



# TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Growing Together, Welcoming All On Providence*

## POSTSCRIPTS

March/April 2018

**Sunday Worship:** 11:00 a.m.

**Church Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday:

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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### Stewardship Corner

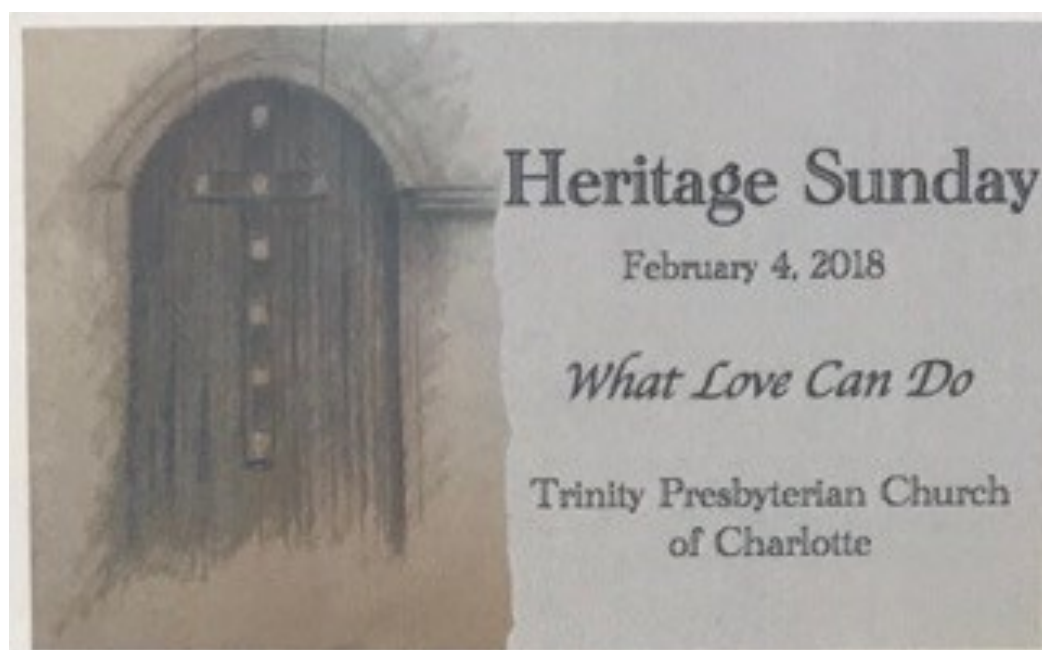
The "Seeds to Branches" slogan has taken on new meaning with the planting of trees and shrubs on our church campus. Thank you for your pledges and continued support of Trinity. Growing Together, Welcoming All on Providence indeed!



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Special thanks to all who planned, all who contributed, all who attended our first Heritage Sunday on February 4th for making it another meaningful day in the life of this place called Trinity Presbyterian Church. What a glorious look back at the formation, the founding mothers and fathers, of Christ's church on Providence Road. And now, as we journey into the future, may we always remember where we have been and always search for God's will for this small corner of His kingdom.

### THE SESSION

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Moderator  
Lynette Neel, Clerk  
Phil Blount, Pres. of the Corp.

### CLASS OF 2018

Casey Field      David Hood  
Sean Kirby      Kim Nims  
Dale Sarjeant      Caroline Reid

### CLASS OF 2019

Claire Etheridge      Brent Mullis  
Laura-Nelle Parnell Hurst  
Kathleen Schneider Sherese Smith

### CLASS OF 2020

Phil Blount      Steve Griffie  
Sarah Henry      Debbie Thompson  
Meredith Thompson

### ADMINISTRATIVE ROSTER

CLERK: Lynette Neel

### MINISTRY TEAM CHAIRS

#### Equip

Personnel: Phil Blount  
Capital Campaign: Walter Reid  
Finance: Louise Sanford  
Buildings & Grounds: Dale Sarjeant  
Stewardship: Brent Mullis

#### Grow

Christian Formation: Kim Nims and Sherese Smith  
Youth: Casey Field and Caroline Reid  
Worship: Laura-Nelle Hurst  
Weekday School: Amy Shook

#### Serve

Mission & Outreach: Meredith Thompson & David Hood  
Fellowship: Sean Kirby  
Congregational Care: Sarah Henry  
Welcoming: Debbie Thompson  
Communications: Cookie Parnell

### CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Senior Minister  
Rev. Grace Lindvall, Assoc. Minister  
Dr. Chris Gilliam, Director of Music  
Michael Rowland, Organist  
Dr. Reta Phifer, Children's Choir Dir.  
Becky Purnell, Office Manager  
Cheryl Jernigan, Financial Administrator  
Kevin Nunnery, Facilities Manager  
Stephanie Palmer, Weekday School Dir.  
Jill Billings, Weekday School Asst. Dir.  
Mark Grube, Part-time Event Assistant  
Jane Bostian Arant, Minister of Music Emeritus

## Ash Wednesday: "Ashes on the Go"

Ash Wednesday is an important holiday in our liturgical calendar as it marks the beginning of the Lenten season, inviting us to grow closer with God by remembering our mortality and God's divinity. The congregation of Trinity gathered at Noon on February 14th in a service of worship to God and to receive the imposition of ashes - the visible sign of our creation from dust.



While it is an important holiday it falls on a weekday, making it difficult for many people to make it a priority. This year, as a means of reaching out to our community at large, Trinity created "Ashes on the Go" - a way for people to participate in this important and symbolic observance. Elders and pastors were available Ash Wednesday afternoon to meet with all hoping to learn about Ash Wednesday and to participate in the imposition of ashes. Community members, Weekday School parents, Philip's Academy parents, and Trinity members came to partake. After sharing the meaning of Ash Wednesday, they were marked with the sign of the cross in ashes as a reminder that "we are dust, and to dust we shall return."

And we prayed the following prayer with each individual:

*Almighty God, You created (name) out of the dust of the ground. May these ashes remind (name) that we are dust and shall return to dust. May they also remind (name) of the cross of Christ by which we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

*Amen.*

## Trinity's Session Attends NEXT Church Elder Symposium

For the past few years, our session has gone on a January retreat to worship together and consider the church God is calling us to be in the new year. This past January, our session did this at the NEXT Church Elder Symposium, held on January 20th at Covenant Presbyterian Church. More than 160 elders from all over the Presbytery of Charlotte gathered together. The morning began with worship and a sermon preached by Rev. Jerry Cannon, pastor at C. N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church.

The real focus of the symposium, however, were the various "tracks" that elders broke off into mid-morning. These tracks centered on a specific area of church ministry: Worship, Youth, Buildings & Grounds, Stewardship, Personnel and many others. Each track was facilitated by both an ordained minister and elder who guided conversations on both challenges and "best practices." These tracks enabled elders to connect with other elders across our presbytery.



Members of Trinity's session commented afterwards that the Elder Symposium was "life-giving," "a wonderful resource," and "a great way to make connections." More than likely, this inaugural NEXT Church Elder Symposium will not be our presbytery's - or Trinity's - last!



## First 2018 Session Meeting



## Women's Retreat

Trinity's first ever Women's Retreat was held at Ocean Isle Beach the weekend of February 9-11, 2018. Nineteen women, representing six decades, attended what all termed a tremendously successful gathering. Discussions centered on spiritual disciplines and how to put them into practical use in each individual's daily life and faith journey. Great food, much laughter and lots of dancing were shared by all. The retreat closed with a worship service and communion. The weekend was a special time of walking on holy ground, and all look forward to this being the first of many annual retreats to come.

## Weekday School's Outreach

Trinity Weekday School strives to teach children the value of benevolence. In February, we participated in the Love in Action Project for the eighth straight year, providing "I love you" cards made by our children for distribution to nursing homes and homeless shelters around Charlotte, as well as to Room in the Inn guests of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Additionally, our classes of three year olds collected dog and cat treats for the Humane Society of Charlotte so we could share the love with our four-legged friends.

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is well underway! There are still a few spots available, so come join the fun!



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## Retreat Photos



A tapestry of prayers woven at the Women's Retreat.

## Save the Dates

- March 11** Youth Auction - 12:15 p.m.  
**March 19-23** WDS Book Fair  
**March 22** WDS Flat Tire Trio Concert - 5:30 p.m.  
**March 29** Maundy Thursday Seder Meal - 6:30 p.m.  
**March 30** Good Friday Service - 7:00 p.m.  
**April 1** Easter Sunday, Easter Egg Hunt - 12:15 p.m.  
**April 2** Church Office Closed  
**April 6** Food Truck Friday Night - 5:00 p.m.  
**April 12** Weekday School Intermezzo Spirit Night - 5-8 p.m.  
**April 15** Day of Discipleship  
**April 20** Food Truck Friday Night - 5:00 p.m.  
**May 4** Food Truck Friday Night - 5:00 p.m.  
**May 13** Youth Sunday

### Financials as of December 31

	December Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	117,367.09	682,021.29	683,888.00
Unrest. Funds Used:	13,396.60	67,554.81	62,150.00
Endow. Funds Used:	0.00	59,668.00	59,668.00
Boltz Funds Used:	453.88	5,447.00	5,447.00
Sanford Bldg Maint Funds Used:	114.08	1,369.00	1,369.00
Expenses:	83,077.57	894,652.30	910,120.00
<b>Surplus/Deficit:</b>	<b>48,254.12</b>	<b>(78,592.20)</b>	<b>(97,598.00)</b>

## Our Church Family

### Church Triumphant

- January 12 William Joseph Vanderlip,  
husband of Dorothy Vanderlip  
 January 28 Carolyn King Jordan,  
mother of Howard Jordan

### Congregational Sympathy

- January 4 Martha Colvard,  
mother of Lynda Opdyke  
 January 8 Scott Carter Lea,  
father of Nancy Williams

### Births

- January 10 Isabelle Devlin, granddaughter of  
Peter and Elise Devlin  
 February 1 Eleanor Reed Hurst, daughter of  
Mark and Laura-Nelle Parnell Hurst  
 February 14 Jack Sigmon Costello,  
grandson of Margaret Rowe

### Baptisms

- February 11 James Patrick Benham, son of  
James and Hannah Benham  
James Robert Benham  
 February 25 Charlotte Grace Knepp, daughter  
of Adam and Sarah Knepp

### Session Highlights December 10, 2017:

- Pete Mazeine, chair of Long Range Planning Task Force, presented Session with information about the task force's negotiations with the buyer/developer, Custom Homes Carolina regarding a sewer line that cuts through the heart of the property and is not parallel to the creek as originally assumed by all parties. This change in information resulted in an amendment to the original agreement.
- Session approved the Agreement to Amend Contract between Custom Homes Carolina and Trinity Presbyterian Church.
- Session approved Lynette Neel as clerk of session and Phil Blount as President of the Corporation for 2018.
- Session approved the formation of the Organ Task Force. This group will consist of Chris Gilliam and 4-6 church members, to be determined. It is intended to exist through 2018. The purpose will be to address the future of Trinity's organ, including exploring short and long term solutions for the organ and bringing recommended solutions to Session.

### Session Highlights January 21, 2018:

- Session approved the transfer of funds in the amount of \$78,592 from the Trinity Endowment to the general operating fund as needed in 2018 to provide funding to offset the deficit from the calendar 2017. This funds transfer will come from accumulated earnings in the Endowment and not original investment principal. (Note: this requires approval by Session twice.)
- Session approved the 2018 budget.
- Session approved moving the \$39,171 surplus in the 2017 Weekday School Budget to the Weekday School Carry Forward Fund.
- Session accepted a \$1,500 gift from an anonymous donor to fund website management for the 2018 budget year.
- Session accepted an anonymous donation of \$14,000 to the Boltz Fund.