

# Trinity Tidings

*An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life*

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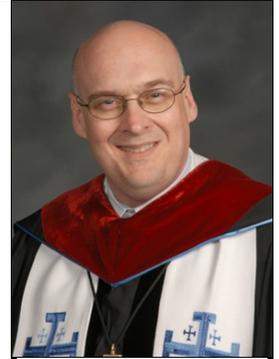
Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.  
I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."  
Psalm 91:1-2

We are taking our seats and we're chatting before the performance began when the announcement was made. "Please note the exits are located at the right and left of the stage and three exits are located at the rear of the theater." The truth is, I've never given much thought to where the exits were located in a room, but a few months prior we had had to evacuate a high-rise hotel in Baltimore due to a fire. Knowing where the exits were located now seems like a helpful piece of information.

Several months ago I asked several of our members who have special expertise in security issues and/or emergency management, to come together to form a Security Task Force. At last month's Session meeting, that Task Force gave their first report outlining various suggestions for how we can improve our security. You will be hearing about any changes to our buildings as decisions are made. You will also be hearing about any procedures that are put in place to help us be ready to respond in an emergency.

The night our family had to leave a downtown hotel, we were glad that the emergency exits were clearly marked and trained personnel were in the scene to guide us. We want to make sure that it's the same for our staff and congregation. Your Elders and the Security Task Force will continue to work toward that end. We do so knowing what the Psalmist wrote three thousand years ago is still true: "the God in whom we trust is our truest refuge."

- Gregory



## Staff

### **Pastor/Head of Staff**

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C. Faulkner

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*Trinity invites you to join us  
for  
worship, prayer & music during the  
Lenten Season*



**Wednesday, February 26**

Ash Wednesday  
12:00 pm light soup lunch  
12:30 pm service  
7:00 pm service

**Sunday, March 1**

TCCS Concert, *The Rachmaninov Trio*, 4:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 4**

Soup 'n Sound at noon: Cherry Hill High School West Chamber Singers (Young Artist Feature).  
*Join us for Soup 'n Sound every Wednesday during Lent, for a simple lunch of soup and bread at noon, followed by a concert from 12:30 – 1:00 pm. Please stay for a Lenten Bible Study at 1:00 pm. with Dr. Faulkner.*

**Wednesday, March 11**

Soup 'n Sound at noon: Jimmy Boyle, trumpet

**Sunday, March 15**

Moses and the Freedom Fanatics by Hal H. Hopson  
*The story of Moses leading the slaves out of Egypt presented by Trinity's Children's Choirs during our 9:30am worship service.*

**Wednesday, March 18**

Soup 'n Sound at noon: Carol Hamersma, guitar

**Wednesday, March 25**

Soup 'n Sound at noon: Rob Bradshaw, violin

**Wednesday, April 1**

Soup 'n Sound at noon: George Bowerman, piano

**Friday, April 3– Saturday, April 4**

24-hour Prayer Vigil

**Sunday, April 5**

Men's Palm Sunday Communion Service & Breakfast, 7:00 am  
Palm Sunday Worship at 9:30 am.  
*Palm Sunday Celebration immediately following worship in the Anteroom (crafts and family fellowship)*

**Thursday, April 9**

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Communion Service at 7:30 pm

**Sunday, April 12**

Easter Sunday Worship at 9:30 and 11:15 am  
*Choir, bells, brass and organ*

*1 Peter 1:3*

*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.*



# Trinity News and Notes



## In Memoriam

**Charles "Bud" S. Skill**

*United with Trinity October 26, 1986: Died January 20, 2020*

## Sympathies

*We extend our sympathies to Steve Skill and family on the death of his father, Charles "Bud" Skill.*



### Session of Elders

#### Clerk of Session

Jenny Stark

#### Adult Ministries

Larry Miller

#### Children's Ministries

Nancy Roberts

#### Finance & Stewardship

Brad Ritchie

#### Membership

Kris Parsons

#### Mission & Outreach

Julie Blair

#### Personnel

John Young

#### Property & Buildings

Walt Steinle

#### Worship & Music

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#### Youth Ministries

Tracy Miller

#### Strategy Committee

John Young

#### Technology Committee

Tom Earp

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#### Moderator of Deacons

Hersch Craven

#### Committee Chairs

##### *Assistance*

Pete Desjardins,

Kelly Raymond

##### *Fellowship*

Cindy Mailahn

##### *Service*

Randy Southworth

##### *Visitation*

Audrey Azevedo

## Session Update

At its stated meeting on January 6, 2019, the Session:

- Approved the December 31, 2019 membership count of 659.
- Met with members of the Trinity Security Task Force to discuss ways to improve member and staff security. Suggestions include: locking doors during Sunday service, creating a security team, purchase more AEDs, annual fire drill for adults, additional security cameras, deacon/elder training, new coded entry at door, etc.
- Learned that the Strategy Committee **approved** the expenditure of up to \$9,000 to upgrade the church office Information Technology (IT) environment and replace the phone system.
- Learned a total of 493 people were served Communion on Christmas Eve (360 at 7:00pm and 133 at 11:00pm).
- Confirmed the Elder Installation date of January 26.
- Confirmed the Budget Forum be held on January 26, at 11:00 a.m. in the Community Room.
- Heard Rev. Faulkner's report that a sponsor had been found to help support a church wide retreat this October. Stephanie Saldana, a teacher and author will lead the retreat. Ms. Saldana has written two books: "The Bread of Angels: A Journey to Love and Faith" and "A Country Between: Making a Home Where Both Sides of Jerusalem Collide".
- Heard from Rev. Craven about youth activities including: Mixers & Mission, lunch with Gen Z (college students), and a shared mission project with Temple Beth Sholom making 750 sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen.
- Learned that Rev. Craven led an Adult Ed Class discussing her trip to Rwanda.
- Discussed the church stewardship and finances: the year to date pledge income was \$554,677, \$1,353 under budget for the year and total expenses for the year were \$746,556, \$17,287 under budget for the year.
- Was reminded that the deadline for the Annual Lenten Reflection Booklet is January 15 and write-ups are needed.
- Prayed for members and friends.

- Jenny Clark, Clerk of Session

## *Adult Ed- Holy Land Reflections*

Join your fellow Trinitarians as they share their reflections about their pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We will gather in the Community Room for a time of Questions and Answers and our friends will share about their experience of Israel/Palestine and the people they encountered during their pilgrimage. We hope you will make plans to be with us on **February 23, at 11am, in the Community Room**, as we share with you about our time with the people of the Holy Land.

# 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade;

Thursday 5:00-5:40pm

Team Choir – 3<sup>d</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade;

Thursday 5:40-6:20pm

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

## **Youth Rehearsals**

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

Youth Bell Ensemble 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade; Sundays 11:30-noon

Youth Instrumental Ensemble 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org) for more  
information.

# Lenten Soup 'n Sound

## Wednesday lunch hour concerts

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

**February 26**

Soup lunch followed by  
Ash Wednesday worship service

**March 4**

*Young Artist Feature*  
Cherry Hill High School West  
Chamber Singers

**March 11**

Jimmy Boyle, trumpet

**March 18**

Carol Hamersma, guitar

**March 25**

Rob Bradshaw, violin

**April 1**

George Bowerman, piano



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

**Lenten Bible Study Series**  
located in the Hospitality Room.

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## Progressive Dinner



## Trinity Out & About

Save the Date for the Annual Progressive Dinner- Saturday, March 28th 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!

## Church School

*Thank you to our teachers for helping build our children's knowledge of God!*



## Trinity Gen Z— Catch Up!



On January 5th we had our first Generation Z Catch Up and See. While we were a small group, we were a merry group as we shared memories of past Trinity days and caught up on how everyone was doing now as we shared lunch. We're hoping to make this a bi-annual event, so if you couldn't join us this time hopefully we'll see you August 9th! Same time, same place.

**PANERA BREAD**  
2010 ROUTE 70 W  
CHERRY HILL, NJ

**SAVE-THE-DATE**  
**AUGUST 9TH**  
**NOON**

# 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 with Temple Beth Shalom*

2020 has started off on a high for Mixers and Mission! On January 12th we welcomed Temple Beth Shalom to our church for our second joint gathering. After giving them a tour of our Sanctuary, we moved to the Community Room to share fellowship over bagels and then make 750 sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen. We are thankful for all the teens who participated and the adults who helped facilitate. In the midst of all that is going on in our world, it is great to join with our Jewish brothers and sisters to serve our community together.

We look forward to seeing where this partnership with TBS might go in the future!

## **Next Mixers:**

**2/9/20** – 11:30am Lunch and Bingo with the residents of R&M Boarding Home

**4/19/20**– 12pm- Lunch at Trinity followed by Scavenger Hunt.

# Mission and Outreach



## A word about Trinity Mission and Outreach giving...

Trinity has returned to a giving tithe of 10% for General Mission. We would like to let you know how those funds were distributed. Under the categories: **Education, Sanitation/Water/Health, Food/Livelihood, Refugees and Women/Children**, we provided funds to the Protestant Institute of Arts and Social Science in Rwanda and to Missions to Egypt (Rev. Mouris Yousef). In both we have personal connections to Trinity. We provided funds for wells in underdeveloped countries and irrigation pumps in NE Nigeria; grain banks for communities and sewing machines in developing parts of the world. We provided funds for winter heating fuel and food baskets for refugees. We provided funds for Woman, Cradle of Abundance (Maman Monique Misenga

Mukuna, who was our Peacemaker speaker from Congo last September) and Wings of Hope for Trauma in Bethlehem, again with connections to Trinity.

In his Communion Meditation of January 5, Dr. Faulkner spoke of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as refugees when they fled Bethlehem for Egypt. He spoke on the tenuous position of refugees. From our beautiful, warm and safe Sanctuary at Trinity we feel compelled to provide these funds for aid and succor to our brothers and sisters. We enthusiastically welcome anyone with an interest in mission and any new mission ideas. Our committee meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Anyone interested or wanting more information please contact Eric Waraas at [ewaraas@gmail.com](mailto:ewaraas@gmail.com). Or speak to Eric or Jenny Stark at coffee hour!

## Mark Your Calendars !!

TRINITY HOSTS the men from IHOC (aka "Homeless Hospitality")

**From March 29 - April 5**

Help needed: 14 men for overnight stays, 7 warm dinners, 2 warm lunches, rides to AA meetings and Laundromat.

Sign-ups begin March 1st.



## PW February 2020 Circle Meetings

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020

Deborah	1pm	home of Lynda Ritterman
Priscillia	1pm	home of Ruth Bohm
Ruth	7pm	home of Roberta Ritchie

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020

Shiphrah	7pm	home of Jenny Leitinger
Rebekah	7pm	home of Julie Blair

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020

Miriam	9:30am	Witherspoon
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### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

Esther	11:30am	Witherspoon
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**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

## Care 'n Share

Care 'n Share is still collecting **Winter clothing until Sunday, February 16.** Our **half price sale starts on March 7** and we switch to Spring/Summer the next week. We will begin accepting spring/summer clothing the last two weeks of February.

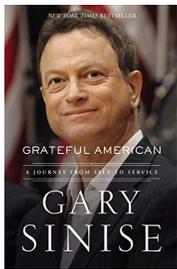


Please make sure **all** items are clean and Serviceable- that goes for housewares, toys, clothing etc.

We made \$24,000.00 in sales in 2019 and donated \$19,500.00 to local missions. Check out the details in Trinity's Annual Report.

Thanks to all of your generous donations!

## Library Corner



### *Grateful American* by Gary Sinise

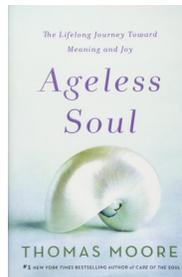
Gary Sinise has led a very eventful life. As a kid in the Chicago area, he was more interested in sports and rock and roll than reading or school until one impulsive audition for a school production of "West Side Story". There he found his purpose.

Within a few years he joined with a few friends to form an exciting theater company: the Steppenwolf Theatre Company. This ignited Gary's acting career, along with several other well known stars.

Television and film came calling, and Gary starred in several movies before the role that would change his life in unforeseen ways: Lieutenant Dan in the Academy Award winning movie, "Forrest Gump". Lt. Dan is a disabled Vietnam veteran who loses his legs in combat and carries terrible guilt for leading his platoon into an ambush.

As so many disabled veterans took the character to heart, the military community embraced Gary. He was asked to speak at the national convention of the DAV, where he was awarded a medal for his portrayal of Lt. Dan. This book tells the story of how Gary Sinise has become a champion of those disabled veterans, and even though starring in many wonderful motion pictures, such as "Apollo 13", the

disabled veterans community has become the central focus of his life. He has formed the Gary Sinise Foundation with a mission to serve and honor America's defenders, veterans, first responders and their families.



### *Ageless Soul* by Thomas Moore

Thomas Moore reveals a fresh, optimistic, and rewarding path toward aging. In Moore's view aging is a journey that needs to be embraced and cherished. Sure we may develop dents and scratches, but are beautiful nevertheless. As we go through both the satisfying and unsettling experiences of our unfolding lives, it helps to keep in mind a simple phrase: "the beauty of imperfection".

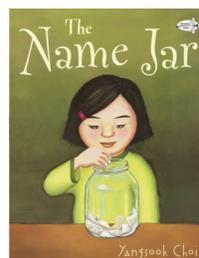
This book teaches readers how to embrace the richness of experience and how to take life on, and feel fulfilled as we grow older.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



### *Quiet* by Tomie dePaola

Grandfather takes his grandson and granddaughter on a nature walk. He shows them how beautiful and quiet nature is. They see bees, birds, frogs in a pond, even the breeze in the trees are quiet. This is a book for the very little ones - beautifully illustrated.



### *The Name Jar* by Yangsook Choi

Unhei came from Korea and was entering school in America for the first time. She loved her name, which in Korean meant 'grace', but the American children found it hard to pronounce. At first they were not so kind, but eventually they decided she needed a name that was easier to say, so they started a jar where each of her classmates would suggest a name to put in the name jar, then Unhei could choose which she liked for herself. This is for the older children, and has lessons for becoming friends with others who are different.

# Trinity Community Concert Series Presents The Rachmaninov Trio

Sunday, March 1, 2020 \* 4:00 PM



Prepare to be dazzled by The Rachmaninov Trio, featuring cellist Robert Cafaro, flutist Dmitri Kasyuk, and pianist Luba Agranovsky. Their repertoire ranges from the classics of Haydn, Beethoven, and Bach to the romantic works of Mendelssohn, Dvorak, and—of course—Rachmaninov.

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

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# February 2020

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

						1 PW One Day Retreat 9am Care n' Share 10am Fibernistas 1:30pm
2 Communion 9:30am Sr. High Breakfast 10:30am Ukuleles 11:30am	3  Strategy 6pm Session 7pm	4	5	6	7	8
9 Congregational Meeting 10:30am Deacon's 11:15am Mixers & Mission 11:30am	10	11	12	13	14 	15
16	17 Presidents Day Office/NS Closed Deborah, Priscilla 1pm Ruth 7pm	18  Shiphrah 7pm Rebekah 7pm	19 Miriam 9:30am	20	21	22 Sr. High's 30 Hour Famine 8am-8pm
23 Adult Ed- Holy Land 11am Esther 11am	24	25	26 <b>Ash</b> <b>Wednesday</b> Lunch-12pm Service-12:30pm Service- 7pm No Commissioning	27	28 	29

**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  
**7:30 BASIC**— 2nd and 4th Monday of Month

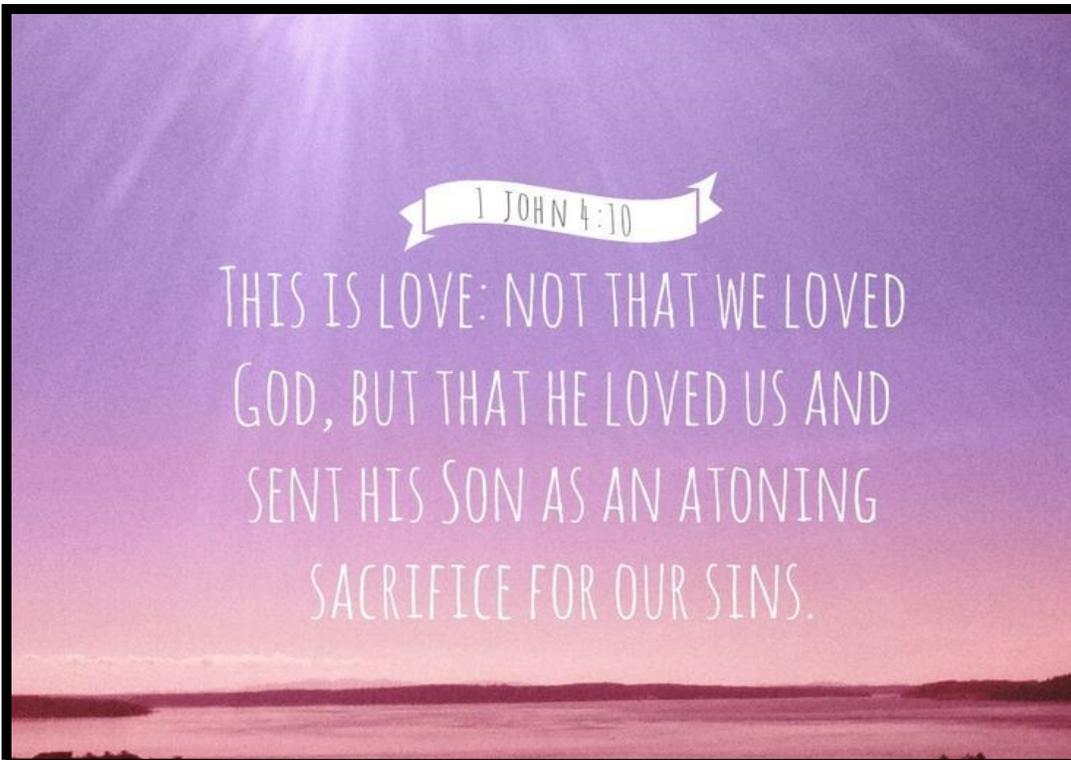
**TUESDAY**  
**10 am-1 pm** Care 'n Share Shop  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**6:15 pm** Commissioning—Witherspoon  
**6:30pm** Adult Bells  
**7:00 pm** Cub Scouts—Community Room  
**7:30 pm** Adult Choir

**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  
**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



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***Next Tidings deadline is February 15 for March Issue***



**Sunday Worship**  
9:30am

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