



# Trinity Tidings

*An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life*



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## Changing for the Future

Jesus said to them:

*Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.*

~John 4:35

What a difference a year makes! As I write this, the month of June is nearing it's last week. At this time last year, I was on a bus returning to Jerusalem after nearly a week of seeing the holy places around the Sea of Galilee. I know; I know! Not another article about the Holy Land! No; it's not! It's an article about **change**.

This last year has brought change for each of us. For a few, it was a life-altering change, either for good or ill. For some, it was change that we found bewildering and unexpected. For many of us, perhaps most of us, the change has been imperceptible. We look at the calendar hanging in the kitchen and check off the day, and then, in time, we turn the page to the next month. And as the days come and the seasons turn, there is change.

How have you changed since last summer? Can you name where the difference is in your life? In your thinking? In your heart? I arrived in the Holy Land with some knowledge and, a year later, I have gained more knowledge and also much deeper questions about that place and its meaning for our faith and for our contemporary world. Perhaps you come to this mid-year and have more questions than answers. Surely the world in which we live gives us much to ponder. For me, the questions of what can I do to make our society better have become more pressing. Am I doing enough? Is my life a help or a hindrance to faith, hope and love? What can I say or do today that might help this weary old world?

You and I are different than we were in June, 2017, but what is still true is that there are people all around who are in need of kindness and compassion and justice. Jesus was speaking more evangelistically when he spoke of the fields ready for harvest, but I'd suggest that it is no less true that the fields of our communities and our society are ready for Christians to reap a harvest of care and concern. Whatever has changed in our lives, the need for us to be serving in the fields of the Lord to bring forth a harvest of deeper faith and renewed hope and greater love has not changed. The need is still there. Will we, as the people called Trinity Presbyterian, give of ourselves to bring God's desired harvest? If you are not quite sure, you can ask the Lord now to change your heart and help you—and us—to step out in trust to serve God by serving others, to welcome God by welcoming neighbors, to loving God by loving the stranger. If we do, we—and those around us!—will surely have good reason to be...

Hoping Big-

Gregory



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# Trinity's Music News



**YOU CAN MAKE MUSIC AT TRINITY!**

**\*\*All Choirs and Bands will Resume in the Fall\*\***

Please call the church office at 428-2050 or e-mail Lisa Marcelli,  
Director of Music, at [lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org](mailto:lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org) for more information.



## 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade;

Thursday 5:00-5:40pm

Team Choir – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade; Thursday 5:40-6:20pm

Team Bells – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade; Thursday 6:20-6:50pm

## Youth Rehearsals

Youth Choir – 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade; Sundays 10:50am-11:30am

Youth Bell Ensemble 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade; Sundays 11:30-noon

Youth Instrumental Ensemble 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade;

Rehearsal Dates to be Announced

## Trinity Band and Mahalo Ukulele Band

Rehearsal Dates to be Announced





# Trinity News and Notes

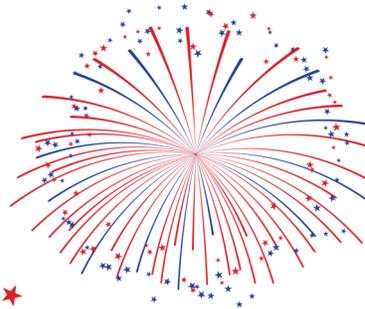
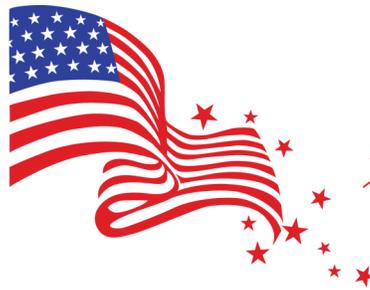
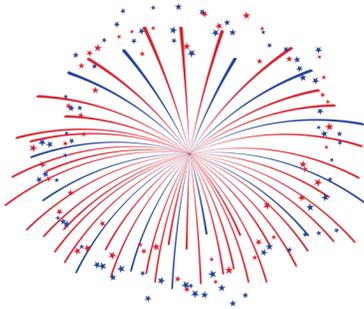


## Sympathies

*We extend our sympathies to Jim and Nancy Roberts and the Digneo and Robertson families on the death of **Jim's brother, Chuck Roberts** and on the death of Nancy's sister, **Janet Lani.***

## Baptisms

*We rejoice on the baptism of **Jameson Edward Wiesenecker** son of **Sarah and Michael Wiesenecker.***

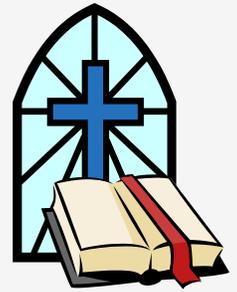


## Session Update

At its stated meeting on June 4, 2018, the Session:

- † Continued discussions on strategic initiatives and mission project options.
- † Learned about end of year programming.
- † Approved a revised budget for 2018, which includes staff raises, additional property support, and a commitment to support local, regional, national, and international mission through a tithe.
- † Committed to making a leap of faith to follow a similar budget pattern for two years, while also revisiting it in a year.
- † Approved funds for maintenance on the sprinkler system.
- † Heard a report about the most recent Presbytery meeting, which included recognizing Don Fletcher for 75 years of ministry.
- † Approved a building use
- † Prayed for members and friends.

Margery N. Sly  
Clerk of Session



### 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*

Rob Bailey

*Service*

Randy Southworth

*Visitation*

Audrey Azevedo

## Children's Ministries



If you like toddlers ask a friend or teenager to teach or help in our 2 and 3 year old class starting in September and continuing through May two or three times a month. If you are interested, please contact either let Linda Craven 973-975-7035 or Nancy Roberts 609-870-9634. There is also an opening for a teacher in our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class. If this would be a good fit for you at Trinity, please again either call Linda or Nancy. Curriculum will be provided. We are sure you will find it very rewarding.

## Nursery School

The 2017-18 school year was a great success with full classes, happy faces, art projects, singing, dancing & interactive learning! Our spring was filled with butterfly hatching, Mother's day teas, seed planting and end of the year art projects and celebrations. We graduated our 4 year old class on Thursday, May 24 and wish them and their families a wonderful summer and a successful school year in their new schools!!

We are already busy getting our school cleaned, organized and prepared for the 2018-19 school year. September will be here before we know it and I am busy registering our new and returning families for their class choices. Our classes are filling up quickly and I am available Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-2 to register and give tours of our building. I can also be available by appointment if these scheduled days do not accommodate your needs. We are registering for our Toddler Time class, our 18 mos- 2 1/2 year old class attended with a special caregiver or parent, as well as 2 1/2, 3 & 4 year old classes. We also offer lunch bunch & extended day options on Mon, Wed, & Fri.



Please contact Trinity at [marina.pappas@trinpres.org](mailto:marina.pappas@trinpres.org) or 856-795-3123 for more information.

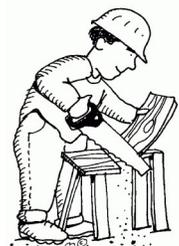
## TRINITY SOLAR PANELS ARE WORKING!



On June 25<sup>th</sup>, PSE&G installed our new meter, which tracks electricity in both directions. On June 26<sup>th</sup> we received the official letter of notification granting permission to operate the system. Later that day Absolutely Energized Power Systems (AEPS), came and turned the system on. We are now generating electricity with our solar panels. Any power that we don't use, is automatically sent to PSE&G, crediting our account for that electricity. We anticipate generating between a third and one half of the electricity used by the main building.

## Friends of the Carpenter

the Mission and Outreach Committee's helping handymen would like to remind the congregation that we are open for business and available for small jobs for households needing repairs. It is truly our mission to provide this service to anyone; we can also consult with you to determine if the job needs a contractor. Please contact Stan Blair: [stanblair@aol.com](mailto:stanblair@aol.com) or 609-654-9172 or Chris Bryfogle: [bryfogles@juno.com](mailto:bryfogles@juno.com) or 856-985-5393.



## R&M Christmas in July– Sunday 7/22

Great news! We have gift buyers for all 52 residents of R&M Boarding home. Thank you all so much. Please return your gift as soon as possible to Fellowship Hall. If you are not familiar with R&M, it is home to 52 adults, most with developmental and mental disabilities. They look forward to this event all year long. You can still **sign-up and join us in hosting this event. We will carpool from church around 11:15am on July 22nd and will be back in Cherry Hill before 3:00pm.**

Sign-ups continue for food donations: pasta or potato salad, and Christmas cookies. For more information call/text Jenny Stark at 609-680-6090.



## Wanted: Crafters for 2018 Trinity Holiday Bazaar!



Our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Bazaar and Craft Show will take place on **Saturday, November 17, 2018** from am to 3pm. We are always looking for new artisans and crafters, so if you would like to sign up for a booth, or if you know anyone who would be interested our event, please contact Julie Blair at: [2018trinitybazaar@gmail.com](mailto:2018trinitybazaar@gmail.com). The fee is \$45 per booth if you sign up by August 31st, after that the fee will be \$55 per booth. We are also looking for

Silent Auction items and, for the day of the event, face painters/“tattoo” artists. Call Julie if you can help. More information is available on our website so check it out at [www.trinpres.org](http://www.trinpres.org).

## Deacons School Supply Drive

The deacons will again be collecting school supplies this year for the students at Urban Promise. This note is a reminder so you can stretch your dollars and maximize the amount of supplies donated to the school by taking advantage of summer school supply sales.

Items needed are: notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, glue sticks, loose leaf paper, erasers, pencil sharpeners, rulers, tape, markers, construction paper, printer paper, two pocket folders, backpacks, pencil cases, and lysol wipes. More information on when and where the supplies will be collected will be coming in August.



## Attention! Witherspoon Center Closet Clean-Out!



Witherspoon Center closet will be cleaned out this summer. If your group has **anything** stored in the larger closet located at the rear of the main room of Witherspoon Center, it **must be labeled**. Anything **left without a label after July 31** will be **disposed of on August 1**. Please help us by labeling anything you wish to store in this area.

## Care n' Share

Care 'n Share is closed for the summer and will re-open for business on September 18. We will, however, begin accepting donations of fall/winter clothing and housewares in August TBA.

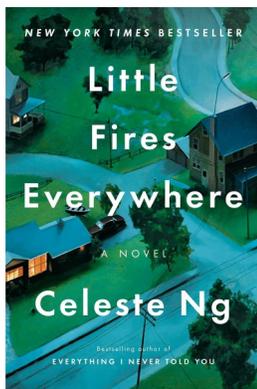


We have hundreds of items that will need to be marked...please consider volunteering 1 day a week. We are open Tuesdays & Thursdays & 1 Saturday a month from 10 am to 1 pm. Be part of a mission that gives away approximately \$20,000 a year!

Visit our table on Rally Day to sign up! See you then.... Eileen Rankin .. [eileenrank@comcast.net](mailto:eileenrank@comcast.net)

## Library

The “lazy, hazy” days of summer, with its less hectic schedules and vacation time, are the perfect opportunity to read a good book. This month the Trinity Library is featuring popular fiction books.



### Little Fires Everywhere By Celeste Ng

A recent addition to our library, *Little Fires Everywhere* is described on the book jacket as a novel that “explores the weight of secrets, the ferocious pull of motherhood and the dangers of believing that following the rules can avert disaster.”

The plot revolves around two very different families. The Richardsons are a traditional two-parent family with four children who live in a wealthy suburb where everything is pristine and controlled. The Warren family consists of a single Mom with one daughter, itinerants who rent an apartment that Mrs. Richardson owns in a far less prestigious part of town. When the two families interact, the children of each of them are mesmerized by the beliefs and lifestyles of the other. Soon a clash of cultures ensues.

The book begins with a description of the fire that destroyed the Richardson’s house. It was set by igniting gasoline on each of the beds and these are the

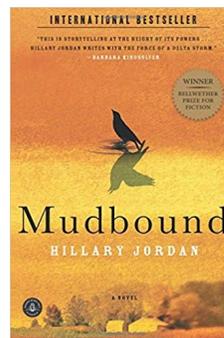
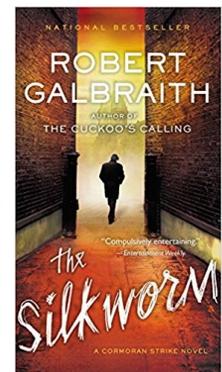
“little fires everywhere” that are the literal reference in the title. But this fire metaphor runs throughout the book and describes both the passions that develop and the struggle to resist them. In describing Mrs. Richardson, Ng says “All her life she had learned that passion, like fire, was a dangerous thing. The key, she thought was to avoid conflagration.”

The Warren mother, on the other hand, is an artist and photographer whose work is as unconventional as her past. She is able to understand and help the Richardson children with problems they can’t take to their own mother. But her own daughter, Pearl, is drawn to the privileged life of the other family.

The author grew up in Shaker Heights, Ohio, and the careful planning which characterizes both the physical layout of the place and the successful futures expected of the children are central to the themes of the novel.

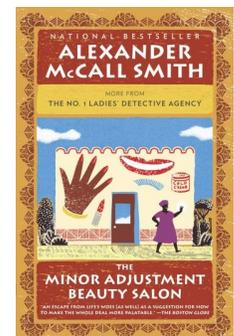
### Other Suggestions

The library display cart also features fiction books that have been popular in past summers. These include *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins, *Silkworm* by Robert Galbraith (actually J.K. Rowling), *The Nightingale* by Kristen Hannah and *Mudbound* by Hilary Jordan.



Or browse our extensive fiction section. We have a collection of books by popular authors like Jodi Picoult, James Michener, Dan Brown, Fanny Flagg and Alexander McCall Smith (the #1 Ladies Detective Agency series), among many others.

**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](mailto:dunfeet@aol.com)).**



## Trinity Information Board:

### West Jersey Presbytery's Hispanic Worshipping Community

in Camden is having their first ever Traveling Day Camp July 16th-21st from 8:30 AM- 3 PM. We have been offered the exciting opportunity to partner with them. There are three ways you can be involved. 1.) Volunteer during the week. There is flexibility to volunteer only a few days or part of the day. 2.) Donate snacks for the week. 3.) House one of the Camp Johnsonburg counselors for the week. If you are interested in being involved talk to Pastor Sarah or email [sarah.craven@trinpres.org](mailto:sarah.craven@trinpres.org) or talk to Nancy Roberts for more information.



### Save-the-Date!!

**Trinity Out & About** has one for the ladies! Join us on Thursday, October 25th, at the Philadelphia Museum of Art for a private guided tour of "**Fabulous Fashion: From Dior's New Look to Now**". Afterwards, lunch will be served on the east balcony, overlooking the Great Stair Hall. The tour begins at 10:00 am, and lunch follows at 11:45 am. More details will be available in the September issue of Tidings. *Men are welcome!*

### THANK YOU, CK!

A big thank you goes out to Carolyn Kramer (CK to her Miriam Circle sisters) and her husband, Randy, who have been our church photographers for the past 10 years. They have decided to retire after donating their services to us for countless church events. They've photographed nursery school students, commissioning classes, new member classes, church staff, bazaars, our 60th anniversary celebration, church interiors and exteriors for the website, and in 2012, they photographed all of our members for our pictorial directory. CK and Randy—THANK YOU! We are so grateful for all you have done for Trinity!!!



## Finance and Stewardship



**The Finance and Stewardship Committee would like to remind you to give your Per Capita for 2018.**

If you have already done so, we thank you. West Jersey Presbytery has set the amount at \$39 per member for 2018. Per Capita is the amount of money per member that our congregation pays to our larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This money is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together, enabling Trinity to work with other Presbyterian Churches in our presbytery and across the country to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world. Per capita is determined by member, not by family.

Therefore, a family of four commissioned-members would each owe Per Capita on an annual basis, resulting in four payments. If the Per Capita amount of \$39 is not received from a member, Trinity must take monies from its operating budget, which could then limit our other ministries. We hope that you will consider giving your Per Capita for 2018.

# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!!



## Ryan Mailahn

graduated from Cherry Hill West High School and will be attending Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

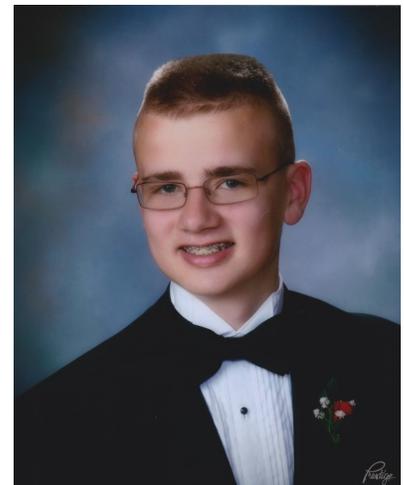


**Cate Marcelli** will graduate this year from Cherry Hill East High School. During her time at East Cate participated in a variety of activities. Some of these included, Belles of East, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, East Singers, Symphony Orchestra as well as the All South Jersey and All State Choirs. In the fall, Cate will attend Temple University, Tyler School of Art.



**Lauren McGrath** graduated from Cherry Hill High School West on June 19th. She will be entering into the 3 + 1 program at Rowan College at Burlington County and will finish at Rowan University with a nursing degree.

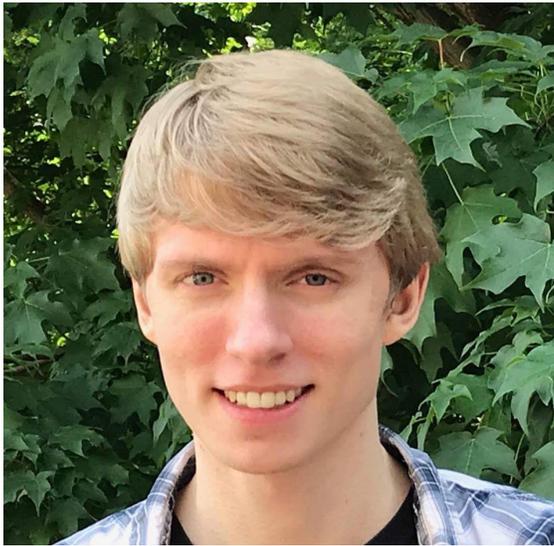
**Connor Strobel** graduated from Sterling High School and will be attending Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona, FL. He plans to major in Aeronautical Science and become a pilot.



**Kaitlin Applegate** graduated from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Science in Health Behavior Science. She earned a double minor in Public Health and Human Development & Family Studies. She participated in UD's study abroad programs in South Africa and Cuba. She was a four year member of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and worked with alumni as a Student Alumni Ambassador. She participated in alternative spring break service programs in Tennessee, North Carolina and Florida and a mission trip to Trinidad. Kaitlin is working towards becoming a Certified Child Life Specialist and will be working at Shriners Hospital for Children in Philadelphia this summer.



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**James Blackmer** completed his BS degree in Mechanical Engineering at Drexel University, Philadelphia PA, in June 2018. The five-year program included 3 six-month internships. Notable internship accomplishments included designing and building a 9-foot replica of the John Hancock building in micro K'Nex pieces (35,000 plus pieces) and designing and building a no-touch latch for the door of the restroom of a million dollar yacht. Despite working diligently to complete the ME degree, James does not think of himself as a Mechanical Engineer - rather an Animator. He serendipitously discovered his passion and talent for animation during his first year at Drexel, added a minor in animation, and embarked on an online animation certificate program concurrently with his ME studies. He continues his animation classes toward completion in March 2019. In the meantime he is searching for job opportunities to advance his chosen career as an Animator.

**Jamie Robertson** graduated from Lynchburg College with a degree in Special Education.





## Summer Worship Calendar

**When you are not on vacation please stop by our  
*Blessed Happy Hour* at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings!**



- 5/27** The Rev. Dr. Greg Faulkner with Brian Kain, tenor
- 6/3** The Rev. Dr. Greg Faulkner with Lisa Miller Armstrong, violin and Mike Armstrong, trombone
- 6/10** The Rev. Dr. Greg Faulkner with Kristi Paulson and Kristen Viglietta, duet
- 6/17** The Rev. Ms. Sarah Craven with the Trinity Band
- 6/24** The Rev. Mrs. Fleming Rutledge with Ian Willoughby, French horn and Ron Willoughby, clarinet
- 7/1** The Rev. Dr. Greg Faulkner with Julia Clarke and Leah Marcelli, flute duet
- 7/8** The Rev. Dr. Greg Faulkner with Michael Lazarow and Amelia Paulson, duet
- 7/15** The Soon-To-Be Rev. Ms. Stephanie Dion with Jimmy Boyle, trumpet
- 7/22** The Rev. Ms. Sarah Craven with Joe Bechtel and Betty Stockwell, duet, and Paul Paulson, organ
- 7/29** The Rev. Mr. Mouris Yousef with Steve Talbott, tenor and Bob Bross, guitar
- 8/5** The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Miller with Cate, Leah, Lisa, and Olivia Marcelli, and Karen Kain, quintet
- 8/12** The Rev. Ms. Sarah Craven with Julia Wilson, piano
- 8/19** The Rev. Mr. Barry Gruver with Julia Clarke, flute
- 8/26** The Rev. Mr. Barry Gruver with Lauren Parsons, soprano
- 9/2** The Rev. Dr. Greg Faulkner with Brian Kain, tenor
- 9/9** The Rev. Dr. Greg Faulkner with a Pick Up Choir
- 9/16** Rally Day – The Rev. Dr. Greg Faulkner with Rally Day Choir, Trinity Band, Youth Bells and Mahalo Ukulele Band



## Property & Buildings Church Cleaning *Another form of Stewardship*



The Property and Buildings Committee currently spends almost \$1000 per month to have the facility cleaned. We would like to reduce that cost by enlisting volunteers to supplement the contracted work. During the summer and into Rally Day, the Property and Buildings Committee will start a sign-up sheet to gauge the interest there is in helping reduce the money spent for tasks we could all do at almost no cost.



Items like vacuum the Sanctuary once a week, vacuum Fellowship Hall, empty garbage cans, wipe down the bathroom sinks, clean windows of finger prints, etc.. If enough people are willing to help do one or more tasks once in a while, then perhaps we can reduce the amount of work the cleaning service has to do and save some money. Helping to keep things clean also helps to strengthen your connection to the church and gain an added sense of involvement and ownership.

# Summer Calendar



**4th-** Happy Birthday USA!  
*(church office closed)*

**7th–14th** Sr. High Mission  
Work Trip to West Virginia

**22nd-** Christmas in July  
*(at R&M Boarding House)*



**Get Ready for Rally Day!**

**August 15th–** Tidings Articles  
Due

**SAVE THE DATE FOR  
RALLY DAY !!!  
Sunday, September 16th**

**Save-the-Date  
PW New York Bus  
Trip is October 24th!  
*Tickets will go  
on sale in  
August.***



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***Next Tidings deadline is August 15 for September Issue***



**Sunday Worship**  
9:30am

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