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Trinitarians!

The General Assembly Mission Council produced an instrument for guided conversations between congregations, elders/deacons and clergy entitled "Starting New Initiatives." It is a long process covering many weeks because the practice of discerning God's leading requires time for reflection and wisdom. The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is making use of time and energy to thoughtfully and prayerfully discern the person(s) to become your next installed minister by your vote of acceptance and support. One of the prayers, slightly modified, used in the process is from the Ignatian tradition of the Roman Catholic Church:

Ignatius' Awareness Examen

Provident God, thank you for all the ways you have blessed us this day. You know us better than we know ourselves. Please help us to become more aware of how you have been working in us and around us during the past months. We wish to respond to your call with love and faithfulness. We can do this only to the degree we recognize your guidance. Help us then to become more sensitive to your Spirit's direction.

If you haven't been in prayer for the PNC and their work, it is time to begin! Let's enter into a time of prayerful, and excited, anticipation of the pastor to lead the congregation for years to come!

The final prayer of the Starting New Initiatives is a prayer for looking forward, under the guidance of God's grace, led by the Holy Spirit, to serve the Lord Jesus:

Faithful God, with hope we look to the future. You accept us the way we are but also call us to grow. You give us time and opportunity and grace. We place the time between now and the next pastor in your hands. We ask you to help us be more sensitive to the Spirit's presence and guidance in all our tomorrows. We ask your special help in the areas where you are asking us to go. God, with the Spirit within our hearts, we go forward with joy and trust. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

In Christ,

David, your Interim Pastor

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GATHER

June Sundays

JUNE MONTHLY MISSION CAUSE - DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS

June 1 ~ Scripture Lessons: Psalm 97, Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21

David Aber preaching the sermon "Come Again? The Judgment of History"

June 8 ~ **Communion with Healing and Memorial Sunday**

Scripture Lessons: Genesis 11: 1-9; Romans 8: 14-17

David Aber preaching the sermon "The Curse/Blessing of God-Speech"

June 15 ~ Scripture Lessons: Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-32; John 16: 12-15

David Aber preaching the sermon "Jesus Answers Pilate's Question"

June 22 ~ Scripture Lessons: Psalm 67: 1-7; John 14: 23-31

Joe Ross preaching the sermon "The Truth"

June 29 ~ Scripture Lesson: Ruth 1: 1-22

David Aber preaching the sermon "Finding Hope Between the Famine and the Barley Harvest"

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

July 21 - 25 6pm - 8pm

We'll be on the go with God as we travel the Bible to visit exciting destinations! It will be a fun-filled adventure for all the kids (aka travelers) as we discover that God's presence is everywhere.

Together we explore new places, make new friends, and experience God's goodness, while learning that God is always with us. Our "Road Trip" theme is from 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. Children are welcome to invite their friends. See attached registration form or register online at: <https://forms.gle/rVkuT1AKEdV3V6S29>. The VBS team needs your help crafting and building sets and props, then decorating on the following days. For More information contact Amy Vitsorek at jitterbugsmusic@verizon.net.

Craft/Set Building Days

Saturday, June 21 : 9am to 12pm
Saturday, June 28 : 12pm to 3pm

Decorating Days

Monday, July 14 & Tuesday, July 15 : 1 pm to 4pm
Wednesday, July 16 : 2pm to 5pm

VBS 2025 - REGISTRATION FORM

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Vacation Bible School

July 21 - 25 from 6:00-8:00 pm

(One form per child)



Child's Name: _____

Child's Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of Parent(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____

Home church: _____

Allergies/medical conditions: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

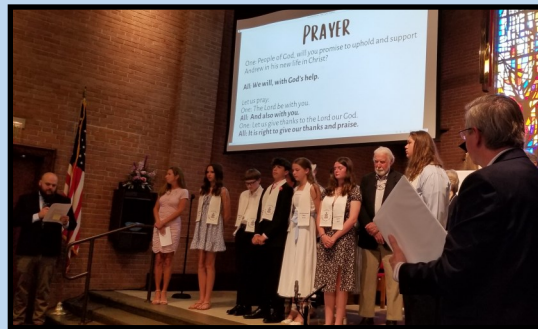
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GATHER

Confirmation

It was a special day on Sunday, May 11 for six youths, Andrew Dudash-Klepaki, Emily Iannetta, Bobby Iannetta, Kenzie McConnell, Emma Monaghan, and Daniel O'Brien, as each was confirmed and received as a new member at Trinity. One Confirmand, Andrew, was also baptized.

Earlier in the week Confirmands shared their Statements of Faith, written with the support of their mentors, with an audience of Session members and Deacons. For their confirmation project, they designed and participated in the May 4 worship service at Trinity. Congratulations to Trinity's newest members and their families!



Thanks to the Confirmation Mentors for walking alongside the Confirmands. This years' mentors were Pam Bentley, Keith Guzma, Paula Henderson, George Iannetta, Aaron Williams, and Lauren Williams.



Special thanks to Suzanne LeComte's Children's Church children for making Keepsake Boxes, to Mary McDowell for inscribing Bibles, to Kathy Peake for embroidering stoles and to Marilyn Shaw for making Bible Bookmarks.



GROW

3rd Thursday Work Group

Thanks to the April work crew of **Jim Cloud, Carol Euculano, Dave Horn, Bill Nicholson, Carol Shumway, Bruce Shumway and Tom Tarloski.**

Our next work day is **Thursday, June 19.** 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

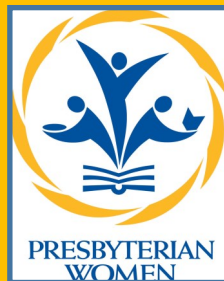


Circles

Rebecca Circle will meet at the home of Kay Bowes on **Wednesday, June 11 at 11:30am** for a luncheon

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, June 11 at 9:30am** in the Library. Contact Sue Crump at s.crump@comcast.net for additional information.



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 at 10am in Darley 1 to craft and create the many ornaments and gifts that will be sold. No creative skills are needed. **The summer Workshop dates are June 18, July 16 and August 20.**

The 2025 Bazaar will be Saturday, Nov. 15.

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 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.

Adopt-a-Highway

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

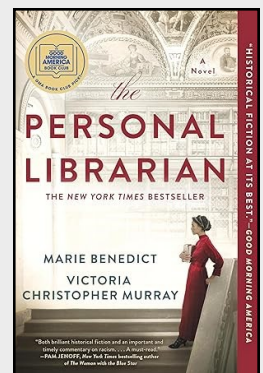
For more information Contact Grace Nasseh at graceneh@msn.com .

We'd love your help!

Trinity Book Group

Join us on September 17 as we resume the Trinity Book Group meeting at 7:00 PM in the church library.

The discussion will feature two books! The first is Joe Nuthin's Guide To Life by Helen Fisher. The other is The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. This book is about the personal librarian to J. P. Morgan.



Let's learn and share our thoughts about these two works. In the meantime, happy reading!

GROW

Stewards of the Earth

Trinity's **Stewards of the Earth** will meet **August 19 at 6PM at the Shumway's home** to plan for the upcoming calendar year. Our normal meetings now occur once a month on Sunday mornings prior to worship in the library at 8:30am. All who are interested are welcome to attend.

SOTE will open our **September meeting** with a **book discussion on What An Owl Knows** by Jennifer Ackerman. This book looks at owl biology and behavior as well as conservation practices. The author is an acclaimed scientist and writer and beautifully connects us to the avian world. Pick up this book at the local library or bookstore or call Carol Shumway if you'd like to take part in this environmental discussion. Carol can be reached at 302.690.5184.

Adopt-A-Highway will have a clean-up on June 21 and September 20. The group meets at Trinity at 8am and cleans up a section of Naamans Road near Philadelphia Pike. Talk to Grace Nasseh to get involved! Grace can be reached at 302-345-0809.

Trinity continues to collect plastic containers such as laundry detergent bottles (NOT plastic water bottles) for Eco-Plastic Recycling. The bin is to the right of the green storage containers at the back of the church parking lot. See page 12 of this Triangle for detailed information.

Guatemala Partnership of New Castle County

Many thanks to the congregation for the generous support of the New Castle Presbytery Guatemala Partnership's 2024 Advent Project. Trinity raised over \$4000 for this campaign, allowing the Mam Christian Women for Development to address food insecurity by purchasing chickens for qualified indigenous women. These funds were in addition to Trinity's Mission Service Team's annual contribution to the partnership.

As members of the Guatemala Partnership Steering Committee, **we are very grateful to Trinity's Mission Team and their commitment to reforestation in the highlands of Guatemala.** The partnership between NCP, CEDEPCA (Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America), and the Mam Christian Women For Development is a beautiful enterprise that serves as a witness to the love of Christ in the world. Next January we will again go to Guatemala to be a part of the relationship building that is so critical for supporting this ministry. We would like some other Trinity folks to accompany us and see first-hand the good work that is being done there. If you might be interested in going with us and other members of the Presbytery, please feel free to speak with us.

We are also grateful for the response of donated items to our local Guatemala connection, The Thread Shed, which serves local Guatemalan high school kids with basic necessities for personal health and school. **TRINITY ROCKS!**

Carol and Bruce Shumway
twoshums@aol.com

GO!

Garage Sale News

In early May, Trinity's members and friends once again hosted a very successful annual Garage Sale. It takes a tremendous effort to coordinate, unpack, sort, price, set up, and clean up for this event to happen. As usual, Trinity did not disappoint!

The sale garnered over \$8,000 that will be used by Trinity Deacons for various mission causes throughout the year. Kudos to **EVERYONE** who contributed their time and talents.



Collections for the next Garage Sale will be held on the first Sunday of each month beginning Sunday, August 3, from 10:45am to 12 noon.

GO!

Appalachia Service Project - - - Our 40th Year of Service! July 5-12 Kanawha County, West Virginia

Trinity will be represented by 5 teams of youth and adults as they serve families in and around Charleston, West Virginia! 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."***

We are so thankful for the support of the congregation; without your prayers and support, the trip would not be possible. Below are this year's ASP Team members.

Airen Buckmaster*
Greg Buckmaster*
Ben Connor
Miles Copping
Leah Ellis
Kevin Fillingame
Kip Fillingame*
Scott Fillingame*
Peyton Fischer
Ryan Hammer
Libby Hertzler*

Margaret Johnston
Jacob Kallish
Charlotte Kohn
Paul Lacour
Bob LeComte
Robert LeComte
Kenzie McConnell*
Maggie McConnell*
Emily McDermott
Gavin McDermott

Meghan Monaghan
Steve Monaghan
Katie Oliver
Kevin Rolph
Paige Scarpitti
Catie Schofield
Andy Smith
Zach Smith
Paul Vink*
Will Vitsorek

* Indicates first time participants

We hope you'll join us to see the teams off on Saturday, July 5 at 8 am. We'll have coffee, juice, and pastries in the Fellowship Hall, followed by our send-off circle at 8:45 am. Then join us on Naaman's Road as we wave goodbye to the vans!

ASP Stock is still on sale and we can use your help. Due to unforeseen circumstances, this year's ASP Golf Outing was cancelled. Though we hope to reinstate it for 2026, we are seeking donations to help cover the funds that would have been raised at that event. Please mark your donation for ASP and either place it in the offering basket during worship or bring it to the ASP table in the lobby on Sundays. Donations can also be received in the office, marked to Katie Oliver's attention. Online donations can be made at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z34F/home>

We thank you for your continued support!

2025 marks a milestone in Trinity's service to ASP: **our 40th year** of making homes warmer, safer, and drier! To mark this special day, **Trinity will host a church-wide celebration immediately following worship on July 13 (ASP Report Sunday)** in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will join us in marking this special occasion in the life of our church.



Trinity News

New Members

On Sunday, May 18, we welcomed seven new members to the Trinity family.

**Mike and Diane DellaVella
Wyatt Frizzell
Arun Gunta
David and Bethany Hallinan**



Thank you!

To my Trinity family and friends,

Thank you for all the cards, calls, food and prayers following my knee replacement surgery. Your thoughtfulness and kindness are very much appreciated.

I look forward to being back at Trinity soon!

Penny Lindell

Trinity Mission Partners

The Presbyterian Church (USA) has recently discontinued its foreign missions and work through local mission agencies and representatives. As a result, Trinity's mission partners, John McCall and Bob and Kristy Rice are no longer serving in Taiwan and South Sudan, respectively. Please click the links below to read their farewell letters.

Click [here](#) for the letter from John McCall.

Click [here](#) for the letter from Bob and Kristi Rice.

Trinity's Mission Team has selected Doctors Without Borders to replace the June Monthly Mission Cause which was originally designated for John McCall.

Sympathy and Prayers are with

Keith Guzma on the passing of his sister, Sue Dailey on Friday, May 16.

Emmanuel Dining Room

The May 2025 EDR Team served 181 meals on Sunday, May 25. Thanks to captains **Kim Robbins and Rad MacFarlane**, cooks **Courtney Kledaras and Mary Ann Venturena**, bakers **Pat Greager, Leslie McGuigan and Penny Lindell** and shoppers **Tom Tarloski and Peg Maguire**.

Trinity News

Congratulations Graduates

Congratulations to Trinity youths and young adults who are graduating from high school and college this spring!

High School Graduates

Meghan Monaghan is graduating from Cab Calloway School of the Arts. A Dance Major at Cab, Meghan was a member of the National Honor Society, Rho Kappa, Science Olympiad and the Dance Company. Outside of school, Meghan dances at Kicks Academy of Dance on the competition team. She also volunteers as an assistant teacher for the younger dancers and has choreographed recital dances for this age group. In the summer, Meghan is a lifeguard at Ashbourne Pool. She has participated in ASP, was part of the first group of Trinity youth to attend the Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference and will be attending the Montreat Youth Conference for the fourth summer this year. In the fall, Meghan will attend the University of Colorado Boulder, in the engineering honors program, majoring in Biomedical Engineering.



Ghost Fischer is graduating from Cab Calloway School of the Arts with a focus in Digital Communication Arts. They were involved in Literary Magazine, Book Club and the Communication Arts Honor Society. In the fall, Ghost will attend Kutztown University as part of the Communication Design Program within the School of Visual and Performing Arts.

The high school graduates were recognized in worship on May 18th and presented with their milestone gift – a blanket embroidered with the words, “Wherever you go, God is with you.”

College Graduate

Ainsley Fischer is graduating with honors from Kutztown University with a degree in Art Education. Ainsley was a four-year member of the Kutztown women’s swim team and a member of the National Art Education Association, holding several executive board positions. While at Kutztown, Ainsley was on the dean’s list numerous times and was inducted into the Chi Alpha Sigma National College Athlete Honor Society. After graduation, she will be looking for a job teaching art, preferably in elementary school.

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.

JUNE 2025

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 12pm Covenant Grp	4 9am Quilters	5 7pm AA MTG	6	7 6:30pm AA MTG
8 Communion with Healing/Memorial Sunday 9:30am Worship	9	10	11 9am Quilters 9:30am Eliz. Circle 11:30am Rebecca Circle	12 7pm AA MTG	13	14 6:30pm AA MTG
15 Father's Day 9:30am Worship	16	17	18 9am Quilters 10am Bazaar WS	19 9:30am 3rd Thursday Work Grp 7pm AA MTG	20	21 8am Adopt-a- Highway 9am VBS Craft/Set building 6pm AA MTG
22 9:30am Worship	23	24	25 EDR 9am Quilters	26 7pm AA MTG	27	28 12pm VBS Craft/Set building 6:30pm AA MTG
29 9:30am Worship	30					

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Amy Vitsorek, Church School Coordinator and VBS Director
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
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

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John Balaguer
Wendy Barba
Laurie Morente
Debbie Schrass

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Ron Bowes
Katrina Harris
Rad MacFarlane
Julie Monaghan

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Debra Balliet
Sue Crump
Joe Euculano
Joyce Hutchison

Clerk of Session: Leslie Connor

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