

FAITH IN ACTION

Trinity Presbyterian Church Newsletter



January Session Recap

- Elders personal goals for the year include making the capital campaign as clear and meaningful as possible, deeper communication with the congregation, inviting participation in committee work, and ownership of stewardship.
- Concern was expressed regarding reserve funds having decreased to a level below the recommended six months of expenses due to repairs to the church building. The capital campaign will replenish some of the funds. The financial report for December, 2018, showed a positive variance of \$6,729.20.
- The Session made a verbal commitment to restructuring our committees. The new model focuses on utilizing the gifts of the congregation—gradually, to be used to help do the work of the church while building community. The Session discussed responses from church members to the 2019 Time and Talent Sheets and were asked to contact the people who expressed interest in their committees.
- Jon presented Chapters 1 and 2 of the book *Community: The Structure of Belonging*, by Peter Block. The book's focus is on ways of creating an inclusive system so people feel included, invested, and informed and asks: "What do we want to create together?" Jon asked the elders to pray over the coming month, asking God to help us discern what we want to create together and to go deep with what Trinity is known for.
- A request for \$100 from the UNC School of the Arts for financial help with their Collective Campus Ministry was approved.
- A request for \$1300 by Building and Grounds for floodlights for the courtyard in back of the church was approved.
- A hot water heater providing water to the kitchen was replaced.
- The Session approved a new mission statement and church symbol (a Celtic Knot). The new mission statement appears above.

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
is committed to being an
open and affirming
intergenerational church
who, through the gospel of
Jesus Christ and with the
Spirit, embodies God's love,
builds community, and
works toward justice.**



CALENDAR of EVENTS

This week at Trinity:

•Jan 30: Knitting 2:00 p.m.

Zumba 6:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

•Jan 31: Tai Chi for Wellness (instructor is out but all are welcome to practice) 10:00 a.m.

•Feb 2: Services for Bill Mabry 2:00 p.m. followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall

•Feb 3: Sunday School/Coffee Catch-Up 10:15 a.m.

Worship/Communion Sunday by distribution, with letter-writing campaign for DACA and TPS recipients 11:00 a.m.

Refreshments and Fellowship following service

Looking Ahead

•Feb 4: Zumba 6:00 p.m.

•Feb 5: Presbyterian Women 4:30 in the Fellowship Hall

•Feb 6: Zumba 6:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

•Feb 7: Tai Chi for Wellness (instructor is out but all are welcome to practice) 10:00 a.m.

•Feb 10: Sunday School/Coffee Catch-Up 10:15 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Refreshments and Fellowship following service

Serving on Sunday

Door Greeter: Tom Hedgecock

Head Usher: TBD

Worship Leader: Megan Gregory

Acolyte: TBD

Water Bearer: TBD

Offering Helper TBD

Little Lights Nursery: Preferred ChildCare, Inc.

Refreshments After Worship: TBD

Office Volunteer: Julie Sugg

Committee and Team Catch-Up

Justice Team

- **Just & Compassionate Immigration:** On February 3 following Worship, Trinity members and friends will hear from a recipient of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and write letters after the service, urging our lawmakers to pass legislation providing a path to permanent residency for TPS and DACA recipients. Our letters will be hand-delivered to Congress during the TPS People's Summit from February 10-13. An information sheet and sample letter is available at: <https://tinyurl.com/TPS-DED-DACA-Protections2019>.
- **Next Meeting & Getting Involved!:** We are currently considering our meeting schedule. At the next meeting, we will set goals for the year and map out major projects. To be added to the Justice Team email list please contact the [communications coordinator](#).

Session Members, Committees, and Groups

Clerk of Session: Carol Kayler

Building & Grounds: John Engle

Church Life: Mel Gee

Community & World Service:

Carol Kayler, Susan Hudson

Personnel & Finance: Tom Hedgecock

Personnel Subcommittee: Heather Hosey

Stewardship: Richard Browne

Worship & Spiritual Growth: Cindy

Bodenheimer

POAM: TBD

Justice Team: David Bathory, Donna

Hamilton

More Light Liason: David Bathory

Environmental Green Team: Ron

Richwine

Deacons: Jeff Riddle, Bea Stuber, Sue

Baker

Call to Action

There will be a **New Member Class** held after worship on February 10 & 17. Lunch will be served and childcare will be available upon request. Please let Jon know if you are interested in attending.

Jon's sermons can be found on our website each Monday. You can read this past Sunday's sermon here: <http://www.trinitypresbyterianchurch.org/sermons/translating-the-good-news-luke-4-14-21/>

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 our receiving treasurer Laura Spedding.

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](#).

TPC's Black Lives Matter Book Discussion Group

As part of Trinity's Black Lives Matter focus, we will be starting a book discussion group this spring. Our first selection will be *Waking Up White*. Future books will be chosen by participants from the BLM book list in the narthex. If you are interested in joining us, please contact [the communications coordinator](#) and include a suggestion for days and times, beginning after Easter.

Faith in the City

This Black Lives Matter program will be held at Knollwood Baptist Church on Feb. 5, from 12-1 pm, and will feature a panel from [Action4Equity](#), a local organization working toward equity in education. Trinity members are encouraged to attend, as we plan to support Action4Equity as part of our commitment to Black Lives Matter. Learn more [here](#).

COMMUNITY NEEDS

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Food/Gift of the Month for February:
Instant Potatoes

BOLTON FOOD PANTRY

All-Purpose Cleaner
Trash Bags (small boxes)

MOSES BASKET

Bottles/Bottle Brushes
Cotton Balls
Baby Oil



Christian Education



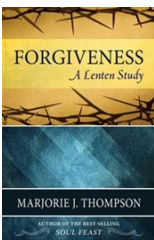
Intergenerational Quilt Project

After Worship on February 17, 24, March 3 in the Fellowship Hall

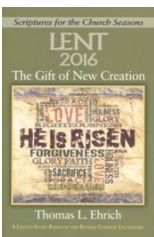
Everyone at Trinity Presbyterian Church will have the opportunity to decorate a quilt square that we will quilt together into one wall hanging. We will provide the squares and for those who wish to decorate one after worship, we will have the materials to do so. You may also take your square home and return it to the church after you have completed your design.

Adult Lenten Sunday School Studies

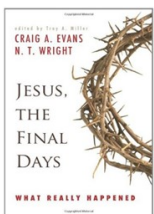
Let Terri know of your choice between these studies, engle.terri@gmail.com



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 examines 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. 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

Classes begin this 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.

Shout Out of Gratitude

To Martha Hix for donating the drink mugs for the children to decorate during our Children in Worship monthly session in January. The children enjoyed personalizing their own drinking cups!

TRINITY SUPPORTS

Support, Advocacy, & Education Groups That Meet at Trinity

- Tolerance AA Groups: Tuesday and Thursday, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Help and Hope Al-Anon Family Group: Saturdays 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- Newcomers Club: 4th Tuesday of Each month, 10:00 a.m.

Local Support Groups

- PFLAG: Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets at Highland Presbyterian Church at 2380 Cloverdale Ave, 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Resource Link: www.pflagws.org; Trinity contact: Johnnie Midyette
- WS Transgender Support Groups: Transgender ID-only Group/Friends, Family, & Partners Group meet every other Sunday, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Call 908-444-1524 for location and further information.

Let Us Be Mindful

People dealing with the extreme cold in the upper midwest

Victims of gun violence and their families, and the dialogue around preventing gun violence

Our immigration situation, and compassion from our leaders

Continued dialogue and action around racism in our city and country

The political discourse in our country

The worldwide refugee crisis

The victims of violence and their families

Caregivers

All of our troops and their families

Children at the Mission of the Good Shepherd in Belize

All those suffering from injustice and oppression throughout the world



Special Thanks

"The Sunday sermon gave me a great opportunity to reflect and be grateful for my fellow church members at Trinity Presbyterian Church. I certainly don't know everyone there, but I know there are many church members who live out the gospel/good news in their daily full-time professions. There are members who help the poor with emergency funds, set up and plan Community Gardens in the city, and there are educators who work as public school teachers, counselors, as a special needs teacher, and educators who teach students in higher education who are discerning their calling in the arts and in ministry. There are also several church members who work in medicine and the healing arts as nurses, doctors, as a hospital laboratory supervisor, a physical therapist, a massage therapist, a nurse practitioner, etc. Many of these members give more than their 35 to 40 hours per week at their jobs because they are so passionate about the good news and the change they can bring in this community. Even in our group of retired members, there are many folks who live out the gospel in the way they care for sick loved ones or take care of their grandchildren or volunteer or serve as mentors to others. I have also seen it in the small ways that church members express gratitude and love to each other while at church. Others are committed to asking us to pray regularly for sick loved ones. I've had church members approach me and ask about people for whom I have requested prayer and I am comforted to know that they are thinking of my loved ones and praying for them regularly during the tough times. I have also seen the gospel carried out while at church by members who humbly serve others, without calling attention to themselves. I feel so blessed and inspired to carry on in my attempts to live out the gospel in my life. Thank you, Trinity."

~A Grateful Trinity Member

In Gratitude

To Cindy Bodenheimer who ran the sound system last Sunday, and to Ann Shoffner who is training all our sound people!

To our Capitol Campaign Team who are meeting again tonight!

For having FOURTEEN children lead us in Worship on Sunday!

For our faithful String-Led Group, who always add some sugar and spice to our music!

For all those who have been caring for our members in need.

BIRTHDAYS & CELEBRATIONS

Jim Sifford: February 2

Jackson Parsons: February 2

Jean Sawyer: February 4

Extra! Extra!

El Buen Pastor is welcoming their new pastor this week! George Vasquez and his wife Annie have received their work visas and will begin their ministry on Sunday.

Over the next several weeks, the library task force will be sorting through the Trinity library books to remove out-of-date and underused books. If you have donated books and would like them returned to you, please contact Terri Engle or Jeanne Patterson before February 15.

Links

Calendar on Trinity's website: www.trinitypresbyterianchurch.org

Salem Matters Online Newsletter: <http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?>

Trinity's Regular Office Hours

Monday: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Closed for Admin Duties

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Friday: Closed

Trinity's Staff

Rev. Jonathan Gaska, Pastor

Cristy Lynn Brown, Music Director

Jonathan Blake Borton, Accompanist

Terri Engle, Director of Christian Education

Sue Baker, Parish Nurse

Kim Young, Office Administrator

Diana Coe, Communications Coordinator

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