



PastScripts

Volume IX, Issue 5/June 2016

Beneath the Spire...

COMMUNITY

As I sit down at my computer to write this monthly *PastScripts* and think about the past few days, I find myself thinking about community, and the myriad of ways that community has revealed itself recently.

The first happened on a Wednesday afternoon, driving around South Charlotte with Tom Collins and Reyn Wheeler, serving communion to some of our homebound saints. Each of them so happy to see us; each so grateful for the bread and cup we shared. We laughed, swapped stories, looked at family pictures and talked about kids/grandkids/great grandkids. And through it all, we reminded them how they were valued and beloved members of the Trinity family, even if they are not able to come Sunday mornings. You could see the tremendous gratitude in their faces to be reminded of the community in which they are a part.

Then the following night on our church lawn, our fifth Food Truck Event. Hundreds of people, from the oldest to the youngest, sprawled out on lawn blankets and munched on good fare and soaked in the sounds of local cover bands. Children played and ran on our freshly-cut grass, adults mingled and conversed. And the beauty of it all? As it's been since our very first one, the vast majority of folks were not Trinity members. These were neighborhood folks, Weekday School families, families of the high school band that played a few tunes, and others around town who came to have a good time. It was a special kind of community that even the torrential rains two hours in couldn't dampen.

Here's a cool little fact: in scripture, the Greek word often translated "community" is *koinonia*. It can also mean "fellowship," "participation," even "communion." The apostle Paul uses it repeatedly in his letters to Christians in Corinth, Galatia, Philippi to emphasize how important community is to the growth and vitality of the church.

Here's another cool fact: the thing people are most looking for from the church these days, hands-down, is community. Not a finely-tuned worship service or great new program or a pristine facility, although those are important. People long most for community. They long for a church family that enjoys being with each other, that disagrees agreeably together, that centers itself in Christ together. People long for a church family that, as Trinity is currently doing, tackles tricky issues like same-sex weddings with a thoughtful process, creating space for honest dialogue, reflection and mutual respect. In a world undergirded by endless vitriol and divisiveness, people long for community that is focused on bringing everyone together.

Let me invite you to take some time the next few months to consider: what are the instances of community in our church that you appreciate the most? And what new ways can we foster community both in and outside our walls, with fellow church members and with new people?

I am thankful that you are part of this community and the body of Christ known as Trinity!

Your pastor and friend,

Steve

Session Highlights

Stated Session Meeting on May 15, 2016:

A motion from the Worship Ministry Team was passed to remove all of the pews in the west transept for use as an expanded music performance area. A piano and pipe organ will be on loan from Chris Gilliam for use by the church.

A motion from the Worship Ministry Team was passed to revise Trinity's Wedding Policy.

A motion from the Worship Ministry Team was passed to serve communion at the December 25, 2016 (Christmas Day) worship service.

A motion from the Finance Ministry Team was passed to approve the Claude W. Sanford, Jr. Building Fund Policy.

Session approved the discernment process as recommended by the Discernment Process Study Group and the group will oversee and administer the discernment process. A letter was sent to the congregation on May 16, 2016 inviting them to a covered dish dinner on June 5, 2016 and inviting them to submit letters expressing their heartfelt feelings on this matter.

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE DISCERNMENT PROCESS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JUNE 5

As you may have seen, our denomination approved a new definition of marriage in 2015, one that now permits churches to perform same-sex wedding ceremonies. The new definition does not require them to do so; rather, the decision is left to each individual church. Trinity Presbyterian is now engaging in its own discernment process and you're invited to a covered dish supper on June 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to discuss and ask questions. Richard Boyce, President of Union Presbyterian Seminary, Charlotte Campus, will speak on marriage in the Bible, and Steve and Grace will present their professional and personal views on the matter. No need to RSVP but please bring a main dish to share!

Trinity Care Ministry

We are all ministers to each other in a family of Christian faith. In times of joy, illness and difficulty, our prayers and support give strength and cement relationships with our church family.

The white board in the church office has a new identity to supplement our confidential Prayer Chain. If you or a loved one needs pastoral and congregational support, please contact the church office, a pastor, or a member of the Congregational Care Ministry Team (Marty Brownlow, Debbie Fisher and Lynda Opdyke). You will be asked if you wish to have your name posted on the Care Ministry Board, along with a word or two of explanation. To assure privacy, your name is posted only with your permission.

All members are invited to check the board regularly and give your prayers, cards and support. At monthly meetings, the Session lifts up in prayer those whose names are posted. Most postings will remain for two weeks. Church notecards can be used for written messages if desired. A list of homebound members and those living in retirement communities is posted under the Care Ministry Board.

Summer Worship Hours

Trinity's 10:00 a.m. summer worship hour will begin June 5 and continue through September 4. Sunday School will not take place during this period.

DOWNLOAD THE CHURCH LIFE APP!

We're encouraging all church members to download the Church Life app to their smartphones. It's totally free and enables you to do some great things right from your phone:

- Access the church directory and look up membership info right from your phone. You can also call phone numbers and send emails to members with a single click.
- See the church calendar in its most current version.
- Make a contribution to the church - right from your phone!

How to get started:

Download the Church Life app by searching "Church Life" in your phone's app store. Did we mention that the app is free?

Log in to the app with the same information you use to log in to your member account on the church website (once you initially log in, you won't need to do so again - it will automatically boot every time you open the app).

The app automatically defaults to "People," which is the directory. Search for members by first or last name to access phone numbers, addresses and emails.

To access the church calendar or giving, click on the three bars in the upper left corner.

Tell other church members to download the app and enjoy the benefits!





Youth Sunday - May 1

On May 1 the worship service was presented by the Youth of Trinity. For weeks they worked diligently, selecting a theme, choosing scripture and music, and even writing prayers and liturgy. The following seniors presented the homilies: Joseph Macaulay Etheridge (Macaulay), Eleanor Suzanne Hair (Ellie), Elizabeth Keeley O'Keefe (Keeley), Laura Anne Porter (Laura), and William Thomas Reid. (Will).

The theme this year was *Make a Joyful Noise*. Music is an integral part of worship at Trinity. The Youth of Trinity recognize how fortunate they are to have had so many role models with such musical talent and passion!

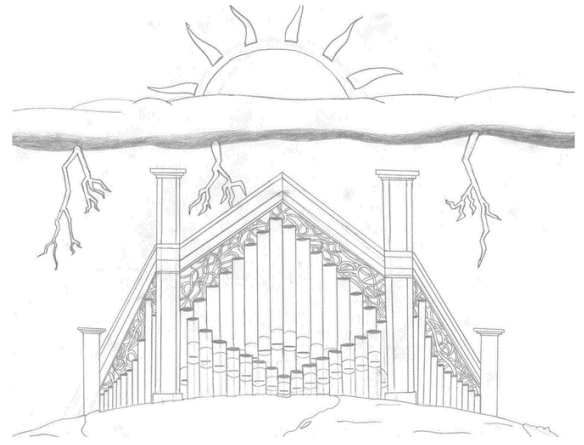
We know that there are many other ways to make a joyful noise to God. We sing and play instruments, but we also read scripture and have conversations about issues of social justice and the relevance of those verses today. We confess our sins and share our personal stories in the form of impact statements and homilies. We laugh and run and play with our friends and raise our voices to let someone know how much they matter. Even the “crack” of the cue ball during a Room in the Inn game of pool is a joyful noise to God. We need only take time to notice the many ways that we can glorify our Lord.

We give thanks to God for the leadership of all our youth and with them we join in thanking their tireless advisors for 2015-2016: Katherine Lambert, Brent and Sarah Mullis, Laura-Nelle Hurst, Amy Shook, and Casey Field and Laura Gutknecht, Co-Chairs of the Youth Ministry Team.

We also give thanks to Trinity member, Barbara Caine, who serves as the piano instructor for Eleanor Hair, musical participant in the service.

The bulletin cover for this year's Youth Sunday was designed and created by our own Duncan Pickett, using the theme for inspiration.

BIBLE PRESENTATION - The following fifth graders received a New Revised Standard Version Bible as a Faith Milestone to mark the end of their elementary school years and the beginning of their middle school years: Jackson Stewart Anderson (Jackson), Horace Leonard Ball, III (Hank), Molly Catherine Click (Molly), Edward Lawrence Durham (Edward), Hunter Logan Lindsley (Hunter) and Henry Wood Smith (Hank).



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY - Six confirmands were welcomed into church membership by the Session of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Please welcome our newest members of Trinity. These new members are: Eliza Jane Ball (Eliza), daughter of Steve and Lauren Ball, mentor – Nancy Williams; Blakely Kay Durham (Blakely), daughter of Josh Durham and Lynette Neel, mentor – May Johnston; William Dean Gutknecht (Dean), son of Dennis and Laura Gutknecht, mentor – Phil Blount; David Foster Hood (David), son of David and Melanie Hood, mentor – Damon Coley; Henry Stewart Pickett (Henry), son of Neal and Patrice Pickett, mentor – Jeff O’Keefe and Spencer Douglas Tate (Spencer), son of Brian and Lucy Tate, mentor – Becky Hendrix.

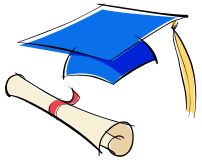


Confirmands pictured left to right: Spencer Tate, Dean Gutknecht, Eliza Ball, Blakely Durham, David Hood and Henry Pickett

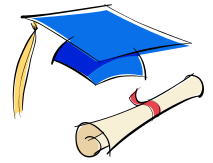
Trinity Children's Choir

During the 2015-2016 academic year Trinity's Children's Choir met weekly. Eleven girls, 1st-4th grades, participated during first semester and ten during second semester. During rehearsals, children read scripture passages, learned choral responses used in Trinity's worship services, read and played rhythm patterns, learned to read and sing melodic patterns, and learned fourteen anthems. Children sang in worship on nine occasions to include Montreat, the Christmas pageant, Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday, Pentecost and Youth Sunday.

Children's Choir is for all children, grades 1-5. Rehearsals will resume in September. Rehearsals are held on Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Children's Choir Room, Room 1, in the Undercroft. Please make plans for your child/children to participate. Should you have questions, contact Dr. Reta Phifer at 704.708.9789 or retarphifer@gmail.com.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2016 GRADUATES!



Joseph Macaulay Etheridge

Macaulay is the son of Doug and Claire Etheridge. He will graduate from Charlotte Latin School and attend Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia.



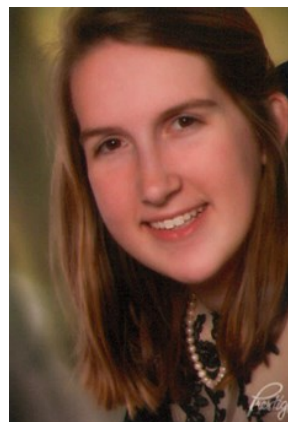
Eleanor Suzanne Hair

Ellie is the daughter of Jimmy and Suzanne Hair. She will graduate from South Mecklenburg High School and attend North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina.



Elizabeth Keeley O'Keefe

Keeley is the daughter of Jeff and Lori O'Keefe. She will graduate from South Mecklenburg High School and attend Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina.



Laura Anne Porter

Laura is the daughter of Earl and Karen Porter. She will graduate from Myers Park High School and attend The University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee to study Animal Science as a Pre-Veterinarian.



William Thomas Reid

Will is the son of Walter and Susanne Reid. He will graduate from Providence Day School and attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina.



Wesley Keith Bradley

Wes is the son of Doug and Bev Bradley. He graduated from Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Materials Science. He will be working with Windstream Communications in Charlotte.



Mary Elizabeth Hargett

Mary Elizabeth is the daughter of Eric and Elizabeth Banks. She will graduate from Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sustainable Development and a minor in Women's Studies. She will spend the next year hiking cross-country and working on several organic farms while researching sustainable living best practices.



The all New
TRINITY in WONDERLAND
MONTREAT X-PERIENCE

MONTREAT ADVENTURE ~ OCTOBER 14, 15 AND 16, 2016

On a golden afternoon, young Alice follows a white rabbit, which disappears down a nearby rabbit hole. Quickly following him, she tumbles into the burrow and enters the topsy-turvy world of WONDERLAND!

Memorable songs and whimsical escapades highlight Alice's journey.

... And so too will your upcoming Montreat Adventure be a WONDERLAND:

- ◆ Newly decorated rooms and a big stone fireplace will welcome you to the historic and charming Assembly Inn.
- ◆ Mountain splendor and fall color will surround you.
- ◆ An 'ole timey' Saturday night square dance will take place in the rustic Montreat barn.
- ◆ Yummy food with lots of choices to delight your palate and tummy.
- ◆ Child care with a Wonderland theme.
- ◆ A charismatic weekend guest to challenge and stimulate us with song, wit, and wisdom.
- ◆ A Youth led Vesper Service Friday evening.
- ◆ A Sunday Service and spiritual and memorable communion.

There are two ways to register this year:

Send in the registration form with check or register online by clicking [here](http://trinitypreschurch.org/montreat-retreat/) or copy this link into your browser <http://trinitypreschurch.org/montreat-retreat/>

**All registrations must be received by September 12 and
be accompanied by the per person Conference Fees!**

**REGISTER BY JULY 1 AND SAVE MONEY
ON YOUR CONFERENCE FEES**

So, don't be late ... for this very important date.





TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, October 14, Evening

3:30 p.m. Check-in begins
 5:30 p.m. Dinner
 7:45 p.m. Welcome
 8:00 p.m. First Session with David LaMotte
 - Infant Toddler Care
 - K to 12th Grade Sessions
 10:00 p.m. Vespers led by Youth

SATURDAY, October 15, Morning

6:30 a.m. Group Run/Walk
 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. Sessions with David LaMotte
 - Infant Toddler Care
 - K to 12th Grade Sessions
 12:00 p.m. Lunch

SATURDAY, October 15, Afternoon

1:00 p.m. Afternoon Activities
 5:15 p.m. Group Picture
 5:30 p.m. Dinner
 7:00 p.m. Square Dance in Barn
 9:00 p.m. Sing-a-long in Lobby

SUNDAY, October 16, Morning

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 own

TOPSY-TURVY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Hiking up Lookout Mountain
 Shopping - Montreat or Black Mountain
 Watching football in lobby
 Bridge and card games
 Bubbling stream for wading

Paddle boats/canoeing on Lake Susan
 Fishing in Lake Susan (bring your own gear)
 Montreat playground
 Second Annual Brewery Tour
 Kids' Scavenger Hunt

Prizes And Fun Memories Galore With Your Trinity Family!!!!

PERRIN THOMSON MONTREAT FUND

Perrin had a great love for the Montreat Retreat weekend and left a generous gift to Trinity to help offset Montreat expenses. As a result:

- ~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.

Can't go this year, but would like to make a donation to continue Perrin's legacy? 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 Miscellaneous Income.

PATRICK SPEAKER
“Worldchanging 101 -
Challenging the Myth of Powerlessness”
David LaMotte

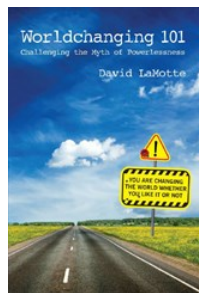


What does the Lord require of you?

Are we really called to “do justice?” What does that look like in our daily lives?

How does large-scale change really happen?

David does not pretend to offer answers, but rather suggests different, and perhaps more productive, questions. In this case, the questions are: How we are called to engage the world around us and how do we practically approach that work? David will challenge our deeply embedded narratives of how large scale change occurs and offer a fresh framework to examine our own capacity for making a significant impact on the world.



Find out more about David, his writing,
and his music through his website -
<http://www.davidlamotte.com/>

CHILD CARE AND YOUTH CLASSES



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.

TRINITY MONTREAT REGISTRATION FORM

3115 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28211

Registration deadline is **September 12** and can be done online by clicking [here](http://trinitypreschurch.org/montreat-retreat/) or copying this link into your browser <http://trinitypreschurch.org/montreat-retreat/>.

Names of adults attending. (please print):

Contact email address _____ **Phone** _____

Names of children attending. Please list ages and school grade as of September 2016. (please print):

_____	Age _____	Grade _____
_____	Age _____	Grade _____
_____	Age _____	Grade _____
_____	Age _____	Grade _____

Preferred Room Type. Most single rooms can accommodate an air mattress or sleeping bag. Room choices are not guaranteed and assignments are made on a first-come first-serve basis.

- ☐ Single Room with private bath - \$107.00 per night, includes tax (1 bedroom, 1 bathroom)
Please check preferred accommodations (not guaranteed) - King Queen Twin
- ☐ Connecting rooms with shared bath - \$ 188.32 per night, includes tax (2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom)
Please check preferred accommodations (not guaranteed) - King & Twin Queen & Twin
- ☐ Connecting rooms with private bath in each room - \$214.00 per night, includes tax (2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms)
Please check preferred accommodations (not guaranteed) - King & Twin Queen & Twin

Are you a First Time Attendee? (See Thomson Fund information on previous page.) Yes No

Food allergies (Montreat must have this information prior to your arrival): _____

FEES

Conference Fees - Fees are non-refundable unless requested room can be filled with another attendee.
Conference Fee is \$20.00 per person if registration form is received *before July 1*
Conference Fee will be \$30.00 per person for registration forms *received after July 1*

Meal Fees - Adult meals are \$54.04 (includes tax) per adult and begins with Friday supper and ends with Sunday breakfast. All children through high school receive complimentary meals paid for by the Thomson Fund.

The balance of your room and meals will be due on Monday, October 10 and payable by check to Trinity Presbyterian Church or you may pay online by clicking [here](https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=95700) or copying this link into your browser <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=95700>.

Please remember that all persons under the age of 18 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 or you may download when registering online.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

VBS has been rescheduled for **August!**

Please stay tuned for exciting news about celebrating **WATER ALL AROUND THE WORLD** in a back to school format for the entire church family and beyond!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016!

Featuring....



***BIBLE Stories about water....
MISSION stories about water....***

Crafts! Games! Music! Food! FUN!

Mark your calendars!

Registration details and ways to get involved coming soon!



Growing, Playing and Learning together!

Great idea to share with a friend about the weekday school's...

- Creative curriculum that is faith-based, child-centered and play-based
- Learning is through hands-on exploration and discovery
- Environment is safe and nurturing
- Knowledgeable and dedicated staff
- Centers that are designed for exploration of math, science, art, literacy, building, dramatic play and manipulatives



SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR!

- Visit our website at www.trinitypreschurch.org
- Call us at 704.366.3556 and speak with Stephanie Palmer or Jill Billings
- Email us at spalmer@trinitypreschurch.org or jbillings@trinitypreschurch.org
- Schedule a tour for Wednesday or Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

We look forward to serving you and your family!

TREE IN MEMORY OF SARAH ELIZABETH BARBER MCLANEY

A White Oak tree (which lives approximately 100 years) was donated by the NCWF (North Carolina Wildlife Federation, HAWK (Habitat and Wildlife Keepers) and CROWN (Charlotte Reconnecting Ourselves with Nature) as a memorial to Betty McLaney. The tree was planted by the Trinity Weekday School Three's playground and the picture shows the tree, engraved stone and students from Mary Catherine Snyder's and Laura Gutknecht's class. Mary Catherine is Betty McLaney's daughter.

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 over 500 pounds of fresh produce to Friendship Trays (Charlotte's home meal delivery service). The gardeners also get to share in the bounty. For further information contact Carol or Gary Sugg at 704.552.2955 or csrsugg@aol.com.

Please sign-up for a week (or share a week with another individual or family) by going to www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0845a5a72ba2fc1-tending.



Welcome New Members

On January 6 and April 10 the following were received into membership:

Brandon Lamont and Kelly Christine Burkhart
12530 Dove Meadow
Charlotte, NC 28278
Brandon - mobile – 336.239.6723
Kelly – mobile – 336.239.8370
Jackson Cole Burkhart – Age 2 years 3 months
Lucy Violet Burkhart – Born April 23, 2016

Anne Rone McGovern
209 Foxlair Court
Matthews, NC 28105
980.262.3555
Wesley McGovern – Age 18 months

Joseph Alan Wheeler
7019 Turning Point Lane
Charlotte, NC 28277
704.458.2670

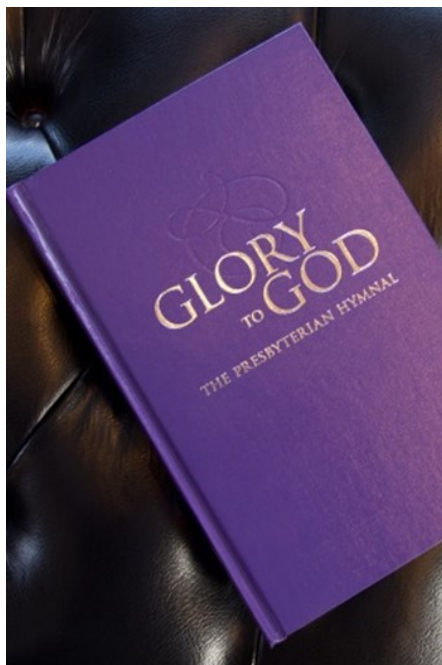
Reynolds Wheeler (Reyn)
7019 Turning Point Lane
Charlotte, NC 28277-0360
704-814-0707



Brandon, Jackson and Kelly Burkhart

Joe Wheeler

Anne McGovern



Thanks to you our *Glory to God* hymnal drive was a huge success! We are elated to say that we received gifts to fill every one of our pews with the new hymnal. We are so excited. Be on the lookout for them come Rally Day!

IMPACT STORY - Reta Phifer

Congregation members share an "Impact Story" during the worship service at least monthly. Please find below Reta Phifer's story shared January 17, 2016.

Music has been my passion since early childhood.

I grew up in Kings Mountain and my family and I were members of Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. I sang in children's choir there and later in the adult choir. I started directing children's choirs at this church during my teenage years. I graduated from Erskine College where I majored in music. After teaching three years in Rock Hill, I ventured off to New York City, where I studied at Teacher's College, Columbia University, and completed a doctorate in music education, supervision and administration. In 1975, I moved to Charlotte.

My professional career encompassed teaching literally thousands of children primarily in elementary schools, retiring with 31 years in CMS. Some of my former students include people at Trinity such as Baron and Brent Mullis, Melissa Blanks, Ashley Parker, Marie & Doug Henry, Jamie Blount and all the Newsome children.

I retired from teaching in 2006 in order to serve as Executive Director of the North Carolina Music Educators Association, a job I held through June 2013 when I retired from full-time employment.

Now for how I came to Trinity.

In January 1981, I started singing in the Oratorio Singers of Charlotte where I got to know Mary Nell Saunders, who at the time was Trinity's Choir Director. Mary Nell invited me to join the Trinity Choir. Soon thereafter, she asked me to rejuvenate the Children's Choir. I served as director for about nine years. During that time I served on the Worship Committee and then the Christian Education Committee. I joined Trinity at the end of Gary Eller's tenure as Pastor, after leaving the children's choir staff position.

Significant milestones in my Trinity journey: Getting to know Barbara & Hayden McMahon through Mary Nell Saunders. Barbara became my spiritual sister, as did DC Horne; taking children to sing for Sarah Locke Blythe and her friends at Sharon Towers; singing masterpieces of sacred choral literature in the Trinity Choir such as: Brahms Requiem with Joanne Cole, soprano soloist and Mahler's Resurrection Symphony with Frank Portone playing French horn; burning the Trinity mortgage; attending and remembering deceased members and friends or family members on All Saint's Day; participating in Adult Sunday School classes with teachers like Tom Guiles, Dick Felkner, Barbara McMahon, John Parker and George

Sawyer; attending annual Montreat Retreats with wonderful speakers like Dr. Walter Brueggeman, Fred Buechner and many others; learning from speakers during the Gilchrist Lecture series such as Tom Long; receiving overwhelming support from the congregation during and following my hip replacement surgery; serving in a musical leadership capacity by leading young children in learning to sing and use the hymnal during Make A Joyful Noise as part of Sunday School; directing the children's choir, both in the past and currently as Director of Children's Music; directing the annual Children's Christmas Pageants; participating and leading the children's Choir during Christmas Eve services, especially one year when we used individual candles in the recessional. One child's hair almost caught on fire because the child behind them was not watching how close they were to the person in front of them. However, the look on Lauren Schneider's face while singing "Silent Night" on the front portico is engraved on my memory; attending the Montreat Music & Worship Conferences; collaborating with Dr. Lindsley, Rev. Lindvall and Dr. Gilliam as we plan for the future and caroling in the neighborhood with my Trinity family this past December.

In 2008, I was ordained and installed as an Elder. I was one of the "lucky ones" in the class of 2010 who served six straight years on Session. I have served on the Christian Education and Congregational Care, as well as the Mission Study and Officer Nominating Committees and was President of the Cooperation. Serving in these capacities enabled me to get to know many more members of the congregation and opened my eyes to all the gifts, talents and service provided by an army of members.

For the last three or so years, under the auspices of Congregational Care, I have communicated with our home bound members in setting up, facilitating and participating in In-Home Communion. This ministry truly enriches all participants, both those visiting and those visited.

Four times a year you have a chance to help in this ministry. You can sign up for visits in the Cloister. Each team includes one of our ministers, and at least one, but preferably two elders. Come and join us as we make someone's day and share God's love.

I look forward to sharing the journey with you as we, as a congregation, continue to be the hands and feet of Christ here on Providence.

What's Happening at Trinity

June 1	PostScripts Deadline, July Issue Weekday School Recognition Ceremony Weekday School End of Year Picnic Welcoming Ministry Team	June 22	Shepherd Center Meeting Finance Ministry Team Embroiderers' Guild
June 2	Bridge (weekly)	June 27-28	Trinity Annual Audit
June 3	F3 Nation Fitness & Leadership (weekly) Sons of Timaeus	June 28-30	Weekday School Summer Camp
June 4	Wedding luncheon in the Parlor	June 28	Stated Session
June 5	Worship Begins at 10:00 a.m. Piano Concert Potluck Dinner and DPSG Presentation	Births	
June 6	Sew 'N Sews Mondays (weekly) Girl Scout Troop #1335 Church Vitality Session Neighborhood Watch Meeting	Lucy Violet Burkhart	April 23
June 7-9	Weekday School Summer Camp	Daughter of Brandon and Kelly Burkhart	
June 7	F3 Nation Fitness & Leadership (weekly) Sew 'N Sews Tuesdays (weekly) Trinity Staff Meeting (weekly) Al-Anon (weekly)	Sister of Jackson Burkhart	
June 8	Shepherd Center Travel Committee Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team	Church Triumphant	
June 9	Philanthropic Educational Organization	William Augustus Collins, Jr. (Bill)	April 1
June 14-16	Weekday School Summer Camp	Congregational Sympathy	
June 15	Stewardship Ministry Team American Needlepoint Guild	Lloyd Neal Hood, Jr.	April 17
June 17	Henry/Glapiak Wedding	Father of David Hood	
June 21	Trinity Book Club	Grandfather of John, David and Caroline	
June 21-23	Weekday School Summer Camp	Margaret S. Boyce	April 24
		Virginia Roberts	May 14
		Mother of Alyce Mazeine	
		Grandmother of Graham, Molly, Peter and Julia	

Financials as of April 30, 2016

	April Actuals	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget
Receipts:	\$ 49,837	\$ 207,277	\$ 223,083
Unrestricted Funds Used:	\$ 1,246	\$ 17,736	\$ 19,844
Endowment Funds Used:	\$ 4,765	\$ 19,060	\$ 19,060
Boltz Funds Used:	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,776
Expenses:	\$ 71,662	\$ 303,468	\$ 316,971
Surplus/ Deficit:	\$ (15,814)	\$ (59,395)	\$ (53,208)



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

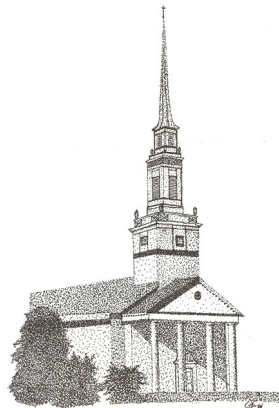
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Worship at Trinity

Summer Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School Resumes September 11

Publication Deadlines

Sunday Bulletin: Tuesdays at Noon

Newsletter - *PostScripts*: 1st day of each month

Wednesday email: Two weeks before the email

Website events: One month before the event

Website announcements: One month before the event

THE SESSION

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Moderator

Lynette Neel, Clerk

Donnie Bobbitt, President of the Corporation

Class of 2016

Steve Ball
Marty Brownlow
Tom Collins
Betty Lynn Lambert
Jim Calder

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ROSTER FOR 2016

CLERK

Lynette Neel

MINISTRY TEAMS

Equip

Buildings and Grounds
Capital Campaign
Communications
Finance
Personnel

Grow

Christian Formation
Welcoming
Worship
Youth

Serve

Congregational Care
Fellowship
Mission and Outreach
Stewardship
Weekday School

TEAM CHAIRMAN

Tony Arey, Hayden McMahon
Walter Reid
Cookie Parnell
Donnie Bobbitt
Lori O'Keefe

Kim Nims, Tom Collins
David Hood
Carol Sugg
Casey Field

Lynda Opdyke and Debbie Fisher
Steve Ball
Warren Henry
Dale Sarjeant
Judith Parker

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Senior Minister
The Reverend Grace Lindvall, Associate Minister
Dr. Chris Gilliam, Director of Music
Michael Rowland, Organist
Dr. Reta Phiher, Children's Choir Director
Becky Purnell, Office Manager
Cheryl Jernigan, Financial Administrator
Stephanie Palmer, Weekday School Director
Jill Billings, Weekday School Assistant Director
Mark Grube, Part-time Event Assistant
Bill Prestwood, Seminary Intern
Jane Bostian Arant, Minister of Music Emeritus