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Saying Goodbye

We said good-bye to our beloved organist, Ryan Whittington, and choir director at the end of July. Ryan was an answer to prayer for us at Trinity, but also an answer to Ryan's. We were both praying at the same time and I truly believe that the Holy Spirit brought us together. Ryan worked hard to advance the music ministry at Trinity. He brought in musicians for our feast days and worked not only to increase the numbers in our choir but to develop the musical talents they already possessed. Ryan also educated us about the hymns we sing and choose the hymns and music each week to coordinate with the scriptures appointed. He re-introduced the sung psalms, evensong, sung compline, and he brought our choir together with the choir of First Presbyterian of Pilot Mountain to sing the Messiah at Christmas and Easter. All of us appreciate the beautiful music as we raise our voices in worship of our Lord.

During Ryan's time at Trinity, he became a member of the Fellowship of St. John. He graduated from Florida State University, finished his dissertation, and earned his PhD in musicology. He got married to Stephen at one of the most joyful weddings which I have ever been a part.

He also began his teaching position at the college level as an assistant professor of music at Virginia Highlands Community College in Abingdon, VA which ultimately took him away from us because of the distance.

I personally have been so blessed by Ryan as a colleague and a friend. He has always been so encouraging to me in my preaching, in our liturgy, and in the ministries at Trinity especially to those who have been pushed to the margins. During our first celebration of Pride month with our flag, Ryan reached out to his professors from Wake Forrest who sent letters of support, and one even wrote a hymn which I treasure. I will be forever grateful.

You will be missed, Ryan. We have been blessed by all you have brought to our worship and our lives and will continue what you have added to Trinity. We pray that God will continue to use you in the building up of God's Kingdom. May God continue to bless you and Stephen.

-Sarah





A Note of Thanks-I couldn't let this moment pass without again expressing my gratitude for you, the amazing congregation of Trinity. Your generosity, your care for me and my husband, and your prayers are holding us up and mean more than words can express. I so appreciate the opportunity to be with my family. Trinity is an example of what a loving Christian community looks like, and I am proud and grateful to be a part of this church. -Sarah

Do you know someone who is ill, grieving, or just going through a tough time? Why not take or send a prayer shawl or lap robe (a small blanket to keep laps warm)? **Knit One, Pray Too** has these available. Please sign the list so we know who is receiving a blessing.



Staples Food Pantry is still collecting dried beans, rice and flour or corn tortillas for the Farmworker bags. You can also put any kid-friendly items in there as we also pack bags for our youth group. As always, thank you for supporting this ministry!

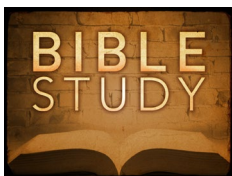
First Sunday Potluck Sunday, September 7th- Join us for good food and fellowship in Trinity's Parish Hall for a potluck lunch after the 10:30 service, approx. 12:00 p.m. Bring your favorite salad, bread, dessert or casserole to share.



Sunday School for Children begins on Sunday, September 14th.

A new **Young Adult Ministry** begins in September! On Sunday, September 14th we are asking those interested in our newest ministry to meet for a potluck lunch following the 10:30 service. Ages 18+ singles and couples welcome. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

Caregiver/Grief Support meets on Wednesday, September 17th at 1:00 p.m.



Our **Backyard Bible Study** concludes on September 18th at the home of Ginny Gilbert at 415 Howell Rd. Pilot Mountain. We will have a potluck supper at 5:30 followed by the study.

The **Wednesday Book Group** will begin on October 1st, a change from what had been announced before. The group meets every week from 10:30-12:00. All are welcome. The book we will be reading is *The Woman with the Alabaster Jar*. There are some books available in Tobi's office for \$7.00.



The livestream of our Sunday services and special services will switch to YouTube as of the first Sunday in October. We will send out more information and links as it gets closer. Due to changes with Facebook, we feel this is the best option going forward.



Join **Team Trinity**
in the Walk to End
Alzheimer's, Sept. 20th
at Riverside Park.

Registration and
donation forms are on
the wall in the Parish
Hall at the base of the
stairs.

Join us!!

A note from the Couture Family

We can't thank you all enough for the prayers and support!

Jim loved and cared about this church and all the people (as I do). Our family appreciates all you have done for us in this difficult time.

Thank you all so much!

Much love, Mary & Family



| September | | | | | | 2025 | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
| | 1 | 2 10 am Medical Loan Closet | 3 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist | 4 8:30 am Staples 1 pm Art Class 3 pm Medical Loan Closet | 5 | 6 | |
| 7 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Holy Eucharist First Sunday Potluck | 8 | 9 10 am Medical Loan Closet 6 pm Vestry Meeting | 10 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist | 11 8:30 am Staples 1 pm Art Class 3 pm Medical Loan Closet | 12 | 13 | |
| 14 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist | 15 | 16 10 am Medical Loan Closet | 17 1:00 pm Caregiver Support 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist | 18 8:30 am Staples 1 pm Art Class 3 pm Medical Loan Closet 5:30 pm Backyard Bible Study | 19 | 20 | |
| 21 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist | 22 | 23 10 am Medical Loan Closet | 24 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist | 25 8:30 am Staples 1 pm Art Class 3 pm Medical Loan Closet | 26 | 27 | |
| 28 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist | 29 | 30 10 am Medical Loan Closet | | | | | |
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Immediate Needs:

Gene
Reva
Diana Adelizzi
Teresa Auld
Bromage Family
Jane Carper
Heath Church
Charlene Deaver-Vazquez
Clarence & Rosie Derrick
John Derrick
Dianna Ellis
Vi Endter
Carolyn Flippen
Mila Rain Floyd
Nancy Follett
Jennifer Green
James (Pete) Haynes
Bowen Horton
Phyllis Frye James
Kyle Jones
Gus Lewis
Cynthia Light
Debra Martin
Kitty Martin
Lorri Martin
Kenneth Matthews
Cheryl Menezes
Johnny & Phyllis Meredith
Robert Morris
Bill Nichol
Katie Nichols
Will Nichols
Angie Nolfo
Steve Phillips
Diane Prichard
Gail Reeves
Erika Rowe
Stephanie Serika
Angela Shur
Sid Spender, Sr.
Matthew Stevens
Jim Tatman
Carolyn Town
Zack Tucker
Kelli Vincen
Joe Waddell
Brent Wall
Jacqui Weiss
Henrietta Williams
Dakota Wood
Rusty York
Western NC

Long Term Needs:

Linda Carroll
Ann Cochrane
Steve Hines
Carrie Krahm
Barbara McGatlin
Rev. Bill Pendleton
Lorene Ramsey
Phyllis Rose
Candace Sammons
Mac Sammons
Kris Saunders
Denny Shelton
Jeanette Staples
Betty Town
Vicky Town
John Townsend

Trinity Prayer Concerns

Please pray for our Trinity family in the Armed Services of our country:

Amanda Eads, Wesley Frye, Corbin Humphrey, Matt Kroupa, Glenn Lynch, Gordon Lynch, Haley Muething, John Nichols, Christopher Noble & Robert Poole

If you have placed a name on the prayer list and feel it is time to take it off, please call Tobi in the church office.

A Prayer for Israel & Palestine

Today we lift up our prayers for justice, mercy, peace and an end to all violence.

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit
may so move every human heart,
and especially the hearts of the people
of the lands of Israel and Palestine,
that barriers which divide them may crumble,
suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease;
that their divisions being healed,
they may live in justice and peace. Amen.

A Prayer for Peace

"God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, and Sudan today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen."

How to let us know of your prayer concerns:

Call the church office at 336-786-6067 or email us at info@trinitymtairy.com

September Volunteer Schedule

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Vestry Person</i> | <i>Lector</i> | <i>Chalice Bearer</i> | <i>Greeters</i> | <i>Flowers</i> | <i>Altar Guild</i> | <i>Acolyte</i> |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Sept 7 8:30 am 10:30 am | Steve Delacroix | Pat Clark Margie Martin | Mike Wilson Karen & David | Josh Holt Josh & Ann Marie | Tom & Mary Fawcett | Pat Gallagher | Mike W. Karen N. |
| Sept 14 8:30 am 10:30 am | Brenda Goings | Vicky Town Lucinda Fallin | Jessica S. Jesse & Jackie | Benny C. Gloria & Larry | Anna Coly | Ann Vaughn | Jessica S. David S. |
| Sept 21 8:30 am 10:30 am | Pam Smith | Nancy D. B. K. Duke | Mike W. Roxann & Brenda | Ted Ashby Jim & Wendy | Ann Vaughn | Brenda Goings | Mike W. Roxann M. |
| Sept 28 8:30 am 10:30 am | Wendy Tatman | Jessica S. Gloria L. | Vicky T. Lucinda & Wendy | Jessica S. Pat & Morris | Steve Scott | Jill Borders | Vicky T. Wyatt F. |

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled Sunday, please find a replacement and let the church office know.

If you would like to be a lector, chalice bearer, or acolyte or serve as a greeter, please let Sarah or Tobi know.

September Trinity Cooks

Mary Fawcett

Margie Martin

Pam Dickenson

Kate Appler

Carol Ford

Pam Harrill

Roxann Moore

October Volunteer Schedule

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Vestry Person</i> | <i>Lector</i> | <i>Chalice Bearer</i> | <i>Greeters</i> | <i>Flowers</i> | <i>Altar Guild</i> | <i>Acolyte</i> |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| October 5 8:30 am 10:30 am | Ann Vaughn | Vicky Town Jackie T. | Mike W. David & Josh | Vicky Town Margie & Martha | The Tatman's | St. Mary's Guild | Mike W. David S. |
| October 12 8:30 am 10:30 am | Mike Wilson | Pat Sanderson David S. | Jessica S. Karen & Jackie | Josh Holt Ann V. & Jesse | Bachner Family | St. Mary's Guild | Jessica S. Karen N. |
| October 19 8:30 am 10:30 am | Jane Ciancio | Ann Cochrane Brenda G. | Vicky Town Roxann & Wendy | Pat S. Josh & Ann Marie | Brenda Goings | St. Mary's Guild | Vicky T. Roxann M. |
| October 26 8:30 am 10:30 am | Steve Delacroix | Pat Clark Ann V. | Mike W. Brenda & Lucinda | Ted Ashby Jim & Wendy | Jan Frye-Hill | St. Mary's Guild | Mike W. Wyatt F. |

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October Trinity Cooks

Jill Borders

Brenda Goings

Ann Vaughn

Martha Marcum

Pat Gallagher

Lucinda Fallin



Stewardship Committee: A Year of Generosity and Good Work

Thanks to the faithful support of our Trinity family, the Stewardship Committee's first year of fundraising was a true success. Together, we raised \$1,655 to support the ministries and mission of our church.

Hot Dog Sale — Sunday, June 15

Right after the 10:30 a.m. service, we served a classic combo—hot dog, bag of chips, and water—for \$5. Lively fellowship and great teamwork helped us raise \$380.

Community Yard Sale — Saturday, August 23

On a beautiful morning behind the church in the parking lot, we welcomed many sellers and even more bargain-hunters. The joyful buzz of the day—and lots of treasures finding new homes—brought in \$1,275!

Ongoing: Adopt-a-Day

Adopt-a-Day is our continuing, year-round opportunity for members to designate a special date—a birthday, anniversary, memorial, or milestone—and honor it with a gift to Trinity. It's a meaningful way to celebrate life's moments while strengthening our parish. To participate, please contact the church office or any Stewardship Committee member.

With Gratitude

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who cooked, hauled, priced, sold, shopped, and showed up—and to those who gave so generously. Your time and gifts made these efforts possible.

Stewardship Committee

Jackie Thornhill, Josh Holt, Dave Silvia, Bill Noble, and Margie Martin

Thank you to all the committee members and volunteers who made our first year of fundraisers such a success!

Adopt-a-Day Program- Join us in a special opportunity to support Trinity. Adopt a Day in the calendar year to honor a loved one, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or give thanks. Your chosen day will be recognized in the church newsletter and on our bulletin board. The suggested donation is \$25. Please contact Jackie Thornhill or the church office for more information.

September's Adopt-a-Day

In loving memory of my mom and dad, Richard and Eva Townsend by Margie Martin.

In loving memory of John Kidwell by Polly Kidwell.

In honor of Dottie Coly's birthday by Anna & Robert Coly.

Staples Update

Staples has been very busy so far this year. From January 1st until 8/21 we fed 893 individuals and distributed 25,919 pounds of food. This does not include the Farm Workers' food we take to Surry Medical Ministries or the Youth group we make bags for. Lately we have about two new families coming to our door each week.

We love that we can now offer fresh produce thanks to the new Industrial Refrigerator Second Harvest donated to us. We recently had a visit from the USDA and she said the government has appropriated 1 billion dollars for TEFAP food which is the food we get. She said not to worry we will have food. We passed our compliance audits with Second Harvest and USDA with no issues.

On Tuesday October 14th Second Harvest will be bringing their Mobile Food Pantry to our Back parking lot and we will have an event open to the public to feed hungry people. They will have people here to sign up for benefits they may be eligible for also. We will probably need some volunteers as I am sure there will be a traffic jam. This is a great way to get the Trinity name out there and let people know about us. The pantry is packed for 100 families.

We need to start looking for donations for the Thanksgiving meal we give our clients. We do not get things like Stuffing Mix and Cranberry Sauce. We also gave them Jello to make a salad last year and we always have canned mixed fruit on hand for that but Jello is also needed. This month we got 15 cases of dehydrated Potatoes so I will set aside some of those for November. We usually give them a \$25 gift card to Food Lion for their turkey or ham, so we do accept monetary donations. Last year I had two homeless men who said they cooked their turkey over an open fire and said it was the best meal they had in a long time. It is always good to see how thankful everyone is for what we give them.

That being said it is time for me to transition off the duties I am doing for the food pantry. I want to spend more time with my family in Buffalo and also do some traveling.

As much as I love this ministry, I just need some free time. It can be divided into three separate units. The Tuesday packing of bags. Distributing food on Thursday and then the Second Harvest reporting (keeping track of the numbers for the reports and food ordering).

We also have individuals do Store Rescue at Food Lion on Saturdays and Lowes foods on Tuesdays. Those volunteer positions are filled. I am happy to work with whoever is willing to take things over. Reach out if you have any questions.

Thanks

Pat Sanderson



Snapshots of Trinity



We had great weather and a great turnout for our Community Yard Sale. Here are a few pictures with some of our Trinity participants.



YARD
SALE



Happy
Birthday!



Our Caregiver Support group celebrated several birthdays in August. Happy birthday to Pam, Pat, Carol and Ann Marie! We hope your celebrations were magical.





The Gallery Gang at Trinity

An Arts & Crafts Club for Adults with Disabilities

Our club has descended and grown from the Gallery Group and Blue House Teaching Studio begun in 2005 as a non-profit organization where our handicapped population and our local community could all share in the creativity and joy of the arts. We are not teaching “Christian Education” but we are operating on the belief that God created and loves all of us.

This club meets one afternoon each week in the basement parish hall of Trinity Episcopal Church. It is led by volunteer teachers from our community who strive to promote a positive atmosphere, creative thinking and self-expression.

All are welcome to join us as long as we have room. Currently we meet every Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. Please call Wendy Tatman at 336-374-6828, or text me at 614-563-1135 if you have questions.



- Stewardship means more than annual donations.
- Tithing is only part of Christian stewardship.
- Stewardship continues with God’s covenant with his commandments.
- Stewardship also includes your contributions to your Christian community at Trinity Church.
- Volunteering to join Trinity’s activities is an expression of your stewardship.
- Late summer and early fall are busy times at Trinity. Please contribute your time and volunteer to help



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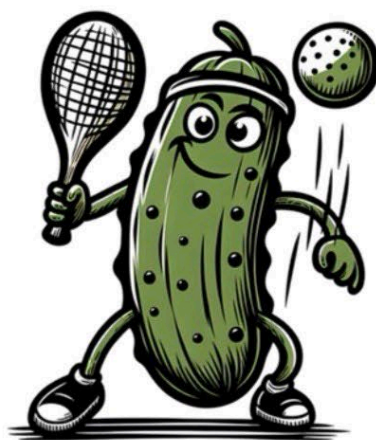
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renovation of our Family
Education Center!



Saturday, October 4, 2025
Riverside Park **350 Riverside Drive**
Mount Airy

SKILL LEVELS & START TIMES*:

-  3.0-3.4 @ 8:30am
-  4.0+ @ 8:30am
-  3.5-3.9 @ 11:30am

**Start times subject to
change based on number
of players registered!*

ROUND ROBIN FORMAT

SIGN UP AS AN INDIVIDUAL

RANDOMLY ASSIGNED, DIFFERENT PARTNER EACH ROUND
GUARANTEED SIX GAMES!

HOW TO REGISTER:

1. Download the Team Reach app
2. In the app, enter Group Code: **Habitat1**
3. Click on the calendar icon
4. Click on your skill level
5. Click the blue **YES** to sign up
6. Be sure your TR notifications are turned ON, so that you will receive updates about the tournament on TeamReach!



COST:

**EARLY BIRD
DISCOUNT**

\$30

PER PLAYER
ON OR BEFORE 9/26

\$40

PER PLAYER
AFTER 9/26

WAYS TO PAY:

1. Venmo @GreaterMountAiry-Habitat
2. Bring payment to Habitat ReStore, 446 W. Pine St. (cash, check or card)
3. Pay \$40 at the gate on day of tourney

QUESTIONS? CONTACT LYNN WILKES 336-816-6280 OR HABITAT DIRECTOR, TIM SMITH 336-789-4663.

"Seeking to put God's love into action to bring people together to build homes, communities, and hope."

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st Chrisanne Quance
9th Luke Morrison
10th Sarah Morris
12th Dottie Coly
17th John Springthorpe, III
17th William Woltz, III
19th Gloria Lawrence
19th Sheila Storms
19th Scotti Vaughn Teschke
19th Vicky Town
22nd Laura Harrill Liner
23rd Steve Hines
24th Nelson Woltz
25th Margaret Wilmoth



Anniversaries

8th Mark & Larnette Snow
27th Jessica & Steve Simandle
28th Bill & Page Woltz

Birthday Blessings

You may come forward for a birthday blessing during any of our services. It is our custom to put one penny (but not necessary) in the birthday bank for each year of your life.

The funds go to support outreach.

New to Trinity? Please share your birthdays and anniversaries with us. We'd love to celebrate with you.

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