



Trinity Tidings

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Travelers All

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. Psalm 84:5 (New International Version)

The Bible is a story about travelers. From early on, the story is about our first parents having to leave the edenic Garden to travel to a new place. The earliest of our stories follow that theme: Noah and the ark, Abraham and Sarah journeying to the land of promise, the descendants of Abraham--the Israelites--make the exodus from Egypt to the Promised Land. Traveling is key to the story and it doesn't change when we get to the New Testament. Jesus is a traveler; he is always on the move and his disciples will follow suit, carrying the Gospel far and wide. And why wouldn't they go out with the Gospel? They had journeyed with Jesus for three years and knew that his call was a call to go and bring others to the traveling life.

Last month, six of our International members shared about their experiences of traveling to the United States. These fellow sisters and brothers came from Ghana, India, Trinidad-Tobago and Vietnam. They came for a variety of reasons and their journeys were as different as each person who spoke. The 30 or so of us who listened to these stories of life-changing travel were greatly impacted by these testimonies of journeying. Each person's journey has forever changed their lives! I personally was amazed by the tenacity and commitment of these fellow Trinitarians and reminded of how the Psalmist says that it is a blessing to have one's heart set on pilgrimage.

Of course, we are all travelers; even if we never go very far from our geographic homes, we are called to set our hearts toward an interior pilgrimage. We are the people who are asked to travel with Jesus deeper into faith, hope and love. Sometimes the call of Christ brings us across an ocean to a new land and a new people, as it did for last month's speakers and like it did for Peter, James, John and then Paul.

As I prepare for my sabbatical by reading and praying, I'm thinking about the call to travel. For some of us, that call might mean a very short bit of mileage but a vast terrain of spiritual or emotional or relational territory. As we move into this new year, how are you sensing the Spirit calling you to travel in your life? What is the new place to which you are being led? Is it to participate in some ministry or group at Trinity? Is it to mend a relationship with someone? Is it the call to simply once more set your heart on the pilgrimage that means daily walking with the Lord?

For some in our church family, God's call has lead them from foreign lands to find a home here. For others of us, we are living where we have lived for many decades. Still, some of us are in a new place and trying to learn the territory around us. Whatever the case for you, we are each invited by God to spend this year traveling with Christ--that is the pilgrimage of faith that forever transforms us.

May you and I set our hearts on pilgrimage, journeying with Jesus all along the way! If we do, we will each have great reason to be

Hoping Big, Gregory



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Trinity's Music News



Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm



Adult Bell Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Children's Rehearsals

Cherub Choir – Pre-K and Kindergarten;

Thursday 4:30-5:00pm

Carol Choir – 1st and 2nd grade; Thursday

5:00-5:40pm

Team Choir – 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade; Thursday 5:40-6:20pm

Team Bells – 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade; Thursday 6:20-6:50pm



Youth Rehearsals

Youth Choir – 6th – 12th grade; Sundays 10:50am-11:30am

Youth Bell Ensemble 6th-12th grade; Sundays 11:30-noon

Youth Instrumental Ensemble 6th -12th grade;

Rehearsal Dates to be Announced



Trinity Band and

Mahalo Ukulele Band

Rehearsal Dates to be Announced



YOU CAN MAKE MUSIC AT TRINITY!

Please call the church office at 428-2050 or e-mail Lisa Marcelli, Director of Music, at lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org for more information.

Trinity Community Concert Series

Our 2016-2017 Season



DePue Brothers Band

*Friday, March 17, 2017 * 7:30 PM*

Enjoy a vivid blend of bluegrass, classical, and rock genres performed by this band of four violin virtuoso brothers and their talented friends.

*Our concerts are open to all! Admission is a free-will offering.
A reception with light refreshments will follow each concert.*



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Trinity News and Notes



In Memoriam

Doris MacNichol

United with Trinity March 1, 1964; Died December 19, 2016

C. Dean Vaughan

United with Trinity October 20, 1968; Died January 2, 2017

*We extend our sympathies to **Bill Vaughan and family** on the death of his wife, **Dean**.*

Session Update

At its stated meeting on January 9, 2017, the Session:

- † Heard reports from the senior pastor and associate pastor about pastoral care and spring programming.
 - † Reviewed new Session committee member assignments.
 - † Approved two baptisms.
 - † Agreed with Rev. Faulkner's suggestion that he invite the Rev. Dr. David Fergusson, Professor of Divinity and Principal of New College, University of Edinburgh, to preach at Trinity during his sabbatical year at Princeton Theological Seminary.
 - † Heard a positive end of year financial report that reflected a basically balanced budget with pledge income coming in on target and expenses well-managed to come in under budget.
 - † Confirmed that benevolences for mission would be paid at 8 percent rather than a 10 percent tithe.
 - † Learned that the new website had a soft launch early in January and has been well-received.
 - † Prayed for members and friends.
- Margery Sly, Clerk of Session

Save the Date

Bus trip to New York City

Sponsored by PW

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Tickets go on sale in March.



Session of Elders

Clerk of Session

Margery Sly

Adult Ministries

Barbara DeSanto

Children's Ministries

Nancy Roberts

Finance & Stewardship

Bill Kain

Membership

Steve Skill

Mission & Outreach

Julie Blair

Personnel

Brian Dougherty

Property & Buildings

Tony Ceneviva

Worship & Music

Linda Flanary

Youth Ministries

Donna Allen

Strategy Committee

Margery Sly

Technology Committee

Tom Earp

Deacons

Moderator of Deacons

Jen Dukelow

Committee Chairs

Assistance

Martha Stem

Fellowship

Paul Guelich &

Carolyn Kramer

Service

Alison Schwarz

Visitation

Michael McBride

Adult Ministries



Faith of the Founding Fathers

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their **Creator** with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” –Declaration of Independence

Celebrate Presidents’ Day with a fascinating study of the religious beliefs and habits of our nation’s Founding Fathers. We will discuss religious trends in America in the 18th century before delving into the lives of George Washington, John Adams, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and Benjamin Franklin. Presented by Margaret Gammie on **February 19 and 26, 11:00 am in Witherspoon.**

Children and Youth Ministries

Registration is in full swing at Trinity Nursery School. Our classes are filling up for the 2017-18 school year. This good news is a reflection of our school, faculty and families of TNS! The word is out that we offer a fine early childhood program with strong Christian values lead by kind, nurturing and experienced teachers. While we do not plan a formal open house, I would encourage you to call and schedule an appointment for a tour and watch our school in action. This is a perfect way to get to know our program first hand and ask any questions that you might have.



In January we saw snowflakes, snowmen and winter white all over the hallways and inside the classrooms. Now with February fast approaching, we are beginning to see red as we near Valentine’s Day and celebrate our friendships and love for our families. The teachers will be sure to use the upcoming holiday to practice name writing on letters, cards and projects, as we get ready to send Valentine’s Day greetings! I know that all the classes will be crafting groundhogs in anticipation of Groundhog Day. We look forward to admiring all their handiwork as we await the prediction of our groundhog friend! We all hope he forecasts an early spring!!- Marina Pappas, 856-795-3123

2017-18 Class offerings:

Toddler Time: Fridays 9:45-11:15 am

2 1/2 year old: Mon & Wed, Tues & Thurs, or Mon-Thurs 9-11:30 am

3 year old : Mon, Wed, & Fri, Tues& Thurs, or Mon-Fri 9-11:30 am

3 year old: Mon/Wed/Fri 12:30-3:00 pm

4 year old: Mon-Thurs, 9-11:30 am

Extended Day & Trinity Enrichment Program: This class is currently offered to 4 year olds Mon/Wed/Fri from 12:30-1:30.

Care n' Share

Care 'n Share is still accepting **winter clothing until February 19. After that date we will be accepting Spring/Summer clothing.** You can drop off your donations during regular shop hours, **Tuesdays, Thursdays & "first Saturday" of month (February 4) 10 am to 1 pm;** and Sunday mornings before & after the 9:30 worship service. A bin has been placed in the hall for this purpose.

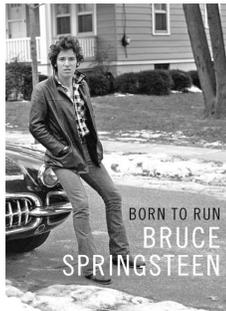


Please read Trinity's Annual Report for the list of our donations to local missions. We donated \$15,500.00 in 2016!

A reminder that we can all ways use more volunteers in the shop We are very flexible! Contact Eileen Rankin at eileenrank@comcast.net or [609-654-2221](tel:609-654-2221).

Library Corner

Our library has two new books that have received popular notice and acclaim during the last few months:



Born to Run By Bruce Springsteen

Near the end of the book, Bruce Springsteen explains “I haven’t told you all about myself. But in a project like this, the writer has made one promise: to show the reader his mind. In these pages I’ve tried to do that.”

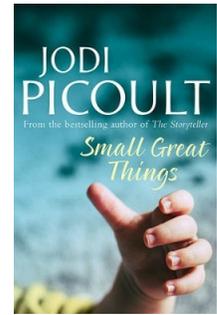
It took Springsteen seven years to write this book which begins with his Catholic, working-class Italian Irish New Jersey roots. He recounts his relentless drive to become a musician, his early days playing in bars, and the slow rise of the E Street band. He also reveals details about his personal demons—his debilitating depression, his failed first marriage, and his difficult relationship with his father.

According to the *Washington Post*, *Born to Run* is a 508-page offering that, “like his four-hour concerts,

delivers enough punch and laughter, sorrow and succor, to satisfy your soul.”

Small Great Things

By Jodi Picoult



Jodi Picoult is the author of 24 enormously popular books, including *My Sister's Keeper* and *Leaving Time*. She is known for taking on thorny issues and presenting them through relatable human situations. *Small Great Things* deals with the issue of institutional racism.

The plot centers on Ruth Jefferson, an African American who has been a labor and delivery nurse for twenty years and whose skill and bedside manner are highly valued by her hospital. But when Turk and Brittany Bauer, a white supremacist couple, give birth, they give instructions that they don’t want Ruth to touch their baby. The following day, when Ruth is the only nurse on duty, the infant goes into cardiac arrest. Should Ruth attempt to save the baby’s life or comply with the parents’ wishes? The choice she makes sets off a complex and compelling chain of events.

The story is told from three different perspectives: Ruth; Kennedy, her attorney; and Turk, the baby’s father. Ruth and Kennedy disagree fundamentally on courtroom strategy: should race be front and center in Ruth’s defense?

Like all of Picoult’s novels, the plot is inspired by a real life incident. It is also well researched with details about hospital delivery procedures and the white supremacist movement. It is fast-paced and riveting and ends with Picoult’s characteristic courtroom climax.

Also available now:

The Complete Adventures of Curious George

Children took this book out of our library so often that it was falling apart. We have purchased a new copy.

If you would like us to purchase a particular book for the Trinity Library, stop by on Sunday or contact Dottie Dunfee (dunfeet@aol.com).

PW February Circle Meetings

Monday, February 20th

1:00 p.m.	Priscilla Circle	home of Ruth Bohm
1:00 p.m.	Deborah Circle	home of Betty Hamilton
7:00 p.m.	Ruth Circle	home of Roberta Ritchie



Tuesday, February 21st

7:00 p.m.	Shiphrah Circle	home of Sheri Desjardins
7:00 p.m.	Hannah Circle	home of Nancy Thompson
7:15 p.m.	Rebekah Circle	home of Elissa Goss

Wednesday, February 15th

9:30 a.m.	Miriam Circle	Witherspoon Center, Room 2
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SAVE THE DATE! *WOMEN'S RETREAT*

March 24-26, 2017

The bi-annual Women's Retreat will take place this spring in **Cape May, NJ**. Please mark your calendar now and hold the weekend of **3/24-26/2017** for this enriching retreat experience led by our own Rev. Sarah Craven.

Registration continues through February. Scholarships are available for those who would like to attend, but are experiencing financial hardships. Speak to Rev. Craven if you would like to receive financial support to attend.



Daytime Men's Group

"911 What's your emergency? Would you know what kind of information to give to a dispatcher in case of a problem? These questions will be answered when **Jim Jamkowski from the Camden County Dispatch Center** will talk to us on **Tuesday February 21, 2017 at 10am in the Witherspoon Center**. He will talk about the Facility and the main function of the Dispatch Center. He will answer all your questions and will also tell you how much information you should give when asking for Police, Fire, and EMS. It should be a very interesting meeting. So please bring your friends to this great group meeting and have some of our great coffee and pastry. And as Ed always says Have a Super Colossal Day!



Lenten Soup 'n Sound

Wednesday lunch hour concerts

Soup lunch at 12:00 pm,
concert starting at 12:30 pm
Admission—freewill donation

March 1

Soup lunch followed by
Ash Wednesday worship service

March 8

Young Artist Feature
Jimmy Boyle, trumpet

March 15

George Bowerman, piano

March 22

Under the Oak—folk band

March 29

Cindy Vida, harp
Kate Weber, flute

April 5

Rebecca Sayer Kain
and
Lisa Kain Marcelli, vocalists



Please join Dr. Greg Faulkner
immediately following each concert
for a

Lenten Bible Study Series
located in the Hospitality Room.

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February 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2	3	4 Care n' Share 10am
5 Communion Sr. High Breakfast 10:30am Ukulele 11:30am No Sr. Highs	6 Session Meeting 7pm	7	8	9	10	11
12 Congregational Meeting 10:30am	13	14 Happy Valentines Day! 	15	16	17 NS Closed	18
19 Adult Ed 11am	20 Pricilla, Deborah 1pm Ruth 7pm Office/NS Closed Presidents Day	21 Daytime Men 10am Shiphrah, Hannah 7pm Rebekah 7:15pm	22 Miriam 9:30am	23	24 Sr. Highs 30 Hour Famine Moorestown	25 Sr. Highs 30 Hour Famine Moorestown
26 Cancer & Conv. 10:45am Adult Ed 11am W.R. 11:30am No Sr. Highs	27	28				

SUNDAY
9:30 Worship Service
9:30 Church School, Nursery-Gr. 6
10:50 Youth Choir
11 am Adult Ed—Witherspoon
11:30am Youth Bells
7 pm Senior High Fellowship (SHF) -
 Witherspoon

MONDAY
7 pm Boy Scouts—Witherspoon
BASIC

TUESDAY
10 am-1 pm Care 'n Share Shop

WEDNESDAY
6:45 pm Commissioning—Witherspoon
6:45pm Adult Bells
7:00 pm Cub Scouts—Community Room
7:30 pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY
10 am-1 pm Care 'n Share Shop
12 pm Alzheimer's Support Group—
6:30 pm AA, Witherspoon
8:00 pm AA, Witherspoon

Thurs. Children's Choirs
4:30-5:00 pm Cherub Choir
5:00-5:40 pm Carol Choir
5:40-6:20 pm TEAM Choir
6:20-6:50 pm TEAM Bells



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Next Tidings deadline is February 15 for March Issue

<p>1 JOHN 4:10</p> <p>THIS IS LOVE: NOT THAT WE LOVED GOD, BUT THAT HE LOVED US AND SENT HIS SON AS AN ATONING SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS.</p>	<p>Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am</p> <p>Church Office 9 am-4 pm M-TH (856) 428-2050</p> <p>Fax (856) 795-8471</p> <p>E-Mail trinpres@trinpres.org</p> <p>Website www.trinpres.org</p>
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