

September 2025

FAITH IN ACTION

Trinity Presbyterian Church Newsletter

From the Pastor's Studio



Well, Fall is in the air, y'all! Isn't it lovely!? Trinity's Fantasy Football team (our first year) is kicking off, as is our stewardship theme, so please allow me to talk about money for a moment, which I confess is my least favorite topic...so please forgive me.

So far this year, for 2025, we had planned on using part of our reserve fund to plug in our expenses. About \$43k to be exact. However, thus far we have not had to use any of it! While that is good news, as expenses increase (inflation, cost of living, tariffs), we are looking at a deficit budget of \$52k for 2026--including a 10% increase for utilities, a 5% raise for the pastor and a bonus for our staff of \$500. The session discerned this decision carefully since we all know that expenses and property taxes are going up (but also tax breaks are kicking in for those 65 and older).

This means that we must have an idea about what our financial picture looks like for 2026. How do we get a clear picture? *By everyone filling out pledge cards!*

To achieve the goal of having 100% of people filling out pledge cards for 2026 (even if it's \$0 dollars), we are going to do the Pony Express (my first time). There are also rumors of us organizing a neighborhood meal to celebrate at the end.

The theme to accompany our financial and our other gift commitment goals, including our "time" and "talents," will be "Synodal Faith." During stewardship this year we will be practicing "synodality" or "walking alongside one another, and participating as partners in listening, learning, and mission." As *The Servant Song* reminds us,

We are pilgrims on a journey, we're together on this road.

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

Just as a gentle reminder: we are less interested in the dollar amount and more interested in having a clearer picture of our financial picture so we can be as faithful with our resources as possible. So please consider filling out a pledge card and a Time and Talent Sheet. Because the truth is, we are blessed to be in synodality, bearing the load of whatever the world tosses our way in faith, hope, and love.

Peace be with you,

Jon

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday 9/7

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:

September 3 @ 5:30-6:30pm—
Choir Practice

September 4 @ 4pm - Gathering at Foothills Brewing Tasting Room to celebrate Kris Twadell

September 5 @ 8am -
Trinity Breakfast at Cafe Arthur's

September 9 @ 2pm - Trinity Presbyterian Women –
Frances Dyer Circle Meeting

September 11 @ 4pm -
Monthly Gathering at Foothills Brewing Tasting Room

September 14 @ 3:30pm - TPC Reads Bookclub

September 17 @ 2pm - Knitting Fellowship

September 21 @ 12:30pm -
Congregational Picnic

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.

Trinity Breakfast at Cafe Arthur's

Every month on the first Friday all Trinity members are invited to breakfast at 8am at Cafe Arthur's (1416 S. Hawthorne Road). **The next Trinity breakfast will be on Friday, September 5 at 8am.** Please call or text George Edwards (910-232-6648) to let him know if you will be attending.

Trinity Presbyterian Women – Frances Dyer Circle Meeting

The Circle is meeting in person every month - all women and anyone else who might be interested in a lesson and fellowship are invited to come. The meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our Horizons study book for 2025-2026 is ***Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ***; we are on Lesson 1. If you do not have a book, we can make copies until more books can be ordered. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 9 at 2:00pm (**note the different date this month**). We are not currently having refreshments, but feel free to bring a beverage. We would love for you to join us

Session

Sue Baker
Brenda Daniels
Willie Johnson
Bob King
Jeane Wooten
Ray Speas

Deacons

Tom Bailey
Donna Hamilton
Beth Harper
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

August Session Meeting Highlights

Per the recommendation of the finance committee, the session released \$3,000 in benevolences (Trans Youth Alliance (\$800), Crisis Control (\$900), EBP (\$800), It's All About You (\$300), Sister 2 Sister (\$200).

The 2026 budget was reviewed, and the session passed a 5% increase for the pastor and \$500 bonus to support staff, along with other recommendations by the finance committee. Please see someone from the session or the finance committee if you would like to see more details.

All decisions regarding the Fellowship/Intergenerational Hall are paused until the grant submitted to the Presbytery is reviewed and we know about acceptance or rejection. Upon word from the Presbytery, the session will resume conversation about changes to the space.

On Sundays moving forward, doors to the Fellowship Hall will be locked starting at 11:15. The head usher will take care of this task which is meant as a safety measure. The front doors to the Sanctuary will remain unlocked.

Trinity was gifted a saw from Faith Presbyterian in Greensboro.

Trinity will write a letter of commitment supporting Mother Lloyd Church. This means Trinity is willing, if needed, to hold items from Lloyd, and will return them when Lloyd can take them back.

Sew Fabulous will be renting the Fellowship Hall for 7 weeks, Mondays and Tuesdays, starting September 15, to host a quilting class.

COMMUNITY NEEDS

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Food/Gift of the Month for September - Instant Grits & Oatmeal

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

Congregational Picnic at Margaret & Ann's house

Please join us for a congregational picnic at Margaret & Ann's house on Sunday, September 21 at 12:30pm. Please use the link below to RSVP and for directions to the house.

<https://calendar.app.google/UQpSXrLbspK9av1J8>

2025 Church World Service Crop Walk

Save the Date - October 19th

We believe in ending hunger.

No one in this world should be hungry. That's why the CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a yearly gathering. It's a movement that is 55 years strong, made up of compassionate people in more than 500 communities across the U.S.

The steps we take - and the funds we raise together - will provide life-saving support including emergency food and resources, along with the seeds, tools and programs that will help families feed themselves in the future. The money we raise this year is crucial for the continuation of the life-changing services that CWS provides locally and across the world.

Recruit a team of family and friends to join a CROP Hunger Walk in your community. Every step and every donation ends hunger!

Our Trinity Team needs a captain to join Laura Spedding at the Lunch & Learn on Wednesday, August 27th, 11:30 at Home Moravian Church. Learn about the impact of the local Crop Walk - Network with walk organizers - Ask questions. Please contact Laura for more information - 336-529-1516. Your help is needed!

TPC Reads Bookclub

TPC Reads Bookclub is on Sunday, September 14 @ 3:30pm. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall. The book that we are discussing is "The Sentence" by **Christina Dalcher**.

The TPC Reads Bookclub will be the 2nd Sunday of the month at 3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our October book is "A Psalm for the Wild Built" by Becky Chambers. If you would like to purchase a copy you can get 20% off your book purchase at Bookmarks when you mention our bookclub: TPC Reads. Please contact Joy Gaska (Gaska.joy@gmail.com 847-875-7577) with any questions.

Favorite Scripture

What is your favorite scripture? Starting in September, pastor Jon is going to be preaching on the scripture that you choose! There is a bowl in the narthex, next to the hymn box where you can put your favorite or most curious scripture (and name please) in it and it will be preached sometime this fall!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Laura Spedding – September 4

Tom Bailey – September 18

Julie Sugg – September 19

Willie Johnson – September 26

Tom Hedgecock – September 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.

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:

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 and other guest minister sermons can be found on our [website](#). Audio and PDF versions are available. The latest worship service from August 31 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: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Friday: Closed

Trinity's Staff

Anna McRay, Pianist

Corbin Duncan, Director of Music Ministry

Paulette Smith, Office Administrator

Cabell Edmundson, Communications Coordinator

Rev. Jonathan Gaska, Pastor

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