



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Together. Welcoming All.

POSTSCRIPTS

September/October 2022

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Watch: [online](#), [YouTube](#) or
[Facebook](#)

**Church Office is Open
to Visitors:**
Mon-Thurs: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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Trinity 2023 Stewardship
Make a Joyful Noise

Response Sunday is October 23.
Pledges can be submitted on
campus, by mail or online.



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Organ Update



The renovation of our magnificent organ continues. According to Tom Lewtak of Lewtak Pipe Organ Builders, they are on track to have the project completed by Thanksgiving. In addition to the renovation of the console and foot pedal board, there is construction of a new organ bench, and the worn-out parts of more than 2000 individual pipes are being replaced. Tom will also lift the entire pipe platform up 18 inches to help facilitate any future servicing. Currently, there is virtually no clearance to access the pipes from below and this change will alleviate that issue.

The moving parts to this project are intricate; we are very fortunate to have Lewtak Pipe Organ Builders on board to fix our instrument. Tom and his associates are true professionals in their work, ensuring that ongoing weekly events in our Sanctuary proceed as scheduled. Shortly following completion, Michael Rowland, our amazing organist will be performing a dedicatory recital to "christen" our new instrument. As soon as a specific date is set, we will notify the congregation so it may be saved in each of your calendars.

On the Journey

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
Caryl Stribling

Class of 2024

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-Campbell,
Associate Minister
Rev. Jodi Martin, Christian Formation
and Youth Director
Dr. Justin Smith, Interim 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



I love a good story. I embraced the holiness of stories during my Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in Raleigh, NC. Each day, I visited new or frequent patients in the cancer center with a simple, "What does today look like for you?" Sometimes our conversations remained on the surface, other times they were as deep as the Mariana Trench. Some patients barely talked; others couldn't stop talking. I personally loved shared stories of loving

spouses meeting or when a patient asked unimaginable questions about life and death, God and faith. I carried those stories, those impossible questions, close to my heart. I learned to not only appreciate the connection between chaplain and patient, but also the holy connection made with God--whether the person realized it or not. Frederick Buechner said it perfectly in his memoir, *Telling Secrets*, "Maybe nothing is more important than that we keep track, you and I, of these stories of who we are and where we have come from and the people we have met along the way [...]." He goes on to write in, *Now and Then*, "[i]f God speaks to us at all other than through such official channels as the Bible and the church, then I think that God speaks to us largely through what happens to us." Your story is holy. Go on, share it.

Pool Party for Elementary School Families



The Trinity elementary school kids and their families had a wonderful time at our end of the summer pool party. The children swam and splashed in the pool and played on the jungle gym with their friends. The parents enjoyed catching up and sharing stories about their summer vacations. Many thanks to Andria Petry-Siage and Youssef and Josiah Siage for sharing your home and beautiful backyard with your Trinity friends and families.

#TogetherAtTrinity

This August, the three staffs from Trinity, Weekday School, and Philips Academy met in the Fellowship Hall as we embarked on a new school year #TogetherAtTrinity.



Sara Martin, Trinity's New Intern

Sara Martin is in her final year of studies at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte and she is a candidate for ordained ministry in the Presbytery of Charlotte under care of Sardis Presbyterian. She grew up in Michigan, but went to college at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, NC and has lived in NC and GA ever since. She and her husband, Adrian, live in Indian Trail with their two sons, Micah (18) and Eli (14) and their cat, Miss Callie. Sara works during the week as an administrative assistant, goes to school on Saturday, and will be spending Sundays at Trinity! Say a prayer for her! When she has free time, she loves to sew, read, and nap.



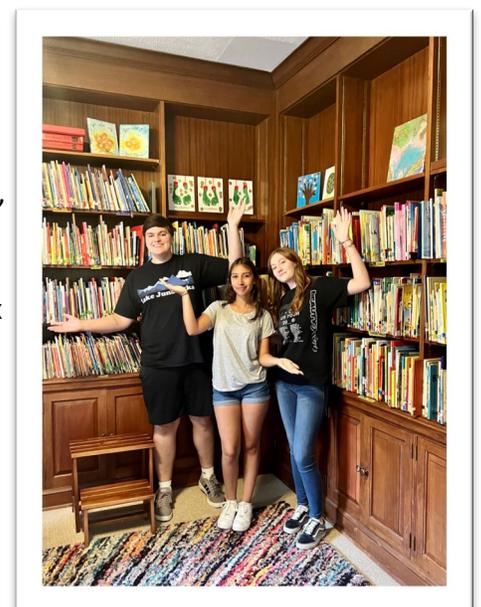
Trinity Hosts Presbytery Meeting



Over 100 commissioners from the churches of the Presbytery of Charlotte descended on Trinity's campus in August for their quarterly meeting. Twenty eight Trinity volunteers, decked out in their purple Trinity shirts, helped to make it all happen. Volunteers contributed to parking cars, greeting at the Welcome Center, helping with registration, serving refreshments, and orchestrating the post-meeting lunch. Even Philips Academy got in on the action, providing some of their delicious Philips Academy coffee. It was a wonderful way to showcase our lovely campus and facility and, more importantly, share some of our church's warmth and hospitality!

Weekday School's New Library

The Weekday School has a new library! In this digital age, books have become increasingly rare in favor of a paperless format. However, children's books are here to stay. I had a vision of creating a space open to children that was full of books to explore. With the help of three East Meck High School students looking to fill their senior project requirement, an office space was miraculously transformed into a secret garden full of treasures and stories hidden within the pages of books. Benjamin Goguen, Brianna Alvarado, and Mackenzie Fridley tirelessly worked for six days, sometimes up to fifteen hour stretches. They inventoried 3,427 books into the "Library Thing App" which can now be used as a tool to track the titles housed in the library and serves as a resource to the teaching staff to check-out books that fit the themes taught in their classrooms. They repainted the walls including a secret garden mural, added new furnishings, and as a special touch, strung up fairy lights. Please stop by and see this magical space at the Weekday School!



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss

Session Highlights

May

- Statements of Faith from Class of 2022 Confirmands (William Durham, Sally Field, Caroline Hood, Julia Mazeine, Elizabeth Coley, and Andrea Ball) were presented. After their Statements of Faith were given, a motion was made to sustain their examination. Motion was made, seconded, and approved. Then followed a motion to welcome the confirmands into the Congregation as Members. Motion was made, seconded, and approved.
- Anti-racism Task Force presented their report so far and asked for input and feedback on preliminary recommendations. Session broke into small groups where feedback was given and discussed.

June

No meeting

July

- PC USA Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Program and Session endorsement of Jamal Hyrams for participation in it. After Jamal spoke, the following motion was made, seconded, and approved: Jamal Hyrams is recommended as a suitable person for appointment to PC USA mission service with the YAV Program by Trinity Presbyterian Church.
- Organ Task Force (OTF) update from Jim Glenn and motion to approve additional work. This request has the unanimous endorsement of members of the OTF. After Jim reported, the following motion was made, seconded, and approved: The OTF requests that \$19,000 in additional work be approved for the organ renovation. Note: this additional amount was within the original approved and budgeted request of \$275,000.
- Louise Sanford reported on behalf of the Way Forward Task Force. It was reported that work is well under way, and the time horizon is very long term. The focus is on the community as a whole. In a special communication to the congregation from the Way Forward Task Force, the task force will ask that the congregation respond to the question: *What does our community need from Trinity?* to help guide their work.
- Motion approved from the Worship Ministry Team to approve the administration of the Sacrament of Baptism to Jackson Ridge Sugg on August 14, 2022. Motion was seconded and approved.
- The Welcoming Ministry Team recommended that Sarah Sugg join Trinity Presbyterian Church through Re-affirmation of Faith and that the Nielsen Family (Gina, Kyle, Isabelle, and Ryder) be welcomed into membership at Trinity Presbyterian Church through letter of transfer. Motion was seconded and approved.



We celebrated Dr. Chris Gilliam, our Director of Music, and the seven wonderful years we had with him. We were grateful to be able to honor Chris and the legacy he leaves us with at Trinity.

Our Church Family

Church Triumphant:

August 9 Betsy Merritt Choate Sherard

Births:

- August 4** Caroline Marie Nielson, daughter of Gina and Kyle Nielsen
- August 4** Catharine Alderman Nguyen, daughter of Nicholas and Amy Poe Nguyen
- August 14** Rose Marion Wellman, daughter of Kate and Mike Wellman

Baptism:

August 14 Jackson Ridge Sugg, son of Gary and Sarah Sugg

Commissioning:

August 14 Jamal Hyrams as Young Adult Volunteer

Save the Dates

- October 2** First Sunday Lunch
- October 2** World Communion Sunday
- October 8** Blessing of the Animals
- October 9** Mission & Outreach Panel
- October 14-16** Montreat Retreat
- October 23** Response Sunday

Financials as of August 31

	August Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	44,892.53	335,974.96	619,147.00
Unrest. Funds Used:	0.00	1,051.71	39,000.00
Boltz Funds Used:	652.17	5,217.36	7,826.00
Endow. Funds Used:	58,800.00	141,120.00	141,120.00
Gilchrist Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Sanford Bldg. Maint. Funds Used:	307.92	2,463.36	3,695.00
Thomson Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Expenses:	58,581.16	512,531.65	862,514.00
Surplus/Deficit:	46,071.46	(26,704.26)	(45,226.00)

