



Trinity Presbyterian Church



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Dear Friends,

Our Lenten journey this year took on special meaning as we began walking through a time of transition for Barb and me, and for you. We have been deeply touched by your support and care as we embark on the new chapter—Retirement—in June. It is a bittersweet time for all of us. You can be heartened by the wonderful leadership of your Session, Deacons, and Staff, as well as the work of the Transitional Pastor Search Team. There will be a congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, April 28, and at that time you will be given an update of how things are progressing, as well as officially act on our retirement.

Meanwhile our purpose and mission and calling continue—throughout Lent we heard from our partners in ministry: Friendship House and Urban Promise, One Great Hour of Sharing, and ASP. We have worshiped throughout Holy Week.

And now we come to the high point of all our activity: the celebration of Christ's resurrection! In spite of so much which denies the reality of what we declare, this Sunday we will sing and pray and preach a faith which God has built and provided through Jesus Christ; and a faith through which we are sent as evidence of God's love for the world.

Every day as the sun comes up we are given a reminder of the undying victory of faith given through the resurrection of Christ: the Light shines in the Darkness, and the Darkness has not overcome it!

Christ is risen indeed!

Brad and Barb

Gather

April Sundays

April Monthly Mission Cause — Presbyterians for Earth Care

April 7 ~ Scripture Lesson: John 20: 19-31; Kevin Smith preaching
Church School and Music ~ 10:30am
Garage Sale Containers Open ~ 10:45am - 12pm

April 14 ~ Communion, Baptism and Memorial Sunday
Scripture Lesson: 1 John 3: 1-7; Brad Martin preaching
Cake/Pie Chance-Off ~ 10:30am in Fellowship Hall
Garage Sale Containers Open ~ 10:45am - 12pm

April 21 ~ Earth Sunday, Baptism
Scripture Lessons: Genesis 1: 20-26; Romans 1:20
Brad Martin preaching
Church School and Music ~ 10:30am
Garage Sale Set-Up Begins

April 28 ~ Baptism
Scripture Lesson: John 15: 1-8; Brad Martin preaching
Congregational Meeting ~ 10:30am in the Sanctuary
Church School and Music ~ 10:30am



Congregational Meeting

On **January 22, 2024** the **Session** called for a **Special Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday April 28, 2024** immediately following the service for the purpose of acting on the retirement of both the Pastor and Parish Associate/Co-Pastor and to request New Castle Presbytery to act on the retirement and to dissolve the pastoral relationship effective June 30, 2024, with the last day of service being Sunday, June 9, 2024.

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.

Church School

We are still in need of volunteers to teach the **very important Church School ministry**. The lessons are provided and easy to follow. The age group of classes are age three through kindergarten, and first grade through 5th grade.

To volunteer please contact Amy Vitsorek at jitterbugsmusic@verizon.net.

Gather

Pastoral Transition Update

The Session is actively navigating the transition ahead as Brad and Barb retire.

- > Plans are in the works for a celebration of their 33 years with us, so **mark your calendars for Sunday May 19**, immediately following the service in the sanctuary. It will also be available by live stream.
- > Session delegated the Administration and Records Team to create and disseminate the job description for our **Transitional** Pastor. That team is working with the Presbytery to get the word out to prospective candidates in a timely manner. Note: this is separate and distinct from the search that will happen for a **Called** Pastor.
- > We are arranging for what is called "pulpit supply," meaning pastors who will lead the services on Sundays after June 9, until the Transitional Pastor joins us.
- > We are also arranging for pastoral care to be available after June 9 and until the Transitional Pastor joins us, as all of us will take comfort knowing that the congregation's spiritual needs will be responded to faithfully.
- > Trinity's Mission Study process, the first step in finding a Called Pastor, will be guided by the Transitional Pastor and will begin once that person is in place.

Saying goodbye to Brad and Barb is both sad and difficult. With God's help we look forward to a time of discovery and potential as we imagine together what Trinity can be in the years to come. We hope you will join us in daily prayer for God's blessing on this important work. We will do our best to share information as this process moves forward. If you have any questions or concerns, please ask. Below are the names of the Elders serving on Session, as well as the representatives on the Administration Team.

Session: John Balaguer, Deb Balliet, Wendy Barba, Ron Bowes, Joe Euculano, Katrina Harris, Joyce Hutchison, Rad MacFarlane, Julie Monaghan, Laurie Morente, Bill Nicholson, and Debbie Schrass.

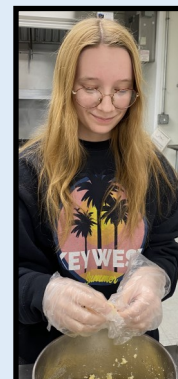
Administration and Records Team: Coordinator John Balaguer, Clerk of Session Leslie Connor, Steve Connor, Sue Crump, Rad MacFarlane, Kim Robbins, and Joe Ross.

Leslie Connor
Clerk of Session

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Mission Possible Kids

In February, the MPK made 80 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and baked 160 cookies that were distributed to 20 families who are currently residing at Best Nights Inn on Route 9 in New Castle. Amy and John Vitsorek helped the organization "Volunteering with Love" distribute the sandwiches and other supplies.



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 April on **Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, and 30** at 12pm in Fellowship Hall. We will study the series **"The Passion Play: Living the Story of Christ's Last Days"**.



THE PASSION PLAY
Living the Story of Christ's Last Days



ROB FUQUAY

This series, by Rob Fuquay, takes a journey to the origins of the Oberammergau Passion Play and will show how to recognize your own place in the story of Jesus.

Circles

Elizabeth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, April 10 at 9:30am** at the home of Pam Bentley. Please contact Sue Crump with questions.

Rebecca Circle Rebecca Circle will meet on **Wednesday, April 10 at 11:30am** in the Conference Room. Remember to bring your lunch! Contact Kay Bowes with questions.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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Emmanuel Dining Room

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

CAPTAIN: Tom Tarloski and Grace Nasseh

COOKS: Pat Greager and Betsy Struck

BAKERS: Penny Lindell, Corey Fischer and Pat Greager

SHOPPERS: Tom Tarloski and Peg Maguire

NCP Guatemala Partnership

YoungMoms is the most recent local partner of NCP Guatemala Partnership. Located just "over the border" in Kennett Square, PA, this non-profit inspires and equips young mothers to build thriving futures for themselves and their families. Visit <https://mailchi.mp/3ab5ad7f2c82/friends-and-fritattas> for a look at their recent fundraiser *Friends and Frittatas: YoungMoms Brunch Event*

Maple Lane Clothes Closet Request

Our good works at Claymont Elementary were brought to the attention of Maple Lane Elementary on Philadelphia Pike. Their clothes closet sometimes runs low on key items so Trinity would like to help restock a few crucial items to get them through the end of the school year. We'll be **collecting the following in the lobby now through Sunday April 14**. If you prefer for someone to shop for you, cash and checks will also be welcome.

Underwear, girls, size 10

Underwear, girls and boys, sizes 5/6 or 7

Pants, boys, sizes 5, 6 and 7 (pull on pants are best)

Pants, older girls, size 9-10 junior (pull on pants or leggings are best)

Questions? Ask Wendy Barba or Leslie Connor. Thanks ahead of time for the support you provide for children in our community.

Coming Soon!!

A new Trinity Pictorial Church Directory

During April we will start collecting photographs 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

Third Thursday Work Group

We had another successful Third Thursday on March 21.

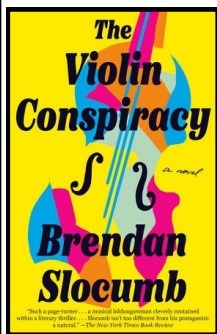
Thanks to Dave Horn, Bill Nicholson, Bruce Shumway, Carol Shumway and Tom Tarloski for participating.



Our next Third Thursday work will be the week of the Garage Sale. We will be handling all the prep for the Electronics/Tool Room. Prep begins Monday, April 22.

Book Discussion Group

Our April book for discussion is The New Castle County Reads selection **The Violin Conspiracy**, by Brendan Slocumb. We will meet on **Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00 PM** in the library.



This 368 page novel is about a young Black musician who discovers his violin is a rare and priceless Stradivarius that is subsequently stolen prior to a prestigious classical music competition and his efforts to recover it. This novel is a Bildungsroman. (Look it up!)

You can meet the author on **Tuesday evening, April 30th** at the Chase Center on the Riverfront from 7-9. It should be amazing!

New readers are always welcome!

Adopt-a-Highway

Adopt-a-Highway clean up dates for 2024 are: **April 6, June 1 and September 21**. Meet at Trinity at 8am. Contact Grace Nasseh for more information.

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.



To mark **Earth Day on Monday, April 22** please make a commitment to participate in an Earth Day event or an organization such as:

- * The Christina River Watershed Cleanup on Saturday, April 13, 2024. Go to ChristinaRiverCleanup.org to register and for more information or call (302) 408-0544.
- * Contact Grace Nasseh to become an Adopt-A-Highway participant this spring. Next cleanup is April 6th.
- * Investigate Citizen's Climate Lobby. Go to citizensclimatelobby.org.
- * Watch recorded webinar: From Plastic Pollution to Environmental Justice. Go to Presbyterians for Earth Care and search events/webinar resources.

GO!

Garage Sale News

It's time! Time to tackle the attic, the basement, the garage and pack up those items that are clean and usable and no longer needed at your house! Donate them to the annual garage sale!

Donations can be dropped off on the following days:

Saturdays, March 23 & 30, April 6, 13 & 20
9am - 11am

Sundays, March 24, April 7 and 14
10:45am - 12pm

Garage Sale Dates:
April 26 & 27, 2024



ECO PLASTICS of DELAWARE is accepting donations, so please save plastic bags, sheet plastic and items labeled #2, #4 and #5 plastics. Donations can be dropped off at the containers in the back of the parking with garage sale donations on the dates noted above.



Appalachia Service Project

This is **Year 39** for Trinity and we are planning to send 4 - 5 teams to Appalachia 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"

The annual **ASP Golf Outing Fundraiser** will be Friday, June 7, 2024 at Ed Oliver Golf Course.

Registration is OPEN at

www.trinitypresby.org

Event flyer is attached.

Shares of stock will be on sale beginning **April 28** after worship in the lobby.



Cake/Pie Chance Off!

April 14 at 10:45am

After last year's success, the **Cake/Pie Chance Off** is back! This event is a **fundraiser for ASP**. Members of the congregation bake and drop off their creations in Fellowship Hall before Sunday worship. ASP participants set up and sell tickets, and Trinity Kids pick the winning tickets! Tickets will be on sale before and after worship: \$2 for 1 ticket, \$5 for 3 tickets and \$10 for 8 tickets. **It's a fun event that you don't want to miss!**

You can **be a part of this great fundraiser** by baking a cake or pie. We have all ages of bakers, young and not so young, as well as females and males. Contact Katie Oliver if you are interested in baking or have any questions. Katie can be reached at 302-598-1454 or katehar@comcast.net.

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.

**Thanks for
Donating!**

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, April 17 at 10am in Darley 1. Contact Deb Balliet for more information: 302-475-7737.

New crafters always welcome!

Sympathy and Prayers are with

Jeanne Cooper and family on the passing of long-time member Bill Cooper, age 100, World War 2 Veteran, on March 2 at Maris Grove.

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.

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 **May 2024 Triangle** to the church office by **Monday, April 22**.

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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
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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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April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		12pm Covenant Grp	9am Quilters	7pm AA Mtg.		6 8am Adopt-a-Highway 9am Garage Sale Containers Open 6:30pm AA Mtg.
	Church Office Closed	6pm Bible Study				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30am Worship 10:30am Classes & Music 10:45am Garage Sale Containers Open	7pm Session Mtg	12pm Covenant Grp	9am Quilters 9:30am Eliz. Circle 11:30am Rebecca Cir.	7pm AA Mtg.		9am Garage Sale Containers Open 6:30pm AA Mtg
14 Memorial Sunday	15	16	17	18	19	20
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		12pm Covenant Grp				

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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Any additional questions can be forwarded to the church office at 302-475-5495