

May 22, 2019

FAITH IN ACTION

Trinity Presbyterian Church Newsletter



Pronouns and Why They Matter

You may have noticed that a few of the staff and elders here at Trinity have begun listing their pronouns in the signature line of our emails. Why is that? Let's talk about pronouns and why they matter.

Those of us who have cisgender privilege (the prefix "cis" means same, cisgender means you comfortably identify with the gender assigned to you at birth), take it for granted that people see us and assume to know our pronouns and we are completely okay with that. But many people who are trans or non-binary (meaning they do not associate their own gender with either of the two "poles": male (he/him/his) or female (she/her/hers) find that they must go to the extra step of making their pronouns known to others in order to be "seen."

To get to the next step, beyond simply welcoming our trans and non-binary friends and neighbors into our church home, we can help normalize the space for people to share their pronouns. You can introduce yourself first, and include your own pronouns (whether you think it should be obvious or not): "Hi, my name is Diana and my pronouns are she/her/hers." From a terrific article on mypronouns.org:

Sharing your pronouns is a great idea, but it isn't requisite. Keep in mind, however, that there is a privilege of appearing in a way that fits both your gender and the pronouns that many people associate with your gender. In other words, if people's assumptions are correct, never having to name those assumptions begins to normalize the very process of making assumptions (which for others may be incorrect). Thus, sharing pronouns is a great way to disrupt the normalization and privilege of assumption.

Also, it's important to remember that many folk don't use the "typical" she/her/hers or he/him/his pronouns. If you aren't sure (even if you THINK you are sure without asking) go with the singular "they/them." Even as a grammar geek and a professional proofreader, I've gotten on board with this and you can too! Start adding your pronouns to your own email signature and include them when you introduce yourself. Let's show the world that Trinity members can go Beyond Welcome and live into our values and mission statement.

Blessings for the week ahead,
Diana Coe

CALENDAR of EVENTS

This week at Trinity:

•May 22: Knitting Fellowship: 2:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

•May 23: Tai Chi for Wellness 10:00 a.m.

•May 26: 11:00 a.m.: Worship/Children-led/String-led/Rev. Liam Hooper, Guest Pastor

Blood Pressure Checks after Worship in Library

Refreshments and Fellowship following Worship

7:00 p.m. Transgender & NonBinary People Support Group/Friends & Family of

Transgender and NonBinary People Support Group

Looking Ahead

•May 29: Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

•May 30: Tai Chi for Wellness 10:00 a.m.

•June 2: Worship/Communion Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Refreshments and Fellowship following Worship

Serving on Sunday

Door Greeter: Sue Baker

Head Usher: Heather Hosey

Worship Leader: Children-led

Little Lights Nursery: Preferred ChildCare, Inc.

Refreshments After Worship: Laura Spedding

Office Volunteer: TBD

Trinity Happenings

Presbyterian Women's Circle Birthday Offering

Don't forget that this group is taking donations for the 100+ Birthday Offering to benefit several worthy national projects. Special envelopes are located in the pews throughout the month. You can see more detailed information in last week's newsletter, located [on our website](#).



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!

Mother's Day / Father's Day Cards

So far \$140 has been raised for Family Services of Forsyth County from the sale of Mother's Day / Father's Day cards. There will be more cards available on June 2 for Father's Day for a minimum \$5 contribution.

Many thanks go to the children of the church and Brenda Daniels for making the beautiful cards!

Jon on Vacation

Please remember that Jon Gaska is on vacation this week. Rev. Liam M. Hooper will be the guest pastor on Sunday, which will also be children-led, and string-led.

Office Closed Monday

In observance of Memorial Day, the office will be closed Monday, May 27.

Bolton School Field Trips

Students at Bolton School were able to go on field trips this school year thanks in part to donations from Trinity's Hunger Offerings. A note from the school states: "We are always very grateful for the generous donation for our field trips. This donation helps to lift the financial burden off of many of our families that simply do not have the financial means to pay for field trips." This year students have gone on the following trips: North Carolina Zoo, Industries for the Blind, Greensboro Natural Science Center, Countryside Bowling Alley, Kaleideum North, J. Razz and Tazz Farm, All-A-Flutter Butterfly Farm, Millstone Creek Orchards, Bethabara Park, and Millis Regional Health Center.

Bolton Food Pantry

Bolton Food Pantry Celebrates One Year of Operation and Welcomes a New Intern The Bolton School Food Pantry celebrated one year of operation with a volunteer potluck on May 7. Since opening, the pantry has served an average of 42 families per month. Approximately ten Trinity volunteers participate to help make the Pantry possible. Funding has been provided for another year of operation as we welcome a new intern who will be overseeing the operation.



Barbara "Bobbie" Rogers is a rising second year divinity student at Wake Forest School of Divinity and North Carolina native by way of Laurinburg & Fayetteville. She completed her undergraduate studies at Howard University and went on to serve as a Global Mission Fellow to The General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church. As a global mission fellow she was assigned to Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy in Moscow, Russia, where she served the low income migrant and refugee community there. Following her Masters, she aspires to work in college chaplaincy or religious life. Bobbie is thrilled to be joining the Bolton Food Pantry team and looks forward to meeting & working with the amazing volunteers involved.

Christian Education

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STUDENT SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX BY THE VBS DISPLAY POSTER. Please sign up by Sunday, May 26!

Friday, June 21: Dinner at 5:30 p.m., activities 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 22: Activities 9:00-2:00 p.m., Lunch provided

Sunday, June 23: Children lead Worship, craft showcase in Fellowship Hall

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

Call to Action



Horticultural Therapy Program and Community Garden

Each session includes a bilingual (English/Spanish) lesson on horticulture or art, and a family workday in the garden. A registered Horticultural Therapist will work with children individually or in small groups while families tend the garden. The entire family can participate and we welcome all children, with or without disabilities. Each family will be asked to take

turns watering and maintaining the garden, and will receive part of the harvest of vegetables. This is a pilot program with the possibility of continuation based on interest. For more information and to register, please contact Gloria Haley at ghaleyart@yahoo.com or 336-814-7080, or Megan Gregory at gregormm@forsyth.cc or 336-705-8823. Fridays, May 24-July 26, 2019, 5:45-7:15 p.m. at Simon's Green Acre Community Garden, 1922 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

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

Liberating Theologies: 2019 Speaker Series

The Liberating Theologies conference, presented by The Freedom Center for Social Justice, is a one-day experience exploring varying theologies with an emphasis on liberation and inclusion for the oppressed and marginalized. Speakers include Rev. Dr. Keri Day on The Future of Theology, Rev. Dr. Pamela Lightsey on Womanist Queer Theology, and Dr. John Boopalan on Dismantling Oppressive Theologies. Saturday, May 25, 2019, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Charlotte Museum of History, 3500 Shamrock Dr., Charlotte, NC 28215. [Register here.](#)

In Good Company

The annual gala fundraiser for Winston-Salem's [North Star LGBTQ Community Center](#). June 13, Grand Pavilion Ballroom/Embassy Suites Downtown, 5-11:00 p.m. See their [event page](#) for ticket information.

Tour de Llama

Join in the 6th annual Tour de Llama ride on Saturday, June 22 at Divine Llama Vineyards. After the bike ride, attendees will enjoy winery tours, lunch, photo ops with llama, wine tastings, hayrides, and more. Proceeds benefit Samaritan Ministries. Volunteers are needed for parking and registration from 7-9 a.m., as well as a group of adults to staff the 21-mile water stop. [Register here to be a rider or sponsor.](#)

Volunteers Needed: Samaritan Ministries

Overnight Volunteers are needed to help prepare supper and breakfast for up to 80 homeless men, as well as watching security monitors in two-hour shifts throughout the night. The Weekday Soup Kitchen needs weekly and biweekly team members, as well as occasional substitutes to help prepare and serve meals to 350 guest from 9 a.m to 1:30 p.m. Computer-literate volunteers are needed to staff the new computer lab in the evenings. Guests use the lab to apply for jobs and look for housing. Volunteer shifts for the lab run from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday. See the [Samaritan Ministries website](#) for more information.

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

Thank you to Laura Spedding, Johnnie Midyette, and Alice Scott for all the volunteer hours spent keeping our church finances in order!

We are grateful for all the Trinity members who share their free time with the community. Whether you volunteer at Crisis Control Ministry, Bolton Food Pantry, Hospice, or elsewhere, we see you and appreciate you!

Extra! Extra!

If you need something to appear in the newsletter, please be sure to send it to the communications office before Wednesday morning, 8:00 a.m.

Carol Edmond fell and broke her hip while visiting her daughter in Charlotte. She is at Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Rock Hill. For those who would like to send a card, here is the address:

Carol Edmond
c/o Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital of Rock Hill
1795 Dr. Frank Gaston Blvd.
Rock Hill, SC 29732

Penny Stevenson, a regular visitor to Trinity for years, passed away May 8. She is survived by three daughters and many grandchildren. Her obituary can be found on the [Winston Salem Journal site](#).

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 29: Doris Braithwaite

June 1: Ames Laws

June 2: Berth Gronseth

June 4: Dashiell Hosey





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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