

July 31, 2019

FAITH IN ACTION

Trinity Presbyterian Church Newsletter



From the Pastor's Studio

As was mentioned last week, we are talking about switching from a monthly newsletter to a weekly one. After hearing from the Session and several congregants, the consensus is that a once-a-month newsletter would indeed be welcomed and would encourage people to read it more often. **So beginning next week (August 7), we will be transitioning into a once-a-month newsletter.** The newsletter will go out on the Wednesday as close to the first of the month as possible.

Please know: We will also be sending out our Weekly Snapshot on Mondays, which will include activities happening at Trinity that week, community events (with links to acquire more information), other urgent information, and save the dates for things ahead. Diana will also be updating our website and calendar weekly so if you have any questions, you can always find what is happening there.

During the transition we will need your help as well: our committees and teams will need to be thinking ahead about what information they would like to communicate to the congregation. We will also need more of a commitment collectively to read the newsletter so everyone knows what is going on. One of my favorite quotes is by George Bernard Shaw who said, "The problem with communication is we *think it happened!*" Amen and Amen! Now that there will only be twelve newsletters to read through every year, please do your best to read up on the good work and opportunities that are happening around here and in the greater community.

I imagine, like most transitions, this might feel a bit awkward at first, but I'm sure we will settle into the new rhythm just fine. Please let me or Diana know if you have any concerns or constructive feedback for us as we shift gears starting in August.

With gratitude and delight,
Jon



CALENDAR of EVENTS

This week at Trinity:

- 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

Looking Ahead

- August 5: Zumba 6:00 p.m.
- August 7: Zumba 6:00 p.m.
- August 8: Tai Chi for Wellness 10:00 a.m.
- August 11: Worship 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship immediately following Worship

Serving on Sunday

Door Greeter: Sue Baker
Head Usher: Carol Kayler
Worship Leader: Cindy Bodenheimer
Little Lights Nursery: Preferred ChildCare,
Inc.
Refreshments: TBD

Trinity Happenings

Your Good Works Acknowledged

The following are excerpts from “thank you” letters received recently:

From Second Harvest Food Bank: *Because of you, we’re feeding our neighbors in need. We appreciate and value your continued support. Through your gift, you will transform many lives and bring hope to residents throughout our region.*

From PC(USA) Presbyterian Mission: *On June 14, 2019, we received \$1,115 for One Great Hour of Sharing. Your congregation’s giving, when combined with that of others, will share the love of Christ with those in need.*

From Family Services of Forsyth County: *We are humbled by your generosity and grateful for the support of friends like you. It is only when voices are raised and efforts are joined by people from all around Winston-Salem/Forsyth County that we will build a community in which all children, women and families are safe, secure, and able to reach their full potential.*

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.

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 6, however, she will be in the office sometime in the afternoon as she has a previous obligation in the morning.

Administrative Leave

Jon will be out of the office next week. 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 August:
Cooking Oil

BOLTON FOOD PANTRY

All-Purpose Cleaner
Trash Bags (small boxes)

MOSES BASKET

All Baby Items
Baby Bibs
Baby Booties



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

A big “Thank You” from Sue and Carl Baker to all who attended the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. You made the day special! And a special thanks to those who helped make it happen. From the early planning to the clean up, you made it perfect!

From Jeane Wooten (see the card on the Narthex bulletin board):
There are no words to say what this church means to me. You have stood by me in my darkest hour. I love you very much, Jeane

From our custodian, Dennis Tate (whose wife, Teresa, is in Hospice Care; see the card on the Narthex bulletin board):
Trinity Folk, thanks for the check, it will come in handy paying bills since I am losing my spouse. Thank you again for your help! Love, Dennis

Extra! Extra!

We Need Refreshments!

Our volunteer sheet is empty. Can you lend help by providing refreshments for fellowship time following service? Easy instructions are posted below the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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.

BIRTHDAYS & CELEBRATIONS

July 31: Donna Hamilton

August 4: Gail Williams

August 8: Elinor Wilburn





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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