



TRINITY TIMES



Trinity Welcomes Carol & Miller Hunter

About Carol & Miller

In August 2016 the Reverend H. Miller Hunter, Jr. and his wife, Carol, moved into Trinity Episcopal Church's Rectory as its 11th occupants.

What do you do when you are studying in Oxford and you meet a guy whose English professor happens to be your brother? You marry him, of course. At least that's what Vanderbilt University student Carol Richardson did when she met Sewanee student Miller Hunter.

The marriage took place 3 years later after Carol graduated from Rhodes College and Miller from Sewanee. Masters degrees from the University of Alabama, a stint at his family's rock quarry business in Guntersville, AL and banking for five years, finally brought the Hunters with two children to New York City. Becoming a minister had been in the back of Miller's mind for a very long time, so making the step to attend General Theological Seminary in NYC seemed logical.

The Hunters third child, Claire, was born shortly after their arrival at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Montgomery, AL. After two years in Montgomery, Miller was called as Canon and Chaplain of the Cathedral of the Advent in Birmingham, AL. With 5,000 members and seasoned priests as mentors, Miller is thankful for the "good formation" he received at the Cathedral. He loved being a Chaplain.

After 4 years in Birmingham, Miller received a packet in the mail from Ivy, VA. Having no idea that Ivy was near Charlottesville where some dear friends had moved and put his name up for consideration as Rector of St. Paul's, Miller failed to open the packet for a couple of days. St. Paul's in Ivy proved to be a perfect fit. In his 17 years at Ivy, Miller was involved in increasing the Christian education program for children and adults, expanding the church membership rolls, four building projects, adopting a village in Tanzania, introducing a Celtic service, as well as implementing the day to day church activities.



By the time, the Hunters left Ivy, the church had grown to 850 members with a real sense of community.

Christ Church in downtown Raleigh, NC called Miller to be their Vicar where he was in charge of directing the program ministry of the parish. This experience transformed Miller as he helped establish or helped maintain programs such as a homeless ministry to downtown Raleigh, Habitat of Humanity, and mission work in Honduras.

Miller retired in 2015, but he soon realized he had more to give. He contacted Mary Thorpe with the transition ministry at the Diocese of Virginia and she instantly recognized that Trinity might be a perfect solution for this retiring from retirement priest. Those two children, Alexandra and Elliott, who traveled with Miller and Carol to New York to seminary are now grown and they live not that far away in Richmond and Washington, DC. The youngest, Claire, is in Denver, and Carol Hunter will soon retire from her post as Deputy University Librarian at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. She will serve as Interim University Librarian until June 2017. Soon, the Rectory on Mount Salem Avenue will experience a population explosion as children, spouses, and their three grandchildren come to visit.



The Rambling Rector

Miller Hunter

Most nights after dinner, I take a short walk, a ramble through town, observing and learning about our new town. Each night I inevitably note something that I haven't seen before, observe something I haven't noticed before. There is no standard route yet, no established pattern.

In that same spirit, this short note in the Trinity Times won't ever have a stated agenda or focus but will instead ramble freely according to the season and the varying thoughts and focus of your Rector.

Today as I write my chief thought is simply one of thanks and gratitude. Thanks for your warm welcome. Thank you for making the Rectory so comfortable. Most of all, thank you for allowing us to be a part of the Trinity Church community. Carol and I are both grateful.

Best,
Miller



Trinity's 2016-2017 Vestry & Areas of Responsibility



Noel Laing
Senior Warden



Carolyn Emerick
Junior Warden



Anne Kerr
Membership



Bob Kramer
Finance & Stewardship



Juliet DelGrosso
Communications



Amo Merritt
Parish Life



Virginia Wyatt
Youth Ministries



Judy Reidinger
Outreach



Tom Johnson
Christian Education

Church Activities at Trinity

Church Activity point people are listed below. If you are interested in participating and need information on how to contact them, pick up a new church directory in Trinity House.



Altar Flowers-Susan Jones
 Altar Guild-Lorraine Channing
 Benedictine Way-Carolyn Emerick
 Boy Scouts-Mike DelGrosso
 Brotherhood of St. Andrew-Jed Duvall
 Children's Sunday School-Renee Ellis
 Choir & Bells-Jane Kane
 Coffee Hours/Receptions-Amo Merritt/Judy Segaar
 ECW House Tour-Helen Williams, Liz Oliver
 EfM-Helen Williams
 EfM2-Susan Laing & Carolyn Emerick
 Evensong-Kay Wilson
 Facebook-Ruthie Windsor-Mann
 Garden Guild-Cindy Williams/Judy Segaar
 Girl Scouts-Amo Merritt
 Halloween-Amo Merritt, Kathleen Hutcheson, Trish Bartholomew
 Healing Service-Miller Hunter
 Kneelers-Helen Williams
 Library-Lorraine Channing
 Litanists/LEM/Lectors-Juliet DelGrosso
 Men's Book Club-Rich Spillenkothen
 Monday Evening Bible Study-Susan Laing
 Outreach Committee-Russ Collins
 Pastoral Care-Kay Wilson
 Small Group Dinners-Anne Kerr
 Trinity Times-Ruthie Windsor-Mann
 Ushers-Preston Angell
 Vacation Bible School-Juliet DelGrosso
 Web Page-Lorraine Channing
 Wednesday Bible Study-Miller Hunter
 Women's Fellowship-Susan Laing
 Young Families Dinner-Amo Merritt
 Youth Sunday School-Mike DelGrosso



Attend Church and Live Longer!

The Journal of the American Medical Association, JAMA published May 16, 2016 a study by Harvard School of Public Health of 74,534 women over a 16 year period who had answered questionnaires every four years. Statistics: 14,158 attended church more than once a week, 30,401 once a week, 12,103 less than once a week, and 17,872 never attended. Those who attended more than once a week had a 33% lower risk of dying, versus those who never attended. Once a week attendees didn't do as well at 26%. Those who attended occasionally only 13%.

Now is this the hand of Big Daddy? Or, as the researchers suggest is it the congregational imperative, that those who attend have a cohort that watches, warns, and aids to maintain health and happiness. Think of it this way. Regular attendance is healthful and a hell of a lot cheaper than a psychiatrist, physician, or the undertaker.

See you in Church: Andy & Barb McIntyre

Meditation Corner

Attentive Listening

When we enter into solitude we will often hear these two voices-the voices of the world and the voice of the Lord-pulling us in two contrary directions. But if we keep returning faithfully to the place of solitude, the voice of the Lord will gradually become stronger and we will come to know and understand with mind and heart the peace we are searching for.

What do we do in our solitude? The first answer is nothing. Just be present to the One who wants your attention and listen! It is precisely in this “useless” presence to God that we can gradually die to our illusions of power and control and give ear to the voice of love hidden in the center of our being. But “doing nothing, being useless,” is not as passive as it sounds. In fact it requires effort and great attentiveness. It calls us to an active listening in which we make ourselves available to God’s healing presence and can be made new.

Henri J. M. Nouwen, from *The Road to Peace*



Senior Warden Report

by Noel Laing

Senior Warden Report

August 14, 2016

- ~ Worked with Rector and Jr. Warden on vestry retreat agenda.
- ~ Had dumpster removed for Rev. Bill Queens last Sunday and Rev. Miller Hunter's first Sunday.
- ~ We will continue to have a weekly Warden's meeting on Tuesdays at 8:00 am.
- ~ we ask all members of the vestry reporting at our monthly meetings to bring a written report with them for the Register to include in the minutes.



Noel, our Senior Warden, making sure the sound system is working for our new rector

Women's Fellowship

We will resume our meetings on Saturday, September 10, at 8:00 in the Chapman Room. If you have not participated in the past, please join us. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:00 for breakfast, fellowship, and discussion of a preselected book. We are currently reading Nadia Bolz-Weber's Accidental Saints. For more information contact Susan Laing at susanlaing@aol.com or call 937-5957.

Parish Hall Renovation 8/12/16

Bids;					
	Jolly Construction		\$333,588		
	Goshorn Inc.		52,585		
	Changes		27799		
	Other		10,000		
	Total		\$423,969		
	New changes		\$5,672		
	Total		\$429,641		*\$425,000
	Metal roof		\$18,799		
	Total		\$448,440		



Please note that the Parish Hall is closed for renovations. Most regular occurring events now meet over at Trinity House in the Chapman Room. Also, coffee hours will take place there as well. We apologize for the inconvenience and hope that you will continue to join us in this new location.

Special September Happenings:

Mon, Sept 5 Church Office Closed for Labor Day holiday

Sun, Sept 11 Fall schedule begins: 8, 9:15, 11:00 worship services
10am Sunday School starts for children and teens, Trinity House

Sat, Sept 17 9am-2pm New Cub Scout Leader Training, Chapman Room

Tues, Sept 20 6:30pm Cub Scout Leaders Meeting, Chapman Room

Ongoing Weekly Activities:

Aerobics, Yoga, and Girl Scouts will be meeting in other locations during the renovation. Please contact those groups for updates. AA will still meet Thursdays at 8:30pm, but at Washington Baptist Church.

Sundays 9:00am Choir Practice, Parlor, All are Welcome!

Mondays 6:30pm Bible Study, Chapman Room

Tuesdays 8:00am Wardens Meeting, Chapman Room

Wednesdays 9:30am Holy Eucharist & Bible Study, Parlor
10:30am Bulletin Folding, Chapman Room

Thursdays 8:30pm AA, Washington Baptist

Fridays 9:30am Education for Ministry (EfM), Chapman Room



Ongoing Monthly Activities:

Sept 26 - Every 4th Mon.	8:00am Men's Book Club, Chapman Room
Sept 6 - Every 1st Tues.	6:30pm Benedictine Way, Chapman Room
Sept 13 - Every 2nd Tues.	3:00pm Pastoral Care Meeting, Chapman Room 5:30pm Education for Ministry II (EFM), Chapman Room
Sept 14 - Every 2nd Wed.	12:00pm Benevolent Fund Meeting, Washington Baptist 6:00pm Girl Scout Leaders Meeting, Chapman Room
Sept 21 - Every 3rd Wed.	Noon Healing Service, Sanctuary
Sept 3 & 17 - Every 1st & 3rd Sat.	7:30am Brotherhood of St. Andrew Meeting, Chapman Rm
Sept 10 & 24 - Every 2nd & 4th Sat.	8:00am Women's Fellowship, Chapman Room
Sept 11 - Every 2nd Sunday	12:30 Vestry Meeting, Chapman Room
Sept 18 - Every 3rd Sunday	12:30pm Worship Committee Meeting, Chapman Room 5:00pm Young Families Dinner & Discussion, Chapman Room
*Sept 10 – Monthly on the 20th	Trinity Times articles due by midnight (due early this month, Editor traveling)



Outreach Update

By Russ Collins

Trade School Graduates to Establish Pig Farm!

Our Region XIII Haitian Trade School graduated 7 students last month. They hope to use the skills and confidence they gained in school to join together to start a new business.

As an exciting outgrowth of our economic development partnership with Voices and Actions (VA), they have proposed to help the new graduates establish a Pig Farm, a "Piggery". It will be self-sustainable, available for future graduates, and a source of pig meat for the lunch program at St. Marc School.



Trinity's micro-loan and goat partnerships with VA have been highly successful. For this new venture, one of the new graduates will provide the land and all the graduates will invest their loans (from VA) in the Piggery. VA is seeking a grant of \$3,200 from Trinity to provide the loans needed for construction of a shed,

purchase of 7 pigs, and care for the pigs for the first 7 months. As the pigs grow and are sold, the loans will be repaid and provide capital to VA for new projects.

If you are able to contribute to the "Piggery" program, please contact Russ Collins, russcoll@comcast.net. Contributions can be made to Trinity Outreach.

NEXT VISIT TO HAITI is planned for early November or December. Please let Russ know if you are interested in traveling with him.



Trinity Parishioners Over the Summer







Save the Date

The Episcopal Churchwomen of Washington, Virginia

Floral Art & House Tour

Saturday, October 15

11:00 AM-5:00 PM

Sunday, October 16

Noon to 4:00 PM*

***Please note our new hours**

TEA

Will be served Sunday, October 16, 4:00-5:00 PM

Preceding

EVENSONG

Sunday, October 16 @ 5:00 PM

Featuring renowned organist Ronald Stolk

and a small professional choir

Details in the October Trinity Times





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Hours of Worship

Sundays

8:00 AM-Rite I

9:15 AM-Family/Contemporary

11:00 AM-Rite II