

Trinity Tidings

An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life

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I bring you good tidings of great *joy*,
which shall be to
all people. For unto you
is born this day
in the city of David a *Saviour*,
which is
Christ the Lord.

❖ Luke 2:10 & 11 ❖

Session Update

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

- Approved a donation of \$200 for the Presbyterian Historical Society.
- Learned that on Oct. 11, Communion was offered virtually on Zoom at 10:30am, after the virtual worship service. 42 households participated and
- On Nov. 1, Communion was offered during the livestreamed worship service.
- Learned from Rev. Faulkner about his meetings with members for prayer and guidance.
- Discussed facilities use and voted unanimously to continue limiting the use of our facility to outside users.
- Heard from Rev. Craven about the many virtual programs for Trinity's children and youth and her work coordinating the church's social networking.
- Reviewed Trinity's September Financial Statement and year-to-date as of September 30th:
 - Pledge income was \$472,601 (\$3,374 over budget)
 - Expenses were \$580,543 (\$63,719 under budget)
 - Nursery School carries a net loss of \$19,755 for the year. (This loss does not reflect the \$11,000 from the PPP loan, which will decrease this amount.)
- Approved the Membership Count of 649.
- Learned of recorded and upcoming programs offered by Adult Ministries.
- Was encouraged to join Trinity's 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge hosted by Mission and Outreach.
- Shared prayer concerns and celebrations.



Session of Elders

Clerk of Session

Jenny Stark

Adult Ministries

Larry Miller

Children's Ministries

Gary Naumick

Finance & Stewardship

Brad Ritchie

Membership

Susan Bastnagel

Mission & Outreach

Eric Waraas

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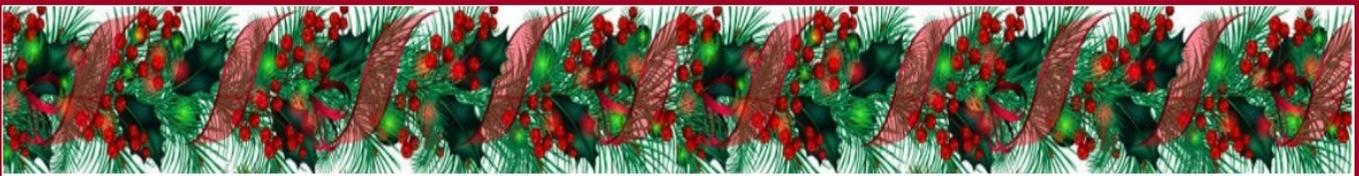
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VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS EVE SOCIAL



The Membership Committee is working on plans for a VIRTUAL Christmas Eve Social! The Social will follow the 7 pm service on Christmas Eve and will be much like our Zoom Coffee Hours. It will be an opportunity to "see" your fellow Trinitarians, share Christmas greetings, maybe play a game and/or show us your Christmas tree! Watch for details on the website and in the eblast later in December. Hope to "see" you there!



*You are cordially invited to spend the
Christmas Season Virtually
with all of us at Trinity Presbyterian Church!!*

Sunday, November 29 - 9:30am

Live Stream Advent Service followed by Children's Advent Devotional - Hope

Friday, December 4 - 7:30 pm

Trinity Community Concert Series with

*The Atlantic Brass Band in a Virtual Concert *see our website for details*

Sunday, December 6 - 9:30am

*Live Stream Advent Service with children's choir music followed by
Children's Advent Devotional - Love*

Tuesday, December 8 - 7:00pm

Trinity Women's Live Stream Christmas Communion Service

Sunday, December 13 - 9:30am

*Live Stream Advent Service with Adult Choir music followed by
Children's Advent Devotional - Joy*

Saturday, December 19

Christmas Sharing Delivery - our Deacons deliver gifts and food to needy families

Sunday, December 20 - 9:30am

*Live Stream Advent Service with bell music followed by
Children's Advent Devotional - Peace*

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

10:00am Virtual Children's Christmas Eve Pageant

*7:00 and 11:00 pm Live Stream Candlelight Communion Service followed by
a Zoom Christmas Eve Social after the 7pm service only*

Sunday, December 27 - 9:30am

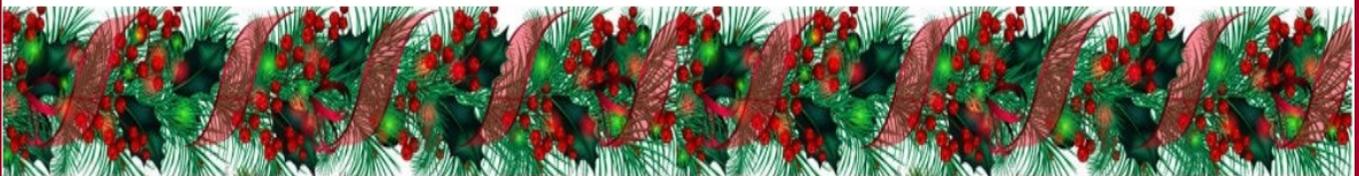
Live Stream Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, January 3 - 9:30am Epiphany Sunday

Live Stream Communion Service

Be sure to check Trinity's Website and Facebook page for further information:

www.trinpres.org
facebook.com/trinpres





Trinity Community Concert Series Presents
Atlantic Brass Band, *virtually*



Friday, December 4, 2020 * 7:30 PM

A year of music in review with the three-time national champion Atlantic Brass Band, one of the premier volunteer performing ensembles in the greater Philadelphia/Southern New Jersey area. This traditional British-style brass band has a repertoire that includes hymns, marches, orchestral transcriptions, pop music, and traditional brass band literature—and, of course, music to help TCCS audiences kick off the holiday season!

Please go to our website www.trinpres.org and click the banner on the homepage.

7:30 pm on 12/4/2020



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Children's & Youth Ministries

Kids Advent Worship

O Come, O Come Emmanuel! O Come, Children of Trinity! Join Miss Lisa and Pastor Sarah in our weekly Advent Devotionals during the month of December. Each week we will gather for a short time of song, prayer and craft as we light our Advent Wreath and think about the meaning of hope, love, joy, and peace. Each Sunday School age child should have received a package of supplies, and the videos will be available on Youtube every Sunday morning in Advent.



Mixers and Mission

While it has been an usual start to our year and we've had to get a bit more creative to safely gather, Mixers and Mission continues to find new ways to join together and give back to our church and community. On Nov. 17th our youth joined together outside in the dark and slightly colder weather to package 25 college care packages to remind all our college students we are thinking of them and sending love and also 55 Stockings for each R&M resident full of donations from all our PW Circles. to send some joy this Christmas. Any and all youth are always welcome and we're looking forward to continuing to think outside the box!



Fellowship Group

Next Meeting is Sunday, December 20th at 1:00 pm

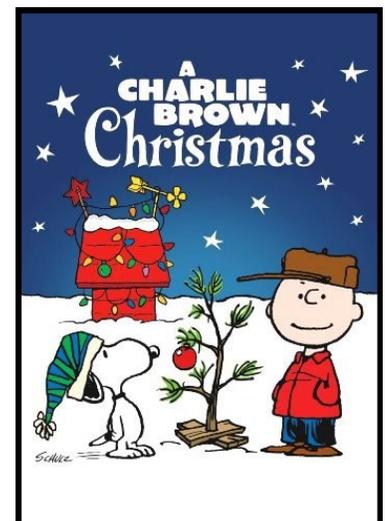
View together and Discuss: "A Charlie Brown Christmas"

Looking to join a small group for study and fellowship? We hope you can join the **Fellowship Group** as we discuss this family classic. No preparation is needed. Questions? Need a direct Zoom link? Contact Jenny Stark 609-680-6090.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84632066025?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84632066025?pwd=QmpBMHpsU1djM29zZl03a2NMTGRhdz09)
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Meeting ID: 846 3206 6025
Passcode: 2020



Care 'n Share

Care 'n Share has no plans for re-opening at this time. Trinity is not yet ready to start up any activities on church premises.

PLEASE NO DONATIONS until further notice!



Care 'n Share

Virtual Coffee Hour

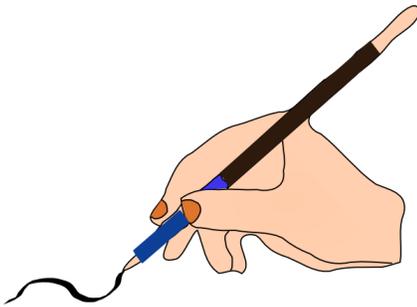
Miss seeing all of your Trinity friends and catching up over a cup of coffee or lemonade at Coffee Hour? Join us for Virtual Coffee Hour every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30am. Members from 2 to 90 years old have jumped on! Kids and families are joyfully welcomed.

We gather together on Zoom at 10:30am, and once everyone has signed on, we split into breakout groups of about ten to catch up. It's a great way to see familiar faces or even have the opportunity to get to know different Trinity members. We finish around 11:15am with everyone together again and a short prayer to send us out for the rest of our Sundays.

Since this meeting is for Trinity members only, the link will not be posted to the website. Instead to join, please click the link in your Trinity virtual & coffee hour email or contact Pastor Sarah at, sarah.craven@trinpres.org for the link. Hope to see you there!



LENTEN DEVOTIONAL



Once again, Trinity plans to publish a **Lenten Devotional** with reflections from our own congregation. You may remember from devotionals of the last few years that we are seeking submissions much in the style of *These Days*, *Daily Guideposts*, or another devotional with which you may be familiar. 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.

Since the devotionals need to be printed to be ready for distribution beginning the weekend before Ash Wednesday, the date due for submission has been established as **Sunday, January 10h**. Please send all submissions to Susan Bastnagel at sbastnagel@gmail.com and copy Alysia Sieh Badskey at alysia.sieh@trinpres.org and Larry Miller at clm974@hotmail.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: Larry Miller at clm974@hotmail.com or Alysia Sieh Badskey at alysia.sieh@trinpres.org.

Trinity's Annual Nativity Walk Is Going Virtual!

As much as we would love to be having our annual Nativity Walk in the social hall this Advent Season, we think a **Virtual Nativity Walk** could be almost as much fun!



Send in a picture – or a video clip – of your favorite crèche by **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16th**. Whether it's a clothespin crèche made by your children at Church School or a family heirloom handed down through the generations, if you'd like to share it, we'd love to see it!

Here are the steps for sending in a photo:

- Take a photo of your crèche.
- Attach the photo (highest resolution possible) to an email.
- Within the body of the email, please include a few sentences about your nativity (Is it a family heirloom? Where did you get it? Why is it so special to you and your family?)
Make sure you include your name in case we can't decipher it from your email.
- Send the email – with the photo attached – to **tpc.cherryhill@gmail.com**

If you'd prefer, you can send in a video clip where you show your nativity scene, then turn the camera on yourself and share some information about it. Keep it brief – under a minute! – then attach the clip to an email and send to **tpc.cherryhill@gmail.com**.

Our plan is to add the Virtual Nativity Walk to the end of the livestreamed worship service on Sunday, December 20th. If you can't watch it then, the recording of the Nativity Walk will be available to see on our website, **www.trinpres.org**.

So...if you've been reluctant to participate in previous Nativity Walks because it's a PAIN to pack all of the pieces up, take them to church, then bring them all back home again – all on the Sunday before Christmas - this year's VIRTUAL NATIVITY WALK is your big chance! No packing and transporting required! Any questions? Call Susan Bastnagel at 609-230-3556 or email her at sbastnagel@gmail.com.

Trinity Presbyterian Women

Virtual Christmas Communion Service

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

7:00 PM



Please join us for an evening from the comfort of your home for the PW Christmas Communion Service. We hope that you will be able to join us virtually in celebrating the Christmas season with your Trinity sisters. Please have your communion elements and a candle to light available at the beginning of the evening. All women of Trinity are welcome to attend. The link will be sent closer to the meeting date.

PW December Circle Meetings

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020 - 3rd Monday

DEBORAH: Circle Leader: Doris Sapp
Deborah Circle doesn't meet virtually, but they do keep in touch with each other, by phone.

RUTH: Circle Leaders: Susan Bastnagel and Nancy Roberts
Meeting at 7pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2020 - 4th Monday

PRISCILLA: Circle Leader: Jenny Stark
Meeting at 1pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020 - 3rd Tuesday

MIRIAM: Circle Leaders: Pam Dougherty & Smita Simpatico
Meeting at 9:30am

SHIPRAH: Circle Leaders: Sue Nork & Pati Baechler
Meeting at 7pm

REBEKAH: Circle Leader: Louisa Coffin-Tilsner
Meeting at 7:15pm
Note: Rebekaah Circle meets every Tuesday.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020 - 4th Sunday

ESTHER: Linda Craven
Meeting at 11am



Deacons Christmas Sharing



During this unusual Christmas Season, there are still ways to spread joy and hope to those who need it. One of those ways is the Deacon's Annual Christmas Sharing. We will be collecting gifts for both those at Acenda and the Urban Promise again this year. Instructions are provided on the next page. Check out the Trinity Website to find the link and instructions for signing up for individuals at Acenda and more information on gifts for Urban Promise. Help us to still make this Christmas merry!

Deacons Christmas Sharing Instructions

For Acenda Health:

You must have an Amazon account to be able to view the Acenda Health List. Gifts should range from \$25.00 to \$40.00 and wrapped. Please email Pete Desjardins at pdesjardins@wastequip.com if you want to purchase a gift for an Acenda Health recipient but do not have an Amazon account.

1. Click on the link below, this will send you to the “Acenda Health Wish List”. You can view each person’s wish list by scrolling down or on the top right corner hover over the three dots (...) next the word “More” and click on print list. It is a better view to read each wish list.
2. When you have decided on the person you would like to purchase a gift for, hit the back button if you are in print mode, click on the “ADD comment” button (bottom right of your recipients wish list). When the window opens please add your name and (optional) phone number to the comment field and hit save.
3. It is important to add your name to the comment field so it will let other people know that the recipient is selected for a gift.

This direct link will be available on the Trinity website under the special events tab.
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2BTNJI404HK3/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist#

For Urban Promise:

Gifts should range from \$25.00 to \$40.00, unwrapped and please tag the gift(s) with age group and gender.

Please read the flyer on the next page for further instructions.

There are four drop off dates for the gifts:

Friday, Nov. 27th 10:00am to 12:00am Witherspoon

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd 6:00pm to 8:00pm Witherspoon

Thursday, Dec 10th 10:00am to 12:00am Witherspoon

Friday, Dec. 16th 6:00pm to 8:00pm Witherspoon





Christmas Promise Store

UrbanPromise has 2 Christmas Promise Stores for the children and youth of our 2 schools and our afterschool programs serving nearly 700 children and youth! During the pandemic, we will still be offering the Christmas Promise Store, with the appropriate social distancing procedures in place.

This store model has returned dignity to our families by allowing them to shop for gifts for their child - no money is exchanged, just love!

Will you help UrbanPromise stock the shelves by providing a new, unwrapped gift for the Christmas Promise Store?

Gift Suggestions by age groups

K-4th grade: Superhero or Disney items - figures, shirts, pjs, towels
Board games - Connect Four, Don't Tip the Waiter, Clue Junior, Pictionary Junior
Apparel: positive logo t-shirts, sweat shirts, pjs
Arts and Craft items—jewelry making, science projects, art
Trucks, Legos, sports balls, Barbies and dolls of color

5th-8th grade: Costume jewelry, body lotions and sprays, make up and brushes,
sports balls, sporting equipment
Apparel: positive logo t-shirts, sweat shirts, team sport shirts, hats
Gift cards: Wal Mart, Target, McDonalds, Wendy's, AMC movie passes

High School: Costume jewelry, body lotions and sprays, make up and brushes
Apparel: positive logo t-shirts, sweat shirts, team sport shirts
Gift cards: Wal Mart, Target, McDonalds, Wendy's, AMC movie passes

The best rule of thumb to use is: if your child or teen would like it, so will our children and youth. Thank you!

Gift Cards MUST have the amount clearly marked!

Trinity's Annual Stewardship Campaign

Staying Connected

Trinity's Annual Stewardship Campaign continues with our virtual Stewardship Sunday service held on November 15. The theme of this year's campaign is "**Staying Connected**". Unfortunately, the pandemic has restricted our opportunities for in-person worship together and significantly impacted many of Trinity's group activities and programs. Therefore, our efforts to **stay connected** as a Church have never been more important. We are fortunate that our Church staff and many volunteers have accepted the challenges presented by the pandemic and continued to admirably serve our Church members and community over the past eight months. These efforts have required everyone to work differently and be very creative.

During the Stewardship Campaign, Church members and staff have made presentations during our virtual worship services addressing how we have transitioned to virtual worship, been creative with our youth education, accelerated our mission efforts and significantly increased individual pastoral care during the pandemic. While all of these initiatives were necessary to achieve the mission of the Church, they also resulted in additional costs that will require your financial support.

Your generous financial support of the Church during the pandemic has been amazing and a blessing! Hopefully, this support will continue in 2021 to help maintain current staffing levels, programs and mission while securing Trinity's future. You should have received your pledge card during the week of November 8. Please promptly mail your pledge to the Church office so we can develop our 2021 operating budget. If you have not received or lost your pledge, please request a new card from the Church office. Thank you for your continued support of Trinity.

2021 PLEDGE BOXES ARE HERE

For people that want their 2021 pledge boxes they will be ready in ABC order in front of the office doors. You may stop by anytime after December 1, 2020 when the office is open Monday thru Thursday 9am to 4pm.

The boxes are very expensive to mail, so please take the time to pick them up. Also if you don't need your box please email me or call the church office at 856-428-2050 and we will be sure to not send it. We will also save money by not ordering your box for the following year since I am now able to order only the boxes that are needed. Thanks so much! -Debby Talbott, Church Treasurer

Please return your Pledge Card!

Your generous financial support during the pandemic has been amazing and has enabled us to **STAY CONNECTED** in these unprecedented times!

Please promptly mail your pledge card to the Church office so we can develop our 2021 operating budget.

Can't find your pledge card? Call the Church office.

Thank you for your continued support of Trinity.





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Next Tidings deadline is December 15th for January Issue



Virtual
Worship:

9:30am

Sunday
Mornings