Trinity Tidings

An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life

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Sweet Hour of Prayer

But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. Matthew 6:6

For nearly 175 years, Christians have sung the words penned by the blind English pastor, William Walford, that are a poetic commentary on Jesus' words in Matthew 6:6.

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known.

During our 24-Hour Prayer Vigils each of us is offered an hour to pray "in secret" here at Trinity. Our Prayer Vigil is not all of us spending 24-hours in corporate prayer, as we do on Sundays, but rather each of us is given one sweet hour of prayer. This is done by providing a quiet place so several people can be praying throughout the main building. Someone will be in the sanctuary; another might be in the hospitality room or the columbarium or the fellowship hall. This affords us the opportunity to fulfill Jesus' command to "go into your room, close the door and pray."

During the Prayer Vigil you will read the Bible and "pray to your Father who is unseen" and, I promise you, that sweet hour of prayer will seem to fly by and be over before you know it. (For those who like, there will be a prayer station set up for 90-minute time slots.)

As we begin the Holy Week journey to Christ's cross and on to his glorious resurrection, the Prayer Vigil is a wonderful opportunity to be called "from a world of care" and at God's throne to "make all [our] wants and wishes known." If you have participated before, I hope you will sign up to again enjoy this offer for an hour of prayer. If you have not been able to pray at the Vigil, I want to ask you to seriously consider doing so. Our goal is to have 100 people participating. Sign ups begin this month. **The Prayer Vigil** will begin at **Noon on Friday, March 18 till Noon on Saturday, March 19**.

The Prayer Vigil is an offer for you to close the door and in the quietness of our church to seek the Lord's face; if we will, we will find, as at every previous Prayer Vigil, that the reward promised by Jesus will be an experience of love and grace and peace and strength that will transform us. I hope you will sign up during coffee hour and join us as we spend an hour in prayer, a sweet hour alone with God. If you will do that, you and I will both have great cause to be….

Hoping Big,
Gregory

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Trinity's Music News

Adult Choir Rehearsal

New members are always welcome!

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

Children's Choirs Rehearsals

New members are always welcome!

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 Choir Rehearsal

New members are always welcome!

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; rehearses as needed

YOU CAN MAKE MUSIC AT TRINITY!

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 Community Concert Series

Join Us for Our 26th Season!

Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 7:30 PM

Cherry Hill East/Cherry Hill West Vocal Ensembles

East meets West as students from Cherry Hill's high schools join voices in a special performance that the whole family will enjoy!

Save the Date! Also Performing in Our 26th Anniversary Season:
Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 4:00 PM Gleeksman-Kohn Children's Choir of the Settlement Music School

TRINITY COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

Our concerts are open to all!
Admission is a free-will offering.
A reception with light refreshments will follow each concert.

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Session Update

At its stated meeting on January 4, 2016, the Session:

✝ Approved the December membership count of 754.
✝ Began planning for the officers' retreat.
✝ Learned that Trinity will be hosting the Presbytery-wide 30-hour famine.
✝ After continued discussion and discernment, voted 13 to 5 in favor of permitting same sex marriages at Trinity.
✝ Approved continued discussions with the township about Rte. 70 construction, drainage, and driveway reconfigurations.
✝ Learned that end of year income was below budget by over $18,000 and under expended by over $17,000.
✝ Confirmed the January 31 Budget Forum and Special Session meeting.
✝ Noted that pledging for the 2016 operating budget was behind needed levels which may require budget adjustments.
✝ Discussed the need for a person or committee to coordinate and supply support at funerals.
✝ Prayed for members and friends.

Margery Sly, Clerk of Session

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	DECEMBER	YEAR TO DATE		BUDGET
INCOME	118,109	832,180	#	866,860
EXPENSES	128,285	856,610	#	866,860
	(10,176)	(24,430)		-
PLEDGE YTD ACTUAL	599,231			
	233,601			
PLEDGE YTD BUDGET	615,000			
PLEDGE YTD vs BUDGET	(15,769)			

Session of Elders

Clerk of Session
Margery Sly
Adult Ministries
Eby Banas
Children's Ministries
Ann Smolsky
Finance & Stewardship
Stan Applegate
Membership
Susan Bastnagel
Mission & Outreach
Bill Kain
Personnel
Mark Miles
Property & Buildings
Walt Steinle
Worship & Music
Linda Flanary
Youth Ministries
Donna Allen
Strategy Committee
Margery Sly
Technology Committee
Tom Earp

Deacons

Moderator of Deacons
Bruce Torok
Committee Chairs
Assistance
Denise Ceneviva
Fellowship
Paul Guelich & Carolyn Kramer
Service
Alison Schwarz
Visitation
Michael McBride

Trinity News and Notes

In Memoriam…
David Crozier
United with Trinity December 12, 1997; Died January 1, 2016

Ralph T. MacClemmy, Jr.
United with Trinity January 16, 1983; Died January 5, 2016

Sympathies…

We extend our sympathies and prayers to **Carol Parsons and family** on the death of **Carol's father, Ralph MacClemmy**.

We extend our sympathies and prayers to **Betty & Bill Stockwell, Joe Bechtel, and family** on the death of their **nephew, Scott Gramling.**

We extend our sympathies and prayers the **Spiecker and Watson families** on the death of **Miki Spiecker's brother-in-law, Joe Retzler.**

Adult Education

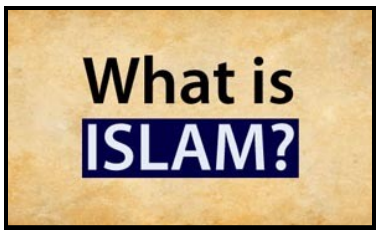
Adult Ed Class:

What is soteriology? What is the Ransom theory of salvation or the penal substitution theory?

Join us on **February 14** as our own Rev. Dr. Greg Faulkner delves into the theology of Christ's death on the cross. This will be his first talk on his series, **FOR US AND OUR SALVATION: A BIBLICAL OVERVIEW OF THE SAVIOR'S DEATH.**

This will be held at **Witherspoon, 11 AM**, right after the Annual Congregational Meeting or the coffee hour. Bring a friend or friends.

What is Islam?: An Adult Ed Forum:



This question is timely given the recent events. On **February 21**, Adult Ministries will present a discussion on ISLAM TODAY. Dr. M.A. R. Habib, a Professor of English at Rutgers University and a scholar in the areas of literary criticism, theory and philosophy will be the guest speaker.

Dr. Habib is the author of nine books. He spent a year in Malaysia as a Fulbright scholar. His interests extend to Islamic philosophy and literature. He is currently under contract to translate the Qur'an into English verse.He has given numerous talks on various aspects of Islam, such as Islam and Democracy. Dr. Habib believes that it is a matter of urgency to foster an improved understanding between the Islamic world and Western cultures.

Join us on **February 21, 2016, 11 am, at the Community Room** for a lively discussion. Invite your friend/friends.

Lenten Soup 'n Sound

Wednesday lunch hour concerts

Soup lunch at 12:00 pm,
concert starting at 12:30 pm
Admission—freewill donation

February 10
Soup lunch followed by
Ash Wednesday worship service

February 17
Young Artist Feature
Julia Clarke, flute
Stanley Delage, piano

February 24
George Bowerman, piano

March 2
Nero Catalano, classical guitar

March 9
Thérèse Hurley, harp

March 16
Rebecca Sayer Kain
and
Lisa Kain Marcelli, vocalists

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Children and Youth Ministries

Sunday School

Children's Ministries would like to have a Volunteer to sit in the Sunday school Office in Witherspoon while classes are going on Sunday morning, to help monitor the coming and going of people. **We will have a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.** We also still need a volunteer to help in the Nursery on the first Sunday of the month. If you can help for one month it will be greatly appreciated.

The children have been collecting coins for" In Charity's Shoes". The interns from Urban Promise International spoke to the children about life in Malawi on January 31 and Elaine Schon graciously made coin bags that the children can collect money in and bring to church.

Youth Group

30 HOUR FAMINE

On February 26th-27th Trinity will be hosting approximately 100 people from the West Jersey Presbytery for the annual 30 Hour Famine. This is an amazing opportunity for our students to better understand hunger, serve within the community, and join with other youth in our presbytery. This amazing weekend though, isn't possible without everyone's help. We are asking those in the congregation to help out in several different ways.

Donate Soup, Rolls, Simple Salads, Buttered Spaghetti. At the end of our Famine, we break our fast by feasting together. As the home church, we provide the meal. We need ten crockpots of light soup and a collection of these other items to feed everyone.

Donate of Juice, Gatorade, and Water. Throughout the Famine we provide drinks for the participants. Donations may be left in the downstairs kitchen.

Volunteer. On Saturday morning our youth will head out to serve local charities. If you would be interested in driving and serving alongside them from 8:30- 12, let me know. We could also use help unloading the Stop Hunger Now boxes into the Community Room from 11-12 that morning. Please let Rev. Craven know if you are willing to help with this wonderful event.

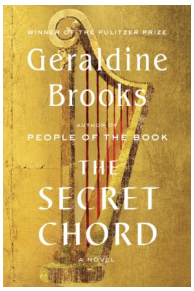
Care n' Share

Care 'n Share had a rather quiet month for most of January...However, we are still accepting winter clothing until February 28. We will begin taking in Spring clothes at that time. Please make sure all items are clean and serviceable! (no rips, missing buttons, etc.)

We will be open on the "first Saturday", February 6. Clothing and house wares may be dropped off then, as well as Tuesdays & Thursdays between 10 a m and 1 pm. You can also bring your donations in on Sundays following the 9:30 Worship Service.

Again, please check Trinity's Annual Report for a list of monetary donations that Care 'n Share made to local missions. $17,250.00 was donated this past year thanks to your generous donations of clothing & house wares! Thank you to our Trinity members who also shop at Care 'n Share! They find great bargains!

Library Corner



The Secret Chord
By Geraldine Brooks

Geraldine Brooks is a Pulitzer Prize-winning author of historical fiction who is acclaimed for her imaginative rendering of the blank spaces in history's records in four previous novels. In *The Secret Chord*, she explores the life of King David in Second Iron Age Israel (a thousand years before the Christian era).

The story of David, as it is recorded in First and Second Samuel, provides the historical basis for the book. Brooks did extensive research on the life and culture of the times and even used personal and place names in their translation from Hebrew (Shaul for Saul, Shmuel for Samuel, and Shlomo for Solomon). Lines from the Psalms appear in the text as autobiographical poetry.

All of the major events of David's life are included in the book. The fictional part occurs because Brooks fills in the gaps with reinterpretations and expansions of the well-known events (David's boyhood situation within his family and his defeat of Goliath are especially interesting). The women (David's mother and wives) are given background stories and emotional depth, as are David's relationships with his sons.

The story is narrated by Nathan, the prophet who foretold David's rise and later his downfall. The text is imagined to be the "lost book" of Nathan: "Now the acts of David the King, first and last, behold, they are written in the words of Samuel the seer and the words of Nathan the prophet" (I Chronicles 29). The narrative is presented as the result of David's commanding Nathan to write his biography and to interview significant people in his life.

Nathan serves not only as David's chronicler and prophet, but also as his conscience: "the visions of promised greatness had led him only to bloody deeds and a self-regard that made him think he was above the law." *The Secret Chord* has been described as "A timely and universal exploration of the limits of loyalty, the seductive and corrupting influence of power, and the intersections between sin and faith, and punishment and redemption."

Reviewers of the book have compared King David to the flawed "tragic heroes" of Shakespeare's plays. *The Secret Chord* has also been compared to *Game of Thrones*. There are numerous bloody battles with gory executions, family betrayals and political intrigues (not to mention rape, incest, and murder).

In the final analysis, *The Secret Chord* is a fascinating, superbly written page turner with little regard for Biblical reverence.

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).

Learn More About Trinity at Our Next Membership Information Session!

New to Trinity? Are you a visitor who is interested in learning what it means to be a Presbyterian? Have you noticed all of the great things that are happening here and you'd like to get more involved? Perhaps you are already a member and would like to learn more. Our next Membership Information Session will be held on **Sunday, February 28, 2016 at 11:00 am**. At that time, The Rev. Greg Faulkner will talk about what it means to be a Presbyterian. He will also talk about all of the opportunities that Trinity offers.

If you are interested in attending, please email sbastnagel@gmail.com or call her at 609-230-3556. We will be serving lunch, so it is important that we know who will be attending. Babysitting will be provided if requested in advance. This is a great time for visitors (and members!) to get together and get to know Trinity.

Trinity Daytime Mens Group

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW—CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW??

The Men's Daytime Group will be welcoming the Delaware Valley Hearing Association to speak to us and perform some basic tests. The presentation and discussions may open up some opportunities to examine our own problems or that of a loved one. Missy Lang has extended us the chance to have a test done right after the meeting.

The meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday Feb. 16th @ 10 AM** in the Witherspoon Center. Talk about our meeting with your friends and neighbors. Make sure you tell them about our great special hot coffee and hot chocolate with tempting treats. And it goes without saying --- start your SUPER COLOSSAL DAY off with the Trinity Daytime Men's Group.

From the Desk of the PW...

PW MISSIONS - THANK YOU for the personal hygiene samples to aid Local Shelters. The Volunteers of America (VOA) appreciate our participation in this program each year. VOA will prepare personal kits to distribute to individuals staying in the Shelters. I'm sure the residents will be grateful for the hygiene packages. PW Missions appreciates all the support we receive from the Congregation and the Circles. Jan Caffrey

MARK THE DATE! -Gifts of Women's Sunday is March 6, 2016

PW February Circle Meetings

Monday, February 15th

1:00 p.m.	Deborah Circle	home of Barbara Cardea
1:00 p.m.	Priscilla Circle	home of Opal Stockwell
7:00 p.m.	Ruth Circle	home of Roberta Ritchie

Tuesday, February 16th

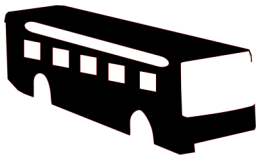
7:00 p.m.	Hannah Circle	home of Kit Rollin
7:00 p.m.	Shiphrah Circle	home of Sheri Desjardins
7:15 p.m.	Rebekah Circle	home of Elisa Goss

Wednesday, February 17th

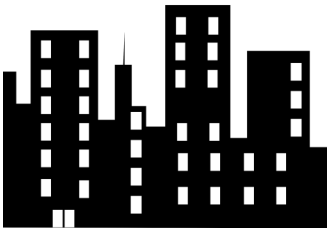
9:30 a.m.	Miriam Circle	Rm. 2, Witherspoon

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

NYC Spring Bus Trip !!



The semi-annual New York bus trip returns on **Wednesday, April 13**. Family and friends of Trinity are invited to create their own New York adventure by participating in this **transportation only** bus trip to New York. Pick up will be from the Trinity parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and return to Trinity will be in the 7:30-8:00 p.m. range.



For those who would like to attend a Broadway show or hit the center city tourist attractions, the main drop off point will be in the Times Square area. A second drop off is in the Canal Street district for those who would rather shop for spring and summer fashions.

The price of this **transportation only** trip to New York is **$35**. Ticket sales for the bus trip, sponsored by Trinity's PW, **begin on February 7**. Look for the table in Fellowship Hall. Ticket sales will continue throughout the month of February and the first week of March, or until the bus is full.

Money or checks made out to "Trinity PW" will be due at the time of sign up. If you have any questions, call Linda Thorpe at 428-6233 or Bonnie Jones at 983-1197 for mail-in payment options.

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Strategy 6pm Session 7pm	2 TCCS Concert 7:30pm	3	4	5	6 Care n' Share 10m
7 Communion 9:30am Sr. High Breakfast 10:30am	8	9	10 Ash Wednesday Soup 12pm Service 12:30pm, 7pm No Commissioning	11	12	13
14 Communion 9:30am 1st Sunday Lent Congregational Meeting 10:30am	15 Office/NS Closed Deborah 1pm Priscilla 1pm Ruth 7pm	16 Daytime Men's 10am Hannah 7pm Shiphrah 7pm Rebekah 7:15pm	17 Miriam 9:30am Soup & Sound 12pm	18	19	20
21 Adult Ed Forum 11:00am	22	23	24 Soup & Sound 12pm	25	26 30 Hour Famine	27 30 Hour Famine
28 Cancer & Conversation 10:45am	29					

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
BASIC (1st and 3rd Mondays of Month)

TUESDAY
10 am-1 pm Care 'n Share Shop

WEDNESDAY
6:45 pm Commissioning—Witherspoon
6:45pm Adult Bells
7:00 pm Cub Scouts—Community Room
7:30 pm Adult Choirs

THURSDAY
10 am–1 pm Care 'n Share Shop
12 pm Alzheimer's Support Group—

Thurs. 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
6:30 pm AA, Witherspoon
8:00 pm AA, Witherspoon

Trinity invites you to join us for worship, prayer & music during the Lenten Season

Wednesday, February 10	Ash Wednesday Service, 12:30 pm-following a soup lunch at noon: Join us at 7:00 pm for a quiet evening Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, February 17	Soup 'n Sound at noon: Julia Clarke, flute & Stanley Delage, piano (Young Artist Feature) *Join us for Soup and Sound every Wednesday during Lent, for a simple lunch of soup and bread at noon, followed by a concert from 12:30 – 1:00 pm.*
Wednesday, February 24	Soup 'n Sound at noon: George Bowerman, piano
Wednesday, March 2	Soup 'n Sound at noon: Nero Catalano, classical guitar
Sunday, March 6	9:30 am: Gifts of Women Sunday
Wednesday, March 9	Soup 'n Sound at noon: Thérèse Hurley, harp
Sunday, March 13	*The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit,* by Tom S. Long and Allen Pote, presented by Trinity's Children's Choirs during our 9:30am worship service
Wednesday, March 16	Soup 'n Sound at noon: Rebecca Sayer Kain & Lisa Kain Marcelli, vocalists
Friday, March 18- Saturday, March 19	24-hour Prayer Vigil
Saturday, March 19	The Progressive Dinner at 6:00 pm, sponsored by *Trinity Out & About*
Sunday, March 20	Palm Sunday Worship at 9:30 am
Thursday, March 24	Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Communion Service at 7:30 pm
Sunday, March 27	Easter Sunday Worship at 9:30 and 11:15 am**:** Choir, bells, brass and organ

1 Peter 1:3

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…

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Next Tidings deadline is February 15 for March Issue

Highlights

Tuesday, February 2,TCCS– EAST/WEST, 7:30pm
Wednesday, February 10,Ash Wendesday, Soup 12pm, Services 12:30pm, 7pm
Wednesday, February 17 & 24, Soup & Sound, 12pm
Sunday, February 21, Adult Ed Forum: What is Islam?, 11am
Friday & Saturday, February 26th-27th, 30 Hour Famine
Sunday, February 28, New Member Info Session, 11am

Sunday Worship Service
9:30 am

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