July 17, 2019

FAITH **IN ACTION**

Trinity Presbyterian Church Newsletter

Fare Thee Well

Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

As my time here at Trinity draws to a close, I want to take a moment to thank all of you for your kindness and support over the years. When Amy, Trinity's previous Office Administrator, called and asked me if I might be looking for a part-time job, I had no idea where the road that opened up for me would lead. Looking back, it led me to new and wonderful friends, and to a congregation that embodies love for all.

It has been a true joy to work for Trinity Presbyterian Church. As each of us continues on our individual and collective journeys, I wish you all peace and joy. I am sure that Trinity will continue to be an example of what it truly means to "love your neighbor."

I would also like to say "thank you" for the lovely blessing (and delicious cake) during worship this past Sunday, as well as to unnamed individuals for your kind words, emails, and gifts these past few days.

Take care, my friends.

With peace and love,

Kim

CALENDAR of EVENTS

This week at Trinity:

- July 15: Zumba 6:00 p.m.
- July 17: Knitting Fellowship 2:00 p.m.
  Zumba 6:00 p.m.
- July 18: Tai Chi for Wellness 10:00 a.m.
- July 21: Table Worship 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall / **Hunger Offering**

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

Looking Ahead

- July 22: Zumba 6:00 p.m.
- July 24: Zumba 6:00 p.m.
- July 25: Tai Chi for Wellness 10:00 a.m.
- July 21: Table Worship/Hunger Offering 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall / Kellie Browne leading
- July 27: Carl & Sue Baker's 50th Anniversary Celebration, 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Serving on Sunday

Door Greeter: Jeff Riddle

Head Usher: Cindy Bodenheimer

Worship Leader: Julie Sugg

Little Lights Nursery: Preferred ChildCare, Inc.

Refreshments: TBD

Office Volunteer: Julie Sugg

Trinity Happenings

A Message from Johnnie
With Kim leaving, I will be taking over some of the financial processes that she has been handling. For bills to be paid, Check Requests, Reimbursement Requests, etc. there will be a basket on Kim's desk for you to leave the forms/information for me to process. Please give some lead time since I will not be in the office every day as Kim has been. I will be checking the basket frequently. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me. Thanks for your cooperation, Johnnie

A request from PFLAG
PFLAG Winston-Salem is looking for Board Members and/or volunteers to help with its activities around support, advocacy and education. If you are interested, please contact Johnnie Midyette.

Worship Notes
For the month of July, worship is in the fellowship hall! The topic for this week's table talk discussion is around the question Jesus is asked: "Who is my neighbor?" and the story of the Good Samaritan. Perhaps we can be thinking about our relationships with our neighbors and a story about when our understanding of "neighbor" expanded? Maybe we name who we have a hard time considering a "neighbor" these days: the white supremacist? Trump supporter? Democrat? The neighbor who says, "Illegals need to go back to their own country!" Or maybe consider the question: Have you ever helped someone who was not part of your group? Have you ever been helped by someone outside of your group? There are lots of ways to go with this as we ponder what it means to love our neighbor for Sunday!

Kellie Browne will lead us in Worship on July 21.

Nathan Peifer and Elinor Wilburn will guide us in Worship on August 4.

Staff Vacations
Both Jon and Diana will be out of the office next week, July 15-21.

You Are Invited
Please join in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Carl and Sue Baker, this Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall here at Trinity.

Hunger Offering
We will receive our monthly Hunger Offering this Sunday, July 21. Please remember that Hunger Offerings for June and July are being given to Bolton Elementary School for their field trip fund.

Volunteers Needed
The weeds are taking over our beautiful landscaping. If you have the time and inclination, come on by and pluck a few to help us clear out the grounds. No need to spend a day in the hot sun so come as you are able. Any help would be appreciated!

Call to Action

Support H.R. 6, The American Dream & Promise Act of 2019

Responding to the Biblical call to hospitality, the PC(USA) has long advocated for "an opportunity for hard-working immigrants who are already contributing to this country to… pursue an option to become lawful permanent residents and eventually United States citizens" (217th General Assembly, 2006).

The American Dream and Promise Act of 2019 (H.R. 6), which passed the House on June 4, 2019, would provide such as opportunity for 2.7 million immigrants by creating a path to U.S. citizenship for current or potential holders of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Temporary Protected Status (TPS) or Deferred Enforced Departure (DED). Due to the current administration's moves to terminate these life-saving immigration benefits, many of these neighbors could lose their protection from deportation if Congress does not act.

The NC Congress of Latino Organizations (NCCLO) is planning a trip to Washington, D.C. on July 26 to meet with our Senators and urge them to press for a floor discussion and vote in favor of H.R. 6. **Here's how you can amplify the voices of immigrant neighbors seeking safety and dignity!**

- **Come to Washington, D.C. with us on July 26!** Buses will leave Marvin United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem at 4 am and return around midnight the same day. It is only $10 per person. To reserve your seat please contact Rev. Oscar Zuniga at 336-692-3085. Checks can be made out to the NC Congress of Latino Organizations.
- **Write letters for us to hand-deliver!** You can use the information sheet and sample letter at: https://tinyurl.com/DreamAndPromise2019-NC (it is also attached). Please bring your letters to church on July 21, leave them in the church office, OR contact Megan Gregory to pass along your letters by July 23.

Our community is enriched every day by neighbors with DACA, TPS, or DED who have made their lives here, but now face uncertain futures. I hope you will join us in urging our Senators to support this legislation that would provide long-overdue, permanent protections for these neighbors. Thank you!

Bolton Elementary School Mural

We currently support the Bolton School Food Pantry and they are seeking donations to brighten their cafeteria with a wall mural. The cost is estimated at $1000. Contact Julia Tesh, Bolton School art teacher for further information.

COMMUNITY NEEDS

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Food/Gift of the Month for July: Peanut Butter or Jelly

BOLTON FOOD PANTRY

All-Purpose Cleaner
Trash Bags (small boxes)

MOSES BASKET

Diaper Rash Ointment
Baby Wipes
Pull-Ups

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

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 & NonBinary People Support Group/Friends & Family of Transgender and NonBinary People Support Group meet every other Sunday, 7:00-8:30 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

Gratitude

To Jeff Riddle and Ray Speas for hosting fellowship time this past Sunday!

BIRTHDAYS & CELEBRATIONS

July 16: Bill Hix

Patricia Perfetti

July 18: Vicki Jones-Johnson

July 21: Alice Scott

Extra! Extra!

Teresa Tate
Our custodian, Teresa Tate, has been moved to hospice and her husband, Dennis, believes it will not be long before she passes. Her family continues to carry on with caring for our church home. If you'd like to send a card, the address is:

Teresa Tate
c/o Hospice of Davidson County
200 Hospice Way
Lexington, NC 27292

Jack Wooten
Jack went home from the hospital yesterday and has Hospice care.

Our Online Giving Option is Now on Our Website!
Several of you are now using the online giving option to make your donations to Trinity hassle-free. You can now access the secure online giving page directly through our website. You can access that option here. Many of you have inquired about fees incurred for this service: Vanco charges Trinity 2.75% + .45 per transaction for all credit/debit card payments. They charge 1% + .45 per transaction for direct debits to checking accounts. There is an option to add a bit to if you would like to help cover these additional charges.

Second Quarter Statements
These statements, covering contributions from January 1-June 30 of 2019, are available upon request. If you would like a copy, please contact Laura Spedding.

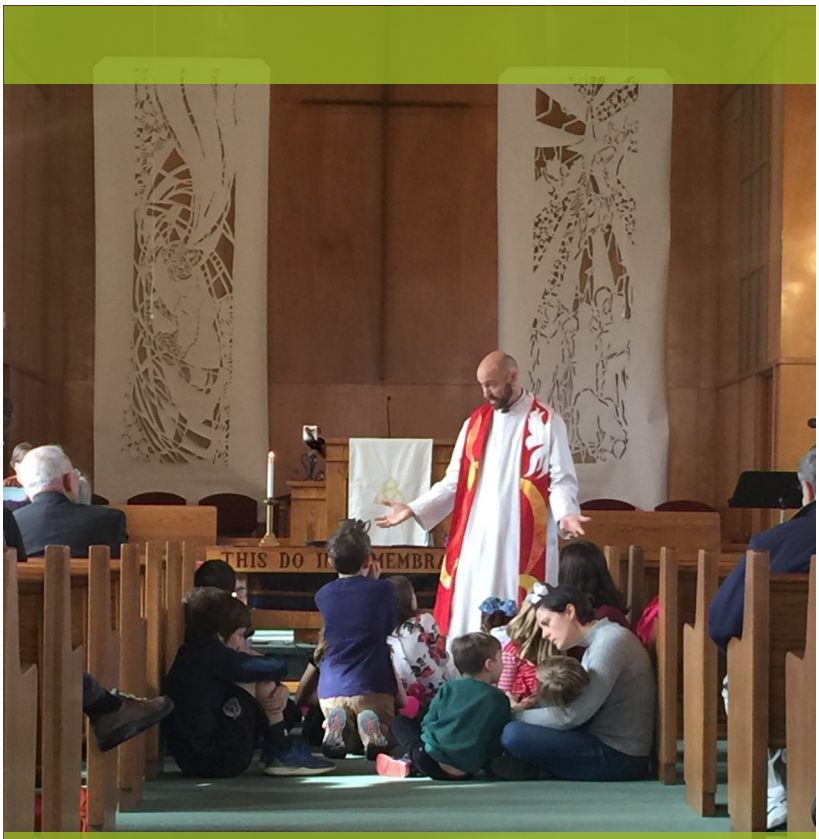
Links

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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