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Trinity Ecumenical Parish What's in a name?

Trinity

There is one God; three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We are one church; three expressions, Episcopal, Lutheran, and Presbyterian.

One God + One church = One joyous life together!

Ecumenical

Promoting or relating to unity among the world's Christian churches.

We are what our name implies; a church that seeks unity among various traditions – not division.

Parish

Denotes a church that serves a large area.

People drive to Trinity from all over the region; some from over an hour away, all who desire to worship and serve together in this unique Christian setting.

We are Loving, Serving, Learning, and Growing Together in Christ!

Loving

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:34-35

Serving

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

1 Peter 4:10

Learning

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:28-29

Growing

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

2 Thessalonians 1: 2-3

Our History

By Jim Morrison

June 2021 marks the 30th anniversary of Trinity Ecumenical Parish and the June 1991 signing of a covenant by representatives of the new parish and the three judicatories, Episcopal, Lutheran, and Presbyterian. Trinity's formative years actually go back some five years earlier. So, for the past 35 years, our church has seen a rich history of development, growth, worship, and service.

This history summarizes in chronological form key events and developments in Trinity's history. It mentions clergy and staff by name but not names of lay parishioners, as so many parishioners have contributed in so many ways. More detailed histories of Trinity for the periods 1980s-2000 and 2001-2018 are available in the Trinity office.

Ecumenical Origin

In the mid 1980s, some 20 years after Smith Mountain Lake was created, regional Presbyterian, Episcopal, and Lutheran judicatories began to consider establishing churches in the lake area.

The Presbyterians commissioned a feasibility study by the Church Planning Consultants Group in Atlanta, Georgia. In December 1985, that consultant group submitted *A Feasibility Study for a New (Presbyterian) Church at Smith Mountain Lake*. (One of the two ministers to whom the study was presented was Rev. William Klein, Minister of Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, who would go on to play a major role in the development of what would become Trinity Ecumenical Parish).

The study looked at current and projected population growth, developmental patterns in the lake portion of Bedford and Franklin Counties, concerns over development around the lake, and church membership and distribution in the area.

To the Presbyterians, the consultant group recommended new church development but only if it could be carried out ecumenically with the Lutheran and/or Episcopal Church, both of which were said to have recently made similar studies of the Smith

Mountain Lake area. The bottom line of the study was: "We would encourage all three denominations to seriously pursue the concept of ecumenical new church development."

The consultant group specifically recommended that:

- The General Presbyters of both Blue Ridge and Fincastle Presbyteries (two predecessors of the Presbytery of the Peaks) explore possibilities for ecumenical new church development with their counterparts in both the Lutheran and Episcopal Churches.
- If the way be clear, a new church developer/evangelist be called to the field in the fall of 1986 or 1987.
- Property for the new church be obtained on Route 122 between Moneta and what is now Westlake Corner, preferably close to the latter.
- Participating denominations plan to construct a multi-use facility, with worship as the primary function, as soon as feasible to give the congregation credibility and visibility.

Clergy Task Force for the Smith Mountain Lake Ministry

In 1986, seven regional clergymen formed a Task Force for the Smith Mountain Lake Ministry. The seven included General Presbyters and the Episcopal and Lutheran Bishops. Rev. Klein appears to have led this task force. In the fall of 1986, the task force worked on a mission statement, job description for a new church clergy leader, lists of members of the three denominations living in the lake area, and funding the salary of a minister.

The task force also identified a group of people who lived at the lake, who were participating in Bible study at St. John's Episcopal Church in Bedford and in individual homes, and who desired worship services closer to the lake.

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Steering Committee Formed

At the end of 1986, the task force established a Steering Committee for the Smith Mountain Lake Ministry. This steering committee included one clergy representative from each of the four constituents: the Fincastle and Blue Ridge Presbyteries, the Episcopal Diocese, and the Lutheran Synod; and four lay persons belonging to the three denominations and living at the lake or having affiliations with the lake. Rev. Klein was the convenor.

The steering committee met at St. John's Episcopal Church in Bedford. Rev. Klein provided each member a copy of the consultant group's feasibility study on a new church. The steering committee's work initially included: developing a budget, deciding when a minister would begin work, compiling a list of people (both permanent and part-time residents) in the area who were members of the three denominations, planning a future mass meeting and a brochure, and developing a mission statement.

Ecumenical Ministry of Smith Mountain Lake

Work of the steering committee led in 1987 to the establishment of the Ecumenical Ministry of Smith Mountain Lake (EMSML). Rev. Nolan Akers was hired as a part-time minister. Some 27 families with 50 individuals began regular worship at Epworth United Methodist Church at 3:00 p.m. on Sundays.

In 1988, EMSML held its first congregational meeting and elected a council. Sunday worship services shifted to Resurrection Catholic Church. When Rev. Akers died, Rev. Bruce Cooke, a retired Episcopal priest living at the lake, became "clergy in residence for ministry." Lois Garlough began serving as temporary organist.

In 1989, Rev. Klein proposed a meeting to consider rules of order to establish a union church. The EMSML council created a call committee to research seeking a full-time pastor. The Lutheran judicatory, however, stated that it would not allow Lutherans to participate in a union church but that Lutherans could be "affiliate members" of an ecumenical congregation while retaining full membership in a Lutheran congregation. Lutheran clergy could continue leading worship every third month. Rev. Klein then led an effort to draft guidelines for a church bringing together Episcopalians and Presbyterians, whose judicatories then accept an EMSML mission

statement. The Lutheran judicatory reported it could not participate in a federated church.

Three Trinity Churches and Trinity Ecumenical Parish Established

In 1990, the three judicatories reported that they had found a way for EMSML to create a formal official relationship with each of the three denominations by establishing three separate congregational churches which would join to create a new entity to be called Trinity Ecumenical Parish. The EMSML congregation voted unanimously to seek formal affiliation with the three national churches. The name Trinity Ecumenical Parish was adopted. The first ecumenical service was held. Rev. Cooke drafted a proposed Covenant, which the council approved. The council proposed to the three judicatories that the Covenant be used to reach agreement among the three judicatories and Trinity Ecumenical Parish.

In 1991, representatives of the judicatories and council met to ensure that rites and communion rituals and preferences would be honored on a regular basis. The three judicatories admitted, accepted, or recognized their relevant denominational church in Trinity. On June 3, the Covenant Agreement between the three judicatories and the Trinity congregation was signed at a service of celebration and Trinity Ecumenical Parish became the official name. On June 23, a formal service of recognition was led by leaders of the three judicatories (newspaper image is on the cover of this magazine). A choir was formed and a search began for an interim pastor to serve 6-12 months. Pastor John Derrick assumed pastoral duties on a one-year contract, with Rev. Cooke resigning.

In 1993, after an extension of Pastor Derrick's contract, Rev. Gary Karl Scheidt, a Presbyterian, was called to be Trinity's first permanent pastor. Office space was established near old downtown Moneta. Dr. and Mrs. Warren L. Moorman provided a letter of intent to donate land.

In 1994, Trinity Ecumenical Parish established a building-finance committee and a building committee. Wayne Gibson was hired as a full-time organist and choir director. The Moormans delivered a property deed to Trinity. An architect and contractor were selected for a church building, and a building fund drive was initiated. Bylaws were adopted.

In 1995, Elizabeth Herring was hired as secretary. Parish Council approved a design for the building, sent

a financial plan to the congregation, and approved a construction supervision committee. The church design was approved and a \$1.1 million financing program and authorized building-pledge campaigns through 2002. A ground-breaking ceremony was held November 19.

In 1996, Parish Council approved a new Parish Nurse program to operate in conjunction with Resurrection Catholic Church, and a health cabinet was established.

In 1997, the grand opening of the new church building was held in April. Parish Nurse Julie Watts began her duties. An organ was installed. The new church building was dedicated.

In 1998, Trinity studied obtaining stained-glass windows in the sanctuary and constructing a columbarium. Two services began on a trial basis and were then continued.

In 1999, Annette Loschert was hired as Director of Lay Ministry. The stained-glass windows were installed. An education trailer was leased, and a building-expansion team was established.

In 2000, an Episcopal supply priest began assisting Pastor Scheidt. A search for a full-time associate pastor was begun. An architect and contractor were selected for expanding the building.

In 2001, the 10th anniversary of the Covenant Agreement was celebrated. Contracts were signed for the building expansion and construction of a columbarium. Rev. Katheryn Keene-Babcock, an Episcopalian, began serving as associate pastor. Judith Ochal was hired as secretary.

In 2002, ground was broken for expansion of the church building. Consideration began for calling a full-time associate pastor.

In 2003, Trinity assessed its mission and ministry, program staff, and lay assistance. A pastoral visitation team was formed. The building expansion/upgrade was completed.

In 2004, Trinity hired Rev. Cecie Haxton as Associate for Pastoral Care and Visitation and Dr. Sally Johnston as Coordinator of Christian Education and Small Group Ministries. Trinity began a program to support youth in Tanzania.

In 2005, Trinity addressed small group ministry, safeguarding children, and policies on weddings and



Rev. Bruce Cooke and Rev. Gary Scheidt

staff personnel. Vicar Kathleen Miko began serving as Trinity's first seminary intern.

In 2006, a plan for safeguarding all God's children was approved. A search began for a full-time associate pastor. Hurricane disaster relief began and a program for combating hunger and poverty was expanded. Vicar Jenn Casey began as new seminary intern.

In 2007, Debbie Tyler was hired as Administrative Assistant, later as Office Manager. Tami Akin was hired as Parish Nurse. Rev. Philip Bouknight, a Lutheran, was called and installed as Associate Pastor. Trinity began a preschool program.

In 2008, Trinity hired David Fox as Coordinator of Christian Education, later as Christian Formation.

In 2010, Pastors Gary Scheidt and Philip Bouknight were called as co-pastors.

In 2011, Trinity celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Covenant Agreement. Organist and Choir Director Wayne Gibson retired, and Aaron Garber was hired as Director of Music Ministry. Bonita DeLooper began serving as Preschool Director.

In 2013, planning began for Pastor Scheidt's retirement. The first six Stephen Ministers were commissioned and training began for a second group. Trinity helped organize a new Neighbors Helping Neighbors community program.

In 2014, Pastor Scheidt, having served Trinity for 21 years, retired and became Pastor Emeritus. Margaret Oosterman was installed as Lay Pastoral Assistant.

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Mary Buchanan was hired as Office Technology Assistant.

In 2015, a search began for an associate pastor. The position of Coordinator of Christian Formation was eliminated and a position of Director of Ministries to Children, Youth, and Families was added.

In 2016, the 25th Anniversary was celebrated. Pastor Bea Miller, a Presbyterian, was called as Associate Pastor. Sharon Sicher was hired as Director of Ministries to Children, Youth, and Families, later as Director of Family Ministry. Fr. Stephen Stanley was engaged part-time and offered to help with spiritual formation. The second floor of the education wing was completed and occupied by Trinity youth. A new organ was purchased.

In 2017, Linda Worman was hired as the new Office and Technology Assistant. A Safety Team and an Emergency Response Team were created.

In 2018, Pastor Bea Miller was called as Co-Pastor. Safety monitoring during Sunday services began. A healthy aging initiative moved forward. Vicar Shea Berbaum began serving as seminary intern.

In 2019, Vicar Christopher Girardeau began serving as seminary intern.

In 2020, beginning mid-March, as COVID-19 cases increased and governments imposed restrictions,

Trinity locked the church building and shifted from in-person meetings and worship services to on-line communication and virtual streaming of worship services. Vicar Rebekah Boatwright began serving as a seminary intern. Sharon Witherell was hired as Director of Music Ministry

In 2021, Trinity resumed in-person Sunday worship services with strict safety protocols, while continuing to live-stream Sunday services. Former Trinity youth parishioner, Dalton Ruggieri, graduated from seminary. In June, Trinity celebrated its 30th anniversary.



I. Ecumenical Ministry of Smith Mountain Lake

Rev. Nolan Akers (E)	Mar 1987—Dec 1988
Rev. Bruce H. Cooke (E)	Dec 1988—Jun 1991

II. Trinity Ecumenical Parish

Rev. Bruce H. Cooke (E)	Jun 1991—Nov 1991
Rev. John Derrick (L)	Nov 1991—Apr 1993
Rev. Dr. Gary K. Scheidt (P)	May 1993—Nov 2014
Rev. Frank Avery (P)	1989, 8 weeks substitute
Rev. Katheryn Keene-Babcock (E)	Jul 2001--Nov 2002
Rev. Dr. Philip Bouknight (L)	Oct 2007—
Pastor Emeritus Gary Scheidt (P)	May 2015—
Rev. Dr. Bea Miller (P)	Nov 2016—

Seminary Interns

Vicar Kathleen Miko	Aug 2005—Jul 2006
Vicar Jenn Casey	Aug 2006—Jul 2007
Vicar Shea Berbaum	Aug 2018—Jul 2019
Vicar Christopher Girardeau	Aug 2019—Jul 2020
Vicar Rebekah Boatwright	Aug 2020—current



Placing the Cross



Music at Trinity

By Sharon Witherell

First, thank you! Thank you for a warm welcome to Trinity! Even amid a pandemic, when we could not see your smiling faces and still have not heard your voices praising God through congregational singing, you have made my family and me feel at home! Thank you also for your loving words and actions after my brother's unexpected death.

Thank you to the musicians who have helped us beautifully provide music for the services since I began in December. Trinity has some wonderful talent!

We are beginning to see the light at the end of the pandemic tunnel. A few weeks ago, handbell rehearsals resumed, as well as rehearsals for the instrumentalists for the Folk Group. We have a mini choir (a quartet), rehearsing and singing our hymns! The Roanoke Chamber Brass will be joining us for Pentecost and for our 30th Anniversary Celebration. These ensembles will enhance our worship as we move forward.

If you would like to be a part of handbells, the Folk Group, or the Sanctuary Choir, I would love to hear from you. My hope is to have a 2nd handbell choir that will begin in the fall. This group would be open to beginners. You call me in the church office or send an email to music@trinityecumenical.org.

As our 8:00 Sunday service resumes (June 6th), I would like to have a mini choir to sing at this service. If you are an 8:00 service lover, please consider volunteering for this. We do not necessarily have to sing in 4-part

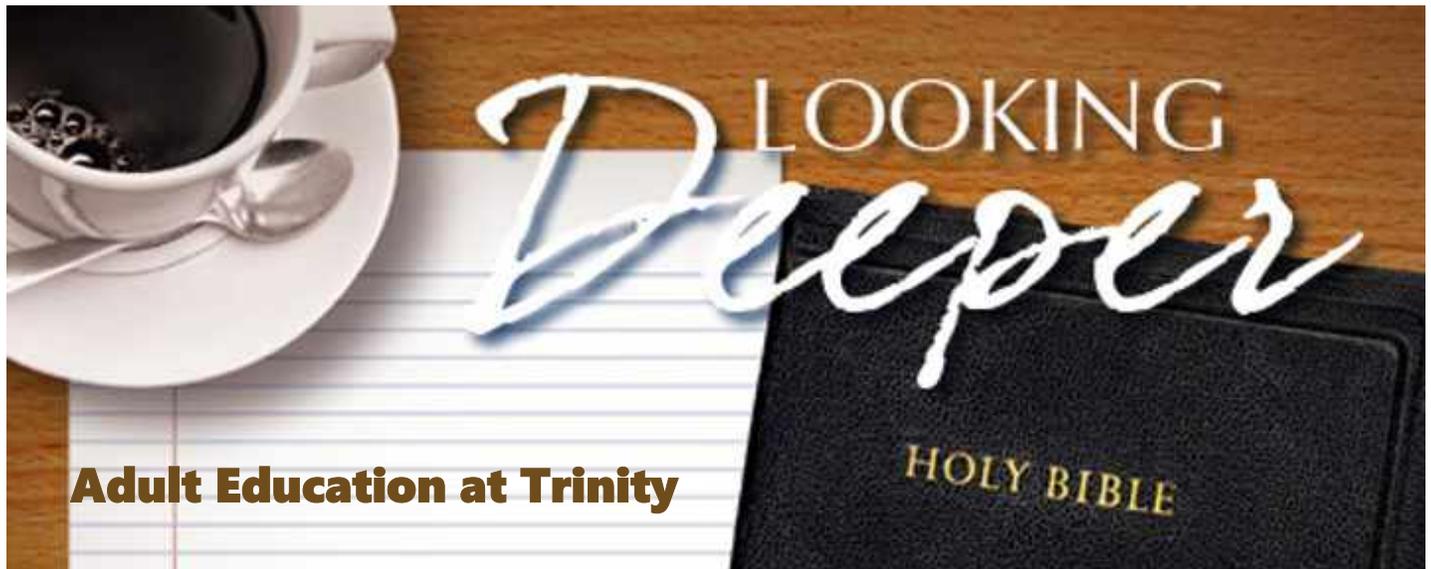
harmony, but we do need voices to lead that service. We will work to find a rehearsal time that suits those who volunteer.

Again, thank you for your warm welcome! I look for the day that we can raise the roof with our voices!

Blessings,

Sharon Witherell





Adult Education at Trinity

Seems like long ago...

by Bill Clutz

It seems longer than 15 months when Pastor Gary was leading our last in-person class, *Bible Stories for Big Kids*, before Trinity closed due to the pandemic. Plans for Lenten soup suppers and *Behold the Tree* program in the sanctuary were shelved, and the Adult Education Team transitioned to on-line learning via the Zoom platform soon after that.

In those 15 months, Adult Ed has offered a series of on-line classes:

- *The Universal Christ*, Vicar Christopher Girardeau
- *The Psalms*, Pastor Philip
- *Celtic Christian Journeys*, team led
- *The Ragamuffin Gospel*, Vicar Rebekah Boatwright
- *Making Sense of the Bible*, team led
- *Virtual Tour of the Holy Land*, independent study through YouTube and Zoom groups
- *Ministry With the Forgotten: Dementia Through a Spiritual Lens*. Vicar Rebekah

During this time period, the team also made on-line Advent and Lenten devotionals available. *Behold the Tree* went to an on-line version, with Scripture, and the *Holden Evening Prayer*. Periodic notices of free Terry Hershey e-courses were made available in the church's weekly e-letter: *Soul Gardening*, *This Is the Life*, *The Power of Pause*, and *Sacred Necessities*. These on-line learning opportunities are still available by going to his web site, along with his weekly blog, *Sabbath Moment* (every Monday), and *Sabbath Moment Daily Dose* (Tuesday

through Friday). Looking to the future, as the church re-opens and in-person classes resume, we expect to continue offering the on-line venues as an option for learning. Please watch for coming classes this Summer!

Wonderful Wednesdays

Wonderful Wednesdays began as an outdoor forum under the tent in the lower parking lot for people to get together and share fellowship along with discussion on



various topics. We settled in to discuss Terry Hershey's *Sabbath Moment* blog. The pandemic transitioned us to on-line via the Zoom platform, where a group still meets at 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday morning to offer prayers and share concerns, along with talking about nuggets of wisdom found in the weekly writings of Terry. An in-person session under the church's tent has recently resumed at 11:00 a.m. Wonderful Wednesdays will continue to evolve as part of Trinity's visioning process.

Thursday Bible Study

By Ave Wenzel

Trinity became a church through the efforts of a group of people who gathered in the early 1990s to study the Bible. The weekly study has continued to be an important part of Trinity's ministry. As we have done for years, each Thursday morning a group of church

friends gather to study the Scripture passage for the coming Sunday worship. The pastor scheduled to preach acts as moderator and resource person. Together we read, offer ideas from many sources, and are ourselves enriched by an open trusting relationship. Our experiences in Sunday's worship are deepened by the ecumenical discussion and research we enjoyed the previous Thursday. One of our members said, "For me Sunday worship starts on Thursday morning". Another member offered, "Our study gives Sunday worship more meaning and depth".

As a small group ministry, the study group provides many reasons for members to participate. We experience a growing knowledge and understanding of Scripture and our faith life. We get a deeper sense of community, and benefit from support offered by members as they share and care for each other. These experiences are the core of the small group ministry which is at the center of Trinity's organization. Small groups flourish as each provides a place and a time to share, work and laugh together while accomplishing Trinity's mission.

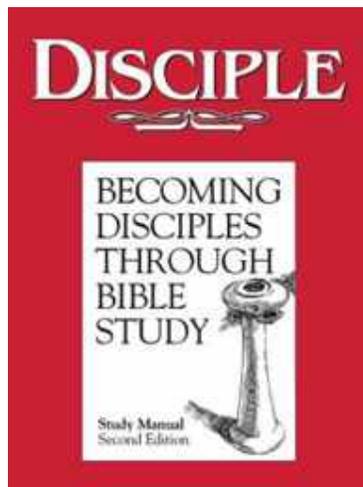
We welcome new members, and provide an important way to become involved with Trinity's pastors, interns, and members.

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

By Mike Dennis

"Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study" is an in-depth, 34-week study of selected Scriptures of the Bible. The study includes both the Old and New Testaments with readings for six days of each week. Also included are additional resources that provide some insight to the weekly readings and questions that guide personal reflection.

Our class does the daily readings Thursday through Tuesday then meets as a group each Wednesday. During our Wednesday meeting the leader directs the group in discussing the Scriptures and messages to



facilitate discussion and the different perspectives of each member.

This study is a commitment but time certainly well invested as it is a rewarding experience.

A Personal Perspective

I was excited to begin the 34 weekly sessions in the Disciple Study handbook but a little intimidated by the amount of work I thought would be necessary each week to keep up with and complete the course. But after beginning the class, I found it to be not only a learning exercise, but an enjoyable way to learn more about Scripture and the Bible.

Several comments were made by members of the class about their reason for beginning the Disciple Bible Study including becoming more disciplined in their daily Bible reading, learning more about the Bible and having a greater understanding of Scripture. The class has given me more discipline in a daily reading, study and understanding of the Bible. We are studying Scripture with the opportunity to see the messages through the eyes and minds of others in the class. It has been a learning experience to hear and learn of others understanding and the different perspectives of Scripture. It is interesting to read Scripture with several other individuals and each have a different understanding of the same passage. This has many times opened up a new and deeper understanding of Scripture as we learn from each other.

The class has taught me to have a more disciplined routine of daily reading and study and to think more about the messages written in the Bible. I am gaining a greater understanding of scriptures we study. But just as important to me is the relationship we are building with each other in the group in continuing our walk with God as we study the Bible. The study group has become a strong support group of friends who can not only discuss our religious journey, but also learn about each other and build relationships that will carry through other opportunities at Trinity.

I feel blessed to have the opportunity to study Scripture and the Bible and also build relationships with the others. I find the Disciple Study an enjoyable and challenging experience and look forward to the next study. I would encourage others to take advantage of the studies and share their spiritual journey with others.



Family of Christ

Intergenerational Ministries

Ministry Moments

By Director of Family Ministry, Sharon Sicher

This season of reopening and reconnecting resonates with who we are as the Family of Christ. What has God opened in our lives through the wilderness of pandemic? How might we reconnect differently as we emerge?

GIFT – Generations in Faith Together

Have you witnessed the wonder in a child's eyes, the sage nod from a life fully lived, the fatigued yet hopeful glance of parents navigating 21st century demands on being a family? All of these generational pieces are present at Trinity. We of varied generations have gifts to offer one another, wisdom to glean from one another, and joy to impart to one another. Trinity's landscape is teeming with opportunity to support people across the generations to do life together, and creating these experiences is the intention of Trinity's GIFT Team.

One generation commends Your works to another; they tell of Your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4

Faith formation and relationship building are central to the efforts of GIFT. Emerging from pandemic life in February following my leave of absence, GIFT spearheaded the "Lend – A – Hand Lenten Outreach" which blessed a multitude of less fortunate members of our community. This project culminated with an outdoor tailgate and twilight worship experience for the congregation, "Celebrating God's Goodness!" We

were moved and grateful to see so many Trinity people across the ages share in this gathering. GIFT is already at work planning a similar event for the fall where you will be invited to assemble Birthday Bags for local young families and enjoy casual worship around the theme of God's Gifts to His People.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17

GIFT anticipates hosting "Boardwalk Bash", our annual end-of-summer picnic, as a means of reconnecting our Trinity Family around fun, food, and fellowship. At the end of August, GIFT has an intriguing invitation to those of you who enjoy a light-hearted mystery. "**Fame & Fortune...Is All that Glitters Gold?**" will be a dinner theater style mystery night; a great opportunity to invite a friend to enjoy Trinity's warm hospitality or perhaps for a Community Group to show its solidarity! Into the fall and winter, look for meaningful ways to grow together with the longstanding intergenerational ministries surrounding the celebrations of Advent and Epiphany.

Youth Ministry

The Youth Group emerged from pandemic life in February remaining faithful to their longstanding commitment to the "Souper Bowl of Caring". Parking lot drop-off of soup donations made this ministry COVID-safe. March found our youth with sights set on improving Trinity's Nature Trail. Partnering with adults in the congregation, they have fortified access to the trail from the columbarium and are currently making progress mulching the entire path! We are

grateful for their efforts as it made the *Palm to Passion to Promise* Reflective Trail usable to our Trinity Family in celebration of Easter.

This summer the youth are excited to welcome children to an Outdoor Vacation Bible School (VBS) that will use Trinity Trail to enhance Bible Adventures with the theme of **Wilderness Journey**...and boy have we all been living one! Children will encounter our God who guides and provides through every wilderness. Luke Faber, one of our high school seniors, has chosen to center his Eagle Scout Project around expanding the Trinity Trail with a spur to connect the existing trail to the grassy hill behind the Mule's Clubhouse; a great location for large group VBS gatherings. Our Youth Group has been meeting outside every Wednesday evening sharing their own wilderness journeys and learning the Biblical content for VBS so that they can help creatively impart it to the children who will join us this summer.

In reading these ministry moments, I hope you are finding ways you might reconnect with others in our Trinity Family. Perhaps you may be feeling a nudge to join one of the teams that make intergenerational ministry and youth group happen. We are looking for folks who enjoy creative brainstorming and teamwork and who love God and neighbor. Your engagement will be our blessing!



“Tree-stumping” as youth assist with cleaning the Trinity Trails.



“Lend – A – Hand Lenten Outreach” culminated with an outdoor event “Celebrating God’s Goodness”



Trinity Trails gets a clean up and fresh mulch from youth workers.

Visioning

Parish Council Report

Do You See What We See?

We are rejoicing in this season of new growth! Not only are trees and flower blossoms popping out everywhere, our church is also reopening for worship and people are excited about new opportunities to gather and serve!

We are grateful to the Stream Team and the creativity of many ministry groups and staff members as we had to change the way we “did church” during the pandemic. Pastoral care, prayer, worship, fellowship, Bible studies, and many other ministries were never dormant. Far from it! We adapted and learned new ways of doing things and change can be very positive.

We embrace those positive changes and will continue to adapt so that our parish can flourish and blossom and grow in the new season! We are eager to reunite with our Trinity family and welcome new people who moved to the lake over the past year.

Your Parish Council has been focusing on five goals to enrich our future:

1. Improve Our Worship Experience

Services now include an expanded music experience, congregational participation in the reciting of creeds and prayers, and Communion on the first Sunday of every month. The 8 a.m. service will resume on June 6, but there is a great need for additional volunteers for Altar Guild, Ushering, and Safety. A team has also been established to look at alternative forms of worship, likely to be held on Wednesdays.

2. Improve our Fellowship Space

Both restrooms will be renovated in early June to provide scooter access and to replace deteriorated fixtures. A design plan has been developed for the Fellowship Hall to make the space more welcoming, attractive, and coordinated and is described elsewhere in this issue. See article on facing page.

3. Make Deeper Connections

Community Group leaders are reaching out to church members to convene and discuss how group members can support one another and what type of activities are of interest. A new Military Support Team has been formed and is looking for participants. Plans are underway to revitalize Dine for Nine.

4. Reach Our Community

The Youth Group has started to meet and Generations in Fellowship Together (GIFT) had a successful event on April 21. Vacation Bible School will take place June 28—July 2.

5. Communicate Our Mission

“Welcome to Trinity Ecumenical Parish” cards have been designed and will be printed shortly. A new website is being developed and will launch this summer.

For more information, please contact a Parish Council member. As always, thank you for your support and patience.



First Impressions

Matter

By Linda Strup

Fellowship Hall Upgrade

“I want to belong here” and “I feel welcome” are what we want visitors to say after visiting our church. Many factors are involved, of course, and our Welcome Team is excellent, but first impressions of physical space also matter. Research shows that visitors make up their mind about a church in the **first ten minutes!** That’s after visiting the church’s website (97% of people do that first) where they form an impression in 90 seconds!

Local realtors tell us there were over 800 real estate transactions in 2020 and many new families moved to Smith Mountain Lake from other areas. We want to welcome those newcomers, build relationships with them, and have them join us in loving, serving, learning, and growing together in Christ.

To us, Trinity Ecumenical Parish is “home.” Like our homes, we know where everything is and we are used to the way things look and are arranged. However, visitors are new and they will notice things we don’t.

Parish Council formed a team in early 2021 to look at our Fellowship Hall with “new eyes.” Based on our findings, we have put together a design plan that will

maximize impact with a minimal budget. Our vision is simply to improve the appearance and function of the Fellowship Hall with elements that convey **welcome, warmth, natural beauty, and harmony.**

We are blessed with an expansive space, beautiful tall windows, and wood doors, trim, and furniture. We propose the following additions:

- A **Welcome Desk** so that visitors have a central place to go for information, to pick up brochures, or to strike up a conversation.
- An **Illuminated Cross** as a focal point.
- **Large photos highlighting ministries** and coordinated bulletin boards.
- **Serving tables** that are counter-height, movable, and made of wood. These can be used for coffee service or potluck dinners.
- A **wood clad focus wall** to add warmth to the large space.
- A **pergola** to add architectural interest and bridge the spaces that have different ceiling heights.
- **Signs** to direct visitors and newcomers.



The plan also includes painting and carpeting, which are scheduled and budgeted by the Building and Grounds Committee. The comprehensive plan may take several years to complete.

We are eager for our Fellowship Hall to be a space that is inviting, functional, and warm for all. Many talented individuals have already volunteered to work on this plan, not only does that make it easy on the budget, but “teamwork makes the dream work!” If you would like to join the team or have thoughts to share, please come to the Fellowship Hall Design meeting later this month.

WELCOME!

Meet our newest members.

Bios by Jackie Stanley

Sharon, Max, and Olivia Witherell moved from Columbia, SC, to Smith Mountain Lake in December 2020, just in time to share their beautiful music with us during the Advent season. We are fortunate to have Sharon as our Director of Music Ministry, and welcome the contributions that she, Max, and Olivia make to our worship services.

Music is a “given” in Sharon’s life, but she also enjoys home improvement, hiking, and reading. She is looking forward to getting to know others at Trinity and exploring what is available in the area, especially post-pandemic.

Max has a strong interest in music/singing, but also has a job as a real estate agent. In his spare time, he favors playing chess, keeping track of the stock market, and hiking. Olivia’s hobbies center around music and gaming.

Ernie and Martha Steidle moved to Hardy one year ago from Waynesboro, VA, where they had lived for the past forty years. Martha was Chief Nurse Executive for the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents in Staunton. Ernie was manager of several agencies in Virginia. Now, they are happily retired at Smith Mountain Lake.

The Steidles’ hobbies include traveling, reading, being with grandchildren, and now, everything having to do with lake life. They are interested in learning and understanding the similarities among the Presbyterian, Episcopalian and Lutheran beliefs and teachings.

Richard and Cindy Carbaugh lived in Fredericksburg, VA, for 36 years before retiring in Richmond, where Richard grew up. Cindy was raised outside of Chicago. In 2019, they moved to Smith Mountain Lake to be closer to family. They boast six grandchildren, with another on the way in the fall, and two loving dogs, a Sheltie and an English Cream Retriever.

Cindy was an elementary school teacher and Richard served 40 years as a Lutheran pastor. Cindy’s interest center around caring for the grandchildren, reading, and enjoying. Richard enjoys golf and household projects.



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As new members, they are still trying to decide where to offer their time at Trinity. They are interested in outreach ministries.

Doris and John Patteson lived in Falls Church for the entirety of their 40 years of married life before moving here full time in

2020 after visiting since 2005. Their lake house they've kept for family, but reside at a cottage at Runk and Pratt. They have 5 children, 14 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Doris taught at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and was mentorship coordinator of the senior research program. After retirement, she was travel coordinator for the Fairfax County Retired Educators and traveled to 95 countries and all 50 states. John was Civil and Environmental Engineer for the D.C. metro system.

Their hobbies include reading, water aerobics, walking, and spending time with their cats. At Trinity, Doris and John would like to be useful wherever their skills match the needs. They enjoy Bible studies and have already participated in several book studies/discussion groups when they have been in town.

Terri Clark and Pete Schultheiss lived in Laurel, MD before moving to Smith Mountain Lake permanently in 2018. They have been married for 15 years. Pete has two adult children from his first marriage.

As animal lovers extraordinaire, Terri and Pete both had 29-year careers as veterinarians and were board certified to work in biomedical research settings. Terri served with the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps and the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Veterinary Category. Pete was an officer in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps.

Terri enjoys gardening, kayaking, creating mosaic sculptures, and volunteering at the Bedford Humane Society. Pete spends time fishing, sailing, and gardening, particularly with fruit trees. He is quite talented with an art form called "faux bois" (false wood), applying concrete to create pieces that resemble wood.

At Trinity, Terri has joined the Stream Team, which is much appreciated, and is interested in other service-related volunteer opportunities. She and Pete have also been assisting as ushers.

Connie McClain was raised in New York but spent quite a few decades in SW Virginia. In Connie's words, "I ventured south to pursue college and career. I feel fortunate to have entered the field of Radiology when it was still quite young; and over a span of 40 years, be a part of its amazing development to what it is today, first as a radiographer and then as an educator in the profession." Connie and Ed have lived at Smith Mountain Lake for the past twenty-five years. They have a blended family of five children and nine grandchildren. Connie has both inside and outdoor hobbies. She enjoys sewing, cooking, tennis, golf, sailing, gardening, and hiking. At Trinity, Connie is interested in the following areas: Stewards of the Earth, Hospitality, Gleaning, gardening, and study groups.

Eric and Janine Camplin raised their two children in Illinois, but had been visiting family at Smith Mountain Lake for 36 years before moving here in 2019. They now reside at



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Village East. Their son, his wife, and granddaughter live in Missouri; their daughter and her husband in Charlottesville.

Although Eric began his career as a middle school math teacher and coach (basketball, volleyball, and track), he later joined the consulting group at the Oracle Corporation,

business systems and analytics. In 2000 Eric and a partner started a consulting firm which grew from 4 to 85 employees. The firm was acquired and Eric finished his career at Huron Consulting as the Senior Director of Business Intelligence. He retired in 2019.

Janine was a nurse for 17 years and is now working as a Nurse Practitioner for Centra at The Summit in Lynchburg. This is her 22nd year as a Nurse Practitioner, with a focus primarily in the areas of Cardiology and Palliative Care.

Reading, golfing, and boating are activities that Janine and Eric enjoy together. Janine is also fond of walking and paddle boarding. Eric is engaged in exercising, basketball yard work and philanthropic work. He's currently working with the Landing Love Project in Franklin/Bedford Counties.

At Trinity they are open to "whatever the Lord brings!"

Mike Dennis has lived in Grundy, Richlands, and Bluefield, Virginia, before moving to this area. As a college graduate, he used his business degree to work in retail until he entered law school. Mike then became an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for over 4 years before being elected to two terms as the Commonwealth's Attorney for Tazewell County. He then entered private practice and spent 16 years handling primarily criminal matters in state and federal courts. Before retiring, Mike was elected to an additional term as Commonwealth's Attorney in Tazewell County. Mike also served 12 years as an elected member of the Tazewell County School Board during which he served 9 years as the chairman.

After retirement, Mike began being more active on the lake, enjoying landscaping, gardening, taking cooking classes, and attending auctions. As do many people in this area, he likes antiques.

At Trinity, Mike is involved in several Zoom classes, helps regularly with Trinity Treasures, and is assisting with the organization of Community Groups. He is "happy to help with anything he can."

New to our parish as of October 2020 are **Michael and Debra O'Donnell**, most recently from Frederick, MD. Debra was a special education teacher, administrator, and public school principal, and just retired in March 2021, after a 26-year career. Michael practiced dentistry for thirty-one years, and then answered God's call to serve as a deacon in the Evangelical Lutheran Church from 2008-2020, when he and Debra moved to Smith Mountain Lake. They have four adult children and one granddaughter, Vera, age six.

The O'Donnells share several common interests: reading, writing, riding bikes, meeting in small groups, and spending time with friends. Michael also enjoys boating and making pottery.



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At Trinity, Debra and Michael have already become involved with Wonderful Wednesdays and the Thursday Morning Bible Study. They are interested in other small group studies and programs which help the underprivileged; other areas of involvement "have yet to be ascertained!"

Serving Our Members, Reaching Out to the Community

Community Groups

by Bill Clutz

A need was recognized as a result of forecasting shortages in support services for seniors in who wish to stay in their houses and be connected in the community. While Trinity has an infrastructure of care, there are gaps in providing support, with opportunities to improve how we fulfill our mission of loving, serving, learning, and growing together in Christ. Early on, we recognized that a decentralized, community-based approach was the most effective way to achieve those goals of ministry.

A study team looked at the existing structures and project objectives, and recommended transforming the Neighborhood Groups into newly defined geographic areas, and re-imagined how to better organize and equip natural networks for mutual support, and called them Community Groups. As the Neighborhood Groups, focused on social connections, were in decline or inactive, Community Groups are intended to provide a locally based continuum of care and support to overcome threats to peoples' independence.

While there is a general framework for Community Groups (social fellowship, personal health and safety, and residential maintenance), development of how each group is organized and what it does is up to the members to decide, with support from the Development Team.

After launching two pilot groups in 2019 and a hiatus caused by the pandemic in 2020, we are now at a point where we feel it is time to launch the remaining Community groups. Kick off meetings were held and will be followed by meetings later in the summer and early fall. Each group will decide its focus areas based on survey results and get leadership organized.

Trinity Treasures 2021

By Geoff Orth

Your new leadership team at Trinity Treasures is off and running in preparation for our fall sale on Saturday, October 4. With four of us, it should be possible to divide the workload in a way that will keep

things running smoothly and not leave all the toil and responsibility with any one of us.

Administrative Head (Jerry Over): Coordinates the scheduling of sales (including special, one-time sales); all meetings, both of the leadership team and the members of the ministry; and other major commitments; and provide any needed interface with youth group, government agencies (the sheriff's office, the county tax office, etc.).

Communications Head (Geoff Orth): Serves as liaison with the pastors and Council; parish finance; parishioners; the church office; and allied agencies (LCM, Goodwill, Agape, etc.). Meets at least monthly with TT team chiefs in ongoing operations (tools, books, furniture, electronics, etc.) to direct planning and track needs in key areas.

Acquisition Coordinator (Dave Hunt): Plans for pickups and drop-offs, and general inventory management, to ensure that available space is adequate for our needs and that material is stored in a safe and efficient manner.

Online and Special Sales Coordinator (Susan McSlarrow): manages operations related to online and ongoing sales, including sales to parishioners, especially of high value items, and off-site sales, such as through Fabulous Finds.

Our new team wants to emphasize that Trinity Treasures (TT) is alive and well and currently accepting many donated items, to include pieces of furniture and household decor items. There is, however, a list of **items that we will not be able to accept:**

- Exercise equipment (can accept newer treadmills and recumbent bikes)
- Building materials (old windows, vinyl siding)
- Clothing
- Upright pianos or organs
- Horizontal or vertical blinds or shades and no curtain rods
- Soiled and damaged furniture – no sleeper sofas
- Mattresses
- Mechanical or electric recliners unless in flawless working condition

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Celebrating Our Staff

By Jackie Stanley

Pastor Bea Celebrates 20th Anniversary of Ordination

On May 20, 2021, Bea Miller celebrated the 20th Anniversary of her Ordination from Columbia Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity, with honors in practical theology.) She graduated the day before she was ordained. During the ordination service, Bea knelt on a folded queen-sized quilt that her great-grandmother had made from scraps of hers and her mother's clothes. Maxine Edwards, Bea's mother, preached the ordination sermon. The pastor who offered the ordination prayer was the former president of Columbia Theological Seminary. On the occasion of Bea's first sermon in a church setting (rather than a school), he pulled her aside and said that it was the best student sermon he had ever heard. From that time onward, he became an important mentor to her. Congratulations on this milestone!

Bea served churches in North Carolina and Florida before coming to Trinity Ecumenical Parish. We are so fortunate that Pastors Philip and Bea now form such a dynamic duo at the helm of Trinity.

Completes Doctorate Studies

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic last year, Pastor Bea completed the Doctor of Ministry degree (in record time) begun in May 2016 at Dubuque Theological Seminary. Rev. Dr. Bea interprets Genesis chapters 1-3 as the creation of community in the image of God in the real world; the biblical foundation of mutual support and collaborative care for all ages and stages of life.

A discussion group based on the book *Being Mortal*, by Atul Gawande, was foundational to her doctoral project entitled "Christian Community: Aging in Place at Trinity Ecumenical Parish". Participants shared concerns of seniors related to end of life issues, maintaining dignity/control, and healthy aging in place.



Driveway artwork honored Bea's graduation.

A second outshoot of the book study was a meeting held at Trinity with a larger community of interested people who wanted to stay in their homes as long as possible. This directly led to the formation of the Community Groups initiative and Chestnut Creek Cares, models for intentional neighborhood clusters. These neighbors gather for social interaction and support; but also exchange personal information on a volunteer basis (house key, location of medications, family contacts, whether there are pets in the house, etc.) in case of emergencies.

Because the discussion group revealed a great need for transportation services for seniors, Trinity Rides was established. Volunteers drive seniors to doctors' appointments, grocery stores, and recently, to get vaccines.

Many in our congregation have already benefitted from Rev. Dr. Bea's dedication and hard work on this doctoral project, and will continue to reap these rewards well into the future. Thank you, Pastor Bea, for helping us to see God's image in the faces of our community. (There is an overview of her Doctor of Ministry project on the Video tab of the parish YouTube Channel.)

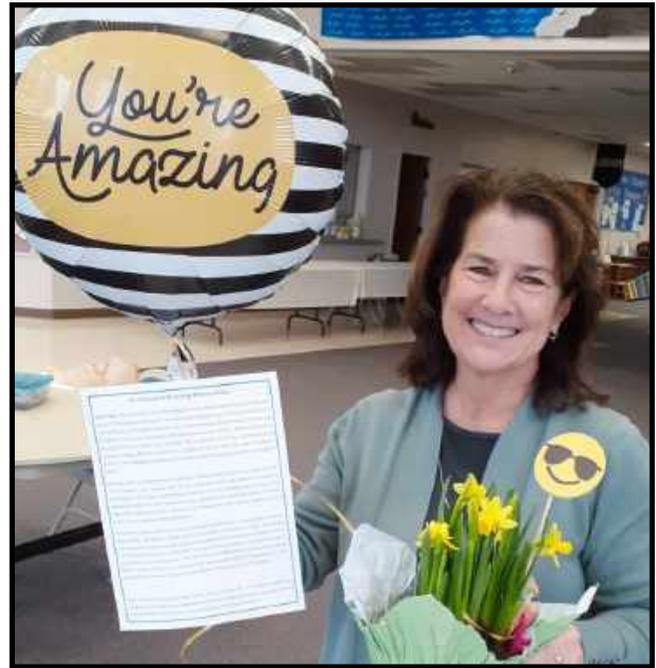
Honoring Sharon Sicher

The Personnel Committee wishes to salute Sharon Sicher as she marks the 5th anniversary of outstanding dedication and service as Director of Family Ministry. Throughout this time, she has consistently offered ways for individuals and families to deepen their relationships with God and with one another. "Spiritual formation is my top priority," Sharon said recently. This is obvious on Sunday mornings during worship services. Sharon is seldom at a loss for words when she plans children's sermons. Her messages stimulate minds, inspire hearts, and spur listeners of all ages to action.

Sharon's creative instincts know no bounds. Vacation Bible School is a case in point. Every summer, each square inch of the fellowship hall and classroom space is decorated to the utmost (transformed, actually!) so that students and teachers may experience God's love and presence in new, exciting, and memorable ways. At other times, Kids Club participants bless us with sensational skits, with delicious treats afterwards.

Through the years, parishioners have witnessed firsthand the compassion, direction, and guidance that Sharon always lends to the youth and families at Trinity. The service trips/projects she organizes, the annual Souper Bowl, and participation in events such as Trinity Treasures and Living the Nativity demonstrate her desire to support all aspects of ministry in our congregation. And just before COVID restrictions were put in place, Sharon posted interviews that she had with parishioners about turning points in their relationships with God. Check out these fantastic "Faith Stories" on our YouTube channel.

Sharon, we recognize God's Spirit at the center of your life. You spread warmth and compassion throughout our parish as we continue loving, serving, learning, and growing in Christ together. Thank you for your presence and service among us.



Personnel Committee warmly recognized Sharon.

Honoring Margaret Oosterman

Margaret Oosterman is very special to many in our parish for her mentorship and leadership of Stephen Ministers. She was one of the original Stephen leaders who nurtured the ministry in the early and mid-years of its existence at Trinity. Margaret and other Stephen Ministers provide crucial extended support to parishioners dealing with a host of significant life-problems and transitions.

Margaret contributes greatly to the expansion of pastoral care at Trinity. Not only is she an invaluable member of the Pastoral Care Team, but oversees and coordinates a number of caring ministries that keep us connected and supported as a parish. Margaret is often the sensitive, calm voice, a compassionate listener who always offers to end conversations with a prayer of comfort, strength, assurance, and hope.

Everyone who knows Margaret speaks of her as a wonderful example of someone who embraces God's family with love and commitment. She exemplifies Christian servant hood. We are so blessed to have her serve the Lord with her gifts.

As you celebrate 7 years at Trinity as Lay Pastoral Assistant, please know that the congregation appreciates your volunteer ministry among us, Margaret.



Trinity Ecumenical Parish

A Teaching Congregation



Vicar David Nelson, joining us in early fall.

Hello Trinity Ecumenical Parish,

My name is David Nelson and I am honored to be called to serve as your intern for the coming year. I am a senior in the Master of Divinity program at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, with a Bible concentration in Word and Sacrament. I come to Luther Seminary from the Southwest Minnesota Synod and am excited to worship, pray, and walk with you in service as your intern.

I'm passionate about the intersection of music and worship as I have played trumpet and sang in choirs for many church services growing up in the Lutheran faith. I've also been very much interested in the Ecumenical movements in the church community after visiting the Taizé community as a young adult. I look forward to learning and serving with you in this faith of common service to the Triune God.

I hope to share and reflect on the skills and knowledge I have learned in Seminary while experiencing what ministry is really like in a parish setting. I look forward to sharing the good news and studying the Bible with your perspectives and insights. I'm thankful for this opportunity to participate in Christ's work in the world with you as I seek to stretch my theological and pastoral identity in learning and growth.

God's blessings and peace. David

Recognize any of these "notorious" faces?

Bekah, our current vicar, Christopher Girardeau (left), and Shea Berbaum (right) were members of "Southern Morning Prayer Band" while their seminary years overlapped.

Pr. Shea is currently serving at Philadelphia Lutheran Church in Dallas, North Carolina (is that not confusing?) and Christopher is in the call interview process. Once he has received and accepted a call, he will be ordained.

Trinity has been most blessed by the presences of these fine young people and wish them well in their ministries and lives.



Message from Vicar Rebekah

As my time here at Trinity comes to an end, the number of times I hear the words, “I bet this wasn’t the internship you were expecting!” continue to increase. And it’s true! If you would’ve asked me what I dreamed my internship might be like two years ago, it certainly would NOT have included a global pandemic. And sure, that part of this year has made things a little more challenging, but there are so many things about this year that *exceeded* my idea of what an internship could be like.

I don’t know where I will end up when I leave this congregation, but what I do know is that wherever I go, I will enter into a ministry setting that has experienced this pandemic and is learning who they are and what they want to be going forward. Not one of us will leave this strange season of life unchanged, it’s just not possible. So, the opportunity to walk through this weird and challenging time with a congregation like Trinity has been exactly what I needed. I may not have been able to experience who Trinity was before chaos took over our entire

world, but I got to experience Trinity adapting, thriving, and growing into who God is calling them to be. No, I may not have had the face-to-face time with you all that I so wish I did or the learning experiences as they used to be, but I wouldn’t trade these friendly faces (or half faces, thanks to masks) or my learning experiences this year for the world.

I got to experience the body of Christ at work in loving, serving, learning, and growing, despite the wild and unexpected changes they faced. I got to be a part of a church that did not let this pandemic stop them from caring for those around them. I got to experience the Good News of Christ in the highs and lows of our life and ministry together, and I will not leave this place unchanged, either.

I have had the absolute joy of working with two incredible pastors and an entire staff full of wisdom, humor, and so much care. Although the building has been mostly closed for the duration of my time here, there has been plenty to do! Being a part of figuring out the way forward, new technologies, and ministry continuing to happen in challenging times has solidified what I have always known to be



Vicar Rebekah Boatwright and her new puppy, Bob. Ask her about the pug’s namesake.

true—the church is SO much more than a building. This particular community of believers I have had the joy of being with and among this year is strong, and a true blessing to all who encounter them. As I prepare for my next steps, I am reminded of all the ways that this internship has made me stronger, more knowledgeable, and excited for the years of ministry to come!

Editor’s note: It has been a pure joy to share our common office space with Bekah. We laughed much and that makes everything so much better! I am sure God laughed with us. LJW

Reopening Advisory Team

by George Blosser

As most of you probably know I was asked to chair the Reopening Advisory Team in early 2020 and have continued in that position since. The Reopening Advisory Team is just as the name implies, we review items that relate to the reopening of Trinity and then forward our “recommendations” to the Parish Council for their review and further direction. Officially the Reopening Advisory Team is a committee under the auspices of the Parish Council. For that reason the Parish Council President attends each meeting of the

Reopening Team which to date have all been via Zoom. In 2020 Council President Jodie Robinson attended all of the meetings and in 2021 the current Council President Neil Strong has attend all meetings to date. In the interest of keeping the parish informed a weekly news update letter has been emailed to the congregation each Friday by the church office. A special “thank you” is due Linda Woman for her assistance in formatting the weekly letter and emailing copies to the congregation. As the church returns to some sense of the way things used to be, we see the requirement for the team decreasing and in all probability our work will be finished during this calendar year.

Parish Staff — A Season of Pandemic and Personal Loss

By Kathy Orth

The COVID pandemic was a difficult time for Trinity, as a church, and for all of us as individuals. When we couldn't gather for worship and fellowship, we turned to our pastors and church staff for guidance and for comfort, and they had to learn how to help us in new ways.

They spent hours on the phone, just checking on us, and more hours with us in Zoom meetings. They learned first to record, then to live-stream worship services. They juggled office and at-home work schedules, avoiding the chance that one person would catch the virus and infect others on the staff. They grieved with and for us, but couldn't visit hospitals or see us in person.

But what was the pandemic year like for them personally? While they were taking care of us, what was going on in their lives?

Almost every member of the staff experienced at least one major life event. Through weddings, graduations and retirements that could not be properly celebrated, serious illnesses, interstate moves, and the loss of loved ones, they carried on.

Pastor Philip Bouknight

When Pastor Philip looks back on the pandemic year, he remembers how close he might have come to causing a mass spreading event. He and his family came down with COVID in August, but he did not spread the virus to the wider church family before his symptoms developed because there were rules in place prohibiting church staff from working together or meeting with parishioners in person.

He is grateful for those rules. "If my actions caused someone to die...I would feel guilty forever. It is 100

percent sure that we would have had a mass spreading event if we had been open," he said.

After several days of acute illness, he became a "long hauler," one of the survivors whose symptoms remain for months.

"My post-COVID experience was worse than the COVID itself," he said. "I had a migraine-like headache that lasted for six months. All my joints were hurting, like I had Lyme disease. My heart would race. I had memory loss."

Worried that he had life-threatening complications, he saw a series of specialists for tests. He learned that he had no heart, lung or neurological issues, but his doctor recommended a leave of absence until he recovered. He refused, but promised he would go home by 2 p.m. every day. He planned his week so that he was rested enough to be available on Sundays.

Months later, after his second vaccination dose, he began to feel better, joining the 35 percent of long-haulers who improve after getting the vaccine.

"Every single member of my family had a different experience with COVID, although it was the same strain," he said.

The Bouknight family is grateful for the care parishioners provided them. "We had no energy to cook. The congregation was amazing, providing food for us. It was such a blessing," Philip said.



Earlier in the pandemic, much of Pastor Philip's time was spent learning new ways to communicate with parishioners. "At the beginning, an inordinate amount of time was spent learning video editing and video streaming. I had, on average, five to six Zoom meetings a day. That is enough to cause severe fatigue," he said. He often had to turn off the video aspect of Zoom to prevent dizziness.

"We tried to do everything we could do to connect the congregation. People need to be in contact. But no matter what we did, it would never be enough," he said. "For me personally, seven months of not being able to do what I love was very hard."

Pastor Bea Miller

Ask Pastor Bea to describe the last year and she'll say, "There was no such thing as time off. None." She worked extra hours to keep in touch with as many parishioners as she could.

"I used to see 300 or more of you every week, before the pandemic, and I would know you were upright and walking, and you would tell me what was going on with you," she said. During the pandemic she made thousands of phone calls, checking in with the people she could not see in person. It was almost a year before she had a weekend off. The workweeks were relentless and exhausting, and she is grateful for the folks who stepped up and filled in for her so that she could take some much-needed vacation time.

She learned to videotape the Sunday worship service. Without her daughters Kasey and Kara and Vicar Christopher, all more proficient at taping and editing than she, she would have been lost, she said. And it took hours every week.

"The initial videos, if you got a bloop in the middle, you started over, because we didn't have editing software yet. It was arduous and laborious," she said. Before the church acquired live-streaming technology, making videos took up at least 20 hours a week.

During those difficult days, she lost five members of her family, including her beloved grandmother. "There was so much loss," she said, referring both to her own family and the church family. "Death, and also those who have moved away."

She finished her doctoral degree, but was sorry that the traditional "hooding" of graduates could not be held. But finally things began to fall into place.

"We got through it, and we did better than most

churches. God has been good, and the congregation is strong," she said.

She talks more easily now about how worried she was, especially about parishioners who had to worship alone online, without a gathering of fellow worshippers. One day she was astonished to realize that online worship was working, and she was amazed by God's ability to work on the computer screen.

"I have struggled with 'Whenever two or more are gathered,' but it finally clicked with me," she said. "People are bringing faith into their homes. It is an online community. When you think about how much we've learned, when you think about how many lives we've touched online, I've been amazed how God works over the internet."

Office Manager Debbie Tyler

When Trinity shut down on March 13, 2020, Debbie went to the office to post signs explaining that the church was closed.

"I still came over here at least twice a week to go through the mail, process invoices. But when we realized it was going to be a long-term thing, my son Ryan set up a link from my home computer to my office computer," Debbie said. The staff continued to visit the office, checking the mail, watering the plants, and doing office chores, but being very careful to social distance.

Then, in August, Debbie's husband Harry collapsed on the softball field. "He was the first patient to be transferred from Lynchburg General to UVA Hospital since COVID started," Debbie said.

Harry died August 14. "Dealing with that, then not being able to have a big memorial service..." Debbie said, her voice trailing off.



There was a small service at the Columbarium. Pastor Philip was ill with COVID and could not officiate at his friend's service, so Pastor Bea stepped in.

Afterwards, Debbie worked on. She found solace in her work.

"This is my second family here. We consider ourselves to be a 'pod' unto ourselves. And now here we are, 15 months later... We've adapted. We've done what we had to do to keep in touch with parishioners and each other," she said.

Technology and Office Assistant Linda Worman

In the midst of a pandemic, Linda built a house.

"The good news was that I was already under contract to build my house. I would probably not be able to afford to build it now," she said, referring to the rise in the cost of building materials during the pandemic. "That's a real "Thank You, Lord!"

The bad news was that nobody could come and celebrate her new house with her.

Work kept her busy. "(Debbie) and I decided early that being home alone was not good. Being able to come in (to the church office) and have my church family was wonderful."

She became busier than ever in her job and took on new responsibilities.

"I have new parts to my job that were never there before. For every worship service I create the PowerPoint presentation that overlays the screen with the hymn lyrics and so on, and a worship outline for the stream team, to make sure they post these things at the right time during the service," she said. She also makes sure the streamed service posts to the right place on YouTube.

The number of mass emails she sends out to parishioners has increased substantially, including reports from the reopening team, the weekly news updates, and the daily prayers, which she researches and chooses.



She has enjoyed being part of the "mini choir," Sunday's masked quartet.

Still Linda has not seen her mother in over two years. "She's in Minnesota. And when you're the oldest, there is a whole lot of guilt involved in not being there," she said. And in the last two and a half years, Linda has been able to see her grandchildren, who live in Oklahoma, only twice. "But I'm here, I'm healthy, and I like being here," she said.

Director of Youth and Family Ministry Sharon Sicher

In early 2020, Sharon's mother, Penny, came for a visit. She planned to stay a few weeks before moving to a nursing home. But four months later, with the pandemic raging, the Sicher family decided Penny should simply stay with them permanently. "One of the most transforming things of the pandemic is that it has resulted in us caring for my mother full time," Sharon said.

At that time, with the church building shut down, "most of the ministries that I oversee were not gathering. The Youth Leadership Team felt strongly that the pandemic was possibly the most fearful event of the youth's lives, and we wanted to maintain with them a connection to their faith family," Sharon said. The youth group kept going virtually for a while, but was not a joy for teens and pre-teens who were already having to go to school online. She decided to take a leave of absence to focus on her mother. During that time she continued to meet with the high school girls Bible Study on her dock.

"When I came back in January, the landscape was very, very different," she said. People were eager to meet and looking for projects to help with, but all activities had to be held outdoors. She started some small Bible study groups, meeting outside. She reached out to young moms. She helped the GIFT group – Generations in Fellowship Together – create opportunities to gather for outdoor activities.

The youth group began meeting every week and, with the help of adult parishioners,



rejuvenated Trinity Trail and set up the “Passion to Promise” walk for Lent.

With the help of parishioners of all ages, she planned for an outdoor Vacation Bible School, around the theme of the Wilderness, Where God Guides and Provides.

“One good thing that has come from the pandemic is the slowing down, reevaluating what matters. I have to be home a lot to take care of my mother, but the church is supportive of my working from home,” Sharon said. “God is always leading His people, individually and collectively. It will be about how and where we will follow Him. I am learning more about living in the Lord’s presence, a day at a time.”

Director of Music Ministry Sharon Witherell

During the pandemic, Sharon accepted the job as Trinity’s music director and moved from South Carolina to Virginia, bringing along two pianos and an organ. She found a house to accommodate her family of three, along with the musical instruments, and dived right into work.



She had applied for the Trinity position in March 2020, just as the severity of the pandemic was becoming known. The interview schedule kept getting pushed back. “In August, the committee told me it would be after the first of the year” before a decision would be made, Sharon said. So she started a major renovation project to her home studio.

“That was either to sell the house or at least to have a nicer place to live. The laugh was on me,” she said. The project was barely underway, when Trinity’s search committee called back and asked her to interview in October. By mid October she had moved.

“It all felt really positive, that this was where I needed to be. I absolutely love being back in the mountains,” she said.

During her first months at Trinity, her brother passed away unexpectedly and her 86-year-old mother’s living facility closed. Her mother moved to a new home, then

in less than a month moved again, needing to live in a skilled nursing facility.

Sharon was also faced with the job of cleaning out a family home in Tennessee where her brother had been living. Relatives came forward to help with that task.

“There have been blessings along the way,” she said. “Thank God for cousins. I have also reconnected with my mother’s brother and my aunt on my father’s side.”

Sharon’s arrival had an immediate impact on Trinity, adding music to the services. Her son Max and daughter Olivia also joined Trinity, with Max providing solos for many of the services. Sharon began rehearsals with the bell choir and instituted the “mini choir” quartet, using singers’ masks.

“It’s never dull here. Not sure when we’ll be back to full choir and full everything, but there is light at the end of the tunnel. With all the upheaval in my life, I have enjoyed the staff here. That’s been very affirming and helpful. We go through seasons of life. Two or three things happen at one time, and then a period of grace,” Sharon said.

Vicar Rebekah Boatwright

In February 2020, Vicar Rebekah had a good idea what the next few months would look like. She and Jonathan would get married in April. They had already booked their flight to Europe for their honeymoon. After that they would spend several weeks at Lutheridge summer camp, where Rebekah would serve on the program staff, before beginning her internship at Trinity.

That’s not exactly what happened!

Rebekah and Jonathan did get married, of course, but COVID caused the cancellation of the honeymoon and the summer camp. Even the Trinity experience was not what anyone could have expected at first.



“It was hard to come into a congregation where I didn’t know people and could only get to know them on a screen, or only see half their faces. It was definitely a challenge,” she said. “But it was a great exercise in

flexibility, and I got to spend a lot of time with my husband.”

She helped with technology and made videos about Trinity’s various ministries. She also realized that wherever her first call is, she will be ministering to people who have come through the pandemic.

“It has been a blessing to sit in on the reopening team meetings. Trinity did a really good job of discerning the balance between opening and being closed, so as not to put people at risk. God is present and at work in every situation. Moving out of this pandemic, the church is going to be better,” she said.

“I think that things have been very hard for our pastors. They have been surrounded by a lot of grief. I am blessed to work with these two incredible pastors.”

Lay Pastoral Assistant Margaret Oosterman

Thankful.

That is the first word that comes to Margaret’s mind about the pandemic – that there is so much to be thankful for.

There is a long list, she says. “I am so thankful for all the people that got us through this. Just think of the number of people involved in caring for us, making the vaccine, having the knowledge, doing decades of research. The medical community, the mechanisms that were put in place to get it out to the world. There were lots of glitches, but look where we are now.”

Her work on the pastoral care team continued electronically during the pandemic, with the team holding weekly Zoom meetings, and communicating with parishioners by phone.

“We also created several other ministries, people helping people in the congregation,” she said.

She discovered a new hobby, painting and refinishing furniture. “I am really focused on that,” she said.

Sadly, during the COVID pandemic Margaret’s brother died of pancreatic cancer. She was not able to visit him in the hospital because of COVID restrictions, but she is thankful for the technology that allowed her to visit with him and to say good-bye via FaceTime.

“God bless technology,” she said.

Trinity Pre-School Director Bonita DeLooper



When the pandemic shut down schools last March, Trinity Pre-School had 26 children enrolled, ages two to four. As it became clear that school could not re-

-open, Bonita and the other teachers tried to have Zoom time with the kids and to share activities with parents for them to do with their children at home. But it just wasn’t the same.

So Bonita began to develop a plan. “I went on a lot of Zoom meetings with other pre-school directors to get their ideas. We studied health department and CDC guidelines,” she said. The Trinity Pre-School staff developed a COVID policy for reopening the 2020-21 school year.

There were many adjustments to make. They removed everything that could not be easily cleaned. They did not allow parents to enter the building. They took temperatures every day. And they cut class sizes in half.

“It broke my heart to turn people away,” Bonita said, “but we made it through. We had no cases.”

Parish Nurse Tami Akin

Tami retired in June 2020, as she had long planned, but with mixed feelings. Retirement is good, but she didn’t get to say good-bye.

“It was sad, because I didn’t get to say good-bye to everybody. You get attached. It’s like your family,” she said. But as for retirement, “I am love-love-loving it,” she said.

She is active with neighborhood groups and volunteers with Trinity Treasures and Trinity’s Vacation Bible School. She has planted a garden and organized her house.

The search to replace Tami had already begun, but had to be put on hold during the pandemic, and the church suffered without a parish nurse, Pastor Philip said. Tami had spent hours on the phone with parishioners, checking on their welfare, answering questions, helping people communicate with their doctors and find medical care.

Pressed board furniture, especially entertainment centers
Non-Working Appliances - refrigerators and freezers must be fully functioning
Encyclopedias or Textbooks
National Geographic magazines
Cassette tapes or VHS tapes
Stereo consoles in cabinets
Analog TVs, VCRs and stereo systems (must be flat screen)
Old computer equipment – must be in working order
Infant and children's car seats over 4 years old – check for the date on the label
Baby cribs with sliding side
Baby crib bumper pads
Old snow skis or snowboards

We welcome your donation of furniture, tools, books, jewelry, household items, and appliances in good condition. As our pickup crew is understaffed and overworked, we ask that you deliver your items to the Trinity Treasures shed in the rear parking lot behind the Fellowship Hall. Items that you cannot transport yourself should be set out on your driveway or in a garage, if at all possible. Call Patty Starks at 540-588-3659 or PatriciaStarks00@gmail.com to arrange a pickup time.

If you would like to receive advance notification of some of these items as they become available, you can submit your email address to Susan McSlarrow at TrinityTreasuresSusan@gmail.com. She will send

updated TT info and a weekly listing on Mondays. Also, if you or anyone you know are looking for anything in particular, please notify Susan, and the Trinity Treasures Management Team will contact you if something comes in!

This year we will again provide church members an opportunity to get weekly notifications of some items that are available. If you would like to be placed on our email list, please provide your name, email address, and phone number to Susan McSlarrow as soon as possible. Every Monday, Susan will send out a brief newsletter, of sorts, along with photographs of 5-10 items. You can then schedule a time with her to come see the featured items. All sales will be on a "first come, first served" basis. Items not sold within a week will be for sale on Facebook Marketplace and local online yard sales. Last year we had fun previewing to over 60 church members!

If you are looking for anything in particular, such as a golf cart, kitchen table, or bedroom set, please let Susan know, and our team will maintain a list and keep an eye out for you!

We hope to have a small tent in the lower parking lot as we did last year. It will house small, less expensive items, but who knows what "must have" things you will find? More details to follow closer to the time that we are fully operational.

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“There was so much we did not know (about COVID) and we had no person to guide us,” he said. “We are supposed to care for the most vulnerable, and without a parish nurse, there is so much we cannot do.”

The search for a parish nurse has resumed.

Summary Thoughts

When Pastor Philip looks back on the past 15 months of pandemic, he sees reason to despair, but also reason to hope for the future of the Church and nation.

“The virus has allowed our Christian community to understand what social narcissism looks like. If we as a Church cannot prioritize caring for others, then we as a nation are in real trouble. We are called to prioritize the

most vulnerable, but we live in a culture that prioritizes the self. In the pandemic these two were at odds. Perhaps our children have handled the pandemic better than the adults. They wear their masks. They social distance. They do not complain. I wish our country could have approached the pandemic with the solidarity that our youth have.”

And when more than 250 people were able to gather and celebrate Trinity's 30th anniversary in June, the cloud of pandemic began to lift.

“I believe we are now living into our future with hope and a renewed sense of solidarity,” Pastor Philip said.



Stewards of the Earth

**16 Years
of Active
Service**

Trinity's Stewards of the Earth, founded in 2005, has a mission of leading the parish in celebrating God's gifts of the Earth and in healing, restoring, and protecting His creation from effects of modern civilization. Over the past fifteen months, as we have navigated the pandemic, Stewards of the Earth's work has continued even as conditions have led us to modify many of our activities.

As our work tends to center out of doors, we have been able to address and maintain our environmentally centered task list and bring about modifications that will best suit the parish for the future.

Gleaning

Our Gleaning activities, a ministry we share with the Hunger Poverty Action Group, partner us with local farms in ensuring that our neighbors in need have adequate supplies of fresh fruit and vegetables in their diet. Over the past five years, we have picked, gathered, and donated over 130,000 lbs. of produce including: potatoes, strawberries, peaches, apples, corn, turnips, and other surplus items to Lake Christian Ministries, three other food pantries, and a soup kitchen.

Nature Trail

Our half-mile Nature Trail, which begins near the Columbarium, is currently being maintained in partnership with the parish Youth group. During the Easter season, the Youth erected a Stations of the Cross reflective walk along the trail.

In celebration of **Earth Day**, we helped coordinate the Sunday service on April 24, with selected music and a Minute for Mission presentation.

Recycling & Shredding Day

We continue to help guide parish planning on energy use, re-using and recycling of materials, and sponsor an annual Shredding Day for the community. We collect and recycle all plastic and cans from the parish kitchen, collect and recycle cell phones, eye glasses,

household batteries and pop tops from drink cans, and collect egg cartons and pill bottles for reuse. Church paper is recycled. We also provide parishioners information on changes in county recycling operations so that they can connect to local recycling practices.

Butterfly Garden

Our most recent venture, now four years old, is our Butterfly Garden adjacent to the parking area closest to the church entrance. We focus on a variety of native wildflowers, shrubs, and other plants, such as milkweed, which support Monarch butterflies on their long migrations through our area every summer.

Join Us as a Good Steward of the Earth

Whether your passion is promoting a more sustainable environment, helping our hungry neighbors, or creating a model environment on our beautifully maintained grounds, the Stewards of the Earth invite your participation in our program.





Our mission: To nurture young children through education, fellowship, prayer, and compassion.

Trinity Preschool
Letting our light shine!

Tidbits

By Bonita DeLooper

Well, we actually did it!

We made it through this crazy year, and thanks to teachers, parents, the reopening committee, and our COVID protocol, we made it safely with no cases. Thank you so much, Pete Price, for the sanitizing sprayer. That was a blessing!

We had to lose two teachers and several substitutes for either health reasons, having school-aged children at home, or caring for others' children, but we have been so thankful to **Tara Bouknight** and **Grace Clark**, who came to our rescue. Tara was to be the assistant teacher in the Toddler Class, but at the first teachers' meeting in August, she was promoted to Lead Teacher! She and Grace made wonderful additions to our team, which included **Theresa Levey**, **Doreen Campbell** and **Bonita DeLooper**. Our substitute list, that once numbered ten people, was reduced to only two. Thank you **Debbie Cressell** and **Dot Tipton** for sticking with us!

We graduated five Pre-K children on Thursday, May 27. It's always a bittersweet time for us, as we have watched some of these children grow for three years, or sometimes even longer.

Summer Camp

Trinity Preschool is again offering week-long summer camps for toilet-trained children 3 – 5 years old. The first camp, "Under the Sea", is June 14 – 18, and the second, "Into the Woods", July 19 – 23. Both are Monday through Friday, 9:00 – 1:00, with children bringing their lunches. The weeks are filled with outdoor activities, art projects, stories and loads of fun! Children do **not** need to attend Trinity Preschool, so if you know of any children who might be interested, have them call the church or Bonita at 703-623-0676.

Also, we have openings in all classes for next school year, so spread this word as well!

Assistant Position Open

Trinity Preschool is looking for an assistant to a fabulous, experienced teacher in the Toddler class, working with those adorable two-year-olds, beginning after Labor Day. The class meets two mornings a week. A teaching degree or certificate is not required for this position. If you are interested, and would like more information, please contact Bonita DeLooper at 703-623-0676, or preschool@trinityecumenical.org.

Garden Helpers

The school is also looking for a person with a green thumb! We miss Barbara Sciacca, who helped us with our little garden, which has produced cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, and pumpkins, in addition to flowers. The children love planting and seeing what grows. If anyone is interested willing to help us with this fun project, please let Bonita know.

Kroger Reward Program

The Preschool relies on funds we receive from the Kroger Community Rewards program. This is a painless way to support the preschool:

1. Go to www.Kroger.com, scroll down to the bottom and click on "Community".
2. Register an account by entering your Kroger Plus card number and create a password.
3. Sign in with your new password. Choose Trinity Preschool, whose reward number is **JT839**.

It is that simple! Kroger sends the preschool a check every quarter, which is put toward improving our program.

Trinity Preschool wishes you all a happy, safe summer!



Milestones in Our Parish Life

Changes Since March 2020

Births

Hugh Sinclair Brockman
March 12, 2020
Son of Thomas & Carly Brockman

Olivia Nicole Fabian
August 12, 2020
Granddaughter of Sherre Jackson & Walter Haycock

Hudson Robert Fink
January 7, 2021
Great-grandson of Carolyn Fink

Georgia Ruth Chaney
March 30, 2021
Granddaughter of Gael & Smith Chaney

Baptism

Hugh Sinclair Brockman
June 26, 2021
Son of Thomas & Carly Brockman

Confirmed, May 23, 2021

Anna Bouknight
Joshua Bouknight
Sara Bouknight
Alec Dow
Ethan Dow
Olivia Dow
Caitlyn Graboski
Chase Graboski
Braden McCulley
Jenna Nunn
Peter Ohlerich
Stacey Ohlerich

New Members, May 2, 2021

Eric & Janine Camplin
Richard & Cindy Carbaugh
Mike Dennis
Connie McClain
Mike & Debra O'Donnell
John & Doris Patteson
Pete Schultheiss & Terri Clark
Ernie & Martha Steidle
Sharon, Max, & Olivia Witherell

Deaths

George Berndt; February 17, 2020,
parishioner

Betty Matthews; May 18, 2020,
parishioner

Dick Riche; May 18, 2020,
parishioner

Nancy Root; June 21, 2020,
parishioner

Dave Phelps; June 30, 2020,
parishioner

David Myers; July 7, 2020, uncle of
Shirley Sorrentino

Hans Van der Meyden; July 15,
2020, former parishioner

Dick Manton; July 21, 2020, former
parishioner, husband of Tecie

Jiggs Gruber; July 22, 2020,
parishioner, husband of Roberta

Dick Neuman; July 24, 2020,
parishioner, husband of Yolanda

Mary Key; July 24, 2020,
parishioner, wife of Hugh

Bill Telford; July 30, 2020,
parishioner, husband of Anna

Marcia Kelly; August 7, 2020, sister
of Cindy Decker

Jean Leap; August 7, 2020, mother
of Kevin Leap

Jimmy Bouknight; August 9, 2020,
uncle of Pastor Philip

Vern Kooi; August 10, 2020,
parishioner

Harry Tyler; August 14, 2020,
husband of Debbie

Phyllis Hallman; August 22, 2020,
cousin of Pastor Philip

Anne Cosby; August 23, 2020,
parishioner

Charlotte Hamlin; October 5, 2020,
sister of Tom Hamlin

Wayne Root; October 5, 2020,
parishioner

Charlotte Walker; October 2, 2020,
former parishioner, wife of Don

Ken Herndon; October 28, 2020,
parishioner

Martha Clark; November 9, 2020,
parishioner, wife of Gary Martz

John Cocuzza; November 13, 2020,
parishioner

Alice O'Connor; Novenber 19,
2020; Mother of Kathy Sultze

Corey McClish; November 21,
2020; nephew of Doug Miller

Jane Hamilton; November 23, 2020,
mother of Jackie Stanley

Jan Cooke; November 26, 2020,
former parishioner, widow of Rev.
Bruce Cooke

Jacque Dinwiddie; December 19,
2020, wife of Jim Dinwiddie

John Maresca; December 26, 2020,
father of John Maresca

Hugh Key; January 1, 2021,
parishioner

Wilmer Lewis Dodson; January 7,
2021, brother of Mickey Stansbury

Francis Avolio; January 11, 2021,
father of Phyllis Behrer

Charles Stowers; January 12, 2021,
brother-in-law of Nan Jones

James Farmer; January 15, 2021,
father of Kathryn Curling

Margaret Hankins; January 18, 2021,
mother of Maxine Edwards,
grandmother of Pastor Bea

Barbara Gregory; January 21, 2021;
parishioner

Lois Markus; January 22, 2021;
parishioner

Byron Raymond; January 22, 2021;
nephew of Laurie Parker

Joe Vipperman; January 23, 2021;
parishioner; husband of Pat

Dennis King; January 31, 2021;
brother of Bo King

Jeanette Strunk; February 1, 2021;
former parishioner

Jack Kerr; February 6, 2021; father
of Sharon Johnston

Gene Reed; February 24, 2021;
husband of Clara Ebert

Richard Menconeri; March 2, 2021;
husband of Rev. Dr. Nancy Dawson

Gisela Jackson; March 5, 2021, wife
of Mike Jackson

Brian Raub; March 10, 2021,
husband of Lisa

Tom Warne; March 17, 2021,
husband of Bunny

Kent McCroskey; March 24, 2021,
brother of Sharon Witherell

Vonnie Carter; March 29, 2021, wife
of Bob

Michele Tarantino; March 31, 2021,
parishioner; wife of Jim

Richard Hawkins; April 5, 2021,
brother of Margaret Oosterman

Helen DeLooper; April 14, 2021,
mother of Bonita DeLooper

Allan Butenhoff; April 16, 2021,
brother of Clarence Butenhoff

Carol Althoff; May 11, 2021, former
parishioner, widow of Bernie

Benjamin Summers; May 17, 2021,
Great-nephew of Sandy Wiles

Fredna Stewart; May 30, 2021,
mother of LeeAnne DeMonbreum

Milton (Nick) Nichols; June 18,
2021, husband of Elda Nichols

New Addresses

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Frederick MD 21704

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1800 Franke Drive #106
Mt. Pleasant NC 29464

Bill & Gale Taylor
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Burlington NC 27215

Sonya Riche
1309 Skye Lane
Cary NC 27518

Richard & Nancy Cross
38 Posatiempo Court
Magnolia DE 19962-3159

Dick & Martha Kleckner
1335 Glenside Drive
Rockingham VA 22801
540-209-8959

Anna Telford
1908 Carmichael Court
Burlington NC 27215
336-438-0333

Bob & Ann Kosel
2071 Nightingale Court
Burlington NC 27215
336-350-8993

Doug & Sharon Pafford
1020 Glen Lea Lane
Harrisonburg VA 22801

Jerry & Ferne Hale
421 Haley Scott Drive
Union Hall VA 24176

Bob & Sharon Crane
138 Bella Vista Terrace Unit D
N. Venice FL 34275

Gil & Carol Miekina
42768 Littlehales Terrace
Ashburn VA 20148

Stan & Susan Sowers
8061 Easton Village Drive
Easton MD 21601

Pat Vipperman
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Roanoke VA 24014

Sam Nodland
7805 Rea Road #6301
Charlotte NC 28277-6502

Jim & Carla Laseter
2921 Camden Park Place
Charlotte NC 28210

Joan Brackin
Florida

Bob & Sandra Ferguson
2404 Channing Court
Burlington NC 27215
336-350-9514

Linda Worman
360 Bermuda Drive
Hardy, VA 24101

Sharon, Max & Olivia Witherell
313 Saddleback Trail
Hardy, VA 24101

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Celebrating 30 Years



Canon Mark Furlow, Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Virginia; The Rev. Kelly Bayer Derrick, Assistant to the Bishop, Virginia Synod of The Evangelical Church in America; Canon Jenni Faires, Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Virginia; The Rev. Dr. Carl Uiley, General Presbyter, The Presbytery of the Peaks; The Rev. Dr. Bea Miller and The Rev. Dr. Philip Bouknight, Co-pastors of Trinity Ecumenical Parish

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