

Trinity Tidings

An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life

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The next day Moses sat as judge for the people, while the people stood around him from morning until evening. When Moses's father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, while all the people stand around you from morning until evening?" Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God. When they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make known to them the statutes and instructions of God." Moses's father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone."

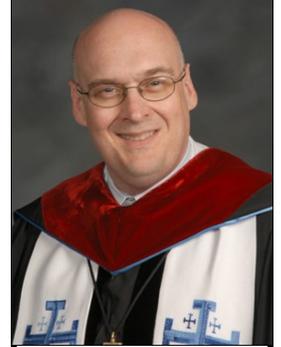
Exodus 18:13-18

During this first month of 2020, we will ordain and install our next class of Elders and Deacons. These officers are key to our on-going ministry here at TPC. Moses was trying his best to lead the Israelites with a tiny group of helpers; Moses father-in-law helped him see that the job was "too heavy" for him and that he was not only wearing himself out, but the people as well. The message to Moses was clear: Wake up, Moses! You simply cannot do the work of ministry alone. You've got to invite in some good help.

Trinity Presbyterian Church is a place where people come to worship and to learn, to study and to serve. Over the last decade the standing committees which were traditionally comprised of only active Elders, have grown to include non-elders. This growth was helped when we truncated the number of elders back in 2010; this allowed room for non-elders to serve on our ten committees. Of course, lessening our elders from 30 to 21 increased the work of the active Elders, but it also made it easier to bring many people in to serve in the central ministries of TPC. To continue to have a vibrant ministry, we still need MANY of you to volunteer to serve on committees and subcommittees. Some of you will be interested and able to serve for the full year, while others might only wish to be involved in one specific aspect of a ministry. Either way, the chairs and vice-chairs of the standing committees need you to step forward and join us in serving Christ together. Having several people on each committee--lay people and Elders--enables us to develop strong leaders who are able to find a variety of ways to serve and a whole host of places to minister.

We are growing--numerically and spiritually. Such growth engenders leaders and calls for more leaders to be raised up by God. Having many Session committees is a good way to involve people in our life together while ensuring that all of our many ministries are carried out in the most effective and faithful ways possible. We need help. We need your help. No one wants our pastors or officers to be worn out from a job that is "too heavy" for them. Instead we want to continue to grow by involving many people to share in the work of planning and implementing our common ministries. I believe we are ready to take another step in our Christian discipleship and I invite you to seek out an Elder and find out which committee would be fulfilling for you because without you, it might not get done, because we just can't do it alone!

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

Director of Music

Lisa Marcelli

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Media Associate Alysia Sieh Badskey

Membership Associate

Pam Dougherty

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 – 3^d, 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 **Bill and Susan Greenwood** on the loss of **Susan's mother, Carolyn Hazel** and **Bill's father, William Greenwood, Jr.***

Congratulations

*Congratulations to **Kelly and George Raymond** on the birth of their son, **Chase Raymond.***

*Congratulations to **Ron and Dipal Willoughby** on their recent **marriage.***



Session of Elders

Clerk of Session

Jenny Stark

Adult Ministries

Larry Miller

Children's Ministries

Nancy Roberts

Finance & Stewardship

Brad Ritchie

Membership

Kris Parsons

Mission & Outreach

Julie Blair

Personnel

John Young

Property & Buildings

Walt Steinle

Worship & Music

Steve Talbott

Youth Ministries

Tracy Miller

Strategy Committee

John Young

Technology Committee

Tom Earp

Deacons

Moderator of Deacons

Hersch Craven

Committee Chairs

Assistance

Pete Desjardins,

Kelly Raymond

Fellowship

Cindy Mailahn

Service

Randy Southworth

Visitation

Audrey Azevedo

Session Update

At its stated meeting on December 2, 2019, the Session:

- Approved the December 2, 2019 membership count of 660.
 - Learned of the Strategy Committee's approval to purchase new pads for the bell room tables and new curtains for the Sanctuary bell tables.
 - Heard Rev. Faulkner's report on his recent pilgrimage to Israel. He was grateful for this time of study and reflection. Rev. Faulkner reports that since his return, he has been active returning calls and meeting members, and expects a busy calendar for the month.
 - Learned from Rev. Craven that youth activities have been robust: 20 attended Mixers & Mission, care packages were sent to college students, a lunch for "Gen-Z" members is planned for January, and the Advent season is planned and ready to go.
 - Heard that Rev Craven will be a Presbytery rep. at the 2020 General Assembly, will join the Presbyterian Mission Agency on an outreach trip to Central America in February, and continues to work on the Presbytery Mission Committee.
 - Discussed the Stewardship Campaign.
Reviewed our finances. The year to date pledge income (Oct) was \$544,007, \$7,819 under budget for the year.
 - Heard that the Nominating Committee had a complete slate of Deacons and elders. A Congregational Meeting will be held on December 15, 2019 to vote on the slate.
 - Discussed mission giving and the continuation of our increased tithe. Our giving is focused on Women and Children, Refugees, and Water/Sanitation mission.
 - Was reminded that the Adult Ministry Committee needs a lot of help with submissions for the Annual Lenten Reflection Booklet. The deadline is early January.
 - Prayed for members and friends.
- Jenny Stark, Clerk of Session

Children's Ministries

Church School

On December 8th we held our annual Advent Festival. The children and adults enjoyed working on crafts while enjoying cookies, donut holes and juice. I would like to thank the committee, Linda Craven, Gary Naumick, Michelle Yeary, Janelle Curl and of course Rev. Sarah Craven.

We would also like to thank the congregation and Nursery School for all of the wonderful new hats, mittens and scarves that were collected. Many will be warm this winter thanks to your generosity.



Trinity Gen Z— Catch Up!

Date: 1/5/20

Time: Noon

PANERA BREAD
2010 ROUTE 70 W
CHERRY HILL, NJ

Join us at Panera Bread after church for fellowship and fun
connecting with the faces of peers from the pews.

Lunch is on Trinity!

Questions? Email/ Text Sarah or Lisa at
sarah.craven@trinpres.org or 804-929-2012
lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org or 609-280-8528

Trinity continues with...

MIXERS & MISSION

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

When: Once a month

Where: Trinity and the community

Spring Details:

1/12/20 11:30 am Lunch at Trinity followed by sandwich making for Cathedral Kitchen with youth from Temple Beth Shalom Synagogue in Cherry Hill.

2/9/20 12 pm Lunch and Bingo with the residents of R&M Boarding Home. Transportation provided.

4/19/20 12 pm Lunch at Trinity followed by a Scavenger Hunt.

We hope you can join us this fall.....
once, twice or for all 3 activities.

Community Service points are available...

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact

Lisa Marcelli at lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org

or

Sarah Craven at sarah.craven@trinpres.org

Deacons– A Big Thanks!



Coat Drive

Thank you Trinity for your generous support of the Deacons' Coat Drive. We have been able to donate many children's coats the Little Hands/Little Feet program at St. Andrews United Methodist Church. Coats were provided for clients at R&M Boarding House. Other adults' coats were distributed to the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (IHOC), and The Vietnam Veterans of America. Thank you for your generosity in reaching out to those that need warm coats this winter.

Christmas Sharing

Christmas has been shared again! The Deacons would like to send out a Big Thank You to all who donated a gift through the Deacon's Christmas Sharing Program this year. Gifts were collected for well over 100 children at Urban Promise and 30 young adults at Acenda (formerly Robin's Nest). Clients at Acenda have aged out of the foster care system but are not yet ready to live on the own. In addition, your contributions to the Deacon's Fund also helped to provide much needed food and household supplies to 10 families through Urban Promise and the 30 clients at Acenda.



Thanks to the generosity of the Trinity congregation, we were able to make the Christmas season a little brighter for over 150 children and young adults in our community.- Sincerely, Trinity Deacons

Membership Information Session



Membership Information Session, Sunday, January 12th

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, January 12th. Grab a cup of coffee in Fellowship Hall and then join us in the Office Conference Room at 11:00am, where Rev. Faulkner will lead the discussion and you'll have the opportunity to ask questions and learn what it means to be a Presbyterian here at Trinity. Lunch will be provided. At the close of the meeting, you can decide to officially join our fellowship, if you're ready, but there's absolutely no pressure to join on the spot if you'd like to give it a little more thought.

Childcare is available with advance notice. Please call the church office at 856-428-2050 or email Pam Dougherty at pam.dougherty@trinpres.org to reserve your space. All you need to bring is an open heart. We look forward to seeing you there!

Adult Education

January 2020 Presentations

Rwanda

Presented by Sarah Craven

Sunday, January 5, 2020

11AM in Witherspoon Center

April 2019 marked the 25th Anniversary of the Rwanda Genocide. Come learn about the factors that led to the genocide and how the country has found and continues to work toward reconciliation and healing in the last twenty-five years. There is much that we can learn about forgiveness, and also how we as a church can both contribute to misconceptions in society and help foster an environment of reconciliation.



Water: Our Most Precious Resource

Perspectives from Ancient Times, to Today, and Into the Future

Presented by Gary Naumick

Sunday, January 12, 2020

11AM in Witherspoon Center

We take our water supply for granted every day. And yet, the threats to this precious resource from droughts, floods and emerging contaminants are continuing to increase. And globally, **780 million people – over 10% of Earth's population** – do not have access to safe and clean drinking water.

Gary Naumick will discuss US and global water challenges that we face today and in the future. Gary will also describe and share photos of some of the water-related highlights from the recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Sites visited by the pilgrims included the River Jordan, Sea of Galilee, Jacob's Well, Mary's Spring, and Cana – where Jesus turned water into wine. Gary Naumick is a professional engineer with over 40 years of experience in the water resources field.



Urban Promise

Presented by Jason Do

Sunday, January 19, 2020

11AM in Witherspoon Center

"Since 1988 the mission at Urban Promise has been to equip Camden's children and young adults with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, spiritual growth, and Christian leadership. We strive to fulfill this mission through after-school programs, summer camps, two schools, experimental learning, job training, and a host of other programs that challenge youth to develop and realize their potential"

Come learn more about Urban Promise from Jason Do, Street Leader Director.

Hear his story of being a camp kid, to teen mentor, to college, and why he has returned to Urban Promise.



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 15th**. 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.

Fibernistas Fellowship



DO YOU KNIT, CROCHET, QUILT, OR STITCH?
We will be starting a new small group at Trinity, FIBERNISTAS FELLOWSHIP, beginning Saturday, January 4, 2020. We will meet the first Saturday of each month, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm in the Hospitality Room. Drop in when you can and leave when you need to. All are welcome, women and men, regardless of skill level, but please bring a current project and your own supplies.

We also welcome non-fibernistas, such as adult coloring, origami/paperfashion, drawing, crossword/wordsearchers, etc. Please contact Donna Bordner @ 856-316-8131 or dbordner@juno.com for more information.

Care 'n Share

Care n' Share had a very busy fall season despite the late start. We will continue to accept Winter clothing thru February. Please make sure ALL items are clean & serviceable!



Items may be dropped off during our regular hours and on Sundays following the 9:30 Worship service. Our hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays and the first Saturday of the month from 10 am to 1 pm.

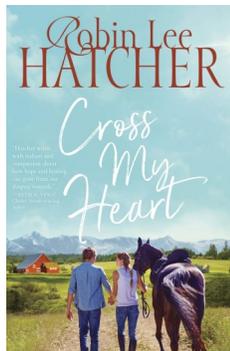
Following a 2 week break for Christmas and New Year, we will return Saturday, January 4th.

Be sure to check out our financial report in Trinity's Annual Report. Happy & Blessed New Year!

Library Corner

Cross My Heart
by Robin Lee Hatcher

When Ashly Showalter and Ben Henning meet on Ashley's horse rescue farm, they quickly discover how much they have in common. Both were raised by single moms, both want to help where needed, and both work with horses. The more time they spend together, both Ashley and Ben have the feeling that there could be something deeper between them. However there are obstacles to overcome. Can Ashley find it within herself to give love a chance, or will the pain of the past jeopardize her future with Ben?



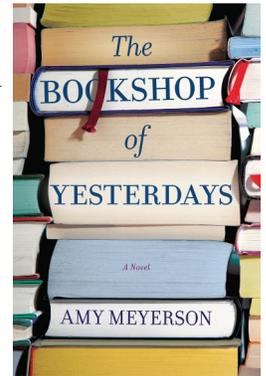
Cross My Heart threads together a contemporary love story with the heartwarming tale of Ben's great great-grandfather, reminding us that God's Word is timeless and that His promises are new every morning.

The BOOKSHOP of YESTERDAYS
by Amy Meyerson

As a young child Miranda Brooks idolized her Uncle Billy and loved spending time with him in his bookstore. But on Miranda's twelfth birthday, Billy has a mysterious falling-out with Miranda's mother, who is his sister, and suddenly disappears from their lives.

Sixteen years later Miranda receives news that Billy has died and left her his bookstore, Prospero Books, which is teetering on bankruptcy.

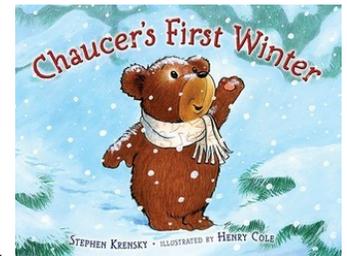
When Miranda returns home, now as the owner of Prospero Books, she is determined that Uncle Billy's store will survive at all costs, so she works to try to save it. As she works, she finds mysterious clues hidden in books on the store shelves and in locked drawers in his apartment upstairs over the store. As she starts to decipher these clues she finds herself drawn into a journey. She meets people whose stories of Billy's past reveal a history that Miranda's mother has kept hidden...and a terrible secret that tore her family apart.



This is a love letter to reading and bookstores, and a testament to the healing power of community, the pain of family secrets, and how our histories shape who we become.

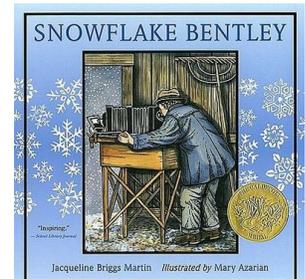
CHILDREN'S CORNER
Chaucer's First Winter
by Stephen Krensky

Chaucer knows that bears are supposed to sleep through the winter, but he has other ideas! While his parents sleep he is just not sleepy, so he meets his friends Nugget, the squirrel and Kit, the fox. Chaucer wanted to know what winter was, so his friends took him on a wild and wonderful adventure. When his parents woke, he tried to tell them about winter, but guess what? Before he could tell them, Chaucer fell asleep!



SNOWFLAKE BENTLEY
By Jacqueline Briggs Martin
Illustrated by Mary Azarian

This is based on a true story about Wilson Bentley. He lived in Jericho Vermont, in the heart of the "snowbelt", where they have lots and lots of snow. He loved snow. He wrote about it, he gave speeches about it, but most of all he photographed it. He developed micro-photography to reveal the grandeur and mystery of the snowflake. Beautiful snowflake pictures, see, no two are alike!



PW January 2020 Circle Meetings

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Deborah	1pm	Pat Weaver's home
Priscilla	1pm	Joan Cohen's home
Ruth	7pm	Linda Thorpe's home

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

Shiphrah	7pm	Nancy Lind's home
Rebekah	7pm	Jenny Stark's home

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

Miriam	9:30am	Witherspoon
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Esther	11:00am	Witherspoon
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**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Save-the-Date Trinity PW One-Day Retreat “Living Fearlessly”



**Saturday, February 1, 2020
9:00AM to 3:00PM**

The retreat will be held at Wiley, 99 East Main Street, Marlton, NJ.
Look for more details in January Work & Worship.
Any questions, please contact Donna Croker at (609) 238-0746

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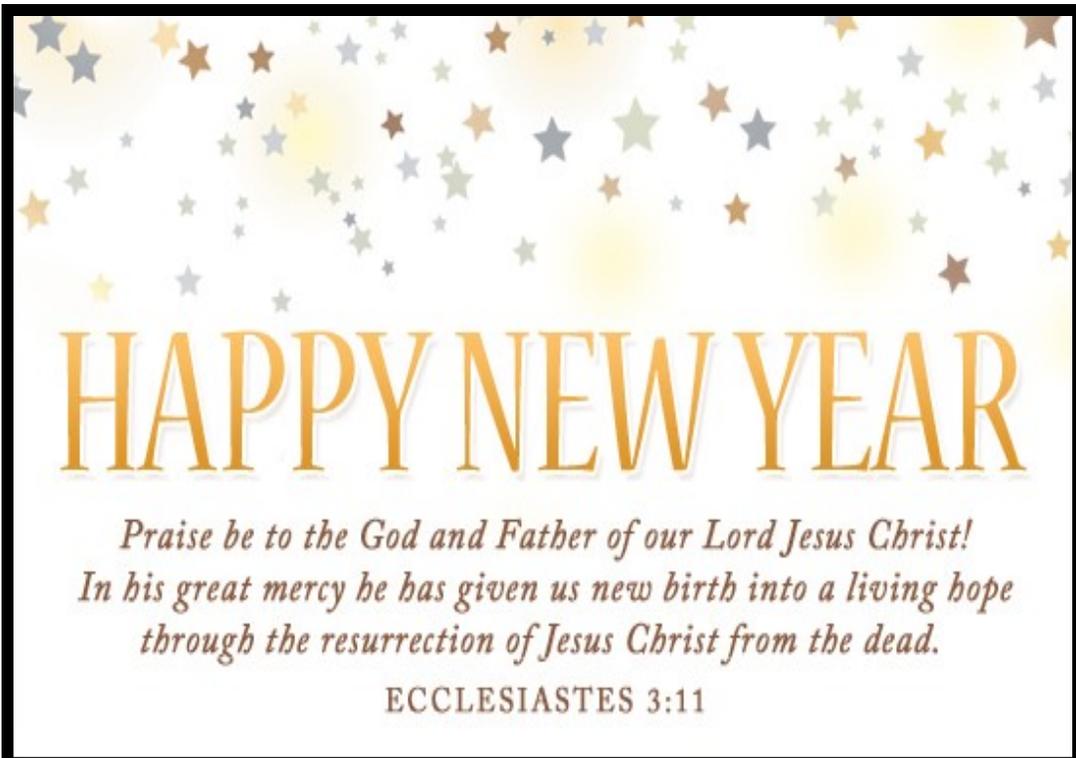
Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Office/ NS Closed	2 Office/ NS Reopens	3	4 Care n' Share 10am Youth Bell Rehearsal 10am
5 Epiphany Communion 9:30am Gen Z Lunch 12pm	6 Strategy 6pm Session 7pm	7	8	9	10
12 Deacon Installation Membership Info 10:45am Mixers & Mission 11:30am	13	14	15	16 No Kids Choirs	17
19 Elder Installation	20 MLK Day Office Closed Deborah, Priscilla 1pm Ruth 7pm	21 Shiphrah 7pm Rebekah 7pm	22 Miriam 9:30am	23	24
26 Esther 11am Budget Forum 11am	27	28	29	30	31
<p>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</p> <p>MONDAY 7 pm Boy Scouts—Witherspoon 7:30 BASIC— 2nd and 4th Monday of Month</p>		<p>TUESDAY 10 am-1 pm Care 'n Share Shop</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 6:15 pm Commissioning—Witherspoon 6:30pm Adult Bells 7:00 pm Cub Scouts—Community Room 7:30 pm Adult Choir</p>		<p>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</p> <p>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</p>	



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Next Tidings deadline is January 15 for February Issue

 <p>HAPPY NEW YEAR</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>ECCLESIASTES 3:11</p>	<p>Sunday Worship 9:30am</p> <p>Church Office 9 am-4 pm M-TH (856) 428-2050</p> <p>Fax (856) 795-8471</p> <p>E-Mail trinpres@trinpres.org</p> <p>Website www.trinpres.org</p>
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