



Trinity Presbyterian Church



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Dear Friend,

This month as we count our blessings, I would like to highlight the staff and thank you, the congregation, for making it possible for this wonderful group of committed persons to serve and fulfill their callings in Christ. Each of them serve in our midst with dedication, energy, and good humor!

Newest member of Trinity staff, of course, is Alexis Ward. Alexis, as Director of Music Ministries, is already making a great difference as she leads our choirs, and shares her vocal, keyboard, organ, and directing talents each week and Sunday. We are grateful for Alexis' gifts!

Mindy Spor, Office Administrator, often described by me as "our glue," now into a third year of service at Trinity—has a firm hand on all aspects of our program ministry as well as the physical plant. She is a wonderful communicator and each day helps Trinity's light to shine even brighter. I am happy to say that Mindy also continues to work through a certification program in Church Administration.

Katie Oliver, Appalachia Service Project Coordinator, did a beautiful job leading 6 teams to Knott County, Kentucky in July. Penny's coaching is much appreciated and Katie is doing great. Penny continues as our Educator, including the Confirmation program and Mission Possible Kids.

Christy Wyatt, Associate for Arts, Drama, and Youth, continues resourcing the youth and music programs, and is super excited for next year's Young Musician's Broadway Show (March 1!).

On your behalf, I would express a huge Thank You to the entire staff (paid and unpaid): Barb, Kim, Suzanne, Mindy, Chris and Jenna, Mary, Alexis, Christy, Penny, Katie, Lindsay, and Gayleen.

We are blessed beyond measure through the on-going ministry of Trinity staff. In this season of Stewardship, thank you for making the ministry of the staff possible!

Yours in Christ's love,

Brad Martin, Pastor

Gather—Grow—Go

Trinity's 2020 Stewardship Challenge to fulfill Trinity's Mission

Your Stewardship and Finance Team, and Session, are busy working on next year's plan for ministry which supports the congregation's ministry near and far. Please remember to pledge generously and commit to making 2020 Trinity's best year yet!

Pledges will be dedicated on **Sunday, November 24**. This year we are asking everyone to make a pledge and, if possible, to increase from last year's pledge. We are very optimistic that together we will meet our pledge goal of \$460,000.



Thank you!

Trinity's Stewardship and Finance Team

Cross+Generational Events

Three Cross+Generational events remain this year. All ages and all generations are invited to join together. All G-3 events start at **11:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

November 24: "Advent 2019 - Wishing, Hoping and Waiting." The first Sunday in Advent is December 1, and this event will help us explore new and meaningful ways to wait — for both the celebration of Christ's birth and for his return. There will also be things to take home — from an Advent calendar to a set of Nativity stickers.

December 1: "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.

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

Leslie Connor
Clerk of Session

Gather—Grow—Go

Grazie



***Thank you is a simple word, a
common phrase we all have heard.
But thank you now means
something new, because, dear
friends, we're thanking you!***

Heartfelt thanks to Greg Nichols for all his work
with the Tech and Sound Teams.
Greg recruits the sound and tech help
for worship every week.

Way to go, Greg!!

Martha Fenoglio has been busy using her
decorating talents again! Martha and her able
assistant, Kim Robbins, created a lovely display
on the communion table for World Communion on
October 6. Martha and Kim also designed the
attractive Bazaar display in the Narthex.
Take a peek!

Bravo Martha and Kim!

*“Not what we say about our blessings,
but how we use them,
is the true measure of our Thanksgiving.”
— W. T. Purkiser*

Trinity's Gardeners

A HUGE Thank You to the Trinity Gardeners for their faithful caring for Trinity's grounds this past Spring, Summer, and Fall.

The Weekly Weeders, members Chip and Frankie Shelton, Martha Johns, Don Hutchison, Pat Genzel, and Pam Sciocchetti, kept the areas from the front of the Sanctuary and circle area, all the way to the Narthex entrance looking good. Each member took one week a month to weed, with Pam doing the fifth week that came up in a month. A special thank you to Martha Johns who maintained the area from the Narthex entrance to the Memorial Garden.

These folks weeded specific areas of Trinity's grounds on an as-needed basis: Barb Lilley, Rad MacFarlane, Gail Lecher, Carol Euculano, David Horn, and Jim and Pat Greager. Our Courtyard plantings were cared for by Dave and Linda Horn and Bud and Nancy Nicholson.

Not an official member of the Trinity Gardeners, Tom Tarloski has kept the bushes maintained around the sanctuary, moving plants as necessary.

We welcome anyone who would like to help with this ministry. Please let any of the Trinity Gardener members know of your interest.

Appalachia Service Project

Here is the final accounting for the 2019 ASP trip, showing a carryover of over \$1,300 after a transfer from special ASP Gifts in the Reserve Fund. Thank you to all who made the trip possible by contributing through stock purchases, donations, and participation in fundraisers. We are registered for 6 teams, 44 people, for the week of July 4-11, 2020.

Net Incomes

Carryover from 2018	\$ 8,217.88
OGHS	\$ 1,800.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 1,130.98
Fundraising	\$ 3,182.60
Donations	\$ 2,700.00
Participants	\$10,090.00
Stocks	\$ 3,590.00
Golf Outing	\$ 3,925.00
Grant Huber Memorial	\$ 725.00
Total Income	\$35,361.46
Transfer from Reserve Fund	\$ 2,000.00
Carryover to 2020	\$ 1,346.47

Expenses

Registration	\$ 95.00
Travel, Lodging, and Meals	\$ 3,980.15
Van Rental	\$ 7,439.82
Gas (6 vans, 1 pick up)	\$ 2,005.33
Team Expenses/Extra Materials	\$ 2,744.19
Purchases for Families	\$ 1,140.49
ASP Fees—Room/Board	\$14,050.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 1,960.01
ASP Coordinator	\$ 2,600.00
Total Expenses	\$36,014.99

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 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**.



Christmas Poinsettias



Would you like to order a Poinsettia for the Christmas Sanctuary Display for **Sunday, December 22** and the **Christmas Eve Services** on **December 24**? If so, watch

for the insert in the bulletin **beginning Sunday, December 1**.

The price of a 6” pot of red or white poinsettias (4 — 6 blossoms) is \$8.50.

The deadline to place your order is Sunday, December 15.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Greager at 610.543.2152 or the Office at 302.475.5495.

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.

You will see a sign-up sheet in the Lobby later this month, but mark your calendars now!

Grow

Mission Possible Kids

14 Agents helped pack 20,000 bags of food in Trinity's Rise Against Hunger event! They filled bags, served as runners and packers, and took turns banging the gong signaling each 1,000 meals completed! Thanks to the parents and grandparents who shepherded the Agents.



The December Mission (December 1) will be doing some Christmas shopping for some children in Wilmington. Thanks to the help of the Deacons' Adopt-A-Family program, Agents will divide into teams to shop at Target — buying pajamas, books, and toys. Thanks to John Vitsorek for helping organize this mission project.

All agents are invited to go caroling to Trinity's homebound members and friends after the Deacons' Christmas Social on December 15.

Trinity's MPK Chapter is featured in the Fall edition of the MPK Insider Newsletter! The newsletter shares the story of our MPK Agents presenting Courage Kits to several New Castle County Mounted Police Officers in the Police Athletic League. These officers then started three of their own MPK chapters! Check it out on the Lobby bulletin board.

Tuesday Noon Covenant Group

Tuesday Noon Covenant Group will be studying two DVD studies by Adam Hamilton both led by Brad. Making Sense of the Bible addresses the hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate, and answers many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike. On November 26, the group will begin the study, "Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph." Come hear more about Joseph and what Christians can learn from him.

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. The next work day is **Thursday, November 21**, 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. Please contact Brad Martin with any questions.

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, November 5 at 9:30 am
at the home of Pam Bentley
Sue Crump, Communications

Martha Circle

Friday, November 15 at 1:00 pm
at the home of Sharon Wayland
Gail Williams, Communications

Rebecca Circle

Wednesday, November 13 at 11:30am
Trinity Conference Room
Kay Bowes, Communications

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: November 8 & 22
Monday at 6:00 pm: November 18

Trinity Book Discussion

The group will meet **Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 pm** in the Library to discuss The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers by Maxwell King. We are changing it up for the holidays to read a biography about the gentle man that our children grew up watching and loving. Kay Bowes will lead our discussion as we seek insights into this beloved man. Did you know he was a Presbyterian minister? Let's talk about it.

Go!

Count (down) and Sharing



November and December are months that give us special opportunities to count our blessings and share those blessings with our neighbors in Wilmington and Claymont. In **November**, we will **Share the Gift of Food**. Donate bags of non-perishable food — cereal, peanut butter and jelly, soup, canned vegetables and fruit, pasta, spaghetti sauce, dessert kits, side dishes (instant potatoes, mac and cheese, stuffing) and canned meats. As you pick up items for your own Thanksgiving meal, add a couple for your donation bag. **Bring your bags or boxes of groceries to the Lobby on Sunday, November 10 or 17.**

In December, participate in the **Reverse Advent Calendar**. Instead of receiving something each day of advent, mark each day to Christmas by **giving** items needed by residents of **Friendship House (personal care items)**, families in our community through **Claymont Food Closet (non-perishable food items)** or students at **Claymont Elementary School (boys or girls underwear and “incentive” prizes)**. Pick up your calendar after worship on November 24 or December 1 and start adding items as you count down to Christmas December 1-24. Bring your box of gifts to Trinity any time from Christmas Eve through January 5. The calendar will give you some suggestions for the items to give!



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 month of October:

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

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

Help the **Bazaar Team** with:

Set-Up Sunday, November 3 at 10:45 am

Set-Up Monday, November 4—Thursday,
November 7, 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Sign up to work at the Bazaar, Saturday,
November 9

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

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

Beginning November 10, the Adopt-a-Family tree will be 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

This November, Emmanuel Dining Room is celebrating 40 years of feeding the hungry in Wilmington. Trinity has been a vital part of this ministry serving guests on the 25th of the month (except December) for about 35 years. Isn't that just awesome to support this great work!

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please sign up on the Lobby bulletin board. Thank you for all those who served in October. Led by Captain Brad Martin, the cooks were Gayleen Carmichael, Kelly Sidler, Betsy Struck, and Dick Struck, shoppers were John Dorsey and Jack Nichols, and bakers were Dee Fillingame, Corey Fischer, Nancy Marcinkowski, Lisa Rakus, and Children's Church. They served 140.

*"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

November: Canned vegetables (green beans, sweet peas, corn & mixed vegetables), stuffing mix, and gravy.

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



Watch for the Mitten Tree in the back of the Sanctuary, beginning **November 10**. The tree shares space with envelopes for Adopt-A-Family. It awaits your donations of mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves. The Mitten Tree will be dedicated on **Sunday, December 8**, and items will be given to the Claymont Community Center for distribution. Please consider making a donation.

Trinity Winter Bazaar

Saturday, November 9 ~ 9:00 am — 3:00 pm

Baked Goods are needed! Please sign up in the Lobby to provide a yummy treat! We need all varieties of goodies: Pies, Cakes, Breads, Muffins, Cookies, Bars, and Brownies. Special requests: A few sugar-free or gluten-free goodies and special cakes. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Monaghan.



Volunteers are needed for Set-Up and Clean-Up. Please consider helping on Set-Up Day, **Sunday, November 3**, throughout Set-Up Week, or on Bazaar Day, or on Clean-Up Day, **Sunday, November 10**.

Helpers: Many people are needed to make the Bazaar a success. See dates below for the schedule of volunteer opportunities for Bazaar week!

QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions about the Bazaar, please contact Kim Robbins, at 302.475.5495.

Bazaar Pre-Sale



All **Bazaar workers** are invited to attend a **Bazaar Pre-Sale** each year. This year, the **Bazaar Pre-Sale** will be held **Wednesday, November 6, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Wednesday night is also an evening of **Bazaar Set-Up, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**, so we're combining the two tasks.

Please mark your calendars!

Bazaar Schedule



Sunday, November 3
Set-Up, 10:45 am – 2:00 pm

Monday, November 4
Set-Up, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Tuesday, November 5
Set-Up, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, November 6
Set-Up, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm,
Pre-Sale, for workers only, please,
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Workshop, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Thursday, November 7
Set-Up, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Friday, November 8
Baked Goods Drop Off, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
or 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 9
Winter Bazaar, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sunday, November 10
Bazaar Sale, 10:45 am – 11:30 am
Clean-Up with pizza lunch, 11:45 am



Environmental Related Activities for 2019

Recycling Center Collection Schedule

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

Electronics Recycling is held Monday through Friday 8:30am—3:30pm and Saturday 8:30am—2:00pm.

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

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

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

Recycling in the Community

Trash/Yard Waste are collected 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 is collected daily at Best Buy. There is a \$25 charge for TV recycling.

Plastic Bag Recycling held daily at stores that pack your purchases in plastic bags (i.e. Acme, Lowe's, etc.).

Expired/Unwanted Medications are collected 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.

Garage Sale Containers

The containers in the parking lot will be open on the **first Sunday** of the month after worship until about 12:15 pm. If you have gathered up donations and want to get them out of your house, come on by on **November 3** or **December 1**. A deacon will help you unload at the containers at the rear of the parking lot. **Please do not bring items at other times.**

The Garage Sale will be held **Friday and Saturday, May 1 & 2, 2020**. Mark your calendars today!

Stewards of the Earth



The next SOTE meeting will be held on **Monday, November 4** at **7:00 pm** in the Library. Everyone is welcome!

More and more attention is focused on the consequences of climate change. It can feel overwhelming and hopeless for many of us. However, using your voice in a constructive manner can be reassuring and empowering. By using your freedom of speech, as well as prayer, you can make an impact on those who have power to make changes to limit CO2 emissions. Carol Shumway recently had a letter to the editor published in the News Journal. We all benefit when we let our voices be heard!





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 — Anniversary Banner, Sanctuary speakers, refurbishing the two illuminated yard signs, electronic practice piano, putting a lettered sign on the high stucco wall facing Naamans Road, a 3-drawer unit in the kitchen, the concrete drainage box in the parking lot outside of the Fellowship Hall, Library renovations and furnishings, Fellowship Hall painting, Nursery painting, handrails in the Sanctuary, new banner on the Naamans Wing, painting of the Sanctuary windows, staining of the interior windows, Darley Wing painting, New Carpet for the Sanctuary, Narthex painting, and Memorial Garden walkway.

New Project Need

Outdoor Signage

Total Needed: \$30,000 Have: \$13,146

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.

Putting Trinity in Your Will



After providing for your family and loved ones, we ask that you prayerfully consider putting Trinity in your will, thus helping to assure the long-term future of this ministry. Bequests are free of estate tax and can substantially reduce the amount of your assets claimed by the government.

You can give needed support for the future ministry of Trinity by simply including the following words in your will: *I give, devise, and bequeath to Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1120 Darley Road, Wilmington, Delaware, (insert amount being given or percentage of estate here) to be used to support the ministry of the church.*

Bequests can also be directed to particular needs or activities of Trinity. Please direct any questions to the Planned Giving Team (Brad Martin, John Balaguer, Jean Bostwick, Nick Mozal, or Jack Nichols). A packet of planned giving materials is available in the Church Office.

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.

Trinity News

Christian Sympathy and Prayers are with

Debra Waltemyer on the passing of her father, James, on October 7.

Karl, Anita, and Lindsay Blaier on the passing of Anita's niece, Sheila Connor, on October 10.

The family of Laura Ziegler who passed away on Tuesday, October 22. She is survived by her son, Marty Ziegler, her grandson, Joshua Groome, her sister Mary Coyle, and half-sister Janet Morris.

Ulster Project Delaware

Ulster Project Delaware is currently seeking adventurous applicants, aged 14-16, for its 44th annual month-long peace, service, and leadership project in July 2020. American teens and families host Protestant and Catholic teens from Northern Ireland as they seek to learn tolerance, build understanding, and gain lifelong friendships. An information session is being held **Sunday, November 17 at 1:30 pm** at the Brandywine Hundred Library. Additional information is available at www.ulsterprojectdelaware.org. Questions can be sent by email to applyupd@gmail.com.

ASP Pancake Breakfast



Join us on **Sunday, December 1** for a Pancake Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds will benefit ASP. Breakfast begins after the worship service. Regular and/or blueberry pancakes, sausage, juice, milk, and coffee will be offered for \$6 each for adults. Children and Youth eat free.

Dear Trinity

All the beautiful cards with beautiful prayers and words of comfort meant so much to me and my stepsons. I thought Lou's service was perfect. He would have appreciated the humor. And the food was great. Thank you all. With love, Ann Morris, Kevin, Kyle, and Keith.

Our family, Vince, Leslie, Courtney, and Tim would like to extend a huge thank you to the entire Trinity congregation for your continued prayers, blessings, visits, food, flowers, and cards over the past few years. Quite a few years ago with the passing of our niece, then our nephew, then Vince's father and mother and in between all that, many of you continued to pray for Leslie's health. Our family is very grateful that we have this extended family behind us. We really don't know how we would have gotten through the many situations without your support. So we thank all of you over and over again.

God Bless, The McGuigan Family

Directory Updates

DACEY, Casey and Jacob**
1111 Light Street
Apartment 315
Baltimore, MD 21230
caseybdacey@gmail.com

December/January Triangle

Articles for the December/January *Triangle* are due to Mindy in the church office by **Wednesday, November 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, November 26 at 10:00 am**. Please join us if you are able to help.



Office Closed **Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29**

The office is closed Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29.