

sardis signposts baptist church

a spiritually progressive community of faith

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday @ 9:45 AM
Small Groups

Sunday @ 11:00 AM
Morning Worship



Pentecost & Trinity Sunday

Another month has come and gone and with that, the calendar continues to be flipped. That not only means that June is here, it also means that new days of significance for the Church collectively are rolling around once again. The Liturgical calendar holds dates which are not all observed by our larger society – a blessedly good thing for a secular society in which the separation of Church and state are foundational. A couple of those dates are Pentecost and Trinity Sunday.

Pentecost is not simply the name of another denomination within the larger Christian expression noted for their charismatic worship and outward expressions of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Pentecost actually has its roots in Judaism and is known as *Shavuot* which commemorates the day on which Moses received the Torah (the first five books of the Hebrew Bible, also known as the Pentateuch) on Mount Sinai. Shavuot, meaning weeks, occurs fifty days or seven weeks after Passover.

Pentecost is largely considered to be the birthday of the Church as it was during this time within the book of Acts that the Holy Spirit descended upon the followers of Jesus and manifested, according to the text, as the ability to speak new and different languages so that the message of Jesus the Christ might be spread more effectively. It marks a new era for Christianity, transitioning from the earthly ministry of Jesus to the work and ministry of the Church which continues today in our work at Sardis and beyond.

Trinity Sunday is a little more complex. In Western Christianity, it is celebrated the Sunday immediately following Pentecost. In Eastern Christianity, Trinity Sunday and Pentecost are recognized on the same Sunday. Trinity Sunday celebrates the doctrine of the Trinity within Christianity. The doctrine is a complex and fascinating teaching that all three Persons – Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit – are unified as one God, yet separate individuals.

For a humorous breakdown of the doctrine of the Trinity, you can search [St. Patrick's Bad Analogies](#) online for a brief, animated discussion realizing the complexity of this Christian doctrine.

~ Rev. Dr. Chris Hensley

SAGE COFFEE AT SARDIS

Monday, June 16th @ 10 AM
Sip. Share. Seek.



Join us for a morning of wisdom and warmth at Sage Coffee — a time for members and friends to come together in fellowship and curiosity. We'll enjoy good coffee, even better company, and a guest presentation from Kristina Atkins of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library.

Kristina will share about the vast array of resources available to cardholders. It's WAY more than books! Need to learn about Medicare? The library has a special program just for you. Interested in needlework? Come for the Chronicles of Yarnia Discussion Group. Want to join a book club? The library has groups for a wide variety of ages and genres. Whether you are a lifelong reader or just library-curious, you'll leave inspired and informed. Everyone is welcome. We encourage you to invite a friend.

CHRIS' CORNER

Summer is upon us in all things except the official date – Friday, June 20. Memorial Day has come and gone, schools have released, and the summer heat has merely been teasing us instead of bullying us like that which we will experience in July and August. Summer, despite the oppressive humidity in North Carolina, is a season filled with vibrant colors and life.

One of my favorite forms of life in the summer is the firefly or lightning bug. An interesting little beetle which makes its annual appearance in May and June to tantalize and enamor those lucky enough to enjoy them. The lifespan of a lightning bug is a mere 61 days once they have matured into adulthood. North Carolina is home to 40 distinct species of lightning bugs, including the rare Blue Ghost Firefly native to the southern Appalachian mountains. The warmth and humidity which I am not a fan of is part of the reason North Carolina is home to so many species.

I share this with you, not because I am an entomologist, but to highlight the brevity of so many of the natural wonders which surround us. Sure, things large and grand such as mountains and stars will outlive all of us by billions of years. I am talking about the smaller wonders of our world – including the seasons themselves – whose lives span a fraction of a calendar year.

Lightning bugs make the most of their brief existence in the here and now, growing, mating, and dying all the while giving those of us who pay attention and happen to be outside at night during these early summer days, a fantastic light show which is unique to each species. With the busyness of a new season comes the frantic moving and shaking of every day life. Let us busy ourselves intentionally and pause to bask in the brief showings of beauty and uniqueness in both the natural world as well as within ourselves and the people around us.

~ Rev. Dr. Chris Hensley



Sardis Graduates



Mortarboards and tassels, academic gowns, diplomas revealing degrees earned. Another goal accomplished for three members of the Sardis community who graduated this spring. Hannah Shepard-Moore received a master's degree. Alcie Kreutzer and Jackson Mair received undergraduate degrees.

Hannah wore a master's hood as she received her degree in public policy from Georgetown University. While she was engaged in studies, she was employed by ICF, a consulting firm engaged in research and data analysis. Initially focused on federal government consulting, ICF has recently expanded into more commercial work. After an early summer trip to southern India to visit Pranav's grandmother and to Bali for some beach time and sightseeing, Hannah will research opportunities for employment in state or local government.

Jackson Mair has a BA in communications from Appalachian State University. He spent the week after graduation at home unpacking and filling out applications for employment. His goal is to find something multimedia and people facing. The last half of the week, Jackson returned to Boone to celebrate his 22nd birthday with friends. The celebration included mountain hiking and movie watching. High on his list to see was *Mission Impossible 8: Final Reckoning*, starring Tom Cruise. Jackson enjoys action movies and those of political intrigue such as *The Game of Thrones* and *The Wire*.

Alcie Kreutzer graduated from UNCC with two degrees! Her BA in interdisciplinary studies focused on health and medical humanities; with her BS she has a major in psychology and a minor in women and gender studies. This summer Alcie will begin a master's degree in counseling. The focus will be on clinical mental health and drug addiction counseling. In addition to her studies, she is a graduate teaching assistant at the University Center for Academic Excellence. In previous years she mentored UNCC students who were on academic probation; this year she will be supervising mentors. She is looking forward to moving from student housing to an apartment.

~ Rev. Tillie Duncan



Music in the Renaissance Era

~ Rev. Hilary McIntyre, Minister of Music ~

Welcome back to music history with Hilary! We left off last month with Medieval *Ars Antiqua*, remember vocal polyphony? Well, this month we get to dive headfirst into the Renaissance, roughly 1400 to 1600. You will almost certainly be familiar with the art of the Italian Renaissance, think Botticelli, Raphael, Donatello, and da Vinci. In music, the Italians also helped lead the way when it came to the Renaissance. There continued to be a focus on polyphony, motets (see last month's article for more information), and a heavy emphasis on church music, although the secular began to have a greater influence. Ottaviano Petrucci was one of the first printers to use movable type to print sheet music and his collections of chansons helped musical styles spread across Europe faster than ever before. See the image below for an example of his work, "Adieu mes amours" by Josquin des Prez, from Petrucci's *Harmonice musices odhecaton*.

Printed musical texts became popular with the growing merchant class in Europe. Before, only wealthy nobility and gentry could afford to employ musicians to play for them. Merchants were the first common people who could afford to make music for their own pleasure—they bought instruments, music sheets, and paid for tutors to help teach them to play and sing.

In the British Isles, the Renaissance was influenced by composers from the continent, but had a stronger emphasis on string music, featuring lute, harp, lyre, and viol. Airs and Madrigals were the most popular, especially in the courts of the Tudor royals. Search for "John Dowland Complete Lute Works" for some prime examples.

The Renaissance lasted roughly through the Elizabethan period, transitioning in the Stuart period to the Baroque. This was a time when world exploration and colonization were high on every European country's to-do lists. Empires were being built, and the Triangle trade was enriching European powers while exploiting and enslaving thousands. The Baroque period in art is known for extreme decoration—think Versailles with its gold filigree, Venetian glass mirrors, silver tableware, silks and satins. The music is much the same, with lots of ornamentation, complex melodic lines, and the rise of opera. Purcell, Handel, Monteverdi, Lully, and Vivaldi are all excellent representatives of this style.

Join me next month as we move into the period we are the most familiar with, but also seem to have the most misconceptions about—the Classical.



Our condolences are with Sardis friends who have recently lost loved ones:

- Bob Francis, uncle of Amanda Lewis
- Corey Ruffin, friend of Luther Fisher
- Thomas Wallace, friend of Luther Fisher
- Shelley Stout, friend of the Phillips family
- Frances Knell, friend of the Bowlin and Phillips families

Please join your prayers with ours, remembering the following Sardis friends:

- Sandra Abdow, Sardis Baptist Church • Clemmer Allison, friend of Alcie Kreutzer • Askins Family
- Melissa Bowlin, Sardis Baptist Church • Richard (Nick) Bowlin, uncle of Melissa • Maria Byrd, Sardis Baptist Church • Murphy Clark, relative of Robin Rowland • Tyler Criss, Sardis Baptist Church • Tracey Danley, friend of Sarah Criss • Betsy Cadle DePaul, Sardis Baptist Church • Rachael Duvall, friend of Susan & Tillie
- Amelia Eidson, Jonathan's mother • David Faircloth, extended family of the Phillips • Jeff Friar, friend of Mark Wiebke • Melissa Galloway, friend of Luther Fisher
- Courtney & Ralph Graham, friends of Kristin Parker
- Mary Moon Guerrant, mother of Kathryn Kreutzer
- Jenna Hardister, friend of Hilary McIntyre • Ken Henderson, friend of Jim Owen • Amanda Hensley, Sardis Baptist Church • Dave Kreutzer, father of David Kreutzer • Jack LeCroix, friend of Jim Owen • Robert Marshall, grandson of Janette Grassi • Barbara Mosley, Sardis Baptist Church • Rex and Yvonne Nordeen, cousins of Tillie • Vadim Pateshkin and Family, relatives of Billie Hutchison • Rachel Phipps and Family, friends of Betty Gunz • Pam Poston, Sardis Baptist Church • Sam Propst, friend of Debbie Kidd & Billie Hutchison • John Simpson, Sardis Baptist Church • Kenny Spry, friend of David Kreutzer • Jackson Stewart, grandson of Kristin Parker • Amy Stirens, friend of Hilary McIntyre • Wanda Stitt, Sardis friend from Hope Chapel • Vanessa Wieland, cousin of Jonathan Eidson • Katie Wiebke, daughter of Mark and Amy • Hannah Willard, cousin of Hilary McIntyre • Kelly Wise, friend of Melissa Bowlin

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY



HAPPY WORK ANNIVERSARY

This month we joyfully give thanks for the anniversaries of three dedicated members of our ministerial team. Each of them has faithfully served our mission with heart, vision, and commitment. Please take a moment to thank each of them for the work they do to make Sardis Baptist Church a place where everyone can experience the warmth and welcome of God.

Tillie Duncan began her work as Associate Pastor at Sardis on June 1st, 1999. When she retired, she accepted the appointment of Pastor Emerita and has continued to serve our congregation for a total of 26 years.

Although a member for more than 20 years, Kathryn Kreutzer began her vocational work at Sardis ten years ago on June 1st, 2015.

Hilary McIntyre has blessed our congregation with her musical talents for nine years. Her work at Sardis began on June 19th, 2016.

STORIES TO inspire

Wednesday, June 4th

5:45 PM — Fellowship Dinner

6:30 pm — Spiritual Stories of Sardis

We heard so many positive comments from you in response to "Spiritual Stories of Sardis" that we have decided to host another evening for story-telling this month. Please join us for a fellowship dinner followed by more spiritual stories on Wednesday, June 4th. Several Sardis friends will share about spiritual encounters on their faith journeys. Such stories reflect the variety of ways God's love touches our lives. We hope you will put this event on your calendar and plan to join us.