



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Together, Welcoming All On Providence

POSTSCRIPTS

November/December 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

Your Stewardship Ministry Team wishes you all the best of the upcoming holiday season. Thank you for your faithful year-end support of the work and ministry of Trinity.



Make church giving easy by using online giving at our website or the Church Life Mobile App.

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Fall Day of Discipleship by the Mission & Outreach Ministry Team



Our third Day of Discipleship (and second this year) was very successful as we continue to increase our presence serving others in Charlotte. Some 45 members attended one of several Key Partner and potential partner activities. A couple of service groups met early at the church for a charge and prayer then we fanned out through the city for the following:

- A small group of very early-rising members filled in with a larger group to serve breakfast at Salvation Army Center of Hope.
- A group of us went to Beds for Kids, a potential new partner. This newer organization provides beds and desks for children, plus other services.
- Another group of us went to Galilee Center, serving the refugee community.
- A group of members met at the church to inventory flood buckets destined for hurricane victims, to plant our fall garden and to make Care Blankets.

When our day of serving those in Charlotte was over, we assembled back at the church for fellowship, to recount the excitement and stories of the day, and to enjoy wonderful BBQ. If you missed out on this Day of Discipleship, we are planning another next spring.

PostScripts

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
Congregational Care: TBD

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
Jane Bostian Arant, Minister of Music Emeritus

Montreat *by Sally Smith*

From October 13-15, the Trinity congregation enjoyed its 45th annual "retreat to Montreat." Our own Sally Smith wrote an acrostic poem about the weekend.



M – Mountains - Lookout!
O – Old and young together
N – New friends and never-ending fun
T – Twists and turns at the square dance
R – Relaxing in the lobby
E – Eating lots of snacks
A – Adventures on the paddleboats
T – Tradition

New Toddler Nursery and Foundation Hall

This summer we moved all of our children's Sunday School classes to the Administration Building. We created a new toddler nursery in Room 116 across from the Heritage Room. This room is for our children, ages 2-4, and is right next to the baby nursery. Moving this class from the "L" building to Room 116 allows siblings to be closer together, which makes it much easier for parents of young children to drop their children in Sunday School for the morning. If you hang a right out of the nurseries and walk all the way down the hall and down the stairs, you'll enter our Foundation Hall, which was formerly called the Undercroft. Our Sunday School classes (K-5th grade) are now meeting in designated rooms in this hall. As with the new nursery areas, this area makes it easier for parents to pick up their children and go to worship. Foundation Hall is quite the hub of activity on any Sunday morning with the choir singing nearby and our children learning the "foundational" stories of our faith.



M2M sings, shares stories at College of Elders' dinner

Every September, the College of Elders - all ordained elders in our Trinity family - gather together to enjoy a meal, a "state of the church" address by Steve, and remarks by a special speaker. This year we welcomed nearly a dozen members of M2M, or "Matters to Mission." Back in June 2012, the General Assembly of the PCUSA made a commitment to create 1,001 worshipping communities over the next ten years. At a grassroots level, hundreds of diverse new worshipping communities have already formed across the nation. M2M is one of these, meeting for worship at The Evening Muse in NoDa.

Throughout the evening, members of M2M, young and old, shared stories of how this community of faith

had transformed their lives in meaningful ways. They also shared their amazing music! Organizing pastor Ken Fuquay spoke of God's faithfulness to the people of M2M as they continue forming and discerning what their future holds.

As M2M's sponsoring organization, Trinity is honored to offer prayerful support (not financial) and to be a partner in service. Already, we've joined together for Day of Discipleship and Salvation Army Center of Hope. We give thanks to God for M2M's presence in NoDa and the good work they're doing, and we look forward to seeing where God leads this partnership in the future!

For more information about M2M, check out <http://m2mcharlotte.org/>.

Seeds to Branches, Fall Stewardship Campaign *by Brent Mullis*



How quickly our fall season of Stewardship focus flew by! The busyness of Trinity certainly didn't slow down while we considered God's gifts to us and presented our 2018 pledge forms. Our favorite ministries and activities seemed to accelerate as we were placing our leaves onto the campaign trees! Your Stewardship Ministry Team is so very thankful for your response this year and for Trinity's dedication to God's work through our church. We look forward to continued conversation on Stewardship with you into the new year.

Weekday School Art Show

The 4th Annual Art Show and Open House on October 19th was a great success! Families were able to tour classrooms and speak with teachers and then proceed to the Art Show, where each child displayed (and sold) their personal masterpieces. There was also a silent auction comprised of donated items and services, with proceeds being used towards playground shading equipment. Thanks to all who participated for your hard work and continued support!



Save the Dates

**Gifts to the Manger: Gifts Due
December 10**

Help spread Christmas cheer to those less fortunate. Information will be in the Cloister.

**Christmas Pageant:
December 17, 9:45 a.m.**

**Caroling and Dinner:
December 17, 4:30 p.m.**

**Lessons and Carols:
December 24, 11 a.m.**

**Christmas Eve Service:
December 24, 6 p.m.**
(one service this year)

Heritage Sunday: February 4
Join us on this very special day as we celebrate Trinity's history!

Our Church Family

Church Sympathy

- September 2 Nancy Gass, sister of choir member Pam Kugler
- September 19 Patricia Lloyd Johnson, niece of Ray and Ginger Weeks
- September 26 Jeanne Hilley Crabill, mother of Elizabeth Morrison
- October 5 Flora Pickett, mother of Neal Pickett

Congratulations

- August 23 Perrin and Betty Anderson's 60th wedding anniversary

Eagle Scout Awards

- Perrin Craig, grandson of Perrin and Betty Anderson
- Spencer Tate, son of Brian and Lucy Tate

More pictures from Montreat!



Session Highlights

October 22nd:

Session accepted the following gifts: (1) \$1,150 to Mission and Outreach from various donors for Salvation Army Center of Hope; (2) \$650, an anonymous donation for ladies restroom renovation; (3) \$950, an anonymous donation to fund purchase of Christmas and Easter bulletins; and (4) \$5,000, an anonymous donation for Memorial Garden landscaping renovation.

Financials as of September 30

	September	YTD	Annual
	Actuals	Actuals	Budget
Receipts:	31,165.33	452,998.21	683,888.00
Unrest. Funds Used:	6,436.85	33,310.14	62,150.00
Endow. Funds Used:	19,889.36	59,668.00	59,668.00
Boltz Funds Used:	453.92	4,085.28	5,447.00
Sanford Bldg Maint.	114.08	1,026.72	1,369.00
Funds Used:			
Expenses:	74,408.28	661,672.99	910,120.00
Surplus/Deficit:		(16,348.74)	(110,584.64)
		(97,598.00)	