



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Growing Together, Welcoming All On Providence

POSTSCRIPTS

September/October 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

Our "Seeds to Branches" 2018 Stewardship Campaign packet will be in the mail to you soon.

Kick-Off Sunday is September 17th, and Dedication Sunday is October 8th.



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

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Trinity's Long Range Plan *by Pete Mazeine*

**Proposed Acreage for Sale to Custom Home Carolinas
 8.56 acres**



On July 30 Trinity's congregation unanimously approved the sale of 8.5 acres of land located behind the church to Custom Homes Carolina for \$2,900,000. The vote empowered the session to move forward with the contract and set in motion the long-term plan approved by session in June and presented to the congregation on July 23.

The sale will support the following:

1. Supplement the Endowment/Trinity Fund by \$1,500,00. The endowment will double and increase substantially the amount that is rolled into the operating budget.
2. Pay off the HVAC loan, estimated at \$750,000. It will eliminate our debt and 80% of our current operating budget deficit.
3. Fund strategic church capital needs and new mission endeavors, estimated at \$650,000. This would include upgrades to the Weekday School, Youth Center and deferred maintenance.

In addition, session approved the expansion of Philips Academy into the second floor of the Education Building and they have committed to a 20 year lease at Trinity.

The session approved the extension of Long Range Planning Task Force through August 2018 and the formation of an Implementation Team to manage the progress of the sale and allocation process and a Transition Team to create a task list and timeline for upgrades for the Weekday School and Philips Academy.

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

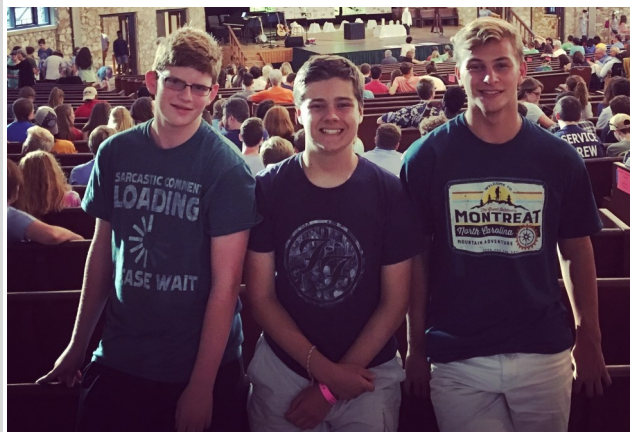
Welcoming: Anne Mar Kirby
Mission & Outreach: Warren Henry
Fellowship: Sean Kirby
Communications: Cookie Parnell
Congregational Care: TBD

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

The Montreat Youth Conference *by Casey Field*

In July, three Trinity youth (Rob Hutchins, Jimmy Click, and Connor Lindsley) attended the Montreat Youth Conference. This trio lodged in a rental house off of Kentucky Road called the McDowell Fun House (for reference, this is about a 3-minute walk from the The Barn). As a Back Home Group, they enjoyed meals together, hung out during free time, and shared nightly devotionals. Roughly 1,200 youth from all over the United States attended this event, and Trinity's youth enjoyed reconnecting with friends from past conferences and meeting new people.



The theme of this year's conference was "The Missing Peace," and this overall topic drove activities and conversations throughout the week. The daily schedule included a morning keynote presentation to get the day going followed by Small Group activities.

Each conference attendee is assigned to a Small Group that does not include members of their own congregation so this is a great time to make new friends. After breaking for lunch, each day continued with another Small Group activity and then afternoon recreation and free time. Every evening included a worship service for the entire conference; the final service wrapped up the week by candle light around Lake Susan.

Overall, it was a great week and a memorable experience for all.

Salvation Army Center of Hope *by Warren Henry*

Picture this: women and men gathered together around the table, women laughing, children playing, piano in the background, prayers abounding, and delicious food. That was the scene in the Carson Fellowship Hall recently (August 14-19) as Trinity partnered with M2M church to host and create a hospitable space for Charlotte's homeless women who have been negatively affected by overcrowding at the shelters. Indeed, the space was hospitable but the hospitable space was also created by our friendly, faithful, and loving guests from Salvation Army Center of Hope. Spending time each night with them, praying, laughing, eating together was a testimony to God's presence in our lives and a gift to all who participated.

The Salvation Army Center of Hope Emergency Shelter is a new relationship that allows us to support Charlotte residents by providing temporary shelter, food and fellowship. As the need continues, we will continue to be present to support the need to house women and provide safe, warm, welcoming places for them to be.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made the week run so smoothly and beautifully – Lydia Mobley who coordinated, and the many dinner hosts, providers, drivers, overnight hosts, breakfast providers, and financial gifts.

Thank you!!!

An Update On Our Friendship Garden *by Carol Sugg*

Trinity's gardeners have been busy this summer growing and harvesting over 300 lbs. of fresh produce, which have been donated to Friendship Trays for use in their weekday meal delivery service. In late September we plan to pull up the remaining summer produce plants and put in a winter garden. Look for news about winterizing and come get your hands dirty with us! We'd love to have you.

Fifth Sunday Lunch



On July 30, we gathered for a Fifth Sunday Lunch and helped Steve celebrate his twenty years in the ministry!



Save the Dates

**Rally Day:
September 10**

Come join us as we kick off the new Sunday School year!

**College of Elders Dinner:
September 10**

Hear from one of our partners in ministry, M2M Charlotte, which worships at The Evening Muse in NoDa!

**“Seeds to Branches” Kickoff
Sunday: September 17**



Trinity at the Trucks: October 6

Let’s all turn out to give our neighbors and friends an extra special welcome at the weekly food truck rally.

**Response Sunday:
October 8**

**Blessing of the Animals:
October 8**

Please bring your well-behaved pets (or pictures of them) to this very special afternoon service.

**Montreat Weekend:
October 13-15**

The mountains are calling! Be sure to register if you haven’t already!

Our Church Family

Church Triumphant

August 7 William R. McKinley

Church Sympathy

August 4 William Evans DeLapp, father of Julie Trimakas

Congratulations

July 29 Carolyn and Bruce Voorheis on their 50th wedding anniversary

Births

July 8 Evelyn Rose Coppedge daughter of Kevin and Megan Coppedge and sister of Delaney

Baptisms

Lara Jane Griffie, daughter of Steve and Myra Griffie and brother of Carter

George Burke Turner, son of George and Caroline Turner, sister of Lulu Grace, and grandson of Sandy Shirley

Session Highlights

June 25th:

Session empowered Long Range Planning Task Force to formally engage in negotiations with Philips Academy regarding long-term lease, increased square footage, and proposed renovations.

Session approved the sale of the back acreage comprised of approximately 8.5 acres, per the terms and conditions of the contract as presented, subject to final approval by the congregation.

Session approved an allocation plan for the proceeds from the land sale as follows:

- Supplement the Endowment/Trinity Fund - \$1,500,000;
- Pay off the HVAC loan - estimated \$750,000; and
- Fund strategic church capital needs (including Weekday School, Youth Center, and deferred maintenance) and new mission endeavors - estimated \$650,000

Session extended Long Range Planning Task Force through August 2018 and approve the formation of two teams under LRPT: (1) Implementation Team and (2) Transition Team.

A large thank you was extended to all the members of the task force for their hard work.

August 20th:

Session approved Cookie Parnell as Treasurer for 2018.

Session approved Brent Mullis to be the Sessional Representative on the ONC in the class of 2019.

Financials as of July 31

	July Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	82,244.17	385,961.68	683,888.00
Unrest. Funds Used:	6,875.07	22,045.84	62,150.00
Endow. Funds Used:	4,972.33	34,806.31	59,668.00
Boltz Funds Used:	453.92	3,177.44	5,447.00
Sanford Bldg Maint.	114.08	798.56	1,369.00
Funds Used:			
Expenses:	79,606.10	512,651.62	910,120.00
Surplus/Deficit:	15,053.47	(65,861.79)	(97,598.00)