

# Trinity Tidings

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF  
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SPRING 2024

*The winter is past;  
the rains are over and gone.  
Flowers appear on the earth;  
the season of singing has come...*

*Song of Solomon 2:11-13*





Trinity invites you to join us for worship,  
prayer, and music this

# Lenten Season

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| Wednesday, February 14               | <b>Ash Wednesday</b><br>11:45 am - Light Soup Lunch<br>12:30 pm & 7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Service   |
| Wednesday, February 21               | <b>Soup &amp; Sound, A Lenten Concert Series</b><br>11:45 am - Light Soup Lunch<br>12:30 pm - Young Artist Feature, Jeremy Raden, Piano                               |
| Wednesday, February 28               | <b>Soup &amp; Sound, A Lenten Concert Series</b><br>11:45 am - Light Soup Lunch<br>12:30 pm - Jimmy Boyle, Trumpet & Reed Bodenstein, Piano                           |
| Friday, March 1                      | 7:30 pm - <b>Trinity Community Concert Series</b> featuring<br><b>The Last Whippoorwill Bluegrass Band</b>  |
| Wednesday, March 6                   | <b>Soup &amp; Sound, A Lenten Concert Series</b><br>11:45 am - Light Soup Lunch<br>12:30 pm - Erik Meyer, Organ   |
| Wednesday, March 13                  | <b>Soup &amp; Sound, A Lenten Concert Series</b><br>11:45 am - Light Soup Lunch<br>12:30 pm - Pennsylvania Flute Duo  |
| Sunday, March 17                     | <b><i>Elijah! God's Faithful Prophet</i></b> by Mark Patterson<br><i>Trinity Children's Choirs present the story of Elijah during our<br/>9:30 am worship service</i> |
| Wednesday, March 20                  | <b>Soup &amp; Sound, A Lenten Concert Series</b><br>11:45 am - Light Soup Lunch<br>12:30 pm - Cheryl Everill, Cello   |
| Friday, March 22 -Saturday, March 23 | <b>Day of Prayer</b><br>Friday, 12:00 pm-12:00 am<br>Saturday, 7:00 am-12:00 pm   |
| Sunday, March 24                     | 9:30 am - <b>Palm Sunday Worship</b><br>10:30 am - <b>Palm Sunday Festival</b><br><i>Crafts and Family Fellowship in the Anteroom</i>                                 |
| Thursday, March 28                   | 7:30 pm - <b>Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Communion Service</b>   |
| Sunday, March 31                     | 9:30 am - <b>Easter Sunday Worship</b><br><i>Choir, Bells, Brass, and Organ</i>   |

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us  
a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. - 1 Peter 1:3*

TRINITY CHURCH PRESENTS  
A LENTEN CONCERT SERIES

# SOUP & SOUND



## Wednesdays during Lent

Soup 11:45 am (note the time change!)

Sound 12:30 pm

Soup downstairs in the Community Room followed by  
a 30-Minute Concert in the Sanctuary

February 21 - Young Artist Jeremy Raden, Piano

February 28 - Jimmy Boyle, Trumpet, and  
Reed Bodenstien, Piano

March 6 - Erik Meyer, Organ

March 13 - Pennsylvania Flute Duet

March 20 - Cheryl Everill, Cello

Open to the Community!

Invite your friends!

Admission is a Free Will Offering





## News & Notes

### In Memoriam:

**Larry S. Miller**

*United with Trinity June 23rd, 1974  
Returned to Our Lord, December 20th, 2023*

**Erica Rittenhouse Heyer**

*United with Trinity April 30, 1992  
Deceased February 15, 2024*

### We express Sympathies to :

**The Miller and Armstrong families** on the passing of their father,  
**Larry Miller.**

**Kathleen Saliba and family** on the passing of her brother-in-law,  
**Joseph Saliba.**

**Melissa Smith and family** on the passing of her  
sister, **Jill.**

**Opal Stockwell** on the loss of her  
sister-in-law, **Lois Wetzel.**

**Susan Bryfogle** on the loss of her mother,  
**Shirley Muni.**

**Sandra and Susan Achey** on the passing of husband and father,  
**Ted Achey.**

**The Johnson, Heyer, and Bui Families** on the passing of  
wife, mother, daughter, sister, & aunt,  
**Erica Heyer.**

**Ben Rieth** on the passing of his mother,  
**Charleen Maria Hock Rieth.**

**The Applegate Family** on the passing of Nancy's mother,  
**Norma Oram.**

*Prayers for the Families at this time.*

### Baptisms:

*We rejoice with* **Walter Steinle III and Felicia Cintron** on the baptism of  
their children, **Aiden Cintron, Miles Cintron, and Walter Steinle IV.**

### Staff

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

**Associate Pastor**  
The Rev. Ms. Sarah  
Craven

**Director of  
Music**  
Lisa Marcelli

**Music  
Associate**  
Brian Kain

**Church  
Treasurer**  
Debby Talbott

**Office & Media  
Manager**  
Alysia Sieh  
Badskey

**Office &  
Membership  
Associate**  
Pam Dougherty



# Session Update

## Highlights from the stated meetings November 2023 – February 2024

*(Current Minutes are stored in the church library)*

- Approved the 1/31/2024 member count of 601. (Feb)
- Elected Corporation officers and re-elected the clerk of session. (Feb)
- Welcomed a new class of elders (Feb)
- Approved the 2024 Budget at a Special Session Meeting. (Jan)
- Discussed plan to close Witherspoon. (Jan/Feb) and planned a Town Hall to discuss Witherspoon (Nov)
- Planned a Trinity Volunteer Initiative—brainstorming how to get more members involved in Trinity’s life and mission (Nov)
- Reviewed financial statements, and our member and attendance numbers. (Monthly)
- Every month session prays for our members, friends, pastors, and community. Please keep us in your prayers.

*-Jenny Stark, Clerk of Session*

## LENTEN PRAYER TREE



Throughout the Lenten Season a Prayer Tree will be located in the Atrium (right outside of the Columbarium).

You are invited to write the name of a person, a place, or a situation you wish to pray for onto a tag. You then can hang the tag on the tree. At the end of the Lenten season, all of the tags placed on the tree will be taken into the sanctuary and lifted-up in prayer during the church service.



# Open House to Meet & Greet



**Emma Gritsch**

**Saturday, March 9th**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Stop by any time from 1-3 pm**

**Families welcome! Cookies & coloring sheets will be available!**

*Emma has been called to Trinity's Pastoral Team and will preach at the worship service on Sunday, March 10th. A Congregational Meeting will follow that service to approve her call, then Emma will officially join us on Palm Sunday.*

## **Children's Ministries**

This past month Children's Ministries focused on a theme of Spreading Love and Kindness. During Mission Sunday, children created 100 hygiene kits for those in need. They also created cards sharing messages of God's love for our homebound members. Discussions were had about how their work and acts of kindness will help others in our community.

During recent Family Church services, that message continued with a lesson about Dr. Martin Luther King's work in promoting acceptance and celebrating our differences. Children and families created a uniquely made banner, where designs were interchangeable to show all our differences. Children also made dream clouds focusing on their future goals and dreams.

In February we read the children's book- *Beautiful Oops* by Barney Saltzberg and made connections to Jesus and Bible stories. Students created paintings and folded them in half to create a new design. This taught us that we can learn from our mistakes and sometimes create something new and beautiful as a result.



### **Save the Dates:**

We are planning a **Palm Sunday festival with crafts and goodies for after the church service on Palm Sunday- Sunday, March 24th in the anteroom.** We are also planning our **Annual Fun Fest on May 5th.** Stay tuned for more info and list of activities!



JOIN  
US FOR A

JOYFUL  
NOISE!

March 17th,  
9:30am



Trinity Children's Choirs Present:

**Elijah!**

God's Faithful Prophet



# Care 'n Share is thinking Spring!

Winter clothing will be accepted only through February 25th!

Half-price sale days are Saturday, March 2nd,  
Tuesday, March 5th & Thursday, March 7th  
\$5 Bag Sale (Clothing Only): Thursday, March 7

*Shop  
with us!*

*The shop will be closed the following week  
to put out Spring & Summer items! (Yes! Spring and Summer!)  
We'll reopen on Tuesday, March 19th and be open  
Tuesdays, Thursdays, and first Saturday, 10 am - 1 pm until early June.*

Proceeds go to local missions. Check out the Annual Report!





# 100 MISSION THURSDAYS !

**March 7th will be our 100th Mission Thursday!**

What started as an idea for a stay-at-home mission project during the early days of COVID, has become a mainstay of Trinity's community outreach program. Over the past 4 years we have collected approximately **43,000 sandwiches, 16500 bottles of water, 1500 bags of fruit and 700 bags/boxes of snacks** for Cathedral Kitchen.

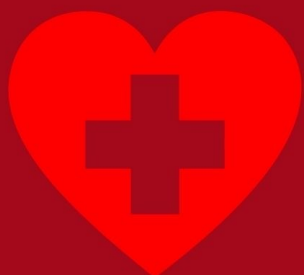
In addition, we have collected over 22,000 pounds of food and household supplies for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. Thank you for your ongoing support. Together we are making a real difference in our community.

**To recognize this milestone, we will be having cake during the coffee hour after the service on March 10th.**

If you are interested in learning more about how you can support Cathedral Kitchen or the Cherry Hill Food Pantry, please contact Hersch Craven.



**TRINITY  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
&  
AMERICAN RED  
CROSS BLOOD  
DRIVE**



**APRIL 22, 2024  
2PM-7PM**



**VISIT [REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG](https://redcrossblood.org)  
AND SEARCH FOR  
THE TRINITY DRIVE  
TO SIGN UP!**



## Mission and Outreach

# CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



It's not too early to start planning for the October 2024 Crop Walk!

### What is CROP Walk?

Community Responding to Overcome Poverty (CROP) Hunger Walks are sponsored by Church World Service (CWS), a faith-based organization transforming communities worldwide through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster. 25% of what we raise goes to a local charity of our choice. The rest of the money goes to things like:

Chickens that provide a family with a constant supply of eggs (protein) to help children become stronger and healthier. Home Gardens that provide three families with better nutrition and extra income with diversified diets and plenty of nutritious vegetables.



### How has the Trinity CROP Walk been successfully orchestrated for many years?

Mission & Outreach is grateful to the Bryfogles for coordinating this activity and assuring its great success. We need an enthusiastic individual, team, or family to take the baton from Chris and run with it, perhaps expanding the scope. Reverend Sarah has suggested joining with another church in the area. The 2023 walk included a pet blessing.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

You can walk, sponsor someone, and prayerfully consider taking on the coordinating role on behalf of Trinity. Chris Bryfogle is available to explain the workings of the activity. Please contact Chris directly or Stacey Blackmer, M&O Chair, for more information and to express your interest.

The steps we take - and the funds we raise together - will provide life-saving support including emergency food and resources, along with the seeds, tools and programs that will help families feed themselves in the future.



# CALLING ALL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AT TRINITY!

Social Workers, Therapists, School Psychologists, Guidance Counselors, Insurance Case Managers, Clinical Supervisors, undergrad/grad students, or even retired from one or all of the above... whatever you call yourself, whether working in the field of mental health, hospice, substance disorders, intellectually disabled, or private practice ...

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to a  
“meet and greet” light brunch!



**Sunday, April 14th**  
**10:45am - 11:45pm**  
**Community Room**



There are A LOT of us here at Trinity!  
Let's get together to see “Who's Who in the Pew” and then maybe create some more reasons to get together for support this year.

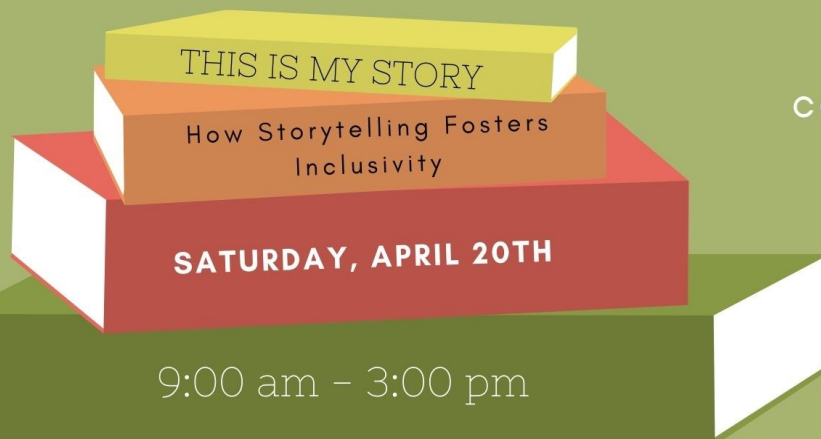
RSVP by 4/1/24 to Kristi Cheney-Paulson, MSW, LSW  
paulsonkristi020@gmail.com or text at 609-744-5831  
\*\*Children welcome or childcare can be provided - let Kristi know.

*No psychosocial assessments involved.* 😊

## SAVE THE DATE!

## PW SPRING RETREAT

Tickets will be on sale during coffee hour  
March 17th - April 14th,  
or email  
WLDOn@hotmail.com.



We hope all women can join us for a day of prayer, fellowship, and food!

# From the Desk of the PW Moderator...

*To All of the Sisters of Christ at Trinity,*

Presbyterian Women is looking toward many spring events for this year. Our Circles are meeting in person, virtually, and in hybrid formats. Our circles continue to work on their Bible studies, enjoy fellowship time together, and support many mission initiatives every month! It is truly amazing what we can do when we put our energy, love, and resources together.

We have many events coming up and hope that you will mark your calendars and join us.

**Gifts of Women Sunday - March 3, 2024.** We will be celebrating the many ways the gifts of women enrich our lives during our regular worship service at 9:30 a.m. on March 3rd. During the service we will be honoring this year's recipient of PW Honorary Life Membership.

**Women's Retreat - April 20, 2024 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.** Please consider joining us for our 1-day retreat right here at Trinity.

**Spring Gathering/Installation - May 14, 2024.** We are planning an exciting Spring Gathering and Installation of our officers for next year. We will also be hosting guests from other churches in the Presbytery For Southern New Jersey at this program. The retreat will include dinner. Please save the date and keep your eyes open for information about the retreat and sign ups.

**PW Churchwide Gathering - In Person August 8-11, 2024, St. Louis, Missouri and Virtual on Zoom-** This event occurs every 3 years and has not been in person since before the Pandemic! There will be more information coming out about this event, but we wanted to include the information now in case you want to consider going and save the dates. There will be a few going from Trinity and the Presbytery For Southern New Jersey. If you are interested in learning more about this event or considering going, please reach out to me at [jerseyjenny13@gmail.com](mailto:jerseyjenny13@gmail.com). If you cannot attend the Churchwide Gathering in St. Louis, but you would like to attend, there are some portions that will be available on Zoom. It would be fun to organize a group of folks here for a Watch Party in August. Please let Jenny Leitinger Foley know if you are interested in this at [jerseyjenny13@gmail.com](mailto:jerseyjenny13@gmail.com).

In addition to the events that our Trinity PW is planning, there are some other upcoming events that the Presbytery For Southern New Jersey PW is organizing this spring. We generally have a group of some participants from Trinity who attend, and you are welcome to join in this connectional church experience. If you would like to attend any of these events, please reach out to Donna Croker at [DRC753@aol.com](mailto:DRC753@aol.com) or Carolyn Kramer at [carolynhkramer@comcast.net](mailto:carolynhkramer@comcast.net).

- **Saturday, March, 9, 2024 - Morning Retreat** on the topic of Finding God in Ordinary Time at the First Presbyterian Church, Haddonfield, NJ.
- **Saturday, April 6, 2024 - PW Presbytery Zoom Board Meeting** - At this Spring Board Meeting, the Board will discuss mission donations and next year's mission focus. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

I am so grateful for the many hands and feet that continue to help out at Trinity. Whether or not you are in a PW Circle, we want you to feel welcome to participate however you would like. We are committed to inviting and including everyone. We are here to help and serve you. Please feel free to reach out to me ([jerseyjenny13@gmail.com](mailto:jerseyjenny13@gmail.com)).

*Keeping you all in our prayers, Jenny Leitinger Foley*





# MOTHERS MATTER

COLLECTION IN MARCH THROUGH APRIL 7



It's that time of year again! Time to collect health and beauty items for the Mother's Day gift basket project sponsored by the Lauren Rose Albert Foundation (LRAF). **Mothers Matter assembles gift packages filled with women's health and beauty care products and then distributes them to women facing difficult challenges.** Packages are delivered to women's shelters, children's pediatric hospital wards and centers, day care centers, and other facilities and agencies. Each gift carries the message that "Mothers Matter", and for many, this is their only Mother's Day present. LRAF also has "comfort" gift bags that are distributed to Virtua/Fox Chase Cancer Program and MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper.

Some of the Trinity PW Circles will be collecting for Mothers Matter gift baskets at their March meetings. In addition, **there will be a large basket at Church located between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall (underneath the PW bulletin board) for donated items. The basket will be there from February 25 through April 7. You can also drop off items during the Mission Thursday collections.** We appreciate the support of all Church members.

Items they are specifically looking for are: **shampoo/conditioner sets**, body wash/scrub, body spray, body lotion, Dove soap, bath puffs, **lipstick**, and **nail polish**. Items in bold are especially needed at this time. They also need the following products in pink and purple: eye shadow and eyeliner. **\*\*The products need to be new and unopened.\*\*** No sample sizes (except Bath and Body Works products of any size). Please do not donate products over 15 oz. in size since they do not fit in the bags with the other items.

Thank you in advance for your generosity! Any questions, please contact Michele Strobel at [kndlkai1@gmail.com](mailto:kndlkai1@gmail.com). You may also contact Jan Caffrey at [jancaff@verizon.net](mailto:jancaff@verizon.net).



**Because Every Day is Mother's Day**

The Lauren Rose Albert Foundation

## MOTHERS MATTER DONATION WISH LIST

### PERSONAL CARE & PAMPERING ITEMS

Shampoo & Conditioner Sets  
Body Lotion / Hand Lotion  
Body Wash / Body Scrub  
Body Spray  
Foot Care Products  
Bath Sponges  
Toothbrush/Toothpaste

### BEAUTY PRODUCTS

Lipstick/Lip Gloss  
Nail Polish  
Eye Shadow  
Face Care Products

### \*SPECIAL ITEMS

Unscented Lotions  
(Cetaphil, Aquafor, Eucerin, Aveeno)  
Dove Soap  
Writing Journals  
Puzzle Books  
Lip Balm

*\*These items are used in special gift bags for cancer patients*

### We also accept monetary donations

Mail checks payable to: Lauren Rose Albert Foundation-106 Kenwood Drive, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

We cannot accept oversized products, hotel samples and open/used products  
If possible, please check expiration dates.

FOR INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL: [mothersmatter@laurenlegacy.org](mailto:mothersmatter@laurenlegacy.org)  
[www.laurenlegacy.org](http://www.laurenlegacy.org)

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## MLK DAY OF CELEBRATION AND SERVICE AT TRINITY IN REVIEW

### *PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION*

Trinity's first Martin Luther King Junior Day of Celebration & Service was a day of inspiration & fellowship. We are grateful for the help provided by so many people, including...

Reverend Dr. Gregory Faulkner, Lisa Marcelli, and Brian Kain for their leadership in creating an inspiring, joyful worship service that filled our hearts with a desire to lift all God's people up!  
Reverend Ms. Sarah Craven for her never-ending support, encouragement, and positivity as our vision for MLK Day evolved.

Alysia Badskey and Susan Bastnagel who continue to bless Trinity with their creativity & innovation through the written word & social media.

The Presbyterian Women who shepherded behind the scenes preparation & hospitality-Jenny Stark, Barbara Clarke, Carolyn Fletcher, Carolyn Kramer, Jenny Foley, & Pam Dougherty.

Deepa Albert who inspired our Family Traditions coffee hour and the family "chefs" who lovingly prepared small bites to share with everyone: Karen Kain, Pam Dougherty, Victoria Ebiri, Stacey Blackmer, The Carboni Family, Georgeanne Moore, Janet Cohen, Melissa Smith, Deepa Albert, Vijay & Smita Charles, Dipal Willoughby, Trudie Levins, Bonnie Jones, Barbara Wilson, Carolyn Kramer..

The children, parents, and grandparents that provided comfort and hope by making blankets and valentines. Everyone who wrote a special Valentine note to lift up people's spirits.

The Deacons for moving their meeting to the community room so we could use the anteroom for mission projects.

Our always reliable Property & Buildings Committee- Walt Steinle, David Large, & Steve Morton for supporting a more accessible furniture arrangement for Fellowship Hall. Everyone who helped with an amazingly speedy clean up.

Special recognition to Nitin Charles who not only served his family's delicious Double Ka Meetha, but also helped with vacuuming after everyone was gone.

It was beautiful to see so many people participating and enjoying our first MLK day of celebration & service. And we really appreciate everyone who already indicated they want to help next year.

**Please consider helping REAP to move forward by joining us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month following worship.**

To God Be the Glory!  
Donna Wasik, Chairperson REAP



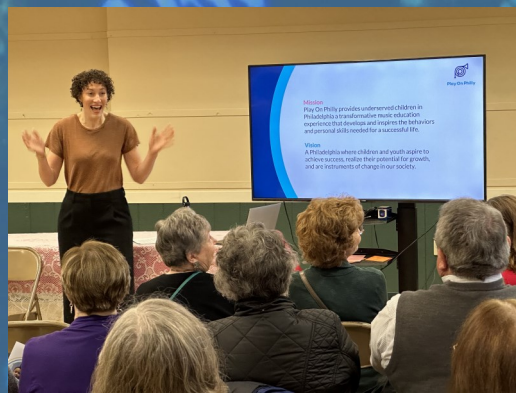
# Trinity Snapshots



*MLK Day of Service at Trinity*















AN INVITATION TO  
**HOLY WEEK**  
**AT TRINITY**

Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday	Easter Sunday
March 24th	March 28	March 31
9:30am	7:30pm	9:30am

HOSANNA! HOSANNA!  
**PREPARE THE WAY**  
**FOR THE LORD!**

Sunday, March 24th

Worship and Special Music, 9:30 am

Followed by a Palm Sunday Celebration, at  
10:30 am in the Anteroom.

A time for crafts, snacks, and  
family fellowship!





MAUNDY  
THURSDAY

*"Yours will  
be done."*

*Matthew 6:10*

Maundy Thursday Worship,  
March 28th, 7:30pm



EASTER SUNDAY

March 31st, 9:30am

Join Us at Trinity for a time  
of Joyful Worship.

*Choir, bells, brass, and organ*





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

***Next Tidings deadline is May 15th for Summer Issue***

# Day of Prayer



**Friday, March 22, 12pm-12am,**  
**Saturday, March 23, 7am-12pm**

Look for sign-ups during coffee hour,  
Or call the church office at 856-428-2050 .

*"What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and grieves to bear.  
What a privilege it is to carry  
Everything to God in prayer."*

