



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Together. Welcoming All.

POSTSCRIPTS

March/April 2022

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

New sunshine and opportunities for stewardship, fellowship, and mission are here. We hope you get involved! *"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."* (Ephesians 2:10)



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Room in the Inn

Several challenges arise in finding a safe, warm, and comfortable place to rest at night. The lack of affordable housing, the lure of addiction, crippling mental health, and broken public service systems all contribute to people experiencing homelessness in Charlotte. With the many obstacles of COVID, Trinity's leadership had to consider how we could provide a safe place for our neighbors to stay. In the interest of safety for our guests and our volunteers, the leadership for Room in the Inn and Mission & Outreach felt we could not safely socially distance our neighbors and hosts in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity. After many conversations as a church, Trinity partnered with Sardis Presbyterian Church for the 2022 Room in the Inn season to help house eight guests once a week at Sardis. Sardis Presbyterian has a unique facility where guests can sleep in separate rooms and overnight hosts have a separate space in which to sleep. Trinity's RIT and M&O leadership agreed to provide and care for the Room in the Inn guests on Sunday nights for the month of



February.

THANK YOU to the volunteers who helped support this important ministry. It would not be the same without you. A special thank you to the youth of Trinity who prepared dinner for our guests on February 20.



The Session

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Moderator
Warren Henry, Clerk
Louise Sanford, Asst. Clerk
Peiffer Brandt, Pres. of the Corp.
Cookie Parnell, Treasurer

Class of 2022

Andrea Anderson Betty Anderson
Peter Devlin Patrice Pickett
Mike Wellman Molly Click, Youth

Class of 2023

Peiffer Brandt Amy Bynum
Bev Bradley Christie Jameson

Class of 2024

Caryl Stribling
Ned Parnell Louise Sanford
Susanne Sawyer Carol Sugg
Walter Reid

Ministry Team Chairs Equip

Personnel: Peiffer Brandt
Finance: Walter Reid
Buildings & Grounds: Carol Sugg
Stewardship: Mike Wellman

Grow

Christian Formation: Patrice Pickett,
Susanne Sawyer
Youth: Sherese Smith, Ned Parnell
Worship:

Caryl Stribling, Andrea Anderson
Weekday School: Amy Bynum

Serve

Mission & Outreach:
Bev Bradley, Peter Devlin
Congregational Life:
Betty Anderson, Louise Sanford
Welcoming: Christie Jameson, Molly Click

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



There is a story of a visiting pastor who attended a church breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country. The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast. "Lord, I hate buttermilk," the farmer began. The visiting pastor wondered where this was going. The farmer continued, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was concerned. Without missing a beat, the farmer said, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour." The pastor glanced around the room and saw he wasn't the only one feeling uncomfortable. Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So, Lord, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what's happening in the moment, help us to trust in you and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

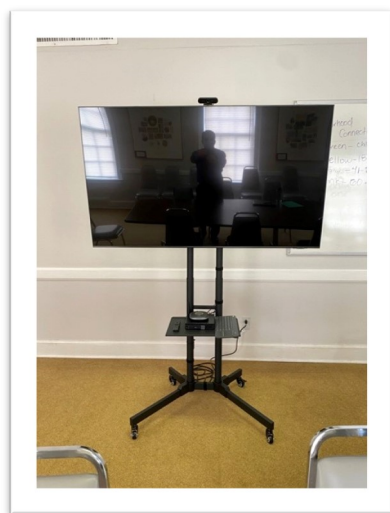
There are, of course, times when we shouldn't wait; when faithful action is necessary. But there is also deep wisdom in seeing the world the way God sees it - the full view, not what's trending, not the latest "click bait." God is always in the mixing process, friends. May we have faith to see that in the world around us.

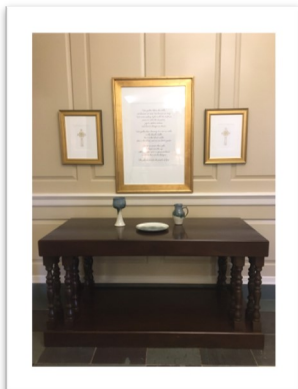
And I also love a good warm biscuit.

Steve

A New Way to Meet - Hybrid Gatherings

Prior to the pandemic, most church meetings were done exclusively in-person, often creating challenges in finding a day and time that worked for everyone. One of the silver linings of Covid has been learning to hold virtual meetings, which has increased overall participation since it's not dependent on everyone being physically present together. Now, as we begin to emerge from the pandemic, we anticipate an increased desire for the best of both worlds with hybrid meetings - merging in-person and online audiences as seamlessly as possible. At the end of last year our church acquired equipment to help us do this well. This setup, which is currently located in the Heritage Room, includes a large monitor hooked up to a mini-computer and Bluetooth speaker. In-person participants can use the equipment to log on to the church's Zoom account and bring online participants "into the room." This equipment is on a mobile cart that can be relocated to the Parlor and Fellowship Hall as needed. It's an ideal setup for ministry team and committee meetings, book clubs, Bible studies, and staff meetings; and opens the opportunity for many members of your group to participate. If you are interested in reserving this for your group, please contact the church office.





A New, Fresh Look

If you are just beginning the process of returning to church, whether for Sunday School, in-person Worship or group meetings, please make an effort to stop by the Sanctuary Narthex. While the pandemic kept many of us away from Trinity's campus, a team of church members took the opportunity to complete a long-awaited project to update the Narthex. With the assistance of the Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team, a fresh coat of paint was placed on the walls and a beautiful antique sideboard was purchased for the newly designated seating area. The Worship Ministry Team generously acquired a new handmade ceramic communion set to display on the communion table. The Welcome Ministry Team framed several new art pieces, including "The Invitation to the Lord's Table" prayer. Furthermore, the project was able to be completed with anonymous donations from several different church members, which included a pair of newly recovered Martha Washington chairs, freshly recovered pew cushions, and the purchase of two modernized sets of mirrors. While the update has made this space more functional and inviting to those who enter, it is still a space that encompasses the traditions of Trinity and its mission to be welcoming to all.

Church Organ Renovation Update

Our lovely 1965 Moller Pipe organ will be receiving its first comprehensive and total overhaul soon. The restoration will return the organ to its full functionality, a capability we have not experienced for well over a decade. Over the last several months the Organ Task Force, comprised of Eric Banks, Jim Glenn, Suzanne Reid, Eric McGovern, and Jerry Parnell met regularly and accepted bids for refurbishment from several companies throughout the country. It was unanimously agreed upon that the Lewtak Pipe Organ Builders Company, based in Mocksville, NC, be hired to complete this project. The Session has approved funding and the project is expected to take up to nine months to complete. The target date for completion is the beginning of Advent. The pipes and console will be removed over the next few months. The current electric organ located in the left transept area will be moved back up to the loft and used until the project is finished. Michael Rowland, our marvelous organist, has agreed to present a dedicatory organ recital for all to hear when the project is finished. Stay tuned for periodic updates and as the work continues.

Trinity's Weekday School News

We have a new face in the hallways at Trinity Weekday School! Bethany Gerstenmier joins all the fun at the Weekday School on Tuesdays and Wednesdays as our newest intern. She is a 2020 graduate of Philips Academy. Currently, she attends Philips Academy's Bridges Transition Program. Bridges is a post-secondary program for highly motivated young adults with complex learning challenges. I asked Bethany what she would like for me to share with the readers of this article. She enthusiastically responded, "My love of children is 1000% and I love working here!"

I am EXCITED about the collaborative efforts between Philips Academy and the Weekday School. Philips Academy students and staff hosted a sidewalk chalk and bubble station at the Weekday School's Fall Festival. Our 3-year-old classes made banners to support Philips Academy's annual Turkey Trot. The Weekday School added Phillips Academy Flavor House coffees to our holiday fundraiser offerings. Tonia Delgado is a parent of two Philips Academy students and a teacher at the Weekday School. Now, we welcome Miss Bethany! We are #TogetherAtTrinity!



Enrollment is currently open for 2022 Trinity Weekday School Adventureland Summer Camp and the 2022/2023 Trinity Weekday School Year.

Session Highlights

December

Motion recommended from Steve Lindsley to approve the following members to serve on the 2022 Senior Pastor Mentor Team: Warren Henry, Christie Jameson, Eric Banks, Patrice Pickett, and Susanne Sawyer. Motion was made, seconded and approved.

Motion to elect the following for 2022: Warren Henry as Clerk of Session; Louise Sanford as Assistant Clerk of Session; Peiffer Brandt as President of the Corporation; Cookie Parnell as Treasurer. Motion was made, seconded and approved.

The Organ Task Force made a motion to the Session to pursue funding for the Lewtak Trinity organ repair/restoration proposal, with the goal of completing the project in time for Christmas 2022. Motion was made, seconded and passed.

Motion to Accept Gift: Following Stewardship Ministry Team review and recommendation, motion to accept a gift of \$50,000 from the Gilchrist family for the purpose of supporting the repair and replacement of the organ within Trinity Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary. Motion was passed.

January

Finance Ministry Team recommended and Session approved, in two consecutive votes at a stated and called meeting, to use up to \$275,000 of endowment funds for the renovation and repair of the Sanctuary organ.

Finance Ministry Team moves to engage the congregation in early 2022 to educate them on the organ renovation project and request gifts for the organ renovation project. Any gifts received for the organ renovation project will be used to offset use of endowment funds. Motion was passed.

The Finance Ministry Team moves to use \$4,769.15 from the Church Session Discretionary Fund to cover the 2021 year-end deficit. The motion was passed.

The Finance Ministry Team moves to use \$62,820.92 from the Weekday School Carry Forward Reserve Fund to cover the 2021 year-end deficit. The motion was passed.

The Finance Ministry Team moved that the Session adopt the 2022 budget. The motion was passed. A Congregational Meeting will be called to, in part, present the 2022 budget to the congregation.

Our Church Family

Births:

January 27

Bennett Ruth Bradley (Bee),
daughter of Erin and Wil Bradley

Save the Dates

April 3

April 3

April 3

April 10

April 11-18

April 14

April 15

April 17

April 24

May 25

May 31

October 14-16

Trinity Children to Lead Worship

Youth BBQ Lunch After Worship

Congregational Justice Drive

Palm Sunday

Weekday School Spring Break

Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

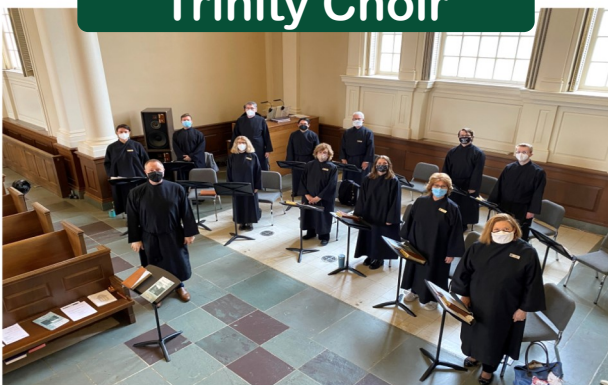
WDS Spring Fling, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Last Day for WDS Students

WDS Summer Camp Begins

Montreat Retreat

Trinity Choir



Financials as of February 28

	February Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	49,101.94	104,042.02	619,147.00
Unrest. Funds Use	0.00	0.00	39,000.00
Boltz Funds Used:	652.17	1,304.34	7,826.00
Endow. Funds Used:	11,760.00	23,520.00	141,120.00
Gilchrist Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Sanford Bldg. Maint. Funds Used	307.92	615.84	3,695.00
Thomson Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Expenses:	74,259.61	128,065.07	862,514.00
Surplus/Deficit:	(12,437.58)	1,417.13	(45,226.00)

