



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Together. Welcoming All.

POSTSCRIPTS

May/June 2023

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Stewardship Corner

Spring, with all its possibilities,
is a perfect time to read and
reflect on John 21:25.

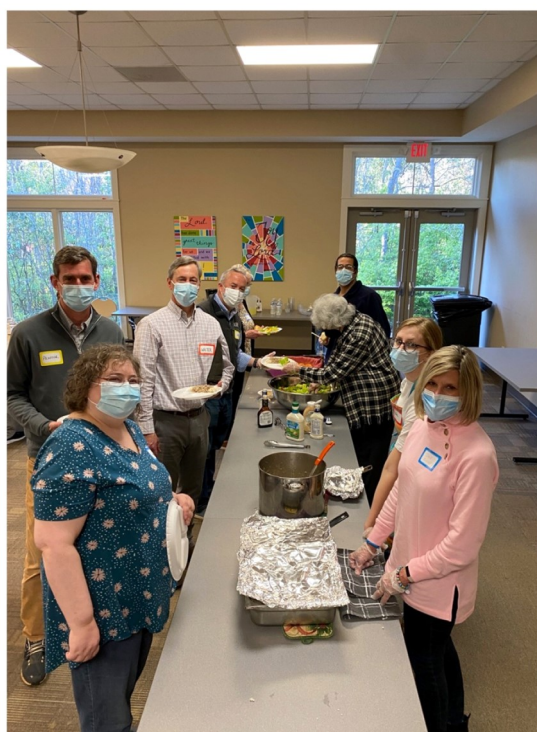
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Session at Room in the Inn



On Sunday, March 19, Trinity's Session served as Room in the Inn hosts at Sardis Presbyterian Church's Sardis House. They volunteered to ensure our neighbors had a safe and comfortable evening - cooked dinner, served dinner, prepared bagged lunches, and stayed overnight. They enjoyed a wonderful meal with our neighbors, mutually using the time to get to know one another and be in community, no matter where one may be laying their head that night. Following their time at Room in the Inn, your Session met for their monthly meeting and had a vulnerable and honest conversation about homelessness in Charlotte. There were discussions of what to do next. Where will our neighbors stay after Room in the Inn is complete in March? The answer: on the streets. How can we do more? Can we both be feet on the ground, helping with the urgent needs now, and also go upstream to address why homelessness is growing in Charlotte? Even more so, why are more and more homeless children and families attending Room in the Inn than ever before? Your Session leaned into the discussion of the harsh realities the Charlotte homeless community faces daily. They hope you will pray about these questions and possible answers as well.

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
Keith McNabb, Interim 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

"Are we there yet?"

"Are we there yet?" Every parent has heard this countless times from the back seat of the car, usually minutes into a three-hour trip. We all want to get where we're going, but sometimes the real experience is not just about getting to the destination but the journey itself. That's why good parents (like mine) have fun "car games" at the ready to make it fun. Snacks always helped too.



This focus on the journey is especially important when it comes to our walk of faith. There really isn't a time when we've "arrived," is there? We are all works in progress. We are all growing and learning, every second of every day. It's not just about the destination. It's about what happens along the way.

The apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians, "If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!" He's writing to a group of people who have struggled to get along; who've let disagreements and discord get in the way of community and fellowship. Paul makes the case that things can change when we start to see things the way Jesus sees them - through the lens of grace, mercy, and love.

We are not there yet, of course. But we are heading there, and that's what counts. And that's why I'm so grateful to be "on the journey" with each of you!

Steve

Route #14

Did you know that stop times for a city bus are different on Saturdays and Sundays than weekdays? Did you know that one-way fares are \$2.20 for adults and \$1.10 for students? If you were to ride, could you navigate the web of bus routes around Charlotte or find the routes for Nations Ford Elementary School or McCreesh Place - without a smart phone?

After worship on March 19, Trinity's Youth boarded CATS Bus #14 in front of our church and headed downtown to the Charlotte Transportation Center. Our goal was to experience something familiar to many of our neighbors but completely new to us, as most of us had never used public transportation in our own city! We considered why this might be – a lack of convenience, our comfort level, and an obvious insulation from the need.

The challenges of our journey were far different than the scenarios we considered. What if we missed the bus and had to wait another hour for the next? What if our bus wasn't running? What if the combination of schedules, connectors, and walk time to and from stops caused us to miss our child's school bus or be late for work? Being in relationship with our neighbors means meeting them where they are – and perhaps getting to where they're going the way they're getting there. We'll ride again soon. Join us!



Women's Retreat



On March 24, thirteen women from the congregation headed to Ocean Isle Beach for the fourth annual Women's Retreat weekend, returning for the first time since the pandemic. Attendees enjoyed close fellowship, study, prayer, and wonderful food. Caroline West led the study of Gideon's complex history in the book of Judges, challenging attendees to see how Gideon's life story might be mirrored in their own. After studying, there was plenty of time for walking on the beach, running, or just enjoying the salt breeze on the spacious house porch.

Culture of a Weekday School



Social Studies is the study of people interacting within the world. History, geography, sociology and economics hardly sound like topics that preschoolers can handle. Children are eager and curious to interact with the world. Preschoolers are ready to learn about social studies!

The *World in Our Backyard* program has shared enriching experiences with the Weekday School children. Through music, dance, artifacts, exhibits, and costumes, the children are learning about world cultures. They've been so curious to learn about Africa, Australia, China, India, and Native Americans.

Following these in-house field trips, the teachers continue these themes in the classroom. Our young students are scholars of world culture. They are eager to retell the legend of Neon, the Chinese dragon, and his fear of the color red! Ask a Weekday School student what it's like to play a

didgeridoo! They learned about the different regions of Africa, its animals, and participated in a traditional dance.

The joy of witnessing children learn is contagious. The WDS prides itself in offering opportunities for young students to immerse themselves in rich learning experiences. We may not be able to take them to faraway lands, but we can bring the "world in our backyard" to Trinity Weekday School.



Save the Dates

May 26	Family Fun Night
May 30—	Weekday School Summer Camp,
June 30	Session 1
June 30	Family Fun Night
July 10—	Weekday School Summer Camp,
August 10	Session 2
July 28	Family Fun Night
September 5	Weekday School First Day of School

Our Church Family

Church Triumphant:

April 3 Martha Elliott Lawing

Baptism:

March 12 Virginia Lea Bruckmann, daughter of Blair and Ronald Bruckmann

April 30 Hannah Ruth Wellman and Rose Marion Wellman, daughters of Mike and Kate Wellman

Congratulations:

To Hank Smith for achieving his Eagle Scout.
To Cooper Jameson for going to the world competition for Odyssey of the Mind in May.

Congregational Sympathy:

Congregational sympathy is extended to the family of Richard Williams on the death of his father, Richard DeLamar Williams III, on April 29, 2023.



Easter 2023—Flowering of the Cross

Session Highlights

January Session Meeting

- A motion from the Finance Ministry Team to approve the Weekday School Budget for 2023 was seconded and approved.
 - A motion from the Finance Ministry Team to approve the Church Budget for 2023 was seconded and approved. For this part of the meeting, the Senior and Associate Pastors were asked to step out. Walter Reid, Chair of the Finance Ministry Team, moderated this portion of the meeting.
 - A motion was presented for a Congregational Meeting on February 12 to present the 2023 Budget, present changes to both Senior and Associate Pastor Terms of Call, conduct a meeting of the Corporation, and provide an update from the Way Forward Task Force was moved, seconded, and approved.
 - Without objection, a motion from the Buildings & Grounds Ministry Team to approve the design of the new fountain for the memorial garden was approved. Note: the design and work are being paid for through Memorial Funds in memory of Kathleen Schneider.
 - Motion from the Worship Ministry Team recommending the approval of the Valeriano/Howard (non-members) wedding on June 17, 2023, with non-Trinity officiant of Pastor David Chadwick was moved, seconded, and approved.
 - Without objection, the motion from the Worship Ministry Team to approve the following dates for communion was approved: January 8, February 28, April 6, April 9 (Easter), May 28, August 6, October 1, October 15, October 29, November 26, and December 24 (Christmas Eve).
- Without objection, the motion to approve the Mentor Team for Senior Pastor - Class of 2023 – Warren Henry and Susanne Sawyer, and Class of 2024 – Kyle Nielsen and Kevin Hyrams was approved.

April 30, 2023

	April Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	52,024.50	171,563.04	658,653.31
Unrest. Funds Used:	411.33	784.11	38,000.00
Boltz Funds Used:	692.42	2,769.68	8,309.00
Endow. Funds Used:	12,305.50	49,222.00	147,666.00
Gilchrist Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Sanford Bldg. Maint. Funds Used:	329.08	1,316.32	3,949.00
Thomson Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Expenses:	69,928.04	310,221.89	899,762.97
Surplus/Deficit:	(4,165.21)	(84,566.74)	(33,185.96)