



Trinity Presbyterian Church



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Dear Friends,

Stewardship season is upon us, so it should come as no surprise at this time of year that I would write to you about the importance of supporting Trinity. This year, however, **your caring and generous support is more important than ever** because the financial challenge before us is greater than ever. But before I share the details of this challenge with you, I want to reflect on, and count out loud, the many blessings you provide.

Once in a while when I am with friends and colleagues, we talk “shop”. Happily, I find that I always have great things to say—have to admit occasionally it comes awfully close to bragging—about you. **You are a wonderful blessing, and you provide blessings to the community week in and week out.** I am always ready to answer, “Who and what is Trinity Presbyterian Church?”

You are a warm congregation committed to following Christ. You make it possible for an exceptional staff to serve according to their callings in simply spectacular ways. Your music ministry is more exciting and inspiring than ever before. Your mission causes touch lives near and far—even around the globe. You provide education classes weekly for all ages and youth events, including an ASP ministry to Appalachia, which are transformative there and here. You provide functional and very well-maintained buildings and grounds to house and be the home for much of what happens.

Jesus said, “You’re here to be light” (Mark 5:14) —and you are! Your time, your talent, your resources are the basis for Trinity’s mission and ministry. This is the season of the church year when we take a moment for personal and congregational commitment. We cannot be bashful about doing this, because without your careful and prayerfully assessed commitment, the light will not shine as brightly as it has in the past.

Trinity has been very fortunate in the past—for decades in fact—to have a membership that includes folks who are both blessed financially and very faithful to God’s call to stewardship. But increasingly over the years the congregation

has relied heavily—probably too heavily—on a relatively small core of financial supporters. In fact, looking back at the last few decades, **about 50% of our annual operating budget has been given each year by only about 15% of our giving units.** Not surprisingly, many of these faithful stewards have passed on or retired and moved away. And while new and younger members sometimes have taken their place, the reality is that we have increasingly fallen behind in meeting the financial challenges of this inevitable generational shift.

As a result, these life changes among some of our larger contributors have tended in recent years to have an increasingly bigger impact on the overall budget. That impact is such now that unless some others can increase their giving we will have no choice but to reduce church programming and staffing. Make no mistake, each and every financial contribution, whether large or small, is vitally important to fulfilling Trinity's mission. However, **we are entering a time when the responsibility for funding a greater percentage of the budget must shift to a younger and larger portion of the Trinity family.** Without this shift there simply will be no way going forward to continue to fulfill Trinity's mission at the same level, much less help God's light to shine even brighter in this troubled world.

For the Session to move forward confidently in its planning, with no reductions in programming, the congregation's overall level of giving needs to increase by about \$30,000-\$40,000. That is what we need going forward to address the impact of the generational shift I described above. Your Stewardship Team understands that some are just not able to give more at this time. But they are encouraging those who are able to increase their pledge. **If going forward every giving unit could increase their pledge by only \$1 per day (\$365 a year) any potential shortfall will likely be avoided, and there may even be room in the budget for ministry growth.** Clearly an increase of that size is not possible for everyone, so we must ask those who *are* able to give more.

Our combined stewardship can again help Trinity get to where Christ is calling us to be. The response we make now to this challenge will help us move in that direction with confidence and certainty. It is crucial for you to know that your pledge, every pledge, counts—as we all take steps toward tithing.

Please start to think about your pledge for 2019, prayerfully considering how generous you can be.

Yours in Christ,



Brad Martin, Pastor



G-Three Adult Education Classes & Sunday Service Scriptures

Sunday, October 7: Biblical FAQ's

Do you ever ask questions about the Bible? Like "Why would God ask Abraham to kill his son Isaac?" Or "What do we know about the childhood of Jesus?" Maybe you wonder how books were chosen for the Bible. Questions submitted prior to the class will be used as the basis for this class facilitated by Edee Fenimore.

Sunday, October 14: Claymont Elementary School Ignite Grant

Claymont Elementary serves a diverse population of over 850 students, kindergarten through 5th grade. Educating and serving these students and their families presents both joys and challenges. Join **Claymont Elementary School Principal, Tamara Grimes-Stewart** and **Jen Stein** from **Delaware Guidance Services for Children and Youth** as they share how together we can continue to make a positive impact on our community.

Sunday, October 21: The Nature of Hawaii

There is so much to learn about the nature of Hawaii. This session with Paula Henderson will consider how the island was formed by volcanoes and is currently being affected by them. Unique habitats and species of Hawaii will also be discussed.

Sunday, October 28: Rise Against Hunger

Join the Trinity Family in the Fellowship Hall to pack over 20,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger.

Sunday Service Scripture Lessons:

October 7: Mark 10: 2-16

October 14: Mark 10: 17-22

October 21: Mark 10: 35-45

October 28: Mark 10: 46-52

Roof Update Repair Update

As reported in the September *Triangle*, the shingle roof of the Fellowship Hall and the Entryway was damaged by hail. Our insurance carrier has approved full replacement of the shingle roof. Replacement of the roof will begin in early October and should take approximately one week to complete once the work begins. Please use caution when entering the building during this project.



Got An Hour

Life can be busy, even hectic, at times. Many would like to serve at Trinity but can't seem to find the time they think is necessary to help. Did you know 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 during the month of September:

Help the Worship Leadership Team and its Tactical Ministry Team, the Ushers, by being an usher during worship any Sunday morning.

Help the Worship Leadership Team and its Tactical Ministry Team, the Before Worship Greeters, by being a greeter before worship any Sunday morning.

Help the Mission/Service Leadership Team on Sunday, October 28, at 10:45 am, by volunteering to package meals for "Rise Against Hunger!" A sign-up table for this event is located in the Lobby.

Please contact Kim Robbins at Trinity, if you're interested in helping with one (or more) of the above tasks: (302) 475-5495, kimrobbins@trinitypresby.org.

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!***

A very special "thank you" to Charlie Iannetta and Maggie McConnell for their guided tours of the children's areas in the Darley Wing on Sunday, September 9. Participants got a detailed tour of what goes on in the lives of Trinity children, age 4 through grade 5, on any given Sunday beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Take a bow, Charlie and Maggie!!!

Special thanks to Carol Eucalano for spending an endless amount of time creating and completing an inventory of all the bell music. The bell choir has never had an inventory of its music and it's a huge help!

Well done, Carol!!!

Our loving thanks to outgoing member of the Friendship House/Clothing Bank Team, Russ Hardesty. Russ has been a member of the Team for the past three years. Russ will make his final deliveries to Friendship House and the Clothing Bank this month.

Kudos, Russ!!!

***"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands;
one for helping yourself, and the other for helping others."
- Audrey Hepburn***

Adopt - A-Highway

This year the Trinity Adopt-A-Highway workers collected 50 bags of trash and other miscellaneous items during the three clean-ups. That is trash that no longer litters our streets and will not be washed into our waterways. Wow! A big thank you goes out to this year's participants: Tom Fogbawah, David Ganfield, Lucy Ganfield, Pat Greager, Keith Guzma, Paula Henderson, Ellie Munson, Alex Nasseh, Grace Nasseh, Bruce Shumway, Carol Shumway, Tom Tarloski, and two Mount Pleasant High School students (Alyssa Scott and Sydney Holman). Please watch for information in future *Triangles* how you can get involved with this group in 2019.

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 21 at 12:00 pm



Join us for the 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat! Children ages 2—grade 8 will visit your car to pick up their treats! Feel free to decorate your cars and come ready for some fun! Everyone is welcome – moms/dads, aunts/uncles, grandparents, all church members! We will have a **pizza lunch at 12 noon** in Fellowship Hall, **Trunk or Treat** will begin in the parking lot at **12:30 pm**.

Please sign up for this event so we can plan appropriately for the pizza and goodies. The sign-up sheet will be posted on the lobby bulletin board beginning **Sunday, October 7**.

If you have any questions about the event, please contact Lindsay O'Brien.

Bazaar

Saturday, November 10, 2018

Please consider contributing, in some way, to make this year's Bazaar a huge success.

All contributions and donations for the Bazaar are being accepted now through October 31.

Donations to the following: **Book Boutique**, **Catch o' the Day**, **Cherub Ware**, **Collectibles**, **Rebecca's Treasures**, and **all Craft Items** can be placed in the labeled bins and cart in the Lobby. Donations received after **October 31** cannot be priced or managed, so thank you for donating early!

Sign-up sheets to help with and/or bake for the Bazaar will be located in the Lobby October 14—November 4. Many helping hands are needed to make the Bazaar a success. Please consider signing up to help!

Just as a reminder, the areas below are accepting donations of the items listed:

Book Boutique: all hardbacks and paperbacks that are "like new" (gently used). Please, no textbooks or magazines! Questions – see Sue Crump.

Catch o' the Day: buttons, cigar boxes, clothespins, corks (from wine bottles), film canisters, glass spice containers, ribbon, large/small seashells, and thread. Questions – see Carol Euculano.

Cherub Ware: new or **very gently used** children's items, including toys, baby and kids' winter/fall clothes, formalwear (any season), outerwear, and baby equipment. Please, no stained or heavily worn clothing! Questions – see Laura Farabaugh, Debbie Ellis.

Collectibles: antiques, fine jewelry, silver, china, etc. Any fine collectibles hiding in your attic or basement! Questions – see Jenna Theibault Dean.

Rebecca's Treasures: gently used, high quality items to be re-gifted at Christmas. Please remember donated items that are not suitable for re-gifting will be discarded.

Take-A-Chance: popular donations in the past have been Harry's Savoy gift certificates, fine jewelry, sports tickets, Big Sky gift certificates, etc., the possibilities are limitless! Let Barb or Kim know if you have an item to donate.

For Bazaar questions, see Barbara Price Martin or Kim Robbins.

Two-Buck Lucky Ducks



Two-Buck Lucky Ducks is returning to the Bazaar and it will again be a "fun-raising" event!

We are looking for **donations** of items that cost between \$2 and \$3 and for monetary donations to purchase prizes. We have a wide variety of prizes which makes the activity great fun. We're hoping each family will donate one prize.

We also happily receive \$5 gift cards from Rita's, Brewster's, Berri Yummi, Dunkin', etc.

Items will be received through Sunday, October 21 at the table in the Lobby. Please contact Corey Fischer with any questions.

Bazaar Baskets

Bazaar Baskets is looking for **gift cards** for the 2018 themed baskets. These gift cards really make each basket "pop" and encourage our patrons to buy more tickets. Cash may also be donated so that gift cards may be purchased and tailored to the themes of each basket. Donations may be dropped off in the church office. Some suggested gift cards are: Regal or AMC movie tickets, Visa gift cards, grocery stores like Trader Joe's, restaurants, Barnes and Noble, your hair salon, spa cards, your favorite store, almost anything works! Questions—see Carol Shumway.



Happening at Trinity

Mission Possible Kids

We are excited to begin our **4th year** of Mission Possible Kids with 10 returning and **5 NEW agents: Olivia Buckmaster, Trent Doerflein, Trevor Doerflein, Dianah Fogbawah, and Aubree Jones.** We will **Touch a Lot of Lives** this year!! Agents were very busy at their September meeting. The first TOP SECRET mission was "Open a World of Reading," with Agents creating Warm Fuzzies and Bookmarks to send to children in Guatemala as an encouragement to work on their reading skills. The Agents also began preparing to visit the residents at Forwood Manor for a "Reverse Trick or Treat" visit later this month. Finally, there was also a little "Agent Training" to welcome the new Agents.

MPKids earn a Mission Star with each mission they complete and Agents will have two opportunities to earn Mission Stars this month: On **October 21**, along with parents and siblings, Agents will visit Forwood Manor (in costume, of course!) to first give many of the residents a "treat bag" and then to fill that bag with yummy treats. That's a lot of "fun size" candy! **You can help by donating a bag of Halloween Candy (fun-size bars) by October 14!** There is a bin in the Lobby to receive your help for this mission. Then, on **October 28**, Agents and their families will take part in Rise Against Hunger! Watch for them in their green shirts!



Trinity's Mission Possible Kids know that "**Kids can change the world!**" God is really smiling today!

Trinity Youth!

October 14 at 4:30 p.m.

Plan and prepare for **Trunk or Treat**. Decorate gift bags for use by Mission Possible Kids. Dinner is provided.

October 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Decorate the cars for **Trunk or Treat** and get into costumes. Stay for lunch and passing out treats!

October 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Join the Trinity family to **Rise Against Hunger** by helping to package at least 20,000 meals. Be sure to sign up after worship in the Lobby before coming to class!



Appalachia Service Project News

July 6-13, 2019

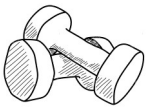
Trinity is officially registered to take 50 youth and adults in 7 teams for **ASP 2019 Week 5!** If there are any 9th-12th graders who have not let Brad or Katie know they are interested in next summer's trip, please do so right away.

PECANS will be available in early November and probably be \$11.00 per pound. Please watch the Sunday bulletin for details.

Thanks to all the 2018 ASP leaders and youth who helped with the Spaghetti Dinner and Program! A special thanks to Laura Nicholson for running the dish room and to the many dinner guests who helped reset the Fellowship Hall!

Opportunities to Learn, Grow, Support, Fellowship, and Serve

Exercise/Weights



Everyone is welcome to this free low-impact exercise/weight training class. We meet in the Wysham Room on **Tuesdays at 10:30 am**.

Park in the lot on the Naamans Road side near the Wysham Room. Come for as little or as much as you want. It's the "Something is better than nothing" group!! Questions? See/contact Lucy Ganfield or Mary McDowell.

Bazaar Craft Workshops



Bazaar Craft Workshops will be held on **Monday, October 8 & 22 at 10:00 am** in the Conference Room. We would love to have **YOU** join us as the Bazaar is quickly approaching. Come on out and

help us complete the projects for this year's Bazaar. No special skills needed. Just bring a cheerful attitude and enjoy the fun and fellowship of this group!

Mennonite Disaster Service

The MDS trip this fall is in Fort Myers, Florida, October 29 - November 2. We get to the center on Sunday evening and leave to travel back home Friday evening or Saturday morning. Please contact Joe Barba with any questions you may have.

Cookie Walk Coordinator

One of our ASP fundraisers is a Cookie Walk, traditionally held Mother's Day, every other year. For several years Mary McDowell has led this fundraiser, and she is ready to hand this off to another volunteer.

The responsibilities include: recruit cookie bakers, make decisions about packaging and pricing, set up the Fellowship Hall on that Friday or Saturday, recruit volunteers to staff the cookie walk (be here by 8:30 am to receive donations and display them, then sell boxes to folks wishing to purchase cookies, re-fill platters during the sale, and clean up after the sale and reset the Fellowship Hall). Notes from previous cookie walks are provided. If you would consider taking this on, please speak to Mary or Barb.



Cookie Walk

Friendship House

Clothing Donations for the Friendship House may be placed in the Lobby on the roll-around cart anytime during the week or on Sunday.

A big thank you to **Max Rakus** who has joined the **Friendship House/Clothing Bank team**. Max will be delivering the donations to the Clothing Bank in January, April, July, and October.

Emmanuel Dining Room

Every month, except December, a team prepares a hot lunch of hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw, and dessert. Thank you to all who serve!

The September Team was led by Captain Linda Stapleford. The team served 196 people.

Cooks assisting this month were: Pat Greager, Cathie Long, and Grace Nasseh.

Shoppers were: Barbara Price-Martin and Linda Stapleford.

Bakers this month were: Emma Busche, Dee Fillingame, Lucy Ganfield, Pat Greager, Carolyn Kohn, and Penny Lindell.

Opportunities to Learn, Grow, Support, Fellowship, and Serve

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, October 2 at 9:30 am
at the home of Pam Bentley
Sue Crump, Communications

Martha Circle

Thursday, October 11 at 1:15 pm
at the home of Anita Taber
Gail Williams, Communications

Rebecca Circle

Wednesday, October 10 at 11:30 am
Trinity Conference Room
Kay Bowes, Communications

Inquirers' Group

Anyone who is interested in learning more about being Presbyterian and/or uniting with our congregation is invited to attend the next Inquirers' Group meeting.

Sunday, October 7

11:00 am: Inquirers' Group and New Members' Assimilation

12:00 pm: New Members meet with Session

Sunday, October 14

9:30 am: New Members unite with congregation in worship

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, October 18, 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 about this group.

Men's Devotional Groups

All men are invited to Morning Devotional Group in the **Church Library** on **Fridays, October 12 and 26 at 6:45 am**.

The Men's Evening Devotional Group will meet on **Monday, October 15, at 6:00 pm** in the **Church Library**.

Tuesday Noon Covenant Group

The group, led by Brad, will be using Adam Hamilton's "John, The Gospel of Light" DVD series. This series explores the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Gospel of John and explains the context of some of the best-known verses in the New Testament. The group will meet on **Tuesdays at 12:00 pm** in the Conference Room.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

The Evening Bible Study meets on **Tuesdays from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**. The study will resume on **Tuesday, October 9**. We are studying the book of Matthew. All are welcome.

Book Discussion

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah is the October book selection for the Trinity Book Group. Hannah, one of our previous authors, tells the story of a former Vietnam POW who, in 1974, after multiple job changes and hard times moves his family to a remote settlement in Alaska. It is a page turner! Join us **Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00 pm** in the church library for discussion.

Questions? Contact Carol Shumway.



Mission Endeavors at Trinity and Beyond

Rise Against Hunger Event

Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030. According to their website, there are 815 million people worldwide who don't receive enough daily nutrition to lead an active, healthy life. In 2017 the efforts of Rise Against Hunger impacted 1.4 million lives through life-saving meals and other aid.

This year's Rise Against Hunger event is scheduled for Sunday, **October 28 at 11 am.**

A table will be in the Lobby each week where you can indicate how you will help us reach our goal of packaging 20,000 meals. There are a lot of ways you can help. The first of which is donating, as each meal costs 29 cents to make. Then there is the meal packaging which takes many hands to complete. There are several special jobs that require lifting. Please sign up for one of the following if you can lend some "muscle" to the project: unloading the truck and setting up the room, refilling supplies during event, and re-loading the truck. And as always, we will need a clean-up crew after the event to sweep and reset the room.

Thank you in advance for making this event a success. Last year 398,000 volunteers helped Rise Against Hunger work toward their goal of ending world hunger in our lifetime. Please consider being one of those volunteers in 2018.



Adopt-a-Family



Some years ago, Adopt-a-Family initiated a program of gift cards for the families with such success that they are continuing the program. Gift cards allow the parents to decide what size and style of clothing and what toys their children will receive, providing them the joy and excitement of selecting holiday gifts. The family information will be available soon to share with you.

This program does have checks and balances on the system. Families are not allowed to cash the gift cards for cash and are required to show identification to use them.

Last year, and 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 provided the information for what gifts were needed, and he and our Mission Possible Kids went to Target and chose and purchased them, thus providing a mission project and a learning project on handling money for our children, Grades 1-5.

This fall, with some of the carry-over from last year's Adopt-a-Family, the Deacons gave a donation of \$250 to the Claymont Elementary School for them to purchase uniforms for students in need. The social worker was able to purchase 7 girl shirts, 15 boy shirts, 3 girl shorts, 13 girl pants, 6 boy pants AND had 87 cents left on the gift card. If needed, we will do another donation after Christmas of the same amount.

The Christmas tree will be located in the rear of the Sanctuary and decorated with envelopes for your donation on **November 11**. Using your donations, gift cards will be purchased at stores near the families where they can buy clothing, toys, shoes, and food.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary McDowell. Thank you for your generous support of this wonderful ministry!

Environmental Related Activities for 2018

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

Paper 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 boxes per person.

Styrofoam Recycling is held daily. For information on Styrofoam Recycling visit <http://dswa.com>.

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 bag. For information on Trash/Yard Waste collection visit <http://dswa.com>.

Electronics Recycling is collected daily at Best Buy. Carry in and drop off wires and sundry items in collection containers at the door. Take larger items to the customer service area. 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 is collected daily at Trinity's own Paper Retriever Recycling Container in the Parking Lot. (no bags, Paper/Cardboard please). OR—Single stream drop-off centers

Stewards of the Earth



Stewards of the Earth will meet **Monday, October 1 at 6:30 pm** in the church library. Anyone interested in this environmental ministry is welcome to attend.

SOTE will host a **dinner and program** on **Wednesday, October 10 at 6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be viewing a documentary film entitled "Bag It". This investigation reveals the effects of plastics on our waterways, oceans, and even our bodies. The film will begin immediately following the dinner of stuffed shells, salad, bread, dessert, and beverage. Please sign up in the Church Lobby.

Looking to dispose of expired medications? You may drop off medications (no injectables) to Walgreens at Fairfax Shopping Plaza on Concord Pike anytime at the pharmacy.

Please plan to support the **SOTE bake sale** scheduled for **Sunday, December 9** in the Lobby after worship. This will be a sweet ending to the Christmas Cantata! Wonderful music, coffee, and a yummy!

Garage Sale Containers

The containers in the parking lot will be open this fall on the **first Sunday** of each month directly 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 **October 7, November 4, or December 2**. A Deacon will help you unload at the containers at the rear of the parking lot.

Please do not bring items any other time. To make special arrangements, please contact Bruce Shumway or Bob LeComte.



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, and New Carpet for the Sanctuary.

New Project Needs

1. Painting of Exterior Fellowship Hall Stucco
Total Needed: \$7,500 Have \$4,800
2. Outdoor Signage
Total Needed: \$30,000 Have \$10,747

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.

Online Giving Options

Trinity has updated the online giving options. You can now clearly designate your donation toward many of the designated missions supported by Trinity. Giving online is simple and quick. You can set up a recurring donation for gifts like your weekly offering or make a one-time donation to monthly missions, ASP, the Memorial Fund and many more. Please visit www.trinitypresby.org and click on “give online” at the bottom left of the page to review the current online giving options.

Give Online

Trinity News

Christian Sympathy and Prayers Are With

Andy and Kim Smith on the passing of Andy's father, John Smith on August 31.

Dick and Betsy Struck on the passing of sister-in-law, Ruth Struck on September 1.

Jim Scott on the passing of his sister, Joan Hendrickson on September 11.

Darrel and Marje Schindler on the passing of Marje's brother, Ray Young on September 15.

Deb Louke on the passing of her companion, William Caton on September 16.

Claymont Community Center Food Shelf

The need at the Claymont Community Center remains high. Feel free to add additional items or pick up some of the following:

October: Soups, Stew, Chili and Crackers

**November: Stuffing mix, gravy,
canned vegetables**

(green beans, sweet peas, corn & mixed)

Food shelf items may be placed in the Lobby on the roll-around cart anytime during the week or on Sunday mornings. Please make sure all lids are closed tightly and bottles are placed upright. Items with an expired date cannot be accepted. Please see Gayleen Carmichael with any questions.

YMOF

Two of our Young Musicians of Faith will be presenting their Senior Recitals this month at the University of Delaware Gore Recital Hall.

Haley Graham

Sunday, October 7 at 8:00 pm

Andrew Lavery

Sunday, October 28 at 8:00 pm

Gore Recital Hall
Roselle Center for the Arts
110 Orchard Rd, Newark, DE 19716

Share the Gift of Food!!



Through Rise Against Hunger we provide food for children and families around the world. But there are also those in our own neighborhoods in great need. Through the generosity of our Trinity family, we were able to assist many families in North Wilmington and Claymont last fall through the Claymont Food Closet. You are invited to help again in this season of Thanksgiving by donating bags of non-perishable food – cereal, peanut butter and jelly, soup, canned vegetables and fruit, pasta, spaghetti sauce, dessert kits, side dishes – potatoes, mac and cheese, stuffing – and canned meats. **Bring your bags or boxes of groceries to the lobby Sunday, November 11 or 18.** Start collecting now! Both you and our neighbors will be blessed!

Victorian Tea Party **Coming Spring 2019**

This spring we will be having a Victorian Tea Party. Mark your calendars today for **Saturday, May 4, 2019.**

As we prepare, we have discovered we need a few more teapots. Do you have one or two 6-8 cup teapots to donate or lend for the party? If donated, the teapot will be stored with the tea party supplies to be used for this tea and in the future. Loaned teapots will go home with the owner after their use at the tea. Please contact Carol Luzak to let her know if you have a teapot to share or give. Teapots will be collected closer to the date of the tea. Keep watching for more information.

Dear Trinity

I want to thank you for all your prayer and many kindnesses.
Joan Gerow



Nominating Suggestions

Trinity's Nominating Team will be meeting to nominate candidates for service as Ruling Elders and Deacons in the Class of 2021. Your suggestions regarding suitable candidates are solicited now as a way to insure that all members capable of service are considered by the team. At the Congregational Meeting in December, the team's nominees will be presented to the congregation. Additional nominees may also be made from the floor at that time, providing those nominated have given their consent prior to the meeting.

These are working positions and eventual nominees must be dedicated Christians who are, and who act as, concerned members of Trinity Presbyterian Church. The Session nominees will be responsible for the spiritual, organizational, and business needs of Trinity while the Deacons will tend to the needs of the congregation, strengthening the bonds of concern and love that unite us as a church.

The Nominating Team urges Trinity members to prayerfully consider service to Trinity through the Board of Deacons or the Session.

Please use this form to suggest the name or names of people for office, including your own. The usefulness of recommendations will be increased if you can include the church background of the individual and any other comments you care to make. **Please return completed forms to the Nominating Team members as soon as possible.**

Nominating Team

Elder Coordinator John Balaguer, Elder Katie Oliver,
Deacon Sue Crump, and At-Large Congregational
Members Wendy Barba, Rich Haracz, Paula
Henderson, and Lisa Rakus

Prospective Church Officer Candidate

Name: _____

Church Background (offices, committees):

Other Comments:

Directory Updates

Please contact the
office for updated
member information.

College Addresses

Please provide addresses for college students to the Church Office. The Deacons would like to be in touch with them while they are away to provide encouragement and support from the Trinity family.

Please remember to keep the Church Office updated with new phone numbers, email addresses, or mailing addresses. Thank you.

Greeting Cards

Cards for all occasions are available for purchase in the Lobby. General cards are \$1 each, specialty cards are \$2 each. Proceeds from the handmade cards goes to Outdoor Signage. See Carol Luzak with any questions.

November Triangle



Articles for the November *Triangle* are due to the church office by **Saturday, October 20 at 12:00 pm**. Submit by calling, emailing or using the mailbox in the office. Please join us to prepare the newsletter for mailing on **Tuesday, October 30, at 10:00 am**.

Office Closed for Columbus Day **Monday, October 8**

The office is closed on Monday, October 8 in observance of Columbus Day.

