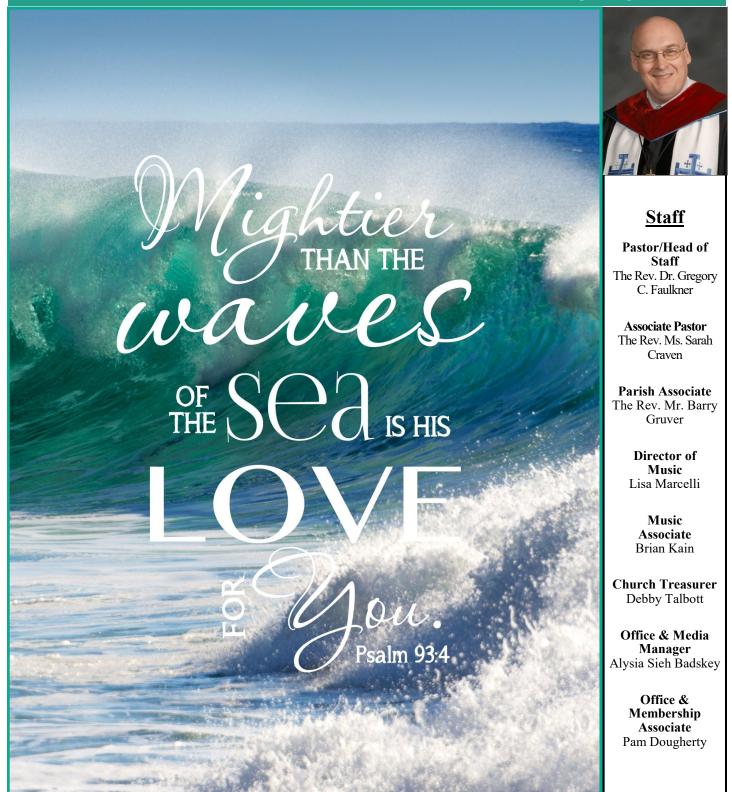
Trinity Tidings

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News & Notes

In Memoriam: *Elissa C. Goss* United with Trinity, March 5, 1989; Died June 15, 2023

Congratulations: We rejoice on the occasion of the following baptism: *Fitzwilliam Cortland Craven* son of Rev. Sarah Craven



And we congratulate Rev. Sarah on her 10th Ordination Anniversary. Thank you for your commitment to the ministry!

Notes:

The Flower Chart is making a comeback! Sign ups to donate flowers will begin in the fall with a few changes. The price of flowers has gone up significantly, so we will be asking for payment when you sign up. If we do not have enough people filling the chart, we will try an alternative plan to deliver flowers to shut-ins. Please look for more information in Work and Worship towards the end of the summer.





Session of Elders **Clerk of Session** Jenny Stark **Adult Ministries** Beth Gammie, Chair Jen Dukelow **Children's Ministries** Liz Nieradka, Chair Michelle Yeary **Finance & Stewardship** Brad Ritchie, Chair AnneMarie Palatnik Membership Susan Bastnagel, Chair Audrey Azevedo Wendy Anders **Mission & Outreach** Stacey Blackmer, Chair John Wilson Personnel Donna Croker, Chair John Young **Property & Buildings** Walt Steinle, Chair Dave Large Steve Morton Worship & Music Bonnie Jones, Chair **Youth Ministries** Tracy Miller, Chair **Rich Fletcher Strategy Committee** John Young, Chair

Deacons Moderator of Deacons Michele Strobel Committee Chairs Assistance Judy Spotto Fellowship Alison Schwarz Visitation Janelle Curl Service Kelly Murray

Children & Youth Ministries

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES MINUTE



Despite the inclement weather, Fun Day 2023 was a great success! There was great food, games, and fellowship.

The committee would like to thank the following members who provided side dishes: Trudie Levins, Linda Flanary, Susan Bastnagel, Nancy and Fiona Parks, Bonnie Jones, Linda and Bob Thorpe, Karen and Bill Kain, Jenny Stark, Janelle Curl, Audrey Azevedo, Judy Spotto, Eileen Rankin, Janet Strasser, and Jenny Leitinger.

The cupcake contest and ice cream truck were a huge hit. The committee thanks the participants and judges.

The Following participated in the Cupcake Contest 2023 -

Youth: Grace Burgess and Alayna Strobel

Teen: Cameron Curl, Sofia Burgess, Rebecca Strobel, Alexis and Ryan Bui, Gabby Watson, Samuel Henderson, Jake and Michael Henderson

Adult: Nancy and Fiona Parks, Kim Bui, Victoria Ebiri, and Jullian Watson

Judges: Doug Nork, Andrew Nieradka and Patrick Bean.

We appreciated the help of Bill Carboni for the cooking of the hot dogs and Abby Letinger for the amazing face painting as well as all the members who helped set up and clean up.

Sign ups are still available for summer coverage. Please sign up during coffee hour if you are able to help with child care during the summer Sundays.

The Children's Ministries Committee would like to thank all the church members who helped or taught a Sunday School class this year. Without your dedication to our children, we would not be able to provide Sunday School programs. Thank you for your time and effort towards enriching the faith of our church's children!

Gary Naumick Chris Slusser Rusty Sieh Karan Sieh Ben Rieth Julie Rocinske Liz Nieradka Pat Turner Linda Craven Susan Bastnagel Veronica Oster Roberta Richie Blessy Vinitta Alysia Badskey Deepa Albert Katie Odille Sophia Keagle Tyler McGrath Fiona Parks Julia Clarke Zhi Strobel



Looking forward to seeing everyone again for a great start to the program year with our annual pancake breakfast! Stay tuned for dates and ways to help out with this fun event!

Deacons Drives



Deacons Summer Sharing: We all knew grocery bills have been impacted by inflation, but the Deacons Summer Sharing Program recently had it hit home in a big way. Every summer Trinity, through the Assistance and Outreach committee of the Board of Deacons, sends a list of food and household supply items to Urban Promise and Acenda, asking them to indicate what is needed to support their work with their clients. Their orders are combined and sent to Shoprite for fulfillment. This year our total was nearly \$1000 more than last year, for essentially the same items. The Deacons Fund was able to absorb the cost, and for this we thank our members and friends who fill those green Deacon Fund envelopes, or make a note in EasyTithe. Sometimes we forget to tell you how your generosity is impacting our community, so consider this is a big THANK

YOU from the Deacons, and we are always grateful for your continuing support.

Deacon's School Supply Drive Starts Now!

Collection bins will be located in Fellowship Hall. Urban Promise is requesting the following supplies:

Supplies: dry erase markers, copy paper for the computer, 3 subject notebooks with folder dividers included, pocket folders, all types of notebooks: single, 3 and 5 subject, memory sticks, composition books, loose leaf paper, pencils, pens, glue sticks, adult scissors, highlighters, Crayola marker packs, index cards, white construction paper, erasers



Special Requests: electric pencil sharpeners, area rug for classroom, bleach wipes, hand sanitizer, tissues, paper towels

Backpacks: All size, color and design backpacks are needed. Please consider having a few adult size backpacks donated for high school students

Have you ever wondered what a Deacon does around our church?

Are you interested in serving the congregation and community? Contact Michele Strobel or Kelly Murray with any questions.

Trinity Library



Have you noticed the green square table in the front center of the library? We keep seasonal and holiday books there usually. Over the summer we are going to feature all the books that deal with different topics, such as unicorns or flowers OR we will feature a prominent author and all the books that our library carries by them. We are also planning a new Youth books display before the fall. Check it out!

Care 'n Share

Care n' Share had another busy Spring season. The thrift shop closed for the summer on June 8 with a half price sale and a \$5 bag sale. Thanks to your generous donations of house wares & clothing, we will be **donating \$10,500 to local missions this summer; that's in addition to \$ 8,000 that we donated in February!**

The left over clothing was bagged & delivered to local missions & thrift shops.

We will not be accepting items until late August ... TBA in Tidings. The shop will **open to customers on September 12**.

Also in September, Care n, Share will have a representative at Rally Day. Be sure to visit and consider volunteering!

Property and Buildings

Property and Buildings happenings: This summer there will a lot going on around the church property. Sometime during the summer, the Rt 70 project will start to impact our facility. The construction crews will be utilizing some of our front parking lot, while they reconstruct Rt 70 and add sidewalks. They will be redesigning the West Gate corner and we will lose one parking spot near the corner. Later in the year and into next year, West Gate Drive will be dug up to install a larger storm drain which will benefit us and stop future flooding of our facility.



While all that is going on, the Property and Building committee will be busy with other outside projects. We have contracted to have the center front steps and the office front steps replaced with comfortable steps that replicate the back stairs to the office. The railings will be brought up to code, extending to the sidewalk. For safety reasons, the damaged sidewalks around the building will also be replaced. The Black wrought iron front railings will be removed, repaired, and re-installed during the summer while usage is low. We are currently soliciting bids to have the Steeple and wood trim around the doors repainted. We also will have the bushes all around the property trimmed down substantially, possibly before you get this tidings article.

THANK YOU

Solar Update: June 26, 2023 marks the fifth full year of solar power collection at Trinity. We collected 185,470,470 watts of electricity! The system cost was fully paid off almost a year ago.

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From the Desk of the PW

PW Spring Highlights

Presbyterian Women enjoyed a busy Spring full of celebrations and events! Below are some highlights from these events.

Women's Retreat - On April 21-22 about 30 of our ladies gathered in person and virtually for retreat based upon the theme of Mustard Seed Moments, how God works in unseen and unexpected ways in our lives and the world. We were delighted to have our own Rev. Sarah Craven as our facilitator for this retreat. At the retreat, we enjoyed a time of fellowship, reflection, learning, worship, and action. Rev. Craven led us in both learning and reflection about the metaphor of



the mustard seed. We had a guided meditation session led by our guest Peggy Koenitzer which incorporated meditation on a Bible verse. We also had time to work on mission projects like making sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen and writing notes to friends and shut ins. The retreat ended with a worship service and communion.

We celebrated Office Manager Sue Nork's retirement from the Trinity Staff on April 23rd by hostessing a Trinity Cake Day during coffee hour. Not only was Sue the Office Manager, but she is and continues to be a long-time Trinity member, a choir member, and an active Presbyterian Woman who has served as Moderator of both Shiphrah Circle and the PW Board. We are grateful for her many years of service to the congregation, but especially for the many ways she supported PW through her work as Office Manager. We wish Sue a wonderful retirement!

Our PW Circles collected the materials for hygiene kits in April. Each Circle was assigned an item to collect, and then the hygiene kits were assembled by the Sunday School children. Additionally, members of the congregation and other Presbyterian churches in the Presbytery were invited to participate in the collection, and we received a number of additional Hygiene Kits as well as those our Circles collected. All of the Hygiene Kits will be sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) program to help those in need following disasters.

We concluded our program year on Tuesday, May 2nd at the Spring Gathering and Installation Tea Party. About 45 ladies gathered together in hats — fascinators and summer hats — to enjoy finger sandwiches, Gazpacho soup, lovely desserts, and tea. It was a joy and a delight for us to be able to gather together for this event. Some highlights from the evening were:

We enjoyed an informative presentation by Speaker Ellen Shimburg, an ambassador for Project Rozana. Project Rozana is a daring greatly mission whose aim is to "build bridges to better understanding between Israelis and Palestinians through health." Project Rozana has several health initiatives in the Middle East, including providing transportation for critically ill Palestinian patients (mostly children) for treatment in Israeli hospitals. They also support training of Palestinian doctors, nurses, and therapists through a range of projects with Israeli hospitals. Ellen impressed us with her passion for the work Project Rozana is doing and her belief that Peace is possible in the Middle East. We dedicated our offering from the evening to Project Rozana.

Finally, we installed the new PW Board members for the upcoming 2022-23 program year. We would like to thank all of the Board Members for their service this year, especially those who completed their service. We also welcome the new PW Board members as they join with continuing officers as they plan for next year.

IF YOU ARE NOT INVOLVED IN A PW CIRCLE, please prayerfully consider trying a circle. Circle members enjoy fellowship, learning, spiritual nurturing, and many opportunities for Mission. *If you do not belong to a Circle, please know that you are ALWAYS welcome to attend any or all of our events*?!!!! We are already busy planning the Fall Gathering for October of 2023! For more information, please reach out to Jenny Leitinger, our new Moderator at jerseyjenny13@gmail.com or Susan Bastnagel, our Fellowship Coordinator at <u>sbastnagel@gmail.com</u>. Also, stop by the PW Table on Rally Day in September.







Save-the-date! The DW NYC bus trip is back! Wednesday, October 18th. Details to follow!



YOU DID IT! YOUR TRINITY FAMILY IS PROUD OF YOU!



- CLASS OF 2023-

NEW ADVENTURES AHEAD !



Kyle Ebiri

Graduated from Grove City College with a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He intends to begin working soon, but no plans have been finalized.





Nitin Charles

I'm from Marlton, NJ. I just graduated from Cherokee High School and I'm heading over to Rutgers University in Camden. There, I will be majoring in Computer Science and hopefully higher education in aviation/aeronautics so that I can fulfill my passion for working in the aviation field. Working at Boeing or in the U.S. Air Force.

Marissa McGrath

Graduated from Cherry Hill High School West. While at West she played varsity volleyball and varsity softball. Marissa played the trumpet in the Wind Ensemble and sang in West Singers. Marissa will be attending Salisbury University in Maryland in the fall. Her major is undecided but will be exploring all of the many opportunities to proceed with a future that best suits her.





Ryan McGrath

Graduated from Rowan College at Burlington County with his Associates of Science degree in Business Administration. He has been accepted into the Rohrer College of Business at Rowan University. He will be studying to earn his Bachelor's Degree in Business Management.





Lauren McGrath

Graduated from Rowan College at Burlington County with her Nursing degree. She will be continuing her education at Rowan University to earn her Bachelor of Science degree. She is currently working as a nurse at Jefferson Hospital in Cherry Hill.

Alexa Rankin

Graduated from Lenape High School and is choosing between Hawaii & California. She likes to surf!



Jack Schwarz

Graduated from Lenape High School. While at Lenape, Jack played on the Varsity Golf team. One of his favorite events with Trinity was attending the 2019 Youth Triennium. He will be attending Pennco Tech in September to become an HVAC Technician.





Zhi (Hannah) Strobel

Graduated from Sterling H.S. and plans to attend Full Sail University this fall in Winter Garden, Florida. Zhi's major will be computer animation. Zhi loves to draw and game with friends, and enjoys working at Wawa.

Matt Yeary

He graduated from Cherry Hill high School East and will be attending James Madison University where he has been accepted to the honors college and will be studying history with plans to go on to law school.





Next Tidings deadline is August 15th for September/October Issue

