



Trinity Tidings

An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life



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So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17

"You really write a *new* newsletter article every month?" My colleague looked at me incredulously. "Of course! Does your church not have a newsletter?" "Oh, yeah, we have one and I've used the same set of articles for the last six years and no one has ever noticed." It was then my turn to look incredulous!

How could my colleague think that every year was the same and that his congregation needed to hear the same thing...again and again? This New Year brings much the same as other years, but it also holds the promise of the new!

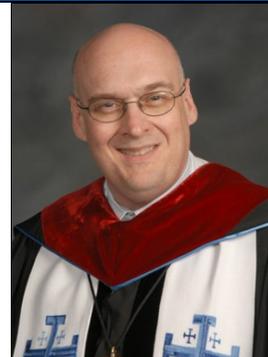
Every new calendar – hanging on our walls, sitting on our desks, carried in our phones – is uncluttered with appointments and tasks. It awaits our scheduling things meaningful and things frivolous.

Like those school supplies I had as a child, every first week of a new grade, everything seems fresh and new. Possibilities abound for new discoveries. Perhaps we'll complete long-delayed tasks. The bare calendar stirs our hope that perhaps this year, those things that eluded us in the year gone by will be accomplished.

Among the things on which we might set our sights for the New Year is a renewal of our commitment to Jesus Christ and deepening our discipleship in meaningful ways. What else does it mean to "follow Christ for life" if not a life that is spent perusing a relationship with the Savior? Whatever your plans for 2016, we all enter the open landscape of a New Year with an opportunity to recommit ourselves to areas of learning, fellowship and service, to explore new avenues for the Spirit to work in and through us. So I invite you to start the New Year with a recommitment to worshipping each week and to open your spirit to God's Spirit. We can't just reuse last year's worship or last year's service, we have been given the gift of another year to live our faith. "...everything has become new."

May your 2016 be filled with God's blessings – fuller meaning, clarity of purpose, expansive love and impactful service. And may Gods bless us as a congregation – building closer relationships and commitment to Jesus Christ within, and touching the world beyond our walls with grace and peace. It is a new year and I am...

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 News and Notes



In Memoriam...

Lawrence Kienle

United with Trinity October 1, 1995; Died December 4, 2015

Sympathies...

*We extend our sympathies and prayers to **Martha Stem and the Gagarin family** on the death of Martha's mother, **Jean Hunter Stem**.*

*We extend our sympathies and prayers to **Nancy Lind and family** on the death of her father, **George Schuler**.*

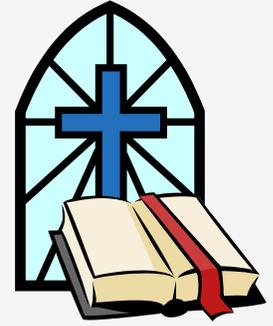
*We extend our sympathies and prayers to **Dan and Linda Strutz** on the death of their son, **Matt**.*

*We extend our sympathies and prayers to **Melanie, Greg, and Caroline Faulkner** on the death of his Melanie's father **Dick Edwards**.*

*We extend our sympathies and prayers to **Ken Turley and family** on the death of his mother, **Beverly Ann Turley**.*

Baptisms...

*We rejoice with **Lexy and Kyle Azevedo** on the baptism of their daughter **Harley Jo Azevedo**.*



Session of Elders

Clerk of Session

Margery Sly

Adult Ministries

Eby Banas

Children's Ministries

Linda Craven

Finance & Stewardship

Stan Applegate

Membership

Susan Bastnagel

Mission & Outreach

Donna Croker

Personnel

Janet Cohen

Property & Buildings

Walt Steinle

Worship & Music

Linda Flanary

Youth Ministries

Stacey Blackmer

Strategy Committee

Margery Sly

Technology Committee

Tom Earp

Deacons

Moderator of Deacons

Cosmo Digneo

Committee Chairs

Assistance

Ron Schon & Denise

Ceneviva

Fellowship

Kim Windt

Service

Sarah Payne & Lex

Parsons

Visitation

Melissa Smith

Session Update

At its stated meeting on December 7, 2015, the Session:

- † Approved the November membership count of 832.
 - † Learned that Hayley Cohen received Presbytery approval to move candidacy status.
 - † Continued discussions of marriages at Trinity, with the plan to vote on a policy at the January meeting.
 - † Received a financial report which noted that income has been in line with the budget, excepting the Nursery School deficit.
 - † Approved changes in the columbarium pricing structure to keep up with increased costs.
 - † Received 8 new members.
 - † Set the date for the Spring Prayer Vigil for March 18-19.
 - † Heard a report from the out-going Moderator of Deacons.
 - † Learned that the staff are working with the Cherry Hill Police on safety planning.
 - † Approved a thank you gift to out-going Sunday sexton Dylan Sieh, and approved hiring Olivia Marcelli to replace him.
 - † Prayed for members and friends.
- Margery Sly, Clerk of Session

Meet Our New Members !!!

Joelynn Owens

Joelynn Owens grew up in Burlington, NJ and attended Broad Street United Methodist Church (BSUMC) until she married and moved to Tennessee in 1999. She was baptized, confirmed and married at BSUMC and her mother and grandparents have been lifelong members there. Joelynn's parents still live in the same house where she and her brother, Tom, grew up.

Joelynn works at Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. in Cherry Hill. She has been with the company for almost 12 years. Joelynn and her husband, Steven, have been married for almost 17 years. They moved back to New Jersey in 2004 and live in the Knollwood section with their two children. Their daughter, Sydney, 12, is in the 7th grade at Carusi Middle School. Their son, Connor, 9, is in the 4th grade at Kilmer. Sydney is on the Carusi Dance Team and Connor plays basketball for Cherry Hill Travel and baseball for the CHYAA Panthers.



Joelynn chose Trinity at the recommendation of her sister-in-law Kathy, who is a member of the Memorial Presbyterian Church in Wenonah. Sydney attended several of their youth programs and loved it, but they wanted a church closer to home. When Sydney and Joelynn attended a church service at Trinity, they saw some familiar faces and fell in love. Says Joelynn: "We knew this was our new church!" We're so glad you're here!

Amy and Richard Leickel



Amy and Rich Leickel have been regular attendees at Trinity for almost two years. Prior to joining Trinity, they were members St. Paul Presbyterian (Pastor Barry's old church), where Amy and Christina (their daughter) were baptized 16 years ago. The Leickels have participated in many group activities and mission projects including worship services, Fellowship Group, the church construction project, Cathedral Kitchen, and decorating the sanctuary for Christmas.

Amy and Rich live in the Surrey Place East section of Cherry Hill and although Amy is originally from Canton China—about an hour away from Hong Kong—they have called NJ home for many years. Rich retired from teaching 8th grade language arts a few years ago and Amy works as a bookkeeper. Christina is in her second year at Penn State. We are thrilled to welcome Amy and Rich into our Trinity family.

Mary Pierce

We are delighted to introduce Mary Pierce to our Trinity family. Mary grew up in Longmeadow, Massachusetts. Over the years, she also lived in Pompton Plains, NJ and Foxboro, Mass. She came to Cherry Hill about 40 years ago when her husband's job transfer brought them to the area.

Mary's daughter, Nancy Valente, is a longtime Trinity member and Mary had attended worship with Nancy fairly often. She said she liked Pastor Greg and the people she has met and decided to make Trinity her church. Mary loves to play bridge; she also enjoys driving those who are less fortunate to doctor appointments and other places.

Welcome Mary!



Kelly Czajka and George Raymond

Kelly Czajka is from Cherry Hill. She attended Trinity Nursery School and Trinity Church as a child. She is presently an attorney at Edelstein Law, LLP in Philadelphia specializing in Defense and Personal Injury. As she grew up in Trinity she and her partner, George, wanted to belong to a church again. In her spare time she is a volunteer for her sorority, Zeta Tau Alpha, as a National Officer.

George Raymond grew up in South Philadelphia. He presently lives in Cherry Hill and is a student at Temple University Fox School of Business with a focus on Management Information Systems. He loves to read and is an avid volunteer for the needy. He organizes a Thanksgiving meal for the homeless in the Fishtown Community every year.

**Welcome to all our new members!
We are so glad you have joined
the Trinity Church Family!**

Children and Youth Ministries

Church School News

Mission Projects

Cathedral Kitchen

The children grades 1-6 helped make placemats and centerpieces that went to Cathedral kitchen to brighten up the holidays. They did a GREAT job.

Cards were also made to go out to the homebound members of our congregation.



In Charity's Shoes

We are going to be collecting coins for the children in Malawi again this year. Children who do not still have their coin bags will receive a new one and can bring their coins in any Sunday, as many times as they like through the end of May. Last year we collected \$229.71 that was sent to Urban Promise to send on to the Charity.

We are looking forward to having the Interns from Urban Promise come to talk to the children about their home country again this January.

Senior Highs

Commissioning Class Celebrates!

The 7th and 8th Grade Classes celebrated the successful completion of the first semester of 2015-16 Commissioning with the traditional Gingerbread House event. It was a fun and messy party building houses that were creative, strong, detailed, and beautiful creations from graham crackers, royal icing, and all types of candy ornamentation.



Deacons

Christmas Sharing-Thank You

Christmas has been shared again! The Deacons would like to send out a Thank You to all who donated a gift through the Deacon's Christmas Sharing Program this year. Gifts were collected for 128 children at Urban Promise and 30 young adults who have aged out of foster care at Robin's Nest. Your contributions to the Deacon's Fund also helped to provide much needed basic food and personal hygiene items to Urban Promise, Robin's Nest and the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. The mission of the Deacon's Assistance and Outreach Committee is to offer assistance through material items to our community. Thanks to the generosity of the Trinity congregation, we are able to continue to do just that!

The Deacons would like to acknowledge the following Senior High & Commissioning students for their help in packing food boxes on Friday night, December 11:

Keller Bean
Patrick Bean
Tommy Digneo
Jess Payne
John Robertson
Conner Strobel



Sincerely...Trinity Deacons

Coat Drive-Thank You

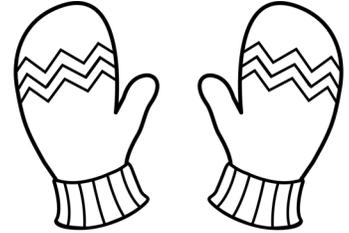


The Deacons would like extend their thanks for another very successful winter coat drive. We collected a total of 72 men's, women's and children's coats which will be donated to local groups in need including the R&M Boarding Home.

Mission & Outreach

Give Warmth

We will again be collecting warm hats, mittens, gloves and scarves to be distributed at Cathedral Kitchen January 28th. You will find **collection boxes at both the Atrium and Narthex** entrances beginning **January 3rd**.



Adult Mission Work Group



The rehab work on Camp Johnsonburg's Meadowview Cabin by Trinity's Adult Work Group is progressing nicely. So far we have made two-day trips up to the Presbyterian Camp in North Jersey, and have accomplished much. The next trip is scheduled for Saturday **January 9th**. If you are interested helping out for a day, please contact Chris Bryfogle or Walt Steinle. We plan on making at least monthly trips, hoping to have the cabin ready by late Spring.

TRINITY DAYTIME MENS GROUP

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Our 2016 season will kick off on **January 19th @ 10 AM** in the Witherspoon Center. The topic will deal with the different forms and programs of Hospice Care. The folks from Samaritan Healthcare and Hospice will enlighten us on the well kept secret of Hospice and the many misconceptions we all have about the concept.

You all know to arrive a little early for some of Ron's gourmet coffee and tea, as well as some tasty treats.



I hope you will not only come but bring a friend and or neighbor to join our Men's Fellowship. This meeting **WILL** start your day with lots of good information but give you a jump start for a **SUPER COLOSSAL DAY**.

Care n' Share

Care 'n Share had a very busy Fall. The shop was closed for 2nd weeks during Christmas & New Year weeks. We will NOT be open for first Saturday, January 2. We will re-open on Tuesday, January 5th. Our next Saturday will be February 6th.



Our regular schedule is Tuesdays, Thursdays and first Saturday of month from 10 am to 1 pm. Donations can be brought in during those hours and also following the Sunday 9:30 worship service.

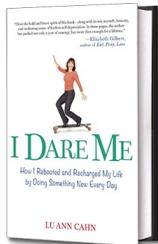
Please read our reports in Trinity's Annual Report. Your great donations of clothing and housewares allowed us to donate over \$16,000.00 to local missions in 2015!

We will still be accepting Winter clothing until the end of February TBA.

Start your New Year by volunteering in the shop for a few hours a week. Fun, Fellowship & Food! Contact Eileen Rankin at & 609-217-3977

Library Corner

Our Trinity Library has two new adult books with themes related to resolutions and making changes in the New Year:



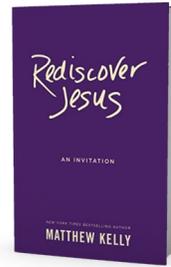
I Dare Me
By Luann Cahn

The book's subtitle—How I Rebooted and Recharged My Life by Doing Something New Every Day—describes the contents perfectly. Each of

the ten chapters divide the author's 365 new activities according to different categories of "firsts" (firsts that overcome fears, firsts for busy people, firsts that move you, etc).

The author includes additional suggestions for "firsts" the reader might want to try as well as tips for how to approach trying something new. There are also brief descriptions of research that documents the benefits of new experiences for both old and young alike. *I Dare Me* is written in a witty, engaging style and can be read a few pages at a time.

Luann Cahn is an Emmy Award winning reporter for Philadelphia's NBC10 News and a cancer survivor who spoke at Trinity last fall. The library thanks the Cancer and Conversation group for donating this book.



Rediscover Jesus
An Invitation
By Matthew Kelly

"I think about this often and I always come to the same realization. I don't know Jesus anywhere near as well as I would like to know him. The desire is

there, but life gets in the way." Matthew Kelly intends his book as an invitation to get to know Jesus better in the midst of the many distractions that keep us from doing so. He describes it as a "simple, approachable, digestible starting point" for anyone who wants to discover new things about Jesus.

The book is divided into 40 short chapters, each dealing with a different insight about Jesus, and each capable of being read individually during a few spare minutes. Each chapter ends with a question to consider, a verse to live by, and a short prayer.

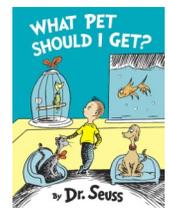
Matthew Kelly is the author of more than 20 books, most dealing with helping people and organizations become the best version of themselves.

Our library also has some new children's books.

What Pet Should I Get?

By Dr. Seuss

From a manuscript discovered after the author's death and recently published.



The Day the Crayons Quit

And

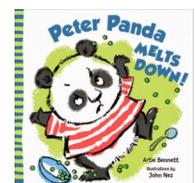
The Day the Crayons Came Home

By Drew Daywalt



Panda's Big Meltdown

By Artie Bennett



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).

PW January Circle Meetings

Monday, January 18th

1:00 p.m.	Deborah Circle	home of Pat Weaver
1:00 p.m.	Priscilla Circle	home of Ruth Bohm
7:00 p.m.	Ruth Circle	home of Linda Thorpe

Tuesday, January 19th

7:00 p.m.	Hannah Circle	home of Janet Strasser
7:00 p.m.	Shiphrah Circle	home of Jenny McFadden
7:15 p.m.	Rebekah Circle	home of Abbe Efron

Wednesday, January 20th

9:30 a.m.	Miriam Circle	Rm. 2, Witherspoon Center
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**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

PERSONAL HYGIENE SAMPLES TO AID LOCAL SHELTERS



CALLING ALL TRAVELERS -- PW MISSIONS will be collecting single use travel-size items like those distributed at hotels, motels and resorts. Requested items include unopened soap, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, mouthwash, deodorant, shaving supplies and other personal items.

Samples will be donated to Volunteers of America for use at local shelters. Two local shelters in Camden are Anna Sample Complex and Aletha R.

Wright "Vision of Hope" Center.

Look for our basket (**Soap for Hope**) under the **PW Bulletin Board** (between Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall) to **place donations during the month of JANUARY**. We appreciate your support. Please contact Jan Caffrey (856) 667-3687 or jancaff@verizon.net with questions.



Save-the-Date
NYC Spring Bus Trip
April 13!



January 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 NS Closed	2 Care n' Share Closed
3 Communion 	4 Strategy 6pm Session 7pm	5	6	7	8	9
10 Deacon Ordination/ Installation	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 	18 NS/ Office Closed Deborah, Priscilla 1pm Ruth 7pm	19 Daytime Men's Group 10am Hannah, Shiphrah 7pm Rebekah 7:15pm	20 Miriam 9:30am	21	22	23
24 Elder Ordination/ Installation	25	26	27 No Commissioning	28	29	30
31 Budget Forum						

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



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Next Tidings deadline is January 15 for February Issue

	<p>Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am</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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