

# Trinity Tidings

*An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life*

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## Mary the Model

Growing up in a Protestant family, my religious life was very different from my friend Emily. Emily grew up in New Orleans in a devout Roman Catholic family. When I would go to church with Emily, I was always struck not by the similarities between our worship, but the differences. In truth, every thing seemed different: the architecture, the ministers' clothing, the music, the words used in the prayers—it was a strange world to me, and there was also something captivating and beautiful about Emily's Catholic worship.

One aspect that I have pondered over the last half-century is how much Emily loved Mary—the person she always referred to as “the Blessed Mother.” I got the part about Mary being a mother--she was the mother of Jesus; no question there. I even could make sense of the “blessed” part since that's what the Angel Gabriel calls Mary: “the Blessed one.” What I couldn't make sense of, though I have a better appreciation of it now, was how Mary is somehow *my* Mother, *our* Mother.

Still, that idea of Mary just doesn't quite fit into my religious consciousness with much ease.

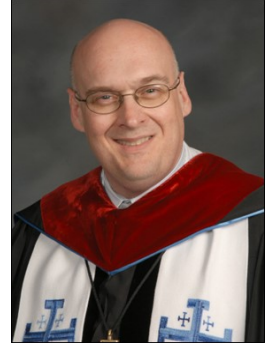
Rather, when I think about Mary, I often find myself thinking of her as our model, my model, of discipleship. Mary replies to the shocking angelic announcement “you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High” (Luke 1:31-32a). What does Mary say? “Let it be!”—in Latin one simple word: *Fiat!*

With that faithful response, Mary begins her deeper journey of faith and though there are only a few mentions of her in the Gospels, every story of her devotion offers us a way to also be responsive to God's call upon our lives. To find in Mary a model of faithfulness and prayer is to learn from her as we do from Paul and Peter and Martha and Mary and so on.

This month, you will have an amazing opportunity to learn more of Mary as model. Stephanie Saldaña will guide us during our **Spiritual Renewal Weekend (October 28-29)** by walking us through the Biblical witness of Mary's life. Like my old friend, Emily, we might find that Mary is—unexpectedly—a help to us and to our lives of following Christ. I sure hope you will participate in our Spiritual Renewal Weekend and give yourself the opportunity to see if Mary is indeed a model for our lives in Christ. If you will, you and I will have greater cause to be...

Hoping Big,

Gregory



### Staff

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The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Faulkner

#### **Associate Pastor**

The Rev. Ms. Sarah Craven

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Pam Dougherty



## News & Notes

We welcome our New Members:  
*Robert C. Timms, Jr.*  
*Elizabeth Wasik*



## Session Update

**At its stated meeting on September 12, 2022 the session:**

- Approved the membership count of 640
- Approved membership by letter of transfer of Elizabeth Wasik
- Agreed to decrease the number of pews reserved for compassionate spacing
- Released session funds to be used to cover Stephanie Saldaña's air travel
- Discussed resuming PW and Elder greeters at Sunday worship
- Learned of youth and children's ministry resumption



### Session of Elders

**Clerk of Session**

Jenny Stark

**Adult Ministries**

Jen Dukelow

**Children's Ministries**

Nancy Roberts

**Finance & Stewardship**

Coz Digneo

**Membership**

Susan Bastnagel

**Mission & Outreach**

Linda Wean

**Personnel**

Donna Croker

**Property & Buildings**

Dave Large

**Worship & Music**

Steve Talbott

**Youth Ministries**

Tracy Miller

**Strategy Committee**

John Young

### Deacons

**Moderator of Deacons**

John Smith

**Committee Chairs**

*Assistance*

Dipal Willoughby,

*Fellowship*

Michele Strobel

*Visitation*

Janelle Curl

# 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade;

Thursday 5:00-5:30pm

Team Choir – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade;

Thursday 5:30-6:00pm

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



## **Youth Rehearsals**

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

Youth Bell Ensemble 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade; Sundays 11:15am-11:45am

Youth Instrumental Ensemble 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org) for more  
information.

# Opening to God through Prayer

## *A Spiritual Renewal Weekend*

With Author & Speaker Stephanie Saldaña

Friday, October 28th - Saturday, October 29th

### From Fiat to Magnificat: Let it Be. My Soul Magnifies the Lord.

The story of our salvation in Christ begins with a young woman responding to the divine call with a simple response: Let it be (Fiat in Latin!) What led Mary to be able to respond so wholeheartedly to God? What would bring her to sing, "Magnificat! My soul magnifies the Lord"? How might Mary's response to God help us grow in a closer following of Jesus? Join us for this important time of reflection and growth as we seek to learn more of what it means to be people of prayer.

Friday evening, October 28 Series begins at 7:30p.m.

Saturday morning, October 29

8:30 Bagels and Coffee

9:00am - 12:30pm - Stephanie leads us in  
Bible reflections and prayer.



# Spiritual Renewal Weekend

*October 28-29, 2022*

Registration is happening at each coffee hour for this inspirational weekend with noted-author, Stephanie Saldaña.

Stephanie Saldaña is a writer, teacher and journalist who specializes in religious diversity in the Middle East, with a focus on refugees. She first traveled to the region over twenty five years ago on a Thomas Watson fellowship, where she became fascinated by conversations between local Christians and Muslims. After starting her career as a journalist at the Lebanon Daily Star in Beirut, she returned to the United States to pursue a Masters in Theological Studies at Harvard Divinity School, where she focused on Muslim-Christian dialogue and Arabic. In 2004, she moved to Syria on a Fulbright Islamic Civilizations Initiative Grant to study the Prophet Jesus in Islam. Her year there became the basis of her first book, *The Bread of Angels*. In 2006 she moved to Jerusalem, where she has lived till moving to Bethlehem this year. Her articles and essays have appeared in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, America, Plough, and other publications. In 2016, as an Abraham Path Fellow, she launched The Mosaic Stories to tell the stories of disappearing cultural heritage in the Middle East, particularly among refugees fleeing Iraq and Syria. Her second book, *A Country Between*, was released in 2017. Stephanie, with her husband, Fr. Jonah (Frederic) Masson and their three children live in Bethlehem, where Fr. Jonah is a priest for the Syriac Catholic Church.



**Join Us for an Adult Ed Forum  
October, 2nd at 11am**



PEACEMAKER

**JONATHAN DRAKE  
VUMU FROM MALAWI**

## Mission & Outreach



### Mission Thursdays:

For the past 2 ½ years when you drop off your donations on Mission Thursday undoubtedly you have encountered the three smiling faces ready to help you. **Herschel Craven, Elissa Goss and Nancy Roberts.** From the beginning these three devoted volunteers have been on the scene. Faithfully they have been there in the cold, the rain, the wind and lately the heat. Always friendly and helpful. Not only do they collect the items but then they load their cars and deliver the collected items to the various locations.

## Care 'n Share

Care n Share had it's re-opening day on September 13. We were very pleased to be very busy with lots of new customers! We also had lots of donations come in! Thank you all!

Our hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays & the "first Saturday" of the month from 10 am to 1 pm. (First Saturday coming up is October 1) Donations can be dropped off during those hours, as well as Sunday mornings following the Worship service. Reminder to please be sure that all donated items be clean & serviceable... no stains or missing parts, etc.



## BookSmiles

Mission & Outreach Committee has created a permanent Book Smiles collection station. It is located at the rear of the main building near the entrance ramp to the Care n' Share Shop. New and Gently Used Children's Books may be deposited at any time, rain or shine. To learn more about **BookSmiles** and how to make monetary donations, please visit their website at [www.booksmiles.org](http://www.booksmiles.org).



## Trinity Library Corner

The Library would love to let you know that we have Halloween books out for the children to help celebrate the time of the year. We also continue to have new books displayed for youth and adults on the cart in front of the library as well as the square table. Please come in and browse!

## Deacons' School Supply Drive

Thank you Trinity for your generous donation of school supplies this year! A special thank you to Melanie Faulkner for assembling the blessing luggage tags that were donated with the school supplies to Urban Promise!

## Deacons Coat Drive



Deacons' Coat Drive- The deacons will be collecting new and gently used adult men's, women's and children's coats during October and November. We are collecting children's coats for the Little Hands Little Feet program at St. Andrews United Methodist Church. Adult coats are also welcome and are given to the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (IHOC), the R&M Boarding House, and Cathedral Kitchen for distribution to those in need. All donations are greatly appreciated. Collection dates are on Sundays, October 2nd thru November 27th. Collection bins for donations will be located in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions in regard to the Deacon's Coat Drive, please contact Dipal Willoughby at 856-296-3045. Thank you Trinity for your Generosity!

## A Message from Adult Ministries: October is Pastor Appreciation Month



Let all of us at Trinity rejoice in the service and care of our pastoral team, Reverends Greg, Sarah and Barry. Our church community is grateful for the work of our pastors. We are blessed!

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 "Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other."

## Trinity Presbyterian Church and Red Cross Blood Drive



Trinity Presbyterian Church and Red Cross Blood Drive  
October 17th, 2022 2pm-7pm in the Community Room.

Visit [Trinpres.org](http://Trinpres.org) for more information.  
Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and use sponsor code:  
Trinity Presbyterian

# **Trinity Presbyterian Church Red Cross Blood Drive**



**Monday, October 17th  
2pm – 7pm**

**499 E Route 70 Cherry Hill, NJ 08034**

**Trick or treat: \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of choice when you  
come give in Oct**

**SIGN UP NOW!**

**[CLICK HERE](#) or SCAN BELOW**





# PW October Circles

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022

MIRIAM CIRCLE 9:30am Anteroom- Hybrid meeting  
*Circle Moderators: Georgeanne Moore & Melissa Smith*

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022

DEBORAH CIRCLE. 1pm Witherspoon  
*Circle Moderator: Doris Sapp*  
*(Note: Deborah Circle is meeting on the 3rd Monday, instead of the 2nd Monday)*

PRISCILLA CIRCLE 1pm Virtual Meeting  
*Circle Moderator: Jenny Stark Carboni*

RUTH CIRCLE 7pm TBD  
*Circle Moderators: Donna Wasik & Audrey Azevedo*

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022

REBEKAH CIRCLE 7pm Virtual Meeting  
*Circle Moderator: Judy Spotto*

SHIPHRAH CIRCLE 7pm Cindy Mailahn's home  
*Circle Moderators: Liz Digneo & Megan Mackerer*

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

ESTHER CIRCLE Circle will meet, following church service in Witherspoon



## PW: Moderator's Message



To all of the Sisters of Christ at Trinity,

As we come together again at the start of a new program year, we want to welcome you all to participate in our programs for the coming year. As we come out of the Pandemic phase of COVID-19, we are all hoping that life will get back to "normal." What will that look like? The uncertainty of the path forward could be discouraging, but I think we need to challenge ourselves to be encouraging. The theme for this year is Mustard Seed Moments where we will take time to celebrate and grow the many small things we do that when put together in the context of our Faith Community have a super-sized impact on the lives of others.

I hope you will consider attending a PW Gathering and/or joining a Circle his year. Please stop by the PW Table at Rally Day on September 18th for more information. Also, please **HOLD THE DATE** for the **Fall Gathering** which is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 4, 2022** at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and will include a boxed supper. The tickets will be sold on Rally Day and also on 9/25/22 and 10/2/22.

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](mailto:sparky11142@verizon.net)).

Keeping you all in our prayers,  
Barbara Clarke

# Children's Ministry

## NEWS FROM CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:

Our church school started off with a pancake breakfast held on September 11th with 20 of our school age children. We had delicious pancakes made by Hersch Craven and activities for the children. We hope they all had a great time and are ready to start a new year in our church school. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents that brought the children.

On Rally Day, over 40 tags were given to our children and teachers to put on their backpack or tote bag. Each tag has words of encouragement. We also sent 160 tags to Urban Promise. We hope that all enjoy them. Thank you to Melanie Faulkner for suggesting this to us.

**We are also in need for helpers in our Church School.**

**If you can help any Sunday, please let either:**

Linda Craven at [lscraven77@aol.com](mailto:lscraven77@aol.com) or

Nancy Roberts at [nancyroberts2202@yahoo.com](mailto:nancyroberts2202@yahoo.com).

There are always 2 people in the classrooms. Thank You.



# Horary for a Great Rally Day!!

The Membership Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make Rally Day 2022 such a huge success!

Thank you to Doug Nork, Coz Digneo, Pete Desjardins, and their crew for setting up on Saturday. Thanks to our cleanup crew: Dom Bui, Scott and Logan Watson, Rick and Carolyn Fletcher, Georgeanne and Jim Moore, and John and Melissa Smith. Thank you to Bill Carboni, our hot dog grill master, and to everyone who brought food to share. Thanks also to our very talented face painter Abby Leitinger and her assistant Ethan. How great was it to see the Social Hall and Community Room filled with our Trinity family again?! Cheers to a great program year!

- Susan Bastnagel, Audrey Azevedo, Pam Dougherty, Kelly Murray, Wendy Anders, and Mike McBride

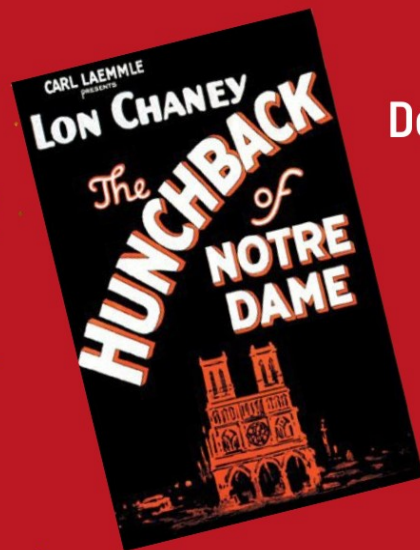


# Trinity Community Concert Series

## 2022-2023 Season

**Friday, December 2, 7:30 pm**  
**Tri-County Symphonic Band**

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.



**Friday, March 10, 7:30 pm**  
**Dennis James, Cinema Organist**

Enjoy this screening of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, the 1923 silent film classic, with live organ music provided by renowned cinema organist Dennis James.

TCCS events are open to the public. Admission is a free-will offering.  
Visit [www.trinpres.org](http://www.trinpres.org) for more information



# Stay Connected!



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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 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? Simply click the connect tab on the top of our webpage. Then click prayer request to type and submit a prayer.

**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 option of meeting.

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



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***Next Tidings deadline is October 15th for November Issue***

SEEK  
**first**  
the  
KINGDOM

In-Person &  
Virtual  
Worship:  
9:30am  
Sunday  
Mornings  
in October

Then all things will be given to you. | **Matthew 6:33**