



Trinity Presbyterian Church



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Dear Friends,

The Administration Team, under the direction of the Session and coordinated by John Balaguer, has been hard at work identifying potential candidates to become Trinity's Transitional Pastor. John shared an important update with the congregation at the meeting held following the worship service on April 28. The meeting was moderated by New Castle Presbytery Connectional Presbyter Cindy Kohlmann. Trinity's liaison to the Committee on Ministers and Congregations, Elder Carol Haas, also attended. Cindy and Carol are steady partners to the Session in the transition process.

This is what John shared, "The work of the team has included posting Trinity's need for a Transitional Pastor on the denomination's national Church Leadership Connection website and working with the New Castle Presbytery to get the word out locally. We have had preliminary discussions with two candidates and expect to be talking to more candidates and moving into formal interviews in the coming weeks. Our goal is to have a Transitional Pastor in place in early September, but rather than having the process driven by calendar deadlines, we want to focus more on selecting the right person to lead Trinity through the important work of selecting a new Called Pastor."

John also explained that the Session has approved a plan for pastoral care of the congregation during the interim or "bridge" period between Barb and my retirement on June 9 and when the Transitional Pastor would begin. Penny Lindell has agreed to be available to provide day to day pastoral care and she will be backed up by Rev. Nona Holy, Pastor of the Lower Brandywine congregation. Nona will also be Moderator of the Session during this time, starting with the June 10 regular Session meeting.

Trinity has a great Administration/Transition Team in place, and the congregation can be very confident in the process in the coming months.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad and Barb".

Brad and Barb

The Administration Team in addition to coordinator John Balaguer is composed of Clerk of Session Leslie Connor, Elder Rad MacFarlane, as well as Joe Ross, Sue Crump, Steve Connor and Kim Robbins.

1120 Darley Road

Wilmington, DE 19810

Gather

May and June Sundays

May Monthly Mission Cause — Rise Against Hunger

May 5 ~ Scripture Lesson: John 15: 9-17; Brad Martin preaching

May 12 ~ Mother's Day
Scripture Lesson: Luke 10: 38-42; Joe Ross preaching
Recognition of High School Seniors
Baptism and Reception of New Members

May 19 ~ Pentecost with the Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Scripture Lessons: Acts 2: 1-12; John 14: 25-27
Brad Martin preaching
Retirement Celebration for Brad and Barb

May 26 ~ Memorial Day Weekend
Scripture Lesson: John 21: 1-14; Brad and Barb
Preaching, "So Many Fish"

June 2 ~ Scripture Lesson: John 21: 15-17; Brad and Barb Preaching, "Feed My Sheep"

June 9 ~ Scripture Lesson: Luke 24: 13-35; Brad and Barb Preaching, "Just Keep Walking and Dreaming".



Nursery Care

Have you ever visited Trinity's Nursery located in the Darley Wing?

This is where our youngest members are cared for on Sunday mornings during worship. Lindsay O'Brien is our Nursery Coordinator.



Lindsay is **looking for volunteers**, beginning in the fall, to assist with nursery care. No experience is necessary. Volunteering one Sunday a month, or even just a few Sundays throughout the year is beneficial. Please contact Lindsay at lindsayarobrien@aol.com for more information or stop by the nursery on a Sunday to let her know you can help.



Summer Church School

Summer Church School begins on Sunday, June 2nd. It takes place during the worship service immediately following the Word for Children. Summer church school ends after the service. Please reach out to Amy Vitsorek at jitterbugsmusic@verizon.net if you are interested in teaching a class or two this summer.

Grow

Youth Fellowship



Eleven **middle and high school youth** participated in our Youth Fellowship on Saturday, April 20 to make stained glass art projects. The kids all created some really beautiful pieces of art. While they painted, they also watched a movie and had fun hanging out with each other.



Vacation Bible School

Save the date for this summer's **Scuba VBS!** During this under the sea adventure the children will dive into friendship with God. **VBS will take place July 22-26, from 6-8pm.**

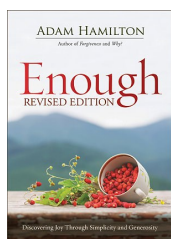


Please consider donating some of the following supplies. Donations can be left in the Church Office.

- Solid color disposable dessert plates
- empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls
- empty cardboard egg cartons
- large boxes from appliances (washer/dryer; refrigerator)
- green streamers
- packing peanuts
- coffee filters

Covenant Group

Covenant Group will continue in May on **Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21 and 28** at 12pm in Fellowship Hall. This will be the last session until the Fall. We will study the series **“Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity”**.



This series, by Adam Hamilton, shows people how to change their outlook from one of mindless consumerism to one of simplicity and generosity.

Circles

Elizabeth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, May 22, at 9:30am** at the home of Sue Crump. Please contact Sue with questions.

Rebecca Circle will meet on **Wednesday, May 8 at 11:30am** in the Conference Room. Remember to bring your lunch or a snack! Contact Kay Bowes with questions.



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Emmanuel Dining Room

Many thanks to the team who served 200 people in April:

CAPTAINS: Kim Robbins and Rad MacFarlane

COOKS: Flo MacFarlane, Peg Maguire and Joe Euculano

BAKERS: Leslie McGuigan, Corey Fischer and Pat Greager

Considering Membership?

If you are interested in learning more about being Presbyterian and/or joining Trinity, please contact Brad at bradmartin@trinitypresby.org.

**New members will be received
Sunday, May 12.**

Maple Lane Clothes Closet Request



Our quick donation drive for Maple Lane Elementary was a big success thanks to the generous donations from many at Trinity! I delivered four full bags of pants and underwear, and was met with much gratitude from the staff and students. On behalf of Wendy Barba and myself, THANK YOU ALL! Your donations will make life a little easier for the children and staff at Maple Lane.

Leslie Connor

Coming Soon!!

A new Trinity Pictorial Church Directory

We will start collecting photographs soon from the congregation for the new directory. So, dig out your best photo - individual or family - and get ready to participate.

There is no formal picture, no pictures to buy and no hassle of a sales pitch. Yes, we will even take your photo after service if you like and once we are up and operating, we will get you in the directory as fast as we can.

This new directory will be online, password protected, and easy to access by those who have participated. There is no cost to you. Oops, you want to change your picture? Added a new member to your family?... No problem...send in a new one and we can update the directory in a jiff.

Watch for an announcement that we're ready to accept pictures and we'll add them to the standard info that's presently in our directory database.

"SEE YOU IN THE PICTURES"

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Trinity Gardeners

Do you like to garden? Do you want to help keep Trinity's grounds beautiful? Consider sharing your green thumb with Trinity!



If you have an interest and willingness in keeping Trinity's grounds beautiful and welcoming, contact Julie Monaghan at 302-584-4438 or Julie.monaghan1@gmail.com

Adopt-a-Highway

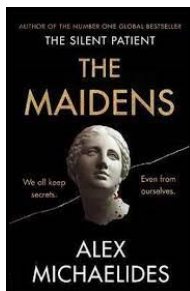
Thanks to the Team of Grace Nasseh, Tom Tarloski, Barb Lilley, Laurie Morente, Bob LeComte, Scott Sapp, Dee Fillingame and Pam Schiocchetti who cleaned up **Trinity's assigned area on Naamans Road** on Saturday, April 6! Twenty-one bags of trash were collected.

The next clean-up is **June 1 to clean up**. Meet at Trinity at 8am. Contact Grace Nasseh for more information.

Book Discussion Group

Our last book group meeting before summer break will be **May 22 at 7pm in the library**.

We will discuss the book **The Maidens** by Alex Michaelides. This murder mystery set at Cambridge involves a secret society and Greek mythology! So brush up on your knowledge of Persephone! Join us for tea and talk!



Bring some book suggestions for our September read!

New readers are always welcome!

Stewards of the Earth

The next **Stewards of the Earth** meeting will be on **Sunday morning, June 9 at 8:30am** in the church library.



Mission Possible Kids

In March, the MPK made springtime cards which were mailed to some of our Trinity members.

Bazaar Workshop

The **2024 Trinity Bazaar** will take place on **Saturday, November 16, 9am to 1pm**. Mark your calendar and the save the date!

The **Bazaar Workshop** will meet Wednesday, May 15 at 10am in Darley 1. Contact Deb Balliet for more information: 302-475-7737.

New crafters always welcome



GO!

Trinity Missions

We are excited to announce \$15,000 to support **Habitat for Humanity's** 5 townhome Southbridge project. Session approved the funds release from the endowment in accordance with the Planned Giving and Memorial Gifts Ministry guidelines. This provides a significant boost to affordable housing in the city of Wilmington.

Rise Against Hunger

Rise Against Hunger's mission is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable. A large percentage of Rise Against Hunger meals are distributed to children through school feeding programs, which encourage attendance and ensure children are not hungry during school. Adequate nutrition boosts a child's cognitive ability and physical performance, which supports their ability to do well in school. Continuing their education and succeeding in school has a huge impact on their chance at a bright future and helps ensure they're able to reach their full potential!

Mark your calendars for Sunday October 20th for our tenth meal packaging event. **May's mission cause supports purchasing of the ingredients to package 20,000 meals, so please give generously.** We are also seeking a co-leader for this year's event. If you are interested or have any questions, please reach out to Gene Bentley (PAG20@Comcast.net)

Friendship House

Join us for Friendship House's biggest fundraiser of the year on Saturday, June 8! Trinity will once again sponsor a team of walkers to participate in the **Highmark Walk for Healthy Community**. The costs of this walk are completely covered by Highmark, so that all donations go directly to the charitable organizations who participate. Last year over 500 people came out to support Friendship House alone, and approximately \$90,000 was raised for Friendship House's life-saving life-changing programs. This is always a fun day, a non-competitive walk along the Wilmington waterfront in a festival-like atmosphere. If 5K feels like too much to you, there is also a 1 K fun walk option.

It is free to sign up and join, but everyone who raises at least \$30 will receive a free T-shirt. Every donation, no matter how small, makes a big difference. Once again we would like to recruit at least 20 walkers to be eligible for matching funds from an anonymous Friendship House supporter. You may even sign up (for free!) as a "virtual" walker and walk wherever you wish! Details are below, but please reach out to Laura Farabaugh with any questions. You may use the link below to sign up, or go directly to Friendship House's website and follow the links from there - make sure to sign up under Trinity Presbyterian's Team!

Where: Tubman Garrett Riverfront Park, 80 Rosa Parks Drive, Wilmington, DE 19801

When: Saturday, June 8, 2024

Important Times: 7:45 a.m. Check-in & Registration
9:00 a.m. 5K Walk Begins
9:15 a.m. 1-Mile Fun Walk Begins

DIRECT LINK TO TRINITY'S PAGE:

http://hcf.convio.net/site/TR/Wilmington/HighmarkWalk?team_id=18395&pg=team&fr_id=4471

GO!

Appalachia Service Project
July 6 - 13

This is **Year 39** for Trinity participating in ASP! Five teams will be traveling to Logan County, West Virginia the week of **July 6 -13, 2024**. The year's theme is "**Building Kindness**" based on **Ephesians 4:32**:

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you"

Travel plans will be underway shortly with vans and the overnight stay being booked. Below is the schedule for preparation meetings and other important dates:

Preparation Meetings

Sunday, May 19: All Leaders 5:30pm—6pm
All Participants: 6pm—7pm

Sunday, June 9: All Participants: 6pm—7pm

Sunday, June 30: All Participants: 11am

Other Important Dates

Sunday, June 30: Commissioning during Worship:
9:30am

Saturday, July 6: Send-off Breakfast: 7:30am

One **simple way to support** this years' summer service is **purchasing Shares of Stock!** The suggested price per share is \$45. Stock will be on sale in the lobby on Sunday mornings after worship. You can also donate online at www.trinitypresby.org, or in the collection plates at Sunday worship.

The annual **ASP Golf Outing Fundraiser** will be Friday, June 7, 2024 at Ed Oliver Golf Course. Golf for \$125 which includes a round of golf, beverages (wine, beer, soda) and an after-golf meal. There is also a meal only option for \$30.

Registration is OPEN at www.trinitypresby.org
Event flyer is attached.



GO!

ASP Cake/Pie Chance Off

Thanks to all the Bakers and Chance Takers at the Cake/Pie Chance off which **raised \$680** for Trinity's ASP Trip in July to West Virginia.

BAKER

Deb Balliet
Leslie Connor
Joyce Hutchinson
Ellie Munson
Don Hutchinson
Susan Fuhs
Deanna Dudash
Carolyn Kohn
Joe Ross
Corey Fischer
Tom Kilbourne
Tom Kilbourne
Sarah Krespach
Penny Lindell
Anne Hardesty
Suzette Schofield
Chris Singles
Maggie Vitsorek
Tim Brislin
Amy Vitsorek
Jerri Direnzo
Pat Greager
Sarah Crossman
Faye Jones
Ron & Evey Bowes
Kay & Quinn Bowes
Penny Lindell
Deanna Dudash
Faye Jones
Dee Fillingame

DESSERT

Pineapple Pecan Dump Cake
Mini Blackberry Cheesecakes
Blueberry Cobbler
Apple Coffee Cake
Pecan Pie
Strawberry Cupcakes
Caramel Latte Cake
"All You Need Is Love" Vanilla Cake
Strawberry Bundt Cake
Key Lime Cheesecake
Pumpkin Spice Donuts
Chocolate Iced Donuts
Carrot Pecan Cake
Chocolate Kahlua Cake
Cherry Vanilla Bundt Cake
Banana Bread
Peanut Butter Marble Cake
Chocolate Cheesecake
Scottish Barbrakins
Cookies and Cream Cake
Springtime Cake and Cookies
Strawberry Supreme Cake
Key Lime Pie
Hershey's Chocolate Cake
Chocolate Chess Pie
Chocolate Caramel Brownies
German Chocolate Cake
Almond Pound Cake
Pumpkin Roll
Almond Bundt Cake

WINNER

Nick Waller
Barb Lilley
Jim Cloud
Jean Blaier
The Connor Family
Aubree Jones & Lindsay Blaier
Tom Tarloski
Sarah Krespach
Emma Monaghan
John Smrz & Lucy Ganfield
Kenzie McConnell & Peyton Fischer
Ellis Ross
Harry Grandel
Dave Singles
Linda Lehman
Joan Singles & Ellie Munson
Susan Fuhs
Evey Bowes
Tom Tarloski & Keith Guzma
Anita Blaier
Reece Fillingame
Quinn Bowes
Maggie Vitsorek
Evelyn Ross
Tom Kilbourne
Bill Nicholson
Gayleen Carmichael
Nick Fuhs
Keith Guzma
Grace Nasseh



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	Nave/Marines EF		
John Dorsey	Army	SP4	
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
Tom Kilbourne	Army Ranger	Corporal	Korea
Hank Lay	Army	Corporal	Korea
Bill Lehman	Air Force	SSgt.	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	MSgt.	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.	
Charlie Till	Army	Spec. 4	
Glenn Williams	Army	Spec. 5	Vietnam

Trinity News and Reminders

Lobby Donation Cart

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

Current Needs for Claymont Food Closet:

Stuffing mix; canned sweet potatoes; soups; instant mashed potatoes; canned vegetables; gravy; cranberry sauce; peanut butter & jelly; canned tuna; cereal; oatmeal.

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; dish towels.

Online Giving

On-line giving can be arranged 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 Young Musicians of Faith can also be designated through on-line giving.

Sanctuary Flowers

Would you like to **donate flowers** to be used 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 ... 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.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to **Courtney McGuigan and Eric Johnson** who were married on Saturday, April 13 in Voorhees, NJ.



Sympathy and Prayers are with

Pat Genzel on the passing of her brother, Shannon Frankhouser in Dunbar, West Virginia on Sunday, April 7.

The family of **Joan Wysham** who passed on Thursday, April 25 in Wilmington.

Bear Ministry

Trinity's Bear Ministry is still going strong! Since its inception in 2007, over 650 bears have found homes with many who have needed a little comforting. They have heard the words of scripture, hymns, prayers and sermons. They are ready to go out and to comfort someone who needs a little special caring.

If you would like to take a bear, please sign the book that is on the table as you enter the lobby. Any questions, contact Tom Cook at cookt1420@gmail.com.



Triangle Deadline

Please submit all articles and information for the **Summer 2024 Triangle** to the church office by **Monday, May 20**.

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www.trinitypresby.org Email: office@trinitypresby.org

The Rev. Brad Martin, Pastor
The Rev. Barbara Price-Martin, Parish Associate Co-Pastor
The Rev. Edee Fenimore, Parish Associate
Penny Lindell, Christian Educator
Alexis Ward, Director of Music Ministry
Suzanne LeComte, Children's Church Coordinator
Amy Vitsorek, Church School Coordinator and VBS Director
Peg Maguire, Office Administrator
Chris Dean Theibault, Associate for Youth
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

<u>Class Of 2024</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2025</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2026</u>
Deb Balliet	John Balaguer	Ron Bowes
Joe Euculano	Wendy Barba	Katrina Harris
Joyce Hutchison	Laurie Morente	Rad MacFarlane
Bill Nicholson	Debbie Schrass	Julie Monaghan

Clerk of Session: Leslie Connor

DEACONS

<u>CLASS OF 2024</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2025</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2026</u>
Pam Backus	Tom Cook	Carol Euculano
Deanna Dudash	Susan Fuhs	Anne Hardesty
Deidre Fillingame	Dave Horn	Lee Lewis
Bruce Shumway	Barb Lilley	Carol Shumway
Missy Wyatt	Kim Robbins	Betsy Struck

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May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9am Quilters	2 7pm AA Mtg.	3	4 6:30pm AA Mtg.
5 9:30am Worship	6	7 12pm Covenant Grp	8 9am Quilters 11:30am Rebecca Cir.	9 7pm AA Mtg.	10	11 6:30pm AA Mtg.
12 9:30am Worship	13 7pm Session Mtg	14 12pm Covenant Grp	15 9am Quilters 10am Bazaar WS	16 7pm AA Mtg.	17	18 6:30pm AA Mtg.
Mother's Day						
19 9:30am Worship 10:30am Retirement Celebration 5:30pm ASP Prep Mtg	20 7pm Deacon's Mtg	21 12pm Covenant Grp	22 9am Quilters 9:30am Eliz. Circle 7pm Book Group	23 7pm AA Mtg.	24	25 6:30pm AA Mtg.
26 9:30am Worship	27 Office Closed Memorial Day	28 12pm Covenant Grp	29	30	31	

Trinity Presbyterian Church 2024 Golf Outing

Proceeds benefit the Appalachia Service Project Summer Mission Trip

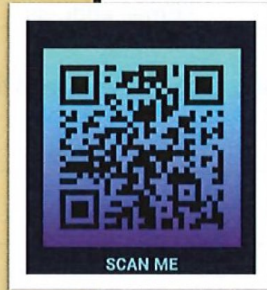
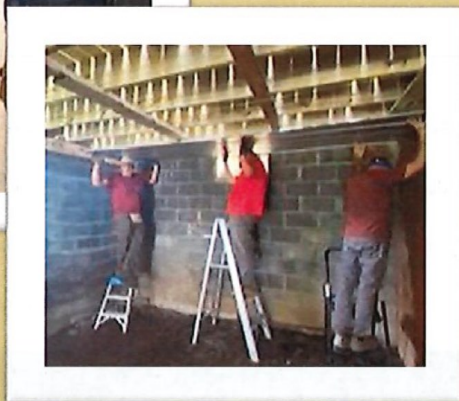
Friday June 7, 2024

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

8:00 AM REGISTRATION • 9:00 AM START
\$125 per Golfer
Golf, Dinner, Beverages & on course contests!

\$30 MEAL Only (approximate time 1-1:30PM)

FOR MORE INFORMATION: EMAIL LESLIE MCGUIGAN AT IDEADESIGN2@VERIZON.NET, CALL 302-290-1250
TO PAY AND FILL-OUT FORMS ONLINE, VISIT:
WWW.TRINITYPRESBY.ORG OR SCAN THE QR CODE:



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 us with any questions.



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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Trinity Presbyterian Church 2024 ASP Golf Outing

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT SUMMER TRIP

Friday June 7, 2024 • Ed Oliver Golf Club • Wilmington, DE
8:00am registration • 9:00am Shotgun Start
\$125 per Golfer • \$100 Per Hole Sponsor • \$30 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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CHECKS CAN BE MAILED OR DROPPED OFF TO:

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