

Trinity Tidings

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HOLIDAY ISSUE 2023

LET US GATHER
TOGETHER FOR THE
SEASON OF...

HOPE, PEACE
JOY & LOVE.





News & Notes

In Memoriam:

Ruth E. Bohm

United with Trinity January 28, 1973
Deceased August 26, 2023

Joan A. Neptun

United with Trinity January 15, 1967, Deceased October 26, 2023

Sympathies:

Sympathies to the family of Carol Mayo, who served as an Organist for Trinity, and passed away on **October 6th, 2023**.

We express our sympathies to

Barbara Bohm, at the loss of her mother, **Ruth Bohm**.

Alene and Burt Bowen on the passing of **Alene's mother, Louise Hensler Kant**.

Marty Flynn on the passing of **Marty's mother, Clara Ballard**.

Ron and Cathy Martin on the passing of **Ron's mother, Aileen Saffo**.

Susan Bastnagel and the Nieradka family on the passing of **Susan's brother, Richard Emrey**.

Baptisms:

We rejoice with

Connor and Kasey Barnes on the baptism of their son, **Elijah Grant Barnes**.

Tom and Mary Dowds on the baptism of their son, **Noah Michael Dowds**.



Staff

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Head of Staff**

The Rev. Dr. Gregory
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The Rev. Ms. Sarah
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Lisa Marcelli

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Pam Dougherty

Session Update

- At its stated meetings in September and October, the Session:
- Approved September 5th and October 2nd member counts of 601 and 603.
- Discussed a campaign to target increasing member volunteerism. Over 9,000 volunteer hours are needed to support Trinity's many programs and missions.
- Agreed to host James Mureithi from Youth Promise Kenya on December 10.
- Discussed, voted, and approved a **motion** to demolish Witherspoon Building in the Fall of 2024 "unless a viable plan for keeping the building is approved by Session by Summer 2024 and the leadership for implementing said plan is identified and charged."
- Learned that this year's Stewardship campaign theme will be *Heart To God, Hands to Serve*. Stewardship Sunday will be November 19th.
- Postponed concrete replacement projects due to lack of funds.
- Heard the APNC's (Associate Pastor Nominating Committee) progress report.
- Reviewed the August financial statements.
- Prayed for our members, friends, and the world.

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**

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Hands to Work, Hearts to God

Trinity's Annual
Stewardship Campaign



Giving with God's guidance...

Trinity's annual Stewardship Campaign has begun. The theme of this year's campaign is "Hands to Work, Hearts to God". This theme emphasizes that God is guiding us to share the resources and wealth that each of us have accumulated through our work. This sharing is needed to support our church, our community and those in need around the world. We are excited about the opportunities we have at Trinity when these resources are made available through your stewardship.



Let the favor of the Lord
our God be upon us and
establish the work of
our hands!

Psalm 90:17

It's Stewardship Sunday!

During the Stewardship Campaign, speakers spoke about the benefits of being involved in Trinity's programs and how your church provides for our members and the community. All programs and missions are supported through your financial and volunteer stewardship.



Your past generous financial support of our Church is greatly appreciated and critical to our success. Hopefully, this support will continue in 2024 to help maintain current staffing levels, programs and mission while securing Trinity's future.

Please promptly mail your pledge to the Church office or make your pledge in easyTithe so we can develop our 2024 operating budget.

YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED AS WE GIVE
OUR HANDS TO WORK AND HEARTS TO GOD.



Thanks giving

As we approach the holiday of giving thanks, we want to say we are thankful for your presence in our community. We are grateful for all you bring to Christ's table.

May your day be filled with gratitude, love, and warmth.

Blessings on this special day!

Happy Thanksgiving from Trinity Church!





Thankful, Grateful, Blessed

Our first Fall Festival of Thanksgiving was so much fun! The list of people to thank is huge because so many groups were involved in the planning and execution...so here goes! Thank you, thank you, thank you to:

- Alysia Badskey who, last summer, mentioned the idea of having a fellowship event between Rally Day and the Advent Festival.
- The Membership Committee, who took that idea, fleshed it out, and ran with it: Pam Dougherty, Audrey Azevedo, Wendy Anders, Kelly Murray, and Mike McBride.
- Men's Fellowship – Especially Steve Skill, Ed Behrens, and Barry Gruver – who answered the call to recruit chili makers. And a special nod to Steve who also rounded up the judges and announced the results.
- The judges...I'm not sure who to name here, because Steve recruited some judges on the spot. But thank you!
- The Chili Makers: Georgeanne Moore, Steve Skill, Janelle Curl, Dave Ronscinske, Brendan & Julia James, Melissa Smith, Jenny Foley, Carolyn Kramer, Dick Nipe, Kelly Raymond, and Nancy Roberts. Thanks for all that deliciousness—clearly, we loved all your recipes since there was hardly any chili left! YUM.
- P & B – Walt Steinle, Dave Large, and Steve Morton – for setting up.
- PW for organizing the Tombola Baskets and all the groups that donated a basket! They were spectacular! PW also handled wrapping the baskets, so special thanks to Nancy Roberts, Jenny Stark, Nancy Lind, Audrey Azevedo, Wendy Anders, Bonnie Jones, Linda Thorpe, and Sue Nipe for your creative flair. Thanks to the ticket-sellers Sheri Desjardins and Trudie Levins.
- Children's Ministries chair Liz Nieradka for organizing the Fall Crafts table for kids and Abby Leitinger for sharing her artistic skills with face (and hand!) painting.
- Youth Ministries' Tracy Miller and Rich Fletcher for organizing the "Decorate Your Own Cupcake" table with special thanks to Pastor Sarah for baking ALL the cupcakes Saturday night. As her mom told me, "They were baked with love."
- Deacons – specifically, Alison Schwarz, Gail VanDyke, and Sheldon Dean– for being flexible and hosting Coffee Hour downstairs in the Community Room. That was a huge reason for the great attendance.
- Everyone who helped with cleanup – I'm reluctant to name names because so many people pitched in. The place was spotless, so thanks.

Finally, thanks to all who attended. It was great to see the room so crowded...just another reminder of the many blessings that come with being part of the Trinity family! Happy Thanksgiving!

Susan Bastnagel, Membership Chair





The Fall Fest was filled with sweet treats, a lot of spice, & and some fantastic surprises!



CELEBRATE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH

Trinity Church

Friday, December 1 - 7:30 pm

Trinity Community Concert Series featuring the
Atlantic Brass Band

Sunday, December 3 - 9:30am

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

Tuesday, December 5 - 6:30pm

Trinity Women's Christmas Dinner & Communion Service

Sunday, December 10 - 9:30am

Advent Service with Adult Choir

Sunday, December 17 - 9:30am

Christmas Worship with Handbell Music, Trinity Band, & Ukeleles
10:30am - Nativity Walk
11:00am - *Blue Christmas*, Adult Ed Presentation

Saturday, December 24 - Sunday Worship & Christmas Eve

9:30am - Sunday Worship
4:00pm - Family Worship Service & Pageant
7:00 pm - Candlelight Communion Service with
Pre-service music, choir, and brass

Sunday, December 31 - 9:30am

Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, January 7 - 9:30am

Epiphany Sunday with
Communion, Choir & Handbells

Deacons' Christmas TOY DRIVE

for Urban Promise

November 12 - December 3

Gifts should be UNWRAPPED and placed in bins in Fellowship Hall

(Please place gift cards in envelopes to avoid misplacement.)

WISHLIST

Special Gifts

Bikes
Scooters

Gift Cards:

Walmart, Target, Amazon,
Gamestop, Sephora, Footlocker

Ages: 5-10

Most Popular: Legos, Squishmallows, Slime, Science Kits, Play-Doh

Figurines: Disney, Marvel, Pokemon, & Dolls Of Color

Sports: Balls, Gloves, Equipment

Arts & Crafts: Art & Science Sets

Other: Nerf Toys, RC Cars

Clothing: Pajamas, Hats & Gloves

Ages: 11-16

Most Popular: Headphones, Wireless Speakers, LED Light Strip

Personal Care: Lotions & Scrubs

Accessories: Jewelry, Wallets, Bags

Arts & Crafts: Sketch Book & Art Set

Other: Workout Equipment, Portable Chargers, Ring Light

Clothing: Hoodies, Jackets & Sport's Apparel

Not Local?

Scan for Amazon Wishlist



Contact: Troyana
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HELP NEEDED!

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 26 following worship.

Deck the halls, hang the greens, and help us prepare the way,
as we usher in Christmas Season at Trinity.

Stay after worship and lend a hand. Any amount of time you can give would
be helpful! Tasks range from fluffing out wreaths to hanging the beautiful
paper white banners that mark the change of the season at Trinity.

Lunch will be provided!

Let's make our church a beautiful place to celebrate Christmas together.

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.



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



FREECYCLE EVENT

Do you need preschool toys, educational materials, bins and baskets, and similar items?

Visit the Community Room on **Saturday, December 2nd, from 10 am - 1 pm**
to “shop” for FREE items that were left behind following the closing of Trinity Nursery School.

BRING YOUR OWN BOXES OR BAGS!

**Care & Share will be open that day, too, with lots of great clothing,
shoes, accessories, and home decor items, all available at thrift store prices!**

**Make progress on that Christmas list and shop till you drop -
or till 1:00 pm, whichever comes first!**



ADVENT FESTIVAL & PW COOKIE SALE! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 AFTER WORSHIP

Join us in the anteroom for bagels, cookies, and Christmas crafts
following the Advent Service with Children’s and Youth Christmas music.
Children & adults are welcome!

Then, stop by the PW Cookie Sale during Coffee Hour.
Cookies will be packed six to a bag and sold for a free-will donation.
Cookie donations can be dropped off that morning.

You’ll also enjoy festive holiday music from the Trinity Band in the Atrium.

From the Desk of the PW Moderator...

Presbyterian Women is up and running full steam ahead! It is wonderful to discover the New Normal and meet with each other in person, on Zoom, or Hybrid. Our Circles are meeting in all these ways this Fall! Please consider joining us at an Event or by joining a Circle. See below about upcoming events. If you want more information about joining a Circle, please reach out to me, Jenny Foley, at: jerseyjenny13@gmail.com.

FALL GATHERING WRAP UP!

The Fall Gathering was a wonderful time to get together in person. Our PW Theme for this year is inclusivity. In light of that theme, we invited some of our members along with members of the Southern Jersey Indian Community to share their culture with us through fashion, dance, and song. Special thanks go to our own Smita Charles who coordinated this beautiful program that was planned and put on by young students from South Jersey. These young girls did an amazing job. Thanks also to the PW Program Committee members Audrey Azevedo, Carolyn Fletcher, Trudie Levins Large, and Georgeanne Moore.



NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP IS BACK!!!!

The New York City Bus Trip was re-instituted this year! Trinity members and guests traveled by luxury coach on October 18th to enjoy all the Big Apple has to offer. Special thanks to Carolyn Kramer for organizing this trip for us. If you missed the trip, keep your eyes and ears opening for the next New York City Bus Trip!

Here are some upcoming events you **DON'T WANT TO MISS!**

PW COOKIE SALE - DECEMBER 3, 2023 — The Cookie Sale will be held during Coffee Hour following the Children's Choirs Musical. 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 3rd. This is a good time to buy homemade treats you are too busy to make yourself!

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS SERVICE AND DINNER - DECEMBER 5, 2023 — We are planning to have a dinner followed by the Candlelight Communion service. Signups will be done during coffee hour in November. You can come just for the Candlelight Service, which will begin at 8:00 p.m., or you can enjoy a catered dinner and fellowship time with Trinity friends and family at 6:30 p.m.

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, Jenny Foley, at [\(jerseyjenny13@gmail.com\)](mailto:jerseyjenny13@gmail.com).



SAVE THE DATE

PW
Advent Dinner

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2023

6:30 DINNER

8:00 CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

CATERING BY CATHEDRAL KITCHEN

TICKETS: \$25 (STARTING 11/12)

***DIETARY QUESTIONS?: CONTACT JENNY FOLEY AT
JERSEYJENNY13@GMAIL.COM***

MISSION: MOTHER CHILD RESIDENCE

Children's Minister

In Review

Pancake Breakfast- On September 10th, our church school community kicked off our program year with tasty pancakes and fun and games.

Blessing of the Backpacks- What a great way to kick off the school year and our church school year! Hopefully you saw the “God’s Got your Back!” luggage tags that the children placed on their school bags at the start of the church service. This blessing is a meaningful way to remind our children that no matter where they are, God is with them.

Volunteers- To run our church school programs successfully we need more volunteers. Please reach out to Liz Nieradka enieradka@verizon.net or Linda Craven lscraven77@aol.com if you are able to help with teaching or assisting in our church school classrooms.

Mission Project Update- Our first Mission project of the year was creating utensil sets and placemats for Cathedral Kitchen. Children assembled many kits of forks, spoons, and condiments. They also decorated placemats with designs, pictures, and meaningful messages.

The Fall Festival of Thanksgiving - We had a great time celebrating with our church friends and community with crafts, snacks, and facepainting!

Save the Date

The Advent Festival - Enjoy snacks and create Christmas crafts to help celebrate this exciting time of year! Join us after the service on December 3rd! All are welcome– kids and adults!



Mission and Outreach

Mission Sunday 2023, alias ‘Vote for your Favorite Mission Sunday’ was VERY SUCCESSFUL! Big thanks to all who dropped by to check out mission opportunities and vote for a favorite.

A grand total of 20 yellow sticky notes were placed on the Voting Board during Coffee Hour. Several of you even listed multiple favorite missions. There was a great suggestion to get our kids involved by helping pick up items at the grocery store.

Your top pick is Feeding the Hungry (Food Drive for local Food Bank / Feed the hungry/ Cherry Hill Food Pantry).

Runners up with 2 votes were:

NJ Free Alliance for Mental Illness)/ NAMI/ 988 phone line , Care for Church Grounds /landscaping, BookSmiles,Cathedral Kitchen, R&M Boarding Home. Thirteen other missions, both old and new were mentioned once.

Feedback from the congregation is welcome at any time, not just the one day. It helps every group at Trinity to focus local and global projects and giving to the things most dear to our Trinity Family. Reach out to any of the current team. New members are always welcome.

CROP HUNGER WALK

The annual CROP WALK on October 8th, was a great success. It was a beautiful day for the walk. We exceeded our goal of \$1000. This year, we also had a kid’s walk and a pet blessing.

Let one of us know if you would like to coordinate the walk for 2024 – Chris who has dedicated his time to this for many years can tell you what is involved. M&O Chair: Stacey Blackmer, Co-Chair: John Wilson, Chris Bryfogle, Hersch Craven, Eileen Rankin, Jenny Stark, Donna Wasik, Linda Wean, or Reverend Sarah Craven.



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.

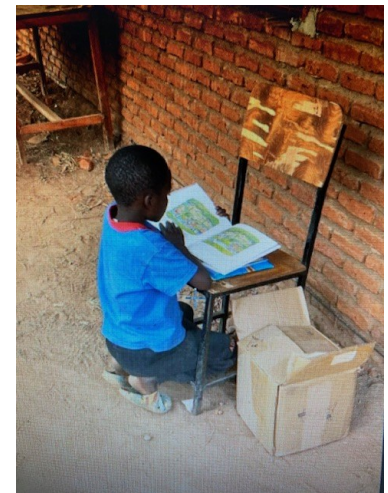
Look to the weekly Work and Worship for the November and December dates. Thank you for your support!

Trinity has an overwhelming commitment to providing for others in need, both locally and globally. We welcome everyone with a passion for mission to join us to expand current programs and create new ones!

BOOK SMILES

Many thanks to everyone for the **150 books deposited in the Big Yellow Book Bin on Rally Day. We received another 150 in the following week after Rally Day.** A very special thank you to Miriam Circle of Presbyterian Women who designated Book Smiles as their September mission project.

In addition to our donations going to teachers, schools, & libraries throughout the Delaware Valley; 40,000 books arrived in Malawi this summer through a partnership with Urban Promise. See photos below of children receiving & enjoying their new books.



BOOKS to LOVE at TRINITY

Did you know that there are a lot of books in the library that have not been taken home to be read? They are sad and lonely. They would love for someone (YOU?) to sign them out and read them, to make them feel needed and wanted. Please visit the library to see what you can find.

Rally Day books are on the front cart, new Youth books are on the square table, and Holiday books for younger kids are on the round table.

And don't forget, Advent is right around the corner – consider a personal study of the season with one of our books!

Care 'n Share

Care n Share re-opened in September and we have been very busy since then! We have “tons” of donations but can always use more! Your donation's of gently used clothing, housewares, toys, books, jewelry, home & holiday decor are all ways welcome.

Donations can be dropped off during shop hours as well as Sunday mornings following the 9:30 worship service. Our hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays & the “first Saturday” of the month, from 10 am to 1 pm. Upcoming Saturday dates are December 2nd & January 6th.

Care n Share will be closed for two weeks in December to give our volunteers a chance to prepare for Christmas! Thursday, December 14 will be the last day until we open on Tuesday, January 2, 2024! (Christmas decor is welcome, but please drop off as early as possible to give us time to sell!) Have a Merry & Healthy Christmas & New Year!



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF CELEBRATION & SERVICE

REAP (Trinity's Racial Equity Advocacy Project) is excited to invite you to **save-the -date of Sunday, January 14th** as a day of celebration & service.

Watch for more information in Work & Worship.

TRINITY'S LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

We are already planning the Lenten Devotional for 2024 and seeking submissions! Submission to the devotional should include:

1. A verse or verses of scripture that comforts, challenges and/or teaches you.
2. A short discussion of how this scripture has been important to you (about 250 words).
3. A short prayer (2 or 3 sentences are fine).
4. Your name.

Why are we talking about this during Advent? Because Ash Wednesday is very early this year (February 14th!) and the devotionals need to be ready for distribution the weekend before...so please make a note: the deadline for submission is Sunday, January 21, 2024.

Please send all submissions to Susan Bastnagel at sbastnagel@gmail.com and copy Alysia Sieh Badskey at alysia.sieh@trinpres.org and Beth Gammie at bgammie917@gmail.com. Also please put Lenten Devotional in the subject line of the email. All members of the Trinity community, both youth and adult, are invited to participate in this church wide publication. If you have any questions, please contact: Beth Gammie at bgammie917@gmail.com or Alysia Sieh Badskey at alysia.sieh@trinpres.org.





Trinity Nativity Walk

Sunday, December 17
after worship

Bring your favorite creche to the social hall before the service to add to the display! You'll take it home with you that day.

Christmas carols and cake will add to the festivities ... Join us!
(To help us plan for enough display space, please sign up during coffee hour if you're planning to bring a creche or email sbastnagel@gmail.com)



Blue Christmas Program

Sunday, December 17, 11 am

Community Room

A time to acknowledge that we often come to this season
with sadness and regrets, as well as joy and peace.

Bring a photo (or photos) of loved ones you are missing or an object that
represents for you something that makes you blue at this time of the year.



This or That

TRINITY CHRISTMAS EDITION



Hot Cocoa

Candy Canes

Fake Tree

Colored Lights

Elf

4PM Family Fun Service

Egg Nog

Christmas Cookies

Real Tree

White Lights

White Christmas

7PM Candlelight Service



Livestream Service in your PJs ?

**However you prefer to worship,
we are excited to share this
season with you!**

**May your Advent Season be blessed
and your Christmas be Merry!**



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Next Tidings deadline is January 15th for Lenten/Easter Issue

The background of this section consists of vertical red stripes and horizontal green stripes, creating a plaid or checkered pattern. A red tag with a white Christmas tree icon is attached to the left side. A large red rounded rectangle contains white text.

TO: YOU!
FROM: TRINITY'S
CHILDREN'S
CHOIRS

Get your daily dose of Christmas!

Beginning on Friday, December 1st , check out our *Countdown to Christmas* videoclips, prepared for you by members of our Children's Choir. Look for them on our social media feeds and on our website (trinpres.org)!

These short clips (most less than 30 seconds) will brighten your day duringthe hectic holiday season.