

Trinity Tidings

An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life

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Exercising Faith

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. James 2:14-18

During the last year, I have preached several sermons that have dealt with the nature of redemption. As Protestant Christians, we often speak of salvation being by grace alone through faith alone. In other words, you cannot do anything to win God's favor. The good news (the Gospel) is that we don't have to earn God's love; God already loves us! To experience that love is to experience the grace God offers us in Jesus Christ.

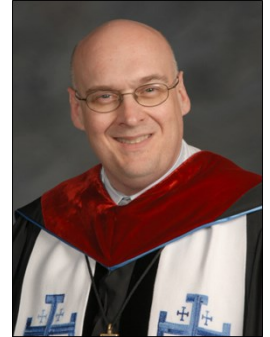
But the Apostle James is part of a church community that has gotten so secure in the grace of God that the people no longer believe they need to express their faith through action. For Christians like that, James has a hard word: faith without works is dead—it isn't doing anybody any good. Faith needs exercise.

Sometimes Presbyterians are thought of as the great doers. We are a hard-working people who have embodied the "Protestant work ethic" and Trinity is no different. I am deeply grateful for the many wonderful volunteers that make our education, music, and mission programs possible. All of them are people who are expressing their faith in Christ by working for the Kingdom.

As wonderful as each of our volunteers is, we need more if we are to continue to be a healthy and vibrant church that strengthens our members and attracts new members. This fall, the elders are leading an initiative to help every member find a place of service within the many ministries that Trinity offers. This is exciting because it means our expanding church family needs your help to be our best. There are committees that could use your input. There are mission projects that would benefit from a few of your hours every now and again. The church school and livestream teams are always looking for helpers. The Property and Building committee would be happy to have volunteers. The choirs are ever ready to welcome folks to help them make joyful music to the Lord. Your volunteering will be a joy for you and a blessing for all of us. It will be putting your faith into action .

Our love for God and our faith in Jesus Christ is expressed—*exercised*—by being put into action. As we gear up for another year full of hope and promise, I am asking you to pray about where your faith is leading you. Take a step of faith and ask God every day in your prayers, "Lord, how do you want me to serve at Trinity this year?" Let your works show your faith and watch as your exercising faith grows. If we will each so pray and serve, we'll have every reason to keep...

Hoping Big, Greg



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News & Notes

In Memoriam:

Elizabeth Syvonne Forkin

United with Trinity: September, 1966

Returned to our Lord: July 16, 2023

Ruth G. Kain-Palmer

United with Trinity: April 5, 1981

Returned to our Lord: August 20, 2023

We express our sympathies to Bill and Karen Kain and the Kain and Marcelli families, at the loss of Bill's mother, Ruth Kain-Palmer.

Prayers for the family at this time.

Session Update

At its stated meetings in June and July the Session:

- Approved June 5th and July 21st member counts of 651 and 618*.
- Learned of the upcoming Youth Mission Trip to WV.
- Approved facility rental/use requests: The Cub Scouts for an award program, a member hosted speaking event, Cherry Hill Township parking lot use for *Music Under the Stars*, and a non-profit theater fundraising event.
- Voted to appropriate \$10,950 to clean and paint the steeple.
- Recognized Rev. Sarah Craven on her 10-year ministry anniversary.
- Discussed and approved Rev. Gregory Faulkner's 2024 sabbatical plan.
- Heard the APNC's (Associate Pastor Nominating Committee) progress report.
- Voted to accept a directed gift to purchase an outdoor bench or picnic table.
- Reviewed the May and June financial statements.
- Prayed for our members, friends, and the world.
- *The membership Committee annually updates the member list, removing those who have moved or are not contactable.

RALLY DAY!

**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 17**

**BACKPACK
BLESSING
DURING
WORSHIP!**

**EXPLORE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR
MISSION, SERVICE,
FELLOWSHIP, MUSIC,
LEARNING, AND MORE!**

**RALLY DAY PICNIC!
HOT DOGS & DRINKS
PROVIDED; BRING A
SIDE DISH TO SHARE**

**BOOKSMILES BIN
RIBBON CUTTING!
BRING BOOKS
TO DONATE!**

**FACE
PAINTING!**

MR. SOFTEE!!

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!

How will you make music at Trinity?!

CHOIRS - BELLS - BANDS - UKULELES

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 & Team Choir - 1st-5th grade;

Thursday 5:00-5:30pm

Team Bells - 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade;

Thursday 5:30-6:00pm

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

**Programs start
September 20th**

More Information Contact:
Lisa Marcelli, Director of Music,
lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org

Trinity Community Concert Series

Friday, December 1st, 7:30 pm

Atlantic Brass Band

Get into the holiday spirit with the three-time national champion Atlantic Brass Band, one of the premier volunteer performing ensembles in the greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey area.

Friday, March 1st, 7:30 pm

The Last Whippoorwill Bluegrass Band

This five-member band plays Appalachian bluegrass influenced by Flatt and Scruggs, Bill Monroe and the Stanleys. These crowd-pleasing musicians are known for their ability to connect with audiences. You're in for a toe-tapping treat!

**Our concerts are open to all!
Admission is a free-will offering.**



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Children's Ministry

Children's Ministries would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with childcare this summer. By offering your time during Sunday worship, we were able to provide childcare for nursery through kindergarten age children for the entire summer.

We are looking forward to kicking off our program year with the annual Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, September 10th! Children should come to the community room for pancakes and games with your church community and friends. We are looking forward to kicking off our programs in September! Please see the reminder below about Sunday School Programs that we run each week.

1st Sunday of Every Month: Mission Sunday

Each Mission Sunday, grade school-age children will meet for a joint lesson and activity. They will be taught a Bible story or lesson that will focus on service. The lesson will be followed by a mission-related activity such as making cards for shut-ins or sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen, or joining in a mission activity being run by the Mission Committee.

2nd Sunday of Every Month: Family Church

Pastor Sarah will lead families in worship in the Community Room in a relaxed, casual atmosphere that will allow families to grow their faith together. Parents and extended families are welcome! (Come to the Community Room by 9:30am and plan on staying with your child(ren) for the service). Children of all ages are welcome!

3rd Sunday of Every Month: Church School

All children will participate in a traditional church school lesson in their respective classrooms.

4th Sunday: Let's Worship Together

Grade school children will attend worship in the sanctuary with their parents. This is an important step in their journey to becoming members of Trinity and will allow for interaction among the generations. In the future, these 4th Sunday worship services may sometimes include a brief children-oriented component, such as a "Children's Message" or children leading a reading, song or prayer.

Anyone interested in helping or volunteering with our Church School as a teacher or helper would be greatly appreciated. Please reach out to Liz Nieradka enieradka@verizon.net or Linda Craven lscraven77@aol.com with your availability. Thank you!

Children's Ministries Pancake Breakfast Sunday, September 10 9:30 am

Hey Kids!
Kick off the new program year
with pancakes and games
in the Community Room.
See you then!



Trinity's Adult Ministries Committee Presents

Understanding and Managing Tech Dependence

A Program for Parents Developed and Provided by
John K. Kriger, MSM,
Author of *Turned On and Tuned Out*



**Sunday,
September 10
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Community Room
Childcare Provided**

All are welcome!
Share with
family &
friends!

Topics:

- Deficits of online learning
- Kids struggling with mental health issues
- Partial focused attention
- When should children get phones?
- Habit, dependence, or addiction
- Are we causing speech delays?
- Tech use and loneliness
- Tolerance and withdrawal
- Family strategies for increased interpersonal interaction

Deacon's School Supplies Drive Continues!

A collection bins are located in Fellowship Hall and donations can also be made on Mission Thursdays. Thank you for your support!



UrbanPromise

Back to School Drive

Items Needed

- **Lysol Cleaner**
(wipes are ideal – for desks, doorknobs, etc.)
- **Lysol Spray**
(bottles)
- **Dry erase markers**
(EXPO preferred)
- **Whiteboard erasers**
- **Whiteboard cleaners**
(spray)
- **Small dry erase boards**
(8 ½ x 11 size)
- **K-4 Themed Book bags**
(such as Batman, Mickey/Minnie Mouse, Capt. America, Frozen, Paw Patrol)
- **Colored pencils**
(not crayons)
- **Highlighters**
- **Bottled water**
- **6-7 oz. Dixie cups**
- **Nonperishable healthy snacks**
(no peanuts, 100% pure juice pouches, etc.)
- **Sheet protectors**
- **Staplers**
(manual or electric)
- **Staples**
- **Desk tape**
(Scotch or Masking)
- **Binder clips**
- **Pencil sharpeners**
(electric)
- **8 ½ x 11 white copier paper**
- **Boxed tissues**
- **Gift cards**
(Walmart, Target, Amazon)
(\$20 or \$25 denominations are best)

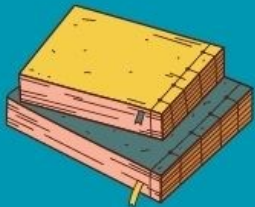
Booksmiles & Trinity Presbyterian Church

CHILDREN'S LITERACY BOOK DRIVE

To celebrate the arrival of Trinity's
BIG YELLOW BOOK BIN,
we invite every church family to donate **1 book** on
Rally Day, September 17th.

Please bring your books to the **Book Bin** for our
official "ribbon cutting" following worship.

We celebrate your continued support, especially at
the start of the school year when so many teachers
& children are in need of books.



Care 'n Share

Care 'n Share is reopening on Tuesday, September 12th. Our hours are 10am-1pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays & the first Saturday of the month.

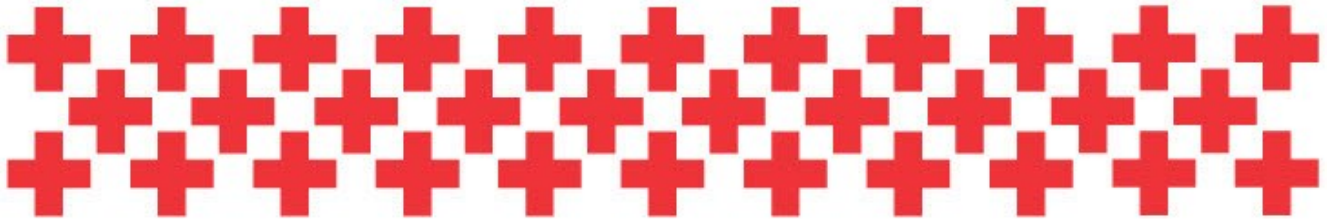
Your donations of clean, useable clothing & house wares may be dropped off during those hours and also on Sundays following the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

We will also have a table at Rally Day on September 17th. Consider being a volunteer at Care 'n Share!



American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive **Trinity Presbyterian Church**

Community Hall
499 E. Route 70
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Monday, October 2, 2023
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Trinity Presbyterian to schedule an appointment.



**Fall into giving blood Oct 1 thru 20 get \$15
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rcblood.org/together**



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Deacons

Come check out Deacon mission work on Mission Sunday, October 1.

Through the Assistance and Outreach Committee, Deacons are the hands and feet of the body of Christ as we seek to help our local community. By running a series of church-wide drives throughout the year, the Board of Deacons supports those in need and the organizations working to help.

Visit the Deacons table on Rally Day and Mission Sunday to see how YOUR support helps Trinity Presbyterian Church be at work in our community.



Mission and Outreach

2023 CROP HUNGER WALK SUPPORTING CWS



CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk fundraising events held across the United States, created to support the global mission of [Church World Service](#), a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster.

After a CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25% of the funds raised will be returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts. Join Trinity members and friends on Sunday, October 8th, for a 5K easy walk beginning in Challenge Park on Borden Mill Road. Not a walker? You can pledge to sponsor one of our youth members. Find the information table on [Sept 24th & Oct 1st](#) or on [Rally Day](#).

Mission Sunday—[October 1st](#) after service in Fellowship Hall. Come learn about the many Trinity mission programs. Did you know:

- Care & Share (our thrift shop) has donated over \$551,000 to local charities since 1976?
- Trinity has been sharing a bit of sunshine (food, games, crafts, and winter coats) with the underprivileged residents of R&M Boarding Home for over 20 years?
- Mission Thursday collections began in April of 2020 collecting over 37,500 sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen in Camden and over 19,000 pounds of food/household items for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry?
- Presbyterian Women (PW) is all about mission. The 2022 PW Directory listed 19 local missions our women are involved in supporting?

This is just a small sample of Trinity’s mission activities. **Visit the Mission and Outreach table on [Rally Day](#) and again on [October 1st](#)** to learn more. We are always looking for new ideas, We are always looking for new faces to join our committee. See you soon.

MISSION THURSDAY CONTINUES

The Mission & Outreach Committee has decided to continue Mission Thursday through the fall. Cathedral Kitchen has expressed their gratitude many times for our congregation’s tremendous support.

**The dates for Mission Thursday are:
September 7th & September 21st.**

Thank you for your support!

From the Desk of the PW Moderator...

To all of the Sisters of Christ at Trinity,

As we come together again at the start of a new program year, I want to welcome you all to participate in our programs for the coming year. The theme for this year is **inclusion**. I want everyone to know they are welcome to join PW in any capacity they choose, whether that be through joining a circle, forming a new circle, or attending events only. I really want to see us expand. I want everyone to know us as an encouraging, inviting organization. Trinity's Vision and Values includes the following statement: "... we respond by offering our time, talents, and treasure as a dynamic sacrifice in gratitude to the loving and caring God." What better way to demonstrate this than through active membership and participation in Trinity's PW and, more specifically, through participation in a small group circle. The ministries served by our circles are many and our contributions are quite significant and quite amazing, in my humble opinion.



We do **A LOT** of good, both for our local ministries as well as national and foreign ministries as well. Our Bible studies help us pull even closer to God as we read and discuss the word at our meetings. Please join us in our mission to break through traditional barriers as we welcome any interested individuals into our PW family as we work together to demonstrate the love of God through our actions and words.

I hope you will consider attending a PW Gathering and/or joining a Circle this year. Please stop by the PW Table at **RALLY DAY** on **September 17th** for more information.

Here are some upcoming events we are planning:



FALL GATHERING - Please *WATCH* Work & Worship, the PW Bulletin Board, and the scrolling "banner" on the Trinity website and live stream for more information regarding the **Fall Gathering**.

NEW YORK CITY BUSY TRIP - We are very excited to have the New York City Bus Trip back on our schedule for the first time since 2019! It is on **October 18th**. The cost is \$40 which covers the bus transportation and from NYC only. Sign ups started in August during Coffee Hour and will continue through September 17th You can also sign up by emailing Carolyn Kramer at: carolynhkramer@comcast.net.



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 (jerseyjenny13@gmail.com).

Keeping you all in our prayers,

Jenny Foley

Start spreading the news...

The PW New York City bus trip is back!



Wednesday, October 18th

Bus departs at 8:00 am from Trinity.

Estimated return time to Trinity is 8:00 pm.

Price: \$40 per person for transportation only.

Take in a show, visit a museum, shop or just explore the Big Apple!

You do not have to be a PW member to go...all are welcome!

How to sign up:

**Sign up during coffee hour, August 13 through September 17,
or email Carolyn Kramer at carolynhkramer@comcast.net**

How to pay:

**Pay with cash or check made out to Trinity Presbyterian Church
(please add PW NYC bus trip to the memo line).**

You can also pay with EasyTithe on the Trinpres.org website.

**Please use the PW drop down; also, please email
jenny.lou.stark@gmail.com to advise
that the EasyTithe payment is for NYC.**

All payments must be received at registration!

Looking forward to fun times in New York!

Property and Building

Let's be Mindful of Waste Together!

Did you know, the waste dumpster costs the church \$350 each time it is emptied? P&B calls for pickup when the dumpster is full so that we don't get charged for a less-than-full dumpster (same price).

We appreciate all our hard-working plot keepers! To help keep the cost down, we ask that you please dump weeds and sticks in the back of the Witherspoon Building where leaves are out. Branches should be bundled and put at the curb for pickup (4 ft long bundles max). This will help not fill the dumpster as often.



In addition, cardboard should be broken down and put in the recycle bins. And of course, to help control costs - please do not put yard waste (or personal trash from home) in the dumpster. We appreciate your help with this!

Fellowship Group



Fellowship Group is an informal and friendly group that meets monthly at members' homes to share a meal and Bible study. Normally we meet on Sunday afternoons. Men. Women. Couples. Singles. Kids. We are open to everyone. Give us a try. For more information contact Jenny Stark at 609-680-6090 or jenny.lou.stark@gmail.com. Details of our September meeting will be in Work and Worship.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

FALL

Festival of Thanksgiving

November 5 after Worship

Save the date and watch for more details!



*Look a What's Happening
at Trinity this Fall!*

**Deacon's School Supply Drive
Continues!**

Mission Thursday: September 7th & 21st

Church School Pancake Breakfast: September 10th

**Adult Ed Forum for Families:
Understanding and Managing Tech Dependence**
September 10th, 11am - 12:30pm

Care 'n Share Opens: September 12th

Rally Day: September 17th
Picnic, Backpack Blessing, and Book Smiles Drive

Music Programs Start: September 20th

Mission Sunday: October 1st

CROP WALK: October 8th

Deacon's Blood Drive: October 2nd
2pm-7pm

PW NYC BUS TRIP: October 18th

Fall Festival of Thanksgiving:
November 5th





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Next Tidings deadline is October 15th for November/December Issue

Blessing of the Backpacks!

Our Rally Day worship service on September 17 will feature a "Blessing of the Backpacks."

We invite all school-age children (preschool through high school) and teachers to bring their backpack/totes to church on Rally Day. We will bless the bags at the start of the service and pray together for a successful school year!



**In-Person &
Virtual
Worship:**

9:30am

**Sunday
Mornings**