

Trinity Steeple Notes

July 2021 News and Notes



Worship Resumes with (Almost) Full Liturgy and Hymns on July 11

We are grateful and excited to once again gather for full worship each Sunday beginning July 11. Hymns will be sung, the Creed confessed, special music will return, and masks will be optional for those who are vaccinated. We will still refrain from physically sharing the Peace and passing the offering plate, and Communion will be received continuously through the summer.

Broadcasts will continue as usual but will again be recorded live at the Sunday service. (See the separate article on how best to follow along from home.) Please do not attend live worship if you are not feeling well or if you have concerns for your health. If you cannot attend, you may call the office to request home Communion.

Watching Trinity's Broadcast as We Return to Live Worship

We are excited and grateful that we will be able to return to full live worship beginning July 11. As broadcasts and social media content continue to be produced, there will be some changes for those who worship remotely.



Viewers will now be able to see the actual Sunday service just as it is experienced live.

Viewers will still be able to follow along with our Sunday Worship Bulletin which is included in each social media post.

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Parish News

Since we will now be recording only the live service, the release to social media will be later in the day each Sunday. Televised broadcasts will not be affected.

Captions of various parts of the liturgy and hymn texts will no longer be included in the video.

If you like to sing from home, we will help you get a hymnal.

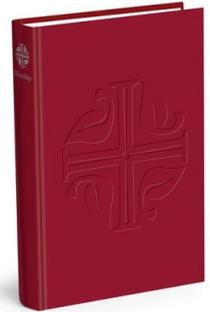
If you live locally, call the church office at (610) 374-4861 or email rgambone@trinityreading.org to request a hymnal.

If you are out of the area, you can order direct through [this link](#) and have a hymnal delivered to your home (delivery costs and sales tax will be added).

Full cost is \$24.50 if ordered through Trinity and delivered locally.

Please make your check out to Trinity and specify “hymnal” in the memo line. If you cannot afford the full cost, pay what you can and a hymnal will be provided.

Orders received by July 11 will be delivered to your home in August.



Pop Music Worship with Dave Cullen at Christ Episcopal Church

Saturdays at 5:30 PM

Our covenant partner, Christ Episcopal Church, invites us to pop music worship on Saturdays at 5:30 PM. On Saturday, June 26, the program will be “Americana Evensong” with music by Country Fest, featuring Dave Kline.

Parish News

July Vestry Meeting

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

Trinity's Vestry met by Zoom on June 14 for an organizational meeting and welcomed new Vestry member, Martha Good. The members reviewed the minutes of the May Vestry meeting, the June 6 Congregation Meeting, and the return to live worship. Officers were elected: Jen Mazur, president; Amy Litvinov, vice president; Hannah Long, secretary; Steve Welz, executive member at large; and Jeff Wasmuth, treasurer. Committee assignments were made. Reports were received from the Educational Assistance Committee, and the Energy Auditors (Sitelogiq), as well as from staff.

Discussion was held on maintaining a single service indefinitely in order to unify the congregation as we return from the pandemic and as a means of maintaining a more vital worship experience; it was moved, seconded and passed that we continue a single Sunday worship service at 10:00 AM through January 9, 2022, at which time, we will reevaluate the situation with member input. The Program Staff will propose a schedule for other Sunday morning activities (choirs, learning, fellowship, etc.) in consultation with our various constituencies. The Treasurer's Report indicates that income and expenses are currently stable and within budget.

Congratulations Graduates!

Hannah Shelly graduated Magna Cum Laude from Muhlenberg College. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies with a Concentration in Global Interdependence.



Church Leadership

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Congregational MEETING

Congregation Meeting of June 6

(The following is a brief summary; not official minutes. Official minutes are available upon request at the church office.)

Trinity met in congregational meeting on Sunday, June 6 following worship. Although a virtual option was offered, all but one member attended live. Reports were received, thanksgivings expressed, and elections were held. Those appointed to Vestry in 2020 were ratified: Steve Welz, Darryl Jeffries (second term), Hannah Long, and Reagan Rosenbaum (one year youth term). Elected in 2021 were Jen Mazur (second term), Martha Good, and Reagan Rosenbaum (one year youth term). Steve Hofmann and Franki Aitken were thanked for their years of service.

“Beauty and the Beast” at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre

Thursday, July 29 - Meal begins at 11:30, show at 1:00 PM

Trinity has set aside a block of tickets to see Disney’s “Beauty and the Beast,” with our own Megan Opalinski performing as ‘the Wardrobe’!

Cost for the show, full buffet meal and tip:

\$60.00 Adults; \$30.00 Students 13-18; \$25.00 Children 3-12

To reserve your tickets, please contact Deaconess Deborah **by July 8** at, 610-374-4861 ext. 26, or email dgraf@trinityreading.org. For those who wish to carpool, we will meet at Trinity at 10:45 AM.



Mission & Service

Courtyard Café Returns

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Our summer tradition returns in a different format due to pandemic safety precautions. Instead of grilling burgers and hot dogs, we will be assembling a pre-packed sandwich lunch to serve outside.



The sandwiches will be purchased ahead of time. We welcome donations of apples, grapes, bottled water and cookies. Financial gifts are also appreciated; please mark them for Courtyard Café. In addition, we need volunteers to prepack lunches and to hand out the lunches.

See the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table in the narthex for donating food and water and for helping set up and clean up. You may also call or [email Rachel Gambone](mailto:rachel.gambone@trinitychurch.org) in the church office at (610) 374-4861. If you have any questions, please call Dee Horst at (610) 374-4861 ext. 29.

Family Promise Hosting in July

Trinity and Atonement Churches are the hosts for the two weeks **July 12-25, 2021**. We purchase groceries, diapers, and gift cards as well as provide a prepared meal on Mondays and Thursdays. (Families now stay in transition homes rather than moving weekly from church to church.) Sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e49a9a822a4f94-family21>

The families move on to permanent housing as quickly as possible. Two families we helped in April have graduated, and who knows who will move on or move in by our next host time! Please speak to Deaconess Deborah with any questions.

Mission & Service

Camp Noah 2021 –

Opportunities To Give and To Serve

August 2-6 9:00 AM-3:00 PM @ Oley Fairgrounds

26 Jefferson St., Oley, PA 19547



Breakfast served 8:30-9 AM For Children who have completed K-5th grades

Kids have had uncertainty in their lives this past year in the midst of a pandemic. Camp Noah is a unique educational experience nurturing skill for life: coping with stress, healing from loss, restoring hope. We will play games, do crafts, share stories, celebrate campers, eat good food, restore relationships, and be community in a Covid-safe, outdoor setting with professional leaders.

Campers attend FREE! All food, materials, t-shirt... Included! Transportation assistance available upon request.

Registration app.campdoc.com/register/campnoah

We are still looking for **volunteers** for leading small groups, acting with puppets, and group assistants. Helpers must be over 16 years old. To volunteer or ask questions contact Deaconess Deborah at (610) 374-4861 or dgraf@trinityreading.org, who will be present and serving the entire week.

Financial donations are welcome to help offset the costs of the camp.

Make check out to Frieden's Lutheran Church with "Camp Noah" in memo line.

Mail to 1076 Memorial Hwy, Oley, PA 19547.

Or visit Friedenslutheran.org and select 'Camp Noah' option.

Prayers of the Church

In Our Prayers...

Immediate Prayers: Mary Drehs, Steve Welz, Luther Routté, Walter Schur, Pr. Rich Stewart (friend of Ginny Biniek), and Darlene Lupo (family of Dar Unger).

Ongoing Prayers: Darryl Jeffries, Dick Evans, Jay Pezdirc, Elton Richards, Ed Harlin, the Sawyer family, Kate Cogan (friend of Linda Motley), Barbara & David Regar (friends of Barbara Ketchum), Richard Messner (brother-in-law of Vickie Unruh), David Unruh (brother of Ralph), 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), and Tom Fisher (brother-in-law of Deaconess Deborah).

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

For Trinity Households:

7/4—Michele, David, Shea and Teagan O'Brien; Fred, Jan, Kristen & Megan Opalinski; Donna Osborne; Richard & Jean Palmer; and Jessica, Robert, Andrew & Sabrina Pennington

7/11—Jay Pezdirc; Albert & Susan Pohl; Larry, Lars & Erik Potteiger; Charles & Susan Randazzo; and Ralph & Pamela Reeves

7/18—Jane Rehr; Robert Reimer; Tom & Amy Reinsel; Elton Richards; and E. Russell Richards

7/25—John and Pat Richter; Joe & Allison Rogers; Matthew Rohrbach; Laura Rohrbach-McGettigan & Neil McGettigan; and Eric, Brooke, Reagan, Jillian & Declan Rosenbaum



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. Worship videos are available online as of 7:00 AM on Sundays.



Sundays

6:00 PM - First Friday:

6:30 PM - Music from Trinity:

6/27: Noah Breneman, oboe

7/4: Karen Eddinger, organ

7:00 PM: Trinity Worship Service

Wednesdays

4:00 PM: Trinity Worship

5:00 PM: Music from Trinity:

Karen Eddinger, organ

5:30 PM: First Friday

Vestry Committees for 2021-22: Eric Rosenbaum, Property; Darryl Jeffries, Worship and Music; Martha Good, Learning; Amy Litvinov, Personnel; Jenn Smith, Media and Evangelism; Steve Welz, Mission and Service; Hannah Long, Member Care and Stewardship; Jeff Wasmuth, Finance; Jen Mazur, Fellowship; and Reagan Rosenbaum, Learning. We thank them for their dedicated service to Trinity.



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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