

# *Trinity Tidings*

**November 2016**

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



PSALM 122:4

## From the Pastor

### Something Big and Important

Dear Trinity Family,

We're now at an important time in our church life together.

November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> is Commitment Weekend, when we ask you to make a pledge of your treasure, time and talent in support of the Trinity ministry for 2017. Letters and devotional cards have been mailed. You've received the *2017 Ministry Guide*. And commitment cards have also been sent to your home.

All this is to help you decide to be a part of something big and important in the year to come. For the time, talent and treasure you share are the fuel that drives the ministry of your church. Please carefully consider again:

Nothing happens at Trinity if people do not volunteer their time to serve in ministries.

Nothing happens if together we do not generously give back to God of our money, which God has enabled us to earn.

You certainly know how many souls are blessed by the Trinity ministry. Children are taught about Jesus, youth are guided to make godly decisions, young adults are mentored so as to choose spiritual principles, families are supported in the ups and downs of parenting, employees are counseled in managing the challenges of work as Christians, seniors are visited and blessed, and so much more.

Truly, there are few things that we can do with our time, talent and money that are as important. So I invite you to be fearlessly generous in your pledge to give to Trinity in 2017. Together, we're about important work for the Lord.

Blessings and peace,

Frank

**Bring your commitment cards to worship on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Extra cards will be available at all services.



**In HIS Steps 2017**

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

**Your time, your talent, your treasure ~ what will you pledge?**

**Bring your commitment cards to worship and place them on the altar.**

## **A Message in Music**

**Lisa Baldwin and David Haney**

**Special Music on November 6<sup>th</sup> at the 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. Worship Services**

Lisa and David will bring a musical blessing via bluegrass and country songs that will lift your spirits and get your toes tapping. They're new residents of Hackettstown, and David is the new president of Centenary University.

Invite a friend to worship!



## **United Methodist Women's Trinity Craft Fair**

**Help Missions at Home and Around the World**

**November 5<sup>th</sup> in Starr Hall, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Be sure to stop and do some Christmas shopping. The beautiful hand-crafted gifts you buy will be a delight for those lucky ones you give them to.

And while you're there, stay for lunch. Trinity Combined Bell Choirs don't just play bells! Although that would be gift enough. But on this Saturday, they'll have a delicious choice of lunch items freshly prepared in the kitchen.

**DON'T MISS THIS FANTASTIC ANNUAL EVENT!**

## **Annual Church Conference on November 7<sup>th</sup>**

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held in the Sanctuary on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. All church members have voice and vote. The conference will be led by District Superintendent, Dr. Steven Bechtold.



## **Fall Day Apart**

**November 12<sup>th</sup>**

**9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Quellen Spiritual Center**

Join us at Quellen Spiritual Center in Mendham to create some space for quiet reflection and prayer. We'll have the opportunity to walk the labyrinth, engage in spiritual disciplines and have some quiet time alone and together. We'll provide guidance for the day. Lunch and refreshments are included. If you can only come for part of the day, you're welcome. To sign up, go to [www.catchthespirit.org](http://www.catchthespirit.org).



## **ASP Roast Beef Dinner Fundraiser**

**Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>  
4:30 – 7 p.m. in Starr Hall**

Please help support Trinity's Appalachia Service Project youth mission trip to repair homes in West Virginia next summer.

Our all-you-can-eat buffet will include:

Delicious roast beef  
The world's best mashed potatoes  
Several vegetable side dishes  
Fresh salad  
Homemade pies

**Eat in or take out**

Adults ~ \$13  
Kids 6 - 10 years ~ \$7  
Kids under 6 ~ free

Tickets are available from ASP volunteers or the church office.



## **Trinity's Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

**November 24<sup>th</sup> in Starr Hall**

Come join us on November 24<sup>th</sup> for our annual community-wide Thanksgiving Dinner, 12 – 2:30 p.m. in Starr Hall. All are invited. Invite friends and neighbors. It's a time of fellowship and thanksgiving!

It's been so successful in the past because of all the volunteers and donators — we're always so grateful for your help with this ministry. Please contact the church office at 908-852-3020 if you wish to volunteer to help set up, clean up or donate food.

## The Bulletin Board

### **Martha Friendship Circle: Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

The Martha Friendship Circle will meet again on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. in Heath Village's Grille. This meeting will have a Harvest Time theme that we're sure you'll enjoy. Greg Donaldson from Donaldson's Farm will be our guest speaker telling us about his wonderful farm: all the crops they grow, the food products they make and sell and the great activities they do for the community. The best thing of all, we'll have some goodies to sample. You don't want to miss this meeting. Bring a friend or two. The more the merrier. Come and join us as we're sure to have a fun time. See you then, Ginny and Lauren. For more information about the Martha Friendship Circle, contact the church office (908-852-3020).

### **Trinity UMM Fellowship Breakfast: Saturday, 12<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: December 4<sup>th</sup>**

The process includes a dinner on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and on the 4<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, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Midnight Run: Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>  
Breakfast run**

**Holy Communion  
November 6<sup>th</sup> for Chapel  
November 27<sup>th</sup> for 9:15 & 10:45  
worship**

**Recognition of Veterans November 13<sup>th</sup>**

## Election Day November 8<sup>th</sup>



### Daylight Saving Time Ends ~ November 6<sup>th</sup>

Set your clocks back on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> so you'll be on time for church!

### November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans' Day

We'll recognize our veterans in worship on November 13<sup>th</sup>

### Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

Come share our community Thanksgiving meal!

## Trinity Prison Ministry's Angel Tree Program

An important part of Trinity's Prison Ministry is our Angel Tree program, which provides Christmas gifts from incarcerated parents to their children. This year, we're putting up a Christmas tree decorated with tags listing a requested gift. Won't you help us help those in prison give gifts to their children?

Please select a tag from the tree. Purchase the requested gift. Place the **unwrapped** gift in the Angel Tree box next to the tree with the receiving child's name on it.

We also need volunteers to help us with the following:

- Make phone calls to confirm applicants' information and get gift requests.
- Make appointments for delivery.
- Wrap gifts.
- Deliver gifts.

Sign up to help on the *Just Say Yes* form in the worship bulletin. Or call Liz Falco for additional information or to volunteer at 908-813-3321.

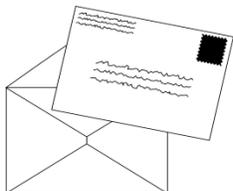
## Christmas Gift Collection ~ Making Children Smile

Yes, it's time! The Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn needs Christmas gifts for children ages birth to teenage who are less fortunate than we are. The Trinity United Methodist Women are sponsoring a collection and will deliver the gifts to the hospital in time for Christmas.

- ✓ There will be large decorated collection boxes at the entrance to Trinity Church and the KidVenture headquarters in which to place your donated gift. They may also be given to a KidVenture shepherd.
- ✓ Wrap the gift. Attach the tag below or your own tag to note the appropriate age of the intended recipient and if the gift is for a boy or girl. **Gifts must be brought in no later than Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** so that we can deliver them in plenty of time for Christmas.

Thanks for helping to brighten a sick child's Christmas!





## Greetings Ministry

Our new Greetings Ministry is off to an excellent start. We mailed 40 greetings in September! **YOU can help.** If you can write or print a brief message, or draw a picture, **YOU can help.**

The **second Sunday** of the month: November 13<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup>, stop by the Greetings Ministry table in Starr Hall. It's simple. We supply the cards, envelopes, stamps and addresses. YOU just sit down for a few minutes and write a note of care, compassion and hope. We'll take your completed card and mail it!

It's a great way for you to bless another person, to give your children a chance to send a picture or note to someone who'll be uplifted when it's received, and for all of us to remember there are many people who can't get to worship and who love to hear from their church.

AND if you have blank cards with envelopes that you aren't using, please put them in the "Greetings Ministry" box at the Welcome Desk in the church office. AND if you know someone who would enjoy receiving a greeting from Trinity, send that name and mailing address to Edna Barrier at [nebarrier@aol.com](mailto:nebarrier@aol.com). Or leave a note in the Greetings Ministry box. Thanks for helping Trinity keep in touch with others.



## Staff Updates

October saw two staff changes.

- Danielle Witt is now the Director of Children's Ministries.
- Ginny Thorp is serving as Congregational Care Lay Minister.

Please encourage and support Danielle and Ginny as you see them.

## Thrift Shop News

Maureen Storey

As we advance toward the season of Thanksgiving and expectant waiting, I thought perhaps it was time to take stock of the Thrift Shop blessings and how we share the wealth of those gifts with others. So, I took a look back over the past year and was amazed by what we've shared through the Thrift Shop.

Our incredibly generous donors enable us to not only serve our local customers, but also to share our goods with other agencies who serve populations that we may not otherwise come into direct contact with: Purple Heart Veterans, the blind, prisoners, the disabled, pregnant women, the homeless, the unemployed and under-employed. I'm grateful for the cooperative efforts of these agencies who reach out to those in need.

I'm also thankful for all those wonderful volunteers who take time from their full and busy lives to share a slice of their time to serve with us. Our crew is a real melting pot of ages, races, ethnicities, languages and faiths. You'll always find big hearts, big smiles, helping hands and laughter here while we're building bridges of relationships.

I'm grateful that we've been able to open "The Christmas Closet", a space dedicated to celebrating all things Christmas throughout the year. You'll find The Christmas Closet at the far end of the Furniture Gallery in the Trinity Barn.

Stop by the Thrift Shop, the Furniture Gallery or the Christmas Closet and become part of the joyful circle of giving, receiving, serving and giving again, and reach out into the world beyond our doors. We'll be watching for you!

# Savor Supper on November 10<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 Suppers being held are in **Long Valley on November 10<sup>th</sup>** at 6 p.m. and in Budd Lake on **December 8<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?

- ✓ An access ramp has been built from the parking lot to the Communal Garden. By removing the curb stone and installing a concrete walkway, those in wheelchairs or who are physically challenged will have easier access to the garden. Thanks to Ron Wotosek and crew.

## Help DC Encounter's November Ministry Trip

The DC Encounter Mission Team is preparing to leave from Trinity on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> for our nation's capital to work with the homeless, and to learn about and experience poverty and social injustice and what our responsibility is as Christians to make a difference. As of this writing, we don't have the exact number who will be going to Washington DC for four days of mission service, but we anticipate the number to be 30+.

This trip designed for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth is usually the first mission trip outside of the Hackettstown area. It's an important step in our young people's faith journey. We will also have a strong group of high school peer leaders with us; this is where they begin to take an active leadership role in the mission field.

Our agenda will include helping to prepare meals at DC Central Kitchen, an organization that prepares over 5,000 meals every day for over 80 non-profits in the DC metro area. We'll be serving breakfast to the ladies of "N Street Village", working with our friend John Harrison from the National Coalition for the Homeless. We'll also be going on a special tour of the U.S. Capitol building, led by Jesse Procaccini, who serves as a capitol police officer, as well as participating in many other activities on the streets of DC.

Here's how you can be a special part of the DC Encounter! We're seeking donations of WHITE TUBE SOCKS and GLOVES (preferably not the knit kind), washcloths and personal hygiene items such as small bar soaps, disposable razors and toilet paper. There are bins in the Rotunda labeled DC Encounter. Or, you can drop off donations in the church office. If you need assistance, we can pick donations up from you.

And finally, we ask for your prayers as our young people Encounter the homeless where they are on park benches, in the alcoves of buildings, in subway stations or on a corner. Pray for their hearts that they may spread the love of Jesus Christ, that their faith be moved to greater service and for their safety. For information, contact Arlene McCollum at 973-479-4741 or [arlenemc63@gmail.com](mailto:arlenemc63@gmail.com), or Steve Smith at 201-874-4742 or [steve.smith@falconsafety.com](mailto:steve.smith@falconsafety.com)

**Fearless Generosity ~ Powered by a Gracious God.  
Commitment cards are due this month!**

## Small Groups Beginning in November

The following small groups have start dates in November. Refer to the *Fall 2016 Small Groups* booklet you received or on the church website, [www.catchthespirit.org](http://www.catchthespirit.org). If you have any questions, please call Pastor Deb at 908-852-3020.

### 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.

### God Sightings: Learning to Experience God Every Day

**Leader:** Cindy Munley (908-482-2546)

**Start Date:** Thursday, November 3, 7 - 8 p.m.

**Duration:** Six weekly sessions

**Location:** Room 105



Sunday is God's day, but he does some of his best work during the week! Join us for God Sightings, a chance to be transformed, to experience God, to see God through new eyes. Engage with the Bible in a fresh way, looking past the pages to God himself. See practical ways God is expressing himself in your world and your life. Capture your thoughts, feelings and insights. Build your faith. Grow closer to God as you grapple with eye-opening, life-changing questions. Incredible things will happen! You'll actually watch God at work in your life. Not because he's suddenly shown up, but because you finally have eyes to see and at last you're looking!

## Hiking God's Creation



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

**Date:** Meet at Trinity at 1 p.m. Hikes will be about 2½ hours once we hit the trail, not including driving time.  
Sunday, November 6 – Sunfish Pond

Our goal 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 in the midst of his creation.

## 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.

**For a Time Such as This online group**

**November 17**

## God in Many Faces

Carol Kitchell Droppa

In September, the God in Many Faces ministry held a luncheon and dialogue with the Peace Islands Institute. This was an event following months of planning and other shared meals with our Muslim friends. It represented the mutual desire on the part of GIMF and PII to form an ongoing union and to share this partnership with Trinity parishioners. It's our hope to have another gathering in the future to foster mutual understanding that may include Trinity members and the larger community.

It was a happy occasion for us because we were greeting friends and their families. It was an opportunity to sit at table and ask questions of each other and explore the experiences that we share and the ones that are unique to our faiths and cultures. One of my nicest memories is sitting with my Muslim friend, holding hands as we chatted about our lives and our mutual love of the countryside, farms...and chickens. For more information about Peace Islands, go to [www.peaceislands.org](http://www.peaceislands.org).

## Thank You!

Dear Trinity,

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the many texts, phone calls and prayers during my brother's illness and recent death. It has been a long, sad road, but I have felt your love every step of the way. Sincere thanks for caring about me and my family.

Wishing you all His peace and my love,  
Leslie Felix-Mule

## With Our Sympathy

- ❖ Velvet Miller on the death of her father, Charles Miller
- ❖ Lou Ann Harris on the death of her mother, Ginny Weber

**Have you considered including Trinity in your last will and testament? Leave a lasting legacy to the church and 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. November’s meeting is on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. For additional information, contact Ginny Thorp at 908-894-0173 or [gthorp@catchthespirit.org](mailto:gthorp@catchthespirit.org).

## Family Ministry Small Groups

Monday November 7, 14, 21, 28	<b>Food with a Focus</b> Meets weekly on Monday	7 – 8:30 p.m. Pami residence
Wednesday November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	<b>Girls (Grades 9 – 12)</b> Meets weekly on Wednesday	6:45 – 8:15 p.m. Upper Room
Wednesday November 9, 23	<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 November 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 25, 28, 30	<b>Fitness Club (Grades 6 – 12)</b> Meets weekly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday	3 – 5 p.m. Starr Hall
Wednesday November 9	<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

## Creation Care

Carol Kitchell Droppa

Who wants to think about ecology on Thanksgiving? Well, in case you do, here's some suggestions for Thanksgiving environmental stewardship.

- ✓ Choose a USDA-certified organic and free-range turkey, locally grown.
- ✓ Eating produce in season, especially if it's locally grown, cuts down on carbon emissions needed to grow, ship, truck and fly it from farm to table. Fortunately, many of the vegetables we eat at Thanksgiving are in season. You might even consider skipping the turkey!
- ✓ We usually make a great quantity of food. Share leftovers with guests. Ask them to bring reusable dishes for leftovers. Freeze some. Use up foods that easily spoil. Compost scraps, except for meat and grease.
- ✓ With the oven and stove working overtime and more people in the house, turn down your thermostat.
- ✓ If you're decorating, use candles made of soy and beeswax rather than paraffin or petroleum, which contain toxic chemicals. Use squashes and gourds and fall leaves for decorations.
- ✓ Extend invitations by phone or email.
- ✓ Don't use disposable plates and plastic utensils.
- ✓ If you're traveling, make sure your tires are fully inflated. You'll reduce your carbon emissions and maximize your mileage.
- ✓ Cut down on consumption by not shopping on Black Friday. Make it a Buy Nothing Day.



## The Lord's Pantry

Kellie Pennington

We're incredibly busy this time of year, and **we need your help!** There are many ways that you can help to serve our community over the next couple of months, and we truly appreciate any assistance from our Trinity family.

Last year we distributed over 400 Thanksgiving food baskets, and will need at least that many this year. The basket includes a turkey and all the trimmings needed for a holiday meal, including a pie. We're facing a shortage of turkeys this year and ask that you consider donating one for a family in need.

There are several chances for you to volunteer your time at the Pantry during the holiday season. Please watch the *Just Say Yes* forms in the worship bulletin for your opportunity to sign up.

The number of people that we serve has been rising again, and we anticipate that the numbers will keep increasing over the next several months. Please consider hosting a food drive at your place of business, school, club, organization or even at family events.

Donations of food, turkeys and funds can be dropped off during the hours listed below. Any and all donations are truly appreciated and help a family in our community. Donated food is distributed directly to people in need, and monetary donations are used to purchase food.

In September, we served 1,352 people (458 families – including 43 new families): 433 children, 775 adults, 144 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

If you're interested in any of the Prison Ministry's programs, please contact any of the following. We need volunteers!

**Correspondence Ministry:** Carol Kitchell Droppa at [kitchell@comcast.net](mailto:kitchell@comcast.net).

**Backpack Ministry:** Bill Anzel at [billanzel@gmail.com](mailto:billanzel@gmail.com) or 201-841-1141.

**In-Prison Ministry:** Peter Smith ([psmithtrc@gmail.com](mailto:psmithtrc@gmail.com)) or Tony Albanese at [prisonmintumc@gmail.com](mailto:prisonmintumc@gmail.com).

**Angel Tree Program:** Liz Falco at 908-813-3321.

The correspondence ministry will entail becoming pen pals with a Christian incarcerated person, and writing a couple letters a month. Guidelines will be provided. The backpack ministry provides essential articles, like toiletries, for people who are being released. Donated supplies are needed for this ministry. We have an ongoing 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 information about the Angel Tree Christmas program is on page eight.

## Trinity Church Presents "All is Calm, All is Bright"

**December 10<sup>th</sup> at 4 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

Save the date and invite your family and friends for the upcoming special Christmas production. Trinity will be presenting an original Christmas play, *All is Calm, All is Bright*, with music on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> for two shows. The production is a fascinating story of how the Christmas classic hymn, *Silent Night* by Franz Gruber and Joseph Mohr was created. Additional information is on the website at [www.catchthespirit.org](http://www.catchthespirit.org).



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

### **The Andrews Sisters: Christmas of Swing at the Shawnee Playhouse, East Stroudsburg, PA**

The Andrews Sisters will present a show full of Christmas songs and swing tunes. This show is a joyful celebration of music, family and patriotism that mixes great songs and comedy sketches with real letters from WWII G.I.s.

Cost: \$27, includes show, transportation and buffet lunch.

Times: Bus pickup at Trinity – 10:45 a.m.  
Bus return to Trinity – 5 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 will be accepted after Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.**



## The View from Here

Last month, I wrote about making commitments. And this month is the time when we make our commitments of time, talent and treasure to our Trinity family. We do this because we're invested in keeping the church and its ministries going strong and meeting our needs and the needs of a larger community. But we could also make additional commitments. We could covenant to remain aligned spiritually and in our actions with principles that reflect the heritage of our faith.

We can commit to not drawing a divisive line between ourselves and others based on emotion, presumptions and ill-founded opinions.

We can commit to placing value on human life, period.

We can commit to treating people with respect regardless of race, nationality, gender, faith, sexual identity and ability.

We can commit to taking responsibility for our own actions and choices, knowing we all play a role in how our society works.

We can commit to being mindful stewards of the environment, and taking global warming seriously since it's the one problem we can do something about.

We can commit to continue squaring up the living of our daily lives with the tenets of our faith.

It's not easy to navigate the minefield of our American culture, with the societal pressures that come with a greatly diverse population, with a constant media barrage of messages the main purpose of which is to influence our thinking and decision making. It doesn't help us to be primarily defined as consumers and audiences and statistics by corporations and institutions and information spinners. We're challenged daily to hold onto the values that hopefully each one of us has labored thoughtfully to identify for ourselves. Values that we've examined and embodied as if our lives depended on their truth and import. And it takes courage to do what we know is right, even when doing so comes at a cost.

Be well and God bless, Carol

# Serving God with Us in November

## Chapel Ushers

Nov. 6 Doris Lemasters, Barbara Yarwood  
 Nov. 13 Glenn & Cindy Reynolds  
 Nov. 20 Pattie & Dennis Huff  
 Nov. 27 Linda Feula, Sally Hahnes

## Scripture Readers – 9:15

Nov. 6 Sharon Hoff  
 Nov. 13 Matt Whitehead  
 Nov. 20 Marybeth DiBernard  
 Nov. 27 Janet Charlton

## Greeters - 9:15

Nov. 6 Bruce & Gail Howell, Barbara Walter  
 Nov. 13 Alice Davis, Michele Risley, Dot Schmidling  
 Nov. 20 Dot Schmidling, Fran & Bill Blaskopf  
 Nov. 27 Michelle Stroessenreuther

## Greeters - 10:45

Nov. 6 Cindy Hunt, Edna Barrier  
 Nov. 13 Rosemary & David Robertson  
 Nov. 20 TBD  
 Nov. 27 TBD

## Ushers – 9:15

Nov. 6 Joe Thomas, Donna Re, Gary Droppa, Alyson Reynolds, Dan Stroessenreuther, Leslie Wexler, Sharon Roff, Prince Tettah  
 Nov. 13 Joe Thomas, Donna Re, Gary Droppa, Norm Graule, Lorry Fulton, Dan Stroessenreuther, Joanne Steihl, Sharron Roff  
 Nov. 20 Joe Thomas, Donna Re, Gary Droppa, Lorry Fulton, Norm Graule, Dan Stroessenreuther, Joe Lyon, Joanne Steihl  
 Nov. 27 Joe Thomas, Donna Re, Gary Droppa, Joane Steihl, Sharon Roff, Prince Tettah, Michele Risley

## Ushers – 10:45

Nov. 6 Carol Munro, Maureen Boer, Nancy Soleau, Scott Matthews, Bill Blaine, Roger Hammond, Joan Crouse, Jeff Deible, Pat Mullen  
 Nov. 13 Carol Munro, Claude Buchman, Scott Matthews, Bill Blaine, Roger Hammond, Joan Crouse, Jeff Deibel, Dan Fiedler, Pat Mullen, Peggy Ann Vickers  
 Nov. 20 Carol Munro, Nancy Soleau, Jim Anderson, Scott Matthews, Bill Blaine, Roger Hammond, Joan Crouse, Jeff Deibel, Pat Mullen, Vernon Kilkenny  
 Nov. 27 Carol Munro, Claude Buchman, Nancy Soleau, Scott Matthews, Bill Blaine, Toni Chadwick, Roger Hammond, Dan Fiedler, Pat Mullen, John Torkos

## Welcome Center – 9:15

Nov. 6 Rosann & Frank Cavallaro  
 Nov. 13 Amanda Cummings  
 Nov. 20 TBD  
 Nov. 27 Dottie Stearns

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Mike White  
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 TBD  
 Dottie Stearns

## Audio – 9:15

Nov. 6 Thomas Smith  
 Nov. 13 Keith Ryan  
 Nov. 20 Joe Racz  
 Nov. 27 Peter Smith

## Audio – 10:45

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