

THE TRINITY TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2017

From the pastor

On August 21st, folks gathered on the Trinity lawn to observe the eclipse. Some came equipped with special lenses on their cameras or binoculars. Almost everyone came with a pair of special glasses with which to view the eclipse, and those who did not, were given a pair by Trinity folks.

As incredible as it was to see the moon eclipse the sun, and as surreal as it was to be plunged into twilight in the middle of the day, what was even more amazing was how so many different people from so many places bonded over this experience.

Cheers erupted when the darkness moved over the face of the lawn, and people said “Amen,” or stood closer together in silent wonder. One colleague of mine said that it was like we were all drawn together by something more powerful than we are, an event over which we had no control but were merely spectators. As eerie as it was to be standing in the dark in the middle of the day listening to the crickets sing, it was equally eerie to realize that for all our human intelligence, our technological achievements, our understanding of earthly phenomena, we humans had nothing to do with this eclipse.

We neither caused it nor could we have prevented it. We were drawn together—whether in the same area or by our Facebook posts or random conversations with strangers afterwards—by the knowledge that we are humans, and not God. Even those who say they don’t believe in God, are pushed to admit that in the case of heavenly phenomena or natural disasters, we are not more clever or more powerful.

For those who do believe in God, there is a psalm which reflects the majesty of God’s power (as seen in the solar eclipse) as well as the wonder of humanity, God’s creation.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

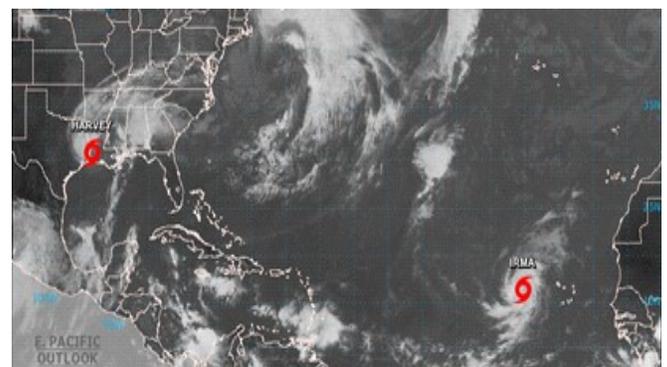
Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
Psalm 8

We see God’s presence and power in the stunning beauty of the eclipse, and we see God’s presence and power in the incredible fury of a hurricane. In both the eclipse and the hurricane, God’s presence is in the love that binds us together to appreciate a celestial event, in the desire to care for one another in the aftermath of a disaster, in the knowledge that we belong to a God who is both majestic, merciful, loving, and ever present in our lives.



August 21, 2017, 1:29 p.m. Totality



NOAH, National Hurricane Center, Miami, August 30, 2017

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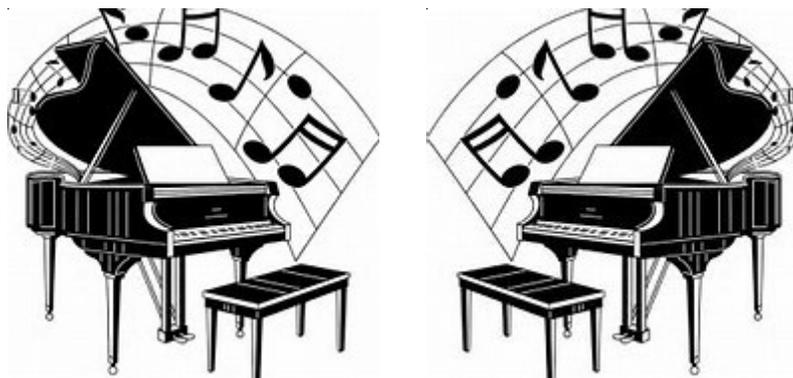
SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND LECTIONARY READINGS

- September 3 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Celebration of the Lord's Supper**
Exodus 3:1-15;
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b;
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28
- September 10 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149;
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20
- September 17 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost NaCoMe Sunday**
Exodus 14:19-31;
Psalm 114 *or*
Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21;
Matthew 18:21-35
- September 24 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
Exodus 16:2-15;
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45;
Philippians 1:21-30;
Matthew 20:1-16

TWO-PIANO CONCERT TO BE HELD AT TRINITY SEPTEMBER 10 AT 4 P.M.

Will Berger and June Warren will present their annual two-piano concert at Trinity on Sunday, September 10, at 4 p.m., in the sanctuary. For many years, when both were at Historic Frankliln Presbyterian Church, the two played selections of classical, popular, dance, marches, and other familiar and interesting pieces on two grand pianos. This year's program will include music from Chopin and Cole Porter. Many of their selections are written or arranged for the dual piano format.

The concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow in the East Hall.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE REQUESTS DONATIONS FOR HARVEY VICTIMS

Harvey made landfall late Friday, August 25, and early Saturday, August 26, as a category 4 hurricane, and though downgraded now, remains dangerous as it continues to churn inland. Damage in and near Rockport and Port Lavaca, where the storm made landfall, was catastrophic. There are several reported deaths and massive damage reported, and the flood event continues as the storm is dumping heavy rains in its path. The storm was forecast to continue to produce heavy rains, with serious flooding in Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, and Kentucky through the Labor Day weekend.

PDA Response

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) continues to be in touch with presbytery leadership in New Covenant, Mission, and South Louisiana Presbyteries. National Response Teams are being deployed into the affected regions when safe to do so.

Give today to help Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) bring hope & healing to Texas families impacted by Hurricane Harvey. For those who wish to support PDA's emergency response and recovery efforts, there are 3 ways to give:

- 1) Make check payable to "Presbyterian Church USA" and in the memo line write "DR000169-Harvey" or place cash in an offering envelope marked "PDA" and place in the offering plate.
- 2) Mail a check to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700.
- 3) Call 1-800-872-3283 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST) to donate by phone.

For updates, please go to pda.pcusa.org. Please join us in praying for courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, as we respond to the deep human needs left in the wake of the storm.

FIRST "ADVENTURE" AT GREEN HILLS GRILLE



The initial "Adventure" for the monthly group which will go on outings was Wednesday, August 23, at the Green Hills Grille. There was great food and fellowship as the group discussed plans for future outings (all of which will include lunch!)



ADULT EDUCATION IN SEPTEMBER

The Adult Sunday School class will continue its “Walking Back Through Acts” series for the month of September. The class is studying the Book of Acts by beginning with the final chapters (27 and 28) and working backward to Chapter 1. During August, the class covered chapters 28, 27, 26, 25, 24, 23, 22, and 21, and will take up chapters 20 and 19 to begin September. This approach is being taken because we often see or learn something new when we disrupt our normal reading patterns. We grow accustomed to how this passage leads into that story, but when we have to read them out of order--we might be surprised at what jumps out!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Sunday School for children and youth will continue during the worship service (following the Time for Children) in the nursery area (for children) and parlor (for youth). Cindy Turner is the teacher.

As the children return from the sanctuary, there will be brief free play before the lesson begins. To open, the class will light a candle and then offer a prayer. The opening will be followed by a Bible story and a related activity. Sunday School will be closed with extinguishing the candle and prayer, and if weather permits, free play outside.

Through August, September, and mid-October, the focus of the Sunday lessons will come from the books of Genesis and Exodus. In the coming weeks, the class(es) will study the Patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Jacob and Esau, Jacob’s ladder, and Joseph sold by his brothers. Then the focus will shift to the story of Moses, beginning with Joseph’s interpretations of Pharaoh’s dreams, followed by Moses’ being drawn from the water, his flight from Egypt, the story of the burning bush, the plagues of Egypt which resulted in the freeing of the Hebrews from slavery, the Passover, and the journey to the Promised Land.

Please send your children (pre-school through elementary) with Cindy following the Time for Children for an interesting and informative series of Sunday School lessons.



Children enjoy the Time for Children at the August 20 worship service

photo by Phil Elbert

PW SYNOD TO PUBLISH COOKBOOK

Presbyterian Women, through the Synod of Living Waters, has a cookbook project to celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2019. Everyone in Synod churches, men and women, are invited to submit recipes for the cookbook project.

A form for submitting recipes and instructions for either mailing or e-mailing your recipe can be found at the Presbytery PW website, www.pbymidtnoffice@gmail.com. You may send as many recipes as you like. Recipes will be accepted through the end of 2018 and the cookbook will be assembled and published during early 2019.

PUT NaCoMe ON YOUR MIND . . .

Over 20 adults and children have signed up to attend Trinity's weekend (September 15-17) at the NaCoMe Camp and Conference Center in Pleasantville, TN. It's a weekend to relax and enjoy being with one another, appreciate the beauty of creation and give thanks for God's love and care over us through worship and fellowship. Camp NaCoMe now has several "outdoor toys" like the zipline and the Giant Swing, and of course, there's hiking, creek walking, and ring tossing! A Trinity tradition is the horseshoe competition! An added bonus is that YOU don't have to plan, prepare or clean up a meal—just enjoy the food and conversation!

If you're interested in attending Trinity's time at Camp NaCoMe, please call or e-mail the church office



(615-297-6513 or office@trinitypresnashville.org) immediately!

The camp is located about 1 ½ hour drive south of Nashville near Pleasantville, TN. The weekend gathering and activities will begin after supper on Friday, September 15th and will conclude on Sunday, September 17th after worship/before lunch.



LAUNCH DAY 2017

The aroma of pancakes, bacon, coffee, and fruit greeted the thirty folks who came to Launch Day on August 20.

Breakfast was followed by brief presentations about Sunday School, Adult Education, Presbyterian Women, and elders speaking about the progress made at Trinity since the last Launch Day and the opportunities to serve during church year 2017-2018.



*photos
by
Hank
Schomber*



OFFICE HOURS FOR SALLY HUGHES

Sally has office hours Tuesday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and also by appointment if someone needs to come by earlier or later.

Fall Issue of the Church Directory is available in the church office. If you find corrections that are needed, or if you prefer not to have your name or certain information in the directory, please call or e-mail the office. Also, if you want the directory as a PDF version, call or e-mail the office. Note: The directory is for private use of participants in Trinity's ministry and is not to be sent to a mailing list.

CALENDAR NOTE: 75th anniversary commemorative calendars that highlight historic moments in the life of Trinity Presbyterian Church have been created by Hank Schomber, historian. If you would like an extra calendar, they are available to pick up in the East Hall or the church office.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Norma Johnson – 7
Bob McAdams - 7
Laurel Milam – 23
Miriam Reside - 29

Our apologies if we have missed your birthday or if it is incorrect. If we have missed or muffed your special day please call the church office at 297-6513 and let us know.

SPECIAL GROUP ACTIVITY MEETINGS

*****Presbyterian Women** meet the first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Trinity parlor.

Presbyterian Women will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 5 at 10 a.m. in the parlor. We will begin our new study book, *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*, with the Introduction and Lesson One, "In Community with Jesus Christ".

***Those interested in Adventures (a lunch and visit outing monthly) met at Green Hills Grille on August 23 (see pictures on page 3). Those present discussed plans, looked at brochures, and filled out questionnaires for preferences and a name for the group. Watch the bulletin, Friday e-mail, the newsletter, and the Facebook page for information on the next outing. Everyone is invited to join in the fun!

***You are invited to join the **Changing Gears** group for lunch and fellowship at Westminster Presbyterian on Wednesday, September 27. Erin Long and Karen Simmons, violin and piano, will play. Reservations for lunch are required by noon on the Friday before, and there is a \$10 charge for lunch. Call Jill at the Westminster church office (292-5526) for reservations or if you'd like more information.

Save the Dates:

Saturdays, September 23 & 30 any
time after 8 a.m.:

Workdays – Come for fellowship, fun and sprucing things up inside and outside! Bring your own tools, gloves, collection bins, cleaners for the tasks you want to work on!

THE ONLINE CALENDAR

For a complete list of activities, visit www.trinitypresnashville.org and click on “church calendar”. The calendar is updated regularly as activities are added, deleted, or changed. If your committee or group schedules a meeting using the church’s facilities, please contact Linda Rogers (297-6513 or linda@trinitypresnashville.org) so your meeting can be placed on the calendar, or if there is a facilities conflict, it can be resolved before scheduling.

VOLUNTEER AT DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN ON DECEMBER 7

Downtown Presbyterian Church is looking for volunteers to help with their Waffle House on December 7th. The proceeds from the Waffle House go to help the homeless ministry in downtown Nashville. DPC is in need of volunteers to help decorate, set up the room, cook waffles, clean up afterward. DPC is a small congregation who wishes to partner with another small congregation like Trinity to make this annual event possible! If you are interested, please let Linda Rogers or Sally Hughes know.



Screenings

All,

Carol and I highly recommend that as many people as possible at Trinity see the film, *All Saints*. The film is so much like us and we so much like them in many ways yet some different. We all have much to learn from them how they grew a struggling small church on the verge of closing by the Episcopal Diocese of Smyrna, Tennessee but how they turned it around to be a thriving church. Michael, the pastor of All Saints, believed it was God’s will that they save the church.

All Saints was made up of a small group of all white congregates but later were joined by a group from Burma who were displaced by a civil war and became refugees in a camp in Thailand. From There they immigrated to Smyrna, Tennessee where they became members of the small Episcopal congregation. As farmers, they used the large parcel of land to grown corn, tomatoes and a crop from their native land. As fortune would have it the crop was destroyed by a devastating rain and anticipated profits were lost which would have been used to pay of much of the debt.



The church was on the verse of being sold to a large conglomerate and would have been sold, except the Episcopal Diocese decided to make the church a missionary church. With that help the church was turned around and saved through the faith of the pastor and his wife and son. Pastor Michel was later moved to a large church in New York city. Important theological questions are raised in this film. The movie is showing at Regal 16 in Green Hills and Regal Hollywood Stadium 27,

CONVERSATION BETWEEN FAITHS SPARKS LIVELY DIALOG

An interesting and productive interchange of information about the Christian and Muslim faiths took place on Sunday, August 6, in the Trinity Sanctuary. Sally Hughes moderated the panel, which consisted of Rev. Mike Wilson of Downtown Presbyterian Church, Rev. Nolan Huizenga of Second Presbyterian Church, and Imam Ossama Bahloul of the Islamic Center of Nashville.

Panelists addressed previously-submitted questions and then the floor was open for questions. Over 75 people attended the session.

Following the presentations, there was a reception held in the Fellowship Hall. A delightful addition to the reception food was homemade humus and pita bread, baklava, and coconut squares contributed by the Islamic Center. Everyone enjoyed the abundance of food choices and fellowship with one another.



photos by Hank Schomber

FROM OUR MISSION WORKER

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Costa Rica. Thank you for accompanying me on this journey in mission.

Here as August ends, we are experiencing heavy rains, with some localized flooding and an occasional landslide. Hurricane season has definitely arrived, and as I write my thoughts and prayers go out to those in Texas who are receiving the brunt of the rains from Hurricane Harvey. Once again, we are experiencing how climate change, specifically warmer ocean waters in this case, is making weather events much more intense and destructive. We have three more months of hurricane season to go.

August 28 marked the beginning of the third term of our academic year for our bachelor's programs here at the Latin American Biblical University. Usually, the number of students enrolled drops off toward the end of the year, but to our surprise, this year several new students are starting this term, both distance students as well as people here in Costa Rica. Students have arrived on campus recently from Cuba, Peru and Germany. For me as director of the theology department, the start of a new term always means lots of administrative details that require my attention. We are working on improving our administrative processes as we gear up to handle more students in the future. We also have several students in our department who are finishing their theses which have to be read and graded. We look forward to a graduation before the year is over.

My calendar for September looks deceptively empty with no trips and no visiting groups. However, I know I will be busy. I am looking forward to finishing a couple of projects and working on upcoming courses. Starting next year, we will be offering short programs consisting of eight courses in different areas to respond to the demands coming from churches to provide ministerial training. During September, we will be sharing the proposal with leaders of different denominations to get their feedback before we begin promoting the programs.

I will be spending Friday, September 8, with the fifteen ordained Episcopal women from throughout the region. The women requested that the church provide them with a continuing education course in feminist theology with professors from the UBL. We will spend the day exploring feminist understandings of the Trinity, our God whose very existence is relationship.

My husband, Javier Torrez, is here in Costa Rica. With all this rain, it is impossible for him to work in the pastures on our farm in Nicaragua. Our hope is that the rains will help the newly planted pasture grasses to take root as well as refill the reservoirs depleted by the last two years of drought. Even though the rains this year have been close to what have been normal levels in the past, we know that climate change means we must prepare for drier overall conditions as we grow food for people.

Closing thoughts

Recently, I received a note from a young man in Peru who just finished two distance courses with me. "Will you please be my professor for my next course?" he asked. "I have grown so much with your help." I am so grateful to be able to accompany women and men as they deepen their capacity for theological reflection, develop their skills for ministry and grow in their faith commitments. Thank you for the gifts and prayers that make it possible for me to serve at the Latin American Biblical University. With you help, I will be able to continue serving in the years to come.

Blessings,

Karla



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Sally Hughes

STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION

July 28, 2017

Cindy Turner reported that the adult Sunday school class would resume in August, as would the children's class.

The removal of the hackberry tree was reported, as well as a tree down near Hillsboro Road.

Mary Berger and Paul Berger were received by letter of transfer from Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church.

The updated membership roll was reviewed. Emails and letters had been sent to those on the church roll who had not made a decision about keeping their membership at Trinity, with a clear date given by which each person needed to reply. As result of responses received (or in some cases, not received) 31 names of people were removed as members of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Bill Dougherty reported on the July 22nd Presbytery meeting at Hillsboro Presbyterian Church. New ministers were received.

The July 12 Presbytery Oversight Committee meeting was discussed. (See report below.)

A request from Kelly Corcoran to use the church once a week for a music composition class was approved.

A request to allow Linden Waldorf School to use the parlor for naptime, from 12:30 to 3:00 PM Monday through Friday was approved.

The August and September church activities were reviewed.

The nominating committee will meet August 19, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the church.

Support of Nashville Launch Pad, an organization that houses homeless youth from 18 to 24 (primarily LGBTQ) was approved. It was proposed that the director of Nashville Launch Pad give a moment for mission at Trinity and a special offering would be received.

The next stated meeting of the session will be September

MEETING OF THE SESSION WITH THE PRESBYTERY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

July 11, 2017

(The Trinity Session meets quarterly with the Presbytery Administrative Commission's Oversight Committee to review Trinity's progress toward viability.)

There was general discussion about Linden Waldorf School (LWS) and the relationship with the church. The Presbytery's interests are aligned with Trinity becoming a sustainable church and Presbytery is not likely to permit a long-term arrangement with LWS until it's been determined that Trinity is a sustainable church.

Negotiations with the school will need to be run through the conduit of the Presbytery. The focus is the viability of Trinity – not the viability of LWS. It was suggested extending the contract for one more year might give more time for negotiations since Trinity is presently operating under a 3-year Presbytery timeline. It is complicated. Presbytery's primary concern is the health of the congregation in this location. In an earlier conversation, an LWS board member mentioned that "relationship" had never been stated in prior communications between the church and school – all previous talks have focused on dollars. The Oversight Committee is charged to help provide reality before any final decision is made.

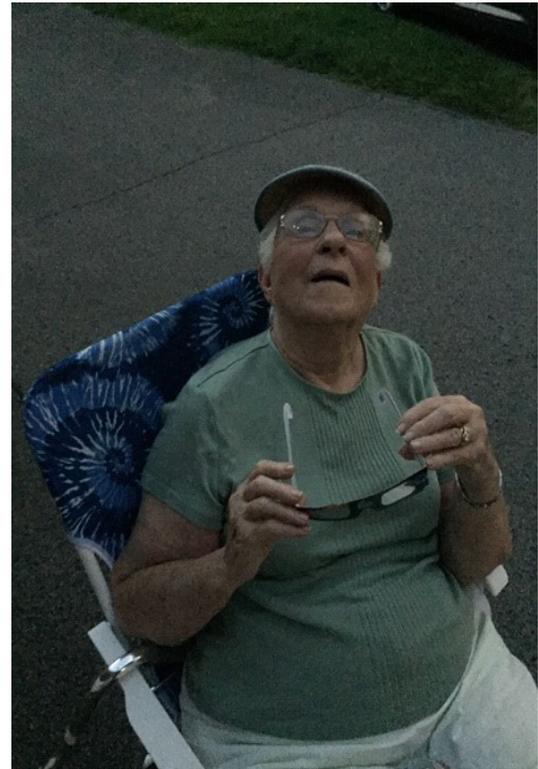
It was suggested Trinity might want to consult Paul Green who works with churches in distress through the Presbytery's Foundation. We would probably need the Presbytery's Finance Committee to approve Paul Greer coming in.

It was noted that 125 members in 3 years was the number agreed to by the Administrative Commission indicating Trinity as a sustainable church. Sally affirmed that the challenge ahead of us is not a sprint but a marathon. We need not to panic when people visit and don't choose to visit again. We are beginning efforts to get the word out about Trinity. There have been six new regular attendees since January. It was agreed measurable milestones or benchmarks would be added to the Revitalization Plan. Presbytery representatives noted that Trinity needs to sit back, redream and rebuild.

Sally stated that Trinity is a fun congregation to preach to and be with. She emphasized the importance of working

THE ECLIPSE OF 2017

A small crowd of community members joined Trinity folks on the grounds to experience the Eclipse of August 21, 2017. Pastor Sally Hughes made sure that everyone present was greeted and welcomed and supplied with special glasses. A chorus of “ooohs” and “ahhs” went up as the eclipse moved into totality at 1:28 p.m.



Oversight Committee Meeting

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with the people we have, and that plans are underway to have monthly (mostly daytime) outings with adults in the congregation..

Sally distributed copies of the current membership with ages as requested at the previous Oversight Committee meeting. Sally contacted the inactive members during her first two months at Trinity. On July 11 a follow up with an e-mail to each family or individual stating that work was being done on the church membership roll and asking if the person(s) wanted to continue as members, invited them to specific upcoming events, and asking for a reply by July 17 if they wanted to remain on the roll. As of this meeting date, 61 were on the roll, pending purging following July 17.

Staff Photos

The next meeting will be early or mid-October.



THE TRINITY ORGAN “ . . . LEAD ALL WHO HEAR IT IN THE WAY OF ETERNAL LIFE”

while Trinity celebrates 75 years, its pipe organ, the final piece of its grand facility will turn 49 this month.

by Hank Schomber

Once Trinity secured the use of the Corinthian Masonic Lodge on West End for its services in January 1943, the Session created a Music Committee to coordinate the music program and obtain an organ to enhance the music.

The lodge building had been home to the Broadway Presbyterian Church until 1929 when that congregation merged with Grace Presbyterian Church and moved to 21st Avenue at Dixie Place, renaming itself Hillsboro Presbyterian Church.

They left behind the old pipe organ and initially that seemed a natural for the new church. But after years of neglect it had fallen into such disrepair that it would prove to be too expensive to make functional. Even while assessing the Corinthian Building pipe organ, the Music Committee was looking for a Hammond or other type electric organ.

Appropriate instruments were hard to find during World War II.

In September, a Hammond organ was found in Smyrna, TN. A committee of Trinity members persuaded the owner, Mrs. W.F. Stalling to sell it for \$2,000. The church paid \$1,000 up front and had a 90-day note on the balance.

It was delivered in early October and Trinity's first service with an organ was October 17, 1943.

That instrument served the church long and well. It made the move to the new Chapel (now our fellowship Hall) in 1947. It was still being used when the new sanctuary was completed in 1958, but it was not strong enough to be used in that facility. The desire for a pipe organ was expressed by many in the congregation. However finances were stretched and a pipe organ seemed out of reach. Electronic organs were considerably cheaper and their sound had been improved.

During the course of the church's discussions a dealer for electronic organs proposed providing Trinity with a large new electronic organ at no charge. The only requirement would be that the company be permitted to demonstrate the organ to prospective customers. The electronic organ and choir were located in the Chancel area of the new Sanctuary and served Trinity for ten years.



As the church's 25th Anniversary approached there was a proposal to purchase a new instrument as part of the celebration. Many members were pleased with the current electronic organ, but others wanted a pipe organ. Although the electronic organ would be about one-third the cost of a pipe organ, the organ committee reported in favor of raising funds for the latter.

With the assistance of leading organists in the city, an instrument adequate for Trinity's use was
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THE TRINITY ORGAN “ . . . LEAD”

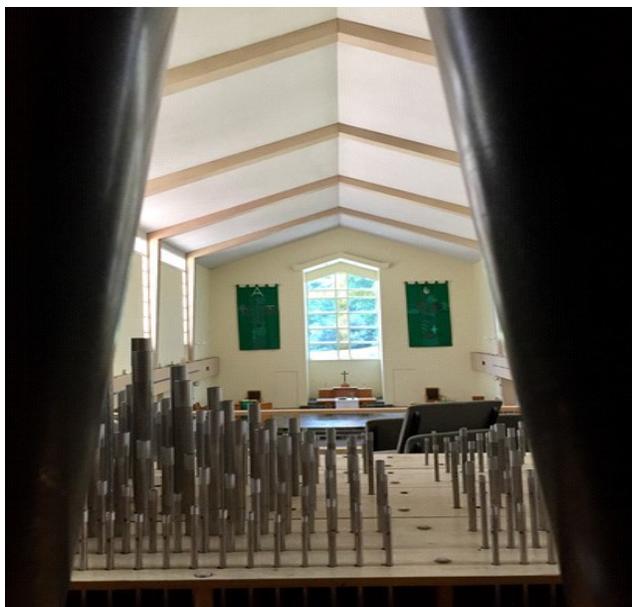
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purchased from Hillgreen, Lane and Company of Alliance, Ohio. Initially it was assumed that the new pipe organ would also be located in the Chancel, but when the engineers from Hillgreen, Lane came to look at the facility, they discovered the building was not designed for a pipe organ in the front. If placed there, it would take up almost the entire chancel, leaving only a narrow “canyon like” center aisle leading to the chancel window. Their recommendation was to place the organ and the choir in a new balcony to be constructed in the rear.

This created new concerns. Even those in favor of a pipe organ wanted the choir to remain up front. In addition, the new balcony would increase the project cost by 50-percent. With the organ in the rear, the grand stained-glass window above the Narthex would have to be covered and insulated to protect the pipes.

The Session reluctantly accepted the increased costs, but persuading the congregation was something else again. Many still wanted to see who was singing “without craning their necks looking to the rear.”

With considerable effort, the congregation was convinced that placing the organ and choir in the rear would be appropriate. More than 100 members participated by making memorial contributions and/or purchasing one or more of the organ’s pipes. Nearly half the original purchase price was raised. And now there would be a new balcony, at considerable additional expense. There were few options available to the congregation which was still paying the sanctuary construction costs. Then Charles Kempkau, a friend of Trinity, and member Mrs. Morea Moseley stepped forward with generous donations which permitted the project to proceed.



The new instrument was dedicated at morning worship on September 22, 1968.

Trinity’s organ was the 1282nd built by Hillgreen, Lane and Company and one of three in Nashville churches. One was installed at East End United Methodist Church in 1913 and one at Hobson United Methodist Church in 1959.

The organ has two manuals (keyboards) and a pedal keyboard. The Great Manual controls 61 notes and another 61 are linked to the Swell Manual. The pedal manual has 32 notes. The tonal resources of the organ come from twenty-one ranks, or rows, of pipes. Each rank has its particular tonality and can be brought into use at the direction of the organist by the arrangement of the stop tablets at the two manual stoptab consoles. The entire Great and part of the Pedal Organ are exposed for better tone. The instrument contains a total of 1280 pipes.

In the tonal design of this organ, the builders endeavored to voice an instrument which would allow the greatest degree of richness and variety, and to provide the organist with the most useful and practical organ for the needs of the church. For nearly 50-years worshippers at Trinity have been able to attest to the success of the builders’ efforts.

And what of the Hammond organ the church bought for \$2,000 in 1943 and used for more than 15 years? It was sold in August, 1969 for \$950.

photos by Hank Schomber and staff

September 2017

A calendar that includes all building use, including LWS, can be found on the church website: www.trinitypressshville.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/Communion First Sunday Fellowship Time	4 Labor Day Church Office Closed	5 10 am Presbyterian Women	6	7	8	9
	8 pm – AA Meeting		7 pm Choir Rehearsal	8 pm – AA Meeting		
10 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship After Worship Fellowship Time	11	12	13	14	15	16
4:00 pm Two Piano Concert - Reception following	8 pm – AA Meeting		7 pm Choir Rehearsal	8 pm – AA Meeting	<u>McCOMbs</u> Weekend	<u>McCOMbs</u> Weekend
17 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship, both at Trinity & <u>McCOMbs</u>	18	19 Newsletter Articles Due	20	21	22	23
<u>McCOMbs</u> Weekend	8 pm – AA Meeting		7 pm Choir Rehearsal	8 pm – AA Meeting		8 am - ? Trinity Workday
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