

# What's Happening at Trinity

February 1 **PostScripts** Deadline — March Issue  
 February 1-5 Weekday School Registration  
 February 1 Sew 'N Sews Mondays (weekly)  
 February 1 Weekday School Creative Movement  
 February 1 Worship Committee  
 February 2 Sew 'N Sews Tuesdays (weekly)  
 February 2 Weekday School Creative Movement  
 February 2 Staff Meeting (weekly)  
 February 2 Teen Cotillion (weekly)  
 February 2 Al-Anon (weekly)  
 February 3 Wednesday Morning Devotions (weekly)  
 February 3 Weekday School Circus  
 February 3 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (weekly)  
 February 3 Wednesday Class (weekly)  
 February 3 Wednesday Evenings at Trinity (weekly)  
 Prayer Service, Supper, Bible Study  
 February 3 Adult Choir (weekly)  
 February 4 Thursday Class (weekly)  
 February 4 Shepherd's Center  
 February 4 Bridge (weekly)  
 February 4 Weight Watchers (weekly)  
 February 5 Co-Dependents Anonymous (weekly)  
 February 6-14 Loaves and Fishes Scouting for Food  
 February 7 Girl Scout Troop  
 February 7 Children's Choir (weekly)  
 February 7 Youth Group (weekly)  
 February 8 Men's Breakfast  
 February 8 Weekday School Music Classes  
 February 8 Study Group I  
 February 8 Endowment Committee  
 February 8 Weekday School Committee  
 February 9 Weekday School Music Classes  
 February 9 Weekday School PoppySeed Theatre  
 February 9 Trinity Book Club  
 February 10 Weekday School Play Spanish Classes  
 February 10 Room in the Inn  
 February 10 Buildings and Grounds Committee  
 February 10 Christian Education Committee  
 February 11 Girl Scouts  
 February 13 Presbytery Meeting—Steele Creek Church  
 February 14 Transfiguration of the Lord  
 February 14 RAIN Team  
 February 15 Weekday School Closed  
 February 16 Weekday School My Gym Classes  
 February 16 Investment Club  
 February 17 Ash Wednesday  
 February 17 Weekday School Parent Support Team  
 February 17 Weekday School My Gym Classes  
 February 17 Room in the Inn  
 February 17 American Needlepoint Guild  
 February 18 Weekday School Parent Support Team  
 February 18 Weekday School Chapel  
 February 18 Stewardship and Finance Committee  
 February 19 Weekday School Chapel  
 February 20 American Assoc. of University Women  
 February 21 First Sunday in Lent, Communion Service  
 February 21 Commissioning of Adult Mission Trip

February 21 Girl Scout Troop  
 February 21 Stated Session  
 February 22 Weekday School Librarian  
 February 22 Weekday School Staff Meeting  
 February 23 Weekday School Librarian  
 February 23 Weekday School PoppySeed Theatre  
 February 24 Weekday School Play Spanish Classes  
 February 24 Room in the Inn  
 February 24 Embroiderers' Guild  
 February 25 Adult Mission Trip Team Departs  
 February 25 Girl Scouts  
 February 27 Teen Cotillion Dance  
 February 28 Adult Mission Trip Team Returns  
 February 28 Second Sunday in Lent

## Births

Greyson Thomas Hale September 1  
 Son of Todd and Dawn Hale  
 Grandson of Ted and Carole Hale  
 Nephew of Greg and Melissa Schaub

George Ellis Summers, III December 8  
 Son of George and Elizabeth Summers  
 Grandson of Bruce and Carolyn Voorheis

## Baptisms

Eliza Katherine Sistrunk December 27  
 Daughter of George and Tricia Sistrunk  
 Sister of Garrett and Luke Sistrunk

## New Member

Becky H. Hendrix January 10  
 133 Westlake Farms Drive  
 Blythewood, SC 29016-8546  
 803-873-1143

## Church Triumphant

George Arthur Stegner November 29  
 Husband of Jackie Stegner

Addie Williamson Mann December 7  
 Wife of Harry Mann

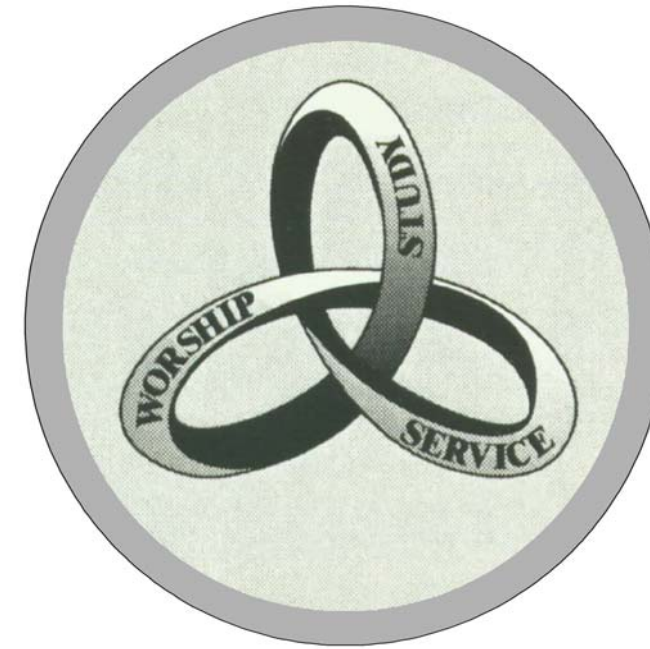
John Grabowski December 18  
 Brother-in-law of Bob Harding

Otis Lee Hurt December 24  
 Father of Lynn Davis  
 Grandfather of Leah, Eve and Vic Davis

Phyllis Hodgson Ognovich January 2  
 Mother of Richard Ognovich

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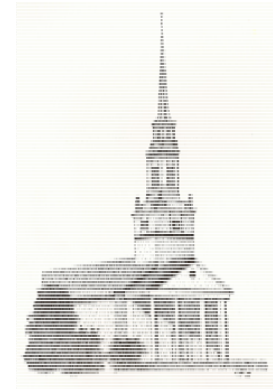
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### Worship at Trinity

**Sundays: 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School**  
**11:00 a.m. - Worship Service**  
**Wednesdays: 7:45 a.m. - Devotions**



### THE STAFF OF TRINITY

The Reverend Dr. Adelia Kelso, Senior Pastor  
 The Reverend Baron A. Mullis, Associate Pastor  
 The Reverend DC Horne, Minister of Congregational Life  
 Jane Bostian Arant, Minister of Music  
 The Reverend Dr. Douglas Oldenburg, Consulting Theologian  
 Becky Purnell, Office Manager  
 Cheryl Jernigan, Financial Secretary  
 Dave Arrowsmith, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds  
 Juanita Gooding, Housekeeper  
 Nancy Pate, Weekday School Director  
 Anne Daniels, Weekday School Administrative Assistant

### TRINITY SESSION

The Reverend Dr. Adelia Kelso, Moderator  
 The Reverend Baron A. Mullis, Associate Pastor  
 President of the Corporation, Lynette Neel  
 Julia VanHuss, Clerk

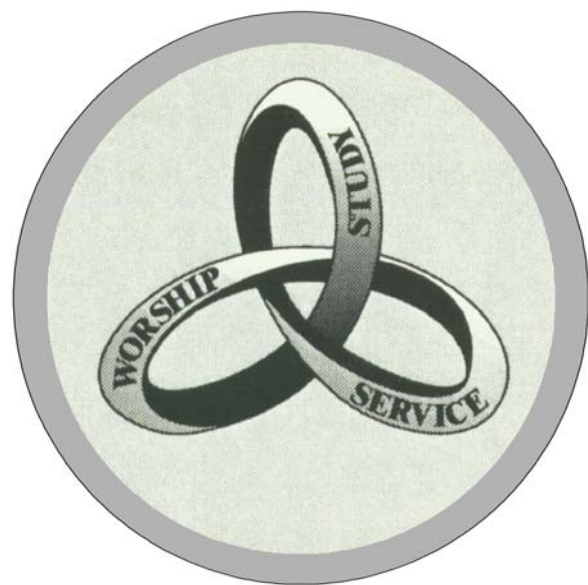
Class of 2010	Class of 2011	Class of 2012
Doug Bradley	Brian Field	Phil Blount
Mildred Davenport	Suzanne Hair	Doug Etheridge
Noël Humphreys	Melanie Hood	May Johnston
Katherine Lambert	Rick Hutchins	Ammie Jordan
Lynette Neel	Earl Porter	Marsha Nardone
Reta R. Phifer	Peggy Savas	Jeff O'Keefe
Susanne Reid	Matt Smith	Dick Opdyke
Ron Twitty	Gary Sugg	Cookie Parnell

### SESSION ADMINISTRATIVE ROSTER FOR 2010

<b>CLERK</b>	Lynette Neel
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>CHAIR</b>
Buildings and Grounds	Doug Bradley
Christian Education	Reta Phifer
Congregational Care	Peggy Savas
Congregational Life	Earl Porter
Events	Suzanne Hair
Membership	Doug Etheridge
Mission and Outreach	Gary Sugg
Personnel	Brian Field
Stewardship and Finance	Matt Smith
Weekday School	Melanie Hood
Worship	Ron Twitty
Youth	Katherine Lambert

**Publication Deadlines**  
**Sunday Bulletin/Church Notes: Wednesdays at Noon**  
**Newsletter - PostScripts and Website - 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month**

**Office Hours**  
**Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**  
**Friday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**



# PastScripts

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## Beneath the Spire...

For many years now I have listened to suggested ways of marking the season of Lent. Our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters often deny themselves something --- some important aspect of their lives --- in order to remind themselves of Jesus' own self-denial. While that has never been part of the Presbyterian understanding of Lent, it has historical precedence.

I came across something recently, however, that I found useful. In the book, *Season of Ash and Fire*, Blair Gilmer Meeks makes an interesting observation:

“Beginning with Ash Wednesday we reflect on our fallibility and mortality, our need for forgiveness and the power of resurrection. But Lent is not centered on personal penitence and confrontation with the reality of death alone. Lent is especially significant for the community of faith that arises from Jesus' act of love and in his death and resurrection. Through this act Jesus brings new life to us as individuals but also as Christ's body. Lenten worship is therefore a source of hope for our gathered reality as the church, as well as a time of earnest reflection for each of us.”

The earliest Lenten traditions we know of speak of a time of fasting and preparation that lasted only a few days, but by the fourth century, Easter had become the principle celebration for baptisms, and the converts who were to be baptized needed more than a few days for instruction and preparation. The idea that Lent should be forty days probably comes from the numerous biblical references to forty days and forty year periods of time.

A common practice for Lent is the giving up of items in our lives that are pleasurable or to emphasize the idea of suffering, but Lent can also offer opportunities for Christians to reflect on the way Jesus expects his disciples to live. Lent offers an opportunity to practice our faith in very concrete ways as we increase our personal devotional time, engage more frequently in corporate worship and involve ourselves in mission projects. Lent is a time to change the way we live by taking on the practices of faith and becoming more and more the disciples we are meant to be.

Please pray and reflect on these thoughts as you journey through Lent this year.

Love,  
Dedie

## Trinity Presbyterian Church 2009 Benevolence Offerings

Trinity's Giving Committee reviewed and evaluated grant applications from over thirty organizations supporting a wide variety of needs in local and global communities. This year, because of limited resources, we supported organizations connected to shelter and food, distributing \$34,800.00 among the organizations listed below.

### A Child's Place

Mission is to help ensure that a family's homelessness is brief and that its effects on children are minimized.

### Charlotte Emergency Housing

Helps homeless families in Charlotte move from homelessness back into their own home.

### Charlotte Rescue Mission

Helps treat the root causes of homelessness, one of which is addiction to drugs and alcohol.

### Crisis Assistance Ministry

Serves families whose basic needs (housing, utilities, clothing and furniture) are in jeopardy as a result of crisis.

### Emergency Winter Shelter

A community collaboration committed to providing safe, warm overnight shelter during the coldest nights of the year to homeless men who would otherwise be out in the cold.

### Family Promise

Works to stabilize families financially while providing wraparound services to assist the family in achieving self sufficiency.

### Friendship Trays

Delivers daily balanced meals to individuals who are unable, because of age or infirmity, to obtain or prepare their own meals.

### Habitat for Humanity/Charlotte

Helps build affordable homes in hopes of breaking the cycle of poverty.

### Loaves and Fishes

Provides a week's supply of nutritious groceries to families and individuals in crisis.

### Matthew 28

Operates an orphanage in the central plateau of Haiti and also operates ten feeding centers within a five mile radius of the orphanage.

### Refugee Resettlement Office

Supports individuals and families fleeing refugee camps and other life threatening situations in foreign countries, providing food, shelter and job placement services as they establish a new life in the Charlotte area.

### The Salvation Army of Greater Charlotte

Operates Center of Hope, an emergency homeless shelter program which provides homeless mothers with a second chance to create a stable home for their children and to become self reliant again.

### Sharon Towers

Provides secure retirement living in an atmosphere of Christian love.

### Stop Hunger Now

Provides much needed meals to the world's hungry, and is a fun, hands-on volunteer opportunity for caring people of all ages.

### Uptown Shelter

Cares for people who are homeless and provides them opportunities to rebuild their lives.

### Urban Ministry

The Room in the Inn program was created by the Urban Ministry Center as well as St. Peter's Soup Kitchen.

### WISH Program

A collaborative program which offers a permanent supportive housing solution for working homeless families with children in Mecklenburg County.

### YWCA

Strives to empower women, strengthen children and families, especially those at-risk.

# Room in the Inn

The winter months are some of the hardest for Charlotte's homeless population. Trinity has once again opened its doors, through the Room in the Inn program, to aid in providing shelter to those most vulnerable in our midst. We need your help to make this season a success!! You can help in any of the following areas: overnight host, transportation volunteer, contribute to a nutritious lunch or breakfast, take linens to the laundry following an overnight stay and/or make a contribution to the financial support of the ministry.

## Our remaining nights to host are:

February 10, 17 and 24

March 10, 17 and 24

Please consider your interests and contact our site coordinators or team leaders:

### Site Coordinators:

**Debbie McLaney** (December and February): 704-442-9633 or [dhmclaney@aol.com](mailto:dhmclaney@aol.com)

**Tricia Sistrunk** (January and March): 704-540-1572 or [sistrunkt@aol.com](mailto:sistrunkt@aol.com)

### Team Leaders:

**Richard Williams**: 704-542-6150 or [rwilliams@medalistcapital.com](mailto:rwilliams@medalistcapital.com) – transportation

**Betty Lynn Lambert**: 704-542-0633 or [bettylynn1973@bellsouth.net](mailto:bettylynn1973@bellsouth.net) – overnight hosts

**Happy Davis**: 704-364-7526 or [davis\\_happy@bellsouth.net](mailto:davis_happy@bellsouth.net) – laundry

**Susanne Reid**: 704-844-2885 or [susanne.reid@providenceday.org](mailto:susanne.reid@providenceday.org) – lunches

**Nancy Williams**: 704-542-6150 or [nancywilliams@carolina.rr.com](mailto:nancywilliams@carolina.rr.com) – breakfasts

**Julia VanHuss**: 704-366-2504 or [juliavanhuss@mac.com](mailto:juliavanhuss@mac.com) – breakfasts

Look for the display boards in the Cloister and Narthex for additional information throughout the Room in the Inn season!



The 5 cents a meal program has operated across our nation since 1982, formerly it was 2 cents a meal. Each of us is asked to put 5 cents a meal into a container, remembering others who may not have had a meal that day. All of the money collected must go for food. A collection box with envelopes may be found in the Cloister. There are also collection containers on the tables at the Wednesday Night Suppers. Our collections make a big difference in the lives of at-risk people in this Presbytery.

We would like to thank all the people who make it possible for us to continue to attend Trinity Presbyterian Church — Wednesday Night Suppers, the Wednesday morning class and worship service each Sunday.

Dick and Ruth Gault

**LOAVES & FISHES**  
Groceries for Neighbors in Need

Trinity Presbyterian will be a drop-off location for Scouting for Food and the Loaves & Fishes Food Drive, February 6-14. Please bring donations of canned foods to the tractor trailer truck in our parking lot beginning February 6.

Priority food needs include: canned fruit, 100% juice, pork and beans, peanut butter, canned meat and soups. Please remember - **no glass items**.

Loaves & Fishes provides a week's supply of nutritious groceries at no cost to individuals and families. Through a network of 17 pantries, Loaves & Fishes fed 102,000 people in Mecklenburg County in 2009. Your donations will help our neighbors get through these tough economic times without seeing their families go hungry.

**GROCERIES FOR NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

# Gilchrist Lecture

“Who Is God? . . . Really”

March 7, 2010

Dr. Joseph D. Small



*The Gilchrist Lecture series begins on Sunday morning at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Dr. Small will lead worship and preach. That evening he will lecture in the Church Parlor at 7:00 p.m.*

Joseph D. Small serves as Director of Theology, Worship and Education Ministries, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). In this capacity, he directs the work of the offices of Theology and Worship, Theological Education and Christian Formation, as well as Congregational Ministries Publishing.

Dr. Small holds degrees from Brown University, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary and Louisville Theological Seminary. He has served on the staff of Pittsburgh Seminary and as pastor of churches in Towson, Maryland; Westerville, Ohio and Rochester, New York.

Dr. Small is the author of *Conversations With the Confessions* (2005), *Preservation of the Truth* (2005), *Fire and Wind: The Holy Spirit in the Church Today* (2002), *Committed Conversation* (2000) and *God and Ourselves: A Brief Exercise in Reformed Theology* (1996). He has written numerous journal articles, study series and theological papers. He is a core member of “Re-Forming Ministry,” co-chair of the international Reformed-Pentecostal Dialogue, member of the Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches and a frequent participant in international ecumenical consultations sponsored by the World Council of Churches, the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the Centre International Reformé.

Dr. Small is married to Valerie Small, a Presbyterian elder who serves as an Assistant Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. She manages the General Assembly nomination process. Joe and Valerie have traveled extensively and both enjoy golf, music and reading. They are the parents of four children – Kalen, Doug, Jennifer and Carly.

Mark your calendars for **March 7, 2010** and plan to attend!



**REGISTRATION FOR 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR**

With the holidays not far behind us, it is hard to believe it is time to start thinking about registering for the 2010/2011 school year! Indeed it is time and registration information can now be found in the Weekday School office as well as the church office. Families with a child currently enrolled should have received a registration packet in their child's classroom folder in January. All families of current and prospective students need to register each child for each year. As in past years, priority will be given to church members.


The registration fee will remain the same this year (\$90 for church members and \$100 for non-church members with a maximum of \$200 per family). We are delighted to send out additional information or set up a tour of the school for those who are interested. Tours are currently scheduled for January 29 and February 2 at 10:00 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. If you are not able to attend at one of these times, please call Nancy or Anne at the number below to arrange a tour for another date and time.

We are excited to have several new class offerings, including a Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday three year old class and a Monday through Friday three year old class. The class offerings for the 2010/2011 school year and the tuition rates for each class can be found below:


	M,W,F	T,TH	T,W,TH	M-TH	M-F
Toddlers	\$252	\$220			
Two Year Olds	\$250	\$218			
Three Year Olds	\$247		\$247	\$277	\$309
Four Year Olds				\$275	\$307
TK					\$327

Please call 704-366-3556 if you are interested in learning more about the Weekday School and the registration process. You may also email Nancy Pate at [npate@trinitypreschurch.org](mailto:npate@trinitypreschurch.org) or Anne Daniels at [adaniels@trinitypreschurch.org](mailto:adaniels@trinitypreschurch.org). We are excited to be planning for a new school year and would love to have you and your child join our Weekday School family!

## TRINITY BOOK CLUB



Trinity Book Club will meet on Tuesday, **February 9, 2010**, 7:00 p.m., at Hotel Charlotte to discuss *Silence* by Shusaku Endo. This is the story of a fictional Jesuit missionary sent to seventeenth century Japan, who endured persecution in the time of Kakure Kirishitan ("Hidden Christians") that followed the defeat of the Shimabara Rebellion. Please RSVP to Lynette Neel ([neeldurham@mindspring.com](mailto:neeldurham@mindspring.com) or 704-554-1575).



### "SMILEY FACES NEEDED"

The New Member Committee is looking for singles, couples and families to serve as GREETERS for the coming year. The assignment simply requires that you be at the church front door by 10:40 a.m. and give a warm welcome to our worshippers as they arrive.

You will not need to miss your Sunday School class. Just be at the front door by 10:40 a.m. You will be seated for church in your regular place as soon as the worship begins.

Call Phil Tappy, 704-556-1268, and tell him that you are willing to be a "Smiley Face"! Thanks.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE		
As of December 31, 2009:		
	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Receipts:	\$ 735,711	\$ 803,078
Expenses:	\$ 935,447	\$ 1,033,299
Deficit:	\$(199,736)	\$ (230,221)
2010 Response results as of January 15		
Number of Pledges Received	208	
Pledge Dollars Received	\$609,411	

## Minute for Mission – Nations Ford Elementary School

We have been members of this unique church for over 30 years and during those years I have been fortunate to witness a large population of mice here. By that I mean the individuals who quietly, in the shadows sometimes, go about doing God's work in this church and community. We will call them "church mice," or maybe, as our favorite Fred Buechner would label them, "God's peculiar treasure." If you look hard you might catch them:

1. Sewing in an upstairs room making clothing for people who are too large to shop or even find things in their size.
2. Working on a Habitat house. Trinity's Habitat mice have been doing siding since the program began.
3. Providing communion to homebound members.
4. Members taking clothes to Crisis Assistance Ministry, doing a prayer service at Urban Ministry, working in the soup kitchen or in a prison ministry.
5. Youth and adults going on mission trips.
6. Giving blood, providing food for local ministries and packing boxes of food to be sent afar.
7. Students from Philip's Academy pressure washing our patios.
8. Hosting Room in the Inn and providing dinners and breakfasts for our guests.

Many hands accomplish a lot. Our choir practices so that we may enjoy inspiring music, perfectly sung. Many mice work to make our Montreat Retreat a very special part of our congregational life. The mice on our Stated Session work tirelessly to assure that we face our challenges with energy and commitment.

There are so many saints in our midst that speaking about the needs of a new mission is like "Preaching to the Choir" . . . but here goes:

*Nations Ford Elementary School* is like Trinity, in that it is a unique place, brimming with peculiar treasures. You will know these treasures by the smiles, their worn out shoes, tattered uniforms or the dirt behind their ears.

This school is in a high poverty section of town. The population is about 40% Hispanic, 55% African American and 5% other. It is a neighborhood school, so there are only a few Caucasians in the student body. There is a population of homeless students in this school, children who live in cars or who move from relative to relative with no permanent address. These children feel safe at school and love to be there. They are so happy when someone comes to have lunch with them, or when an adult takes an interest and listens to them, making them think they are special.

Your Mission and Outreach Committee needs more mice for this undertaking. So, if you are currently a mouse looking for a new place to spend some rewarding time each week, or even once a month, consider joining those of us who are already benefiting from the joy of being at Nations Ford Elementary School.

Susanne and George Sawyer, Margaret Rowe, Patrice Pickett, John and Judith Parker, Gloria Anderson, Phil Tappy and others can tell you more and can share their experiences with you. This is like finding a big hunk of cheese, even better, it is the smile of a child and the gratitude of a teacher.

Join us,  
Phil Tappy

To Trinity Presbyterian Church Congregation:

We were so blessed this year by your generous gift of 75 Christmas gifts to our children.

Together, we can help change and build successful lives. Your caring partnership ensures important supports like specialized education strategies and a variety of therapies that foster healing and growth for many children and families in dire need.

We are immeasurably blessed by your faith and support in our mission of Hope.

Happy New Year,  
Virginia R. Amendum



The mission of the Upper Room Worship program is to minister to the spiritual needs of the neighbors who are homeless by providing a week day time of worship, an opportunity to listen together to the word of God and pray for one another. Our team from Trinity takes one week each quarter. During that week, two different volunteers go each day and it is a very rewarding experience.

Please contact Liz Deal (704-366-3239) if you want to volunteer.

