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Dear Friends,

The Advent and Christmas journey is one of the holiest times of the year. Of course, it is often, for many, the most hectic time as well. Take time...to remember, reflect, respond. The Magi took time to stop and adore the child. The shepherds left the guarding of the sheep to see what great thing had happened in Bethlehem. Anna and Simeon waited in the temple to worship their anointed Savior. When the celebration of the birth was over, Mary paused and "kept all these things in her heart".

Christmas is a busy time of the year! It is an exciting time! But remember to find time in the schedule, in all the frenzied pace, to stop—talk with God in prayer, let God talk with you, worship with your sisters and brothers in Christ, and become better prepared to encounter the holiness of Christ's birth.

Walk softly,
As you go through Christmas,
That each step may bring you
Down the starlit path, To the manger bed.
Talk quietly, as you Speak of Christmas
That you shall not drown out
The glorious song of angels with idle talk and merriment.
Kneel reverently as you
Pause for Christmas,
That you may feel again
The Spirit of the
Nativity, Rekindled in your soul.
Rise eagerly, after you
Have trod the Christmas Path,
That you may serve more fully,
The one whose birth we hail.

--M. B. Moss in *Alive Now*

Barb and I wish for you the peace of Christ this Christmas!

Yours in Christ's love,

Brad Martin
Pastor

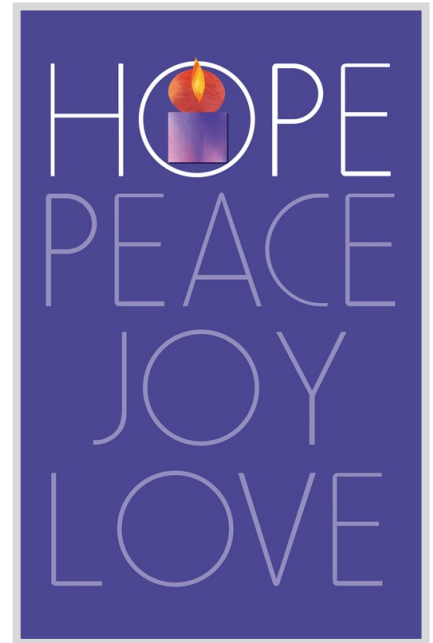
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December Sundays and Christmas Season

December Monthly Mission Cause ~ Christmas Joy Offering

December 3 ~ First Sunday of Advent

Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Lighting of the Advent Candle *Hope*
Isaiah 40: 1-11, Mark 1: 1-8; Brad Martin preaching
SOTE Meeting ~ 8:30am
Congregational Meeting ~ 10:30am
Church School and Music Enrichment ~ 10:30am
Adult Ed ~ 10:45am
Mission Possible Kids ~ 11:45am
Service of Hope and Light ~ 3pm



December 10~ Second Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Advent Candle *Peace*
Luke 1: 26-38; Brad Martin preaching
Installation of Elders and Deacons
Church School and Music Enrichment ~ 10:30am
Adult Ed ~ 10:45am

December 17 ~ Third Sunday of Advent ~ Christmas Cantata

Lighting of the Advent Candle *Joy*
Deacons Social ~ 10:30am
Christmas Caroling to Homebound members and Friends of Trinity ~ 12pm

December 24 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ Lessons and Carols

Lighting of the Advent Candle *Love*

December 24 ~ Christmas Eve Children's Service ~ 5pm

Children's and Cherub Choirs sing. Children tell the story of Jesus' birth in a simple service of story and song. Nursery open but not staffed.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service ~ 8pm

A candlelight service to celebrate the Light of the World.
Nursery open but not staffed.

December 31 ~ Celebration of the Lord's Supper with Wholeness and Healing

Scripture Lesson: Luke 2: 22-40; Brad Martin preaching

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper in 2024

December 31	Healing and Wholeness	August 11
February 14	Ash Wednesday	October 6 Healing and Wholeness
February 18	First Sunday in Lent	November 3
March 28	Maundy Thursday	December 1 First Sunday of Advent
April 14	Congregational Memorial Service	January 5, 2025 First Sunday of New Year with Healing and Wholeness
May 19	Pentecost, with Healing and Wholeness	

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. We are thankful for the gifts of those who have served the church faithfully for many years, and also the gift of our racial ethnic schools and colleges.

Support of the Christmas Joy Offering allows the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions to offer vital ministries to church workers and their families.

The offering will be received during December as the monthly mission cause. Envelopes will be available in the lobby. Please remember to note on your checks, made payable to Trinity, Christmas Joy Offering. You can also donate online.



Congregation Meetings

On November 13, 2023 the Session called for the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** of Trinity Presbyterian Church for **Sunday, December 3, 2023** to occur immediately following the morning worship service, in the Sanctuary, for the purposes of electing officers and conducting 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 2026

Five (5) Deacons for a three year term in the Class of 2026

On November 13, 2023 the Session called for a **Special Purpose Meeting** on **January 28** to occur immediately following the morning worship service in the Sanctuary.

Leslie Connor, Clerk of Session



Christmas Poinsettias and Plant with Purpose

Orders for Poinsettias for the Christmas Sanctuary Display for **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services are now being taken.** You can also make a donation to Plant with Purpose (\$1 = 1 tree). Return this order form with **cash** or **check (payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church)** in the collection plate on Sunday or send it to the Church Office. Order forms will also be available in the lobby.

The deadline to place your order is Sunday, December 17

<u>Poinsettias (6.5" pots)</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Red (\$9 each)	_____	\$ _____
Pink (\$9 each)	_____	\$ _____
White (\$9 each)	_____	\$ _____
<u>Plant with Purpose</u>		
\$1 = 1 tree	_____	\$ _____
<u>TOTAL of DONATION:</u>	_____	\$ _____

NAME _____ PHONE _____

****Please Note "Poinsettias" or "Plant with Purpose" on your check****

If you would like your poinsettia or donation to Plant with Purpose dedicated In Memory of, Honor of, Celebration of, or Thanksgiving for..., please indicate the name of the person(s) below:

Poinsettias may be taken after the Christmas Day Service. Any plants not taken then will be moved to the Lobby. Please call the office to make arrangements for pick up.



UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

BABY SUPPLY COLLECTION

DECEMBER 3
TO
JANUARY 7



SUPPORTING
CLAYMONT
FOOD CLOSET



HOW TO DONATE:

- PURCHASE ITEMS AND PUT THEM AT THE MANGER
- ORDER FROM THE AMAZON WISH LIST
- DONATE CASH

AMAZON WISH LIST



WHAT TO DONATE:

- DIAPERS (SIZES 1-6)
- BABY CARE ITEMS (LOTION, SHAMPOO, WIPES, DESITIN)
- BABY FOOD
- POWDERED FORMULA (CHECK EXPIRATION DATES!)

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Advent Giving

“Unto Us a Child Is Born”

Have you heard this one? “You know what would have happened if it had been three wise WOMEN instead of men, don’t you? They would have arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and brought disposable diapers as gifts!”

There are lots of new mothers in our nearby communities who, like Mary, might not have the resources to get the things new babies and young children need. This **is our chance** to be WISE and shower them with things as precious to new parents as gold!

We will collect items in four categories: diapers (sizes 1-6), baby food (jars, squeeze pouches, boxes of cereal, etc.), powdered formula, and baby care items (wipes, lotion, shampoo, Desitin, etc.).

There are three ways to donate your gifts:

- ~ Gifts can be left at the manger in the lobby from December 3 through January 7.
- ~ Use this link to an Amazon Wish List. Purchase items from the list and they will automatically be shipped to Trinity . <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3MVJ65INYM30P>
- ~ There is a basket next to the manger for cash donations.

Please check expiration dates on baby food and formula to ensure that they are good until at least April 2024. **Your gifts can be made from December 3rd-January 7th** when they will be donated to the Claymont Food Closet.



Deacons Christmas Social

Sunday, December 17



The Deacons are inviting the entire congregation to the annual **Christmas Social**. We hope that everyone will attend after worship on **December 17 in Fellowship Hall**. There is no charge, but we are asking that you RSVP so plans may be made for food. There will be sign up sheet in the lobby a few weeks prior to the event, or you can call or email the office to sign-up.

Christmas Caroling

Share The Christmas Spirit!!



EVERYONE, including youth, Mission Possible Kids, Families - - please help bring Christmas joy (and cookies) to very special members of our Trinity family. We'll gather and leave right after the Christmas Social on **Sunday, December 17**, heading out **by noon**. Join us, even if you can't stay for the entire caroling route.



Sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Please bring 1 - 2 dozen cookies to share with our friends.

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Deacons Christmas Giving

The Deacons collect money each year to support our community during the holiday season. Giving envelopes can be found on the Christmas tree that is on display in the Narthex. Money collected will be equally distributed to Claymont Elementary School, Kuumba Academy, Wilmington Fire Victims and Claymont Food Closet.

Envelopes can be put in the offering baskets or dropped off in the office. You can also donate online at www.trintypresby.org.

Mitten Tree



We are collecting your donations of mittens, gloves, hats and scarves again this year. The tree is in the Narthex to receive these “warmaments”. If you prefer you may drop off your donations on the bench at the front door. Donations will be received until December 10 at which time they will be taken to the Claymont Community Center for distribution. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

End of Year Contributions

Please remember that for your donation to count as a 2023 charitable gift, **checks must be received in the church office by December 31 or be mailed with a postmark of December 31 or before.** Checks received on January 1 or later must be accounted for in 2024, even if the check is dated December 31 or before. Contributions may also be made online on or before December 31, 2023

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes will be available for pick up beginning **Sunday, December 10** in the lobby. **If you no longer need envelopes** because you give online or your donation is sent directly from your bank or broker **please notify the office** so you can be removed from the envelope receiving list.

Envelopes can also be picked up during church office hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30am to 2:30pm. Contact the Church Office at: email: office@trintypresby.org : phone 302-475-5495.

Church School



We are still in **need of volunteers** to teach church school. This is a **very important ministry.** The lessons are provided and are easy to follow. The younger class is ages 3 through Kindergarten. The older class is first through fifth grade. Please reach out to Amy Vitsorek at jitterbugsmusic@verizon.net if you are interested in teaching a class or two.

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Youth Fellowship

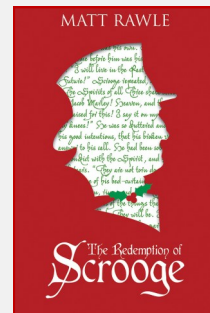
On November 6, ten of our middle and high school youth volunteered at **Stockings for Soldiers**. We stuffed stockings with candy and toiletries for soldiers overseas.



Adult Education Hour

The Redemption of Scrooge

Is redemption possible for Ebenezer Scrooge? Pastor and author Matt Rawle shares what he has discovered in the teachings of Jesus in the words of the Charles Dickens classic *A Christmas Carol*.

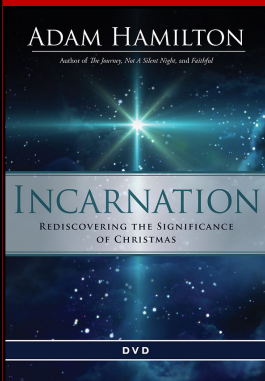


This DVD series dives deep into the dark, sad, greedy world of Scrooge and discovers a man in dire need of a second chance. Along with Scrooge, we meet the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future and in the process learn about living with and for others in a world blessed by Jesus.

The two part series will be **led by Christy and Lee Lewis** on **December 3 and 10** beginning at 10:45am in the Conference Room.

Covenant Group

Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas



In the DVD series, *Incarnation*, Adam Hamilton explores the meaning of the many names we call Jesus — Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh, and what they tell us about the child whose birth we celebrate at Christmas.

Covenant Group will meet for a three session series on December 5, 12 and 19 at 12pm in Fellowship Hall.

Circles

Elizabeth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, December 19 at 9:30am** at the home of Sue Crump. Please contact Sue Crump if you have any questions.

Rebecca Circle will meet on December 13 at the home of Kay Bowes, for our "Christmasy" Circle Meeting. Kay's address is 2620 Deepwood Drive, Wilmington. Please contact Kay Bowes if you have any questions.



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Bazaar News

Trinity once again hosted an abundantly successful holiday 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 the success of the annual Bazaar. Currently the sales total is \$11,303! This number will undoubtedly increase as we take advantage of the after sales cart on Sundays.

Take-a-Chance Winners

Special thanks to our in-house donators and artists for the Take-a-Chance drawing.

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	Bill Nicholson
Sports Quilt	Dee Fillingame	Karl Blaier
Handcrafted Cutting Board	Steve Monaghan	Sue Crump
Senco Drywall Driver	Carl Annas	Hernandez
Acme Gift Card	Acme	Sra Helen Welsh
Currie Gift Card	Currie	Julie Baxter
Vintage Sled	Deb Balliet	Pam Backus

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>
Italian Basket	Jane Kulp
Coffee and Books Basket	Evey Bowes
Barbie Beauty	Nellia Raucci
Eagles Pre-Game Basket	Shannon M.
Rudolph at the North Pole Basket	Anita Blaier
Birds and the Bees Basket	Hernandez
Just Desserts	G. Crawford
Everything Lego	Lorraine M.



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Bazaar News continued ...

The Basket Raffle of the Bazaar would like to thank our community sponsors who have so generously contributed this year. Please remember to support them when shopping. Thanks also to our generous church sponsors who donated gift cards and cash.

Community Sponsors

Action Hardware
Village Cobbler
Friendly Gift Shop
Pickles and Chips
Fresco Pizzeria
Marini Produce
Starbucks at Marsh & Silverside
Claymont Lions Club
Nothing Bundt Cakes
Harry's and Kid Shelleens
Bread and Buttercream Bakery

Individual Sponsors

Deb Balliet	Pat Greager
Wendy & Joe Barba	Paula Henderson
Wendy & Lynn Bettcher	Peg Maguire
Jean Blaier	Ellie Munson
Ron & Kay Bowes	Janice & Rick Myrick
Donna Cook	Grace Nasseh & Tom Tarloski
Sue Crump	Kristen Pormann
Martha & Dick Fenoglio	Carol & Bruce Shumway
Mark Fenoglio	Meghan Shumway
Dick & Jean Gackenbach	
Sharon Gaudino	



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Library News

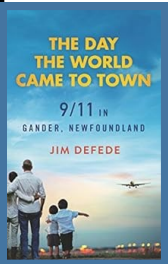


Tis the season for gift giving! What could be better than to see your children absorbed in a **new favorite book**? It is also a good time to check out the large selection of Christmas picture books in our church library. The illustrations are first rate and the story of Christ's birth always adds to the magical joy of Christmas for adults, too! Reading the story will help prepare them for the Children's Christmas Eve service.

As you prepare your homes for the holidays, please check to see if you have a book or two you are ready to return. Just place it on the counter in the library and we will reshelv it.

Merry Christmas! May you find comfort in the New Year as you read by the fire or under a pile of blankets during the cold dark winter evenings.

Book Discussion Group



The Day the World Came to Town by Jim DeFede is the remarkable true story of how the town of Gander, Newfoundland exemplified love and generosity during one of the darkest times in modern US history. We meet to discuss this heartwarming book on **Wednesday evening, December 6th at 7:00 in the church library**. What better way to spend an Advent evening!

Looking ahead...**January 17th** we discuss **Proving Ground** by Kathy Kleiman.

Souper Sale

February 11, 2024

The popular and delicious **Trinity Soups will be available for sale again on "Souper" Bowl Sunday**, February 11, 2024. Orders and payment (cash or check) will be taken in the lobby on January 28 and February 4 after worship. The cost is \$10 per quart, or \$9 for two or more quarts. Proceeds will benefit Trinity's mission and ministry causes.

Available soups will include: Beef Barley, Broccoli Cheese, Chicken Rice, Cluck Wagon, Cream of Potato, French Onion, Garden Vegetable (vegan), Vegetarian Black Bean, Vegetarian Chili, Roasted Red Pepper, Scotch Broth and Winter Harvest.

No cooking necessary — all you have to do that day is watch your team win!!



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Trinity Elder and Deacon Candidate Biographies Elder Class of 2026

Ron Bowes Ron, along with his wife Kay, joined Trinity in 1975, transferring away in 1981 and returning in 1987. Ron has participated in Youth Sunday School, ASP, Friendship House maintenance, Adopt-a-Highway, Garage Sale, Mennonite Disaster Service, past Elder, and Trinity Habitat Team. He has three grown children, 11 very grand children and 1 great grand-daughter. Ron enjoys taking grandkids on mystery trips and managing a railroad in west Texas. Ron is returning to serve on the Session.

Katrina Harris Katrina joined Trinity in 2005 and has previously served as an elder. She has been involved in many Trinity activities including support for Habitat for Humanity builds and teaching Sunday School, was a member of an early Communications team, and is currently a member of the Tech Team. Katrina works full time in her own company, providing public relations and meeting facilitation support for the military at bases with environmental issues and organizing conferences for various Pennsylvania state agencies and other organizations with many of the conferences focusing on individuals with disabilities and autism.

Rad MacFarlane The MacFarlane family began worshipping at Trinity in 1964 and Rad became a member in 1969. After many years living out of state for education and work (Philadelphia, New Hampshire and Ohio), he returned to Delaware 30 years ago. Rad began to attend Trinity at the invitation of Brad Martin and eventually rejoined the church. He served on Session beginning in 1998. Rad has helped at the Bazaar for many years as well as the ASP Souper Sale. He tended the Memorial Garden from 2000 until 2016 and he currently co-captains, with Kim Robbins (siblings), one of the Emmanuel Dining Room teams. He is a gardener and birdwatcher and has a special interest in alpine plants and hiking in mountains above the tree line. Rad's daughter lives in Winchester, VA and his son and family (two grandchildren) live in Severna Park, MD. Rad served previously as an Elder.

Julie Monaghan will serve a second term.

Deacon Class of 2026

Lee Lewis Lee has been a member of Trinity since 2017 and works with the Trinity Tech team to make sure the live stream services happen! Lee has also been involved in the past with Emmanuel Dining Room and always enjoys helping out at the Bazaar. He is the General Manager of Elk River Brewing Company, and the director of Showcase on Main, both in Elkton,. He is currently serving as President of the Rotary Club of Elkton, and is a board member of the Elkton Alliance. Most of you probably know him as "Christy's husband."

Carol Shumway Carol Shumway and her husband Bruce have been Trinity members since 1994. They have two daughters, Kristen Shumway Pormann and Meghan Shumway. Over the years Carol has served as a Ruling Elder, Deacon, Church School teacher, Alleluia Ringer, Trinity Book Group coordinator, and Stewards of the Earth Team leader. She also participates with Emmanuel Dining Room, Third Thursday Team, Trinity Garage Sale and Bazaar. Most recently she is serving on the Steering Committee of the NCP Guatemala Partnership. Carol is returning to the Board.

Betsy Struck and **Carol Euculano** will serve a second term.

GO!

Garage Sale Containers

We collect all year for the annual Trinity Garage Sale so remember to save your gently used items. 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 in the back of the church parking lot.

Approved recyclables, #2, 4 and 5 will also be accepted on these days.

Garage Sale Containers are open from 10:45am – 12pm on the following Sundays:

**December 3
January 7
February 4**

**Garage Sale Dates:
April 26 & 27, 2024**



Third Thursday Work Group

Thanks to the November Third Thursday crew of Joe Barba, Carol Euculano, Dave Horn, Bruce Shumway, Carol Shumway and Tom Tarloski. We are ready for winter!!

Do you have some skills you would like to use to help improve our facilities? The Third Thursday work group is open to all. The next work day is **Thursday, February 15, 2024.** We meet in the conference room at **9:15am.** Please contact Brad Martin with any questions.



Appalachia Service Project

This is **year 39** for Trinity and we are planning to send teams to Appalachia the week of **July 6 -13, 2024.** Our location is still pending. Youth are asked to **sign up** with a deposit of **\$50 by February 1.** The trip is **now open to youth who have finished 8th grade** at the time of the trip!

To kick off our **fundraising for ASP 2024** candy "quarter " canes are now available in the lobby.

Mark your calendar for the G-3 ASP **Pancake Breakfast on Sunday January 28, 10:30am to noon.** The menu will include pancakes (regular, blueberry and chocolate chip), sausage, juice, milk and coffee. Free for children and youth; \$8.00 for adults 18+.



Mission Possible Kids

Our first MPK meeting of the school year was Sunday, October 29. The agents had fun decorating autumn cards and making goodie bags which were given to residents of Shipley Living for Halloween.

They made 100 cards and bags.



GO!

Stewards of the Earth (SOTE)

As we prepare for the holiday season and meaningful resolutions for the new year we need to include a focus on the biodiversity crisis that walks hand in hand with the ravages of climate change. Scientists have predicted that nearly 40% of all species may face extinction by the end of this century. The biggest factor for this is habitat destruction by humans to extract resources (oil and gas), clear cutting trees for monetary gains and real estate development, and in our own backyards to make our property “look good.” Some things that we can do to reverse this projection are:

1. Educate ourselves about species declines, especially keystone species.
2. Give to environmental organizations that fight to prevent habitat loss like Nature Conservancy, World Wildlife Fund, Earthjustice, Animal Legal Defense Fund, Defenders of Wildlife, Environmental Defense Fund, National Wildlife.
3. Change your own yard landscape plan by using native plant species and reducing your grassland profile so that you can create conservation corridors for wildlife habitats.
4. Express your concern for biodiversity loss by communicating with our government leaders.

For more information check out two new books that have been added to Trinity’s library: Nature’s Best Hope and Bringing Nature Home by UD professor Douglas W. Tallamy. You will find them on the environmental shelf.

Plant With Purpose

Our Christian faith teaches us that our greatest commandment is to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves. Since the environment is directly related to the livelihoods and wellness of some of the most vulnerable peoples on our planet, environmental stewardship is paramount and exemplifies our obedience to the “Greatest Commandment”.

One way we do this is through Plant With Purpose. **Each Advent and Lenten season we ask that you give \$1 per tree to be planted in deforested areas around the world.** This program helps to reduce poverty and combat climate change. Plant with Purpose / Poinsettia order forms are on page 4 in this Triangle, and will also be available in the lobby.



GO!

Emmanuel Dining Room

On the **25th of every month**, except December, a team of Trinity members, and sometimes friends, prepares lunch to be served at Emmanuel Dining Room (EDR). **New volunteers are encouraged to participate.** The 2024 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. We welcome you to come enjoy the 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).

Many thanks to the team who served 125 people in November:

CAPTAIN

Bob LeComte

COOKS

Linda Jobson
Corey Fischer
Peyton Fischer

BAKERS

Corey Fischer
Dee Fillingame
Penny Lindell

SHOPPERS

Tom Tarloski
Brad Martin

NCP Guatemala Partnership **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 people around the world, their cooking reality is 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 toward the full cost.** Because they spend so much less on firewood, women recoup their \$50 investment in just five months. To date, more than 600 stoves have been delivered to Association members and there continues to be a waiting list of women who have saved up their share of the cost and are waiting for a stove.

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! To learn more and to make a gift visit www.ncpguatemala.com. Thank you for your support!

Trinity News

Sympathy and Prayers are with

Bill Nicholson and Barb Lilley and Laura Nicholson on the passing of Bill and Laura's brother, Peter Nicholson.

Jim and Phyllis Albert on the passing of Phyllis' sister-in-law, Helen Wood on November 14 in Palo Cedro, California.

The family of longtime Member Mary Eberts who passed on Saturday, November 18 at home under hospice care.

Dear Trinity

I would like to thank everyone again for my get well cards and am sorry for those who had cards returned. I'm not sure why.
Hank Lay

Many thanks to Trinity members and friends for your thoughts, cards and prayers. I am recovering slowly in rehab at Shipley Manor Healthcare.
Happy Holidays! **Jean Bostwick**

Welcome New Members

On November 12 we welcomed three new members to Trinity.

Sarah Crossman, Tim Brislin, and Carolyn Marzo



It was wonderful to be with you this past June and to see how God is at work in and through Trinity.

Thank you so much for your faithful partnership in mission. Your concern and interest means a lot!

I've been back in Taiwan for almost three months. It has been inspiring to hear the stories of the new students at the seminary where I teach of how God has called them to ministry.

Gratefully,
John McCall
Mission Partner in Taiwan

Announcement

After many years of maintaining the very reasonable price of \$25 per flower arrangement, the supplier of our Memorial Flowers, Belak Flowers, will be increasing their cost. The new cost will be \$45 per arrangement.

Memorial 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.



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.

**Thanks for
Donating!**

Triangle Deadline

Please submit all articles and information for the **February 2024** Triangle to the church office by **Monday, January 22**.

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 now **\$45 each**, billed to you by Belak Flowers. Questions, contact Pat Greager at 610-543-2152.



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.

Greeting Cards

All occasion greeting cards are available for sale in the lobby. The cards are **\$1.00 each** and all proceeds go to Friendship House.

Thanks to Carol Luzak for sharing her talents through the beautiful handmade cards.

Be sure to browse these unique creations the next time you are in need of a greeting card.



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.



Holiday Office Hours

Christmas and New Year's Hours

Office closed: December 25, 26, 29 and January 1, 2.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Office closed: January 18

December 2023 Trinity Presbyterian

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Communion Sunday 8:30am SOTE 9:30am Worship 10:30am Congregational Mtg 10:30am Church School/Music Enrichment 10:45am GS Cantain. Open 10:45am Adult Ed 3pm Service of Hope and Light	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30am Worship 10:30am Church School/ Music Enrichment 10:45am Adult Ed		12pm Covenant Grp	9am Quilters 11:30am Rebecca Circle	7pm AA Mtg		6:30pm AA Mtg
17 Cantata	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:30am Worship 10:30am Deacons Social 12pm Caroling		9:30am Elizabeth Circle 12pm Covenant Grp	9am Quilters	7pm AA Mtg		6:30pm AA Mtg
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
5pm Children's Christmas Service 8pm Candlelight Christmas Service	Office Closed	Office Closed		7pm AA Mtg	Office Closed	6:30pm AA Mtg
31 New Year's Eve						
Communion Sunday 9:30am Worship						

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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
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Lindsay O'Brien, Nursery Coordinator
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