

# PastScripts

Volume XIII, Issue 4/May 2015

## *Beneath the Spire...*

### **GROWING TOGETHER, WELCOMING ALL ON PROVIDENCE**

Since its formation at the May 2014 Session meeting, your Acts 16:5 Vision Team has been hard at work! Last fall we spent multiple meetings crafting a new vision statement and “tagline” for Trinity, giving much thought and prayer to these questions: Who is Trinity now, and what are we becoming? What is unique about our community of faith? What words and images best describe our past, present and future?

After a lot of hard work, attention to detail, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we presented our church’s new vision statement and tagline to the Session at their January meeting, where it was unanimously approved. Over the next couple of months, our team will share this new vision with you. Our role going forward will be to work with the various sessional ministry teams and clusters to help them incorporate this vision into their programs and ministries.

This has truly been a spiritually-enriching experience for us all!

In God’s grace,

The Acts 16:5 Vision Team

Marty Brownlow, Casey Field, Melanie Hood, Kim Nims, Judith Parker, Dale Sarjeant, Steve Lindsley

*In the busyness of life on Providence,  
we are a growing community of faith,  
seeking to cultivate Christ’s hospitality.*

*We worship God, love each other, serve our neighbors  
and the world beyond.*

*Welcoming and embracing all,  
we will make a difference for the kingdom of heaven on earth  
as the hands, feet and heart of our Lord!*



**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Growing Together, Welcoming All On Providence

## Session Highlights

### Stated Session Meeting on March 15, 2015:

A motion from the Capital Campaign Construction Committee was approved to accept an \$81,000 proposal to paint the exterior of the church. The final proposal number may be below this amount, but will not exceed \$81,000. The committee had three quotes and the other two were \$90,000 and \$102,000. Additionally, the committee requested approval to accept Marty Quinn's proposal to paint the front of the church (\$5,760), which does not include the steeple and the columns. This is not part of the proposal to paint the church's exterior. Marty is painting the steeple and columns and this work coincides with what he is doing.

The Personnel Ministry Team presented a three month extension contract for the Reverend DC Horne from May 1 through July 31, 2015 which was approved.

A motion from the Worship Ministry Team was approved for Rhonda McClain to administer communion at the Easter Sunday worship service on April 5, 2015.

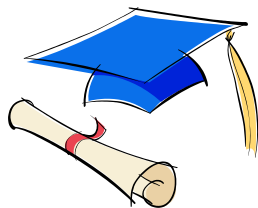
A motion from the Finance Ministry Team was approved to accept Louise Sanford's resignation as treasurer with gratitude and to elect Cookie Parnell as her replacement.

## Summer Worship Hours

Trinity will be changing the Sunday morning worship hour to 10:00 a.m. beginning June 7 and continuing through September 6. There will also be NO Sunday School during this period.

### CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATING SENIORS!

If 2015 is your year to graduate, please let the church office know by calling Becky Purnell at 704.366.3554. We would like to recognize all 2015 graduates at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, **May 17**. Please send a current picture and tell us what high school or college you are graduating from and what your future plans are. If you are headed to college, we would like to know your choice. If you are stepping into the working world, please let us know your area of expertise or interest by Monday, May 4!



# IMPACT STORY - Fran Worthington

Congregation members share an "Impact Story" during the worship service at least monthly. Please find below Fran Worthington's story shared December 21, 2014.

*Good morning! I am Fran Worthington and I love and treasure Trinity Presbyterian Church.*

*Growing up in Fayetteville, North Carolina, my parents and I attended Hay Street Methodist Church and later were charter members of the newly-formed Haymount Methodist Church. As did many of the single women of Fayetteville, I met and married a career Army officer who urged me to convert to his Roman Catholic religion. During the next 23 years, we became the proud parents of four children and moved our household 20 times, from Japan to Germany and points in between and finally settled in Charlotte. When that marriage ended in divorce and I was excommunicated from the Catholic Church, a friend invited me to visit Trinity. The first time I walked through the Narthex into this beautiful Sanctuary, I was enveloped in a feeling of peace, serenity and the presence of a loving God; and I became a Trinity member 30 years ago on September 16, 1984.*

*With a nod to a certain late-night TV host, I would like to share with you my top ten reasons for loving and treasuring this incredible church.*

*# 10. This campus with its beautiful trees, soaring steeple and welcoming buildings.*

*# 9. The many programs and groups with which members can become involved and participate.*

*# 8. Our Weekday School which nurtures not only the children of our members but other children from our Charlotte community.*

*# 7. The devoted staff of Trinity who work behind the scenes to insure that all of our activities can*

*occur seamlessly throughout the weeks, months and years.*

*# 6. Our church Session members, with whom I have been honored to serve for three separate terms, and who toil for countless hours and are dedicated to preserve and protect the history and the future of this wonderful church.*

*# 5. The members of Trinity who have become my extended family in times of joy, sadness and everyday living.*

*# 4. This Sanctuary, which never ceases to impress me with its beauty, grace and solemnity.*

*# 3. The beautiful and inspiring music, which has been provided by our choir and instrumentalists under the devoted direction of Jane Arant, who also has been here during these past 30 years.*

*# 2. The succession of senior, associate and interim ministers, and now the presence of Dr. Lindsley, who have filled that pulpit and brought so many memorable and moving messages to me and this congregation.*

*# 1. And now we have reached my absolute number one reason for loving and treasuring this incredible church. Remember that I mentioned "a friend" invited me to visit Trinity? Well, that friend was Charles Meredith Worthington. And, on this day, December 21, 28 years ago, which also was a Sunday, after we had attended the worship service and the after-service coffee, our immediate families gathered in those seats and Chuck and I stood under that beautiful cross as Dr. Louis Patrick joined us in holy matrimony. Thank you!*

## Financials as of February 28, 2015

	February Actuals	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget
Receipts:	\$ 34,398	\$ 96,260	\$122,717
Unrestricted Funds Used:	\$ 11,105	\$ 12,015	\$ 7,500
Endowment Funds Used:	\$ 4,523	\$ 9,046	\$ 9,046
Boltz Funds Used:	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 821
Expenses:	<u>\$ 81,776</u>	<u>\$153,415</u>	<u>\$172,525</u>
Surplus/Deficit:	<u>\$ (31,750)</u>	<u>\$ (36,094)</u>	<u>\$ (32,441)</u>

# Small Gifts Can Be Memorable and Thankful

Sometimes the question comes up, “What else does Trinity need?” Well, that is an open ended question which is not easy for anyone to answer. However, one area Stewardship Ministry is focusing on for 2015 is the development and communication of a list of “Small Capital Gift Ideas” that are needed and will be highly appreciated.

In the past six months several Trinity members have personally given small gifts such as an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), a stove for the kitchen, communion elements for members at home. Below is a brief summary of some of the current needs that ministry chairs and Trinity staff have identified are needed. If you have your own ideas or gift interests please let us know as special gift donations must be pre-approved by the Stewardship Ministry Team before arriving at the church.

Meeting Room Tables and Chairs.....Room Signage.....Railings to the Sanctuary.....Flat Screen for the Youth Center.....Irrigation System for Grass by Providence Road.....Handicap Ramps Refurbished.....Flag Pole Stand for Youth Center.....Emergency Lighting.....Replace Defective Phones.....Pressure Washing Outside.....Repainting of Rooms and Plaster Repair.....Doggie Bag Stations Around Campus.....White Boards for Meeting Rooms.....and the list goes on.

This is just a partial list of items. Take a look and remember a small gift can be thankful from many.

Bruce Voorheis, Chair  
Stewardship Ministry Team



## In-Home Communion Set

In September, 2013, Ben Owen III, Seagrove, North Carolina, was commissioned to craft a small In-Home communion set for Trinity Presbyterian Church. This communion set will be a gift to the church by Debbie Thompson in memory of her father, Willie Edward Royal. For those who knew Willie, he was an avid collector of Ben Owen Pottery and would feel blessed to know that those unable to receive communion at church would now be able to receive it in a beautiful communion set at home. The In-Home communion set is done in Ben's newest color, plum. The plum glaze is a variation of the cabernet or copper red finish. Ben also crafted the communion set that Trinity uses at Montreat.

In looking at this beautiful communion set and trying to determine how it could be safely stored for travel, Dale Sarjeant, an avid woodworker, volunteered to make a case to house it. Dale designed a beautiful carrying case. The

case is made out of red oak for the frame and base. The sides and top are made from bleached or blonde mahogany. The mahogany that was used came from the restoration that Dale and Janet did of the 1956 home of William and Jeanne Dixon, former Trinity Presbyterian Church members. Dale and Janet purchased the Dixon home in 2003. The existing den walls were covered in blonde mahogany. Much of this wood was salvaged and used in new restoration or stored for future woodworking projects like this. This heritage makes this communion case even more special.

The communion set will be on display in the case in the Parlor and you may see the carrying case in DC's office.



You are invited to the

## **Trinity Church Picnic**

to share in food, fellowship, games and fun!

**SUNDAY, MAY 17**

On the church lawn immediately following the worship service

*Please bring a main dish and either a side dish or dessert to share.  
Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to spread out under the trees.*



We look forward to seeing you there!

***REGISTRATION BEGINS MAY 3***

**June 22, 23, 24, 25**

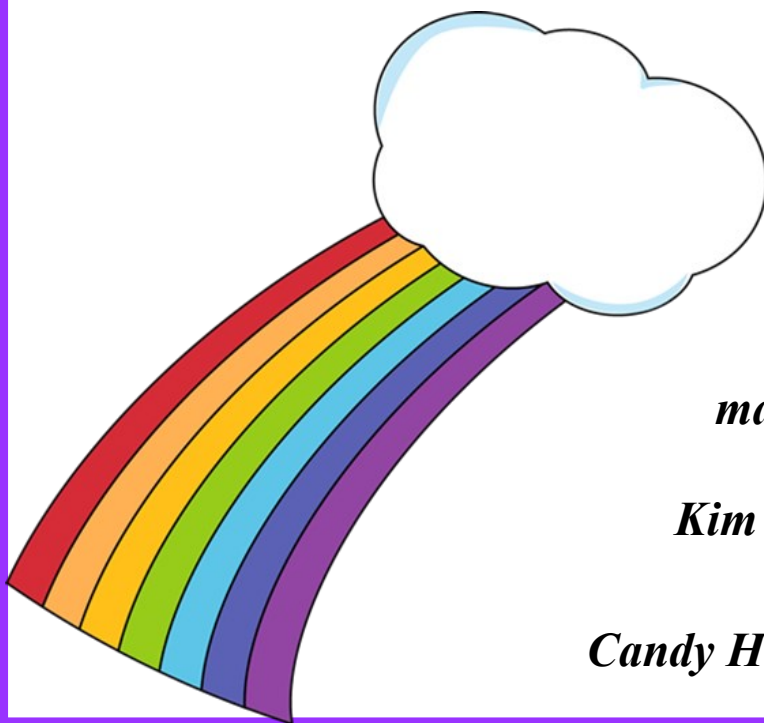
**5:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.**

***Vacation Bible School  
is coming to you in a new package !***

**The Christian Formation Ministry Team is offering a church wide  
VBA ..... Vacation Bible Adventure !**

**Join us as Trinity goes  
“Over the Rainbow”**

**snack supper    music    stories    crafts  
games    mission    fellowship**



**classes for children and adults  
(must be 4 by January 1, 2015)**

***many details to follow  
many ways to participate***

***Kim Nims 336.247.1393  
and  
Candy Hambacher 704.451.5007***

# MISSION - MINDED



The Weekday School is happy to announce that **Jill Billings** has accepted the position of **Assistant Director**! We are thrilled that Jill will continue to be a vital part of the team!

**It is not too late to register for the 2015-16 school year!** Please share with your neighbors and friends about all of the great things that are happening at the Weekday School. Registration forms are available in both the Weekday School and Church Volunteer offices.

**Summer is around the corner!** June is another exciting month for the Weekday School! Summer Camp will be in session every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the month of June. Exciting weeks such as "Summer Science" and "Treasure Hunt" await your arrival! Registration forms are available in the Weekday School office.



On Sunday, February 1 The Trinity youth participated in the annual **Souper Bowl of Caring** offering by collecting money in soup pots. Thanks to all the youth who were able to participate and to the congregation for its incredible generosity. A total of \$276.00 was collected for our local Loaves and Fishes organization.

What an amazing response to curb hunger in our community in this time of ever-increasing needs. **Thank you Trinity for supporting this cause!**

Souper Bowl of Caring is a program led by youth across the nation working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities on Super Bowl Sunday.

## Filled That Bus

Trinity hosted a school bus that will be used by Actionnel Fleurisma's Haitian ministry to bring high school teachers and students to the school each day. Because the shipping fees are based on size these buses are loaded with food, medicine and clothing for the very needy in Bayonnaise, Haiti. Trinity hosted the bus as it was a convenient location for church members from Trinity, First Presbyterian, Sardis Presbyterian and Myers Park Methodist to bring donations while the bus was in our parking lot over Easter weekend. Due to these donations, and many others, the bus will be totally full with over 1,000 pounds of beans, 4,000 pounds of rice, many bags of clothes and medicine. In addition, Samaritans Feet donated 1,000 pairs of shoes which are sorely needed. The contents of the bus will be received joyfully and gratefully by our Haitian brothers and sisters. Thanks to all who helped *fill that bus*!





# The Fellowship of Room in the Inn

by Tricia Sistrunk

Once again, Trinity opened its doors and provided shelter for some of Charlotte's homeless men, women, and children during the winter months. That's 144 beds provided for folks in need and a lot of food and fellowship.

The Room in the Inn (RITI) program was started by Urban Ministry Center in 1996 with two goals in mind. First, to provide a warm, safe, and dry place for Mecklenburg's homeless population during our coldest months. Approximately 130 area churches and colleges participate in the RITI program by taking in twelve to fourteen homeless guests on their assigned evening. The second goal of the RITI program is to provide a personal relationship with homeless people and a deeper understanding of the issue of homelessness.

What I enjoy most about RITI is the ability to sit down and have dinner with our homeless guests. These are folks that most of us wouldn't ordinarily have an opportunity to have a conversation with and for many people the thought of talking to a homeless person makes them uncomfortable.

If you have never come for a RITI dinner, I encourage you to try it out next year. There is something innately comforting about sitting around a table to eat a good meal and share conversation with others. I have had talks about the weather, sports, movies, kids, schools, jobs, travel, and sometimes even religion and politics. While I recognize that I am only getting a snippet of information from my fellow dinner companions, collectively, I feel that I have gained a much broader understanding of the issues facing our homeless population, as well as a realization that we all have a lot more in common than we think.

Liz Clasen-Kelly, Associate Executive Director of Urban Ministry Center, recently told me about a formerly homeless man who was a guest of the RITI program last year and came back to Urban Ministry at the beginning of this year's RITI season to ask if he could still spend the night with some of the churches. He was





told that he no longer qualified for a bed since he was no longer homeless. They asked him why he wanted to come back and he told them how much the social interactions at the churches he visited had meant to him. Living on the streets or in extreme poverty is very isolating. Each night as a guest of RITI, he was greeted with compassion and someone willing to listen.

At Trinity, we provided listening ears for all ages this season. I often noticed a Trinity volunteer lingering at the dinner table and talking with a guest long after the plates were cleared. We had an increase in the number of children we hosted this year and even our youngest guests were able to play games with some of Trinity's youngest volunteers.

I am going to leave you with pictures of some of the many volunteers that make RITI possible. I encourage you to ask them or any one of the other RITI volunteers to tell you about some of the folks they got to know this RITI season. Thank you to all of the volunteers who make Trinity a warm and inviting place for our guests to rest for the night!



. . . . from the Mission and Outreach Committee



**FREEDOM  
SCHOOL  
PARTNERS**

## Our Ongoing Summer Work With Freedom School Partners

*Proud winner of the 2013 New York Life Excellence in Summer Learning Award  
through the National Summer Learning Association*

For the third year in a row we have been gifted with a very special mission and outreach opportunity. It is uniquely special because it is fully funded and partially staffed. Trinity has the missing piece of the puzzle to make a huge difference in the lives of many Charlotte children. What is it, and what is the role we are to play?

We will again be partnering with Church at Charlotte (June 18 through July 29 - scholars on site). Trinity will provide the physical space and volunteers for one of Charlotte's nineteen (19) Freedom Schools.

Freedom School Partners have been operating in their present form with their current name in the Charlotte area since 2004. Their mission is to engage, educate, and empower children K-8th grade to succeed in school and in life through quality year-round academic enrichment programs. Children at a summer Freedom School are referred to as scholars. The program is literacy based. The participants are expected and required to read daily. Parent involvement is welcomed as the spaces for each school are limited. Not everyone who applies will be selected. Our scholars will come from Sharon Elementary and the Gladedale Community, which is at the intersection of Olde Providence Road and Providence Road.

This summer we will offer the following opportunities for Trinity members to participate: (included are the names of some past volunteers)

site setup (June 16 and 17)

pick up stored supplies and bring to Trinity - Candy Hambacher and Margaret Rowe

morning Harambee reader - ask Peggy Savas or Peggy Gandy about their experience last summer

afternoon enrichment activity - talk to Jeff O' Keefe or Janet Sarjeant

field trips and special events - Helen Alford, Carolyn Voorheis, Guyla and Terry Vardell have tales to tell

shopping for supplies - speak with Myra Griffie, Margaret Rowe or Candy Hambacher

end of the week thank you bags for our interns - Louisa Shugart can share ideas

clean up/pack up - Candy Hambacher and Guyla Vardell (July 30 and 31)

To learn more about Freedom School Partners, please visit their website at [www.freedomschoolpartners.org](http://www.freedomschoolpartners.org). Many of you will want to be a part of this opportunity and we know all will be thankful that Trinity can serve Charlotte's children in this way. Even though this comes at a busy time of year, new volunteers will lighten the load for those who have already planned to participate. "We trust in God who calls us to be the church; to love and serve others\*."

Look for the sign up display located in the Cloister beginning April 26!

\*From Affirmation of Faith from the United Church of Canada

# What's Happening at Trinity

May 1	<b>PostScripts</b> Deadline, June Issue F3 Nation Fitness & Leadership (weekly) Sons of Timaeus (weekly) Girl Scout Troop #2409 and #2415 Lake Norman Choral Artists	May 20	Weekday School PlaySpanish Classes Weekday School My Gym Classes Cub Scout Committee Mission and Outreach Ministry Team American Needlepoint Guild
May 2	Girl Scout Cadette Troop #1067	May 21	South Mecklenburg Committee on Ministry Girl Scout Troop #1120
May 3	Youth Sunday Fifth Grade Bible Presentations Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (weekly) Sojourners Gathering	May 24	Pentecost, Communion Personnel Ministry Team
May 4	Sew 'N Sews Mondays (weekly) Worship Ministry Team Meeting Cub Scout Pack 211 (weekly)	May 25	Church Office, Weekday School and Philips Academy Closed
May 5	F3 Nation Fitness & Leadership (weekly) Sew 'N Sews Tuesdays (weekly) Trinity Staff Meeting (weekly) Weekday School Little Scholars (weekly) Al-Anon (weekly)	May 27	Weekday School 4's/TK Classes Recognition Ceremony Weekday School End of School Picnic Embroiderers' Guild
May 6	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (weekly) Weekday School PlaySpanish Classes Wednesday Class (weekly) Soccer Shots (weekly) Orchestra in Schools Rehearsal Welcoming Ministry Team Adult Choir (weekly)	May 28	Weekday School Teacher Workday Weekday School Staff Meeting Girl Scout Troop #1335 Food Truck Event
May 7	Thursday Class (weekly) Bridge (weekly) Orchestra in Schools Concert Girl Scout Troop #1120	May 29	Weekday School Teacher Workday
May 10	Christian Formation Ministry Team Youth Group (weekly)	<b>Births</b>	
May 11	Men's Breakfast Weekday School Music Classes	Madison Mae Andreas	March 21
May 12	Weekday School Music Classes Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting	Daughter of Adam and Jennifer Andreas Granddaughter of Tom Collins	
May 13	In-Home Communion Weekday School Parent Support Team Soccer Shots Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team Finance Ministry Team	Henry Alexander Costello	March 27
May 14	In-Home Communion Weekday School Chapel Girl Scout Troop #1335	Son of John Costello and Gundry Rowe Grandson of Margaret Rowe Nephew of Caleb Rowe	
May 15	Girl Scout Troop #2409 and #2415	<b>Marriages</b>	
May 17	Confirmation Sunday Senior Recognition Sunday Last Day of Sunday School End of Sunday School Picnic Stated Session	Dean Homer and Julie Coppedge	March 14
May 18	Mecklenburg Historical Association	Daughter of Lewis Coppedge Granddaughter of Tom and Teau Coppedge	
May 19	Presbytery of Charlotte Stated Session Rocky River Presbyterian Church Weekday School My Gym Classes Trinity Book Club	<b>Congratulations</b>	
		William M. Archer, Jr. (Bill)	March 20
		100th Birthday	
		<b>Church Triumphant</b>	
		Elizabeth Morrow Arnold (Betty)	March 12
		Boyce McNair Brown (Bud)	March 18
		Father of David Brown Grandfather of Scott and Carson Brown	
		Claude William Sanford, Jr.	April 13
		Husband of Louise Sanford Father of Cathie Ghorbani and Frances Platock Grandfather of Lily and Cyrus Ghorbani	

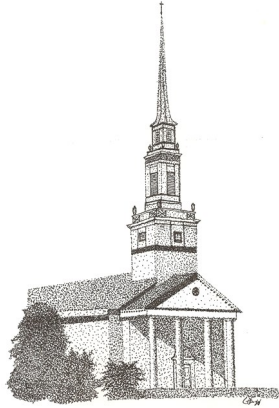




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## Worship at Trinity

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Sunday 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 DC Horne, Minister of Congregational Life  
The Reverend Heather Koontz, Parish Associate  
Rhonda McClain, Seminary Intern  
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, Interim Weekday School Administrative Assistant

### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.