

# DURHAM GRIT AWARD

Durham's history, like that of most communities, is intertwined with the history of its churches. Americans have been a people of faith, and the Sunday service



and day-to-day life of congregations tell much about a community's rhythms.

But too often a church's history is lost, unrecorded or distilled in scattered or incomplete records.

So it is of no small importance that Trinity Presbyterian Church members Sally Adkin and Ann Kirkland have devoted countless hours to sorting and organizing the papers that tell the story of life in the church that traces its roots to 1894. They have been helped by the Duke Divinity School Library that is digitizing the old bulletins, sermon notes and other records the pair have assembled — at the same time the church has been lovingly restoring its iconic stained-glass windows.

"It's a commitment to those who have gone before," Adkin told *The Herald-Sun's* Dawn Baumgartner Vaughan.

It's also a labor of love and legacy worthy of this week's Durham Grit Award.