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As a child sitting among the faithful Presbyterians in the Pittsburgh area, I seldom heard anything about those Catholics who worshiped just around the corner, many of whom lived down the street. Then, from 1962 to 1965, Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council to modernize the Church in Rome, and opened avenues of cooperation and learning with Protestants. Ancient devotional practices, such as Ash Wednesday and Lent were welcomed into the Protestant churches. In turn, the Roman Catholics "discovered" the value of good preaching and lay ministries. The practice of a Lenten discipline, then, is a relatively new addition to our Presbyterian devotional life, in part because our Presbyterian spiritual ancestors stressed daily devotional practices of reading Scripture, personal prayer, grace before each meal and giving 10% of your income to the church work (the tithe).



A little history lesson: the season of Lent invites us to become "*peregrini*", which is the Latin root for "*pilgrim*". We are invited to walk through each day as wanderers (*peregrini or pilgrims*) accompanied Christ. There is a centuries old tradition of Celtic *peregrini* from the British Isles who travelled across Europe teaching Scripture, leading worship, establishing monasteries and cultivating the arts. The Book of Kells (image shown) is a sample of their skill and devotion:

The invitation to a Lenten pilgrimage asks us to change out familiar routines so that we might discover something new. On Sunday, March 2, and for each Sunday until Holy Week, items for devotional use will be found on a table in the Narthex for you to consider adopting for your own use.

Those who include Ash Wednesday in their worship life won't be too surprised by the display of devotional items. That service, on March 5, marks the start of the 40

days of Lent, features a variety of ways to experience worship. Consider adding the 7:00pm service to your calendar today.

This is my attempt to tease your imagination; I will have more to say about devotional habits in the context of modernity from the pulpit in the weeks ahead. Every pilgrimage with Christ asks us to walk in the mystery of His humble death and risen power, and to understand that there are miraculous moments possible at any time in every day. We are never alone; we journey through life in the presence of the Pilgrim of our Faith, and with one another. Amen!

Your interim minister,

Pastor David

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Wilmington, DE 19810

Gather

March Sundays and Ash Wednesday March Monthly Mission Cause - Lent/Easter Offering One Great Hour of Sharing : Appalachia Service Project Urban Promise, Wilmington : Friendship House, Wilmington								
					March 2~	Transfiguration Sunday Scripture Lessons: Psalm 99: 1-9; Luke 9: 28-36 David Aber preaching the sermon "Is It Love That Makes the Spirit Visible?" Church School and Music Enrichment ~ 10:30am Garage Sale Containers Open ~ 10:45am - 12pm		
					March 5 ~	Ash Wednesday Prayer Stations and Reflection Time ~ 10am to 2pm and 6pm to 7pm Worship Service 7pm with imposition of ashes and sharing of the Lord's supper Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 58: 1-12; Matthew 6:16, 16-21		
March 9~	First Sunday of Lent and Communion Sunday Scripture Lessons: Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16; Luke 4: 1-3 David Aber preaching the sermon "Tempting, Isn't it?" Church School and Music Enrichment ~ 10:30am							
March 16 ~	Second Sunday of Lent Scripture Lessons: Psalm 27: 1-8; Luke 13: 31-35 David Aber preaching Cake/Pie Chance-Off ~ 10:45am in the Fellowship Hall							
March 23 ~	Third Sunday of Lent Scripture Lesson: Luke 13: 1-9 David Aber preaching the "An Urgent Appeal!" Church School and Music Enrichment ~ 10:30am Mission Possible Kids ~ 11:45am							
March 30 ~	Fourth Sunday of Lent Scripture Lesson: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32 David Aber preaching the sermon "We Know What God Thinks of Us." Church School and Music Enrichment ~ 10:30am							



Ash Wednesday

Our Lenten Journey begins anew on Ash Wednesday, March 5. The Sanctuary will be available for quiet time, prayer, and reflection while the Narthex will hold individual stations with different prompts for prayer. It can be a wonderful way to focus and reflect as we begin this Lenten season. The Narthex and Sanctuary will be open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

The **Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be at 7:00 pm** with the imposition of ashes and sharing of the Lord's Supper.

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School (VBS) on **July 21 - 25, 2025 from 6pm to 8pm.** This summer we will embark on an exciting journey with **Road Trip VBS!** Stay tuned for more details. VBS is for children age 3 to those entering 5th grade.

Road Trip VBS includes exciting music, amazing science, creative crafts, fun recreation and memorable bible stories that will show children that God is with them all the time. Sign-up begins in the Spring.

We also need lots of adult and teen volunteers for this fun-filled week. Contact Amy Vitsorek for more information or to volunteer at jitterbugsmusic@verizon.net .

Child Protection Training

On Saturday, February 15, 29 Trinity employees, members and volunteers attended an in-person Child Protection Training Workshop. The workshop was presented by Claudine Wiant, Executive Director at Prevent Child Abuse Delaware. This training is in accordance with the Session's Child Protection Policy. Those not able to attend in person will complete an online course.

If you are looking for opportunities to help in the future in our faith formation programs, please contact Penny Lindell (penny.lindell917@gmail.com) for information about the online course.



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Claymont Elementary School Outreach

Trinity supports Claymont Elementary School in many ways. This time of year we make gift bags for everyone on the staff of this **900-student school**. On a recent Sunday, volunteers assembled and delivered 158 gift bags, along with three \$50 Target gift cards for a special drawing. Funding for this project was provided by the Deacon's Fund and proceeds from the Winter Bazaar.

Many thanks to the team who shopped for, stuffed, and delivered the bags: Wendy Barba, Leslie and Steve Connor, Joe Euculano, Julie, Emma, and Meghan Monaghan, Debbie Schrass, and Maggie Vitsorek. Trinity's own John Vitsorek was the recipient of one of the bags now that he works at CES!

Thank you emails included messages like:

"We truly love and appreciate you and everything you guys do at Trinity." "I just wanted to thank you so much for your thoughtful goodies and kind words that you gave out to our staff this week. It was an unexpected and lovely surprise." "I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for the time and effort you dedicated to blessing the Claymont family with the gift bags."









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Bazaar News

The **2024 Tri-W Winter Bazaar proceeds totaled \$11,575.** The funds were approved to be used for the following: Mission and Advocacy Programs including Community Outreach programs, Claymont Elementary staff appreciation, Claymont Food Closet, Firefighter Victims, Thread Shed, and 4th Dimension Leadership. Funds will also be used for Trinity's facility needs, purchasing a new grill and outdoor shed, and supplies for worship services and Children's Church activities. The Choral Scholars and Trinity Youth Retreats and Conferences will also benefit from Bazaar proceeds.

Thanks to all who contributed to the Bazaar. Many will benefit from your hard work and dedication.

Bazaar Workshop

Bazaar 2025 planning and crafting has already begun! You are invited to join the Bazaar Workshop on the 3rd Wednesday of every month to craft and create the many ornaments and gifts that will be sold. No creative skills are needed. The **next Workshop is March 19 at 10am in Darley 1 Classroom.**

Mission Possible Kids

In January the Mission Possible Kids made Valentine cards that were mailed to Trinity members.

In February the kids made 17 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and baked 107 cookies. These items were distributed to families with food insecurities living in a motel in New Castle, DE.







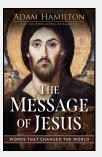
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Covenant Group

Covenant Group meets on Tuesdays at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue the study of the DVD series "The Message of Jesus."

How many of us actually know what Jesus

taught? Much of what people think Jesus taught, he never said. In this DVD series, pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton explores six of the most important themes in Jesus's teachings, why they matter, and how they speak to us today.



Join Covenant Group at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall on March 4, 11, 18 and 25.

You are welcome to join even if you cannot attend every Tuesday.

Círcles

Rebecca Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 12 at 11:30am in the Conference Room. We will begin the DVD Bible Study series "12 Daring Women of the Bible". Bring your lunch and a penny for each year of your age for our birthday money collection.

All are welcome to join our friendly group! Contact Kay Bowes at kaybowes14@yahoo.com for additional information.

Elizabeth Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 12 at 9:30am in the Library. Contact Sue Crump at s.crump@comcast.net for additional information.



Souper Sale Re-cap

Thanks to all who purchased homemade soups during Trinity's annual "Souper" Sale. The proceeds, which totaled over \$1,500, will defray the cost for Trinity's youth who are attending conferences this summer.

Thanks to our **soup makers** who generously donated their time, talent and ingredients to make170 quarts of soup:

Wendy Barba Pam Bentley Emma Bushe Leslie Connor Jerri DiRenzo Deanna Dudash **Corey Fischer** Pat Greager Paula Henderson **Dave Horn Penny Lindell Rad MacFarlane** Peg Maguire Janet Matsuura Mary McDowell Leslie McGuigan Laurie Morente Janice Myrick **Grace Nasseh** Susie Penz **Kim Robbins Debbie Schrass Mary Anne Venturena** Amy Vitsorek

Thanks to our **soup sellers** who sold and filled orders on three Sundays after worship:

Kristen Buckmaster George lannetta Charlie lannetta Courtney Kledaras Penny Lindell Peg Maguire Kim Robbins Debbie Schrass

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Appalachía Servíce Project - - - Our 40th Year of Servíce!

2025 marks Trinity's 40th year of service to this special organization! We hope to send 3-4 teams to Appalachia from **July 5-12**, with the specific location still pending. This year's theme is "Be the Light" based on Matthew 5:16 - "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

ASP fundraising is underway! We still welcome filled **Quarter Canes**. Please put your name on the cane so we can credit you! The **Cake/Pie Chance-Off will be held March 16**. See below for details. **Shares of stock**, for \$45 each, will be sold in the lobby after worship beginning April 27. The

annual **Golf Outing at Ed Oliver's will be Friday June 13**. The event flyer is attached. Registration information can also be accessed at www.trinitypresby.org.

The ASP Teams are grateful for your financial and prayer support. Both are vital to the success of this mission. Thank you for your investment in Trinity's youth.

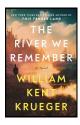


Cake/Pie Chance Off!

The Cake/Pie Chance-Off returns in March! This Trinity tradition, a fundraiser for ASP and a favorite for young and old, will take place **on March 16, 2025**. Members and friends of the congregation bake delicious creations and bring them to the Fellowship Hall that Sunday morning. ASP participants set up a beautiful display sure to please your senses and compete for your tickets. Then after the service, Trinity children take turns picking the winning tickets! It's a fun event you won't want to miss. Tickets will be on sale before and after worship: \$2 for 1 ticket; \$5 for 3 tickets; \$10 for 8 tickets.

We are seeking more bakers to make this event better than ever. Please consider baking a cake or a pie to contribute to this important fundraiser. **Katie Oliver** can answer your questions at 302-598-1454 or <u>katehard@comcast.net</u>.

Book Discussion Group



Join Trinity Book Group as we discuss <u>The River We Remember</u> by William Kent Krueger on Wednesday, March 12 at 7pm in the church library. This powerful novel takes place in post WWII Minnesota. It is filled with intrigue and suspense, effects of war, racial tension, coming of age, love, and reflections from our past that generate wisdom about ourselves, our failures, and hopefully our redemption. This book has it all!



Looking ahead, we will meet on April 16 to discuss The Women by Kristin Hannah.

GO!

Emmanuel Díníng Room

The February 2025 EDR Team served **185** people on Tuesday, February 25. **Thanks to** captains **Bruce and Carol Shumway**, cooks **Joe Euculano**, and **David Aber**, bakers **Carol Shumway**, **Penny Lindell and Janice Myrick** and shoppers **Tom Tarloski and Peg Maguire**.

New volunteers are welcome and needed!

<u>The 2025 sign up sheet is posted in</u> <u>the lobby.</u>

The group meets at Trinity at 9:15am on the 25th of the month, takes the food to EDR and prepares the meal there. For more information please contact the church office at 302-475-5495. We welcome you to come enjoy the fellowship while serving others.

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

Third Thursday Work Group

Thanks to the February work crew of **Jim Cloud, Carol Euculano, Carol Shumway, Bruce Shumway and Tom Tarloski.**

Our next work day is Thursday, March 20. We meet in the conference room at 9:15am for assignments, and are usually finished before



noon. Please contact Tom Tarloski at tom.tarloski@gmail.com with any questions.

Plastíc Recyclíng Program

Did you know that you can **drop off your** recyclables at ANYTIME? There is a collection container just to the right of the Garage Sale containers ready to accept your donations. Place your approved plastics in the container at your convenience.

Since plastics melt at different temperatures, only certain plastics are acceptable for this recycling project. **Donated plastics must be loose, empty, clean, and dry!**

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

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

Stewards of the Earth

Stewards of the Earth (SOTE) will meet in the library at 8:30am on Sunday, March 9 as we prepare to celebrate Earth Sunday and reflect on our role in "Keeping the Garden."



Contact Carol or Bruce Shumway at twoshums@aol.com for more information.

Adopt-a-Híghway

Adopt-a-Highway **clean up dates for 2025** are: **April 12, June 21 and September 20**. Contact Grace Nasseh at graceneh@msn.com for more information. We'd love your help!

GO!

2025 All-Tríníty Garage Sale Fríday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3

Mark your calendars for this year's sale on Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3. We will **move the** sale items from the containers into the church on Saturday April 26. Preparations and unpacking of boxes for all rooms will begin on Sunday April 27 after worship.

The garage sale containers will be open for donation drop offs on March 2, and then we will start Saturday and Sunday openings on the last two weekends of March and through April. (see schedule below)

We prefer receiving items boxed for easier stacking, but are happy to accept your donations boxed or unboxed.

Please note that **we no longer do pick ups for furniture items** and have limited space for donated furniture this spring. We can accommodate **special drop off times for large amounts** of donations if need be. **Please call or email Bruce Shumway** (<u>302-475-6493/twoshums@aol.com</u>) if you have questions or concerns.

GARAGE SALE CONTAINERS WILL BE OPEN ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Sunday, March 2	10:45am - 12pm
Saturday, March 22	9am - 11am
Sunday, March 23	10:45am - 12pm
Saturday, March 29	9am - 11am
Sunday, March 30	10:45am - 12pm
Saturday, April 5	9am - 11am
Sunday, April 6	10:45am - 12pm
Saturday, April 12	9am - 11am
Sunday, April 13	10:45am - 12pm
Saturday, April 19	9am - 11am
Saturday, April 26	9am - 11am; move in-day

Trinity News

Sympathy and Prayers are with

The family of longtime member Flo MacFarlane who passed away on Saturday, February 8 at Christiana Hospital. Please keep in your prayers Flo's family, daughter Kim Robbins, son Rad MacFarlane, granddaughters Lindsay O'Brien and Courtney Kledaras and their families.

Dear Tríníty

I am overwhelmed with gratitude towards my Trinity family. Words cannot express my appreciation for all of the cards and word of comfort I've received since Mom's passing

My siblings were surprised by the turnout at her service, and we know Mom was smiling. She always said that one sad thing about dying when you're old is so few people are left to attend your funeral. Boy was she wrong.

There are way too many folks to name individually, but I am forever grateful to those who assisted during Mom's service and luncheon.

Love, Sue Crump



Congratulatíons ... It's a Boy!!!

Theodore Samuel Lewis was born on Tuesday, February 11. Congratulations to parents Christy and Lee Lewis, grandparents Missy and Mark Wyatt, and great-grandmother Nancy Rush.

Dear Tríníty

Thank you for your kind and thoughtful messages of condolence following Flo's passing.

Your uplifting words brought us comfort and reminded us that we are not alone in our grief. We are truly grateful and blessed to be part of such a loving church family.

With heartfelt gratitude, **The MacFarlane Clan**

Deacons Sunday Fellowshíp Hour

Are you or a family member celebrating a milestone event like

milestone event like a birthday, anniversary or graduation? Why not **celebrate with your Trinity family** by signing up to bring snacks during fellowship hour?

There is **no cost to you** for providing snacks. Just submit your receipts to the church office for reimbursement. The Deacons thank you for helping to support Trinity's Fellowship Hour.



Use this link to sign up: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/</u> <u>go/5080B4AADA92FA7FB6-52457041-2025#/</u> or contact Deanna Dudash

at <u>deannaddudash@gmail.com</u>

Reminders

Lobby Donation Cart

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

Current Needs for Claymont Food Closet:

Stuffing mix; canned sweet potatoes; soups; instant mashed potatoes; canned vegetables; gravy; cranberry sauce; peanut butter & jelly; canned tuna; cereal; and oatmeal.

Current Needs for Friendship House:

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

. Onlíne Gívíng

On-line giving can be arranged by visiting **www.trinitypresby.org** and clicking on "Donate." Under "Give Online" use the "click here to give" button to set up a one-time gift or a recurring donation.

Monthly Mission Causes along with special programs like the Choral Scholars can also be designated through on-line giving.

Sanctuary Flowers

Would you like to **donate flowers** to be used in the Sanctuary during Sunday worship? Flowers can

be donated in memory of loved ones or in honor of a person to celebrate a special occasion like an anniversary, birthday or graduation.



Sign up for a flower donation in the notebook in the lobby. Arrangements are **\$45 each**, billed to

you by Belak Flowers. Questions, contact Pat Greager at 610-543-2152.

Dates to Remember

Ash Wednesday March 5

Maundy Thursday April 17

Good Friday April 18

Easter Sunday April 20



Daylíght Savíngs

Daylight Savings Time begins **Sunday, March 9 at 2am**. Remember to re-set your clocks one hour ahead.



Bear Mínístry

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

There are more bears ready to go out and provide comfort for those needing special care. If you would like to take a bear, please sign the

book on the lobby table. Any questions can be directed to Tom Cook at <u>cookt1420@gmail.com</u>.



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The Rev. David R. Aber, Interim Pastor Penny Lindell, Associate for Ministry Alexis Ward, Director of Music Ministry Suzanne LeComte, Children's Church Coordinator Amy Vitsorek, Church School Coordinator and VBS Director Peg Maguire, Office Administrator Jenna Theibault Dean, Associate for Young Mom's Ministry Mary McDowell, Associate for Ministry Kim Robbins, Associate for Ministry Lindsay O'Brien, Nursery Coordinator Christy Lewis, Associate for Arts/Drama/Technology Katie Oliver, ASP Coordinator Joe Ross, Associate for Ministry Greg Buckmaster, Technology Coordinator Gayleen Carmichael, Parish Nurse

<u>SESSION</u>

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Clerk of Session: Leslie Connor

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Trinity Presbyterian Church 2025 Appalachia SERVICE PROJECT*

Proceeds benefit the Appalachia Service Project Summer Mission Trip

Friday June 13, 2025

Ed Oliver Golf Club • Wilmington, DE 800 N DuPont Road • Wilmington, DE 19807

8:00 AM REGISTRATION • 9:00 AM START **\$550 Per Foursome • \$150 per Golfer** Golf, Dinner, Beverages & on course contests!

\$40 MEAL Only (approximate time 2:30PM)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, AND FILL-OUT FORMS ONLINE, VISIT: WWW.TRINITYPRESBY.ORG SCAN THE QR CODE TO MAKE AN ONLINE PAYMENT:





SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$100 Hole Signage Sponsor

Donations for Golfer Gifts & Prizes, such as Golf Related Items, Certificates to Golf Courses, as well as monetary donations are always accepted and welcomed.

Please do not hesitate to contact Leslie McGuigan with any questions - 302-290-1250 or ideadesign2@verizon.net



Appalachia Service Project (ASP) provides one of the most rewarding structured service opportunities in the nation -- bringing thousands of volunteers from around the country to rural Central Appalachia to repair homes for low-income families. Trinity Presbyterian Church has participated in this mission for the past 30+ years, sending anywhere from 35 to 60+ young people and adult leaders. Many of these young participants come home with tremendous stories and a greater appreciation of life. **For more information on ASP go to www.asphome.org**

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Trinity Presbyterian Church 2025 ASP Golf Outing

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT SUMMER TRIP

Friday June 13, 2025 • Ed Oliver Golf Club • Wilmington, DE 8:00am registration • 9:00am Shotgun Start \$550 Per Foursome • \$150 per Golfer \$100 Per Hole Sponsor • \$40 Meal Only Other Sponsorships Opportunities Available – Please Inquire

Contact Name:		
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