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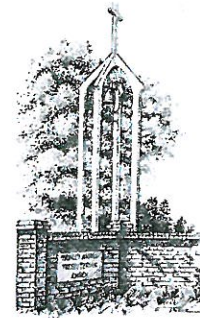
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Trusting God, Living in Christ, Loving All!

Dear Friends,

You may notice that something is missing at the church that has ordinarily been present this time of year. It is the trimmings of our stewardship season. This is not because we don't need you to give—quite the contrary. Our needs for your faith to find expression through your financial commitment to the church are vast. It is because, after a season of prayerful discernment, Session voted this summer to shift our church governance cycle. It doesn't seem terribly exciting at first glance, but is substantive.

The reasons for this shift are manifold. A more intuitive alignment of mission focus and programming relative to the rhythms of our strategic planning, timing of Ministry Team and staff goal setting relative to the allocation of financial resources, and utilization of the gifts of our officers in a way that makes the most out of their terms of service among them.

There are many administrative, practical and programmatic reasons why I am happy for this change. But what energizes me most is the way that it will invite us to discern our annual giving during the season of reflection on Christ's love, and introspection regarding our response to that love, that is Lent. What a rich opportunity this will be!

It has been said that gratitude begets generosity. Put another way, when in life we experience occasion for thanksgiving, it leads us into a deeper appreciation of, and investment in life. Perhaps you have experienced this. I know that I have. A near miss with an accident has left me filled with sudden clarity on the gift of life, and renewed my commitment to aim to glorify God and enjoy God forever, with all that I have. The experience of being forgiven has left me with a deeper appreciation for and sense of connection to the one who has granted forgiveness. When an unmerited blessing has been received, my heart expands to embrace others in fuller ways.

This is a season about drawing near to our many occasions for gratitude, and recalling that our abundantly good and faithful God is the giver of all that we have to be thankful for. These days and always we are invited to dare to follow our gratitude where it leads—to places of deeper appreciation for and investment in others, in our church, in our community and in our relationship with God.

Your Worship Ministry Team invites you to allow your gratitude to God to find expression in worship at our Thanksgiving worship service in the Chapel on the evening of November 18. Our staff and ministries depend on the way that your sense of gratitude to God leads you to an ongoing financial investment in the church until we begin to speak of pledges once again.

We have much to be thankful for in our lives and in the life in Christ that we share together here at Trinity Avenue. May our collective gratitude beget a generosity of spirit and living that blesses us all, to the blessing of the world.

In hope,
Katie

Come Worship With Us!

We are an Earthcare congregation. Please recycle the newsletter when finished with it.



The members of TAPC are one **Tremendous Team!** A Team works because everyone does their part. Bakers, artists, contributors, pit man and woman, decorators, kitchen helpers, cooks, parking lot attendants, furniture movers, flower makers, committee members, publicity people, sign makers, ticket sellers, booth sellers, money counters, and let's not forget buyers. Every one of you helped in some way to make **A Taste of Trinity** a Terrific Day and a resounding success.

More than **\$9,500** was raised through these efforts, and all of the proceeds will benefit those in need in our community. Our financial contributions to nonprofit partners are an important part of how we strive to BE THE CHURCH. The Outreach Ministry Team will be allocating all the funds from the 2015 Mission Challenge—more than \$13,000 — on November 4, and welcome the input of congregation members to the discernment process.

There are no words to fully express my gratitude for each and every one of you. The Trinity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit were surely with us for this remarkable undertaking.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.
Barbara VanDewoestine

Newsletter items should be sent to jburney@trinityave.org. Please submit items for the Dec./Jan. Newsletter by Dec. 15th.

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Article from Session-Caroline Armacost

A year ago at its annual retreat, Session identified the development, growth, and expansion of small groups as a primary goal for our congregation and the responsibility to accomplish that goal fell to the team I serve on, Christian Formation. Session recognized the potential of small group ministry in that it draws people who sit together in the pews every Sunday into deeper relationship with one another.

When the Christian Formation Team first met over a year ago, we went around the room sharing significant milestones in our own formation. And rather than Confirmation day or the baptism of a child what was most often repeated was a small group experience. For me it was the Disciple Study I did here nearly 8 years ago. For nine months I and 5 others gathered weekly studying the word, sharing our lives, and praying for one another. That experience taught me how transformative small group ministry can be. As you grow in relationship with one another, you grow deeper in relationship with God. Small groups pray, read the Word, and join in fellowship together; as they grow in deeper relationship with one another and with God, they are formed into the ways of Jesus Christ.

As this goes to press, a new 34 week Disciple Study is beginning at Trinity Avenue. Small groups that formed initially during our Lenten Covenant Groups last spring continue to meet and grow. In 2016 we hope to form additional small groups including a weekly pot luck supper combined with Bible study in member's homes. I pray that the Holy Spirit nudges to to connect more deeply with your fellow members by joining a small group. Please contact me or a member of the Christian Formation Team to help you get connected.

In hope,
Caroline Armacost
aarmacost@nc.rr.com

"As children of God, we are called into relationship with God and formed into the ways of Jesus Christ throughout our lifetime. The Christian Formation Team supports all Trinity Avenue members' experiences of faith as they seek to expand and deepen their spiritual journey."

TAPC PHOTO DIRECTORY: We have good news! It is time for a new photo directory, and our new friends at Lifetouch Church Directories will be helping us make it happen. Look for more information in the weeks ahead about how to sign up for photo times. Photo dates will be January 7th, 8th, 9th, and January 28, 29, and 30th. We are excited to begin 2016 with this wonderful resource for our family of faith. Please contact Corlis Wood or Sally Adkin with questions and, when you see them, thank them for their wonderful leadership of this large endeavor.

News from Housing for New Hope: Angel Tree with cards of gift wishes for our friends of the HNH rehousing program will be in the narthex Sunday, November 15th. Everyone is invited to choose a card (s). Gifts need to be returned (wrapped with card securely taped on package) by Sunday, December 13th (cantata Sunday). TAPC will be hosting the Housing for New Hope Holiday/Christmas dinner again this year on Tuesday, December 15th. The gifts will be given at the party. Thanks in advance for all the generosity shown in the past by all of you to Housing for New Hope! Contact Corlis Wood at 919-286-4024 or cwood20144@gmail.com with any questions.

CALENDAR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Dates	Communion	Counters	Acolytes	Ushers/Greeters
Nov. 1	9 am: Chris & Cathy Perry 11 am: Bill Ross; Steve Yova; Ruth Petrea; Mark Phillips	Bill Waddell (lead) Greg Cates Mark Phillips	Elly Luker Tristan Riley P-I-C: Riley	November 9am Services: Randy & Judi Bishop December 9am Services: Rick & Suzanne Freeman November 11am Services: TBA
Nov. 8	9am: Chris & Carol Leach	Bill Ross (lead) Elaine Ross Al Joyner	Maggie & Grace Garrett Emma & Hannah Wilcox P-I-C: Wilcox	
Nov. 15	9am: Suzy Ward & Carol Rose	Richard Arnold (lead) Bill Wicker Mark Ahrendsen	Collin Phillips Anna Fleming Justine Yova P-I-C: Fleming	
Nov. 22	9am: Edith & Marshall Boon	Bill Telford (lead) Marcie Telford Marie Grauerholz	Wyatt Jernigan Luke Musser P-I-C: Musser	
Nov. 29	9am: Marie Grauerholz	Jeff Hendriks (lead) Andy Riley Jeff Williams	Grant & Lucy Euler Tristan Riley P-I-C: Euler	

Upcoming Events at TAPC

PASS THE PEAS—November 16 at 6:00pm. Come welcome Reality Ministries in our Fellowship Hall. Your hands and heart are needed! Come from 4:30-6:00pm (dinner prep) or 6:00-8:00pm (dinner activities) and lend a hand! Our neighbors and ministry partners at Reality Ministries teach us about friendship and the heart of God by building relationships among people with and without developmental disabilities. Please email Nancy Carstens at Nancycarstens@gmail.com or just show up!



Give Pause and Give Thanks—Thanksgiving Worship Service: Before the rush of the holidays sets in, center your heart on the things that matter most. This year's Thanksgiving worship service will take place on **Wednesday, November 18th at 6:30pm in the chapel.** Join us for candlelit worship, Thanksgiving hymns, Moravian buns and coffee, and fellowship with your family of faith.

Help us host the Walltown Neighborhood Ministries community Thanksgiving service, which will be held in our sanctuary at **3pm on Sunday, November 22nd.** Greeters, folks to help prepare for a reception and collectors of canned goods that will be brought for the neighborhood food pantry are all needed as well as singers for the ecumenical women's choir. Contact Jim Petrea at jpetrea@nc.rr.com to participate, and come and join the neighborhood for worship!



Habitat Home Build in Progress—Please join our colleagues from Triangle Presbyterian and Watts Street Baptist as we work together to construct a new home with Habitat for Humanity of Durham at 107 Roberson St. The home will be located in east Durham, one block west of the Maureen Joy charter school. The vacant lot where the new home will stand is shown in the photo at right which was taken in September 2015. Our goal is to have the home completed by Dec. 19, 2015. You may sign up for volunteer construction sessions on each Saturday until then except for Thanksgiving week. Volunteers will be able to sign up for 3-hour Sessions each Saturday morning (8:30—11:30 AM) or afternoon (12:30—3:30 PM). There are also a number of work sessions available on Wednesdays and Fridays. If you are interested in working on one or more of these 3-hour sessions, please register with Habitat of Durham at the following website: <https://habitatdurham.volunteerconnect.com/3Churches/full>



At this website you will be asked to establish an account, sign a waiver and fill in some personal information, and then be given a chance to select your choice of upcoming work sessions. We will also need volunteers to provide lunch for the workers on Nov. 7th. If you would prefer not to use the online signup mechanism for construction sessions, or have questions, or wish to volunteer to provide lunch, please sign the form available on the ministry table or contact Arland Eyl via phone or text message (919-698-9116) or email (arland.eyl@gmail.com).

Music At Trinity

Sunday, November 1st
(during the 11am service)

Music for Choir & French Horn

Trinity Choir and Andrew McAfee
(Andrew is the former principal horn player for the NC Symphony)

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Cantata "A Savior Is Born"
by Randol Alan Bass

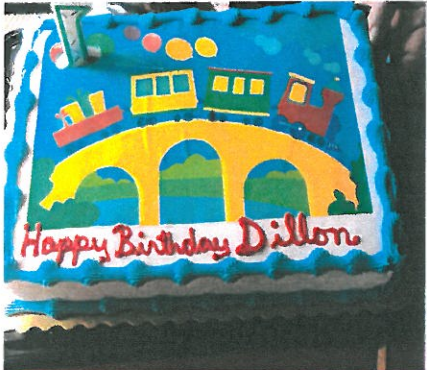
Presented by
Trinity Choir & Trinity Chamber Orchestra
Laurie Siegel, Megan Gray & David Wiehle, soloists
Harry Jansen, Director of Music

Sunday, December 13th at 11:00am

PRIMETIMERS



On Thursday, October 15th, Primetimers visited the Duke Lemur Center. The Center is the world's largest and most diverse collection of lemurs outside of Madagascar and is used for research and education. The lemur is Earth's most threatened group of mammals. For millions of years, lemurs, the relatives of monkeys, apes and humans have evolved on the island of Madagascar. And as Madagascar became more populated, the habitat for lemurs became more scarce and they became closer to extinction. Center tours include more interesting facts, as well as a chance to observe them as they bathe in the sun, eat a meal, and go about their day. We also had a delightful lunch at Bullock's and a birthday party for one of our future Primetimers, Dillon Crowe, who is now 1 year old! Please join us on November 19th when missionaries from Thailand, Ellen and Andy Collins, join us at 11:00. Remember to sign the friendship pad or call the church office to reserve your spot!



Thanks Primetimers for making My First Birthday so great! Love, Dillon Crowe



Duke Presbyterian Campus Ministry celebrates a new semester filled with spiritual growth, fellowship, and partnership with the Durham community! Our ministry and presence on Duke's campus has continued to grow, and we are so thankful to have welcomed in a wonderful group of new students. Because of your support, 24 students went on a joy-filled weekend retreat to Montreat, NC, worked alongside several supporting churches to complete service projects in Durham, and continue to gather weekly for both Sunday night worship and Wednesday night Bible study.

Duke PCM+ remains incredibly grateful to all of its supporters! Your financial generosity, continued prayers, and provision of Sunday night meals enable the ministry to support and equip students to live out their faith. If you feel called to become involved in Duke PCM+, please contact Rev. Katie Aumann at keo3@duke.edu or 919-438-1541.

Youth and Children's Ministries

Pass the Peas With Reality Ministries:

Monday evening, September 21st, was our very first "Pass the Peas" dinner with our friends down the street at Reality Ministries. To say it was special would be understating it, by a lot! A small but dedicated team of TAPC'ers (including our newest members Forrest & Sarah Johnson, who joined the church the day before), worked to prepare and serve about 60 friends a delicious meal of rice, meatballs, green beans, salad and cookies. There was a spirit of excitement and joy in the air, with lots of laughter, prayer, songs and love. Our second dinner with Reality was October 19th. Check the following schedule for upcoming dinners:

- November 16th
- January 11th
- February 8th
- March 21st
- April 18th
- May 16th

Call or email Nancy Carstens with any questions (919-493-2266 or nancycarstens@gmail.com).



New friends are waiting to meet you at the monthly Reality Ministry dinners at TAPC!

Work Continues on TAPC Archives—Sally Adkin and Ann Kirkland

We continue to sort and organize our church archives working in partnership with the Divinity Archive hosted by the Duke Divinity School Library. You can access our posted archives by searching for divinityarchives.com, or go directly to our site <http://divinityarchive.com/handle/11258/13607>. In addition to church newsletters beginning as early as 1925, we are adding more church history including a feature on Bob and Hildur Blake and information and pictures of past ministers. We look forward to adding sermons of our past ministers and have a large number of sermons from Rev. Bill Bennett who served as church minister 1948-88. Stay tuned—We are organizing a picture identification event. Contact Sally and Ann for questions or input.

November Youth Events

11/1:5-7pm, Regular Y-TAP (@ TAPC)

Scripture: 1 John 1:1-4

Theme: The Church: A long, long game of telephone (or, on the testimony of Scripture)

Guest: Duke Div. Intern Josh Gritter!

11/8:5:15pm, Youth-Family Bonfire w/the Wolfs

Families new and old, come out for this annual tradition: a potluck dinner and s'mores enjoyed around a campfire on the Wolf Family property.

11/15:5-7pm, Regular Y-TAP (@ TAPC)

(bonfire rain date)

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:14-17

Theme: "We are what we eat? Really?!"

11/21:4:30pm, Parents Night Out Fundraiser

Youth will play and care for children to raise funds for the next evening's service project. There will be snacks! And a movie!

11/22:5pm, Holiday Gift Service Project

Youth will go out to buy gifts for families in need before returning to the church to wrap them.

11/29: No Y-TAP (Thanksgiving break)



Above: Youth and adults lined up for a game involving a race to squeeze hands down the line. Even the simplest games at youth group are tons of fun.



Left: Erin Shelton played the ukulele during a worship service to kick off the youth group year.



Above: Our preK/K class enjoys a snack after a rigorous hour in Sunday School.



Right: Our 1st/2nd grade class enjoys a lesson from Frederique and Steve Yova.

Parents Night Out: Saturday, 11/21

On Saturday evening, November 21st, parents are invited to enjoy an evening out while youth and adult advisers host their children at the church. This is our third year to host this event, and every year, children have loads of fun. We will have snacks, do crafts, play outside (weather permitting), and watch a movie. More information is forthcoming, but please mark this event on your calendar!