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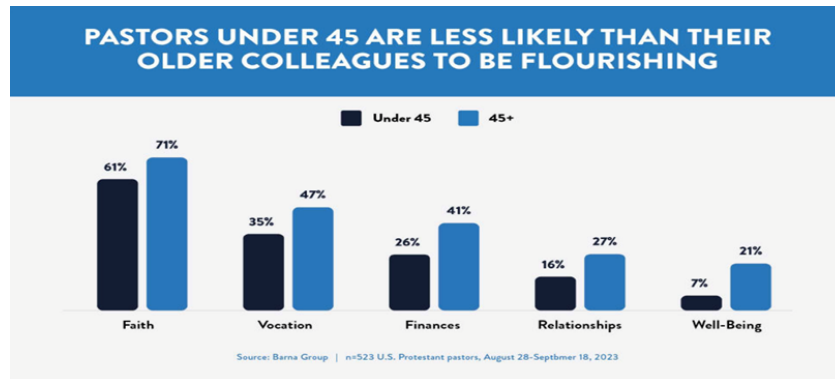
Church

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Trinitarians!

As an Interim Minister who loves the church and knows its critical value to individuals, communities, and the world, I keep up with research in the field of church growth and healthy congregations. In a recent article by Carey Nieuwhof, quoting a Barna Group report entitled “5 Disruptive Church Trends That Will Rule 2025, one of the 5 “trends” caught my attention. It is the trend identified in the screen shot below:



Flourishing pastors with a sense of well being. You enjoyed 30 plus years of ministry with Brad and Barb, watching their children grow up, acknowledging milestones of birthdays and anniversaries, and celebrating accomplishments in their personal and professional lives. You were a vital part of their flourishing for three decades. You can and should be a vital part of your next pastor’s flourishing. On the chart, note the divide at the age of 45 - it is significant and concerning that younger clergy feel more isolated than older clergy. Why is that? Societal shifts, time demands, financial demands, politics, technology - these and more figure in. Start imagining now how you individually and as a congregation will intentionally share faith, and show support, friendship, concern, and care for the pastor whom God will send so that they, too, will flourish in their time with Trinity.

The PNC and Session will have ideas on welcoming your next pastor; I am asking you to think and look beyond the initial excitement of the pastor’s arrival, and imagine how to support and love this clergy person in the second year, third, fifth year, and beyond.

You can begin today by adding this individual and their family, yet unknown, in your prayers, surrounding them in a cloud of Presbyterian care that is Trinity. The report states, “as the leaders go, so goes the church.” As Trinity’s pastoral leadership flourishes, so, too, will your church.

Your Interim Minister,

David

1120 Darley Road

Wilmington, DE 19810

GATHER

May Sundays

May Monthly Mission Cause - Rise Against Hunger

May 4 ~ Youth Sunday and Communion

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 30; John 21: 4 - 8, 15 - 19

Joe Ross preaching

New Member Class ~ 10:45am in the Library

May 11 ~ Confirmation and Mother's Day

Scripture Lesson: John 10: 22 - 30

David Aber preaching the sermon "When Hearing is an Act of Faith"

May 18 ~ Reception of New Members and Recognition of High School Seniors

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 148; John 13: 31-35

David Aber preaching

Stewards of the Earth Meeting ~ 8:30am in the Library

Trinity Day at the Blue Rocks ~ 1pm at Frawley Stadium

May 25 ~ Memorial Day Weekend

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 67; John 14:23—29

David Aber preaching

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

July 21 - 25 : 6pm - 8pm

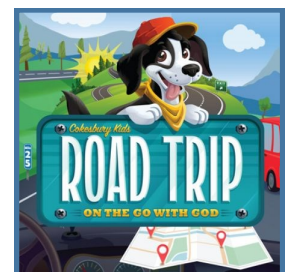
Save the date for this summer's Road Trip themed VBS. We will be on the go with God as we embark on a fun-filled adventure taking all the kids (travelers) on thrilling journeys to exciting destinations as we travel the Bible. We will discover God's presence everywhere as we explore new places, make new friends, and experience God's goodness together. Kids will learn that God is always with them as we focus on the Bible verse Joshua 1:9 ...

"The Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

On Friday, July 25 we will end our exciting week with an **epic family night** where the kids will bring their bike, big wheel or scooter and enjoy riding around a designated area of the parking lot.

VBS is for children ages 3 through 5th grade. Sign-ups begin in June.

Please consider donating the following supplies: red streamers, black streamers and large boxes from appliances (washer/dryer/refrigerator); Donations can be dropped off in the Church Office.

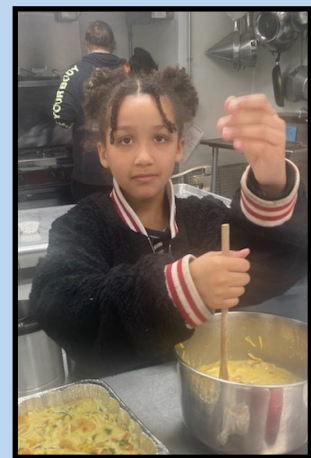


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Youth Fellowship

April was a busy month for youth fellowship activities. The middle and high school kids gathered on Friday, April 11 and helped prepare food and set up for our first Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. They baked muffins and made breakfast casseroles. The Fellowship Hall was very festive and everyone who attended the breakfast on Saturday, April 12 had a great time. Some of the teens returned for the breakfast to help serve and help hide eggs for the egg hunt.

On Sunday, April 13 teens helped with our Mission Possible Kids activity making sandwiches and baking cookies. In addition, 13 of our youth led the Good Friday service and then enjoyed a pizza lunch afterwards at Mazzella's.



Mission Possible Kids

In March, the MPK baked 150 cookies for EDR. In April the kids made peanut butter sandwiches and baked cookies which were taken to families with food insecurities.

Summer Church School

Summer Church School begins Sunday, June 1. It takes place during the worship service immediately following the Word for Children and ends after worship. Children ages 4 through just completing 1st grade are invited to attend. **This summer the kids will have fun learning about God's word with a different pet theme each week.** Children 5th grade or older may sign up to be a helper.

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Trinity Day at the Blue Rocks Sunday, May 18



Join your Trinity Family for a fun day of Fellowship and Blue Rocks Baseball!

**Sunday, May 18
Game Time ~ 1:05pm**

Come early to join your family and friends & have a catch on the field from 12 to 12:15pm!

After the game, kids can run the bases!



Tickets can be purchased through the Trinity-Blue Rocks portal at:

www.bluerocks.com/group-portal

Use Group Password: Trinity

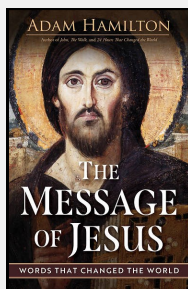
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Covenant Group

Covenant Group meets on Tuesdays at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The group will continue the DVD series by Adam Hamilton, "The Message of Jesus." May meeting dates are: 6, 13, 20 and 27.

You are welcome to join even if you cannot attend every Tuesday.



2025 All-Trinity Garage Sale

**Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3
9am to 1pm**

Invite your family and friends for the sale event of the season!

There are many treasures to find in jewelry, books, electronics, housewares, toys, linens, prints and pictures and yummy homemade baked goods and treats!

Circles

Rebecca Circle will meet in the Conference Room on **Wednesday, May 14 at 11:30am** to learn about the **Proverbs 31 Woman: How Not to Do It All.** Bring your lunch and share fellowship with your friends.

There is always room for more, so come and meet with us! Contact Kay Bowes at kaybowes14@yahoo.com for additional information .

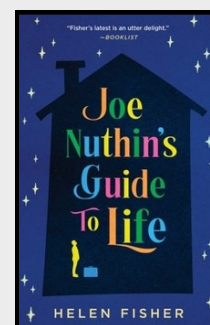


Elizabeth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, May 14 at 9:30am** in the Library. Contact Sue Crump at s.crump@comcast.net for additional

Trinity Book Group

Join us for our last meeting before summer break to discuss **Joe Nuthin's Guide To Life** by Helen Fisher on **Wednesday, May 21st at 7:00** in the church library.

This book was recommended by our go to gal, Sue Crump, as a **feel good read**. It is described as uplifting and contains themes of love, friendship, community, and self-discovery.



Looking ahead to September, we will read and discuss **The Personal Librarian** by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. Mark September 17th on your calendar!

Bazaar Workshop

Bazaar 2025 planning and crafting has already begun! You are invited to join the Bazaar Workshop on the 3rd Wednesday of every month to craft and create the many ornaments and gifts that will be sold. No creative skills are needed. The **next Workshop is May 21 at 10am in Darley 1 Classroom.**

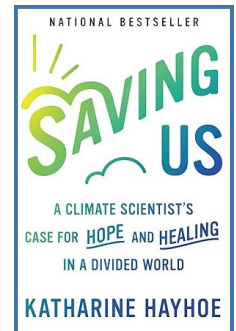
The 2025 Bazaar will be Saturday, Nov. 15.

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Stewards of the Earth

Stewards of the Earth needs Trinity members to be involved! Plan on joining us for our May meeting, on **Sunday morning, May 18 at 8:30am** in the church library.

We all need to hear climate news from a reliable, scientific and faith-based source. Consider downloading "**Talking Climate**" with Dr. Katharine Hayhoe. Dr. Hayhoe is a renowned Climate Expert. She is an atmospheric scientist whose research focuses on understanding the impacts of climate change on both people and the planet. She provides weekly good news, not-so-good news and what you can do to help mitigate the effects of climate change. Carol and Bruce Shumway recently went to hear her speak at the Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Wayne, PA. She spoke about climate change from her book **Saving Us** that is available in the Trinity library! Check it out!



Guatemala Partnership of New Castle County

The One Great Hour of Sharing directly benefits our partners in Guatemala in many ways and in many areas. It is really quite exciting, especially with the recent grant to the Association from the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

Follow this link to see your gifts at work in Guatemala: <https://mailchi.mp/af56454a35a3/oghs>

The Thread Shed

The Thread Shed: Our Guatemala connection needs some assistance! Celebrate Mother's Day by assisting some young people in need.

The Thread Shed, located in Kennett High School, which distributes articles of clothing, personal hygiene products, food pantry supplies, and school supplies to students of migrant families (mostly Guatemalan), is **asking for donations** for those most in need. Meghan Shumway, daughter of Bruce and Carol, along with her co-workers, manages the Thread Shed and they subsist on gifts from generous donors and grants from their school district. During this uncertain and fearful time for these students due to threats of deportation, they can really use our support. Please consider donating new items from the list below. Donations will be collected in the church lobby on Sundays May 4, 11 and 18. Just place your donation on the table designated Thread Shed. Thanks so much for your generosity!

Items needed:

deodorant, lip balm, sanitary pads (no Tampons), soap, toothpaste/toothbrushes
shampoo/conditioner, combs, hairbrushes, scrunchies
tissues, toilet paper, diapers, hand sanitizer
dish soap, pod laundry detergent, towels
socks, school supplies

GO!

Emmanuel Dining Room

The April 2025 EDR Team served on Friday, April 25. Thanks to captain **Bob LeComte**, cooks **Sharon Guadino and Linda Jobson**, bakers **Sharon Guadino, Leslie McGuigan and Penny Lindell** and shoppers **Tom Tarloski and Peg Maguire**.

New volunteers are welcome and needed!
The sign up sheet is posted in the lobby.

The group meets at Trinity at 9:15am on the 25th of the month, takes the food to EDR, and prepares the meal there. For more information please contact the church office at 302-475-5495. We welcome you to join in this fellowship while serving others.

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

3rd Thursday Work Group

Thanks to the March work crew of **Carol Euculano, Dave Horn, Carol Shumway, Bruce Shumway and Tom Tarloski**.

Our next work day is **Thursday, May 15**. We meet in the conference room at **9:15am for assignments, and are usually finished before noon**. Please contact Tom Tarloski at tom.tarloski@gmail.com with any questions.



Adopt-a-Highway

June 21 is the next Adopt-a-Highway clean up. The group meets at Trinity at 8am.

For more information Contact Grace Nasseh at graceneh@msn.com.

We'd love your help!

Appalachia Service Project - - - Our 40th Year of Service!

2025 marks Trinity's 40th year of service to this special organization! We plan to send 5 teams to Appalachia from **July 5-12**, with the specific location still pending. This year's theme is "Be the Light" based on Matthew 5:16 - ***"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."***

ASP fundraising is underway! We still welcome filled **Quarter Canes**. Please put your name on the cane so we can credit you! **Shares of stock**, for \$45 each, will be sold in the lobby after worship through June. The annual **Golf Outing at the Ed Oliver Golf Course will be Friday June 13**. The event flyer is attached. Registration information can also be accessed at www.trinitypresby.org.



The ASP Teams are grateful for your financial and prayer support. Both are vital to the success of this mission. Thank you for your investment in Trinity's youth.

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SUMMER YOUTH CONFERENCES 2025

Trinity youth will once again be attending several conferences this summer.

From **June 19-22**, middle schoolers Evey Bowes, Harley Bowes, Quinn Bowes, Charli Buckmaster, Maggie Kelly, Kenzie McConnell, and Emma Monaghan, along with adult leader, Kristin Buckmaster, will be going to the **Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference** in Harrisonburg, Virginia as part of the New Castle Presbytery Group. This year's theme is "Holy Love, Wholly Loved," taken from I John 4. The Trinity group will travel by bus with youth and leaders from Concord Presbyterian Church. A Meet and Greet with Concord is planned for June 8. This will be the 5th year that Trinity youth have participated in this conference.

July 27-August 2, Meghan Monaghan will join a group from Westminster Presbyterian Church to attend the Montreat Youth Conference in Montreat, North Carolina. The conference theme is "Light My Path," from Psalm 119:105. This will be Meghan's fourth summer to attend the Montreat conference. After attending the Conference for three years, Trinity member, Maggie Vitsorek, will be at Montreat in 2025 for six weeks, working as a Club's Counselor.

From **July 28-31**, Maggie McConnell and Shannon McConnell will be with the group from New Castle Presbytery at the **PCUSA Youth Triennium** in Louisville, Kentucky. The Triennium theme is "As If We Were Dreaming."

We are grateful to the Winter Bazaar Team, Trinity's Session and New Castle Presbytery for providing financial support and scholarship aid for these participants. Thanks also to all those who purchased soup in February; profit from that sale also supports the registration and travel costs for these conferences.

CANgineering

A special request from Claymont Community Center

CANgineering is a food drive structure building competition sponsored by the Food Bank of Delaware. It is a creative way to collect donations to benefit food-insecure Delawareans, while encouraging spirited competition amongst local organizations. **Claymont Community Center is participating** and has reached out to Trinity for food donations to build their structure.

Donations can be placed in the large barrel located in the lobby through May 20. Most needed items are: pasta, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned chicken, veggies, and canned tuna.

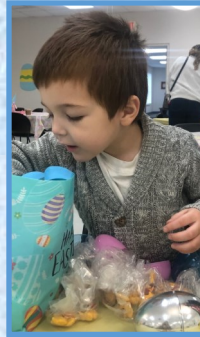
*Thank you to our Trinity Family and Friends for
their service in our country's Armed Forces*

	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Served</u>
Jim Albert	Army	Spec. 4	
John Balaguer	DE National Guard	Major	
Colin Bayne	Army	Spec. 5	Vietnam
Ron Bowes	Army	Spec. 4	
Tim Brislin	Navy/Marines EF		
Dick Gackenbach	Army	Captain	Vietnam Era
Nunzio Gaudino	Army	Spec. 4	Germany
Harry Grandel	Army / Air Force	Staff Sgt.	WWII
Jim Greager	Army	Staff Sgt.	Vietnam
Dave Horn	US Cavalry (Army)	Spec. 4	Germany
Bill Huxtable	Army Engineers	1st Lt.	
Bill Jones	Navy	Sr. Chief Corpsman	Vietnam
January Kendall	Army	Spec. (Operation Enduring Freedom)	Saudi Arabia
George Kofron	Army	Spec. 4	1964/65
Hank Lay	Army	Corporal	Korea
Bill Lehman	Air Force	Staff Sgt.	Vietnam
George Micolucci, Sr.	Army	Spec. 5	Vietnam
Stephen Morente	Air Force	Airman	Active Duty
Wayne Mower	Air Force	Airman	Vietnam
Jack Nichols	Air Force	Staff Sgt.	
Randy Perey	Navy	Lt.	Vietnam
Carl Schrass	PA Air Nat'l Guard	Master Sgt.	Operation Noble Eagle
Earl Seppala	Army	Colonel	
Bruce Shumway	Navy	Commander	
John Smrz	Army	1st Lt.	
Dick Struck	Army	1st. Lt.	Korea
Tom Tarloski	Marine Corp. Res.	Sgt.	
Glenn Williams	Army	Spec. 5	Vietnam

Trinity News

Breakfast With the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt

The first annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt was a huge success!



Thank you ...

Hello to my Trinity family, and thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent. I appreciate all your kind thoughts and prayers. I miss you all!

Carol Luzak

It's a Girl !!

Grace Louise Grantham was born on Friday, March 28. Congratulations to parents **Mariel and Michael Grantham** and big brother **Wyatt**, and grandparents **Jim and Lisa Rakus**, and Uncle **Max Rakus**.

Wedding Bells

Melanie Barba and Joseph Sorrentino were married March 29 in Richmond, VA.

Sarah Crossman and Wyatt Frizzell were married at Trinity on April 5.

Congratulations!



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.

On-line Giving

On-line giving can be set-up by visiting www.trinitypresby.org and clicking on "Donate" under "Give Online". Use 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 on-line giving.

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

Sanctuary Flowers

Would you like to **donate flowers** to be in the Sanctuary during Sunday worship? Flowers can be donated in memory of loved ones or in honor of a person 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. 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. Just submit your receipts to the church office for reimbursement.

Use this link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AADA92FA7FB6-52457041-2025#/>

or contact Deanna Dudash at 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 anytime 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, 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 provide comfort for those needing special care. If you would like to take a bear, please sign the book on the lobby table. Any questions can be directed to Tom Cook at cookt1420@gmail.com.

May 2025

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9am-12pm Garage Sale Set-up 6:30-8pm Garage Sale Set-up 7pm AA MTG	2 9am-1pm Garage Sale	3 9am-1pm Garage Sale 6:30pm AA MTG
4 Communion 9:30am Worship 10:45am New Member Class	5 6:30pm Facility Mtg. 7pm Session Mtg. 7pm Deacons Mtg.	6 12pm Covenant Grp	7 9am Quilters	8 12pm Men's Lunch 7pm AA MTG	9	10
11 Confirmation 9:30am Worship Mothers Day	12	13 12pm Covenant Grp	14 9am Quilters 9:30am Eliz. Circle 11:30am Rebecca Circle	15 9:30am 3rd Thursday Work Grp 7pm AA MTG	16	17 6:30pm AA MTG
18 New Members Received High School Srs. Recognized	19	20 12pm Covenant Grp	21 9am Quilters 10am Bazaar WS 7pm Book Group	22 7pm AA MTG	23	24 6:30pm AA MTG
9:30am Worship 1pm Blue Rocks						
25 EDR 9:30am Worship	26 Memorial Day Office Closed	27 12pm Covenant Grp	28 9am Quilters	29 7pm AA MTG	30	31 6:30pm AA MTG

Trinity Presbyterian Church 2025 Golf Outing

Proceeds benefit the Appalachia Service Project Summer Mission Trip

Friday June 13, 2025

Ed Oliver Golf Club • Wilmington, DE
800 N DuPont Road • Wilmington, DE 19807

8:00 AM REGISTRATION • 9:00 AM START
\$550 Per Foursome • \$150 per Golfer
Golf, Dinner, Beverages & on course contests!

\$40 MEAL Only (approximate time 2:30PM)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, AND FILL-OUT FORMS
ONLINE, VISIT: WWW.TRINITYPRESBY.ORG
SCAN THE QR CODE TO MAKE AN ONLINE PAYMENT:



Trinity ASP Golf Outing



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**\$100 Hole Signage
Sponsor**

Donations for Golfer Gifts & Prizes, such as Golf Related Items, Certificates to Golf Courses, as well as monetary donations are always accepted and welcomed.

Please do not hesitate to contact Leslie McGuigan with any questions - 302-290-1250 or ideadesign2@verizon.net



Appalachia Service Project (ASP) provides one of the most rewarding structured service opportunities in the nation -- bringing thousands of volunteers from around the country to rural Central Appalachia to repair homes for low-income families. Trinity Presbyterian Church has participated in this mission for the past 30+ years, sending anywhere from 35 to 60+ young people and adult leaders. Many of these young participants come home with tremendous stories and a greater appreciation of life.

For more information on ASP go to www.asphome.org

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PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT SUMMER TRIP

Friday June 13, 2025 • Ed Oliver Golf Club • Wilmington, DE
8:00am registration • 9:00am Shotgun Start
\$550 Per Foursome • \$150 per Golfer
\$100 Per Hole Sponsor • \$40 Meal Only
Other Sponsorships Opportunities Available – Please Inquire

Contact Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: () _____ - _____ Email address: _____

Golfer(s) Names: (for more than 4 golfers, please use an additional form)

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

Information for Hole, Gift or Event Sponsorship (use back of form if needed):

Number of Golfers: _____

Total \$ for Golfers: \$ _____

Number of Meal Only: _____

Total \$ for Meal Only: \$ _____

Number of Hole Sponsors: _____

Total \$ Hole Sponsors: \$ _____

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

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Peg Maguire, Office Administrator
Jenna Theibault Dean, Associate for Young Mom's Ministry
Mary McDowell, Associate for Ministry
Kim Robbins, Associate for Ministry
Lindsay O'Brien, Nursery Coordinator
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Katie Oliver, ASP Coordinator
Joe Ross, Associate for Ministry
Greg Buckmaster, Technology Coordinator
Gayleen Carmichael, Parish Nurse

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Laurie Morente
Debbie Schrass

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Katrina Harris
Rad MacFarlane
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Joe Euculano
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Clerk of Session: Leslie Connor

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