

Trinity Tidings

An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life

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I bring you good tidings of great *joy*,
which shall be to
all people. For unto you
is born this day
in the city of David a *Saviour*,
which is
Christ the Lord.

❖ Luke 2:10 & 11 ❖



*You are cordially invited to spend the
Christmas Season
with all of us at Trinity Presbyterian Church!!*

Sunday, November 27 - 9:30am

Advent Service with Handbell and Ukulele music

Friday, December 2 - 7:30 pm

*Trinity Community Concert Series featuring the
Tri County Symphonic Band*

Sunday, December 4 - 9:30am

*Advent Service with Children's & Youth Christmas Music
followed by Advent Festival and PW Cookie Sale*

Tuesday, December 6 - 6:30pm

Trinity Women's Christmas Dinner & Communion Service

Sunday, December 11 - 9:30am

Advent Service with Adult Choir

Sunday, December 18 - 9:30am

*Christmas Worship with handbell music & Trinity Band
Nativity Walk*

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00pm *Family Worship Service & Pageant*

7:00 pm *Candlelight Communion Service with
Pre-service music, choir and brass*

Sunday, December 25 - 9:30am *Sunday Worship Service*

Sunday, January 1 - 9:30am *Sunday Communion Worship Service*

Sunday, January 8 - 9:30am **Epiphany Sunday**

Communion, Choir & Handbells



News & Notes

In Memoriam:

Charles C. Rearick
United with Trinity, September 25, 1960;
Died October 21, 2022

Dr. William A. West
United with Trinity, October 28, 1962;
Died November 17, 2022



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Christmas Eve Service In-Person and Live-Streaming



**4pm— Children's Service—
In-Person and Live-Streaming**
*All ages welcome, lively environment
for the little ones*

**7pm— Candlelight Service—
In-Person & Live-Streaming**
Communion, Choir & Brass

The 4pm & 7pm service will also be available to view on
YouTube anytime after the services conclude.

Trinity Community
Concert Series
Presents the
Tri-County Symphonic Band

Friday, December 2, 7:30 pm

A Trinity favorite! Get into the holiday spirit as these talented musicians from throughout the region present an evening of great seasonal music for the whole family.

Founded in 1976 as the Hammonton Bicentennial Band, the Tri-County Symphonic Band has been based at Camden County College Blackwood Campus as the Ensemble-in-Residence since 1986.

The band, which is mostly comprised of residents of the Burlington/Camden/Gloucester County area, attracts the highest caliber of community and semi-professional musicians. The members proudly come together creating an ensemble of unique versatility that entertains audiences throughout South Jersey.

And save the date, Friday, March 10, 7:00 pm (note the earlier start time), when Dennis James, Cinema Organist, will accompany the showing of the 1923 silent film classic, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame!*

**TCCS events are open to the public. Admission is a free-will offering.
Visit www.trinpres.org for more information.**



Trinity's Music News

YOU CAN MAKE MUSIC AT TRINITY!



Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm



Adult Bell Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 6:45pm

Children's Rehearsals

Cherub Choir – Pre-K and Kindergarten;

Thursday 4:30-5:00pm

Carol Choir – 1st and 2nd grade;

Thursday 5:00-5:30pm

Team Choir – 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade;

Thursday 5:30-6:00pm

Team Bells – 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade; Thursday 6:00-6:30pm



Youth Rehearsals

Youth Choir – 6th -12th grade; Sundays 10:45am-11:15am

Youth Bell Ensemble 6th -12th grade; Sundays 11:15am-11:45am

Youth Instrumental Ensemble 6th -12th grade;

Rehearsal Dates to be Announced

Trinity Band and

Mahalo Ukulele Band

Rehearsal Dates to be Announced



Please call the church office at 428-2050 or e-mail Lisa Marcelli,
Director of Music, at lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org for more
information.

Children's Ministry

Greetings from Children Ministries!



On November 6th, our school age children put together 100 bags of hygiene products for the Presbytery Disaster Fund. Thanks for all the help.

On December 4th make your way to the Fellowship Hall's Anteroom for bagels, cookies and juice. There will also be crafts for our children and our adults that are young at heart. Come and have some fun!

Remember also that we will have a Mitten Tree in Fellowship where we will collect new hats, mittens and gloves for those that will need them for the cold months.

There will be NO NURSERY, PRESCHOOL OR CHURCH SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 25 AND JANUARY 1.

Have a blessed and wonderful Christmas and a healthy and happy 2023.



Care 'n Share

Care 'n Share has had a very busy fall. We have taken in a "ton" of great donations! We were able to have a successful 1/2 price sale in November!



Care 'n Share

Our regular hours are 10am to 1pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays & the "first Saturday" of the month. (Dec. 3). Donated items can be brought in during those hours & also on Sunday mornings following the Worship service.

Please make sure all items are serviceable: clean & no missing parts.

The shop will be closed the last 2 weeks of December & re-open on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023. Have a Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year!

Deacons Christmas Sharing



Trinity Deacons are collecting \$30 Master Card and Visa gift cards for Acenda Health this holiday season. Please consider donating a gift card during coffee hour on Sundays or drop them off to the church office Monday - Thursday between 9am-4pm until **December 18th**.

Did you know that many banks issue Visa and Mastercard bank gift cards with no added fees? Next time you are at your local bank, please consider purchasing a gift card for donation. Gift cards can also be purchased at many retailers including grocery and hardware stores. Thank you for your generosity this holiday season!

Trinity Planned Giving Seminar

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Community Room

11:00 am

Join Trinity member, Andrew Mackerer, for a seminar on ways to ensure your legacy and intentions are followed. Andrew is an attorney with a focus on Estate Law. The seminar will focus on planned giving for Trinity as set forth in a will, living trust, or through beneficiary designations. In addition, various lifetime giving techniques will be discussed that can minimize your taxes and the effect on you while maximizing the benefit to Trinity. Andrew will discuss ways to arrange your Estate plans to ensure Trinity receives support, to ensure your wishes are carried out, and to simplify matters for your family. This can be accomplished through sound advice from financial advisors, attorneys and tax practitioners.

In-Person Nativity Walk Returns on Sunday, December 18

Save the date for the return of the in-person Trinity Nativity Walk! Hosted by the Membership Committee, the Nativity Walk will take place immediately after worship on Sunday, December 18th. Bring in your favorite crèche before the service that morning and set it up in the designated location in Fellowship Hall. During Coffee Hour, members of the congregation will walk around to view the various nativity scenes. In addition to viewing the nativity scenes on display that morning, you can watch the video of the last two Virtual Nativity Walks! You'll take your crèche home with you that day! If you're interested in participating, please sign up during coffee hour in late November/early December.



Peace
on Earth
goodwill towards
man Luke 2:14

Christmas Eve Social to Follow 7PM Service

Also making a comeback this Advent Season: the Christmas Eve Social following the 7pm service! Enjoy a warm beverage and a Christmas treat (or two) while sharing glad Christmas tidings with your Trinity family. If you'd like to contribute cookies or other treats for this event, please contact Susan Bastnagel at sbastnagel@gmail.com.



Trinity Library Corner

The Trinity Library would like to invite you to take a look at the Advent and Christmas books available. We have something for all ages and abilities. There are meditations, stories, Bible studies, and much more. We look forward to seeing you there!!



Cancer & Conversation

Cancer and Conversation will be meeting in Hospitality Room on January 8th, at 10:30am. Please join us in fellowship and support.

PW December Circles

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

MIRIAM CIRCLE 9:30am Hybrid Meeting in Anteroom

Circle Moderators are Georgetanne Moore & Melissa Smith

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022

REBEKAH CIRCLE 6:30pm Donna Bordner's home

Circle Moderator is Judy Spotto

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

ESTHER CIRCLE 11am Brunch at Turning Point, Cherry Hill

Circle Moderator is Linda Craven

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022

PRISCILLA CIRCLE 1pm Virtual Meeting

Circle Moderator is Jenny Stark Carboni

RUTH CIRCLE 6:30pm Dinner at Susan Bastnagel's home

Circle Moderators are Donna Wasik & Audrey Azevedo



PW: Moderator's Message

To all of the Sisters of Christ at Trinity,



I cannot believe that the Holidays are upon us! The program year is flying by. During the Holidays, I hope that we can all take time to think and pray about the miraculous gift of hope in Jesus. One of my takeaways from the Spiritual Retreat with Stephanie Saldaña is to try to NOTICE the beauty around me and call it by name. Beauty comes into our lives in grand gestures at times, but also in small gestures — gestures of kindness shared with a regular customer in the Care 'n Share thrift store, the small gesture we see in church as a Grandmother leans over to comfort a small grandson, and the list goes on and on, but you have to wait, watch, and search for the moments. These are Mustard Seed Moments. I hope you have watched some of our Mustard Seed Moments videos. Please look for

the link that is sent out to all members two times each month. One video will focus on mission projects we are doing, and the other will focus on nurturing our faith through a short devotion.

Can you "notice" some small, beautiful moment today?

Finally, here are some upcoming events you **DON'T WANT TO MISS!**

PW COOKIE SALE - DECEMBER 4, 2022 — The Cookie Sale will be held During Coffee Hour following the Children's Choirs Christmas Presentation. Cookies will be packed 6 to a bag and sold for a free will donation. Cookie donations can be dropped off on the morning of December 4th. This is a good time to buy homemade treats you are too busy to make yourself!



CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS SERVICE AND DINNER - DECEMBER 6, 2022 — We are planning to have a dinner followed by the Candlelight Communion service. Signups will be done during coffee hour on November 6th, November 13th, November 20th, and November 27th. You can come just for the Candlelight Service which will begin at 8:00 p.m., or you can enjoy a dinner catered by Amici and fellowship time with Trinity friends and family at 6:30 p.m.

BABY SHOWER FOR REV. SARAH CRAVEN - DECEMBER 11, 2022 -

Presbyterian Women invites everyone to come and celebrate Baby Craven with Sarah after church on Sunday, December 11, 2022 during coffee hour. We will provide the cake! This is a No Wrap shower, but we will set up a table for a display of the shower gifts.



MUSTARD SEED MOMENT VIDEOS - Please watch for the email blast from the church office that contains the link to our Mustard Seed Moment Videos. They are posting about two times each month.



WOMEN'S RETREAT - MARCH 24-26, 2023 - Please prayerfully consider coming to the Women's Retreat in March at the Port O' Call Hotel in Ocean City, NJ. As Pastor Gregory would say, we are "hoping BIG" to have our weekend retreat this year.

As you can tell from the length of this article, WE ARE UP AND RUNNING! With our wonderful PW Coordinating Team, we will be able to strengthen our Faith and come together for meaningful learning, worship, respite, and mission in Jesus' name. We are here to help and serve you. Please feel free to reach out to me (sparky11142@verizon.net).



Trinity Women's Christmas Dinner
&
Communion Service

Date: December 6, 2022

Time: 6:30 p.m.; service at 8:00 p.m.

Dinner: Catered by Amici —
menu: chicken parmesan (regular red sauce pasta is available for
vegetarians); salad, roasted vegetables, and dessert.

Cost: \$25.00/person, sign ups - Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27

Charity: SistaTalkPHL — we will be collecting items for SistaTalkPHL —
diapers, pull ups, wipes, rash cream, laundry detergent, bleach, dryer sheets.
Items can be brought to the event or dropped off on Sundays from Nov. 6 - Dec. 4





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Next Tidings deadline is December 15th for January Issue



In–Person &
Virtual
Worship:

9:30am

Sunday
Mornings
in December