



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



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

Sunday, November 29—9:30am

First Sunday in Advent—Communion Service

Sunday, December 6—9:30am

*Children & Youth Christmas Music followed by
Advent Festival and PW Cookie Sale*

Tuesday, December 8—6:30pm

Presbyterian Women

Christmas Dinner & Communion Service

Sunday, December 13—9:30am

*Adult Choir presents K. Lee Scott's "Gloria"
Christmas Sharing Delivery—our Deacons
deliver gifts to needy families*

Sunday, December 20—9:30am

*Christmas Worship with hand bell music & concert band
Nativity Walk immediately following the service—enjoy a cup of coffee while
viewing dozens of favorite crèches shared by our members*

Thursday, December 24—Christmas Eve

4:00pm *Family Worship Service & Pageant*

7:00 and 11:00 pm *Candlelight Communion with
Pre-service music, choir and brass*

Christmas Eve Social following the 7 pm service

Sunday, December 27— 9:30 am *Sunday Worship*

Sunday, January 3— 9:30 am *Epiphany Sunday
Communion & Choir*



Nativity Walk



Join us for the Second Annual Trinity Nativity Walk! Last year's Nativity Walk was a big success with about two dozen crèches on display. The Membership Committee is planning this year's Nativity Walk to take place after worship on **Sunday, December 20th**. Bring in your favorite crèche before the service that morning and set it up in the designated location in Fellowship Hall. During Coffee Hour, members of the congregation will walk around to view the various nativity scenes. 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 for the morning, we'd love to see it! You'll take your crèche home with you that day. If you're interested in participating, please sign up during coffee hour on December 6 or December 13.



Christmas Eve Social

Don't miss our annual Christmas Eve Social, held in **Fellowship Hall at the close of the 7:00pm candlelight communion service**. This is the perfect opportunity to share a warm drink and a sweet treat, and conversation with special people on the eve of Christ's birth. What better way to begin your Christmas celebration?

See you there!



Merry

**Christmas from
Your Trinity
Staff!**

Staff

**Pastor/Head of
Staff**

The Rev. Dr. Gregory
C. Faulkner

Associate Pastor

The Rev. Ms. Sarah
Craven

Parish Associate

The Rev. Mr. Barry
Gruver

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Associate**

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Larry Hall

**Director of
Nursery School**

Marina Pappas

Trinity's Music News



Adult Choir Rehearsal

New members are always welcome!

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm



Children's Choirs Rehearsals

New members are always welcome!



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 Choir Rehearsal

New members are always welcome!



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; rehearses as needed



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

Join Us for Our 26th Season!

Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 7:30 PM

Cherry Hill East/Cherry Hill West Vocal Ensembles

*East meets West as students from Cherry Hill's
high schools join voices in a special performance
that the whole family will enjoy!*



Save the Date! Also Performing in Our 26th Anniversary Season:
Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 4:00 PM Gleeksman-Kohn Children's Choir
of the Settlement Music School



*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...



Bill Carson

United with Trinity October 13, 1967; Died November 23, 2015

Ben Callaway

United with Trinity February 22; Died November 15, 2015

Claudia Miller

United with Trinity May 16, 1982; Died November 3, 2015

Mary Ellen Branin

United with Trinity July 4, 1965; Died November 10, 2015

Sympathies...

We extend our sympathies to Larry Miller and family on the death of his wife, Claudia Miller.

Baptisms...

We rejoice with **Carolyn and Gregory Keresztury** on the baptism of their daughter **Harper Quinn**.

We rejoice with **Julie and David Roncinske** on the baptism of their daughter **Nora Magdalene**.



Session Update

At its stated meeting on November 2, 2015, the Session:

- † Approved the October membership count of 826.
- † Met with Hayley Cohen to discuss her desire to move from inquirer status become a candidate for the ministry and forwarded approval to the Presbytery.
- † Discussed the marriage equality forum and continued the discernment process.
- † Received a financial report which noted that income has been in line with the budget, excepting the Nursery School deficit.
- † Read a thank you note from the Presbytery for hosting the 175th anniversary service.
- † Thanked and dismissed the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.
- † Rejoiced in the November 1 installation service for Rev. Craven.
- † Approved building use requests.
- † Prayed for members and friends. Occasional aide

Margery Sly, Clerk of Session



Session of Elders

Clerk of Session

Margery Sly

Adult Ministries

Eby Banas

Children's Ministries

Linda Craven

Finance & Stewardship

Stan Applegate

Membership

Susan Bastnagel

Mission & Outreach

Donna Croker

Personnel

Janet Cohen

Property & Buildings

Walt Steinle

Worship & Music

Linda Flanary

Youth Ministries

Stacey Blackmer

Strategy Committee

Margery Sly

Technology Committee

Tom Earp

Deacons

Moderator of Deacons

Cosmo Digneo

Committee Chairs

Assistance

Ron Schon & Denise

Ceneviva

Fellowship

Kim Windt

Service

Sarah Payne & Lex

Parsons

Visitation

Melissa Smith

Adult Ministries

Adult Education

" The time has come, the Walrus said,
To talk of many things,
Of shoes and ships and sealing wax
Of cabbages and kings ".

This was how one of the characters in Alice in Wonderland reminded the other characters of the need to begin the conversation.

How do we as adult children begin the conversation with our older parents about their finances, health, wills or advance directive? How do we tell them that that maybe they should no longer drive? Or as we grow older as parents, how do we tell our adult children about our health, our finances or the need to go to a facility other than our home?

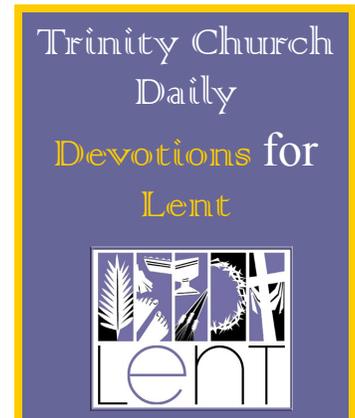


Join us on December 6 and 13 as our own Rev. Barry Gruver leads us in our discussion of *Beginning the Conversation*. It will be at the Witherspoon Center, 11 AM, right after the coffee break.- Eby

Lenten Devotional– Time to Reflect

Thanksgiving, for many, was the time to reflect on the blessings of life. What a perfect time, too, for you to reflect on your life as a Christian. How has God sustained you? How have you been helped through hard times? How are the joys and blessings of your life manifest in small, everyday moments? What Biblical verses capture your thoughts or give you determination, comfort or fill you with the awe of God's grace?

Once again, Trinity plans to publish a **Lenten Devotional** with reflections from our own congregation. You may remember from devotionals of the last three 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 printing of the devotional needs to start on January 30 so it will be ready for distribution beginning Ash Wednesday (Feb. 10), the date due for submission has been established as December 31. Please send all submissions to SUSAN BASTNAGEL at sbastnagel@gmail.com and copy Alysia Sieh Badskey alysia.sieh@trinpres.org. 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 question please contact: Eby L. Banas at ebvlbanasmd@gmail.com, Barbara De Santo at desabarb@aol.com, or Alysia Sieh Badskey at alysia.sieh@trinpres.org.

Adult Education Forum in Review

Former Anchorwoman Lu Ann Cahn Speaks at Trinity



On October 25, 2015, Trinity's *Cancer and Conversation* presented its third October Forum in the Community Room after the morning service. Different from other years that featured noted Cancer doctors who spoke about new approaches to treatment, this year's Forum focused on survivorship and how we might begin to face all of the "game changers" that may come our way.

Featured speaker was former Channel 10 anchorwoman LuAnn Cahn, herself a survivor of breast cancer, kidney cancer and ulcerative colitis, who discussed how she had challenged herself to get her life "unstuck" by daring herself to try something new each day for one year.

In conversation with our emcee, her former channel 10 colleague, *Cancer and Conversation* member Terry Ruggles, LuAnn spoke of her self-challenges and how a blog of those attempts developed into her book *I Dare Me, How I Rebooted and Recharged My Life by Doing Something New Every Day*.

The audience of 75 Trinity members and friends was delighted by her openness and by her determination to overcome great odds. She hopes that her ability to challenge herself as a remedy for the game-changing obstacles that life put in her path will inspire other to get their lives "unstuck."



Cancer and Conversation would like to thank Ms. Cahn and Terry Ruggles for the inspiring program. Special thanks, too, to the Trinity members and friends who hand crafted 199 pillows, 26 hats and 6 lap throws for Cancer patients in the south Jersey area. The pillows have been passed on to *Mothers Matter* for their Cancer Care Baskets and the hats and lap blankets have been delivered to chemo centers at Cooper and Thomas Jefferson hospitals.

For those who missed the Forum or would like to know more about Lu Ann Cahn's year of challenges, *Cancer and Conversation* has purchased a copy of her book for the church library.

Deacons-Christmas Sharing

The Deacons are pleased to announce the return of the **Christmas Sharing Program** for 2015. Please visit the Deacons' table in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. At the table, you can sign up to buy a Christmas gift for a child from Urban Promise or a client from Robins' Nest. When you sign up, a form with specific gift suggestions will be provided to help you complete your shopping. Gifts may be returned to the church beginning **November 29th** and will be accepted until **1 pm December 13th**. Gifts for Robins' Nest should be returned wrapped, while gifts for Urban Promise should be brought to the church unwrapped. Please contact Denise Ceneviva at [\(856\) 489-1386](tel:8564891386) or at dceneviva@verizon.net with any questions, and thank you for your generous support.



Gifts that Change the World

Alternative Gift Market

Are you looking for a Christmas gift with meaning for the friend or teacher who has everything? The Mission and Outreach Committee of Session kicks off our annual Alternative Gifts market the first week of December and will continue for the next three weeks (**Dec. 6, 13 and 20**) For as little as \$5.00, your gift can help change the world. Your donation can buy nails for Habitat or building materials for our Trinity Youth Mission Trip. Or share internationally with bed nets for children in Africa and much needed medicines for the the poor. Each gift comes with a card to send to the person you wish to honor. The card identifies the gift you have chosen--all you need to do is add your personal greeting and give or mail the card. Visit the Mission and Outreach table for more information at coffee hour.



Children and Youth Ministries

Church School News

Save-the-Date- The Advent Festival is **December 6th!** Join us following the service.



Senior Highs



The youth have been keeping busy this fall at Trinity- between attending Johnsburg's Fall retreat, our pancake breakfast, Crop walk, serving at the PW Christmas event, finishing a study on politics, and many other things, it's hard to believe it is already the end of 2015.

As we look forward to 2016 we anticipate many more amazing experiences including Triennium. Triennium only happens every three years and is a once in a life time opportunity where our youth gather with 6,000 other youth from both the USA and other nations. It is a time they worship, join in small groups, fellowship, and grow in their faith. This year's theme is Go! and as we kickoff our spring semester in youth, we definitely will be going as we hope to serve through Broad Street Ministries, host the 30 Hour Famine, and still gather for study and fellowship every Sunday evening.



In this Christmas season filled with expectation, may you find joy, hope, and love. I find much joy and hope as we look forward to another wonderful semester studying, serving, and getting to know the youth at Trinity. If you ever have questions about our youth program please don't hesitate to call or email me.

-Grace and Peace, Pastor Sarah

Children and Youth Ministries

Nursery School News



The children at Trinity Nursery School are practicing their Christmas and holiday songs for our end of the month Christmas Sing-a-long. We will join together and celebrate before we break for vacation and celebrate the beginning of 2016!

We will begin registration for the 2016-17 school year in December. Our in house registration will begin mid month, on December 14th, for families already enrolled at Trinity Nursery School. We will begin general registration, for all new families, after January 5, 2015. Please remind your friends and neighbors about our 50 plus years of outstanding early childhood education.

We will offer our Toddler class, 2.5 year old, 3 year old, 4 year old classes and our bridg-a-garten class. We will also continue to offer our 3 day enrichment class that runs until 1:30. Call 856-795-3123 to schedule a tour.

We also offer ongoing enrollment and welcome families throughout the school year. Many families will decide in January that their child has matured enough to partake in a class they would not have managed in the early fall. We can always accommodate these children at Trinity Nursery School. We have limited openings in our current classes, so please call to schedule a tour. –Marina Pappas, Director

Trinity Out & About with Singing City presents *Christmas by Candlelight*



Trinity Out and About invites you to join them in the city to celebrate the season with Singing City and the Philadelphia Brass. "**Christmas by Candlelight**" will be held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 1904 Walnut Street, on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy a festive program of traditional and popular carols from Britain and beyond, featuring works by Stephen Chatman, Daniel Pinkham, Anton Bruckner, Jennifer Higdon, and more! There will even be an opportunity or two for the audience to join in the fun! Stay afterwards and attend a post-concert reception where you may mingle with the artists while enjoying some delicious treats. You may purchase tickets in advance at a discounted rate on Nov. 29, Dec. 6, and Dec. 13 after worship, in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$20/adult, and \$10/student. Contact Betty Stockwell with any questions: bstock55@comcast.net.



Care n' Share

Care n Share has been very busy with all the quality clothing, house wares, Christmas decor , etc. that you donated! Check us out!!



Donations can be dropped off during regular business hours : **Tuesdays Thursdays, & 1st Saturday "of month (December 5) from 10 am to 1 pm. Also on Sundays following the 9:30 Worship service.**

We will be closed during the Christmas & New Year holiday; December 22, 24, 29, 31 & January 2.

Looking forward to 2016 perhaps you could volunteer a few hours a week?

Also check out the Trinity Annual Report in January for the local missions that received approximately \$8,000 from Care n Share this Fall! Again, thanks to your generous donations!

Have a Blessed Christmas- Eileen Rankin

Library Corner

Our Trinity Library houses more than fifty books about Christmas. Come see the books on display and on the table in the children's section.

This season we are featuring books with beautiful illustrations. They can be read to small children, read by older children themselves, or read together as a family:

The Nativity

The Christmas Creche at the Metropolitan Museum of Art

Christ's nativity is told in the words of the King James Bible and illustrated with full color photographs of the eighteenth century Neopolitan crèche at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

We Three Kings

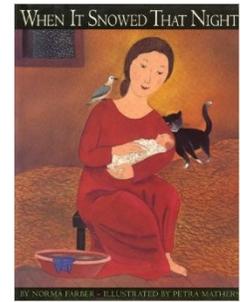
This beloved Christmas carol celebrates the Wise Men's journey and the first Christmas night. Exquisitely detailed paintings by renowned artist Gennady Spirin illustrate the story.

When It Snowed That Night

By Norma Farber

Illustrated by Petra Mathers

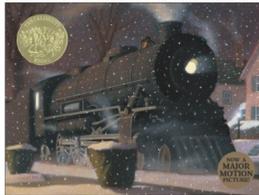
Especially designed for younger children, this book is a collection of poems told from the point of view of animals that might have witnessed the birth of the baby Jesus.



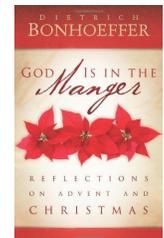
The Nativity Story

Illustrated with scenes from the movie, this books describes the months leading up to the birth of Jesus, the wonder it created, and the family's escape to Egypt.

Our Library also has many of the all-time favorite Christmas books for children: **The Night Before**

Christmas, The Polar Express
 **Christmas, The Polar Express, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, The Littlest Angel, and Yes, Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus.**

For adults, we have a book of Christmas reflections by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, **God Is in the Manger**, and Christmas sermons by Martin Luther, and a wide selection of Christmas devotions and stories.



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).

HELP WANTED!



The Library committee is looking for a volunteer to **read to our nursery school classes one weekday morning a month.** We also need the expertise of a librarian, either to join the committee or be available as a consultant. Contact Barbara Cardea (856-428-0203) or Dottie Dunfee (dunfeet@aol.com).

PW December Circle Meetings

Friday, December 4th

7:00 p.m. Siphrah Circle home of BethAnn Ritter

Monday, December 14th

1:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle home of Carole Waraas

Tuesday, December 15th

6:30 p.m. Rebekah Circle home of Julie Blair

Wednesday, December 16th

12:00 p.m. Miriam Circle Cucina Carini

Sunday, December 20th

4:00 p.m. Hannah Circle home of Natalie Mitchell

Monday, December 21st

6:30pm Ruth Circle home of Anyce Miles

To Be Determined: Deborah Circle



PW Christmas Dinner and Communion Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015

Prepare for Christmas – come to the PW Christmas dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by Worship and Communion at 8:00 p.m. If you cannot make dinner at 6:30, come to the Worship Service at 8:00!

All women are invited to attend.

COST: \$15.00

*Dinner is fully catered and will be gluten free. Main course is chicken with asparagus

*Ticket sales will begin on 11/15/15

*Free will offering will be collected



Save-the-Date NYC Spring Bus Trip- April 13!



December 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2	3	4	5 Care n' Share 10:00am Kids Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Band 12:30pm
6 Communion Kids & Youth Choir 9:30am Advent Festival PW Cookie Sale 10:30am Youth Music Elf Party 2pm	7	8 PW Service and Dinner 6:30pm	9	10 No Choir No Bells	11 Shiphrah 7pm	12 Gloria Rehearsal Band 9am Choir 10m
13 Adult Choir Gloria 9:30am Christmas Sharing 10:30am	14 Priscilla 1pm	15 Rebekah 6:30pm	16 Miriam 12:30pm No Commissioning	17 No Choir No Bells	18	19
20 Christmas Bells and Bands 9:30am Nativity Walk 10:30am Hannah 4pm Christmas Eve Rehearsal 11:15am	21 Kid's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 4:30pm	22 Care n' Share Closed	23 NS Closed No Choir No Bells No Commissioning	24 Christmas Eve Worship 4pm, 7pm, 11pm Christmas Social 7pm	25 	26
27	28 Office/NS Closed	29 NS Closed Care n' Share Closed	30 NS Closed No Choir No Bells No Commissioning	31 New Year's Eve Office/NS Closed No Church Meetings or Music		

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

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 Choirs

THURSDAY

10 am-1 pm Care 'n Share Shop
12 pm Alzheimer's Support Group—

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
6:30 pm AA, Witherspoon
8:00 pm AA, Witherspoon



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Next Tidings deadline is December 15 for January Issue



December Highlights

December 6– Advent Festival and PW Cookie Sale, 10:30am

December 8– PW Christmas Dinner and Communion, 6:30pm

December 20– Nativity Walk, 10:30am

December 24– ***Christmas Eve Worship***
Family- 4pm, Candlelight- 7pm & 11pm
Christmas Eve Social– 7pm

Sunday Worship Service

9:30 am

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9 am-4 pm M-TH

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