

Trinity Tidings

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The Newsletter of Trinity Episcopal Church

Serving Asheville

by Scott White

Over the course of the past year, I have been a participant in a program called Leadership Asheville. Many members of Trinity have participated in the same program over the years. The University of North Carolina Asheville leads this program, and it has been in existence for over thirty years. The mission of Leadership Asheville is to enhance community leadership by developing, connecting, and mobilizing citizens throughout the region. During this yearlong journey, a group of over 50 citizens met once a month and dove into some of the opportunities and challenges the city of Asheville faces. Each month we focused on one aspect of our common life — education, infrastructure, diversity, health and wellness, government, history, economic development & arts. We got the opportunity to hear from and engage with many of the leaders of our city in each one of these areas. Leadership Asheville was a full, enthusiastic, and fun experience.

Through this program, I got to see more of our city and many of its challenges and opportunities. The experience also gave me a deeper insight into how the faith communities of Asheville have often made all the difference. During our history day, as we were walking around the city, something became very clear. For a certain point in the city's history, it was the churches of downtown Asheville that kept the core of the city alive. Without the churches, practically no one had any reason to be downtown — this alone is an amazing witness to



Leadership Asheville

Develop, Connect, and Mobilize

the power of faith communities in our city. Another revelation is how many Trinitarians are deeply involved in our wider community. Trinitarians serve on all types of boards and commissions and participate in non-profit endeavors in varied ways. The tentacles of Trinity reach far, wide and deep in Asheville. During my participation on Leadership Asheville, I worked with a smaller team of participants on a project to benefit Children First Communities in Schools.

Through community engagement and survey, we helped CFCIS discern how business interest in the issues affected those living in poverty. We were pleased to see how many businesses recognize that poverty has a direct impact on their business. As one example, a great challenge in our city is the issue of transportation. When people can not get to their jobs, they can't work. Childcare is another major issue for employers in our city. It is virtually unheard of to have a one income family any longer and when there is no affordable child care one parent cannot work. It was a joy to be able to help CFCIS discern how they can best engage businesses in the challenges that exist for our citizens living in poverty.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10

I am thankful for this opportunity. I am connected to the life of our city more than ever before. I continue to pray, think, and listen to the Holy Spirit as to the ways Trinity can not only remain engaged in our city, but also be open to new opportunities. If you have been thinking of serving our wider community in some way let me know. I would be happy to help you explore.

By grace,

Scott



Finance Office

The finance office is open during the summer. I will be meeting with the investment, budget and audit teams. I will send out quarterly contribution statements and continue with weekly cash receipts and disbursements. All accounts are reconciled, including the endowed accounts, on a monthly or quarterly basis. Monthly financial statements will also be prepared and provided for the Vestry during the summer. My office hours in the summer are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 - 5:00.



WHO LIKES TO DO LAUNDRY AND IRON??

C'mon! I know there is someone out there at Trinity who wouldn't mind washing and ironing a few VBS costumes to have them ready for next summer!!! I need FOUR PEOPLE to volunteer to take one bag each! You have the whole summer to get it done! Please contact Beth at beth@trinityasheville.org if you are willing to help!



Trinity Kids



Youth

High Garst at General Convention

We are proud of our own **High Garst** is one of two youth who has been representing Province IV at General Convention. He is one of only eighteen youth in total chosen to attend. As a members of the Official Youth Presence has been permitted seat and voice by the rules of the House of Deputies and will participate in committee hearings and floor debates.

Here are a few photos High has been sending along. We expect to hear more from High about this experience and be able to share that with you next month.



Meeting the Bishop of Atlanta on the way to Salt Lake City



Representing "Camp Henry" at Camp Day



Meeting the President of the House of Deputies



March against gun violence



High speaking to the committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care for Creation



High and the rest of the Youth Presence spend time with Bishop Elect Curry!

Haiti Mission Experience

I want to thank Trinity parishioners for your donations to the Haiti Mission Experience! We are so excited to experience Haiti with Alan Yarborough, who has been there for 2 years with Young Adult Service Corps. We will be in Cange, Haiti from June 6th -13th. I ask for your prayers for this mission experience. We will tell you about our experience in the next "Tid-ings". Thanks again for your support!



Children

Vacation Bible School was a huge success with more than 175 children attending from Trinity Episcopal, First Presbyterian, Grace Covenant Presbyterian, All Souls Cathedral, Grace Episcopal, St. Mary's Episcopal, St. James Episcopal (Black Mtn.), and Circle of Mercy. It took 100 volunteers each day to make this happen!



When asked to reflect on my year with the Episcopal Service Corps, I didn't even know where to begin. I have four weeks left in the program, and my emotions are all over the place. I will be honest, and say that I am burnt out. It's hard not to be! Monday through Thursday I am working, every Wednesday is community night, and every Friday is ESC formation. The list keeps on going. It's been a year full of self-reflecting, service, faith, intentional community, and commitment. One of my dear friends at church, Mary Halpin, says "You need to have experiences to gain wisdom." She is like the Ernestine Tuton of Trinity, so I admire a lot of the things she says. But I find such beauty in that phrase, because it's true! A lot of my knowledge and growth has come from my personal, professional, and spiritual experiences. I truly think this year has been the biggest test to all

of those things. I have started to grow into the woman I want to become.

For those of you that do not know, I am planning to stay in Denver, CO. I will be living in a townhome with a couple from my church in the heart of downtown. I am currently seeking job opportunities and really do think that God has a plan for me here.

I wanted to thank you for your contributions, prayers, and support throughout my whole year of service. I would not be here if it were not for my Trinity family. So once again

thank you. I will also be preaching on July 26th at Trinity, so I hope to see a lot of familiar faces and share more of my experience with the Episcopal Service Corps.

Peace be with you,

Megan



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Sundays at Trinity

8:00: Holy Eucharist

9:00: Full Breakfast

9:00 to 9:50: The Word for Today:

Adult Bible Study (Conference Room)

9:45: Come Join the Circle for
three-year-olds to 5th grade (Undercroft)

10:00: Holy Eucharist with Choir

5:30: Celtic Eucharist

Church of the Advocate

Sundays: 1:30 p.m.

Our Vision Statement:

“Trinity Church is a nurturing Christian community providing opportunities for worship, Spiritual growth and commitment in a supportive and open atmosphere.”



The Reverend Dr. R. Scott White.....Rector
The Reverend Carol Hubbard..... Associate Rector
The Reverend Peggy Buchanan..... Deacon
Dillon Manly..... Financial Assistant
Ken Wilson..... Administrative Assistant
Sharon Carleton Boone..... Music Ministry
Debbie Cox..... Fellowship & Youth Ministries
Beth Chestnut..... Children & Family Ministries
Paul Dismukes..... Building Engineer
Glenn Childes..... Sexton

VESTRY

Class of 2015	Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Sally Cochran	Hope Byrd	Spencer Atwater
Catherine Metzger	Vince Childress	Courtney Blossman
David Pheil	Todd Cross	Elizabeth Boulter
Adrian Vassallo	High Garst	John Hoskins
Charlie Waddell	Sandy Grant	Bonnie Scothorn

Catherine Metzger..... Senior Warden
Adrian Vassallo..... Junior Warden
Jeff Covington..... Treasurer
Katie Chappell..... Clerk



Music

Our Chancel Choir is on a well-deserved vacation during July. We will have individual guest artists in their absence each week. The choir will be greatly missed!

Mark your calendars for September 28! We will host a magnificent choir from Kiev, Ukraine.

Returning for a repeat performance:

ROOM IN THE INN

Cheered by crowds of thousands, gathering rave reviews all the way, this blockbuster is scheduled for a week's run at Trinity beginning August 2. You can be part of the action. No audition needed, just a willingness to put up with a little discomfort. Stardom has never been so easy.

For those not familiar with Room in the Inn, it is a program through which churches and other groups take turns offering a safe place

to sleep and meals to a small group of homeless women. It does not attempt to change the world, just make sure a few souls have a decent night's sleep, with friendly hosts nearby. Trinity (with our partner, Central Methodist) has been playing this very worthwhile project for years, with pretty much the same cast of supporting characters. We need some folks to sleep over at the church on downy couches with silken sheets (artistic license here), and some to bring food.

It would be lovely to have new faces.

Sign up sheets are posted in the hallway to Tuton Hall.

Contact Juleigh Sitton (430-0054) or Linda Hemstreet (298-0158) for more info.