

## **A Message from the Associate Rector**

**The Rev. Amy Peterson**

With gratitude and great joy, I joined Trinity as associate rector on July 13, 2022 and began working hand-in-hand with Scott in worship, teaching, pastoral care, and preaching. I've also been delighted to get to know many parishioners through a series of welcome receptions in various neighborhoods, and through one-on-one conversations, hospital visits, etc.

Right away, I was pleased to connect our Becoming Beloved Community book club with the Glen Workshop and Image journal to partner in hosting "Reading Black Books," a one-night event with writers Crystal Wilkinson and Claude Atcho. I look forward to cultivating that relationship for future partnership.

I've also begun cultivating relationships with other downtown clergy in hopes that we can partner for the good of the community. One formal way in which this is happening is through the Church Street Collaborative, where I've been welcomed into ongoing conversations about issues related to homelessness.

Fall programming is full and rich. Every week I meet with the Women's Bible study to pray and discuss the upcoming lectionary texts. On Sunday mornings I lead the Parents in Conversation adult formation hour, and attendance has been at capacity in the Clark Room for our discussion of the first chapters of Genesis. Other regular events include the Becoming Beloved Community book study, and the Contemplative Prayer and study group, both of which meet in person as well as online.

Debbie Cox and Beth Chestnut and I meet on a regular basis to plan for upcoming events for families and youth, and to discuss how to best meet the needs of our growing church family.

Connection with the larger diocese is also part of my role here; as Trinity prepares to host the diocesan convention, I've collaborated in planning the worship for the weekend. I've also participated in Fresh Start. And I'm partnering with Kelsey Davis in outreach at UNCA, in hopes of supporting her work and drawing more young people to Trinity.

Trinity's life is full and also growing; I look forward to dipping into even more of the ministries that are active here in the coming months.

## **A Message from the Deacon**

**The Rev. Dcn. Bob Zito**

This is my second year at Trinity. I have been working prayerfully at discerning where God is calling me in ministry here. In prior parishes, my ministry has concerned education, pastoral care and church growth, mainly with newcomers and seekers within the church.

I am currently teaching systematic and moral theology and Christian ethics at the Iona Collaborative at the Seminary of the Southwest.

Last year, I was happy to lead the Women's Bible study. My only ministry right now is serving at the Eucharist on Sundays. I am available for and look forward to future leadership opportunities, particularly pastoral and educational assignments.

Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord in all persons.

## Vestry Nominees



### **Steve Bennett**

Steve has been a member of Trinity since 2016, having moved to Asheville after living and working in Atlanta, GA for 35 years. An Alabama native, he obtained BM and MM degrees in organ performance from Samford University and Florida State University (FSU), respectively, with the goal of teaching at the college level. Such jobs were scarce at the time of graduation, however, and he quickly realized the need for an alternative plan for providing food, shelter, etc.

He began taking evening classes in Information Technology while working as assistant registrar in FSU's College of Law, and eventually landed an entry-level IT position at BellSouth in Atlanta. He later obtained his CPA certification and held various roles over the years in finance, accounting, project management and internal audit at BellSouth, Georgia-Pacific, and Metso Finland.

Steve was an active member of the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta for 35 years. During that time, he served as a volunteer chapel organist and worked in several stewardship campaigns. He was also active in the Atlanta Preservation Center and the High Museum of Art.

Volunteer activities in Asheville have included MANNA FoodBank, Asheville Symphony Chorus and Chamber Chorus, and occasional appearances (in VERY minor roles) at Asheville Community Theatre (ACT).

At Trinity, he's been a member of the chancel choir for 6 years, and occasionally serves as a substitute organist at the 10:45 am service.

Steve has served on the Board of Directors of ACT for two consecutive terms and is in his 4th year as Board Treasurer. As a member of the Executive Committee he was heavily involved with developing funding and staffing strategies to assist the organization, one of Asheville's oldest arts entities, in weathering the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. ACT has since reopened, is fully staffed once again, and is in a strong financial position to begin its 2022-2023 season. He also volunteers at Asheville Art Museum as a touring docent and is a member of the museum's Collectors' Circle.

Steve resides in the Lake View Park neighborhood of north Asheville, and his hobbies include working in the yard, travel, hiking, grilling out/entertaining in his backyard, and working on old houses. He's a regular participant in OLLI classes at UNCA and is active in the Preservation Society of Asheville and Buncombe County.

Steve has a keen interest in the nexus between music and congregational worship at Trinity, and the use/impact of innovative approaches to parish communications. He's been especially proud of Trinity's response to the steadily growing online community (especially during the pandemic) and has high hopes for further outreach opportunities afforded by this newer means of communication and inclusion. Steve also feels grateful to have discovered Trinity's sincere,

welcoming community right in the heart of downtown Asheville, and would be honored to increase his role in this vibrant congregation.



### **Graeme Browning**

Graeme began screening Trinity's services online after COVID struck.

She was so moved by the devotion she saw and the sermons and music she heard that when the parish went back to in-person worship she quickly joined the lay

ministry. She serves as a reader, greeter, chalice bearer and intercessor, and is an occasional volunteer editor for Trinity's Easter and Christmas prayer booklets. She

just completed her third year of EfM, under the leadership of Peggy Buchanan, and is looking very much forward to her fourth year.

Graeme was baptized in the Presbyterian Church but fell in love with the Episcopal Church at age 12, when her parents joined. She has been

an active and involved Episcopalian since then, as a crucifer, acolyte, and usher as well as chalice bearer in several churches.

She has been a member of two vestries and was a delegate for seven years to the annual convention of the Diocese of Washington, D.C. During those years she learned the importance of commitment both to the church and to those in the community around her and in the world beyond. At St. Columba's in Washington, D.C. she was a member of an outreach organization constructing an Episcopal elementary school in Siguatepeque, Honduras and helping women there develop micro-businesses to generate income for their families. She has been a Sunday school teacher and involved in church youth activities.

At Trinity she participated in our recent Habitat for Humanity project. Graeme got her undergraduate degree from the University of Kentucky and a law degree from Vanderbilt University. In her first career she was a reporter, columnist and editor at newspapers including the Washington Post, Baltimore Sun and Chicago Sun-Times, and a political reporter for National Journal. She has written two books and has been a consultant for federal government projects for the last 18 years.

The most important person in her life is her daughter, Lowry, who is a child therapist working with foster families in Louisville, KY. Graeme lives with two Cardigan Welsh Corgis and a sweet cat and counts her good friends and the Trinitycommunity as her Asheville "family."

She is honored to be considered for a position where she can give back to Trinity and all who worship here.



### **Stuart Camblos**

Stuart is a "cradle Episcopalian" who grew up at Trinity. She happily sang in the Junior Choir and remembers helping her mom at the Trinity Christmas Bazaars in the 50s and early 60s. She was an active member of the EYC (Episcopal Young Churchmen) during high school. "We had supper meetings and lots of fun every Sunday night in the undercroft!"

Stuart returned to Asheville in 1997 and considers herself fortunate to have chaired our special September 1999 Celebration at the

Governor's Western Residence. During this event Trinitarians kicked off the Every Member Canvass and met our new Rector, Bill Whisenhunt.

Stuart served on the Vestry from 2001-2004. She co-chaired Trinity's Centennial Celebration Weekend and has also been a member of the Trinity Art Guild. Currently, she enjoys volunteering at Lake Logan.

Community service includes the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy, Western North Carolina Historical Association, Preservation Society of Asheville and Buncombe County, and the French Broad River Garden Club. Stuart loves music, art and design, and hiking the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina.



### **Sharon Lechner**

Hello, Trinity family! Some of you know me from the Becoming Beloved Community Book Club, which I co-lead, and from Parents In Conversation, which I [insert honest assessment] participate in when I can.

I grew up as an earnest, zealous child in Maryland where my family attended a conservative Presbyterian/Calvinistic church with an Evangelical bent. The foundation I received was steeped in the Bible's stories and poems. It showed me the importance of living in interdependent community and started me on a path of paying attention to God experiences.

My dream since I was young was to become a physician and I marched toward that goal, attending college and medical school in Maryland. Residency in family medicine brought me to UNC-Chapel Hill and introduced me to my husband, Logan, an OB/GYN. We settled in AVL where I have been taking care of patients at Community Family Practice since 2011. Along the way, my fantastic daughters made me a mother twice over. (You might know Miriam and Eve by their messy hair and cowboy boots!)

Our family's journey toward the Episcopal Church unfolded slowly as life busted my boxes for God and people. My patients taught me that love and dignity are everywhere I never thought to look. My children taught me that the goodness given to us by God cannot be erased and that the Mother-love of God is fierce. After dissonance with the tradition I inherited had been building for years, my faith underwent a death and slow rebirth. Certainty is gone but what replaced it is much more beautiful.

I encountered Trinity as a refugee of sorts in 2018 and am thankful to have been taken in. I love that the sick are cared for and that children are cherished. I love that food is God's presence and that beauty matters. I love that this church is rooted in something ancient and time-tested, yet its theology is generous enough to include everyone. There is room to ask questions here. There is room for me to be myself.

I would be coming to vestry as a question asker. How can we enjoy the beauty and stability of the liturgy and the Eucharist, but do so in a way that invites more diversity in our parish? How do our rituals and practices open us up to the sacred in the everyday? How do we allow the Bible to disrupt our comfortable lives? How do we pass on a faith to our children that sticks without wounding them? How do we center the voices of the marginalized and powerless in our community? In short, how do we love Jesus more and our systems less?

Thank you for your consideration, church. Humbly, Sharon



### **Tom Williams**

My wife Laurie and I joined Trinity Church in 2017 soon after I retired from a communications and public affairs role with Duke Energy in Charlotte and we moved to our home in Fairview full-time. As the son of an Episcopal priest, attending and being active in my father's church was non-negotiable while I grew up in Winston-Salem and Charlotte. Over time, I grew to enjoy it and later worked at Kanuga Conferences for five summers as a teenager. Our daughter Mary also had an excellent experience both as a camper for many summers at Kanuga and as an elementary and middle school student for six years at Trinity Episcopal School in downtown Charlotte. I served two terms on the vestry of St. Peter's Episcopal church in downtown Charlotte, a church that is similar in many ways to Trinity,

and look forward to getting more active at Trinity as a member of the vestry.

## **Senior Warden's Report**

As my three years with the Vestry draw to a close in December, I think back on all I have learned about the inner workings of Trinity Church. Let me tell you...a lot goes into it! From upkeep, to staffing, to finances, to worship, and everything in between, it is an awesome and rewarding responsibility. This year has certainly seen its share of challenges as well as rewards. We are finally achieving a modicum of normalcy, and life within the church is feeling much as it did before the pandemic hit. While, as a church, we are ever vigilant concerning our health, we appear to be back on track. I must say that it is simply wonderful to see our pews filling up again! We also continue to have live-streaming for those not able to be with us in person, and that has proven to be very successful. So, we welcome you, whether you are physically here or if you are watching at home in your pajamas!

Your Vestry has been focusing on three major areas this year. The first is Addressing Spiritual Need through Communication. Our plan is to foster a greater sense of community among identified age groups through communication and engagement. We feel that after a long period of Covid isolation there might be a feeling of disconnect, not to mention loneliness! Trekking in the 828 and Parents in Conversation have been two activities that have been very beneficial, but we are in the process of implementing more offerings or continuing with existing special interest groups.

The second focus is on Outreach. We would like to consider a mission committee as part of the existing outreach leadership. Its purpose will be to offer support to the Appalachian Regional Ministry, centralize other existing mission ministries, and provide direction to develop more opportunities.

Our third focus is Keeping Our Community Safe and Vibrant for All. We are assessing security at Trinity and will gather thoughts and ideas for maintaining a secure and welcoming environment.

Trinity Church also continues our commitment to making a difference not only in our church community but also the community at large. This year our parish has supported Lake Logan, Western Carolina Rescue Ministries, Homeward Bound, Episcopal Relief and Development, Open Door, and many other worthy charities. We have also provided scholarships to campers for Camp Henry. Lastly, our Outreach Committee has continued their amazing work through grants, leg work, and financial support to various ministries including Church of the Advocate,

Appalachian Regional Ministry, ABCCM, and Rise Against Hunger.

I would be remiss not to mention all of the building and grounds projects that the Vestry tackled this year. As you know, this beautiful building is old and requires significant upkeep. The carillon has been replaced as the other system was old and had stopped working. A security system was installed at Trinity Place. The sound system was improved upon in Tuton Hall. A safer and more inviting entrance was completed for the building's office access.

Without a doubt, the highlight of Scott's year was when our new associate rector, Amy Peterson, arrived on the doorstep! He lost no time in putting her to work. The good news is that she hasn't been scared off yet! We are so happy to have Amy here. She brings fresh leadership ideas, outstanding sermons, and a calm and friendly demeanor.

In closing, I must thank the staff at Trinity, for they are absolutely amazing! Their organization and camaraderie are something to behold. We are fortunate to have every one of them on our team. As for my brothers and sisters on the Vestry, I cannot imagine working with a more caring group of individuals. The love they have for Trinity shows through thoughtful discussions and decisions. It has been a pleasure working with them. Finally, I must give Scott my utmost respect. He has been a rock through some extremely tough times throughout the pandemic, and his leadership and love for this church has been unwavering. It has been a privilege to work with him. I am beyond honored to have served as your senior warden this year, and, with God's guidance, I see a bright future for the church we all love. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leslie Welker, Senior Warden

## Financials and Stewardship

The finances at Trinity Church are divided between the Investment Team, the Stewardship Team, and the Budget Team. All three are committed to bringing recommendations to the Vestry as well as being good stewards of the money that has been entrusted to Trinity Church.

### **Investment Team**

The Investment Committee was established eleven years ago to supervise, monitor, and evaluate the investment assets of Trinity Church and to recommend an annual distribution from these assets to the church budget.

We meet four times per year to review investment performance, meet with our investment managers, Parsec and the Community Foundation of WNC, and formulate recommendations for the Vestry to review and consider.

This year, our committee membership consisted of Rev. Dr. Scott White, Senior Warden Leslie Welker, Treasurer Nancy Brooks, Finance Director Dillon Manly, Financial Assistant Jan Hildebrand, Fred Groce, Jeff Howden, Vince Childress, Jim Gunn, and Dianne Weaver I am grateful for the dedicated service of this talented group of Trinitarians.

As of September 30, 2022, Trinity's assets included two Money Market deposit accounts, at First Citizens Bank and Self Help Credit Union with combined balances of \$290,439, an operating checking account and an investment portfolio managed by Parsec Financial that is comprised of restricted, unrestricted, and Legacy assets of Trinity Church with a balance of \$1.3 million.

Additionally, Trinity is blessed to be the income beneficiary of three endowed accounts at the Community Foundation of WNC with combined balances of \$1.6 million.

Trinity also receives income from a portfolio that is managed by Wells Fargo as Trustee. This account was established in the 1960s by a gift from a generous parishioner.

Over the past year, Trinity has received several very generous unrestricted bequests, including a living endowment that has strengthened the financial security of the parish. This endowment has been invested with Vanguard Funds, adding an additional investment manager to our portfolio. Other bequests received have allowed us to formally establish an independent Legacy gift portfolio at Parsec Financial.

Our focus continues to be on being good stewards of the assets of the parish. Our funds have enjoyed a good year, and this year we received a full distribution from our funds at the Community Foundation, after receiving a reduced distribution in 2020 due to market declines related to COVID. We will meet November 4th to make our recommendation to Vestry for the distribution from our Parsec funds who send a quarterly distribution.

It has been a great blessing to have served yet another year as Chair, and to have served on this committee since its' inception.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chad Hardy  
Committee Chair

### **Stewardship Team**

During the darkest times of COVID-19 when the church was closed to in-person gathering and the offices were empty with employees who had gone home to work, Trinity parishioners stepped up to the plate and generously sustained our treasury. The staff and our mission work could have been severely compromised, but we were able to come out on top even with new technology to help with live streaming and continue all of our Christian Education programs and Outreach ministries. For this we are deeply grateful.

Trinity is strongly dependent on pledged giving to reach our this mission our Vestry discerns in partnership with all ministry leaders at Trinity. This discernment comes in prayer and with listening to the call of the Spirit.

For the budget year 2022 Trinity received 351 pledge commitments and they totalled \$934,500.

In preparation for for the 2023 Annual Campaign the Vestry contracted with Horizons Stewardship to do a through assessment of our Stewardship endeavors and to continue to coach the Rector and the Stewardship team on the most up to date methods and processes for a healthy engagement of all Trinity members and friends. As the Rector stated to the Vestry and Stewardship Team, "I've been doing this for 26 years. I may have used all my tools in my tool box, and we may learn something new that we didn't know we lacked."

For our 2023 campaign we continue start with an electronic pre-campaign giving members a short, quick and easy way to return their pledge commitments to Trinity. This continues to get overwhelming positive feedback.

A complete financial report is found elsewhere in the Annual Report.

We could not do all this work without the help of our Stewardship Team.

Respectfully submitted,

Dillon Manly

## Finance Team

Finance Team 2022 The Finance Team meets three times during the year prior to the Fall Budget Planning. They review Trinity's finances and financial policies. This year, the team reviewed cash positions every quarter which led to the investment of excess funds in accounts which were not earning interest, with the approval of Nancy Brooks, our treasurer.

In the fall, our team transitions to the Budget committee to draft a 2023 budget for approval by the Vestry by the first of the year. This work could not be done without the support of fellow parishioners and ancillary staff which consists of treasurer Nancy Brooks, Katherine Ray, Linda Watt, Don Weidemann, Dillon Manly, Jan Hildebrand, Leslie Welker and Scott White.

Respectfully submitted,

Dillon Manly

### Assets Held by Trinity Church - Endowed Designated Funds

ASSETS HELD BY TRINITY CHURCH			
ENDOWED DESIGNATED FUNDS			
	Sep-21	Sep-22	
<b>ENDOWED FUNDS - PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED</b>			
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	\$1,475,317.94	\$1,289,041.11	as of 6/30/22
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION/CANNON	\$245,172.14	\$215,636.73	as of 6/30/22
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION/PATTON	\$79,867.98	\$70,226.16	as of 6/30/22
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,800,358.06</b>	<b>\$1,574,904.00</b>	
Community Foundation of WNC manages the funds			
<b>TRINITY INVESTMENT FUNDS</b>			
PARSEC - TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	\$1,081,078.00	\$863,843.53	
<b>PARSEC LEGACY FUNDS - PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED</b>	\$254,522.00	\$451,096.17	
<b>TOTAL FUNDS ON DEPOSIT AT PARSEC FINANCIAL (SCHWAB)</b>	<b>\$1,335,600.00</b>	<b>\$1,314,939.70</b>	
<b>ENDOWED FUND - NOT DONOR RESTRICTED</b>			
VANGUARD - LIFE STRATEGY FUNDS	\$0.00	\$508,283.96	
VANGUARD - WELINGTON FUNDS	\$0.00	\$529,781.00	
<b>TOTAL FUNDS ON DEPOSIT AT VANGUARD</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,038,064.96</b>	
<b>INVESTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>\$3,135,958.06</b>	<b>\$3,927,908.66</b>	

## Summary of Revenue & Expenses

Date Range: Jan 1st 2022 - Sep 30th 2022

Accounts	Actual	Budget	Annual	Annual
	Jan 01, 2022 - Sep 30, 2022	Jan 01, 2022 - Sep 30, 2022	Budget This Year Year	Budget % Used Jan 01, 2022 - Sep 30, 2022
<b>Revenues</b>				
Operating Income	845,429.25	776,775.06	1,035,700.00	81.63 %
Other Income	175,606.91	131,663.34	175,551.17	100.03 %
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,021,036.16</b>	<b>\$ 908,438.40</b>	<b>\$ 1,211,251.17</b>	<b>84.30 %</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Administration	201,002.06	199,294.38	265,725.84	75.64 %
Congregational Development	218.33	749.97	1,000.00	21.83 %
Parish Life	17,424.36	19,199.88	25,600.00	68.06 %
Stewardship	2,489.93	3,375.00	4,500.00	55.33 %
Buildings and Grounds	135,785.89	126,943.38	169,257.78	80.22 %
Outreach and Mission	139,915.87	154,635.03	206,180.00	67.86 %
Worship and Music	89,690.17	90,092.97	120,124.08	74.66 %
Education & Formation	108,301.58	110,932.56	147,910.12	73.22 %
Parish Pastoral Staff	198,954.38	202,465.17	269,953.35	73.70 %
Pastoral Care	733.76	749.97	1,000.00	73.38 %
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 894,516.33</b>	<b>\$ 908,438.31</b>	<b>\$ 1,211,251.17</b>	<b>73.85 %</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$ 126,519.83</b>	<b>\$ 0.09</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>

## Programs

### Bible Study & Group Learning

Trinity has a vast array of programs for Nursery through Adult. Children are taught through a method termed "Godly Play" based upon the recognition that children have an innate sense of the presence of God. The Godly Play approach teaches classical Christian language in a way that enhances the child's authentic experience of God so it can contribute to the creative life of the child and the world.

Adult programs are varied and are co-planned by the Clergy and Lay members to encompass issues that are both Biblical and current. The classes are taught by Clergy and by members bringing a wide assortment of backgrounds and expertise to encourage questioning, searching and learning

Engage. Think. Reflect. Question. Play. Laugh. Challenge. Affirm. Learn. Grow.

At Trinity, we are lifelong learners because we are lifelong disciples, called to love God with all our heart, with all our strength, and with all our mind — from the smallest of children to the most seasoned of adults. At Trinity, there is a place for you to learn and grow closer to Christ and your neighbor, no matter where you find yourself in life. Throughout the year, we explore the heart of the Christian faith, challenge ourselves to live more deeply into Christ's way of love, and engage critically with the real-world issues that confront modern life. We have formation classes every Sunday as well as special topical series or featured speakers at different times throughout the year.

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## **Children's Ministries**

### **Programs for Children**

- **Godly Play** continued in person. We had smaller numbers in Godly Play 1, so we combined Godly Play 1&2 for half of the academic year through May. This new academic year has seen a great resurgence in numbers, so we are back to three classrooms. We also have FOUR new Godly Play Mentors in addition to our current group: Mandie Carlson, Lee Stockdale, Ann Trousdale, and Mark Daddona
- **Come Join the Circle: "Books With Heart"**-summer programming for children-This past summer children explored different multicultural, secular books with a message "from the heart." We met in the Undercroft, with the space set up into stations, with different activities related to the book throughout the room.
- **Nursery** - Ingrid Sanders, a long-time employee, continues in the role of Nursery Supervisor. Sarah Bachler continues to be on staff as well. All nursery staff are fully vaccinated and completed the required First Aid/CPR and Safeguarding God's Children.
- **Children's Hour.** This ministry continues through the academic year and breaks for summer with "Come Join the Circle". Andrew Davis continues as pianist. We meet in the Undercroft for a small snack as we allow time for other children who have not been to Sunday School to join us. We process into the Redwood Chapel and use stories, songs, and movement to follow the liturgical calendar, or Biblical themes.
- **Godly Play Parent Pages incorporated this year with weekly parent emails (digital download) to support upcoming lessons.**
- **Everybody Upstairs**-This event takes place approximately three times during the academic year. It involves Godly Play Mentors and children telling the "sermon" in Godly Play style. In Jan-May we did, "The Parable of the Good Shepherd" and "The Mystery of Pentecost". Upcoming in November is the story of "Creation".

### **Vacation Bible School**

#### **"The Golden Boxes: The Parables of Jesus"**

Our format used last summer was such a success that we continued with the same framework for this summer's VBS. This time our theme was based on three of the Parables of Jesus. We used props from "Everybody Upstairs" as we explored these parables via Godly Play. We continued partnering with St. James Black Mountain and St. Mary's Asheville. We had over 40 children and 40 volunteers throughout the four days. The last day was a Water Play Day, with a partial closure of Aston Street for an inflatable water slide.

## ALL SAINTS' CANDLELIGHT DINNER

This year, we are celebrating All Saints' Day a little differently. On Sunday, November 6th we will celebrate with an **All Saints' Candlelight Dinner** featuring a lovely autumn meal on tables laid with white tablecloths, lots of candles, and pumpkin saint o'lantern centerpieces. During the meal, we'll learn a bit about traditional saints as well as saints of a more personal nature. Families of children and youth will do the presentations. We'll finish the evening with a candlelight walk to our Memorial Garden for a reading of the names of those interred there.

**Advent Wreath Making**-This annual celebration involves all families creating an Advent wreath for their home, as well as taking home a Devotional Guide (Godly Play based) to mark the season.

**Children's Christmas Pageant**-The pageant is a perennial favorite and will continue, thank goodness, in person this Christmas.

**Lenten Prayer Flags**-Our families were mailed packets with a devotional for Lent and everything they needed to create prayer flags for their home for the season. We also offered lunch throughout Lent with the opportunity to walk the Labyrinth set up in Tuton Hall.

**Palm Sunday Resurrection Gardens**-Families of children and youth made their own "resurrection gardens" to take home, along with a devotional guide to use throughout Holy Week.

**Easter**-Easter at Trinity for children involves two identical services (9am and 11 am). At both services the children join the grand procession, flower a large outdoor cross, eat hot cross buns and have our own special service in the Redwood Chapel. Sandwiched between these two services is the Easter Egg Hunt.

## OTHER EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

**Kick Off Sunday**- August 28th-This was possibly the largest Kick Off Sunday attendance-wise in recent memory! We had all the usual bells and whistles: Chikomo Marimba Band, inflatable water slide on the street, traveling magician, face painter, balloon twister, fairy hair, lawn games, and a big picnic with Sunshine Sammies truck on hand for dessert!

**Club 345**- Our junior youth group for 3rd-5th graders continues to meet monthly during the academic year. Activities have included: "Fake Sleepover", washing and cleaning the church van, Riveter Climbing Wall, Montreat Team and Leadership, Adventure Center, Flat Rock Playhouse, other outreach activities.

**Four for Families**- This ministry happens four times a year, with the goal of gathering our families with elementary-age children and younger ones for fellowship and community. This summer we attended the outdoor movie, "Ratatouille" at Rabbit Rabbit.

**Children's Choir** -This choir remains active during the academic year. We started this year with many new children-enough for two choirs!

## **Youth Ministries**

Every Sunday until mid-March, Trinity's youth rooms were open from 9:30 - 10:30 am as a safe space for youth to process their week and how it intersects with their faith. Students also engaged in the story of their faith in Holy Scripture, explored the liturgy and prayer book, and built relations with adults of faith.

### **Youth Education, Grades 6-12**

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Adults who help with youth: Debbie Cox, John Hall, Amy PeteronMcDowell, and David Hensley

### **Youth Sunday**

Youth Sunday was Sunday, May 8 and 3 seniors, Ginger Hanlon, Lizzy Ray, and Samuel White, gave the homily virtually and in person. Luke and Sandford read the reading Prayers of the People. This year, we recognized 22 high school seniors and 9 college students in the service and on our website.

### **Confirmation**

Scott White and I had a Confirmation Weekend in March at Lake Logan. Confirmation Sunday was Sunday, April 24, 2022. We had 8 confirmands confirmed: Boyd Best, Forrest Harvey, Charlie Haden, Conner Johnston, Mary Anderson, Matthew Ragaller, McKenzie Quarrier, and Elsa Thomas

This past summer, we went to San Jose, Costa Rica. We had 12 youth and 2 adults go July 25-30. We painted the Church of the Ascension, immersed in the culture, and reflected on "The Sermon on the Mount". Here is our trip overview: [CLICK HERE for more pictures and to read about our trip.](#)

### **Sixes on Sundays**

Sixes on Sundays is back in person and back to its traditional FOOD, FUN, FAITH (All-in-one) format. We know that the year can be busy, and attendance every Sunday morning can be almost impossible for many of our families. So we are offering six core gatherings, and we were hoping they could make these six Sundays a priority as we build our community and our faith together. These six Sundays, each starting at 6 pm, will combine food (dinner together), fun (games), and faith (each Sunday will focus on one core aspect of our faith as Episcopalians and how it relates to students). We have had two Sixes on Sunday, which have been well attended.

## **Vacation Bible School** *The Golden Boxes*

This past June was our annual Vacation Bible School at Trinity, along with St. James Black Mountain and St. Mary's held a Godly Play oriented VBS with The Golden Boxes as the theme! It went amazingly well! We had 40 children attend and 15 youth volunteered.

## **Saint O'Lantern Walk**

Last fall we had the 2nd Saint O'Lantern Walk. Families of children and youth chose a saint, gathered information on that saint, and presented it in costume, along with a pumpkin carved with the saint's symbol in our new courtyard. We had 20 families that were involved in this presentation to our parishioners as they walked through". This year we offered a complimentary chili and cornbread dinner.

## **Keeping Lent in Home** *Journey with Prayer Flags*

For this Lent, we looked at 5 different types of prayer: confession, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, and praise. We focused on one type of prayer each week in Lent.

## **Advent Transformation & Advent Wreathmaking Event**

We are combining the best of both worlds with an in-person gathering to make the wreath, as well as boxes sent home for those unable to attend. Also, we sent a Reverse Advent calendar- this past year with our donations focusing on Transformation Village.

Submitted by  
Debbie Cox  
Director, Youth Ministry

## **Adult Ministries**

Faith formation is a lifelong process, a belief that Trinity lives out by offering a diverse, engaging, and timely slate of Adult Education opportunities throughout the year.

In 2021-2022, faith formation unfolded partly through online offerings and partly through in-person opportunities.

In the Fall of 2021, we started the Adult Formation series with the Rector's class Exploring the Episcopal Experience. Exploring the Episcopal Experience is a foundation-level class that examines all aspects of the Episcopal Church. It also serves as training for those new to the Episcopal Church and as a review for anyone interested.

In January, the Rector led a series titled "God in Real Life," where he shared articles from current events beforehand, and the group considered how God is showing up in the events we observe daily. Finishing out the Winter term, we held a forum to explore Trinity's new Time and Talent survey and its use in our larger life together. We also have Professor Peter Williams, who led a series on Religion in America as seen through its architecture.

In Lent, the Rector led a series titled “Difference, The Power of Faith in a Conflicted World.” A program of the Church of England and initiated by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the study explored the spiritual and biblical principles of living a faithful Christian life with those with whom we disagree on some topics.

After Easter, we welcomed our Bishop and held a series titled “Christian Perspectives on War.”

The Fall of 2023 kicked off with an opportunity for our new Associate Rector, Amy Peterson, to share her personal journey and continued with a session by Professor Williams on Cathedrals and a repeat of our class titled “God in Real Life.” Amy Peterson will lead a course on the Great-Grandmothers of Jesus. We will also welcome Norman Wirzba, a professor at Duke Divinity School, for one Sunday, where he will lead on the topic of the Spirituality of Eating.

After being self-led for many months, in the fall Rev. Amy Peterson began leading our Parents in Conversation Sunday morning group. In a series entitled “Bad Parents of the Bible,” the group has been slowly reading through the book of Genesis and plans to continue with occasional breaks for other themed units.

The weekly women’s Bible study continued meeting through the year, both in person and online, to discuss upcoming lectionary texts. The contemplative prayer and study group, which had been meeting virtually through the early years of the pandemic, began meeting in person in the Redwood Chapel and online in the fall. Several Trinity Members attend as well as a group from St Simon’s Island, Georgia.

In addition, the Becoming Beloved Community book club, led by Sharon Lechner and Page McCorkle, continues to meet every other week in person and online, reading and discussing books by Black writers. Its members are deeply committed to anti-racist work and support each other’s endeavors outside of the group.

Our Rector, Scott, maintained a Thursday night Rector’s Bible Study on Zoom that has been consistently well-attended, averaging 20-30 people each week. Other adult formation offerings include the Women’s Bible Study and Online Friday Morning Prayers, and we continue to host a large class of Education for Ministry.

We give thanks, especially to all those who led a formation series or offered their professional expertise and spiritual wisdom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott White

## **Women’s Bible Study**

The Women’s Bible Study (WBS) continued its weekly meetings this year to hold morning prayer and discuss the Sunday lectionary texts. Averaging between 10 and 20 participants each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., WBS provides a warm, engaging, and fun environment in which those gathered share their joys and prayer requests, listen for God’s guidance, and enjoy each other’s companionship. Conversation around shared life together and around the scripture text is lively, engaging, and encouraging.

Because of the pandemic, the WBS moved to a hybrid platform that allows members to participate either in person or online, and members have continued to appreciate this option. The Zoom online version of the program allows members who are not able to attend in person

(whether by location or health) to join this beloved group and find weekly support and connection. We've had folks join from multiple states away at times.

Deacon Bob Zito faithfully led the group while the church was without an Associate Rector. Beginning in late August, The Rev. Amy Peterson began facilitating discussions, assisted at times by adjunct clergy and lay members of the group on occasions when diocesan commitments required our clergy to be at other meetings. WBS remains a strong, important spiritual gathering in the life of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Peterson

## Rector's Bible Study

The Rector's Bible Study has continued to be a bright light through and coming out of COVID-19. The study was born out of COVID-19 and our inability to gather in person. Begun soon after in-person worship was suspended the study continues to flourish and has become one of the largest online gatherings at Trinity. Our first book studied was Paul's Letter to the Galatians, we moved on to study the Acts of The Apostles and now we are doing a comparative study of the Synoptic Gospels. We have every intention of continuing this study. God has the power to take our darkest moments and do something amazing with them. This study is one of the blessings of COVID-19.

The use of the Zoom platform for this study benefits so many of our members. When the time changes and our evenings turn dark, during the winter months of questionable weather and more this platform allows us to continue meeting consistently. Many of our participants live 20 minutes away from the church building so what would be a nearly two hour block of time to participate is strictly the one hour of the study.

We took the summer of 2022 off and resumed at the end of September. We are starting off this new year with a study of John's Revelation.

Respectfully submitted  
Scott White

## The Men's Morning Prayer and Bible Study

The group (formerly Men's group) meets using ZOOM at 7:30 A.M. each Friday for a little over an hour. The group has grown to an average participation of 8 to 10. Still, in the quietness of the early hours, we continue to pray for the health of Trinity Parish family, the local community, our country, our nation, and the world. We also pray for those with personal concerns. We then take time to reflect on one of the following week's lessons. Often, contemporary national and international issues influence our discussions and prayers.

We welcome any and all, MEN AND WOMEN, to gather with us using ZOOM. This information can also be found in the weekly updates at [www.trinityasheville.org](http://www.trinityasheville.org).

Submitted by  
John Bordley

## **Education for Ministry**

EfM provides a four-year curriculum that develops theologically informed laity who are prepared to listen for and respond to God's call. EfM helps participants discover and exercise their varied gifts for ministry in their everyday lives.

An EfM group is 6-12 participants who meet weekly over 36 weeks. The classes are about 3 hours in length. Students are given weekly assignments to study and then come back to class ready to discuss the readings. Year One students study the Old Testament, Year Two, the New Testament, Year Three is Church History and Year Four is interfaith encounters and ethics.

EfM is open to all denominations and is an international program.

Trinity currently has 11 students. This class meets by Zoom on Monday evenings.

New classes begin in September 2023. and would welcome new students.

For more information, please contact Peggy Buchanan or Sandy Grant for the evening classes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Buchanan

## **Trinity Wednesday Book Study** **Reimagining Our Place in the Story**

This hybrid book study group meets every other Wednesday 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the Clark Room and via Zoom. The group originally started by David Henson, former Associate Rector, along with parishioners, Sharon Lechner and Page McCorkle in June 2021. The first series included an initial group forming and norming meeting followed by discussions of the book, "Jesus and The Disinherited" by Howard Thurman.

The second series began in September 2021 and continues through December 2021. Co-facilitators, Sharon and Page, continue to lead the group. The book being studied is, "Sisters in the Wilderness" by Delores Williams.

The third series will begin in January 2022. The book selected to study is - "I'm Still Here, Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness" by Austin Channing Brown.

Each meeting we host about 6 people in-person and 2-4 online. Most members of the group are Trinitarians. The group has garnered attention of some non-members, who have joined us. We invite any interested participants.

We created a set of intentions that guide our meetings and we follow a simple format.

Intentions include:

1. Building relationships, following Jesus into the wilderness, and learning together,

2. Practicing making changes where we can, no matter how big or small,
3. Committing to the work for a lifetime, making it a lifestyle choice
4. Seeking the Third Way of gentleness, creativity, and divestment of power, not only in our antiracism work but in our relationships with each other.

In exploring the works of theologians of color and other African-American authors, we deepen our faith, expand our understanding of Christ's call for reconciliation, and develop a different perspective of scripture.

We welcome group members to enter into dialogue in a safe and supportive setting with other fellow Trinitarians and church leaders – to discuss questions about the text that can be challenging and uncomfortable.

The group's journey is to do "the work" of learning what have our black brothers and sisters experienced (and continue to experience in our world), how did (and do) they feel, what have they learned (and what can we learn from them), where did (and do) they find God in the midst of racism, oppression and violence, and most importantly -- what is our role in doing God's work as fellow Christians.

We share our own stories of personal growth, shame, healing, and where we find hope and opportunity to embrace the larger community of faith that includes all God's children. We discuss ways we -- as individuals, a group, a community and a world -- can promote social justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

If you are interested in joining us, then please contact Page McCorkle or Sharon Lechner.

## **2nd Chapter Book Group**

What better way to share in our community of faith than to come together in a small group for honest conversation about a good, or not so good, book? We are a group of women who enjoy reading and getting together to talk about what we have read. Sometimes you read a book you may never have chosen if it was not on the "list" and it opens new horizons of thought.

This daytime group meets six times per year on the second Thursday of the even numbered months at the church from 10-11:30AM. 2022 marks our ninth year of meeting to discuss a variety of fiction and non-fiction books chosen by the group that lend themselves to good conversation. We have approximately 20 active members with average attendance being 10. Being a member of this group is a great way to meet new people if you are new to Trinity. Anyone interested in joining us should contact Barbara Fotinos (bfotinos@gmail.com) for more information.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Fotinos

## **Worship**

Worship is at the very heart of our life together. In it we are drawn inward as God discovers us and we discover God. We are drawn together as we support one another on our journey. We are drawn into the world around us as we share the experience of the living Jesus we find here. We are fed by both word and sacrament to live our faith that we share.

## **Worship Team**

The Worship Team is composed of both lay and ordained people at Trinity and is charged with assisting the Rector in planning, organizing and implementing parish worship.

In the Episcopal Church, the Rector has sole responsibility for leading and shaping worship in the congregation. However, liturgy cannot happen by the work of the Rector alone. It takes a large group of dedicated individuals to offer liturgy that is meaningful and lifts up the presence of Jesus among us. This team seeks to work together so that the worship of Trinity is edifying to all.

We meet four times a year to assist the Rector with planning. The team comes together to review and coordinate upcoming services; critique past services for any new learning and help cast a vision for worship at Trinity.

The Worship team has resumed meeting after the COVID pandemic and continues to evaluate our regathering.

It is clear that not all members of Trinity who were participating as a minister of the service before the pandemic have returned. A number of our ministries are suffering from lack of participation. We continue to evaluate recruit and train and will consider any adjustments to our liturgies that need to be made in the wake of COVID.

Respectively submitted  
Scott White

## **Music Ministries**

Music is thriving in 2022! After many disruptions caused by Covid, the choir returned in February and we have had full participation since then. In the Fall of 2022, there are 14 children in the Alleluia and Jubilate choirs, 31 adults, and 10 handbell ringers in our choirs. We continue to have an instrumentalist and soloist at each Celtic service. Our Lead Singers are Pamela Miller, Nana Hosmer Griffin, Roberto Flores, and Andrew Davis. We welcome organist James Taulbee, who graciously volunteers as accompanist occasionally.

2022 highlights:

- Evensong service sung by Pastyme in March and April and a full concert in June
- Easter Vigil music led by a vocal quartet
- Easter services at 9:00 and 11:00 with choir and brass
- Music Revue in May
- The “Reel Sisters” duo at the Celtic Service in September
- Chancel Choir retreat at Lake Logan in October
- Three Choir Festival by the Church Street Choirs in October
- Diocesan Convention at Trinity with music led by the Chancel Choir

- Music for Advent series on Wednesdays at noon, followed by lunch. Musicians include Kara Poorbaugh (viola), Lelia Lattimore (harp), and James Taulbee (organ)
- Lessons and Carols with choir and brass on December 11
- Prelude to Christmas Eve thirty minutes before the 5:30 and 11:00 services by choir and brass

Respectfully submitted,  
 Sharon C Boone  
 Music Director and Organist

## **Altar Guild**

The Altar Guild is the “quiet ministry” at Trinity church. The role of the Altar Guild is to prepare all things necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist, Sacraments and Offices of the Church.

In 2022, Trinity’s Altar Guild consisted of 16 active members . We had several retirements this past year and one member who requested to be a substitute as well as several who have not expressed a desire to continue as a member. We have the challenge of members being confident enough to return to in-person service, although that has picked up. Hopefully, we can get back to more participation. We have also had to order more disposable communion cups and trays than anticipated for the services as well as make sure the vestments and hangings are clean and in good repair. This year our budget has been stretched quite thin due to rising costs of shipping and prices of needed supplies. The supplies that are essential to our ministry are: wine, communion wafers, candles, liquid wax, towelettes, and cleaning supplies.

We continue to be dedicated to serving God by preparing the sanctuary, the altar, the hangings, vessels and elements for service and worship.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Jane Exner and Brad Wilson

## **Linen Guild**

The Linen Guild is the part of St. Hilda’s Altar Guild that launders, maintains, and cares for the Eucharistic linens used in all our services. These beautiful sacred linens include purificators, corporals, credence table covers, baptismal towels, altar cloths, and fair linens.

The Linen Guild is responsible for laundering and caring for the fair linens and altar cloths used on the four altars and the Healing Station altar. These altars are used for various weekly services. We also care for the small linens used regularly in all services.

Membership in the Linen Guild is not exclusive to members of the St. Hilda’s Altar Guild. Anyone who has an interest and will care for the linens in a reverent, careful manner is welcome. Linen Guild members currently serve on a rotating schedule of two weeks twice a year. Members take the used linens home after the Eucharist to launder and iron them, returning them to the church the following week.

We presently have 15 members in this guild. We are grateful to those who serve in this ministry and we welcome anyone who would like to be a part of this dedicated group. Linen Guild

members, through their service, deepen their faith and their knowledge of the church and the Sacraments.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Whisenhunt, Chair

## **Acolytes**

Trinity's Acolyte Ministry is the largest, most active group of youth in the church. We have youth and children who serve on a regular basis, at least once a month, but sometimes more. The goal of the acolyte ministry is to serve God and his church, and to enhance the worship service for all involved. Acolytes don't do or say a lot during the service, but imagine how different our service would be without the cross, candles, or banners!

Each Sunday requires a minimum of 5 acolytes- one for 8:00 service and 4 for 10:45. The average number of acolytes scheduled for 10:45 service is 4 per Sunday. Bill Morrissey has faithfully served as the acolyte for the 8:00 for many years, and only misses one or two Sundays a year.

The majority of our acolytes are in 3rd-12th grades. We do have some adults that acolyte occasionally, when it is not appropriate to use youth, primarily for funerals, the 11:00 pm Christmas Eve service and 6:00 am Great Vigil of Easter.

Our acolytes also serve at funerals and special services at Trinity.

Monies from the acolyte ministry budget are used for maintenance of vestments, purchase of new gloves as needed, and to purchase and engrave crosses for our acolytes.

We had 2 senior acolytes Ginger Hanlon and Samuel White, who helped with the acolytes and helped the Acolyte Master. Beginning in August, we have a new senior acolyte, Henry Holland.

We have two adult volunteers to help with the acolytes and the Acolyte Master, Elizabeth Boulter and Anna Whisnant which helped while Acolyte Master wasn't there on Sundays.

We have two training sessions, one August and one in January.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Cox

## **The Flower Guild**

The Flower Guild ensures that the altar is decorated appropriately each Sunday, and that the whole church is beautified at Christmas and Easter.

The group consists of about 30 members, of whom three are new. A few old members have rotated off as their lives change. Once a part of the Altar Guild, we now coordinate with them and with the Flower Delivery Guild. This is an enthusiastic and dedicated group: when the schedule goes out, which happens online, every slot is filled, sometimes within hours.

We meet twice a year with the Altar Guild to organize Christmas and Easter, and then on the day before each festival to beautify the church. In the past year the planning meetings have been combined with a festive luncheon, both to provide a chance to socialize and to get potential members involved.

We have training sessions as needed, and experienced members are very willing for neophytes to shadow them when they arrange on Saturday mornings. Trinity Flower Guild is a strong part of the team that prepares the church for worship: talented, faithful, creative and full of the joy of glorifying God with flowers.

I will hand over the leadership to Chris Dismukes after Christmas 2022.

Respectively submitted,  
Erwin Gunnells

# USHER MINISTRY TEAM

- The “Ministers of the Service” notification program seems to be working, albeit with the occasional last minute fill-in need. For the most part our ushers have adapted to this new technology very well.
- Jeff Imes will be taking over the position of Head Usher in 2023 and he will be transitioning to that role at our annual Usher Dinner on November 9th.
- In light of the MSP system’s ability to manage scheduling changes and special needs, the role of the head usher will be slightly reduced to include the creation of an annual schedule, maintenance of the usher roster and coordination of training for our usher captains as procedures change
- We are returning to the traditional Christmas Eve schedule this year, with three services at 3:00 PM, 5:30 PM and 11:00 PM (music starting at 5:00 and 10:30). There will be a Christmas Day service at 10:00 AM.
- The usher schedule for 2023 will have six teams of five ushers each. The schedule covers the 52 regular 10:45 services and 14 special services.
- We are meeting with members of the Vestry who comprise the Security task force to offer input to their studies of dealing with members of the homeless and vagrant population that come into church during our regular Sunday services. How do we deal with them in a respectful manner while offering protection, if needed to our congregation and clergy.
- We will again have our annual “all usher dinner” that is scheduled for November 9th. We have invited our staff members and the Welcome Minister team to join us this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Pheil

## Congregational Development

The Congregational Development Ministry Team’s mission is to:

- Extend Trinity’s ministry beyond our walls and out to the wider community.
- Make the experience of a newcomer as welcoming as it can be.
- Fully incorporate newcomers and help them move beyond membership to participation.
- Encourage current members into participation.

This past year we have specifically done the following:

- Provided Welcome Ministers at our main Sunday morning service.
- Provided updates to our Pictorial Directory.
- Made weekly calls to anyone submitting a Welcome Card.
- Continued our Stocking Ministry to regularly restock each pew card holder with Welcome Cards and Scribble Cards.
- Held two Newcomer events.

The coffee hour in our courtyard continues to provide a wonderful place to get to know one another. Our dreams for the future are to continue to incorporate both old comers and newcomers into becoming more engaged at Trinity.

Team Members: Ed Bleynat, Stephanie Carpenter, Jim Deuel, Bill Dockendorf, Binford Jennings, Ralph Simpson, Cheri Taylor, Brad Wilson, Lorrie Weeks, and Scott White.

Respectfully submitted  
Carlyn Pheil, Convener

## **Outreach and Pastoral Care**

The strength of a church is definitely not confined to Sunday worship. As much prayerful work goes on outside the nave as within it, through the time and energy offered by a host of volunteers. Much of this work is invisible, but crucial not only to the stability and smooth operation of the parish, but to the joy and comfort of the church community as a whole.

### **Outreach**

The Trinity Outreach Team currently includes Katie Chappell, Tom Goodrich, Barbara Setzer, Jeannette Smith, Liz Trask, Cynthia Thornton, Susan Groh, Constance Wilson, Mary Bruce Woody, Matt Sharpe, and Bob Zito. We give thanks to God for the many opportunities we have been given. Our team has two primary functions. The first is to act as prudent stewards of monies designated by Trinity Vestry to be awarded as grants to various organizations who serve individuals in need. The second function is to promote activities to encourage others to serve one another in Christ and provide “hands on” opportunities to serve and expand God’s Kingdom in the community surrounding our parish.

In our first function, we were blessed to receive \$70,000 for 2022 to distribute to organizations that apply for grants. We consider the grant requests that are consistent with our goal of serving our neighbors with food, housing, education and forms of assistance. We are deeply appreciative to Trinity’s Vestry and parishioners who have made our grant program possible. See page X for funds distribution.

In our second function of promoting “hands on” ministry opportunities, we continued to power through the pandemic as our world began to open up:

- Our “Red Bag Food Drive” ministry continued in 2022. Our first Red Bag was for Bounty and Soul. The second was for Helpmate. The third will be for the Appalachian Regional Ministry. Each drive has brought in many pounds of food and/or supplies. We all have been truly amazed and humbled by your generosity!!!
- We continue our partnership with Children First Communities in School in the following ways:
  - We continued in 2020 our partnership with Emma Family Resource Center to provide Christmas gifts for children in need
- We continue to provide snacks to Creative Peacemakers.
- We will partner with First Presbyterian to host Loaves & Fishes Alternative Market.

- Trinity has been at the forefront of the Meals on Wheels program in Buncombe County, participating since the 1970's with meal delivery teams. We are proud to have been a part of this very important ministry for many years.

Our team continues to seek God's Will and the direction of the Holy Spirit in seeking to serve those in need in our community. We welcome your participation and encourage you to become involved by joining our team and/or getting involved in an ongoing Outreach activity. Please contact me at ejtrask@charter.net if you have any questions concerning the Outreach Team.

Thank you again for your generous support of the ministries of Trinity Outreach!!!

Respectfully submitted  
Elizabeth J. Trask

<b>Organization</b>	<b>2021 Grant</b>
ABCCM	6,631
AB Tech Lavender Fund	949
All Souls Counseling	1,702
American Red Cross - WNC Chapter	2,290
Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity	5,000
Asheville City Schools Foundation	1,204
Bounty and Soul	2,247
Caring for Children (operated Trinity Plan)	5,000
Children First Communities in Schools	615
Council on Aging of Buncombe County	1,780
Eliada Homes	580
Guardian ad Litem Association of Buncombe	2,611
Helpmate, Inc	6,500
Homeward Bound - A Hope	4,810
Horizons at Carolina Day	2,176
Literacy Together	593
Manna Foodbank	393
Meals on Wheels	2,290
Memory Care	2,967
Mountain Child Advocacy Center	1,074
Mountain Housing Opportunities, Inc	1,505
Open Doors of Asheville	1,156
Our Voice	2,661
Pisgah Legal Services	3,717
Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministries	1,623
Western Carolina Rescue Ministries	1,898
Western NC Aids Project (WNCAP)	2,879
YWCA Child Care	3,098

	<b>69,949</b>
<i>Under (over) goal</i>	51
<b>Vestry budget for Outreach grants</b>	<b>70,000</b>

## **Appalachian Regional Ministry**

The Appalachian Regional Ministry continues to solidify Trinity's efforts to help our neighbors in need. There are two general areas of ministry, current and those identified as a need by the ministers in Robbinsville. Keep in mind almost 2/3 of the County is a national park so their income base will never be great; eg., over half the children are living in poor or low-income homes.

As for Trinity's current efforts, a growing number of volunteers has been going out to Graham County to help local volunteers unload the Manna food truck and repackage big boxes of fruits and vegetables so they can be given out to families in need. Then our Trinity volunteers go to work in the kitchen and help prepare a meal which is given out in the evening. Initially we prepared food to feed 200 people. The need has grown so we are now preparing food for around 300 people.

The ministers out there have identified additional needs such as inadequate housing, a safe social gathering place for youth and the lack of computer skills for adults. There are other needs, of course, including economic development. Trinity has begun conversation with the ministers out there as to how we can best help meet those specific needs. Currently, for example, five people from Trinity have volunteered to help teach computer skills and we are planning our very first meeting later this month.

With God's help, Trinity is responding to the Vestry's call to develop this type of ministry. The ministers out there have repeatedly expressed how grateful they are for our help. They are genuinely trying to do all they can for the poor, and with our mutual prayers and efforts it is good to be able to see God's hand at work.

Submitted by  
Tom Goodrich

## **Pastoral Care Team**

The Pastoral Care team meets monthly to oversee Trinity's many pastoral ministries, coordinate efforts to care for the parish's sick, grieving, or needy, and to discuss the pastoral cares and concerns of the community. The goal is to avoid institutionalizing care, as multifaceted care is ongoing with clergy, staff and parishioners.

When the Pandemic began we moved to meeting on Zoom, and this method of meeting has been positive overall. We continue to primarily meet on Zoom. Often our meetings last 30 to 40 minutes and the time travel to and from the church can add another 30 to 40 minutes for some members. It is a positive savings.

Additionally, we have added a number of members to the team to help us oversee our pastoral care.

Our meal team continues to deliver hearty meals to those recovering from health issues and those who are in the midst of difficult times or times of grief. Trinity's Encouragement ministry, led by Jennine Hough and consisting of close to a dozen people, continues to offer written cards with words of comfort, prayer, and encouragement to many of our parish members who are sick, unable to travel, or grieving. Corkie Morrill continues to host a group for caregivers of those with dementia or other cognitive illnesses.

One of the great additions to our pastoral care at the outset of the pandemic was the development and implementation of a new ministry titled Flower Delivery Guild. We have a whole host of volunteers who dismantle the altar flowers from Sunday, arrange them in individual containers and deliver them to Trinity's sick, homebound, as well as those who have blessings in life, birth, baptisms, weddings and confirmations. This continues to be a wonderful addition to our overall pastoral care.

We have resumed our Healing Station Ministry at the 10:45 service and will continue to evaluate when we might return that ministry to the 8:00 and 5:30 services. Our former Deacon, Peggy Buchanan is working to reconstitute our Lay Eucharistic Ministry.

I am ever grateful to all those who serve on this ministry team and share with me in the pastoral care of Trinity Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott White

## **Caregivers' Ministry**

This group meets the second Friday of each month and is a support group for those who are providing care for loved ones who have terminal illnesses, especially those diagnosed with some form of dementia. Currently, during and post the COVID-19 pandemic, the group continues to meet through Zoom technology. This is especially important at this time because caregivers are often caring for their loved ones 24/7 alone since professional help is often unwilling to come into the homes of individuals.

As we go forward, post-pandemic, we hope to meet using a combined format of in-person and zoom. This will enable all who wish to attend to do so.

Respectfully submitted,  
Florence M. Morrill, PsyD  
Licensed Clinical Psychologist

## **Daughters of the King**

The Daughters of the King is an Order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church or churches in communion with it. Today our membership includes women in Episcopal, Lutheran, Roman Catholic and Anglican churches.

As Daughters, we undertake a Rule of Life, which can be thought of as a covenant between God and ourselves. It helps us to focus on our walk with Jesus Christ. Our Rule of Life incorporates a Rule of Prayer and a Rule of Service.

members of our chapter and our clergy, and the spiritual growth of our parish. We also pray specifically for members of our parish who request prayers and for those on the Sunday prayer

list in the bulletin. Our members are involved in various services throughout the church such as vestry, altar guild, garden guild, Sunday school teachers, lay readers, outreach in the community, volunteering with the Church of the Advocate, etc.

Through the Rule of Service, a Daughter seeks to do the will of God every day. It is the application of her baptismal vow in which she strives to be Christ's faithful servant by growing His Kingdom, participating in worship and study and assisting clergy in the outreach and work of the church.

The Order of Daughters of the King at Trinity inducted one member, Mary Culbertson, into the Daughters during the past year. We hope to have a Quiet day in Advent. We met on Zoom during the time we could not attend church. We met outside and now have resumed our monthly meetings in the Clark Room. Our book study was A Tree Full of Angels. We provided a scholarship for a student in Haiti to attend school and we also sent money in support of those affected by the earthquake. We have provided underwear, shoes, and monetary donations for the Church of the Advocate. We also help with breakfast and funerals and Dinner on the go. Some of our members attended the Fall conference on Zoom. Two of our members have led the Contemplative prayer service on Zoom. Nancy McCorkle is the President. Ada Jo Foley is the Secretary and Marty Boone is the Treasurer. Any interested women are invited to contact Nancy McCorkle at [nkmcorkle@gmail.com](mailto:nkmcorkle@gmail.com) or at 912-224-5387. We welcome new members at any time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy McCorkle

## Parish Life

Mission Statement: Parish Life works to strengthen social and spiritual ties within the members of Trinity Church. Our goal is to foster bonds which hold Trinitarians together.

### Breakfast

Breakfast returned on Sunday, August 28th in Tuton Hall at 9:00 am. The cost is \$5.00.

### Receptions

Funeral receptions provide refreshments with graciousness and abundant thanks to volunteers who come forward on short notice. Receptions generally follow funerals or memorial services. Most of the receptions were outside in the Church Street courtyard.

### Parish Dinners and Volunteering

We had a Dinner To Go In January where Debbie Cox cooks and advertises a meal for \$10.00 and parishioners pick it up. We had a few Trinity's parish life Committee assembles meals and hands them out to parishioners on the designated Sunday. Any profits from the meals goes to Youth scholarships. We had our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper each year with the Trinity men cooking pancakes. During Lent, we had Lunch and the Labyrinth each Wednesday in Lent. We have our Steak Dinner that coincides with our Musical Revue each year. Also, Debbie cooks a meal with a couple parish life committee members who are volunteering at Transformation Village the third Tuesday of each month. Also, Debbie Cox cooks a meal for the Veterans Quarters the first Wednesday of each month and serves it.

### Parish Life Committee

Sandy Grant, Susan Haldane, Jeannie Powell, Binford Jennings, Ralph Simpson, Art Garst, Beth Putnum, Grace Pless, Katie Chappell, Marty Boone, Mary Culbertson, Adrian Vassallo, Barbara

Setzer, Ada Jo Foley, David Hensley, Michael Andry, Robert Haden, Janet Webb, and Debbie Cox

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Cox

## **Flower Delivery Ministry**

The Flower Delivery Ministry was inaugurated after Easter Sunday, 2020. With a huge array of flowers intended to adorn the sanctuary, Easter was a virtual service for the first time in the history of Trinity Church. What to do with the flowers?

Ken Wilson and Pastoral Care Team-member, Chris Dismukes, pulled together a team of three to arrange over 60 small vases the day after Easter. Another team of three delivered to parishioners at Retirement Communities, nursing homes and those alone at home.

Out of this effort, the Flower Guild learned that this small gift of flowers from the altar was a symbol of God's love, and our love and support of one another.

This ministry is now a part of Pastoral Care, as we think of those in need, dealing with trying times, or celebrating a milestone.

Each Sunday, volunteers meet at Trinity after the 10:45 service to rearrange flowers from the altar to smaller vases. Deliveries follow with one or two volunteers who may have 4-6 vases, depending on flower availability.

Our group currently consists of 25 volunteers. Being a part of this ministry gives just as much joy to us as the joy delivered to others. We receive many wonderful well wishes from recipients who are grateful for this small way of showing support. To date, over 800 flower arrangements have been delivered by this committed team.

Please contact me if you are interested in arranging, delivering or both, or if you know of a parishioner who would benefit from a delivery.

If you have clear glass vases that you would like to donate, feel free to deliver to the church kitchen. Please kindly run them through your dishwasher before donating, as dirty vases encourage bacteria growth that result in dead flowers!

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## **Building and Grounds Committee**

The Building & Grounds Committee met several times this year to review the needs of our physical campus in order to make recommendations to the Rector and Vestry on solutions to our campus needs. My position as Convener has been offered out, to no avail, several times, but I do continue to serve as the leader of this group. During this past year, several items were achieved, while several others are yet undone, especially the roof and gutters. Over the past year, some new members have been added, and it is my hope to grow this committee to allow others the chance to serve in our ministry. I would like to reinstate a Garden Guild (formerly well-managed by Marty Boone) where parishioner groups can sign up for a section of the campus gardens to

maintain. Also, my self-employment leaves little time to devote to the needs of procuring contractors, so I've tried to delegate most of the project to members of the committee. They have backed me up well, and some items have been taken off the to-do list.

Some projects that have happened under my recent tenure include:

- A new roof atop the center hallway section by McClung Roofing ,overseen by Dave Hensley, plus repair to flat roof membranes under warranty overseen by Brad Wilson
- Tree work around the Parking Lot and along Lexington Avenue by Bartlett Tree Service, originally scheduled by Paul Dismukes
- Cracked Sidewalk Replacement along Aston Street, Asheville City Repair requested by Patrick O'Toole and Adrian Vassallo, no cost to Trinity
- Two Garden Workdays with the Garden Guild, Led by Marty Boone
- Porch Light Fixture Renovation by Patrick O'Toole
- Bids for Kitchen Water Heater Replacement (being refined), acquired by David Johnston
- Contracted a Dead Tree Removal at Trinity Place with Newcomb Tree Service overseen by Patrick O'Toole
- Discussion of Lighting Renovations, Dog Waste Bag Stands, Playground Renovation, and other campus concerns as a sounding board to plan for projects proposed by Rev Dr Scott White
- Aeration and Reseeding of Lawn Areas, Tree Pruning and Garden Maintenance
- Undercroft Kitchen Door Repair underway with Jay Hallinan
- Hallway Wall Repair outside the Sacristy to be scheduled by Rich Boulter

New members have been added to the committee. Some veterans have chosen to work with other committees. I want to thank all for offering their time and talents to our group and ultimately for our church.

We have a number of other items to address, including post-roof-leak renovations to the Working Sacristy and Climate Control in the Office wing. Anyone is welcome to join us in helping to preserve Trinity's Campus and plan for the future. We usually meet on the first Wednesday of each month, when there are new matters to discuss. For answers to questions, or Trinity campus concerns that ought to be considered, please contact Art Garst by email at [agarst@charter.net](mailto:agarst@charter.net).

Submitted by  
Art Garst

## **Art Guild**

This past year our Trinity worship came back in person and online. I decided to sell what the Art Guild had on hand during Advent. We had a \$5.00 sale and made over \$500. The money from the Art Guild helps our children and youth to go to Camp Henry at Lake Logan. We will have some new items this year, which we will sell this Advent season.

Submitted by  
Debbie Cox