



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Together. Welcoming All.

POSTSCRIPTS

September/October 2023

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
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to Visitors:**

Mon-Thurs: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Stewardship Corner

As we near the fall Stewardship Campaign, we invite everyone to help "Prepare the Way" by prayerfully reflecting on what Trinity means to you and what your hopes and dreams are for our church.

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our website!**



Shred360 Event Benefitting Nations Ford Elementary



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On August 7, Trinity welcomed Shred360 and Nations Ford Elementary School to our campus for our first "Back to School" free shred event benefitting Nations Ford Elementary School. The partnership was a huge success, with 83 cars coming through our parking lot and shredding 5,000 pounds of paper, all managed efficiently by the Shred360 staff. Dan Dittrich, Nations Ford Elementary Dean of Students, represented the school and departed with a truckload of vital school supplies and \$732.00 in donations.

We are grateful to Shred360 for sponsoring this free event, and we hope Nations Ford Elementary School feels supported and loved as they begin their school year!

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
Dr. John Siler, Organist
Cheryl Jernigan, Church Administrator
Caroline Dalton, Comm. Coordinator
Laurie Saunders, Temp. Admin. Coordinator
Rick Neil, Facilities Technician
Jodi King, Sunday Assistant
Amy Vaughn, WDS Director
Jane B. Arant, Music Minister Emerita

On the Journey



Last month, Lorie and I dropped Hunter off for his first year at UNCW. It was a marathon, making our way from registration through the long car line (and I do mean long!) to the dorm, where dozens of upper-level students, decked out in Seahawk teal, took his belongings to his room. From there, we began the setup - getting the bunk bed set, hooking up the Xbox and TV, assembling the wheeled cart, and hanging posters.

Somewhere in the midst of that, Shane walked in. He introduced himself as the RA on the floor and reminded Hunter of the 9:00 p.m. meeting in the dorm lobby. Most of all, Shane assured Hunter he was there if he had any questions. He wanted his first few weeks of college to go as smoothly as possible.

I'm grateful for Seahawk Shane. I'm also grateful for the Shanes of the world - those who come alongside us in transition and change before we've gotten our sea legs under us and tell us: I'm here if you need me. They don't try to fix things. They don't do something for us that we could (and should) do ourselves. They simply remind us they are there and that they have our back.

Who are those people for you? Who provides that foundation upon which you build your life? This week, take time to thank those folks for what they mean to you!

Steve

Together at Trinity!

On August 24, the staff teams of Trinity, the Weekday School, and Philips Academy gathered to get to know one another better. Coffee and donuts were served, "Get to Know You" bingo was played, and 100 sandwich bags were packed for a Roof Above shelter. The staff teams had fun spending time together!



Tables of Eight

Throughout the summer, a small number of Trinity congregants conducted a test run of what is hopefully a new and permanent opportunity for Christian fellowship at our Church: Tables of Eight. Once a month, groups of eight people gather in someone's home for dinner and fellowship. People are randomly assigned to groups in hopes that the participants get focused time with other attendees of Trinity with whom they might not otherwise socialize.

So far, all participants have enjoyed both the quality hours spent with their groups and the chance to learn more about each other. While the busyness of summer has prevented a monthly cadence, those participating hope this opportunity continues. At the conclusion of the summer, Congregational Life will take feedback from the participants to modify the program's structure before presenting it to the Church in the fall.

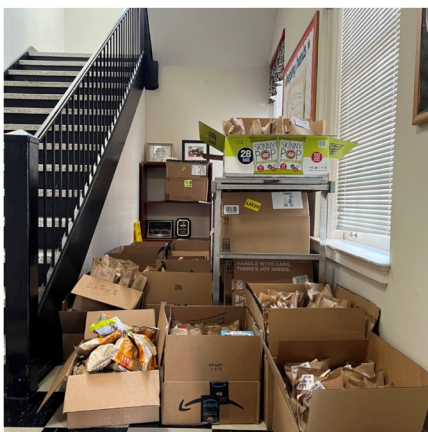
Be on the lookout in September for the full launch of Tables for Eight and the opportunity to spend meaningful time with your fellow congregants.

Snack Pack Project

On Sunday, August 20, Trinity members gathered after worship in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate Kick-Off Sunday by assembling snack packs for Nations Ford Elementary School, a Title I school and a mission partner of Trinity for over 15 years. Thanks to your donations, we assembled over 275 bags that will go toward students who may not have meals at home. These snack packs are a little something to hold students over until breakfast and lunch at school the next day. We hope to strengthen our relationship with NFES and continue supporting the teachers, students, and families. Thank you for your help and passion for education and NFES students!

Welcoming All

Last spring, as our seminary intern Sara Martin wrapped up her time with us, she presented to the Session a hand-made quilt with the “Welcoming ALL” Trinity logo that adorns the banner on Providence Road. The quilt now hangs in the Administration Building hallway. Thank you, Sara, for this lovely gift!



275 Snack Bags for students at NFES



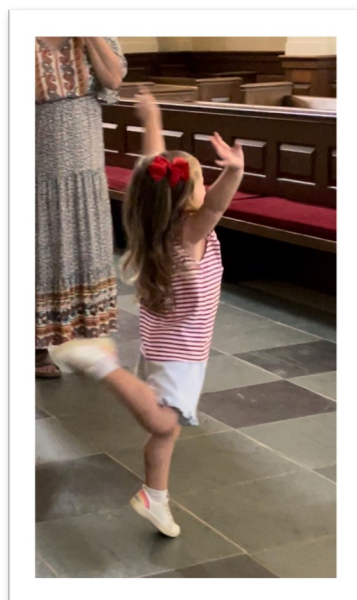
Our new quilt created by Sara Martin

Trinity WDS: Pipe Up!

Rainy days come with a unique set of challenges. When the preschoolers can't venture outside to enjoy the playgrounds and campus, the teachers are tasked with seeking out alternative enrichments. It was one of those dreary days when Dr. John Siler, Trinity Organist, became our rainy-day hero!

John invited the teachers and children to venture to the Sanctuary as an in-house field trip to listen to him as he rehearsed on the organ. A few classes took John up on the offer and the dark morning was renewed with infectious joy and energy. The children listened to our Sanctuary organ with the utmost intensity. My heart swelled when the children danced along to the hymns.

Matthew 19:14 (NSRV) tells us Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” Thank you, Dr. John Siler, for bringing the Weekday School children to Jesus through your organ music. You introduced them to your music ministry in a way that harnessed their energy and engaged their whole bodies.



Save the Dates

September 29	Family Fun Night
October 1	First Sunday Lunch
October 13-15	Montreat Retreat
October 22	Weekday School Fall Fest
October 27	Family Fun Night
October 28	Tailgating and Treats
November 5	First Sunday Lunch
November 21	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
December 10	Trinity Christmas Festival

Our Church Family

Church Triumphant:

July 16 Imogene (Genie) Beckman Christian

Congregational Sympathy:

Congregational sympathy is extended to the family of Warren Henry on the death of his mother, Mary Henry, on September 3, 2023.



Amy Vaughn (WDS), Rev. Jodi Martin and Rev. Rebecca Heilman-Campbell, and Deborah Hofland (Philips Academy) #TogetherAtTrinity

August 31, 2023

	August Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	42,253.93	368,997.37	658,653.31
Unrest. Funds Used:	732.00	5,189.06	38,000.00
Boltz Funds Used:	692.42	5,539.36	8,309.00
Endow. Funds Used:	12,305.50	98,444.00	147,666.00
Gilchrist Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Sanford Bldg. Maint. Funds Used:	329.08	2,632.64	3,949.00
Thomson Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Expenses:	70,460.63	570,399.07	899,762.97
Surplus/Deficit:	(14,147.70)	(89,596.64)	(33,185.66)

Session Highlights

May Session Meeting

- There was a presentation of an updated Sanctuary Use Policy. The Worship and Buildings & Grounds Ministry Teams motioned to approve the revised "Sanctuary Use for Events By Outside Groups" policy. The motion was seconded and approved.
- The Officer Nominating Committee moved to change the provision in Trinity's Manual of Operations, which currently states that the Session be comprised of 3 classes of 5 elders, each serving a three-year term; they recommended that provision be revised to state that elder classes beginning with the class of 2026 be comprised of 4 elders each. The motion was moved, seconded, and approved. This motion needs Congregational approval.
- A motion was made from the Worship and Stewardship Ministry Teams to approve Olanda Carr as Guest Preacher on Response Sunday (October 29). The motion was seconded and approved.
- There was a motion to approve Jane Blount as Commissioner to the May 16 Presbytery Meeting at Davidson College. The motion was made post-meeting but is a formal Session activity of approval. The motion was seconded and approved.
- A new tool to be utilized by the church, The Volunteer Accelerator, was presented by Jodi, Rebecca, and Steve and discussed by the Session—no action was needed.
- The Worship Ministry Team introduced the Playground. On a trial basis, it will be utilized in the more informal worship in the Fellowship Hall this summer to bring children into worship and give them activities during the service.

June Action Items

- The motion for a Called Congregational meeting on June 11 to discuss the change to Sessional size was approved.

Called June Congregational Meeting

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