



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*Growing Together, Welcoming All On Providence*

# POSTSCRIPTS

July/August 2017

Sunday Worship: 10:00 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

Now that summer is here, your Stewardship Ministry Team wishes you time for all the things you enjoy most. And thank you for your continued, faithful support of the year-round work and ministry of Trinity.



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## Not the Leaders of Tomorrow - The Leaders of Today!



Youth Sunday this year was something special. The theme was "Welcoming." As a preacher I know the difference between simply sharing a message and owning a message. They owned it, and it was a powerful worship experience.

This summer, our youth will continue bearing witness with their Atlanta mission trip in June and Montreat Youth Conference in July. And sometime this fall, you'll have the opportunity to elect Trinity's very first elder of high school-age, giving our young people a voice in the leadership of our church.

I am also grateful for adults who work with our youth on a regular basis. At the parent/youth end-of-year cookout back in May, we got to give thanks for Laura-Nelle Hurst and Amy Shook, who are "retiring" from their role as youth advisors. I'm grateful for them, and also grateful for those who continue to serve and new advisors yet to be named. Stay tuned.

Oftentimes we view "youth ministry" as some program offered to our teenagers on Sunday evenings. But it is much more than that - it is young people embracing leadership in the life of our church in a variety of ways, and the church supporting them in doing so. Let us continue letting our youth lead the way!

*Steve*

## 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

## About The Doxology

For many years congregations across the globe have sung the famous last line of Anglican bishop Thomas Ken's (1637-1711) Morning Hymn. For the past year, Trinity has adopted the text written by Rev. Neil Weatherhogg (b. 1939). Both texts are theologically strong, though the Weatherhogg text more closely aligns with the Presbyterian Church's desire to reflect inclusivity with regard to gender. It also articulates the Godhead more specifically while still adhering to the form and sentiment of Ken's original poetry.

Traditional, reverent worship has always been central to Trinity. Our liturgy will continue to be theologically and structurally sound, and worshippers will always find comforting familiarity through the singing of hymns, reading of prayers, and observance of our liturgy in and through our weekly worship. The order and syntax of words may evolve and new hymns and tunes will be introduced and sung, but such is in keeping with Trinity's insistence that our worship remain intentional and intelligent, and that as a congregation we are consistently engaged in active and participatory worship which aspires to be worthy of our God. We more readily "welcome all on Providence" if our worship language is inclusive and our services are theologically sound, fresh, and creative.

## Going Out To Serve by Blakely Durham

On Sunday, June 11, eleven of us gathered in the Trinity parking lot with our wonderful leaders and then set out for Atlanta for this year's annual youth mission trip. We had a very busy week helping out at many different organizations.

At Mercy Church, which consists mostly of people experiencing homelessness, we talked with the people there, prayed the rosary with them, attended their Bible study, attended "Rockin' Rick's Music Class," and served lunch to people on the streets. It was definitely an unique and moving experience for all of us. At Action Ministries, which works with women and children experiencing homelessness, some of us served lunch to the people there while the rest of us worked with the kids. We played games with them, helped them find books, and sang silly songs.

We also worked outside. Concrete Jungle, one of the farms where we worked, is an organization that grows food in urban areas to try to encourage healthy eating. There we worked

pulling weeds and picking potatoes, squash, cucumbers, and zucchini. We also spread mulch.

This year's mission trip focused on international issues, as well as those in Atlanta. At Books for Africa, we sorted books that would be sent to places in Africa to help children learn. At MedShare, we sorted, counted, and labeled medical equipment donated by various manufacturers.

These medical supplies will be sent to third world countries across the globe that are in dire need of medical supplies.

It was a very busy week, and when we returned home on Friday, June 16, we were exhausted. But we were also fulfilled from all the mission work we did with these and other organizations. We had so many mem-

orable experiences, and we hope you'll ask any of the youth who went about the trip. Ask them which part was the most fun, what their favorite organization was, what they learned, and most importantly, what is trashketball!



## Church Together *by Meredith Thompson*

In the South – well, really, all over the world, and throughout history – we show love through food. If that’s true, love was overflowing at the end-of-church-year Family Picnic. The only thing missing was a print-out of recipes!

Along with food and fellowship, Walter Reid privileged us with a detailed update on the Capital Campaign’s progress accompanied by tours to point out what’s happening and highlight what’s to come. His update is at [bit.ly/CapitalTPC](http://bit.ly/CapitalTPC).

Younger members treated guests to travel worship kits, so families can enjoy the gift of worship while away on summer travels!

Blessed with beautiful weather (albeit warm

– just ask Mark, who lugged all those tables!) we sat in the shade of our gorgeous grounds with church family, young and old, and imagined the future - that is, between bites of casseroles, salads, and cookies, and between the shared laughter, the stories of new puppies and babies, and the tales told by grandchildren and grandparents.

As Steve described in a recent sermon on Acts and the church’s beginnings, “before they could bear witness to the world, they first had to bear witness to each other. They had to stick together. They had to pray together. They had to be church together.” Friends, it’s good to be church together.

## Trinity and Smallwood Presbyterian - A Covenant



For a little over a year, a few members of Trinity Presbyterian Church have been meeting every couple of months with a few members of Smallwood Presbyterian Church. The purpose of the gatherings is to grow community and to build relationships, particularly across racial lines. After the horrific outcome of the massacre at the Emanuel African

Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC, Dr. Lindsley called his friend, Commissioned Ruling Elder Darryl Gaston at Smallwood. Steve believed that meeting, sharing, eating, laughing, praying and worshipping together might provide an antidote to the racial hatred and distrust which exists in our society, and, as Steve said, "God took care of the rest."

Steve describes this as a "lone-view kind of relationship" and "a more open-ended approach that puts relationship building at the center." A relationship in which we ask God's blessings upon the food that we share, praying it will nourish our bodies, as we hold the hands of new friends, all eager to experience the grace of community.

## Don't Forget To Register for Montreat!

Our annual retreat to Montreat will be here before you know it, so make sure to register now! There’s always something fun for everyone, whether it’s climbing to the top of Lookout Mountain, enjoying the shops in Montreat, visiting a microbrewery, singing by the fire in the evenings, square dancing on Saturday night, taking a stroll around Lake Susan, exploring the creek, or napping! And don’t forget the great presentations from our speaker. This year, we’re thrilled to welcome Mihee Kim Kort who will speak about *Embodying Sanctuary: Acts of Radical Hospitality*. Mihee is a Presbyterian minister, agitator, speaker, writer, and slinger of hopeful stories about faith and church.

For more information about the weekend, including online registration, visit <http://trinitypreschurch.org/montreat-retreat/>. Paper registration forms are available in the church office.

## Weekday School Happenings

Kids in Motion summer camp was a success!! Out of This World (week 1), MVPs (week 2), Art Your Special (week 3) and Furry Friends (week 4) were the themes for this year, with every cycle including Silly Songs for all the campers as a group and Water Day each Thursday. Thanks to our teachers, staff and Trinity family for making camp a memorable experience!

*Our entrance project is underway!*



# 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!

## Montreat Weekend: October 13-15

The mountains are calling!

# Our Church Family

### Church Triumphant

- April 30 Harriette Dixon Grice O'Hair
- May 5 Ona Altman McConnell
- May 6 Moffatt Grier Sherard, Jr.
- June 6 Reese Jackson Austin, Sr.

### Church Sympathy

- Mar. 4 Doris Lee Strader, grandmother of Lorie Lindsley
- May 10 Henry Byler, father of Sarah Henry
- May 16 Matthew Charles Hull, husband of Michelle Hull, a Phillips Academy teacher
- May 22 Jean Lindvall, grandmother of Grace Lindvall

### Congratulations

- May 13 Marriage of Marilyn Blair Williams and Ronald David Paul Bruckman

May 22 60th anniversary of Jim and Ruth Ann Calder

### Graduations

Skylar Cornwell from East Mecklenburg High School to attend UNC-W

Molly Mazeine from Charlotte Country Day School to attend Villanova

June 11 Kevin Coppedge from Virginia Technical School of Osteopathic Medicine

## Session Highlights

### April 23rd:

The following motions were approved relating to the Capital Campaign:

- (1) create a separate working team to collect outstanding pledges;
- (2) approve construction of parking lot and columbarium to be funded by:
  - Remaining amounts in capital campaign fund, and
  - Columbarium gifts, and
  - \$50,000 from Boltz Fund for costs related to landscaping, lighting, tree removal, Saunders tree relocation and sidewalks;
- (3) approve use of up to \$60,000, as a loan, in additional funding from Endowment, to be reimbursed from outstanding pledge collections;
- (4) approve Fairwood Construction as contractor; and
- (5) approve "bonding" to defer construction of sidewalks on Montclair Avenue.

### May 21st:

Approved new Columbarium Policy and Procedure.

Empowered Long Range Planning to begin soliciting offers on the undeveloped back acreage of Trinity's property.

## Financials as of May 31

	May Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	40,519.67	260,263.27	683,888.00
Unrest. Funds Used:	1,279.55	9,318.97	62,150.00
Endow. Funds Used:	4,972.00	24,861.65	59,668.00
Boltz Funds Used:	454.00	2,269.60	5,447.00
Sanford Bldg Maint. Funds Used:	114.00	570.40	1,369.00
Expenses:	73,363.13	360,904.65	910,120.00
<b>Surplus/Deficit:</b>	<b>(26,023.91)</b>	<b>(63,620.76)</b>	<b>(97,598.00)</b>