



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Together. Welcoming All.

POSTSCRIPTS

March/April 2019

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

*Thank you for your pledges
and continued support of the
work and worship of Trinity.
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All. Indeed!*



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Our Annual Christmas Party: A New Tradition



As Dr. Lindsley reminded Trinity this fall, the Gospel of Luke speaks of a special kind of hospitality, and of a banquet to which all are invited and welcomed. The Mission and Outreach Ministry Team pondered our Scriptural directive, taking it literally, and to heart. We thought of Trinity's annual Christmas party and wondered how we might let God transform it into something larger than ourselves.

Thanks to our friends at McCreesh Place – a key partner in Mission and provider of permanent supportive housing to homeless people – we were able to host their annual Supportive Housing Communities Resident Holiday Party. We invited them into our space, and they graciously invited us to share in their annual tradition.

December 20th Trinity volunteers provided transportation, dinner, crafts, and even a peppermint ice cream station! Musicians Gary Sugg, Peter Rieke, and David Hood, Jr. entertained. Weekday School children and teachers created handmade centerpieces as mementos of a special evening. Everyone enjoyed delicious food, laughter, and fellowship among family and friends, new and old. The festivities included a surprise visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus! Thanks to God's grace and your willing spirit, a beloved Trinity annual event was remade into an even more special tradition. Please join us for the next one!

THE SESSION

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Moderator
Nancy Williams, Clerk
Fran Worthington, Asst. Clerk
Phil Blount, Pres. of the Corp.
Cookie Parnell, Treasurer

CLASS OF 2019

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

CLASS OF 2020

Phil Blount Steve Griffie
Sarah Henry Debbie Thompson
Meredith Thompson

CLASS OF 2021

Eric Banks Jeremy Mobley
Mike Campbell Henry Pickett
Eric McGovern Fran Worthington

MINISTRY TEAM CHAIRS

Equip

Personnel: Phil Blount
Finance: Jeremy Mobley & Louise Sanford
Buildings & Grounds: Dale Sarjeant
Stewardship: Brent Mullis

Grow

Christian Formation: Sherese Smith and Mike Campbell
Youth: Josh Durham
Worship: Sarah Henry and Fran Worthington
Weekday School: Amy Shook

Serve

Mission & Outreach: Meredith Thompson and Henry Pickett
Congregational Care: Laura-Nelle Parnell Hurst and Kathleen Schneider
Welcoming: Debbie Thompson
Communications: Cookie Parnell

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Senior Minister
Rev. Grace Lindvall, Assoc. Minister
Rev. Jodi Martin, Dir. Of Christian Formation and Youth
Dr. Chris Gilliam, Director of Music
Michael Rowland, Organist
Dr. Reta Phifer, Children's Choir Dir.
Cheryl Jernigan, Church Administrator
Caroline Dalton, Admin. Coordinator
Sharon Smith, Comm. Coordinator
Rick Neil, Facilities Technician
Stephanie Palmer, Weekday School Dir.
Jill Billings, Weekday School Asst. Dir.
Jodi Neal, Event Assistant
Jane Bostian Arant, Minister of Music

On the Journey... Journey to the Cross — Lent 2019

March 6th marked the beginning of 40 days of Lent. In our liturgical year, Lent is designed to be a period of intentional and thoughtful action and reflection as we move closer toward Holy Week and Easter.

As your worship leaders, we invite you to join us as we "journey to the cross." This journey began on Ash Wednesday, which included "Ashes-to-Go" and an Ash Wednesday service. Each week a new Lenten practice will be set up in our sanctuary narthex, and all members are encouraged to come and participate during church office hours.

When Holy Week arrives, our theme transitions to "Pathway To the Resurrection." In addition to the weekly prayer stations, we'll celebrate a special "Agape Feast" on Maundy Thursday, a meaningful Good Friday Tenebrae service with special music, and our Easter Sunday Resurrection worship service.

You can learn more about the various components of our Lenten journey by going to the church website, or visiting www.bitly.com/lent-2019. We sincerely hope you'll make "Journey To The Cross" a priority in your spiritual life this Lent.

Jodi

Grace

Chris

Steve

2019 Session



Youth Help to Light the Way



On a chilly Christmas Eve morning, Trinity's youth placed 200 luminaries around the campus to be lit prior to the 6:00 p.m. worship service. Many thanks to the youth, including Henry Pickett pictured here lying down to ensure each luminary is six feet apart, for their assistance in adding even more beauty to our campus during this special season!

Ring Out, Wild Bells!



Bells have, for centuries, served as a regal and recognizable focal point within Christendom. From the steeple bells of the grandest cathedrals to the liturgical bells utilized in communion feasts, bells have traditionally brought congregations together with their clarion call to joy and praise, to warning and solemnity.

A vital part of most church music programs, handbells provide opportunities to involve congregants who may not feel they have a voice suitable for participation in a choir ministry. Handbell ensembles engage congregants from a broad range of ages, helping them to learn music skills in a unique and engaging way.

Trinity recently welcomed Jim and Cathy Parrish to our congregation and our choir. In a moment of providence on Providence, soon after they arrived, I learned of a set of handbells for sale from a sister church in Charlotte. The music fund established at Trinity was utilized to purchase the bells at a lower cost than purchasing them new. Being aware of Jim and Cathy's vast experience in music education and handbell ministry, Jim agreed to be the director of Trinity's first handbell ensemble. And the Trinity Ringers was born! May future generations of Trinity congregants be blessed by the participation of the bell ensemble in our worship services.

Weekday School Outreach and 2019 Registration

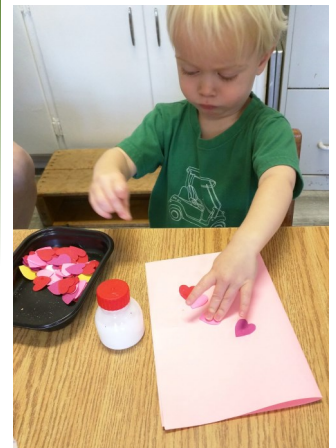
Trinity's Weekday School strives to teach children the value of benevolence. In keeping with that spirit of outreach, we donated 1,703 diapers/pull-ups, 4,164 wipes and 11 pairs of new underwear to families in need. We participated in February for the ninth year in the "Love in Action Project" with children creating "I love you" cards for distribution to nursing homes and homeless shelters in Charlotte, as well as to Trinity's Room in the Inn guests. Additionally, our three-year-old classes 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 2019-2020 school year is well underway! There are still a few spots available, so come join the fun!

March/April 2019

Weekday School

Love in Action



Diaper Drive



Youth at Work



"Coffee, Mr. Weeks?"
Kate Trimakas



"372 cans!"
Madeline Johnston



"The Beacon Church was amazing."
Jimmy Click and
Jerry Parnell



"It was a great trip!"
Duncan Pickett

Financials as of January 31

	January Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	54,885.82	54,885.82	641,649.00
Unrest. Funds Used:	8,368.22	8,368.22	69,000.00
Boltz Funds Used:	506.75	506.75	6,081.00
Endow. Funds Used:	6,066.50	6,066.50	72,798.00
Gilchrist Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Sanford Bldg. Maint.			
Funds Used:	219.25	219.25	2,631.00
Thomson Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
Expenses:	66,188.81	66,188.81	876,828.00
Surplus/Deficit:	3,857.73	3,857.73	(79,169.00)

Save the Dates

- March 12** Weekday School Summer Camp
Registration Open to Public
- March 18-22** Weekday School Book Fair
- April 14** Palm Sunday
- April 15-22** Weekday School Spring Break
- April 18** Maundy Thursday Agape Feast (6:30pm)
- April 19** Good Friday Service (7:00pm)
- April 21** Easter Sunday
- April 21** Easter Egg Hunt (12:15pm)
- April 22** Church Office Closed
- May 6-10** Weekday School Staff Appreciation
- May 12** Youth Sunday

Our Church Family

Church Triumphant

- January 26** Charles D. Carpenter
- February 5** Mary Sue Calhoun Montague
- February 7** Donald Hallowell Jones

Session Highlights from December 2018:

- Motion to approve Family Leave Policy was approved.
- Motion that a "thank you" Christmas gift/bonus be given to each staff member for their efforts and stellar performance for 2018 was approved.

Session Highlights from January 2018:

- Motion to change Trinity's tag line to: Growing Together. Welcoming All. was approved.
- Finance Ministry Team's motion to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$50,047.00 from the Trinity Endowment to the general operating fund as needed in 2019 to provide funding to offset the deficit from the calendar year 2018 was approved. This funds transfer will come from accumulated earnings in the Endowment and not original investment principal.
- Motion to move surplus in the 2018 Weekday School budget \$36,227.00 to the Weekday School Carry Forward Fund was approved.
- Finance Ministry Team's motion for Weekday School to use \$14,000.00 from their Carry Forward Fund for shading of the playground was approved.
- 2019 Budget was approved.