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Church-Wide Retreat
LIVING WATERS
Fall 2011



Don't miss Trinity's
All-Church Retreat
on September
17-18 at Amicalola
Falls State Park
and Lodge.



Meet the Clerk of Session

Sue Williams was born and raised in Charlotte, North Carolina, graduated magna cum laude from the University of North Carolina in Greensboro in 1958 with a B.A. in English, and immediately married “the most able and ambitious boy” in her high school class, who had just graduated from Duke University.

She taught history at a private high school and music at a private elementary school, sang in the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus and Chamber Chorus under Robert Shaw, before earning a Masters of Music in Vocal Performance at Georgia State University in 1983. After earning her master’s degree, she taught voice at Kennesaw College and privately.

Sue’s adult life has been shaped by and grounded in Trinity Church, which she and her husband Neil joined when they moved to Atlanta in 1961. Trinity’s progressive stance on social issues, the quality of the music, the stimulation of the sermons and education for children and adults, the involvement and generosity of the members – these appealed then and have continued to do so through these 48 years. She has served as staff soprano in the choir, Clerk of the Session, and member of the Pastor Nominating Committee for Scott Black Johnston; taught Sunday School; chaired the Jubilee for Trinity’s 50th year, the Fine Arts Committee and the Worship and Music Ministry; and helped edit several editions of The Worship Book. Sue and Neil have two adult children, Fred and Susan, who treasure their formative years in the church and live with their families in Ohio and North Carolina.

SESSION REPORT

from the Clerk

July, 2011

Responsibility and reward seem to go hand in hand. And let me say quickly that I do feel the responsibility in serving as the Clerk of Session for 2011-2012. Just as quickly, let me say that I already feel the rewards of serving. Seeing at close range the dedication and effectiveness of Trinity’s staff and its lay leaders, and the interest and participation from the congregation, is truly inspiring and uplifting. We have been greatly blessed by the pastorate of Leah Horton and regret having to say goodbye to her and Bill. In August and September we can say hello to Dr. David Bartlett and the Rev. Cader Howard who will reward all of us as we involve ourselves with them in worship, study, and service.

The current Session has met only once so far, on June 20th. I am energized by the commitment of the new class in joining with the other two classes to serve the entire congregation, especially children and youth, and to strengthen Trinity’s connections to neighbors in need as well as to sister and fellow members. At the meeting in June the Session approved the motion from the Ministry to Youth and their Families to hold the 2012 Mission Youth Auction of Saturday, February 25, at Trinity School. At the meeting on August 15 we will discuss a motion by the Mission Council to give more funds each year to the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta.

As you know, many children are cared for at Trinity during the week. The Trinity Early Learning Center (TELC) engages 140 toddlers and pre-school children each weekday in a fully accredited program. Its Board is very ably led by Elder Bert Broadfoot. The Trinity Morning Out (TMO) serves 60 children each week. This program is benefiting from the leadership of Elder Ellen Coggeshall and beginning in August, a new director, Jessica Hayslip. We are always grateful for the Church School classes, the choir program, and all the extra activities for children and their families. Would we be ready if all 631 children showed up at one time?

Another priority of the Session is effective communication with the congregation. Reports like this will be regular inclusions in Trinity Times. In addition, you can send thoughts and questions to clerk@trinityatlanta.org. I’ll be listening and will pass along your comments.

Send your thoughts and questions
to clerk@trinityatlanta.org

“Those who believe in me, out of their hearts shall flow rivers of living water.”



LIVING WATERS

**CHURCH
RETREAT**
Fall 2011

Trinity's All-Church Retreat will be September 17-18 at Amicalola Falls State Park and Lodge in Dawsonville, a scenic 90-minute drive from the church.

The theme of this year's retreat is "Living Waters." We will engage in large- and small-group interactions including lively discussions, recreational activities, unstructured time to hike to the falls or to contemplate the universe as you sit around the campfire.

The retreat officially begins on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and concludes following worship and lunch at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. A complete schedule will be available in the coming weeks. Rooms are also available for anyone who would like to stay overnight on Friday, September 16. Please indicate your interests on the form below.

To reserve your spot please fill out the attached registration form and send, along with your full payment, to Trinity Presbyterian Church, Attention: Amy Patterson, 3003 Howell Mill Road, Atlanta, GA 30327; or drop it by the church offices between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Amy Patterson at 404-495-8427.

REGISTRATION FORM

PRICING: Please indicate the number of adults and children per room. Price includes overnight lodging, dinner, snacks on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Price does not include a \$5 per car entrance fee into the park. **Registration forms and fees must be submitted by Friday, August 12.**

ACCOMMODATIONS

One Adult per room \$200
Two Adults per room \$245

CHILDREN

Ages 3 and under – free
Ages 4 to 11 - \$30 each
Ages 12+ - \$56 each

ADULTS

_____ # of adults per room

CHILDREN

_____ # of children age 3 and under
_____ # of children age 4 to 11
_____ # of children age 12+

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name

Phone

Email

I will room with the following people: _____

- _____
 Please assign me a roommate
 I will need a ride
 I am willing to carpool
 I am interested in Friday night lodging. Cost is \$132.25 (meals on your own)

Return completed form to the church office with check payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church.



GROUPS & GATHERINGS

FACES OF WISDOM

All women are invited to join us at 7 a.m. on Wednesdays for breakfast, study, and discussion.

MEN OF TRINITY BREAKFAST

Join the Men of Trinity at their weekly breakfast in Williams Hall at 7:27 a.m. each Friday. Cost is \$5; reservations are not necessary.

SECOND CUP

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Pastoral Intern Stephen Fearing will lead a summer Bible study on the Book of Acts. The class meets at 8:30 a.m. on July 29, and August 5, 12, and 19. Why study the Acts of the Apostles? What benefit will we who live in the 21st century derive from reading about the church of two thousand years ago? We will engage these questions as we delve into the rich content of the Book of Acts to listen to what it has to say to us today. All are welcome! Prior attendance is not required. Participants are encouraged to bring their study Bibles.

SAVE THE DATE:

THREE DAYS IN NC MOUNTAINS

A Senior Adult trip is planned for the North Carolina mountains at the peak of the leaf season – October 24-26. The trip will include two nights at Montreat Conference Center, Black Mountain, N.C.; a visit and lunch at nearby Warren Wilson College; the Folk Art Museum on the Blue Ridge Parkway; and more. Watch for details or call Bettye Sue Wright, 404-495-8438, for more information.

LIFESPAN BOOK CLUB

Come join the LifeSpan Book Club in room B112 at 12 pm on Monday, July 25, for a review of "A Place to Call Home" by Trinity members Mary Ellen and Peter J. Stelling. Mr. Stelling will lead the discussion.

Who Belongs to Trinity Women's Link?



YOU BELONG

Women's Link

As a woman of Trinity Presbyterian Church you belong to Women of the Church. At Trinity, the body of Women of the Church is referred to as Women's Link. You are invited to participate and connect with other women of the church through Women's Link. Many who are already involved can attest to the joy of belonging.

Women's Link offers multiple opportunities for you to become involved and connected, to serve, and to study God's word through Bible classes. Through the connections to the church that you will make through one or more of these opportunities, you will be richly blessed and truly begin to feel a part of the wonderful happenings at Trinity Church.

Below is a list of some of the fun and meaningful events planned for the coming year.

Wine and Cheese Party

October 4, 4:30 to 6:30 pm

Open House at the Manse

October 16, 2:00 to 5:00 pm

Brunch and Presentation: "Alzheimer's and Nourishing Your Mind"

Guest speaker: Dr. Kaycee Sink, professor at Wake Forest College
November 10, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

Thanksgiving Baskets

Assemble thanksgiving baskets at the Agape Community Center
November 19, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Brunch and Christmas with the ASO Chorus

December 10, 11:30 am to 4:00 pm
Atlanta Symphony Hall
Norman Mackenzie, conductor

Joint Circle Meeting and Brunch

January 10, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Women's Retreat

February 3, 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Attention, Women's Circles

"Confessing the Beatitudes" by Margaret Aymer will be available for purchase after church on August 7, outside of Williams Hall. The cost is \$15. This book will be the study guide for 2011-12. Circles will begin meeting in September.

Register Now for Choir

The new choir season is right around the corner, and we are looking forward to another exciting year full of growth and opportunities. Trinity's choir program provides excellent music instruction, challenging repertoire, and leadership training for worship services. Participating in a choir is an excellent way to get involved at Trinity, as well as a way to give back to the church. We hope you will consider registering yourself or your children for one of our many choirs.

The registration form for all choirs is on our website, www.trinityatlanta.org. If you are unable to register online, forms will be available at the church office.

AGAPE COMMUNITY CENTER Backpack Challenge

Agape needs your support today to help metro Atlanta students prepare for back to school. Believe it or not, we are half-way through the summer. On Friday, August 5, backpacks filled with school supplies will be distributed to children in need at Agape's Back-To-School Celebration. We appreciate your support as we prepare to distribute 1,000 backpacks! With a donation of \$50, YOU can make a difference in the life of a child for the 2011-2012 academic school year. If you would like to support this community effort to ensure that every child has the tools to achieve academic success, please mail your check to: **Agape Community Center, 2353 Bolton Road, NW, STE 100, Atlanta, GA 30318**

If you prefer to process your donation via credit or debit card, please visit our website, www.agapecc.org.

Agape Community Center Awarded the 2011 Carl V. Patton President's Award for Outstanding Community Partner

On April 26, the Agape Community Center, in partnership with the Master of Social Work Program at Georgia State University, was awarded the Carl V. Patton President's Award for Outstanding Community Partner at Georgia State University. This award was based on Agape's Extreme Bedroom Makeover Project!

Welcome New Interim Pastor

Please join us in Williams Hall for a welcoming brunch for the Rev. Cader Howard, our new Interim Associate Pastor, on Sunday, August 7, following 10 am worship.

RSVP: Nancy Ireland, 404-237-6491 or nireland@trinityatlanta.org

Corrections

July 3 issue

The photos of new members Caroline Woodall and Deanna Woodham were misidentified as each other.

July 17 issue

The death notice of Gloria Johnston's grandson should have read "Steve Warren Marshall," not "Mark."

Pastoral Care

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Virginia Barrow
Linton Bishop
Hanna Burleigh
Ann Carlyon
Bill Daugherty
Chuckie Ellithorp
Judy Fuller
Patti Gambrell
Bill McCoy
Ruth Dobbs McDonald
Eleanor B. McGowan
Rose Oglesby
Debbie Overby
Dave Patterson
Jim Pilcher
Bill Pinkston
JV Ribble
Arleen Schotanus
Frances Turner
Cutler Woodfin
Dede Woodring

FAMILY MEMBERS

June and Linton Bishop's son, Buz Bishop
Nancy Kent's brother, Tom Feazell
George Stickel's wife, Karen Stickel
Elta Ratliff's sister, Sarah
Ruth Blackstock's father, Bill Blackstock
Rick Bradshaw's sister, Julie Dickerson
Barbara Byerly's cousin, Catherine Wolfe
Ellen Ison's mother, Ann Cauble
Alison and Chris Thomas' daughter, Sophie Jane Thomas
Joyce Vroon's mother

LONG-TERM CARE

Money Allen
Betty Ambrose
Ruth Burton
Barry Graham
Marilyn Haney
Jackie Harden
Vivian T. Jones
Virgil Sexton

WEDDING

June 9, 2011
Christine Kelley Wagner and Andrew Scott Dayton

June 18, 2011
Elizabeth Spetnagel and Kelly William Crowe

DEATHS

Mary Comstock, July 20, 2011
Sarah Burns' mother, Patty Puckett
Jack Bragg's son, David George Wilfred Bragg, June 23, 2011

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Erin McGee's nephew, Travis McGee

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who provide one-to-one Christian care to those facing a crisis or life challenge. Stephen Ministers are available in the church parlor upon request and on Sunday mornings. To meet with a Stephen Minister, contact Calico Perry (404-355-1201 or candtperry@aol.com), or Marc Krause (404-713-0629; mtkphoto1@gmail.com).

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To submit an item for publication,
contact Esther Patrick, Director of
Communications, at
epatrick@trinityatlanta.org



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LIBRARY

BOOK NOTES

The newest addition to the Trinity Church Library is a beautiful magazine rack designed especially for four religious periodicals, each of which addresses current issues and events throughout the globe. The magazines, located immediately on the right wall as one enters the library, are:

Christian Century - an ecumenical journal that covers the religious world, but focuses on religious issues in the United States. This is the most comprehensive of all popular religious journals.

Presbyterian Outlook - while covering global issues, the focus is on the Presbyterian Church in the United States. A "progressive oriented" periodical, this is the best source for coverage of denominational politics and justice issues.

Presbyterians Today - published by the denomination with coverage of interest to the entire family, it includes devotional materials and local church happenings.

Sojourners - very popular with progressive minded, socially concerned evangelical Christians. This is edited by Jim Wallis.

THIS WEEK IN

Worship

July 31

10 AM (one worship service)

**PONDERING
PREDESTINATION AND THE
MYSTERY OF SEA GLASS**

Psalms 105:1-6; Romans 8:26-39
Rev. Pam Driesell

August 7

10 AM (one worship service)

**BLUEBERRY WARRIOR
SPECIAL AND OTHER
MIRACLES**

Genesis 32:22-31;
Matthew 14:13-21
Rev. Pam Driesell