



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Together. Welcoming All.

POSTSCRIPTS

January/February 2020

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday:
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. - noon

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Stewardship Corner

A new year brings new opportunities at TPC! May we each stay strong in our commitment to the work and worship of this, our church home.



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

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Days of Discipleship: Building Relationships



A key partner in Trinity's Mission and Outreach is Supportive Housing Communities which includes McCreesh Place and is currently serving 112 children and their families. On December 19, Trinity welcomed many of those families into our festive Fellowship Hall to celebrate the season together. Trinity members offered rides to our campus and a warm welcome, as we opened our doors and shared the love of Jesus.

People of all ages filled the Fellowship Hall. They enjoyed children's crafts, live choral music and delicious food and desserts, lovingly prepared and served by members of St. Matthew Catholic Church. There was even a peppermint ice cream bar served up by good-hearted Trinity members.

The Charlotte Knights mascot, Homer, thrilled the crowd with his antics and posed for pictures. There was a hush and then a rush of excitement as Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived to the squeals of children and the delight of adults. The children settled onto the laps of the jolly couple, revealing their wishes and smiles for the photographer.

Warm winter coats, provided by Trinity members and other groups, were distributed along with wrapped gifts for each of the children.

The excitement, love and cheer in that vast hall were palpable, deepening and strengthening our relationship with our neighbors. It is a gift to share this space given to us by God in this way for the second year. Trinity is blessed to partner with others in this meaningful outreach.

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 2020

Phil Blount Steve Griffie
Sarah Henry Debbie Thompson
Meredith Thompson Jimmy Click

CLASS OF 2021

Eric Banks Jeremy Mobley
Mike Campbell Eric McGovern
Fran Worthington

CLASS OF 2022

Andrea Anderson Betty Anderson
Peter Devlin Patrice Pickett
Mike Wellman

MINISTRY TEAM CHAIRS

Equip

Personnel: Phil Blount
Finance: Jeremy Mobley
Buildings & Grounds: Eric McGovern and
Eric Banks
Stewardship: Mike Wellman

Grow

Christian Formation: Patrice Pickett
Youth: Andrea Anderson
Worship: Sarah Henry
Weekday School: Laura Gutknecht

Serve

Mission & Outreach: Meredith
Thompson
Congregational Life: Betty Anderson and
Mike Campbell
Welcoming: Debbie Thompson and
Peter Devlin

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Senior Minister
Rev. British Hyrams, Temporary
Associate Pastor
Rev. Jodi Martin, Christian Formation and
Youth Director
Dr. Chris Gilliam, Director of Music
Michael Rowland, Organist
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 Emerita

On the Journey: Affordable Housing Conversation

We just finished one of the holiest seasons of the church year where, among other things, we celebrate the birth of a Savior who could not find housing in Bethlehem. Thousands of years later, housing remains an issue. Our city is tackling the crisis with bond referendums and private/non-profit partnerships.

Last fall, Julie Porter, president of the Housing Partnership, spoke at our College of Elders dinner. It became clear to me that Trinity needs to ask itself: what can we do to be part of addressing Charlotte's affordable housing crisis? Other faith communities are stepping up. What will be our legacy in this effort?

In 2020, I want our church to begin this conversation. So here's my invitation: if you are interested in joining a conversation about how our church might be part of solving the affordable housing crisis in Charlotte, I want to know. If you're willing to gather with me and others who share a passion for this issue, call me or send me an email and I'll organize a get-together. You are not being asked to serve on a committee! All I'm asking is for you to be part of a conversation and see where the Spirit might be leading.

As I begin my seventh year at Trinity, it's a joy to be your pastor!

Steve

Youth Christmas Party



By Dean Gutknecht

During Trinity's annual Youth Christmas party, I took a second to reflect on prior Christmas parties, as I am a Senior and this was my last one. I remember back when we still used a somewhat standard system for the White Elephant gift exchange. Brent and the team leaders have kept it interesting; each year we have a new system for the exchange. This year it was a dice game and story, whereas in the past we have done numbers from a hat and other methods.

I remember the people and some of the gifts from then, namely a half-used bottle of ArmorAll wrapped in paper towels. So many of us wanted that!! Now we have new ideas and new gifts, but the spirit remains the same. The spirit of fellowship with friends as we shared a delicious dinner, decorated cookies and enjoyed the truly great times of the season.

Stewardship Fall Campaign

January/February 2020

The Stewardship Ministry Team happily shares the extraordinary results of our fall campaign. Trinity received more than \$532,000 in pledges for 2020 – exceeding our goal of \$525,000! Greater than half of those who pledged increased their pledge amount year-to-year, and we received 18 first-time pledges for 2020!

We wouldn't have made our goal without each and every pledge received. We are excited by the energy and enthusiasm reflected in these increases and new pledges.

Reaching this pledge goal is the first step in our three-year plan to balance the budget while growing our programs and ministry team opportunities. As we enter the new year, we encourage all Trinity members to seek out opportunities for faithful stewardship of their many other gifts of time and talent. Each person is a valuable part of this growing, vibrant church that celebrates God's many gifts.

Memories of 2019

For 40-plus years, Trinity members have headed to Montreat for our retreat in the mountains. This past October found 100 of us gathered for a weekend of learning and fellowship.

Biblical storyteller Rev. Casey Wait inspired adults through her lectures and Sunday sermon. The Youth, led by Brent & Sarah Mullis, Ned Parnell and Eric & Anne McGovern, helped with a mission project at the Black Mountain Children's Home. Younger children led by Marie Glapiak and Gary Sugg, Jr. explored the theme "Discovering Joy."

Rain curtailed the hike to Lookout Mountain and the always popular stargazing, but did not dampen our spirits! We gathered around the fireplace at Assembly Inn to watch sports, explore the scrapbooks of Montreat's past and write notes to those members absent from our midst, leaving plenty of time to visit the prayer stations in Convocation Hall. Others explored shopping in downtown Black Mountain.

We gathered Saturday evening in the barn where the atmosphere was dry, crisp and lively. We square-danced the night away to the music of the Stoney Creek Boys.

Plans are underway for the 2020 retreat with Anne Mar and Sean Kirby serving as Coordinators. Save the date for October 16-18 when the tradition continues!



Happenings at Trinity Presbyterian Weekday School

Our students filled November and December with great community service! The Toddler's classes collected



74 canned food items. The Two's classes collected 139 pairs of socks to share with Trinity's Room In The Inn neighbors, while the Four's and T-K classes continue to serve by helping to set up RITI each week. Our WDS Angel Tree gathered 159 books for the Charlotte Bilingual Preschool.

Please make note of our Three's classes collection of pet treats for the Humane Society coming in February. Thank you for your continued support of our mission and outreach!



Save the Dates

- Jan. 6-17** WDS Diaper Drive for Crisis Assistance Min.
- Jan. 20** Church Office & WDS Closed for MLK
- Jan. 27** WDS Registration for 2020-2021 begins
- Feb. 7-9** Women's Retreat
- Feb. 17** WDS closed for President's Day
- March 2** WDS Summer Camp Registration begins
- March 22** Gilchrist Sunday

Our Church Family

Church Triumphant

Dec. 10 Jacqueline Ritchie Stegner

Dec. 21 James Richard Hambacher

Birth

Nov. 28 Feliks Sylvester Glapiak,
son of Marie and Matt Glapiak

Session Highlights

November

- A motion was approved to accept Buildings & Grounds recommendation that Session approve design plans for a new Providence Rd. sign, and spend up to \$9000 out of the leftover land sale dollars to cover the cost.
- A motion to approve recommendation to Session to discontinue the Communications Ministry Team as a sessional ministry team, effective January 2020 was made, seconded and approved.
- The Finance Ministry Team made a motion to approve the APNC's recommendation of an effective salary for the open Associate Pastor position between \$50,000 to \$56,000. This effective salary will include salary and housing, divided per the needs of the person filling the position, which is standard practice for our ministerial roles. Motion was approved.
- A motion was approved to sustain Statements of Faith Journey for Andrea Anderson, Betty Anderson, Peter Devlin, Patrice Pickett and Mike Wellman, as elders of Class of 2022, and Jimmy Click, as elder of Class of 2020; and to approve them for installation and ordination, as appropriate.
- A motion was approved to accept the Transfer of Membership of Bruce and Carolyn Voorheis to Shallotte Presbyterian Church in the community where they retired. They remain affiliate members of Trinity.

Financials as of December 31

	December Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	118,246.14	671,829.09	641,649.00
Unrest. Funds Used:	5,483.40	58,154.32	69,000.00
Boltz Funds Used:	506.75	6,081.00	6,081.00
Endow. Funds Used:	6,066.50	72,798.00	72,798.00
Gilchrist Funds Used:	1,406.28	1,406.28	1,500.00
Sanford Bldg. Maint. Funds Used:	219.25	2,631.00	2,631.00
Thomson Funds Used:	4,769.67	4,769.67	4,000.00
Expenses:	74,982.33	841,981.95	876,828.00
Surplus/Deficit:	61,715.66	(24,312.59)	(79,169.00)