

November 2021

# FAITH IN ACTION

Trinity Presbyterian Church Newsletter

## From the Pastor's Studio



Fall is officially here. The temperature has dropped. The leaves have changed and begun to cover the earth. The heat kicks on in the house and the aroma of chili and soups fills the kitchen. The seasons move forward because...well, they must.

The season at church is changing as well. Although we are committed to remaining as safe as possible there is a sense that things are moving forward. The CDC just approved **vaccinations for our children from 5-11 years old. We have hired Cristy Brown** (our music director) to be our **interim Director of Christian Education** as well. Last Sunday we gathered outdoors and **Trunk-or-Treated**, which was a lovely moment of fellowship and time together (pics on page 2). On **Sunday November 14th**, we will also be **celebrating commitment Sunday** by turning in our pledge cards and time and talent sheets, and seeing where our resources are at as a church. In addition, Brenda Daniels and I have been teaching a confirmation class to Calvin, Clara, and Finn which has been awesome. Things are finally beginning to feel like they are moving forward, little by little.

Our session has been contemplating our next steps as a church and have been holding relational meetings with members from the congregation to listen to what has been happening in your lives and spirits, as well as how you see us moving forward. This has created a new energy among our leaders which has been delightful to witness. Things are moving forward because...well, they must.

There are more events coming and ideas brewing in the near future as we figure out how to move forward in this new season of what it means to be the church. Things will be different, no doubt. But it doesn't mean we can't shine as bright as we always have. For all involved in helping us to do so, we are so very grateful for you and your gifts. Thank you.

Keep it up Trinity and keep safe,

Jon



## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Sunday 11/7

Join us on in person or on Facebook Live or Zoom for Worship on Sundays at 11:00a.m. The worship leader is Catherine Morrissette.

The Zoom link is [here](#).

### Upcoming Events:

**Knitting Group** - 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall on these dates:

Wednesday, November 10  
Wednesday, December 1  
Wednesday, December 15

## Trinity Happenings

### Weekly Sunday worship service on Zoom:

You may access the zoom link for the weekly worship service these ways:

- Click [here](#) for the link.
- Go to the weekly Snapshot email you get on Monday. The link is there.
- It is in the Wednesday Interconnections email,
- 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 Cabell ([tpcmedia@triadbiz.rr.com](mailto:tpcmedia@triadbiz.rr.com)) know.

### Adult Sunday School for Fall

Adult Sunday School resumed on Sunday, September 12th, at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Social distancing and mask wearing are required. During the fall the group will be discussing the lectionary readings that apply to each week, so no book purchase is needed. If you have questions or wish to be added to the distribution list of the lectionary readings, please contact Art Morrissette or Jim Voelker . [jim\\_voelker@yahoo.com](mailto:jim_voelker@yahoo.com)

### Session Members, Committees, and Groups

**Clerk of Session:** Carol Kayler

**Building & Grounds:** John Engle & Michael Hosey

**Church Life:** Under construction

**Community & World Service:**

Carol Kayler & Ron Richwine

**Finance:** Johnnie Midyette

**Personnel Subcommittee:** Donna Hamilton

**Stewardship:** Richard Browne

**Worship and Spiritual Growth:** Cindy Bodenheimer & Brenda Daniels

**Justice Team:** Donna Hamilton

**Environmental Green Team:** Ron Richwine

**Memorial Garden:** Carol Kayler

**Deacons:** Sue Baker, Art Morrissette, Susan Parker, Laura Spedding

## Community and World Service Committee Update

### 2021 CROP Hunger Walk Update

We had a beautiful day for our walk and when we got to the starting line our team had grown to 9 adults and 4 children. Best of all, we have now raised over \$1,300 to feed the hungry here in our community and around the world. A big thank you to all of our walkers and our wonderful supporters. It's not too late - you can still support the Trinity Presbyterian team (<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/trinity-presbyterian-church-winston-salem>) or by mailing a check to the church office made payable to CWS/Crop Walk.

Thank you for your support!

Laura Spedding and the Community and World Service Committee



### Crisis Control Ministry Food Collection

The Trinity Presbyterian Choir and friends helped to collect food for Crisis Control Ministry at the Carolina Classic Fair this past October 6th! Many thanks to Margaret Elliot, Ann Shoffner, Cindy Bodenheimer, Christia Thomason, and guests Gail Williams and Dr. Johnna Lyons from Salem College.



## **Bolton Elementary School Food Pantry Report for September**

During the month of September, the Pantry served 40 families, representing 180 individuals. During the Bolton School Open House in August, we signed up 66 new families; seven new families attended the pantry in September. Each family received five to six bags of canned and packaged foods such as pasta, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, cornmeal mix, cereal, oatmeal, corn, peas, black beans, pinto beans, soup, tuna, pasta sauce, mandarin oranges, rice, and milk as well as fresh produce like bib lettuce, tomatillos, bananas, russet potatoes, onions, apples and broccoli. Generous amounts of frozen meats round out the foods provided. Church members from sponsoring churches continue to donate household staples such as toilet paper, cleaning products, soap and trash bags for the families.

The Pantry purchased 2,114 pounds of canned and packaged foods and 673 pounds of meat (a mix of poultry and beef) from Second Harvest Food Bank. We also received 599 pounds of fresh produce from Second Harvest (there is no charge for produce). Contributions from Trinity enabled the purchase of 35 pounds of cereal and 60 pounds of pasta sauce, products that are not available from the Food Bank or can be obtained at a lower price from other sources. The Pantry is exploring ideas for providing diapers to Bolton families as these are requested on a regular basis.

Please keep the Bolton Elementary School families, faculty and staff, and our dedicated volunteers in your prayers.

## **Green Team Update**

The North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light organization is a program of the North Carolina Council of Churches. It provides a hope-filled response to climate change.

NCIPL connects the faith voice of North Carolina around global warming, encouraging mitigation of the effects and resilient communities through its programs and engaging in the public policy process by advocacy with compassion.

It emphasizes the interfaith nature of its work and theological call to care for creation; supports congregation-level reducing energy use through efficiency, conservation, renewable energy and food choices. NCIPL hopes to achieve improved spiritual and physical health, justice, peace and sustainability for future generations.

## 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.

### 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

## Session Information

No report this month.

## 2022 Stewardship Update

Thanks to all of those that have returned their households 2022 pledge card and time and talent sheet. Your response is very helpful in helping us set the budget for next year. If you have not yet returned your pledge information, you can mail the card, place it in the offering plate, or confidentially email your pledge information to Nicole Johnson at [TPCoffice@triadbiz.rr.com](mailto:TPCoffice@triadbiz.rr.com)

Please let Nicole know if you would need a pledge card.

Please contact Richard Browne if you have any questions, 214-649-1774.

## Bikes for Habitat Update

Thanks to your generosity over \$1,000 has been received for the Habitat Christmas bicycle project. We will be partnering with Habitat for Humanity to provide bicycles to families moving into new local housing during the Christmas 2021 time period. Your contribution will help add to the joy of a new start for a local family. We will provide another update with how many bicycles we were able to purchase with these donations. Thanks again for your contributions!

## 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

## Salem Presbyterian Job Opportunity

Salem Presbyterian is looking to hire 2-3 childcare workers to work during their 5pm Sunday service. Please click on this [job description](#) if you or anyone you know might be interested in working with them on Sunday evenings. The job description also includes an application link.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Margaret Elliott – November 1  
Angie Edwards – 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  
Richard Browne – November 13  
Thomas Moretz – November 16  
Jessanne Gronseth – November 18  
Kaitlyn Barber – November 20  
Watchen Yuoh – November 24  
Kim Browne – November 26  
Michael Hosey – November 28

## 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.

### **Hunger Offering**

Thank you to those who continue to support the hunger offering monthly. If you are interested in donating to this relief initiative please send check to the office, in the memo line note "hunger offering". Baskets will be out the 3rd Sunday of the month.

## Links

**Jon and other guest minister sermons** can be found on our [website](#). Audio and PDF versions are available. The latest worship service from October 24 can be found [here](#).

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: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Friday: Closed

### **Trinity's Staff**

Cristy Lynn Brown, Music Director & Interim

Director of Spiritual Growth

Anna McRay, Accompanist

Sue Baker, Parish Nurse

Nicole Johnson, Office & Finance Coordinator

Cabell Edmundson, Communications Coordinator

Rev. Jonathan Gaska, Pastor

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