

Trinity Tidings

An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life

Volume 55, Issue 2

February 2022

The In-Between Month

But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Matthew 6:6

It was the novelist and poet, Margaret Atwood, who spoke of February as a month of despair, with a skewered heart in the center. Perhaps that is too dark a beginning for a church newsletter, so I turn to the early-20th century poet, Sara Teasdale who, in her poem "February," said:

The lonely trees in the square
Stood in the winter wind
Patient and bare.

The trees, though, bare, are patient, not despairing. That's a better take on the month of February, which is often a demanding month for me, a month that does require patience.

Though having lived in New Jersey longer than in my home state of Alabama, I still chaff at the long winter's cold grey. February doesn't have the expectancy and joy of December and it doesn't have the promise of March. February arrives after the hope of January, when the winter seems to become exceedingly long. February is, then, that *in-between* month.

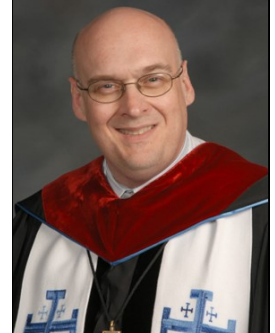
In the Church, February always sits between Epiphany and Lent, asking us to be patient. It is usually called Ordinary Time in the lectionary, since it holds neither a time of preparation, like Advent or Lent, or a time of celebration, like Christmas or Easter. During this middle season, this in-between time there is the opportunity for us to be quiet, to reflect, to pray.

How do you find your way through the cold of winter? Are you like me, waiting for the spring to break? Hoping it might come early. I want to encourage all of us, to find in this in-between month, time to enter more deeply into prayer. We need prayer because we need God. We need prayer to learn to be patient in our waiting, even when its not yet Lent. Teasdale's poem ends with this:

I heard . . . oh voiceless trees
Under the wind, I knew
The eager terrible spring
Hidden in you.

We pray in the quietness of this month, because we believe that spring is hidden now but will come. We pray because even in the winter, the Sun of Righteousness has risen in our hearts, and we want to speak with him, as friend to Friend. So let's not wait till Lent to recommit to that holy conversation; let's make this in-between month a month of talking to and listening to Christ. If we will, then there's great cause to keep...

Hoping Big, Gregory



Staff

Pastor/Head of Staff
The Rev. Dr. Gregory
C. Faulkner

Associate Pastor
The Rev. Ms. Sarah
Craven

Parish Associate
The Rev. Mr. Barry
Gruver

**Director of
Music**
Lisa Marcelli

**Music
Associate**
Brian Kain

Church Treasurer
Debby Talbott

Office Manager
Sue Nork

Media Associate
Alysia Sieh Badskey

**Membership
Associate**
Pam Dougherty



News & Notes

In Memoriam

Joseph Spatola, III

United with Trinity January 9, 1990; Died January 7, 2022

Marion Burke

United with Trinity, October 21, 2006; Died January 25, 2022

Marcia Kay Spatola

United with Trinity, January 26, 1969; Died January 26, 2021

Sympathies:

We express our sympathy to Cheryl Guretse on the death of her father-in-law.

We express our sympathy to Karen Leonard on the death of her aunt, Marion Burke.

We express our sympathy to the Spatola family on the death of Joseph and Marion Spatola.



Session Update

- At its stated meeting on January 3, 2022 the Session:
- Approved the December 31, 2021 Membership Count of 638
- Reviewed Pastoral Reports of Revs. Faulkner and Craven
- Voted to return to pre-Advent Covid Protocols including masks at all times, limiting the size of the choir during worship, limit congregation singing to two verses of two hymns (seated), and the expansion of the compassionate spacing area to the whole right (lectern) side of the sanctuary.
- Reviewed Trinity's November Financial Report
- Shared prayer concerns and closed in prayer



Session of Elders

Clerk of Session

Jenny Stark

Adult Ministries

Jen Dukelow

Children's Ministries

Gary Naumick

Finance & Stewardship

Brad Ritchie

Membership

Susan Bastnagel

Mission & Outreach

Eric Waraas

Personnel

John Young

Property & Buildings

Rick Fletcher

Worship & Music

Steve Talbott

Youth Ministries

Tracy Miller

Strategy Committee

John Young

Deacons

Moderator of Deacons

Doug Nork

Committee Chairs

Assistance

Pete Desjardins,

Trudie Levins

Fellowship

Cindy Mailahn

Service

Randy Southworth

Visitation

Deepa Albert

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 Ministries

TRINITY CHURCH SCHOOL

Our Church School program continues for children age 2½ through Grade 6. Our rotation program has generated excitement from both children and parents. Some January highlights: On Mission Sunday, the children learned about having a loving heart, and then put that love into action by making 100 “Gift of the Heart Kits” for donation to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.



And on Family Church Sunday, parents and children worshipped together and at Family Church we worshipped together and celebrated Epiphany by making a banner of blessings for the coming year to be hung in Witherspoon.

Here is the schedule of events for February:

February 6: Mission Sunday – **Grade school-age children** will meet for a joint lesson and activity in Witherspoon. They will be taught a Bible lesson that will focus on Jesus’s call to serve those in need. Afterward, the children will create “rock solid” reminders of Jesus’s love, which will be shared to brighten someone’s day.



February 13: Family Church – Rev. Sarah will lead families in worship in the Community Room in a relaxed, casual atmosphere that will allow families to grow their faith together. *Children of all ages are welcome!* Come to the Community Room by 9:30am; parents / guardians should plan on staying with your child(ren) for the service

February 20: Church School – All children will participate in a traditional church school lesson in their respective classrooms.

February 27: Let’s Worship Together – **Grade school children** will attend worship in the sanctuary with their parents. An activity page will be provided for the children.

If you have any questions about our Church School program or would like more information, you can contact Rev. Craven at sarah.craven@trinpres.org or Gary Naumick, Chairperson of Children’s Ministries Committee, at gnaumick@comcast.net.



Care 'n Share

Care 'n Share is still accepting winter clothing during our regular hours and for about 1/2 hour following Sunday's worship service. Please remember to only bring in items that are serviceable; clean, no missing buttons or parts etc. Tax receipts are available.

Please do not leave items in the hall or outside...Someone must be there to accept them.

January started out slow, cold & snowy but we are looking ahead to March when we will be putting spring clothes out on the racks!

Our hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays & "the first Saturday" of month (Feb. 5) from 10 am to 1 pm. "Snow closing" is same as Cherry Hill School District.

Our volunteer situation has improved but we can always use new people. Customers & volunteers are all wearing masks. Let me know if you are interested. eileenrank@comcast.net

Fellowship Group

Looking for a small group to share faith, study, and fellowship? The Fellowship Group is open to all. This year we will focus on Trinity's One Book/One Church study **How to Fight Racism, by Jamar Tisby**. We will meet at 1:00 pm on a Sunday (TBD) in mid-February via Zoom. For more details contact Jenny Stark 609-680-6090 jenny.lou.stark@gmail.com



Save the Date

Trinity PW One Day In Person Retreat

Saturday, March 26, in Fellowship Hall, time to be determine



Dear Women of Trinity,

We are so looking forward to getting together in March for a one day in-person retreat. We are planning a wonderful day of exploration and spiritual growth together. We hope that you will be able to join us.

We were hoping that this would be the year that we would be able to hold our weekend retreat at Port O Call in Ocean City, but out of an abundance of caution, we have pushed the date back for that and are looking for new dates to get together for a weekend away.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding. We endeavor to continue to "get more connected".

Take care and stay safe,
Carolyn Kramer, PW Moderator

PW January Circles



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022

MIRIAM CIRCLE 9:30am Zoom meeting
Circle Moderator: Carolyn Kramer

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022

DEBORAH CIRCLE 1pm Witherspoon Bldg.
Circle Moderator: Doris Sapp

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022

SHIPRAH CIRCLE 7pm Community Room
Circle Moderators: Patti Baechler & Sue Nork

REBEKAH CIRCLE 7pm Zoom meeting
Circle Moderator: Michele Strobel

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2022

PRISCILLA CIRCLE 1pm Zoom meeting
Circle Moderator: Jenny Stark Carboni

RUTH CIRCLE 7pm Susan Bastnagel's home
Circle Moderators: Susan Bastnagel & Nancy Roberts

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022

ESTHER CIRCLE Meeting after Church Service in Witherspoon Bldg.
Circle Moderator: Linda Craven

News & Notes

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

January

1/30/2022: Annual Budget Forum (Zoom meeting at 11:00 a.m.)

February

2/6/2022: Lent Devotional Extension Deadline

2/6/2022: Trinity Annual Reports will be available for pick up or our website

2/13/2022: Trinity's Annual Congregational Meeting

March

3/2/2022: Ash Wednesday Service 12:30pm & 7:00pm Services

3/11/2022: TCCS 7:30pm



Stay Connected!



Connect with Trinity:

Web: www.trinpres.org

Email: trinpres@trinpres.org

Phone: 856-428-2050

Facebook: [Facebook.com/trinpres](https://www.facebook.com/trinpres)

Instagram: [Instagram.com/trinpres](https://www.instagram.com/trinpres)

Mailing Address: 499 Route 70 East,
Cherry Hill, NJ, 08034

Ways of Connecting with Trinity

Virtual Worship– Check our website every Sunday for our Virtual Worship services.

Phone Calls & Email– We are here for you! Call or email the Church Office, Monday-Thursday, 9am-4pm. Pastors will also be making calls and reaching out to you.

Website– Visit our website to stay up-to-date with all happenings at Trinity, the scrolling web banner at the top of the page will link you to our most important information.

Eblasts– Check your inbox (and spam folders) for up-to-date Trinity news.

Facebook– Our Facebook site will also keep you informed. This is also where you can post comments and share photos!

YouTube Videos– Check out our Virtual Worship videos but also videos of past musical performances and congregants sharing what makes Trinity such a great place to worship!

Instagram– Trinity now has an Instagram page! Follow us in this new venture on Instagram at [@trinpres](https://www.instagram.com/trinpres).

Prayer Wall– Do you know you can post prayer requests to our website? Look for more information to come on just how to do this.

Zoom Groups– Many groups at Trinity are connecting through zoom– it's like a giant FaceTime session for a whole group of people! It can be done through a computer or phone– check with your group leaders to see if they are offering this.

Please check with your group leaders to see if any Trinity groups will be meeting online or in-person in February



Trinity Presbyterian Church (USA)
499 Route 70 East
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034-2462

Next Tidings deadline is February 15th for March Issue

<p>1 JOHN 4:10</p> <p>THIS IS LOVE: NOT THAT WE LOVED GOD, BUT THAT HE LOVED US AND SENT HIS SON AS AN ATONING SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS.</p>	<p>In-Person & Virtual Worship:</p> <p>9:30am</p>
--	---