

Trinity Steeple Notes

November 2021 News and Notes



All Saints Sunday

November 7 at 10:00 AM

All Saints Sunday is a day to remember with thanksgiving those saints who have gone before us – those great saints of the church and those equally important saints who have touched our lives with the grace of God. The names of Trinity members who have died since last All Saints Day will be read as a bell is tolled. We also remember on this day that we are all God's saints, made holy through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we look forward to the day when all the saints are gathered together in eternal light and life.

Church Street Has Been Repaved!

The potholes are gone! The City of Reading has resurfaced Church Street, allowing members to cross from the parking lot with a greater degree of safety. Remember that we also have Sunday parking in the small Bard Lot for those with physical limitations. (Please reserve these spaces for those who need them.)



Home Communion

If you are unable to attend worship, even on a temporary basis, and would like the Sacrament brought to you at home, please call the church office. Pastor Alan, Deaconess Deborah, or a Lay Eucharistic Minister will gladly visit with Communion at a time convenient to you.



Team Trinity Fights Hunger at CROP Walk

On October 10, over 30 members of Trinity walked (either at Gring's Mill or an alternate location) and met our goal of raising \$2500 to alleviate hunger, both locally and globally. We walked in partnership with the West Berks Mission District and other local congregations, as well as thousands of Christians throughout the country who are passionate about feeding the hungry in Christ's name. God's Work. Our Feet! Thanks to all who participated!

Garden Wall Restoration

Following Property Committee authorization, the crumbling stone wall between Trinity's Garden and the Friends parking lot has been beautifully restored. Thanks to all involved.



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Thanksgiving Worship

Thursday, November 25 at 10:00 AM

Celebrate Thanksgiving at Trinity with a special community service at 10:00 AM. (Worship will also be livestreamed and broadcast live on Comcast 190.) This year, we share leadership with Common Ground Recovery Community, enabling us to broaden our understanding of gratitude and community. Offerings

will be shared with Common Ground and with ELCA World Hunger. Beginning November 14, we will also be receiving non-perishable food items for the St. John's Food Pantry as part of our Thanksgiving offering. Following worship, free take-out turkey dinners will be provided (while supplies last) for all who are interested. Invite your friends to join you for a meaningful celebration of God's goodness.

Confirmation 2021

We rejoice with Jillian Rosenbaum, Owen Redmond, Olivia Redmond, and Katie Speece, who affirmed their baptismal covenants on Sunday, October 3, and are now confirmed members of our congregation. Keep them in your prayers and learn from them as they partner with us in the body of Christ.



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Memorial Service for Don and Joan Hinkle

The congregation is invited to attend the memorial service for Don and Joan Hinkle, being held on Saturday, November 13th at 11:00, here at Trinity. At this time, masks will be required and will be provided, if needed. Don died in April of 2020 and Joan died in April of 2021. It will be a celebration of music, the Word, and remembrance. Please join us if you are able.

In Memoriam: Jay Pezdirc

Beloved Trinity member, Jay Pezdirc, was commended to God's eternal care on September 30, 2021. Please keep Jay's wife Donna and his son Ryan in your prayers.

We Love... to be held at Trinity on Saturday November 6 from 9-3 (and virtually)*

The NEPA Synod is once again hosting a We Love... event. Our mission is to help build safer and more inclusive congregations for LGBTQIA+ youth and families. It's a day of worship, learning, and support with keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Noah Hepler (featured on Queer Eye Season 5 episode 1 and friend of Deaconess Deborah!).

If you are interested in helping that day (Trinity is known for fabulous hospitality) please contact Deaconess Deborah.

*Arrangements may be changed due to Covid levels. We will host the entire event on line if we cannot be together in person.



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Vestry Update (The following is a brief summary; not official minutes.)

Trinity's Vestry met October 11, 2021 via Zoom, beginning with devotions on gratitude led by Pastor Alan. The approval of September minutes was followed by a brief review of communications – thank you letters from the various organizations Trinity supports.



Church Leadership

There was discussion of resuming choir with proper precautions. Karen Eddinger expects that 9-12 choir members will initially return. It was decided that with distancing and masks, rehearsals can begin for a return of choir to worship for Advent and Christmas. Faith formation for younger children (6th grade and younger) will resume in November with parental leadership and staff participation. Classes will be held following worship on the first and third Sundays of each month.

The HVAC project is on course, with a meeting scheduled with Site Logiq on October 21 to review bids. Written reports were received from committees and staff. Property Committee noted the extent of current projects and indicated that some will carry over from the current budget year into 2022.

Treasurer Jeff Wasmuth reported that September was the weakest month for member giving in 2021 and that we are currently about \$10,000 below budget in income. Expenses are still under budget as well, but more expenses will be incurred for property projects that have been deferred. Overall, Trinity is in good financial health. The meeting adjourned to a brief Executive session. The next meeting will be November 8 at 7:00 via Zoom.

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Deaconess Deborah “In Search of Paul”



Dcs. Deborah joined a study pilgrimage that focused on Paul’s letters: Philemon, 1 Thessalonians, Philippians, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, and Romans.



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Didyma and Aphrodisia



Temple of Apollo



Ephesus

Athens



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Learning Ministries

After a lot of prayer and discernment, Sunday School will be held after worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Additionally, these outdoor family activities will be offered.

November 7 - Duncan's Corn Maze We will meet at the corn maze (30 Quarry Road, Robeson PA 19551) at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 per person (under 5 is free). Sign up by contacting Deaconess Deborah at dgraf@trinityreading.org or (610) 374-4861.

November 28 – Advent Crafts on the Portico (after worship.) On the first Sunday in Advent, we will take some time preparing with easy crafts and hot chocolate. You also can take time to peruse the exciting Christmas Craft Fair in the Hintz Room.

December 5 – Christmas Caroling in the Garden (after worship.) Gather with friends to sing some Christmas carols and spread some joy in our garden. (Dress warmly!)



“Around the World” Choral Concert

**November 7, 4:00 PM, George Baer Chapel; 45 S. 6th Street
(corner of 6th and Cherry)**

Reading Choral Society and Music Director Dr. Graham Bier invite you to journey with us in song around the world. Join us as we

journey through a wide variety of nationalities, languages, and musical styles.

Selections include an Australian Christmas carol; a lush sacred anthem from Russia; joyful songs from South Africa; and two new selections by American composers John Canahan and Isaac Duquette, respectively, written for Reading Choral Society. Tickets for adults are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door; students \$10. You may purchase

advance tickets from Rachel Gambone, Fred Opalinski, or Pat McMahon; and through www.readingchoral.org, or at (610) 898-1939.

Mission & Service

Angel Tree Advent/Christmas Project

“Adopting” 10th and Penn Children and a Dayspring Home!

Although we may not be able to volunteer in person helping the students at 10th and Penn, there are other ways we can support them. On our Angel Tree you will find tags for warm coats, underwear, socks, and clothing. These are not as ‘exciting’ to purchase as toys, yet they are the most needed gift this time of year.



Dayspring Homes provides a continuum of care which meets the ongoing needs of people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities within a Christian Environment. We will be adopting a home of four residents. The specific wishes and needs will be shared in future bulletins and emails. You can learn more about this ministry at <https://dayspringhomes.org/>.

Look for the tree in the narthex towards the end of November. Please bring your gifts to Trinity by December 12. (Please do not wrap the gifts for 10th and Penn.)



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Calling all Knitters and Crocheters

The weather is turning colder, and we will be collecting scarves and hats to share with our neighbors at Common Ground and wherever there is need. We have lots of yarn to share.

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In Our Prayers This Week

Those who are sick or in need of healing: Grete Furrow, Tom Shultz, Julia Cherry (friend of Jenn Smith), Doris (friend of Pat McMahon), Darlene Lupo (family of Dar Unger), Dylan Gilbert (friend of Linda Motley) and Brian Moyer (friend of Bill Norton)

Ongoing prayer requests for friends and members of Trinity: Karl Leuffen, Dick Horst, Luther Route, Darryl Jeffries, Dick Evans, Elton Richards, Walter Schur, Ed Harlin, the Sawyer family, Grey Dinsmore (nephew of Rachel Gambone), Kate Cogan (friend of Linda Motley), Barbara & David Regar (friends of Barbara Ketchum), David Unruh (brother of Ralph Unruh), Tina Koch (friend of Jenn Smith), Jacob Unger (grandson of Dar Unger), Cindy Marsh (Anita Dolak's classmate), Celia Cosentino (friend of Jane Zobian), Mark Kummerer (son of Larry Kummerer), Tom Fisher (brother-in-law of Deaconess Deborah), and Rich Stewart (friend of Ginny Biniek).

Homebound members: Karin Flatt, Joan Goncher, Sarah Rothemel, Betty & Karl Leuffen, Walter Schur, Noreen Showalter, and Tom Shultz

Trinity households: Peggy Bobb; Amy & John Bornhofen; Jen Borst and Owen, Olivia & Noah Redmond; Catharine & Bradley Bower; and Benjamin, Melissa, Ellis, Rhys; & Rigby Brown

November Scriptures

November 7: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

November 14: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8

November 21: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

November 25 (Thanksgiving): Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 126; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33

10 November 28: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

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Trinity In-house Craft Show Plus Baked Goods

Sundays from November 28—December 26

Hintz Room from 9:00—10:00 and 11:00 am—noon

Cash (or check) and Carry



Trinity has tons of talented members and our in-house craft show has much to offer. Here are some of the wonderful items you can purchase:

Woolen knitted or crocheted mittens, hats and scarves, slipper socks, shawls, felted mini totes, pottery, woodworked items, dishrags & scrubby squares, jelly & jam, notecards with orchid photographs; Christmas wreaths and decoration baskets; hooked rugs & pillows, hydrangea wreaths, gorgeous sea shell frames; and cross stitched creations & Christmas ornaments.



Plus: Each week we will have baked goods made by Trinity members. Treats will include Peter Graf's made-from-scratch sour dough bread and Ron "Cookie Man" Eddinger's best—ever chocolate chip cookies, to list just a few.

The show will be a "cash (or checks) and carry" event and someone will always be there to help you. Please keep this information and take time to support Trinity and its members for all of your holiday hand-made gifts this season. For more information, call Annie Harlin at (610) 926-5488.

Broadcast Schedule

All of our programs listed below can be watched on Comcast Channel 190 (in the Reading Hospital, Channel 80) or online at any time at www.trinityreading.org or on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/trinitylutheranchurch. Trinity's Sunday morning worship is also live streamed via Facebook and YouTube. You may log on to either platform on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM and worship at the same time as the in-person congregation.



These new programs premiere Sunday, October 3.

Sundays

6:00 PM - First Friday:

Humanism

6:30 PM - Music from Trinity:

Dave Cullen, guitar

7:00 PM: Trinity Worship Service

Wednesdays

4:00 PM: Trinity Worship

5:00 PM: Music from Trinity:

Dave Cullen guitar

5:30 PM: First Friday:

Humanism



Affirmation of Welcome: Trinity Lutheran Church is recognized by Reconciling Works as a "Reconciling in Christ" Congregation which welcomes all LGBTQ persons into all facets of congregational life.

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