

FAITH IN ACTION

Trinity Presbyterian Church Newsletter

From the Pastor's Studio



Dear Trinity family,

A huge thanks to Margaret and Ann for hosting our church picnic! It was a lovely time to connect and share a meal while getting to know each other. In case you missed it, here are our committee reports.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE – (From Brenda Daniels) Summer/early Fall

- Picnic at Margaret and Ann's house
- Plan to purchase African American Hymnals
- Favorite scripture for Pastor to preach on
- Winston-Salem Dash game
- My favorite children's book summer 'Time with All Disciples'

BUILDING AND GROUNDS (From Ray Speas)

I wanted you to share with you the things that B&G have done since the last congregational meeting.

There is not a lot to report, we did have a issue with a drainage pipe with the hot water heater in the Intergenerational Hall attic, we had a drainage issue that was allowing the water to fill the hot water heater pan and overflow and run down the back wall of the utility closet.

We also had a small roof repair with the flashing over the fellowship hall and we had all the gutters cleaned out over the whole building as preventive maintenance

You may have noticed we also had to replace many of the light bulbs in the Sanctuary, as many were failing causing a flickering effect.

We are still waiting on Duke Power to address the fallen utility pole, many calls have been made, but they are very slow to address this issue.

You may have also noticed that after church has started, we are now locking all the Intergenerational Hall doors as a security precaution. So, if you arrive late you will need to use the front entrance.

Thank You.

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DISCIPLESHIP (From Bob King)

In addition to the Mystic's Meetings (1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30pm). We are in a holding pattern on the Intergenerational Hall conversion project as we wait for the Presbytery to give the thumbs up or down on our grant request. The project will move forward no matter what but getting the grant would have a decisively positive impact on the scale of our endeavor.

I want to underscore the importance of the Intergenerational Hall in helping us increase the focus on supporting the young folks in our congregation. One of the things I have learned in the wake of the Charlie Kirk murder is that the far right has been engaged in a massive and sustained effort to win the hearts and minds of young folks for quite some time now. It seems to me we need to up our game and do some catching up, and the Intergenerational Hall is one small way we can do that in our own backyard so to speak.

I.A.F. BROAD BASED ORGANIZING UPDATE (from Carol Kaylor)

Our IAF groups are making progress in gathering information and developing plans to bring about change in three areas.

- The Housing and Homelessness team is pursuing action in two areas: (1) establishment of a Community Prevention and Housing Stability Fund that would provide financial assistance to low-income individuals seeking affordable housing and (2) defining ways to work with local authorities about preventing the criminalization of homelessness in our community.
- The Mental Health group has formed research teams that are gathering information on two areas, with primary focus on services to uninsured and underinsured individuals, people of color and/or non-English speakers: (1) the effectiveness of crisis services, and (2) the accessibility of and assessment of existing mental health services in the community.

I have no information on the Education group at this time.

There will be a county-wide meeting in October of all participating IAF member organizations. All core team members, and others, are encouraged to attend. Our Trinity leadership will be sharing information on that meeting in the coming weeks.

DEACONS—We are training people in how to do Fellowship Hour after church. If you're interested see Beth Harper or one of the deacons!

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday 10/5

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:

October 1 & 15 @ 2pm - Knitting Fellowship

October 2 & 9 - Choir Practice

October 3 @ 8am - Trinity Breakfast at Cafe Arthur's

October 5 following Worship - Drum Circle

October 7 @ 2pm - Trinity Presbyterian Women – Frances Dyer Circle Meeting

October 9 @ 4pm – Monthly Gathering at Foothills Brewing Tasting Room

November 3 @ 6:30-8pm— Forsyth IAF Meeting

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, October 3 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 Library. Our Horizons study book for 2025-2026 is ***Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ***; we are on Lesson 2. If you do not have a book, we can make copies until more books can be ordered. **The next meeting is Tuesday, October 7 at 2:00pm.** 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

September Session Meeting Highlights

- Jon gave an overview of the finance committee. According to August financials, we are approximately \$4k over budget, part of this is due the release of benevolences.
- There will be a new members class in October (likely the last two Sundays of the month). Session anticipates a new member's welcome on dedication Sunday, November 2.
- Jon let the Session know he is working on reviving a Sunday bible study.

We have noticed doors to the church as not being closed all the way. Please check the doors if you are leaving, especially if you are one of the last ones out, making sure the door is closed and locked.

Mark your calendars for the following dates:

Sunday, October 26: Pumpkin carving and pumpkin pie (stay after service to carve/paint pumpkins and eat some Halloween treats)

Sunday, November 2: BBQ meal during Fellowship time, immediately after the service, to wrap up the 2026 Pony Express Stewardship Campaign

2026 Stewardship Drive

The Pony Express 2026 Stewardship Drive has begun. Here are the instructions:

1. Open the packet promptly. Please review the materials within 24–48 hours of receiving the packet.
2. Read and reflect on the stewardship materials.
3. Complete your Pledge Card and Time and Talent Sheet, place in the business envelope, seal and place in the saddlebag.
4. Coordinate with the next household and deliver the packet within 2-3 days. Call or text your route leader to let them know the saddlebag is moving on.
5. The last household returns the packet to the route leader or church office by October 19th.

Contact your route leader or a Finance Committee member with any questions or issues.

COMMUNITY NEEDS

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Food/Gift of the Month for October - Canned Meats (Canned Salmon, Canned Tuna, Corned Beef, SPAM, etc.)

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

2025 Church World Service Crop Walk

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. Our co-captains will be Leslie Sisell and Laura Spedding. Following is a message from Laura Spedding:

Dear Friends,

Cooler temps are finally here, the Fair is in town, and pumpkins are appearing - that all means it's Crop Walk time!

On Sunday afternoon, October 19th, I'll be joining hundreds of other local folks as we walk together to help end hunger in our community and in our world - one step at a time. This is my 30th year of walking - it's such an easy thing to do. I hope you will consider joining me by either walking or supporting the Trinity Crop Walk team – <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/trinity-presbyterian-church-winston-salem-2>

You may also send a check **made payable to CWS/Crop Walk** to the church office.

Thank you for your support -

Peace & Hugs, Laura Spedding

TPC Reads Bookclub

TPC Reads Bookclub is on Sunday, October 12 @ 3:30pm. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall. The book that we are discussing is "A Psalm for the Wild Built" by Becky Chambers. The TPC Reads Bookclub will be the 2nd Sunday of the month at 3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our November book is "The Island of Sea Women" by Lisa See. 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.

OCTOBER
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NOON

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THE GROWING EXISTENTIAL CRISIS OF PALESTINE

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
1416 Bolton Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27103**

October 7th, 2025 marks the second anniversary of the traumatic attack upon Israel by Hamas and the beginning of the ensuing destructive Israeli response inflicted upon Gaza.

The Salem Presbytery Peace and Justice Task Force has connected with **Ron Shive** who has done much on behalf of the PC(USA) in helping to guide what a Christian response to this genocide should be. He will be presenting on the growing existential crisis of Palestine since October 7th, 2023.

JOIN US (in person or via Zoom) for October's Matthew 25 Study Event.

PLEASE register with the link below and indicate how you will join us.

REGISTER TO ATTEND: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/BEN1ZSGKG8ARZZD98](https://forms.gle/BEN1ZSGKG8ARZZD98)

Register [here](https://forms.gle/BEN1ZSGKG8ARZZD98) for the event:

Forsyth IAF Meeting

SAVE THE DATE for a meeting of the Forsyth IAF on Monday, November 3, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm (location to be determined). In preparation for a public launch of the organization in early 2026, we are asking all church and other institutional leaders, and anyone interested in learning about the IAF, to attend this meeting. The goals are to turn out 500+ institution members, learn about the work of the research action teams, and strengthen our numbers as we continue to develop winnable issue proposals for positive change in our community.

Learn more about the Forsyth IAF here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rQMtUm71OXWP2LCDUx48y-OD310Xl3gKf_a2IvE6pvg/edit?tab=t.0



COUNTYWIDE MEETING !

Monday, November 3 | 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Location TBD in Winston-Salem

Join us for updates on our Research-Action Teams and progress toward launching our community power organization!

Teams are encouraged to send their largest delegations yet as we prepare to take action on **Housing, Education, and Mental Health!**



FORSYTH SPONSORING COMMITTEE, NC IAF

Building relational power for justice

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 September 28 can be found [here](#).

Also, check out the Salem Presbytery's [Salem Matters](#) online.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Ray Speas – October 1

Laura Moretz – October 1

Annalise Zuidema – October 3

Sue Baker – October 12

Miles Harper – October 18

Andrew Sopko – October 20

Cathy Richwine – October 29

Mel Gee – October 31

Mark Johnson – October 31

