



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July/August 2023

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Youth Sunday



On Sunday, May 14, the Youth of Trinity led the congregation in a beautiful worship service of reflections, hymns, and meditations on our "Stories of Faith" theme. The youth had a lot of fun leading and preparing for worship. We have learned much of what faith looks like – especially how it is shaped, tested, and strengthened – from Bible stories and the songs and games inspired by them. With all the great stories and the fond memories of the saints who have cared enough to make them come alive for us, it was hard to limit our selections!

We must remember that we are all a part of these stories, too. Bible stories often depict individuals who were strong and faithful to God's teachings, but just as often those faithful servants were every bit as troubled and doubtful as we can be today. Lessons learned by Noah and Daniel and even by Jesus' very faithful, but very human disciples, are more than relevant for our faith journey today.

The Session

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Moderator
Warren Henry, Clerk
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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
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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

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On the Journey



Lorie and I are watching *Ted Lasso* and are sad to see it end. So much good in this series - great acting, uplifting messages, awesome British accents, and soccer as the backdrop. I love the "Diamond Dogs" - the occasional convening of coaches and a few additional characters to delve into someone's problems outside of work. It's silly - there's a lot of barking involved - but it's also authentic in a lovely way. A safe place for people - men, especially - to get real with one another.

I wonder if you have your own version of Diamond Dogs - a small group of trusted friends you can turn to and "be real" with. Those you can seek out when you need some guidance and wisdom and not feel bad about it. It's hard to do in a society that champions lone rangers, self-reliance, and a "make-it-on-your-own" attitude. We don't like to admit when we need help. And when we do, we sometimes struggle to find it.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all who are carrying heavy burdens... Take my yoke, for my yoke is easy; my burden is light." In a way, Jesus was describing a version of Diamond Dogs long before *Ted Lasso* got around to it. Find people willing to walk with you in life's struggles and share the journey with you. Barking is optional.

Steve

Family Fun Night



For several months, your Congregational Life Ministry Team heard from families that they need a night to be together, to enjoy adult conversations, and to have a safe place for their children to run and play. In April of 2023, the ministry team planned a Family Fun Night in hopes of meeting those needs. We've had two gatherings so far and they have been a big hit! Family Fun Night is now every last Friday of the month with pizza and a theme to gather

everyone together. Our next gatherings will be on July 28 (Pool Party), August 25 (Traveling Family), September 29 (Back to School Party), and October 27 (Costume Party). We hope this program will continue to bring in families from the church and, our hope, the Weekday School.

Together at Trinity Picnic



The Together at Trinity Picnic was held on Sunday, May 7, following church service. Our congregation gathered under the oaks on our beautiful grounds to celebrate the end of the year picnic. The weather could not have been more perfect as we enjoyed fellowship and good food! Atomic Dog food truck served all the cookout essentials. A complimentary fresh fruit salad bar was provided by Congregational Life, as well as refreshing lemonade and water. In addition, Kona Ice truck was on site serving up shaved ice treats to the children and kids at heart alike. Overall, it was another wonderful opportunity to come together as a congregation in the spirit of community.

Way to Go, Philip Blount!



On June 7, Trinity, Philips Academy, and friends of the Blount family partnered together to host a celebration in honor of Philip Blount who left on June 9 to compete in the Special Olympics World Games in Berlin, Germany. It was a beautiful day under the trees outside the Fellowship Hall. Flags waving, hotdogs provided by JJ's Red Hots Food Truck, delicious cake, and a heartwarming speech by Philip made the day a joyous occasion. Philip competed in three events in Berlin...the shot-put, the 100-meter dash, and the 4 X 100 relay. His first event was the shot put and the latest news out of Berlin is that he will come home with the GOLD! We are so proud of Philip and all his accomplishments!



Children in the Garden



The Bible teaches us that God gave Adam some important jobs. One of those jobs was caring for the beautiful Garden of Eden. God asked Adam to be a steward of His creation. There are several other images in the Bible of the importance of a garden. Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane after his betrayal. It's hard to deny that God's presence is in a garden. The Weekday School preschoolers have been tasked as stewards of the Trinity gardens!

Warren Henry invited the children to visit Trinity's Friendship Garden to assist in planting squash. They will continue to check on the plant's progress. They're hoping for a bounty of squash in July!

In addition, the children planted flowers around the Trinity Weekday School sign to add beauty to our campus. The garden art made from recycled materials is a unique addition to the garden. They hope the flowers will signal to all who see them that love grows at Trinity Weekday School!



Save the Dates

July 28	Family Fun Night
August 7	Shredding Event
August 20	Kick Off Sunday
August 20	Congregational Service Project
August 25	Family Fun Night
September 5	Weekday School First Day of School
September 29	Family Fun Night
October 13-15	Montreat Retreat
October 27	Family Fun Night

Our Church Family

Church Triumphant:

June 27 Peggy Bedsol Gandy

Baptism:

May 14 Lucy Ryals Chandler, daughter of Clinton and Grace Chandler

Congratulations Graduates:

High School

Jackson Anderson
Hank Ball
Molly Click
Edward Durham
Hunter Lindsley
Hank Smith

College

Ansley O'Keefe
Duncan Pickett
Caroline Reid

Congregational Sympathy:

Congregational sympathy is extended to the family of Shirley Bennett on the death of her brother, Bruce Edward Bowen, on May 9, 2023.



Our #TogetherAtTrinity community gathered to celebrate Philip Blount's departure for the Special Olympics in Berlin!



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Session Highlights

February Action Items

- Motion from Worship Ministry Team to approve the baptismal request for Rose Marion and Hannah Ruth Wellman on April 30, 2023. Their parents are Kathryn and Mike Wellman. The motion was approved.
- Motion to approve Louise Sanford and Mike Campbell as Commissioners to February 11 Presbytery Meeting at Covenant - Charlotte Church. The motion was approved.

March Action Items

- Motion from the Worship Ministry Team to hold Sunday worship services in the Fellowship Hall, instead of in the Sanctuary, during the months of June and July was seconded and approved.
- Motion from the Montreat Planning Committee and the Worship Ministry Team for the approval of Lisle-Gwynn Garrity as Guest Preacher at Montreat on October 15, 2023, was seconded and approved.
- The motion to approve a Certificate of Transfer of membership of the Burkharts to Steele Creek Presbyterian Church was moved, seconded, and approved.

April Action Items

- Motion from Worship Ministry Team to approve the baptismal request for Lucy Ryals Chandler on May 14, 2023. Her parents are Grace and Clinton Chandler. The motion was approved.

June 30, 2023

	June Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	36,989.12	281,988.48	658,653.31
Unrest. Funds Used:	0.00	4,457.06	38,000.00
Boltz Funds Used:	692.42	4,154.52	8,309.00
Endow. Funds Used:	0.00	73,833.00	147,666.00
Gilchrist Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Sanford Bldg. Maint. Funds Used :	329.08	1,974.48	3,949.00
Thomson Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Expenses:	64,303.23	441,105.15	899,762.97
Surplus/Deficit:		(26,292.61)	(74,697.61)
			(33,185.96)