

March 2023

FAITH IN ACTION

Trinity Presbyterian Church Newsletter



From the Pastor's Studio

Well Lent is here. As this week marks nine years of ministry together (can you believe it has been that long already?), it also marks the final Sunday we were together before sequestering in our homes for Covid (the second week of Lent was our final Sunday together. Can you believe it has been three years already?).

Things certainly have changed, haven't they? Now we are "Zooming" along (pun intended) and have lived through several questions and blessings. A couple weeks ago we said farewell to our Mexican friends in person, and heard Eliseo say to us "Que aprendí de esta iglesia, es que soy amado y eres amado." ["What I have learned from this church is that I am loved and you are loved."] I thought to myself, *If that is what you learned here, then you get it...and good job us!* While our friends came from a more conservative background, which was the only background they knew, you all showed them God's love in caring and nurturing ways which opened them up as they opened us up simultaneously.

This is the power of real relationships and why we are so focused on holding relational spaces together. At the center of our justice work and all the energy we feel building are relationships. Everyone understands the language of love (we hope) and when it is shared in such a way as you all shared it with our Mexican friends, it holds a deeper power worthy of transforming all of us.

So while it feels like the chapter entitled, "Impromptu Hispanic Ministry at Trinity" has ended, I just want to pause and mark the Holy Spirit moment with gratitude for all you've done, and to let you know how proud I am. *They learned they are loved and we are loved, because we were the embodiment of God's love for them!*

You see, this is what we do at Trinity. We love on and celebrate whoever comes through our doors and into our lives, while also sharing God's love outside our walls. (At our new member luncheon last Sunday we met with nine people and heard almost all of them say they were intrigued by Trinity because of the Black Lives Matter sign but what keeps them here is the love they feel.) Again, *if that is what they are learning here, then they get it...and good job us! :)*

So keep up the amazing, wide open, kingdom work, Trinity, and I look forward to writing the next chapter, whatever that looks like, with you.

Wide open,

Jon

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday 3/5

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:

Senior Services' 13th Annual Art Show & Sale :

March 4—10am – 2pm

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

March 8 & 22

St. Patrick's Day Potluck:

Thursday, March 26 @ 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Shepherd's Center Used Book

Sale: May 4 - May 6

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.

Session has approved our new committee structure! Our four new committees are:

- 1) Worship and Church Life
- 2) Discipleship (encompassing Missions and Christian Education)
- 3) Finance (Personnel a sub committee as needed)
- 4) Building and Grounds (Memorial sub committee as needed)

Currently our Restructuring Committee is asking all our "old" committees to make lists of what they do or have done in the past for our new committees to discern if that is to be continued into the future. Members of the Restructuring Committee are Brenda Daniels, Cindy Bodenheimer, Megan Gregory, and George Edwards.

Session Members, Committees, and Groups

Under Construction

Community and World Service Update

Dellabrook Love Offering

As you may have heard, Dellabrook was vandalized recently with an estimated damage of \$40k to their building. As a response to this traumatic event toward the church building of our sister congregation, *we will be taking up a Love Offering for Dellabrook on this Sunday during worship.* Please write any checks to Trinity with "Dellabrook Love Offering" in the memo and our receiving treasurer will be sure to get the gift to them. Thank you to everyone who has given already; they are grateful and thank you for your support!

Community Care Center Meals for Clinico Volunteers

On behalf of the Community Care Center I would like to thank you for your generous and faithful support of the Community Care Center by providing meals for the Clinico volunteers in these challenging times. Your continued support of the Community Care Center is greatly appreciated! Trinity's contribution to this valuable service benefits not only the volunteers nourished by the meals but ultimately the patients who receive treatment at the Center. In addition, every meal provided helps redirect tightly budgeted funds to the ever increasing expenses for medicine and medical / dental supplies. For further information, visit their website at www.cccforsyth.org.

In the hopes that the Center can count on your continued support, the following dates are assigned to Trinity:

April 3

June 5

August 7 (the Deacons are providing the meal on this date)

October 2

December 4

If you would like to take one of these dates please contact Paulette Smith (tpcoffice@triadbiz.rr.com) in the church office.

Thank you again for your kindness and generosity. Please feel free to contact me on my cell phone (336-407-3171).

Sincerely,

Cathy Woitineck

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 Highlights

February Session

Highlights from February 26 meeting of Session:

The following individuals were examined and approved unanimously for membership into the congregation:

Sonya Chambliss

Willie Johnson

Patricia Shultz

John Shroyer

Susie Vinson

The Finance Committee reported that 33.5% of pledges for 2023 have been received resulting in a surplus in income over budget through January. However, pledges for 2023 were more than \$20,000 lower than for 2022. Some of the surplus income from 2022, plus money from the reserve account, may be required to balance expences for 2023.

Session unanimously approved a love offering for Dellabrook Presbyterian Church to assist in the clean-up after the church was vandalized.

Committees are beginning to form and to set priorities for the year. The first quarterly church luncheon was set for April 23 to present the committees' plans and to offer opportunities for participation.

COMMUNITY NEEDS

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Food/Gift of the Month for March:

Canned Fruit

BOLTON FOOD PANTRY

Cold cereal (such as Cheerios or con flakes)

All-Purpose Cleaners

MOSES BASKET

Receiving Blankets

Socks

Baby Bibs

Washcloths



St. Patrick's Day Potluck Supper



Potluck!! Mark your calendars for **Thursday, March 16, 5:30pm**, Trinity Fellowship Hall. The Worship and Fellowship Committee wants you to bring your favorite dish, wear your green (in honor of St. Patrick's Day), and bring your appetite. Let's get together for food, fun, and fellowship.

Questions? Please contact Nikki Elston (nikkielston@gmail.com) or Margaret Elliott (Elliottmargaret123@gmail.com).

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Agnes Jallah – March 5

Martha Hix – March 19

Tom Perfetti – March 22

Bill Allen – March 22

Jon Gaska – March 24

Riley Douglas – March 26

Carol Kayler – March 30

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.

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.

Spiritual Growth

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

Youth Sunday School is at 10:00am on Sunday. Please contact Brenda Daniels (danielsb@uncc.edu) for information.

Links

Jon and other guest minister sermons can be found on our [website](#). Audio and PDF versions are available. The latest worship service from February 26 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 2:00 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Friday: Closed

Trinity's Staff

Anna McRay, Accompanist

Corbin Duncan, Choir & Congregation Music Leader

Paulette Smith, Office Administrator

Cabell Edmundson, Communications Coordinator

Rev. Jonathan Gaska, Pastor

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