

FAITH IN ACTION

Trinity Presbyterian Church Newsletter



March Session Recap

The February, 2019 Financial Report shows a positive variance of \$6,153.45 in actual versus budgeted income and a deficit of \$607.13 for expenses. The office staff is working on an **online payment option** for the church's website. The goal is to have the option available by Easter.

Jon reported on the NEXT Church Conference that he attended in Seattle. Jon attended classes on pastoring intergenerational churches and on community organizing, both of which we are working toward at Trinity.

Jon referenced an idea from the book *Community: The Structure of Belonging*. The author suggests that any member of a group is either a citizen (with accountability for ownership of where they belong), or a consumer (transactional mindset without much ownership). It is suggested that the difference might be in a citizen's perception of trust. The Session members discussed **ways to build trust** within our own congregation.

The Church Life and Outreach Committee is working with the transgender group that meets at Trinity on sharing quarterly "Welcome Meals" together. It was discussed that **only our elders will host these meals for a while to develop trust before inviting the whole congregation to participate**. Our annual Easter Festival will take place on April 20. Invitations will be sent out to the community and to Dellabrook and El Buen Pastor. The Committee is also making plans for a new Church Directory.

The Community and World Service Committee is sponsoring a competition to collect **cleaning products for the Bolton School Food Pantry** and also planning projects for Mother's Day and Father's Day.

Session discussed whether to continue to purchase materials from the United Methodist Church in light of the denomination's recent decision regarding LGBTQ inclusion. It was decided to leave the purchases to the discretion of the Christian Education Committee while encouraging them to take into account the justice concern.

Session members are continuing to review the Time and Talent Sheets completed last fall to ensure that members of the congregation are being contacted regarding their areas of interest.

The Justice Team made two recommendations to Session that would further the church's commitment to Black Lives Matter and our anti-racism statement. The following were approved by Session:

- (1) **Moving (or adding) the Black Lives Matter banner to the outside of the church.**
- (2) **Organizing a group(s) of Trinity members to visit Dellabrook** for worship on a regular basis as a way of developing trust within the black community.

The Capital Campaign Committee will be sharing details of the Campaign, called "**A House for All,**" with the congregation in the coming weeks. A feasibility study conducted by our consultant is scheduled to begin the week after Easter with the results to be presented to Session at its May meeting.

Session approved 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. The group will meet from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM on Sunday afternoons for a 90-day trial period.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

This week at Trinity:

- April 1: Zumba 6:00 p.m.
- April 2: Presbyterian Women 4:30 p.m.
- April 3: Zumba 6:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
- April 4: Tai Chi for Wellness
- April 6: Mom's Group 10:00 a.m.
- April 7: Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School/Coffee Catch-Up/Choir Rehearsal 10:15 a.m.
11:00 a.m.: Worship/Communion by Distribution
Refreshments and Fellowship following Worship

Looking Ahead

- April 8: Zumba 6:00 p.m.
- April 10: Zumba 6:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
- April 11: Tai Chi for Wellness 10:00 a.m.
- April 13: Session Retreat 9:00 a.m.
- 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

Serving on Sunday

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

Trinity Happenings

Fellowship Time

Do you enjoy Fellowship Time after Worship? Here are some ways to help:

- Thank the people who are serving you.
- Sing up for a Sunday using the sheet on the bulletin board by the sanctuary door. Instructions are located there also.
- Offer to clean up afterward.
- Although we love celebrating special days such as birthdays, anniversaries, and church events, please let us know by signing up on the bulletin board so we can plan better.
- Questions: ask a Deacon.

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-dyeing, 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.

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

Faith in the City: “The Struggle for Equity in Education”

Part of the “Deepening Community Conversations” taking place at Knollwood Baptist Church. Valerie Glass, with Triad Restorative Justice, speaks about the training she provides for teachers and school administrators on restorative behavior management practices in the classroom that help reduce disparities and foster positive educational outcomes. Bring a bag lunch (drinks provided), if you wish. Tuesday, April 2, noon-1:00 p.m. 330 Knollwood Street, Building B in the dining room.

Bridges Out of Poverty Training

Crisis Control Ministry invites residents of Forsyth County to join them for this important training about the impact of poverty and our response to it. Friday April 5th from 8:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m. Central Meeting Room at Goodwill Industries, 2701 University Parkway, Winston-Salem. Prior to the training, please read the book *Bridges Out of Poverty* by Ruby Payne, Philip DeVol, and Terie Smith. Space is limited. Please RSVP to khaynes@crisiscontrol.org by March 29.

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.

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

Justice Team Updates

- The Justice Team meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be May 1. To be added to the email list please contact the [Communications Staff](#).
- The following racial equity learning opportunities have been recommended:
 - ◇ Video of Action4Equity panel at “Faith in the City” Feb. 5 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EET1otgnOXg&feature=youtu.be>)
 - ◇ Racial Equity Institute training, May 1-2, and ongoing (<https://www.racialequityinstitute.com/ourservices>). Scholarships are available. Ask Beth Harper for more information.
- As part of our Black Lives Matter commitment, we are working to strengthen our relationship with Dellabrook Presbyterian. The Justice Team will organize Trinity members who would like to worship with Dellabrook once a month starting in May. The group that attends would vary month-to-month. Please stay tuned for more information!
- In February we wrote letters to our Member of Congress urging them to pass legislation protecting immigrant neighbors with DACA, TPS, and DED. As an update:
 - ◇ Bills to recipients of DACA, TPS, and DED have now been introduced in both the House and Senate: The Dream and Promise Act of 2019 (H.R.6) was introduced March 12, and updated versions of the Dream Act (S. 874) and SECURE Act (s. 879) were introduced March 26.
 - ◇ Protected status for Liberians, which was set to expire March 31, 2019 has been extended for a year, in part to allow Congress to consider legislation that would allow them to adjust to permanent legal resident status.

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 Laura Spedding for folding bulletins last Thursday!

Building Committee Clean-Up Day

Thank you to everyone who came out to help us spruce up the church! We had beautiful weather, lots of hard workers, and yummy snacks to keep us going!



BIRTHDAYS & CELEBRATIONS

April 3: Susan Douglas

April 4: Brian Geesaman

April 6: Jack Wooten

April 7: David Bathory

April 8: Jim Voelker



Extra! Extra!

On Easter Sunday we will be receiving the **One Great Hour of Sharing special offering**. You can find more information about this at specialofferings.pcusa.org.

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

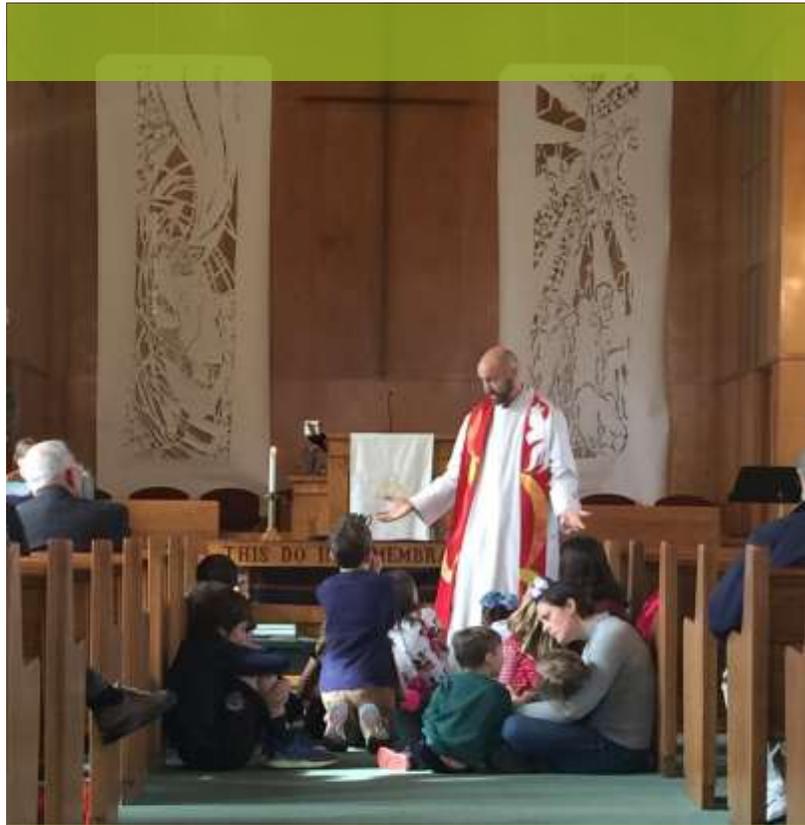
Links

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.



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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