



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Together. Welcoming All.

POSTSCRIPTS

May/June 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

Your Stewardship Ministry Team wishes your family safe travel this summer. Online giving makes it easy to keep your pledge current while you're away. Thank you!



Use the church website or Church Life Mobile App to give anytime.

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Gilchrist Sunday: A Trinity Tradition Looks Toward the Future



For nearly 30 years, Trinity's annual Gilchrist Sunday has been made possible through an endowment by the Gilchrist family, including Pressly and Nancy Gilchrist Millen, and in honor of Charter Members, Mr. and Mrs. C.W (Pat and Katie) Gilchrist.

The tradition continued Sunday, March 3, as we welcomed Rev. Mark Ramsey as our Gilchrist lecturer. Rev. Ramsey, son of Shirley Ramsey and the late Blaine Ramsey, serves as Executive Director of Macedonian Ministry in Decatur, GA, whose mission is "to develop pastors and congregations to create leadership in their community."

Rev. Ramsey's thoughtful lecture titled, "Halfway to What?" spoke to the failure of churches to stay relevant, serving as a reality check for all churches. He challenged us to better serve our community in answer to the cultural sea change affecting organized religion.

Rev. Ramsey also led us in worship with a sermon titled, "Seven Possibilities." He cited I Corinthians 1:18-31 and John 8:2-12, detailing the power and wisdom of God and Christ's proclamation, "I am the light of the world."

We are grateful to the Gilchrist family for their support in bringing Rev. Ramsey to Trinity to challenge each of us to approach our faith in new ways.

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 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, Christian Formation
and Youth Director
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
Jodi Neal, Sunday Assistant
Stephanie Palmer, Weekday School Dir.
Jill Billings, Weekday School Asst. Dir.
Jane B. Arant, Music Minister Emeritus

Moving Forward as Easter People

An old legend tells of a parish priest during Holy Week who, while walking around the church grounds, found a branch of a thorn tree twisted around so that it resembled a crown of thorns. Thinking it an appropriate symbol of the crucifixion, he took it into his chapel and placed it on the altar on Good Friday.

Early on Easter morning the priest remembered the crown of thorns and figured it needed to come down. Walking down the aisle he noticed an arrangement of roses where the thorns had been. As he got closer, much to his surprise, he discovered that the crown of thorns had budded with beautiful flowers. And there it remained to commemorate Easter.

I have always liked this story as it seems especially fitting for Easter. Easter - not just a single Sunday but a season in which we continue to live. Out of death comes new life. But anyone who has worked with rose bushes knows that, while the flowers are beautiful, the thorns are still there. Try as we might, we really can't have one without the other.

As we move forward in this Easter season as Easter People, let us never become so enamored with the flowers that we forget about the thorns. Embracing both helps us to become better servants of the One who died and lives for us.

Steve

Book-A-Palooza at Nations Ford



Hundreds of students enjoyed shopping for books during Book-a-Palooza at Nations Ford Elementary School in March.

Trinity Presbyterian sponsored the book drive through Read Charlotte to help improve childhood literacy.

Students chose funny books, adventure books, classics, fiction and non-fiction. Each child

received three books to keep. It was a gift to help spark their imaginations and get them excited about reading.

We could not have sponsored Book-a-Palooza without the help of so many. Our church family was a great support by purchasing brand-new books for the scholars. Scholastic and Promising Pages also donated thousands of books.

Thank you to the Trinity volunteers who helped unpack, sort, and give out books. We will do it again and continue our mission to support the scholars, parents, and teachers of Nations Ford. We are excited to support these scholars as they become great readers!

Thank You from the Youth Mission Team



Turnout for our BBQ Lunch and Youth Mission Silent Auction on Sunday, March 10, was fantastic!

The Youth hope you enjoyed the great food, bidding opportunities, and just plain Trinity fun.

Our pit-masters extraordinaire - Brian Field, Casey Field, Sean Kirby, Jeremy Mobley, and Lee Tappy - donated, cooked, and served a delicious lunch. The

dessert table confirmed our youth are masters in the kitchen as well!

Auction tables were filled with incredible donations from the youth and our amazing congregation. Bids were beyond generous and helped us raise more than \$9500!

We are grateful to have the funding to make our trip to Baltimore this summer and honored to represent an amazing congregation as we travel to this new destination.

For more information on our 2019 Mission Trip to 'The Center' in Baltimore, MD, visit: www.thecenterbaltimore.org.

Youth Auction

BBQ & the Fixin's



Sweet Treats



Make a Bid!



Growing Together: Women's Retreat

We had an amazing women's retreat at Ocean Isle Beach. Our theme focused on cultivating our stories of faith. Through laughter, honesty, and stories we grew as a community of faith. Thank you to the amazing women who could come and share. We listened, learned and looked for God's presence in our lives.



Happenings at Trinity's Weekday School



The Scholastic Book Fair was another success! We love to see children excited about reading. Everyone enjoyed the Flat Tire Trio - fronted by a WDS dad - at the Family Concert in March.

The new playground shade is great! Thanks for supporting the WDS fundraisers, including the Auto Bell event in February. It made this new addition possible.

Spring at Trinity



**Agape
Feast**



**Easter
Egg
Hunt**



Easter Sunday

Save the Dates

- May 5-10** Weekday School Staff Appreciation
- May 12** Youth Sunday
- May 19** Summer Kickoff Picnic—Noon
- May 22** Last Day of Weekday School
- May 27** Church Office Closed
- June 4-27** Weekday School Summer Camp
- July 4** Church Office Closed
- Oct 18-20** Montreat

Our Church Family

Church Triumphant

February 22 Millicent Stafford Kincaid

Marriage

March 30 Lucy Cabrill Morrison & Matthew Allan Smith

Session Highlights from February 2019:

- Motion was approved to hire Sharon Smith for the part-time position of Communications Coordinator.
- Motion was approved to hire Caroline Dalton for the part-time position of Administrative Coordinator.
- Motion to hire Jodi Neal as our new Sunday Assistant was approved.
- A motion to approve an extension of interest only payments for 5 years on Steve Lindsley’s Housing Assistance Loan was approved, with some additional provisions.
- Motion to accept letter of transfer from E. Reynolds Wheeler to South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church was approved.
- Motion to accept letter of transfer from Liz Countess to Calvary Church was approved.

Financials as of March 31

	March	YTD	Annual
	Actuals	Actuals	Budget
Receipts:	66,534.37	168,054.92	641,649.00
Unrest. Funds Used:	2,503.54	13,404.58	69,000.00
Boltz Funds Used:	506.75	1,520.25	6,081.00
Endow. Funds Used:	6,066.50	18,199.50	72,798.00
Gilchrist Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Sanford Bldg. Maint. Funds Used	219.25	657.75	2,631.00
Thomson Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
Expenses:	65,822.23	202,482.09	876,828.00
Surplus/Deficit:	10,008.18	(645.07)	(79,169.00)