



Trinity Tidings

An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life



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A Time for Healing and a Time for Growth

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. . . . Ecclesiastes 3:1

We are now in the time of the church year referred to as Ordinary Time; it is the time when we are not in a particular season of either preparation or celebration. It is the ordinary time of daily following Christ for life. For me, this is a unique season of Ordinary Time.

Since last summer, I have been having some gastrointestinal issues and then during my annual physical (in late October), I was diagnosed as being anemic. My internist sent me to a GI doc, who ordered a series of tests to see what was happening. The good news is that nothing terribly untoward was found. The less-than-good news is that I have an umbilical hernia that is large enough that fatty tissue has come through the hernia. Last month, I met with a surgeon to discuss the possibilities of treatment, as well as the possible consequences of no treatment.

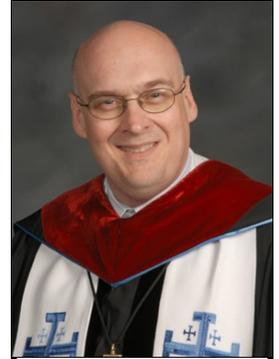
Suffice it to say that I have no desire to be in the Holy Land if the hernia's dimensions increased and caused truly serious problems. Therefore, I will be undergoing a hernia repair on Wednesday, February 6. The surgeon says that if all goes well with both the surgery and my recuperation, I will be back to work in four weeks. I have been able to secure February 6th as my surgery date, which will allow me—God willing—tomoderate both the February (the 4th) and March (the 4th) meetings of Session. This timing will also allow me to recuperate during most of February and, since Easter is very late this year, I'll return just as Lent begins in early March. Furthermore, the February 6th date means that both Sarah and Barry will be able to cover things while I'm healing and then I'm back just before Sarah leaves for a little over two weeks of continuing education in Rwanda, as well as some vacation time.

While I'm not happy to be away from work, I am grateful for the great health care our area affords us. I'm also thankful that this is a treatable problem that can—again, God willing—be repaired so I can return to ministry feeling better than I have over the last 9 months. Finally, I am more than happy that, during my recuperation, you will be blessed by the preaching of wonderful guest preachers; Jennifer Dunfee Sharp, Jonathan Miller and Jim Reese have all graciously responded to my invitation and have been glad to help us this month.

So as we continue in this season between Epiphany and Ash Wednesday—the season of Ordinary Time—pray with me that it will also be a time of ordinary healing for my body and a season of ordinary—by which I mean, *daily*—growth in Christ for our congregation. If we so pray, then we can all continue...

Hoping Big,

Gregory



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Trinity's Music News



YOU CAN MAKE MUSIC AT TRINITY!



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



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 News and Notes



Sympathies

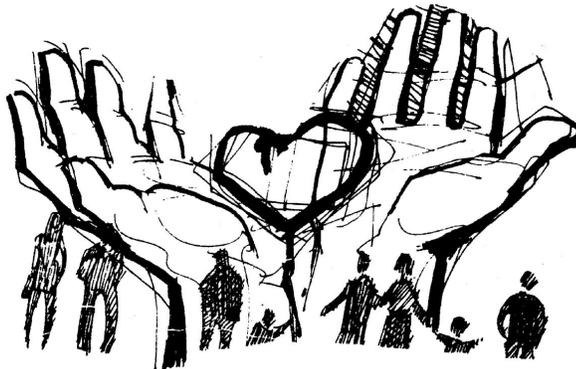
We extend our sympathies to Susan and Chris Bryfogle on the death of Susan's father, Bruce Muni.

We extend our sympathies to Dawn Dallas on the death of her mother, Dorothy Bivona.

We extend our sympathies to Kurt and Willemijn Goetz on the death of Kurt's grandmother, Martha Goetz.

Congratulations

Congratulations to MacKenzie (Slusser) & Daniel Strasle who were married in our Sanctuary on December 31. Congratulations also to mom, Chris Slusser and grandparents, Natalie and Ed Mitchell.



Session Update

At its stated meeting on January 7, 2019, the Session:

- † Discussed financial and statistical data about Trinity, charting the past ten years, and the need for a strategic retreat in the spring to discern Trinity's future.
- † Welcomed several of the incoming elders.
- † Expressed gratitude for pastors and staff for the amazing worship experiences in Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.
- † Discussed options for writing Lenten Devotionals including basing them on the star word received on Epiphany.
- † Learned of extra pastoral visits and communion shared with members during Advent.
- † Discussed new member programming and outreach options.
- † Heard a preliminary end-of-year finance report, including strong income for November and December.
- † Prayed for members and friends.

Margery N. Sly
Clerk of Session



Session of Elders

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Adult Ministries

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Children's Ministries

Nancy Roberts

Finance & Stewardship

Donna Croker

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Youth Ministries

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Service

Randy Southworth

Visitation

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Building in Our Community



Trinity Spring 2019 Habitat Work Trip- Trinity Mission & Outreach Committee would like to announce a Spring “Stay-At-Home” Work Trip. Once again, we will be teaming up locally with **Habitat For Humanity**. We will be assisting a **Habitat crew from Springfield/Columbus NJ**. Dates are **Wednesday May 29 to Friday May 31**. We will meet at Trinity in the morning and return in the afternoon when our work is complete. Please visit the Mission & Outreach table at coffee hour to find out more details and sign up. If you have any questions or are interested but can’t make it to coffee hour, please contact Chris Bryfogle at cbryfogle@comcast.net or 609-234-0691. Thanks Trinity!

IHOC Update-

Mark your calendars!

TRINITY HOSTS from March 31 - April 7

IHOC is The Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (aka "Homeless Hospitality"). Sign ups to supply meals, overnight hosts, social hosts and drivers begins in early March. Look for more information in March's Tidings.



Children's Book Drive in March!

Mission and Outreach will be running a children's book drive to benefit BookSmiles, a local organization that distributes books to children in need. We will collect during 3 Sundays in March (9, 16, 23). Watch for more information in the bulletin and March Tidings.

A Great Way You Can Help a Hurting Friend

Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can help them—tell them about our Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministers are members of Trinity who have received special training to provide high-quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are grieving the loss of a loved one, coping with a cancer diagnosis, going through a divorce or separation, battling a chronic illness (or caring for a spouse or parent who is chronically ill), experiencing a great deal of stress, facing the loss of a job—or encountering any of countless other life challenges.

Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.

To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our pastors or Stephen Ministry Leaders: Reverend Craven or George Sanders. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!



Children's Ministries

Church School

From Children's Ministries: We would like to thank the congregation, the Nursery School and Leisure Town residents for helping us collect mittens, hats, scarfs and gloves for children and adults that need some warmth this cold winter. We had a total of 248 articles that were taken to Cathedral Kitchen and handed out those coming for a hot meal. The children loved putting on their new hats and mittens. This would not have been possible without your generosity.

During the Lenten season, we will be collecting hygiene products for the Presbyterian Disaster Relief program. More details to follow in Work and Worship



Nursery School



Registration is in full swing at Trinity Nursery School. Our classes are filling up; the word is out that we offer a fine early childhood program with strong Christian values lead by kind, nurturing and experienced teachers. I would like to welcome all of our Trinity Church members to call for an appointment to tour our school classrooms and learn about our programs. We offer a variety of classes to fill the preschool needs of your children and grandchildren. Toddler Time is for our youngest friends and their parent. Our 2 ½ year old class is a drop-off class to give your child an opportunity to separate for 2 mornings a week. The 3 year old class offers 2, 3 or 5 days of morning classes. Our 4's have a 4 or 5 day option in the morning. The 4 year olds also have an extended day option 3 or 5 days. We offer lunch bunch from 11:30-12:30 each day after our AM session.

In January we saw snowflakes, snowmen and winter white all over the hallways and inside the classrooms. Now with February fast approaching, we begin to see red as we near Valentine's Day and celebrate our friendships and love for our families. This special holiday always gives the teachers the opportunity to talk about community helpers and especially the postal workers that deliver our Valentines to our family and friends. The children are practicing their printing skills by adding their names to all their valentine cards! Soon we will help our groundhog friend predict the coming of spring when we learn about Groundhog Day! We are looking forward to an early spring and the opportunity to go outside on our beloved playground! We will look for all our blooming spring bulbs on our walks back and forth from the playground!!

Marina Pappas, 856-795-3123 marinapappas@trinpres.org

MIXERS & MISSION

Who: Trinity's Teens and Tweens (6th-12th grades)

When: Once a month

Where: Trinity and the community



Making Sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen

Next Mixers:

2/10/19 – 11:45 Lunch followed in Community Room by R&M Boarding Home

4/7/19- Noon- Lunch followed by Trinity scavenger hunt

Deacon's Christmas Sharing *Thank You*

Christmas has been shared again! The Deacons would like to send out a **Big Thank You** to all who donated a gift through the Deacon's Christmas Sharing Program this year. Gifts were collected for well over 100 children at Urban Promise and 30 young adults at Robin's Nest. Clients at Robin's Nest have aged out of the foster care system but are not yet ready to live on their own. In addition, your contributions to the Deacon's Fund also helped to provide much needed food and household supplies to 10 families through Urban Promise and the 30 clients at Robin's Nest.



Thanks to the generosity of the Trinity congregation, we were able to make the Christmas season a little brighter for over 130 children and young adults in our community. Sincerely...Trinity Deacons

Membership Information Session



Membership Information Session, Sunday, February 3

Are you ready to start a new adventure? Do you feel as though something has been missing in your life and you need to fill the void? Perhaps God is calling you to enhance your relationship with Him by joining a church. Perhaps that church is Trinity.

We invite you to explore this possibility at our next Membership Information Session on **Sunday, February 3**. (Yes, we know it's

Super Bowl Sunday, but you'll be home in plenty of time to see the big game!) **Please be our guest at the Senior High Breakfast in the Community Room at 10:30**. Just tell the ticket-takers that you're a guest of the Membership Committee and they'll point you to the table with the RESERVED sign. We'll enjoy a lovely breakfast and relaxed conversation before adjourning to the Office Conference Room, where Rev. Faulkner will lead a discussion and you'll have the opportunity to ask more questions and learn what it means to be a Presbyterian here at Trinity.

Childcare is available with advance notice. Please call the church office at 856-428-2050 or visit the Membership table during coffee hour to reserve your space. All you need to bring is an open heart. We look forward to seeing you there!

Trinity Out & About:

Save the Date for the Annual Progressive Dinner
Saturday, March 23rd at 6:00pm

More info will follow soon—check your Work & Worship for details. Signups will start at the end of February. Hope to see you there!



Care n' Share

Care n' Share has had a pretty busy January. We had a couple of great sales due to "overstock"...no room on the shelves thanks to your generous donations! We are still accepting winter clothing and will until mid-February. Valentine, St. Patrick & Easter décor is also needed.

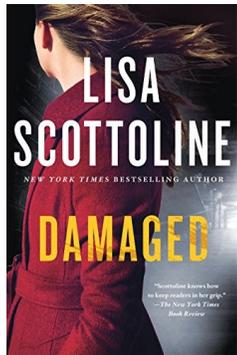


Care n' Share

Please make sure your items are all serviceable and clean. You may drop your donations off during our shop hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays & the first Saturday of the month from 10 a m to 1 pm.

If you cannot drop off during those hours please do not leave items outside on the steps or in the stairwell. Please leave your donations under the covered awning at the back ramp doors or inside the church by the side door of the Care n' Share entrance.

This would be a great time to give us a try! Email Eileen Rankin eileenrank@comcast.net or call 609-654-2221.



Library Corner

Damaged
By Lisa Scottoline

Many readers will recognize Lisa Scottoline as the author Chick Wit, a column that appears in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. She is also a *New York Times* and Edgar Award-winning author of twenty-six novels. Readers will

also recognize many of the environments where action in the novel take place since it is set in Philadelphia.

The title *Damaged* refers to the central character in the book, ten-year-old Patrick O'Brien who suffers from dyslexia. He has long been the target of bullying at school because he is shy, small for his age and unable to read above a first-grade level. The action begins when Patrick is accused of attacking a school aide who brings a law suit against him, his grandfather (who is raising him) and the Philadelphia school district.

Patrick's grandfather seeks representation from the law firm of Rosato and DiNunzio (two female protagonists who have been the center of a series of

thrillers by Lisa Scottoline). Mary DiNunzio takes the case and becomes immersed in Patrick's need for security and justice. There are tense courtroom scenes between Mary and her opposing counsel, who is aptly named Machiavelli; other villains, including the aide bringing the law suit, emerge as well. Every time Mary seems to be about to rescue Patrick, a new and unexpected plot twist impedes her success. (Spoiler alert: all's well that ends well).

In the midst of these traumas, Mary is also trying to prepare for her upcoming wedding. The wit evidenced in Scottoline's newspaper column comes through in the descriptions of dealing with nuptial arrangements and colorful family members and friends. These traces of humor provide respite from the novel's primary characteristics of "emotional depth and fast-paced action." According to *The Washington Post*, Scottoline creates "surprising, suspenseful plots with likable, daring heroines at the center."

Scottoline has done extensive research which enhances the plot and background authenticity in the novel. She reached out to experts in the fields of special education law, family law, dyslexia and early literacy intervention, child services, child psychiatrists, and homicide detectives to add realism to the situations in the novel.

The fiction section of our library also houses mystery/thriller novels by authors like Dan Brown, James Patterson, John Grisham and J.D. Robb, to name just a few.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with the Kids

This month we have put out a lot of children's books with valentine themes. Many of these were newly purchased for our library.

The Library Committee Needs Your Help!

The Library Committee is looking for someone to read and review books for Tidings every month. The reviews are due the 15th of the month before (Feb 15th for March Tidings). We are in need of someone as soon as possible. Please contact Michele Strobel at kndlkal1@comcast.net or 856-649-4087 with interest or questions."

We are also looking for new members. Our numbers are dwindling and it is difficult to keep going without the support of the congregation. Please consider joining us on the first Monday of the month at 10:30am for our meeting. The job is easy and doesn't require a lot of time. If you have any questions, please contact Michele Strobel at kndlkal1@comcast.net or

PW February 2019 Circle Meetings

Sunday, February 17th

11:00am New Circle Witherspoon Center

Monday, February 18th

12:30 p.m. Deborah Circle TBD

1:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle TBD

7:00 p.m. Ruth Circle TBD

Tuesday , February 19th

7:00 p.m. Shiphrah Circle Home of Chris Slusser

7:15 p.m. Rebekah Circle Home of Louisa Tilsner

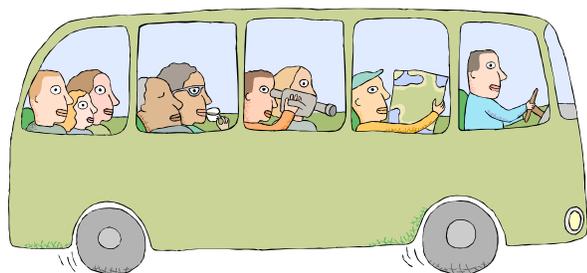
Wednesday, February 20th

9.30 a.m. Miriam Circle Witherspoon Center



New Sunday Circle

- PW is starting a new Sunday Circle. There are some women who cannot come out during the week. It will meet on the **third Sunday of the month at 11am.**
- We will be using this year's Horizons Study **God's Promise *I Am With You***. We are ordering some study books so Please let Linda Craven (Vice Moderator) know if you are interested. Our next meeting is February 17th at 11am in Witherspoon.



Save-the-Date

Bus trip to New York City

Sponsored by PW

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Tickets go on sale in March.

Women's Retreat

March 29th-31st, 2019

Forgive and Forgiven

Pastor Sarah will be leading us on different dimensions of Forgiveness.



Place:	Port-O-Call Hotel 1510 Boardwalk Ocean City, NJ
Arrival:	Friday, March 29 after 3pm
Checkout:	Sunday, 11am

Please sign up at Coffee Hour during the month of February.
Payment is due at the time of sign up.

Cost:	Single Room- \$360
	Double - \$235
	Triple - \$205
	Quad - \$190
	• Price includes room, meals, any tax, gratuities and resort fee.
	• Extra cot is available for \$25 per/night

Grab a friend and come on down.... Or make some new friends
All are Welcome!

Don't forget to let us know your meal selections:

- Lunch choices are **Chef Salad** or **Croissant-wich** with fresh herb chicken salad.
- Dinner choice is **Roast Pork Loin** Spiced Rubbed with Cinnamon Apple Cherry Compote or **Salmon Filet** Oven Roasted with Lemon Dill Butter.
- Breakfast is a buffet Saturday and Sunday.

Please contact Linda Craven for any questions (Vice-Moderator of PW)

Trinity Community Concert Series Presents
The Wind Symphony of
Southern New Jersey



Sunday, March 24, 2019 * 4:00 PM

Treat yourself to an afternoon of great music with the Wind Symphony of Southern New Jersey. This woodwind, brass and percussion ensemble has a repertoire that includes band classics, new compositions, big band tunes, and pops favorites.

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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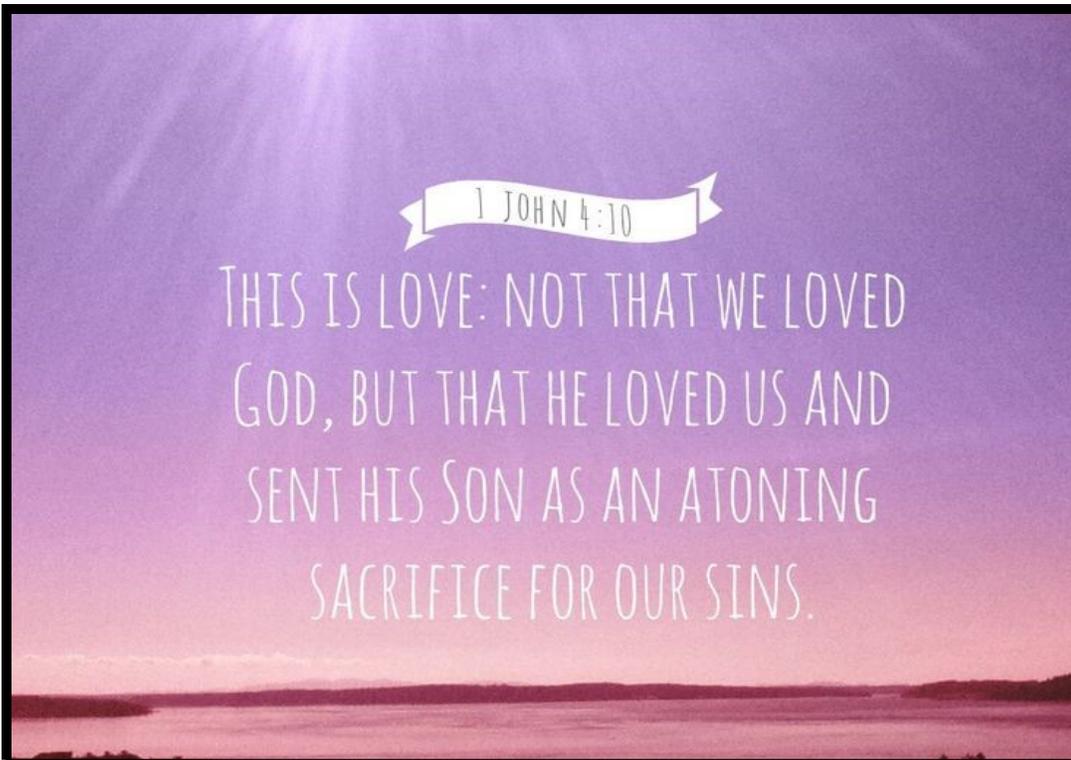
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3 Communion 9:30am New Member Info Session 10:30am Sr. High Breakfast 10:30am Ukulele 11:45am	4 Session 7pm	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 N.S. Closed	16
17 Adult Ed 11am New Circle 11am	18 Office Closed N.S. Closed Deborah 12pm Priscilla 1pm Ruth 7pm	19 Shiphrah 7pm Rebekah 7:15pm	20 Miriam 9:30am	21	22 30 Hour Famine	23 30 Hour Famine
24 Adult Ed 11am	25	26	27	28		

<p>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</p> <p>MONDAY 7 pm Boy Scouts—Witherspoon 7:30 BASIC— 2nd and 4th Monday of Month</p>	<p>TUESDAY 10 am-1 pm Care 'n Share Shop</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 6:15 pm Commissioning—Witherspoon 7:00 pm Cub Scouts—Community Room 7:30 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>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</p> <p>Thursday 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</p>
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9:30am

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