

February 6, 2019

FAITH IN ACTION

Trinity Presbyterian Church Newsletter



From the Pastor's Studio

As part of Trinity's implementing the Black Lives Matter Overture — passed in November at our last presbytery meeting — our Justice Team has thought of three ways we can partner with organizations led by people of color that would benefit communities of color. Supporting the S.H.A.R.E. Co-op is one of these ways.

On Sunday we will be welcoming Rev. Willard Bass as he shares his vision for a cooperative grocery store in Winston Salem (on Peters Creek Parkway) called S.H.A.R.E. (Supplying Healthy And Respective Engagement). This will not be an ordinary grocery store, as it will not only provide healthy food options for those who do not normally have access to healthy food choices, but it will also be supported, shaped, and owned by the community itself. *This is where we come in.*

As we will hear on Sunday, the S.H.A.R.E. Co-op is in its third and final phase, which includes asking for investors to help make this vision a reality. To become a member/owner/stockholder is \$100 and is a one-time fee. Once the store opens, my personal goal is to shop at there at least once a month and I would invite all of us to consider doing the same.

We have heard the statistics before that 1 out of 5 adults and 1 out of 4 children go hungry. Forsyth County just released a report claiming that our county has one of the highest child poverty rates in the nation. I'm excited and proud that we as a church are willing to engage in this life-threatening reality by supporting those, like Rev. Bass, who are casting the expansive vision of eradicating hunger in our city through a grocery store where the hungry and well-fed can gather in one place for their needs.

Please consider bringing an extra check on Sunday in case you are inspired to support S.H.A.R.E.'s vision and, even if you can't support them financially, perhaps take this opportunity to learn more about our city and some of the inspiring things taking place among us!

**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:

- Feb 6: Zumba 6:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 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/Special Guest Willard Bass is joining us with a presentation and invitation to partner with the S.H.A.R.E Co-op 11:00 a.m.
New Member Class following Worship
Building & Grounds meets with Capital Campaign Committee following Worship
Refreshments and Fellowship following Worship
Valentine's Potluck and Bingo 5:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead

- Feb 11: Zumba 6:00 p.m.
- Feb 12: Salem Presbytery will meet at Guilford Park Presbyterian Church in Greensboro. Register at 8:00 a.m.
- Feb 13 Knitting 2:00 p.m.
Zumba 6:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 14: Tai Chi for Wellness
- Feb 17: Sunday School/Coffee Catch-Up 10:15 a.m.
Worship/Hunger Offering 11:00 a.m.
New Member Class following Worship
Refreshments and Fellowship following Worship
Personnel & Finance Committee in the Library following Worship

Serving on Sunday

- Door Greeter: Sue Baker
Head Usher: TBD
Worship Leader: John Engle
Acolyte: TBD
Water Bearer: TBD
Offering Helper TBD
Little Lights Nursery: Preferred ChildCare, Inc.
Refreshments After Worship: Jeff & Ray
Office Volunteer: TBD

Committee and Team Catch-Up

Community & World Service Committee

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

Justice Committee

Thank you to all who took the time to write letters to Congress, urging them to pass legislation protecting our neighbors with TPS and DACA. Our 33 letters will be hand-delivered on February 12. Please consider calling your representatives between Feb. 11 and 13 to amplify the voices of TPS and DACA recipients as they gather in Washington. More information can be found [here](#) and you can watch and share an interview with a local TPS recipient [here](#). Thank you for helping urge our country to “draw the welcome circle wider.”

Building & Grounds Committee

Building & Grounds will meet with the Capital Campaign Committee immediately following Worship this Sunday. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, you are welcome to attend.

Session Members, Committees, and Groups

Clerk of Session: Carol Kayler	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: Ron Richwine
Personnel Subcommittee: Heather Hosey	Deacons: Jeff Riddle, Bea Stuber, Sue Baker
Stewardship: Richard Browne	
Worship & Spiritual Growth: Cindy	

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-part-ii-its-nonsense-luke-4-21-30/>

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.

[Ministries Beyond Welcome](#) is hosting a panel discussion this Sunday, Feb. 10 featuring internationally-known social justice lecturer and performer, [Peterson Toscano](#). "How to Change the World...and Not Lose Your Mind: Unconventional Approaches to Justice Work" will be held at 7:00 p.m. at ReNewal Fellowship, 1350 Jonestown Road.

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](#).

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](#).

Our 6-and-older Sunday School Class is learning about Joseph's dream coat. Check out the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall and feel free to talk to them about which one is theirs!

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

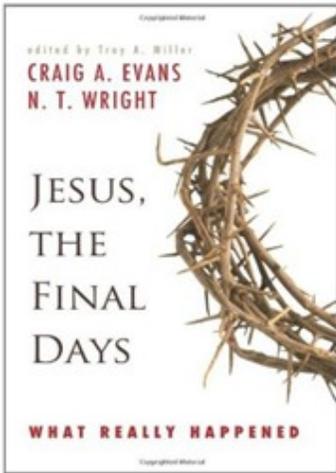


Christian Education



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

GET YOUR SQUARE! Decorate or take home and decorate. We will provide the squares, and for those who wish to decorate 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 Study: March 10 through April 14 We will be using *Jesus, The Final Days* as our book of study.

Please let Terri know if you want a book by February 24th.

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.

- I. 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.
- II. 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.

VBS—June 21-23, 2019

Theme: Environment — focus on three ideas, one for each session.

Friday night session one on Sustainability: 6-8pm Dinner at 5:15

Saturday morning session two on Sharing Our Talents for the Environment: 9-11am

Playtime: 11-11:30am

Lunch: 11:30-Noon

Saturday afternoon session three on Praising God Through Our Environment: Noon-2pm

Sunday showcase crafts

Sunday Children's led worship with a focus on VBS music and stories

Volunteers needed! An invitation has been extended to Dellabrook to join us for VBS.



MINDFULNESS CLASS

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

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 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!

For all who helped with Bill Mabry's funeral: Elders, Deacons, Women's Circle, and member of Trinity. Thank you!

Sheila Hunter for making our yummy communion bread!

Ann Shoffner, who has been training our sound system people!

Megan Gregory and the Justice Team, who organized a letter-writing campaign to our senators and representatives re: Temporary Protective Services (TPS) and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

From Micki Mabry:

Dear Trinity friends, thank you for the emotional support you have given me during this difficult time of Bill's death. The food, flowers, and friendship of my church family has been a great comfort to me. Bill loved his church.

Thank you again,

Micki Mabry and family.

BIRTHDAYS & CELEBRATIONS

Edith Sifford: Feb 7

Ron Richwine: Feb 8

Clara Sobie: Feb 9

MaryByrd Ewell Pettenati:
Feb 10

Gary Hamilton: Feb 12

Extra! Extra!

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.

Additionally, we are missing our copy of the *Daily Feast: Feasting on the Word, Year B*. If you have borrowed it, please let Terri Engle know so that she can place it on the Library's borrowed list.

Links

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

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

[Salem Matters Online Newsletter](#)



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

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