

# *Trinity Tidings*

**October 2016**

**Trinity Church is a fellowship seeking to share the love and word of Jesus Christ  
with all.**



**World Communion Weekend  
New Horizons Seminar  
Lay Visitation Meeting  
Trunk or Treat Halloween Event  
Savor Supper  
Small Groups**

## From the Pastor

### How Do You Want To Be Remembered?

I've wondered about that question a bit. Perhaps because I conduct many funerals, and hear what people say when a loved one or friend dies. Or perhaps because the calendar tells me I myself have limited warranty on this earth.

So what do you want people to remember about YOU after you leave this earth?

He had a really great car!  
He was always dressed in style!  
She always knew how to have fun!  
She looked so good in that jewelry she had!  
He was a real big shot in his company!  
She made the best apple strudel!

No, you probably don't want people to remember these types of things about you. But I hope you do want people to remember that you were kind, loving, thoughtful, faithful and generous with what you had: your time, energy, talents, resources and money.

For the truth is that the things of most value in life are not things at all. But rather, what we give, not what we get.

Trinity is again in that season of the year when we ask you to prayerfully consider the stewardship of your life as a Christian. That leads up to Commitment Weekend on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> when we ask you to make a commitment of your life to the church of Christ.

This year, we're emphasizing FEARLESS GENEROSITY, remembering the biblical example of the poor woman who took a very expensive bottle of perfume and poured it on Jesus' feet as an act of generous love.

Please begin now to think about how you'll participate in the stewardship emphasis, and if you're willing to be fearlessly generous in giving to Christ and his church.

It matters a great deal.

Yours in Christ's service,

Frank

## **World Communion Weekend: October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**

During World Communion weekend on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, we'll celebrate the sacrament in connection with Christians around the world who are also sharing in the sacrament. We'll have some Trinity members from other countries participating with us in worship.



### **Trinity Blood Drive is October 1<sup>st</sup>**

Our congregational blood drive in cooperation with the Miller-Keystone Blood Center is on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 a.m. – 12 noon. Please consider donating! For questions and to sign up, contact Marie James at [jem1211@comcast.net](mailto:jem1211@comcast.net) or 908-295-8704 or Arlene McCollum at [arlenemc63@gmail.com](mailto:arlenemc63@gmail.com) or 973-479-4741.

## **New Horizons Seminar ~ Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**12:30 p.m. in the Blue Room in the Church Office Building**

This two-hour event helps participants learn about the differences and similarities between Methodism and Roman Catholicism. It's led by Dr. Frank Fowler. Sign up using the *Just Say Yes* form in the worship bulletin or by calling the church office at 908-852-3020.

## **Lay Visitation Meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

"You made my day."

That was the reaction one of our lay visitors received after spending just 30 minutes visiting with one of our senior citizens who can't get out very much. Our Lay Visitor Ministry invites you to spend a couple of hours a month sharing friendship, conversation and faith with others. We ask you to make two visits per month to local folks, bringing some joy, church news and love. It's easy and very rewarding.

An orientation session will be Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in the Rotunda. Lunch will be included. Come and learn if this is where God is calling you.

## October 9<sup>th</sup>: Second Sunday

Take a second to stop by the "Greetings" table and send a message.

Cards and pens are supplied. We just need a few writers!

Hope to see you after worship in Starr Hall.

## Youth Going to Serve in Philadelphia

Once again, a group of 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be leaving Trinity and serving the homeless in Philadelphia on October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The team will be **dedicated in worship on October 9<sup>th</sup> at the 10:45 a.m. worship service.**

## October 16<sup>th</sup>: Trip to Israel Information Meeting

We're preparing for another trip to the Holy Land on February 19, 2018. Please join Dr. Frank Fowler, Leslie Williams-Wexler and Nancy Soleau on this trip of a lifetime and see the Bible come to life as you walk in the footsteps of Jesus and see many of the places of the Old and New Testaments.

Join us on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in the Rotunda for an information session to learn about the adventures that await you. If you have any questions prior to our meeting or are unable to attend, please contact Leslie at [wexler12@comcast.net](mailto:wexler12@comcast.net) or 908-637-6062 or Nancy at [nsoleau@aol.com](mailto:nsoleau@aol.com) or 908-852-8833.

## Care at the End of Life Meeting ~ October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Please consider joining the new Care at the End of Life ministry so that we can join others who are nearing life's final journey towards God. We'll explore the dying process to better understand how to attend to our brothers and sisters nearing death. Our first meeting will be on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in the Rotunda (lunch will be provided). Please RSVP to Joan Hagaman at 973-702-1282 or [jonihagaman@gmail.com](mailto:jonihagaman@gmail.com) no later than Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. We'll seek ways to gather periodically as a small group so we can feel more prepared to answer God's call to serve those who need to know God's presence in their living and in their dying.



Trunk or Treat

## Halloween Event Returns to Trinity

Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

What a treat it is to see hundreds of children and their families on our campus for this joy-filled Halloween celebration. This year, we again will partner with local school districts, the Hackettstown Business Improvement District and some local restaurants to make this an even better event. There's no cost, but we do need many families to decorate their car trunk, fill it with Halloween treats and to participate that evening. Even if you don't have kids, you'll have a great time. The rain date for this event is the next night, Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Halloween is on the 31<sup>st</sup>.



### Bakeless Bake Sale

It's not too late to donate to Trinity UMW's Bakeless Bake Sale. If you'd like to help the many places that United Methodist Women support, you're encouraged to donate the money you would have spent on making a cake, pie or other goodie. Give your contribution to Edna Barrier or mail it to her at 19 Old Wolfe Road, Budd Lake, N.J., 07828. Make checks payable to: TUMWOMEN, and mark it Bakeless Sale.

Be sure to mark your calendar for **November 5<sup>th</sup> for the Trinity Craft Fair**. It will be a great day to do some Christmas shopping, have lunch with friends and help people in need.

**Special Invite** – for anyone interested in attending the Greater New Jersey United Methodist Women Fall Meeting on **October 15<sup>th</sup>**; 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the GNJUMC Mission Resource Center in Neptune, N.J. The theme is *Environmental Justice*. Lunch will be served for \$10. Let Edna Barrier know if you would like to ride with her at [nebarrier@aol.com](mailto:nebarrier@aol.com).

## The Bulletin Board

### **Martha Friendship Circle: No meeting in October**

The Martha Friendship Circle will meet again on November 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information about the Martha Friendship Circle, contact the church office (908-852-3020).

### **Trinity UMM Fellowship Breakfast: Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

The breakfast is 8 - 9:30 a.m. in Starr Hall (7:45 a.m. coffee for early arrivals). All are welcome.

### **New Members Reception: October 16<sup>th</sup>**

The process includes a dinner on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, and on the 16<sup>th</sup>, a class at 9:15 a.m. and reception into the fellowship of the church during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. If you find Trinity is a good place for you to worship and serve, please consider joining. For more information or to join, let one of the pastors know, call the church office at 908-852-3020, or indicate your interest on the *Just Say Yes* form in the worship bulletin or on the fellowship sheet.

### **Baptism: November 20<sup>th</sup>**

The sacrament of baptism for babies, youth and adults is during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. For information, call the church office at 908-852-3020 or see the application online at our website.

**Interfaith Hospitality Network: December 25<sup>th</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Safe Harbor Ministry: Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Midnight Run: Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Be sure to join us in worship on November 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Commitment Weekend and make your commitment of time, talent and treasure to Trinity.**



## **In HIS Steps 2017**

### **Commitment Weekend: November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>**

As we live here on earth, we can easily forget that our lives belong to God. Every good thing we have is from God and of God. Every important relationship, every talent, every blessing, every material thing we have is a reflection of God in our lives.

As you think about inspiration for your own generosity, think in terms of the following thoughts.

#### **God gives me a spirit of fearlessness.**

My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 4:19

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:7

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

#### **God empowers me to be generous.**

You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way. 2 Corinthians 9:11a

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart...for God loves a cheerful giver.  
2 Corinthians 9:7

According to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being. Ephesians 3:16

#### **As I bring blessings to others, God blesses me.**

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." Malachi 3:10

We must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.  
Proverbs 11:25b

# Savor Supper on October 16<sup>th</sup>!



THEY *broke bread*  
IN THEIR HOMES & *ate*  
TOGETHER *with glad*  
& *sincere hearts.*

ACTS 2:46



Savor Suppers are opportunities for women to gather for faith-filled fellowship, a simple meal and rich conversation.

Something beautiful and significant happens when women gather and share something of themselves in small gatherings. It gives each one a chance to be seen, be heard and be known in ways that are sometimes hard in our world today. It gives women a chance to connect with other women at a different level than is possible in a weekend worship service. It expands and deepens women's circles of Christian fellowship, support and encouragement.

The next Savor Supper is being held in Long Valley on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. To sign up, please contact Pastor Deb at [ddevos@catchthespirit.org](mailto:ddevos@catchthespirit.org) or 908-852-3020.

## Did You Know?

For over 20 years, Trinity has had small groups. Hundreds of people have been blessed by participating in one of our groups. We'll be sharing some of our learnings on small groups with church leaders of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference at a special Small Group Symposium at Drew University on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Both Dr. Fowler and Rev. Jenny Smith Walz have been asked to be among the presenters at this event. If you would like to attend, speak with either of them.

## Small Groups Beginning in October and November

The following small groups have start dates in October and November. You may have received a Fall 2016 Small Groups booklet in the mail, but they're also available on our church website, [www.catchthespirit.org](http://www.catchthespirit.org). If you have any questions, please call Pastor Deb at 908-852-3020.

### Leadership Coaching: Helping You Grow as a Christian Leader

**Leader:** Rev. Jenny Smith Walz ([jsmithwalz@catchthespirit.org](mailto:jsmithwalz@catchthespirit.org) or 908-852-3020, ext. 13

**Duration:** Monthly one-on-one meetings for 10 months



Do you feel a nudge to grow as a leader? Maybe you want to serve your church or community more. Maybe you're already a leader, but want to approach it more from a place of faith. Maybe you've never thought of yourself as a leader, but are feeling God's invitation to try it out. Pastor Jenny is a trained Leadership and Life Coach through the International Coaching Federation, and is eager to be your guide on this journey. This program has 10 modules (one each month), which consist of some focused preparation work, followed by a one-on-one coaching session. Participants will take on a leadership role (if you aren't already in one), and through each module, gain focus, set and achieve goals and find immediate application of materials. Ongoing support will be provided between sessions.

### Care at the End of Life Ministry

**Leader:** Joan Hagaman ([jonihagaman@gmail.com](mailto:jonihagaman@gmail.com) or 973-702-1282)

**Start Date:** Sunday, October 23, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

**Duration:** One session, lunch provided

**Location:** Rotunda



In the Christian practice of dying well, we as Christians, do things with and for one another in response to God's powerful love, which our belief in the resurrection of Christ and of ourselves converts into real acts. Please join us on this journey with terminally ill patients. We'll be exploring the dying process to better understand how to care for this population. Please RSVP by Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Companions in Christ

<b>Leaders:</b>	Rev. Deb De Vos ( <a href="mailto:ddevos@catchthespirit.org">ddevos@catchthespirit.org</a> or 908-852-3020) & Rita Merring ( <a href="mailto:ritarose718@cs.com">ritarose718@cs.com</a> )
<b>Introduction:</b>	Sunday, October 16, 10:30 a.m. - noon
<b>Start Date:</b>	Sunday, October 23, 10:30 a.m. - noon
<b>Duration:</b>	24 weeks (plus intro. session), weekly on Sunday mornings
<b>Location:</b>	Room 104
<b>Cost:</b>	\$20 for purchase of course materials



*Companions in Christ* offers a powerfully transforming small group experience in opening yourself to God's presence and guidance. Explore classic spiritual practices and develop new daily patterns that will open your life to a deepening relationship with God and with your group. Overall, it's a rich, imaginative opportunity to new discovery!

## Praying in Color

<b>Leader:</b>	Kristi McCollum (908-752-9578)
<b>Start Date:</b>	Monday, October 3, 7 - 8 p.m.
<b>Duration:</b>	Six weekly sessions
<b>Location:</b>	Trinity House, Room 401



Here are some reasons to pray in color:

- ✓ You want to pray, but words escape you.
- ✓ Sitting still and staying focused in prayer is a challenge.
- ✓ Your body wants to be part of your prayer.
- ✓ You want to just hang out with God, but don't know how.
- ✓ Listening to God feels like an impossible task.
- ✓ Your mind wanders and your body complains.
- ✓ You want a visual, concrete way to pray.
- ✓ You need a new way to pray.

Join us for fun and fellowship as we pray in color, doodling what is in our hearts!

## Disciple Fast Track Bible Study

**Leader:** Rev. Deb De Vos ([ddevos@catchthespirit.org](mailto:ddevos@catchthespirit.org) or 908-852-3020)  
**Introduction:** Thursday, November 3  
**Start Date:** Thursday, November 10, 7 - 8:30 p.m.  
**Duration:** 24 weekly sessions  
**Cost:** \$35 for the purchase of course materials.



This is a modified and shortened version of Disciple I. DFT spends 12 weeks in the Old Testament and 12 weeks in the New Testament. No previous Bible knowledge is necessary. At the end of the study, you'll understand the flow of the whole Bible and how it all fits together. DFT will consist of 20 - 30 minutes of individual daily Bible reading and group discussion during the live session each week. Each participant reads the Bible on his or her own during the week as listed in the DFT Reduced Reading Guide. The live class meets for 1.25 hours each week.

## ***Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say*** by Adam Hamilton

**Leader:** Pat Riegler ([pat.louriegler@gmail.com](mailto:pat.louriegler@gmail.com) or 908-303-2067)  
**Start Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 7 - 8:30 p.m.  
**Duration:** Five weekly sessions  
**Location:** Room 104



True or false:

1. Everything happens for a reason.
2. God helps those who help themselves.
3. God won't give you more than you can handle.
4. God said it, I believe it, that settles it.
5. Love the sinner, hate the sin.

All true? Not so fast. We've heard these phrases all of our lives, but in Adam Hamilton's new book, *Half Truths*, you'll learn that although they capture some element of truth, when compared to the wisdom found in scripture, they're really just popular sayings. Please join us as we explore these popular sayings to see what the Bible has to say about them.

## Sent Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas Advent Study

**Leaders:** Nancy Hayes ([brandysema@yahoo.com](mailto:brandysema@yahoo.com)) & Claude Buchman ([cbuchman@gmail.com](mailto:cbuchman@gmail.com))  
**Start Date:** Monday, November 21, 7 - 8:30 p.m.  
**Duration:** Five weeks  
**Location:** Room 105  
**Cost:** \$10 (assistance is available, if needed)



or

**Leader:** Rev. Jenny Smith Walz ([jsmithwalz@catchthespirit.org](mailto:jsmithwalz@catchthespirit.org)) 908-852-3020  
**Start Date:** Wednesday, November 9, noon – 1 p.m.  
**Duration:** Five weeks (no meeting on November 23)  
**Location:** Trinity House, Room 400  
**Cost:** \$10 (assistance is available, if needed)

*As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them* (John 17:18). God sent Christ into the world as our Savior. That's what Christmas is all about. In turn, Christ sends us into the world. Do we really understand how, where and why we're sent? This Advent study challenges us through story, art and Bible study to discover what it means to be Christ's hands, feet, head and heart. Join us to gain new perspective to your Advent.

## Financial Peace University

**Leader:** Don Harris  
**Start Date:** Monday, October 3, 7:30 - 9 p.m.  
**Duration:** Nine weeks  
**Location:** Trinity House, Room 403  
**Cost:** \$100 per family for materials and FPU membership (assistance is available, if needed)



Do you have money set aside for emergencies? Do you have all of your debt paid off? Do you have a savings plan? Have you thought ahead to retirement and have enough in that nest egg? Are your kids' college tuitions covered? Are you able to pay your mortgage off early? If you answered NO to any of these questions, this class is for you! David Ramsey, author, talk show host and personal finance expert, has developed a course providing a hands-on guide for navigating your way through some of the details like savings, investing, mutual funds, insurance, real estate and all the other important parts of your financial plan that many people either forget or ignore. Dave's classes will teach you to take control of your money, invest for the future and give like never before. FPU is a biblically-based curriculum that teaches people how to handle money God's way.

**New Horizons: A Seminar Exploring Methodist and Roman Catholic Similarities and Differences**



**Leader:** Dr. Frank Fowler ([fflowler@catchthespirit.org](mailto:fflowler@catchthespirit.org) or 908-852-3020)  
**Date:** Sunday, October 2, 12:15 - 2:30 p.m.  
**Duration:** One session  
**Location:** Blue Room in the church office building

Trinity Church has many people who come to us from a formerly Roman Catholic experience. This seminar offers a look at the origins of many practices and beliefs in both faiths.

**Ongoing Heart Groups**

October 6 Thursday Game Day  
October 20 Men’s Skylands Walk to Emmaus  
October 27 Women’s Skylands Walk to Emmaus

**Ongoing Head Groups**

October 17 C.S. Lewis Book Club  
October 10 Heath Village Bible Study

**Ongoing Hands and Feet Groups**

October 11 The Daniel Plan

**Online Offerings Described in the Small Group Brochure**

October 31 Living into the Answers: A Workshop on Personal Spiritual Discernment  
October 3 The Three Colors of Your Spirituality

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## **God in Many Faces**

Carol Kitchell Droppa

At the time I'm writing this, we haven't yet had the Peace Islands friendship lunch and dialogue with our Muslim friends. But our God in Many Faces group has spent years thinking about and discussing our ideas, challenges and questions regarding how we relate to others and how our country has dealt with racial, gender, ethnic and religious circumstances. Sometimes we've had to revisit history from a more truthful place. We've asked ourselves questions that aren't easily or comfortably answered. One thing we know for sure. It's incredibly easy to formulate attitudes and opinions about people based on how they appear, how they behave, how they act toward us, and how we've been brought up to think.

One idea keeps surfacing, though. If it's possible to get to know someone, that's what can change up the whole dynamic of interaction. That's when you can discover that the differences don't preclude friendship or at least mutually respecting acceptance. We live in a complex, often dangerous world. We need to be wise and acknowledge that some divides between people cannot be safely crossed. But we can work toward not making snap judgments and defining people by generalities that are perpetuated by the popular culture and communications media.

## **Thank You!**

My dearest friends,

The Philip Hammel Family wishes to thank you for all the heartfelt, prayerful cards and notes sent to us at the passing of Dorothy E. Hammel. My Mom was a loving and kind person who loved all and never spoke a harsh word toward anyone. Mom lived in Mansfield Township for 62 years and faithfully attended and supported the First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown. At 94 years old, her body became tired but her spirit and love for God and her family and friends never failed. Again, thank you for creating a circle of caring around my entire family.

Peace to you my friends,  
Philip Hammel

## UMM Matters

Anthony Albanese

Well, Rally Weekend has come and gone. It's truly one of my favorite days of the year. It's great to see so many people at church! I hope I got a chance to say hello. You know, UMM is here for more than just cooking at Saturday breakfasts. We're a dedicated group of Christian men willing to help wherever we can. We're here to bring the love of Christ to people, but we're capable of so much more! We're a part of the Trinity family and we care about and love everyone in that family. So if you need help, give us a try. If we can do it, we will! Any men who want to get involved with us, just let me know. And ladies, don't be shy about coming to our breakfasts. The food is truly better than you can get in a diner. So stop by sometime. We usually have a great speaker. Come to us for breakfast, then go browse the Thrift Shop and Furniture Annex. My own personal feeling is, I feel very close to God when I'm doing something at our church. Any questions or suggestions, you can reach me at [Anthony.Albanese@usps.gov](mailto:Anthony.Albanese@usps.gov) or 201-230-9173.

## With Our Sympathy

- ❖ Leslie Felix-Mule and family on the death of her brother, Gavin Felix
- ❖ Pattie Huff on the death of her cousin, Cosmo Tauro
- ❖ Sharon Drake and family on the death of her father, S. Clark Hendershot
- ❖ Carolyn Nicholas on the death of her mother
- ❖ Peter Sewell and family on the death of his father, Ron Sewell

**Have you considered including Trinity in your last will and testament? What an amazing way to leave a lasting legacy to the church, and to make a clear final statement of your Christian faith. Please talk to Dr. Frank Fowler or your lawyer for information.**

## Jr. Prayer Shawl Small Group

Are you eight years old or older? Do you knit and/or crochet? Would you like to learn how to knit or crochet? Beginners and those who are more experienced are welcome at this fellowship small group every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month in Room 104, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. October's meeting is on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. For additional information, contact Ginny Thorp at 908-894-0173 or [gthorp@catchthespirit.org](mailto:gthorp@catchthespirit.org).

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Blast ~ October 2<sup>nd</sup>

On Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will have their first Bible Blast session during KidVenture at 9:15 a.m. It'll be a fun, interactive learning time as 3<sup>rd</sup> graders become familiar with their new Bibles, a gift from Trinity that they received the week before during worship. All 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students should report to their classrooms as usual.

## Family Ministry Small Groups

Monday Oct. 10, 17, 24	<b>Food with a Focus</b> Meets weekly on Monday	7 – 8:30 p.m. Pami residence
Wednesday Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26	<b>Girls (Grades 9 – 12)</b> Meets weekly on Wednesday	6:45 – 8:15 p.m. Upper Room
Wednesday Oct. 12, 26	<b>High School Boys' Group</b> Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays	7 – 9 p.m. Varies
Monday, Wednesday & Friday Oct. 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24, 26, 28, 31	<b>Fitness Club (Grades 6 – 12)</b> Meets weekly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday	3 – 5 p.m. Starr Hall
Wednesday Oct. 12	<b>Jr. Prayer Shawl Small Group (Ages 8 &amp; older)</b> Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month	4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Room 104



## October Happenings

We hope you can join us for as many gatherings as you can to help make our faith group complete! If you have any questions, contact the Middle School Ministry Director, Laura lacampo, at 201-787-6842 (talk or text) or [liacampo@catchthespirit.org](mailto:liacampo@catchthespirit.org).

**Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>:** Regular Middle School Meeting! Our topic tonight is how to handle emotions. Meet in our room, 7 - 8:30 p.m. and bring a sweet treat to share!

**Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>:** Our group will meet at Miss Kristi's house to do some mini-pumpkin decorating and card making for shut-ins. Come be a part of this quieter mission night, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at 221 Canal Way in Hackettstown. (Note: She lives about three minutes from the church).

**Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>:** Trunk or Treat! Join us at 5:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to set up our station that we'll run as a group. We'll take turns manning it and making so many young faces smile! Come dressed in your costume and ask your parents to PLEASE host a trunk for the night! RSVP appreciated so we know how much help we have!

**Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>:** We'll meet at 12:30 p.m. at Donaldson's Farm in Hackettstown for some hayride and corn maze fun! Bring a bag lunch — cost is TBD. As the date draws near, we'll let you know! If the weather is poor and we have to cancel, we'll notify you ASAP. RSVP a must!

Please know you are always welcome to come to ANY event and to invite a friend! The more the merrier! RSVPs are not required except for those noted! If you ever need any help at all — or just someone to listen — our team is here for YOU! Let the words of 1 John 4:12 ring true: "No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

## Creation Care

Carol Kitchell Droppa

Due to public pressure, the Food and Drug Administration has recently begun to test samples of U.S. food for the presence of a pesticide linked to cancer. Testing honey samples from around the country, the FDA found evidence of the weed killer, glyphosate, in all the samples, including those advertised as being organic and pure. Some honey had residue levels double the limit allowed by the European Union. There's no legal tolerance level for glyphosate in U.S. honey

Glyphosate is the key ingredient in Monsanto's Roundup herbicide, which is the most widely used weed killer in the world. The World Health Organization has determined that glyphosate is a probable human carcinogen.

The FDA has tested annually for other pesticide residues, but not for glyphosate for decades. FDA testing was begun after independent researchers found glyphosate in food products like flour, cereal and oatmeal. Although the government and Monsanto say the residue is minimal and not harmful, levels are not known without testing and even trace amounts may be harmful because they can be in many products that a person may consume. The Environmental Protection Agency is expected to set U.S. tolerance levels, but if they're set high, glyphosate in honey, for example, "would not be seen as a dietary concern."

Glyphosate is commonly used on fields that bees frequent and is carried back to the hive. Bees in the Midwest can be close to clover and alfalfa, while bees in the South can be close to cotton and soybeans which are genetically engineered to be sprayed directly with glyphosate. Beekeepers see themselves as victims of this situation because they can't keep their bees from fields that may be close by, and they don't use Roundup. The FDA is also analyzing corn, soy, milk and egg samples. The United States Department of Agriculture will begin testing for glyphosate next year, including testing of oils and syrups. In 2011, the USDA had a special one-time testing for glyphosate in 300 soybean samples and found 90 percent of the samples carried weed killer residue. Within the USDA, the Grain Inspection, Packers & Stockyards Administration has tested wheat for glyphosate for years because foreign buyers have serious concerns about residue.

## The Lord's Pantry

Kellie Pennington

We're in full swing at the Lord's Pantry preparing for the holiday season. This is our busiest time of the year, and there are many opportunities for you to help our ministry. Please consider sponsoring a food drive at your place of business, club, organization, school or even at family events. This is a great time of year to get involved in helping people in need, right here in our community.

Our congregational food drive is coming soon. The weekend of October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, we'll be handing empty grocery bags to people at all of our worship services. During the week, please fill your bag up with non-perishable food items and return it to any church service the weekend of October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. This is our only church food drive during the year, and we thank you in advance for your generosity. Watch for future *Just Say Yes* notices to volunteer your time on October 30<sup>th</sup> to sort and store food.

In August, we served 1,321 people (446 families): 399 children, 787 adults, 135 seniors.

**Donate to the Pantry on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday,  
9 a.m. – 12 noon, or take donations to the church office when it's open.**

## Trinity's Prison Ministry

A correspondence ministry is being started. Perhaps you'd be interested in writing a couple letters a month to an inmate. Guidelines will be provided. There's a backpack ministry that will provide essential articles for people who are being released. Donated supplies are needed for this ministry. We have an ongoing mentoring ministry at Northern State Prison. Lives are being positively impacted by the Bible studies we offer. We hope to find more men who would be willing to do this in-prison work. And look for Angel Tree information in the November *Tidings*.

For more information, please contact Peter Smith at [psmithtrc@gmail.com](mailto:psmithtrc@gmail.com) or Tony Albanese at [Anthony.Albanese@usps.gov](mailto:Anthony.Albanese@usps.gov).



## **Trinity Christmas Play on December 10<sup>th</sup>**

Save the date for the upcoming special Christmas production. Trinity will be presenting an original Christmas play with music on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> for two shows. The production is based on how the Christmas classic hymn, *Silent Night*, was created.

Auditions will be held in early fall with roles appropriate for teens to adults. For musicians interested in composing music, there are opportunities in the play for original pieces. Additional information will be posted soon on the website, [www.catchthespirit.org](http://www.catchthespirit.org) and in the worship bulletins.

**The most gracious and courageous gift we can offer the world is  
our authenticity, our uniqueness, the expression  
of our true selves."**

*Sue Monk Kidd, First Light*



# Missions

## **Midnight Run**

The team travels to New York City to distribute food, clothing and toiletries to the homeless in several designated locations. Donate large or extra large men's jeans, coats, hooded sweatshirts, shirts, gloves and jackets; blankets and wash cloths; men's shoes (all sizes, esp. 10 - 12); new men's underwear and socks; travel-sized shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, disposable razors, shaving cream and deodorant; tote bags; gallon-sized Ziploc® bags. Monetary donations are accepted. **Contact:** Charlie Mule' ([rivendellatlv@earthlink.net](mailto:rivendellatlv@earthlink.net))

## **Interfaith Hospitality Network**

Our guests are Warren County homeless in the process of seeking a place to live. We need people to help set up and break down, make meals and act as hosts. Hosting shifts are 5 – 9 p.m. and overnight at the church, 9 p.m. – 6:30 a.m. If you're a new host, we'll give you a short training session and you'll be paired with a veteran host. There's always two people hosting at a time. Contacts: Mary Kashmanian (908-684-5362); Carol Munro (908-892-6536); Linda Gonia for food donations (908-813-3865)

## **The Thrift Shop**

Donate clothes and household items in good condition. Hours for shopping are Tuesday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, 5 – 7 p.m. Donations can be dropped off Tuesday – Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Barn.

## **Coupons for Community**

The Lord's Pantry uses coupons from weekly newspaper fliers and magazines to help purchase much-needed items, including many that are free. Even one coupon from a weekly flier can translate into hundreds of items if enough folks bring it in. Please place your unused coupons in the marked boxes located in the Rotunda, Trinity House and the Pantry.

## **Safe Harbor Ministry**

The fourth Saturday of every month, we take a hot meal to residents of a homeless shelter in Easton, PA. We meet at Trinity's kitchen at 3 p.m., prepare the meal, depart for Safe Harbor at 5, serve dinner and eat with the residents, and then depart for home by 7 p.m. The cost is a share of the dinner expenses, depending on how many adults participate in the trip. Children are welcome to come with their parents. Contacts: Sarah Hergert (908-850-1458)

## **Military Prayer & Care Ministry**

The Military Prayer and Care Ministry Team accepts names and addresses of servicemen and women to whom they can send care packages. Please call to provide names and to find out what items are needed. Contacts: Harry & Lauren Mount (908-459-5493)

## **Bread of Life Mission**

Students in grades 6 – 12, their friends and families go to Newton to serve the homeless a meal. **Contact:** Cheryl Pami (732-735-0916 or [cpami@catchthespirit.org](mailto:cpami@catchthespirit.org))

## **Midnight Run Sleeping Bag Supplies**

Help My Brother's Keeper Quilt Group make bedrolls. Donate neckties, sheets, pillow cases, blankets, bedspreads, comforters, towels, draperies, tablecloths, fabric remnants and yarn. Bag them with a label for LaNelle Hoffmann ([lanelle2@ptd.net](mailto:lanelle2@ptd.net) or 610-381-6262) and place the bag in the Rotunda near the Midnight Run box. Please don't leave heavily-loaded bags that may be difficult for LaNelle to lift – split up the load!

## The View from Here

You may remember I wrote about an old tree on my property that had suffered severe storm damage which split it practically in half. A big chunk of it is attached only by a shard of wood, and yet last year the broken off section produced blossoms and leaves and a bumper crop of gnarly little apples. This spring, although this wasn't an apple producing year, the leaves again came forth in profusion. I guess I can't say the tree is committed to staying alive, but its tenacity for life in the face of such an extreme situation fuels my imagination and I love the symbolism.

When I had my dogs in training school, one of the things we learned about is the need to raise a dog to amuse itself creatively, and this was not by eating the furniture and papering the house with toilet tissue. One of the techniques was employing toys that you could put treats in and which the dog would have to work on to get a treat out. "Kongs" are such a toy — you stuff them with food and they act like a puzzle that Fido has to figure out. And a concentrated commitment is called for on the part of the dog if these treats are going to be successfully retrieved.

Last year, I decided I might like to try my hand at making a quilt. I chose a kit by a famous designer that contained fabrics also designed by him and instructions for assembly. I showed it to a friend who's a master quilter and after making a thinly veiled effort to temper her response, she suggested it wasn't exactly a beginner's kit. I discovered terms in the instructions that were Greek to me, and the need for tools I don't have. It dawned on me that a serious degree of commitment would be required to complete this project, based on my inexperience and the complexity of the design.

We're looking for people to begin thinking about making commitments. People who call Trinity their spiritual home, and that would be you and me. There's a whole lot of people already committed to making this place thrive and grow and vibrate with energy and purpose and love. This is a good thing because we claim to be such a place. We declare that we're a way station for grace in a pretty rough world. We say that we strive to be the hands and feet of Christ when other people keep walking and ignore the aching neediness of those around us. We're like a big ship plying the waters of a society that can leave people unmoored and looking for sanctuary and sense. And we need to grow ourselves and help heal each other and find our own sanctuary and place of belonging. So it's all hands on deck. If you haven't signed on yet, please find a way to do so next month that fits your talents and passions and sense of adventure. Join the crew and make a commitment to helping us keep this ship called Trinity afloat

Be well and God bless, Carol

## Serving God with Us in October

### Chapel Ushers

Oct. 2	Darryl & Debbie Tuxhorn
Oct. 9	Gean Gallagher, Gary Kuipers
Oct. 16	Gean Gallagher, Gary Kuipers
Oct. 23	Darryl & Debbie Tuxhorn
Oct. 30	Linda Feula, Sally Hahnes

### Scripture Readers – 9:15

Oct. 2	TBD
Oct. 9	TBD
Oct. 16	TBD
Oct. 23	TBD

### Greeters - 9:15

Oct. 2	Leslie Felix-Mule, Pat Bristow, Michele Risley
Oct. 9	Leslie Felix-Mule, Barbara Walters, Michele Risley
Oct. 16	Dot Schmidling, Michele Risley, Linda Gonia
Oct. 23	Karen Riccobono, Linda Gonia, Leslie Wexler
Oct. 30	TBD

### Greeters - 10:45

Oct. 2	LaNelle Hoffmann
Oct. 9	LaNelle Hoffmann
Oct. 16	LaNelle Hoffmann, Cindy Hunt, Alice Popelka
Oct. 23	LaNelle Hoffmann, Alice Popelka
Oct. 30	TBD

### Ushers – 9:15

Oct. 2	Joe Thomas, Marie James, Kate Stiner, Karen Riccobono, Doug Powell, Tony & Lynette Albanese, Carol Theys
Oct. 9	Joe Thomas, Linda Feci, Karen Riccobono, Doug Powell, Tony & Lynette Albanese, JoAnn & Mike Heembrock
Oct. 16	Joe Thomas, Lois Spender, Rob DeVos, Lynette & Tony Albanese, Carol Theys, Pauline Churchill, Carolyn Sunday
Oct. 23	Joe Thomas, Linda Feci, Christina Gleason, Lynette & Tony Albanese, Mui & Peter Sewell, Pauline Churchill
Oct. 30	Joe Thomas, Lynette & Tony Albanese, Carol Theys, Leslie Felix-Mule, Carolyn Sunday, Cris & Bob Hom

### Ushers – 10:45

Oct. 2	Carol Munro, Bill Blaine, Nancy Soleau, Joan Crouse, Dan Fiedler, Joan Roehrich, Andy Hibler, Rey & Bob Benanti, Kathryn Twaddell
Oct. 9	Carol Munro, Claude Buchman, Joan Crouse, Joan Roehrich, Bill Blaine, Peggy Ann Vickers, Andy Hibler, Rey & Bob Benanti, Scott Matthews
Oct. 16	Carol Munro, Bill Blaine, Nancy Soleau, Joan Crouse, John Torkos, Roger Hammond, Joan Roehrich, Peggy Ann Vickers, Andy Hibler, Kathryn Twaddell
Oct. 23	Carol Munro, Joan Roehrich, Nancy Soleau, Joan Crouse, Vernon Kilkenny, Dan Fiedler, Roger Hammond, Claude Buchman, Bill Blaine, Andy Hibler
Oct. 30	Carol Munro, Bill Blaine, Nancy Soleau, Joan Crouse, John Torkos, Dan Fiedler, Roger Hammond, Andy Hibler

**Welcome Center – 9:15**

Oct. 2 Gail Howell  
Oct. 9 Pauline Churchill  
Oct. 16 TBD  
Oct. 23 Nancy Harte  
Oct. 30 Dottie Stearns

**Welcome Center – 10:45**

Oct. 2 Mike White  
Oct. 9 Mike White  
Oct. 16 Ellen English  
Oct. 23 Carol Gall  
Oct. 30 Dottie Stearns

**Audio – 9:15**

Oct. 2 Bill Anzel  
Oct. 9 Joe Racz  
Oct. 16 Keith Ryan  
Oct. 23 Peter Smith  
Oct. 30 Thomas Smith

**Audio – 10:45**

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