

FAITH IN ACTION

Trinity Presbyterian Church Newsletter



From the Pastor's Studio

Well, here we go! In less than two weeks we will be kicking off a capital campaign. Next week we will also be sending out our annual stewardship materials. To be clear: you will be receiving two pledge cards, two letters, one Time and Talent Sheet, and be asked by an Elder to attend a group meeting to learn more and ask questions about the capital campaign. Pledge cards for both the capital campaign and our annual stewardship drive will be dedicated on November 3rd. There is a lot to keep straight, so please try to keep these two things as separate as possible.

Our theme for the capital campaign is "A House for All!" And there are several projects that will help us both continue to live into who we are, as well as live into the future of who God is shaping us to become. You will learn more about these projects on October 13th after worship for our Congregational Kickoff meal. (See page 4 for details.)

Meanwhile, our annual stewardship theme is "Vision 2020." This season we will be looking at the budget as a narrative, or as the story our budget tells about our vision for the upcoming year. Our time and talent sheets, as well as our pledge cards will both be mailed out **as well as will be available for you to fill out electronically online**. Our hope is that with an online option, we will be able to get all of our family units to make some sort of commitment (even if a humble one) as a way of participating in our vision for the next year (I heard we have a few children who pledge a few dollars a month!).

Last Saturday, at our leadership meeting to prepare for the capital campaign kickoff, we read this passage from Ephesians to ground us: "So then you are no longer strangers...but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God...in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit." What struck me about this passage is the word **together**. Together we are being built into a space where God is present. Together we are participating in God's kingdom work in the world. Yes, through the structure of the building where we gather, but more through our coming together to build a space for community where all are affirmed and loved.



CALENDAR of EVENTS

This week at Trinity:

- Oct 2: 6:00 p.m. Zumba
- Oct 3: 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi for Wellness
- Oct 6: 11:00 a.m. Worship at El Buen Pastor for World Communion Sunday
12:00 p.m. Potluck immediately after Worship

Save the Dates!

- Oct 13: "A House for All" Congregational Kickoff meal (immediately after Worship)
- Oct 20: 12:00 p.m. Personnel & Finance Committee (Library)
1:30 p.m. CROP Walk check-in (Corpening Plaza)
- Oct 21: 5:30 p.m. Committee Night
- Oct 26: 10:00 a.m. Choir Retreat

Serving on Sundays

Door Greeter: Jeff Riddle

Head Usher: Mel Gee

Worship Leaders:

Oct 13: TBA

Oct 20: TBA

Oct 27: TBA

Little Lights Nursery: Preferred ChildCare, Inc.

Sound Crew:

Oct 13: Katherine Sobie

Oct 20: open

Oct 27: open

Refreshments:

Oct 13: Lunch provided

Oct 20: Beth Harper

Oct 27: Joy Gaska

Trinity Happenings

World Communion Sunday at El Buen Pastor

This Sunday, October 6, is World Communion Sunday. The observance origin dates from 1933, when Hugh Thomson Kerr, pastor of Pittsburgh's Shadyside Presbyterian Church, led an effort for Christian churches to express unity through shared celebration of the Lord's Supper. The denomination embraced the call in 1936 as did the Federal Council of Churches (which later became the National Council of Churches) in 1940.

We will not be holding services or Sunday School here at Trinity this week. Instead, we invite you to join us in worship at 11:00 a.m. with our Latinx neighbors at El Buen Pastor, 4637 Tim Rd, Winston-Salem, NC 27106. **Please bring a dish to share for a community meal afterward.**

Peace & Global Witness Offering

This October Special Offering draws Presbyterians together, and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do peacemaking well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and provide nurturing reconciliation, and stand in support of our global family, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere. 25% of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community, 25% will go to our mid-council to support peacemaking work in our region, and 50% supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done around the world. We will provide Special Offering envelopes on Sunday, October 13 and will continue to accept donations through the end of the month.

CDCA

Many members of our congregation have given support over the years to the Center for Development in South America. Sarah Junkin Woodard, one of its founders, has been to Trinity a number of times bringing crafts from the region and sharing reports of the work of the Center. Due to recent political upheaval and violence in Nicaragua, volunteer delegations to the area have abruptly stopped and donations have dwindled. The Center urgently needs the help of Trinity and other partners to continue its work and asks that we please prayerfully consider how we, individually and as a group, can respond. Trinity's benevolence fund has just contributed \$500 to the Center. You can get more information from Sarah's letter (see the attachment to this email) or by visiting the organization's website at <https://jhc-cdca.org/>.

From the Green Team

On Sunday, Oct 20, the Green Team will be selling sturdy, reusable grocery bags, made from recycled bottles. What a great way to shop and avoid getting plastic bags! The best price is still being negotiated, but expect to pay about \$2 per bag.

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.
- Disability Advocates: Monday-Thursday by appointment
- 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

Session Summary

The session met on Sunday, September 29, for its scheduled monthly meeting. Below is a summary of the meeting:

- The Treasurer reported a negative total income versus budget of \$1835.76 for August. Total income YTD versus budget is a negative \$3600.84. These variance are attributable to sporadic payment of pledges. Total expenses for August were \$4,195.03 under budget and \$1,463.45 over budget YTD.
- Session voted to approve a recommendation by the Community and World Service Committee for placement on the church property of the recently decorated Peace Pole. It will go in front of the Fellowship Hall, near the Black Lives Matter banner.
- The Stewardship Committee presented a draft narrative budget for the 2020 stewardship campaign. There was discussion around the details of the narrative budget and ways to publicize the campaign with the congregation. The session came up with and approved the Stewardship Theme of "Vision 2020" for this year's annual drive.
- The Personnel and Finance Committee announced that a new Office & Finance Coordinator, Nicole Johnson, has been hired to coordinate the daily financial and record-keeping operations of the church. She is currently undergoing training with Johnnie Midyette.

• Session members will be calling members of the congregation to invite them to small group gatherings beginning October 17 to learn more about the Capital Campaign.

- There was continued discussion around changes to Committee Night, including the possibility of adding a bi-monthly catered meal at the church for the entire congregation. It was suggested that any changes be delayed until after the first of the year.

After the meeting, session members enjoyed a potluck dinner with the Transgender & NonBinary People Support Group that meets monthly at Trinity.

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

Capital Campaign Update

Members and friends who are part of Trinity's congregation,

The official kickoff of our upcoming capital campaign is Sunday, October 13th after our worship service. We will enjoy a catered meal by Catering by Sareen. There is plenty of food on the menu for vegetarians and meat lovers

At the luncheon, we all will hear general information about the capital campaign and about the small group sessions that are scheduled from October 13th-October 31st. In these sessions, we will have a chance to hear about the specific projects and hear questions and answers regarding each one. We will dedicate our gifts on November 3rd, both our capital campaign pledges and our annual church giving pledges.

Thanks so much for helping to be a part of the current and the future mission of our great church!

Sincerely, Margaret Elliott

Call to Action

CROP Walk for Hunger

Walkers, lace up your shoes. Donors, it is time to support the walkers! The funds raised from this event support local and global organizations combatting hunger and poverty. The event takes place Sunday, October 20, at Corpening Plaza, 231 1st St. Sign in at 1:30, start walking at 2:30. The route is 2.2 miles long. Register or make a donation at www.cropwalkforsyth.org. Contact Joy Gaska or Laura Spedding with questions.

Please see our [website](#) for additional opportunities for Social Justice activism in our area!



PRIDE T-Shirts Available for Sale

Please let Joy Gaska know if you are interested in purchasing a shirt. Orders will be placed on OCTOBER 6 so that we will have them for Winston-Salem PRIDE. To purchase, let Joy know the size you desire (adult and youth sizes available). Cost will be approximately \$15 per shirt, depending on the number of shirts purchased. If you are unable to pay but would still like a shirt, please don't hesitate to reach out. If you would like to round up your purchase to help cover another's shirt, let Joy know. Thank you!

Spiritual Growth Committee

The **Christian Education Committee has been renamed the Spiritual Growth Committee** to maintain unity with the Session Committee in which it fall under: Worship and Spiritual Growth chaired by Elder Cindy Bodenheimer.

The Spiritual Growth Committee will not be meeting on the first Sunday of October as planned as the Church will be holding a joint worship service with our sister Church, El Buen Pastor. We will move the meeting to **November 3rd after worship in the Library**. We are going to set the dates for VBS summer 2020. Contact Terri if you are attending. Childcare is available, let Terri know if you need childcare for the meeting.

NO Sunday School on Sunday, October 6th as we are going to be worshipping at El Buen Pastor.

The Adult Sunday School Class invites all the women of the church to attend the study on Women in the Bible, *Clothed With the Sun, Biblical Women Social Justice and Us* by Joyce Hollyday. Contact Terri if you need a book.



Stranger-to-Neighbor Gathering & Letter-Writing Recap

THANK YOU to those of you who shared your time, friendship, and voice with us on the 15th at our "Stranger to Neighbor" gathering and letter-writing event! We are happy to share that about 60 people from 18 congregations and organizations participated. So far we sent at least 90 letters to our Senators in support of the American Dream & Promise Act, between those gathered on Sunday and others who wrote from home. Nice work! For those who came and those who couldn't, here is a summary and more opportunities:

In the coming months we will continue the conversation about how immigrant-led and allied congregations and organizations can build relationships, identify common goals, and support each other. In the short term, here are some opportunities to strengthen the call for our Senators to support H.R. 6:

1) Please encourage others to write and call our Senators asking them to support H.R. 6, the American Dream & Promise Act of 2019. We have attached the information sheet and sample letter provided on the 15th, and it's also available at: <https://tinyurl.com/DreamAndPromise2019-NC>. If you have any questions, contact Megan Gregory.

2) If you are interested writing Letters to the Editor or longer columns/op ed pieces, please email Steve Boyd, and he will provide the information necessary for you do do so. Remember that newspapers require anyone publishing a letter or a column identify themselves by name and, sometimes, by the city of residence. However, Steve will also keep your contact information confidential.

Please continue to share about the good work of these congregations and organizations, and ideas for future collaborations. Special thanks to the session and those who helped make this event happen, and to NC Latino Power for co-sponsoring the event. We are grateful to all who spoke, to the Justice Collective for promoting the gathering, and to everyone who brought their unique story to the table.

COMMUNITY NEEDS

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Food/Gift of the Month for September:

Dry Beans (one pound bags)

BOLTON FOOD PANTRY

All-Purpose Cleaner

Trash Bags (small boxes)

MOSES BASKET

Diaper Bags

T-shirts

Wash Cloths

Blessings, The Justice Team



Meet Nicole Johnson



Nicole is our new Office & Finance Coordinator! She is originally from Texas and moved with her family to Winston in 2016. She has a husband, two daughters, two large cats, and a larger Golden Retriever who keep her very busy when she is not working part time at Trinity. Her family attends Centenary United Methodist Church after joining in January 2019. She enjoys volunteering at her girls' schools, dancing, reading, and enjoying a good meal with friends and family. Stop by and say hello when you get a chance!

Extra! Extra!

Jeane Wooten and Trinity have been mentioned in the recent Shepherd's Center newsletter. The article is titled "It's All About You." [Check it out here!](#)

Our Online Giving Option is Available on Our Website!

Let's utilize this exciting new option to save time and the hassle of writing a check. You can 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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



**Oct 1: Ray Speas
Laura Moretz**

Oct 3: Annalise Zuidema

Oct 12: Sue Baker

Oct 18: Miles Harper

Oct 29: Cathy Richwine

**Oct 31: Mel Gee
Mark Johnson**



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: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 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

Nicole Johnson, Office & Finance Coordinator

Diana Coe, Communications Coordinator

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