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Stewardship Corner

Whether we leave behind a year of joy or difficulties, let us pause to give thanks. Thanks for the grace of fresh starts, new beginnings, and 'joyful noise' at TPC in the year ahead!

Scan here to give or give online on our website!



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Second Annual Christmas Festival





Trinity hosted its 2nd
Annual "Journey to the
Manger" Christmas festival
on Sunday, December 18.
We were blessed with a
beautiful sunny day to enjoy
our Trinity children's telling
of the Christmas story. The
petting zoo, complete with a
donkey and camel, was a big
hit again this year. Children



enjoyed making crafts, playing on the playgrounds and drinking lots of hot chocolate. The afternoon concluded with live music and caroling around a roaring fire in the Youth Center fireplace. It was a wonderful time for Trinity families, friends and neighbors to enjoy each other's company and celebrate the season.

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 2023

Peiffer Brandt Amy Bynum
Bev Bradley Christie Jameson
Caryl Stribling Caroline Banks, youth
Class of 2024

Ned Parnell Louise Sanford Susanne Sawyer Carol Sugg

Walter Reid Class of 2025

Jane Blount Mike Campbell
Josh Durham Andria Petry-Siage
Kelly Coley

Sessional Clusters & Ministry Teams *Foundation*

Personnel: Peiffer Brandt, Kelly Coley Finance: Walter Reid Buildings & Grounds: Carol Sugg

Formation

Christian Formation: Christie Jameson, Susanne Sawyer

Youth: Ned Parnell

Worship: Caryl Stribling, Mike Campbell

Weekday School: Amy Bynum

Engagement

Mission & Outreach: Bev Bradley, Jane Blount, Caroline Banks Congregational Life: Andria Petry-Siage, Louise Sanford

Stewardship: Josh Durham

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, Director of Music & **Cultural Events** 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 Sara Martin, Seminary Intern

On the Journey



You are invited! We've just moved past a season where invitations were aplenty. You're invited to our Christmas party! You're invited to our house for the holidays! You're invited to bring that fantastic Chex mix you make every year!

Well, I've got one more for you: you're invited to join me in Engage 2023! Hopefully, by now you've heard about our church's year-long initiative of spiritual and faith formation. If there's one thing

I've heard regularly from folks over the past three or so years, it's a desire to reconnect - with God, with their church, with their faith and with each other. That's exactly what Engage 2023 is designed to do. Here's a quick summary and there are two options you can choose from. One is a daily Bible reading plan that includes an Old or New Testament passage, along with the Psalms. The other is a daily devotion that incorporates scripture, reflection, and prayer. Both options have easy-to-use apps or can be accessed online and both will take just a few minutes out of your busy day.

You can learn more about Engage 2023 by visiting trinitypreschurch.org/engage-2023. Thanks for letting me invite you. And do me a favor, if you would - share the invitation with family, friends and neighbors who you think might be interested. The more the merrier!



Officer Nominating Committee Report

During the
Congregational
Meeting on
December 4, the
following Trinity
members were
elected as Elders
for a three-year
term: Jane Blount,
Mike Campbell,
Josh Durham,
Andria Petry-Siage
and Kelly Coley. In
addition, Caroline
Banks was elected



to a one-year term as Youth Elder. Sarah Mullis and Reta Phifer were elected to two years on the Officer Nominating Committee. Please join the ONC in thanking these individuals for agreeing to serve!

Hurricane Ian Relief Fundraiser

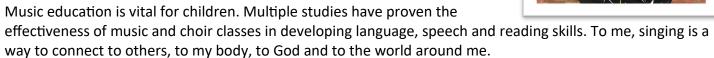


On November 20, Trinity's youth hosted a lunch fundraiser to support communities affected by Hurricane Ian through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Our featured speakers included the Rev. Amy Brooks Paradise and a youth leader from Greenfaith on the topic of faith and climate change. If you missed the talk, visit greenfaith.org to learn more about this organization. Many thanks to the Mission and Outreach Ministry Team for help in planning and to the Sons of Timaeus for their donation and preparation of our lunch!

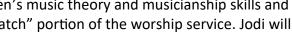
Welcome Maddy Hardy!

Trinity has a new Children's Choir Director! Her name is Maddy Hardy, and she is also a teacher in our Weekday School. Maddy earned a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from UNC School of the Arts. She has also been an ensemble member of the Piedmont Opera and a Choir Section Leader of Maple Springs Methodist Church in Winston-Salem.

Maddy shared some thoughts on why music is important to her and what she has planned for our Trinity children. "I love being able to share my love of music with a new generation. I was eight when I discovered my passion for singing, so if I can help a child discover their passion, it would make me so happy!



We are looking forward to our first performance in January. The kids have been working so hard on our first song! Going forward, I hope to develop the children's music theory and musicianship skills and learn more fun songs! Choir practice is after the "Morning Watch" portion of the worship service. Jodi will escort the children from the Sanctuary to the choir room.





Cultivating Community: Weekday School Style

The WDS has eleven classroom communities. Add the support of loving families and all the friends of the WDS that share their time and talents. Viola! Trinity WDS grows from classroom communities to a school community.

Alyce Walker delighted the children on Halloween with her magical storytelling! Dale and Janet Sarjeant shared their time and acting talent as "innkeepers" in the WDS Advent chapel service. Their grandson, Asher, was delighted! Whitney Sarjeant spearheaded a holiday staff appreciation fundraiser by donating a portion of her Instagram bracelet business sales to sponsor a Christmas luncheon at Leroy Fox for WDS staff. Even the smallest efforts cultivate community. Many of you have saved your gallon milk containers to donate in our effort to build an igloo for the toddlers.

Please consider coming to a WDS chapel service at 9:30 AM on the last Wednesday of each month in the Sanctuary. Mark Spring Fling - April 24,

2023, on your calendar. Delight young minds by reading a book. Get your baby "fix" by rocking an infant. Growing, playing, learning together. Welcoming all. #TogetherAtTrinity

Session Highlights

September

- Anti-racism Task Force report/potential motions were received. The report was introduced with instructions to think about
 Anti-racism in terms of putting others before ourselves and not worrying about what we might lose. The Session was asked to
 review recommendations/motions before the October Session meeting for discussion and a potential vote on the
 recommended actions.
- Motion from the Worship Ministry Team recommending the approval of the McDonnell/Perry (non-members) wedding on April 15, 2023, with non-Trinity officiant of Reverend Chris Payne was made and approved.

October

- Motion to approve the job description for the Director of Music and Cultural Events position as presented with an annual salary of up to \$48,000. The motion was moved, seconded, and approved.
- The motion from the Worship Ministry Team to approve the baptismal request on November 20 for Ryder Isaiah and Caroline Marie Nielsen, whose parents are Gina and Kyle Nielsen, was seconded and approved.
- Motion for approval of Caryl Stribling and Susanne Sawyer as Commissioners for the October 25 Presbytery Meeting was made, seconded and approved.
- Presentation and discussion of Anti-racism Task Force recommendations/motions were moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

November

• The ONC motioned to call a Congregational Meeting on December 4, immediately following worship, regarding the election of new elders and Officer Nominating Committee members. The motion was moved, seconded and approved.



Mary, "On the Journey"

Our Church Family

Church Triumphant:

August 25 Dean Tracy Humphrey

December 1 Margaret Lavinia "Peggy" Palmer December 12 William Walter Humphrey, Jr.

Save the Dates

January 29 Reception for Michael Rowland January 30 Weekday School Summer Camp

Registration Opens

February 25-26 Gilchrist Speaker Series

Financials as of December 31

	December	YTD A structs	Annual
	Actuals	Actuals	Budget
Receipts:	95,280.53	608,472.54	619,147.00
Unrest. Funds Used:	13,551.75	15,389.46	39,000.00
Boltz Funds Used:	652.13	7,826.00	7,826.00
Endow. Funds Used:	0.00	141,120.00	141,120.00
Gilchrist Funds Used:	901.10	901.10	1,500.00
Sanford Bldg. Maint. Funds Used	: 307.88	3,695.00	3,695.00
Thomson Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Expenses:	92,552.97	797,884.57	862,514.00
Surplus/Deficit:	18,140.42	(20,480.47)	(45,226.00)

