



## Rector's Reflections

Dear Family in Christ at Trinity Buckingham,

The trumpeted carols of Christmas Eve and the lifted eyes, arms and voices of our children and teens at our joyful celebration of the Epiphany, are still ringing in my ears. So how can it be time for the ashes and purple of Lent already?

Sister Joan Chittister recently got my attention when she wrote that just like the season of Advent, Lent is all about prophets and prophecy. During Advent, the great



prophet John helped to prepare in us the way of the Lord. We prepared to come face-to-face with God's love in Jesus, the holy child of Bethlehem. **During Lent, we get serious about following Jesus on the Way of love that he showed us as a man, so that we can point out that Way to others. That's what prophets do.**

Godly Play — the language we often use at our new 9:15 am Children of All Ages Sunday Worship Service — defines prophets as people who come so close to God, and God comes so close to them, that they know what is most important. They know what God wants them to do.



Advent Godly Play

**Lent, then, is an invitation to come close to God, so we can know what is most important, and do what God wants us to do. When we make time and space in**

**our lives for God to come close to us, Sister Joan continues, we usually find that God brings us gifts to help us on our prophetic way.**

So I invite you to observe a holy Lent. Come close to God on **Ash Wednesday** and receive the gift of being human. Come close to God on each of the **Sundays in Lent** and receive the gifts of desert struggle, of mystery, of being ourselves, of seeing things differently, and of compassion. Come close to God at a **Quiet Day** on March 11. Come close to God during **Holy Week** for the reading of St. Matthew's Passion Story, the **Stations of the Cross**, **Maundy Thursday's meal and washing**

and **Good Friday's veneration of the cross**. Bring all the gifts you have accumulated along the way to the **Great Vigil** of Easter. Find new life where you expected only a dead end.

Then go and tell someone else about the Way of new and unending life. As Sister Joan writes in her book *The Prophet in You: Gifts for Prophecy and Transformation*, "We must never forget that the prophets — people like you and me — discouraged by the present, weary from trying, still chose to follow the magnet toward truth, lest it and their souls wither within them."

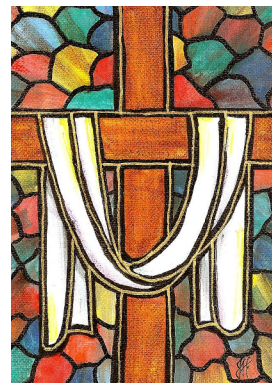
Come to Trinity this Lent and awaken your inner prophet.

Blessings,

Nancy+

## Save the Dates!

February 28	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
March 1	Ash Wednesday
March 8	ECW Meeting
March 9	Jazz & Joe
March 11	Lenten Quiet Day
March 19	Layette Sunday
April 9	Palm Sunday
April 16	Easter Sunday
April 22	Spring Rummage Sale
April 27	Jazz & Joe
April 30	Communion Celebration
May 14	Mother's Day/ABC Quilts



Please see our complete Lent and Easter worship schedule on page 2 >>>

# lent

## Ash Wednesday

**March 1**

**12 Noon — Distribution of Ashes and Holy Eucharist**  
(at Trinity Buckingham Church – without music)

**7 pm — Distribution of Ashes and Holy Eucharist**  
(at Family of God Lutheran Church – next door on Rt. 202)

## Lenten Quiet Day

***The Woman at the Well***

March 11 — 9 am to 1 pm  
includes a contemplative Eucharist  
and a simple soup lunch

## Wednesday Nights in Lent

***From Jesus to Christ***

March 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 12  
7 pm to 8:30 pm (6:15 pm Simple Supper)

## Sundays in Lent

**8 am Quiet Service with Holy Eucharist**

**9:15 am Children of All Ages Service**  
(with Holy Eucharist)

**10:15 am Holy Eucharist with Organ and Choir**

**Lent 1** March 5 *The Gift of Desert Struggle*

**Lent 2** March 12 *The Gift of Mystery*

**Lent 3** March 19 *The Gift of Ourselves*

**Lent 4** March 26 *The Gift of Seeing Things Differently*

**Lent 5** April 2 *The Gift of Compassion*

**Palm Sunday** April 9 *The Passion of Christ*  
*according to Matthew*

# holy week and easter



**Monday, April 10 —**

**Stations of the Cross, 7 pm**

*a contemplative experience of art, poetry and music*

**Thursday, April 14 —**

**Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm**

*foot washing and stripping of the altar*

**Garden Nightwatch, 8pm, Library Chapel**

*keep watch with Christ – come anytime 8 pm to noon*

**Friday, April 14 —**

**Good Friday Services**

*(Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament)*

12 Noon – Contemplative Service

7 pm – Choral Service

**Saturday, April 15 —**

**The Great Vigil of Easter**

*The New Fire will be lit at 7 pm with our procession to  
Historic Trinity for the first "Alleluia!" of Easter*

**Sunday April 16 —**

**Easter Day**

**8 am Quiet service with Holy Eucharist**

**9:15 am Children of All Ages Service**  
(with Holy Eucharist)

**10:15 am Holy Eucharist with Organ and Choir**  
(and an Easter Egg Hunt!)



*This caption describes Youth Group's first half year of operations, after a brief break in January to refine and reflect. Please join us in our continuing journey of building this program!*

*We are honored to work with our Youth Group kids and thankful we have a forum and place to enrich our Trinity Buckingham Youth.*

## Trinity Youth Group Meeting Dates

2nd Sundays of the month  
7:30 pm – 8:45 pm

February 5

March 12

April 9

May 14

*"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." Ephesians 4:11-13*

**We are approaching 2017 with great hope, and we pray that our youth group will find themselves awaking to God.** In many biblical references to the month of January, it states that this month "shall be the very first month of the year for you." We are using this month to build on what we have done, to look to what we can improve on, and to plan our next several months. In addition, we welcome new members at any time.

**We have nominated Olivia Huddy to join the Vestry to be our representative.** We look forward to stronger communication and direct representation of the Youth Group within the Trinity Buckingham Church community.

Stay tuned for a **Shrove Pancake Supper**, a **Lenten Retreat**, and many more fun activities to be announced soon.

As one last look back to 2016, we want to share the wonderful experiences we had during the late fall and holiday season — The Veterans (men & women) showed up hungry and ready to share with us about their military service at the **Veterans' Spaghetti Dinner**, hosted by the Youth Group. We talked about what impact the service had on the veterans' lives, and learned about life as a teenager during WWII.

Youth Group Christmas activities included helping to plan and coordinate activities for the kids at the **Multi-Generational Church Christmas party** and decorating the **Parish Christmas Tree**. One December evening, we collected and wrapped gifts for Code Blue clients. We were grateful for Pastor Nancy's presence with us and had a fun night together.

In addition to Christmas fellowship and service, the Youth Group was very proud to offer an **Advent Youth-led Sunday Worship Service**. We chose a special date in the church calendar when the scripture reading is about Joseph's role as a father to Jesus. **Tim Goggin and Oliva Huddy both presented their ideas of what a father figure means and represents to them. They did an excellent job of talking about integrity, faithfulness, compassion, patience, and trust — all essential elements of fatherhood.**

It was profoundly gratifying for us to watch the group work as a team and run the service together. They all chose roles that were comfortable for them. We were proud of them and hope you were too!

Please do not hesitate to contact us at [trinitybuckinghamyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:trinitybuckinghamyouthgroup@gmail.com).





## The All-Generational Christmas Party — Fun and Fellowship for All



With the backdrop of Trinity's Christmas tree, decorated beautifully by Trinity's Youth Group, the young people enjoyed craft time and movies, while all enjoyed lively conversation and togetherness. The piped-in sounds of Christmas music of all kinds added a lively Christmas spirit to a delicious dinner and a hilariously delightful Secret Santa gift exchange! Thank you to all who offered their time and energy to this party being a wonderful memory for all who attended!



*A really fun fellowship time was had by all who attended Trinity's Christmas Party this year!*

### ABC Quilts

**Do you like to sew? Please consider making an ABC Quilt to send some love and comfort to an at-risk baby — one born with AIDS or to a drug-addicted mother.** The majority of these babies are left to live their short lives in hospitals or in foster homes.

The quilts do not have to be elaborate, but there are some guidelines to follow. Now is the perfect time to get started! Look over your fabric stash and surprise us with your creativeness when we display the quilts on Mother's Day, May 14.

**The quilts will then be delivered to the St. Stephen's Quilt Project in Philadelphia.**

For a copy of the guidelines, contact Elizabeth Croke at [crookeda@verizon.net](mailto:crookeda@verizon.net) or 215-598-3575.

Happy quilting!!

*Elizabeth Croke*

### Layette Sunday

For many years Trinity ECW has been sponsoring Layette Sunday on the fourth Sunday in Lent, known as Mothering Sunday – March 19 this year.

There will be an ingathering of infant garments at each service that day. Everyone is encouraged to take part in this heartwarming activity. Donations of purchased or hand-made items are needed, especially hand-knit or crocheted blankets and sweater sets.

**A layette consists of two receiving blankets (knitted, crocheted or flannel), two sleepers, two "onesies," two baby washcloths and one outerwear set (sweater or jacket, hat, booties).** Garments should be unisex and size "medium" (not "newborn"!!) Give what you can, but please donate only listed items and do not gift wrap.

Assembled layettes will be distributed to teenage mothers who complete the Parenting Classes at Child Home & Community (CHC) of Doylestown. Questions? Call Elizabeth Croke at 215-598-3575. Thank you for caring.

*Elizabeth Croke*

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## The Local Community Joined With Trinity in Honoring the Longest Night of the Year

On the night of Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year, Trinity hosted a Longest Night Service in our Historic Trinity Chapel. A large crowd, including many from our surrounding local community, followed the path lit with glowing luminaries into this lovely, quiet service of reflection, lighting of candles, contemplative music, and prayers for healing and peace as the world turned once again from darkness towards light.



## God Bless Us Every One — We Had Joyous Christmas Service for Everyone at Trinity !



For those looking for a particularly child-focused Christmas Eve Service, and for those of us who are a "child at heart" ourselves, everyone thoroughly enjoyed **Trinity's 4 o'clock Christmas Eve Crèche and Holy Communion Service.**

**Upon entering the doors of the church, children were invited to choose a crèche figure from Pastor Nancy's huge chest of Nativity figures.** The service was filled with favorite Christmas carols and interspersed with time for the children to come up to the altar to help "fill the creche" with Mary, Joseph, the baby Jesus, and all the people and animals of the Nativity. It was a joyous time, and all felt the delightful spirit and light of Christmas.



### "O Come All Ye Faithful"!

*The Trinity sanctuary was filled to capacity with the light and love (and people!) of Christmas at both the 4:00 pm and 9:30 pm Christmas Eve services on this holiest of nights.*



## Happenings from the Academy

**Greetings from the Academy!** It is still an adjustment to being the "Academy", but we are embracing our new name as we celebrate Trinity's pre-school and kindergarten's official 50th Birthday Year of the school in 2017.

Our goal is to celebrate our birthday with 50 events throughout the year. We've already started on our list of events as we kicked off the celebration with the photo and article in the Herald (thanks Caroline!) announcing our name change in September.

**Wonderful parent volunteers installed our new climber on the playground in October** after a year and a half of fundraising. Academy families donated hats, scarves and gloves for Code Blue and the children created decorations and a banner to welcome Code Blue guests to Faith Hall during the month of December. Parents also donated food for the January Community Meal when we gathered for our Christmas pageant. **Our children are making connections and understanding the meaning of helping others.**

Our **Parents' Committee is doing an amazing job** again this year with parent coffees to welcome families to the Academy, and fund-raising (a never-ending project!) to maintain and improve the playground. The effort of our parents is greatly enjoyed by all of our children.

Winter is our quiet/busy time of the year. No distractions of the holidays for our little ones, so lots of growing, learning and connections are made. Winter is also a busy time as we are registering current families and touring potential new families for next year and gearing up for **Camp Wigglemytoes**.

We are looking forward to some Academy traditions — celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday, Donuts for Dads, and Trap a Leprechaun Day.

**We also very much enjoy our monthly Chapel visits with Pastor Nancy** — listening to her story, singing and watching "the light surround us" is a very peaceful way to start the day!

*Steph Elliott and the staff of Trinity Buckingham Academy*



## Trinity Buckingham Academy Pageant





## From the Rector's Warden



The vestry continues to re-shape our working teams to best manage and support our various ministries. In early January we conducted a workshop which focused on assessing our priorities, analyzing each of our individual talents and reviewing how we can better support our ministries by planning seasonally. Discussions in these areas were

energizing, practical and very rewarding. We will experience the results of this planning strategy in the months ahead.

One concern shared by many was that the vestry needed to present an update on the status of Vision 2020 to the congregation. We assembled all the facts and figures, as well as outlining the potential for Pierce Hall, and prepared them for presentation at the annual meeting. The annual meeting on January 29th was a great success. It was a packed house with our usual good food and meaningful presentations. We elected three new members to the vestry — Meghan Dennis, Dave Huddy and Bob Kinney. Congratulations to these new members and welcome. This will allow us to maintain a full vestry of twelve.

One highlight of the meeting was a special recognition of the Rev. Allan Reed for his 60 years of

service in the priesthood. Elizabeth Crooke shared with us some interesting events in Allan's life. We presented Allan with a gift from the entire parish to thank him for his long and dedicated service to Trinity.

Allan continues to support Trinity's Bread Ministry and is a faithful member of the choir, among other ministries in which he participates. Allan recently donated his baby grand piano to Trinity which augments our music program and compliments our sanctuary very nicely. Our new floor carpeting in the sanctuary adds to our freshened image.

We continued discussions about the possibilities for Pierce Hall in a special meeting held on the afternoon of February 12th. Members of the congregation took a brief tour of Pierce Hall and provided some important feedback to the vestry members who were present. I believe that this meeting was both enlightening and informative. We continue to shape those plans so they may offer the most benefit to our ministries here at Trinity. The meeting ended on a very positive note for all.

So the start of 2017 continues to be an exciting time at Trinity once again. Everyone at Trinity appears energized and eager to participate in some fashion. I look forward to our Lenten season in preparation for Easter.

Blessings to all,  
Dom De Caprio  
Rector's Warden



Trinity Annual Meeting 2017

## 2017 Lenten Series on Science and Technology

Join us for the Lenten Series on Science and Theology moderated by Dr. Steven W. Mann. We will view and discuss the four-part PBS Series titled FROM JESUS TO CHRIST.

This documentary explores the life of Jesus and the movement he started, challenging familiar assumptions and conventional notions about the early origins of Christianity.

Drawing upon new historical evidence and interviews with the nation's leading biblical scholars, the series looks back two thousand years to the time and place where Jesus once lived and preached.

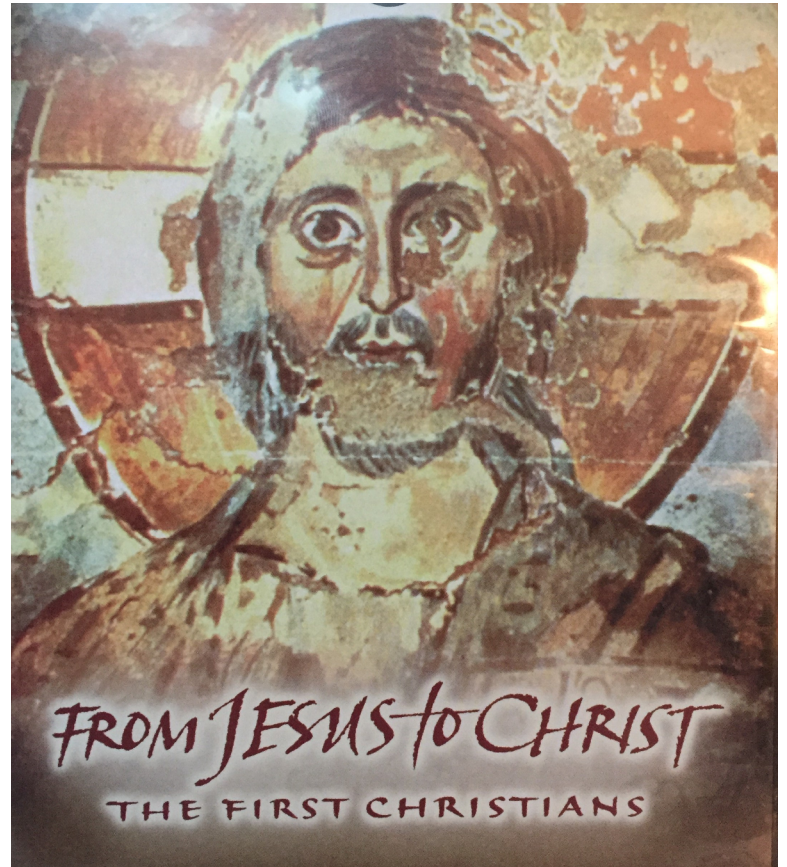
The film traces Jesus' life, focusing on the events that occurred after he died and on his first followers, the men and women whose belief, conviction, and martyrdom created a major religious movement that transformed the Roman Empire in the space of only three hundred years and eventually transformed the world.

### Where and When —

Trinity's Faith Hall, 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Wednesdays, March 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 12

*And a simple soup meal at 6:15 pm*



Come to Faith Hall during Lent at 6:15 pm (45 minutes before our Wednesday Night Lenten Series begins) and enjoy a **Lenten Soup and Salad Supper** with Trinity friends!



## Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

In December, we enjoyed touring the Pearl Buck house with lunch afterwards at Luberto's. Our next meeting is March 8th, and again it is a brown bag lunch at the church.

We will be organizing our Spring Rummage sale which will be held on April 22. Also, on the agenda will be distributing our profits from the Fall Sale. Bring your ideas as to who you want to receive our funds.

Any woman in our church is officially a member of ECW. So come and join us. We don't bite!!!!

To the congregation: Start putting aside your treasures and

Spring and Summer unwanted clothing for our sale in April. Also if you have any furniture you want to rid of, baby furniture, etc. — we can use it all!!!

If storage is a problem, the Perisho's have a large basement and would be more than willing to pick up an item and store it.

ECW does much good work for the community with the monies we earn from the sale, so please help us out!!!

*Mary Beth Perischo*

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## Trinity's Forty-Day Lenten Awakening

**The Fizz™ — Trinity's Tuesday Bible Study Group — invites you to "Take Ten" this Lent. Set aside ten minutes each day to do nothing but sit quietly in God's presence.**

Here's how it works — Anyone who would like to join in will simply commit to set aside ten minutes of time during each day to rest in quiet awareness of the Presence "in whom we live and move and have our being." There is no "right way" to do this, we just think it would be a great parish practice this Lent.



**Rosemarie Proctor** invites you to "take ten" at 8 a.m.—that's when she'll be sitting quietly with God. She'd love to know you are checking in with the Holy One at the same time!

**Elaine Good** invites you to "take ten" right when you wake up. "I pay attention to my breath," she says, "at the first breath of morning."

**Meryl LaSala** invites you to "take ten" whenever it works in your day. Could be at 10:47 a.m., and when you finish unpacking your grocery bags one day, and just before you go to bed the next day. It doesn't matter. God's always there waiting for us.

**Nancy Robinson** invites you to be gentle and generous with yourself. If you couldn't "take ten" today, don't beat yourself up. Start again tomorrow.

Here are a couple of ideas to get you started —

1. Pick a place to be your special "take ten" spot.
2. Turn off your phone. Hide your computer screen.
3. Sit comfortably. Close your eyes if you choose. Breathe in slowly. Breathe out. Pay attention to your breath; imagine it is God breathing in you. Breathe in light. Breathe out worry. Breathe in warmth. Breathe out fear. Breathe in calm. Breathe out hurry.
4. Some people pick a word to concentrate on to help quiet their thoughts — Ohm. Jesus. Love. Whenever you find your mind wandering, come back to your word. Come back to your breath.
5. If you would like to meditate on a bit of scripture, The Fizz™ will post a daily verse on Trinity's Facebook page that can be your companion as you "take ten". You can share your thoughts and comments on the Facebook page, too.

**Jesus made a practice of returning again and again to God. The Fizz™ is going to do the same thing this Lent. We wonder what will happen when we do. Why don't you join us and find out?**

## Sunday School News

With our solemn preparation for Lent followed by our celebration of our Risen Lord, we all look forward to a renewed Spring. Budding trees, flowers, butterflies, and the sound of returning birds are all symbolic of new life given to us through God.

**This year's Sunday School Lenten Project will be collecting loose change (similarly to the Historic Trinity fundraiser) to earn funds for the youth to purchase Mylar blankets for our Homeless Doylestown friends.** These very portable light weight blankets help shelter our community members from the sun and from the cold. Children "of all ages" can pick up coin receptacles on Sunday February 25th. Fill them as best you can and return them on Easter Sunday, April 16.

On April 9th and April 24th, Communion Instruction will take place for second graders. Children need to attend both classes which will meet from 9:45 to 10:45. **Our Special Blessings and Eucharist Service for these second graders and their families will be held on April 30th.** April 16th is Easter and our 10:15 Easter Celebration Service will be followed by our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. If your child can bring an Easter basket with them, it will help them have more fun collecting their "goodies." The following Sunday, June 4th, will be our Parish Picnic, Sunday School Recognition and Pentecost Party.

God's Blessings to you and your family.

Sallee Lord

## Congratulations to Dr. Steven W. Mann



On January 7, 2017, Trinity Episcopal Church Buckingham member Dr. Steven W. Mann (center front) was awarded a Certificate in Theology and Ministry at Commencement Ceremonies at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Dr. Mann was one of over 100 participants to complete the year-long online program. Participants represented a highly diverse group including students from 29 American States and 5 different countries, some as far away as Indonesia.

The group was taught by Princeton Seminary faculty in a highly interactive online lecture and class participation format. The program included the following courses: Old Testament for Faith and Life by Professor Dennis Olsen; Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark by Assistant Professor Lisa M. Bowens; Theology for Faith and Life by Professor Ellen Charry; Forgiveness and Reconciliation by Associate Professor Karen Bo Lee with Dr. Melanie Webb; Pastoral Theology of Drug Addiction by

Assistant Professor Sonia E. Waters; and World Christianity by Assistant Professor Riamundo C. Barreto.

Dr. Mann commented, "I was surprised to learn that all of the other participants sitting at my table were ordained ministers and pastors. I asked them what drew them to this program and all three answered 'for the opportunity to work with and listen to lectures by some of the best religious scholars in the country.' "

Dr. Mann said, 'I feel very honored to have been selected to participate in this unique theological program with these distinguished educators and classmates who were diverse and highly engaged in their Christian faith.' "

## Happy Birthday!

### March

1	Sarah Goggin
5	Shayne Dougherty
5	Patricia Bradbury
6	Jan McConeghy
6	Patty Goldbach
7	Catherine Oliver
7	Elisabeth Goggin
13	David King
13	Aida King
13	Stephen Badiali
16	James Sanders
19	Melissa Smith
21	Jacquelyn Moore
21	Helen Badiali
22	Margaret Kern
30	Heather Carbo
31	Gary Hattal

### April

3	Connor Quinn
4	Deborah Grant
7	Jennifer McCreary
10	Charles Seckinger
11	Stephanie Oiler
11	Erin Gilbert
12	Joanne Fulcoly
13	Lue Hansen
14	Logan Roller
19	Nathaniel Wanzer
20	Lisa McBride
21	Kyle McConeghy
21	Karen Brown
25	Jane Eastwood
27	Gail Smith
27	Debbie Prendergast
29	Betty Kitson
30	Leslie Jaedicke

### May

2	Lauren Gillen
3	Kenneth Moore
4	The Rev. Kyle St. Claire Jr.
5	Doris Metzer
7	Stephen Downs
7	Patricia Cook
9	Matthew O'Donnell
11	Judy Krauss
14	Peter Oliver
15	John McCreary
16	Lindsey McBride
18	Emily Roller
19	Sarah Kinney
20	Shirley Freeburn
22	Suzanne Snyder
22	Barbara Kroberger
22	Elizabeth Krauss
23	David Reed
23	Audrey Evans
25	Elaine Good
28	Donna Winsom
28	Paige Keller





## Prayer Chain Ministry

**What is Trinity's Prayer Chain Ministry? This is a simple ministry requiring only the conscientious effort of holding up to God those names given to us for intentional prayer.**

The only requirement is one of confidentiality. Information shared must be kept confidential. We pray for those who are sick, dying, distressed or have any other needs that require our intercession.

At this time Trinity's prayer chains are comprised of 18 Intercessors. They make up five different chains that respond to our prayer requests.

At the recent meeting of the Prayer Chain Intercessors it was determined that a change was needed in how we respond to prayer requests.

While we know that God knows our needs before we ask, we believe that when we pray, we intentionally align ourselves with God's healing light and love, and individuals and the community itself are drawn towards healing and wholeness. The names and concerns for which we pray are held in strict confidence among the Intercessors.

*We will pray for the person or concern for a month. If you desire prayers for a longer duration, please resubmit your concern along with an update at the end of the month.*

To become an intercessor in our Prayer Chain Ministry, Contact Bernadette Gross or Nancy Dilliplane+. This is a ministry you can do in your own home and on your own time.

Members plan to meet quarterly for prayer, fellowship, and mutual support.

This is a simple way to serve our church family in their time of need without leaving your home. We welcome your participation.

Our current Intercessors include: Patty Bradbury, Heather Carbo, Carol Downs, Linda Eichhorn, Shirley Freeburn, Lauren Gillen, Lue Hansen, Woody Kiel, Bonnie McCabe, Nancy Robinson, Mary Beth Perisho, Meg Perry, Morgan Pickands, Barbara Torok, Molly Trout, Donna Wisnom, Deborah McLean and Jacquelyn Moore.

*Bernadette Gross, Coordinator*

### How to submit a name to the Prayer Chain —

Fill out a prayer request card found in the rear of the church and in the Church Office

Give it to Bernadette Gross (prayer chain coordinator)

or email or phone Bernadette Gross  
bahg@verizon.net or 215-345-0391

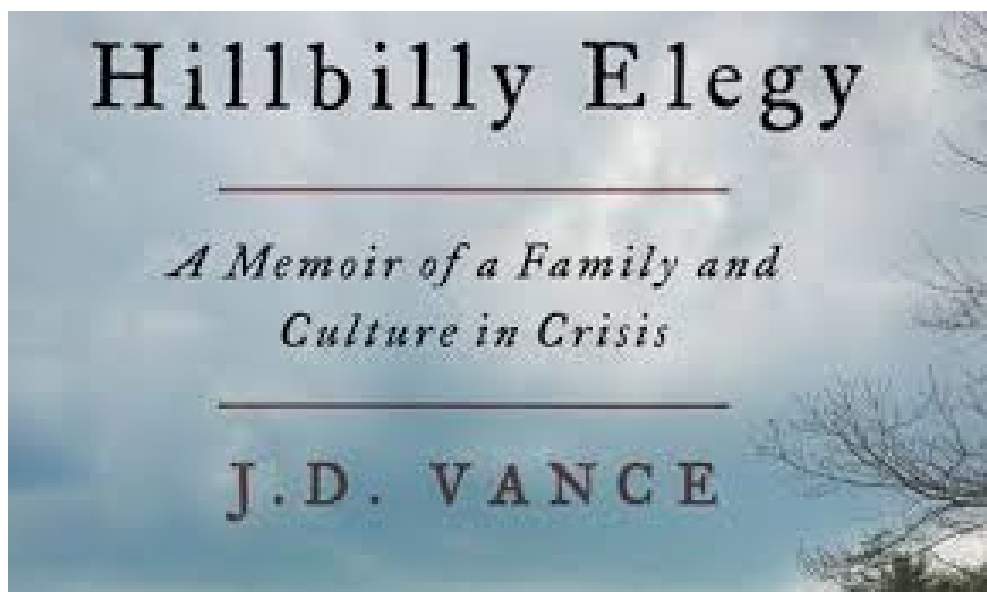
## Trinity Book Club

Come read with us...  
March 22

**Hillbilly Elegy**  
by J.D. Vance

Join us!  
7:30 pm in the Library

*Lauren Gillen*



## Lay Associate Corner

### Spiritual Retreats: An Ancient Answer to a Modern Crisis

It's easy to get caught up in the everyday tasks and needs that require our attention, and the ongoing issues, worries, deadlines, and events that make up the complexity and reality of our lives.

These days, the busyness of our lives can be so wearying, that simply through our own inattention and fatigue, we begin to lose sight of what gives our lives meaning and direction, of what truly undergirds our life and truly undergirds our world.

"It's the crisis of our age, the loss of the interior of our lives," said author and retreat leader James Finley, Ph.D.

According to Finley, trying to pay attention to our inner life in the midst of life's busyness "is like trying to make a U-turn at rush hour. We're all caught up in the momentum of the perceived urgency of the next thing."

But a growing number of people are listening to the inner call to find some space and some stillness, so that making a U-turn in their life can actually become a possibility. They have discovered the gifts of **going on a spiritual retreat**.

**Spiritual retreats are an ancient answer to the crisis of our modern age. They offer a time apart — from two hours to two days to two weeks — to recharge, rest, and renew the spirit.**

Usually offered in a natural setting, a typical retreat day includes space and time for individual or group prayer and

meditation time, walks in nature, fresh and hearty meals, and several short talks by the leader. Many retreats are focused on a particular practice — yoga or contemplative prayer or deepening the spiritual life or even fly-fishing.

Excellent retreat centers can be found within an hour of Bucks County, all of which offer overnight stays, weekend retreats, or even extended "sojourns." Pendle Hill, a Quaker center in Media, Pa, and Wernersville, a Jesuit center in Wernersville, PA both have excellent retreat offerings, silent and non-silent. Just a short two hours away is Holy Cross Monastery, a monastery of Episcopal monks, overlooking the Hudson River.

Even just a weekend away can be completely restorative, bringing a longed-for peace of mind and perspective.

As popular author Annie Lamott says, "One thing I know is this: Almost *everything* will begin working again, if you unplug it for a few minutes. Including you."

Caroline Oakes



## Exciting Sunday Forums Coming Up

*Sundays at 11:30 am*

### Intercessory Prayer —

#### The Blessing of Praying for Others

Sunday, February 26

Trinity Solebury Church member Ann Koberna will share her thoughts and experience on the power and blessing of intercessory prayer, offering us some practical suggestions on how to develop a spiritual practice of praying for others.

Intercession is woven into the very fabric of Jesus' teaching on prayer. Do not miss this important and dynamic lesson on the blessing of praying for others.

### Embracing and Alternative Orthodoxy —

A 5-Sunday DVD series featuring Richard Rohr

Sundays, April 30, May 7, 14, 21 & 28

Richard Rohr never disappoints, and always opens our hearts and minds!

Many people at Trinity have shared that Trappist monk Richard Rohr's perspective is helping them re-think how spirituality can keep them going in their busy daily lives.

Join us for five Sundays after Easter for this 20-minute DVD presentation and then some lively conversation over coffee and morning snacks. No preparation is needed, and you can attend any session without attending the previous one.



## Trinity Buildings and Grounds Could Use Your Help



All caught up on your "honey-do" list? Yeah, me neither. But to my wife's consternation, I won't let that stop me from pitching in around Trinity this year.

We've got lots of projects scheduled for 2017, big and small, that would benefit from your time and skills.

Here's a sampler:

- Coordinate competitive bidding and installation of new doors to the sanctuary
- Manage the rebuild of the Historic Trinity doors
- Oversee replacement of six aging air conditioners and installation of a new one in the sanctuary
- Upgrade the sound system in the main sanctuary
- Facilitate installation of new lighting in the narthex
- Improve the landscaping along Route 413
- Declutter the attic in Faith Hall and the shed in the corner of the parking lot
- Rehang the shutters on the Rectory
- Tighten up the loose bolts on the chair trolleys in Faith Hall

Are you handy with a hammer, or savvy with a saw? Maybe you fancy yourself a Picasso with a paintbrush. Or perhaps you're an oracle of organization. Let's talk.

Let us know if you are able to help —

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## Our Church Family

### Weddings

Edward Burdzy to Jennifer Johnson

December 30, 2016

### Deaths

Marion A. King

November 27, 2016

Peter G. Noll (Former Trinity Sexton)

December 24, 2016

## Thank you, Father Allan!



St. Augustine said that the one who sings, prays twice.

Allan Reed recently made Trinity a gift of his beloved wife Marty's grand piano, in her memory and to the glory of God. This beautiful instrument lifts Trinity's singing and praying to new heights.

We heard it sound in our sanctuary for the first time on Christmas Eve.

Thank you, Father Allan!

# Conversations on Science and Technology

## The Future of Global Christianity



I wish to share some interesting information from the lectures that Dr. Raimundo C. Barreto, Assistant Professor of World Christianity, Princeton Theological Seminary, presented as part of my recently completed Certificate in Theology and Ministry Program.

The academic field of study known as World Christianity is concerned with Christianity's origins, geographic migration, cultural diversity, and theological interpretation over time. Christianity has always been shaped by its encounter with indigenous cultures and other religions. No religion is hermetically sealed.

Christianity is a traveling religion, more so than any other religion. Christianity is at home yet never completely domesticated in any particular location.

Christianity has traveled and been translated all over the world like no other religion, and a translated religion is a reinterpreted religion. By 2025 75% of all Christians will be living in the global South across Latin America, South America, Africa, and Asia.

By 2025 70% of all Christians will be among the poorest people on the planet. On any given Sunday it is now estimated that more people attend Christian church services in China than in the United States. The majority denomination in the world by 2050 with over one billion projected followers will be Pentecostalism in its many forms.

**It may come as a shock, but the predominant face of Christianity in the near future will be non-white, very poor, will live in the global South, and will be predominately Pentecostal.**

Pentecostalism began in America in the early twentieth century among the very poor. It saw itself as recapturing the renewal experienced by first century Christians who had received the Holy Spirit.

Pentecostalism (initially known as the Revivalist Movement) is a renewal movement within Protestant Christianity that places special emphasis on a direct personal experience of God through baptism with the Holy Spirit, often reflected by "speaking in tongues."

In the not too distant future, Pentecostalism will likely contain the majority of Christians in the world. Why does Pentecostalism travel so successfully across the globe?

**In the global South where Christianity is growing rapidly, Pentecostalism attracts the poor, afflicted, suffering, underprivileged, and a majority of women.**

Pentecostalism readily moves among the poor and marginalized people who powerfully identify with Christ's suffering, the injustice of his death, and the hope reflected in his resurrection.

Pentecostalism offers marginalized people symbolic power. The power of Pentecostalism is its flexibility and capacity to integrate with indigenous cultural and religious expressions giving rise to new social practices.

Pentecostalism is a "Spirit Directed" Christianity and as such offers few theological stumbling blocks to engagement and no credal doctrines to profess and witness. Pentecostalism has little formal pastoral training as pastors are chosen by the Holy Spirit; therefore, Pentecostalism has little need for expensive geographically fixed institutional infrastructure like seminaries. Pentecostalism is mobile and adaptive and thrives on pluralism.

Christianity began in the first century CE in and around the lands of West Asia and Southern Europe near the Mediterranean Sea. By 1000 CE, Christianity's statistical center had moved to a point near one of its great spiritual centers, Constantinople.

**Five hundred years later, in 1500 CE, 92% of Christians were northern Europeans.** The Roman Catholic and Protestant brand of Christianity arising out of European Western civilization was delivered to the indigenous peoples of the Americas, Africa, and Asia during the European colonial empire expansion that began in the fifteenth century. Colonial armies and navies brought Christian missionaries and literally brought Christianity to indigenous peoples on the tip of a sword.

Much suffering and violence occurred as well-intentioned missionaries tried to supplant indigenous cultures and replace indigenous spirituality with a Western brand of Christianity. However, indigenous peoples have taken the gospels and assimilated them into their lived reality.

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## **Conversations** continued

The Gospel message still powerfully resonates with the poorest people. By 2025, 70% of all Christians will lack access to the basic needs of food, water, shelter, and medical care. Those with below \$500 dollars annual income are the ones who will be, if not already, the most numerous Christian disciples in our world.

Christianity's dramatic shift is not only from the West to the South, but from the rich and middle classes to the very poor! As Christianity has grown throughout the global South, voices previously silenced are arising in theology, which reflect different perspectives and geographic locations.

**Multi-ethnic, multiracial indigenous peoples, women, and the economically impoverished are changing the face of Christianity.**

Lamin Sanneh, Professor of Missions and World Christianity at Yale Divinity School, in his book "Whose Religion is Christianity?" gives theological priority in the global South to indigenous Christian interpretation over Western missionary Christian teachings, by speaking of the

indigenous people's discovery of Christianity rather than the Christian discovery of indigenous societies. So called "original" Western Christianity is no less a culturally influenced construction than Pentecostalism in Africa.

**The impact of indigenous Christian theology in shaping the future of Christianity in the global South cannot be overestimated.**

**What is so universal about Christianity? The idea that life is inherently interrelated. The Christian message urges us to move beyond our narrow self-interests, so apparent today, in the direction of others in the inescapable network of mutuality.**

After 2,000 years, 70% of Christians will soon be among the poorest people on Earth. Jesus finds himself right back where he started, standing and healing amongst the poor, the marginalized, the rejected, and the suffering people of the world.

Faithfully,

Steven W. Mann, Ph.D.

## Music News of Note



**Sunday,  
March 26,  
2017 at 4pm**



**Jordan Dodson, guitar**

*"One of the top young guitarists of his generation...remarkable technique and depth of expression."*

—Performance Today

## Jazz & Joe

March 9 @ 7:30 in Faith Hall

April 27 @ 7:30 in Faith Hall

May 25 @ 7:30 in Faith Hall

June 25 Jazz & Joe

BBQ and You

@ 4:00 in Faith Hall

## The Day of Pentecost: June 4 Wear Red This Day!

ONE SERVICE AT 10 AM

BRUNCH/PARISH PICNIC

WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNITION

PROGRAM ON SPIRITUAL GIFTS

A CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON'S MINISTRIES AND EVENTS



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8 am Holy Communion, Rite II  
9:15 am Children of all Ages  
10:15 am Holy Communion, Rite II  
with Organist and Choir

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