

FAITH IN ACTION

Trinity Presbyterian Church Newsletter



One Great Hour of Sharing

Each year, on Easter Sunday, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) sponsors a special offering designed to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Here are some of the ways your offerings have helped others:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

Internationally: In the first half of 2017, 20 countries received aid and support after catastrophic events in the Phillipines, China, and surrounding areas; emergency response following earthquakes and a tsunami in Indonesia; flooding in India; and volcanic eruption in Guatamala. Large-scale emergency relief projects are underway for South Sudanese displaced persons and refugees, supporting livelihood and food security, peace-building, and education for civil society. The National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon has opened five schools in Syrian refugee camps, which host over 500 students. Homes are being rebuilt so that displaced families can return to work and begin rebuilding their lives.

Nationally: 28 states received help following natural and human-caused disasters ranging from flooding, tornadoes, wildfires, and hurricanes, as well as serious public violence incidents.

Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHPP)

23 Hunger Action Advocates served 1,600 congregations in presbyteries around the country, providing food relief to more than half a million people. 126,610 lbs of local, organically-grown food has been distributed across the U.S., and nearly 2,000 lbs. of native, quality seeds have been distributed to farmers. Find out more about their abundant work at presbyterianmission.org/hunger

Self-Development of People (SDOP)

Some of the National SDOP projects include Street Vendors Association of Chicago, The Gainesville Health and Wellness Center, new-American Parent Support Group, Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing, United Territories of Pacific Islanders Alliance, and Homes for All Nashville.

Let us open our doors, again and again, to see the vulnerable we've been called to stand with and to serve. Let us open our doors, again and again, to share through this offering the love of Christ by ministries of justice, compassion, and joy. Let us open our doors, again and again, to become not THIS church in THIS city of Winston-Salem, but CHRIST'S church in the whole world. Let's give of ourselves, Easter Sunday, to forward our mission in God's love.

"You shall be called repairers of the breach" ~Isaiah 58

CALENDAR of EVENTS

This week at Trinity:

- April 8: Zumba 6:00 p.m.
- April 10: Knitting Fellowship 2:00
Zumba 6:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
- April 11: Tai Chi for Wellness
- April 13: Session Retreat (home of
Margaret Elliott & Ann Shoffner) 9:00
- April 14: Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School/Coffee Catch-Up/Choir
Rehearsal 10:15 a.m.
11:00 a.m.: Worship/Palm Sunday
Refreshments and Fellowship following
Worship

Looking Ahead

- April 15: Zumba 6:00 p.m.
- April 17: Zumba 6:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
- April 18: Tai Chi for Wellness
Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.
- April 20: Easter Festival 10:30 a.m.
- April 21: Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School/Coffee Catch-Up/Choir
Rehearsal 10:15 a.m.
11:00 a.m.: Worship/Easter Sunday
Refreshments and Fellowship following
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Serving on Sunday

Door Greeter: Jeff Riddle
Head Usher: Tom Hedgecock
Worship Leader: Carol Kayler
Acolyte: TBD
Water Bearer: TBD
Offering Helper: TBD
Little Lights Nursery: Preferred ChildCare,
Inc.
Refreshments After Worship: TBD
Office Volunteer: TBD

Trinity Happenings

From the Green Team

You are invited to the Piedmont Earth Day Fair on Saturday, April 13th, from 10:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds (use Gate 5 from Deacon Street). Support the planet and celebrate with the community at the largest Earth Day Fair in the region. Enjoy great food and music, activities for adults and children, and wonderful earth-friendly exhibitors, all while learning how to support a greener city! Free admission.

Easter Festival

Trinity and the Church Life Committee will be hosting the annual Easter Festival again this year on Saturday, April 20 from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon. This is open to all, including friends and family of Trinity and the community. The festival will have games, entertainment, egg-dying, arts and crafts, and an Easter egg hunt. There is a box in the Narthex for donations of individually wrapped candy or small trinkets to fit in the eggs. We will need help with set-up/clean-up, all the activities, and the hunt, as well as donations of boiled eggs and refreshments. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex posted this Sunday, or contact Mel Gee if you'd like to help.

200 for the Pantry!

Can Trinity DOUBLE the number of cleaners and trash bags that we collected in the Fall? We're already at 47 items, so you KNOW we can! Dollar stores and Walmart are good sources for all-purpose cleaners and kitchen-size trash bags at reasonable prices. If we meet our goal of 200 items by May 5, a "Build-Your-Own-Sundae" will be our reward! Of course, providing for those in need is its own reward.

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This special offering takes place on Easter Sunday. See the front page and specialofferings.pcusa.org for more information.

Christian Education



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING

Will be held after Worship on May 5, 2019 (first Sunday in May). Lunch and childcare will be provided. We will be finalizing VBS and starting to prepare for our fall kick-off. Everyone is welcome to attend! Please RSVP for lunch by Monday, April 29 to Terri Engle.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are having Tacos/Taco Salads for Friday night's supper, and Pizza and Salad for Saturday lunch during VBS, June 21-23, 2019. Join us as we discover ways to praise God and Creation by studying our environment through the eyes of our Biblical scriptures. Sign up for dinner prep and/or clean-up on the VBS sheet in the Narthex.



WE NEED YOU!

VBS will be formatted using a rotation model for the different activities: **Bible Story, Music, Crafts, Science, and Snacks.** Friday, June 21 (evening from 5:30-8:00 p.m.) and Saturday, June 22 (9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.). Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in helping out with any of the above, or with dinner, **please see the volunteer sign-up sheet in the Narthex.** Call or email Terri Engle with questions.

FOUR ITEMS OF NOTE FOR 2019-2020 SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR!

1. We are looking for volunteers to teach the Adult Sunday School Class and to oversee the Coffee Catch-Up Class for the 2019-2020 Sunday School Year. The Adult Class meets at 10:00 in the Library. The Coffee Catch-Up Class is an informal meeting time that begins at 10:15 a.m. for Sunday School. Meeting area is in the new sitting area of the Fellowship Hall. Hot beverages are available to take with you to class.
2. We are looking for someone to work with our older youth in grades 4 and 5. We are going to try a new format for Sunday School time with this new class that will incorporate Sunday School and Youth activities. Meeting times may be flexible determined by activity planned for the day.
3. We are looking for topic suggestions for the Adult Sunday School Class. Last year we had a series on Walking Backward Towards Christmas as our Advent study and discussed three essays written about *Jesus, The Final Days* as our Lent Studies. We also offered a meditation class in our meditation room on the lower level underneath the Fellowship Hall.
4. We are looking for someone who would like to come in at 9:45 am and set the hot beverage area up so it is ready for Sunday School at 10:00. This entails making regular and decaf coffee (instructions provided), hot water pot, coffee cups, creamer, sugars, teas and hot chocolate items on the kitchen counter. Help make someone's morning brighter!

Contact Terri if you are interested in any of the above volunteer opportunities as well as submitting topic suggestions for the coming year.

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

Voices of Domestic Violence: A Town Hall Meeting

Engage with a diverse panel as they share their voices and experience with domestic violence. Legislators, survivors, advocates, and others will be present to educate, inform, and answer questions. Hosted by Triad NOW. Thursday, April 11, 2019 6:00-8:00 p.m. Parkway United Church of Christ, 1465 Irving St., Winston-Salem.

Faith and 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue: Religion in the White House.

Join us for an evening with Melissa Rogers, Visiting Professor at the School of Divinity, for a conversation on the role faith has played in the White House. This lecture is free and open to the public. Thursday, April 11, 7:00 p.m. Footnote in Downtown Winston-Salem, 634 W. 4th Street.

Our Planet

The Temple Emanuel film series presents this film featuring exploration of Earth's precious natural habitats. Tuesday, April 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m. 201 Oakwood Drive, Winston-Salem.

Faith in the City: "The Struggle for Equity in Education"

Part of the "Deepening Community Conversations" taking place at Knollwood Baptist Church. Glenn Starnes, principal of Gibson Elementary School, will talk about practices and policies that he has initiated to reduce the achievement gap among students at the school. Bring a bag lunch (drinks provided), if you wish. Monday, May 6, noon-1:00 p.m. 330 Knollwood Street, Building B in the dining room.

Professional and Allies Education Conference

PFLAG Winston-Salem brings experts from our community to provide education, resources, and networking opportunities to mental health professionals, educators, and families. The conference will be held at Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center (Conference Center) on Friday, May 17. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information.

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COMMUNITY NEEDS

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Food/Gift of the Month for April:
Instant Grits

BOLTON FOOD PANTRY

All-Purpose Cleaner
Trash Bags (small boxes)

MOSES BASKET

Baby Toys
Rattles
Teethers

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 continuing 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

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 Tom Hedgecock for folding bulletins last Thursday!

Extra! Extra!

The office will be closed on Easter Monday (April 22), so please plan accordingly.

Links

Jon's sermons can be found on our [website](#). Audio and PDF versions are available.

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

April 10: Calvin Parsons

April 11: Maria Diekema-Zuidema

April 12: Ann Shoffner

April 14: Paul Spedding





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.

Trinity's Regular Office Hours

Monday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday: Closed for Admin Duties
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Friday: Closed

Trinity's Staff

Rev. Jonathan Gaska, Pastor
Cristy Lynn Brown, Music Director
Jonathan Blake Borton, Accompanist
Rev. Terri Engle, Director of Christian Education
Sue Baker, Parish Nurse
Kim Young, Office Administrator
Diana Coe, Communications Coordinator

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