

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Trinity Tidings

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Upcoming Events at Trinity:

Sunday Church Services
*10 a.m. outside
(weather permitting)
10 a.m. Live Stream
Anytime after 11 a.m.
via YouTube*

*Services are available each
week on our Trinity AV site on
YouTube.*

October 3, 2021
World Communion Sunday

October 31, 2021
Reformation Sunday
*1 service
10 a.m.*

November 6, 2021
*Senior Highs
Rebuild Upstate*

From Our Interim Pastor

Grace and Peace to You!

Welcome to October!

This month we will be doing a lot of celebrating, World Communion Sunday, Stewardship planning for the coming year, and a combined worship celebration for Reformation Sunday the last Sunday of the month.



World Communion Sunday is always the first Sunday of October and calls the church to recognize our shared theology of being welcomed to the table by the grace of God. Even though we have differences about how God is at work in the meal, all Christian people celebrate the same truth that this is Christ's table, and it is Jesus who invites us and welcomes to this foretaste of the feast prepared for us in the heavenly kingdom.

We will gather at our two worship services and be reminded that God is at work among us, reminding us that God loves us and forgives, and in this shared meal we see the visible signs of God's grace and love in the common elements of bread and grape juice.

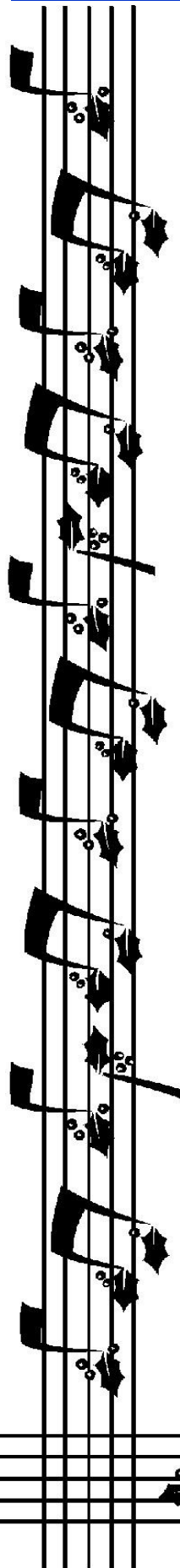
October also gives us a chance to explore our gratitude for all the blessings we have received from God. Stewardship is less about being asked to make a financial and personal commitment to the work of the church as it is about finding an appropriate response to the blessings God has provided us throughout our life. Our stewardship is just another way of talking about how we live our lives as disciples of the one who continues to call us into ministry together.

Finally, we will celebrate a One Service event on the fifth Sunday of October at 10:00 am, which also happens to be Reformation Sunday. On that Sunday we will gather to celebrate some of the best traditions of the Presbyterian Church.

I am looking forward to seeing you at all of these great celebrations!

Peace,
Chris

From Our Music Programs Coordinator/Director

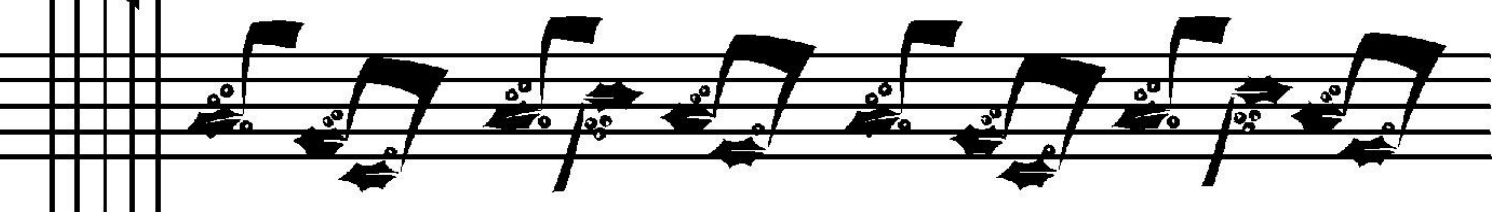


Fall is finally upon us with all of its familiar markers-football, pumpkin-flavored everything, a cool breeze, and *Advent music rehearsals*? Yes! The Lessons and Carols service is one of my favorite services of the year because of all of the beautiful and diverse music we get to create, and we have to start preparing in October. On October 20th at 6:30 in the choir room we'll do an overview of all of the music we'll be performing for our Lessons and Carols service in December. The seasonal choirs are a great opportunity to test the waters and join your voice with a larger group of musicians. You also get more time to rehearse and make new friends singing Christmas songs. What more could you ask for?

I suspect most of you know what Lessons and Carols is, but maybe you're not as familiar with the history of the service. The first Lessons and Carols service was held in 1880 at the Truro Cathedral in Cornwall, United Kingdom, but it is more popularly associated with King's College in Cambridge. The first occurrence of the service in King's College was held in 1928 on Christmas Eve. Eric Milner-White was an army chaplain during WWI and was concerned that people were becoming disconnected from their faith due to the chaos from the war. He decided to capitalize on King's rich choral tradition and instituted the service as a way to win people back to the church. He was immensely successful in popularizing the format, and the service has been performed every year since. His version of Lessons and Carols didn't differ much from the original service held in 1880, but it was Milner-White who set the tradition of opening the service with "Once in Royal David's City."

Now nearly a century later we still enjoy this rich tradition, and I invite you to participate first hand this season with the choir (or if you've been itching to put your guitar or piano skills to the test the 9 a.m. service would love to have you too)! All levels of experience are welcome, and I know if you ask anyone that has participated before they'll tell you how much they've enjoyed the experience. There's also a great sense of accomplishment in putting in the work for several weeks and finally hearing the story of the birth of Christ come to life through worship and song during the Lessons and Carols service. I look forward to worshipping with you all soon!

Many blessings, my friends,
Trey



Stewardship Corner



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Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

We're back! We have moved back into the building for worship, fellowship, and work. We are also moving into a new season, which affords us the opportunity to look ahead and to envision all that we are being called to do as stewards of God's blessings at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

The words of Paul to the people of Corinth remind us that, as stewards of all God has given us so "abundantly," we are to bless others "in every good work." This work includes such ministries as Habitat for Humanity and Mothers Morning Out. It includes the work that our youth do both locally at Project Host and around the state and country on various mission trips, and so much more. (If you have not yet completed the Time and Talent Survey, now is the time to do so and to get involved in the good work of the church. The survey has been sent out electronically and is also available in hard copies at the church.)

The season of fall is also the season of financial stewardship at Trinity Presbyterian Church. In the next few weeks, you will be receiving a packet from Team Stewardship that includes two pledge cards for the upcoming year. One card is for the general fund and one is for the building fund. Team Stewardship asks that you prayerfully decide "in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." The work of Trinity relies on each us responding to God's instructions to bless others as we have been blessed by Him. In this manner, each of the church's ministries will "abound in every good work," as we give in accordance with what we have been given, knowing that all our needs have been supplied.

Included in your packet with your pledge cards will be a pre-addressed, stamped envelope for you to use to return your cards to the church. If you prefer, you can bring your cards to Commitment Sunday, November 14th. We will use that time to dedicate all the pledges to God's work through Trinity Presbyterian Church.

If you have any questions about the pledge process, please feel free to contact either Pastor Jones or anyone on Team Stewardship. We appreciate your continued support of the church, enabling us to share God's love with those around us, both near and far.

Team Stewardship

Session Highlights

Thursday, September 9, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Julie Rogers (V), Jeff Wingard, Brad Pochard (V), Chris Marsh, Lynda Sayer, Cherry Booth, Leslie Weikle, Liz Crosland, Katherine Christie, John Short, Lisa Barksdale, Larry Moore, Audrey Smith, Gordon Taylor

Members Absent/Excused: Mark Chapman, Winn Williams, Letitia Verdin

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Chris Jones

Opening Prayer: The meeting was opened with prayer by Chris Jones.

Declaration of Quorum: A quorum was present.

Housekeeping Details: Chris Jones and the Session discussed status/updates of members who were sick, in the hospital, recovering, and/or grieving.

Membership Update: As of September 9, 2021, the Church has 441 members, of which 424 are resident and 8 are non-resident.

New members Angie and Danny Helmly, Rhonda and Joel Smithwick, and Nancy Nadolny were welcomed into the life of the church. Motion was made and seconded to accept them into membership.

Clerk Report: The minutes of the Stated Session Meeting on August 12, 2021, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed by acclamation.

Communications:

Old Business: Pastor Nominating Progress – Chris gave update on PNC. Mary Pace moderator, Letitia Verdin recording secretary.

New Business: Vote to change date of session meetings, unanimously approved.

Congregational Meeting to form a nominating committee. Julie Rogers will chair the committee. Will nominate at large member 9/26 between worship services at 10:50. Chris outlined the new team report template and process for submitting to clerk.

Standing Team Reports

Christianity and Spiritual Development: Julie Rogers reported that volunteers are needed. The plan is to hire a nursery attendant. A wonderful letter from outside the church was received from a parent with Kudos to Terri and crew for VBS. The Tag Sale raised \$4600 plus \$1700 from the November sale. Rally Day-continental breakfast, intro to classes/teachers in gym and then go to classes.

Evangelism: Leslie Weikle and Liz Crosland reported that the Welcome Desk in the narthex is back in working order. Volunteer slips are available. Recruiting volunteers to man the desk.

Session Highlights (Cont.)

The team continues to send postcards each quarter to new residents. 120 were sent last quarter. Four families visited and filled out a card since we started welcome table outside.

At the Travelers Restival – 50 people filled out info cards - 25 of which left email address

Liz explained display of proposed signage examples. Larry Moore is checking into possibility of Greenville Tech masonry department building the base of a sign which would save a great deal of money.

Long-range Planning: Team report template was outlined by Rev. Jones.

Stewardship: Leslie Weikle gave a brief report. Time and talent survey went out to the congregation via email. Good response so far. Sunday, October 3 – session barbeque for stewardship kickoff.

Fellowship: Gordon Taylor reported that there will be a Continental Breakfast for Rally Day. WNL starts next week and Shortfield's will be catering and delivering again. Fellowship team will set up and clean up. Recruiting more volunteers.

Humanitarian Witness: No report

Missions/Outreach and Oversight: Brad Pochard reported that a new tent was purchased and used at the Travelers Restival. Great turnout from Trinity!

Property and Grounds: Larry Moore gave the report. On September 14, they will be punching a hole in back wall of downstairs to try to solve water issue. On September 25, vendors will park in our lot for the Indie Craft Parade at Trailblazer Park.

Worship and Music: Lisa Barksdale reported that greeters will be outside the sanctuary for first Sunday back in the building. Ushers will be accommodating for needs and counting and taking offering. Sign for "masks inside recommended" will be placed outside the doors to the gym and sanctuary. Lucy Hammack forming separate committee for greening of the church.

Communion will continue to be by intinction.

Congregation/Care: Cherry reports that all systems are working well.

Finance: Before the Finance team report, Jeff Wingard gave the monthly budget report.

Personnel & Administration – No report

Monthly Budget Report: Jeff Wingard presented the monthly budget reports. He reported that for the month of July there was a \$2526 surplus. Through August 2021, total actual operating expenses were approximately 62.03% of the annual budget.

Adjourn with Prayer: Chris closed the meeting with prayer.

Mother's Morning Out News



MMO started Tuesday, September 7 with forty five children attending the program this fall. They have been learning new routines, participating in getting-to-know-you activities, story time and having lots of playtime, in their classrooms and outside on the playground or gym when it is raining.

Kendall Dodds
MMO Director

Let the little children come to me ...
it is to such as these that the
kingdom of God belongs.

Mark 10:14, NRSV



Youth News!

It was wonderful to see so many of our youth at our September meetings and events! If your youth has not yet gotten back into the swing of things, we hope they will soon!

Youth Parents: If you have not yet returned your paperwork for this year, please do so as soon as possible. Also, the Sign-up Genius for youth meals has been emailed. Thank you to those who have already volunteered for a date.

The middle school trip to Bonclarken the weekend of Oct. 29-31 has been canceled by the Foothills Presbytery due to Covid restrictions.

Here are some dates to remember:

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| Oct. 3 | 6:00 pm | Dinner, S'mores, and a Bible Study At the Bonfire |
| Oct. 9-10 | TBA | Lake Murray Trip |
| Oct. 17 | 12:15 p.m. | Denver Downs Corn Maze |
| Oct. 24 | 5:00-6:00 pm 6:00-7:00 pm 7:00-8:00 pm | Middle School Youth Dinner/Open Gym/Worship Sr. High Youth |
| Oct. 31 | NO YWE | HAPPY HALLOWEEN |
| Nov. 6 | TBA | Rebuild Upstate (Sr. High Youth) |



CWE and WNL Children's Programs

We are so excited to have our children back in person for CWE on Sunday mornings and for WNL on Wednesday evenings! If your children haven't yet joined us, we hope to see them soon!

Our theme for October is "Custom Creations: There's only one you" and the life application is "Individuality: Discovering who you're meant to be so you can make a difference." All month, the children will be learning about being created in the image of God. The lessons will include In God's Image (Gen. 1:26-28), Matthew (Matthew 9:9-13), Lydia (Acts 16:13-15), Timothy (1 Timothy 4:12) and One Body Buy Many Parts (1 Corinthians 12:12-27).

CWE classes are offered for K4-1st Grade and for 2nd-5th Grade. The WNL Children's Program is for K-5th Graders.



Presentation of Bibles



There will be a special presentation of Bibles to Trinity's Third and Fourth Graders on Sunday, October 24, during the 11:00 am service. If you have a third or fourth grader in your family, please contact Karen Gray at trinity@trinitytr.org. We want to make sure that all third and fourth graders are included!

Evangelism Team



These words above warm the heart TO SAY and TO HEAR. The Evangelism Team is looking for volunteers like YOU in the Trinity family to help in the following ways beginning September 12:

9 a.m. Contemporary Service in the Gym

1. **1-2 GREETERS** at the entrance doors to McKinney Hall (opening doors & saying Hello!) Ushers will disperse bulletins, not us. Point those who may be visiting toward the Welcome Table in McKinney.
2. **WELCOME TABLE** in McKinney Hall. Answer questions and work with visitors to our church. Check that visitor cards & other handouts aren't running low on the wall display. Verify the wall mount TVs are running that week's activities. If completed visitor cards are left with you, add them to the offering basket.

11 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary-

1. **1-2 GREETERS** in the Narthex splitting the 2 separate Entrance Doors (opening doors & saying Hello! Ushers will disperse bulletins, not us). Point those who may be visiting toward the Welcome Desk in the Narthex
2. **WELCOME DESK** in the Narthex Hall. Answer questions and work with visitors to our church. Check that visitor cards & other handouts aren't running low on the wall display. Verify the wall mount TVs are running that week's activities. If completed visitor cards are left with you, add them to the offering basket.

VISITOR "WELCOME BAG" DELIVERY There are pre-made "welcome bags" that you will collect at church and deliver- no "visit" time with recipients required!!

We will be using the program SIGN-UP GENIUS so you can pick and choose the dates you would like to work, however, if you are not familiar with SIGN-UP GENIUS, Leslie will plug in your available dates.

Please prayerfully consider joining us as often as you can. We are thankful that our visitors keep coming, and helping them feel welcome takes a little bit of us, along with our ministry and staff.

Please contact Leslie if you have any questions.

Leslie Weikle
lpedwards@hotmail.com
864-346-9933

Humanitarian Witness



Meals on Wheels

Calling our Trinity volunteers to serve meals via the Meals on Wheels (MOW) Program of Greenville County. There is a real need this month and for the near future for additional volunteers to serve those in need in our Greenville/Travelers Rest/Slater Marietta/Greer area. Thursdays and Fridays seem to be the days of greatest need.

If you can spare about 90 minutes of your time using your own car to deliver between 4 and 10 meals to those who have signed up to receive them, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Contact person is Muriel Taylor at 864-233-6565 extension 235. She would be glad to assist you in getting started. On-line training is available and only takes about 35 to 40 minutes.

If you have any questions about how it works, you can give me a call at 407-619-0638. I have been serving MOW since March of 2020.

When the Lord calls out for your time, will you respond to his calling?

Bob Gray for the Humanitarian Witness Team/Committee of TPC

Rebuild Upstate

How would you like to help return dignity, safety, and stability to some of our neighbors through home preservation?

The Humanitarian Missions Team is seeking to do just that on Saturday, November 6th, when we will be sending a crew of Trinity volunteers on a project with Rebuild Upstate.

You don't need to be skilled at carpentry or painting, just willing to work. In fact, we don't know yet what project we will be assigned, and will need a count of volunteers to help in project selection.

So, if you can reserve the date or if you have questions, please contact Allen Clark and add your name to our team at 864-569-8353 or allenclark1986@gmail.com.

Men's Fellowship



Men's Fellowship will resume their weekly meetings on Thursday, September 16th. All Trinity men are invited.

We meet from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the classroom in the Thorpe Wing at the church for biscuits and coffee. The meeting format is a short devotion followed by a program and discussion.

This fellowship group helps with church projects as well as promotes friendships among Trinity men.

Please contact the group leader, John Burns at 864-908-7812 or burns2648@gmail.com for more information.

Ladies Bible Study



The Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Study has returned to the Fellowship Classroom in the Office Building. If you would like to become part of a vibrant study/support group, grab your mask and come along each Tuesday from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Bring a friend! Members and non-members welcome. Contact Lynda Fredsell at 246-7449 or email her at lfredsell@att.net for more information.

Financial Review—August 2021

Below is a detailed view of the August 2021 budget approved by the Session. In keeping with transparency of Trinity's financial position, this view provides more information than the Sunday bulletin version. It will always be two months in arrears due to the fact that the newsletter is always published before the Session meets.

| <u>OPERATING FUND</u> | <u>2021 Budget</u> | <u>2021 August</u> | <u>2021 Year to Date</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>DEPOSITS</u> | | | |
| Contributions | 371,529 | 28,551 | 286,469 |
| Interest Income | <u>132</u> | <u>13</u> | <u>94</u> |
| Total Deposits | <u>371,661</u> | <u>28,564</u> | <u>286,563</u> |
| <u>EXPENSES</u> | | | |
| Benevolences | 13,701 | 266 | 6,750 |
| Evangelism & Spiritual Development | 360 | - | 116 |
| Stewardship | 680 | - | - |
| Mission Outreach and Oversight | 250 | - | - |
| Worship | 11,248 | 195 | 4,455 |
| Discipleship | 3,994 | 328 | 1,194 |
| Youth | 7,760 | - | 1,187 |
| Fellowship | 1,440 | - | - |
| Personnel | 232,163 | 17,560 | 151,738 |
| Church Administration | 37,465 | 2,126 | 22,161 |
| Facilities | <u>62,600</u> | <u>5,564</u> | <u>42,956</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>371,661</u> | <u>26,038</u> | <u>230,558</u> |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | <u>-</u> | <u>2,526</u> | <u>56,005</u> |
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| <u>BUILDING FUND</u> | <u>2021 Budget</u> | <u>2021 August</u> | <u>2021 Year to Date</u> |
| <u>DEPOSITS</u> | | | |
| Contributions | 169,551 | 8,187 | 112,311 |
| Interest Income | <u>420</u> | <u>29</u> | <u>255</u> |
| Total Deposits | <u>169,971</u> | <u>8,216</u> | <u>112,566</u> |
| <u>EXPENSES</u> | | | |
| Mortgage Payments | 167,731 | 13,978 | 111,841 |
| Accountant Fees | 2,040 | 170 | 1,360 |
| Checks/Deposit Slips | <u>200</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>169,971</u> | <u>14,148</u> | <u>113,201</u> |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | <u>-</u> | <u>(5,932)</u> | <u>(635)</u> |
| | | | |
| Mortgage Balance | | | <u>1,911,122</u> |

Staying in Touch!

Do you have a need or something to share with your church family?

We may be practicing social distancing, but we can still help one another and share news and other information. Do you need help getting groceries or medicines? What's going on in your life? Are family or friends having a baby, is someone getting married or celebrating milestone anniversaries or birthdays? Do you have some tips you'd like to share for surviving these difficult days? Have you been blessed in a special way? Do you need prayer for someone in your circle.

Please email trinity@trinitytr.org, or call the office at 864-834-9897 and let Karen know your needs, news and prayer requests.

Tithes & Offerings

For tithes, offerings, gifts, etc. you can mail them to the church, drop them off at the church, or go to our website at www.trinitytr.org and click on GIVE located along the top of our home page for several other options.

Contact Information Needed



Please be sure to let the church know of any changes in your address, phone and/or emails.

We want to be sure to be able to stay in touch during this difficult time.

- You can call 864-834-9897 or can email trinity@trinitytr.org
- You can use snail mail to 405 Trailblazer Drive, Travelers Rest SC 29690

We don't want you to miss any of the news so please let us know if you have dropped your land line, changed your phone number, added a phone number or email, or moved.

If you would like to update your picture in the online directory please email it to trinity@trinitytr.org

Thank you. You are an important part of the Trinity family.

October 2021

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| 31 Reformation Sunday 1 service 10:00 am Worship Outside Weather Permitting No Youth | 9 a.m. service is Contemporary and held in the gym 11 a.m. service is Traditional and held in the sanctuary All services are Live Streamed and available after on our YouTube Channel | | | | | |



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| 1 Mary Campbell Cline | 21 Mary Blair Garabedian |
| 3 Barbara Weiner | Elizabeth Hartman |
| 5 Blake Blakemore | Will Zix |
| 6 Georgia Batson | 22 Michele Perdue |
| Nancy Herron | 23 Tom Wall |
| Will Zix | 24 Rose Childers |
| 7 Mary Sue McClain | Paul Ingalls |
| Kristen Short | 25 Lauren Blakemore |
| 8 Jack Russell | Lynn Cole |
| 9 Tom Ronald | Dan Heltness |
| 10 Teresa Bennett | Richard McClain |
| Gregory Bentzel | Cindy Mitchell |
| 14 Mae Tavernetti | 26 Thomas Barksdale |
| Beauford Williams | Charlotte Weikle |
| Jack Zix | 27 Patsy Sharpe |
| 15 Leslie Weikle | Shawn Stokes |
| 20 Max Awtrey | 28 Jim Capobianco |
| | Myron Messich |
| | 29 Stan Coleman |
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| | 31 Jeff Burton |
| | Joan Jones |
| | Virginia McCorkle |
| | Liam McHaffie |
| | Erin Plyler |

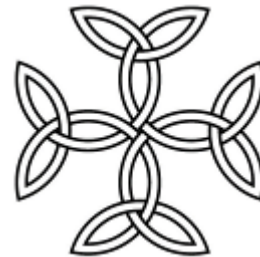
If you don't see your name or the name of someone you love on the birthday list, please contact the office so we can update our list! Email trinity@trinitytr.org or call 864-834-9897.

Online Worship

If you missed any of our online services click on the links below:

September 26, Contemporary [click here](#)
 September 26, Traditional [click here](#)
 September 19, Contemporary [click here](#)
 September 19, Traditional [click here](#)
 September 12, Contemporary [click here](#)
 September 12, Traditional [click here](#)
 September 5, One Service [click here](#)

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Church Office Hours

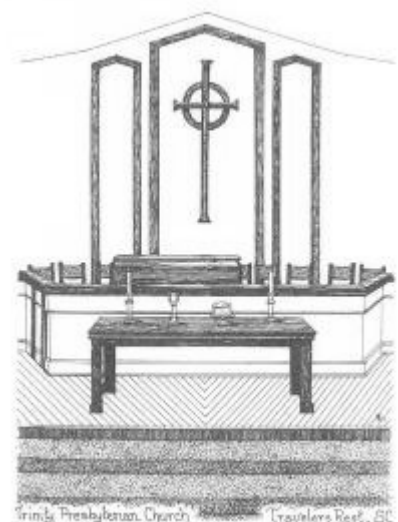
The church office is open 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday. However, there may be times when the office may not be able to be covered. During those times the voice mail system and our trinity@trinitytr.org email will be checked during the day. Please call the office before making a trip down.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for newsletter information is the 25th of each month.

Please send all information to the church office (834-9897). If you are able, **please E-mail info to: Trinity@trinitytr.org**

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