



# Weekly Ponderings

January 16, 2019

## From the Pastor's Studio...

This year we are in Luke's gospel. Luke is the gospel of the poor, and emphasizing a church that practices economic justice, prayer, and table fellowship. Although all the gospels emphasize community, Luke's is particularly strong. As your Session works on finalizing our new church mission statement, which names our top three values as "Embodying God's love, building community, and working toward justice," I am drawn to helping us build a more intentional community in life-giving ways.

One of the ways we are doing this is by being intentional about our communication structure. This week Diana Coe will be starting as our "Communications Coordinator." Her job will be to help us improve our communication base so everyone in the congregation feels like they are aware of what is happening here and is invited to participate. So without further ado, I introduce to you Diana Coe:



**Diana Coe** has been a freelance publishing services specialist, providing proofreading and graphic design services for the past 30 years, with a few long-term stints as an art director in New York and Boston. Returning to her home state of North Carolina in 2010, Diana brought along her son, Lucas, who is now 18 and heading off to college on a bowling scholarship (yes, it's a thing!). She married her college sweetheart, Liam Hooper, in 2011. Liam is an ordained pastor with the United Church of Christ, and Diana makes her spiritual home at Temple Emanuel Winston-Salem. She enjoys traveling with her son to bowling tournaments, cooking for family and friends, volunteer opportunities, needlepoint, and Zumba classes when her cranky old knees cooperate.

## Serving on Sunday, January 20:

**Door Greeter:** Carol Kayler

**Head Usher:** Mel Gee

**Worship Leader:** Ron Richwine

**Acolyte:** Child (TBD)      **Water Bearer:** Child (TBD)

**Offering Helper:** Child (TBD)

**Little Lights Nursery:** Preferred ChildCare, Inc.

**Refreshments after Worship:** TBD

**Office Volunteer:** TBD



## Things to do this week at Trinity:

Wednesday, January 16: Knitting Fellowship, 2:00 p.m.

Zumba, 6:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 17: Tai Chi for Wellness, 10:00 a.m.

Care Team Meeting, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 20: Sunday School / Coffee Catch Up, 10:15 a.m.

Worship, 11:00 a.m. / **Hunger Offering**

Refreshments after Worship

Elder Training, following Worship

Kid Creative Project, following Worship

## Looking Ahead / Save the Dates:

Monday, January 21: **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (OFFICE CLOSED)**

Green Team Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (choir room beneath fellowship hall)

Committee Night, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 23: Zumba, 6:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 24: Tai Chi for Wellness, 10:00 a.m.

Care Team Meeting, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 27: Sunday School / Coffee Catch Up, 10:15 a.m.

Worship, 11:00 a.m. / Blood Pressure / Children-Led / String-Led

Refreshments after Worship

Session Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

## Session Members, Committees, and Groups:

David Bathory - Justice Team co-leader; More Light liaison

Brenda Daniels - Worship & Spiritual Growth Committee

Margaret Elliott - Church Life Committee; Clerk of Session

Mel Gee - Church Life Committee

Tom Hedgecock - Personnel & Finance Committee

Heather Hosey - Personnel & Finance Committee

Carol Kayler - Community & World Service Committee; Memorial Garden Committee

Jeanne Wooten - Director of POAM

Environmental Green Team: Jeanne Patterson

Due to the weather last Sunday, we had a low turnout in church. **If you'd like to read Jon's sermon on belonging and baptism (or any other sermon) it is on our website at this link:** <http://www.trinitypresbyterianchurch.org/sermons/the-voice-of-belonging-luke-3-15-17-21-22/>

**Trinity is now buying Fair Trade Coffee!** There was a long line after worship this Sunday because the coffee tastes divine (Jon's words). What is more divine is that it is Fair Trade! Please grab a cup after worship this Sunday and enjoy what justice tastes like (again, Jon's words)!



**The Care Team will be meeting tomorrow (January 17) at 4:30 p.m. in the library.** Please send your updates to Sue if you are unable to attend.

**The Green Team will meet at 5pm on Committee Night (January 21) in the choir room downstairs under the fellowship hall, first door on the right.** We will be looking at plans for the new year. All are welcome!

**On Thursday, January 24, 12:00 p.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Church will be hosting "In My Backyard: Faith & Current Events,"** a monthly bag lunch and speaker series. This month's speaker is Sabrina Slade, Director of Strategic Initiatives of the Winston-Salem Foundation. The topic will be "Income Disparities through the Lens of Gender and Race." For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex.



**The Trans Health and Wellness Conference, *Breaking Bonds, Building Bridges: Creating Trans Health Equity* will be at the Benton Convention Center March 7-9.** It is a collaborative effort between Wake Forest University Bowman Gray Medical School, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, NWAHEC, Bathory International and the transgender/non-binary community to help educate one another in current research, best practice, and Grassroot needs and expertise. For more information about being an exhibitor, or other ways to support this conference, please contact Ellen Kesler of Northwest AHEC at 336-713-7712 or via email at [ekesler@wakehealth.edu](mailto:ekesler@wakehealth.edu)

### **Committee / Session Meetings:**

**Beginning this month, we will be going back to a Committee Night! January Committee Night will be on January 21.** (Please note that this is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The church office will be closed, but committees will still meet. Meeting times are as follows:

5:30: Church Life, Deacons, Community and World Service

6:30 Dinner together

7:00 Building and Grounds, Worship Committee, Justice Team

Personnel and Finance (still meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month)

Christian Ed. (meets quarterly—next meeting January 27 after Worship)

Stewardship Education (TBD)

The next Session meeting will be Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.



# Christian Education

**There will be a Christian Education Meeting** after Worship on January 27, 2019—noonish to 2:00pm. Lunch and childcare are provided. Everyone is welcome to attend! RSVP for lunch and/or childcare by Sunday, January 20, 2018 to Terri Engle.



## **LENTEN STUDY IDEAS NEEDED! Looking for Adult Sunday School ideas for Lent!**

We are planning our next Adult Sunday School class and are interested in knowing what you'd like to study. Contact Terri with your ideas.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SAVE THE DATES**

JUNE 21-23, 2018

We will showcase our crafts and share our lessons during Worship on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are looking for people who are interested in joining our summer Vacation Bible School Team! If you are interested in helping out with Bible story time, crafts, music, science projects, meals, or being a floater, now is the time to let Terri know! Email your preferences in activities to Terri Engle (not to Kim in the office).



## **MINDFULNESS CLASS MEDITATION ROOM**

Join us for a class on mindfulness and how we can use different techniques to reduce stress and be a healthier person.

Classes begin on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and runs until Sunday, March 3, 2019.

We will meet in the Meditation Room on the lower level, Fellowship side of the building during the Sunday School time—10:15-10:45 am.

Let Terri know if you are interested in attending by Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>,





## Hunger Offering Salem Presbytery's Pennies for Hunger Program

This Sunday, January 20, we will receive our monthly Hunger Offering. This Hunger Offering goes to Salem Presbytery to support their "Pennies for Hunger Program."

Since 1989 Salem Presbytery has distributed more than three million dollars to feed hungry people, both here in the Presbytery's community and worldwide. In 2017 money was donated to Sister2Sister International and Kenya, and Congo Farm Projects. Locally, money was given to Alamance County Meals on Wheels, Rowan Helping Ministries, Samaritan Ministries, Second Harvest Food Bank, Wilkes Ministry of h.o.p.e., Christians United Outreach Center, and several other organizations sponsored by Presbyterian churches throughout Salem Presbytery.

All Hunger Offering donations received at Trinity are sent to Salem Presbytery, then distributed locally and around the world.

Bring your loose change and help fill the baskets that the children will be holding during the Hunger Offering, or put your donation in the offering plate. If donating by check, please make it payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church and note "Hunger" on the memo line. If you use one of the pew envelopes, please write "Hunger" on the envelope.

### **SUPPORT, ADVOCACY, AND EDUCATION GROUPS THAT MEET AT TRINITY:**

#### **Tolerance AA Groups:**

Tuesday and Thursday, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

**Newcomers Club:** 4th Tuesday of each month, 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### **OTHER SUPPORT GROUPS:**

#### **PFLAG:**

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays meets at Highland Presbyterian Church at 2380 Cloverdale Ave., Winston-Salem

PFLAG Resource Link: [www.pflagws.org](http://www.pflagws.org)

Trinity contact: Johnnie Midyette

**WS Transgender Support Groups** / Transgender ID only Group / Friends, Family & Partners Group

Every other Sunday, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Call 908-444-1524 to get location of meeting



## Celebrating Birthdays:

Johnnie Midyette, January 17  
 Linwood Sawyer, January 23  
 Ruthanna Dalby, January 25  
 Dustin Pettenati, January 27

### Trinity's Regular Office Hours

Monday: 9:30am - 2:30pm  
 Tuesday: Closed For Administrative Duties  
 Wednesday: 9:30am - 2:30pm  
 Thursday: 9:30am - 2:30pm

Calendar on Trinity's website: [www.trinitypresbyterianchurch.org](http://www.trinitypresbyterianchurch.org)

Salem Matters Online Newsletter: <http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1122919835438&ca=222eb857-b35f-4947-a35a-411590073790>

### Crisis Control Ministry Food/Gift of the Month:



Beef Stew

### Bolton Pantry

All-Purpose Cleaner  
 Trash Bags (small boxes)



### Moses Basket

Onesies  
 Pull-Ups  
 Aspirators

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