

# Trinity Tidings

*An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life*

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## Connectional Distancing

*For as in one body we have many members . . . so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.*  
Romans 12: 4–5

One of the words used to describe the Presbyterian way of being church is called connectionalism. As the theologian, Michael Jinkins writes: “Church connectionalism is shorthand for saying that we are one body—not because we find one another agreeable or each other’s views congenial, but because God in grace and mercy has called us together” (*Presbyterians Today*, March, 2007).

You have heard it many times in the last few weeks, but it bears repeating: we are living in an age like none any of us have seen before. We are being called to social distancing—a term that I have heard renamed as *compassionate spacing*. I like that because it reminds us that we are keeping our physical distance from one another out of compassion for our neighbors and our society. Yet, in the midst of this compassionate spacing you can remain connected and even deeply so—because we are already connected by our belonging to Christ; we are sisters and brothers and we can remain connectional even while distancing. We can call one another on the phone. We can FaceTime with our loved ones. We can post on Facebook and drop pictures on Instagram and tweet on Twitter. We can share a meal with friends with Zoom or FaceTime. We can have a Bible study with friends with the same platforms. We can stay connectional and we need to in these days of distancing because we belong to the Body of Christ.

To help us stay connected, look for emails coming from the church; if you haven’t received any emails in the last few weeks, call the church and give us your current email address. You can also check your spam folder to make sure our emails haven’t landed there. You can all join us for worship every week as we post our virtual worship service on our website ([trinpres.org](http://trinpres.org)), on Facebook ([facebook.com/trinpres](https://facebook.com/trinpres)) and on Trinity’s YouTube channel. Worshipping “together”—while we are staying home—is a wonderful and deeply meaningful way to express the truth that we are connected to one another...even in these days of compassionate spacing.

If you and I will continue to call and text and email and FaceTime and Zoom with one another, we will get through this historic—and very difficult time—with greater faith, hope and love. And that, my friends, is good reason to keep

Hoping Big,  
Gregory



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# We Are Here for You! A Note from the Office Staff



We hope this April Tidings finds you all still healthy and doing your part during this difficult time in our country and the world. Even though Trinity has had to suspend corporate worship here at the church, we hope you have taken advantage of our Virtual Worship Service on Sundays.

**We wanted to let you know that the office will not be open for visitors at this time, so please call or email if our staff can be of help to you. We are receiving mail. We are answering the phones and email during our regular business hours which are: Monday-Thursday, 9am- 4pm.**

The Pastors will be making calls to our members and “checking in” with them to make sure their spiritual needs are being met or if help is needed in some way. Should you need to speak with a Pastor, you may call Rev. Faulkner at 609-273-8110 for immediate assistance.

Please remember to check the church website for updates regarding all church programming. Check your inbox as you will also be receiving a weekly link to our virtual worship service as well as emails with other important updates. If you do not believe you are receiving emails from the church, please check your spam folder or contact us with the email address you would like to have on file. You can also always access the Virtual Worship Service and other important updates on our website.

Sending peace and blessings to all,  
Trinity Church Office

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## Holy Week and Easter Plan

### A Different Kind of Easter

We are all wondering when in-person worship will be allowed for us and, for that matter, all the religious communities in our nation. It has been difficult for all people of prayer to be away from the corporate worship of their respective communities. It has been hard for you and for me.

I had hoped that we would be gathering in the beauty of our sanctuary on April 12 for our usual Easter celebration, but this will be a different kind of Easter. Of course, we will still welcome the glory of Christ’s Resurrection with our praise and thanksgiving, but we will do so from our homes. We are not sure when large gatherings will be allowed again in New Jersey, but I know that that first worship service together will be an amazingly joyous time of reunion and thanksgiving. Until then, please keep worshipping with us virtually and for Easter can I ask you to do this: get up Easter morning and have a good breakfast, get dressed for church and at 9:30a.m. worship with your church family. Whether you are one or two or five or six, you will be with our congregation to celebrate the God who overcomes death with new life! I wish it was like the usual Easter, but it’s a different kind of Easter....but Christ Jesus will be with us, wherever we are and he will be joining us to one another spiritually, mystically, really and truly. Of that, have no doubt!



- Pastor Greg

## Session Update

At its stated meeting on March 2, 2020, the Session:

- Approved the February 23, 2020 Membership Count of 653.
- Approved the baptism of Benjamin Cross Mackerer, scheduled on 5/17/2020.
- Discussed ways to reach out to the community and share our faith.
- Heard updates from Rev. Faulkner and Rev. Craven on church activities including visitations, youth ministry, Lenten study programs, and more.
- Reviewed January financial reports.
- Learned that the 2020 pledge drive fell short of its goal.
- Voted and approved, that with the exception of the narthex door, all church doors will be locked on Sundays once the service begins. This includes Witherspoon doors.
- Plans additional front parking with handicapped and “seniors only” designation to encourage front ramp use by those with mobility/health issues, especially with doors being locked in back.
- Heard a progress report from Trinity’s Security Task Force.
- Discussed Coronavirus protocol.
- Learned that new and brighter lights will be installed in the back parking area.
- Prayed for Trinity members, friends, and the world.

\*\*\*Did you know that the complete Session Minutes can be found in the Church Library?\*\*\*

- Jenny Stark, Clerk of Session



### Session of Elders

#### **Clerk of Session**

Jenny Stark

#### **Adult Ministries**

Larry Miller

#### **Children’s Ministries**

Gary Naumick

#### **Finance & Stewardship**

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#### **Strategy Committee**

John Young

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Doug Nork

#### **Committee Chairs**

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Trudie Levins

##### *Fellowship*

Cindy Mailahn

##### *Service*

Randy Southworth

##### *Visitation*

Deepa Albert

## A Moment for Music...

For Your Musical Meditation...



*These Times Call For a Vision*  
from the postponed children’s musical  
Moses and the Freedom Fanatics.

“These times call for a vision, these times call for a dream; We must join our hearts together, we must find a way. Look up high in the heaven, choose a bright shining star; It will guide our unknown journey, it will lead us to our dream. The noon-day sun will threaten but all will be well. A cloud will be above us. Look up and sing.”

*Philippians 4:6*

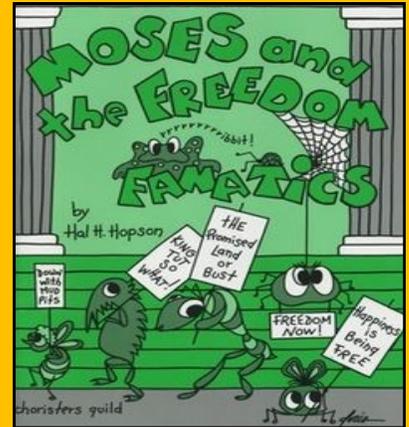
*<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

# Moses and the Freedom Fanatics! Children's Musical

Choristers and Parents-

Keep practicing your musical numbers!  
Remember to listen to the music and read  
the lyric sheets that were sent via email.  
The Show will go on! Check your inbox and  
the Trinity Church Website for updates.

*Pictures from our Rehearsal Below*



# Church School

## Children's Ministries

Save the Date! The **Family Funday** will tentatively take place on **Sunday May 3rd** after the worship service. Food, games, **cupcake contest**, and more!  
More information to come on the church website.



## Trinity Nursery School News

April at Trinity Nursery School is looking much different this year! Our hallways had just begun to make the transition from winter themed art to spring themed colors and artwork!! Now that we are all home creating and learning remotely I hope that you will keep up the beautiful drawings and find ways to be creative and share you artwork!!! Have mom & dad take photos of your spring creations and we will find a way to share them when we are back together again soon!!



We can still be experiencing Easter and egg hunts, spring animals and spring bulbs and flowers!! We are moving from cold weather to spring rains and sunshine! Go outside and look for signs of spring- like we do together every day on the way to the playground! Today, I had a 3 year old friend send me a video of him singing the "rainbow color song!" It was great fun and such a special way to feel connected while we are apart!! I will work on a way to share our artwork and videos! Our Daffodils and tulips are blooming and our 3 year old class planted their sunflower seeds the last week we were in school together- we will send you photo progress as they grow!!

While we continue to usher in spring, we are also looking ahead to the fall and school year registration!! Please think about the classes and programs we offer at TNS, our Toddler and parent class, a 2 ½ class, a 3 year old and a 4 year old class. Before school you can drop off with our Early Birds program and your child can extend the day with Lunch Bunch & our Extended Day program.

Marina Pappas, Director  
856-795-3123, [marina.pappas@comcast.net](mailto:marina.pappas@comcast.net)

# At Home Church School Resources



In the midst of all these changes, it is wonderful to see how so many people and companies are stepping up to create community. In the past you might have

noticed that we have handed out Advent Devotionals and also colored together in Sunday School large posters from Illustrated Ministries. Illustrated Ministries want to be there for families in the midst of the virus and are providing resources for families to reflect on God together. I encourage you to sign up for their free weekly resources.



Visit: <https://www.illustratedministry.com/flattenthecurve> to sign up.

- Pastor Sarah

## Trinity's 24-Hour Prayer Vigil

Join Us Online for 24 Hours of Continuous Prayer

April 3rd, 12pm-  
April 4th, 12pm

While we cannot meet in person, it doesn't mean we can't be connected through prayer during this time. This year our Prayer Vigil is going Virtual! You will be able to sign up for a time slot

on SignUp Genius or if you have trouble, let Pastor Sarah know or call the church office, and they will sign you up. We hope to still have 24 hours of continuous prayer, but you can do it from wherever you are and we can have even more people at a time if needed. We'll make the Prayer Vigil booklet available online. So keep your eyes open for that! To sign-up for a time, visit our website at [tripres.org](http://tripres.org), call the church office at 856-428-2050, or type this link for Sign-Up Genius in your browser:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090548aaaf2ca0ff2-trinity>

*Sweet hour of prayer!  
Sweet hour of prayer!  
That calls me from a world of care  
And bids me at my Father's throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known*

*In seasons of distress and grief,  
My soul has often found relief  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare  
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!*

PRAYER  
IS PUTTING ONESELF IN THE  
HANDS  
OF  
GOD  
*Mother Teresa*

**HAS GONE VIRTUAL!**

## Care 'n Share

Care 'n Share wrapped up the winter season on March 12th. Leftover clothing was donated to Angels of God, New Covenant in Camden & Little Hands Little Feet.



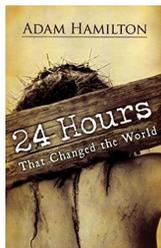
### Care 'n Share

We normally close for one week and put the spring/summer clothing out, but due to the Corona virus situation **are closed until further notice.**

We will vote in April for the designation of our funds for our first of two in 2020.

Please hold on to your clothing & housewares donations until we reopen. Check the website for dates. Thank you again for your great "stuff"!

## Library Corner

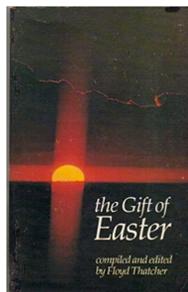


**24 Hours That Changed the World**  
by Adam Hamilton

No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. The aim of this book is to help you better understand the events that occurred during the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life, see more clearly the theological significance of Christ's suffering and death, and reflect upon the meaning of these events on your life.

### **The Gift of Easter**

compiled and edited by Floyd Thatcher



This book is a compilation of essays by many authors from different places geographically, as well as theologically and socially. However, there is a common thread of hope and clarity about the essential nature of what the cross and resurrection mean, or can mean, in our lives. The hope is that as you read these statements, affirmations and living witnesses regarding the meaning of Easter in their lives, your faith will be strengthened.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

**My Little Book of Dear God Letters**  
from Flying Frog  
Publishing

Answers to children's questions, such as:  
How did you get the sun to just hang up there?  
Do you really see everything?



Then, there's these:  
Thank you for Friends.  
Thank you for making me special.

## Homeless Hospitality

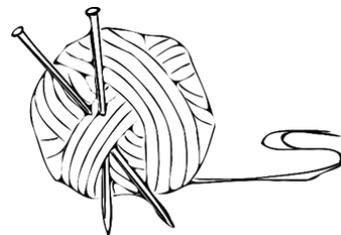


IHOC/Homeless Hospitality is going ahead as planned. Trinity will host the men from March 29-April 5. We thank you for your continued support of this important local mission.

Can you help by supplying a meal (or part of a meal) or host overnight (separate room from the men)? Meals can be dropped off and we do not expect you to enter St. Andrew's. Please contact Jenny Stark 609-680-6090 or Eric Waaras 856-465-1016 with questions.

## Fibernistas Fellowship

DO YOU KNIT,  
CROCHET, QUILT, OR  
STITCH?



Fibernistas is a new small group fellowship at Trinity. We meet the first Saturday of each month, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm in the library. All are welcome, women and men, regardless of skill level, but please bring a current project and your own supplies. Or let us know ahead of time if you need lessons, needles or yarn. We also welcome non-fibernistas, such as adult coloring, origami/paperfashion, drawing, crossword/wordsearchers, etc.

If Trinity has not reopened by April 4, please contact Donna Bordner at 856-316-8131 or [dbordner@juno.com](mailto:dbordner@juno.com) for more information as to when we will be meeting. We may try a virtual meeting! All are welcome to join.

## Finance and Stewardship

### Please Remember to Keep Up with Your Giving to Trinity

Although we are not able to have in-person church services right now, if you are able, please remember to continue your giving so our church finances don't suffer too much during this time. We are grateful for your commitment to Trinity's ministry, especially in these difficult days when the needs are even greater.



Giving online is the best way to have your donation go right into the church's checking account. **EasyTithe.com/trinpres** is our online giving program. It's very easy to log on and use a credit card or your checking account to keep up with your giving. If you have any difficulty, I can walk you through it.

**The other way is to mail your checks to the church.** We are receiving mail as office staff is in during normal office hours, Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm. I'm able to make deposits remotely **so that we can still support our staff, programs, building, and our many missions.**

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for giving.

- Debby Talbott, Treasurer  
Debby.Talbott@trinpres.org , 856-630-0399

## DO YOU USE YOUR PLEDGE ENVELOPES?

If you do, great! No need to do anything... your box of envelopes will be delivered to church in December for 2021, same as always.

**IF YOU DON'T NEED OR USE YOUR ENVELOPES PLEASE HELP US SAVE THE CHURCH MONEY AND HAVE LESS WASTE AT THE SAME TIME.**

Every year I throw away over 100 boxes just on numbers that aren't being used. I have a way now to send in a list of only the numbers needed. **This will save Trinity hundreds of dollars. I need to send in this sheet by the April 30th.**

If you are on EasyTithe or never use your envelopes, **please let me know if you don't want envelope boxes for 2021** and I will not have one ordered for you. If you pay your pledge annually or send in checks from your bank automatically and don't need envelopes, please let me know.

**THERE ARE 2 WAYS YOU CAN LET ME KNOW YOU DON'T NEED A PLEDGE BOX:**

1. Send me an email at Debby.Talbott@trinpres.org
2. Call the church and leave a message at 856-428-2050

Your number will stay the same even if you don't want a box. Please remember the special offerings. You can use Easy Tithe to pay Per Capita, Session, Deacons, and other Special Offerings. You can also write it in a memo of your check, and I will make sure it goes to the right place.

Thank you for helping me to only order pledge boxes that are needed!  
-Debby Talbott, Treasurer

## COLLECTION OF MOTHERS MATTER ITEMS CONTINUES UNTIL APRIL 19



We are continuing to collect health and beauty items for the Mother's Day gift basket project sponsored by the Lauren Rose Albert Foundation (LRAF). This is the **20<sup>th</sup> year** that **Mothers Matter** has assembled gift packages filled with women's health and beauty care products. Over the years they have assembled **50,000 gift packages** and then distributed 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.

There is a large basket at Church located between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall (underneath the PW Bulletin Board) for donated items. **We appreciate the support of all Church members.** The basket will be there until April 19th.

Items that can be donated were listed in the March Tidings or contact Jan Caffrey. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!! If we do not have church services in April, please contact me to arrange delivery of your donations. My contact info: Jan Caffrey at (856) 667-3687 or [jancaff@verizon.net](mailto:jancaff@verizon.net).

## Stay Connected! 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.

**Prayer Vigil Online**– Go to our website or call the Church Office to take part in the Virtual 24-Hour Prayer Vigil that will take place April 3rd-4th.

**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**– We have heard that some Trinity circles 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.

*For contact and media account information see the bottom of the calendar on the next page.*

# Spring Calendar

## These events have moved online till further notice:

- Worship, Weekly, Sunday morning at 9:30am
- The 24-Hour Prayer Vigil, *April 3rd, 12pm-April 4th, 12pm*
- Holy Week & Easter Services, *Easter is April 12th*
- Commissioning



## These events are tentative:

- Trinity Fun Fest, May 3rd, 10:30am
- PW Spring Gathering, May 5th

## These events have been postponed until further notice:

- Children's Musical
- Mixers & Mission
- Care 'n Share Store Hours & Drop-Offs
- Deacon's Spring Blood Drive

## These events have been cancelled for the this season:

- Soup & Sound
- Lenten Bible Study
- Children's Palm Sunday Celebration
- Men's Palm Sunday Breakfast
- Progressive Dinner
- New York Bus Trip

**\*Please check with your group leaders to see if any other groups will be meeting online in April, no PW circles or like wise will be meeting at the church\***

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# Easter Story

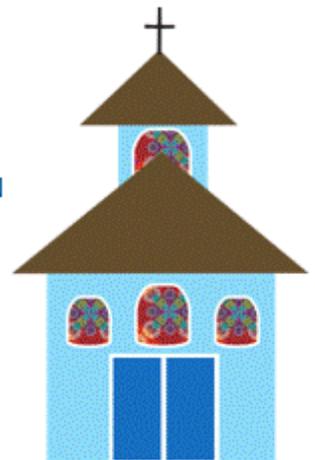
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