



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Together. Welcoming All.

POSTSCRIPTS

July/ August 2021

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

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**Church Office is Open
to Visitors:**

Tue-Thurs: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Stewardship Corner

We are grateful for fellowship and great weather this summer and are reminded of Psalm 113: "From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised." Indeed!



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A Sweet Thanks to Teachers

Teaching bright young minds is a challenging job in the best of times. Add in a global pandemic, and teachers had their hands full with a seemingly impossible task — and yet they persevered. These essential workers offered warmth and stability to students during a time of great uncertainty, and despite everything children learned and grew.

To thank teachers and staff for the hard work of educating children with patience and love — often over Zoom, no less — Trinity treated our friends at Nations Ford Elementary to a morning snack. *Donut I Love U*, a popular local food truck, stopped by to serve their gourmet mini-donuts, coffees and teas, and thanks to masks and vaccines, Rebecca Heilman, Susanne Sawyer and Kate Johnson of the Nations Ford team were able to attend the event (in-person!).

To fund the fun, Trinity members had the chance to "Donate for Donuts" and sponsor a teacher's tasty treat. The campaign was an overwhelming success. Collectively, we raised over \$1000, which ensured a sweet morning for all.

The Session

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Moderator
Nancy Williams, Clerk
Bev Bradley, Asst. Clerk
Peiffer Brandt, Pres. of the Corp.
Cookie Parnell, Treasurer

Class of 2021

Eric Banks	Jeremy Mobley
Mike Campbell	Eric McGovern
Fran Worthington	Hank Smith

Class of 2022

Andrea Anderson	Betty Anderson
Peter Devlin	Patrice Pickett

Mike Wellman

Class of 2023

Peiffer Brandt	Amy Bynum
Bev Bradley	Caryl Stribling
Christie Jameson	

Ministry Team Chairs Equip

Personnel: Peiffer Brandt
Finance: Jeremy Mobley
Buildings & Grounds:
Eric McGovern and Eric Banks
Stewardship: Mike Wellman

Grow

Christian Formation: Patrice Pickett
Youth: Sherese Smith
Worship:
Caryl Stribling and Andrea Anderson
Weekday School: Amy Bynum

Serve

Mission & Outreach:
Bev Bradley and Peter Devlin
Congregational Life:
Betty Anderson and Mike Campbell
Welcoming: Christie Jameson

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, Comm. Coordinator
Angela Drugan, Admin. Coordinator
Rick Neil, Facilities Technician
Jodi Neal, Sunday Assistant
Amy Vaughn, WDS Director
Jane B. Arant, Music Minister Emerita

On the Journey



While Steve takes a sabbatical so do we. This time is to rest, meditate, and connect with God. We often think of rest as physical, but spiritual rest is just as important. Spiritual rest is a deeper rest, the resting of the soul. It's where we can enter God's space and presence to just be. It's a rest that comes from being in covenantal communion and love with God. God will always be there. Here is the question: Are we able to place all the

messiness of our lives aside and open that space with God? The Jewish scholar, Abraham Heschel, describes this deep rest as "menuha." According to Heschel, "Menuha came into existence on the sabbath and can be described as tranquility, serenity, peace, and repose. Menuha is the state in which there is no strife and no fighting, no fear and no distrust." We are in a restless, busy time. The world is opening up and the Church is wondering about its post-pandemic identity. Longing for Menuha in this restless time and in others is to enter a space with God even for a brief moment, knowing that all is okay and for that moment to release some of the pressure to God. I invite you to find a comfortable place in your house, turn to Psalm 139 in your Bible, and read that passage out loud. Center yourself in God's presence. Peace to you all as we rest.

Confirmands



Pictured left to right: Madeleine Virginia Liwei Johnston, Anna Wheeler Field, Sarah Emily Click, Caroline Grace Banks, Isabella

Donations Needed

The Weekday School is looking for playground equipment donations! Please consider donating your gently loved outdoor play equipment to the WDS!



Trinity Weekday School's New Director

July/ August 2021



Trinity Presbyterian is excited to announce the hiring of Amy Vaughn as our new Weekday School Director. Amy comes highly recommended after nearly two decades of service in the early childhood education ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte. There, she has served in numerous roles - teacher, assistant preschool director, schools program coordinator, and director of the successful Bridges Program.

Our Weekday School Director Search Committee was very impressed with Amy's qualifications and experience, her passion for early childhood education, her reputation for both staff development and strong parent relations, her desire to draw close ties between the school and church, and her eagerness to dive right in to this opportunity.

Crystal Gray's time as Interim Weekday School Director came to a close the end of May. Thank you, Crystal. We are ever grateful for your time leading us.

Amy began her tenure as the Director of the Weekday School on June 1. We are excited about what lies ahead!

Trinity's Resilient Youth Group

Youth Fellowship looked very different this year from what we've known and loved. We made some adjustments, learned some new ways of doing things, had some disappointments, but kept going regardless.

This year stretched the advisors' creative, out-of-the-box thinking generating some new ideas and lessons. One such idea came in the cooler months last fall when we utilized the outdoor fireplace at the Youth Center to help keep us warm, creating an outdoor 'room' and ultimately roasting marshmallows for S'mores!

We are grateful for the time we were able to spend together whether by Zoom or just running around outside with masks on. However, we missed being in-person with each other and this season revealed just how very important that link is – to the health of not only individuals but to the collective. And just like our larger congregation, we missed being in our space - the sanctuary of our Youth Center.

Having said all that, we finished the year with one of our favorite traditions - our outdoor cookout. We had a nice turnout of youth and their families including some recently graduated siblings.

Many thanks to the advisors, youth, and their parents who kept things going for us this year. We look forward to being able to safely resume some of our favorite traditions next year!



Happenings at Trinity Presbyterian WDS



"A Journey Through the Pages..." summer camp was a great success last month at the Weekday School. The children enjoyed arts and crafts, science, games, water play, books and music. The highlight was a visit from Brandy the Marvelous Mini Horse. John and Kay Daughtry bring Brandy (a certified therapy horse) to visit schools, assisted living facilities, and charity events all over the Charlotte area. Smiles and hugs for Brandy were plentiful as the children learned about horses and listened to a story read by Miss Kay.

Amy Vaughn, the new WDS director, is eager to meet you and share all of her excitement about what's in store for this fall. Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year is underway. Please contact Amy: avaughn@trinityreschurch.org or call 704-366-3556 to enroll!



Two new street signs in the Clair Cross development behind Trinity, honor our history and help tell our story!

Update on Sunday Worship, Office and Building Use Availability

In light of current CDC and NC government recommendations and the current downward trend of COVID cases in the area, Trinity's Session has approved a joyous return to worship in the Sanctuary on July 4 with face masks optional for those who are fully vaccinated. As a body of faith, so that all may feel safe and welcome, it is our hope that you would choose to wear a mask and respect social distance around children and other individuals who continue to wear their mask.

For now, while you are in the Sanctuary, we continue to ask that you:

- Sit in the pews with pew cushions so we continue to socially distance and
- Congregate outdoors following worship.

Additionally, for this summer, we are happy to announce that Trinity member gatherings (i.e. meetings, study groups, etc.) are allowed to return to the building with face masks optional for those who are fully vaccinated. The office will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9am - 5pm.

For now, we ask that you:

- Email Angela Drugan to reserve a time and a room at adrugan@trinitypreschurch.org,
- Use the Welcome Center entrance only, and
- For the comfort of the office staff, please be considerate of their wishes regarding masks and social distancing.

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Save the Dates

September 7 Weekday School's first day of school
September 12 Rally Day

Our Church Family

Births
May 21 Harrison Cline Minas, grandson of John and Kim Nims

Graduates
High School: Harrison Bobbitt, Jimmy Click, Marshall Coley, Connor Lindsley

Session Highlights

April

- Motion to recommend Eric McGovern and Peter Devlin as commissioners for the May 18, Presbytery Meeting via Zoom was seconded and approved.
- The Worship Ministry Team's motion to approve the wedding of Gary Sugg and Sarah Byrd on July 10, with Baron Mullis officiating, was joyfully approved.

May

- The WDS Director Search Committee recommended Amy Vaughn as the new Weekday School Director for Trinity, starting June 1. Motion was approved.
- Confirmands, Anna Field, Caroline Banks, Isabella Anderson, Sarah Emily Click, and Madeleine Johnston were welcomed into membership, following their statements of faith.
- The Worship Ministry Team made a motion that on inclement weather Sundays ONLY, worship move indoors to the Sanctuary. The proposal is made with the stipulation that safety protocols for indoor worship as previously approved by the Worship Ministry Team and the COVID Advisory Team be followed. Motion was approved.

Financials as of May 31

	May Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	37,992.73	246,842.19	660,470.00
Unrest. Funds Used:	0.00	5,645.83	40,000.00
Boltz Funds Used:	565.58	2,827.90	6,787.00
Endow. Funds Used:	10,479.50	52,397.50	125,754.00
Gilchrist Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sanford Bldg. Maint. Funds Used	262.83	1,314.15	3,154.00
Thomson Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Expenses:	69,504.04	326,988.68	871,102.00
Surplus/Deficit:	(20,203.40)	(17,961.11)	(29,937.00)