager  
 Stephanie Palmer, Weekday School Director  
 Jill Billings, Interim Weekday School Administrative Assistant