



Trinity Presbyterian



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Dear Trinity,

How happy I am to be writing to you all this month! For months we have both been in prayerful discernment. You searched for a new pastor after decades with your former leaders. I have sought a church where I can continue to live out my calling. And through the work of the Spirit, we have been brought together in our work for God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. I am looking forward to the work and life we will share together for years to come!

One of the first things that drew me to Trinity in my search was your mission statement: *Gather, Grow, and Go*. Not only did I love the alliteration, but also the beautiful simplicity of your strong values. One of my favorite authors, Dr. Brené Brown, speaks and writes often about naming our values and letting them be our guide. What she says is most important is naming just a few values. She suggests two, but I think three works too. She says, "*If we value everything, then we value nothing.*"

In my own work of naming values, I also chose alliteration: *Justice and Joy*. I can't take full credit for coming up with these two, as they are found together in one of my favorite hymns, *A Place at the Table*. In the hymn we sing, "*God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace.*"

I hope to be a creator of justice and joy for all people. As we begin this new journey of faith together, I look forward to joining you in gathering, growing, and going. And I pray that together we can create justice, joy, compassion, and peace in our beautiful and broken world. Jesus says, "*You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others.*"

Grace and Love,

Pastor Molly

GATHER

October Sundays

OCTOBER MONTHLY MISSION CAUSE - eduKenya

- October 5 ~** Scripture Lesson: Timothy 1:1-14
Molly Fisherkeller preaching the sermon "Tears to Joy"
Music Enrichment from 10:25am - 11am
All-Church Picnic hosted by the Deacons at 11am
- October 12 ~** Scripture Lesson: Luke 17:11-19
Molly Fisherkeller preaching the sermon "Responding in Gratitude"
ASP Pancake Breakfast
- October 19 ~** Scripture Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Molly Fisherkeller preaching the sermon "Persistent Proclamation"
Music Enrichment and Classes begin at 10:25am
- October 26 ~** Scripture Lesson: Luke 18:9-14
Molly Fisherkeller preaching the sermon "Piety and Humility"
Music Enrichment and Classes begin at 10:25am
Trunk or Treat at 11:15am

Nominating Elders and Deacons

Trinity's Nominating Team will be meeting soon to nominate candidates for service as Ruling Elders and Deacons in the Class of 2028. We welcome your suggestions. We are seeking concerned members of the congregation who will act with Christian hearts in service of the church's well-being.

Session members (aka Elders) are responsible for the spiritual, organizational, and business needs of Trinity while Deacons tend to the congregation's needs, strengthening the bonds of concern and love that unite us as a church.

The Nominating Team urges Trinity members to prayerfully consider service as a Ruling Elder or Deacon. Especially in this time of transition, your thoughtful participation in the church is deeply appreciated.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please contact Wendy Barba, Elder Coordinator, at wendyherrbarba@gmail.com or 302-463-9250.

Members of the Nominating Team are: Elder Coordinator Wendy Barba, Elder Sue Crump, Deacon Betsy Struck, and At-Large Congregational Members Kristin Buckmaster, Paula Henderson, Amy Vitsorek and John Vitsorek.

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Stewardship 2025

In October we will start Trinity's Stewardship Campaign for 2025. There is still quite a bit left to look forward to in 2025, including of course welcoming our new Called Pastor, but 2026 is just a few months away and it's now that we start preparing Trinity's budget for next year to make sure we're able to continue our mission, to Gather as God's people, to Grow in faith and love through programs and ministry opportunities, and to Go into the world to serve as Christ's disciples by supporting local, national, and international missions.

Our theme for this year is **"Nurturing New Growth."** Rev. Fisherkeller and her husband Mike have answered God's call to become part of the Trinity family. We now need to respond to their courage and commitment by moving ahead, step by step in faith, toward what God has in store for us. We must also recognize that many long-time faithful stewards of this Congregation have in recent years moved on to the Church Triumphant or have reached a time in their lives when they must reduce their giving. Thus, nurturing Trinity's *new* growth will require, for those who are able, responding in faith with increased giving.

Your contributions enable Trinity to celebrate God's Word, and to sow seeds of faith and hope, starting with our youngest members through programs like Church School and Vacation Bible School, and extending into the community through our support of ASP, Emmanuel Dining Room, and Monthly Mission Causes. In the coming weeks, you'll hear more about "Nurturing New Growth" and all of the programs that your contributions make possible.

You'll receive your pledge card in the mail in October, and we ask that you submit your financial pledge for 2026 by the fourth Sunday in November. Pledging allows our Finance Team and the Session to make sure that we will have the necessary resources to support Trinity's programming for the upcoming year. Your generous support in the past has not only allowed Trinity to meet its financial commitments even during challenging times but has also enabled us to grow in new ways.

I encourage everyone to take some time to pray and reflect on how God is calling you to help nurture Trinity's growth as we embark on this exciting time of new spiritual leadership. Whether you are pledging for the first time, can maintain an existing pledge, can increase your financial commitment to Trinity, or whether your stewardship comes in the form of sharing time and talents throughout the year, please know how thankful we are to all of you for being a valued part of Trinity's mission and for all the ways you support this special community of faith. Thank you!

John Balaguer
Stewardship Chair

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Lets Build a Church!



One of the most famous churches in the world is the **Cathedral of Notre Dame** in Paris, France. For seven Sundays beginning October 12th, with the help of Lego enthusiast Mark Fenoglio, **we will build a Lego model** of that famous Cathedral. Each week during the Word for Children, as the LEGO Cathedral is being built, we will use it to talk about how we, as Trinity Presbyterian Church, are the people of God together.

On October 26th, we will talk about being *A Place and Space for All*, and children and youth will be invited to **choose a LEGO figure to represent themselves** and their place in the church. We will have figures available for them, but kids are also encouraged to **bring a figure from one of their own Lego sets**.



Youth Fellowship

On Friday, September 12 five middle and high school kids attended our first youth fellowship activity of the school year. Since it was such a beautiful night, we started by playing games outside (corn hole, dodgeball, and other outdoor games). Once it started to get dark, we moved inside and played card games and then ended by playing a game everyone enjoyed called "Blank Slate."

The next Youth Fellowship Night will be Friday, October 24 at 7pm for pumpkin carving and painting. Contact Amy Vitsorek at jitterbugsmusic@verizon.net for more details and information.



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All-Church Picnic

Trinity's All-Church Picnic, hosted by the Deacons, takes place on **Sunday, October 5, at 11am.**

Come to worship and stay for lunch! Hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks and desserts will be provided. The Deacons would like all who are able to bring a side dish, enough for 8 to 10 people to share. If you are not able to prepare any food, please come anyway! **We want everyone to share in the fellowship of our Trinity family and to join us in welcoming Rev. Molly Fisherkeller and her husband Mike to their first Sunday at Trinity.**

We will have tables, chairs, and food set up in the playground area. Games will be provided for the children and you are encouraged to bring your favorite game to share. There is no sign-up for the picnic - - - just show up after worship on October 5. **We look forward to this special time of fellowship!**

Movie Night at Trinity

Join us for **Movie Night on Friday, October 10 in the Fellowship Hall.** Doors will open at 6:15 pm and the movie will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. Snacks will be provided, but please bring your own (non-alcoholic) beverage.

The featured movie will be **"Wicked"** (rated PG, 2 h 40 m):

Misunderstood because of her green skin, a young woman named Elphaba forges an unlikely but profound friendship with Glinda, a student with an unflinching desire for popularity. Following an encounter with the Wizard of Oz, their relationship soon reaches a crossroads as their lives begin to take very different paths.

**Sign-up is necessary so that we may prepare enough seating and snacks.
RSVP to office@trinitypresby.org or sign-up in the lobby by October 5.**

Family Fall Hayride and Bonfire

All families with children from infants through 12th graders are invited to the Fall Hayride and Bonfire on Friday, October 24 at 5pm at Linvilla Orchards. The hayride will be private (just Trinity folks) followed by a bonfire with apple cider and hot dogs and marshmallows to roast.

There is no cost for this event, however, pre-registration is necessary so please sign-up in the lobby or contact Sara Ross at saraross0819@gmail.com / 302-598-4047. **The deadline to register is October 19.**

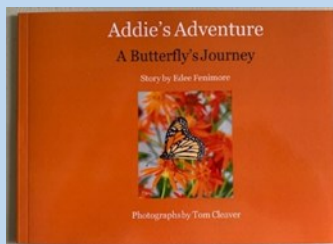


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Library News

Did you know that Trinity has a well-stocked, welcoming, and peaceful library full of religious and secular books and DVDs? You don't need a membership card and as an added bonus, you never pay a fine for overdue books!

We are happy to announce that our "cart of possibilities" is full again and on display in the lobby with "Faith Journeys," including a book by Joan Gerow, one of Trinity's charter members.



The Library now features a newly published book by Trinity's favorite storyteller **Edee Fenimore!**

Edee's book, Addie's Adventure: A Butterfly's Journey, tells the story of a monarch butterfly from egg to flight, from Addie's point of view. There is a signed copy of the book in the Library so be sure to "check it out!"



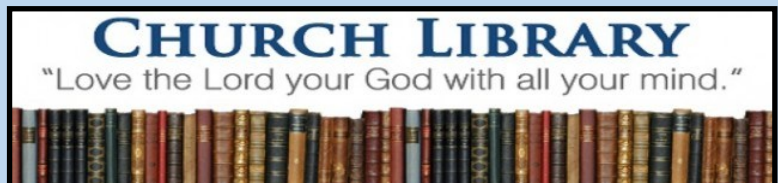
You will also see a large number of new additions in the upcoming weeks. We have been graced with many wonderful recent donations, including some from Brad Martin's and Barbara Price-Martin's personal collections. There will also be some fun themes and activities for the holidays!

Anyone interested in making suggestions or special requests is encouraged to leave a note in the Library Returns Basket.

For many years **Joyce Hutchison** served as Trinity's librarian. This September she decided to step down from this role. **Please join us in thanking Joyce for her years of dedication** to Trinity's Library.

The Library is open weekdays during Church Office Hours, 8:30am to 2:30pm, and on Sundays from 9am to 11:30am. You can also generally find us in the Library on Tuesday afternoons so please stop by and say hello!

In His hands,
Diane Olmstead and Linda Lehman
Trinity Librarians



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3rd Thursday Work Group

The 3rd Thursday Work Group **performs small maintenance tasks** in our church building and on the grounds to spruce up and maintain Trinity's wonderful facility.

You don't need to have a specialized skill, just a willingness to give your time to do a few odd jobs!



Thanks to the September team of **Carol Shumway, Bruce Shumway, and Tom Tarloski.**

Our next work day is **Thursday, October 16**. We meet in the Conference Room at **9:15am** for assignments and are usually finished before noon. Please contact Tom Tarloski at tom.tarloski@gmail.com with any questions.

Covenant Group

Trinity's Covenant Group meets each **Tuesday in October at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. The dates are October 7, 14, 21, and 28** and all are welcome! Come for some or all of the meetings.

Contact Peg in the church office at 302-475-5495 for more information.

Trinity Book Group

The next gathering of the Trinity Book Group will be on **Wednesday, November 5 at 7PM** in the Library to discuss Mary Shelley's classic, **Frankenstein**.

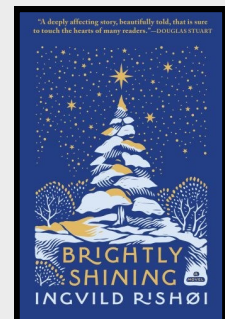


Forget the movies you've seen and delve into this gothic classic that goes beyond horror and invites us to debate the boundaries of science, its effect on the human condition, and what is considered to be human.

Tea and treats provided. All are welcome!

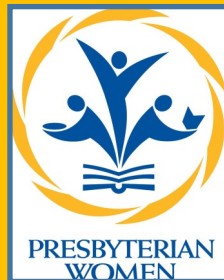
Looking ahead: We will read and discuss a contemporary fable titled **Brightly Shining** by Norwegian author, Ingvild Rishøi.

The December meeting date is to be determined.



Circles

Rebecca Circle will meet on **Wednesday, October 8 at 11:30am** in the Conference Room for a study of Esther, one of "12 Daring Women of the Bible." Please bring your lunch and join us for fun and fellowship!



All are welcome! Contact Kay Bowes at kaybowes14@yahoo.com for additional information.

Elizabeth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, October 15 at 9:30am** in the Library. Contact Sue Crump at s.crump@comcast.net for additional information.

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Winter Bazaar News

Mark your calendars for **Saturday November 15 from 9 am to 1 pm!** Trinity's Winter Bazaar is back and, as always, **we need YOU to make this year's event a success.**

Do you have a creative talent you would like to share, such as painting, quilting, or woodworking? **Consider donating your unique handiwork to the Take-a-Chance raffle.** Donations can be brought to the office.



The ever-popular basket raffle needs your support! **We offer themed baskets as raffle prizes and this year we'll have some new theme baskets** as well as old favorites, e.g., "Books and Brews," "Italian Cuisine," and "Calling All Eagles Fans!" The baskets are a big success thanks to your generous donations. We welcome cash or gift cards of any value.

Gift card requests: Barnes and Noble or independent bookstores; Italian restaurants or pizzerias; Hallmark stores; florists, coffee shops, bakeries, grocery stores, restaurants, spas, Dick's

Sporting Goods, and Target. Donations can be dropped off at the church office or given to Carol Shumway. Thank you!



We welcome you to join the Winter Bazaar Workshops scheduled for the third Wednesday of every month at 10 am in Darley 1. You'll help craft and create the many ornaments and gifts that will be sold. No creative skills are needed. Our next workshop date is **October 15.** Come for a time of fellowship and fun!

Garage Sale Containers

As you do your fall cleaning and purge your garage and attic, remember to save your gently-used items for Trinity's Garage Sale. 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 at the back of the church parking lot. The Garage Sale Containers are open from 10:45am – 12 noon on the following Sundays:

October 5, November 2, December 7

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Stewards of the Earth

Stewards of the Earth (SOTE) will meet on Sunday morning November 9 at 8:30am in the Library. Please join us for further information on the important work of this group!

Adopt-a-Highway

The **Adopt-a-Highway** team held their final clean-up of 2025 on **September 20**. Thanks to the team of **Grace Nasseh, Tom Tarloski, Sarah Krespach, Carol Shumway, Bruce Shumway, Beverly Chiffons, Barb Lilley, Laurie Morente, Linda Jobson, Debra Waltemyer, and Barb Harps.**



Trunk or Treat

Children through 8th grade are invited to participate in Trinity's annual Trunk or Treat on **Sunday, October 26!** Wear your favorite costume and bring a Halloween bag to collect candy as you visit decorated cars in the parking lot! The event begins at 11:15am.

We also **need volunteers to decorate** their trunks for the kids to visit and receive candy. Set up begins at 10:45am.

Please sign up for this event on the lobby bulletin board or email the office at office@trinitypresby.org.



GO!

Emmanuel Dining Room (EDR)

Trinity provides lunch on the 25th of each month (except December) at the Emmanuel Dining Room in the City of Wilmington. Volunteers meet at Trinity at 9:15am to take the food to EDR, and prepare the meal there. **We welcome new volunteers to join in this important and meaningful mission.** For information contact Peg in the church office at 302-475-5495.

You can also **contribute from home** by **baking cookies**. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby or email Pam Bentley (pag20@comcast.net).

Thanks go to the September team of **Kim Robbins, Rad MacFarlane, Mary Ann Venturena** and **Peg Maguire** who served **182** meals, bakers **Penny Lindell** and **Carol Phillips** and shoppers **Tom Tarloski** and **Peg Maguire**.

New volunteers are welcome and needed!
The sign up sheet is posted in the lobby.

Appalachia Service Project

Trinity is officially registered to take at least 4 teams for ASP 2026 from July 4 -11! Eighth to twelfth graders and families should be on the lookout for an email from Katie Oliver in the coming weeks regarding your interest in ASP 2026!

Please join us for the **ASP Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 12th**. Breakfast will be served immediately after worship, and includes pancakes (regular, blueberry and chocolate chip!), sausage, and refreshments. There is **no charge** for this event, so please plan to join us as our **thank you for your support!**

Mission Possible Kids

Mission Possible Kids met Sunday, September 21 in the Wysham Room to assemble blessing bags for people with food insecurities in our area. Our blessing bags were filled with essential items like granola bars, beef jerky, individual fruit cups, plastic spoons, sandwich crackers, pens, bottles of water and juice boxes. The kids also added a prayer card that they decorated. **Please feel free to take a blessing bag to keep in the car so you can be a blessing to someone.**



Thank you to the **Della Vella family** for providing a pizza lunch for the children who participated!



Trinity News

TRINITY AND ASP - 40 YEARS

Sharing the News with Others

Each year our denomination, PC (USA), welcomes articles from member churches for the **Mission Yearbook**. This year Trinity was invited to share information about **our 40-year partnership with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP)**.



This denominational yearbook is **online**, and the **Trinity article will be available on October 3**. You can view it here:

<https://pcusa.org/worship-with-us/yearbook/october-3-2025>

A Note from the Abers

Thank you for the memorable farewell reception we so enjoyed as we left Delaware to return to Ohio!

The coffee has been brewed. The cookies devoured. The Blue Hen mascot on display. The T-shirt proudly worn. What a lovely gift basket we received!

We are settling in and reacquainting ourselves and the dog to the neighborhood. September and October are wonderful months here on America's north coast, so we are often found sitting outdoors as we like to do. But the memories of the landscape of Upper Chichester and Wilmington haunt us; our memories of your love and kindness are a blessing and a comfort.

Our hopes and prayers are with you, and Molly and Michael, as you write your next chapter of Trinity's faithful witness for Jesus Christ.

In Him,

David and Gwen

Dear Trinity,

Thank you Trinity friends for your heartfelt prayers during Jack's battle with pancreatic cancer and for the many cards after his passing.

Love,

Henryetta, Greg, Maureen and Analisa Nichols

Reminders

Lobby Donation Cart

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

Current Needs for Claymont Food Closet:

Pasta, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, chicken, veggies, and tuna.

Current Needs for Friendship House:

Ground coffee, powdered creamer, paper products, cleaning supplies, disinfectant wipes and spray, Swiffer wet wipes, dish soap, dishwasher detergent, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, Windex, and dish towels.

Online Giving

Online giving can be set-up by visiting www.trinitypresby.org and clicking on "Donate." Then under "Give Online," you'll see the "click here to give" button to set up a one-time gift or a recurring donation.

Monthly Mission Causes along with special programs like the Trinity Choral Scholars and the Appalachia Service Project can also be designated through online giving.

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z34F/home>

Sanctuary Flowers

Would you like to **donate Sanctuary flowers** for Sunday worship? Flowers can be donated in memory of loved ones, in honor of a person or to celebrate a special occasion like an anniversary, birthday or graduation.



Sign up for a flower donation in the notebook in the lobby. Arrangements are **\$45 each**, billed to you by Belak Flowers. Questions? Contact Pat Greager at 610-543-2152.

Deacons Fellowship Hour

Please consider providing snacks for the Deacons Fellowship Hour on Sunday after worship. There is **no cost to you** for providing snacks. Simply submit your receipts to the church office for reimbursement.

Use this link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AADA92FA7FB6-52457041-2025#/>

or contact Deanna Dudash
at deannaddudash@gmail.com

Plastic Recycling Program

Trinity collects **recyclables year-round in the collection container just to the right of the Garage Sale containers**. You can drop off any time of day. **Donated plastics must be loose, empty, clean, and dry!**

ACCEPTED: Sheet plastics like plastic bags, along with #2, #4, and #5's marked in the recycle triangle on the bottom. Some examples of these are washing machine detergent bottles, pill bottles, plastic milk jugs, the tops to plastic water and soda bottles,

NOT ACCEPTED: #1's (water bottles, PEET), #6's or #7's.

Bear Ministry

Trinity's Bear Ministry is still going strong! Since its inception in 2007, **over 650 bears have found homes after hearing the words of Scripture, hymns, prayers, and sermons.**



There are more bears ready to go out and provide comfort for those needing special care. If you would like to take a bear, please sign the book on the lobby table. Any questions can be directed to Tom Cook at cookt1420@gmail.com.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9am Quilters	2 7pm AA MTG	3	4
5 9:30am Worship 10:25am Music 10:45am GS Cont. Open 11am Picnic	6	7 12pm Covenant Grp	8 9am Quilters 11:30am Rebecca Circle	9 7pm AA MTG	10 6:15pm Movie Night	11
12 9:30am Worship 10:30am ASP Pancake Breakfast	13 7pm Session Mtg	14 12pm Covenant Grp	15 9am Quilters 9:30am Eliz. Circle 10am Bazaar WS	16 9:30am 3rd Thursday Work Grp 7pm AA MTG	17	18
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Penny Lindell, Associate for Ministry
Alexis Ward, Director of Music Ministry
Suzanne LeComte, Children's Church Coordinator
Amy Vitsorek, Church School Coordinator and VBS Director
Peg Maguire, Office Administrator
Jenna Theibault Dean, Associate for Young Mom's Ministry
Mary McDowell, Associate for Ministry
Kim Robbins, Associate for Ministry
Lindsay O'Brien, Nursery Coordinator
Christy Lewis, Associate for Arts/Drama/Technology
Katie Oliver, ASP Coordinator
Joe Ross, Associate for Ministry
Greg Buckmaster, Technology Coordinator
Gayleen Carmichael, Parish Nurse

SESSION

CLASS OF 2025

John Balaguer
Wendy Barba
Laurie Morente
Debbie Schrass

CLASS OF 2026

Ron Bowes
Katrina Harris
Rad MacFarlane
Julie Monaghan

CLASS OF 2027

Debra Balliet
Sue Crump
Joe Euculano
Joyce Hutchison

Clerk of Session: Leslie Connor

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CLASS OF 2025

Tom Cook
Susan Fuhs
Dave Horn
Barb Lilley
Kim Robbins

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Carol Euculano
Anne Hardesty
Lee Lewis
Carol Shumway
Betsy Struck

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Deanna Dudash
Courtney Kledaras
George Kofron
Carolyn Marzo
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