



# Trinity Presbyterian



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Dear Trinity,

A few years ago there was a popular internet post that claimed the line “do not be afraid” showed up 366 times in the Bible—one for every day of the year, including leap year. I loved this post, and it brought me great comfort, but unfortunately it isn’t true. In the New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition), that exact phrase shows up 70 times. “Do not fear” appears another 40 times. Author Ken Arrington says that the idea of “do not be afraid” or “cast away your worries” shows up 145 times across the Old and New Testaments. So not quite enough for the whole year, but still a major theme. And what is notable is that it almost always appears when God speaks to people. From Abraham and Hagar, Moses to Jeremiah, all the way to Mary and the shepherds in our nativity story, one of the first reassurances from God—or God’s messengers—is “do not be afraid.”

Well, that is easier said than done, especially if you’ve read some of the descriptions of God’s messengers. Fear is a natural instinct. When introduced in the movie *Inside Out*, Fear is said to be really good at keeping us safe. And research supports this. You’ve likely heard of “fight or flight,” but our stress responses go beyond these to include “freeze” and “fawn.” Biologically, fear keeps us—and much of the animal kingdom—safe from predators and aware of our environment.

But our world has changed dramatically since the early days of human life. And for most of us here in America, we are less concerned about an animal making us its next meal and more afraid of the unknown.

While the threats have changed, they still exist. We fear what the future will hold—whether we will have enough, how our children will fare, what the doctor might say, or what that sound in the car means. We fear losing the people we love and wonder what will happen to those we leave behind. Fear is present in our economy, shaping how we spend and save; in our politics, shaping how we speak and vote; and in our church life, shaping how we dream about the future. The world is full of things to fear. And yet, we are reminded by God—at least 145 times—not to fear.

This Advent, we will be following a worship series that explores fear: why it exists, what we can do about it, and what we can do with it. The world into which Jesus is born is a fearful world. Jesus is born into an unsavory family situation, lives under the thumb of an oppressive empire, and will be forced to flee from political persecution before he can walk. And yet, each time God comes to the people in the story of Jesus’ birth, they act with courage, they act with curiosity, they act with hope.

Through art and poetry, liturgy and preaching, and a devotional available for all, we will explore what it means to be afraid—and to still keep moving. We will ask the question, “What do you fear?” and we will ask the next question, “What will you do about it?”

Paul writes in 2 Timothy, “for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.” I don’t believe it is possible to live without fear, but I do believe it is possible to use our fear and move beyond it. In this season, we celebrate God breaking into our world in the form of the most vulnerable—an infant completely dependent on others. And in that act, in Emmanuel, we are called to not be afraid, to trust, to have faith, and to move into our fearful world with the hope found in Christ.

Jesus has come to turn the world upside down. Do not be afraid.

With joy, Pastor Molly

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# GATHER

## *Advent Sundays and Christmas*

### DECEMBER MONTHLY MISSION CAUSE - CHRISTMAS JOY

#### **November 30 ~ Communion Sunday, First Sunday of Advent**

Scripture Lesson: Luke 1:5-13

Rev. Molly Fisherkeller preaching the sermon, "We Long for God to Break In"

No Music Enrichment or Classes

Chancel Choir Rehearsal from 10:30am - 11am

Bell Choir Rehearsal from 11:30am - 12pm

#### **December 7 ~ Second Sunday of Advent**

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 43: 1-2, 19-21

Rev. Molly Fisherkeller preaching the sermon,  
"When We Are Running Out of Hope"

Annual Congregational Meeting ~ 10:30am

Deacon's Christmas Social ~ following Congregational Meeting

No Music Enrichment or Classes

Chancel Choir Rehearsal from 10:30am - 11am

Bell Choir Rehearsal from 10:30am - 11:25am

#### **December 14 ~ Third Sunday of Advent; Christmas Cantata "The Gift"**

Music Enrichment and Classes begin at 10:25am

Installation of the Rev. Molly FisherKeller ~ 2pm

#### **December 21 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25;

Rev. Molly Fisherkeller preaching the sermon,  
"When You Are Afraid, Give Me Your Hand "

Music Enrichment and Classes begin at 10:25am

Caroling to Trinity homebound members ~ 11:30am

#### **Christmas Eve Children's Service at 5pm**

Children tell the story of Jesus' birth in a simple service of story and song.

#### **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 8pm**

A candlelight service to celebrate the Light of the World.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:1-20

Rev. Molly Fisherkeller preaching the sermon, "Good News is Louder Than Fear"

#### **December 28 ~ First Sunday of Christmas**

Lessons and Carols

No Music Enrichment or Classes



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## *Christmas Joy Offering*

Joyful giving from thankful hearts has long been a Presbyterian tradition during Advent as we celebrate the unity of God's family. The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

The offering will be received during December as the monthly mission cause. Envelopes will be available in the lobby. Checks should be made payable to Trinity with the note: "Christmas Joy Offering." You can also donate online at :

Preparing the Way



<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z34F/campaign/C-11YV2>

## *Call for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation*

The Session is calling for an **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** of Trinity Presbyterian Church for **Sunday, December 7, 2025** in the Sanctuary, immediately following the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and conduct any other business pertinent to the life of the church.

Officers to be elected at the meeting are:

Four (4) Ruling Elders for a three-year term in the Class of 2028

Five (5) Deacons for a three-year term in the Class of 2028

One (1) Deacon for a two-year term in the Class of 2027

Leslie Connor, Clerk of Session

## *Celebration of the Lord's Supper in 2026*

**January 4** with Healing and Wholeness

**February 1**

**February 18** Ash Wednesday

**February 22** First Sunday in Lent

**April 2** Maundy Thursday

**May 3**

**May 24** Pentecost, with Healing and Wholeness

**August 9**

**October 4** World Communion Sunday, with Healing and Wholeness

**November 1**

**November 29** First Sunday of Advent

**January 3, 2027** First Sunday of New Year with Healing and Wholeness

# GATHER

## *Trinity Elder and Deacon Candidate Biographies*

### Elder Class of 2028

**John Balaguer** ~ John joined Trinity in 1987 and is returning for a second term in the class of 2028. John coordinates the Administration Team and serves on the Finance and Stewardship Team, as well as the Planned Giving Team.

**Leslie Connor** ~ Leslie and her husband Steve joined Trinity in 2004. She is currently Clerk of Session and previously served as both Elder and Deacon. Leslie has been an Alleluia Ringer for 21 years, and has helped with the Winter Bazaar, the Garage Sale, Claymont Elementary teacher support, Trunk or Treat, and one of her favorite activities, caroling to homebound members each December. Leslie is a retired psychologist, mom to Ben and step-mom to Chris. In her free time she enjoys gardening, painting, aqua classes, and travel.

**Debbie Schrass** ~ Debbie is a life long member of Trinity as her parents were charter members and she grew up here. She has previously served as a deacon, taught Sunday School, and worked at the Winter Bazaar and Garage Sale. Debbie and her husband Carl have one son, Karl, who lives in Germany with his wife, Anna, and their two children, Maia and Oskar. Debbie enjoys reading and traveling to Germany to visit her grandchildren. Debbie is returning for a second term as an Elder.

**Lauren Williams** ~ Lauren began attending Trinity with her family in 1999 and became a member in 2006. She has served on ASP and attended the New Wilmington Mission Conference for several years. Lauren has also been a regular volunteer with Humane Animal Partners and Habitat for Humanity, where she met her husband, Aaron. Today, Lauren works in marketing at JPMorgan Chase and has a two-year old son, Henry. She is co-lead of the Young Families Ministry. In her free time, Lauren enjoys reading, cooking, listening to country music, and working on home improvement projects. This will be Lauren's first time serving as an Elder.

### Deacon Class of 2028

**Tom Cook** ~ Tom moved to Claymont from Dayton, Ohio in 2001 and joined Trinity in 2006. He is a previous Deacon and is currently on the security team. He works from home as a technical writer for Mortgage Cadence, a software company. In his spare time, Tom enjoys reading, walking, and working in his yard. Tom is returning for a second term as a Deacon.

**Susan Fuhs** ~ Susan joined Trinity in 2002. Her children, Aidan and Erin, are both students at University of Delaware. She is a dog mom to two border collies. Susan sings with the Coro Allegro Choir and enjoys reading mostly sci-fi books but loves all genres. Susan is returning for a second term as a Deacon.

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## *Trinity Elder and Deacon Candidate Biographies continued*

### Deacon Class of 2028

**Barb Lille** ~ Barb joined Trinity in 2014 after having attended regularly for over 8 years. Currently a Deacon & in the role as Deacon secretary, she is active in Stewards of the Earth, Winter Bazaar, Garage Sale, Trinity Gardeners, Adopt-A-Highway and EDR, as well as supporting Claymont & Delaware Food Banks and Back to School programs. She and Bill Nicholson have a grandson, William Carlton Nicholson III, and recently welcomed granddaughter, Kennedy. Barb, a retired HR Manager in the Renewable Energy sector, enjoys gardening, cooking, art, reading, music and has recently restarted playing tennis.

**Nancy Moore** ~ Nancy joined Trinity in August 2023. She is an usher and has been involved with the Winter Bazaar and Garage Sale. She also ushers at the Playhouse and Grand Opera House. Her hobbies include attending shows, reading, and spending time with her dog Daisy. She has a son, Brian (wife Elizabeth, grand dog Talia) and a daughter, Michelle. This is Nancy's first term serving as a Deacon.

**Carol Phillips** ~ Carol joined Trinity in August 2023. She is an usher and has been involved with the Winter Bazaar and Garage Sale. Her hobbies include walking, reading, knitting, cooking, and spending time with her dogs, Luna and Dakota. Carol's partner is Larry Mitchell. She has one son, Chip (wife Aurora), 2 grandchildren (Carlos and Sofia) and 2 grand dogs (Luci and Loki). This is Carol's first term serving as a Deacon.

**Kim Robbins** Kim joined Trinity with her parents and brother in 1964. She has served as a Deacon, been a member of the Christian Education Leadership Team, Church School Team, Ministry Development Leadership Team, and Chancel Choir. She has served as Church School Coordinator, Winter Bazaar Coordinator, a VBS teacher, Church School teacher, and EDR captain. She has helped with the Garage Sale, Rise Against Hunger, Trunk or Treat, Easter Egg Hunt, and Children's Church. Kim has two daughters, Courtney and Lindsay (husband, Shawn) and four grandsons. In her free time, Kim enjoys visiting with her family and friends.

### *Installation of the Rev. Molly Fisherkeller*

**Pastor Molly will be installed** as Trinity's Called Pastor on **Sunday, December 14 at 2pm**. The ceremony will take place in the Sanctuary followed by a light reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Please plan to join your fellow Trinity members along with the New Castle Presbytery and members of the local PC(USA) clergy for this joy-filled event.

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## *Mitten Tree and Deacon's Christmas Giving*

We are collecting your **donations of mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves** again this year. The **Mitten Tree** is in the Narthex to receive these "warmaments." Donations will be received until December 14, at which time they will be taken to the Claymont Elementary School for distribution. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

The **Deacons also collect money each year to support our community** during the holiday season. **Giving envelopes can be found on the Mitten Tree.** Money collected will be equally distributed to Claymont Elementary, the Claymont Food Closet, Wilmington Fire Department, and Mission Possible Kids. Envelopes can be put in the offering baskets or dropped off in the office.

You can also donate online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z34F/campaign/C-15943>



## *Christmas Caroling ~ Share the Christmas Spirit* **December 21 ~ 11:30am**

**Join us as we go Christmas Caroling to share holiday cheer** (and cookies) to very special members of our Trinity family. Gather in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30am for a light lunch and to assemble the plates of cookies. We'll plan to head out about 12 noon. Drivers are needed! Join us, even if you can't stay for the entire caroling route!!

Sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby and please bring 1-2 dozen cookies to share with our friends. If you can't join us, we welcome your donation of 1-2 dozen cookies to help make the cookie plates festive! Please bring them to the church office on Sunday, December 21.

## *Deacons Christmas Social* **Sunday, December 7**

The Deacons invite the entire congregation to the **Deacons Christmas Social** to be held on **Sunday, December 7**, in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following the Congregational Meeting.

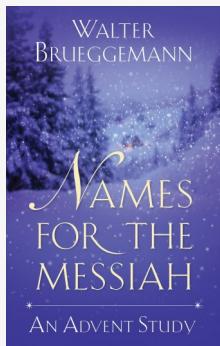
There is no charge, but please sign-up so we can arrange for enough food. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby a few weeks prior to the event. **We hope that everyone will attend.**



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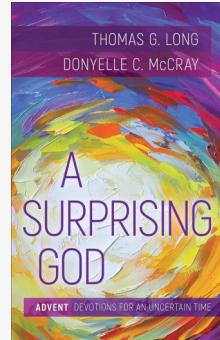
## *Library News*

Hopefully you have noticed our Thanksgiving-themed cart in the lobby. Next up is an **Advent Cart with Christmas-themed reading**. We will be adding a Survey Box for the congregation to suggest specific titles or authors (one survey response per person, please). On December 21, we will draw a name and one survey responder will win a gift card.



In January, we will focus on favorite authors from the survey, especially those most theologically relevant. This will include some of the items from Brad & Barb's personal libraries.

February is for love and favorite-loved books, with a raffle for a chocolate basket! Stay tuned for more information.  
Be blessed and read!

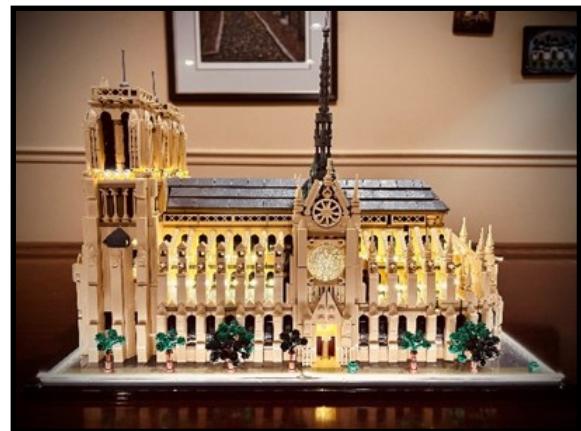


## *Being Church - Together!*

For seven Sundays this fall, the children, along with the rest of the congregation, watched the “building” of a Lego model of the **Cathedral of Notre Dame**. As each new section of the model was completed, we talked about how we, as Trinity Presbyterian Church, are the people of God together.

Beginning week three, children and youth were invited to choose a Lego mini-figure to represent themselves. The mini-figures were then added to the display. On the last Sunday of the series, as the lights of the Sanctuary were turned down, the lights of the cathedral model were turned up, reminding all of us that the Church is the light of the world.

Thanks to all who helped bring this series to life, especially to **Mark Fenoglio** who spent hours adding to the model each week, including some disassembly (and reassembly) the last week to add the lights!



The cathedral model and mini-figures will be on display in the Trinity lobby throughout Advent and Christmas. Be sure to check it out! Children and youth are encouraged to take home their mini-figure after Christmas.

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## 3rd Thursday Work Group

The 3rd Thursday Work Group performs **small maintenance tasks** in our church building and on the grounds to spruce up and maintain Trinity's wonderful facility. You don't need to have a specialized skill, just a willingness to give your time to do a few odd jobs!



Thanks to the November team of **Carol Eculano, Bill Nicholson, Tom Tarloski, Carol Shumway, Bruce Shumway and Jim Geller.**

Our next work day is **Thursday, December 18.** We meet in the Conference Room at **9:15am for assignments and are usually finished before noon.** Please contact Tom Tarloski

## Circles

**Rebecca Circle** will have a December/Christmas meeting at the home of Kay Bowes for a lively brunch on December 10 from 11:30am to 1pm.

All are welcome! Contact Kay Bowes at [kaybowes14@yahoo.com](mailto:kaybowes14@yahoo.com) for additional information.

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**Elizabeth Circle** will meet on **Wednesday, December 3 at 9:30am** in the Library.

Contact Sue Crump at [s.crump@comcast.net](mailto:s.crump@comcast.net) for additional information.



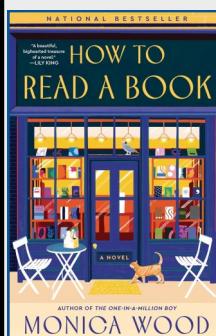
## Covenant Group

Trinity's Covenant Group will meet on **Tuesdays in December (2, 9, 16 and 23) at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall.**

Contact Peg in the church office at 302-475-5495 for more information.

## Trinity Book Group

Trinity Book Group will meet on **Wednesday, December 17 at 7pm** in the church library to discuss **Brightly Shining** by Ingvild Rishoi. This novel is a "Norwegian Christmas tale of sisterhood, financial hardship, and far-off dreams." Join us for some Christmas tea and cookies as we explore a piece of Nordic literature.



Looking ahead...we'll meet on **January 14** for discussion on **How To Read a Book** by Monica Wood. This is not a "how to" book but rather a novel about redemption, friendship, and how books impact our lives. It is perfect for getting us excited about a new year of reading!

The **Newcastle County Reads** selection for April 8, 2026 is **The First Ladies** by co-authors Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. Put it on your calendar!

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## *Stewards of the Earth*

**Stewards of the Earth (SOTE)** will meet on **Sunday morning January 11 at 8:30am** in the Library. **Mark your calendars for The SOTE Bake sale on Sunday, February 8** after worship in the Lobby. This is a great opportunity to purchase a **sweet treat** for your Super Bowl festivities.

**Please pray for the participants and their decisions at the COP30 climate summit in Brazil.** This summit was started in 1992 and rallies governments across the globe to work towards climate action and goals and realize past promises, such as phasing out fossil fuels. Unfortunately the United States has stepped away from leadership and has no official delegation at the summit. However, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse from Rhode Island and Governor Gavin Newsom from California are attending.

**Want to take action to help reduce the devastation of wildfires across North America?** Contact our Senators Chris Coons and Lisa Blunt Rochester to voice your support for the **Fix Our Forests Act**, which is a proposed bill to improve forest management and mitigate wildfires. The major provisions include a reforestation and nursery investment for growing and planting trees and restoring burned lands. Other provisions are a White Oak restoration initiative to restore hardwood ecosystems and biochar innovation research. This has bipartisan support as well as the support of The Nature Conservancy, Environmental Defense Fund, National Audubon Society, and the Federation of American Scientists.

As Advent approaches we are again offering the opportunity to **donate to Plant With Purpose for reforestation projects across the globe**. The trees are \$1 a piece and order forms are available in the pew racks. Please include this in your Sunday offerings.

**Update on Trinity's recycling program:** **Kudos to Trinity members** for being conscientious about recycling. To date **Trinity has donated 726 pounds of recyclable plastics** to Eco-plastics, the company that creates benches and picnic tables from recycled plastic. Thank you for being good "Stewards of the Earth."

## *Garage Sale Containers*

Remember to save your gently-used items for Trinity's Garage Sale. We accept household goods, books, electronics, towels and linens, pictures and frames, toys, and sporting goods. No clothing please.



**Items can be donated on the first Sunday of each month.** Donations are accepted at the large green containers located at the back of the church parking lot. The Garage Sale Containers are open from 10:45am – 12 noon on the following Sundays in 2026:

**January 4, February 1, March 1**

**Please note: the containers will not be open on December 7, 2025 as previously scheduled.**

**The 2026 Garage Sale will be Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25**

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## *Winter Bazaar 2025*

Trinity once again hosted an abundantly successful Winter Bazaar! A big thank you to all who participated throughout the year. Whether by crafting, baking, setting up, breaking down, selling and yes - buying, we all contributed to its success.

### Take-a-Chance Winners

Special thanks to our donators and artists for the Take-a-Chance Raffle items.

#### **Congratulations to the winners:**

| <u>Item</u>                       | <u>Donated/Crafted By</u> | <u>Winner</u>   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Bear Watercolor Painting          | Martha Fenoglio           | Jean Blaier     |
| Watercolor Painting               | Margo Annas               | Bruce Shumway   |
| Sports Quilt                      | Dee Fillingame            | Steve Ecclestor |
| Charcuterie Board & Cheese Slicer | Steve Monaghan            | Rosemary Lynch  |
| Nothing Bundt Cake & Panera       | Nothing Bundt Cake        | Sunny Steptoe   |
| Fusion Salon & Rt. 3 Diner        | Fusion Gift Cards         | Leslie Connor   |
| Rt. 3 & Brandywine Diners         | Gift Cards                | Deanna Dudash   |
| Sola Salon                        | Gift Card & Product       | Leslie Connor   |

### Basket Raffle Winners

Special thanks to Carol and Bruce Shumway for the beautiful gift baskets they create each year for the bazaar. Bazaar shoppers look forward to seeing the creative designs and unique gifts each basket contains. Congratulations to these lucky winners

| <u>Basket</u>              | <u>Winner</u>   |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Read, Relax, Recaffeninate | Donna Petit     |
| Gentleman's Basket         | Carole Francis  |
| Eagles Fan Basket          | Donna Petit     |
| Dickens Basket             | Christine Evans |
| Harry Potter Basket        | Peg Maguire     |
| Garden Meadow              | Nina Ross       |
| Sleigh of Beauty           | Julie Monaghan  |
| Holiday Breakfast          | Harry Grandal   |

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## *Winter Bazaar 2025 continued*

Thank you to our community and individual sponsors who contribute very generously to the basket raffle. Please patronize the community sponsors who donated gift cards and while there, thank them for their partnership.

### Community Sponsors

Action Hardware  
Friendly Gift Shop  
Pickles and Chips  
Starbucks at Marsh & Silverside  
Marini Produce  
El Diablo  
Fresco Pizzeria  
Capriotti's  
Claymont Lions Club  
Mama Bear's Toys and Games  
Bread and Buttercream Bakery

### Individual Sponsors

Sue Crump  
Kristen Pormann  
Mary McDowell  
Mark Fenoglio  
Wendy & Joe Barba  
Kay & Ron Bowes  
Bruce & Carol Shumway  
Bill Nicholson & Barb Lilley  
Stewards of the Earth Team  
Meghan Shumway  
Penny Lindell  
Jean Blaier  
Jim & Phyllis Albert  
Bill & Linda Lehman  
Janice & Rick Myrick



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## *Mission Possible Kids*

We met on November 9<sup>th</sup> and made “Snowman Soup” to be included in the Christmas stockings made for our military personnel at *Stockings for Soldiers*. Snowman soup consists a packet of hot chocolate mix, Hershey kisses, several mini marshmallows and a mini candy cane. Each packet also had cute poem to go along with it. The kids made 100 packets of snowman soup!



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## *Young Families Fellowship*

Young families are welcome on **Saturday, December 20** in the Fellowship Hall for a **fun family activity — we'll be making and decorating our own gingerbread houses!**

While the event runs from 9 am to 12 noon, please join us even if you can't stay the whole time. All materials, coffee, and snacks will be provided.

**Please RSVP** either via the sign-up sheet on the lobby bulletin board or by emailing Peg at [office@trinitypresby.org](mailto:office@trinitypresby.org). Coordinators are Lauren Williams, Sarah Crossman, and Sara Ross. Join us!

## *Youth Fellowship*

Trinity's middle and high school students along with some adults volunteered at *Stockings for Soldiers* on November 13. This was our fourth year volunteering at this wonderful, local organization. A group of 24 youth and adults served this important ministry.



Here's some information from the Stockings for Soldiers website: "This year marks the 22nd consecutive year of our community effort to send personalized holiday greetings to our brave young men and women in uniform serving their country half way around the world. To date, our wonderful team leaders and great volunteers have sent **160,000 personalized stockings** filled with goodies and good cheer."



**On Friday, December 12 from 7pm to 9 pm**  
Trinity's middle and high school youth will  
meet for a special Christmas-themed youth



# GO!

## *Guatemala Partnership of New Castle Presbytery*

### **Fuel-efficient Stoves: A Hot Commodity!**

This holiday season, many of us will prepare our feasts standing at a fancy stove-top, with double ovens and microwaves at the ready. But for many around the world, their cooking involves an open fire on a dirt floor in a smoke-filled kitchen. **For Christmas, please consider giving the gift of a fuel-efficient stove to an indigenous family in Guatemala.**

**These new stoves are great because they:**

- Are cost-effective and use far less wood
- Reduce respiratory and eye diseases caused by smoke
- Eliminate the risk of young children contacting open flames
- Offer a comfortable working height for women
- Serve as a table to families to eat together on cold mornings
- Often provide the only source of heat in the home
- Are manufactured in Guatemala, by Guatemalans, using local materials

Each stove costs \$250. **Donors cover \$200, while the recipient invests \$50 of her own money.** By spending less on firewood, the women recoup their \$50 investment in just five months. To date, more than 800 stoves have been delivered to Association members and there continues to be a waiting list of women who have saved their \$50.

This makes a great holiday gift for your loved ones who don't need "one more thing." Shares are available and donations of any amount are welcome. We also have lovely gift cards! Follow this link for more information and to donate online: <https://mailchi.mp/b7b0e1f410fb/stoves-2025>



# GO!

## *Instant Church Directory*

Trinity members have access to an online directory *with pictures*, a great way to find out who you chatted with last Sunday!

### **What we love about this directory:**

- only Trinity members can access the it
- it's easy to use -- via the website [[www.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com)] or the Instant Church Directory app
- creating a log-in is simple -- use your email and create a password
- you can update your own listing, both photo and contact info
- it's free to Trinity members thanks to the Deacons

If you have any questions, feel free to ask Bruce Shumway at [twoshums@aol.com](mailto:twoshums@aol.com) or Peg Maguire at [office@trinitypresby.org](mailto:office@trinitypresby.org)

Want to submit your picture to be included in the Instant Church Directory? We'd love to add it to this directory. Login and add it yourself or ask Bruce Shumway to take your photo on Sunday mornings. He'll take it from there!

### *Dear Trinity*

A heartfelt thank you to my Trinity family for the beautiful flowers I recently received. It is a comfort to know you are thinking of me. I am grateful for your prayers and thoughts.

**Marilyn Shaw**

### *Sympathy and Prayers are with*

Billie Carver on the passing of her son, Rick Davis, on Saturday, November 15 in Ohio.

### *Congratulations to the LeComte Family!*

On Thursday, October 30 Elise and Joe Ragu welcomed their son Ethan Scott.

On Saturday, November 1 Robert and Denise were married in Wilkes Barre, PA.

**All good wishes to parents/grandparents Suzanne and Bob on these momentous family events!**

## *Emmanuel Dining Room (EDR)*

**Trinity provides lunch on the 25th of each month** (except December) at the Emmanuel Dining Room in the City of Wilmington. Volunteers meet at Trinity at 9:15am to take the food to EDR, and prepare the meal there. **We welcome new volunteers to join in this important and meaningful mission.** For information contact Peg in the church office at 302-475-5495.

You can also **contribute from home** by **baking cookies**. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby or email Pam Bentley (pag20@comcast.net).

Thanks go to the November team of **Linda Stapleford, Bev Chiffons, Amanda Scarborough, Eli Scarbrough and his friend James**. At the request of Emmanuel Dining Room our team made 150 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

# Reminders

## Lobby Donation Cart

Thank you for your continued donations to our local missions. In addition to items for Claymont Food Closet and Friendship House, Trinity also collects eyeglasses, used cell phones, batteries, and printer cartridges. Items can be left on the roll-away cart in the Lobby.

### **Current Needs for Claymont Food Closet:**

Pasta, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, chicken, veggies, and tuna.

### **Current Needs for Friendship House:**

Ground coffee, powdered creamer, paper products, cleaning supplies, disinfectant wipes and spray, Swiffer wet wipes, dish soap, dishwasher detergent, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, Windex, and dish towels.

## Online Giving

Online giving can be set-up by visiting [www.trinitypresby.org](http://www.trinitypresby.org) and clicking on "Donate." Then under "Give Online," you'll see the "click here to give" button to set up a one-time gift or a recurring donation.

**Monthly Mission Causes** along with special programs like the Trinity Choral Scholars and the Appalachia Service Project can also be designated through online giving.

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z34F/home>

## Sanctuary Flowers

Would you like to **donate Sanctuary flowers** for Sunday worship?

Flowers can be donated in memory of loved ones, in honor of a person, or to celebrate a special occasion like an anniversary, birthday, or graduation.



**Sign up for a flower donation** in the notebook in the Lobby. Arrangements are **\$45 each**, billed to you by Belak Flowers. If you have questions, contact Pat Greager at 610-543-2152.

## Deacons Fellowship Hour

Please consider providing snacks for the Deacons Fellowship Hour on Sunday after worship. There is **no cost to you** for providing snacks. Simply submit your receipts to the church office for reimbursement.

**Use this link to sign up:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAD92FA7FB6-60067179-2006>

or contact Deanna Dudash  
at [deannaddudash@gmail.com](mailto:deannaddudash@gmail.com).

## Plastic Recycling Program

Trinity collects **recyclables year-round** in the **collection container just to the right of the Garage Sale containers**. You can drop off items at any time of day. **Donated plastics must be loose, empty, clean, and dry!**

**ACCEPTED:** Sheet plastics like plastic bags, along with #2, #4, and #5's marked in the recycle triangle on the bottom. Some examples of these are washing machine detergent bottles, pill bottles, plastic milk jugs, and the tops to plastic water and soda bottles,

**NOT ACCEPTED:** #1's (water bottles, PEET), #6's or #7's.

## Bear Ministry

Trinity's Bear Ministry is still going strong! Since its inception in 2007, **over 650 bears have found homes after hearing the words of Scripture, hymns, prayers, and sermons.**



There are more bears ready to go out and comfort those needing special care. If you would like to take a bear, please sign the book on the table in the Lobby. Any questions can be directed to Tom Cook at [cookt1420@gmail.com](mailto:cookt1420@gmail.com).

# TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2025

## Trinity Presbyterian Church

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Suzanne LeComte, Children's Church Coordinator  
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Peg Maguire, Office Administrator  
Mary McDowell, Associate for Ministry  
Kim Robbins, Associate for Ministry  
Lindsay O'Brien, Nursery Coordinator  
Christy Lewis, Associate for Arts/Drama/Technology  
Katie Oliver, ASP Coordinator  
Joe Ross, Associate for Ministry  
Greg Buckmaster, Technology Coordinator  
Gayleen Carmichael, Parish Nurse

### SESSION

#### CLASS OF 2025

John Balaguer  
Wendy Barba  
Laurie Morente  
Debbie Schrass

#### CLASS OF 2026

Ron Bowes  
Katrina Harris  
Rad MacFarlane  
Julie Monaghan

#### CLASS OF 2027

Debra Balliet  
Sue Crump  
Joe Eculano  
Joyce Hutchison

Clerk of Session: Leslie Connor

### DEACONS

#### CLASS OF 2025

Tom Cook  
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Dave Horn  
Barb Lilley  
Kim Robbins

#### CLASS OF 2026

Carol Eculano  
Anne Hardesty  
Lee Lewis  
Carol Shumway  
Betsy Struck

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Deanna Dudash  
Courtney Kledaras  
George Kofron  
Carolyn Marzo  
Bruce Shumway