



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Together. Welcoming All.

POSTSCRIPTS

September/October 2021

Sunday Worship: 11 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

Thanks Be To God!

Your Stewardship Ministry Team greatly appreciates your support of our church.

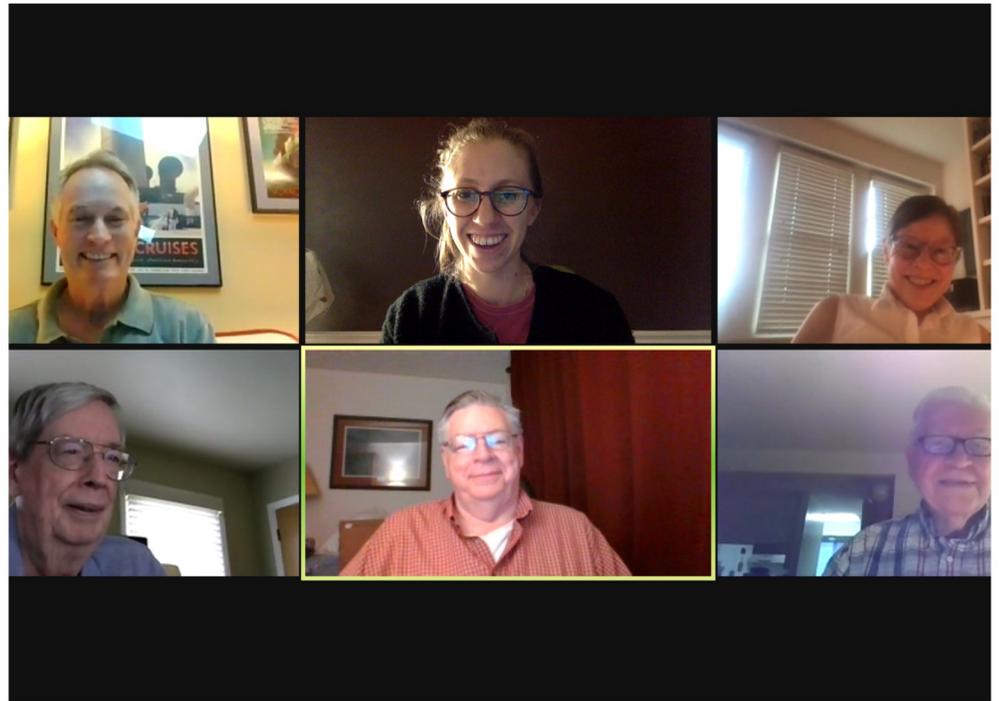
Response Sunday is October 24.

Pledges can be submitted on campus, by mail or online.



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The Well Class

The Well Class provides another opportunity for study and learning at Trinity. The group started several years ago as a Sunday morning class exploring, in an in-depth fashion, various books of the Bible. With recent COVID challenges, the class was moved to evenings over Zoom. Recently, the class focus has been on the Presbyterian lectionary to give participants a better basis for Sunday morning sermons preached at Trinity. The Book of Revelation from the New Testament is the summer topic with class meetings every other Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. In its current iteration, our Associate Pastor of Engagement and Mission, Rebecca Heilman, is the facilitator. However, the class is about reading, discussion, engagement and learning through each other. While some preparation work is suggested for each class, if time does not permit the completion of the prep work, attendees can still participate to learn and grow. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen our faith in the understanding of Biblical text, while also getting to know each other on a more personal level. If you have not attended and want to do so, please contact Rebecca Heilman at rheilman@trinitypreschurch.org so you can be added to the Zoom class.

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 King, Sunday Assistant
Amy Vaughn, WDS Director
Jane B. Arant, Music Minister Emerita

On the Journey



As COVID again rages in our community, I've heard your words of disheartenment as we return to where we were just a few months ago. I feel the same. COVID infection rates continue to rise, especially among non-vaccinated individuals. Masks are back and fear continues to settle within. We are especially worried for our children and those who are vulnerable. It goes without saying that God knows our pain, our angry words, and our shaking of heads. God understands our fear bubbling within, fitting to burst. We are not God's only people to call out, for even the Psalmist cried in exile, "Lord, hear my prayer! Let my cry reach you!" Your COVID Advisory Group, Worship Team, pastors, and Session feel the weight of this troubled time with you. They have stayed up to date on local, state, and nationwide news. They asked hard questions and made difficult decisions for the health and safety of Trinity's community. I encourage you to reach out to those leaders and thank them for their time and energy. Take some time to acknowledge with them the difficulty of these decisions and the exhaustion it steals from within. I encourage you to reach out with love and see the image of God in each person in our beloved congregation, as we are walking and willing to be a source of comfort.

Trinity's Newest Member

On Sunday, June 13, Session officially welcomed our newest member to the Trinity family. Rachel Miller, who currently lives in Baltimore, MD, has been streaming weekly Sunday worship services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Even though Rachel is primarily an online member, she is no stranger to the Trinity community. Rachel is related to the Banks family and has attended a few pre-COVID, in-person worship services in the past. During these services she first felt Trinity's strong sense of faith and family.

Back in March, Rachel was able to meet with the Welcome Ministry Team beneath "The Oaks" and learn more about Trinity's history, mission, and community, as well as tour all the buildings and special places on campus. We had a wonderful conversation and thoroughly enjoyed embracing Rachel as the newest member of the Trinity family.

Rachel has felt such a connection to the church, especially during this difficult time, and hopes to become more engaged with Trinity's online activities and group meetings moving forward. A few years ago, I'm sure none of us imagined welcoming an online member, but it is so comforting to know the love and faith of this community can transcend technology. It's so beautiful to see God's work on a virtual spectrum!



On Tuesday evening, August 10, Janet Sarjeant led a discussion at Trinity of her recently published book, *Deep Calls Unto Deep*. Approximately forty people were present in the Sanctuary for Janet's talk, and others attended online. The book is part biography, part history, and part memoir of the intersecting lives of Lou Patrick, Tony Abbott, and Fred Buechner, who share history with Trinity Presbyterian Church. Rev. Dr. Baron Mullis, former Associate Pastor here at Trinity, says this about the book: "It is a warm and familial tribute to three towering figures in their respective fields who, in life's good providence, found each other." If you missed Janet's presentation, it is available on YouTube at the Trinity Presbyterian Church Charlotte site. To obtain a copy of Janet's book, contact her at jansari@carolina.rr.com.

Congregational Life Vision Team

Over the past several months, members of the Congregational Life Vision Team have been meeting with Rebecca Heilman to support her in her call to help grow the life of the congregation. The overall purpose of this team is to help our congregation find a deeper connection to God, a deeper connection as a church community, and a deeper connection with the wider community beyond our walls. Betty Anderson, Blair Bruckmann, Mike Campbell, Debbie Thompson, and Kato Nims have spent time alongside Rebecca studying God's word and theology to better understand the reasons God desires for us to be in community with each other. This intentional study has helped the team envision a way to begin listening and engaging with the members of the congregation to determine the hopes and dreams they have for the life of the congregation. Through this intentional listening, the congregation will help inform the planning for programming, events, activities, and overall life of the church. There will be many ways for your voice to be heard, if it has not already. If you would like to share or talk with a member of the Vision Team, please feel free to reach out to them directly. We look forward to seeing what God can do in the life of our congregation through this process and in the years to come.

Trinity's Weekday School News



As we prepared to return to school for the new year, a lot of changes were taking place at Trinity's Weekday School. In preparation to welcome the children back to school, we've spruced up the playgrounds with new mulch. Inside, the classrooms are brighter and cheerier after being painted. Fifteen extremely creative and talented staff arrived on Monday, August 23. Collectively, they bring over a century of experience to enrich and nurture the lives of the precious children we have welcomed



through our doors. During the week of August 30, parents and children will meet the teachers and see their classrooms at the WDS "Get Acquainted Days" Open House! We have just a few openings left for the 2021-2022 school year. For information, contact Amy Vaughn at avaughn@trinitypreschurch.org.



On Sunday, August 22, our children joined us for a blessing of the backpacks as they embarked on a new school year. Their Trinity family is praying for a happy and healthy year for all!

Session Highlights

June

- The Worship Ministry Team made and approved a motion that Session approve the wedding application submitted by Caroline Johnson and Whit McLeod for an indoor event at 6 p.m. on May 14, 2022. Session is also asked to approve that the officiating for this wedding be performed by Pastor Ken Hardin from Grace Community Baptist.
- The Welcome Ministry Team recommended that we accept Rachel Miller into membership at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Motion was approved.
- Motion to approve Fran Worthington and Peiffer Brandt as commissioners for the August 21 Presbytery Meeting was seconded and approved.

Update on COVID protocols

Session unanimously voted that all individuals, including children two years old and older, **be required to wear a mask at all times while indoors until further notice.** The COVID Advisory Group will be revisiting our recommendations frequently over the coming weeks and months and we anticipate that additional changes to Trinity's policies will be needed to address concerning dynamics of this pandemic.

Save the Dates

September 26 College of Elders, 6 p.m.

Our Church Family

Church Triumphant:

July 24 Mark Busby Sluder
August 15 Jean Palmer Royal

Congregational Sympathy:

July 19 Cecil Herbert Richardson, father-in-law of Meredith Thompson

Births:

July 16 Emily Blair Bruckmann, daughter of Blair and Ronnie Bruckmann
July 17 Alma Grove Coppedge, daughter of John and Ashley Coppedge

Congratulations:

July 10 Marriage of Gary Sugg and Sarah Byrd



Financials as of August 31

	August Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	48,291.77	411,681.08	660,470.00
Unrest. Funds Used:	0.00	5,645.83	40,000.00
Boltz Funds Used:	565.58	4,524.64	6,787.00
Endow. Funds Used:	10,479.50	83,836.00	125,754.00
Gilchrist Funds Used:	0.00	300.00	0.00
Sanford Bldg. Maint. Funds Used	262.83	2,102.64	3,154.00
Thomson Funds Used:	0.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
Expenses:	<u>59,201.47</u>	<u>497,158.84</u>	<u>871,102.00</u>
Surplus/Deficit:	398.21	13,431.35	(29,937.00)