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THE BIWEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



New Pipes for Sanctuary Organ

EN CHAMADE TRUMPETS

Dear Fellow Members of Trinity Presbyterian:

We hope you and your families are having a GREAT summer, perhaps somewhere cooler than steamy Atlanta.

You may remember that in October of 2008, the Personnel and Worship and Music Committees, with the approval of the Session, established the Norman Mackenzie Anniversary Fund as part of the celebration of Norman's 25 years at Trinity. This fund was designated for the addition of new pipes for the sanctuary organ. If there are donations to this fund over and above the cost and installation of these trumpets, they will be used at Norman's discretion to fund music programs and other fine arts events at Trinity.

We want you to know that thanks to your generosity, we have achieved our goal and can now begin in earnest the planning, ordering and installation process of the new organ trumpets.

Our en chamade trumpets will be a set of horizontal pipes placed over the balcony at the rear of the sanctuary that will be both visually and aurally stunning. The horizontal rather than vertical placement of the pipework creates a bright, dramatic and focused sound that can be used for antiphonal solos or to crown the full organ with a majestic, exciting sonority from the opposite end of the sanctuary. They will be particularly useful for wedding processions and large festival worship services.

Again, we want to express our appreciation for your help in bringing this campaign to a happy conclusion.

Sincerely,

The Norman Mackenzie 25th Anniversary Committee
Sue Williams
Tom Callaway
Jan Irvin
Patti Heinz

PCUSA: Deep and Wide

As Presbyterians, we are part of a connectional church, which means we see great value in our ties to our Presbyterian brothers and sisters, the churches of our denomination, and the wider church of Jesus Christ.

Recently, the biennial meeting of our denomination, the 219th General Assembly, convened in Minneapolis. Interesting events took place, and important decisions were made. Of all the synopses and summaries of GA events, we think this one, produced by Presbyterian Outlook, does the best job of telling the highlights.

We hope you will take the time to read through this brief summary, so you can be informed about the actions of your denomination!

Echoes of St. Paul: A General Assembly Report

About 900 commissioners and advisory delegates worshiped and prayed, deliberated and discerned, all aiming to advance the mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA). They gathered in Minneapolis under the theme, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living waters."

However, this city has a twin. Few folks had time to wander over there, but St. Paul was just around the corner.

The other St. Paul was just around the corner, too. From the Apostle's rejection of legalism in favor of freedom to his complex teachings on family, from his love of Israel to his vision of Jews' and Gentiles' union in Christ,

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Register now for **CHOIR**

It's not too early to begin registering for choir for the 2010-2011 singing season.

The registration form for all choirs is on our website at www.trinityatlanta.org, under the Music and Fine Arts Ministry tab. Click on the specific choir to find the form. If you are unable to register online, forms are available at the church office.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Patti Heinz, Assistant for Music and Fine Arts, at 404-495-8447 or pheinz@trinityatlanta.org.

PMO Becomes TMO

Trinity's Parents' Morning Out has a new name—now the program is Trinity Morning Out.

In its last meeting PMO's Board of Directors made this change; they felt that TMO better expresses the program's purpose of providing a "morning out," not only for parents but for children, as well. TMO includes everyone.

The program, Trinity's year-round, four-hour morning ministry for children who range from six months through three years of age, offers an early childhood educational experience for little ones. Parents benefit by enjoying a few hours for themselves, knowing that their children are playing and learning in a safe and happy place, with friends of their same age and with other adults who love them.

As an established Trinity Church ministry for 15 years, "PMO" has provided many children, church members, and friends with good times and happy memories. Though it will take a bit of time for everyone to adjust to "TMO," time, new forms, and new families will help.

The good news is that TMO continues to grow. For the first time, there will be an opportunity for three-year-olds to participate. Excited about this expansion, the staff is renovating, painting, and adding age-appropriate toys for an additional room for the oldest children. When the new year begins in September, the room will be ready to welcome both TMO children and the children who will enjoy it for Sunday School.

TMO, now open to the community as well as to church members, continues to register children for the 2010-2011 year. A few places remain, with most of the age groups. Contact director Cecilia Garner, cgarner@trinityatlanta.org or 404-493-8457, for information and registration forms.



Pastoral *Care*

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Brenda Arnold
Tom Barrow
Ann Beechey
Ann Carlyon
Patti Gambrell
Gorman Garber
Vivian Jones
Brent Karasick
Rose Oglesby
Debbie Overby
Jim Pilcher
Jean Scherer
Arleen Schotanus
David Vroon
Von Welch

FAMILY MEMBERS

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

LONG-TERM CARE

Money Allen
Betty Ambrose
Ruth Burton
Jim Dodd
Barry Graham
Marilyn Haney
Vivian T. Jones
Wilma Redfearn

BIRTHS

Thomas Hutton Suh, son of Nancy and
Christopher Suh, grandson of Hutton
and Bob Dhue, and great-grandson
of Nancy and Bob Kent, born July 7,
2010

Omar Tikur Allen, grandson of
Veronica and Lorenzo Ridenhour, born
July 19, 2010

BAPTISM

June 20, 2010
Cecilia Scott Clifton, daughter of Beth
and Michael Clifton

WEDDING

July 3, 2010
Sherilyn Dawn Narker and
Andrew Bryan Jordan

SERVING IN IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN

Both Adam Hauseman, son of Diane
and David Hauseman, and Mark
Vanzant, cousin of Margie Deer, have
returned to the U.S.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

During its weekly meeting, the
Trinity staff offers prayers for Trinity
members. As this practice continues,
the staff would like to add to the prayer
list members who are serving in the
military, particularly those in Iraq and
Afghanistan. If you would like to add
a name to the list, contact Veronica
Ridenhour at 404-495-8440 or
veronr@trinityatlanta.org.

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 at 404-355-1201 or
candtperry@aol.com.

WOMEN'S LINK BIBLE STUDY

Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today

The 2010-2011 Horizons Bible Study for Trinity Women's Link circles will be "Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today", authored by Barbara R. Rossing. It explores the challenging and often misunderstood book of Revelation. Pursuing such themes as apocalypse, the role and person of Jesus in this journey, the call to awaken to the pressing issues of our own day, and our responsibility to



be witnesses, we learn ultimately to trust in God's deep love for us and all creation.

On Saturday, August 7, Trinity women and women from Greater Atlanta Presbytery are invited to attend a

one-day workshop giving an overview of the Bible study series. In addition to this one-day workshop, a five-day workshop for the presbytery will be held at Trinity on July 26 through 30. Both workshops will be led by Rebecca Parker. Rebecca is ordained by the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is a graduate of Yale Divinity School. She teaches our Women's Link Bible study leaders the first Monday of each month during the year.

AUGUST 7 (SATURDAY)

9 am - 4 am

Trinity Presbyterian Church
\$55 program fee (excludes lunch)

Lunch will be available for purchase at \$10 per person, or you may bring your own lunch. Register by e-mailing rebecca.parker@comcast.net or calling 404-876-0788.

JULY 26-30 (MONDAY-FRIDAY)

9:30-12:30 pm

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Leader: Rebecca Parker

\$90 program fee for Trinity members
Register by e-mailing rebecca.parker@comcast.net or calling 404-876-0788.

Gratifying Weekday Service Opportunity

Many thanks to the volunteers who read to kindergarten and 1st-grade students at Bolton Academy this past school year. Since feedback from volunteers and the school was so positive, we will be continuing this program in September. The purpose of the project is to provide additional language exposure for the students, many of whom are not read to at home. According to the preference of the teacher, volunteers read on a weekly basis to either the entire class or a small group. Please consider volunteering as a regular or substitute reader.



If you have any questions, contact Ramona White at rtwhite47@gmail.com or 404-261-1080.



GROUPS & GATHERINGS

FACES OF WISDOM

Faces of Wisdom: A Women's Gathering meets at 7 a.m. on Wednesdays for breakfast and study. All women are invited to join the "Faces" for breakfast 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.

TRINITY CAREER NETWORK MINISTRY

The Trinity Career Network Ministry meets on the third Thursday of each month from 5 to 8 p.m. in B112. The purpose of these meetings is to provide job search help for Trinity members and non-members who seek employment opportunities. We work on interviewing skills and provide a forum for networking with recruiters, human resources professionals, and business leaders.

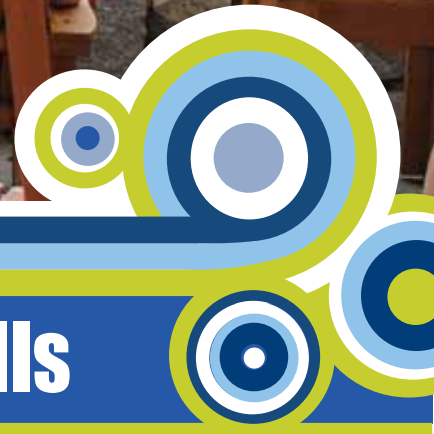
For more information and registration, call 404-495-8426. This ministry of Trinity is provided without cost to participants.

DISCIPLE I CLASS

The Disciple I class that begins in September has been filled. To learn more about other Bible studies and educational opportunities available, contact Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428.

CHAPTER 3B

Women in their 40s and 50s who are recent or about-to-be "empty nesters" are invited to join a new group. This group, called Chapter 3B, will be offered on Thursdays from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m., beginning September 9. Meeting dates for the group are September 9, 23; October 7, 21; November 4 and 18. To register, contact Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428 or bcampbell@trinityatlanta.org.



Church Retreat @ Amicalola Falls

FALL 2010
**Let Your
Life Speak**

Trinity's All-Church Retreat will be September 25 -26 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 "Let Your Life Speak." Each of us can remember a host of stories and experiences that have shaped and created meaning for our lives, and each of these stories is a piece of the larger narrative that is our life. Our personal stories then are held and illumined by an even larger story: God and us. Together we will learn how we might frame our stories, hear our stories, and receive the holy wisdom they have to share with us.

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 24. 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 Wednesday, August 18.**

ACCOMMODATIONS

One Adult per room \$180
Two Adults per room \$230

CHILDREN

Ages 3 and under – free
Ages 4 to 11 - \$27 each
Ages 12+ - \$48 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

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

JCSTS PRESIDENT TO BE GUEST PREACHER

Trinity Church is pleased to welcome the Reverend Paul Timothy Roberts to the pulpit on Sunday, August 15.

Mr. Roberts is the President-Dean of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary in Atlanta.

Raised in Bradenton, Florida, Paul graduated from Princeton University in 1985 with the Bachelor of Arts degree in Architecture and African-American studies. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, and is an Academic Fellow of the Ecumenical Institute of Bossey in Celigny, Switzerland. Paul was the Pastor of Church of the Master Presbyterian in Atlanta for 13 years, and has served on numerous denominational committees. He enjoys tennis and gardening.

Paul is married to Nina Lambert Roberts, an immigration attorney. They have three children: Nia (14), Paul II (9), and Jalen (7).



219th General Assembly Report

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from his proclamation of grace to his teachings on justice, his voice reverberated throughout the assembly hall.

As always, the GA began with the election of a moderator. Cynthia Bolbach, an elder and lawyer from Arlington, Va., was elected against a field of five ministers. The apostle who called all believers - not just clerics - to stir up their spiritual gifts might have smiled over that vote. Bolbach told the assembly: "Elders rule."

After three days of working in committees, the commissioners voted to adopt a simplified Form of Government section of the church's Book of Order. This mission-focused document, if ratified next year by a majority of the 173 presbyteries, will jettison hundreds of rules, entrusting judgment calls to local governing bodies.

The assembly voted to form a commission to accelerate the reorganization of some presbyteries and synods. They specified that the commission could act only with agreement by the affected governing bodies.

The GA voted to add the Belhar Confession to The Book of Confessions. Written in South Africa to eliminate apartheid, it calls for an end to racism and subjugation and calls for equal rights under the Lordship of Christ. Final adoption requires ratification by 2/3s of the presbyteries, plus a final assembly vote in 2012.

The commissioners made peace

among Middle East peacemakers. After several Jewish organizations erupted with cries of anti-Semitism this past spring over a report by the Middle East Study Committee, the GA committee struggled to find its way. Finally, a cluster of commissioners and other PC(USA) leaders huddled together across ideological lines, generating a set of amendments that were added by the assembly committee. In a stunning, Damascus Road moment - some leaders called it a miracle - the committee voted unanimously to adopt the modified document, and the Assembly followed with an 82 percent affirmative vote. Leaders of both the Jewish and Palestinian communities expressed their gratitude.

A second study that bridges theological understandings of Christians and Jews met resistance because of the absence of Palestinian Christians' participation in the study. The report was referred back to the writing team, with instructions to consult with them and report back in 2012.

The commissioners did adopt for study a paper assessing theological understandings between Christians and Muslims.

The GA authorized a special committee to retranslate the Heidelberg Catechism - originally written in German in 1563. The committee identified scores of problems in the existing translation. They will join with scholars from the Reformed Church and the Christian

Reformed Church who already are retranslating Heidelberg for their adoption.

The study of apostolic teaching on family life continues as the GA sent out for study both majority and minority reports addressing same-sex marriage. They took no action on calls to allow same-sex weddings in states where that is allowed by law.

The church's struggle to find one mind regarding the ordination of those in same-sex partnerships will be tested in presbyteries for the fifth time in 14 years, as members will be asked to ratify a new constitutional amendment (approved by 373 to 323). It requires officers to submit "joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ" in all aspects of life, but would remove the requirement that candidates for ordination live a life of "fidelity within a marriage between a man and a woman or chastity in singleness."

Consistent with the denomination's longstanding commitment to equal rights for gays and lesbians, the GA called upon the Board of Pensions to provide medical benefits for those in committed same-gender relationships and their dependent children.

The Assembly also re-established its collegiate ministries department and passed resolutions on gun violence, poverty, the Afghanistan War, the Gulf oil spill, immigration, and women being coerced to end or continue a pregnancy.

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UPCOMING DEADLINES:

**For the August 15 issue,
Wednesday, August 4**

**For the August 29 issue,
Wednesday, August 18**

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



Agape Community Center's Back-to-School Backpack Challenge

Last year the Agape Community Center, with the generous support from Trinity members and other partners in the community, was able to provide 650 youth in the Bolton Road community with backpacks filled with school supplies. This year the goal is 1,000, and the Agape Center is asking for your help! A \$25 donation will provide one child with a book bag filled with school supplies. Checks may be mailed to the Agape Community Center at 2353 Bolton Road, NW, Atlanta, GA 30318.

And don't miss the Agape Center's back-to-school celebration on August 6, from 1 to 3 p.m. Join the students as they get ready for a successful 2010-2011 academic year. For more information, contact Robert Lewis at 404-355-1877, ext. 2602, or rlewis@agapecc.org.

THIS MONTH IN

Worship

August 1, 10 am

ENOUGH, ALREADY!

Psalm 107:1-9, 43;

Luke 12:13-21

Rev. Katie Givens Kime

August 8, 10 am

SINGING IN THE DARK

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Rev. Leah Horton

August 15, 10 am

**AND JUSTICE FOR ALL
(WHO MAKE THE CUT)**

Isaiah 5:1-7;

Luke 12:49-56

Guest: Rev. Paul Roberts,
president and dean of
Johnson C. Smith Seminary

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