

FAITH IN ACTION

Trinity Presbyterian Church Newsletter



February Session Recap

- This Sunday we will be welcoming four new members into the life and ministry of Trinity! It also happens to be Jon's five-year anniversary since he and his family came to us!
- Income from pledges for January was \$2,790.71 below budget. Income versus expenses showed a net loss of \$13,290.30. Expenses for the month included all new windows for the sanctuary-side basement (\$10k), painting/repairs for the ceiling where the new windows were put in (\$700), and adding a new water heater for the kitchen (\$1740). The cost of these projects was mostly drawn from our reserve account and will be reimbursed through our capital campaign.
- During the season of Lent, **Session members will speak during worship about Trinity's new mission statement** and our hopes for how it can transform our identity as a church.
- **There will be a "Church Engagement Fair" after worship on March 17** to familiarize church members with the work of the various committees and other groups in the church.
- **Session will hold a retreat on April 13**, which will focus on visioning and group-building.
- At the February Presbytery meeting, a recommendation was approved to **restructure the Presbytery** to better meets its needs for the future. The restructuring will affect staffing, the vision and purpose of the Presbytery, and includes selling the Presbytery's offices in Clemmons. Jon gave a report at the Presbytery meeting on Black Lives Matter which included Trinity's antiracism statement.
- Jon presented chapters from the book *Community: The Structure of Belonging*. Chapter 3 examines the "**stuck community**," which markets fear, assigns fault, worships self-interest, and emphasizes oversight and strong leadership. Chapter 4 discusses the "**restorative community**," which values possibility and connections between its citizens in providing accountability and asks the question, "What can we create together?" Jon asked that the Session help lead the church toward moving to a more restorative community.
- **The Session approved two recommendations from the Building and Grounds committee:** (1) **The removal of a red oak tree from the front of the sanctuary.** Reasons given include: (a) the tree poses a threat to the church building due to indications of disease as assessed by an arborist, and (b) the tree will need to be removed in the event that a capital campaign project is approved to make changes to the grounds in front of the church. Recognizing the value of the tree to the church community, Session members discussed ways of honoring the tree including having a "gratitude moment" to remember the tree, and potential ways to repurpose the wood from the tree. (2) **The removal of the organ from the choir loft.** The reasons for the removal include: (a) over 60% of the organs circuits no longer work and needed repairs to the organ would cost a minimum of \$5000 to \$7000, (b) organists are in short supply/Jonathan does not play the organ, (c) the organ no longer fits Trinity's music/worship style, (d) it is hard for the choir to sing with the organ due to the sound volume, and (e) proposed changes to the choir loft will not accommodate the organ.
- The church has received a request from Alfredo Miranda for space in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoons to accommodate a new Latino group looking for a space to worship. After receiving additional information from Alfredo, **Session voted to offer the group the use of the Fellowship Hall from 3:00 until 5:00 for a 90-day trial period.**

CALENDAR of EVENTS

This week at Trinity:

- Feb 27: Zumba 6:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 28: Tai Chi for Wellness 10:00 a.m.
- March 3: Sunday School/Coffee Catch-Up/
Choir Rehearsal 10:15 a.m.
11:00 a.m.: Worship/Communion by
Intinction
Refreshments and Fellowship following
Worship

Looking Ahead

- March 4: Zumba 6:00 p.m.
- March 5: Presbyterian Women 4:30 p.m.
- March 6: Zumba 6:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
- March 6: Tai Chi for Wellness
- March 10: Sunday School/Coffee Catch-
Up/Choir Rehearsal 10:15 a.m.
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Serving on Sunday

Communion Elders: Tom Hedgecock, John Engle, Mike Hosey, Heather Hosey, Susan Hudson
Door Greeter: Bea Stuber
Head Usher: Tom Hedgecock
Worship Leader: TBD
Acolyte: TBD
Water Bearer: TBD
Offering Helper: TBD
Little Lights Nursery: Preferred ChildCare, Inc.
Refreshments After Worship: Susan Parker & Elinor Wilburn
Office Volunteer: TBD

Trinity Happenings

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 office](#) and include a suggestion for days and times, beginning after Easter.

On March 3rd, we will be **welcoming four new members!** Art and Catherine Morrisette, Raegan Dalbo (John Senior, Ty, and Dori by extension), and Molly Cinderella (and baby Elizabeth, by extension). Please take a moment to introduce yourself to them and help them feel at home. We are also grateful for all who attended the New Member Class to learn more about Trinity and continue to be present in Worship and in the life of the church.

Join us for **Soup Supper & Service** at 5:30 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. This simple soup and bread supper will be followed by the imposition of ashes at 6:15. The Worship and Spiritual Growth Committee is asking for help providing three pots of soup (one vegetarian), and some bread/crackers. If you can provide either, please contact Cindy Bodenheimer.

Free Books! The Library Committee is reviewing the current library books. Some have been used rarely over the past 15 years, but yet may be useful to members of our church family. Visit the table in the Fellowship Hall to see if you would like to offer a home to some of the books. We will keep Bible resource books, as well as commentaries and various translations. Please do not remove books from the library itself as we continue to review our offerings.

A Spring Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Join us! Many hands make light work!



Christian Education



Check out our exciting Intergenerational Quilt Project!

After Worship on March 3 and March 10, in the Fellowship Hall.

Come to church and express your creativity by painting a block for our intergenerational quilt. No sewing necessary! You paint it and Janet Rolison will put it together. Please let her know if you want to decorate a quilt square so that we can cut enough material to meet our needs.

Committee Catch-Up

Worship & Spiritual Growth Committee

- **During Lent**, session elders will be speaking to six key themes in our new mission statement (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) by sharing an explanation or illustration of Trinity's commitment.
- Kellie Browne will be preaching while Jon is on study leave, **March 17**.

Building & Grounds

- The committee recently met with the Capital Campaign Committee and discussed the improvements and renovations that are needed. That committee will send out a list and a survey in the near future.

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



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

Triad Now is holding an International Women's Day Luncheon Saturday, March 9 from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m. at Parkway UCC, 1465 Irving St. The keynote speaker will be Purity Ruchugo, international philanthropist, educator, and entrepreneur. Get more information [here](#).

COMMUNITY NEEDS

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

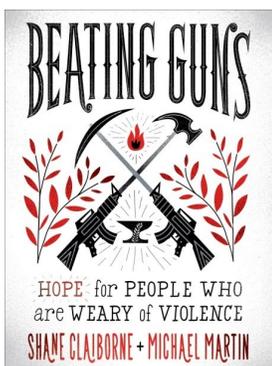
Food/Gift of the Month for February:
Instant Potatoes

BOLTON FOOD PANTRY

All-Purpose Cleaner
Trash Bags (small boxes)

MOSES BASKET

Bottles/Bottle Brushes
Cotton Balls
Baby Oil



Bestselling author and activist Shane Claiborne and Mennonite pastor turned blacksmith Mike Martin offer ways to heal the gun violence epidemic in their new book, *Beating Guns: Hope for People Who are Weary of Violence*. <https://www.beatingguns.com/> Inspired by the biblical prophets' call to "beat swords into plowshares," the authors offer a Christian response to gun violence that transcends the rhetoric of "thoughts and prayers." In their book they offer concrete ways to address the problem. "We have the audacity to believe that it is not the will of God for approximately 105 people to die from guns each day in the U.S.," they say. This 90-minute book tour stop will feature music, art, and stories from local people impacted by gun violence, culminating with an invitation for the audience to take the hammer and transform a gun into garden tools. Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 p.m., Great Commission Community Church, 3733 Ogburn Ave., Winston-Salem.



Trans-Que(e)rying Theology: Practical Hermeneutics and Ministry Applications

[Ministries Beyond Welcome](#) is offering this workshop for those who are committed to creating radical welcome and hospitality to gender-diverse and sexuality-diverse community members. This event will be held Saturday, March 16th at 1:00 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, Gastonia, NC. Please register [here](#) if you are interested. You can find out more information and opt in to additional event emails [here](#).

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.
- 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 further information.

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

Let Us Also Be Mindful

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

In Gratitude

To all who help with our Fellowship time, and a special thanks to our young baristas!

To those who step up to help fold bulletins each week!

For those who signed up for the SHARE Co-op. If you haven't done so, go [here](#) or fill out an application in the Narthex.

Extra! Extra!

A quick reminder to elders to please check your mailboxes in the office. Some are overflowing with important information. Thanks!

New member, Art Morrissette, will have 8 of his watercolor paintings displayed for sale to benefit Meals-on-Wheels. You can view them at the Senior Services Center at 1895 Shorefair Dr., Winston-Salem, this Saturday, March 2, from 10:00-3:00.

Links

Jon's sermons can be found on our website. Check out his latest sermon here:

<http://www.trinitypresbyterianchurch.org/sermons/the-degree-to-which-we-are-free-luke-6-27-36/>

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

[Call to Action](#), What's happening at Trinity and in our community. Get involved!

Also, check out the Salem Presbytery's [Salem Matters](#) online.

BIRTHDAYS & CELEBRATIONS

Agnes Jallah: March 5





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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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