



Trinity Presbyterian Church



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Dear Friends,

ADVENT...is a time for active waiting and preparing. A time for making our hearts, our homes, and our world ready for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

It is a time for Hope...Thinking about how God can change our lives and this world.

It is a time for Peace...In the midst of news of war and brokenness...comes the Prince of Peace. The one who can make all things right.

It is a time for Joy...For celebration and rejoicing, because God has done what no one else could do.

It is a time for Love...Receiving God's love, and living it out, for the sake of the world.

As each Advent Sunday passes, the light grows stronger, looking forward to the day of Christ's birth. This is a wonderful season to be in ministry with you at Trinity. Barb and I wish you God's blessings!

Yours in Christ's love and peace,

Brad Martin, Pastor

O God, as our candles burn into the night, we remember with joyful praise the word of your promise spoken so long ago and the light which overcame the darkness with the birth of your Son.

We commit to your loving care those we carry in our arms, those we carry in our hearts, and those we entrust to our prayers. Bless them, O God.

Hold our world as a mother her child. Bring peace. Put an end to strife. Calm our fears and cover us with your grace. Amen.



Gather—Grow—Go

Cross+Generational Events

There are several opportunities coming up for Cross+Generational Events! Please come to as many as you'd like! All G-3 events start at **11:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

December 1 and January 26: "ASP Pancake Breakfast." A G-3 Cross+Generational **Gathering** event to have fellowship around the tables while enjoying sausage and blueberry, chocolate chip, or plain pancakes in support of the 2020 Appalachia Service Project trip. Children and youth eat free!

December 15: "Deacons' Christmas Social." **Gather** for refreshments, to sing Christmas songs and carols, and to enjoy being together as a family of faith.

January 5: Gather to recall "**The Story of Epiphany.**" The event will also include music, star cookies, and food.

Grazie

Loving thanks to Don and Donna Cook for the time and dedication they've given to cleaning and preparing the candles for the Christmas Eve Candlelight services, over the years. This year, the candle-cleaning team prepared **400** candles for the Candlelight services! Don and Donna, please take a bow!

*"The true spirit of Christmas is not just a fleeting feeling...
but the everlasting goodness of a kind and giving heart." Author Unknown*

Call for Annual Congregational Meeting

At its meeting on October 14, 2019, the Session called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church for **Sunday, December 8, 2019**, to occur immediately following morning worship, 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 (3) year term in the Class of 2022
- ◆ Five (5) Deacons for three (3) year terms in the Class of 2022

The Session has also called a Special Meeting of the Congregation for **Sunday, January 26, 2020** (snow date: Sunday, February 2, 2020) to occur immediately following morning worship, in the Sanctuary for the purposes of:

- ◆ Approving changes in the Terms of Call of the Pastor for 2020;
- ◆ Receiving the 2020 Plan for Ministry (Budget) Report, including changes adopted in the Terms of Call;
- ◆ Electing four (4) Congregational Representatives as at-large members of the 2020 Congregational Nominating Team

Leslie Connor, Clerk of Session

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Trinity Deacon and Elder Candidate Biographies

Wendy Barba — Elder Class of 2022

Wendy joined Trinity in 1977. She has served as a deacon and elder. Currently Wendy is the treasurer of Tri-W and is a member of the Christian Education team. Previously she has been an EDR Captain, a youth mentor, a Church School teacher, and she ran the Garage Sale for several years. She enjoys the Virginia Tech Hokies, visiting Lewes, Delaware and Disney World. She also enjoys spending time with daughter, Casey and son-in-law Jacob, and daughter, Melanie.

Pam Backus — Deacon Class of 2022

Pam joined Trinity in 2000 when she and her family moved here from Rochester, New York. She has served two previous terms as a deacon. She has managed the ASP Spaghetti Dinner and more recently the dinner for the Young Musicians of Faith Broadway event held annually. She is currently serving as a confirmation mentor. Pam enjoys cooking and spending time with her family.

Kristin Buckmaster — Deacon Class of 2022

Kristin has been attending Trinity since October 2017. She and her husband Greg and their daughters, Olivia and Charlotte, became members in 2018. Kristin enjoys assisting in programs at Trinity her daughters are involved with including Cherub and Children's Choirs and Mission Possible Kids. Kristin taught World History at Sun Valley High School for 17 years and recently transitioned to monitoring students who take online classes within the school district.

Laura Young — Elder Class of 2022

Laura, her husband Harry, and their son, Chase joined Trinity in 2018. Laura has helped with the Garage Sale and Holiday Bazaar. She can also be found volunteering in the nursery on Sunday mornings. She enjoys cooking and baking. Chase, now almost 2, keeps her busy and "on her toes." Together they like exploring the local parks and playgrounds.

The Nominating Team would like to thank each of the above Trinity Members for being willing to serve as a Deacon or Elder of Trinity Presbyterian Church. The congregation will vote to elect these Members as Deacons or Elders at the Annual Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, December 8**, immediately following worship.

Please note: Debbie Schrass, Carol Shumway, and John Vitsorek will continue as Deacons in the class of 2022. Gene Bentley and George Iannetta will be continuing as Elders in the class of 2022. All will also be elected on **Sunday, December 8**.

Gather

Service of Hope and Light



On **Sunday, December 8**, at **3:00 pm**, we will offer a special Advent worship service for those who are experiencing loss and grief. Called a “**Service of Hope and Light**,” it seeks to welcome the full spectrum of life experiences into worship during the holiday season. So often people who are experiencing loss and grief, are overwhelmed by the pace of the Christmas season. “Christmas cheer” can feel forced when our hearts and minds are full of sorrow. The first few holiday seasons after a loss are uncharted waters and can be filled with a sense of overwhelming sadness and isolation.

The service will include Scripture reading and reflection, candle lighting, and special music. Participants will be welcomed to remember by name the losses they have experienced. In addition, participants may ask for prayers for life situations that are especially challenging or difficult. The Rev. Steve Clark from Concord Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Kate Morgan from The Presbyterian Church of the Covenant will lead the service along with the Rev. Barbara Price-Martin. Please join us.

Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24

Mark your calendar today for Trinity's Christmas Eve Services!

The **Children's Service** will be held at **5:00 pm**.

Candlelight Services, including special music, will begin at **7:00 pm** and **10:00 pm**.

Deacons' Christmas Social

The Deacons are inviting the entire congregation to a Christmas Social again this year.



We hope that everyone will attend after worship on **Sunday, December 15**. The G-Three event on this day will be the Cross+Generational Christmas Social in the **Fellowship Hall**.

There is no charge, but we are asking that you RSVP so plans may be made for food.

A sign-up sheet is available in the Lobby after worship on Sundays. Don't forget to mark your calendars now!

39 & Holding Game Day

When: Saturday, January 4 at 11:30 am
(snow date: February 1)

Where: Home of Ellie Munson
302.478.7284
3203 Coachman Road
Surrey Park
Wilmington, DE 19803

What: Lunch \$3 followed by games

Please bring a salty or sweet snack. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby. Questions? Contact Penny or Mary at 302.478.5417.



Christmas Caroling

~ December 15 ~

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, heading out about **12:00 pm**. 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.**

Gather

Advent and Christmas at Trinity

December 1 First Sunday in Advent

- 9:30 am: Morning Worship. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
Lighting of the First Advent Candle — HOPE!
Adopt-A-Family and Mitten Tree donations accepted.
- 9:45 am: Children's Church and Nursery.
- 10:30 am: Fellowship in the Lobby.
- 10:35 am: Children's and Cherub Choirs practice.
- 10:45 am: Garage Sale Containers open with a Deacon present.
- 11:00 am: G-Three: ASP Pancake Breakfast.

December 8 Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:30 am: Morning Worship.
Lighting of the Second Advent Candle — PEACE!
Adopt-A-Family and Mitten Tree donations accepted.
- 9:45 am: Children's Church and Nursery.
- 10:30 am: Annual Meeting of the Congregation following Worship in the Sanctuary.
- 10:35 am: Children's and Cherub Choirs practice.
- 10:45 am: SOTE Bake Sale
- 11:00 am: G3 for all ages
- 12:00 pm: Youth Cookie Baking.
- 12:00 pm: Mission Possible Kids in the Wysham Room.
- 3:00 pm: Service of Hope and Light in the Sanctuary.

December 15 Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:30 am: Morning Worship. Chancel Choir Cantata.
Lighting of the Third Advent Candle — JOY!
Mitten Tree donations dedicated.
- 9:45 am: Children's Church and Nursery.
- 10:30 am: Fellowship in the Lobby.
- 10:35 am: Children's and Cherub Choirs practice.
- 11:00 am: G-Three: Deacons' Christmas Social for all ages in the Fellowship Hall.
- 12:00 pm: Christmas Caroling to homebound Members and Friends of Trinity.

December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 9:30 am: Morning Worship.
Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle — LOVE!
- 9:45 am: Children's Church and Nursery.
- 10:30 am: Fellowship in the Lobby.
- 11:00 am: G3 for all ages.
- 11:30 am: Youth Choir Rehearses.

December 24 Christmas Eve

- 5:00 pm: **Children's Service:** Children's and Cherub Choirs sing. Children tell the story of Jesus' birth in a simple service of story and song. *Nursery is open but not staffed.*
- 7:00 pm: **Candlelight Service:** A candlelight service to celebrate the Light of the World. Musical prelude begins at 6:50 pm. *Nursery is open but not staffed.*
- 10:00 pm: **Candlelight Service:** Chancel Choir sings. Special music and spoken word in a joyful candlelight service. Musical prelude begins at 9:50 pm. *Nursery is open but not staffed.*

December 29 First Sunday After Christmas

- 9:30 am: Morning Worship with Service of Lessons and Carols.
- 9:45 am: Nursery care provided.



Grow

Mission Possible Kids



Agents will once again be helping to share the Christmas spirit at their meeting on **December 8!** In small groups, the Agents will go to Target to purchase gifts for children at the school where Trinity member (and Agent father), John Vitsorek, teaches. Each Christmas season John and his fellow teachers provide presents for many of the students. The Deacons have allocated some of the Adopt-a-Family donations to help them with their purchases. Each group of Mission Possible Kids will have money and a list of ages and sizes for socks and pajamas. They'll also pick out some books or toys for each child. They will have a wonderful time choosing just the right gifts! And when the groups return from the shopping excursion, they will share their purchases! Thanks to **Kristen Buckmaster** for preparing lunch.

You can help Mission Possible Kids touch lives through the **Make-a-Wish Foundation** just by **writing a letter to Santa** during the Deacons' Social on **December 15**. Look for letter writing papers and pens on the tables. All letters will be delivered to Macy's which will **donate \$1.00 to Make-A-Wish for every letter written**.

Agents will meet again on **January 5** for another **TOP SECRET MISSION**.

Third Thursday Work Group

Have some skills you would like to use to help improve our facilities? The Thursday work group is open to all. There is not work day in December. The next work day is **Thursday, January 16, at 9:15 am**. We begin in the **Conference Room** with prayer and assignments of projects to complete around the church. Bring your lunch for fellowship after the tasks have been completed.

Tuesday Noon Covenant Group

Tuesday Noon Covenant Group is be studying "Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph." This DVD study by John Hamilton focuses on Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus. Come hear more about Joseph and what Christians can learn from him. The group will not meet on Tuesdays, December 24 and 31.

Men's Devotional Groups

All men are invited to Morning and Evening Devotional Group in the **Church Library** on the following dates:

**Fridays at 6:45 am: December 13
January 10 & 24**

Monday at 6:00 pm: January 13

Women's Circles

Circles are open to all women of Trinity. Contact the person listed below to find out more information about each Circle.

Elizabeth Circle

Tuesday, December 10 at 11:30 am
at La Tolteca

Sue Crump, Communications

Martha Circle

Friday, December 13 at 1:00 pm
at the home of Sharon Wayland

Gail Williams, Communications

Rebecca Circle

Wednesday, December 11 at 11:30am
at Firebirds Restaurant

Kay Bowes, Communications



Trinity Book Discussion

Join the Trinity Book Group on **Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 pm** to discuss The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers by Maxwell King. Our discussion of this biography coincides with the release of the new movie about the life of Fred Rogers. Read the book or go see the movie and join the conversation about this beloved tv icon.

Looking ahead we will meet on Thursday, January 9 at 7:00 pm to discuss Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng.

This 2017 novel is rich in character development and a television miniseries adaptation is in the works.



Go!

Appalachia Service Project

This is year 36 for Trinity and we are planning to send at least six teams to Kentucky the week of July 4-11, 2020! Youth are asked to sign up with a deposit of \$50 by **February 1, 2020**.

As we kick off our fundraising for ASP 2020, candy 'quarter' canes will be distributed beginning **December 1**.



G-Three ASP Pancake Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, January 26 at 11:00 am**. Plan to come and enjoy Pancakes (regular, blueberry, chocolate chip), Sausage, Juice, Milk, Coffee Adults: \$6.00; Children and Youth: Free

The Mission Service Team Needs YOU!



Missions

Do you want to help facilitate important mission work for Trinity? The Mission Service team is looking for new members! Our mission is: *To provide opportunities to reach out, both near and far, and witness in word and deed to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.*

The Mission Service team meets a few times each year to develop new mission goals for the congregation, finalize our monthly mission causes, and approve the mission budget.

Interested? Questions? Contact Katie Oliver or Brad for more information.

Got An Hour

Life can be busy, even hectic, at times. There are many ways you can serve at Trinity that require an hour (or less) of time! If you have an hour of time, here are some ways you can serve at Trinity in the months of December and January:

Serve as an **usher** during worship any Sunday.

Serve as a **greeter** before worship any Sunday.

Contact Kim Robbins if you're interested: kimrobbins@trinitypresby.org, 302.475.5495.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Pick up a copy of the 2019 Reverse Advent Calendar on the table in the Lobby. Gifts will be taken to the Claymont Food Closet, Friendship House Ministries, and the Claymont Elementary School.

Gifts should be returned to the Lobby between Christmas Eve and Sunday, January 5.



Bear Ministry



The bears in Trinity's Bear Ministry Service sit in Trinity's pews, listening to the music, Scriptures, sermons, and prayers, and have been held by Trinity members and friends, all to send love to their recipient. Bears may be taken by anyone for someone who is experiencing a life event, either happy or sad. Simply sign the bear out in the Bear Ministry Book located in the Lobby.

If you are out shopping for the holidays and you see a bear that you think would like to go into our Bear Ministry Service, let Mary McDowell know or better yet, purchase the bear and donate the newly purchased bear in the basket in the Lobby. To make a donation to the Bear Ministry, please make your check out to Trinity and note "Bear Ministry" on the memo line. See Mary McDowell with any questions.

Go!

Adopt-a-Family

The Adopt-a-Family tree is in the rear of the Sanctuary decorated with envelopes for your donation. Envelopes with your donation may be placed in the offering plate or turned in to the church office. If you are writing a check, please make it to Trinity and put Adopt-a-Family on the memo line. **The deadline for donations is Sunday, December 8.**

Here is information on the families Trinity will be helping this year:

Family #1: A family of 7. Single mother, homeless along with her children, as a result of domestic violence. The children are well-behaved and understanding of their current situation. Males, ages 18, 13 and 11; females, ages 16, 9 and 4.

Family #2: A family of 6. The family currently resides in a domestic violence shelter. One son has disabilities. The mother is unemployed and looking for work. Males, ages 13, 12, 10, 7 and 6.

Family #3: A family of 7. Single mother caring for her own 3 children as well as 2 grandchildren whose parents are incarcerated. An older son (26) also lives with them. They had to move unexpectedly because of domestic violence and are currently looking for a new place to live. Male, age 8; females ages 17, 13, 10 and 9.

Family #4: A family of 7. The family has recently obtained housing after living in a shelter for a year. They are struggling after losing everything they had in storage while they were in the shelter. Males, ages 15, 12, 8, 3 and 1; female, age 11.

Family #5: A family of 5. Single mother with a no-contact court order on the father due to domestic violence. She is fearful of losing their home as they are behind on rent after the loss of income. Females, ages 16, 14, 12 and 7.

Family #6: A family of 6. Single mother employed as a CNA. Two of the children have special needs which sometimes causes her to miss work to address issues at school. Fathers of the children are not financially supportive. Is now living in a one-bedroom apartment after living in a shelter for the past year. Male, age 4; females, ages 7, 6, 2 and 1.

Family #7: A family of 7. A victim of domestic violence last year, this single mother has recently changed employment in order to meet the needs of children in school. The new job does not offer the same number of working hours, resulting in changes in support physically and financially. Males, ages, 11 and 7; females, ages 18, 15, 9 and 4.

Family #8: A family of 7. Single mother. The youngest child has severe allergies and skin conditions which has necessitated environmental changes at home to meet his needs. Nutrition and school supports have helped with training and determining changes needed. Males, ages 13, 6 and 2; females, ages 16, 14 and 13.

Family #9: A family of 6. Single mother recently changed employment which reduced income but allows her to pick up and drop off children at school and child care on time. Both grade-level and preschool -aged children are excelling in school and behavior issues have diminished with the consistency. Males, ages 9 and 1; females, ages 11 and 4 (twins).

Family #10: A family of 7. Mother is not employed. Father was in a car accident and lost his job as a cook; he is currently seeking employment but they are struggling to pay bills. Male, age 17; females, ages 15, 13, 12 and 7.

Again this year, the Deacons are including a donation for the Kuumba Charter School, where Trinity member John Vitsorek is a teacher. A number of the teachers at the school pool their resources to provide gifts for some of their students who are in need. John provides the information for what gifts are needed, and he and our Mission Possible Kids will go to Target and choose and purchase them, thus providing a mission project and a learning project on handling money for our children, Grades 1-5.

Go!

Emmanuel Dining Room

Emmanuel Dining Room celebrated 40 years of service to the hungry in Wilmington. Trinity has been part of the caring ministry for about 35 years. We thank all who have served with Trinity and as always are looking for more volunteers. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please sign up on the Lobby bulletin board.

The November team was led by Captain Bob LeComte, the cooks were Gayleen Carmichael, Kelly Sidler, and Missy Wyatt, shoppers were John Dorsey and Jack Nichols, and bakers were Children's Church, Dee Fillingame, Corey Fischer, Pat Greager, Penny Lindell, and Carol Shumway. They served 163.

"Please share the blessings of your life, so that the poor are never treated poorly."

— Brother Ronald Giannone

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.

In thanksgiving and in hope, we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, joyfully working for the good of the whole family. Special envelopes will be in the pews during Advent for your donations.

Donations and Collections

Please place any of the following items in the designated location in the Lobby. Please make sure all lids are closed tightly and bottles are placed upright to prevent liquids from leaking

Claymont Community Center Food Closet
December: Shelf stable milk, cookies, and cereal

Provides fresh, healthy foods to the adults and children in our community.

Claymont Lions Club
Used eyeglasses

Refurbishes and gives glasses to those in need providing sight and improved vision.

Ronald McDonald House
Can Tabs

Provides a "home away from home" for families with children at the Nemours A. I. DuPont Hospital for Children.

Friendship House
Clothing Donations, Dish and Laundry Detergents, Cleaning Supplies, and Toiletry Items

Empowers homeless people with a strategic pathway from survival to self-sufficiency; operates the Clothing Bank.

Mitten Tree



The Mitten Tree is in the back of the Sanctuary. The tree shares space with envelopes for Adopt-A-Family. It awaits your donations of mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves. Items will be given to the Claymont Community Center for distribution. Please consider making a donation.

The Gift of Sharing

Thanks to all who brought non-perishable items for "The Gift of Sharing" in November. Food items were delivered to the Claymont Food Closet and shared with local families just in time for Thanksgiving!

Trinity Winter Bazaar 2019



Thank you to the “village of people” who set up for, contributed to, worked during, and cleaned up from the Bazaar.

To date, the **Bazaar’s sales total** is **\$13,572.00**.

The **Bazaar After-sales Cart** will be open for business every Sunday through **December 15** and will be located next to the Narthex window display case.

Special thanks to our in-house donators and artists for the **Take-A-Chance Drawing**.

Congratulations to the following item winners:

Item	Donated/Crafted by	Winner
Duck Decoy	Tom Kilbourne	Sylvia Seppala
Framed Photograph	Alan Luzak	(TBA in January)
Bear Watercolor Painting	Martha Fenoglio	Karl Blaier
Harry’s Savoy Gift Certificate	Harry Savoy Grill	Jean Blaier
Watercolor Print	Margaret J. Annas	Wendy Barba
Sports Quilt	Dee Fillingame	Barbara Kavanagh
Blue Reflection	Mary Lou Hamilton	Mary McDowell
Autumn Woods	Mary Lou Hamilton	Wayne Knotts
Senco Stapler	Carl Annas	Missy Wyatt
Senco Stapler	Carl Annas	Sharon Gaudino
Wawa Gift Basket	Wawa Corporation	Missy Wyatt

Many thanks to Trinity members for the support of the Basket Raffle at the Winter Bazaar. Our themed baskets we're again successful due to the contributions of gift cards, items, and cash for purchase of gift cards and items by so many of you. We are truly blessed to be such a generous and giving congregation. We also want to recognize the small businesses that have contributed: Boyd’s Flowers, Belak Flowers, Fresco Pizzeria, Old Country Gardens, Action Hardware, Marini’s Produce, The Friendly Gift Shop, Harris Jewelers, Stanley’s Tavern, El Diablo. Please shop at these businesses and thank them for partnering with Trinity!

Congratulations to the following basket winners:

Basket	Winner
Advent	Erin Fuhs
Christmas Tea at Downton	Carol Luzak
The Grinch	Steve and Leslie Connor
Coffee and Books	Virginia Robertson
Christmas in the North Woods	Dick and Betsy Struck
Antipasto Italian	David and Lucy Ganfield
Feliz Navidad	Mrs. Drummond



Stewards of the Earth

Plant With Purpose could really use your support by donating a dollar for the purchase of a single tree to be planted in deforested areas around the world. Its mission is to empower rural communities through environmental restoration. You may contribute by using the poinsettia order form found on page 13 of this issue of the Triangle or in the order form provided in the Sunday bulletin.

On **Sunday, December 8**, Stewards of the Earth will be hosting a **Bake Sale** in the Lobby after worship. Please plan on picking up some yummys to go along with your coffee or take home some goodies for your Christmas celebrations!

Do you know about **Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL)**? This organization was formed as a nationwide grassroots effort to explore solutions to climate change and several Trinity members belong to it. We have a local chapter and fully support the **Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act** (H. R. 763) recently introduced, and endorsed by our Senator Chris Coons. We support it because:

1. The policy will reduce America's emissions by at least 40% in the first 12 years.
2. This policy will improve health and the carbon dividends will put money directly into people's pockets.
3. This policy will create 2.1 million new jobs.
4. This policy is BIPARTISAN. The bill is cosponsored by Republicans and Democrats.
5. This policy is revenue neutral. The fees collected on carbon emissions will be allocated to all Americans to spend any way they choose. The government will not keep any of the fees collected.

PCUSA also endorses this bill by way of General Assembly. If you would like to become involved in working toward the passing of this bill, please consider coming to a CCL meeting to learn how you can spread the word. Talk to Bruce and Carol Shumway or Debbie and Carl Schrass for information.

Stewards of the Earth will meet on **Monday, January 6 at 6:30 pm** in the Library. All are welcome.



Environmental Related Activities for 2019 Recycling Center Collection Schedule

Delaware Recycling Center, 1101 Lambson Lane, New Castle, DE 19720

Electronics Recycling Monday through Friday 8:30am—3:30pm ; Saturday 8:30am-2:00pm.

Household Hazardous Waste Recycling every Wednesday 10:00am—2:00pm, first Saturday of the month 8:30am—2:00pm.

Document Shredding first Wednesday of the month 10:00am—2:00pm; first Saturday of the month 8:30am—2:00pm. Two file boxes per person.

Latex Paint first Wednesday of the month 10:00am—2:00pm; first Saturday of the month 8:30am—2:00pm.

Recycling in the Community

Trash/Yard Waste daily at any DSWA Collection Station \$10.00 collection station tickets good for 10 bags. For information on Trash/Yard Waste collection visit <http://dswa.com>.

Electronics Recycling daily at Best Buy. There is a \$25 charge for TV recycling.

Plastic Bag Recycling daily at stores that pack your purchases in plastic bags.

Expired/Unwanted Medications daily (24 hours/7days) at New Castle Police Station, 3601 N. DuPont Highway, New Castle, DE 19720.

Paper/Cardboard available at Single stream drop-off centers.



Trinity Stewardship Wish List



The Wish List has been a wonderful way, over many years, for the congregation to support specific projects which could not be funded through the annual operating budget. Some of those projects have been fully funded through the Wish List, while others have received that “over the top” amount needed for completion.

The list of completed projects is long and wonderful — just to mention a few more recent ones — Darley Wing painting, New Carpet for the Sanctuary, Narthex painting, and Memorial Garden walkway.

New Project Needs

Outdoor Signage

Thank you! Watch for new signs this spring!

Three Benches for the Courtyard

Total Needed: \$1,200

Young Musicians of Faith Scholarship Fund

\$2,500 per student per year

Re-grade and re-pave the entrance circle

Cost to be determined

Thank you for considering Trinity’s Wish List! Any contribution, large or small, that helps a particular project to become a reality will be very much appreciated.

Alternative Gifts

Need a gift for that special friend or family member and don’t know quite what to give? How about an Alternative Gift which will honor the recipient all year long. This is the perfect gift for that “hard to buy for” person on your list! Through the Mission Service Leadership Team’s Alternative Gift program you can choose which Mission Cause you’d like to give to in honor of your special friend or family member. We will give you a wonderful card to give indicating where the donation in their honor is going.

On December 8, 15, and 22 stop by the Lobby to arrange for your gift. Contact Ethel Anderson, Gene Bentley, or Katie Oliver with any questions.

Last Minute (End-of-Year) Contributions

Please remember that in order to have your donation count as a 2019 gift, checks must either 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 2020 (even if the check is dated December 31 or before).

The end of the year Church Office hours are limited. Normal office hours are 8:30 am—2:30 pm. However, the office is closed December 24, 25, 26, & 31 and January 1. **The Church office is open until 12:00 noon on January 2 & 3.**

Charitable Donations

Under recent changes to tax law, since standard deductions are \$13,600 for individuals age 65 and older and \$26,600 for couples age 65 and older filing jointly, there may be no tax benefit to itemizing and therefore no tax benefit from donating to charity. Still, there can be tax benefits to donating appreciated securities or directly from certain types of accounts. Those age 70.5 or older with individual or inherited IRA accounts, can use a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) to direct the IRA custodian to withdraw funds and send them directly to your charity of choice so these funds **do not pass through your hands** and become income. It is important that you discuss this benefit and your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) with your Tax and Financial Advisors before taking any action. If you have any question please contact Jack Nichols.

Christmas Poinsettias and Plant with Purpose

Would you like to order a Poinsettia for the Christmas Sanctuary Display for **Sunday, December 22** and the **Christmas Eve Services** on **December 24**? Or would you like to make a donation to Plant with Purpose (\$1 = 1 tree)?

If so, please place this order form, together with **cash** or a **check (payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church)** in the collection plate on Sunday, or send it to the Church Office. You may also use the order form in the Sunday bulletin.

The deadline to place your order is Sunday, December 15

<u>Poinsettias (6" pots)</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
\$8.50 each		
Red (\$8.50 each)	_____	_____
White (\$8.50 each)	_____	_____
<u>Plant with Purpose</u>		
\$1 = 1 tree	_____	_____
<u>TOTAL of DONATION:</u>	_____	_____

NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

****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 10:00 pm service on Christmas Eve. Any plants not taken then will be moved to the Lobby. Call Pat Greager to make arrangements for pick up: 610.543.2152.



Souper Sale



Orders for quarts of **homemade soup** will be taken on **January 24** with pick up on **February 2**. Quarts of soup will be sold for \$10.00 each and two or more for \$9.00 each. You can support the Appalachia Service Project and enjoy the "Soup-er Bowl" on **February 2!**

Proceeds from the Souper Sale this year will benefit the Young Musicians of Faith Scholarship Fund.

Trinity News

Christian Sympathy and Prayers are with

Hamilton Taylor's children, Ken, Janis, and Glenn and their families on Ham's passing on November 14.

Debra Waltemyer on the passing of her mother, Peggy, on November 23.

Muriel Waterfield's children, Sandy, Scott, and Vickie and their families on Muriel's passing on November 25.

Trinity Member In the News!

Trinity member, Harry Grandel, will be honored for his service to the community as the Grand Marshall for the Claymont Christmas Parade. Harry is a World War II veteran and has been a member of the Claymont Lions Club for over 62 years. The parade is held on December 7 and steps off at 10:00 am down Philadelphia Pike from Maple Lane to Darley Road.

Congratulations Harry!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

The Omelette King is Coming!

The Omelette King is coming to Trinity on **Sunday, February 9, at 10: 45 a.m.**, in Fellowship Hall.

Enjoy a freshly made Omelette stuffed with your choice of the following fillings: diced ham, cheddar cheese, Swiss cheese, diced onion, sliced mushrooms, green pepper. Eggbeaters and egg whites will also be available!

Sign-ups for this event will take place in the Lobby on January 19, 26, and February 2. The cost is \$7.00 per person for ages 11 and up, ages 10 and under are free.

Please don't miss the Omelette King's visit. You can make your reservation beginning January 19!

Congratulations!



On the birth of Trevor Theodore Hopely on October 29. He is the son of Carolyn LeComte and Jonathan Hopely, grandson of Suzanne and Bob LeComte, and brother of Calvin.

On the birth of Francis Donald Mozal on October 30. He is the son of Nick and Chantel Mozal, and brother of Vincenzo.

On the birth of Nellia Lorraine Raucci on November 5. She is the daughter of Erica and Anthony Raucci, granddaughter of Janice and Rick Myrick, and sister of Kepler.

Directory Updates

Contact the Church Office for Updated Directories.

February Triangle

Articles for the February *Triangle* are due to Mindy in the church office by **Monday, January 20 at 12:00 pm**. Submit by emailing (office@trinitypresby.org), calling (302.475.5495), or using the mailbox in the office. *Triangle* collation will be completed on **Tuesday, January 28 at 10:00 am**. Please join us if you are able to help.

The Trinity Staff and Office Guild wish you and your family a Joyous Advent Season, a Wondrous Christmas, and a New Year filled with Peace and Goodwill to All!

Alexis, Amy, Barb, Betsy, Brad, Chris, Christy, Florence, Jenna, Katie, Kim, Lindsay, Mary, Mindy, Penny, and Suzanne.

