



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Together. Welcoming All.

POSTSCRIPTS

July/August 2020

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Church Office is Closed to Visitors, Please Call:

M-Th: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. - noon

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Stewardship Corner

Your Stewardship Ministry Team is grateful for your fellowship and commitment to our community, and incredible support of the work of our church. Thank you!



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

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In-Person Worship Resumes



In-Person Worship at Trinity began on Sunday, June 21, augmenting the virtual worship on Zoom, Facebook and YouTube Live which began on March 15 and will continue.

The congregation gathered at 10 a.m. under the oaks outside the Carson Fellowship Hall using the steps as a pulpit. Going forward in these Sunday services, all participants are asked to please wear a mask for the duration of the service and may either bring lawn chairs or a blanket for the family. If preferred, there are ample places to park and listen from a vehicle.

Those settling on the lawn will space themselves at a distance from others, facilitated by circles painted on the lawn and are asked, if possible, to use cell phones or tablets to access the order of worship emailed on Saturday. A table containing printed orders of worship, masks, hand fans, and hand sanitizer will be present for all worshipers to pick up what they need.

In the event of rain or other bad weather, members of the congregation will be alerted of cancellation of the outdoor service by email and the service will be conducted via Zoom and can be viewed on Facebook or YouTube Live.

The Worship Ministry Team anticipates holding outdoor services to allow worshipers to experience in-person worship but at a safe distance due to health concerns caused by the virus pandemic.

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. Rebekah Hutto, 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



When our Communications Team revamped *PostScripts*, we came up with the title, "On The Journey" for the pastor letter because that's exactly what we're on. Multiple journeys, in fact, and part of the joy is seeing how those journeys connect.

We had two journeys do just that. One, a journey to find our new associate pastor, which began fifteen months ago. The other, a journey of not one but two temporary associate pastors; both of whom came to be with us right when we needed them - and, I imagine they'd say, right when they needed us.

Soon another chapter begins, with news that a congregational meeting has been called for July 12 to act on a recommendation from the APNC regarding a candidate for our associate pastor position; and that Rebekah's time at Trinity is coming to an end as the Hutto family moves out of state so husband BJ can follow his call.

For me, this is yet one more example of God's faithfulness to this church, from Grace to British to Rebekah to our soon-to-be new associate pastor. It's also an example of God's faithfulness to each of those folks as well, leading them into a new and exciting future. What a blessing it is to get to serve a God who is squarely in the driver's seat of each of these journeys!

Trinity's Little Free Pantry



Thanks to the creative work of Eric Banks and Kate Johnson, the Mission and Outreach Ministry Team began a new outreach ministry for Trinity members and our neighborhood: Trinity's Little Free Pantry near the bus stop on Providence Road.

We may never know who our recipients are, so our theme for this pantry is that ANYONE can give or take to help the food insecure. Job

loss, new regulations for food programs, long lines at food banks, limited grocery stock are just some of the effects of this pandemic, therefore food insecurity will be on the rise for some time. Meredith Thompson, our Mission and Outreach chair, has a [Sign-Up Genius](#) volunteer form on our website, but anyone can help stock the pantry with non-perishable foods which are able to withstand high temperatures.

As Kate Johnson so beautifully painted on the outside, we are: "Growing Together. Welcoming All." The pantry is a visual reminder that we can share our resources for those in need.



This is one of the encampments you will see as you drive to the Urban Ministry Center (UMC) near Uptown. Once the pandemic hit, the homeless shelters were forced to reduce their numbers in order to practice social distancing.

The depth of our country's affordable housing and mental health crisis is one of the many things that has been revealed during the pandemic. Our community has responded with an outpouring of support. That fact is reinforced when you pull into UMC's parking lot and see the volunteers and employees working, despite the risks, to help those in need.

UMC is providing 300–500 lunches per day to our homeless neighbors. Trinity, too, has responded. Trinity's Operation Sandwich Team is a group of Trinity members and their friends who are making sandwiches and delivering them to UMC. So far, the Trinity team has delivered more than 1500 sandwiches to UMC.

Operation Sandwich is collecting and delivering sandwiches every other Thursday. Are you interested in joining the Operation Sandwich Team? The team is open to anyone who wants to help! Please contact Lynda Opdyke if you are interested in participating!



APNC Update

The APNC has met weekly and as needed by Zoom through the pandemic. The APNC recently interviewed a final slate of candidates to discern the call for our next Associate Pastor. All of the candidates were very qualified - it was a matter of checking references, comparing/contrasting the candidates, having lively APNC meetings and praying to determine the candidate with the right experience and who would be a good fit for the congregation. As our search has concluded, we will present you, the congregation, with more information at a called congregational meeting following worship on July 12.

Happenings at Trinity Presbyterian WDS

While it wasn't the year-end wrap-up we expected, we were happy to be able to see our friends on the last official day of school. Thank you for your support and patience during this challenging time!



Still Connecting!



Senior Homilies



Friendship Garden

Save the Dates

Sept. 20 Gilchrist Sunday

Our Church Family

Church Triumphant

June 11 Betty Lou Barr Baker

Congregational Sympathy

Royal Edwin Bowen,
brother of Shirley Bennett

May 30

Richard Guy Cornwell,
grandfather of Skylar Cornwell

Birth

April 8

Ada Margaret Rowe, daughter of
Caleb Rowe and Jennifer Underwood, sister
of Elliott

Graduates

High School: Eliza Ball, Louisa Bynum,
Blakely Durham, Dean Gutknecht, David
Hood, Henry Pickett, Spencer Tate
College: Caroline Bynum,
McCauley Etheridge, Ellie Hair,
Keeley O'Keefe, Will Reid
Master of Nursing:
Frances Platock

Session Highlights

March

- Motion to approve the minutes of the Congregational Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Corporation following worship on February 23, 2020 was approved.
- Worship Ministry Team made a motion to approve a non-member wedding on Saturday, December 5, 2020 between Mary Neal Stipp and Ryan Bailey. They have requested to have their own officiant Grady Mosely. Motions were approved.
- Motion to approve commissioners to the Presbytery meetings as follows; Meredith Thompson and Eric McGovern for Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at Davidson College PC and Andrea Anderson and Peter Devlin for Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at First-Albemarle PC. Motion was approved.

April

- Following the examination of the 2020 confirmands, motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to welcome Luke Sistrunk, Ella Tate and Kate Trimakas into the membership of Trinity Presbyterian Church. A special thank you was extended by the Session to Sean Kirby, Laura-Nelle Hurst and May Johnston, who mentored during a difficult time.
- Joint motion from Worship and Youth requested for the baptism of Kate Trimakas was approved. (date TBD)
- The Finance Ministry Team made a motion to approve the 2020 WDS operating budget as presented in January, understanding that at the current point in time, the budget will need to be amended due to school closure as a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Motion was approved.
- Motion to approve the 2020 Ministry Team Roster was seconded and approved.

Financials as of May 31

	May Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	55,942.08	335,727.76	675,510.00
Boltz Funds Used:	543.83	2,719.15	6,526.00
Endow. Funds Used:	0	98,841.00	98,841.00
Gilchrist Funds Used:	0	0	1,500.00
Sanford Bldg. Maint. Funds Used	240.08	1,200.40	2,881.00
Thomson Funds Used:	0	0	5,000.00
Expenses:	<u>46,341.87</u>	<u>311,167.55</u>	<u>881,648.00</u>
Surplus/Deficit:	10,384.12	127,320.76	(41,718.00)