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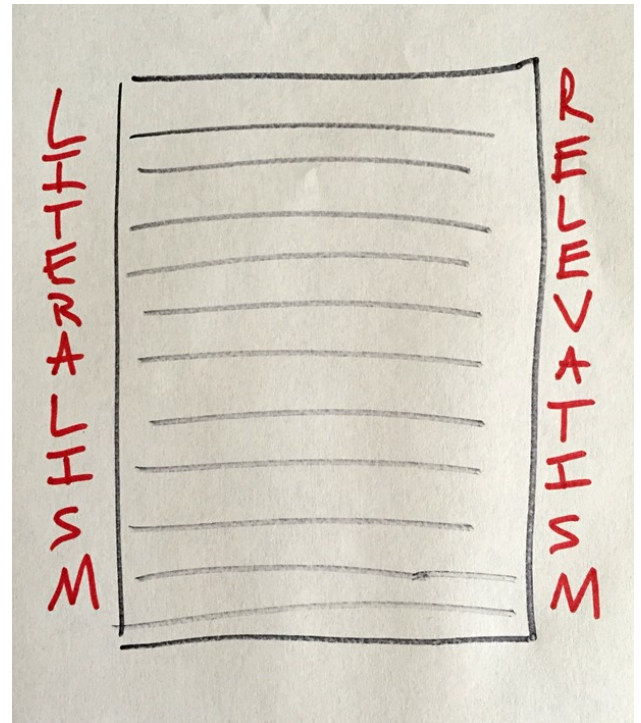
Beneath the Spire...

STAYING “IN-BOUNDS” IN HARD CHURCH CONVERSATIONS

Back on June 5, we had our “Discernment Dinner” as part of our church’s conversation regarding same-sex weddings at Trinity. Around 80 church folks brought delicious food (heavy representation from Bojangles’ and Domino’s, I might add), listened to Richard Boyce from Union Presbyterian Seminary share his expertise, and graciously received thoughts from Grace and myself (which you can read on the next two pages).

Richard talked about marriage as a covenant and the implications of that for faithful living in our day and time. He also talked about, of all things, a football field. Richard imagined a church’s conversation about this topic or any difficult matter taking place on a football field (a poor rendition of which you’ll find to the right). He emphasized the importance of everyone staying in the “field of play” as they converse, as they agree and disagree. The problem occurs when we stray out of bounds on either sideline. One sideline is literalism – the idea that the Bible is 100% clear on everything, end of discussion. The other sideline is relativism, the idea that anything goes and if it’s alright for everyone else it’s alright for us.

I am pleased that Trinity seems to be having this conversation about same-sex marriage while staying inbounds – resisting the urge to make declarations or denigrations and listening to those we agree with and those we do not. I hope those who attended the June 5 dinner felt this way, and I hope we as a church continue to be committed to honest, open and loving dialogue leading up to and beyond our Session’s vote in August.



Let me remind you that the Discernment Process Study Group welcomes your thoughts via letter, and that all letters will be read by Session, the DPSG, Grace and myself. Just email your thoughts to Josh (jdurham1015@gmail.com) or bring a letter by the church (a drop-off box is available in the church workroom for your convenience). I am grateful to serve a church who tackles the hard issues and stays “in-bounds” as they lead forward!

Yours in Christ,

Steve

Personal and professional views from Steve and Grace shared on June 5 regarding same-sex marriage

STEVE

The issue of human sexuality - specifically homosexuality and same-sex marriage - has been a backdrop on my entire 19 years of ordained ministry. Literally, the same year that the PCUSA adopted language in our Book of Order prohibiting the ordination of gay persons was the same year I was ordained as a PCUSA minister.

In one sense I regret that it's taken up so much of the church's time and energy, when there are plenty of other things we need to focus on. But I also realize that this is a very important matter in our culture and in the church, and I'm grateful to be part of a denomination which has actively wrestled with it, even though it's taken many years and even though it's led to individuals and churches leaving our denomination.

I can tell you that, from the get-go, I never felt it made much sense for the church to say to an LGBT person, "We know you think you're called to ministry, but because you're LGBT, we can tell you that you're not." So I have long supported the ordination of gay and lesbian persons. My journey on same-sex marriage has been a little more nuanced and I wasn't fully aware of where I stood until around eight years ago when I met my cousin's partner. Getting to know them and know their struggles as a loving couple who simply wanted to have that love validated in the same way as a heterosexual couple and getting to celebrate with them when Amendment One was struck down a couple of years ago, all of that helped clarify for me where I stood on the matter.

And over and over again I keep coming back to a number of things. I keep coming back to the fact that welcoming all, as our church's catch-phrase goes, cannot be welcoming some. I keep coming back to the fact, as Richard mentioned, that some of the scriptures typically thought to be anti-LGBT are more than likely taken out of context. I keep coming back to Jesus, who never once commented on this issue, only that his actions were consistently about loving everyone, even and especially those maligned by the society of his day. And I keep coming back to one of the very first things I promised you when you called me here as your senior pastor - that I would strive to let love guide me in everything I did, and if I were ever going to err, I would always err on the side of love.

I also keep coming back to Susie. Maybe you know a Susie, maybe you don't. I bet you do, whether you realize it or not. When Susie is born and the news shared with her church, the whole congregation rejoices. Later, her parents ask for her to be baptized, and the church says, "yes, of course!" During her early years the church says, "yes, of course!" to Susie by providing Sunday school and Sunday night youth for her. When she goes through confirmation, the session and congregation enthusiastically say, "yes, of course!" When she asks to serve as an acolyte and crucifer, the church says, "yes, of course!" The church says, "yes, of course!" when they give her a Bible her senior year. Throughout college and early adult years, the church says, "yes, of course!" when she comes home to visit and reconnect. Then one day, Susie tells the church that she has found the love of her life and wants to be married in the place that literally, "yes, of course!" her from birth. She also tells them that the love of her life is named Emma.

So what does the church say now? If I'm honest with you, I struggle mightily with a church who, after all those, "yes, of course!" would say in this instance, "no, of course not!" For me, at least, that just does not feel like church. That is why, should session adopt this measure, I would be happy that Trinity is not just aligning with our denomination, but aligning with what I feel is our calling as the welcoming and loving body of Christ. And if it does not, if I'm honest with you, well, we would still no doubt do many, many great things as a church. But we would not do them as a church that welcomes all. We would do them as a church that welcomes some.

With all that said, I realize my role as one of Trinity's pastors is to love and serve all the people, no matter who they are or what they believe. This means that I'm not only called to love and care for that LGBT person who wants to be treated the same, but also to love and care for those, who, in good conscience and with a loving heart, do not feel same-sex marriage is right. No matter what you believe about this issue, you have a place here at Trinity. So whatever our session decides and whatever you as a church member feel, I will continue to love you and be your pastor. That is my promise to you.

GRACE

David LaMotte has a saying, “I welcome you, I welcome all of you, I welcome each of you and I welcome each of all of you.” When I think about the ways that this decision might affect my ministry, I am drawn time and time again to this David LaMotte quote. It reminds us of what it means to be a welcoming church, a church that welcomes not just your presence in the sanctuary but your lifestyle, your faults, your talents, your relationships, your quirks, your family, all the things about you that make you . . . **you**. We welcome that. We have had many conversations as a church about being a “welcoming church.” I want us to be a welcoming church. Many of you have felt the warm greetings of our congregation when someone shakes your hand or gives you a hug and tells you, “we’re so glad you are here.” That is the church I love, the church that tells all of us, all of each of us, how glad we are that you are here.

I recognize that my experiences are different from some of other generations - my generation has long been a generation welcoming and accepting of LGBT people. The conversation has looked different in my generation. I recognize that the many generations we have represented in our congregation have viewed and learned about this topic in different ways. Regardless of generational differences, however, I think about when this became less of an “issue” to me and more personal. When it became not just about rights or beliefs but an understanding of people I love.

I think a lot of my good friend Sam. Sam is a dear friend of mine in ministry and in life. I think of his love and passion for ministry; I think of his partner, David, and the love they share which has inspired me to love more, to care deeply, to laugh together, to enjoy one another and encourage one another. I think of Sam; I think of David; I think of love shared between two people, a love I want to see lifted up.

I also think about Kevin and Dan. Kevin and Dan were members of my home congregation; they had a young daughter, Emma. Kevin and Dan may have been the first gay couple I knew, a couple I met in 9th grade. I remember receiving their Christmas cards each year, among our stockpile of Christmas cards. I remember the love they shared, the love they offered their sweet daughter, the leadership they offered our church, the prayers they offered for me as I went to college and then on to serve as a YAV. I think about them and their relationship that was not recognized until their daughter was a teenager, but a love that raised a beautiful daughter, that fostered faith, that provided leadership in a congregation.

I think about people I know, loving relationships I have experienced, single friends who have come out but go through dating woes that I have experienced as well. I think about my gay friends and I think about how I want them to know I love them, the church loves them, the church loves all of them.

I think about this as an issue for the church, to offer pastoral care, love and welcome arms and hearts to those in same-sex relationships. I think about how this not only offers pastoral care and love to those in same-sex relationships but also those seeking to be in same-sex relationships. This is a message of love, of care, of welcome.

How would this affect my ministry:

1. Marriage is a pastoral care concern. It is one way we offer pastoral care to those in our midst. We offer pre-marital counseling, share in the joys of couples as they make a covenant with God, share in the celebration of families coming together, share in the worship of God which is the wedding ceremony. This is one of the ways which we offer pastoral care to our congregation. I hope to be able to offer that pastoral care to anyone who comes honestly, lovingly, and humbly seeking that.

2. I am drawn time and time again to what it means to be a welcoming congregation. This would affect my ministry if we vote against alignment with the PCUSA as it may affect the ways we share about how we are welcoming. Are we welcoming all of you? Are we welcoming each of you? And most specifically, are we welcoming all of each of you? I would like to honestly say that when we welcome folks to our church we welcome all of them to all of us, to all of our ministry, to all of our pastoral care, to all of our love.

3. No matter what, whatever choice is made, I want you to know as your pastor, I love you, I will love you and I hope that if we have disagreements we can always do so in Christian love for one another.

I also want to be honest and totally open about my thoughts. I have shared how I foresee this decision affecting my ministry. I also want to share my hope in full disclosure. I feel comfortable and confident in officiating a same-sex wedding for a couple seeking to be married in our church and it is my hope that our congregation would align itself with the PCUSA in its definition of marriage by allowing same-sex weddings to take place on Trinity’s campus.



Welcome Kevin

I'm so pleased to share with you that we have hired a new Facilities Manager. Kevin Nunnery comes to us with over a decade's worth of experience as a church facilities manager. He brings high qualifications, a strong skill level and, as you'll quickly learn, a very friendly and warm personality.

Kevin started work on June 1. Most of his time so far has been getting oriented to the many, many things he'll have under his charge. Kevin's working hours will be Monday - Friday from 9:00 to 5:00. He'll be working closely with the Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team, along with Becky and myself, to care for our facility and campus needs.

Kevin has lived in Charlotte for over twenty years. He is married and his wife, Lindsey, works in Salsarita's corporate office. Together they have a seven year old son, Owen.

Please feel free to stop by sometime and introduce yourself. We are pleased to welcome him to our staff leadership team!

In Christ,
Steve

Music Ministry Area

The music ministry at Trinity is excited about the newest addition to our worship offerings. Following approval by the Worship Committee and Session, the west transept of Trinity's sanctuary is being designed to enhance the role of the music ministry in our weekly worship.

The music ministry area will be a beautiful, flexible space designed to accommodate a number of purposes. Though the choir loft (*with the Möller Organ, Op. 10031*) will continue to be our regular, weekly home, on the few occasions each year that the choir sings an anthem suited for piano accompaniment, they will have a resonant and intentional space from which to sing from the west transept. As seating in the transept will allow configuration in any combination of arrangements, the area can still be utilized for overflow seating as necessary—or cleared completely to accommodate guest musicians participating in worship with us.

For smaller, more intimate services like Maundy Thursday, music from the transept will help to provide the meditative atmosphere such intimate worship requires, while also allowing the choir and musicians to engage with the congregation more closely in the solemnity of those sacred moments.

In addition to the Steinway B and harpsichord that are already part of Trinity's ministry, a beautiful 2-rank Wicks pipe organ and baby grand piano, my own personally-owned instruments, are being added to the space. The smaller pipe organ is particularly suited to chamber music as well as music from the Baroque era. An additional smaller pipe organ in the sanctuary transept will provide yet another element of beauty in our stunning sanctuary, enable artistic flexibility in worship services, and serve as a demonstration of Trinity's continued commitment to quality sacred music.

Trinity seeks to honor God in all things, especially in worship through music. The redesign of the transept will be one more way that Trinity demonstrates the desire to worship God through music that is rooted firmly in the tradition of the past as a foundation for our growth and future. In utilizing a formerly underutilized space, we demonstrate our commitment to the resources that God has entrusted to us and we take steps forward to greater opportunity in ministry and worship.

Dr. Christopher Gilliam
Director of Music

ELDER SUGGESTIONS

The **Officer Nominating Committee** invites your suggestions for members to serve on the Session. Please use this form for making suggestions or submit written suggestions to a member of the Nominating Committee. **It would be helpful if recommendations are supported with reasons** you believe a particular person is qualified to serve. There is a box for submissions in the church office workroom.

The Nominating Committee will give consideration to each candidate's:

Christian living in daily life

Within the family, at work, in the community
Someone who loves Jesus and loves his church

Commitment to the church

Regular worship attendance
Stewardship of finances, time and talents
Participation in church activities
Offices previously or currently held

Leadership characteristics

Team player
Commitment to the "greater good" above personal agendas
Openness to new ideas and readiness to listen
Willingness to express own ideas
Willingness to serve on or chair a sessional ministry team
Available for monthly session meetings and ministry team meetings as needed

Please submit your suggestions by 5:00 p.m., Sunday, June 26, 2016 so that the committee's work may be completed in a timely manner. Return your suggestions to the church office or to any member of the Nominating Committee: **Class of 2016** – Tom Collins, Betty Lynn Lambert, Margaret Rowe and Ron Twitty; **Class of 2017** – Donnie Bobbitt, Liz Countess, Kelly Coley, Brent Mullis and Louise Sanford. **The Nominating Committee reminds you that at this point in the process there is no need to contact the individual(s) whose name(s) you are submitting.** Thank you.

After prayerful consideration, I suggest the following person(s) to be considered for the office of Elder:

Name: _____

Comments: _____

Name: _____

Comments: _____

Name: _____

Comments: _____

Name: _____

Comments: _____

Name of member submitting this form: _____

Other names may be submitted on a separate sheet of paper.

ANNUAL RETREAT TO MONTREAT

October 14-16, 2016

David LaMotte

PATRICK SPEAKER

“Worldchanging 101 - Challenging the Myth of Powerlessness”



What does the Lord require of you? Are we really called to “do justice?” What does that look like in our daily lives? How does large-scale change really happen? David does not pretend to offer answers, but rather suggests different and perhaps more productive questions. In this case, the questions are: How we are called to engage the world around us and how do we practically approach that work? David will challenge our deeply embedded narratives of how large scale change occurs and offer a fresh framework to examine our own capacity for making a significant impact on the world.

Find out more about David, his writing, and his music through his website - <http://www.davidlamotte.com/>.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY, October 14, Evening

- 3:30 p.m. Check-in begins
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:45 p.m. Welcome
- 8:00 p.m. First Session with David LaMotte
 - Infant and Toddler Care
 - K to 12th Grade Sessions
- 10:00 p.m. Vespers led by Youth

SATURDAY, October 15, Morning

- 6:30 a.m. Group Run/Walk
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Sessions with David LaMotte
 - Infant and Toddler Care
 - K to 12th Grade Sessions
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch

SATURDAY, October 15, Afternoon

- 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Activities
- 5:15 p.m. Group Picture
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Square Dance in Barn
- 9:00 p.m. Sing-a-long in Lobby

SUNDAY, October 16, Morning

- 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 own

- Hiking up Lookout Mountain
- Paddle boats/canoeing on Lake Susan
- Shopping in Montreat or Black Mountain
- Fishing in Lake Susan (bring your own gear)
- Watching football in lobby
- Montreat playground
- Bridge and card games
- Second Annual Brewery Tour
- Bubbling stream for wading
- Kids' Scavenger Hunt

CHILD CARE AND YOUTH CLASSES

Infant and 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.

TRINITY MONTREAT REGISTRATION FORM

3115 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28211

Registration deadline is **September 12** and can be done online by clicking [here](http://trinitypreschurch.org/montreat-retreat/) or copying this link into your browser <http://trinitypreschurch.org/montreat-retreat/>.

Names of adults attending. (please print):

Contact email address _____ **Phone** _____

Names of children attending. Please list ages and school grade as of September 2016. (please print):

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| _____ | Age _____ | Grade _____ |
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Preferred Room Type. Most single rooms can accommodate an air mattress or sleeping bag. Room choices are not guaranteed and assignments are made on a first-come first-serve basis.

- ☐ Single Room with private bath - \$107.00 per night, includes tax (1 bedroom, 1 bathroom)
Please check preferred accommodations (not guaranteed) - King Queen Twin
- ☐ Connecting rooms with shared bath - \$ 188.32 per night, includes tax (2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom)
Please check preferred accommodations (not guaranteed) - King & Twin Queen & Twin
- ☐ Connecting rooms with private bath in each room - \$214.00 per night, includes tax (2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms)
Please check preferred accommodations (not guaranteed) - King & Twin Queen & Twin

Are you a First Time Attendee? (See Thomson Fund information on previous page.) Yes No

Food allergies (Montreat must have this information prior to your arrival): _____

FEES

Conference Fees - Fees are non-refundable unless requested room can be filled with another attendee.
Conference Fee is \$20.00 per person if registration form is received *before July 1*
Conference Fee will be \$30.00 per person for registration forms *received after July 1*

Meal Fees - Adult meals are \$54.04 (includes tax) per adult and begins with Friday supper and ends with Sunday breakfast. All children through high school receive complimentary meals paid for by the Thomson Fund.

The balance of your room and meals will be due on Monday, October 10 and payable by check to Trinity Presbyterian Church or you may pay online by clicking [here](https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=95700) or copying this link into your browser <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=95700>.

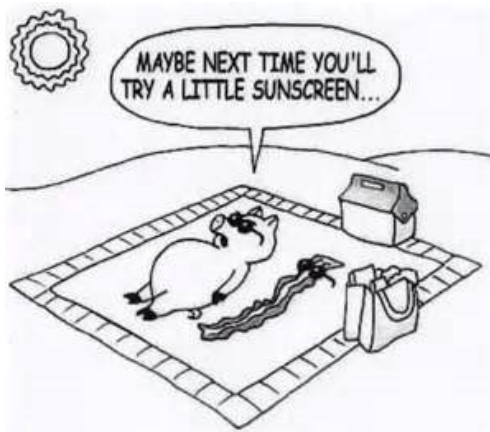
Please remember that all persons under the age of 18 attending without their families must have a designated adult guardian to be responsible for the young person(s) all weekend. The designated guardian must have a signed parental consent form, which provides for emergency medical treatment. These forms are available in the church office or you may download when registering online.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Growing, Playing and Learning together!

Summer Safety Tips for Parents



Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going outside and reapply as needed.

Wear hats and sunglasses.

Stay hydrated with plenty of water; try to avoid soda.

Supervise your child at all times in and around the pool or any other body of water.

“Leaves of three, let them be!” Familiarize yourself with what poison ivy and oak look like and avoid contact.

Read with your child every day.

Stay active... limit screen time.

SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR!

Please share this info with a neighbor or friend.

Visit our website at www.trinitypreschurch.org or Like us on Facebook.
Call us at 704.366.3556 and speak with Stephanie Palmer.
Email us at spalmer@trinitypreschurch.org.
Schedule a tour.



We look forward to serving you and your family!

IMPACT STORY - Carol Sugg

Congregation members share an "Impact Story" during the worship service at least monthly. Please find below Carol Sugg's story shared February 28, 2016.

Good morning.

I am Carol Sugg. My family and I have been members at Trinity for over 27 years. To convey to you the impact Trinity has had on our lives would be an impossible task and one that would take more than a few minutes. Instead, I'd like to focus on the impact the Montreat Youth Conferences have had on me and some of the youth and adults here at Trinity.

Although I am a born-and-bred Presbyterian, I knew nothing of the summer Montreat Youth Conferences that began in the 1960's until I came to Trinity. When our now 24-year-old son was in middle school, 12 or 13 years ago, there was a member here named Barbara Fuller. Barbara came to Trinity knowing about these youth conferences since her children had attended them. One summer she got a small group of middle schoolers together which included our son, Gary, and took them to the regional Montreat Middle School Conference that was held at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. They left one summer morning for three days of worship, study and recreation with other youth and adults from eight states and Puerto Rico.

Our son came home exhausted but ecstatic about his experience there. He was determined to return every year. By the next summer, Barbara and her family had moved their church membership closer to their home in Weddington so I accompanied our son and the two Bradley boys, Wil and Wes, to this conference. Being a "newbie" I had no idea what to expect but had heard nothing but high praise from any Presbyterian minister I asked as well as Barbara.

What an experience! As you know middle-schoolers have a LOT of energy and I quickly discovered what a wonderful outlet this conference was for that! There were non-stop activities from the time we got there that afternoon until we left, dragging ourselves and our luggage to the van three days later. I would've never believed I'd EVER see young people who couldn't WAIT to get into a worship service – lining up outside the closed doors in anticipation. Although the music and worship was a high energy version, we talked about how it really was quite similar to what they had seen at Trinity since it contained all the components of worship as directed by the Book of Order.

And if watching 800 young people actively participating in worship wasn't enough, following each morning's keynote address which was an emphasis of a certain aspect of the conference

theme, came the small group experience. Each of us from Trinity was assigned to a DIFFERENT smaller group of 20-25 people where more in-depth discussions and activities took place elaborating on the morning's keynote address. We each met with our small group four or five times over the next three days and got to know the people in those groups quite well – to the point where one of us was always pointing out someone on campus and saying, "She's in my small group," or "He's my small group leader." Between us we now knew over 100 people at the conference. After my first experience I came back exclaiming to our ministers, "If every parent understood what this was, they would INSIST their child attend!"

By the time of high school years, we were in for a full WEEK of this kind of study, worship and fellowship with over 1,000 of our closest Presbyterian friends! And the location was now our beloved Montreat where this congregation gathers each fall for our annual retreat. The high school conference is not a regional conference but draws from the entire United States as well as other countries. I think when North Carolinians hear of a youth retreat in Montreat, they don't realize just how far-reaching it is since it's only a two hour drive for us. When the high school conference began back in the 1960's, it was held one week out of the summer. When that filled, they began doing it two weeks each summer. The conference has become so popular, they now hold six different conferences each summer for high school students. We have gotten to know people from far and near: North Dakota, California, Texas, Korea and Haiti as well as many churches from states closer to ours. One of my favorite things to do is walk through the parking lot and notice all the different church vans and cars that have signs naming their church. We have met a group who chartered a bus and rode 23 straight hours from Texas – sleeping on the bus – both coming and going home in order to attend. One group from California flew 40 people to the conference. These conferences are BIG and have a wonderful reputation among clergy and educators in our denomination. I have known quite a few Presbyterian ministers in my life. I have YET to find one who has said ANYTHING negative about the Montreat Youth Conferences.

I continued to attend the conferences through our son's high school years and even after he graduated. I became only MORE impressed with how well thought-out the schedules and overall conference is

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and especially how PRESBYTERIAN it is! While the energy and enthusiasm of the youth is VERY high, the conference does not exploit that energy and enthusiasm in any way! They could collect an offering at every worship service – but they don't. They could hold a nightly "altar call" and most likely have most – if not all of those attending come forward – but they don't. At one of the middle school conferences, they discussed baptism in the morning keynote address. That evening at worship, they held a "renewal of your baptism" which was a gesture of removing a stone from water as you walked by the font. Before this ritual began, it was adamantly expressed, "This is NOT baptism! If you have not been baptized and would like to be, speak with your parents and pastor upon your return to your home church." I remember thinking, "How very decent and orderly of them."

The youth and adults who attend are there for one purpose: to deepen their faith and hopefully to instill a lifetime of spiritual seeking. Questioning is highly encouraged. No one claims to have all the answers. The adults in leadership roles at the conferences as well as those participating in the small groups admit openly to "the lifelong journey" of faith and how hard it can be at times when life throws us curve balls and puts up roadblocks. I'm sure many of you realize how OTHER people's children will listen to you more intently than your own. These conferences are a place where you can trust what the other adults are telling your children. We're all in this together and have the same goal of doing a small part to raise a faithful generation.

These conferences build relationships that last a lifetime. Just ask our Senior Pastor – Steve who first attended as a youth himself. Ask any of the youth from Trinity who have attended. More than once my

family has been on a road trip only to find our son is communicating with someone he knows who lives in the area – which at times is several states away. When I have asked him, "How do you know so-and-so?" many times the answer is "Montreat."

Again this summer Trinity is offering the opportunity for middle school and high school youth to be a part of this amazing experience our denomination has created for them. We cannot send a group without adult chaperones. If you are asked to accompany a group do yourself a favor and do it! Better yet – VOLUNTEER to go! I can promise you will come away with renewed optimism about not only youth in general, but our denomination as well which will be in the hands of these youth in a very short time. Just so you'll know Trinity pays 100% of your conference fees and expenses as an adult chaperone.

If you are the parent – or grandparent – of a middle school or high school youth, STRONGLY encourage them to attend. Once they go, they won't want to miss again. I can tell you who in this congregation would be more than happy to talk to you about their experience since they've attended. In addition to Trinity's ministers and our son Gary, those people are: Wil and Wes Bradley; Doug and Marie Henry; Molly Nutter Anderson, brother Eli as well as mom, Sandra; Rob and Rick Hutchins; Bryce Humphreys; Millie and Ellie Hair; Daniel King and mom, Susan; Lily Thomas; Ginny Horne and mom,; DC; Duncan and Henry Pickett; Blakely Durham; John and David Hood; Jimmy Click; Connor Lindsley; Kit Shuder and Casey Field.

If I have left your name out of this list, I apologize. I'll buy you an ice cream cone at Huckleberry next time we're in Montreat! Thank you all for your attention.



CALLING ALL GARDENERS - We have had two big garden donations to Friendship Trays, 46 pounds of turnip greens on one occasion and 79 pounds of turnips and their greens on another. Tomatoes were planted in the place once occupied by the turnips. The Sign Up Genius page was just updated. The link is <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0845a5a72ba2fc1-tending>. Please check your calendar and sign up for a duty week.



FRIENDSHIP TRAY DRIVERS NEEDED - We are still down a couple of drivers to deliver Friendship Tray meals due to folks moving or retirements. If you have a couple of hours a month, you can deliver free nutritious meals to homebound neighbors on our established route near the church. Most folks deliver one day a month but you can do a couple if you are so moved. If you are interested, contact Linda Brown, 704.364.6631 or lindamkbrown@gmail.com for more information or to schedule a "practice" day to see what it is all about.

What's Happening at Trinity

July 1 **PostScripts** Deadline, August Issue
F3 Nation Fitness & Leadership (weekly)
Sons of Timaeus

July 4 Independence Day
Church Office Closed

July 5 F3 Nation Fitness & Leadership (weekly)
Sew 'N Sews Tuesdays (weekly)
Trinity Staff Meeting (weekly)
Al-Anon (weekly)

July 6 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (weekly)
Welcoming Ministry Team

July 7 Bridge (weekly)

July 7-10 Massanetta Springs
Middle School Conference

July 11-14 Philips Academy Summer Program

July 11 Sew 'N Sews Mondays (weekly)
Weekday School Ministry Team

July 12 Communications Ministry Team

July 13 In-Home Communion
Shepherd Center Travel Committee
Finance Ministry Team
Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team

July 14 In-Home Communion

July 15 Wedding Rehearsal

July 16 Stated Presbytery Meeting
Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church
Wedding

July 17 Stated Session

July 18-21 Philips Academy Summer Program

July 19 Trinity Book Club

July 20 Stewardship Ministry Team
American Needlepoint Guild

July 24-30 Montreat Youth Conference

July 25-28 Philips Academy Summer Program

July 25 Dinner with
Smallwood Presbyterian Church

July 27 Embroiderers' Guild

July 29 Carolina Sampler Guild

Congregational Sympathy

Betty Kepley Johnson
Sister of Peggy Savas

May 24



September 25 - Trinity will host a Day of Discipleship following the worship service. All ages are encouraged to participate. More details to follow!

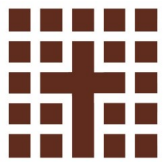
The Annual College of Elders dinner will be on Sunday, **September 11**, at 6:00 p.m., in the Carson Fellowship Hall. We are currently working to secure a very exciting speaker - more details to follow.

ICE CREAM, EVERYONE!

Now that we have your attention . . . as you enjoy ice cream with your summer, thanks a bunch for remembering all the "cool" things going on at Trinity, and remain current in your giving. Your Stewardship Ministry Team thanks you! Remember to utilize online giving at our website and our Church Life APP.

Financials as of May 31, 2016

| | May Actuals | YTD Actuals | YTD Budget |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Receipts: | \$ 52,335 | \$ 259,613 | \$ 272,604 |
| Unrestricted Funds Used: | \$ 740 | \$ 18,476 | \$ 24,744 |
| Endowment Funds Used: | \$ 4,765 | \$ 23,825 | \$ 23,825 |
| Boltz Funds Used: | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 2,220 |
| Expenses: | \$ 68,593 | \$ 372,062 | \$ 396,447 |
| Surplus/Deficit: | \$ (10,753) | \$ (70,148) | \$ (73,054) |



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Summer Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School Resumes September 11

Publication Deadlines

Sunday Bulletin: Tuesdays at Noon

Newsletter - PostScripts: 1st day of each month

Wednesday email: Two weeks before the email

Website events: One month before the event

Website announcements: One month before the event

THE SESSION

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Lynette Neel, Clerk

Donnie Bobbitt, President of the Corporation

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Steve Ball

Marty Brownlow

Tom Collins

Betty Lynn Lambert

Jim Calder

Class of 2017

Tony Arey

Donnie Bobbitt

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Lori O'Keefe

Class of 2018

Casey Field

David Hood

Sean Kirby

Kim Nims

Dale Sarjeant

ADMINISTRATIVE ROSTER FOR 2016

CLERK

Lynette Neel

MINISTRY TEAMS

Equip

Buildings and Grounds

Capital Campaign

Communications

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.