

# *Trinity Tidings*

**July & August 2016**

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



**VBS**

**Surplus Sunday**

**ASP Mission Trip**

**Summer Small Groups**

## **From the Pastor**

### **What Are You Worried About?**

What are you worried about? That's actually a real question I'd like you to consider right now. What are you worrying about?

Health? Finances? Employment? Children? Grandchildren? Terrorism?

The reality is that if you're inclined to worry, you'll worry about whatever is in your line of sight. Some of us are just too easily prone to worry.

Yet worry has never done anything good for us. It doesn't solve problems nor make them go away. It doesn't change situations or people. It doesn't get us closer to a solution. It doesn't help us think clearer. And it sure doesn't make us healthier.

In fact, worry has been consistently connected with negative outcomes. It clouds our thinking and disconnects us from people. Worry damages relationships, causes fatigue and insomnia, is connected with certain illnesses, hurts our concentration and even our memory.

One person has written that "Worry is like a rocking chair; it will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere."

It's no wonder that Jesus, when he visited the home of Mary and Martha, counseled Martha, "You are distracted and worried about many things." And then he encouraged her to be more like her sister, Mary, who was quietly sitting at Jesus' feet learning from him.

Children go off to school and while in class, they don't worry about whether their homes will be there after school or if their parents will feed them in the evening. They don't worry because they trust their parents to care for them.

You can trust God to care for you in the midst of every situation. There's just no need to worry, none at all. And without worry, life becomes more joyful, just as God intends it.

Blessings and peace,

**Frank**

## The Bulletin Board

### **Martha Friendship Circle: September 12<sup>th</sup>**

The Martha Friendship Circle meets in Heath Village's Grille once a month. We look forward to seeing you in September.

### **Trinity UMM Fellowship Breakfast: September 10<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: August 7<sup>th</sup>**

The process includes a class at 9:15 a.m. and reception into the fellowship of the church during the 10:45 a.m. worship service, followed by a luncheon. 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: July 10<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. The next date is September 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Interfaith Hospitality Network:**

**August 28<sup>th</sup> – September 4<sup>th</sup>  
December 25<sup>th</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup>**

### **Safe Harbor Ministry:**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup>**

### **Midnight Run Ministry:**

**Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>  
Breakfast Run: September 17<sup>th</sup>**

### **Blood Drive**

**October 1<sup>st</sup>**

## **Surplus Sunday on August 28<sup>th</sup>**

The end of the summer often yields a surplus from our gardens. On Surplus Sunday, we invite you to bring your surplus to share with others. Just bring produce to the tables in Starr Hall. Bring what you can, take what you want, and take even if you don't bring.

## **United Methodist Women**

Edna Barrier

Sending a big THANK YOU to all those who supported the United Methodist Women's collection for the No More Malaria Campaign. It truly was exciting to be able to take a check in the amount of \$2,800 to place in the Annual Conference's Future with Hope offering. This total came from two sources: the Mission Ministry Team approved \$1,500 from their annual budget and the UMW collection totalled \$1,300.

We're truly grateful to each one who gave to save the lives of children in Sub-Saharan Africa. Perhaps some of you heard me compare this to "saving all the children in our church school." Hopefully, that helps us realize how we've helped parents where malaria has been taking the lives of their children.

Furnishing bed nets, training health workers and supplying medication have all been provided by this campaign and have helped diminish this disease. We know the deaths have gone from one every 30 seconds to one every two minutes! That is indeed an excellent accomplishment. Let's pray there will soon be a day when malaria is no longer a constant threat!

Again, we say THANK YOU to each of you who helped.

## **Trinity As You've Never Seen It Before**

We now have a new promotional video of Trinity from an altitude of 400 feet. A drone has taped our campus and you can see this new look at our property and ministry on our website at [www.catchthespirit.org](http://www.catchthespirit.org). Pass the word and encourage friends and family to check out this brand-new perspective on Trinity.

## **ASP Leaves on July 9<sup>th</sup>**

Our next mission team to go out in service to God's work is the Appalachia Service Project Mission Team. They leave our campus on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> for eight days of ministry. The team of 17 youth and 16 adults will be dedicated to its ministry on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and they'll report back to the congregation on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Small Group News

All are welcome to participate in small groups at Trinity Church! You can sign up by going to [www.catchthespirit.org](http://www.catchthespirit.org). To learn more about the Spirituality Type logos (Head, Heart, Soul, Hands and Feet) which appear here, see [The Trinity Discipleship Path booklet](#), and discover how to become more intentional about your discipleship path through our ministries at [Trinity Church](#).

### Trinity Garden

**Leader:** Mary Brigode (304-552-2021, [maryloisbrigode@yahoo.com](mailto:maryloisbrigode@yahoo.com))  
**Start Date:** Join anytime  
**Duration:** Ongoing through fall  
**Location:** Garden Area



Get your hands in the dirt, and grow healthy, whole food for the Lord's Pantry to share with those in need in our community. Whether you're a master gardener or aren't sure whether you've got a green or black thumb, come join, learn, grow together as you help bountiful food and flowers grow. We need waterers, weeders, composters, harvesters, and more! We have a ramp and some beds high enough that no bending is necessary.

### Hiking God's Creation

**Leaders:** John & Jenny Forestiere ([jlf1017@gmail.com](mailto:jlf1017@gmail.com), 908-328-9215)

**Join any or all of the upcoming local hikes:**

Sunday, July 24 – Schooleys Mountain County Park

Sunday, August 28 – Voorhees State Park

Sunday, September 25 – Teetertown Ravine

Sunday, November 6 – Delaware Water Gap (Sunfish Pond trail – allow extra time)

**Time:** All hikes will begin at the church at 1 p.m.



Have you ever felt connected to God through nature? By exploring God's creation, we can know him better. Our goal with this small group is to find new paths by which to further our spiritual journeys as we explore trails and step away to connect to God through his creation. Part way through each hike, we'll take a break for a group devotion and personal prayer and reflection.

## Summer Day Apart

**Coordinators:** Pastors Jenny Smith Walz and Deb De Vos  
**Date:** Saturday, August 27, 9 a.m. -3 p.m.  
**Location:** Quellen Spiritual Center in Mendham



Create some space for quiet reflection and prayer. Quellen is set on a gorgeous, expansive piece of property in Mendham, with lots of space to explore. There's paths, towering trees, hidden sacred spaces, large porches and an outdoor labyrinth to explore. We'll have the opportunity to hear from one of the Sisters of Christian Charity and have two extended periods of quiet space. You'll also have the opportunity to experience a time of Spiritual Direction. We'll provide guidance for the day, and lunch and refreshments are included. The cost is \$35. Partial and full scholarships are available. Further details and directions will be provided after signup. If you can only come for part of the day, you're welcome. Sign up online via the church website or contact Pastor Jenny ([jsmithwalz@catchthespirit.org](mailto:jsmithwalz@catchthespirit.org) or 908-852-3020) by Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Savor Suppers: Food and Conversation for Women

**Coordinator:** Pastor Jenny Smith Walz ([jsmithwalz@catchthespirit.org](mailto:jsmithwalz@catchthespirit.org), 908-852-3020)



**New dates to be announced soon. We're looking for hosts and participants!**

We hear frequently of the desire of women to connect in faith, yet we also hear from so many that it's difficult to join a small group, even for a few weeks. Savor Suppers will make this possible for many! There's no commitment beyond one evening where you don't have to do anything but show up and share in conversation. As you gather for literal bread, we hope you'll also experience spiritual bread. As you savor the meal, we hope you'll also savor the experience of God, grace, and faith-filled conversation.

Wednesday, August 3, 6 p.m. in Great Meadows

Friday, September 9, 7 p.m. in Hackettstown

More dates coming soon! Sign up to host by letting Pastor Jenny or Pastor Deb know.

## **New Groups Starting in September**

Most of our ongoing groups go on summer break for July and August, but will start up again in September and October. The Small Group Ministry Team spends the spring and summer planning ongoing and new fall small groups, all with the purpose of equipping you to know God more deeply and love one another more fully.

We need your help as we strive to create groups that meet a variety of spiritual types, help people connect at different points in their discipleship journey, and happen at various times in the week. We love to hear from you! Consider these questions and email Pastors Jenny or Deb at [jsmithwalz@catchthespirit.org](mailto:jsmithwalz@catchthespirit.org) or [ddevos@catchthespirit.org](mailto:ddevos@catchthespirit.org) and help us help you!

- What kinds of groups have made the most impact on you?
- What are you wanting to learn, study, or experience?
- If you've never been in a small group before, what will help you try one out?
- Are you feeling nudged to lead a small group yourself?

Here are some new groups we're working on which will begin in the fall:

- Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story
- The Way of Transforming Discipleship
- SENT: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas (An Advent Study)
- DivorceCare
- I Believe: A Study on the Nicene Creed
- An Adult Coloring Group
- Disciple 4
- Financial Peace University
- The Psalms and Bible Journaling
- The Daniel Plan
- Men's Brewpub Group
- At least one online offering via Facebook
- And more....

## **Powerful Summer Reading Suggestions**

For some excellent book recommendations, check out the [United Methodist Women's Reading Program](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram). Each year, the UMW organization puts out a reading plan full of excellent reads on Mission, Leadership, Community, Spiritual Growth and Social Action. There are selections for children and youth, as well as resources in Spanish and Korean. Some you will have heard of and can get anywhere. Others were written just for this program! You don't have to follow the whole plan to gain much from the suggestions. How will your summer reading help you know God more deeply and love others more fully? Check out the list here: <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>.

## **BeADisciple.com – Online Groups**

Want to be part of a small group, but just don't have the ability to attend one in person? Do you travel a lot? Is summer the time you actually CAN participate in small groups, just as Trinity's offerings are scaled back? Or maybe you live a distance from Trinity. Maybe you just prefer the online learning platform. We're partners with BeADisciple.com for these very reasons. Connect with others today! Here's a list of upcoming groups. Check [www.BeADisciple.com](http://www.BeADisciple.com) for details.

- ★ Leading Public Prayer
- ★ Journaling with Your Camera
- ★ Meditation on Both Sides of the Camera
- ★ Living into Answers: A Workshop on Personal Spiritual Discernment
- ★ Facing Financial Struggle: 28 Days of Prayer
- ★ Holy Communion: Celebrating God with Us
- ★ BeADisciple High School Academy
- ★ BeADisciple Collegiate Academy

## **Trinity's Prison Ministry**

Lives are being impacted by our ministry in Northern State Prison. Contact Peter Smith at [psmithtrc@gmail.com](mailto:psmithtrc@gmail.com) for more information.

## Upcoming Events

### Coming in September: 2016 Women Growing in Faith Retreat

Ladies, mark your calendars for our 2016 Women Growing in Faith Retreat. We'll gather in Ocean Grove for our 12<sup>th</sup> glorious year on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming in the August *Tidings* and the church worship bulletins. Don't miss this wonderful event!



### DC Encounter 2016

Seventh and eighth graders, mark your calendars now! The DC Encounter Mission Trip is scheduled for Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. This mission experience is designed specifically for students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This is often the first mission opportunity outside of our immediate community. While in Washington DC, we'll be working and serving the homeless, we'll be learning about mercy and justice, we'll ENCOUNTER people on the streets of DC and learn their stories. Applications will be on the website and are due October 1<sup>st</sup>. Peer Leader applications for HS students in the 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades are also online. Please mark you application Peer Leader, and those applications are due on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Something new for 2016! **Peer Leaders in Training!** Ninth graders, you're invited to apply for our new program! Applications will be due on September 24<sup>th</sup>. We want to develop a strong group of young people to step into leadership roles and do so without having to take on the full responsibilities of a Peer Leader.

Watch for additional information in the worship bulletins and the September *Tidings*. Enjoy your summer! For questions, contact Steve Smith at 201-874-4742 or [stevesmith2@optonline.net](mailto:stevesmith2@optonline.net), or Arlene McCollum at 973-479-4741 or [arlenemc63@gmail.com](mailto:arlenemc63@gmail.com)

# God in Many Faces

Tammy Bormann

The first service that one owes to others in the fellowship consists of listening to them. Just as love of God begins with listening to his word, so the beginning of love for our brothers and sisters is learning to listen to them.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Since 2012, Trinity's God in Many Faces small group has gathered monthly to study and engage dialogue, as Christians, about issues of race, ethnicity and social justice. Using books, journal articles and documentary films, members of this small group have sung, prayed, listened, questioned, spoken and learned together about the social systems that divide us within the Kingdom of God.

In the winter of 2016, the God in Many Faces group embarked on a new journey of learning about Islam and our Muslim brothers and sisters. Through group member Mary Kashmanian, we learned of the Peace Islands Institute (<http://www.peaceislands.org>). Peace Islands Institute (PII) aspires to facilitate a forum of mutual respect and collaboration, both welcoming and accepting varied viewpoints and voices with the intent to develop original and alternative perspectives on vital issues that our society is facing, generate solutions to these issues, support successful practices, thus promoting education, friendship and harmony and acting as an island of peace for all peoples in a society of different ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds. With locations in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Massachusetts, PII operates Centers for Global Affairs, Social Affairs, Interfaith Affairs, and Education and Media that offer educational programming for youth and adults, conferences, seminars and publications to create an informed, compassionate national dialogue.

The Honorary President is Fethullah Gulen, a Turkish Muslim scholar, thinker, author, poet, opinion leader, educational activist and preacher emeritus. Mr. Gulen is regarded as the initiator and inspirer of the worldwide social movement of human value known as the Hizmet (Service) Movement or the [Gulen Movement](#).

Several members of the God in Many Faces group began their engagement with Peace Islands Institute when they attended an Abraham's Table luncheon at Chatham United Methodist Church on January 25<sup>th</sup>. The PII Center for Interfaith Affairs partnered with Reverend Jeff Markay from Chatham UMC to present a program entitled, *Peace Makers in the 21st Century*. The speakers, representing the three Abrahamic faith traditions, shared the lives of peacemakers within their tradition. Rabbi Dem Smith from Temple Or Ha Lev in Succasunna, Reverend Mary Davis from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chatham, and Dr. Nuray Yurt, Director of the Central New Jersey Chapter of Peace Islands Institute, all emphasized the importance of existing in peace, individually and collectively. The event concluded with remarks from Dr. Ali Chaudry, Founder and President of the Islamic Society of Basking Ridge and consultant to the Department of Homeland Security.

The Trinity representatives who participated in the luncheon returned to Hackettstown brimming with enthusiasm and hope for the possibility of a Trinity/Peace Islands Institute partnership. In a detailed communication with the God in Many Faces team, Sharon Townsend shared several important lessons she took away from the Abraham's Table presentations:

- Focus on what do we share, not on our differences.
- You cannot embrace humanity unless you acknowledge all faiths and religions.
- Racial bigotry, religious persecution, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia or any other form of hatred cannot be wiped out unless each and every one of us confronts it within ourselves, our own circles of family, friends and others we interact with. Silence is seen as consent. It takes courage to stand up for the other!

The God in Many Faces group pursued a relationship between Trinity Church and the Peace Islands Institute. With the enthusiastic support of Pastor Fowler, we arranged a meeting with PII representatives to discuss a program partnership. Pastor Fowler also invited Rev. Terry Herzberg, Gethsemane Lutheran Church and Rev. Birda Ferguson, First Presbyterian Church, to join the conversation.

After a fruitful dialogue, God in Many Faces and PII agreed to co-host a *Friendship Gathering and Luncheon* on **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. We'll gather for lunch and dialogue in Trinity House at 12:15 p.m. Through informal and facilitated conversations, Trinity members will have an opportunity to connect with Muslim representatives of Peace Islands Institute. The PII delegation will join us for worship at 10:45 a.m. and contribute traditional Turkish food to the luncheon.

As we embarked on the planning process for the September Friendship Gathering, God in Many Faces felt it was critical to learn more about Islam and the faith traditions of our Muslim colleagues at PII. Many *Tidings* readers will recall that Pastors Frank Fowler and Jenny Smith Walz led a 10-week study of Islam for the Hackettstown community last summer. Using print and video materials from that community study process, God in Many Faces embarked on a five-month study of Islam in May, 2016. To enhance our learning, members of the group have gratefully accepted an invitation from Dr. Nuray Yurt to join her family at their Cedar Grove home on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Iftar, the meal that breaks the daily fast during Ramadan.

God in Many Faces is delighted to activate and foster a new and fruitful relationship with the Peace Islands Institute. We encourage all members of the Trinity family to watch for future articles and a radio interview about this new partnership and we invite everyone, prayerfully, to consider registering for the Friendship Gathering in September.

## With Our Sympathy

- ❖ Dana LaGueux and family on the death of her father
- ❖ Ed Tomlinson on the death of his cousin, Rick Morrisett
- ❖ Janet Howie on the death of her daughter, Joan Henriksen
- ❖ Jack Philhower on the death of his aunt, Lois Brickman
- ❖ Neil and Lori DeCostanza on the death of their father, Neil
- ❖ Tom Smith on the death of his father

## Did You Know?

- At the Annual Conference in May, 1,400 people attended. "Stories of transformation were shared as we were called to abandon security and embrace trust, boldly imagining and anticipating the great things God has in store for us."
- Guest speaker, Dr. Robin DiAngelo led a presentation imagining a world without racism. She challenged United Methodists to develop the skills and mindset necessary to create a socially just society.
- More than 150 volunteers working in unison systematically and energetically helped pack 30,000 meals to support Stop Hunger Now's effort to feed people around the world with a bold mission to end hunger in our lifetime.
- An offering for the Mission Fund was taken and more than \$63,000 was collected to help eliminate death from malaria and to rebuild homes for people with damage from hurricane Sandy.



# Vacation Bible School



**Be sure to submit your Cave Quest registration and payment at Trinity House on Saturday, in Starr Hall on Sunday or at the church office during the week. Registration will close on Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.**

If you'd like to volunteer to help make this year's VBS a success, please stop by the VBS table in Starr Hall after each Sunday worship service or call Ginny Thorp (ext. 17) or Caelyn Adams (ext. 18) at the church office, 908-852-3020.

**We can still use donations of juice boxes.**

## Dates to Remember:

All-Staff Training	Tuesday, July 12 <sup>th</sup> , 7 – 8:30 p.m. in Trinity House
Decorating	Saturday, July 16 <sup>th</sup> , 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. and/or Sunday, July 17 <sup>th</sup> , 12 - ? p.m.
VBS Community Fun Fair	Wednesday, July 20 <sup>th</sup> , 6 – 8 p.m.
Clean-Up	Friday, July 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 12:30 - ? p.m.
VBS Mission Day	Tuesday, July 26 <sup>th</sup> , 10 a.m. - noon

Contact Ginny Thorp or Caelyn Adams at the above numbers if you have any questions or email them at [gthorp@catchthespirit.org](mailto:gthorp@catchthespirit.org) or [cadams@catchthespirit.org](mailto:cadams@catchthespirit.org).



## KidVenture Is Coming to Trinity

**What is KidVenture?** KidVenture is Trinity's new Sunday morning experience for children, two years old through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Instead of staying in one room for the entire hour, children will rotate to stations, including Storytelling, Missions, Art, Science, Movement, Spiritual Practices and Music. The curriculum for students in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades will remain the same.



**How will KidVenture work?** Each week, children will report to their grade-specific "homeroom" at 9:15 a.m., where they'll be met by the grade's Shepherds (adults and youth who will be with the children throughout the morning). At 9:30 a.m., the Shepherds will take the children to their rotation station for the day. After being at the station for about a half hour, the class will return to their homeroom where they'll wrap up the morning with their

Shepherds and get ready to be dismissed to their parents.

Curriculum-wise, the year is divided into Bible-based study units that will last approximately five weeks each. For example, the first unit scheduled for September/October is Creation. On the first week of the unit, all classes will report to the KidZone for an overview of the Creation unit with the Storytelling/Missions Teams. For the next four weeks, classes will rotate to each of the other stations: Art, Science, Movement, Spiritual Practices/Music. By visiting a different station for four weeks, children will have the opportunity to experience the Creation story using a different multi-intelligence each week. Our pre-K classes will also be part of KidVenture, but the stations will visit them in their classrooms.

**When does KidVenture start?** KidVenture begins on Rally Day, Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Like past years, children need to be registered for KidVenture. If your child has been registered for church school in previous years, there's no need to re-register your child unless any information has changed.

Need to register your child? Download the KidVenture Registration Form from the Children's page on Trinity's website, [www.catchthespirit.org](http://www.catchthespirit.org) and bring it with you on Rally Day or mail it to the church prior to Rally Day. In addition, a Registration Tent will be set up outside of Trinity on Rally Day so you can register your child that morning. In case of inclement weather, the Registration Tent will be in Starr Hall.

**Interested in helping with KidVenture?** Trinity is a congregation filled with people of many gifts and talents. We'd like you to be part of KidVenture by:

- Volunteering at least five weeks to help in one of the stations.
- Volunteering to be a Shepherd for one of the classes.

**Sign up for KidVenture by using the form.** If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Don ([dgebhard@catchthespirit.org](mailto:dgebhard@catchthespirit.org), 908-852-3020, ext. 19) or Ginny Thorp ([gthorp@catchthespirit.org](mailto:gthorp@catchthespirit.org), 908-852-3020, ext. 17).

### KidVenture Volunteer Sign-Up Form

I want to be a **Shepherd** (requires a full year commitment).  
 Please provide your grade level preference \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

I would like to be a **Station Team member**. Please indicate your preference(s).

<b>Creation Unit Sept. 18 - Oct. 16, 2016</b>	<b>Rainbow Promise Unit Oct. 23 - Nov. 20, 2016</b>
Art Team	Art Team
Science Team	Science Team
Storytelling Team	Storytelling Team
Missions Team	Missions Team
Movement Team	Movement Team
Spiritual Practices Team	Spiritual Practices Team
Music Team	Music Team

<b>Jesus Calls Helpers Unit Jan. 15 - Feb. 12, 2017</b>	<b>Good Samaritan Unit Feb. 19 - Mar. 26, 2017</b>
Art Team	Art Team
Science Team	Science Team
Storytelling Team	Storytelling Team
Missions Team	Missions Team
Movement Team	Movement Team
Spiritual Practices Team	Spiritual Practices Team
Music Team	Music Team

<b>Jesus Lives Unit Apr. 30 - May 28, 2017</b>
Art Team
Science Team
Storytelling Team
Missions Team
Movement Team
Spiritual Practices Team
Music Team

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Family Ministry Small Groups

Monday, Wednesday & Friday July 1, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 25, 27, 29 August 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26, 29, 31	<b>Fitness Club (Grades 6 – 12)</b> Meets weekly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday	3 – 5 p.m. Starr Hall
Wednesday Watch the worship bulletins/Facebook/website for details	<b>WUoW (What's Up on Wednesday)</b> Incoming 6 <sup>th</sup> graders – outgoing 12 <sup>th</sup> graders	Time and location varies

## Creation Care

Carol Droppa

Summer is a great time to think about being mindful of the environment and being a good steward. Think about your water use when you're watering lawns and gardens and cleaning patios. A drip irrigation system can be easily installed with readily available components from an internet gardening supply house. Sprinklers are not an efficient way to water.

Consider growing some of your own vegetables. A variety of raised beds can be obtained that come in different sizes and heights to accommodate physically-challenged gardeners. Growing vegetables and herbs in pots is a manageable alternative, even when you have little space.

Plant butterfly- and bee-friendly flowers, and make sure they're organic. If they're not, the plants may have been infused with chemicals that kill both target insects and non-target ones. Make sure birds and animals have a water source. Create a puddle for butterflies and insects or put out a very shallow dish. Birds nest throughout the summer with multiple hatches, so it's not too late to install birdhouses. Look for nest boxes made for specific breeds of birds. Keep solar lights to a minimum. The nighttime light interferes with the natural dark/light cycles of animals and plants.

If you can put up a clothesline or one of those collapsible clothesline gizmos, you can save energy by not using your dryer and have fresh-smelling sheets and towels.

Do some research on sunscreen products. Many of them contain ingredients that are harmful or carcinogenic, even those designed specifically for children.

## **The Lord's Pantry**

Kellie Pennington

As we're enjoying the summer, we'd like to remind everyone that the Lord's Pantry does not close for the summer months. We're open throughout the year, and continue to serve our community during all twelve months. Many families with young children find that they have a greater need for supplemental food during this time. Many children in our area receive breakfast and/or lunch at school, and it can be difficult for parents to make up these meals at home. Please keep this in mind, and consider making a donation of food or funds this summer. Donations are traditionally low this time of year, and your gift can really make a big difference to people in need.

In May, we served 1,131 people: 395 families (29 new), including 333 children, 675 adults, 123 seniors.

**The Pantry is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Donations can also be brought to the church office and monetary donations can be mailed to the office. Shoppers use donated funds to shop at NORWESCAP and local grocery stores.**

**We've recently learned that a parishioner who moved away many years ago, but who had been a part of Trinity for many years has included her former church in her last will and testament. We're so thankful for that remembrance.**

**Have you considered taking this step of making one final gift to your church? It's a powerful and meaningful way to affirm your faith. Please talk to Dr. Frank Fowler or your lawyer for information.**

## **Congratulations to Our 2016 Confirmation Class**

Amanda Alegria  
Haley Asbury  
Rachel Bach  
MiaCara Balella  
Alyssa Bizzarro  
Sarah Brodine  
Jordan Donaldson  
Benjamin Durna  
Jessica Egleston  
Robert Fenton III  
Stephanie Fitzpatrick  
Jordan Haytaian  
Devin Johnstone  
Sydney Jones

James Kelsey VI  
Jason Kuehner  
Jonathan Lazorchak  
Neo Lulla  
Kaitlyn Marsh  
Garrett Meyer  
Olivia Miller  
Sean Noto  
Olivia Pennington  
Alexander Quirk  
Samantha Savokinas  
Anna Trinneer  
Madison Trotter

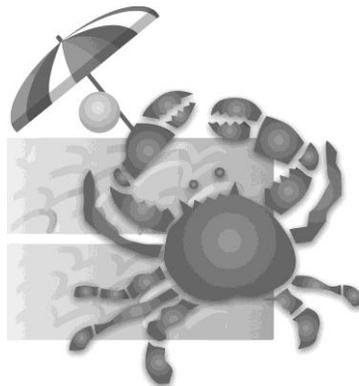
### **Confirmation Leaders**

Allyson Blanford  
Brian Blanford  
Jenny Forestiere  
John Forestiere  
Arlene McCollum  
Kristy Whittle  
Mark Whittle

### **Small Group Leaders**

Amanda Bach  
Dana Donaldson  
Theresa Marsh  
Arlene McCollum  
Kristi McCollum  
Ginny Thorp  
Tom Thorp

Our 2017 Confirmation Class is open to all students in grades eight and above. Classes begin on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. and conclude with Confirmation on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.



## **Welcome to New Members Who Joined June 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Mary & Will Hund** live in Budd Lake, and have two grown sons, Joe and Michael. Mary is a teacher at the Mount Olive Elementary School, and enjoys reading, crocheting, biking and walking. Will is a project manager for Fort Hill Construction in New York, and enjoys skiing, the outdoors and handyman construction. They joined by Letter of Transfer from the East Stroudsburg UMC in PA.

**Gary Kuipers** lives in Hackettstown, and has three grown sons, Gary Jr., Matthew and Joseph. He's retired, and enjoys collecting coins and stamps, wildlife and conservation. He joined by Letter of Transfer from the Vienna United Methodist Church.

**Roberto Montesdeoca** lives in Hackettstown, and has two children, Roberto (6) and Jayla (4). He's an electrician. Roberto joined by Profession of Faith.

**Edna & Andy Puleo** live in Great Meadows, and have two grown children, Andrew and Grace. Edna is a library director at the Rockaway Borough Public Library, and enjoys reading, hiking, bicycling and yoga. Andy is an insurance agent/broker for the Andes Group, LLC in Great Meadows, and enjoys music, hiking, biking and travel. They joined by Letter of Transfer from the Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Hackettstown.

## **Age 62+ Hackettstown Senior Trip: Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### **The Brownstone (Patterson): "Sweet Home Chicago" BBQ Feast and Great Blues Music!**

Mel Davis, the keyboard wizard and legendary guitarist, Mark Bowers bring the south side of Chicago playing tributes to great blues artists. Also appearing is comedian Melvin George II.

Cost: \$48, includes show, transportation and BBQ lunch.

Times: Bus pickup at Trinity – 10:30 a.m.  
Doors open at 11:30 a.m.; show ends at 3:30 p.m.  
Bus return to Trinity – 4:30 p.m.

A *Senior Bus Trip Request Form* is required with your payment for new attendees. Please bring a canned good or two for The Lord's Pantry. For information and to make a reservation, contact Marie James, 468 Valley Rd., Oxford, N.J. 07863; 908-295-8704.

**No reservations accepted after Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**

# 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

As I sit here writing this, another violent tragedy has taken place in our country. It's a story that's been repeated with sickening frequency in the past couple years. So much so, that it's becoming difficult to remember all the incidences. And this litany of murderous events doesn't include the international carnage taking place in the Middle East, Mexico, Sub-Saharan Africa and western Europe. It doesn't include a suicidal flight into the mountains with all passengers aboard.

There's going to be volumes of talk about what we can do, how we can respond as Christians, the pros and cons of the hotly-debated issues. Then we'll settle down again, probably too rapidly, until the next time someone gets to the edge of the abyss and goes over.

Here's what I think. We each of us find his or her way to process these acts of terrorism or someone's deadly loss of rational thought. And it's very sobering to reflect on the reality that, as awful as these events are, violence, war crimes and loss of basic human rights is a way of life for tens of thousands of people.

My personal strategy embraces focusing on those pursuits and experiences that affirm life and nourish my spirit. A simple act of seeking beauty, of celebrating common daily joys, and pursuing my art can often be enough to help me recalibrate my thoughts and get me going in a worthy direction. And one of the balancing and centering places for me is the natural world. So the delightful focus on birds in our summer sermon series certainly appeals to me.

My life with birds has been a journey of discovering — experiences, resonant memories, enlightening metaphors, thrilling moments — it's all there. Sounds a little over the top, right? I have friends who are terrified by any type of bird, so the avian world of wonder doesn't figure big in our conversations.

I worked for a time in an office complex that had a mall at street level. There was a florist shop, and the owner had an array of parrots, cockatiels and budgies in the store. This was not a good thing for my bird-phobic friend, but a joy for me. I bought a lot of flowers, and every time I went into the shop I had to visit with the birds. The thing that was an eye-opener for me was how responsive many of them were to affection. One would fly to the owner (did I mention many of them were loose?) and she would hold it close to her chest like a baby and the bird would lean on her and close its eyes with pleasure as she pet it. Later, I learned that birds in the parrot family are capable of displaying the full range of human emotion: love, anger, jealousy, grief, devotion. This looks to me to be a pretty amazing thing — birds can seem to be able to love and many humans cannot.

Be well and God bless, Carol

## Serving God with Us in July & August

### Chapel Ushers

July 3	Gean Gallagher
July 10	Bonnie Palma, Betty Cyphers
July 17	Leslie Felix-Mule
July 24	Pattie & Dennis Huff
July 31	Linda Feula, Sally Hahnes
August 7	Glenn & Cindy Reynolds
August 14	Bonnie Palma, Betty Cyphers
August 21	Doris Lemasters, Barbara Yarwood
August 28	Linda Feula, Sally Hahnes

### Scripture Readers – 9:15

TBD

### Greeters - 9:15

July 3	TBD
July 10	Gail & Bruce Howell, Alice Davis
July 17	TBD
July 24	TBD
July 31	Leslie Wexler, Karen Riccobono
August 7	Pat Bristow
August 14	Gail & Bruce Howell, Alice Davis
August 21	Karen Riccobono
August 28	Pat Bristow

### Greeters - 10:45

July 3	LaNelle Hoffmann, Christine Schullian
July 10	LaNelle Hoffmann, Sue Bernard
July 17	LaNelle Hoffmann, Cindy Hunt
July 24	LaNelle Hoffmann
July 31	LaNelle Hoffmann
August 7	David & Rosemary Robertson, LaNelle Hoffmann
August 14	Sue Bernard, Barry Widenor, LaNelle Hoffmann
August 21	Cindy Hunt, LaNelle Hoffmann
August 28	LaNelle Hoffmann

### Ushers – 9:15

July 3	Joe Thomas, Carol Theys, Prince Tettah, Marie Cenopht, Curtis Peirson, Karen Riccobono, Pat Bristow, Doug Powell
July 10	Joe Thomas, Carol Theys, Linda Feci, Prince Tettah, Edna Burton, Brenda Sargeant, Eileen Bozzuffi, Carolyn Sunday
July 17	Joe Thomas, Charles Bippart, Prince Tettah, Karen Riccobono, Doug Powell, Rich Bonti, Marybeth Di Bernard, Wayne Di Bernard
July 24	Joe Thomas, Carol Theys, Donna Re, Becky Illnick, Carolyn Sunday, Rich Bonti, Tony Albanese, Lorry Fulton, Norm Graule
July 31	Joe Thomas, Carol Theys, Donna Re, Becky Illnick, Linda Feci, Christina Gleason, Eileen Bozzuffi, Rich Bonti

**Ushers – 10:45**

July 3 Carol Munro, Nancy Soleau, Gary Droppa, Bill Blaine, Mary Brigode, Joan Roehrich, Pat Mullen, Roger Hammond, Jeff Deible  
July 10 Carol Munro, Claude Buchman, Nancy Soleau, Gary Droppa, Bill Blaine, Joan Roehrich, Maureen Boer, Pat Mullen, Roger Hammond, Kathryn Twaddell  
July 17 Carol Munro, Nancy Soleau, Gary Droppa, Bill Blaine, Mary Brigode, Joan Roehrich, Maureen Boer, Vernon Kilkenny, Pat Mullen, Roger Hammond  
July 24 Carol Munro, Claude Buchman, Gary Droppa, Bill Blaine, Mary Brigode, Joan Roehrich, Pat Mullen, Roger Hammond, Kathryn Twaddell  
July 31 Joe Thomas, Carol Theys, Donna Re, Becky Illnik, Linda Feci, Christina Gleason, Eileen Bozzuffi, Rich Bonti

**Welcome Center – 9:15**

July 3 Dottie Stearns  
July 10 TBD  
July 17 Amanda Cummings  
July 24 TBD  
July 31 Roseann & Frank Cavallero  
August 7 TBD  
August 14 TBD  
August 21 Roseann & Frank Cavallero  
August 28 Dottie Stearns

**Welcome Center – 10:45**

July 3 Mike White  
July 10 Rosie Jepson  
July 17 Ellen English  
July 24 Mike White  
July 31 Christine Schullian  
August 7 Mike White  
August 14 Mike White  
August 21 Ellen English  
August 28 Dottie Stearns

**Audio – 9:15**

July 3 Joe Racz  
July 10 Bill Anzel  
July 17 Peter Smith  
July 24 Thomas Smith  
July 31 Bill Anzel  
August 7 Peter Smith  
August 14 Joe Racz  
August 21 Thomas Smith  
August 28 Bill Anzel

**Audio – 10:45**

Steve Blazier  
Janice Paulussen  
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Lori DeLorenzo  
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## Summer Office Hours July 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>

Monday – Thursday: Office Open 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Friday: Office Closed

Clergy will be available on their regular schedules.

## Summer Worship Schedule

Please feel free to dress according to the weather.

**Saturday Night Worship** 5 p.m. in Trinity House

**Sunday**  
8:15 Chapel Worship  
9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary  
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary



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