

# Trinity Tidings

*An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life*

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## Turned Around by Discipleship

*From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."*

Matthew 4:17

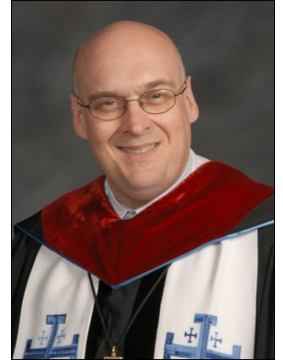
Ash Wednesday is just around the corner! Now that's a phrase you don't hear every day . . . at least not around Trinity. Perhaps you already know that you observing Lent has not always been the Presbyterian thing to do. The Lenten season, which is primarily associated with repentance for our sinful ways, was eschewed by the early Reformed Christians because repentance is not a seasonal occurrence, but a daily way of life--we are called to turn from sin and turn toward God each and every day of our lives. That is most clearly demonstrated for us in our baptisms.

One of the ancient vows of baptism is the commitment to turn from all that opposes God's holy will and seek to follow Christ in every aspect of life. Baptism is the sacrament by which we mark the beginning of the life of discipleship, which is, by definition a life of learning to love God by following Christ as we live in the power of the Holy Spirit. Spiritually, discipleship is indeed about repentance, which is to say, it is about turning around, again and again and again. Turning from all that opposes God in our lives so we might more closely follow the Lord Jesus.

Of course, the quotidian can be hard. One of the complaints of life during a pandemic is the monotony many of us face. Perhaps that is why the ancient church developed seasons to concentrate on various aspects of the daily Christian life. Maybe this Lent, you and I could spend some time focusing on what it means for us to leave sin behind by turning—again and again and again—to God and God's will for our lives. For me, that will mean trying to give a bit more time to daily prayer and to spending a few more minutes than usual reading the Bible. In these simple—and essential practices of discipleship—I hope to find the Holy Spirit drawing me closer. Who knows? Perhaps if we both do this, we might find turning to Christ becomes a more common part of our living . . . and thus find the nearness of God's reign on earth even in the dailiness of our lives. If that is what happens for us this Lent, we'd all have good reason to be

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  
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## Session Update

At its stated meeting on January 4, 2021 the Session:

- Updated and **approved** the Member Count of 645.
- Heard Rev. Faulkner and Rev. Craven's Ministerial Reports.
- Learned that pledges for 2021 are lagging last year's numbers.
- Agreed to hold the Budget Forum on Sunday morning, January 31.
- Confirmed that the Annual Report will be available digitally soon after the Forum.
- Established that the Annual Meeting will be held on Zoom on February 14, 2021.
- Approved up to \$1,500 for new internet access equipment.
- Voted to limit committal service attendees to no more than 12 family members/friends and the officiating minister(s) and require that all social distancing protocols be followed without exception.
- Reviewed Trinity's Year-to-Date Financial Information as of Nov 30:
  - Pledge income was \$553,049 (\$6,178 under budget)
  - Expenses were \$681,561 (\$102,741 under budget)
- Shared prayer concerns and celebrations.



### Session of Elders

#### **Clerk of Session**

Jenny Stark

#### **Adult Ministries**

Larry Miller

#### **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



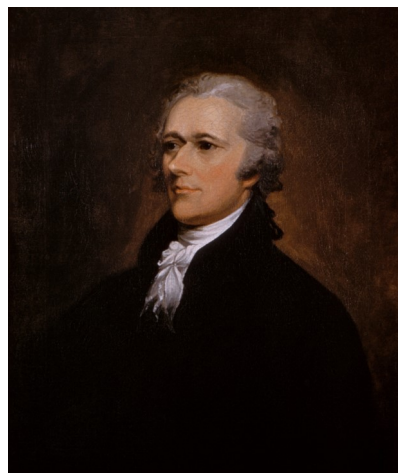
## Fellowship Group—Next Meeting is Sunday, February 21 at 1:00 pm

Looking to join a small group for study and fellowship? We hope you can join the **Fellowship Group** as we continue a DVD study of Christian practices. No preparation is needed. Just show up as

you are. We meet monthly, usually on the third Sunday, at 1:00 pm. All studies will be via Zoom. Questions? If you want a link to the Zoom meeting contact Jenny Stark 609-680-6090.

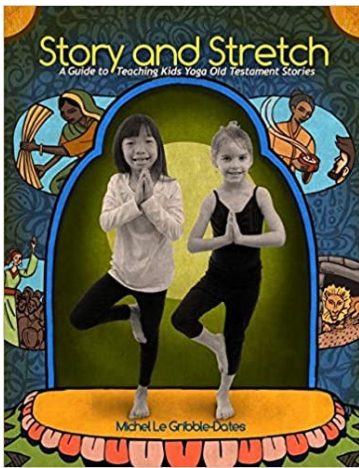
## Alexander Hamilton and Honor Culture February 7 at 11:00 am on Zoom

You've seen Hamilton, you sing along to the songs in your car, maybe you've even cracked open the Chernow biography...but what comes next? Join Margaret Gammie as she presents her recent research about eighteenth-century honor culture. We will examine how Hamilton's obsession with his honor shaped him during the American Revolution, drove his decisions as Secretary of the Treasury, and ultimately led to his death in a duel. This lively discussion will suit musical and history fans alike!



# Children's & Youth Ministries

## Fall Back into Sunday School!



Join us for Virtual Church School every Sunday. On the first Sunday of the month (February 7<sup>th</sup>) at 11 AM, Pastor Sarah will lead us together in a live interactive service over Zoom using “Story and Stretch”. So wear your comfortable clothes, as we learn a Bible story through stretching, and then break up into our classes to catch up with our teachers and friends. The following week, one of our Sunday School teachers will lead us through a pre-recorded video you can watch anytime, anywhere! There will be a 3 year old to Kindergarten video and an Elementary school-age video. And then every week during March, Pastor Sarah and Choir Director Miss Lisa will provide us with a timely Lent video and song that children and the whole family can share.

The Zoom invitation and video links will be sent through email, so make sure we have your up-to-date email so you don't miss out on all the fun! Any questions? Reach out to Pastor Sarah at [sarah.craven@trinpres.org](mailto:sarah.craven@trinpres.org)

## MISSION THURSDAY A HUGE SUCCESS!

The pandemic created many challenges for our church and congregation. One of those was how to continue our mission and outreach activities during this unusual time. In early April, a suggestion was made to have a **Stay-at-home Mission Project – Cathedral Kitchen Sandwich Making**.

Our congregation provided over 500 sandwiches for the clients at Cathedral Kitchen. The project was so successful, the question was asked “Why not do it again?”. After another highly successful effort a couple of weeks later the question became “Why not do this every other week?” and Mission Thursday was born. As time passed, Mission Thursday continued to grow. Collecting food for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry was added.

The Deacons recognized Mission Thursday as an opportunity to continue their mission activities during the pandemic and activities including Summer Sharing, School Supply Drive, Gift of Warmth Coat Drive and Christmas Sharing were included with great success. PW was able to utilize Mission Thursday to support the R&M Boarding home including their Christmas Stockings project.

Mission Thursday turned out to be a great success. The support from the congregation was simply amazing! In 2020, our congregation donated approximately 11,500 sandwiches, 3000 bottles of water, 150 bags of fruit and many boxes/bags of snacks to Cathedral Kitchen. In addition, we collected almost 5,000 pounds of food and miscellaneous household supplies for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. The mission activities supported by the Deacons and PW were also huge successes.

Our thanks to everyone who participated in Mission Thursday last year. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to continue our mission and outreach activities and make a real difference in our community during these challenging times.

Mission Thursday is off to a great start again in 2021 with two events during January. The M&O Committee plans to continue it for the foreseeable future with some new wrinkles. **We are planning on collecting used books for BookSmiles in March or April.** If you have any ideas on how we can make Mission Thursday even better, please reach out to Eric Waraas or Hersch Craven.

## Care 'n Share

Care 'n Share has not been given a date for re-opening. In the meantime, we cannot accept any donations. Please be patient; save the "good" stuff for us!



FYI: St. Vincent de Paul in Medford is open and of course Goodwill.  
(Behind Loews on Rt 73)

Please read Trinity's Annual Report for our 2020 activity. Thank you to all the volunteers, shoppers & those who donate to the shop.

Happier New Year!

## Virtual Coffee Hour

Miss seeing all of your Trinity friends and catching up over a cup of coffee or lemonade at Coffee Hour? Join us for Virtual Coffee Hour every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30am. Members from 2 to 90 years old have jumped on! Kids and families are joyfully welcomed.

We gather together on Zoom at 10:30am, and once everyone has signed on, we split into breakout groups of about ten to catch up. It's a great way to see familiar faces or even have the opportunity to get to know different Trinity members. We finish around 11:15am with everyone together again and a short prayer to send us out for the rest of our Sundays.



Since this meeting is for Trinity members only, the link will not be posted to the website. Instead to join, please click the link in your Trinity virtual & coffee hour email or contact Pastor Sarah at, [sarah.craven@trinpres.org](mailto:sarah.craven@trinpres.org) for the link. Hope to see you there!

## Pledge Box Pick Up Reminder

### 2021 PLEDGE BOXES ARE HERE

For people that want their 2021 pledge boxes they will be ready in ABC order in front of the office doors. You may stop by to pick them up Mon thru Thursday 9 to 4.

The boxes are very expensive to mail, so please take the time to pick them up. Also if you don't need your box please email me or call the church office at 856-428-2050 and we will be sure to not send it. We will also save money by not ordering your box for the following year since I am now able to order only the boxes that are needed.

Thanks so much !

Debby Talbott, Treasurer  
[debby.talbott@trinpres.org](mailto:debby.talbott@trinpres.org)

# Trinity Presbyterian Women: February Meetings

## WEDNESDAY, February 10, 2021

MIRIAM Circle 1pm

circle leaders:  
Pam Dougherty  
& Smita Simpatico



## MONDAY, February 15, 2021

DEBORAH Circle 1pm

RUTH Circle 7pm

circle leader: Doris Sapp  
circle leaders:  
Nancy Roberts & Susan Bastnagel

## TUESDAY, February 16, 2021

REBEKAH Circle 7pm

SHIPRAH Circle 7pm

circle leader: Louisa Coffin-Tilsner  
circle leaders: Patti Baechler & Sue Nork

## MONDAY, February 22, 2021

PRISCILLA Circle 1pm

circle leader: Jenny Stark

## SUNDAY, February 28, 2021

ESTHER Circle 11:00am

circle leader: Linda Craven

## *Trinity Presbyterian*

### *Women's Retreat*

The PW retreat will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2021 on Zoom from 9:30AM to 12:00 PM. You can join us from the comfort of your own home, as Reverend Sarah Craven leads the topic - "LIVING IN GRATITUDE". All needed materials and the Zoom link will be sent to you before the retreat through your circle leader. If you are not in a circle, we would still love to have you join us. Just email in advance of the meeting date to [DRC753@aol.com](mailto:DRC753@aol.com) so that you can have the Zoom link and materials sent to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Donna Croker, at (609) 238-0746.





## New & Notes

*April 2020– January 2021*

### *Baptisms:*

We rejoice with...

**Susie Stockwell and Ryan Delaney**, on the baptism of their son,  
**Parker Stockwell Delaney**, baptized August, 1, 2020.

**Meagan and Andrew Mackerer** on the baptism of their son,  
**Benjamin Cross Mackerer**, baptized November, 15, 2020

**Kelly and George Raymond**, on the baptism of their son,  
**Chase Archer Raymond**, on November 22nd, 2020

### *In Memoriam:*

We pray for comfort for the families of those who have gone to our Lord.

Let us remember:

**George Lines**

United with Trinity April, 1961, Passed April 15, 2020

**Desmond Manu**

United with Trinity February, 2013, Passed August 29, 2020

**Florence Mognet**

United with Trinity March, 1959, Passed October 20, 2020

**Holly A. Sanborn**

United with Trinity January, 1983, Passed October 29, 2020

**Joan O. Cohen**

United with Trinity February 1963, Passed December 20, 2020

**Jeanne Wilfon**

United with Trinity December 1965, Passed January 18, 2021

**Janet Schacht**

United with Trinity February 1959, Passed January 18, 2021

# Stay Connected!



## Connect with Trinity:

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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 in February\***



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***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>Virtual Worship:</p> <p>9:30am</p> <p>Sunday Mornings</p>
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