



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Growing Together, Welcoming All On Providence

POSTSCRIPTS

May/June 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

April showers bring May flowers, brightening Trinity's newly landscaped campus. And the Stewardship Ministry Team thanks each of you for your ongoing support of our beloved Trinity!



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A Very Holy Holy Week



On Maundy Thursday, over 60 people gathered in Carson Fellowship Hall for a beautiful Seder Meal experience. Together we shared in the symbolic meal, reliving the history of God's people suffering under bondage in Egypt and waiting for God's promised deliverance. We ate matzoh, parsley, egg, and some delicious charoseth, a sweet mix of nuts and fruit. After our fellowship meal, we concluded with communion, using the afikomen - saved matzoh - and "wine" from our earlier Seder Meal.

Friday brought our annual Good Friday service, moved to 7 p.m. Once again we experienced the seven last words of Christ, extinguishing candles after each. Our Chancel choir provided beautiful music, accompanied by the organ and North Carolina Baroque Orchestra Chamber Players. The moving service ended in darkness.

Easter morning provided two wonderful opportunities for worship: the multi-church sunrise service at Romare Bearden Park - at which our own Casey Field served as a liturgist - as well as Trinity's traditional 11 a.m. Easter service complete with special music and communion. The congregation gathered for fellowship on the front patio following worship with many of our children enjoying an Easter Egg Hunt.

We hope these newer worship experiences will continue to encourage folks to "join in the journey" of Holy Week, realizing that it is about more than just Easter morning!

PostScripts

THE SESSION

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Moderator
Lynette Neel, Clerk
Donnie Bobbitt, 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
Stephanie Palmer, Weekday School Dir.
Jill Billings, Weekday School Asst. Dir.
Mark Grube, Part-time Event Assistant
Jane Bostian Arant, Minister of Music Emeritus

Youth Silent Auction and BBQ Lunch

We hope that you were able to join us for our BBQ Lunch and Youth Mission Silent Auction on March 11th. The turnout was fantastic and the time together was palpably enjoyable!

Our pit-masters extraordinaire - Brian Field, Casey Field, Sean Kirby, and Jeremy Mobley - served a delicious lunch that showcased some of the hidden talents of Trinity members and the dessert table confirmed that our youth are masters in the kitchen as well!

Our auction tables were overflowing with generous donations from the youth and our amazing congregation. The bidding on those items was beyond generous and helped us to raise in excess of \$8000. We are so very grateful to have the funding needed to make our trip to Philadelphia this summer, and we are honored to represent such an amazing congregation as we travel to learn and serve in this way.



A Visit to Our Neighbors at McCreesh Place



McCreesh Place, built in 2003, "was Charlotte's first permanent supportive housing community," according to its website (supportivehousingcommunities.org). Ninety residents, who once struggled with homelessness, now call it home.

As part of Trinity's stated mission to serve others through our work in the areas of homelessness, hunger, and education, we decided to visit our neighbors there for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Several Trinity members offered up their family's favorite recipes, from vegetarian to buffalo chicken chili, to compete in a chili cook-off. This casual, Saturday event was well received, with residents graciously acting as hospitable, not-too-harsh judges.

We were treated to a tour, during which we learned powerful lessons about their community and about homelessness. We spent an afternoon of fun and fellowship sharing numerous chili dishes. Soon, a lively competitive spirit took over, and we each were quite sure our own creation would win.

In the end, it seemed fitting that our own Grace, who envisioned the activity, took the prize for best chili. Nonetheless, we all should aim to take that trophy - a whimsical golden ladle -- from her next year! Trini-ty's second annual chili cook-off at McCreesh Place will be in February of 2019.

A Celebration of Sew 'N Sews



"With deepest gratitude to the faithful ladies of Sew 'N Sews for their 42 years of ministry to the community." Given April 2018 by Trinity Presbyterian Church So reads the plaque bestowed upon an industrious, ecumenical group of women who created thousands of articles of clothing for women, children and infants over those four decades. A plaque will be hung in the Heritage Room at Trinity in acknowledgment of their service and countless hours of commitment.

Sew 'N Sews was founded by Trinity member Eleanor McDonald and Betty Fledderman when they met at Crisis Assistance Ministry, recognizing the great need and setting about to answer that need.

Trinity's entire church staff hosted a luncheon for members of Sew 'N Sews on April 24th in recognition and in honor of their service. A delicious cake was served, handwritten thank you notes from Week-day School children were delivered and a framed photo of a spool of thread surrounded by the signatures of the Trinity staff was presented. The members present spoke of "the enjoyment of being part of helping people, of being part of something bigger than themselves, and of the fellowship they shared each week." And they expressed "much gratitude" to Trinity for providing Sew 'N Sews with a home for 42 years.

Holy Week



Our Common Calling



Painted during the 2018 NEXT Church Elder's Symposium, Our Common Calling was created as a visual proclamation inspired by Galatians 3:27 and Ephesians 4:4. Worshipers witnessed the creation as a form of visual meditation and prayer. The painting was purchased for Trinity, and hangs in the Welcome Center.

"I used to be afraid of live painting abstract imagery, too worried that much of the audience would stare at the finished piece, scratch their heads and say, But what is it? Now I know the power of images that hold space for anyone to see what they need to see, so instead I pose this same question back to those viewing, and asking, and staring blankly (or perhaps in awe). What do you see? Perhaps you see the eye of God, or a tunnel leading to light, or a flower blooming open. Whatever it is you see, you're right. As I created this piece, I was imagining what our common calling looks like. For each of us, our calling begins in the same place - grounded in baptism, clothed in Christ's love. If we have the courage to pursue what we feel called to do and be and give, then our collective work begins to overlap and expand. When we stay true to our individual callings, our common calling ripples out into the world with beauty, diversity, and abundance."

- Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Weekday School's Outreach



The Scholastic Book Fair was again a great success! It's always a joy to watch a child intrigued by the new discoveries waiting inside a book. Our Family Concert Event featuring the Flat Tire Trio was a little chilly, but the band (fronted by one of the WDS dads) was definitely a hit! Finally, spirit night at Intermezzo (owned by a WDS family) was a great time for food and fellowship for family and friends. Thank you for your continued support of Trinity WDS!

Our Church Family

Church Triumphant

- March 6 Charles Meredith Worthington
- March 11 Conrad Claude (Sonny) Helms, Jr.

Births

- March 7 Hatley Elaine Anderson,
daughter of Molly and Michael
Anderson and brother of Liam

Baptisms

- March 18 Harrison Thomas Burkhart,
son of Brandon and Kelly Burkhart

Save the Dates

- May 13** Youth Sunday
5th Grade Bible Presentation
- May 18** Food Truck Friday Night – 5:30 p.m.
- May 23** Weekday School Ends and End of Year Picnic
- May 28** Church Office closed for Memorial Day
- June 1** Food Truck Friday Night – 5:30 p.m.
- June 5** Weekday School Camp Begins
- June 15** Food Truck Friday Night – 5:30 p.m.
- June 16-23** Youth Mission Trip
- June 29** Food Truck Friday Night – 5:30 p.m.
- July 13** Food Truck Friday Night – 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 19-21** ***Our annual retreat to Montreat. Visit Trinity's website for registration information.***

Session Highlights February 18, 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 is the second of two required votes of approval by Session.)
- Session approved the 2018 Weekday School budget.
- Session approved allocating a portion of land sale funds as follows:
 - Weekday School upgrades - \$122,000
 - Demo old kitchen/build new kitchen - \$89,000
 - Youth Center upgrades - \$36,000
 - Architectural drawings - \$8,500
 - International missions initiative - \$40,000
 - Seed money for Director of Christian Formation/Youth - \$35,000
 - Reimbursement to Capital Campaign for city-required upgrades - \$25,000
- Session approved an expenditure of \$6,375 out of the \$20,000 due diligence funds already collected to allow for architect to go ahead and complete necessary drawings.
- Session approved Robert (Bob) Hull of Nexsen Pruet to serve as attorney at the closing of the land sale on April 13, 2018.
- Session approved the Staff Team Job Description for Director of Christian Formation and Youth.
- Session approved increasing the gift acceptance threshold in Section VI Stewardship Ministry Team of the current Gift Acceptance Policy from \$500 to \$3,000.
- Session approved amending the Gift Acceptance Policy such that gifts to the five Restricted Fund Accounts - Endowment, Boltz Fund, Sanford Fund, Thomson Fund, and Gilchrist Fund - be accepted without approval by the Stewardship Ministry Team or the Session.

Financials as of March 31

	March Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	45,610.29	160,292.54	656,093.00
Unrest. Funds Used:	4,141.34	6,534.29	47,100.00
Endow. Funds Used:	59,515.00	59,515.00	59,515.00
Boltz Funds Used:	5,941.00	5,941.00	5,941.00
Gilchrist Fund Used:	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Sanford Bldg Maint Funds Used:	191.58	574.74	2,299.00
Thomson Funds Used	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
Expenses:	84,307.57	241,148.45	914,200.00
Surplus/Deficit:	31,091.64	(8,290.88)	(137,752.00)

NOTE: Endowment and Boltz Fund budgeted spending policy money was transferred in March.

Session Highlights March 18, 2018:

- Session approved the Corporate Resolution for Approval of Sale of Property and Appointment of Phil Blount as Signatory.
- Session approved the 2018 Ministry Team Rosters.
- Session approved Dale Sarjeant and Kim Nims to serve as commissioners for May 15, 2018 Presbytery meeting.
- Session approved receiving Amy, Gordon, Caroline, and Louisa Bynum into membership by letter of transfer.
- Session approved Lydia Mobley (chair), Caroline Reid, Sherese Smith, Casey Field, Brent Mullis, and Phil Blount as the DCF/ Youth Search Committee members. Steve Lindsley will be the staff advisor to the Search Committee.