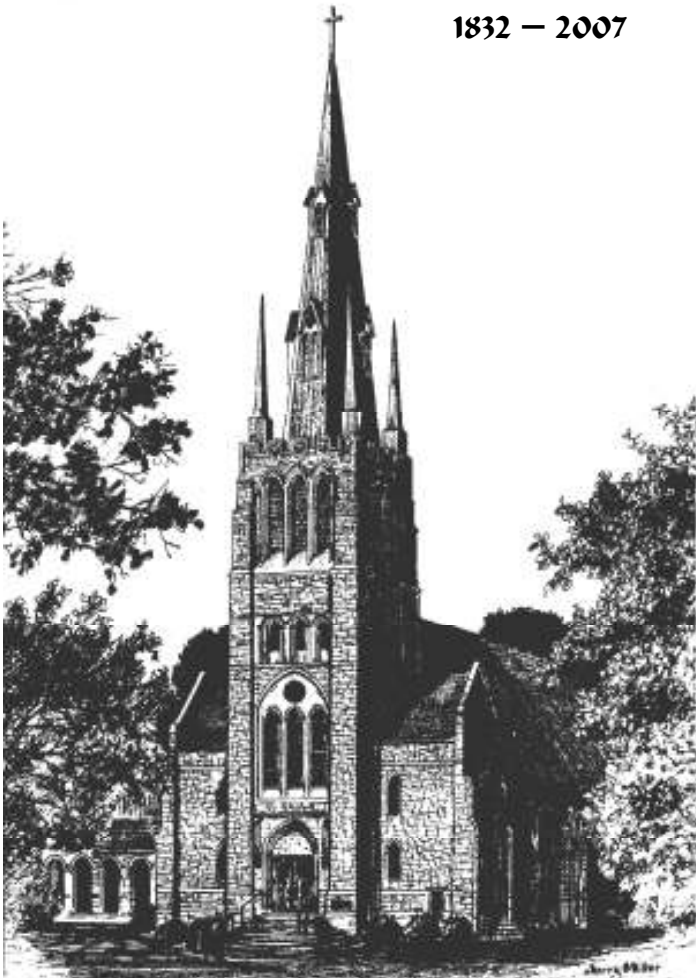


Trinity *celebrating*  
United *Heritage,*  
Methodist *Faith,*  
Church *Promise*

175 YEARS

1832 — 2007



*Trinity United Methodist Church  
Durham, N. C. 1884*

1966 through 2007

## ***SPECIAL EVENTS***

Sunday, October 28 — Homecoming, Rev. F. Belton Joyner

Sunday, November 4 — All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 16 — Community Service Sunday

Wednesday, November 21 — Thanksgiving Eve Service

Sunday, December 23 — Christmas Music

Monday, December 24 — Christmas Eve Service

## **Serving Christ from Downtown Durham**

The church year of 1968-1969 witnessed a most significant change in the meaning and mission of American Methodism. The General Conference of 1968 formed the United Methodist Church by merging The Methodist Church and the Church of the Evangelical United Brethren. This new body comprised approximately eleven million members.

As Trinity came into the 1960s, the challenges of Christian ministry continued within the congregation, in the surrounding community, and in the world at large. From the late 1960s until the present (as in the past), Trinity's congregation has poured its generous spirit into all three categories.

In 1965-66 the Mattie Toms Buchanan Memorial Garden was designed and planted with private donations. On Sunday, September 11, 2005, Trinity's congregation and staff celebrated the completion of enhancements to the Mattie Toms Buchanan Garden made possible by the love and generosity of Mrs. Buchanan's daughter, the late Martha Buchanan Wadsworth. The Knox Street parsonage was purchased in 1967-68. In 1967, the C. Knox Massey family established the Louise S. Massey Fund, and in 1968 a gift from the Ralph Rogers family provided the antiphonal organ in the sanctuary. In 1969 the Carr Fellowship Hall was renovated, and the Bickett Idol family donated the memorial Chapel.

Mrs. Katherine Andrews served as recording secretary for the Administrative Council for 30 years, 1968-1998. During the 1970s, the church parlor was renovated by gifts from the Chambers and Teer families, and Mrs. Benson McCutcheon, Sr., established a Pastor's Study fund.

In 1982, Trinity celebrated its sesquicentennial anniversary. During the 1980s, Trinity received an anonymous gift of three octaves of bells, followed later by gifts in honor of Rufus Powell and John Rudin. Over the years the Bell Choir has been enhanced by gifts of instruments, equipment, music, and transportation. The estate of Mrs. Henrietta Shaw Glenn provided funds to finance a steeple for the church tower. The steeple, designed by Felix Markham IV, was dedicated in December 1984 — and delivered and erected on March 8, 1985! Once again Trinity Church had a steeple that towered over Durham and a tower bell from France to ring out the presence of the church in the city. An elevator was installed in the late 1980s as a gift from Marguerite C. Pate; Dennis Nicholson designed and supervised the project.

Planning for the Columbarium began in 1998. In the 1990s the church parking facility was enlarged and landscaped principally from a gift from the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Barnes. The family of Aubigne "Babs" Lermond Gergen Hickson presented a grand piano for the sanctuary.

In 1971 the North Carolina Conference voted Trinity the Urban Church of the Year. In 2003 with the leadership of Duke Divinity School student, Anne Elmore, Trinity Church began a free community breakfast ministry dubbed “Pancakes for the People,” which continues in every month with five Sundays. Trinity’s Reconciliation and Reentry Ministry

Trinity has provided support in the form of office and meeting space, monetary contributions, and donations of all kinds including hours of service to various programs in Durham including Habitat for Humanity, Narcotics Anonymous, and CHANGE. In 2001 the Methodist Mission Society’s pantry and clothing closet merged with the Durham Community Shelter for Hope, St. Philips Community Kitchen, and the Urban Ministries Center to form Urban Ministries of Durham. Trinity continues to stock the pantry with monthly contributions and by periodic deliveries of the Red Truck! Special teams prepare and serve regular dinners at the Community Kitchen.

Trinity supports Interfaith Hospitality Network and Genesis Home as well as other programs initiated by Durham Congregations In Action (DCIA), an interfaith, inter-racial organization of 58 congregations, which was founded in 1972. Members of Trinity have participated in Durham’s CROP Walk for many years, and Trinity will be represented in the 34th annual CROP Walk in 2008!

From Sunday August 24, 2003 till Sunday November 21, 2004, Trinity shared its sanctuary with the congregation of First Presbyterian Church while their church underwent extensive renovations.

Trinity UMC and its members have a valued history of participation in the world at large. Trinity mission teams have served in eastern NC following Hurricane Floyd and in Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina. Trinity youth have participated in mission projects in Atlanta, GA, in the Appalachia Service Project in West Virginia, and Mountain T.O.P. Mission in the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee.

In 1980 Trinity sponsored a family of Chinese refugees headed by Mr. Hyen Bang and including his wife, six children, and a nephew. No member of the family spoke English, but Trinity’s organist at the time, Dr. Lillian Cho, spoke the same Chinese dialect as the family. In 2002 Trinity sponsored four Montagnard refugees (all had wives and children in Vietnam). In both circumstances, members of the congregation helped the refugees become self-sufficient in a new country with a new language and culture — no small undertaking!

Trinity provides support for Herbert and Mary Zigbuo, missionaries to Liberia. Current Lay Leader, Ron Schooler, has served as a missionary throughout the world: in India, Italy, and Algeria. Bill and Beulah Jones are retired missionaries to India at Woodstock School. In recent years Trinity has sent several work teams to Peru, Jamaica, and Costa Rica. Mac and Erika Richey led many student groups on mission studies in Mexico. This summer, student intern Heather Bishop went on a medical mission trip to Brazil with a group from Church Street United Methodist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee.

## Significant People and Events

- 1968** - Martin Luther King, Jr., assassinated.  
**1968** - Presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy assassinated.  
**1968** - Civil Rights Act of 1968.  
**1969** - American astronaut Neil Armstrong is the first human to walk on the Moon.  
**1970** - Environmental Protection Agency created.  
**1973** - The United States and Vietnam sign a peace treaty, ending the Vietnam War. Skylab, USA's first space station launched.  
**1974** - Richard Nixon resigns Presidency over Watergate. Durham's first Street Arts Festival, which became CenterFest. Historic Preservation Society of Durham (now Preservation Durham) held its first official meeting.  
**1975** - Durham's St. Joseph's Historical Foundation at the Hayti Heritage Center was incorporated. The Durham Hotel was imploded.  
**1976** - The Bicentennial Festival of North Carolina Folklife held on the Fourth of July weekend at West Point on the Eno drew 100,000 people and was the biggest bi-centennial event in North Carolina.  
**1977** - Durham County General Hospital opened.  
**1979** - Iranians seize the American Embassy in Tehran, Iran taking 52 people hostage.  
**1981** - The hostages from the American Embassy are freed.  
**1982** - Trinity celebrated its 150th anniversary.  
**1986** - Space Shuttle *Challenger* accident  
**1987** - The American Tobacco complex closed and moved its operations to Reidsville.  
**1988** - Trinity's Associate Pastor Shelley Fogleman and her three children died after their van was struck by a truck driven by a drunk driver on a highway in Georgia. *Discovery* was launched as first post-*Challenger* space shuttle flight  
**1989** - Hurricane Hugo strikes North Carolina, reaching as far inland as Charlotte, and doing major damage.  
**1990** - Hubble Space Telescope placed in orbit. Iraq invades Kuwait leading to 1991 Gulf War.  
**1992** - The United States and Russia sign a treaty officially ending the Cold War.  
**1993** - The NC Smart Start program to improve school readiness begins. The program is looked upon as a national model.  
**1994** - A new downtown baseball stadium was constructed for the Durham Bulls. The Raleigh-Durham area of North Carolina is ranked as the best place to live in the United States.  
**1995** - 168 killed in Oklahoma City bombing.  
**1996** - Hurricane Fran strikes North Carolina.  
**1999** - Hurricane Floyd slams into North Carolina. Columbine High School shooting in Littleton, Colorado.  
**2000** - Liggett and Myers moved to Mebane. USS *Cole* bombing in Yemen  
**2001** - On September 11, terrorists attack the World Trade Center and The Pentagon. Invasion of Afghanistan Operation "Enduring Freedom."  
**2002** - Trinity celebrated its 170th Anniversary.  
**2003** - Trinity's Columbarium was dedicated. Space Shuttle *Columbia* disaster. Invasion of Iraq Operation "Iraqi Freedom."  
**2004** - Trinity sold its 63 year old parsonage and purchased a newer home in time for the newly appointed pastor.  
**2005** - The Atlantic hurricane season takes its toll in the Southeast, most notably, Hurricane Katrina became the costliest hurricane of all time. Pope John Paul II Dies. Benedict XVI becomes the next pope.  
**2006** - Carolina Hurricanes win the Stanley Cup.  
**2007** - North Carolina Prosecutor Dismisses Assault Case Against Duke Students.

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