



Trinity Tidings

An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life



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Trying Can Become Doing

He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.

Luke 11:2

When I was nearing the end of my high school career (something happening for a large part of our Trinity Senior High group), Star Wars was all the rage. In 1980, The Empire Strikes Back introduced my favorite character in the Star Wars franchise, a small, green-skinned, large-eared Jedi master by the name of Yoda. Of his many quotes, I always remember: "Try not. Do...or do not. There is no try." Those words have been placed on motivational posters and printed on T-shirts. In the 80's, it was passed around as a deep philosophical take on life: *Do...or do not. There is no try. When asked about prayer, Jesus doesn't say, if you pray. He says, when you pray; his assumption is clear, his followers will not try to pray, they will pray.*

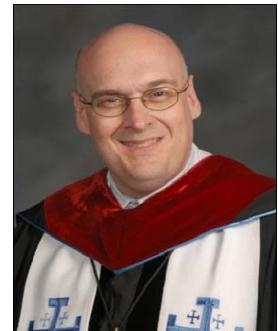
I still like Yoda, but I'm not convinced his Jedi philosophy works in the real world, especially the real world for followers of Jesus Christ. What would happen if we were stuck with only the things we were willing (or able) to do, without the addition of the things that *we are only able to try?* Trying is important in the Christian life and, in my experience, it takes a lot of trying to be able to do.

Take for instance our last month's 24-hour Prayer Vigil. We had nearly a 40% increase in our participation this Spring and that has been so gratifying for me personally. Beyond that, it has been inspiring to hear people say things like, "I'd never done anything like this before, but I thought I'd give it a try." Almost everyone who has participated in a Prayer Vigil has come out of the experience saying: That was amazing; sign me up for next time. We've gone from close to 50 participants last year to well over 70 participants this year. All because we tried something. It was something of a risk for the Session to propose the 24-hours of prayer and it has been a bit of a risk for many of our members to participate for an hour of quiet prayer.

Trying is important. Trying again and again is often what gives rise to those practices that shape who we are. In our church family, prayer is something we are all trying to make a part of our daily lives. That trying is being used by the Holy Spirit to nurture us in faith, hope and love.

As we move into the summer, a time when we often have a bit more time, would you try to spend a few more minutes with the Lord in prayer? Trying to pray--every day, trying--could very well lead, before too long, to you doing it everyday. Nothing could be sweeter than for us all to continue to try to become people of prayer.

Gregory



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Trinity's Music News



Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.

New members are always welcome!



Children's Choirs Rehearsals

Thursdays

New members are always welcome!



Children's Choir Rehearsal Times

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

Sundays

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.

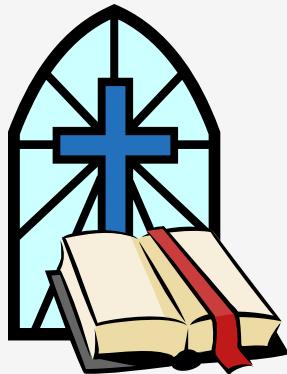


Session Update

At its stated meeting on April 7, 2014, the Session:

- Received letters and e-mails of thanks from Presbytery officials for hosting the Presbytery of West Jersey meeting in March.
- Learned that the operating budget was on track.
- Continued planning for the prayer vigil for April 11-12.
- Heard a report from Pam Dougherty, chair of the Capital Campaign Implementation Committee, including discussing preliminary cost estimates and schedules for sanctuary improvements.
- Prayed for members and friends.
- Learned that Princeton Seminary will pay the stipend for a field education student to work approximately 10 hours a week at Trinity for the 2014-15 church year, helping with children's ministries, pastoral care, and worship.
- Settled on Sunday, September 14, for Rally Day, and discussed programmatic options for the day.
- Approved the monthly membership count of 794.
- Discussed the Session's role at the dinner for the Commissioning class.
- Learned that Trinity would be hosting the monthly meeting of the Cherry Hill Religious Leaders Coalition.
- Received the SurveyMonkey link to provide feedback to the Personnel Committee for Rev. Faulkner's annual evaluation.
- Held a Board of Trustees meeting to elect corporation officers for the year: John Young, President; Debby Talbott, Treasurer, Peter Bowman, Secretary.
- Heard a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee that the most recent match from the Church Leadership Connection had resulted in over 20 new candidates and that Skype interviews with several would occur during April.

Margery Sly, Clerk of Session



Session of Elders

Clerk of Session

Margery Sly

Adult Ministries

Linda Thorpe

Children's Ministries

Linda Craven

Finance & Budget

John Young

Membership

Nancy Roberts

Mission & Outreach

Donna Croker

Personnel

Janet Cohen

Property & Buildings

Bill Strobel

Worship & Music

Linda Flanary

Youth Ministries

Christine Slusser

Strategy

John Young

Technology

Tom Earp

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Moderator of Deacons

Cosmo Digneo

Committee Chairs

Assistance

Brian Hamilton

Fellowship

Kim Windt

Service

Marguerite Houck &
Peggy Finger, co-chairs

Visitation

Melissa Smith

APNC Update

The search for our Associate Pastor continues! Your Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (Ed Behrens, Janet Cohen, Cathy Martin, Tracy Miller and Bob Thorpe with alternates Alene Bowen and Mark Miles) has been working since April 2013 on the various facets of the search. This included a descriptive Mission Information Form based upon the 2012-2013 Mission Study. The MIF was approved by Presbytery in July, uploaded to the PCUSA website in August and we began reviewing candidates in September. Although we have held interviews with several candidates, none has been a good fit for the enthusiastic, energetic and experienced candidate we seek. Last month, the West Jersey Presbytery approved a revision of our minimum number of years of experience (it had been four) to those candidates holding "ordained" status. We have now begun to receive more Personal Information Forms (PIFs) for candidates in this category and will be reviewing their qualifications and planning interviews in the coming weeks. Please continue to pray for discernment for both the committee and the candidates. If you have questions about our process, any member of the committee would be happy to share, with the understanding that confidentiality is a key piece of our work. As The Rev. Dr. Faulkner likes to say, we are "hoping big" and praying that our Associate Pastor candidate will soon emerge.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	MARCH	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET
INCOME	91,091	240,630	230,984
EXPENSES	<u>77,353</u>	<u>204,842</u>	<u>210,710</u>
	<u>13,738</u>	<u>35,788</u>	<u>20,274</u>
PLEDGE YTD ACTUAL	151,380		
PLEDGE YTD BUDGET	<u>139,041</u>		
PLEDGE YTD vs BUDGET	<u>12,339</u>		

Opportunity to Serve

The Presbytery of West Jersey is looking for a few good Presbyterian ruling elders to serve on Presbytery committees. If you have ideas, insights, and interest in serving Christ at the Presbytery level, please see Clerk of Session Margery Sly for more information and an application for committee service. Elders are needed for Finance & Stewardship; the Judicial Commission; Ministry; Mission; Nominating; and Personnel.

Trinity hosted the March 18 meeting of the West Jersey Presbytery and many hands pitched in to make the meeting a success. The highlight of the meeting was the approval of our own Hayley Cohen as an Inquirer under the care of the Presbytery. Prior to the vote on her approval, Hayley was asked to share some of the events in her life that formulated her call; she shared that her year as a Parish Assistant in Scotland was the most significant in her journey. Hayley made her mom and every other Trinity member present at the meeting extremely proud. Congratulations to Hayley! Other meeting highlights were the beautiful offertory anthem presented by the Trinity Choir and the delicious dinner prepared and served by Chef Jonathan and the staff of Cathedral Kitchen.



Children and Youth Ministries

Nursery School News

May flowers and butterflies are displayed all over Trinity Nursery School as we wind down our school year! We had our Earth Day celebrations in April and we made a school wide recycled paper quilt and planted flowers in our Earth Day Garden. We are going to be celebrating our mothers this month with our annual Mother's Day Tea. Each of our students, from our youngest toddler class to our graduating 4's will be singing songs, baking goodies and hosting a spring Tea Party in their classrooms. They are all busy making special gifts to thank their mothers for all that she does every day!

We will be accepting registration for the 2014-15 school year throughout the summer months. We offer a Toddler Class, 2 ½ year old, 3 year old, 4 year old and afternoon Bridg-a-garten class. We have Early Birds each day from 8:30-9:00 am and Lunch Bunch from 11:30-12:30! Please call today to request a tour and learn about all we offer at Trinity Nursery School!

Marina Pappas
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A heartfelt “Thank you” to all those who helped make our Lenten Soup ‘n Sound series a wonderful success! Volunteers made soup, provided bread and dessert, set up and cleaned up every Wednesday. Thanks to: Nancy Roberts, Bonnie Jones, Marty and George Flynn, Ron and Elaine Schon, Karen Kain, Jim Roberts, Linda Flanary, Opal Stockwell, Faith Jerome, Bob and Linda Thorpe, Dick Nipe, Jennifer Bean, Julie Banas, Linda Craven, Chi Chung, Janet Cohen, Pam Dougherty, Carole Waraas, Joyce McNamee, Dick Buell and Donna Croker.

Casual Gardeners Needed!

Trinity’s garden plot at the Barclay Community Gardens has been prepared, and we will soon be having a “planting party” to get our plants into the ground. For the third year, all produce planted here will be donated throughout the growing season to the Cherry Hill Food Pantry, which our church diligently supports. We ask your help in signing up to take just one week this summer to water and weed our plants. New this year: Our plot location has been moved very close to a water spigot, so no hose lugging will be needed! Also, we have purchased weed free matting for the entire garden, so the only area to weed will be directly around the plant bases.



One-week signups will soon be available after church. Please help Trinity to bring fresh produce to those in our community who have no means to obtain it on their own!

Adult Ministries

Adult Ed

Faith, Health and Wholeness, an Adult Ed Forum

Body-Mind-Spirit. Paul says that all parts of the body are interconnected and each has a job to do to equate wholeness. How is wholeness achieved? How are body, mind and spirit related? What role does our faith play in our wellness?

MC'd by Trinity's own Terry Ruggles, our forum and discussion on **Sunday, May 4 at 10:45 AM** in the Community Room features three speakers: Rev. Barry Gruver, our Parish Associate who has investigated the role that faith plays in our wellness; Dr. R. Bruce Denniston, an internist who practices traditional medicine but also has interest in alternative treatments; and Trinity member Doug Nork, CSCS, Regional Director for NovaCare.

Through discussion and questions/answers, our guests will share ways to find wholeness through the balance of body, mind and spirit. Please join us for this timely forum.



The Middle East of Today from Yesterday

On Sunday evening, March 30, over thirty Trinity members gathered to hear Rev. Christopher Doyle of The Union Presbyterian Church of Carney's Point present a program on the on-going conflicts in the Middle East. Having studied and worked in the area, Rev. Doyle shared many personal stories and provided first-person insights that enhanced his historical overview of the areas of Israel and Palestine. All who attended agreed that it was a thought-provoking evening.

The Adult Ministries committee would like to thank former AM Chair Joan Cohen for setting up the program and Julie Banas and Bob Thorpe for their help that evening. A special thanks, too, to Eric Waraas for his assistance with the power point presentation.

Your Adult Ministries Committee needs your help for the 2014-15 program year.

Is there a Christian book study that you'd like to lead?

Would you like to present a one-day program on a topic of general interest?

Are there topics that you think would be good Adult Ed studies?

Would you like to become a member of the Adult Ed Committee?

The Adult Ministries Committee invites your participation and ideas. Please contact AM Chair Linda Thorpe at lhthorpe@yahoo.com to share your ideas or volunteer as a presenter.

• Fellowship Group

- **Fellowship Group** will be meeting Friday, May 2nd at 7pm at the home of Sue and Chris Bryfogle. We welcome both adults and children. Please call Sue Bryfogle at 856-985-5393 for more information.

Trinity Out & About

And now, for something completely different . . . join

Trinity Out & About at the Cowtown Rodeo!!!

On Saturday, June 7th, we'll be experiencing the sights and sounds of the Cowtown Rodeo in Pilesgrove, New Jersey. The doors open at 6:00 pm and the rodeo itself starts at 7:30 pm, so there's ample time to get some pulled pork, sausage, grilled chicken, burgers or hot dogs before the show starts. Bring cash because credit cards are not accepted. It's BYOB, but glass bottles are prohibited and only small, hand-held coolers are allowed. The rodeo itself begins at 7:30 and ends around 10pm. Seven professional events are featured including bull riding, bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, girls barrel racing, team roping and tie down roping. Additional special acts may include a miniature pony show, monkey and dog show, trick ropers and rodeo clowns. The rodeo happens rain or shine, so we'll be praying for good weather that day! Pilesgrove is a 45-minute drive down Route 295. We will arrange carpools if anyone is interested.

Ticket price is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under (free for children under 2) but if we get a group of 25 or more, the price drops to \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. The facility is fully handicapped accessible. So start channeling your inner cowboy, dust off your cowboy hats and boots, and look for the sign-up table in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, May 11th.



Care n' Share

Care n Share is still accepting donations of clothing and house wares until May 18. Items may be dropped off during regular shop hours and also following the 9:30 worship service.



Care n' Share

The hours are: Tuesdays, Thursdays and the first Saturday of month...May 7 from 10 am to 1pm.

Library Corner

Featured in our Trinity Library this month:

We have a display of children's and adult books for Mother's Day.

New additions to the library:

Baseball as a Road to God, Seeing Beyond the Game

By John Sexton

John Sexton is the president of New York University where he teaches a course that uses baseball to illustrate the elements of a spiritual life. The next time readers of his book go to the ball park they can take advantage of the game's slow pace to contemplate the connection between baseball and religion.

The book is divided into nine chapters that coincide with the number of innings in a baseball game. Each "inning" relates to a particular common ground between baseball and religion: sacred spaces and times; faith; doubt; miracles; blessings and curses; saints and sinners; community, etc.

Throughout, Sexton draws on great works of baseball literature as well as the actual game's exciting moments, legendary players, routine rituals, and even the bond created by a father/son game of catch to show the many ways in which baseball can touch the spiritual dimensions of life.

Stitches, A Handbook on Meaning, Hope and Repair

By Anne Lamott

Anne Lamott is the best-selling author of a number of spiritual memoirs and contemplations. In *Stitches*, her latest book, she explores how we find meaning and peace in these loud and frantic times in which we live. Other books by Anne Lamott are located in the biography section of our library.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Hard Luck

By Jeff Kinney

This is the most recent book in the popular series for tweens.

If you have suggestions for books you'd like to have in the Trinity Library, contact Dottie Dunfee (856-795-5126)dunfeet@aol.com or stop by the library after church.

PW May Circle Meetings

Thursday, May 8

Shiphrah	7:00 pm	Tutti Toscani
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Monday, May 19

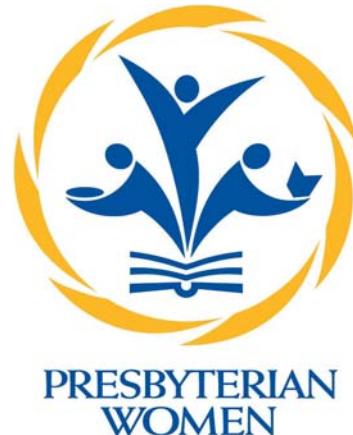
Priscilla	1:00 pm	Medford Leas
Deborah	1:00 pm	Alice Buda
Ruth	7:00 pm	Saundra Achey

Tuesday, May 20

Hannah	7:00 pm	Natalie Mitchell
Rebekah	7:15 pm	Sue Bryfogle

Wednesday, May 21

Miriam	9:30 am	Witherspoon Room 2
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Thank you for your donations to MOTHERS MATTER

THANK YOU to PW, Circles, other church groups and everyone in the congregation who donated items to the Mothers Matter Project. We collected approximately 250 items that were used to make gift baskets for many deserving mothers. They will be delivered for Mother's Day. This is the only gift many women will receive. We appreciate your caring to help with this project. Thank you again. Jan Caffrey



Trinity Women's Spring Gathering Save the Date! June 3rd

What a great evening we have planned for you! Beginning at 6:30PM, we will have a delicious dinner, followed by a program given by Cornelia vonLersner Benson. She will be speaking about her mission trip to the Philippines and her medical assistance aiding their recovery from the devastating hurricane last year. We will also be installing our new PW officers. All Trinity women and their guests are welcome! Tickets will be available after church in O'Dell Hall in May.



Trinity News and Notes

Congratulations



Baptisms

We rejoice with....

Veronica and Benjamin Milligan

on the baptism of their sons Matthew James and
Jonathan William Milligan

Births

Our congratulations are extended to Liz and Andrew Nieradka on the birth of their new baby girl, Aubrey Noelle Nieradka.

Our congratulations are extended to Alysia and Justin Badskey on the birth of their new baby girl, Lela Marie Badskey.

Sympathies

Our sympathies are extended to Louisa Coffin Tilsner and family on the death of her father, Edgar Coffin.

Daytime Men's Group will meet Tuesday May 20th @ 10 AM in the Witherspoon Center. So you think you know all there is to know about banking ? Well you will be surprised when George Norton lets you in on a few of his banking tips. Our "Getting to Know You" speaker, George Norton, has spent most of his working career in the banking industry in many and varied positions. His message will address – "The Banking Industry and how it Affects the World Markets." We look forward to a very interesting and informative session with good active participation by all. We welcome and encourage you to come and bring a friend. Get there early because seating may be limited. As usual we will have some out-of-this-world coffee, tea and hot chocolate. And don't forget to have a SUPER COLOSSAL DAY.



Trinity Family Fun Fest 2014!

Sunday, May 18, 2014

10:30am – 12:30pm

Lively Music ☆ Crafts for Kids ☆ Bouncy House



Bagels and Fruit

Hot Dog Bar

Cupcakes

Fellowship and Fun



Enter the **CUPCAKE CONTEST** and win a ribbon!
Ribbons will be awarded in 5 categories and this year entries
Will be judged in Adult, Teen, and Youth levels.

See complete guidelines at www.trinpres.org



*This is an event for all ages and multi-generations.
You are part of Trinity's Family and this is the
Trinity Family Fun Fest. Hope to see you there!*

Buy your tickets at the door
\$1.00 per ticket/multi-ticket discounts offered

All profits will go to the scholarship fund for the PW Triennial Gathering.

May 2014

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 Children's Choir Family Dinner 5:45pm PW Board Mtg. 7:00 pm	2 7:00 pm 8th Grade Overnight Retreat	3
4 Communion 9:30am Commissioning Sunday Deacons 11:15am	5 Strategy 6pm Session 7pm	6 BASIC 7:30 pm	7 PW NYC Bus Trip 8am 	8 Shiphrah 7:00pm	9	10 Sr. High Car Wash 10am 
11 Happy Mother's Day!	12	13	14	15 Tidings Deadline	16	17 Youth Sunday rehearsal 9 am— noon
18 9:30 am Youth Sunday Family Fun Fest 10:30am	19 Deborah 1pm Priscilla 1:00pm Ruth 7pm	20 Men's Group 10am Hannah 7:00pm Rebekah 7:15pm BASIC 7:30 pm	21 Miriam 9:30am	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day NS Closed Office Closed	27 	28	29 Courtesy Council Mtg. 7pm	30	31

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

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



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Next Tidings deadline is May 15 for June Issue

May Highlights

May 2– 8th Grade Commissioning Retreat

May 4–Commissioning Sunday

New Member Recognition

May 10- Sr. High Car Wash– 10 am

May 18– Youth Sunday

May 18-Family Fun Fest, 10:30am

Save the Date!

June 3– Women’s Spring Gathering, 6:30pm

Sunday Worship Service

9:30 am

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9 am-4 pm M-TH

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