



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Together. Welcoming All.

POSTSCRIPTS

November/December 2020

Who is Our Neighbor?

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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**Church Office is Open
to Visitors:**

Tue/Thurs: 9 a.m. - noon

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Stewardship Corner

We'd like to thank you for your ongoing support of the work of our church and inspiring this year's theme, "Called. Connected Committed." Happy Holidays!



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Matthew 23:35 " ..for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Our neighbor is a single mother struggling to provide food, safety and education for her family. Our neighbor is a young person whose job was lost in the pandemic, who joined hundreds living in a tent encampment. Our neighbor might be someone alienated from family, lacking job skills, challenged by a mental disability. Each of us has a story to tell and all are our neighbors.

In solidarity with our neighbors, and working with Nations Ford Elementary, Trinity is supporting seven families experiencing homelessness.

Through Supportive Housing Communities, Trinity is providing diapers for seventeen of their youngest residents.

Since May, Trinity's new Operation Sandwich Team has provided neighbors served by Roof Above with more than 1,000 non-perishable lunches, 3,000 sandwiches, dozens of cases of water, fruit, soup, vegetables, masks, and hand sanitizer. We've collected approximately 1,000 disposable face masks.

Contact Rev. Heilman or Lynda Opdyke, if you would like to participate in the bi-weekly sandwich or non-perishable lunch-making gatherings, or if you would like to donate funds to provide vegetables for soup.



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. Rebecca Heilman, Associate Minister
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
Crystal Gray, Interim Weekday School Dir.
Jill Billings, Weekday School Asst. Dir.
Jane B. Arant, Music Minister Emerita

On the Journey



I have been in Charlotte for a little over two months now and I can barely believe it. Sadie and I are settling in nicely! Since then, I have met with many of you through Zoom, phone calls, and in-person socially distanced visits. I've gotten to know you in Virtual Coffee hours, over popsicles, before and after worship, on walks with Sadie, at a Trinity Singles gathering, and the weekly Prayer Team, The Well, and in Ministry Team meetings. In these strange times, I hope to continue to find ways to

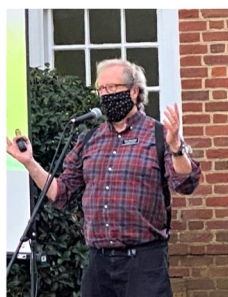
connect with you. I've certainly had a blast over the last two months getting to know the folks who make this church wonderful and inviting!

I'm reminded daily of the story of Jesus calming the storm. The disciples were at their wit's end and terrified, while Jesus slept. The disciples in full haste, woke Jesus, asking if he cared that they were drowning. Jesus gave orders to the wind, and said to the lake, "Peace! Be still!" And there was a great calm. Every Sunday, after another week of facing this challenging world, I carry my fears and anxieties with me under those oaks. And every Sunday, after worshiping with you, I walk away with a great calm in my spirit. It is an absolute joy to be here with you, to worship with you, and to experience peace with you, even if it's only for an hour under the oaks.

College of Elders Gathering



The College of Elders gathering was held under the oaks and via Zoom on September 27. Steve gave us an update on the many activities of the church during the pandemic and introduced Rev. Dr. Willie J. Keaton Jr., from Restorative Justice CLT, who addressed the gathering. He is Justice



Organizer of the Stan Greenspon Center for Peace and Social Justice at Queens University of Charlotte and pastor of Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church. Next, we had the privilege of hearing Dr. Tom Hanchett, historian and author of *Sorting Out The New South City*, who offered an informative

presentation. Dr. Hanchett is an expert on Charlotte's racial history and on what happened to the Brooklyn neighborhood. We all appreciated their information and our time together.

In July 2020, the Officer Nominating Committee began their work of choosing the new class of elders and two at-large Officer Nominating Committee members. Due to the pandemic, all meetings were done virtually, which was quite different from past years.

For the elder class of 2023, Bev Bradley, Peiffer Brandt, Amy Bynum, Christie Jameson, and Caryl Stribling, along with Hank Smith for the class of 2021, were elected. Richard Williams and Laura Gutknecht were elected at-large members of the Officer Nominating Committee.

Thank you to Mike Campbell, Kim Nims, Anne Mar Kirby, Ned Parnell, Ali Field, and Debbie Thompson who served on the Office Nominating Committee.

Happenings at Trinity Presbyterian WDS

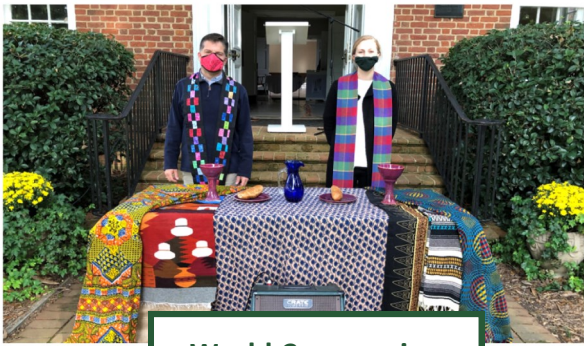


After a long, quiet period, things are happening at the WDS. Stephanie Palmer, WDS Director for six years, moved on to an opportunity to work with preschool children throughout Mecklenburg County. We wish her all the best!

Crystal Gray joined us as the Interim Director on October 19. Crystal comes to us from Tutor Time Learning Center, where she was Center Director. She has significant experience in early childhood education, including working with at-risk children in the Billingsville area. We welcome her to the Trinity WDS family!

Our school year began on Monday, October 26 with Open House followed by the first day of classes on Tuesday, October 27. We are currently serving ages 3, 4 and Transitional Kindergarten and hope to open our 2s program in the near future. We are grateful for all the support from our Trinity family as we try to navigate through these uncertain times.

Still Connecting!



World Communion



Youth Group



Youth Group

Financials as of October 31

	October Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	29,491.82	500,171.94	675,510.00
Unrest. Funds Used:	1,000.00	11,033.56	49,672.00
Boltz Funds Used:	543.83	5,438.30	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	2,400.80	2,881.00
Thomson Funds Used:	0	0	5,000.00
Expenses:	60,678.51	612,867.85	881,648.00
Surplus/Deficit:	(29,402.78)	5,017.75	(41,718.00)

Our Church Family

Congregational Sympathy

October 22

Margaret Carpenter Smith,
mother of Sharon Smith

Baptism

October 10

Jane Margret Chandler,
daughter of Grace and Clinton Chandler

Session Highlights

August

- The Officer Nominating Committee's motion to approve Elder Andrea Anderson to serve a two-year term on the Officer Nominating Committee for the years 2021 and 2022 was approved.

September

- A Congregational Meeting was called to hear and act on a recommendation from the Officer Nominating Committee to elect the Elder Class of 2023; Caryl Stribling, Peiffer Brandt, Bev Bradley, Amy Bynum, Christie Jameson and Youth Elder Class of 2021: Hank Smith.
- A motion was made and approved to elect Richard Williams and Laura Gutknecht to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee At-Large.
- A motion to act on Steve's recommendation to form an Anti-Racism task force was made, seconded and approved.
- The WDS Ministry Team received Session approval for the reopening of the Weekday School, no earlier than October 12, 2020.

October

- A motion that Session, upon recommendation from the Interim Weekday School Director Search Committee approve Crystal Gray as our Interim Weekday School Director, per the terms of her letter of employment was approved.

