

Trinity Tidings

An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life

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Inseparable from God's Love

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

Worshipping together at Trinity is such a beautiful thing; it gives us hope and strength and joy every time we gather to worship. We are all longing to be together again in our sanctuary. With that said, it cannot be overstated that the health of our congregation, the health of our clergy and staff, and the health of our entire community must be our priority—of this, the Session is assured.

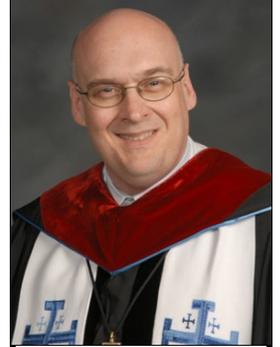
As we begin to resume in-person activities, we will do so through a careful process of discussion and discernment, with an abundance of caution and concern for those who are most vulnerable, with consideration of the best scientific knowledge at our disposal, and – of course – in the spirit of constant prayer. Returning to in-person worship may be delayed as we seek to balance our Biblical mandate to gather, our adherence to government regulations, and the safety of everyone involved.

When we do reopen our doors for gathered worship, we will need to evaluate and adjust our plan as seems best at the given time. There will surely be awkward moments as we adjust to new normal of gathering for worship during a time of pandemic. As I have stated before, patience and compassion will be a necessity as we work together as a church family. There will be times of frustration and disappointment—yes, but there will be blessings, too, just as there have been throughout this time of “compassionate spacing” and physical separation.

Until we are back in the sanctuary, please remember what I said to you three months ago: Trinity has never been closed. We have continued to worship, learn, and serve. Let us be faithful then—to God and to one another—as we work through the challenges of this time in the life of our congregation and our world. Let us be guided by the Word, responsive to the Spirit, and open to the grace of God. Let us remember what the Apostle Paul has told us: *nothing can separate us from the love of God revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.*



Hoping Big,
Gregory



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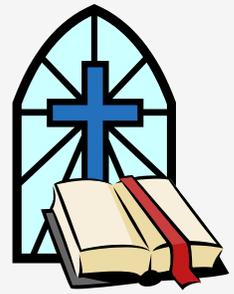
Marina Pappas

Session Update

At its stated meeting on July 20, 2020, the Session:

- Discussed the Virtual Town Hall Meetings on Race
- Learned Youth Ministry is in week 3 of virtual Vacation Bible School
- Heard that Trinity members continue to meet their pledges, either mailing in checks or using the EasyTithe app.
- Reviewed church finances as of May 31: pledge income \$298,294 (\$4,933 under budget); non-pledge income \$18,655 (\$6,828 over budget); and expenses \$332,865 (\$44,960 under budget)
- Heard Trinity has received a grant of \$40,500 from the Nonprofit Security Grant Program offered through the NJ Office of Homeland Security to improve security in the main building
- Discussed options and protocols for opening Trinity for worship, and accepted, by **unanimous consent** the “Guidelines for Trinity’s Reopening” document
- Will meet in August to review health environment and discuss targeting an opening date
- **Approved** a motion to allow AA meetings to resume on Thursday evenings in the Witherspoon Building

- Jenny Stark,
Clerk of Session



Session of Elders

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Holiday
BAZAAR

Update:

The 2020 Trinity Holiday Bazaar has been canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

We hope to return in 2021.

Please check the website next summer for more information!

If you have any questions, please contact Eric
at trinpresholidaybazaar@gmail.com



HE HATH MADE OF ONE BLOOD ALL NATIONS

A Trinity Town Hall About Race

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

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

On **Sunday, August 23 at 10:30 a.m.** you are invited to join us for our next Town Hall on Race where our discussion will be about the impact of race on medical care in America. You may find the link to the Zoom meeting at trinpres.org and you will also receive it in our next email.

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

School Supply Drive Begins this Month!

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



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

Starting August 20th, collections will take place every other Thursday from 10am-2pm, outside Witherspoon Center. Any contributions you can make will be greatly appreciated by the students and teachers at Urban Promise. Let's get the year off to a good start! If you have any questions regarding the drive, please contact Pete Desjardins (856) 649-8145.

Care 'n Share

Care 'n Share does not have a definitive plan for September, as we are following the lead of Trinity's Elders as to when it will be safe to open the church and the Care 'n Share shop. We are reviewing models on how other thrift shops are being run.



In the meantime, stay cool during this heat wave! And PLEASE NO DONATIONS until further notice!

Virtual Coffee Hour

Miss seeing all of your Trinity friends and catching up over a cup of coffee or lemonade at Coffee Hour? Join us for Virtual Coffee Hour every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30am. Members from 2 to 90 years old have jumped on! Kids and families are joyfully welcomed.

We gather together on Zoom at 10:30am, and once everyone has signed on, we split into breakout groups of about ten to catch up. It's a great way to see familiar faces or even have the opportunity to get to know different Trinity members. We finish around 11:15am with everyone together again and a short prayer to send us out for the rest of our Sundays.



Since this meeting is for Trinity members only, the link will not be posted to the website. Instead to join please click the link in your Trinity virtual & coffee hour email or contact Pastor Sarah at, sarah.craven@trinpres.org for the link. Hope to see you there!

PW Zoom Installation Dinner



Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 6:30 PM for the PW Zoom Installation Dinner. A few weeks prior to August 4, a recipe for a dinner entree will be emailed to you. This way we can all have the opportunity of eating the same meal and socializing together from the comfort and safety of our own homes while on Zoom. Installation of the new officers will take place after the meal. Check your email for more information to follow closer to the event

date. All women of Trinity are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Croker at (609) 238-0746.



Finance and Stewardship

CARES Act– Benefits of Giving

The Finance and Stewardship Committee would like to update you on some provisions in the CARES Act, recently passed by Congress and signed into law by the President. For anyone who wants to support Trinity Presbyterian Church, or any other charities, there are some changes that might benefit you:

- You can now deduct up to 100% of your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) for charitable contributions. Formerly, an individual could deduct up to 60% of their AGI for charitable deductions of cash. The CARES Act lifts that restriction, so that an individual can deduct up to 100% of their AGI for the tax year 2020. Also, any contribution in excess of total AGI may be carried forward for up to five additional years. This may not be used to fund Donor Advised Funds.
- If you don't itemize your income tax deductions, you can now deduct up to \$300 in charitable donations. Previously, only those who itemized were able to use a charitable deduction. With this Act, for the tax year, an individual will be able to deduct up to \$300, even if they don't itemize. This deduction can be used for contributions only of cash (not stock) made to qualified charitable organizations.

Please understand that this information is not meant to provide tax, legal or accounting advice by Trinity Presbyterian Church. This has been prepared for informational purposes only. You should consult your own tax, legal and/or accounting advisors before engaging in any transaction decision.

Thank You– Finance & Stewardship Committee

Thank You for Giving...

Although we are not able to have in-person church services right now, if you are able, please remember to continue your giving so our church finances don't suffer too much during this time. We are grateful for your commitment to Trinity's ministry, especially in these difficult days when the needs are even greater.



Giving online is the best way to have your donation go right into the church's checking account. **EasyTithe.com/trinpres** is our online giving program. It's very easy to log on and use a credit card or your checking account to keep up with your giving. If you have any difficulty, I can walk you through it.

The other way is to mail your checks to the church. We are receiving mail as office staff is in during normal office hours, Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm. I'm able to make deposits remotely **so that we can still support our staff, programs, building, and our many missions.**

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for giving.

- Debby Talbott, Treasurer
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Ways of Connecting with Trinity

Virtual Worship– Check our website every Sunday for our Virtual Worship services.

Phone Calls & Email– We are here for you! Call or email the Church Office, Monday-Thursday, 9am-4pm. Pastors will also be making calls and reaching out to you.

Website– Visit our website to stay up-to-date with all happenings at Trinity, the scrolling web banner at the top of the page will link you to our most important information.

Eblasts– Check your inbox (and spam folders) for up-to-date Trinity news.

Facebook– Our Facebook site will also keep you informed. This is also where you can post comments and share photos!

YouTube Videos– Check out our Virtual Worship videos but also videos of past musical performances and congregants sharing what makes Trinity such a great place to worship!

Instagram– Trinity now has an Instagram page! Follow us in this new venture on Instagram at [@trinpres](https://www.instagram.com/trinpres).

Prayer Wall– Do you know you can post prayer requests to our website? Look for more information to come on just how to do this.

Zoom Groups– Many groups at Trinity are connecting through zoom– it's like a giant FaceTime session for a whole group of people! It can be done through a computer or phone– check with your group leaders to see if they are offering this.

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



*I will walk
by faith
even when I
cannot see.*

2 Corinthians 5:7



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Next Tidings deadline is August 15 for September Issue

NOTHING
CAN EVER
SEPERATE US FROM
GOD'S LOVE

Romans 8:39

Virtual
Worship:

9:30am

Sunday
Mornings
in August