

April 24, 2019

FAITH IN ACTION

Trinity Presbyterian Church Newsletter



April Session Recap

Prior to the Session meeting, Session members shared an enjoyable potluck meal with members of the **transgender support group** that meets at Trinity. Session will continue to meet with the group on a quarterly basis.

The Session meeting began outside in front of the sanctuary where Bill Raiford explained the need for a **survey and architectural plans for correcting drainage and ADA issues in the front of the church**. The motion was made and unanimously approved to release the money, approximately \$3500, for the assessments.

Session members reflected on the Session retreat that was held on April 13. All committees will be working on mission statements using guidelines discussed at the retreat.

The Treasurer reported that, due to an influx of pledged income, income for March exceeded budget by \$4,916. Expenses for the month exceeded budget by \$2,382.60.

The Personnel and Finance Committee brought a recommendation that the **Online Giving service facilitating donations through our website** be approved. Session approval is required since there is a fee associated with the service. The Session voted to approve the recommendation.

The Deacons reported that their **efforts to increase participation from the congregation in providing refreshments during Fellowship Time** have not been successful. The Session agreed that the Fellowship Time is of great value to the congregation, but also that shouldering that responsibility is becoming a burden to the Deacons. Session members shared ideas for encouraging either greater participation and/or simplifying the effort, including potentially discontinuing Fellowship Time.

Jon asked for and Session approved the following **vacation dates**: May 20-27; July 15-21; Aug. 4-10.

The Session discussed two chapters from the book *Community: The Structure of Belonging* by Peter Block. The chapters contrast traditional leadership (top down and involving finding a problem and fixing it) vs. leadership as convening (nurturing gifts, accountability and commitment, listening and paying attention).

The Capital Campaign reported that the interviews with the Consultant, Jeff Sockwell, are going well. Jeff will report his findings at the next Session meeting scheduled for June 2.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

This week at Trinity:

- April 29: Zumba 6:00 p.m.
- May 1: Zumba 6:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
- May 2: Tai Chi for Wellness 10:00 a.m.
- May 5: Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School/Coffee Catch-Up 10:15 a.m.
11:00 a.m.: Worship/Communion Sunday
Refreshments and Fellowship following
Worship
12:00 p.m.: CE Meeting (Library)

Looking Ahead

- May 6: Zumba 6:00 p.m.
- May 7: Presbyterian Women 4:30 p.m.
- May 8: Knitting Fellowship 2:00 p.m.
Zumba 6:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
- May 9: Tai Chi for Wellness 10:00 a.m.
Directory Photos 2-9 p.m.
- May 10: Directory Photos 2-9 p.m.
- May 12: Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School/Coffee Catch-Up 10:15 a.m.
11:00 a.m.: Worship
Refreshments and Fellowship following
Worship

Serving on Sunday

Door Greeter: William Hudson
Head Usher: Heather Hosey
Worship Leader: Megan Gregory
Communion Elders: Tom Hedgecock,
Susan Hudson, Mel Gee, Heather Hosey
Acolyte: TBD
Water Bearer: TBD
Offering Helper: TBD
Little Lights Nursery: Preferred ChildCare,
Inc.
Refreshments After Worship: Julie Sugg/
Presbyterian Women/Ice Cream Sundae
Reward
Office Volunteer: TBD

Trinity Happenings

Directory Photos

We will be taking church directory photos on Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10 from 2-9 p.m. Please either sign up for your time directly via this [online link](#), or check in with Margaret Elliott, who will have a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall after Worship for the next two Sundays.



Women's Circle

The Presbyterian Women's Circle will meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. on May 7 for the circle lesson before going to Cloverdale Kitchen for dinner at 6:00 p.m. to participate in **Hope du Jour**. This is open to anyone who wants to join the circle for the lesson and/or dinner, but you will need to let someone know if you are coming for dinner so we can give Cloverdale Kitchen a count. Please call Winki Campbell or Cathy Woitineck to make a reservation for dinner. Please join the circle for study, fellowship, and good food to support Hope du Jour.

Hope du Jour

Crisis Control Ministry was founded by local congregations in 1973. Since then they have worked with thousands of Forsyth County families in financial crisis, struggling to make ends meet. Over the years, many faith communities, including Trinity Presbyterian Church, have joined in supporting CCM with food drives and mission funds.

This May 7, we hope you will take part in CCM's **Hope du Jour** fundraiser. It is an easy way to dine out for a good cause. When you choose to dine at any of these participating restaurants, 10% of your bill will be donated to Crisis Control Ministry, enabling them to serve your neighbors more effectively.

Some of the participating restaurants in our area include:

6th & Vine

1703 Restaurant

Alma Mexicana

Antojitos las Delicias

Arigato Japanese Steak & Seafood

B.L.L. Rotisserie Factory

Bagel Station, Oakwood Dr.

Bagel Station, N. Peace Haven Rd.

Baked Just So

The Basil Leaf Thai & Sushi

Bernardin's Restaurant

Bib's Downtown

Black Mountain Chocolate

Bleu Restaurant & Bar

Bobo's Deli & Grill

Burke Street Pizza, Burke St.

Burke Street Pizza, Robinhood Rd.

Café Arthur's

Café Gelato

Cagney's Kitchen

Camel City BBQ Factory

Camino Bakery, Brookstown

Camino Bakery, W. Fourth St.

Camino Bakery, WF Baptist

Canteen Market & Bistro

Carmine Italian Restaurant

The Carriage House Restaurant

The Carving Board

Cin Cin Burger Bar

Cloverdale Kitchen

Cody's Smokehouse

Coppola's Pizzeria & Italian Restaurant

Cowboy Brazilian Steakhouse

Dewey's Bakery, Reynolda Rd

Dewey's Bakery, Thruway

Di Lisio's Italian Restaurant

Diamondback Downtown

Diamondback Grill



Earl's

East Coast Wings & Grill, Country Club

Elizabeth's Pizza, Silas Creek Pkwy

Elizabeth's Pizza, University Pkwy

Fiddlin' Fish Brewing Company

Finnigan's Wake

Foothills Brewing

Footnote

Forsyth Seafood

Fratellis Italian Steakhouse

Goody's Restaurant

Grecian Corner

HakkaChow

Hero House, Inc.

Hill's Lexington Barbecue

Honky Tonk Smokehouse

Hutch and Harris

Hwy 55 Burgers, Shakes and Fries

You can view the extensive list, including restaurants in Kernersville, Lewisville, Rural Hall, and Walkertown, on their website: <http://hopedujour.org/find-a-restaurant/>

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

Memorial Garden: Carol Kayler

Deacons: Jeff Riddle, Bea Stuber, Sue Baker

Celebrate?!!!

We're thinking positively here. At last count we had a total of **174 items** toward our goal of **200 hundred items** for the Bolton Food Pantry. Additionally we have received some cash donations that will help us surpass our goal! So good work Trinity friends! The thing to remember is that **we can't stop now**. The food pantry will continue to need cleaning supplies and plastic trash bags. **Put the pantry on your shopping list**. If we all brought just one item a week every week, we would never need to run an emergency campaign like this one. Trinity members are incredibly generous. The Community and World Service Committee thanks you for your effort and urges you to keep up the good work.



One final note from the Food Pantry: At present, **we have enough egg cartons** and are running out of storage space. Let's hold off on those donations for now.

We also help sponsor the **food basket for Crisis Control** and encourage your participation in the baby collection basket for new mothers that is sponsored by Presbyterian Women. Put them on your shopping list too!

Now let's **celebrate!** Join us for **ice cream sundaes** and **Birthday Cake** in the Fellowship Hall after church today. Whose birthday? Why the 100+ birthday of the Presbyterian Women organization that was started as an effort to support mission of the church locally and abroad. WE encourage you to donate to PW for this year's special national/international projects using the special envelopes provided in the pew racks.

Did You Know? 15 Years of Scholarships at Trinity!

Did you know that since 2003, the Trinity Educational Fund has disbursed over \$54,000 to 19 individuals in support of their educational goals? Approximately 2/3 of the total funds have come from contributions made by anonymous donors! And this year, for the first time, 20% of your contributions will be shared with the Winston-Salem Minister's Conference MLK Scholarship Fund. This is a concrete way we can live out the Black Lives Matter Resolution that we have adopted.



Trinity has a limited amount of funds in a Scholarship Fund, used to provide financial assistance for church members planning to attend community/technical school, college, or graduate school. It is funded by contributions from church friends and members, and from Trinity when budget permits. Applications with instructions for the 2019-2020 academic year are available in the narthex or by calling the church office. The deadline for submissions is June 1, 2019. If you have any questions or need additional information, please speak with Laura Spedding, Ann Williams, Beth Harper, or Cindy Bodenheimer.

Contributions to this fund are needed so that we can make meaningful gifts to Trinity Members and to the Minister's Conference this year. Make your check payable to Trinity and note "Scholarship Fund" on the memo line. Thank you!

Birthday Offering

Presbyterian Women have a long tradition of caring for others and helping those in need, both at home and throughout the world. Launched in 1922 to celebrate their 10th anniversary, the Birthday Offering celebrates their history of giving. This year's selected projects are:

- Disaster Response Team, Presbytery of Charlotte, NC
- Effingham Child Development Center, Inclusive Playground, Effingham, IL
- Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky, Inc., Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center, Phelps, KY
- Wings of Refuge, Restoration Home, Iowa Falls, IA

Our congregation is invited to contribute their gifts to these projects during the month of May by using the special gift envelopes placed in the pew racks, and to share a special birthday cake after church in the Fellowship Hall on May 5.

COMMUNITY NEEDS

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Food/Gift of the Month for May:
Instant Oatmeal

BOLTON FOOD PANTRY

All-Purpose Cleaner
Trash Bags (small boxes)

MOSES BASKET

Socks
Tights
Hats

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. 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.

National Organization for Women May Meeting

NOW's May meeting features the dramatic presentation of Abby Catoe, who grew up in a domestic violence situation and then married another perpetrator. Her journey to empowerment, education, and career success will leave you holding your breath; and her commitment to making a difference for other survivors will have you cheering. Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 p.m. Parkway United Church of Christ, 1465 Irving St. Please bring a snack to share.

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.

From Ministries Beyond Welcome

The bill that would end "conversion therapy" in North Carolina is the Mental Health Protection Act, and it has seen huge support from both legislators and the public. The longstanding practice by licensed mental health providers attempting to change a young person's sexual orientation or gender identity is unethical, dangerous, and frankly, impossible. We are now in the final days before the deadline and legislators on the NC House Health Committee have yet to schedule a hearing for this important piece of legislation. Please take a few minutes to send a message to the Member of this committee to express strong support for this Act and urge them to take action by holding a hearing and advancing the bill. You can easily draft a message of support through the action page at the [BornPerfectNC website](#).

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

The victims of the UNCC shooting.

The victims of the Chabad of Poway Synagogue shooting.

The victims of the Sri Lankan Easter Sunday bombings, and all those affected.

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

From the Green Team: Thanks to the children, string musicians, Jon, and all other participants who helped to make Sunday's Earth Day service such a success!

Thanks to all who stick around after Fellowship on Sundays to help clean up!

Thanks to the kitchen fairy who comes in on Mondays to empty the dishwasher!

Extra! Extra!

We have received \$1,040 in contributions from our **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering to date. We can receive contributions through Sunday, May 5. Please note One Great Hour on the memo line of your check or on your envelope. Thank you!

First quarter contribution statements are available upon request. If you would like a copy of your statement for 2019's first quarter, please contact Laura or Kim.

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

May 1: Ashlee Geesaman

May 2: Kim Williams

May 3: Khelen Kuzmovich

May 4: Janet Rolison





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
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