

July 3, 2019

FAITH IN ACTION

Trinity Presbyterian Church Newsletter



From the Pastor's Studio

During the month of July we are experimenting with worship. As the summer pace progresses, we will be holding worship in the fellowship hall. Our coffee and snacks, as well as our conversations, will take place during worship. We will have a couple blankets laid out for the children (or adults). Some weeks we will have crafts or textile things to fumble with. We will be sharing stories, ideas, or whatever comes up for us around that day's theme at our tables. As mentioned before, Luke's gospel is all about table fellowship. For Luke, food is central as it is around the meal where Jesus offers a story, a parable, or a didactic.

Be aware, however, that there is also an alternative motive to our madness. This year we are trying to be intentional about building community. This means deepening our relationships with each other. I know it can be uncomfortable, and, at times, awkward to speak to someone you may not know very well. However, the truth is we cannot build community without having a sense of belonging together. And we will not have a sense of belonging to each other until we absorb one another's stories with curiosity and delight. As I often joke, "We know we like each other, we just don't know the stories about why we like each other."

Please know: it is perfectly okay if you want to "pass" at your table. If you'd prefer to listen, or if an answer isn't surfacing, you absolutely have the freedom to pass. This is a low pressure, laid back experience where if you'd prefer to meditate in silence rather than participate, that is perfectly okay as well. You will not be forced to share if you don't want to.

This Sunday is hymn sing Sunday. We have a great list of favorites to sing together and we will be inviting you to share around the question: *What is a musical memory?* Maybe it was at a concert, or a funeral, or a song that popped up on the radio. Whatever comes up for you, feel free to be thinking about this question ahead of time in case you are the kind of person who doesn't like to answer questions on the fly!

If you don't have a musical memory perhaps you can share *What your favorite hymn is and why?* Like I said, the point is to deepen our sense of belonging together through sharing our stories. As the writer of Ephesians says, the gifts we share (including our stories) are bestowed upon us to help the church "build itself up in love." So let's keep building ourselves up love, one story and one song at a time.

I hope to see you Sunday!

Jon

CALENDAR of EVENTS

This week at Trinity:

- July 3: Knitting Fellowship 2:00 p.m.
Justice Team Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- July 4: OFFICE CLOSED. HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!
- July 7: Table Worship/Hymn Sing/
Communion 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Transgender & NonBinary People Support Group/Friends & Family of Transgender and NonBinary People Support Group

Looking Ahead

- July 8: Zumba 6:00 p.m.
- July 10: Zumba 6:00 p.m.
- July 11: Tai Chi for Wellness 10:00 a.m.
- July 14: Table Worship 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Serving on Sunday

Door Greeter: Jeff Riddle
Head Usher: Cindy Bodenheimer
Worship Leader: Donna Hamilton
Communion Elders: Tom Hedgecock, Cindy Bodenheimer, Heather Hosey, Susan Hudson
Little Lights Nursery: Preferred ChildCare, Inc.
Refreshments: TBD
Office Volunteer: TBD

Trinity Happenings

From the Worship Committee

Kellie Browne will lead us in Worship on July 21st.

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

Sound Crew Needed

Can you help with our audio equipment on Sundays? There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Session Meeting

Session notes will be included in next week's Faith in Action newsletter.

Tree Removal

You will notice that not one, but two trees have been removed from the front lot of the church building. The second tree was found to have extensive termite damage, and Session has approved an additional \$500 to have that tree removed.

You Are Invited

Please join in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Carl and Sue Baker, Sunday July 27, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall here at Trinity. RSVP no later than July 13 to Sue Baker.

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

Black Landscapes Matter Conference

This 2019 Landscape, Race, and Culture Conference will be held September 26-28, at Old Salem Museums & Gardens. The conference features Dr. Kofi Boone, ALSA, Professor of Landscape Architecture, North Carolina State University College of Design, and Flora Ann Bynum, keynote Lecture and Reception.

[Register and get more information here.](#)

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, at jtesh@wsfcs.k12.nc.us for further information.

More Light Teach-In Series

This three-part Teach-In on Racial Justice is being offered online. Racism and White Supremacy will be held Wednesday, July 10 at 3:00 p.m.; Engaging White Fragility will be held Friday, July 19 at 2:00 p.m.; and Decentering Whiteness will be held Thursday, August 15 at 3:00 p.m. Learn more and register for any of these events at <https://mlp.org/racial-justice-teach-in/>

CROP Walk for Hunger

The annual CROP Walk for Forsyth County/Winston-Salem will take place beginning at Corpening Plaza on Sunday October 20, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars. Last year, \$86,000 was raised for local and worldwide hunger ministries. Additionally there will be a yummy Lunch and Learn at Home Moravian Church on Wednesday, August 28. Contact Stewart Ellis to let him know your key CROP Hunger Walk Leader. You can get more information at www.cropwalkforsyth.org.

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

Thank you to Blake Rozendaal

Blake continues to be a huge help in navigating the existing website. We're grateful for his willingness to be available when needed!

From Ruthie Dalby

Dear Trinity Church family, thank you so much for all of your generous and thoughtful gifts! I'm looking forward to writing about all my upcoming adventures! All my love, Ruthie

Extra! Extra!

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.

Zumba is Back!

Zumba resumes next week, July 8. You can join in on Zumba Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Missing Office Supplies

Kim's tape dispenser has gone missing. If you moved it or know where it is, can you return it to her desk? Most appreciated!

Friendship Register

When signing the Friendship Register, please be sure to put the date on the page. Many of the pages are showing up without dates and sometimes a page is missed and not turned in until a later Sunday. Without a date, these "stray" updated pages make it difficult to keep accurate attendance data.

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

July 3: Beth Harper

**July 5: Cindy Bodenheimer
Jim Mendoza**

July 7: Sheila Hunter





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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