

July 24, 2019

FAITH IN ACTION

Trinity Presbyterian Church Newsletter



From the Pastor's Studio

During these summer days at the church things slow down. There is a bit more breathing room to be thinking ahead before the kickoff in the fall. It is also a time to sit back and begin to revisit some things.

As many of you know, Kim, our office administrator of almost nine years, is no longer with us. As hard as these transitions are, they give us fruitful opportunities to be thinking about what we are doing and why we are doing it.

One thing that the session is wrestling with right now is the need for a weekly newsletter. Consensus is that a majority of people either don't read it or skim over it (no judgment if you don't read it every week as it is a lot to keep up with!). What if we had a monthly newsletter and every week Diana sent out the Weekly Snapshot, which included what was happening at Trinity, "Save the Dates" for future events, and community events with links to their websites if you wanted to learn more? A monthly newsletter, rather than a weekly one, would cut back some of the redundancy and twelve newsletters a year might be more attainable than fifty-two of them. The truth is, these newsletters take a lot of time every week and it might not be worth it if most of us aren't able to keep up with it on a weekly basis. Again, the session is just beginning to wrestle with this idea, as we want to do what is best and most feasible for our congregation. Could you engage the newsletter more if it came out once a month? If you have a strong opinion about this either way then please let me or one of the session members know.

Throughout this interim period Diana will be handling a lot of the ins and outs of the church while our personnel committee searches to fill the position. I know you will be patient with us as we get acclimated to life without Kim and as always, I'm grateful for that.

Peace,
Jon



CALENDAR of EVENTS

This week at Trinity:

- July 24: Jack Wooten service 2:00
Zumba 6:00 p.m.
- July 25: Tai Chi for Wellness 10:00 a.m.
- July 27: Carl & Sue Baker's 50th
Anniversary Celebration, 1:00 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall
- July 28: Table Worship/11:00 a.m. in the
Fellowship Hall

Looking Ahead

- July 29: BLM Book Group 1:00 p.m.
Zumba 6:00 p.m.
- July 30: Diana out of office
- July 31: Knitting Fellowship 2:00 p.m.
Zumba 6:00 p.m.
- August 1: Tai Chi for Wellness 10:00 a.m.
- August 4: Worship/Communion Sunday
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary/Nathan Peifer
and Elinor Wilburn leading
Fellowship immediately following Worship
7:00 p.m. Transgender & NonBinary People
Support Group/Friends & Family of
Transgender and NonBinary People Support
Group

Serving on Sunday

Door Greeter: Jeff Riddle
Head Usher: Cindy Bodenheimer
Worship Leader: Mel Gee
Little Lights Nursery: Preferred ChildCare,
Inc.
Refreshments: TBD

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

This Sunday Jesus' disciples ask him to "Teach us how to pray." A few prompting questions are: *Who has taught you to pray? What is the difference between a prayer and a wish? What is your favorite (or least favorite) line in the Lord's Prayer and why?* Be ready to discuss on our final Sunday in the fellowship hall!

Office Hours

Diana will be holding office hours from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. She will be in the office from 10:30-11:30 on Tuesdays for additional administrative tasks. Please note that on Tuesday July 30 and Tuesday July 6, she will be in the office sometime in the afternoon as has previous obligations in the mornings both days.

Administrative Leave

Jon will be out of the office the week of August 4-10. Nathan Peifer and Elinor Wilburn will guide us in Worship on August 4. Diana will be taking her son to college (freshman year!) and will be out of the office Wednesday, August 14 and Thursday, August 15. She returns to the office on August 19th.

Call to Action

Updates on 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).

Last week I shared information about the American Dream and Promise Act of 2019 (H.R. 6), which passed the House on June 4, 2019. This bill would provide such as opportunity for 2.7 million immigrants by creating a path to U.S. citizenship for current or potential holders of DACA, TPS, and DED (for more information, please see: <https://tinyurl.com/DreamAndPromise2019-NC>).

Here are some updates on efforts by our friends at the NC Congress of Latino Organizations (NCCLO) to encourage passage of this bill and how you can support. **Let's amplify the voices of immigrant neighbors seeking safety and dignity!**

The trip to Washington, D.C., originally planned for this week, will be rescheduled for September as the Senators will be in-district this Friday.

Instead, please join us for a "Community Press Conference in support of DACA, TPS, and DED" this Friday, July 26 at 4:15 pm outside Senator's Burr's office, 2000 W. 1st St. in Winston-Salem.

Now we have more time to write letters to hand-deliver to Washington, D.C. in September! Feel free to use the information sheet and sample letter available at: <https://tinyurl.com/DreamAndPromise2019-NC>. Hand-written letters, and/or personal letters that are typed, printed out, and signed, have the greatest impact. You may drop off letters at Trinity during office hours, bring them to church for a Justice Team member to collect, or stay tuned for a potential letter-writing in the coming weeks (details TBD).

Please let Megan Gregory know if you have any questions or suggestions for supporting this important effort! Thank you!

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 Johnnie Midyette and Laura Spedding for picking up the slack for all things financial in the office as we search for Kim's replacement! ~Diana

To all who stepped up to help with Jack Wooten's Celebration of Life and Memorial Service today! Thank you to the Women's Circle for setting up food and refreshments after the service. To Laura Spedding, Julie Suggs, Sue Baker, and Cindy Bodenheimer who helped arrange things on short notice. To Ray Speas who was out at 8 pm mowing down the lawn and pulling weeds. I'm proud that in the face of death, we come to life and together to witness to the power of love and resurrection! ~Jon

BIRTHDAYS & CELEBRATIONS

July 25: Amanda Barber

July 30: Heather Hosey

July 31: Donna Hamilton



Extra! Extra!

Jack Wooten

With sadness and fond memory, we report that Jack passed on July 22. His service will be held this afternoon, Tuesday, July 24, at 2:00 p.m. here at Trinity. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Trellis Supportive Care, 101 Hospice Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27103 or Trinity Presbyterian Church.

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

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.

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 Current Office Hours

Monday: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday: Closed for Admin Duties

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.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

TBA, Office Administrator

Diana Coe, Communications Coordinator

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