

# *Trinity Tidings*

**April 2016**

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



**Earth Day  
Church Directory Photographs  
IF: Gathering Women's Seminar  
ASP Pasta Dinner  
Imagine No Malaria Contribution Drive**

## **From the Pastor**

### **This Is Our Father's World**

The sign directed me to walk on the sidewalk, not on the grass. The next sign explained why.

I was walking across my college campus on this April day when these signs caught my attention and challenged my assumptions. The reason I was not to walk across the grass was to help the earth. Because this was the very first Earth Day, about which I hadn't even heard.

Since then much has happened to validate that day which announced that we needed to be concerned about the earth on which we live.

The concern has grown into a crisis. And the signs are now everywhere.

Of course, you may wish to debate the extent of the crisis or challenge the validity of the evidence. But to me it's abundantly clear that the passengers on spaceship earth need to find more and better ways to take care of our planet.

That clarity was reinforced when I recently walked through the American Museum of Natural History. That storehouse of the record of human and non-human life on earth is built on a foundation of some of the best scientific knowledge in the world. And as I walked past the exhibits of animal life, I read in front of several exhibits about the extinction or near-extinction of species due to damaging human activity on earth.

I challenge us all to keep this serious concern as a part of our personal and practical decision-making. As a congregation, Trinity is committed to the same.

Creation Care is a theme woven into all of the "pillars" of our church's strategic plan. On April 24<sup>th</sup>, we'll have a Creation Care emphasis in worship. And a valuable educational seminar is offered at a neighboring church which I hope some parishioners will attend. See details on page 3.

Why should we do these things? Some say it's out of self-interest so that our great grandchildren will have a healthy planet on which to live. And that's true.

But Christians have a stronger reason: This is not our planet. It's God's. And we've been charged with its care. Please join me in doing your part.

Blessings and peace,

**Frank**

# Why Christians Should Care About God's Creation

A Free Seminar with Noted Author, Edward R. Brown

Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 9 p.m.  
Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Knowlton Presbyterian Church  
3 Knowlton Road, Columbia

Dinner, Breakfast and Lunch Provided  
Post-Seminar Guided Nature Hike

Free Registration: <http://bit.ly/1R9Vysp>  
[knowltonpca@gmail.com](mailto:knowltonpca@gmail.com) or 908-459-5170

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The Special Needs Basketball Tournament originally scheduled for Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> has been postponed due to scheduling conflicts. Stay tuned for the rescheduled date.  
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## Trinity Campus Cleanup on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Our church-wide spring clean-up will be Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please consider coming out 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. to help clean up. We can use many hands for the various tasks. Maybe you can come help all morning, or join us for one of the two-hour blocks of time: 8 – 10 a.m. or 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. This is a great family opportunity, so bring the kids. Contact Frank Procaccini at [fprocaccini@catchthespirit.org](mailto:fprocaccini@catchthespirit.org) for more information. This is also a great way to support Trinity's Creation Care ministry! Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>.



# Church Directory Photographs

**Photography Dates: April 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Weekdays: 2 – 9 p.m.**

**Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

Please allow one hour for your portrait session.

Free 8 x 10 for each family photographed. Additional photos available at discounted prices.

Schedule your appointment on Trinity's website: [www.catchthespirit.org](http://www.catchthespirit.org). Or sign up in person on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings.

## **Make Your Photo Personal**

Lifetouch encourages you to bring something that says who you are to your portrait session. Perhaps a hat, pin, scarf, musical instrument, Bible, sports gear.

This photography opportunity is also open to your friends and family, even if they're not members of Trinity. All families will receive a complimentary 8 x 10. Only families who are members of Trinity will be included in the directory and receive a free copy. There's no pressure to order additional portraits!

## **Generational Photography**

Lifetouch also does generational photography. It's a great opportunity to get the whole family together for one big portrait. Please schedule each family separately and another appointment for the group photo.

## **Special Offers and Discounts**

A \$10 thank-you coupon for each family photographed.

Bring a non-perishable donation for The Lord's Pantry to your photo session and you'll receive a \$5 coupon toward any purchase made at your appointment.

Seniors (60+) receive a 20% discount.

Military and first-responders receive a 20% discount – active or retired military, police, firefighters and EMTs showing proper ID.

Questions? Call the church office at 908-852-3020.

# **IF: Gathering ~ Webcast Women's Conference**

**Trinity Church, April 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>**

## **What IF we lived like Jesus?**

IF: Gathering is an opportunity to gather with women all over the world (via webcast) to see what could happen if we all lived like Jesus. The world around us feels like it's crumbling and almost nothing seems certain, until we look to Jesus and see that our hope is very clear and certain. He didn't just give us salvation. Jesus is our salvation and the example of what it means to live in the fullness of grace and truth. What the world needs is His redemption, the very redemption and hope that lives inside of us. Rather than shrink back, it's time to love like Jesus loved, serve like Jesus served, pray like Jesus prayed and pursue holiness like Jesus pursued it. This April 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, join this global gathering of women across denominations, generations and cultures as we come together in the name of Jesus.

We'll hear speakers like Rebekah Lyons, Kay Warren, Ann Voskamp, Shelley Giglio, Jen Hatmaker and Angie Smith. We'll worship together, celebrate Holy Communion together, eat and share together.

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

*John 1:14*

Even if you can't come for the whole time, please come when you can. There's no cost for this event, though we're asking for donations from participants to cover food and to defray the cost of bringing this event to Trinity.

Feel free to invite friends to this event. Let us know you're coming in the *Just Say Yes* form in the worship bulletin or send Pastor Jenny an email at [jsmithwalz@catchthespirit.org](mailto:jsmithwalz@catchthespirit.org). Watch for online signup information in your email, on [www.catchthespirit.org](http://www.catchthespirit.org) and *On My Mind*.

# The Appalachia Service Project's Pasta Dinner

Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:30 - 7 p.m.

## Starr Hall

If you've been to one of our previous dinners you already know what to expect. This all-you-can-eat event is affordable family fare with a price to fit your budget.

Buy your tickets early: adults only \$10, children ages 6 thru 10 are \$6 and children under 6 are free. At the door the price goes up, so get your tickets in advance. **This is a fantastic pasta dinner with a variety of options: several pastas including gluten-free, fresh sauces, salad, bread, a variety of desserts including pies.** To top it all off the proceeds all go to help Trinity's ASP mission team bring your message of God's love and hope to some families in need in Appalachia by making their homes warmer, safer and drier.

This summer will mark Trinity's 22<sup>nd</sup> consecutive ASP mission trip. You can make a difference. Support our youth by supporting ASP. Tickets are on sale in Starr Hall or you may purchase them from any ASP volunteer or through the church office. **Support the Appalachia Service Project!**

**Eat in or Take Out!**

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It's not too late for youth (grades nine and above) and adults to sign up for the ASP trip, July 9<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>. Call the church office for details.  
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## Church Staff Updates

Caelyn Adams is the new Family Ministry Administrative Assistant. She'll soon graduate from Centenary College and begin her studies at Drew Theological Seminary. This part-time ministry supports all of our family ministries.

Frank Procaccini is the new Property Manager. He'll be overseeing the care of our buildings and grounds, and adds this part-time work to his other part-time Trinity ministry as Missions Facilitator.

## The Bulletin Board

### **Martha Friendship Circle: April 4<sup>th</sup>**

The Martha Friendship Circle will meet in Heath Village's Grille on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Our speaker will be Rev. Lorraine Dughi, an Episcopal priest at St. Peter's Church in Clifton. She became a priest at the age of 80. Now she's a very young 90, and will share her story with us. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a friend.

### **Trinity UMM Fellowship Breakfast: April 9<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: April 17<sup>th</sup>**

The process includes a dinner on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, and on the 17<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. The next date is June 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Baptism: May 8<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: June 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Safe Harbor Ministry: April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**(Breakfast Run) Midnight Run Ministry: April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Next Campus Blood Drive: June 4<sup>th</sup>**



## OUR FAITH IN ACTION

**Give to honor your children in April. Give to honor your mother in May.**

Names

\_\_\_ child/ren \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ mother/s \_\_\_\_\_

100% of your contributions will go to the fight against malaria. Together, we're making a difference as the people of the United Methodist Church.

Hand your contribution to Edna Barrier when you see her or mail it to her at 19 Old Wolfe Road, Budd Lake, NJ 07828.



**Thank God for your children**, and then honor them as you help assure that a mother in Africa will not have to face the loss of a child. Malaria IS preventable, treatable and beatable. Unlike many other diseases that are awaiting cure, malaria was eliminated in the U.S. in the 1950s. The United Methodist Church continues to work with the hope and determination that NO child should die from malaria in Sub-Saharan Africa.

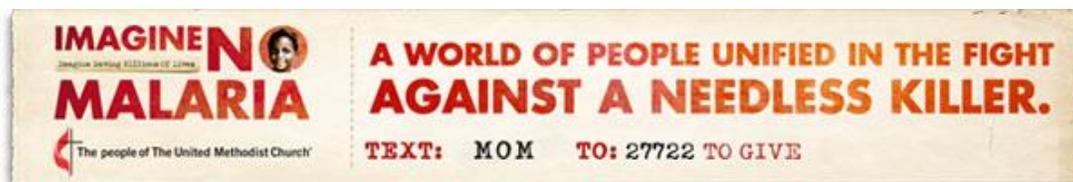
When this initiative began just five years ago, a child in Africa died from malaria every 30 seconds. According to the recent World Malaria Report, we have now turned back the clock two full minutes. By improving the ways people fight the disease using bed nets, providing access to diagnostic tests and medicine, draining standing water and improving sanitation, we've already helped reduce malaria deaths by more than half.

11,600+ health workers have been trained  
2,300,000+ bed nets have been distributed

**How can you help eliminate malaria?**

- ✓ \$10 provides a bed net and instruction on how to use it.
- ✓ \$10 provides two full rounds of malaria medication.

Trinity's Missions Team has set aside some funds for this purpose. You can help by giving to Trinity United Methodist Women's annual drive during April and May. Give your contribution to Edna Barrier when you see her or mail it to her at 19 Old Wolfe Road, Budd Lake, NJ 07828.



**Trinity UMWomen thank you for helping.**

## Savor Suppers: Food and Conversation for Women

**Contact:** Sign up for a supper by contacting Pastor Jenny Smith Walz ([jsmithwalz@catchthespirit.org](mailto:jsmithwalz@catchthespirit.org)) or 908-852-3020.

**Location:** Homes of Trinity women

**Dates:** Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.  
Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 p.m.

Savor Suppers will bring together small group gatherings of women, just a few at a time, with no commitment beyond the one-time event. Once a month, a different woman from the congregation will host a simple meal at her home for five other women. As you gather for literal bread, we hope you'll also experience spiritual bread and savor the experience of God, grace and faithful conversation.

## Community Dinner and a Movie: *The War Room*

Join us on **Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** for our free monthly Community Dinner and then stay to watch *The War Room*. The dinner is 5:30 – 7 p.m. in Starr Hall and the movie begins at 7 p.m. You can come for both or you can come to either the dinner or the movie.

## Hope in the Hills of Warren

### **A Day of Help: May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Teams of teenagers and adults will help elderly and/or disabled residents within the Warren Hills sending district with spring cleaning projects inside and outside the home. Possible projects could include window washing, floor cleaning, gardening, dusting, raking, changing light bulbs and gutter cleaning. Contact Pat Callahan for more information at [lpp5243@gw.njsp.org](mailto:lpp5243@gw.njsp.org).

### **A Weekend of Hope: June 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**

Teams of teenagers and adults will work on homes of elderly, disabled or low-income homeowners within the Warren Hills sending district. Projects include painting, light home repair (decks, porches, stairs, ramps) and landscape work. Contact Pat Callahan for more information at [lpp5243@gw.njsp.org](mailto:lpp5243@gw.njsp.org).

## UMM Matters

Tony Albanese

Hello Friends! Welcome to Spring! The UMM would like to thank everyone for their participation in our hoagie sale. We made \$1,100! That's just awesome and we can't thank you enough. That money goes right into our scholarship fund. And I still can't get the smell of onions off of me! Remember to save the date: April 30<sup>th</sup>. UMM's Spring Dance. Watch the worship bulletin for details. I know you're excited! I hope to see you all there cutting yourself a slice of rug. We're also gearing up our Miracle Network Summer Saturday program. If you want to get involved in some light repair projects one Saturday a month, let us know. Bring the whole family. And know that you're all a part of UMM, and we need everyone to pitch in somewhere so we can accomplish what God has sent us to do. Peace, love and see you in service. You can contact me at [anthony.albanese@usps.gov](mailto:anthony.albanese@usps.gov) or 201-230-9173.

## With Our Sympathy

- ❖ Family and friends of Isabelle Simon
- ❖ Pat Riegler on the death of her mother
- ❖ Glenn and Cindy Reynolds on the death of Glenn's mother, Margaret
- ❖ The Racz family on the death of Joe and Marlene's brother-in-law

## Thank You

Thank you to those who prepared and delivered food to me during my recovery. Thank you also to Anthony Pami who initiated the meal deliveries.

Sincerely, Phyllis Richardson

**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.**

## Trinity's Prison Ministry

Lives are being impacted by our prison ministry in Northern State Prison. Please join us the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in Trinity House for our monthly prison ministry meeting. Contact Peter Smith at [psmithtrc@gmail.com](mailto:psmithtrc@gmail.com) for more information.

### Correspondence Ministry

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

**Mentoring Ministry** at Northern State Prison: Contact Peter Smith ([psmithtrc@gmail.com](mailto:psmithtrc@gmail.com)) or Tony Albanese at [prisonmintumc@gmail.com](mailto:prisonmintumc@gmail.com).

**Administrative Support:** Trinity's Prison Ministry needs help at all levels in addition to those highlighted above. Research, networking, communications, etc. If your gifts fit these needs, please contact any of the leaders listed above.

## Did You Know?

The Department of Community affairs of the State of New Jersey estimates there are more than 6,000 families still in the recovery process from hurricane Sandy. UMC volunteers, through A Future with Hope, remain on the ground helping the most vulnerable rebuild and get home. We're working in Atlantic City, Beach Haven, Belford, Brick, Brigantine, Highlands, Keansburg, Lanoka Harbor, Little Egg Harbor, Long Branch, Longport, Neptune, Ocean City, Toms River, Tuckerton, Union Beach and Villas.

So far this year, A Future with Hope has:

- Rebuilt 204 homes
- 27 homes under construction
- Five homes in the queue
- 10,767 volunteers
- 10 host sites
- A 284-person hosting capacity

World Malaria Day is April 29<sup>th</sup>. Today, four times the number of children are surviving in Sub-Saharan Africa than when the UMC's Imagine No Malaria campaign was launched five years ago.

## **Diversity ~ Days of Remembrance: April 27<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Carol Droppa

Between 1938 and 1945, the Nazi Party in Germany enacted the systematic persecution and murder of millions of European Jews and other people it considered politically, racially or socially unfit. This happened in what we consider recent history in an advanced and civilized country that, nevertheless, descended into social collapse.

The United States Congress established the Days of Remembrance, April 27<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>, as the nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust. Many organizations host observances and remembrances during this time. We remember and mourn those whose lives were ended, but also we celebrate those who were brave enough to save them.

Although those in power executed these atrocities, many people participated in many ways. People followed orders without question, bystanders stood by and did nothing, and ordinary people simply went along with the flow.

The Holocaust is so staggering in its horrendousness, there's a temptation to want to forget and repress the stories. But we need to remember to understand what humans are capable of doing. We need to remember those who risked their lives to help save their fellow human beings and the Allied soldiers who fought in World War II and liberated the concentration camps.

Days of Remembrance is a call to conscience today to ensure we aren't the silent ones who contribute to the suffering of others. It may be difficult to imagine how there could ever be another Holocaust. But we've seen Bosnia, Rwanda, Darfur, Syria. Millions of people continue to be persecuted and murdered because of their ethnicity or religion or political affiliation. As the director of the United States Holocaust Museum observes, "It's really a moral challenge to us to do more in our own lives when we confront injustice or hatred or genocide." And in the words of survivors:

The important thing is that one should not become indifferent to the suffering of others, that one should not stand by and just raise one's hands and say, "There's nothing I can do. I'm just a little one person," because I think what everyone of us does, matters.

That's not enough to curse the darkness of the past. Above all, we have to illuminate the future. And I think that on the Day of Remembrance the most important thing is to remember the humanity that is in all of us to leave the world better for our children and for posterity.

## Creation Care

Carol Droppa

Trinity's Creation Care Ministry has worked on a range of concerns since its inception. We've set up the successful recycling system that parishioners are using. But the definition of recycling is broader. Giving your unwanted things to the Thrift Shop is a type of recycling that benefits those who purchase articles at reduced cost and Trinity by generating income for the church. In turn, items that the Thrift Shop can't use or excess items are donated to a number of other organizations that make good use of them.

Creation Care has been replacing regular lightbulbs around the campus with longer-lasting LED bulbs in an effort to save energy. We've also installed sensor switches in all the restrooms so lights aren't left on all the time.

We have a working partnership with the communal garden, the produce of which has been donated to The Lord's Pantry in season. We're helping with access to the garden and the means to water the beds. We also provide some financial support for the purchase of needed items.

Last year, a group interested in establishing a butterfly waystation to aid the dwindling numbers of Monarch butterflies as well as other butterflies and bees, partnered with Creation Care. The garden was built and planted, and this year we hope the maturing plants will be even more established and we may be able to expand.

Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup> and we'll celebrate this world-wide event on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is *Trees for the Earth*. Over the next five years as Earth Day moves toward its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the goal is to plant 7.8 billion trees. We can help by planting trees! Trees help combat climate change by absorbing excess and harmful CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere. In one year, an acre of mature trees absorbs the same amount of CO<sub>2</sub> produced by driving the average car 26,000 miles. Trees absorb odors and pollutant gases and filter particulates out of the air by trapping them on their leaves and bark, so we can breathe cleaner air. Trees also help communities achieve environmental sustainability and provide food, energy and income. Go to <http://www.earthday.org>.

Take a look at the communal garden's initial wish list and see if there's something you can donate. Please use the recycling containers around the campus. Turn off lights when you exit a room. Volunteer to help in the communal and butterfly gardens. Read the educational articles Creation Care produces. Support local growers by joining farms that offer Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs. Be informed consumers. Give unwanted items and clothing in very good shape to the Thrift Shop. Take your own tote bags to the grocery store. Think about how you use your energy resources. Learn about eco-justice issues. Let's all continue to be good Christian stewards of the world God has entrusted into our care.



## Donate to the Communal Garden

We have an initial list of items the communal garden needs. If you want to donate something, call Mary Brigode first at 304-552-2021 so we don't get too many of something, or to get information about obtaining what's needed.

- 4 tomato cages
- 8 organic or heirloom tomato plants (no cherry tomatoes)
- 12 seed potatoes (Tickner's has them)
- 4 organic green pepper plants
- 4 organic hot pepper plants
- 4 organic sweet pepper plants (e.g., banana)
- 6 organic eggplant plants
- 4 organic summer squash plants
- 4 organic zucchini plants
- 4 organic butternut squash plants
- 6 four-foot metal u-posts
- Pocket hose with metal fixtures – 100 feet

## Sprouts News for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

Mark on your calendars that the **Sprouts Lock-In will take place on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7 p.m. – Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8 a.m. in Trinity House.** It's our final Sprouts activity for the school year and will be a time of fun as well as service.

If you have any Sprouts questions or need more information, contact Ginny Thorp at 908-852-3020, ext. 17 or [gthorp@catchthespirit.org](mailto:gthorp@catchthespirit.org).

## Church School News

**3<sup>rd</sup> Graders and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parents:** On Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, we'll be having our final Bible Blast session. It's our **BIBLE BLAST CELEBRATION** and all parents are invited to join the students for fun, games and food as your children share some things that they've learned about the Bible this year. Please meet in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom, Room 105.



**Middle School  
NEWS April**

Happy April! Happy Spring! Thank you God for everything! Middle School Ministry is always blossoming, and this month with its beauty and newness, reminds us of God's love and restoration in our lives! Here are some details of events in April. Please check the monthly calendar that's emailed and posted on Facebook to check out what's going on with specific dates and times.

- April 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Philadelphia Experience! Please pray for our team as we head to the City of Brotherly Love to help the homeless. We appreciate your support and love.
- April 14<sup>th</sup> A Night of Prayer. We'll head to Pastor Jenny's house to learn different ways to pray, and we'll make our own prayer boards. Invite a friend! 6 Limonite Road, Independence; 7 – 8:30 p.m.
- April 16<sup>th</sup> Road trip to Warren Hills High School to see the musical, *Guys and Dolls*. We'll meet at 11:30 a.m. at Leo's Pizza on Rt. 31 in Washington and then head to the show at 1 p.m. Cost: \$12 includes ticket and lunch.

We'll also be holding nights in our Middle School room and hopefully a night with other churches in our area. More details to come!

If you have any questions about Middle School Ministry or would like to volunteer to be a part of our group, contact Laura Iacampo at 201-787-6842 (talk/text), [liacampo@catchthespirit.org](mailto:liacampo@catchthespirit.org) or [lvbiacampo@comcast.net](mailto:lvbiacampo@comcast.net).

For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.  
Song of Solomon, 2:11-12

You're **"WOOL-COME"** to Trinity's Jr. Prayer Shawl Small Group!

Are you 8 years old or older? Do you knit and/or crochet?

Would you like to learn how to knit and/or crochet?

Beginners and those who are more experienced are welcome at this small group every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month in Room 104, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. April's meeting is on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. For additional information, contact Ginny Thorp at 908-852-3020, ext.17 or [gthorp@catchthespirit.org](mailto:gthorp@catchthespirit.org)).

## Family Ministry Small Groups

Monday April 4, 11, 18, 25	<b>High School Bible Study</b> Meets weekly on Monday	7:30 – 9 p.m. Upper Room
Wednesday April 6, 13, 20, 27	<b>G.I.R.L.S. (Grades 9 – 12)</b> Meets weekly on Wednesday	7 – 8:30 p.m. Upper Room
Wednesday April 6, 20	<b>High School Boys' Group</b>	7 – 9 p.m. Starr Hall
Monday, Wednesday & Friday April 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29	<b>Fitness Club (Grades 6 – 12)</b> Meets weekly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday	3 – 5 p.m. Starr Hall
Wednesday April 13	<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
Saturday April 2, 16, 30	<b>Highest Praise (Grades 1 – 8)</b> Meets every other Saturday	5 – 6:30 p.m. KidZone



**Save the Date for  
Vacation Bible School 2016  
July 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Consider being a VBS volunteer! Sign up using the volunteer form (for interested 5<sup>th</sup> grade volunteers through adults) which will be available in the worship bulletin and on Trinity's website mid-April.

VBS registration forms for child participants will be available Memorial Day weekend.

If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Thorp at 908-852-3020, ext. 17 or [gthorp@catchthespirit.org](mailto:gthorp@catchthespirit.org).

## The Lord's Pantry

Kellie Pennington

We're getting closer to the **Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive** on May 14<sup>th</sup>, our biggest drive of the year. People are asked to leave non-perishable food items by their mailboxes that day, and postal workers collect the food and donate it to local agencies. We receive food from the Hackettstown and Budd Lake post offices.

Keep an eye out for future *Just Say Yes* opportunities to volunteer that day. We need many volunteers to pick up food from the post offices and sort it at the Pantry. Also, please put some food out that day (no glass containers, please) and let friends and family know about the food drive. The Letter Carriers Association is hoping to break a Guinness World Record that day for the amount of food collected, so every little bit will help.

In February, we served 1,202 people: 405 families (26 new), including 361 children, 705 adults, 136 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.**

## Congratulations, Jill!

Jill Fedon, our extraordinary hand bell choir director, has recently received her Master of Church Music degree from Concordia University. Yea Jill! Jill worked on her degree program over the years as she directed our bell choirs, led several of them to special performances, including Carnegie Hall, Disney World and Give Kids the World, worked as a teacher at Gill St. Bernard's School and published three original compositions (with another in the works) for hand bells. We're blessed to have her at Trinity, and thank her for her music ministry and commitment to excellence.



## 2016 Trinity UMC Scholarships

**Application deadline: May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 12 p.m.**

Application forms are available in the church office or at [www.catchthespirit.org](http://www.catchthespirit.org). Please contact Pastor Don Gebhard at the church office (908-852-3020) with any questions!

### **The Sanman/Spender Scholarship for Beginning and Continuing Students**

The intent of this scholarship, first awarded in 1999 in memory of Ivan Sanman and Frank H. Spender, Jr., is to provide assistance for an area high school senior or high school graduate (under age 21) to begin *or* continue his or her higher education at a college or trade school. The applicant must be accepted to or currently attending a college or trade school. The criteria for award of the scholarship are character, Christian discipleship, community citizenship and financial need. The award may be divided among up to three applicants at the discretion of the scholarship committee. This scholarship is open to members of the community and does not require the applicant to be a member of Trinity UMC.

### **The Leveto Scholarship for Beginning and Continuing Students**

This scholarship is for ministry students, high school seniors and adults seeking further higher education at a college or trade school. Candidates should have discipleship background in church and/or community service and financial need. This scholarship is open to members of Trinity UMC.

### **The Mathias Severin Torgersen Memorial Scholarship for Beginning Students**

The intent of this scholarship, first awarded in 2008 in memory of Rev. Matt Torgersen by the United Methodist Men, is to provide assistance for a high school senior to begin his or her higher education at a college or trade school. The applicant must be an active participant in the ministry of Trinity Church and a regular worship attendee. This scholarship is open to members of Trinity UMC.

### **The Ryan James Cameron Scholarship for Beginning and Continuing Students**

The intent of this scholarship, first awarded in 2013 in Memory of Ryan Cameron, is to provide assistance for a high school senior or high school graduate (under the age of 21) to begin or continue his or her higher education at a four-year college. The applicant must be accepted or currently enrolled at a four-year college. The criteria for the award are character, Christian discipleship, church and community service and financial need. The award may be divided among up to two applicants at the discretion of the scholarship committee. This scholarship is open to members of Trinity UMC.

## **Age 62+ Hackettstown Senior Trip: Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

### **Hunterdon Hills Playhouse: "Rumors" High Society! High Crimes! High Comedy!**

The day includes this highly-entertaining comedy play and a buffet lunch with dessert.

Cost: \$54.50, includes show, transportation and buffet lunch.

Times: Bus pickup at Trinity – 10:15 a.m.  
Doors open at 11 a.m.; show runs 1:15 – 3:30 p.m.  
Bus return to Trinity – 4:15 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.

**If you want to go, notify Marie immediately!**

## **Pastoral Hospital Visits**

Trinity pastors regularly visit Hackettstown Medical Center and other area hospitals. Due to lack of communication, HIPPA regulations or other factors, sometimes they don't know when someone goes to the hospital. Also, when patients provide intake information, it's important for the correct religious information to be noted so that pastors see it on the census they're given and can find patients.

If you or a family member is in the hospital, the best way to ensure that the pastors know about it is for you or other responsible party to call the church office at 908-852-3020. And remember to indicate your religion when you're admitted, even when you've gone to the emergency room.

## **Trinity's Safe Sanctuaries Policy**

Trinity is in complete compliance with agreed-upon practices that ensure that all persons are safe as they participate in our ministries. This especially applies to minors. We have a Safe Sanctuaries Policy outlining a wide variety of practices that seek to ensure that everyone is safe and secure as they participate at Trinity and in Trinity ministries beyond our campus. This policy is under the review and guidance of the Greater New Jersey Conference of the United Methodist Church. We also have a ministry team that regularly reviews this policy. If you'd like to see a copy, call the church office at 908-852-3020.

# 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 last 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.

## The View from Here

Somehow, it seems like spring has come earlier this year. I guess the feeling is heightened by a winter with only one snowstorm and many warm days. The seed and plant catalogues are clogging the mailbox. My few remaining chickens want to stay out later, and I don't blame them. I love the lengthening days. This repeating cycle of seasons embraces our years within a sort of home, a place of familiarity and constancy that gives focus and structure to our journeys.

April is also the month when we celebrate Earth Day. From its inception 45 years ago, this world-wide movement now involves millions of people who acknowledge the importance of caring for our planet and its resources, animals and people. And what concerns we have: the effects of global warming, the misuse and exploitation of natural resources, greenhouse gas emissions, extinction of animal and insect species, destruction of the rainforests, toxic substances in our food, water, air and products, GMO agriculture, energy use issues. But creation care also involves eco-justice: famine and illness brought about by a changing environment, super powers that use most of the world's resources while others go without, the plight of indigenous peoples, and those who work as slaves in mining that produces minerals needed for our electronic devices.

Days of Remembrance also falls in April — a time to reflect on the Holocaust and what it can mean when peoples of the world turn their eyes away from the suffering of their fellow humans. In the history of the time leading to the worst days of the Nazi regime, there's an eerie resemblance to many of the events of our current culture. At the 1938 Evian Conference initiated by Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32 nations convened to discuss revising their immigration policies in response to Jews attempting to flee persecution. It was difficult enough to get the papers necessary to leave, but they had to have receiving countries. Although everyone sympathized with the refugees' plight, almost all the countries refused to alter their immigration policies to accept greater numbers of immigrants, including the U.S.

So we celebrate spring, and maybe we'll feel grateful for the natural beauty and resources we still have. Maybe we'll rejoice that, as Christians, we can carry the responsibility to do our part to be mindful and active stewards of our earth and its beleaguered people. Maybe we can be attentive and educated watchers of the events that unfold in our society, trying to respond with wisdom and conscientiousness. This is our world, with all its blessings and its burdens. But it's God's world first.

Be well and God bless, Carol

# Serving God with Us in April

**Chapel Ushers**

April 3 Bonnie Palma, Betty Cyphers  
 April 10 Glenn & Cindy Reynolds  
 April 17 Pattie & Dennis Huff  
 April 24 Linda Feula, Sally Hahnes

**Scripture Readers – 9:15**

April 3 Dot Schmidling  
 April 10 John Reed  
 April 17 Tammy Trinneer  
 April 24 Mary Beth DiBernard

**Greeters - 9:15**

April 3 Leslie Felix-Mule, Karen Riccobono, Pat Bristow  
 April 10 Dot Schmidling, Alice Davis  
 April 17 Dot Schmidling  
 April 24 Leslie Felix-Mule, Pat Bristow

**Greeters - 10:45**

April 3 Hope Keister, LaNelle Hoffmann, Alice Popelka  
 April 10 Hope Keister, LaNelle Hoffmann, Alice Popelka  
 April 17 Barry Widenor, LaNelle Hoffmann, Alice Popelka  
 April 24 LaNelle Hoffmann, Alice Popelka

**Ushers – 9:15**

April 3 Joe Thomas, Marie James, Becky Illnick, Donna Re, Leslie Wexler, Bill Bippus, Kate Stiner, Carol Theys  
 April 10 Joe Thomas, Donna Re, Bill Bippus, Brenda Sargeant, Carol Theys, Joanne Steihl, Tony Albanese, Lynette Albanese  
 April 17 Joe Thomas, Donna Re, Bill Bippus, Joanne Steihl, Christina Gleason, Tony Albanese, Lynette Albanese, Doug Powell  
 April 24 Joe Thomas, Becky Illnick, Pauline Churchill, Donna Re, Bill Bippus, Carol Theys, Tony Albanese, Lynette Albanese

**Ushers – 10:45**

April 3 Carol Munro, Claude Buchman, Pat Mullen, Joan Crouse, Joan Roehrich, Roger Hammond, Andy Hibler, Jeff Deible, Scott Matthews, Nancy Soleau  
 April 10 Carol Munro, Pat Mullen, Joan Crouse, Joan Roehrich, Roger Hammond, Andy Hibler, Jeff Deible, Scott Matthews, Dan Fiedler, Mary Brigode  
 April 17 Carol Munro, Pat Mullen, Maureen Boer, Linda McClune, Joan Crouse, Joan Roehrich, Roger Hammond, Andy Hibler, Scott Matthews, Dan Fiedler  
 April 24 Carol Munro, Claude Buchman, Maureen Boer, Glennora Broadwell, Pat Mullen, Joan Crouse, Toni Chadwick, Joan Roehrich, Roger Hammond, Scott Matthews

**Welcome Center – 9:15**

April 3 Amanda Cummings  
 April 10 Dot Stearns  
 April 17 Bilynda Brown  
 April 24 Dottie Brehm

**Welcome Center – 10:45**

April 3 Mike White  
 April 10 Mike White  
 April 17 Ellen English  
 April 24 Ellen English

**Audio – 9:15**

April 3 Joe Racz  
 April 10 Thomas Smith  
 April 17 Bill Anzel  
 April 24 Keith Ryan

**Audio – 10:45**

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