



March/April 2017

# TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Growing Together, Welcoming All On Providence*

## POSTSCRIPTS

**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 is excited about the new PostScripts format. Please watch this space for future information about how your financial faithfulness impacts the mission and ministry of Trinity.



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**Church Life Mobile App.**

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### *PostScripts* Has a New Look!



Many of you know that Trinity has a Communications Ministry Team, but you may not know what the team's mission is. It's to tell the story of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Much like Steve says in his weekly benediction, our mission is "all that simple and all that hard." Since we formed several years ago, we've studied the many ways that Trinity communicates with its members and others, and we've even helped bring new looks to some. The church website, the bulletin, the *Weekly Word* emails, and our social media sites are just some of the areas where our ministry team members have been involved.

For *PostScripts*, we've hoped to create a true "news" letter that describes the great things that are happening at Trinity and one that better tells Trinity's story. We plan to publish a new issue every two months, and it will be emailed to all church members for whom the church office has email addresses. The church will only mail copies to those households that do not have email addresses, though several copies will be available for our visitors who might wish to take them home. By streamlining the design and reducing the amount of paper copies, we are also being good stewards of Trinity's resources.

We hope you like the new look!

*The Communications Ministry Team*

Cookie Parnell, Chair, Clinton Chandler, Josh Durham, Laura Gutknecht, Peggy Harding, Laura-Nelle Hurst, Shane Nofziger, Kathleen Schneider, and Steve Lindsley (staff liaison).

#### 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

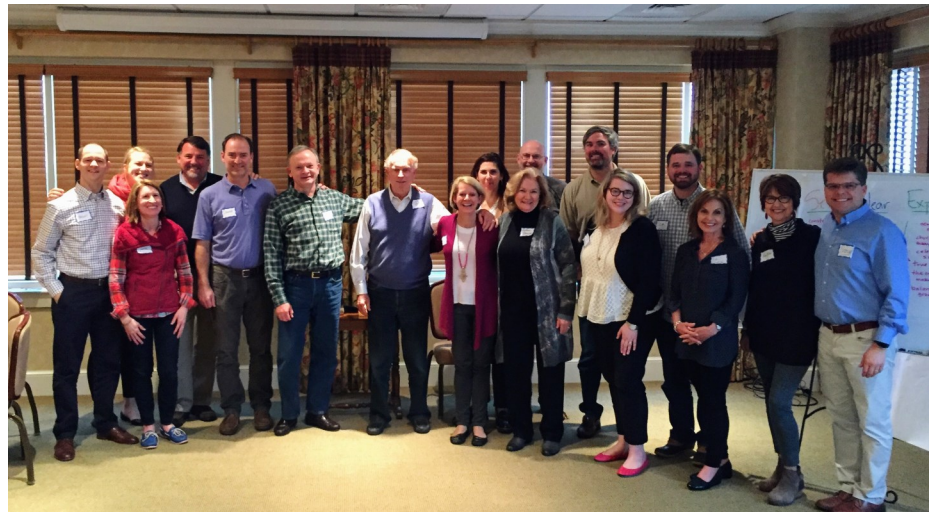
##### Serve

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

#### 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  
Bill Prestwood, Seminary Intern  
Jane Bostian Arant, Minister of Music  
Emeritus

## Trinity Looks to Future at Leadership Retreat



The view may have been cloudy and overcast out the windows of the tenth-floor City View Room at Sharon Towers, but the "visioning" efforts at the January leadership retreat were crystal clear. That's when our pastoral staff, members of Trinity's session and various ministry team members, the clerk of session, our Long Range Planning Task Force, and even two of our youth -- John Hood and Caroline Reid -- gathered to discuss Trinity's 2020 Vision. After opening worship, retreat facilitator Kim Spivey led the group in a detailed analysis of the 2020 Vision, asking the question, "What things will we see, hear and experience at Trinity in 2020 when our 2020 Vision becomes reality?" After lunch, each ministry team shared its various "action steps" for making the team's vision a reality. There were some exciting ideas for sure. Elder Kim Nims remarked, "The enthusiasm, creativity, honesty, and energy of every single person was evident." Likewise, elder Dale Sarjeant shared, "Everyone was engaged, and the day was a huge success and extremely invigorating!" Thanks to everyone who attended, and thanks to our ministry teams who will help bring this vision to life in the coming years!

A copy of the 2020 Vision is available at <http://bit.ly/2020TPC>.

## Gilchrist Sunday

Trinity was honored to host Dr. M. Craig Barnes, president and professor at Princeton Theological Seminary, on February 26th for the annual Gilchrist Sunday lecture series. Dr. Barnes is well-known to both Steve and Grace, having served as Steve's professor at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary as he pursued his Doctor of Ministry and Grace's at Princeton Theological Seminary as she pursued her Master of Divinity. Dr. Barnes taught a wonderful lesson entitled "Finding Yourself in the Bible" in which he encouraged those attending to use clues in his selected text to find ways the scripture relates to us even today. Following Sunday School, Dr. Barnes led us in worship with his sermon titled "Living A Centered Life." His sermon is at <http://bit.ly/GilchristTPC>.

Trinity was pleased to welcome to both gatherings many visitors, in particular members of the Gilchrist family, descendants of Pat and Katie Gilchrist who established an endowment to insure the future of this special event at Trinity.

## Trinity Fields Trivia Teams

On February 12th, teams from Presbyterian churches across our area participated in Presbytery Trivia Night at Myers Park Presbyterian Church. The fun and casual event benefited the Charlotte Youth Ministry Consortium, which helps smaller congregations and youth groups engage in summer mission trips.

The teams included adults and youth, laity, clergy, and session members from the participating churches. Trinity fielded three teams, comprised of thirteen of our youth and nine adults. In addition to demonstrating their knowledge about Bible trivia, North Carolina trivia, and TV trivia, the teams enjoyed fellowship with each other, dined on pizza, and bid on delicious donated baked goods.

In all, there were more than 150 people in attendance, and the event raised more than \$3,500. One of Trinity's teams, Steeple People, came in third place!



## The Voices of Room in the Inn *by Tricia Sistrunk*

Room in the Inn (RITI) has the goal of providing a warm, safe, and dry place for Mecklenburg County's homeless population during our coldest months – December through March. Approximately 130 area churches and colleges participate in the program.

For over fifteen years now, Trinity has been participating in RITI, and anyone who has interacted with our guests knows the program's other goal is to provide a voice to those we often hear about, but rarely hear from. RITI provides a voice to those experiencing homelessness. The voice of a construction worker struggling to get to work on time each morning while staying in a different church each night. The voice of a mother desperately in need of permanent housing so she can get proper treatment for her two teenage children who both suffer from PTSD. The voice of a homeless young man talking proudly about his high school basketball days, and the voice of a pregnant woman seeking shelter and escape from an abusive boyfriend. There are also the

scattered and confused voices of guests who suffer from mental illness and the defeated voices of those facing addiction.

These voices are why I and others are drawn to the RITI program. We look forward to Wednesday nights during the RITI season when we put our phones away, sit down with strangers, and commune the old-fashioned way – around the dinner table using our voices. The people we meet provide us with a deeper understanding of the issues faced by those living in poverty, those facing physical and mental disabilities or facing addiction, and those whose lives are vastly different than ours. With knowledge, we can make a difference.

As our RITI season draws to a close, we want to thank all the volunteers who help make RITI possible at Trinity. If you'd like to volunteer next season, look for sign-up information in October, or feel free to contact the church office.

## *Photos from the Weekday School*



## Our Food Truck Rally is in Full Swing



As many Trinity members know, our church has hosted a small food truck event twice a year for the last few years. Each one was well attended by our members, our Weekday School families, and many of our neighbors. It would have been nice to have been able to hold these events more frequently, but we lacked the resources to make it work. That's why Trinity was so excited when Carolina Commercial Kitchen ("CCK") approached the church about organizing a weekly food truck rally. CCK, owned by Casey Brawley, is where so many of Charlotte's finest food trucks do their food preparation. CCK agreed to handle all the publicity, set-up and clean-up, and to organize all

the trucks. Since we are blessed at Trinity with such an abundance of space and since food truck rallies are a great way to build community, this new partnership was too good to pass up. Judging by the attendance at the first events and by how many Charlotteans are spreading the news on social media, the partnership is a huge success. The rallies are held every Friday from 5-9 pm at "The Trinity Corner" (the far end of the front parking lot). We hope to see you there!

## Weekday School Happenings

Registration is underway for Trinity's "Kids in Motion" summer camp. The camp will be in session June 6th-8th, 13th-15th, 20th-22nd, and 27th-29th. Fees for the camp are a one-time registration fee of \$35 and \$90 per week.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be hosted by Trinity's Weekday School from March 20th-24th in Room 114. Hours are 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. and all during the Roger Day concert on March 23rd.

The Roger Day concert will be held on the lawn outside the Weekday School on March 23rd at 5:30 p.m. The concert is free so bring a blanket and some dinner, and enjoy the show!



## Save the Dates

**Day of Discipleship: April 2**  
immediately following worship

**Holy Week: April 9 – April 16**  
Help us celebrate the Risen Lord!  
Details at <http://bit.ly/EasterTPC>.

**Easter Egg Hunt: April 16**  
immediately following worship  
on church front lawn  
Donations of pre-filled eggs will be  
welcomed by April 2 in  
Bill Prestwood's office

**Youth Sunday: May 14**  
Join us for this very special service,  
led by our middle- and high-schoolers.

## Our Church Family

### New Members

Welcome to Mike Campbell, Steve and Katie Johnson, Eric McGovern, and Mike and Kate Wellman.

### Congratulations

Dec. 21 - Cranston and Margaret Blanks on their 50th wedding anniversary

### Births

Nov. 28 - Lara Jane Griffie, daughter of Steve and Myra Griffie and sister of Carter  
Dec. 12 - Yates Southerland Purnell, son of Jim and Carrie Dale Purnell, and grandson of Jim and Becky Purnell  
March 1 - Lincoln David Devlin, son of Brian and Kaitlyn Devlin and grandson of Peter and Elise Devlin

### Baptisms

Jan. 15 - Thomas Larkin Shook, Jr., son of Amy and Thomas Shook, brother of Harper and grandson of Pat and Debbie Fisher  
Mar. 12 - Natalie Fay Wellman, daughter of Mike and Kate Wellman

### Church Triumphant

Jan. 4 - Bennie Easton Jenkins Ficklen  
Jan. 19 - Paul Buckner Bell  
Feb. 21 - Lesker Eugene (Gene) Johnson, Jr.  
Feb. 27 - Nancy Dickson Dorrier

### Congregational Sympathy

Nov. 28 - Joann Benson Foster, mother of Stephanie Palmer, Weekday School Director  
Nov 30 - Irene Everton Blount, mother of Phil Blount, grandmother of Philip and Jamie  
Jan. 16 - Floyd Bowles, father of Kathy Coppedge and grandfather of Michelle, Michael, Lisa, Adrienne, Kevin and John Greg Melton's father  
March 4 - Doris Lee Strader, grandmother of Lorie Lindsley, great-grandmother of Connor and Hunter

## Session Highlights

### January

- Approved transfer membership of Peggy Savas to Shandon Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina
- Approved new Buildings & Grounds fee structure.
- Approved contractual agreement between Carolina Commercial Kitchen and Trinity Presbyterian Church for Food Truck Rallies on Friday evenings. Josh Durham prepared the contract for this new endeavor.
- Approved the transfer of funds in the amount of \$71,123 from the Trinity Endowment to the general operating fund as needed in 2017 to provide funding to offset the deficit from calendar 2016 (note: this requires approval by Session twice and was the first vote). This funds transfer will come from accumulated earnings in the Endowment and not original investment principal.
- Approved the wedding of Brandi Sheehan and John Green on December 2, 2017 and approved Rev. Linda Smith Bowman as the officiant.

### February

- Approved that the Officer Nominating Committee be comprised of a total of six members, where one session member is approved by session and two congregation members are approved by the congregation each year to serve a two year term, the congregation members change subject to congregational approval. The ONC change will go into effect January 2018.
- Approved the 2016 Annual Statistical Report for submission to Presbytery of Charlotte.
- Approved the transfer of funds in the amount of \$71,123 from the Trinity Endowment to the general operating fund as needed in 2017 to provide funding to offset the deficit from calendar 2016 (note: this is the second of two approvals required by Session).
- Approved the proposed Church and Weekday School budgets for 2017.
- Approved a call for a congregational meeting on Sunday, March 5, 2017 for the purpose of presenting 2017 budget to congregation for information, to vote on terms of call for Rev. Dr. Steve Lindsley and Rev. Grace Lindvall, and to vote on change in number of congregational representatives serving on the ONC.
- Accepted a gift of cash in the amount of \$16,459.83 from Rosanne Brandt, designated to the Boltz Fund.

## Financials as of Feb 28

	February Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	39,616.65	108,209.35	683,888.00
Unrest. Funds Used:	1,552.80	1,805.75	62,150.00
Endow. Funds Used:	4,972.00	9,944.00	59,668.00
Boltz Funds Used:	453.00	906.00	5,447.00
Sanford Bldg Maint. Funds Used:	114.00	228.00	1,369.00
Expenses:	62,098.46	132,248.09	910,120.00
<b>Surplus/Deficit:</b>	<b>15,390.01</b>	<b>11,154.99</b>	<b>97,598.00</b>