



Trinity Tidings

An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life



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Chosen To Bear Fruit

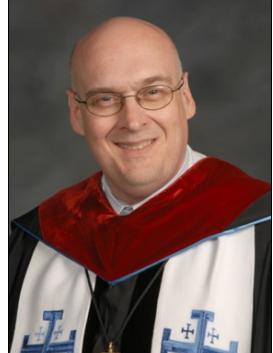
You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit--fruit that will last--and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. John 15:16

Happy New Year! While we have all begun this new year of 2019, we are reaching the halfway point of the church's program year. We've had a wonderful fall and Advent/Christmas season, and now with the arrival of January, we come to the time of year when our church officers are ordained and installed.

In the Presbyterian Church (USA), we follow the ancient, Biblical model of having two categories of church officers: deacons and elders. The ministry of the deacons is one of compassion, fellowship, and encouragement. From supporting various mission projects, such as Christmas sharing and summer sharing, to providing for our Sunday fellowship hour to the visitation of homebound and sick members of the congregation, the deacons are busy serving Christ by serving us. The ministry of the elders is one of leadership, discernment, and guidance. The elders make up our leadership council which is called the Session. The Session has oversight for all that we do as a congregation: worship, mission, education, stewardship, etc.

Serving as a deacon or an elder is a central to our life together. We believe that each Church officer has been chosen and called by Christ, through the voice of this congregation, to serve God by living lives of faithful service in order that each of us may better serve Christ in this place. As deacons and elders bear witness, respectively, to the compassion of Christ and the servanthood of Christ, they enable **all of us** to serve together with joy, and imagination, and faithfulness. As we begin this new year, I hope that you will be with us for worship as we ordain and install our new Church officers this month. The ordination and installation of deacons will take place on Sunday 13th, while the service of ordination and installation for our elders will be on Sunday January 20th. Come help us celebrate their ministry among us as we all renew our baptismal vows this New Year to bear fruit for God's glory. If we will all make such a renewal, there will be good reason for this New Year to be one of *for all of us...*

Hoping Big!
Gregory



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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Property Manger

Larry Hall

Director of Nursery School

Marina Pappas

Trinity's Music News



YOU CAN MAKE MUSIC AT TRINITY!



Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm



Adult Bell Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm



Children's Rehearsals

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 Rehearsals

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;

Rehearsal Dates to be Announced

Trinity Band and Mahalo Ukulele Band

Rehearsal Dates to be Announced



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 Ellen and Frank McCaney on the death of Ellen's sister-in-law, Lynnore Compton.

We extend our sympathies to Ed Behrens on the death of his son, Greg Behrens.

Baptisms

We rejoice this with Angela and Christopher Regensburg on the baptism of their son, Connor William Regensburg.



Session of Elders

Clerk of Session

Margery Sly

Adult Ministries

Larry Miller

Children's Ministries

Nancy Roberts

Finance & Stewardship

Donna Croker

Membership

Kris Parsons

Mission & Outreach

Julie Blair

Personnel

Brian Dougherty

Property & Buildings

Walt Steinle

Worship & Music

Steve Talbott

Youth Ministries

Donna Allen

Strategy Committee

Margery Sly

Technology Committee

Tom Earp

Deacons

Moderator of Deacons

Mike D'Amico

Committee Chairs

Assistance

Jenny Leitinger,
Hersch Craven

Fellowship

Louisa Tilsner

Service

Randy Southworth

Visitation

Audrey Azevedo

Session Update

At its stated meeting on December 3, 2018, the Session:

- † Did a Bible study on Acts 16:16-34.
- † Heard about the work of the spring Session Retreat Planning Committee.
- † Learned about Rev. Faulkner's and Craven's conversations with the rabbis at Temple Beth Sholom, and shared programming possibilities.
- † Heard about youth programming in the past month, including 26 care packages sent to college students.
- † Learned about the small Advent Festival that Children and Youth Ministries offered at the Hispanic church as a follow up to the summer's VBS program.
- † Received a report about the most recent Presbytery meeting.
- † Heard a finance report reporting lower than budgeted income with hopes for strong months in November and December.
- † Discussed the budget creation process for the 2019 budget.
- † Approved two building uses.
- † Prayed for members and friends.

Margery N. Sly, Clerk of Session

Adult Education January Schedule

January 6 – iPhone 101 – Mitch Morgan - retired 30 year computer consultant – primer on using an iPhone. Bring your iPhone!!

January 13 – Margaret Gammie – *The Great Awakening Revival in the USA*

January 20 – Eby Banas and Ed Behrens – Follow-up on Religion and Science



Adult Education Presents...



SCIENCE AND RELIGION

Part 2
A Question and Answer Discussion

With: Ed Behrens Physicist and Mathematician
Eby Banas Neurologist and Researcher

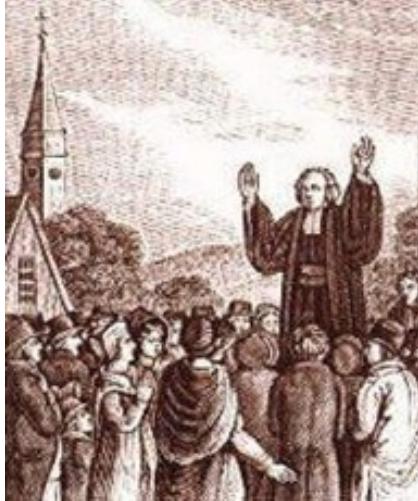
**Join us on January 20th, 2018, 11 AM
Witherspoon Center**

Bring your friends and your questions

-Creation and evolution, advances in physical science and Biblical interpretation, etc.

-Can science and religion shake hands?

-Who/what initiated the idea that there is a God?



The First Great Awakening

In the mid-eighteenth century, the colonies experienced a powerful wave of religious revival. Jonathan Edwards preached “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God,” the Wesley brothers introduced Methodism to Georgia, and Benjamin Franklin praised the oratory skills of George Whitefield. Learn about how colonial Americans exercised their faith and laid the groundwork for the American Revolution. All are welcome to join Margaret Gammie on **January 13 at 11:00 am**. We will meet in the **Witherspoon Center**—a fitting location because its namesake was a leading figure in the First Great Awakening!

Lenten Devotional

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 the devotionals need to be printed to be ready for distribution beginning the weekend before Ash Wednesday, the date due for submission has been established as **Wednesday, January 23rd**. Please send all submissions to SUSAN BASTNAGEL at sbastnagel@gmail.com and copy Alysia Sieh Badskey alysia.sieh@trinpres.org and Larry Miller at clm974@hotmail.com. 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 questions, please contact: Larry Miller at clm974@hotmail.com or Alysia Sieh Badskey at alysia.sieh@trinpres.org.

Trinity Church
Daily
Devotions for
Lent



Children's Ministries

Church School

On November 25th, 5 adults and 5 senior highs traveled to the Hispanic Church in Camden where we helped with the Bible school this summer. We attended the first part of their church service and then took the children from the congregation downstairs and helped them with Advent crafts that we had brought, along with a snack. The children enjoyed doing the crafts and we were so proud of the senior highs that sat and helped the children. Then on December 2nd we held our annual Advent Festival. During the coffee hour we had crafts for the children, which some of the adults also enjoyed doing. The day was a success with the crafts and of course some treats. We also collected hats, mittens and scarfs for those that need a little warmth during these cold winter days. We would like to thank all of you that made contributions to our "Trees of Warmth". We wish all a healthy and happy 2019.



Nursery School



Registration for the 2019-20 school year is underway at Trinity nursery School. We have begun enrollment for our current students and would like to extend this to our Trinity Church members as well. Open enrollment will begin January 15th, so be sure to schedule a tour and register your little ones before your class choice is full. We invite you to tour the school, see the classroom and meet the teachers. Class offerings:

Toddler Time: Fridays 9:45-11:15 am

2 1/2 year old: Mon & Wed, Tues & Thurs, or Mon-Thurs 9- 11:30 am

3 year old : Mon, Wed, & Fri, Tues & Thurs, or Mon-Fri 9- 11:30 am

Extended Day: Extend the school day until 1:30 Mon/Wed & Fri 11:30-1:30 pm

4 year old: Mon-Thurs. 9-11:30 am Mon-Friday 9-11:30 am

Bridge-a-garten (4&5 year olds): Mon-Friday 9:00-11:30 am

Extended Day: This class is currently offered Mon, Wed, & Fri from 11:30-1:30 pm. We will determine the days based on the registration for next year.

As always, Lunch Bunch is available from 11:30-12:30.

Please contact the school director Marina Pappas at 856-795-3123 for registration information.

MIXERS & MISSION

Who: Trinity's Teens and Tweens (6th-12th grades)

When: Once a month

Where: Trinity and the community



Watching Elf at the Marcelli's House

Next Mixers:

1/13/19- Noon- Lunch followed by making sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen

2/10/19 – R&M Boarding House

4/7/19- Noon- Lunch followed by Trinity scavenger hunt

Deacon's Coat Drive



Our sincere thanks to all who contributed new and gently worn coats to our annual coat drive. Cassara Chiropractic in Cherry Hill also contributed to the drive this year with collections from their patients. They donated over 40 coats! We collected a total of 132 coats and were able to distribute them to individuals who desperately needed warm coats at R&M Boarding House, the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (IHOC), Joseph's House, the Little Hands/Little Feet program at St. Andrews United Methodist Church, and still have some left over to donate to Goodwill and our own Care 'n Share thrift shop! Thank you for your generosity in reaching out to those who needed warm coats this winter.

Trinity Out & About: Pizza, Pins, & Pop!

Bring your family to **Laurel Lanes** on Saturday, January 26th from **4 to 6PM**. Along with bowling, there will be pizza, unlimited pitchers of soft drinks, and some other treats too! Each lane has room for 6 bowlers and includes unlimited bowling, rental shoes, bowling balls, and bumpers (if needed). **The cost is 15.00 and sign ups begin December 30th and continue on January 6th and 13th.**



Membership Information Session



Are you ready to start a new adventure? Do you feel as though something has been missing in your life and you need to fill the void? Perhaps God is calling you to enhance your relationship with Him by joining a church. Perhaps that church is Trinity.

We invite you to explore this possibility at our next Membership Information Session on **Sunday, February 3**. (Yes, we know it's Super Bowl Sunday, but you'll be home in plenty of time to see the big game!) **Please be our guest at the Senior High Breakfast in the Community Room at 10:30.** Just look for the table with the RESERVED sign. We'll enjoy a lovely breakfast and relaxed conversation before adjourning to the Office Conference Room, where Rev. Faulkner will lead a discussion and you'll have the opportunity to ask more questions and learn what it means to be a Presbyterian.

Childcare is available with advance notice. **Please call the church office at 856-428-2050** or visit the Membership table during coffee hour to reserve your space. All you need to bring is an open heart. We look forward to seeing you there!

Care n' Share

Care 'n Share had a very busy month with the many quality Christmas & holiday items you donated! We closed for 2 weeks and will re-open on Thursday, January 3. We will also be open for our "first Saturday" on January 5.



Care n' Share

We are still accepting winter clothing and will continue through February. Please make sure all items are clean & serviceable!

Donations may be dropped off during our shop hours; Tuesdays, Thursdays & the first Saturday of month from 10 am to 1 pm. Someone will be in the shop on Sunday mornings following the 9:30 service. If no one is there, you can leave things in the hall in the cart. Please do not leave items outside at bottom of steps or bottom of ramp.

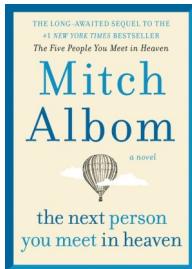
Thanks to your generous donations of quality items, Care 'n Share donated \$20,000 to local missions. Read the Trinity Annual Report for detailed list!

Library Corner

After the hustle of the holidays, perhaps you would enjoy reading something soothing! This month our library is featuring three new books that reflect hope, serenity and/or humor.

The Next Person You Meet in Heaven

By Mitch Albom



This book is a sequel to Albom's best-selling *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, which is also available in our library. It tells the story of Annie, the little girl that Eddie (the hero of the first book) dies saving.

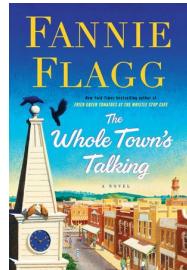
As the novel opens, Annie is marrying her childhood sweetheart and looking forward to finally finding happiness after many difficulties growing up. Tragically, she dies before achieving earthly happiness, but she finds it in heaven when she reunites with Eddie.

Albom explains in his introductory note that he personally views heaven as a place where we encounter the people we touched, and were touched

by, on earth. "This novel, and its version of the afterlife is a wish, not a dogma, a desire that loved ones like Eddie (and Annie) find the peace that eluded them on earth, and realize how much we all affect one another, every day of this precious life."

The Whole Town's Talking

By Fannie Flagg



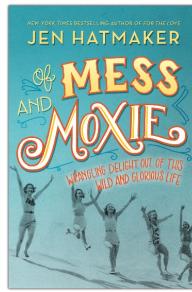
Fannie Flagg is acclaimed for her simple, but absorbing stories about small town America (some of which are available in our library), and best known for her award-winning *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café*. In *The Whole Town's Talking*, Flagg continues her series set in the warm, inviting, down-to-earth town of Elmwood Springs, Missouri.

The story begins in 1889 with the founding of the town by a Swedish immigrant and his mail-order bride. It continues as a multi-generational saga with vignettes about events in various years along the way to its ending in 2021. This may sound daunting, but the chapters are short and (mostly) sweet and they propel the reader through the decades. There is even a mystery (what the whole town's talking about) that motivates readers to keep turning the pages.

Reviewers describe the book as a "comfort read" and a "bedtime story for grown-ups."

Of Mess and Moxie

By Jen Hatmaker



The book's subtitle is *Wrangling Delight out of This Wild and Glorious Life*. Jen Hatmaker identifies with the common feeling that life is coming at us too fast, leaving us overwhelmed by the pace. Her book is filled with hilarious descriptions of attempts to cope and insights as to how to do it. As Hatmaker, who is also the author of eleven Bible studies, puts it: "May you find courage and God in these pages. I sincerely hope you throw your head back and guffaw out loud in public at least a few times."

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).

Daytime Men's Group

Are you aging **normally**? Well to get answers to this question and many more dealing with how you feel and look to yourself and others, join us. The Daytime Men's group is welcoming **Tracy McKinley from Symphony at Cherry Hill** to address this topic many others that relate to aging.



We especially want to invite **all women** and other guests to join us for this topic that effects everyone. We meet in the **Witherspoon Center on Tuesday January 15th 2019 at 10 AM**. Please come early for some great coffee and special sweets.

To start this new year out with that SUPER COLOSSAL feeling come join us as we learn about how we can improve our self being. See you then.

January 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Care n' share Closed	2	3	4	5 Care n' Share 10am
6 Communion 9:30am Adult Ed 11am	7 Strategy 6pm Session 7pm	8	9	10	11	12
13 Deacon Installation 9:30am Mixers & Mission 12pm Adult Ed 11am	14	15 Men's Group 10am	16	17	18	19
20 Elder Installation 9:30am Adult Ed 11am	21 MLK Day Office Closed	22	23 Lent Devotions Due	24	25	26 Out & About 4pm
27 Budget Forum 11am	28	29	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
7:30 BASIC— 1st and 3rd Tuesday

WEDNESDAY

6:15 pm Commissioning—Witherspoon
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—
6:30 pm AA, Witherspoon
8:00 pm AA, Witherspoon

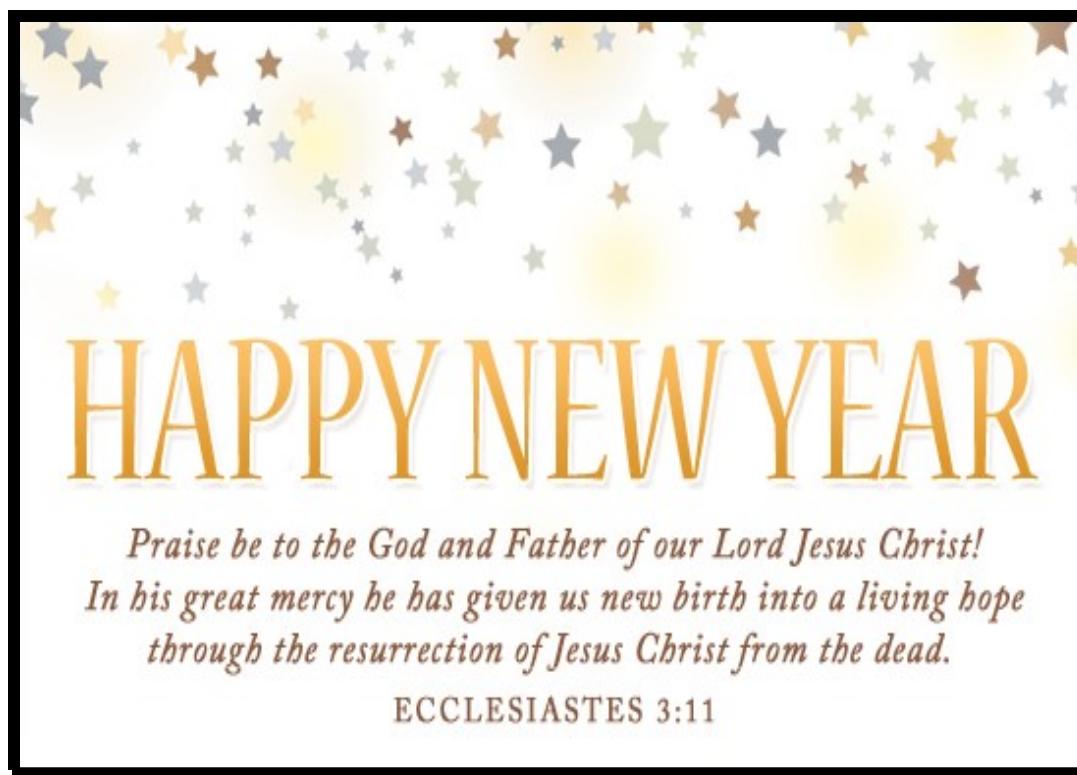
Thursday Children's Choirs

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



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Next Tidings deadline is December 15 for January Issue



A decorative graphic featuring a yellow-to-white gradient background with a cluster of colorful stars (blue, gold, silver) in the upper left corner. Overlaid on the bottom left is the text "HAPPY NEW YEAR" in large, gold, serif capital letters. Below this, a smaller, brown, cursive-style text reads:
*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*
ECCLESIASTES 3:11

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9:30am

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