

# FAITH IN ACTION

Trinity Presbyterian Church Newsletter



## From the Pastor's Studio

Dear Trinity,

*"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4: 6-7*

As I write the election still hangs undecided. Many of us have been watching this slow play by play unfold. I'm not going to lie. It is stressful. On a scale from one to ten, my anxiety meter reads at eleven. This one is a nail biter and as we've known for some time there is a lot at stake.

More, is how we will handle the aftermath of the results. All of this hypervigilance makes me wonder how St. Paul could tell us to "rejoice in the Lord always" and not to worry about anything. Anything?! Really?! Seems a bit unrealistic if you ask me.

But maybe there is a connection between the rejoicing and the worrying? Maybe it is in these times of uncertainty and conflict that the Lord is nearest to us offering gentleness and peace.

Last night I went for a walk. There was an eerie holiness in the air. It was palpable. The gravitas. The weight of what was coming. I could sense the Lord was near, but still am unclear about what that means. I found myself praying for peace, that our gentleness would be known as whoever won would be gentle with whoever lost. And then I found myself offering up a prayer of gratitude to be in a community to share the stress and hope with.

We may not know the results for some time, which means we may have to wait in the anxiety of this uncertainty. So please, please, please, be kind and gentle to yourself. Take some extra deep breaths and go for an extra walk. Do whatever it is that brings you a bit of self-care.

So may we try not to worry...too much. We have a great group to be going through this with and regardless of the results, that isn't going to change.

May God's peace, which lives and moves beyond our understanding be palpable. May we find a moment to rejoice in the worry. The Lord is near.

With faith, hope, and love,

Jon

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Sunday 11/8

Join us on Facebook Live or Zoom for Worship on Sundays at 11:00a.m.

Here is the Zoom link:

[https://zoom.us/j/964713297?  
pwd=N3d6YjROVTJ1TGIn1JkZzhjUlJOQT09](https://zoom.us/j/964713297?pwd=N3d6YjROVTJ1TGIn1JkZzhjUlJOQT09)

### America's Turkey Trot

#### Now until 11/26/20

An upcoming virtual race/ turkey trot. Benefits feeding America.

You choose time/place/distance and log your race/run/walk.

[https://americasturkeytrot.run/  
anywhereusa/](https://americasturkeytrot.run/anywhereusa/)

# Trinity Happenings

## Bolton School Food Pantry

### Bolton Food Pantry Christmas

The holidays will be challenging for all of us this year, especially those who are already struggling with food insecurity.. To help make Christmas a little more special for our Bolton School Food Pantry families, the Community and World Service Committee will be assembling gift bags to give out during the month of December. The bags will include items that are not available from the Second Harvest Food Bank. The Committee is asking Trinity members for donations of the following items to include in the gift bags:

Full-size shampoo and conditioner

Hand and body lotion

Hand sanitizer

Financial contributions are also appreciated. The money will be used to purchase a small toy to go in each bag and possibly additional items if funds allow. You may write your checks to Trinity with "Bolton Pantry Christmas" on the memo line.

We anticipate assembling 60 bags for our guests. There is a box in the Narthex in which to place your items. Donations will be accepted through November 29.

Thank you for your on-going support of the Pantry. Let's help to spread some cheer this Christmas!

## Session Members, Committees, and Groups

**Clerk of Session:** Carol Kayler

**Building & Grounds:** John Engle

**Church Life:** Mel Gee

**Community & World Service:**

Carol Kayler

**Finance:** Johnnie Midyette

**Personnel Subcommittee:** Ann Shoffner

**Stewardship:** Richard Browne

**Worship and Spiritual Growth:** Cindy Bodenheimer

**Justice Team:** Donna Hamilton

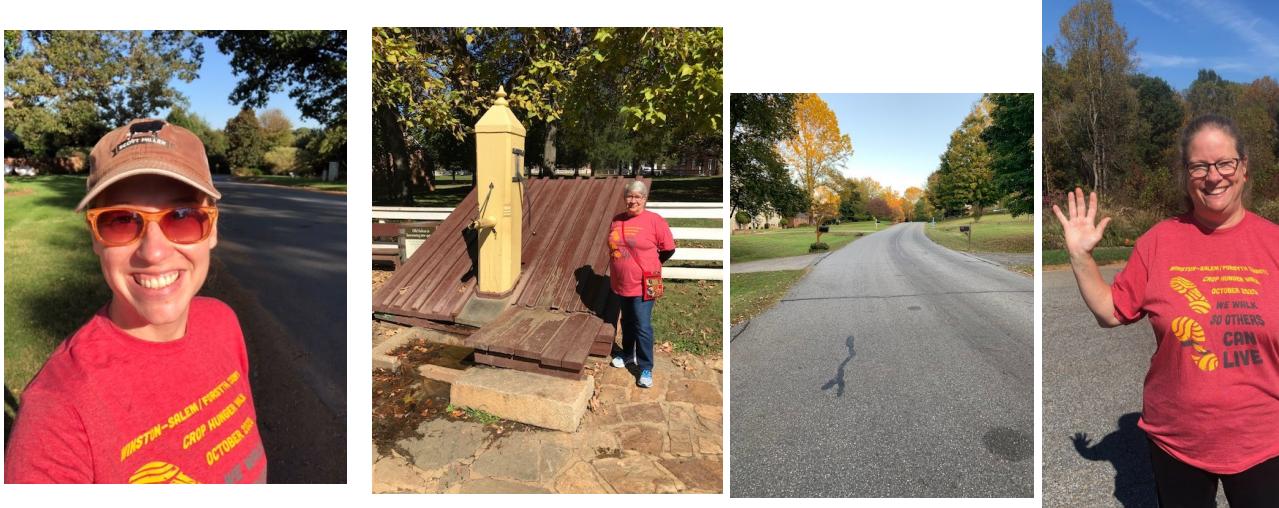
**Environmental Green Team:** Ron Richwine

**Memorial Garden:** Carol Kayler

**Deacons:** Jeff Riddle, Bea Stuber, Sue Baker, Art Morrisette, Susan Parker

## Crop Hunger Walk Update:

Congratulations to our Trinity Team! Our team of 4 walkers (Laura Spedding, Margaret Elliott, Amanda Barber & Beth Harper) have raised \$1,175 (as of today) to help families living with hunger. Thank you Trinity for all your support!



## Information about the weekly Sunday worship service on Zoom:

Jon has been sending weekly emails on Saturday with the link to Sunday's Zoom service. He will no longer be sending these as he hopes, by now, you are able to get to the service. Since the link is the exact same week after week you can still get to it through the following ways:

- you can click [here](#) for the link.
- go to the weekly Snapshot email you get on Monday. The link is there.
- or it is in the Wednesday Interconnections email,
- or go to our website: [www.trinitypresbyterianchurch.org](http://www.trinitypresbyterianchurch.org) and it is on the home page.

You can also ask Jon, Cabell, Nicole, or someone from the church to forward you the link.

As you can see there are lots of ways to gain access to the service. If you need any help please let Jon ([jonathangaska@gmail.com](mailto:jonathangaska@gmail.com)) know.

## **Caregiver Information**

Calling all family caregivers: November is Caregivers Month. Did you know that we have some local resources for caregivers? Here are two programs that you might not know about. The first is called “It’s All About You”, an idea from our own Jeane Wooten.

Prior to the pandemic the program provided lunch and an outing to family caregivers quarterly free of charge. Respite care could also be arranged for the outing. We visited a pumpkin patch, garden, salt cave and chocolate factory among other places. Like many programs we switched to zoom meetings this summer, eating ice cream and talking about summer and our favorite ice cream place and flavor for our first zoom meeting.

The next caregiver idea from Jeane was a weekly email with daily mini-vacations- sometimes a song, sometimes a visit to a park or museum. Her plan is to visit all the National Parks, large and small! This one is called “My Time”.

To learn more or participate in either of these programs, you can contact Linda Lewis at the Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem by phoning 336-748-0217 or emailing llew-is@shepherdscenter.org.

## **Letter from Jonathan Blake Borton:**

Dear Beloved Friends of Trinity,

Love, joy, friendship, adoration and openness are just a few words that come to mind when thinking about my unforgettable time at Trinity.

There come moments in our lives when we are led by the Spirit to take a different path and begin a new journey. On one hand it is sad to say that my time at Trinity has come to an end, but on the other hand I know that new and exciting opportunities are coming my way.

The past 10 years as your pianist have been filled with countless memories of genuine love, affection and a joint effort in being led and guided by the Spirit.

Know that this is just the beginning of an exciting time in my life, and that all of you at Trinity have been a major part in molding me into the person and musician that I am today.

My most heartfelt love for you all will always remain, and I am eternally grateful for each and every person I have had the pleasure of knowing at such a wonderful place filled with Peace, Fellowship and Love.

Warmest and most heartfelt gratitude,

Jonathan

## TRINITY SUPPORTS

### Support, Advocacy, & Education Groups That Meet at Trinity \*\*

**\*\*The church will not be open for any meetings during this time. Please contact the individual groups for virtual options.**

- 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](http://www.pflagws.org); Trinity contact: Johnnie Midyette

## COMMUNITY NEEDS

### CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Food/Gift of the Month for November:  
Sugar, Flour, Baking Items

### BOLTON FOOD PANTRY

Cold cereal (such as Cheerios or corn flakes)  
All-Purpose Cleaners

### MOSES BASKET

Receiving Blankets  
Socks  
Baby Bibs  
Washcloths

## Session Summary

### Session Highlights from November 1

The Session met on November 1, 2020. Here are highlights from the meeting:

Year-to-date income through September was \$136,347, which was \$3,160 below budget. Year-to-date expenses were \$107,225, which was \$32,282 under budget.

Jon will be on vacation on Sunday, November 22 and the week after Christmas.

There will be an opportunity to light a candle and offer prayers at the church on Election Day.

The Session approved the nominations by the Personnel and Finance Committee for the following officers for 2021: Disbursing Treasurer, Johnnie Midgette; Receiving Treasurer, Laura Spedding; Assistant Receiving Treasurer, Alice Scott.

The Capital Campaign Building Committee reported the completion of the installation of LED lighting in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen and offices, competing the first phase of the Campaign. There was discussion on prioritizing the remaining projects going into 2021.

There are no plans for reopening the church building for worship or other activities at this time.

The Community and World Service Committee reported that gifts have been made from the Session Benevolence Fund to The Winston-Salem Rescue Mission, The Center for Development in Central America and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Session approved the transfer of \$3000-\$4000 from the 2020 maintenance budget to the 2021 maintenance budget for the purposes of removing vegetation from the flower bed in the back of the church by the sanctuary and covering the bed with rocks.

## The Spiritual Growth Committee

The Adult Sunday School Class began meeting on Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 10:00 am via Zoom. Jim Voelker was the first leader of the study. Class participants should come prepared to sign up for one of the following week sessions. Contact Terri if you need a book. It comes in both paperback and digital. The Zoom link will be emailed out to each participant before the Sunday session.

Here's what the upcoming weekly sessions are based on the book chapters:

4. Sunday, November 8, 2020 Parables as Matthew Tells Them
5. Sunday, November 15, 2020 Parables According to Luke
6. Sunday, November 22, 2020 Parables of Luke's Travel Narrative

## Gratitudes

Thank you to our poll workers Nikki Elston, Beth Harper & Laura Spedding!

## Message from Trinity's Treasurers

Thanks to all who are continuing to support Trinity, both financially and in other ways. So far, we have been able to meet all of our financial commitments. This is happening by people mailing checks, using bill pay through financial institutions and using Vanco, our online donation system. Please stay safe! We hope to see you all soon!

You may still mail all checks to Trinity Presbyterian Church:

1416 Bolton Street  
Winston-Salem, NC 27103-4798

or you may give online using the link below. Thank you!

<http://www.trinitypresbyterianchurch.org/online-giving/>

### 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 on the home page of 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. The latest Zoom Live sermon from November 1 can be found [here](#):

<http://www.trinitypresbyterianchurch.org/worship-services-online/worship-service-on-november-1-2020/>

Also, check out the Salem Presbytery's [Salem Matters](#) online.

## Mid Council Relations Update

<https://mailchi.mp/pcusa/mission-comes-in-many-forms-and-more?e=00f50ffeac>

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Margaret Elliott – November 1

Zondell Jallah – November 6

Gilbert McLeod – November 8

Robert Alford – November 8

Susan Parker – November 8

Frank Partridge – November 9

Brian Moretz – November 9

Molly Douglas – November 10

Ursula Raiford – November 10

Thomas Moretz – November 16

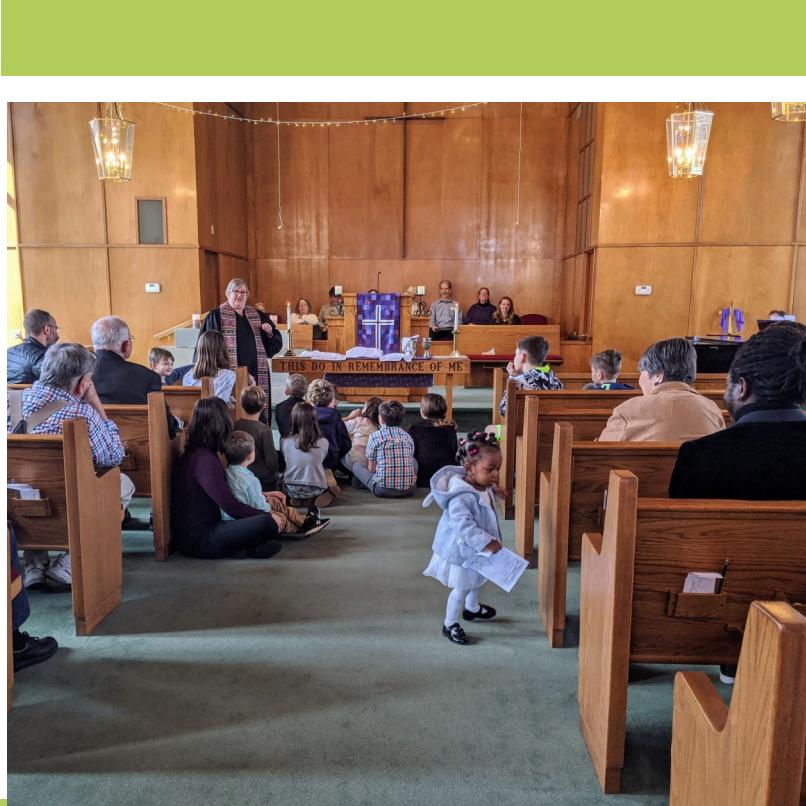
Jessanne Gronseth – November 18

Kaitlyn Barber – November 20

Watchen Yuoh – November 24

Carol Edmond – November 26

Michael Hosey – November 28



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

Hours are irregular due to COVID. Please call the church office at 336-765-8779 and leave a message if you need to come by the church or need to make an appointment with the pastor.

### Trinity's Staff

Cristy Lynn Brown, Music Director

Anna McRay, Accompanist

Rev. Terri Engle, Director of Spiritual Growth

Sue Baker, Parish Nurse

Nicole Johnson, Office & Finance Coordinator

Cabell Edmundson, Communications Coordinator

Rev. Jonathan Gaska, Pastor

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