

# Cross Connections



*St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

*September 2016*

## Rally Day Sunday

September 11, 2016

Worship at 8:30 and 11:00

Rally Day Breakfast in Trinity Hall at 9:30 am

Rally Day is the start of a new year of teaching and learning. It is an essential part of the life and mission of St. Paul's, as it is in many other congregations.

We take time to recognize and honor both those who teach and those who learn; all who nurture faith in others. Sunday School is a partnership of parents and teachers and congregation members to show that we affirm a life style that is Christ's. Rally Day is a time for the entire congregation to rally behind God's intention that everyone of all ages grow and learn! Come for breakfast, meet teachers and maybe volunteer to assist with any class.



Festival Eucharist and Service of Installation of  
The Reverend Laura Wind, Pastor, Duke Lutheran Campus Ministry  
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 4:30 pm  
The Rev. Dr. William Trexler, Presiding at the Word  
The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Ray, Conference Dean,  
North Carolina Synod, Presiding at the Installation

Rostered persons are invited to process, and ordained ministers robing for the processional are invited to wear the color red for the festival. There will be a reception following the service.

The Rev. Scott M. Anderson, Pastor

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## From the Pastor...

Rally Day is September 11 and then at 4:30 that day we will install Rev. Laura Wind as the Lutheran Campus Pastor at Duke University.

So, I've been thinking a lot about School in different ways in the last few days. First and foremost, I have been lamenting the lack of attendance in Sunday school. This summer, Sharon Schulze has held an adult session on studying the lectionary texts. This has been well attended and very uplifting. So for Adults, we will continue this during the fall as well as our normal Sunday school offerings. A list will be out soon. We hope to do some study on race and reconciliation, talk of what is going on within the ELCA (working for more unity with the Roman Catholic Church, conversation around how to manage a shrinking church, and conversation related to LGBTQ issues).

I suppose I was lamenting the lack of congregation participation with Duke Lutherans, another school topic. We do some fine things with them, but it would be nice if more people would become relational with the students, participate in meals and help support Pastor Laura.

I also had someone from another congregation come and ask if I would help teach their child confirmation. That's another long story and one that I hope works out in God's favor.

But, it made me want to remind us of the promises that were made for us in baptism and that were affirmed at the time of our confirmation.

At confirmation we say:

*That we intend to continue in the covenant with God made at baptism:*

*To live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper (more than once a month would be nice), to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.*

This means we promised God to be participants. I know there are seasons of life that make it difficult for some, but most of us have some time we could devote to prayer, study, and service.

Please ponder this, and I encourage you to pray the prayer that ends the confirmation service:

*Stir up in us the gift of your Holy Spirit: the*

*spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.*

Amen.

Pastor Scott Anderson

## From the Vicar...

Thank you to everyone at St. Paul's for making me feel so welcome. With my first week under my belt, I'm starting to settle in, and I'm really enjoying getting to meet everyone and getting to know you. I'm also very excited about learning about all the wonderful ministries going on here at St. Paul's.

Last week, I had the pleasure of visiting with the Tongue and Thimble group. I was blown away by how these ladies transform scraps of fabric into adorable pillow case dresses and the beautiful baby quilts that are distributed in area hospitals. It was great to see the friendship and camaraderie of this group. The members of Tongue and Thimble combine service and creativity with fellowship and relationship building.

I've found in my own life that being part of a small group – whether it is a circle, a bible study, a choir or a service group like Tongue and Thimble was the best way to get to know people and develop deep and lasting friendships. In the coming months, I hope I will be able to visit more of the groups at St. Paul's and learn about your ministries and continue making lots of new friends.

Vicar Sue Holland



## Music Ministry Calendar of Events

*by Jackie Nappi  
Minister of Music*



There is so much wonderful sacred music happening in Durham this coming 2016-2017 year, and much of it is taking place right in our own St. Paul's Lutheran Church! I hope you all will be delighted with the hymns,

choir anthems, soloists, speakers, concerts, and other musical activities that will be taking place at the church starting in September. Although we're taking a little break from the Schubert Sunday worship setting, we will return to it in Lent 2017. I think this setting is

more appropriate for that time of year, considering its pace and mood. In the meantime, we will stick with the more joyful Setting Three through Christmas and Epiphany.

The Joyful Noise Concert Series is starting up this month of September! Get ready for a number of wonderful concerts and events. Here are a few dates to mark on your calendars:

### **Sunday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm - Raleigh Camerata**

This is a fabulous early music group that will join us again in the Spring. This concert program will feature Dutch composers and music published in Amsterdam prior to 1800.

### **Sunday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm - Michael Burkhardt Hymn Festival**

Michael Burkhardt returns to St. Paul's Lutheran! The theme of this festival is "Living Voices of the Gospel," inspired by Luther's belief that music is a living voice of the Gospel, and in light of the upcoming celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. This hymn festival will highlight the hymns of Martin Luther, paired with hymns of a variety of times and places.

### **Sunday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm – Bull City Baroque**

This is a new Early Music group including Allison Willet on violin, Robbie Link on gamba, and Jacqueline Nappi on harpsichord. This concert will feature dance music for violin and gamba, as well as a beautiful violin sonata by French composer Elisabeth Jacquet de la Guerre.

### **Saturday, Nov 12 at 6:30 pm – Lutherans Got Talent**

Hooray for our annual Lutherans Got Talent Show, back for its fourth year! Performers of all ages and skill levels are welcome, as are talents of all types. There is a sign-up sheet in the atrium or speak with Amanda Anderson. All acts are welcome. This is a fun event for the whole family. We begin at 6:30 pm with a potluck dessert and fellowship time, and the Talent show begins at 7:00 pm – all in Trinity Hall. Plan to be here! Bring your visual arts for show as well!

### **Date TBA in Late December – St. Paul's Lessons & Carols Choir Concert**

Last year in December the choir sang a beautiful concert of Advent music. This year, we will put together another choir concert, but with a Lessons and

Carols theme. There will be a few hymns for audience participation. Come out and support the St. Paul's Choir and get in the Christmas Spirit!

In September or October, Brian Schmidt, fellow Lutheran and conductor of the Duke Vespers Ensemble, will be giving a series of lectures on J. S. Bach's theology in our Adult Sunday School. He will focus on Bach's cantatas and the specific message they were intended to give, along with Luther's musical heritage and how he impacted not only the music of J. S. Bach, but of the whole Lutheran musical tradition leading up to our present day. Be on the look out for these Adult Sunday School dates.

If you are looking for sacred music concerts and experiences outside of St. Paul's, Duke Chapel is holding a Bach Cantata Series led and conducted by Brian Schmidt. These concerts will be free of charge on specific Sundays each month at 5:15 pm. You can read more about the series on the Duke Chapel website under Concerts: "These cantatas were specifically designed to be theologically rich, educational, and inspirational for one purpose – to glorify God and refresh the human soul. In the same way, this series provides a modern connection with this great music of the past, exploring both the theological underpinning of the pieces, as well as their sheet musical brilliance. Each month will feature a Bach cantata with other meditative sacred and instrumental music. The Bach series will offer time of reflection, sanctuary, and peace, regardless of one's religious background."

For other musical happenings and events, don't forget to check out my blog "Sacred Sounds":

<http://stpaulsdurham-music.blogspot.com/>

I hope to see you all at a few, if not all, of these beautiful worship services, concerts, and musical events that are planned for this Fall!

*Your Music Minister,  
Jackie*

## **Laudate Handbells**

*by Susan Beschorner*

I hope this finds everyone rested and ready to return to bells. I have the year planned through Christmas, and have some exciting music planned for you.

Rehearsals will be from 6:30 to 7:10 on Wednesday evenings with the adult choir rehearsing afterwards at 7:15. Our rehearsal schedule changes during Advent and Lent to accommodate our evening services. There will be rehearsal on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm.

We always have a need for substitute players, so if you would like to come and rehearse with us, we would love to have more trained ringers!

If you would like any more information, please contact me at:

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## Preschool Pitter Patter



*by Amanda Stoen, Director*

St. Paul's Preschool & PMO is entering our eighth year as a half-day preschool program. How time flies! We have already had over 140 children come through our program over the years! Our

ministry is spreading throughout the Durham community and beyond. This school year, we welcome 52 children to the preschool, with several new families. Our first day of preschool is Tuesday, September 6, with our children ranging in age from ten months to four years old. We ask that you pray for us as we begin the school year and continue in our care of God's children.

We appreciate all of the support from St. Paul's members. Two easy ways you can support the preschool are by linking your Harris Teeter VIC and Kroger Plus cards. When you link your card to St. Paul's Preschool & PMO, we will receive a portion of your purchases from Harris Teeter or Kroger. The Harris Teeter account number is **3049**. You can link in any store or online and you do not need to be a preschool parent to link your card. To link your Kroger Plus card, visit [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) to register online. Our NPO number is **82098**. Thank you for your support!

We do still have a few remaining spots in our Tuesday PMO and 4s classes. If you know of anyone searching for a preschool this year, please have them contact me at the church by phone or email:

[preschool@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:preschool@stpaulsdurham.org).

## Duke Lutherans

*by Pastor Laura Wind*

*Duke Lutheran Campus Ministry*

It has begun! School is back in session, and I've been busy meeting undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty, staff, and my religious life

colleagues. One of my favorite writers, John O'Donahue, priest, poet, and philosopher, has this to say about new beginnings:

Though your destination is not yet clear,  
You can trust the promise of this opening;  
Unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning  
That is at one with your heart's desire.

Awaken your spirit to adventure;  
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk;  
Soon you will be home in a new rhythm,  
For your soul senses the world that awaits you.

Recently, I've been playing in the rhythm section in the Winston Salem Swing Band. I play piano, and I've learned something important about being "in rhythm" especially when playing with the band. The heart of the rhythm section is the drums, followed by the bass, rhythm guitar, and keyboards. Although playing swing/jazz music is new to me, I find myself sinking into the rhythm of the others. When the drummer lays down a beat, the rest of the band can ride that rhythm, and life is very good. When the drummer wavers, or the rest of the rhythm section is out of synch, the music is not as easy nor fun, and sometimes it completely falls apart. However, the moments when it all comes together, the drummer's got a groove, the upright bass is tearing it up, the rhythm guitar and I are on the same page, the saxes come in wailing, and then the trumpet comes in high over the top of the band. It's irresistible. People get up and dance and there is this great interplay between the musicians, the dancers, the music. Then add in our great leader, wailing away on the clarinet on a Benny Goodman chart, that's about as good as it gets. The beauty of it will take your breath away.

It all starts with the drums though, the steady beat. As we prepare a new beginning in the life of Duke Lutherans, that steady beat will be Word and Sacrament, fellowship, breaking bread together. We will continue the rhythm of weekly worship on Sunday evenings with weekly meals and fellowship.

New programming for graduate students; Wine and Word, a time together to share in fellowship and to see what the



Word has to say to us about challenges we face in our daily life; "Breakfast with Pastor Laura" both at the Grace house, and possibly in the dorms as I get to know the students – I will go and cook for Lutheran students and their friends in their dorm kitchens.

Service will also be part of this rhythm – “Touched by Grace,” in partnership with Grace Lutheran Church’s health fair on September 17, 9 am - 3 pm; also, Social Justice issues and disaster relief (Louisiana and Syria come immediately to mind).

We also have the possibility of traveling with the students from Carolina to Germany for an alternative spring break service/learning trip to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation.

Additionally, I have been in conversation with members of the chapel staff and hope that we will have the opportunity to collaborate on some interesting programming – Faith and Film and worship with a global Lutheran focus.

It is a new beginning, and I know over the next weeks we will be finding our rhythm based on those things that sustain us – Word and Communion, prayer, study, service, and community. We will sing, laugh, and dance. There will be times of sadness and loss, but Jesus will be present through it all. And his heart will beat in each one of us.

*God’s peace,  
Pastor Laura*

## Young In Spirit

If you are free during the daytime, like to have a monthly fellowship time with church friends, and explore Durham and surrounding places, join us in Trinity Hall on Wednesday, Sept 14 at noon for a sack lunch. We will provide ice cream and toppings for dessert as we plan for a new year. Following lunch, we will have some game playing time.



## Prayer Partner Ministry

**Saturday, Sept 10 at 9:30 - 11:00 am**

YOU are invited to be a part of the Prayer Partner Ministry, Saturday, Sept 10, 9:30-11:00 am. Praying for another specific person throughout the year is the goal of the prayer partner ministry. It is a one-year commitment to pray for someone and to have prayers offered for you. A truly heartwarming experience to know that someone is specifically praying for you. Join us for brunch and the drawing of a “secret” prayer partner name. It will also be the “big reveal” day for those who have had a



prayer partner this past year. Kathy Anderson will speak about her prayer journey for the program. There are no meetings in this ministry. Just thought giving, heartwarming prayer.

## Katherine Circle Meeting



After a summer respite, Katherine Circle will begin meeting again on Tuesday, Sept 20 at 10:00 am. Arloa Bittikofer will open the meeting with devotions. Barbara Ellertson will give the program which will be a presentation of the Germany Trip.

Refreshments will be provided by Diana Dominick and Marcia Redman.

## Here – In God’s Garden

*by George Seiz*

After six months of helping to take care of the St. Paul’s campus, I thought it would be good to reflect on various accomplishments and activities. When first writing in March about organizing an outdoor work group I suggested that this was a chance for members to:

- ▶ Be a good steward of the earth
- ▶ Build community
- ▶ Do something with a friend or family member
- ▶ Take pride in accomplishments
- ▶ Get some exercise
- ▶ Have some fun

So, let’s reflect a bit on these items:

### Be a good steward of the earth

Many groupings of bushes are receiving long overdue pruning and general care. This extended care will lead to stronger/healthier plants. Examples: Early summer pruning of Azaleas around the sanctuary and in the Memorial Garden. Hollies on the west side and rejuvenation pruning of the Indian Hawthorns on the east side. St. Johnswort shrubs on east side will receive rejuvenation pruning this winter. Dwarf Yaupon Hollies have been re-shaped.

### Build community

I have been pleasantly surprised by the core group of workers who regularly come on Saturdays or during the week to provide plant care. The greatest delight



was having 26 members show up for the Outdoor Work Day in April to spread mulch and topsoil. There are also other folks who come when a call goes out for additional help on a special project. When you tally this up there are about 30 members who have had a hand in helping to maintain the grounds at St. Paul's this spring and summer. Looking at labor-hours worked I've accounted for about 200 labor-hours on just Saturdays and estimated roughly 100 labor-hours by individuals who come during the week.

### Do something with a friend or family member

Several family members participated in the Outdoor Workday last April. I don't think anyone has brought a neighbor yet, but it's something to strive for.

### Take pride in accomplishments

The following folks take great pride in the areas they meticulously maintain – Nancy Anderson, raised entrance planter and Creation Garden; Kim Hoke, planting area by Cornwallis entrance; Audrey Busch, plantings around main sign at front of church; Tracey Dissel, west side entryway; Robin Winfree, inside plants; Doug Whitfield, "The Journey" Plaza. Everyone I've worked with on Saturday morning takes pride in their work – they work safely, are thorough and clean-up when completed.



### Get some exercise

Oh goodness yes. Shoveling, raking, roto-tilling, bending, pulling, reaching. Yes, yes, yes.

### Have some fun

Many hands make light work as the saying goes. The comradery exhibited on the Outdoor workday is the best example I have. The serious tasks on Saturday mornings are often punctuated with light hearted banter.

And so, the good work and the good news continue.

*God writes the gospel,  
Not in the  
Bible alone,  
But also on trees,  
And in the*

*Flowers and  
Clouds and stars.  
Martin Luther*

### Congratulations!

**Adrienne Elizabeth Martin** (youngest daughter of former Pastor David, and wife Debbie, Martin), was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on Wednesday, August 17 at 7 pm at Sardis Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hickory, NC.

### Yard Sale News!

*By Karen Hassett*

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, October 22 beginning at 7:00 am. The Yard Sale proceeds last year (\$4,000, a record!) were divided between Camp Agape and St. Paul's Cub Scout Pack 12. Camp Agape was thrilled with the several truck-loads of gravel we bought, and the Cub Scout Pack is thriving because of your support (there are currently about 30 boys in the pack). Thanks to all of you who have helped in the past by bringing donations, helped with the organizing and pricing, helped on the day of the sale and/or helped with the clean-up.



September is a great time to start thinking about donations for the yard sale. We will try to sell almost anything, as long as it is useable and in good (working) condition. (Please do not give us non-working lawn equipment or old-model televisions and computers.) Please keep in mind our "regifting" category which is for "essentially new" items that people can give as presents.

Items that are not sold are donated to Habitat for Humanity, Durham Rescue Mission, or Scrap Exchange. Some larger/more valuable items will be sent to a consignment store. We have limited storage space in the trailer now but we will be accepting the majority of donations in Trinity Hall starting after the Oktoberfest meal on Wednesday, Oct. 23.

Questions? Please email me!

[khassett@nc.rr.com](mailto:khassett@nc.rr.com). I'll be asking for volunteers closer to the date in October but if you would like to be involved in the early organization for the Yard Sale, please tell me!

## Pack 12 Cub Scouts

- ▶ character development
- ▶ leadership and life skills
- ▶ personal fitness
- ▶ participatory citizenship
- ▶ outdoor skills and awareness

These are the organizing principles of the Cub Scout program for boys in grades 1-5. The scouting program is "fun with a purpose." We have fun camping, playing, and learning at the same time we are helping our boys grow into responsible young men.

Pack 12 at St. Paul's now has about 30 scouts and is especially recruiting boys in grades 1-3. We meet every Thursday during the school year from 6:40 to 7:40 pm. Last year we had five camping opportunities, including one at Camp Agape and one at the Durham Bulls' Ballpark.

We are having a special "Join Scouting" Open House on Thursday, Sept 8 starting at 6:30 pm for parents and boys who are interested in this program. Please join us!

*Karen Hassett*

*We are pleased to announce that Joseph O'Donnell, our recent Vicar, has been approved for ordination. He will likely be assigned his region in October.*

## THANK YOU DURHAM!

The **2016 Fill That Bus!** School supply drive has been a huge success. We at "Crayons2Calculators" are still bringing in and processing some supplies so it will be early September before we have a grand total. Thanks to the many businesses, neighborhoods and associations, we hope to make our goal of \$135,000 worth of supplies and cash donations.

## Camp Agape News

### Fall Work Day, October 22

Gather your work gloves and head out to Agape for a day of service and fellowship. There will be plenty of jobs for everyone! This is an excellent opportunity for students to fulfill any required community service hours they may have. Breakfast and lunch are provided. For more information or to register, contact Mir at [AceEd@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:AceEd@agapekurebeach.org).



## Father/Son Retreat

### November 4-5 at Camp Agape

Fathers, sons, grandfathers – this retreat offers a great opportunity to connect! Gather around the campfire, tell stories, fish, shoot an arrow, then finish your adventure hiking together at our Enviro-Venture (featuring the Hike-a-thon & Basket Raffle). Contact Melissa at [agape@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:agape@agapekurebeach.org) or see our website [www.agapekurebeach.org](http://www.agapekurebeach.org) for more information.

## ACE Ed Enviro-Venture featuring the Hike-a-thon & Basket Raffle

### November 5 at Camp Agape

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Hike-a-Thon and Basket Raffle will be taking on a new look and a new name in November. Introducing: Enviro-Venture!

#### What's new?

- ◆ Nature Stations: guest naturalists will be part of the event – specializing in topics such as entomology, geology, ornithology, apiary, and likely more
- ◆ Chili Cook-off Contest
- ◆ Pumpkin fling
- ◆ Musical Entertainment
- ◆ \$20 Entrance fee (reduced from \$25)

#### What's the same?

- ◆ Hiking the trails! (A.k.a. Hike-a-Thon) Enjoy a leisurely stroll or a stimulating walk – several yards to several miles. It's all up to you.
- ◆ Basket Raffle! (Just \$1.00/ticket for a chance to win the basket of your choice.)
- ◆ FUN & Prizes!

Enviro-Venture is for everyone! Bring your friends! Bring the whole family! Bring your youth group! Bring your senior group! Bring your scout troop! Everyone! Contact Melissa at [agape@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:agape@agapekurebeach.org) or see our website [www.agapekurebeach.org](http://www.agapekurebeach.org) for more info.

## Our sympathy

- ✚ To the family and friends of Jenny McLeroy (sister of Pat Casper). Jenny died suddenly on July 30 in Georgia.
- ✚ The family and friends of Francis Gibson (friend of Arloa Bittikofer).
- ✚ The family and friends of Bert Goldman, friend of James Wagner.
- ✚ The family and friends of Raymond Keller, father of Gail Colley, who died on Tuesday, Aug 9 in Long Island, NY.

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## SPAM Wine Tasting Event!

You are invited to join us at our SPAM Wine Tasting event, led by OneHope Wines (<https://onehopewine.com>) Deborah Steed will be hosting the wine tasting event on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 6 pm, where we will each try six different types of wines. We'll also have some snacks to enjoy while tasting the wines.

OneHope Wines come from a winery in California that shares proceeds from the sales of wine with non-profit organizations. For our SPAM event, proceeds from wines purchased at the wine tasting will go to Lutheran World Relief. The wine bottles are priced around \$20 each.

There are limited spaces available for the wine tasting, so please RSVP to Brenda ([linares7@gmail.com](mailto:linares7@gmail.com)) to secure your spot. Please contact her with any questions! Cheers!

## "Operation Santa Claus" Donations Needed



For the past few years, the Tongue & Thimble group has been sewing Christmas stockings to donate to the mentally handicapped residents at Murdoch Development Center in Butner. In preparation for this endeavor, we would appreciate your donating any leftover remnants of cotton Christmas fabrics which are cluttering your closets! Red and green felt pieces at least 12" x 18" would be great too. In addition, we could use thread and rick rack or other decorative tapes in red, green, blue, tan and/or white. Gold and silver rick rack would be helpful too. These can be dropped off at the receptionist's desk at St. Paul's.

Thank you for helping us recycle your fabrics and notions as we bring joy to others during the holiday season.

## Voter Registration

If you have not registered to vote at your current address, Theresa Oertel can help you to do so. Please contact her by phone or text, 919-632-8903 or by email, [theresaertel@yahoo.com](mailto:theresaertel@yahoo.com).

## Helping Others in Need

The Urban Ministries of Durham Food Pantry is extremely low at this time and Families Moving Forward experienced a kitchen fire in their newly renovated building and is also reaching out for help. Families Moving Forward is formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network now joined together with Genesis Home. We graciously thank you for any help you can provide these organizations.

### Emergency Food Drive for the Urban Ministries of Durham Food Pantry

- ▶ canned meat (chicken, tuna, beef, salmon)
- ▶ canned pasta sauce
- ▶ canned corn
- ▶ canned fruit in juice
- ▶ canned soup (not creamed or just broth)
- ▶ canned pasta meals (ravioli, etc.)
- ▶ pasta
- ▶ rice cereal
- ▶ mac and cheese boxes

Checks can be made to St. Paul's noting UMD Food Pantry. Food can be brought to the foyer or atrium and placed in the large bins.

### Families Moving Forward

The recent kitchen fire caused extensive water damage, unfortunately including newly renovated areas. Groceries were also lost when 12 refrigerators lost power due to the fire. Donations can be in the form of grocery gift cards or checks made payable to Families Moving Forward and mailed to PO Box 25426, Durham NC 27702.