



Trinity Tidings

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Renewing Our Minds

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind... Romans 12:2

In a few weeks, I will be entering the land of Narnia, that fantasy world created by the great C. S. Lewis. I won't have to travel very far; just a few hours north up to West Park, NY, where the Reverend Dr. Robert MacSwain, a world-renown Lewis scholar who I am glad to also call an old friend, will be leading a three day retreat on the imaginative writings of Lewis. I'm looking forward to a weekend of spiritual renewal, intellectual stimulation, and good fellowship. I wish all of you could join me. No, *really*: I wish you could join me!

The truth is, for several years now I have wished we could have such a weekend here at Trinity. A time to seek spiritual transformation through the renewing of our minds. I am blessed that several of my friends or acquaintances happen to be noted theologians and Biblical scholars, several of whom have said that they would be glad to come spend a weekend with our congregation. To bring in world-renowned scholars to help us in our Christian journey would be a great joy for me, however what I'm envisioning would only work if a significant number of you were able to participate. To give you an idea of what I'm thinking... We would gather on a Friday night and be introduced to the speaker and then come back on Saturday to have times where our guest would speak to us and join us in conversation. On Sunday the guest scholar would give a final talk. However, these would not be academics giving dry lectures but scholars who want to serve Christ in the church by sharing some of their vast learning to help us be spiritually transformed. It would be a weekend of spiritual renewal, intellectual stimulation, and good fellowship.

As I say, this is something I have hoped to do since soon after arriving at Trinity. I believe the time might be right for such an amazing--and rare--project to begin. However, unless many of you say you are interested in participating in such an event, it would be imprudent for me to pursue it. What I can tell you from 40 years of experience, the investment of a couple of days can bear spiritual fruit for years to come. I hope you'll consider joining me in spending a weekend with some of the great minds in Christianity today. What I need from you is to know if you are interested, so email, text or call me if you would like to take part in such a spiritual retreat here at Trinity. And while I'm at the retreat this month, I'll be praying and...

Hoping Big...

Greg



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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 News and Notes



Sympathies...

We extend our sympathies to Abbe Efron on the death of her father.

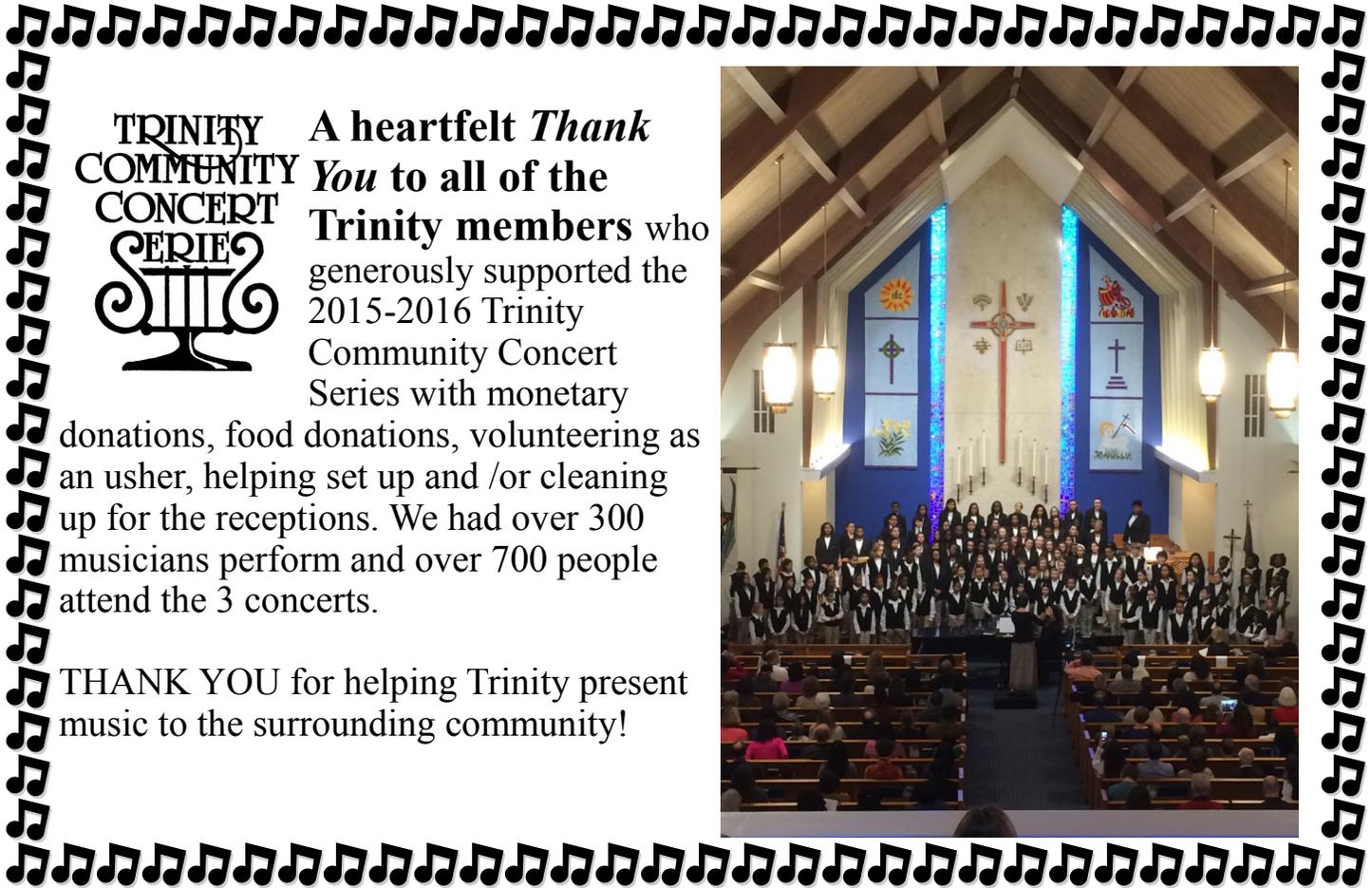
We extend our sympathies to Paul Guelich and Katie Odille on the death of their grandmother, Harriett Guelich.

We extend our sympathies to Betty Stockwell and Joe Bechtel on the death of their brother-in-law, Michael Gramling.

We extend our sympathies to Donna Robertson on the death of her sister, Kathy McGrail.

Baptisms...

We rejoice with Lisa & Scott Elias on the occasion of the baptism of their son, Griffin.



A heartfelt *Thank You* to all of the Trinity members who generously supported the 2015-2016 Trinity Community Concert Series with monetary

donations, food donations, volunteering as an usher, helping set up and /or cleaning up for the receptions. We had over 300 musicians perform and over 700 people attend the 3 concerts.

THANK YOU for helping Trinity present music to the surrounding community!



Session Update

At its stated meeting on April 4, 2016, the Session:

- † Learned that First Presbyterian Church, Vineland, NJ, prayed for Trinity on March 13.
- † Voted to approve an amended, balanced 2016 operating budget, based on some cuts and reallocations, and additional pledges and one-time gifts.
- † Approved staff compensation increases to take place in July.
- † Approved receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on May 22.
- † Noted the meaningful Easter week worship services.
- † Planned on reviewing the commissioning class faith statements and attending the April 27 dinner.
- † Approved funding TPC's participation in the Stephen Ministry program.
- † Approved several baptisms and building use requests.
- † Prayed for members and friends.

Margery Sly, Clerk of Session



Session of Elders

Clerk of Session

Margery Sly

Adult Ministries

Eby Banas

Children's Ministries

Ann Smolsky

Finance & Stewardship

Stan Applegate

Membership

Susan Bastnagel

Mission & Outreach

Bill Kain

Personnel

Mark Miles

Property & Buildings

Walt Steinle

Worship & Music

Linda Flanary

Youth Ministries

Donna Allen

Strategy Committee

Margery Sly

Technology Committee

Tom Earp

Deacons

Moderator of Deacons

Bruce Torok

Committee Chairs

Assistance

Denise Ceneviva

Fellowship

Paul Guelich &

Carolyn Kramer

Service

Alison Schwarz

Visitation

Michael McBride

Meet Our New Member !

Welcome back to Ed Rankin!



Originally from Medford, Ed - the son of George and Eileen Rankin - was baptized at Trinity and confirmed here in 1985.

He is now a general dentist in practice with his dad in Cherry Hill. Ed is also a Naval Dental Officer in the reserves attached to a unit in the Bronx. He has been splitting his living situation between Manhattan and Cherry Hill (much to the chagrin of his parents) but is moving back to this area permanently! As part of that move, he chose to come back to Trinity to worship with his parents and his brother's family.

In his spare time, Ed enjoys skiing, golfing, running, and socializing.

(See Ed providing dental services to Kenyan people on his recent trip with *Mission to the World* on page 7.)

Children and Youth Ministries

Church School

In Charity's Shoes

Our children are again collecting coins to support other children in Malawi with their education. We are supporting an Urban Promise outreach project called "In Charity's Shoes", named after a child named Charity who has to walk 4 miles just to go to school.



We enjoyed a wonderful day with four interns from Malawi who taught our children about the culture and what normal life is like in that part of the world. There was education, music and games, which those children who were present, enjoyed immensely. After class we hosted a light brunch and our staff came to personally know the interns and trade teaching ideas. It just goes to show, how one can still effectively minister to the masses with limited resources.

So please remind your child to continue checking those chair cushions for loose coins or possibly setting aside part of an allowance or doing some extra chore for mission, as we take this opportunity for children to learn the value of tithing and mission as part of their growth in the Church Community. Children may bring in their coin purses any Sunday through the rest of the school year and take them home to fill again.

We would also like to thank Elaine Schon for making the colorful coinpouches for us this year.

Children's Ministries Update

It's hard to believe it's the end of the Church School Year! Church School will be running through **May 22 for the Nursery, 2&3 yr old's, and 4&5 yr old classes** The **children in Witherspoon 1-6 grade will stay in the Sanctuary for the Youth Service on May 22.**



All can have fun at the Family Fun Feast following the Service! We are still collecting coins for the children in Malawi (In Charity's Shoes) through May, so please bring your coins in to help!

We will need help this summer in the Nursery room and the mixed age Preschool class that is held during the summer services. It is easy going and enjoyed by the children and Adult Volunteers. If you have questions and or want to sign up contact children's ministries. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time this summer. There will be a sign up sheet during Coffee Hour.

Looking ahead to next Fall...

Linda Craven will be overseeing Sunday School for the children. Check your schedules and see if you can help teach.

We have a Great team of teachers and would love to include others in this experience. We hope to have more special projects for the children... so if you have a special talent or activity you would like to share contact Linda Craven at lscraven77@aol.com.

Pastor Sarah has been coming over to Witherspoon once a month to extend the worship with the children. She has been talking about the lesson, teaching songs and leading the children in prayer. We have also been coloring in Lenten posters that all the children have been doing. Look for these next fall in Witherspoon!

Care n' Share

Care 'n Share has had a busy month. Despite the cold weather, spring & summer clothes are flying off the racks! Thanks for your great donations..



Care n' Share

Spring & summer clothing may be brought into the shop during our regular hours; Tuesdays, Thursdays & the first Saturday of month, May 7 from 10 am to 1 pm.

The dead line will be May 22 as we will be closing for the summer on June 9.

We will be reporting next month on our monetary donations to local missions.

Library Corner

For readers who would enjoy stories that span all of the twentieth century, this month the Trinity Library is featuring two sweeping sagas. One is the newest book by a current best-selling author; the other is a classic that was published in 1952. Both contain religious themes.

The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto

By Mitch Albom

Mitch Albom is the author of six *New York Times* best-sellers, including *Tuesdays with Morrie*, one of the best-selling memoirs of all time. *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* is different from Albom's previous work because it is a full-fledged novel with a fictional hero.

Frankie's extraordinary talent on the guitar is tinged by magic, or perhaps the power of God. His life encompasses the musical eras of the twentieth century from classical to jazz to rock and roll. In his story, Frankie meets and influences many musicians, including Little Richard, Elvis and Hank Williams.

The unusual narrator of the book is Music itself and its power is the major theme of the novel: "There is a reason why you glance up when you hear a melody, or tap your foot to the sound of a drum. All humans



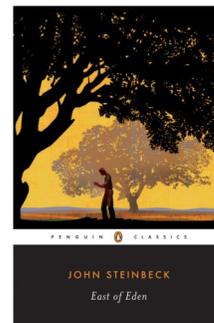
are musical. Why else would the Lord have given you a beating heart?"

Mitch Albom's *Tuesdays with Morrie* and *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* are also available in our library.

East of Eden

By John Steinbeck

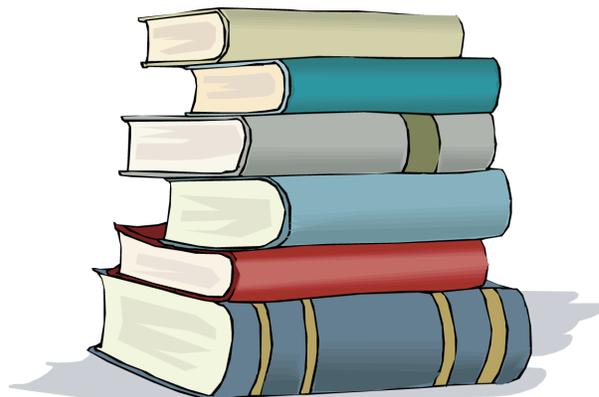
The title of the book comes from Genesis 4:16: "And Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the Land of Nod, east of Eden." The novel is allegorically based on the story of Adam and Eve and their first two children, Cain and Abel.



The setting is northern California between the start of the twentieth century and the end of World War I. The plot involves the interwoven stories of two American families, the Trasks and the Hamiltons, whose lives reenact the rivalry between Cain and Abel and deal with falls from grace and parental rejection. Characters embody vindictiveness and innocence and everything in between.

The theme is basically about good and evil. As the narrator points out, when looking back on their lives, people "will have left only the hard, clean questions: Was it good or was it evil. Have I done well or ill?"

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).



Mission to the World!

Dear Trinity family, on behalf of our dear friend and Presbyterian sister, Cornelia vonLersner Benson we would like to thank all of you who donated reading glasses to the people of Nairobi, Kenya. Cornelia and our Trinity member, Dr. Ed Rankin, DDS had a very successful trip with their group called *Mission to the World*. They are a Mobile Medical Team (doctors, nurses, dentists and therapists from across the US). As you can see from the pictures the Kenyan people were very happy to have them there and some of their medical and dental needs met.



First photo on the top left, Cornelia stands on the far right with Kenyan women in their new glasses.

Last photo on top left, Trinity member, Dr. Ed Rankin, provides dental services to the Kenyan people.



In the photo above, a Kenyan woman reads her bible while wearing reading glasses for the first time. The words are clear and the joy is evident.

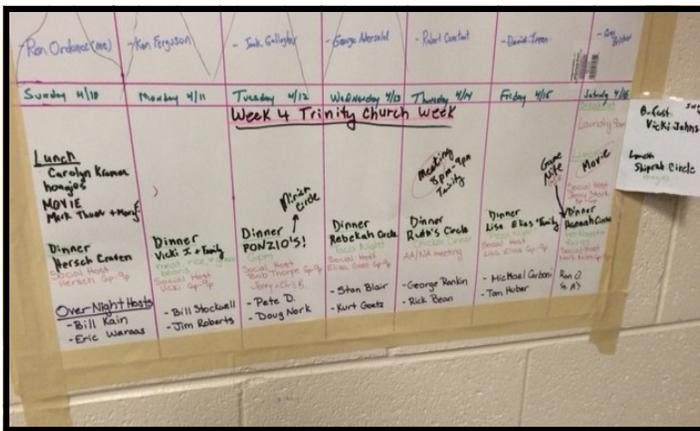
Homeless Hospitality Network

Trinity's week hosting the IHOC Men a Success!



To quote one of our presidential candidates, "It takes a village." And take a look at all the help we got! The poster below shows just how many people were involved in this mission project. The love and support shown to these men, struggling with addiction and poverty, is a life changing gift. We had two movie nights, a game night, lots of great meals and what has come to be an annual highlight—dinner at Ponzio's—see the photo with our IHOC guests and Trinity members.

Thank you to all who helped—cooks, cleaners, shoppers, drivers, social hosts and overnight hosts. It couldn't have been done without your help. The Mission and Outreach Committee of Session organizes this annual event. Our committee is open to all Trinity members. Please consider joining us.



Trinity Daytime Mens Group

ARE YOU A GOOD COMMUNICATOR ?

Do you listen well? Can you express your feelings? **ME TO.**

The speaker at our May Trinity Daytime Men's Group will explore the many facets of good communication skills. Our meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday May 17th 2016 @ 10 AM** in the Witherspoon Center. Ron Schon will be back as our Gourmet Coffee Blender. We will also have some sweets to help keep up your energy.

This will be a great time to bring a friend or neighbor. Also many of you took a "Buddy to call" for a reminder to come to the meeting. It is important that we reach out to the many Men in the congregation and make them feel wanted. AND also to tell them how we all will feel better when they start off their **SUPER COLOSSAL DAY** with some good friends.

PW May Circle Meetings

Monday, May 16th

1:00 p.m.	Deborah Circle	home of Alice Buda
1:00 p.m.	Priscilla Circle	home of Joan Cohen
7:00 p.m.	Ruth Circle	home of Karen Kain

Tuesday, May 17th

7:00 p.m.	Hannah Circle	home of Jenny Stark Carboni
6:30 p.m.	Shiphrah Circle	Toscana
7:15 p.m.	Rebekah Circle	home of Louisa Tilsner

Wednesday, May 18th

9:30 a.m.	Miriam Circle	Rm. 2, Witherspoon Center
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**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

CUPCAKE CONTEST!

Trinity Family Fun Fest May 22, 2016

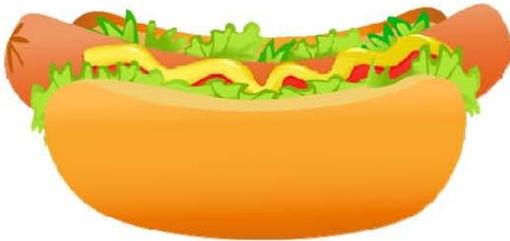


Looking for *bakers* of all ages for this annual, good-spirited competition/fundraiser!! Guidelines are available as noted below and available at the sign-up table. Questions? Contact Lis Digneo at clatdigneo@gmail.com. Deadline for entries is Sunday, May 15th.

CUPCAKE CONTEST GUIDELINES 2016

- No entry fee required
- Please sign up no later than **Sunday, May 15th**
 - Coffee Hour Sign Ups May 1st, May 8th, and May 15th; or
Contact Lis Digneo at clatdigneo@gmail.com or 609-304-7166 and submit your name, phone number, email address, and the type of cupcake you will be making.
- Please supply **2 dozen cupcakes by 9 a.m. on May 22nd**. This is a blind judging and you will be assigned a number. Please do not have your name on the entry. Cupcakes will be judged during the morning worship service. After they are tasted by the judges, the balance will be sold as part of our fundraiser for 1 ticket each.
- There will be **Three Age Groups**:
 - Adult – 21 and over
 - Teen – ages 10 – 13
 - Youth – up to age 12
- Judging in **Two Categories**
 - Best Tasting
 - Best Decorating
- If you do not want to participate in the contest, but you would like to donate cupcakes to be sold as part of our fundraiser, please bring them to Community Room by 10 a.m. on May 22nd.
- Cupcakes do not need to be made from scratch. You can make them “yours” through personal touches to the recipe.





TRINITY FAMILY FUN FEST

COMMUNITY ROOM 10:30-12:30

FOOD: Hot dogs & rolls, Chili, Fruit, Chips, Soda, Water, Iced Tea, Juice Boxes,
Cupcakes

EVENT: CUPCAKE CONTEST

Senior Highs: Face Painting and Tattoos

May 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Communion 9:30am Deacons 11:15am	2 Strategy 6pm Session 7pm	3	4	5 Kids Choir Dinner 5:45pm	6	7 Care n' Share 10am
8 Mother's Day 	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Commissioning Sunday 9:30am Tidings articles due	16 Deborah 1pm Priscilla 1pm Ruth 7pm	17 Daytime Men's Group 10am Shiphrah 6:30pm Hannah 7pm Rebekah 7:15pm	18 Miriam 9:30am	19	20 8th Grade/Sr.High Lock-In 7pm	21 Youth Sunday Rehearsal 9am-12pm —9am
22 Youth Sunday 9:30am Trinity Family Fun Fest 10:30am	23	24	25 Nursery School last day of classes	26 Nursery School Graduation 9am	27	28
29 Summer Church School Begins (Nursery & Preschool)	30 Memorial Day Office Closed 	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
BASIC (1st and 3rd Mondays of Month)

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 Choir

THURSDAY
10 am-1 pm Care 'n Share Shop
12 pm Alzheimer's Support Group—
7:30pm Boy Scouts—Community
 Room

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 May 15 for June Issue



We give thanks for all those who served in the Armed Forces, and especially for those who pay the highest price. May God bless their loved ones. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors and yet their works follow them."

Revelation 13:14

Sunday Worship Service

9:30 am

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9 am-4 pm M-TH

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