

# Trinity Tidings

*An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life*

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## Belonging to One Another

*I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*  
Ephesians 4:1-3

Like you, I have never had a summer like this past summer and so, I'm feeling pretty confident that I will not have an autumn like any other. Probably another way you and I are alike is that we are continuing to find (or refine) ways of coping with our present situation, a situation that causes distress due to variety of things. Here's a story that has helped me.

"Greg! What a great meeting we had last night!" she said as soon as our Zoom call had begun. "Tell me about it." My sister in Christ then went on to tell me how glad she was to be able to see people—if virtually—and to speak with longtime Trinity friends. As she talked, it was so clear to me that it wasn't necessarily the conversation or the topics discussed that had been so meaningful. It was the realization that through the simple gift of Christian connection my sister belonged to a family of faith.

While compassionate spacing has been a challenge for all of us, the ability to speak with one another as individuals and as groups continues be an incredible blessing. It has reminded so many of us that we are given the gift of "bearing with one another in love." And we all know that love—primarily God's love—changes everything for the good.

It won't be the autumn that I had anticipated when I was making plans earlier in the summer. It won't be like any of us probably wants it to be. That's all the more reason to bear with one another in love, to continue to reach out and to accept when others reach out to you. This autumn will again provide what Trinity Presbyterian Church has *always* provided: ways of staying connected.

There are all types of groups that will be meeting virtually. I sure hope you will take the opportunity during this unusual time to be part of a group. You can also renew that commitment to stay in touch individually with others. If we will do that . . . if we will bear with one another in love, realizing that we truly, really, actually belong to one another because of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, then we will have good reason to keep...

Hoping Big,  
Gregory



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## Session Update

Session did not meet in August. As mentioned last month, an ad hoc committee has been established to determine when and how the church will open. More details will follow. The next Session meeting is September 14<sup>th</sup>.

- Jenny Stark, Clerk of Session



## Trinity Zoom Groups



The church has several Zoom accounts available for use for study or fellowship. If you are interested in setting up a Zoom meeting or learning more, please contact Alycia or Sue in the church office. There is help available for first time users.

## Fellowship Group

Looking to join a small group for study and fellowship? We hope you can join the **Fellowship Group** this church season as we begin a DVD study of Christian practices. This seven-lesson study begins with "Prayer: Oriented Toward God." No preparation is needed. Just show up as you are. We will meet monthly, usually on the third Sunday, at 1:00 pm. All studies will be via Zoom.



**Please register for our first meeting scheduled Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArD0qD0qGNEAbdy9jYwSMHyJYT\\_TCc2f](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArD0qD0qGNEAbdy9jYwSMHyJYT_TCc2f)

Questions or want a direct link to join the group, Contact Jenny Stark at 609-680-6090.

## Nursery School News



Trinity Nursery School has made the difficult decision not to reopen for the 2020-21 school year due to Covid-19. The health guidelines and the number of parents choosing to keep their children home this year has made it clear that we will not be able to offer the play based program and social interaction inherent in the preschool curriculum.

We will suspend this school year and look forward by beginning registration, as always, in December of 2020 for the fall 2021 school Year. We will reach out to our current families at that time and look forward to planning another preschool year together.

The entire Trinity staff sends prayers for the continued health and well being of your families. - Marina Pappas

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#### Moderator of Deacons

Doug Nork

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##### *Assistance*

Pete Desjardins,

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##### *Fellowship*

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##### *Service*

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##### *Visitation*

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# Children's Ministries

## Church School Is Returning This Fall – Virtually!

Even though we can't be together in person, Trinity's team of dedicated Church School teachers and volunteers is going to make sure that our children can have a meaningful Church School experience this fall. We will kick things off on *Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>*.

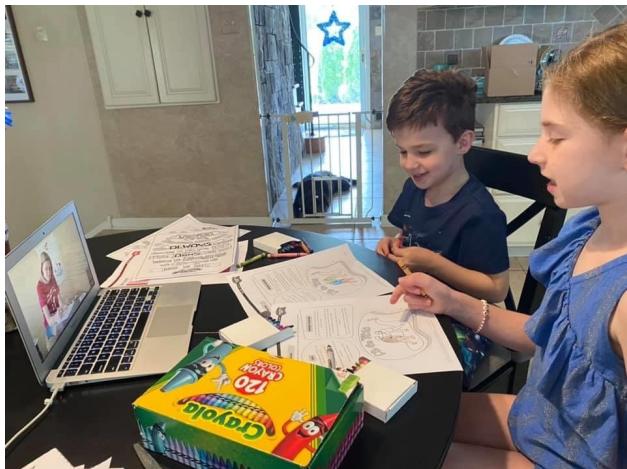
The first Sunday of the month will feature a LIVE interactive session, starting with a message from Pastor Sarah, followed by a breakout by age groups – where the children can see and interact with their classmates and their teacher.

On the other weeks, our volunteer teachers will pre-record age-appropriate lessons, so that our children (and parents!) can receive Church School teaching. Materials will be provided for crafts and Bible study.

Watch the website [www.trinpres.org](http://www.trinpres.org) and October Tidings for more details.

## Vacation Bible School Recap

While we've all been facing a lot of changes in 2020, there have been some new and fun changes over this summer. One of those was Compassion Camp! Trinity's first Virtual VBS was led by Pastor Sarah and Miss Lisa throughout the month of July. We learned about having compassion for ourselves, others, and even the world through story, music, crafts, and action. It was a great way to stay connected and grow together with God whenever and wherever we were. If you missed Compassion Camp and are curious, don't worry the five weeks are on our Youtube page and can be viewed anytime! Look for more fun to come in the future!



**HE HATH MADE OF ONE BLOOD ALL NATIONS**

## A Trinity Town Hall About Race

### Our Next Town Hall: Race & The Disparity of Medical Resources

Perhaps you read Frank Kunkar and Sarah Gantz's article in the July 21 Edition of *The Inquirer*. The article reported a break down of the number of hospitalizations due to the coronavirus. Kummer and Gantz pointed out what other journalists, along with scholars and researchers, have noted: the impact of COVID-19 has been something of a mirror showing us some of the disparities in health care that exists in our nation.

**On Sunday, September 13th at 10:30 a.m.** you are invited to join us for our next Town Hall on Race where our discussion will be about the impact of race on medical care in America. You may find the link to the Zoom meeting at [trinpres.org](http://trinpres.org) and you will also receive it in our next email.

We hope you will join Dr. Kwasi Manu, Dr. Faulkner and others as we discuss medicine and race in a time of pandemic.

### School Supply Drive Continues this Month!

Do you remember the excitement of starting a new school year and having fresh school supplies? Having fresh crayons, notebooks, erasers, and sharp pencils do a lot to put young scholars in the mood to learn! The next time you are in the store, please think of that and pick up some supplies for today's students.



The deacons will continue to collect school supplies during the month of September for use by the students at Urban Promise. Items needed are: Lysol Wipes, Lysol Spray, Hand Sanitizer, Children's Masks, Whiteboard Markers (Whiteboards are not being shared this year so each classroom will need its own supply of these markers), Notebooks, Pencils, Pens, Crayons, Glue Sticks, Loose Leaf Paper, Erasers, Pencil Sharpeners, Rulers, Tape, Markers, Construction Paper, Printer Paper, Two Pocket Folders, Backpacks and Pencil Cases.

**Collections will take place on September 3rd and September 17th, from 10am-12pm, outside Witherspoon Center.** Any contributions you can make will be greatly appreciated by the students and teachers at Urban Promise. Let's get the year off to a good start! If you have any questions regarding the drive, please contact Pete Desjardins (856) 649-8145.

# Deacons Summer Sharing

Thank you to all who participated in the Deacons Summer Sharing Mission on Thursday, August 6th, 2020. The collection was for Urban Promise and Ascenda along with the normal collection for Cathedral Kitchen. It was a tremendous success and the teamwork at the collection site and the delivery of items was a true reflection of Trinity serving the community in which we live, work and worship. The included pictures show what a wonderful day it was for Trinity.

What we collected in two hours was more than what we would normally do in years past and please know that Urban Promise and Ascenda were extremely pleased and we far surpassed their expectations. One of the pictures shows the items collected and broken into two separate piles. Every item they requested we collected from our Trinity Members that day.

Last but surely not least we would like to thank, Hersch Craven, Nancy Roberts, Pete Desjardins, Barb Clarke and Lisa Armstrong for their help and collaborative effort with the collection and delivery.

Please know the Deacons have and will continue to support the Mission and Outreach programs of Trinity! Thank you, Doug Nork— Moderator of Deacons



## The Challenge to Learn and Grow

Will you accept the challenge? **21 days to study, learn, reflect and act towards Racial Equity.** We invite you to prayerfully commit to deepening your understanding of racism. Trinity will be undertaking the challenge **beginning November 1.** Each day you will select from a wide array of articles, podcasts and videos to read and reflect on. Weekly reflection groups will give you the opportunity to share and discuss what you have learned. At such a time as this, we invite and encourage you to take the challenge. More details on how to sign the pledge and take the challenge are coming soon! If you have questions, please contact Eric Waraas at [ewaraas@gmail.com](mailto:ewaraas@gmail.com) or 856-465-1016.

## Movie Discussion Group

On **Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 join Trinity members and friends for a Zoom discussion of the movie **“Just Mercy—A Story of Justice and Redemption.”** The movie is available on most viewing platforms including Redbox for \$1.99, Amazon Prime/YouTube for \$5.99, Verizon on Demand for free, and from most local libraries. But don’t worry, if you can’t find the movie on your own, we will hold a **Watch Party on Friday, October 2 at 7:30 pm** on Zoom. You must register in advance for these events.

### October 2<sup>nd</sup> Watch Party registration:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwudu6gqDgiH9ISstau\\_uKoxqXizDx5tWR9](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwudu6gqDgiH9ISstau_uKoxqXizDx5tWR9)



### October 4<sup>th</sup> Movie Discussion registration:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrcu6hrTgrHd2CVgyQarojFAEEEbq7OPiU>

Contact (text) Jenny Stark (609-680-6090) or Eric Waraas (856-465-1016) for more information.

## Care 'n Share

Care 'n Share is following the lead of Trinity's Elders as to when it will be safe to open the church and the Care 'n Share shop. We are reviewing models on how other thrift shops are being run.



In the meantime, PLEASE NO DONATIONS until further notice!

## 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](mailto:sarah.craven@trinpres.org) for the link. Hope to see you there!

## Trinity Presbyterian Women

### PW Installation Dinner Gathering on Zoom

On Tuesday, August 4, Trinity women gathered on Zoom for our PW Installation Dinner Meeting.

Everyone seemed so happy to see and catch-up with each other. Some made the previously suggested recipes for the Chicken Salad and the Cucumber

Sparkling Beverage. This allowed us to "share the same meal" together, while in a small group setting. Then we all gathered again for the installation of the current

Trinity PW Board and Circle Moderators. It was a blessing to see and be connected with all the wonderful women in attendance that evening.



### PW Trinity Fall Gathering

Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 6:30 PM

Please join us for an evening from the comfort of your home to see and reconnect with your Sisters in Christ at Trinity on Zoom. We will socialize for the first part of the meeting in small groups. Then we will join back together to have a special guest talk about meditation and relaxation. All women of Trinity are welcome to attend. The Zoom link will be sent closer to the meeting.

# Stay Connected!



## Connect with Trinity:

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Instagram: [Instagram.com/trinpres](https://Instagram.com/trinpres)

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Cherry Hill, NJ, 08034

## *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 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**— Many groups at Trinity 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.

**\*Please check with your group leaders to see if any Trinity groups will be meeting online in September\***



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***Next Tidings deadline is September 15th for the October Issue***



Then all things will be given to you. | **Matthew 6:33**

Virtual  
Worship:

9:30am

Sunday  
Mornings  
in August