

April 2024

FAITH IN ACTION

Trinity Presbyterian Church Newsletter

From the Pastor's Studio



Last month we were all confirmed, alongside our youth, for God's mission! Yay! It was such a beautiful experience to not only watch as our youth shared their experiences and commitments, but also how everyone felt like they were part of the process (which you were!).

So... what does being "confirmed for mission" mean and what does it look like?

Of course, it means we all do small things with great love. Of course, it means we continue to pursue justice and peace in everyday ways. It also means that we should probably have some sort of understanding about what God's mission is and how we do it together in meaningful and impactful ways.

So our Discipleship committee is offering a 5 week study to action series based on the book *Freeing Congregational Mission*. This course isn't a book study. Rather, it aims at helping us to deepen our understanding about God's mission of compassion and justice (see page 3 or the flyer attached).

But here's where I'm really excited about this class: it is going to be led mostly by members of Trinity. Each week we will have two co-facilitators who have done or are currently doing mission in our community. Here is the schedule of topics for the five weeks.

April 22 | Confronting the crises of congregational mission
April 29 | Mission as companionship
May 6 | Cultural humility
May 13 | Mission as co-development
May 20 | Strengthening mission relationships

As you can see the weeks build on each other, so mark your calendars for the next few Mondays as we grow together in our understanding of what being "Confirmed for Mission" is all about!

Keep it up Trinity! Onward together!
Jon

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday 4/14

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

The Zoom link is [here](#).

Upcoming Events:

April 22 @ 6:30-8pm -

Freeing Congregational Mission Series part 1

April 24 and May 8 & 22 @ 2pm

- Knitting Fellowship

April 29 @ 6:30-8pm -

Freeing Congregational Mission Series part 2

May 6 @ 6:30-8pm -

Freeing Congregational Mission Series part 3

May 13 @ 6:30-8pm -

Freeing Congregational Mission Series part 4

May 20 @ 6:30-8pm -

Freeing Congregational Mission Series part 5

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.

- 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 (tpcmedia1416@gmail.com) know.

Session and Committees

Worship and Church Life—Sue Baker, Brenda Daniels & Nikki Elston

Discipleship—Susan Parker and Megan Gregory

Finance—Tom Hedgecock

Building and Grounds—Ray Speas

Nikki Elston—Clerk of Session

Deacons

Tom Bailey

Laura Gaylor

Alice Scott

Laura Spedding—Moderator

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 March 24, 2024

- A new bulletin format was introduced on Easter Sunday. It is a trifold bulletin created by Jon and Cabell that includes the bulletin, announcements/upcoming dates, session leaders and staff list, and a QR code for giving on the back
- We are updating the website - we have a subscription with Wordpress for the year for \$400 of support, and they offered to update the website for \$599. This will be paid for by the Capital Campaign.
- Crisis Control's food pantry stock is low so the Session approved a motion that the April and May hunger offerings will be an offering for Crisis Control.
- There will be a discipleship spring study session of a 5 week course from April 17 - May 15 on Mondays. Each week different people will offer their wisdom and insight; guests have been invited from within the church and they will speak about mission and how they are plugged in and how Trinity might be plugged in.

Freeing Congregational Mission: A 5-week study-to-action series!

**Monday evenings from 6:30-8 pm: April 22 & 29; May 6, 13, & 20
Trinity Presbyterian Church (1416 Bolton St, Winston-Salem NC)
Please register at: bit.ly/MissionStudy2024 so we can share details & resources!**

Join us for this series and deepen your participation in God's mission of compassion and justice! We'll begin by considering the challenges that congregational mission teams face. Then, we'll explore how the concepts of companionship, cultural humility, and co-development can guide us toward mutual relationships with our neighbors and co-laborers in building beloved community.

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We welcome all who want to reflect on their work of compassion and justice, including friends from other congregations! For more information, contact Megan: meganmgregory1@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NEEDS

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Food/Gift of the Month for April:
Pancake Mix & Syrup

BOLTON FOOD PANTRY

Cold cereal (such as Cheerios or corn flakes)
All-Purpose Cleaners
Tall kitchen trash bags
Diced tomatoes (15 oz can)

MOSES BASKET

Receiving Blankets
Socks
Baby Bibs
Washcloths

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Ann Williams – April 1

Susan Douglas – April 3

Matthew Sopko – April 4

Jeanne Reynolds – April 4

David Bathory – April 7

Jim Voelker – April 8

Calvin Parsons – April 10

Maria Diekema-Zuidema – April 11

Ann Shoffner – April 12

Paul Spedding – April 14

Harry Rolison – April 17

Susan Hudson – April 18

Scott Harper – April 20

Linda Hedgecock – April 24

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 Jim Voelker (voelkerj_24502@yahoo.com) for more 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 April 7 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

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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