

Camp Trinity:

Mary Beth Gay, Camp Trinity Director

Camp Trinity is looking forward to another fabulous summer full of children! We are proud to say that we are currently full in the majority of our camp sessions, many of them with healthy wait-lists! This year, we have continued our increase in requests for scholarship help.

This fund allows us to make Camp Trinity open to all children and allows us to help children in need. We want all children who obtain a place in camp to be able to attend camp, and we want our Christian community available to all our children. This fund is replenished yearly by individuals and churches of the Diocese of East Carolina. This past year, we disbursed over \$40,000 to help pay for more than one fifth of the total attendees of Camp Trinity. This is the most we have ever disbursed! Our requests so far this year have continued to increase, and we are working with many programs across the diocese to help children attend camp. Working with the Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry and St. Peter's, Washington, we help Hispanic children from the eastern and western parts of the diocese. We also have a local program running with Second Blessings that provides financial assistance to local children who have received a spot in camp. We assist in covering the costs of the volunteers for Adventurers camp, our camp for the developmentally challenged. We always try to meet the needs of those who apply directly to us for financial assistance. Help us keep this fund alive and help send a child to Camp Trinity!

Camp Trinity's summer will officially kick off Saturday, June 2 with our Discoverers I session. Be sure to go online and check out our website: www.trinityctr.camp/camp for pictures and fun throughout the summer!

Calling all Summer Sound to Sea Day Camp ALL STARS!

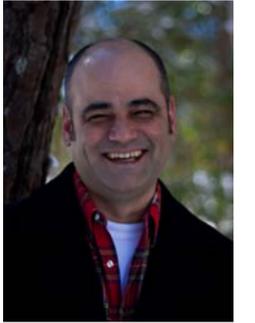
Campers who are graduates of the Sound to Sea day camp are invited back to participate in the Sound to Sea All Stars Program! For years we have been hearing from the campers who have aged out of Trinity Center's Sound to Sea day camp about how much they would love to return to camp. This year we have opened a session just for them. July 2-6 Summer Sound to Sea will run Day Camp for campers who are in rising 7-9th grade. They will enjoy all of the things they remember about Summer Sound to Sea only at a higher level. They will go into the sound and fish for critters and they will also do water quality test and perhaps play a game to learn about commercial fishing methods. They will scoop macro invertebrates and other animals out of the pond and they will also learn about aquaculture and the importance of fresh water through hands on games. They will have an opportunity to dissect a squid, learn about whales from the inside out and of course swim in the ocean. The campers will end the week by sharing with friends and family science fair projects they have created during camp during our open house.



My Thoughts:

Penn Perry, Executive Director

Hi there Friend of Trinity Center. I want to update you about Trinity Center, but first I must admit that something extraordinary has happened in my life since I last wrote. On February 2, at 12:12 AM, my wonderful wife, Heather, gave birth to two beautiful boys, Winborne Stafford Perry (Win) and Ernest Holton Perry (Holt). The boys are six weeks old today and doing fine; we have confirmed that they are indeed identical twins.



I'm not sure how to express what I felt as I first held my boys in my arms. I knew that I could not believe they existed, and I knew that I loved them unconditionally. I knew that I wanted to expose them to all of my loves - comic books, and poetry, and the doohammer, and camp songs, and science fiction, and the frisbee, and the ocean. I knew that I wanted them to become individuals with their own loves and their own favorites. Mostly I knew that I felt truly blessed.

I want these boys to know all the communities of Trinity Center. I want this place to be a home to them as it has always been to me. I want them to understand the accountability to self and community that we have tried to teach children for over twenty-five years on this property. I want them to grow up here and know the peace that can only be found at Trinity Center.

Now more than ever, I am determined to make sure that Trinity Center continues to serve adults and children from all over North Carolina and beyond. I want this place's future to be secure. The Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina is overseeing a capital campaign whose primary goal is to fund an endowment for Trinity Center maintenance and capital needs. The Trinity and Beyond Capital Campaign has now entered its public phase. You will be hearing more about this campaign in the near future.

Oh and by the way, Trinity is doing fine and looking very nice in this early spring weather. Come and visit when you can. Who knows? You might see my wife and me walking our boys around in a double-stroller.

Spread the Word About Trinity Center!

Do you remember how and why you fell in love with Trinity Center? We want to know!

We would love to share your personal story on how and why you fell in love with Trinity Center! Stories submitted will be posted in Soundings and on our new Trinity Center Blog located at <http://trinitycenter.blogspot.com/>. Our blog will also be continuously updated with events held at Trinity Center that are open to the public. Check it out and follow us! All stories may be submitted by emailing them to trinity@trinityctr.com.

Also, be sure to "like" Trinity Center on Facebook and check out our video on Youtube! You can access both of these on our website: www.trinityctr.com by clicking on the Facebook and Youtube buttons on the bottom left corner of our [Conference page](#). We appreciate your continued support!



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Shifting Sands:

Resa Weber, Sound To Sea Instructor

Change in nature is constant. Living on a barrier island made up of sand, we are highly susceptible to changes. Along the beach the sand is always in motion. Wallace Kaufman writes, "Sand settles out in the deep oceans, or blows inland from the beach, or moves laterally in the surf zone." After hurricane Irene Trinity Center and Sound To Sea had to adapt. "Dunes protect barrier islands from wind, waves and storms, much as the barrier islands protect the mainland from these forces." The hurricane quickly displaced these protective dunes off our coast.



To rebuild that sand shield along the beach, the town of Pine Knoll Shores recently funded the placement of soft stabilization measures. Sand fences and new sea oats were planted across the supra tidal zone to begin the collection of fine sand particles over time, thus creating an addition to the foundation of primary dunes. Sound To Sea instructors have the chance to teach students of the importance of dunes and the environmental consequences of stabilization measures. Change in nature is constant. Yet as Kaufman writes, "The Taoists of ancient China are also right: all change is an illusion."

Trinity Center's Vision Statement:

"Trinity Center welcomes all people to the spiritual home of Episcopalians of East Carolina, where we share God's gifts of community and hospitality in a natural coastal environment."

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Trinity Center's Shining Stars:

In December 2010, a new program for the staff of Trinity Center began. Former Trinity Board Member, Annie Jacobs, challenged fellow board members to contribute to a fund to create Shining Stars. This program recognizes staff members throughout the year from each of Trinity Centers seven departments. The Shining Stars are nominated by department heads and chosen by Trinity Center's Executive Director, Penn Perry. Each person who receives this award is honored with a certificate and a small monetary gift. The money is donated by the Board Members; however, anyone wishing to donate to this fund may do so at any time.



This issue's first set of Shining Stars are Suzannah Crandall (Sound to Sea) and Kristie Elliot (Administration). Our second set of Shining Stars are Steve Smith (Maintenance) and Helen Rudder (Food Services). Congratulations and thank you so much for the hard work you do to make Trinity a successful place!



In December 2011, we said farewell to retiring Board Members The Rev. John Frazier, The Rev. Stephen Mazingo, Mrs. Jan Hindsley, and Mr. Carl Ragsdale. In February 2012 we welcomed new Board Members The Rev. Thomas Warren, Ms. Nancy Brake, Ms. Joyce Loughlin, and Mr. Richard Seale. Trinity Center Board Members serve on a three year term and are called to service by the Bishop.



Thank you, Trinity Center Board Members!