

May 2022

FAITH IN ACTION

Trinity Presbyterian Church Newsletter

From the Pastor's Studio



Dear Trinity family,

In case you missed it we have a big event coming up. On May 22, after worship, we will be having a catered lunch followed by listening sessions to discern what is important for you moving forward and what kind of energy we, as a people, have right now. After two years of Covid, our leaders have realized we might need a different way of doing things as a church. Our committees may need to be refocused and simplified. Our mission needs to be pinpointed rather than a mile wide and only an inch deep. Our remaining capital campaign funds need to be put toward our values as a congregation and not just stuff we need (as important as that is). So needless to say, these conversations are crucial for helping us to discern where we stand as a church and how we go about moving forward.

There will be two primary questions for you to consider:

- 1) Where are you at with church and faith right now? How are you practicing your faith, and how does the church fit in or not fit in with it in this moment? Please be honest!
- 2) What are the top two goals you'd like to see Trinity work toward in the coming year? And what might help or hinder your participation?

Our leaders have been trained to help facilitate these conversations and hold space for your honest answers. For those who can't make the May 22 luncheon or prefer not to meet in person, there will be a zoom meeting on May 15 following the worship service (same zoom link). Regardless of which meeting you would prefer to attend, please let me or Megan Gregory (megangregory1@gmail.com) know so we know how much food to get and how many leaders are needed to lead our small group (in-person)/break out rooms (over zoom).

We look forward to seeing you at either event and if you cannot make either one, please feel free to respond to these questions via email and send them to either myself or Megan. Thank you, Trinity!

Onward,

Pastor Jon

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday 5/8

Join us on in person or on Facebook Live or Zoom for Worship on Sundays at 11:00am

The Zoom link is [here](#).

Upcoming Events:

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

Wednesday, May 28th

Wednesday, June 1st

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 and it is on the home page.

You can also ask Jon, Cabell, or Paulette 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) know.

Other Notes

Committees Under Construction: As we restructure our committees we ask for your patience. While some committees are still meeting, others are not. We have a task force in place (consisting of four members of the session) who are working with Jon to discern our direction and look at other ways of building up our committees to meet the needs of Trinity and help us move forward in a manageable way. If you have any concerns, please contact Jon. Thank you!

Session Members, Committees, and Groups

Under Construction

Community and World Service Update

Community and World Service Project

In partnership with Christian Education, the Community and World Service committee is collecting items for a Trinity service project on May 15.

Important

We still have the following needs – 20 of each item for the bags that the children will make for the homeless. The project has been moved to Sunday, May 15 as we don't have enough donations to make the bags yet.

Travel size hand sanitizer

Shampoo

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

A signup sheet and collection box are in the fellowship hall.

Green Team Update

Appearing in the April 16th issue of the *Winston-Salem Journal* was a news story highlighting the efforts of Wake Forest medical school ophthalmologist Matt Giegengack to install rooftop solar panels on the roof of his home in the historic West End district. Giegengack, as kind of a pioneer among those residing in areas protected by historical designations, seeks to reduce his carbon footprint.

With his wife and three children, Giegengack already raised chickens, grew vegetables, and composted in the back yard of their Queen Ann cottage style home built in 1901. NC Solar told the family that they could help secure a loan to cover the purchase and installation of rooftop panels, and that the money saved on monthly electric bills would more than offset his loan payments. That's because when solar panels generate more power than what is needed for the home, the excess is sent to the grid and Duke Energy credits the owner for the difference.

A "certificate of appropriateness" to the Forsyth County Historic Landmarks Commission had to be filed to allow for the installation of the rooftop panels. The goal was to install the panels flush mounted and located not easily visible from the street. Proper placement of panels is crucial to get the most exposure to the sun possible. This means installing them on a rooftop surfaces with a southern exposure, but those preferences limit flexibility in how arrays are laid out. Giegengack was able to comply, with limited visibility of solar panels from front view of the house.

Justice Team Update

Hello from the Justice Team!

May 17 is primary day this year, and we encourage you to vote! Primaries determine who will be on the ballot in November, and there is a wide range of people vying for positions on the school board, for instance. My friend Amy Shuman has put together her amazing nonpartisan [Slideshow](#) with links to candidates' websites, if they have them, so you can do your research really easily. It is SUCH a useful tool for voting.

Go to FCvotes.com to check your registration and voting location and see your sample ballot. Print it and follow along with the slideshow (and check out the articles below) to help you decide who to vote for.

The Winston Salem Journal has been running stories on school board candidates. Here are links to some of them and one from Triad City Beat. If you are unaffiliated, you can choose which primary to vote in—some people are choosing to vote in the primary where they feel they can make sure the most extreme candidates don't make it onto the ballot in November. This [article](#) is about at-large candidates. This [article](#) is about Republicans running in District 2. Here is Scott Sexton's [take](#) on how important school board elections are. One more WSJ article [here](#).

If you still need to register to vote, you can if you vote early. You can find early voting information [here](#).

I went to a forum for Democrats running for school board positions, and all talked about the importance of equity in education and protecting LGBTQ rights, both of which are issues our congregation has supported. There are several people running for school board who would not prioritize these things, impacting tens of thousands of students.

Please let me know if I can help you find information (harper.beth@gmail.com) or if you have any questions about this email.

We know that our elected officials, especially local ones, have a huge impact on our day to day life, so these primaries are really important. The justice team asks that you use your vote to speak for your sense of justice and faith, and to encourage 5 people you know to vote. Share the slideshow widely!

Happy voting!

Beth

Spiritual Growth

The Sunday afternoon book study will go on hiatus until after Labor Day.

The Sunday morning Lectionary class will be at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall every week. Please contact Art Morrissette (afmorriss41@gmail.com) or Jim Voelker (jim_voelker@yahoo.com) for more information.

Youth Sunday School will continue until Sunday May 29th and then take a hiatus until after Labor Day.

Vacation Bible School Plans will be announced soon!!

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; Trinity contact: Johnnie Midyette

Session Information

April Session Meeting Highlights

- Total expenses for March were \$267.50 below budget while YTD expenses were \$6,579.75 below budget resulting in a net income for March of \$6,391 and net YTD income of \$17,347.22. Trinity's bank account balance at the end of March was \$120,353 which is \$33,000 greater than the six months reserve amount recommended by the Presbytery.
- A candidate for the position of Office Administrator was interviewed on Thursday, April 21.
- Session approved a commitment of \$2000 to the IAF multi-racial organizing effort to cover Trinity's participation in the organization.
- The Building and Grounds Committee is soliciting quotes to improve the lighting at the driveways.
- Session approved the submission of a Letter of Support for the North Carolina Congress of Latino Organizations in their effort to obtain a grant from the PCUSA for their work in the state with immigrants and refugees.

New Office Administrator

We are happy to announce that we have a new Office Administrator who started on Monday, May 2. Her name is Paulette Smith. Please call or come by sometime to say hello to Paulette!



COMMUNITY NEEDS

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Food/Gift of the Month for May:

Salad Dressing & Condiments

BOLTON FOOD PANTRY

Cold cereal (such as Cheerios or corn flakes)

All-Purpose Cleaners

MOSES BASKET

Receiving Blankets

Socks

Baby Bibs

Washcloths

MAY BIRTHDAYS



Kim Williams – May 2

Khelen Kuzmovich – May 3

Janet Rolison – May 4

Alan Cameron – May 9

Janice Pursley – May 9

Terri Engle – May 11

Catherine Morrissette – May 11

Winki Campbell – May 13

Marie Sifford – May 14

Katherine Sobie – May 18

Jeanne Patterson – May 19

Doris Braithwaite – May 29

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 May 1 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: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

Thursday: Closed

Friday: Closed

Trinity's Staff

Dr. Cristy Lynn Brown, Music Director & Interim
Director of Spiritual Growth

Anna McRay, Accompanist

Sue Baker, Parish Nurse

Paulette Smith, Office Administrator

Cabell Edmundson, Communications Coordinator

Rev. Jonathan Gaska, Pastor

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