

TRINITY TIDINGS

An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

The prophet Jeremiah sings of God's steadfast love and mercy, telling us that God's mercy is new every morning. It was this passage of scripture that inspired Thomas Chisholm, a prolific writer of hymn texts to pin the words to Great Is Thy Faithfulness. (An interesting fact about Chisholm is that he lived for many years in Vineland, NJ.)

As we begin this program year at Trinity, Chisholm's words certainly characterize how we must all be feeling. Great is God's faithfulness! Welcoming the Rev. Ms. Sarah Craven as our Associate Pastor is a good sign of the Lord's ever-new mercies. Sarah is a gifted minister whom I am sure was the one for which we have been prayerfully searching. The thoroughness of our APNC's search meant it took time but as we stand at this new beginning, I'm assured it is God's mercy that has infused the entire call process.

I am also delighted that the Rev. Mr. Barry Gruver will continue as our Parish Associate and that Mr. Ben Shaw will return for a second year as our pastoral intern. While both will have limited hours to serve among us, with Barry ministering primarily to our older members and Ben working mostly with our youth, we will have an incredibly strong pastoral team for this church year. Add all of you in your variety of ministries and places of church participation and we have a thousand reasons to sing the praises of a God whose steadfast mercies are as new as this new church year that is opening before us.

Great is Thy faithfulness!

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Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

I am excited that Sarah is joining our team, and grateful that Ben and Barry are with us again. I know I speak for them when I tell you that I am expecting wondrous and wonderful things to happen at TPC this year. Please join us in this great new beginning as we all rejoice in the morning-like mercies of God! Let our lives sing together: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness, Lord unto me . . . unto us!*

Because of all of this, I'm... Hoping Big- Gregory



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Trinity's Music News

I hope you have enjoyed your summer. I am very excited about another year of making music at Trinity! The "Rally Day" Choir will be singing on Rally Day, September 20, at the 9:30 am worship service. If you or your family is interested in singing, please contact me as soon as possible at lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org. ALL ARE WELCOME!

All choirs will resume rehearsals in September. Signups will begin on Rally Day, September 20th after church.

Adult Choir Rehearsal

New members are always welcome!

Will Resume on Wednesday, 9/23 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

Children Choirs will Resume on Thursday, 9/24

There will be a Children's Choir parent meeting on

Sunday, 9/13 at 10:45am in Witherspoon Center



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

Youth Choirs will resume Sunday, 9/27



YOU CAN MAKE MUSIC AT TRINITY!

Trinity Community Concert Series

Join Us for Our 26th Season!

Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 4:00 PM
Atlantic Brass Band

Enjoy an afternoon with one of the premier performing ensembles in South Jersey!



Friday, January 29, 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!

Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 4:00 PM
Gleeksman-Kohn Children's Choir
of the Settlement Music School

You won't want to miss this concert! Celebrate music from around the world as performed by this 150-voice choir of children ages 8-14.



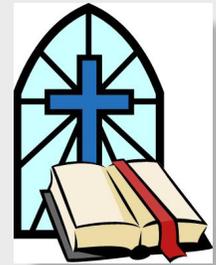
*Our concerts are open to all!
Admission is a free-will offering.
A reception with light refreshments
will follow each concert.*

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Session Update

At its special meeting on July 19, and stated meetings on June 14, and August 3, 2015, the Session:

- ✦ Approved the June 22, 2015, membership count of 821.
- ✦ Voted to accept 9 new members.
- ✦ Learned about the Finance and Stewardship Committee's plans to implement EasyTithe.
- ✦ Discussed fees and other issues related to building use.
- ✦ Accepted with regret Claudia Miller's resignation from the Session.
- ✦ Voted to create ranking for nominees to fill the member-at-large vacancy on the Personnel Committee.
- ✦ Prayed for members and friends.



Session of Elders

Clerk of Session

Margery Sly

Adult Ministries

Eby Banas

Children's Ministries

Linda Craven

Finance & Stewardship

Stan Applegate

Membership

Sue Bastnagel

Mission &

Outreach

Donna Croker

Personnel

Janet Cohen

Property & Buildings

Walt Steinle

Worship & Music

Claudia Miller

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	JUNE	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET
INCOME	67,439	404,533	416,571
EXPENSES	63,753	409,425	411,932
	3,686	(4,892)	4,639
PLEDGE YTD ACTUAL	281,783		
PLEDGE YTD BUDGET	280,825		
PLEDGE YTD vs BUDGET	958		

NEW YORK CITY

FALL BUS TRIP!!

Are you still thinking about the **transportation only** bus trip to New York **on Wednesday, October 14?** Ticket sales began in August but a few seats may remain. Call Linda Thorpe at 428-6233 or Bonnie Jones at 983-1197 to check availability.



Rally Day 2015!



Date: 9/20/2015

Worship: 9:30am
Program Sign Ups:
10:30am

Picnic: 11:00am

Come Rally your cause
and get
involved!

Whatever your gift or
interest, we need you
to share it with
Trinity!

Sign-ups will be
followed by a
congregational
picnic.

Hot Dogs, Drinks, and
Desserts!

Contact Susan Bastnagel to Reserve a Table!

609-230-3556

Let's Rally...Let's Eat!

Rally Day is Sunday, September 20th! Rally Day signifies the start of a new program year for the Trinity community and is an opportunity to peruse all of the activities that Trinity has to offer. After worship in our sanctuary, grab a cup of coffee in O'Dell Hall. You can sign up for an activity on the spot, or just browse and decide later where your interests lead you.

Then, plan to join us in the **Community Room** for a **Congregational Picnic**. The Membership and PR Committee will provide the hot dogs and beverages. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Sign up during coffee hour on August 30, September 6, or September 13. You can also call the church office at **856-428-2050** or Susan Bastnagel at **609-230-3556** to let us know what you'll be bringing.



Rally Day is a great day to reconnect with old friends, get to know new folks, and enjoy good food and fellowship! We hope you will join us as we kick off another great year of programs at Trinity!

Trinity News and Notes



Deaths

Rosemary Ricketti

United with Trinity 12-10-1958; Died 6-18-2015



Baptisms

*We rejoice with **Nikki and William Cockey** on **Nikki's** baptism and that of their daughter, **Madelyn**, that took place on June 28.*

*We rejoice with **Kristen and Michael D'Amico** on the baptism of their daughter, **Madelyn** that took place on August 2.*

Sympathies

We extend our sympathies to Glenn and Liz Ricketti and family on the death of Glenn's mother, Rosemary Ricketti.

We extend our sympathies to the Schwarz, Coe and D'Amico families on the death of their father and grandfather, Rev. Jim Darroch.

Children and Youth Ministries

Nursery School News

We are looking forward to a wonderful 2015-16 school year at Trinity Nursery School. Our quiet hallways and summer preparations have made way for new & returning students, learning & laughter. We will start our school year off with "Meet and Greet" days on Wed, Sept. 9 and Thursday, Sept 10, 2013. These introductory sessions will give our youngest students time to adjust to being away from parents and let everyone learn each other's names!

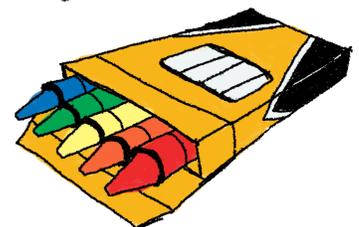
We are proud to announce that our classes are filling up but there is still time to become part of the Trinity Nursery School family. I offer tours by appointment and would love to show you our school and enroll your child. We offer 2½, 3 & 4 year old classes in our morning session. Lunch bunch and Trinity Enrichment Program begin at 11:30 and run through 1:30 pm. The TEP class is geared towards 3 & 4 year olds who attend our morning class. Our program extends and enriches your child's school day to include lunch bunch, additional playground time, and math & language enrichment.

Trinity Nursery School is pleased to continue our 5 days per week Bridg-a-garten Program. This academic program is designed to give older four year olds and young five year olds the gift of more time to develop socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually before entering kindergarten. Bridg-a-garten builds on children's existing kindergarten readiness skills through a combination of structured and play-based learning designed to further develop literacy and pre-math skills, while supporting children's social and emotional development. Through small group instruction, and independent and hands-on activities—including art, science, music and special class projects—students will have the opportunities they need to develop skills for kindergarten in a fun, supportive and creative learning environment. Bridg-a-garten will be held Monday-Friday afternoons from 9:00-11:30 am.

Enroll your child, or spread the word about Trinity Nursery School. Tell your friends and family about the wonderful school experience your child had at Trinity Nursery School.

Call 795-3123 to schedule a tour.

marina.pappas@trinpres.org -Marina Pappas, Director



Adult Ministries



Life
Death
Redemption



How do the major religions address these concerns? What beliefs and traditions does a Buddhist, an Islam follower, a person of Jewish faith and a Christian have in common? What are the differences?

Everyone is invited to join the Adult Ministries series on Comparative Religion to try to fathom the answers to these questions.

Our own Margaret Gammie will lead the discussion. The dates are: **Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11 and 18** starting at **11 AM**, right after the coffee half-hour at the **Witherspoon Center**.



Emmy Award-winning Journalist, Anchorwoman and Author Lu Ann Cahn to Speak at Trinity

Do you ever feel overwhelmed by life? Whether it is the demands of job and family, a health condition or a diagnosis of a life-threatening disease, it is easy to get caught in the downward spiral of hopelessness.

If that describes you or someone you love, mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 24, at 10:45 AM in the Community Room**. That is the day that Lu Ann Cahn, former breaking news reporter, anchor and entertainment show host of NBC 10 in Philadelphia, will talk about how she was motivated to get her life "unstuck" after her cancer diagnosis.

Cahn says she felt in a rut when she was diagnosed but soon realized not only that she had a fight for life and death on her hands but she had no time to lose in experiencing life. That's why she started doing one new thing every day for a year, a goal that helped spawn a blog called *Year of Firsts* and her book *I Dare Me*.

A survivor of breast cancer, Cahn has also had surgery for ulcerative colitis and kidney cancer and speaks regularly for cancer support groups and the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. She hopes her survivor experience inspires others.

Sign-ups for her talk, *Getting Your Life Unstuck*, begin in September. Watch the weekly *Work and Worship* for more details.

Trinity Deacons Blood Drive

Give Life... Give Love...Donate Blood?

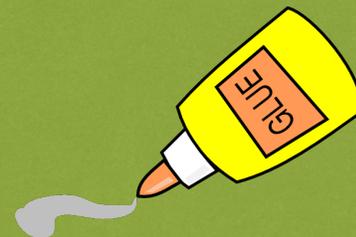


**American
Red Cross**

Your Trinity Deacons invite you to join them in giving blood on **Monday, October 5th from 2 PM to 7 PM in the Community Hall** here at the Church. You may **sign up** in Fellowship Hall during **Coffee Hour starting Sunday, September 6th** or **online at www.redcrossblood.org**. Or visit Trinity's website at **www.trinpres.org** where you'll find helpful links to answer frequently asked questions about blood donations as well as a link to schedule your appointment. You may also contact the **Red Cross at 1-800-RED CROSS**. Please mention Trinity Presbyterian as the sponsor.

Give...So more may live!

Deacons' School Supply Drive



Deacons will be collecting school supplies during the **month of September** for local schools in need.

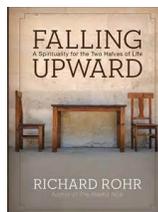
Items needed are: Notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, glue, loose leaf paper, erasers, pencil sharpeners, rulers, tape....etc. The school supply drive bins will be located outside of Fellowship Hall and in Witherspoon. We appreciate any donations you're able to make to help aid those in need of these supplies. If you have any **questions** regarding the drive, please contact **Susan Bryfogle at 856-985-5393**.

Library Corner

Stop by our table on Rally Day to see the collection of new books for our Trinity Library.

This month we are featuring books on life changes and aging. Two of these are described below. Others can be found in the library sections 305 and 306, which are located on the rear wall to the right of the computer.

Falling Upward A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life By Richard Rohr



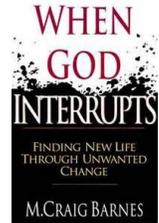
“Most of us tend to think of the second half of life as largely about getting old, dealing with health issues, and letting go of our physical life, but the whole thesis of this book is exactly the opposite. What looks like falling can largely be experienced as falling upward and onward into a broader and deeper world, where the soul has found its fullness, is finally connected to the whole, and lives inside the Big Picture.”

This quote describes Rohr’s beliefs in a nutshell. In the first half of life we are largely preoccupied with figuring who we are and what we want to be and do with our lives. It is not until the second half of our lives, after we have experienced mistakes, heartbreak, loss and suffering, that we can experience true spiritual meaning and joy. This is why the “way up” is actually the “way

down” (or vice versa): those who have gone down are the only ones who can understand “up.”

Richard Rohr is a Franciscan priest who is the author of more than twenty books.

When God Interrupts Finding New Life through Unwanted Change By M. Craig Barnes



“Spouses die or depart. Friendships wither. Health fades. Children grow up and leave home. We move to new jobs and new towns. . . Nothing stays the way it was or turns out exactly as we had expected. Life, it seems, is necessarily dotted with loss, marked by abandonment.”

Each of the chapters in the book deals with a different kind of “abandonment” people may experience in their lives. Barnes uses stories from the Bible and stories about members of his congregation to illustrate Christ’s teaching about the need to “lose our lives in order to find them.” Abandonment can be embraced as the opportunity to receive new life.

M. Craig Barnes is a former senior pastor of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C.

PW September Circle Meetings

Tuesday, September 15th

7:00 PM	Shiphrah Circle	home of Sue Nork
7:15 PM	Rebekah Circle	home of Joyce McNamee

Wednesday, September 16th

9:30 AM	Miriam Circle	Trinity – Witherspoon Rm. 2
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Monday, September 21st

1:00 PM	Priscilla Circle	home of Joan Cohen
1:00 PM	Deborah Circle	home of Dottie Dunfee
7:00 PM	Ruth Circle	home of Eileen Rankin

To Be Determined: Hannah Circle



SAVE THE DATE – OCTOBER 6, 2015!!!

ARE YOU A WOMAN? IF SO, you are a member of Presbyterian Women at Trinity Church. You do not have to belong to a circle, but are cordially invited to come to the Fall Gathering on Tuesday, October 6th. The Fall Gathering is the start of the 2015-16 program year and will include a light and delicious dinner of soup, salad, and dessert. **Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. in O'Dell Hall and will be followed by a presentation by Distributing Dignity.**

Distributing Dignity is an outreach program that began when the founders Joanie Balderstone and Rebecca McIntire, asked disenfranchised women what they needed. The outreach Lifts Up Women in Need by providing them with new bras and feminine hygiene supplies. Distributing Dignity partners with other organizations serving women who are in and aging out of foster care, seeking refuge from domestic violence, homeless veterans, teens, and those fighting life altering illness. In 2014 Distributing Dignity was able to help over 500 women across NJ, PA and NY. In 2015, DD has been fortunate to receive media attention from The Huffington Post, Think Progress, KYW/CBS 3 and was featured in the May issue of SJ Magazine.

Lisa Huber and Neola Reese will report on their experiences at the Presbyterian Women's Triennium they attended.

Just the Facts on the PW Fall Gathering:

Date: October 6, 2015

Time: 6:30PM

Place: Trinity Church, O'Dell Hall

Menu: soup, salad, and dessert

Cost: \$10.00

Program: Distributing Dignity

Mission Donations Hoped For: new bras and women's feminine hygiene products



Sewers, Knitters and Crocheters Wanted for Mission Work

Do you sew, knit or crochet? Would you like to use those skills in a mission project? *Cancer and Conversation* is sponsoring a collection of items for Cancer victims in the Delaware Valley. We hope many in our congregation will help. Needs are:



Sewers

You may remember from last year's collection that one of the items that our contact, *Mothers Matter*, collects for their Cancer Care Baskets is a cancer pillow, a small **8x10 pillow** that a breast cancer patient can use as a pad under her seat belt shoulder strap, support under her arm during chemo, under her breast or any other time that comfort is needed. Not only is this an easy and useful hands-on mission, but it may also give you sewers an idea of what to do with all the extra fabric you may have accumulated at home. (Please note that the directions for the pillows vary slightly from last year's directions.)

New directions for the pillows :

- Cut two fabric pieces 9" by 11". Please, NO flannel or velour. *Mothers Matter* would like bright, cheerful colors *in cotton*.
- With right sides together, sew a 3/8 inch seam on THREE sides. LEAVE ONE OF THE SHORT ENDS ENTIRELY OPEN.
- Turn right side out, iron flat but DO NOT STUFF. The volunteers of *Mothers Matter* will put their logo tag on the open end before stuffing and sewing up.

Knitters and Crocheters

This year *Cancer and Conversation* is also hoping to provide items to local chemo facilities. Needs include hats and lap blankets.



Hats- Use a pattern of your choice. Those hats, of various colors and styles, will not only provide warmth but will also be a lovely style statement for those women who lose hair while undergoing chemo.

Lap blankets- Again, this is a comfort item for chemo patients and will be made available at chemo sites for patients to take home. Our group has researched sizes and, although they vary, a standard size seems to 48"x 36", long enough to cover a seated adult.

A collection basket for the pillows and other Cancer care items will be located in the social hall. All items are due by October 25. Questions? Contact Linda Thorpe lhthorpe@yahoo.com or call her at 856-428-6233.



Daytime Men's Group — Fall Cookout!!

Are you ready for a HAPPY HOUR & COOKOUT to kick off our 2015-16 season ??? Don't just wish you were at this event of the season but mark your calendars NOW. **Tuesday September 15th 2015** at the **home of George Norton**. George lives @ 200 United States Avenue East in Gibbsboro, NJ. If you can't find it on your GPS or Google, call George or Ed Mitchell for directions.

John Strasser, is in charge of refreshments and may be calling you to help out. We will start Happy Hour at 4:30 pm so come and enjoy a refreshing beverage before we start our Gourmet meal. If you wish to help out with the food provisions give John a call so he can coordinate the menu. We will have some game activities to help you work off all the food. PHONE # George 856-566-9336 John 856-779-7252 Ed 856-753-0680. Come to this event and you will have A SUPER COLOSAL DAY.

Care n' Share

Care 'n Share Thrift Shop will be opening for "business" on **Tuesday, September 22 at 10 am**. We will be accepting fall & winter clothing and house wares before then on Tuesday & Thursday mornings after Labor Day from 10 am to noon. We will also have someone there on Sundays following the 9:30 service starting September 13. Please make sure that all items are clean and serviceable..no stains, rips or missing buttons on clothing... all parts/pieces with toys and house wares.

Our regular hours are **Tuesdays, Thursdays, and the "first Saturday" of the month from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**. Our "first Saturday" opening will be **October 3**.

Please consider shopping or at least browsing. "One man's trash is another man's treasure". All proceeds go to local missions such as Cherry Hill Food Pantry, Urban Promise, Ronald McDonald House, Homeless Hospitality, Homeless Vets, and more.

Visit us on Rally Day and find out if you would like to volunteer in the shop a few hours a week. Our volunteers enjoy the fellowship, food(coffee) and fun! For more info contact Eileen Rankin:

eileenrank@comcast.net



Trinity Church School Save-the-Date!!

There will be a **Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast** for the children on **September 13th!**



Church School will start the next week on Rally Day September 20th. Parents should make sure they update information on the form they fill out for their children attending Sunday School this year! If you would like to assist with Sunday School please contact Elder Linda Craven.

TOO STRESSED TO BE BLESSED ?!

Take an hour with God and become renewed in his presence.



Please join in our

Semi-Annual Prayer Vigil

A time to decompress through quiet reflection and prayer.
Friday, October 2nd, 12pm- Saturday, October 3rd, 12pm
Look soon for sign-ups in Fellowship Hall!

September 2015 Calendar Dates:

Sunday 9/13- Saturday 9/19

Sunday 9/13- Church School Pancake Breakfast- 9:30am- Community Room

Children's Choir Meeting- 10:45am- Witherspoon Center

Tuesday 9/15- Shipharh Circle-7pm, Rebekah Circle- 7:15pm

Wednesday 9/16- Miriam Circle- 9:30am

Sunday 9/20- Saturday 9/26

Sunday 9/20- Rally Day Sign-Ups and Picnic!! - 10:30am

Church School Begins- 9:30am

Monday 9/21- Pricilla Circle- 1pm, Deborah Circle 1pm, Ruth Circle- 7pm

Tuesday 9/22- Care n' Share Re-opens-10am

Wednesday 9/23 at 7:30pm- Adult Choir Resumes

Thursday 9/24- Children's Choir Resumes

Sunday 9/27- Saturday 10/3

Sunday 9/27- Youth Choirs Resumes

Adult Ed Resumes- 11am- Witherspoon Center

Friday 10/2-10/3- Fall Prayer Vigil, 12pm-12pm

Saturday 10/3- Care n' Share- 10am

<p><u>Sunday</u> 9:30 Worship Service 9:30 Church School, Nursery- Gr.6 10:50- Youth Choir 11:30- Youth Bells 7pm- Senior High Fellowship Witherspoon</p> <p><u>Monday</u> 7pm- Boy Scouts- Witherspoon BASIC (1&3 Monday)</p>	<p><u>Tuesday</u> 10am-1pm Care 'n Share</p> <p><u>Wednesday</u> 6:45pm Commissioning- Witherspoon 6:45pm Adult Bells 7pm Cub Scouts- Community Room 7:30pm Adult Choirs</p>	<p><u>Thursday</u> 10am-1pm Care 'n Share 12pm Alzheimer's Support Group</p> <p><i>Thursday Children's Choirs</i> 4:30-5pm Cherub 5:00-5:40pm Carol Choir 5:40-6:20pm TEAM Choir 6:20-6:50pm TEAM Bells</p> <p>6:30pm AA, Witherspoon 8pm AA, Witherspoon</p>
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Next Tidings Deadline is September 15 for October Issue

Save-the-Date

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RALLY DAY SIGN-UPS AND
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10:30AM
AFTER 9:30 WORSHIP

Sunday Worship Service

9:30am

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