

FAITH IN ACTION

JANUARY 23, 2019

Capital Campaign Progress Report

By Margaret Elliott

On January 7th, Tom Hedgecock, Laura Spedding, Bill Raiford, and I met with Jeff Sockwell, our consultant with Church Campaign Finance Service (who is also the pastor of Shallowford Presbyterian Church in Lewisville). We discussed how he will help guide us through a feasibility study for a possible capital campaign.

Here are the first steps of this process:

By Easter, we will schedule interviews with Jeff, our consultant, for at least 25 individuals or “family units” at Trinity. The hope is that the interviews will take place between April 23 and May 3. At the same time, a survey, assessing our ability to provide funding for necessary capital projects, will also go out to the entire congregation. Our goal is to have as many people as possible complete this survey.

I have been asked to put together a case narrative that will include a project list and a rough outline of the scope of the work that is being proposed. This will give us all a better idea of what the proposed capital projects are. Most of these projects are repair projects, some big, some small. There will be opportunity for feedback from members of the congregation to think about other projects or to comment on the projects being proposed.

Included in any campaign by Church Finance Campaign Services is the opportunity to add a mission component to our campaign. Someone mentioned, as one example, that the mission component of our campaign could be to fund some of our own church members to go on a mission trip, something that has been discussed for a few years, but not organized or funded. This discussion is still in the early stages.

The Capital Campaign Committee hopes to meet with the Session by its May/June meeting to report its findings from the surveys and the conversations with Jeff.

If the Session votes to move forward, there will be momentum to build excitement about this campaign from June until the fall of 2019 when the campaign will be officially launched.

If you have any questions feel free to ask any of us mentioned above.

SERVING ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 27:

Door Greeter: TBD

Head Usher: Mel Gee

Worship Leader: Children-led

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 23: Zumba, 6:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Worship, 11:00 a.m./Children-led/String-led

Refreshments after Worship in Fellowship Hall

Blood Pressure Checks in Library

Christian Education Meeting following Worship

Session Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD / SAVE THE DATES

Monday, January 28: Zumba, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 30: Knitting, 2:00 p.m.

Zumba, 6:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 31: Tai Chi for Wellness, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 3: Sunday School/Coffee Catch Up, 10:15 a.m.

Worship, 11:00 a.m./Communion Sunday

SESSION MEMBERS, COMMITTEES, AND GROUPS

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| • Clerk of Session: Carol Kayler | • Worship & Spiritual Growth: Cindy Bodenheimer |
| • Building & Grounds: John Engle | • POAM: TBD |
| • Church Life: Mel Gee | • Justice Team: David Bathory, Donna Hamilton |
| • Community & World Service: Carol Kayler, Susan Hudson | • More Light Liason: David Bathory |
| • Personnel & Finance: Tom Hedgecock | • Environmental Green Team: Jeanne Patterson |
| • Personnel Subcommittee: Heather Hosey | |
| • Stewardship: Richard Browne | |

COMMITTEES & TEAMS REPORTS

With the exception of Personnel & Finance, which meets the third Sunday of each month following Worship, we have returned to Committee Night on the third Monday of each month. The **Community & World Service Committee** reports the following:

- Discussion of thoughts, goals, and ways to channel our passions in planning for 2019
- A “Minute for Mission” and update on the Bolton Food Pantry will be scheduled for February
- The Committee will provide support for a March 12 book tour stop promoting *Beating Guns: Hope for People Who Are Weary of Violence*
- The Committee will be accepting donations for the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission for Valentine’s Day. Learn more about the work of the Rescue Mission at www.wsrescue.org. The Mission has asked for the following items and a collection box has been placed in the Fellowship Hall. You may donate through Sunday, February 10.

Clothing:

Sweat shirts – M-L-XL-XXL
T Shirts – M-L-XL-XXL
Socks – White and Colored
Shower Shoes
Belts – Large

Toiletries:

Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Liquid shower soap
Shaving cream
Shampoo

Deodorant

Razors – double sided
Foot powder
Body lotion
Towels and wash cloths

From the **Justice Committee** comes a call to action to Advocate for Rights & Residency for Immigrant Neighbors with TPS & DACA. Responding to the Biblical call to hospitality, “The immigrant who resides with you shall be to you as the citizens among you.” (Leviticus 19:33), the PC(USA) has long advocated for “an opportunity for hard-working immigrants who are already contributing to this country to... pursue an option to become lawful permanent residents and eventually United States citizens” (217th GA, “On Advocacy and Welcome for All Immigrants,” 2006). Sadly, this opportunity does not yet exist for 400,000 Temporary Protected Status (TPS) recipients and 800,000 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients. Due to the current administration’s moves to terminate these life-saving immigration benefits, many of these neighbors could lose their protection from deportation in the next year.

On February 3, Trinity members and friends will hear from a TPS recipient and write letters after the service, urging our lawmakers to pass legislation allowing these members of our communities to become legal permanent residents. Our letters will be hand-delivered to Congress by members of the National TPS Alliance during the TPS People’s Summit from February 10-13. Please take a moment to read the information sheet and sample letter attached to this email (also available at: <https://tinyurl.com/TPS-DED-DACA-Protections2019>) in preparation for writing your letter on February 3, and share it with others!

Jon's sermons can be found on our website each Monday. You can read this past Sunday's MLK Day sermon here: <http://www.trinitypresbyterianchurch.org/sermons/using-every-crayon-in-the-box-1-cor-12-4-12/>

Contribution statements for 2018 have been mailed. When you receive it, please go ahead and review it for accuracy. If you don't receive yours, or have any questions, please contact Laura (336-760-0577).



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)!

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



Interfaith Winston-Salem is partnering with the **Carlton Mitchell Lectures** to present *A Wider Welcome*, featuring Dr. Bill Gaventa and Rev. LaTonya McIver Penny. This half-day collaborative event aims to widen and strengthen how faith communities include persons who live with disability, difference, or special needs. This event takes place at Knollwood Baptist Church, Saturday, February 23, from 1-4:30 p.m. For further information contact [Diane Lipsett](#) or [Bill Leonard](#).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

INTERGENERATIONAL QUILT PROJECT



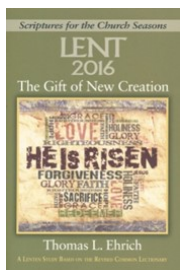
We are going to make a quilt to hang on the wall leading down to the lower part of the Sanctuary building. Everyone at Trinity Presbyterian Church will have the opportunity to decorate a quilt square that we will quilt together into one wall hanging. We will provide the squares and for those who wish to decorate one after worship one Sunday, we will have the materials to do so. You may also take your square home and return it to the church after you have completed your design. Decorating dates to be announced soon.

ADULT LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDIES

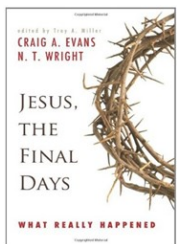
Let Terri know of your choice between these studies.

Forgiving others and humbly asking for forgiveness are central disciplines for all Christian believers. Lent, a time to reflect on our Christian journey, is an appropriate time to deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness. Marjorie J. Thompson, author of the best-selling book *Soul Feast*, takes a close look at our understanding of forgiveness in this encouraging study. Using biblical examples and real-life situations, Thompson illustrates each chapter's theme in an informative and engaging way. A study guide is also included at the back of the book that is appropriate for either individual reflection or group discussion.

With clarity, insight, and sensitivity, this book is the perfect resource for examining both our ability to forgive and our own need for forgiveness.



Listen for God's invitation to new life offered to us through Christ in this Lenten study based on the Revised Common Lectionary. You'll explore God's saving and redeeming love and will be prepared to contemplate God's restoration and new creation through the death and resurrection of Jesus. The study includes commentary and reflection on readings from the Old Testament, the Gospels, and the Epistles. It offers the opportunity to explore these Bible readings in a seven-session study. It will help participants understand, appreciate, and engage in meaningful and life-changing spiritual practices and to offer gratitude for God's salvation through Jesus Christ.



What do history and archaeology have to say about Jesus death, burial, and resurrection? In this superb book, two of the world's most celebrated writers on the historical Jesus share their greatest findings. An essay by Dr. Evans examining immediate reasons why Jesus was crucified (authorities saw him as a potential political threat), who the immediate responsible parties were (Roman with some influential Jewish religious leaders cooperating), and what happened to Jesus. Essay II concerns Jewish Burial practices and Roman law. III. Essay III deals with resurrection and covers topics ranging from eyewitness sources to comparisons of Second Temple Jewish, ancient pagan, and modern feelings on the subject of

Resurrection

MINDFULNESS CLASS in the 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 3rd and runs until Sunday, March 3, 2019. We will meet in the Meditation Room on the lower level, Fellowship Hall 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 27th.



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:

4th 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

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:
Ruthanna Dalby, January 25
Dustin Pettenati, January 27
Jim Sifford, February 2
Jean Sawyer, February 4

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

Salem Matters Online Newsletter: <http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1122919835438&ca=7b648427-2471-44c8-a06b-09ba8cad8951>

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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