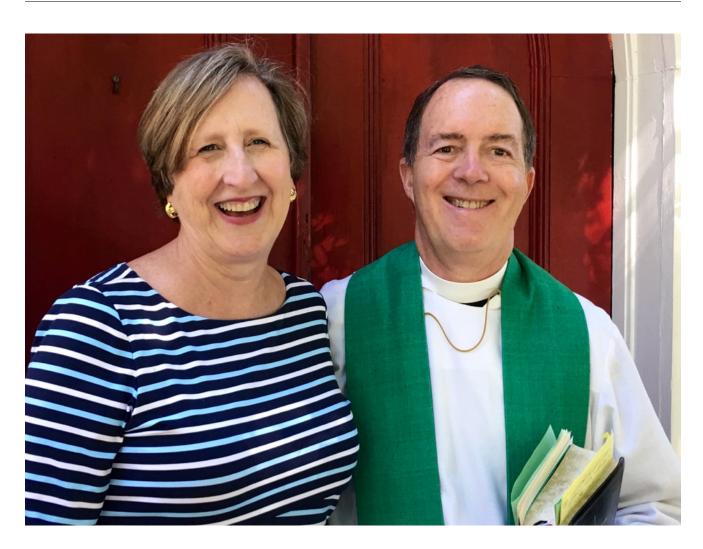








# TRINITY TIMES



**Trinity Welcomes Carol & Miller Hunter** 

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## 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 Hondurus.

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-Loraine 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-Loraine 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-Loraine 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.

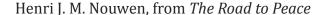
See you in Church: Andy & Barb McIntyre

#### **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.



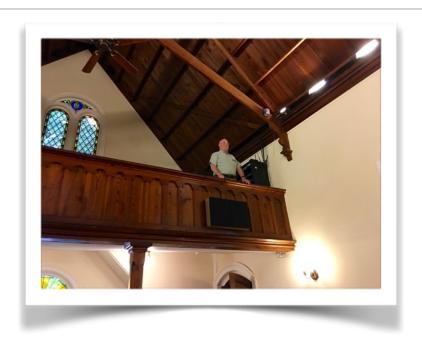


#### Senior Warden Report

by Noel Laing

Senior Warden Report August 14, 2016

- ~ Worked with Rector and Jr. Warden on vestry retreat agenda.
- $\sim$  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.
- $\sim$  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 <u>Accidental Saints</u>. For more information contact Susan Laing at <u>susanlaing@aol.com</u> or call 937-5957.



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		Total	\$429,641	*\$425,000
	Metal ro	of	\$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