Trinity Steeple Notes

Announcements and Events: February 11, 2018

Your Legacy Gift Plan Made EASY

Special Adult Forum Sunday, February 25 at 9:45 AM

Who Do You Love? What Do You Believe? What is Important to You?

Take a moment and dream of the future you’d like to see for your family, your congregation, the ministries you love… The people you love, the beliefs you cherish, your values and dreams are your legacy – your witness to the world. Your legacy lives on beyond your lifetime.

How will you preserve your legacy? How will you invest in it while you live? How will you plan to preserve your legacy when you die? This informative and inspirational forum will explain how you can create a Gift Plan to distribute your assets to bless the people and ministries you love beyond your lifetime.

Our guest speaker, Yvonne Jones Lembo, serves with the ELCA Foundation as a Regional Gift Planner. With more than 15 years of experience in non-profit development, Yvonne’s gift planning expertise has helped families, congregations and ELCA organizations in the Mid-Atlantic reach their stewardship, mission and legacy goals.

Yvonne regards her work as an expression of God’s ministry call for her life and an outgrowth of more than 35 years of ministry and professional experience with congregations and non-profit organizations in the United States and abroad. She holds Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Harvard University and received the Master of Divinity with honors from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (LTSP) in 2013.

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Hearts Made New

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine’s Day, February 14, giving us an opportunity to meditate on the heart of God as we pray for a renewal of our hearts in this season of preparation and repentance.

**Ash Wednesday worship** is at 12:05 PM (in the chapel) and 7:30 PM (in the Nave). Each liturgy includes Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. The evening worship service will be broadcast live on Comcast Channel 190. (It is not sacrilegious to have a Valentine’s Day date before or after Ash Wednesday worship.)

**Sundays in Lent** explore the theme of God’s covenant with stories of promise, blessing and transformation. The liturgy will be simplified this season, as we celebrate God’s promises with a subdued sense of restraint and anticipation, awaiting the fullness of the Easter feast.

**Wednesday noonday worship** (in the chapel at 12:05) will feature readings associated with the Easter Vigil, each providing a description of God, a metaphor of the resurrection and a link to baptism. The readings will be accompanied by the projection of artwork to guide our understanding and meditation on these stories of salvation. Worship will last about 30 minutes and soup will be offered in the Hintz Room following the service.

**Lenten Devotional Resource:** Deepen your Lenten journey by using *You Are the Way: Devotions for Lent 2018*. These small pocket-sized booklets will be available in the Narthex. (Donations to help cover the $2.25 cost are always welcome!)
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Yvonne has been part of the ELCA since 2006 both at Little Zion Lutheran Church in Telford, PA and St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in Philadelphia. Yvonne served with the Development Office of LTSP, now United Lutheran Seminary (ULS), from 2009-2014 and now partners with ULS through the ELCA Foundation as a Major and Planned Gifts Officer. Connecting to her ecumenical ministry roots, from 2011 – 2017, Yvonne served with the Executive Staff of Catalyst for Change Church, an urban congregation reaching out to young singles and families. Outside of work, Yvonne enjoys music, walking and biking on nature trails, cooking and foodie adventures, and long drives on the open road, especially to visit her brother’s family in Quebec.

In Memoriam: Marie Dautrich

Marie Dautrich, a long-time and faithful member of Trinity, has passed with her Savior from this life to the place God has prepared for her. Marie had served on the counting team for many years and was involved in the planning of several church photo directories. Although she was confined to home in her last years, Trinity continued to be important to her and she prayerfully and joyfully supported her church. A celebration of her life and God’s promises will take place this Spring at the convenience of her family.

With Gratitude

Thank you very much for sharing the lovely poinsettia and altar flowers with me recently. I appreciate your kind and loving gifts.

— Beverly Wink
Albright Choirs Return to Trinity
Seeking housing hosts for student singers

Last year, the Rändel Wolfe Memorial Concert Series hosted Albright College’s spectacular a cappella singing groups - Albright Angels and Mane Men. The singers will return next month to present a concert on Saturday, March 10 at 7:00 PM. You do not want to miss this evening of outstanding music! They will also be with us and lead music for the 11:00 AM service the next morning.

Part of the tour experience is staying with host families. We will again need to provide housing for twenty-four singers; at this time, we still need hosts for 13 students. Karen Eddinger will be coordinating the housing. Please contact her if you are willing to house two or more students after the Saturday concert, provide breakfast for them Sunday morning, and return them to Trinity for their warm-up time.

Please Support the Albright Angels and Mane Men Concert

The Rändel Wolfe Memorial Concert Series will feature the Albright Angels and Mane Men on Saturday, March 10. The series is supported solely through patron contributions. We need your financial help to make this series a success. All patron gifts received by March 5 will be listed in the concert program. Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church; Memo line: Wolfe Concert Series.

Rändel L. Wolfe Memorial Concert Series 2018

Amount ____________________

Name(s) as you would like it to appear in the patron listing:
Easter Flowers and World Hunger Gifts

This year we will have a display of tulips, daffodils, spring flowers and Easter lilies. After 11 am worship on Easter Sunday, people who have ordered flowers may pick up their choice of flowers. Extra flowers will be delivered to homebound members and planted in the Trinity gardens.

I wish to offer ________flowers ($10 each) and/or $________ to World Hunger.

In honor of
________________________________________________________________________________
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In loving memory of
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Given by: _________________________________________________________________________

Please return this form and your payment or donation to the Trinity church office by **Sunday, March 18, 2018**, Trinity Lutheran Church, 527 Washington Street, Reading, PA 19601. Attention: Flowers
It IS Cowabunga Time!

At last, it is Cowabunga Time and we are happy to share this project with you. You may remember that for several years we had a small tree in the Hintz Room where you could purchase an animal (pictured on a cardboard disk) as a gift to give in honor of or in memory of someone, thus supporting the ELCA’s churchwide ministries in 83 countries, including the U.S.

For our Lenten project, we have chosen to raise money to buy a cow for $500 because they are so versatile. Cows produce milk for consumption, supporting a healthy diet. Milk can be made into cheese, yogurt and other products as well. If there is an extra supply of milk, it can be sold for income. When the cow has a calf, it can be given to another community to share in a cycle of good health, education and material needs.

Why did we call it Cowabunga Time and make a silly project of it? Because we thought it would be fun and would help you remember our project. You can contribute to this cause throughout Lent. After church we will be collecting money in the narthex for the cow. However, you may give money at any time through the church office or in the Sunday offering plate, marking it for the cow project. If gifts total more than $500, we will aim to purchase the Family Farm collection (including the cow, goats, pigs, chicks, tools, seeds and training) for $215 more.

Thank you for being so generous with your care and concern for others. Together we will make the church grow.

—Mission & Service Committee
Sunday Forum in February
Interesting—Informative—Inspirational; 9:45 AM in the auditorium

February and March: Deepening Discipleship Through Bible Study
The root meaning of the word disciple is “one who learns or receives instruction from another.” Through a study of New Testament accounts, we will discover that the disciples of the first century faced the same issues that confront disciples in the 21st century: Faith, Doubt, Teamwork, Leadership, and Vision. Bring your own bibles; we will have extras available.

February 18: Faith. We assume faith as a dimension of discipleship. Yet faith is a mystery – a gift from God, something for which we long and sometimes for which we strive. During Lent we take the time and opportunity to reflect on the nature of faith. Is faith about what we believe, about how we feel, about what we think and do? Or is faith something else altogether?

February 25: Your Legacy Gift Plan Made Easy with Yvonne Lembo of the ELCA Foundation. This informative and inspirational forum will explain how you can create a Gift Plan to distribute your assets to bless the people and ministries you love beyond your lifetime. See the full article on pages 1 and 3.

Thank You for Your Gifts!
Thanks to your generous donations, we collected $585.85 for SouperBowl Sunday hunger relief and 72 food items for the Lutheran Pantry at St. John’s Church. We are blessed to be a blessing!
Week of February 11-17

**Sunday, February 11: Epiphany 6**
8:30 AM: Shared Deaf & Hearing Worship (Chapel)
9:45 AM: Sunday Forum (Auditorium)
9:45 AM: Treble Choir (Bard House)
10:15 AM: Sunday School (Sunday School Rooms)
10:15 AM: Evangelism/Media Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
11:00 AM: Holy Eucharist (Nave)
12:15 PM: Mardi Gras Lunch (Auditorium)
4:00 PM: Evensong (Christ Episcopal Church)
4:00 PM: Common Ground Worship (Auditorium)
6:30 PM: ChAOS Catechism Instruction (Auditorium)

**Monday, February 12**
10:00 AM: Program Staff Meeting (Bard House)
6:00 PM: Executive Committee Meeting (Bard House)
7:00 PM: Vestry Meeting (Conference Room)

**Tuesday, February 13**
9:15 AM: Staff Breakfast
7:30 PM: Legacy Task Force

**Wednesday, February 14**
12:05 PM: Ash Wednesday Worship (Chapel)
7:30 PM: Ash Wednesday Worship (Nave)

**Thursday, February 15**
10:00 AM: Bible Break (Conference Room)
4:15 PM: Kindermusik (Nursery)
5:45 PM: Kindermusik (Nursery)

**Friday, February 16**
No scheduled Trinity events.

**Saturday, February 17**
No scheduled Trinity events.
**Week of February 18-24**

**Sunday, February 18: Lent 1**
- 8:30 AM: Shared Deaf & Hearing Worship and Healing Stations (Chapel)
- 9:45 AM: Sunday Forum (Auditorium)
- 9:45 AM: Treble Choir (Bard House)
- 10:15 AM: Sunday School (Sunday School Rooms)
- 11:00 AM: Holy Eucharist and Healing Stations (Nave)
- 12:15 PM: Mixed Ensemble Rehearsal (Bard House)
- 4:00 PM: Common Ground Worship (Auditorium)
- 6:30 PM: ChAOS Catechism Instruction (Auditorium)

**Monday, February 19**
- 10:00 AM: Program Staff Meeting
- 7:00 PM: Executive Committee (Bard House)

**Tuesday, February 20**
- 9:15 AM: Staff Meeting
- 1:30 PM: Member Care Meeting (The Highlands)

**Wednesday, February 21**
- 12:05 PM: Lent Worship (Chapel)
- 12:30 PM: Soup Lunch (Hintz Room)
- 6:30 PM: Bell Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
- 7:30 PM: Trinity Choir Rehearsal (Bard House)

**Thursday, February 22**
- 10:00 AM: Bible Break (Conference Room)
- 4:00 PM: Property Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
- 4:15 PM: Kindermusik (Nursery)
- 5:30 PM: FFA Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
- 5:45 PM: Kindermusik (Nursery)
- 7:00 PM: Worship & Music Committee Meeting (The Highlands)

**Friday, Feb. 23 & Saturday, Feb. 24**
- No scheduled Trinity events.
Leaders in Liturgy

Sunday, February 11, 2018

Presiding: Pr. Alan Wolkenhauer

Preaching: Dcs. Deborah Graf

Assisting Minister: Virginia Biniek

Minister of Music: Karen S. Eddinger

Carillon: Amy Norton-Ritz

Lectors: (8:30) Amy Young and (11:00) Russ Diesinger

Communion Assistants: David Shellong (RA), Dar Unger (LA), Sue Shellong (RC), Raye Watson (LC), and Russ Grim and Tama McConnell (servers)

Greeter: Suzy Evans

Ushers: Amy Reinsel, Linda Grim, Nancy Everson and Russ Grim

Counting Team: Janet Clemmer, Ann Harnish, Larry Kummerer and John Kirby

Media: Tom Hofmann, Jennifer Smith, Amy Bornhofen and Ben Zobian

Altar Guild: Anita Dolak, Ann Harnish, David Himes, Amy Reinsel, Amy Stewart-Himes, and Raye Watson

We thank the Trinity staff for planning today’s worship.

Today’s altar flowers are given by Barbara Ketchum in loving memory of her husband, Ezekiel Ketchum. The flowers at the baptismal font are given by Larry Kummerer and John Kirby in honor of their 35th anniversary.

(No broadcast sponsor today.)


Immediate prayer petitions: We pray for members and loved ones of Trinity who are in need of healing: Karin Flatt, Karl & Betty Leuffen, Cathy Manning, Tom Shultz, Walter Schur, Martha Tobias, Al Beadencup, Joan Hinkle, Barb Auchenbach, Ed Harlin, Carl Seiple, and Grace Dubbs.

Ongoing prayer requests for friends and members of Trinity: Darryl Jeffries, Geoff Eddinger, Don Hinkle, Cathy Beadencup, Elton Richards, Jane LeVan, Ronald Gregory, the Sawyer family, Dorothy Smith, Dorothea Fritz, Ronald Derr, Matthew, Jacob Unger (grandson of Dar Unger), Diana Curry (mother of Matthew Hayes), Mark Kummerer (son of Larry Kummerer), Sophie Schlageter (Berni Ilgen’s mother), Russell Richie, David Evans (Dick Evans’ brother), our members studying abroad — Jesse Eddinger and Kathrine Graf, and Emily Mooney-Routté, Jesse Routté, and Amani Routté (in Rwanda).
Broadcast Schedule

All of our programs listed below and more can be watched on Comcast Channel 190 (in the Reading Hospital, Channel 80) or online at http://trinityreading.org or on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/oldtrinitytv.

Sundays in February
6:00 PM: Shared Deaf & Hearing Worship
6:30 PM: Music from Trinity:
   Four Organists Recital
7:00 PM: Trinity Worship Service

Trinity Vestry 2017-18

Franki Aitken-Treasurer
Amy Bornhofen-Secretary & Media (2015-18)
Nancy Everson-Mission & Service (2017-20)
Steve Hofmann-Vice President &
   Youth, Family, Education (2015-18)
Dan Huyett-Stewardship (2015-18)
Darryl Jeffries-Worship & Music (2017-20)
Kelly Kulp-Partnerships (2016-19)

Wednesdays in February
4:00 PM: Trinity Worship
5:00 PM: Shared Deaf & Hearing Worship
5:30 PM: First Friday:
   Being The Hands Of God
Feb. 14, 7:30 PM: Ash Wednesday Worship

Josh Motley-Executive Member-at-
   Large & Evangelism (2016-19)
Bill Norton-Property (2016-19)
Pat Richter-
   President & Personnel (2016-19)
Sue Shellong-
   Member Care and Deaf (2017-20)
Andrew Smith-Fellowship (2015-18)

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