



Trinity Presbyterian



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Dear Friends,

During the month of March we retrace that critical period in Jesus' life described by Luke with the words, "When the days drew near for Jesus to be received up he set his face to go to Jerusalem." The mystery of his going, and our attempt to follow, doing what we know we can't, and finally accepting what we know he did for us, is the path of renewal we call the Lenten journey. On this journey, you and I are called once again to look at our goals and our direction in life. And so we make this journey towards Jerusalem together as a church with a mixture of honest reflection and hopeful anticipation.

I found the hope and anticipation of Lent well expressed in this prayer.

"I will try this day to live a simple life, sincere and serene life, repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity and self-seeking; cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity and the habit of holy silence; exercising economy in expenditure, generosity in giving, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every trust and childlike faith in God.

In particular, I will try to be faithful in those habits of prayer, work, study, physical exercise, eating and sleep which I believe the Holy Spirit has shown me to be right.

And as I cannot in my own strength do this, not even with a hope of success attempt it, I look to Thee, O God, in Jesus my Savior, and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Yours in Christ,

Brad Martin
Pastor

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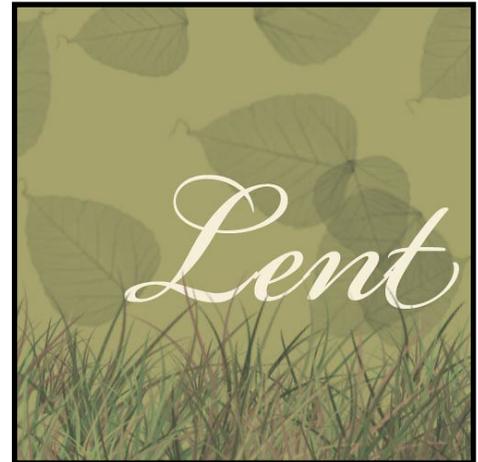
March Sundays

March 5 ~ John 3:1-7; Brad Martin preaching
Church School ~ 10:30am-11:05am
Music Enrichment ~ 11:10am-11:40am
Chancel Choir Practice~ 10:30am
Café Conversations ~ 10:45am

March 12 ~ John 4: 5-29, 39-42; Brad Martin preaching;
Children and Youth playing ukuleles
Church School ~ 10:30am -11:05am
Music Enrichment ~ 11:10am -11:40am
Chancel Choir Practice~ 10:30am
Adult Education ~ 10:45am

March 19 ~ John 9: 1-7, 13-17, 24-25, 35-38; Brad Martin preaching
Church School ~ 10:30am -11:05am
Music Enrichment ~ 11:10am -11:40am
Chancel Choir Practice~ 10:30am
Adult Education ~ 10:45am
Young Musicians of Faith Evening of Broadway ~ 4pm

March 26 ~ Psalm 88; Joe Ross preaching
Church School ~ 10:30am-11:05am
Music Enrichment ~ 11:10am-11:40am
Chancel Choir Practice~ 10:30am
Adult Education ~ 10:45am



Young Musicians of Faith Evening of Broadway

The **Young Musicians of Faith** are preparing for their **7th annual Evening of Broadway** — a fundraiser for the scholarship program we have all come to know and love! This year, we're taking a trip to the movies and all of our music will be from musicals that were also movies (either before or after they were on Broadway)! Join this star-studded group, including some of our YMoF alumni, for some amazing and well-known Broadway tunes and a delicious dinner on **March 19 at 4pm**.

We're back in Fellowship Hall this year so reservations are limited. Don't wait to sign up. **Reserve your spot for \$35 (\$40 on March 19)**. Reservations will be taken in the lobby after worship through March 19. Please pay when you reserve your spot. Cash and checks accepted.

PLAYBILL

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP HALL

THE YOUNG MUSICIANS OF FAITH
present

Let's Go to the

MOVIES

AN EVENING OF CINEMATIC BROADWAY

RESERVATIONS

\$35

IN ADVANCE*

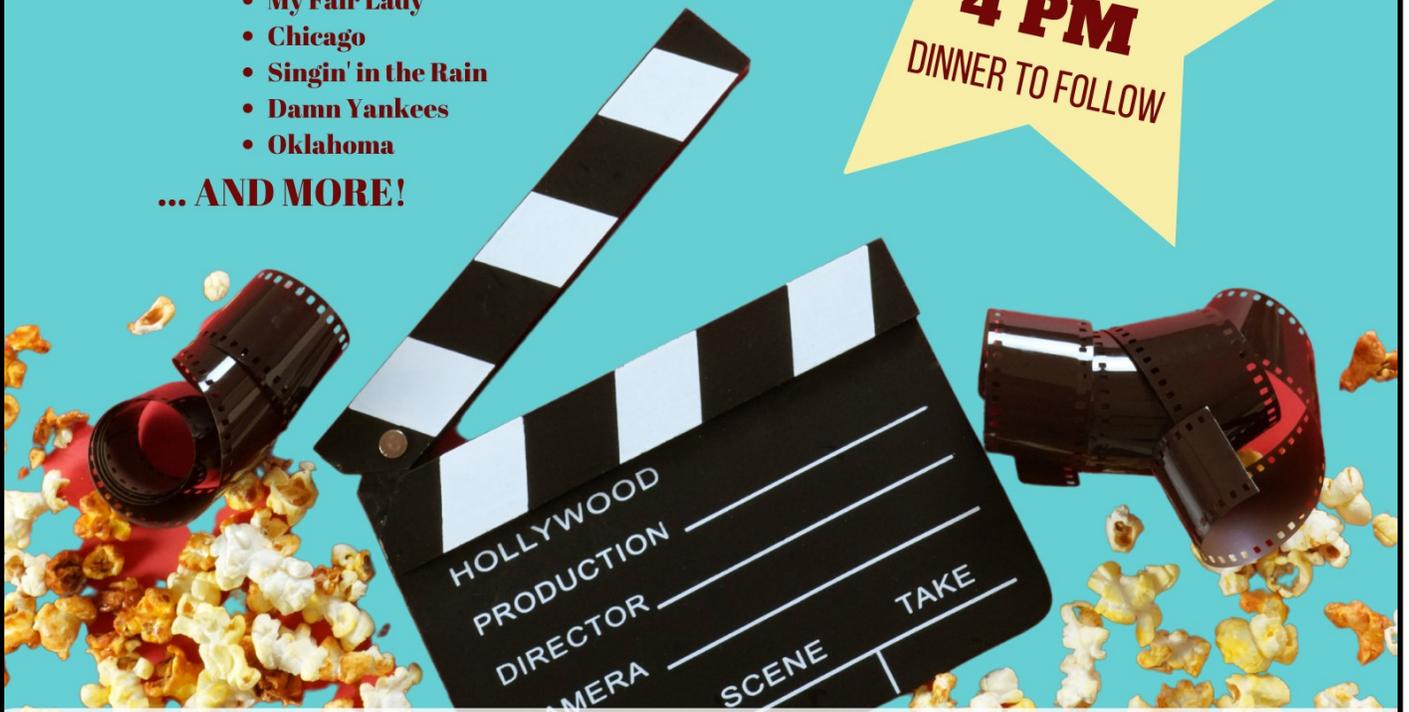
FEATURING MUSIC FROM ...

- Fiddler on the Roof
- My Fair Lady
- Chicago
- Singin' in the Rain
- Damn Yankees
- Oklahoma

... AND MORE!

MARCH 19
4 PM

DINNER TO FOLLOW



*THE PRICE OF RESERVATIONS WILL BE \$40 AFTER MARCH 12.

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Mission Possible Kids

The MPK Agents met on February 12 and made Valentine cards. The agents made 114 cards which were distributed to the 101 residents of Shipley Living (formerly Shipley Manor) and also mailed 13 cards to some of our Trinity members.

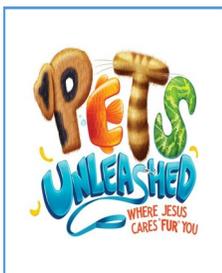
Our next meeting is Sunday, March 12.



Vacation Bible School

Save the date— July 24 to 28, 6pm - 8pm for VBS! This summer our theme is **Pets Unleashed**. Children ages 3 to grade 5 are welcome to attend, and bring a friend.

Stay tuned for more information about cool cats, top dogs and feathered friends!



Summer Church School

Summer Church School begins on Sunday, June 4 and will last for 14 Sundays. The group is children age 3 through first grade. Summer Church School takes place during the service right after Word for Children. Please contact to Amy Vitsorek at jitterbugsmusic@verizon.net if you are interested in teaching a class or two.



Bazaar 2022 Proceeds Re-cap

Proceeds from the 2022 Tri-W Bazaar totaled \$11,921. Several Mission Causes will benefit from the funds raised including Claymont Food Closet, Emmanuel Dining Room, Rise Against Hunger, and Claymont Elementary School teachers and staff. Within Trinity, Bazaar proceeds will support youth mission trips, the Young Musicians of Faith, upgrades to our building and grounds and church programs.

Thanks to everyone who donated their time, talents and resources to make the Bazaar a huge success. Many will benefit from your hard work and dedication.

Playground Update

Have you noticed the new sidewalk leading to the outside worship area? The Trinity grounds continue to improve with the installation of a sidewalk leading from the parking lot to the playground and worship area. And we're not done yet — there is more to come with the installation of eco-friendly benches and picnic tables.

Kudos to Bill Nicholson, Bob LeComte, Bruce Shumway and Tom Tarloski for their vision and dedication.



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Café Conversations

Led by Joe Ross, the café is open to all adults. This is an opportunity to engage in a community focused on faithfully living the Christian Faith.

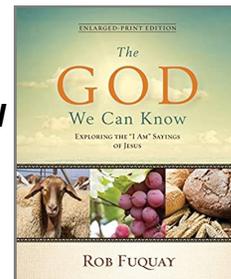
Grab a coffee in the lobby and then join us in the library on **March 5** from 10:45am to 11:30am for conversation focusing on faith, family and current issues.



Future meeting date for 2023: April 30

Covenant Group

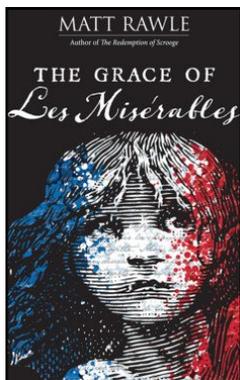
Covenant Group continues on Tuesdays at 12pm for the engaging DVD video study based on Rob Fuquay's book, **The God We Can Know: Exploring the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus.**



Travel to the Holy Land and see places where Jesus stood from the Judean wilderness to the Galilean hills and into the heart of Jerusalem.

Meeting dates are: March 7, 14, 21, and 28; April 4.

Sunday Adult Education Series



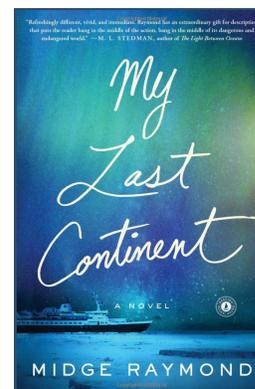
The Adult Education Series will continue in March and April, meeting on Sundays after worship, at 10:45am in the Conference Room. The Lenten study is a DVD series by Matt Rawle titled **The Grace of Les Misérables**. We will look at six themes found in the story: grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love and hope. Each of the themes are represented by a character in Victor Hugo's classic story.

You can still join us even if you missed the first two sessions. Meeting dates are: March 12, 19, 26 and April 2.

Book Discussion Group

Please join Trinity's book discussion group on **Wednesday, March 15 at 7pm** in the church library as we talk about My Last Continent by Midge Raymond. Yes, this novel is set in Antarctica! Think icebergs and penguins, vast whiteness, frigid waters and glacial mountains. This is Eco fiction! It is an adventure love triangle ... two researchers and an ecosystem. Sweater-up and join us for tea and talk.

Looking ahead: On April 19 we will discuss New Castle County Reads selection, Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law by Mary Roach. The selection for May is Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt.



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Stewards of the Earth

Sunday, March 19 at 8:30am

The March meeting for Stewards of the Earth will be on **Sunday, March 19 at 8:30am** in the library. Everyone is invited to attend.

Creation Justice Ministries has published a Lenten Calendar for 2023. Copies are available in the church lobby or click [here](#) to print one at home.

Trinity Recycling Program

We have had a great response since starting this project! Thanks to all who have contributed so far. Though the ECO PLASTIC of Delaware's website still says they are not accepting donations, we are still collecting in anticipation that they will open up soon to accept donations. Because of the interest we've shown and the assurance that we already have a load of donations, ECO PLASTIC has already given us a discount on our recent order of benches and picnic tables for the new playground area on Trinity's property!



What can you donate? Because plastics melt at different temperatures, only certain plastics are acceptable: sheet plastics like plastic bags, #2, #4, and #5's. Some examples of these are washing machine detergent bottles, the tops to plastic water and soda bottles, pill bottles, some food containers.

What cannot be donated? #1's (water bottles, PEET), #6 and #7.

Plastics must be loose, empty, clean and dry. Please go to ECOP's website for more information. www.ecoplasticproducts.org

Donations are accepted on the first Sunday of the month at the containers in the rear of the parking lot. Next collection date is March 5.

Earth Care Congregation

Did you know that Trinity is an Earth Care Congregation (ECC)? An ECC is a congregation that has committed to the "Earth Care Pledge" and accomplished a specific number of actions toward caring for God's earth in four categories: worship, education, facilities, and outreach. For more information about ECCs and the Earth Care Pledge click [here](#).



In supporting the mission of ECC's the Trinity SOTE Team has developed guidelines to assist church members when planning church events so that an environmental component can be included in the planning process. The guidelines are attached.

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Earth Care Congregation Guidelines

We are an Earth Care Congregation! We would ask that groups or organizations which use church facilities, from within or from outside Trinity, consider the environmental impact of their event.

The following guidelines are offered to assist you in that preparation.

CONSIDER reducing/eliminating the use of plastics in the products you purchase for your event.

CONSIDER choose reusable rather than single-use materials. For example, using china, silverware, ceramic cups, and glass rather than one-time-use plastic or Styrofoam-ware, plates, cups, etc.

CONSIDER using disposable products that are compostable, like paper straws or wooden coffee stirrers, and consider avoiding Styrofoam products (cups, plates, take out containers, etc.)

CONSIDER maximizing the recycling of paper and cardboard. The church has a recycling container outside of the kitchen doors and a small container in the kitchen itself.

CONSIDER purchasing products for the church or for your event that are sustainable in composition.

CONSIDER using *BEST PRACTICES*. For example:

Recyclables should be placed in the labeled bin outside the kitchen doors, either loose or in a paper bag. They should not be bagged in plastic as plastic bags are not accepted at Delaware recycling centers.

Rinse containers prior to recycling to avoid contamination of the recycled materials.

Shredded paper goes airborne at recycling centers and should not be recycled with single stream recycling products. Consider placing shredded paper in paper bags and send to shredding centers or use for mulch or some other eco-friendly purpose.

Those who purchase cleaning products are encouraged to choose products with the least adverse environmental impact.

Lastly, Trinity has initiated a plastic recycling program for donation to Eco Plastics of Delaware. This project is for specific plastics only: sheet plastic (grocery bags and the like) and cleaned, dried items with the numbers 2, 4, and 5 in the tiny recycling triangle on the bottom. Please check with the church office if you have these items to donate.

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Garage Sale 2023

As we start preparations for our All-Trinity Garage Sale on **April 28 and 29**, we will continue to accept donations on the first Sunday of the month, **March 5**. After that we will have additional days when the containers will be open. Those dates will be publicized soon.

We ask that your donations be in a closed box to help us in packing the containers efficiently and quickly during the cold weather months. Remember to wrap breakables so they won't be broken when we stack the boxes. Of course, some items just don't take to being put in a box like long handled garden tools, but we will accept those as well.

If you have a special situation, such as furniture items, and / or a large donation that can't wait for the dates mentioned, please contact Bruce Shumway or Bob LeComte to schedule a time to open the containers for you.

WE NEED YOUR TREASURES! Next Container open date: **March 5**



February EDR Team Report

Trinity served at the Emmanuel Dining Room on **February 25**. Thank you to those who served:

Captains: Carol and Bruce Shumway
Cooks: Jerri DiRenzo, Joe Eucalano and Dee Fillingame
Shopper: Julie Monaghan
Bakers: Jerri DiRenzo, Dee Fillingame, Penny Lindell and Leslie McGuigan

Circles

Elizabeth Circle will be held **Tuesday, March 14** at 9:30am at the home of Sue Crump. We are open to all. Please call Sue Crump if you have any questions.

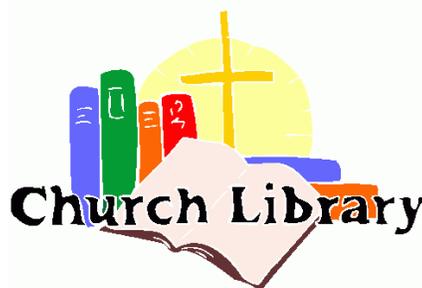
Rebecca Circle will meet on **Wednesday, March 8** at 11:30am in the conference room. Contact Kay Bowes for more information.

Library News

Our book cart has once again been refreshed in keeping up with the seasons. We have a nice selection of books for you to peruse and perhaps study during the seasons of Lent and Easter. We also have a nice selection of children's books.

Please feel free to check out a book or two. Just write your name on the card and place it in the basket on the cart. To return the book, either replace the card and return the book to the cart, or put the book on the library credenza. You are always welcome to browse and borrow books from the library shelves, as well. There is no late fee, just return books when you are finished.

"Banning books gives us silence when we need speech. It closes our ears when we need to listen. It makes us blind when we need sight." Stephen Chobosky, author of The Perks of Being a Wallflower, August 29, 2015.



GO!

Appalachia Service Project
July 8 - 15, 2023



We are planning for four teams of youth and adults to participate in ASP this summer. This year's theme is: "Love Strong" based on Luke 10:27 - *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all our mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.*

We still welcome filled Quarter Canes. Please put your name on the canes so we can credit you!

Due to scheduling conflicts there will not be a Community Spaghetti Dinner this year. However, an old favorite is being brought back—the **ASP Cake/Pie Chance Off!** See below for more details.

Shares of stock, at \$45 each, will go on sale April 23 in the lobby after worship.

The Annual Golf Outing at Ed Oliver's will be **June 16**. The registration form is attached, or you can contact Katie Oliver directly to sign up as a golfer or to support the event as a Hole Sponsor for \$100. There are other sponsorship levels available as well. Katie can be reached at 302-598-1454 or katehar@comcast.net.

ASP Cake/Pie Chance Off



It's back! Trinity's ASP Cake/Pie Chance Off on **Sunday, May 7** immediately following worship! The Cake/Pie Chance Off is a **raffle event that fundraises 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 day that you don't want to miss!

You can **be a part of this great fundraiser** by baking a cake or pie. We have a number of folks who have already said "yes" but we could definitely use a few more bakers. 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; new socks; new underwear;

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 \$25 each, billed to you by Belak Flowers. Questions, contact Pat Greager at 610-543-2152.

Our Sympathy and Prayers are with ...

Mary McDowell on the passing of her brother James Weeks on October 7, 2022 in Palm Bay, FL. A service for James will be held at Trinity on Saturday, March 18 at 11am.

Virginia Eberly on the passing of her sister, Nancy Coutant, on October 6, 2022 in Okeechobee, FL. A service for Nancy will be held at Trinity on May 20 at 11am.



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.

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