



# *PastScripts*

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## *Beneath the Spire...*

When I introduced myself to the congregation last month, it was mentioned that I love to sail. Indeed, sailing in the summertime is one of my favorite activities. Last week while getting things packed and re-packed for my exciting move to Charlotte, I took some time for a late afternoon sailboat race in Michigan.

Two things about this sailboat race stood out to me and sparked my mind about the beginning of my time at Trinity. The first thing is the start. The start of any sailboat race is not actually the moment the boats cross the start line, it's the five minutes before the race begins. At the five-minute mark, a horn is sounded and all the boats head behind the start line where they dance around each other, getting close to the start line without crossing it. The horn blows again at four minutes and then at one minute and then for the start. A whole lot of racing is done before the race actually begins.

Just as a whole lot of racing is done before the race begins, a whole lot has been getting done as I prepare to begin serving at Trinity. This past month I have graduated from seminary, celebrated my ordination in early June and said goodbye to friends and family. I have excitedly prepared to come serve as the Associate Minister for Missions and Church Growth at Trinity and I am thrilled that the time is now here and the work can continue. I have also been reminded "before the start" of the wonderful place to which I have been called. I beamed with joy from the video you made for my ordination service and have loved reading the welcome cards from the First Grade Sunday School Class. How happy I am to come and join you in ministry!

The second thing that happens in sailboat races has to do with the wind. The wind changes a lot in sailboat races. Setting out on a plan for a course of action, when you will tack (turn) and how you will get to the mark is often a futile exercise. With almost any race, the wind changes directions, the wind dies down or picks up unexpectedly. When the wind changes, you react to the way the wind changes, trim your sails differently and tack your boat differently, so that it makes sense for the wind.

As I begin this exciting journey with Trinity, I want you to know that I am looking forward to seeing the ways that our church can grow, the places we are feeling pulled and the ways God is calling us. As we seek to grow and continue on the journey God has set us all on, I look forward to the ways we readjust and react to God's great and surprising call on our lives together.

Let me close by saying how grateful I am to be here, how happy I am to meet everyone, to learn about you and to serve God along with you.

In Christ,

# IMPACT STORY - DC Horne

Congregation members share an "Impact Story" during the worship service at least monthly. Please find below DC Horne's story shared June 21, 2015.

*I was asked this week to give my Impact Story for Trinity and I thought, huh, that's interesting, because I'm not a member. I'm a staff person. Then I was reminded that our Intern gave her impact story. I said OK. Alright, I can follow along and so I decided to write an open letter to Grace Lindvall as she prepares to come and I think it works.*

*Dear Grace,*

*First of all I want to join with the many congregation members who have not had the chance to meet you in person and are so looking forward to welcoming you to Trinity for your first Sunday on July 12. It's coming up quickly.*

*Be prepared to be amazed during our worship services. Processing into the church after great chatter and community building with the ushers who "ush". That's my verb here. If you are an usher you are a noun but what you do is "ush". The youth acolytes who may or not be awake at this particular time of the morning, that's always fun. What the congregation doesn't know is what happens before worship will not hurt them but you will be let in on some pretty amazing last minute secrets.*

*The most crucial piece back in the Narthex is whether the lighter will light the acolyte candles and everyone engages in community prayer that the light will come and the darkness shall not put it out. Next you will have the opportunity to walk the long green mile either to the Pulpit side or the Lectern side. Now Grace, try not to weave. No one has said that or mentioned to me that I weave as I sing and follow behind the acolytes and walk with the other minister. I don't think anyone would mention this as criticism but rather as fun.*

*Grace you have probably heard that worship is most important for Trinity on its three legged stool – Worship, Study and Serve. Worship has and continues to be strong. I remember the first time I came to Trinity, in disguise, to worship and I sat in the back with the Bennett's. They turned to me after the service and asked if I might be new in town and I said yes and since they enjoyed my singing boldly, not sinning boldly, but singing boldly during the worship service, I was invited to return to worship and consider joining the choir.*

*I have visited many churches Grace and this is one of simply a small handful that spoke to me as a*

*single woman, sitting in the back, inviting me to come to church again. WOW! No husband. No children. Single woman come back to church. When I was called to Trinity six years and eight months ago I was welcomed from all points and parts of the organized church. Trinity is a welcoming community and made me feel right at home so early in my time here.*

*It was the folks on the outside, the non-members of Trinity who came to me with their rather odd questions. You see I have a history of being the first person and the first female to be ordained in the Charlotte Presbytery. Conversations would go like this: What are you doing these days DC? Oh, I am serving as a Temporary Associate Supply for Trinity Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. Smiles from me. Confused looks from the ones asking the questions. Trinity, huh, and without fail I would hear them ask questions like, are they alright over there, is everything OK? I looked at them puzzled. Sure we're great! Everything is hopeful. There's lots of energy. There's vision and direction. What are you talking about? They would explain the history of Trinity that they had heard somehow out in the world. Well Grace, this history, this story that lives on with some people out in the world has not been the body of faith I have found within these walls. I have found a diverse group of people like no other church I've served. Willing to ask the tough faith questions one to another but within a community of respect for each member.*

*Trinity is a church waiting for your leadership in the area of mission and outreach. I cannot imagine a more willing group ready to be led in mission and outreach experiences. Now here is a little secret. All point bulletin: asking for help with different jobs will not be with one or two responses. You will need to discover the secret of relationship. . . . relationship. . . . relationship. Because that's what Trinity taught me during my time here. Spend time with these marvelous people. Get to know them as individuals. Get to know their gifts and let them into your life and you will be home Grace Lindvall. You will be home. Home in the South. Be ready. Tea is sweet. Ask three times, don't stop with one. Yes ma'am and no ma'am go a long way.*

*All the best,  
DC*

**S**ummertime. Long walks on the beach, hikes up a mountain side to see a beautiful vista, a trip overseas for a really new experience, or perhaps just an opportunity to rest, relax and re-create ourselves with a break from our usual work and responsibilities. Fortunately, the church does not take a vacation. Its work and mission go on throughout the year. Its financial responsibilities continue even if its members miss a Sunday now and then. Let us all remember to keep current with our pledges and gifts to the church throughout the summer.

### **Financials as of May 31, 2015**

	<b>May Actuals</b>	<b>YTD Actuals</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
Receipts:	\$ 36,809	\$ 242,101	\$287,042
Unrestricted Funds Used:	\$ 3,574	\$ 18,351	\$ 23,675
Endowment Funds Used:	\$ 4,523	\$ 22,615	\$ 22,615
Boltz Funds Used:	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,053
Expenses:	<u>\$ 76,917</u>	<u>\$ 385,285</u>	<u>\$423,942</u>
Surplus/ <b>Deficit</b> :	\$ <b>(32,011)</b>	\$ <b>(102,218)</b>	\$ <b>(88,557)</b>

### **Session Highlights**

#### **Stated Session Meeting on June 21, 2015:**

A motion from Buildings & Grounds was approved to accept the lease between Trinity Presbyterian Church and Phillips Academy of North Carolina under terms described in the proposed lease which will begin September 1, 2015.

A motion from Personnel was approved to renew the contract with Heather Koontz as Parish Associate from September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016.

A motion from Personnel was approved to renew the contract with Christopher Gilliam as Interim Music Director through December 31, 2015 and hire Reta Phiifer as Interim Children's Choir Director at \$200 per month from September through December 31, 2015.

### **SOME NEWS FROM THE PERSONNEL MINISTRY TEAM**

In addition to Grace's arrival this month as our new Associate Minister we have some other exciting news to share about our staff leadership team.

Chris Gilliam, our Interim Music Director, has agreed to renew his contract and remain with us through the end of this calendar year. In addition, organist Michael Rowland will stay as well.

Reta Phiifer has agreed to become our new Interim Children's Choir Director.

Heather Koontz's contract as Parish Associate has been renewed through August 2016.

Thanks to each of these individuals for continuing their great work in ministry with Trinity!



## Trinity Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship Service

August 23 10:00 a.m.

# “Blessing of the Backpacks”

TK through 5th grade children will wear their backpacks into the Sanctuary. During the service, students of all ages will be asked to move forward for a special dedication of this new school year 2015- 2016.

*“Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them;*

*for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” Mark 10:14*

Collection baskets for school supplies to support “A Better World” will be placed in the Narthex and Cloister.

## We’re planning on you for lunch!

In months with a fifth Sunday, we have lunch together. A catered lunch will follow worship in the Fellowship Hall. Cost for the lunch is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. The members of the congregation are asked to provide desserts.

*This will be a great relaxing time to meet our  
new Associate Minister for Missions and Church Growth, Reverend Grace Lindvall.*



## Fifth Sunday Lunch

Sunday, August 30

Fellowship Hall - 11:15 p.m.

The cooking will be done, so just come eat! - No reservations required.



*"The mountains are calling and I must go." ~ John Muir*

# **ANNUAL RETREAT TO MONTREAT**

**October 16-18, 2015**

Join our Trinity family for a weekend of great  
fellowship, study, and fun!

**Registration deadline is September 9!**



***Can't go this year, but would like to make a donation?*** 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](http://www.trinitypreschurch.org), follow the instructions under the giving section and designate "Montreat Donation" under Misc. Income.



Gather with your Trinity friends and family for our speaker sessions and you're sure to come away inspired! These sessions are always thought-provoking, challenging, and entertaining!



Our youth will once again participate in a service project, reminding us all that there is a response in all of us to the gifts that God gives to us.



We'll have many fun lessons and activities for children! They're sure to love walking around Lake Susan and the Saturday Night Square Dance!



It wouldn't be Montreat without the Saturday night Sing-A-Long! All are welcome, and no experience is necessary!

## Tentative Schedule

### Friday, October 16

- 3:30 p.m. Check-in begins
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:45 p.m. Welcome
- 8:00 p.m. Session with Rev. Dana
  - Infant & Toddler Care
  - K to 12th Grade Sessions
- 10:00 p.m. Vespers

### Saturday, October 17

- 6:30 a.m. Group Run/Walk
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. Sessions with Rev. Dana
  - Infant & Toddler Care
  - K to 12th Grade Sessions
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Activities
- 5:15 p.m. Group Picture
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Square Dancing in Barn
- 9:00 p.m. Sing-a-long in Lobby

### Sunday, October 18

- 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 your own or a la carte  
(Sunday lunch not included  
in meal plan)



# **PATRICK SPEAKER**

## **"The Improvising God: A New Theology for an Imperfect World"** **Rev. MaryAnn McKibben Dana**

MaryAnn McKibben Dana is a writer, pastor and speaker living in Virginia. She is author of *Sabbath in the Suburbs*, a Chalice Press bestseller for two years running and a "must read" by Ministry Matters. Her forthcoming book is *Spirituality for the Smartphone Age*. Her writing has appeared in [TIME.com](http://TIME.com), The Washington Post, Religion Dispatches, Journal for Preachers, and the Christian Century, and in a monthly column for Presbyterians Today. She was recently featured on PBS's Religion and Ethics Newsweekly for her work on Sabbath.

She is a sought-after speaker, preacher, conference leader and writer around issues of leadership, faith formation, technology, and congregational transformation. She served as co-chair for two years of [NEXT Church](http://NEXT Church), a movement within the Presbyterian Church (USA) that seeks to call forth vital ministry for our changing cultural context. MaryAnn is a graduate of Rice University in Houston, Texas and received her M.Div. in 2003 from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. She is a mother of three, a haphazard knitter, and an occasional marathoner. Connect with MaryAnn at her website, [The Blue Room](http://The Blue Room) ([theblueroomblog.org](http://theblueroomblog.org)).



### **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.

### **Perrin Thomson Montreat Fund**

Perrin had a great love for the Montreat Retreat weekend and left a gift to Trinity to help offset Montreat expenses for Trinity members. Every Trinity member going to Montreat will share in Perrin's marvelous gift:

- ~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 (Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast.)
- ~All Trinity members receive reduced registration fees.

## Assembly Inn Rates — October 16, 17, and 18, 2015

Room with private bath	\$ 96.30 per night includes tax
Connecting rooms with private bath	\$192.60 per night includes tax
Connecting rooms with shared bath	\$171.20 per night includes tax

### Registration Fees:

\$10.00 per Trinity member adult    \$30.00 per non-member adult    \$10.00 per non-member child

### Meal Fees:

Adult meals for the weekend are \$54.04 (includes tax) per person and begin with Friday supper and end with Sunday breakfast. All children through high school receive complimentary meals provided by the Thomson Fund. Please note any food allergies on your registration form below as Montreat must have this information in advance of your arrival.

### ASSEMBLY INN NON-REFUNDABLE ROOM DEPOSIT

There is a deposit of \$70.00 that must be paid with registration due by September 9 (this deposit is applied to your final balance). The balance of your room and meals will be due in ADVANCE on Friday, October 9 and payable by check to Trinity Presbyterian Church or you may pay online by going to the Trinity website, [www.trinitypreschurch.org](http://www.trinitypreschurch.org), using VISA, Mastercard, Discover, debit card, or bank draft.

Please remember that all persons under the age of 18 who are 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.

### TRINITY MONTREAT REGISTRATION FORM

3115 Providence Road  
Charlotte, NC 28211

I/We prefer a (check one):

- ☐ Room with a private bath  
☐ Connecting rooms with a private bath in each room  
☐ Connecting rooms with a shared bath

Please circle preferred accommodations (not guaranteed)

King bed

Queen bed

Twin beds

Most single rooms can accommodate an air mattress or sleeping bag.

☐ **Are you a First Time Attendee?** (See Thomson Fund information on previous page)

Names of adults attending: (please print)      Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Names of children attending. Please list ages and school grade as of September 2015: (please print)

Food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please return registration form by Wednesday, September 9, 2015 with your deposit of \$70.00.





It is not too late to register for the 2015-16 school year! Registration is now on a first-come, first-served basis. Summer office hours are Monday-Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Feel free to stop in for a tour! Registration forms are available in both the weekday school and church volunteer offices. We look forward to serving you and your family. Have a joy-filled summer!

**We had a blast at the “Kids in Motion” WDS Summer Camp with Summer Science, Around the World, Wacky Olympics and Treasure Hunt! Mark your calendars for March 2016 as registration information will be available for the 2016 Summer Camp Program. Also, like us on Facebook to see more great pics of our summer fun!**





**SAVE THE DATE!**

# ANNUAL COLLEGE OF ELDERS DINNER

**Sunday, September 20th  
6:00pm**

**Carson Fellowship Hall**

Good food & fellowship  
A good word from Steve

Our featured speaker:  
Rev. Grace Lindvall,  
Our new Associate Pastor for  
Missions & Church Growth

\$10 for dinner  
Spouses encouraged to attend  
RVSP INFO TO COME

# What's Happening at Trinity

August 1	<b>PostScripts</b> Deadline, September Issue	August 19	American Needlepoint Guild
August 3	Sew 'N Sews Mondays (weekly)	August 23	Blessing of the Backpacks
August 4	F3 Nation Fitness & Leadership (weekly)		Installation of Reverend Grace Lindvall and Reception following worship
	Sew 'N Sews Tuesdays (weekly)		Personnel Ministry Team
	Trinity Staff Meeting (weekly)	August 24	Worship Ministry Team
	AI-Anon (weekly)	August 25	Shepherd's Center 35th Year Celebration and Open House
August 5	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (weekly)		
	Welcoming Ministry Team	August 26	Embroiderers' Guild
August 6	Alzheimer's Support Groups (weekly)	August 30	Fifth Sunday Lunch
	Mercy School of Nursing	August 31	Weekday School Staff Luncheon
	Rehearsal and Graduation		Teachers return for the week
	Bridge		
August 7	F3 Nation Fitness & Leadership (weekly)		
	Sons of Timaeus (weekly)		
August 10	Stewardship Ministry Team		
	Weekday School Ministry Team		
August 12	Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team		
	Finance Ministry Team		
August 16	Stated Session		

## Congregational Sympathy

James L. Nutter

June 25

Father of Michael Nutter

Grandfather of Molly Anderson and Eli Nutter

## Summer Worship Hours

Sunday morning worship begins at 10:00 a.m. through September 6. There will also be NO Sunday School during this period.



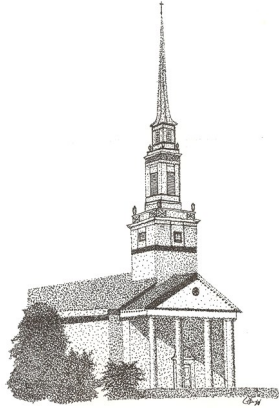
**Trinity Softball 2015.** Well, after a demoralizing Championship loss(es), we still had a great season and should be proud of our accomplishments! Thanks for everyone's hard work. We will be putting more effort into the field throughout the year and recruiting new players. We look forward to a great time next year!





# TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Worship at Trinity

Summer Worship Hours  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

### Publication Deadlines

Sunday Bulletin/Church Notes: Wednesdays at Noon  
Newsletter - *PostScripts* and Website: 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month

### THE SESSION

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Moderator  
Fran Worthington, Clerk  
Damon Coley, President of the Corporation

#### Class of 2015

Helen Alford  
Damon Coley  
Lynn Davis  
Laura Gutknecht  
Candy Hambacher  
Bob Lyons  
Shane Nofziger  
Bruce Voorheis

#### Class of 2016

Steve Ball  
Marty Brownlow  
Tom Collins  
Betty Lynn Lambert

#### Class of 2017

Tony Arey  
Donnie Bobbitt  
Liz Countess  
Warren Henry  
Lori O'Keefe

## ADMINISTRATIVE ROSTER FOR 2015

### CLERK

Fran Worthington

### MINISTRY TEAMS

### TEAM CHAIRMAN

#### Equip

Buildings and Grounds	Tony Arey, Hayden McMahon
Capital Campaign	Walter Reid
Communications	Cookie Parnell
Finance	Damon Coley
Personnel	Lori O'Keefe, Donnie Bobbitt

#### Grow

Christian Formation	Laura Gutknecht, Candy Hambacher, Tom Collins
Welcoming	Marty Brownlow
Worship	Betty Lynn Lambert, Liz Countess, Bob Lyons
Youth	Laura Gutknecht

#### Serve

Congregational Care	Helen Alford
Fellowship	Steve Ball
Mission and Outreach	Warren Henry
Stewardship	Bruce Voorheis
Weekday School	Lynn Davis

### CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Senior Minister  
The Reverend Grace Lindvall, Associate Minister  
The Reverend Heather Koontz, Parish Associate  
Chris Gilliam, Interim Minister of Music  
Michael Rowland, Interim Organist  
Becky Purnell, Office Manager  
Cheryl Jernigan, Financial Administrator  
Bill Jones, Facilities Manager  
Stephanie Palmer, Weekday School Director  
Jill Billings, Weekday School Assistant Director  
Mark Grube, Part-time Event Assistant

### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.