

The Trinity Times

Newsletter of Trinity Episcopal Church Buckingham, PA

Fall 2016



Rector's Reflections

Dear Family in Christ,

How the summer has flown! It seems we were just enjoying our end-of-the-program-year picnic and already a new program year is upon us, with lots of new and exciting ways to worship our loving Creator, grow in faith, and share God's love with those around us.

I am excited to let you know about a **new addition** to our Sunday morning line-up, beginning on Sunday, September 11,. We will be **adding a relaxed, casual and shorter Children of All Ages Service from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m.**



What do you get when you combine friendly people, a favorite song, a Bible story, and a child-centered communion? One half hour of fun with God!

CHILDREN-OF-ALL-AGES SERVICE
every Sunday morning
9:15 – 9:45 a.m.

What do you get when you combine a children's homily,
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at Trinity Buckingham Church
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While God's children of all ages are welcome at this service, it is designed to be intentionally welcoming to children and busy families. The service will be $\frac{1}{2}$ hour long and will include fun music, including age-appropriate Bible stories, teaching and prayers, and Holy Communion around the altar.

Best of all, our new service won't change anything else about the way we've always done Sunday mornings. We'll still have an **8 a.m. service** followed by fellowship. We'll still have

Sunday School beginning at 10 a.m. Children who attend the new service can go right to Sunday School while their parents can get together for a **Parent's Forum** and talk about, resource and support one another in raising children and growing in faith. (Trinity's Lay Associate, Caroline Oakes, will help this group get started).

Of course, children are welcome at all of our worship services, not just the new one. If 8 am works best for your family's schedule, come! Sunday School will end in time for children to join the **10:15 a.m. worship service** at the time of Communion, just as we did last year.

You don't have to have or be a child to enjoy the new Children-of-all-Ages Service. I hope lots of you will pick a Sunday to check it out over the course of the year.

If you'd like more information, or would like to help out with any of our services, please let me know. I'm counting the days until September 11th!

Blessings,

Nancy+

Save the Dates!

September 8	Jazz and Joe
September 11	Sunday School begins
	Youth Group begins
September 18	Blessing of the Backpacks
	Big Band at Trinity
September 28	Beginning of Parenting Series
October 2	Blessing of the Animals
October 16&23	Creation Care Forum Series
October 22	Fall Sale
November 6	All Saint's Day Parade
	Spiritual Formation Forums Begin
November 2&9	Prison Ministry Series
November 13	Festive Brass Quintet Concert

Sunday School Notebook — Vacation Bible School Goes "Swimmingly"!



The second week of July this year — What a fun, educational, and well-attended week!

Each night, 24 children enjoyed their Bible lessons, arts, crafts, music, games, skits, and of course, snacks! With the theme Deep Sea Discoveries, all aspects, even snacks, were inspired by a sea theme; the week was a huge success and Amy Bannon received several thank you notes from parents regarding our program. Kudos, Amy, from your church family, as well as for another year of outstanding VBS year! Special thanks are in order for our volunteers Amy Bannon, Kim, Owen, Cole Graeff, Jeanette and Ken Maleszewski, Sue Snyder, Dina Huddy, Sallee Lord, Rick and Leslie Jaedicke, Natasha and Natalia Massias, Melissa Smith, and Ada, Meredith, Courtney, and Connor Quinn.



New Sunday School Year about to begin

September 11 is the **first day of the Sunday School year**, Welcome Back Sunday! On this day, Sunday School teachers, all who are returning this year, will also be commissioned.

Our curriculum is changing to *Living the Good News*, with meeting time for Sunday School to remain 10-10:45am. Following classes, students can then join the 10:15 church service. Families are reminded to fill out new registration forms for each of their students and can find forms available in each classroom.

Upcoming events for the children include **Blessing of Backpacks** on September 18. All students are invited to bring their backpacks that day to be blessed in church. October 9 marks the kickoff of the **Shoebox Outreach Project** and the **All Saints' Day Parade** will be on November 6. November includes **Blessing of the Shoeboxes** on November 13th and **Family Advent Wreath Making** on November 27th.

Mark your calendars and get ready for an exciting school year!

See you on Welcome Back Sunday,

God bless you,

Sallee Lord

From the Rector's Warden

It's been an extra busy summer at Trinity. The parish-wide conversations that started in May continued with three Brats & Beer evening barbeques in the rectory backyard. Each energized gathering focused on one of our themed ministries (administration, inreach, and outreach) and parishioners were asked to select one activity they are passionate about. Pastor Nancy and the Vestry will review the results and organize the next steps.

With the school year and Vacation Bible School (VBS) ended, summer is also when we schedule some special cleaning projects. An annual summer chore is having the tile floors in Faith Hall and the classrooms professionally stripped, cleaned, and rewaxed. They really shine!

An extra special undertaking this summer was replacing the carpeting in the offices, library, choir room, and halls. Historic Trinity also had a new aisle carpet installed.

And, our outside signage has been erected! New lighting is next, but this is truly a long-awaited milestone for us.

The carpeting and signage were made possible by Vision 2020 funds and special donations. Thank you!

I hope your summer was restorative. If you've been away this summer, welcome back and enjoy all that Trinity has to offer you.

Dom De Caprio

Rector's Warden

Vision 2020

Where does the time go? We are entering the 3rd and final year of our Vision 2020 capital campaign to renew our ministry and mission and make Trinity more visible in the community. So much has changed since V2020 was launched. Not just a new rector, but a new lay associate, whose salary V2020 has seeded.

Nancy and Caroline are a dynamic leadership duo who, along with our fine Vestry and staff, and engaged Trinity membership, are truly helping revitalize the face of Trinity. Trinity is beginning to grow both numerically and spiritually. Though our V2020 feasibility study suggested we might raise as much as \$475,000, the actual amount will probably be closer to \$320,000. That is still a wonderful sum, and has enabled us to do so much already:

Repaving and Relining of the Parking Lot

Rectory Renovations

Hiring of Lay Associate Caroline Oakes

Relocation of the Dumpster

Repaired Front Steps

New Signage

New Carpeting

Refinishing of the Lobby Floor

At the same time, when we actually began talking about all we'd like to do, we realized we could easily spend \$800,000 in pursuit of our Vision. All of which is to say that some of what we talked about may not happen, or may happen differently than we thought it might when we began this journey in 2014.

Our recent parish-wide conversations, however, show that our Vision of renewing our ministry and mission and making Trinity more visible is a current vision, and that most of you feel that your pledge and gifts to V2020 are being used well, particularly as they have allowed us to add Caroline to our staff. So thank you for your generosity. And if you would like to make a new pledge to V2020, it's not too late. Know, too, that we are always happy to hear from you and answer any questions you may have about the Vision 2020 campaign.

Marty Gillen



Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

I hope you all have had a great summer! The ECW will have their first meeting of the year on Sept 14, Wednesday, at Noon in Faith Hall. Bring a brown bag lunch to eat while we enjoy each other's fellowship. We will be planning our Fall Sale at that time, which will be held on Saturday, October 22. So while you are rummaging through your Fall clothes, put those aside you no longer will use (or don't fit). Hope to see you then.

Mary Beth Perisho

Christmas in July

Christmas in July was a great success this year. This was the third year for the food drive and we collected the greatest number of grocery items. We were able to supply food to pantries in Philadelphia, Langhorne, and Doylestown.

Thanks to Al Reed and Cynthia Goode for making deliveries!

Bonnie McCabe

Trinity Book Club

Come read with us...

September 21

The Sense of an Ending

by Julian Barnes

November 2

The Pecan Man

by Cassie Dandridge Selleck

Join us!

7:30 pm in the Library Chapel

Lauren Gillen



Ordination and Consecration of Bishop Gutierrez

On Saturday, July 16, The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutierrez was installed as the 16th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. The joyful ceremony was held at New Covenant Church in the Mount Airy section of Philadelphia. In addition to Pastor Nancy Dilliplane, Trinity was represented by Heather Carbo, Dom and Janet De Caprio, Regina Gordon, Aida King, Meg Perry, Rosemarie Proctor, The Rev. Kyle St. Claire, and Jill Unger. A copy of the program is available in our parish office. Photos and a video are posted on the Diocesan website at www.diopa.org.

Janet De Caprio

Our Church Family

Births

August 21, 2016

Leonardo Robert Siliani

son of Kirsten and Steve Siliani

Deaths

July 18, 2016

William James Warren

Tuesday Morning Bible Study



The Tuesday Morning Bible Study will study the Old Testament this year. Vanderbilt Divinity School professor Amy Jill Levine will lead us (via DVD) through the literature of the Old Testament. We meet on Tuesdays from 10 am to 11:30 am in the Library Chapel. As time allows, we will also look at the lessons appointed for the coming Sunday. All are welcome.

Pastor Nancy

Brats and Beer

Our all-parish conversations about ministry and mission at Trinity continued this summer over Bratwurst and Beer (and veggie burgers and soda) in the back yard of the rectory. Nancy+ and the Vestry gathered folks to study scripture and to talk about the many ways we at Trinity follow Jesus' commandment to love God and love people, and how we might do it with more joy and energy.

We studied the story of the **Transfiguration** (Mt. 17:1-7) as we talked about our ministries of finance, stewardship, property, administration and communication. We studied the story of the woman with a **jar of costly nard/perfume** (John 12:1-7) as we talked about our ministries of worship, music, education, pastoral care, children and youth. We talked about the story of the **feeding of the 5000** (Mt. 14:13-21) when we talked about our ministries of Outreach, Trinity Buckingham Academy, Music and Arts, Historic Trinity and Church Growth.

At the end of each one of the Brats and Beer evenings, every participant answered this question: **Name one part of the life of Trinity, Buckingham that you are passionate about and in which you intend to participate in the coming year.** They were also given homework: **Identify 2 other members of Trinity who you would invite to participate with you in this ministry.**

The Vestry will add the information and insights gathered from these questions and informal conversations to the Easter-tide conversations about what is alive and life-giving at Trinity as we move forward to develop new structures for supporting the ministry and mission of the church in ways that are sustaining and sustainable.

If you were not able to attend any of our summertime gatherings, we're sorry you missed out on the great company and the great food, but it's not too late to get in on the conversation. You are invited to share your answers to the questions highlighted above and to share your answers with Nancy+ and the Vestry.

Pastor Nancy



Happy July 4th
Happy 4th Birthday
Happy 90th Birthday
Happy Newcomer
Happy!



Summer Scenes at Trinity

Working Through the Grief of Losing a Beloved Pet

During set-up for the Trinity Buckingham Nursery School Art Auction, I reconnected with a dear friend of mine. When I asked how she was doing, she shared with me that her beloved dog Brinkley had just died, I was struck with a kind of shared grief.

Brinkley was one of those "old-soul" dogs who everyone loved, and his sudden passing brought a profound sense of loss to all who were close to him.

At moments like these we are awed by how powerful a bond there can be between an animal and a human being.

"Family pets take on a role and personality of their own within the family structure and provide immense contributions of support, love, and loyalty, which may be beyond empirical measure," according to the academic journal *Perspectives in Psychiatric Care*. "Because of these immense contributions, the death of a beloved animal results in the end of a special relationship and can be one of the most difficult times in a person's life."

I remember after our beloved dog Lucy died a few years ago, for some time afterward, I would take long and tearful walks by myself. While I didn't realize it then, apparently this kind of reaction is not uncommon: A study performed by animal science researchers at the University of Hawaii found that while many pet owners experience significant grief when a pet dies, about 30 percent reported grief that lasted six months or longer, and 12 percent reported severe grief that resulted in a major life disruption.

While in the midst of my grief over Lucy, a friend of mine called me to let me know how much she could relate to

my grief.

Her wonderful mixed-breed dog named Maizie had died just three years earlier. "When I die, I know Maizie will be right there at the gates of Heaven to greet me, wagging her tail and welcoming me in."

In the meantime, in her book *Gently Lead: How to Teach Your Children About God While Finding Out for Yourself*, Polly Berrien Berends offers a poem to help us get through our sadness when we lose a beloved animal –

Thank you, God,
for lending him to me.
Because of him I learned
a little more about loving,
a little more about taking care,
a little more about letting things be.

Thank you, God.
He is one of the nicest ways
that I have ever met you.
I really miss him.
And now I'm looking
for some new sign of you.
Please help me find it.

Caroline Oakes

PayPal Coming to Trinity

Online giving utilizing PayPal is coming to Trinity Buckingham. The benefits of online giving include —

- Stewards can set up recurring donations
- Reaching new donors
- Attract donors from around the world
- Raise money cost effectively
- PayPal is secure
- You do not need a PayPal account to donate
- Ability to easily purchase tickets to Trinity events

Stay tuned for more information on how to donate to Trinity Buckingham via PayPal.



Marty Gillen

School and Youth Group Starting up Now!

The Youth Group (YG) of Trinity Buckingham will return this fall!

A fun group loosely referred to as the "Youth Group Mavens" comprised of **Kelley Harar, Dina Huddy and Stacy Stalker** have been reflecting and working hard over the summer to come up with what we hope will be a sustainable youth group for our children in 7th – 12th grades. **Did you know that we have 21 kids in this age group who are already church members?** We also have new families and youth interested in joining.

We hope to broaden our Trinity Buckingham community and better connect our youth to the church, the community, God, and each other. In addition to our own efforts, we have reached out and met with other local youth group leaders. **Victoria Hoppes, from the Philadelphia Episcopal Diocese Office of Family Life and Young Adult Ministries**, has also offered input. Our goal is to use our resources to grow the Youth Program at Trinity. If you have ideas or resources please share.

Our plan is based on having a **youth-led group**, teaching the kids to lead, plan and execute. We will start by identifying what it is they want to talk about and how they want to service to our community and church. As leaders, we will be there to coach, guide and support their efforts.

We will meet the second Sunday of every month running September through May. The general meeting format allows for fellowship, prayer, and an activity every month. Our first meeting will be a planning meeting so that we can set off our youth group year and set expectations.

In addition to our monthly meetings, we would like to have outside activities. Nancy and Caroline will continue support, encourage, and guide us.

Part of our initial meeting will be to develop a mission for the youth group. How will Youth Group share their spiritual gifts throughout the church and community? Above all, we intend to make this a joyful time and connect with the kids. Going from "my mom wants me to do this" to "when is youth group"??!

Be on the lookout for some future leaders. We appreciate your prayers and support as we launch this effort.

Please share this news with all who have kids in this age group and would like to connect with our Trinity Buckingham Youth Group.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at:
Trinitybuckinghamyouthgroup@gmail.com

Kelley Harar

Trinity Youth Group 2016 Meeting Dates

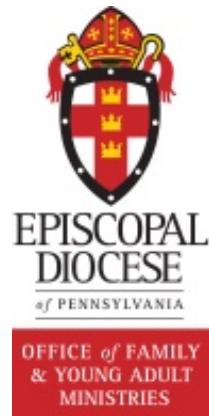
11 September

8 October

13 November

12 December

7:30-8:45 pm



TBNS Has an Anniversary and A New Name

This year Trinity Buckingham Nursery School and Kindergarten is celebrating their **50th anniversary**, and a new name too — **Trinity Academy**!

On a hot day in August just a few weeks ago, a happy group of Trinity Academy children and their moms joined our Trinity Academy director Steph Elliott and our Trinity Church rector Nancy Dilliplane for this fun photo shoot ... with balloons!

Stay tuned for announcements throughout this program year of the 50 special events Trinity Academy will host this year to highlight and celebrate their past 50 years and their promising future.

Caroline Oakes



September

- 7 Keith Goggin
- 10 Tyler Zak & Dot Cellini
- 12 Jorden Krauss
- 16 Paul Wildermuth
- 19 Paulette Massias
- 22 Donna Evans
- 29 Shannon Shisler

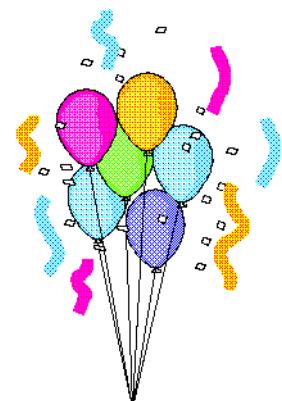
October

- 1 Brooke Dougherty
- 2 Marjorie Guidry
- 2 Dave Romero
- 3 Danielle Badiali
- 4 Meredith Quinn
- 4 Courtney Quinn
- 6 Paige Dougherty
- 7 Ryan Smith
- 10 Thomas Reed
- 14 Ken Kitson Jr.
- 15 Karen Zak
- 17 Linda Vesely
- 17 Paige Badiali
- 19 Al Fuchs
- 20 Carly Wisnom
- 20 Sarah Wisnom
- 20 Ian Kirchner
- 24 James Alexander Barnard
- 25 Natalia Massias
- 28 Amy Conoscenti

November

- 1 Victoria Oliver
- 1 Mary Lou Erk
- 2 Linda Eichhorn
- 3 Thomas Conoscenti
- 4 Fred Haeusel
- 7 Dan Wisnom
- 7 Nancy Robinson
- 7 Morley Ewing
- 8 Susannah Coleman
- 10 Olivia Kirchner
- 10 Jo Kiel
- 10 Tori Ann Goldbach
- 14 Patrick Keller
- 24 Robert Duffy
- 25 Jame "Woody" Kiel
- 27 Madelyn Bannon
- 30 Nathan Niedrist

**Happy
Birthday!**



Lay Associate Corner

A Year of Inspiration, Study and Practice at Trinity

Living the Heart of Christianity

2016-2017

"I'd like to see an ongoing Spiritual Formation Series happening at Trinity — with a book study, say, or a sustained small group study experience ..." — Trinity Parishioner

This was one of the many enthusiastic responses shared at Trinity's **Parish Conversations** late last Spring, when parishioners gathered together to share their thoughts about what feels most alive at Trinity. In response, we are excited to offer a year of inspiration, study and practice here at Trinity Buckingham, using Marcus Borg's popular ***The Heart of Christianity*** as our primary resource throughout the year.

Marcus Borg's *The Heart of Christianity* has struck a responsive chord in countless Christians, particularly those for whom the mainstream, so-called "traditional" Christian message — Bible literalism, belief for the sake of salvation, salvation as a means to attain heaven — no longer works.

Borg helps us see the "heart of Christianity" through a more ancient and authentic lens. He helps us see what indeed is most central to Christianity and the Christian life — **and then helps us put that new awareness and lived experience into action toward the care of those in need.**

We will approach our study and practice in three ways —

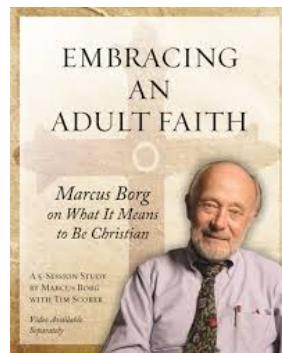
A 5-Week DVD Sunday Forum Series — Embracing an Adult Faith:

Marcus Borg on What It Means to Be Christian

November 6, 13, 20

December 4 & 11

Embracing an Adult Faith is an exciting, open-minded five-session adult formation resource for new seekers and church alumni alike who enjoy "living the questions" of faith and exploring what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world.



A 3-Week All-Parish Book Study — One Parish, One Book —

The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith

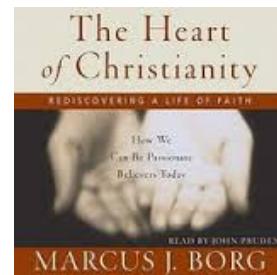
January 18 & 25 and February 1

Marcus Borg, recently deceased, is one of the most influential voices in progressive Christianity today. In *The Heart of Christianity*, Borg writes in readable and accessible ways about an emerging approach to Christianity that, in his words, "moves us from an earlier and unpersuasive vision of Christianity to one that satisfies both head and heart." This "emerging paradigm" is a way of understanding Christianity in the context of our post-modern world, incorporating

science, historical scholarship, religious pluralism and cultural diversity. Borg focuses on what he sees as being most central to Christianity and the Christian life, connecting knowledge, tradition and life experience with faith-in-action through an outlook on Christianity that is refreshing and compelling.

Whether or not you can meet on Wednesdays for the book study gatherings, please read the book so as people of Trinity Buckingham parish, we can share a common language and

understanding of just what is the heart of Christianity and how we might together live in to God's call to us.



A 12-Week Small Group Formation Series — *Living the Heart of Christianity: A Guide to Putting Your Faith into Action*

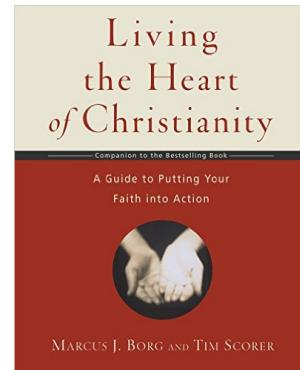
March 5, 12, 19, 26

April 2, 9, 23, 30

May 7, 14, 21, 28

For those of us hoping to go deeper in *The Heart of Christianity*, the companion guide *LIVING the Heart of Christianity* is an invaluable resource that provides the tools to talk about Borg's new vision for a life of Christian faith and how it can change our spiritual lives and Christian communities today.

- Session 1: The Heart of Christianity in a Time of Change
- Session 2: Faith: The Way of the Heart
- Session 3: The Bible: The Heart of the Tradition
- Session 4: God: The Heart of Reality
- Session 5: Jesus: The Heart of God
- Session 6: Born Again: A New Heart
- Session 7: The Kingdom of God: The Heart of Justice
- Session 8: Thin Places: Opening the Heart
- Session 9: Sin and Salvation: Transforming the Heart
- Session 10: The Heart of the Matter: Practice
- Session 11: Heart and Home: Being Christian in an Age of Pluralism
- Session 12: In the End: A New Beginning



Conversations on Science and Technology



My most recent Certificate in Theology and Ministry course at Princeton Theological Seminary was on Forgiveness and Reconciliation, something greatly needed in today's world.

The neurosciences are telling us about how humans need interconnectedness. Our brains literally need other human brains to grow and have mental health.

If we are isolated, locked in solitary confinement, or neglected as children, our brains are damaged and our souls wounded. Our identity is formed in community. Violence and separation prevent us from properly connecting with all of humanity and with God. Forgiveness is necessary for healing, because it allows reconnecting with people.

My view of forgiveness and reconciliation has changed. I previously viewed forgiveness as releasing someone who had harmed me from guilt and responsibility, and not seeking justice, punishment, or retribution. It would have been hard for me to forgive someone who did not show remorse, and I would probably have held the offense against him/her indefinitely.

My deeper insight into forgiveness and reconciliation revolves around not seeing people as their transgression, but instead seeing their humanity. I understand better that my forgiveness is not mine alone, that forgiveness is a social relationship and not an individual act. Forgiveness flows from God through Christ and through human beings, thus when I make God's forgiveness my own, I am not alone in the process of forgiveness. In order to forgive someone, you must first present him with his transgression. In this process, God is not disregarding the transgression but condemning it by acknowledging it and forgiving it.

The class reflected on the Ubuntu theology of Desmond Tutu (Anglican Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town, South Africa), which proclaims the inherent interconnectedness of humankind and Karl Barth's idea "To See and Be Seen, To Hear and Be Heard, and to Assist Mutually." I found a connection between the Ubuntu theology idea of "Because we are, I am. I am, because we are," and what the neurosciences are telling us about human interconnectedness.

We discussed the many disturbing reminders that justice around the world is mostly focused on security, punishment, and retribution, rather than healing and reconnecting. Forgiveness is scandalous in a culture that wants justice and believes you should get what you deserve (good or bad). We must work to see the humanity in all people and not define them by their crime, mistake, transgression, or sin. All people are loved by Christ. We must try not to see others as fundamentally different from us.

We discussed the tendency to dehumanize people by thinking in terms of "I and It" rather than "I and Thou." Much violence in the world happens when we demonize and dehumanize others and make them "Its." We read a poem by Ajoyo that resonated with me that has the line, "I long for the day my color, my kind, my gender, my race won't trouble your mind." Our community is not our color, our kind, our gender, or our race. Our community is humanity.

We discussed and reflected on the traditional Christian models of atonement (at-one-ment), God's grace, and forgiveness. I was uncomfortable with the models whereby God seeks or allows Jesus to be punished or abused in retribution for humanity's sins (i.e., penal substitution). I was most comfortable with the theological ideas discussed by Dr. Lee (Class Professor) about the idea that the scriptural witness to the "Why" of the crucifixion is "God's Greatest Possible Love."

The greatest possible love a person can show is to give their life for those they love, like a mother for her child. Dr. Lee notes that Mark's Gospel allows us to affirm that God did not require Jesus' suffering. Jesus was living out God's will in a culture of violent oppression, and Jesus's execution was not God's requirement, but rather a consequence of Jesus's obedience to God. Likewise, our discipleship does not call or require us to suffer, but the consequences of discipleship may result in opposition, pain, suffering, and even death.

A challenge remaining for me is the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation as a means of breaking the chain of violence and retribution. Seeking retributive justice creates an endless cycle of injury as each act of retributive justice generates new victims. Breaking the cycle of injury and violence is a redemptive aspect of Jesus's "Greatest Possible Love."

Faithfully, Steven W. Mann, Ph.D.

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Music and Arts at Trinity

Jazz and Joe News

Jazz & Joe will return for another fabulous year!

We heard some new wonderful, young talent and enjoyed some **record crowds** last season! If you have not taken the time to check out this fabulous live music fest, please look over the schedule and make time to do so. You don't know what you are missing.

We look forward to another grand year.

Jazz and Joe 2016 – Save the Dates:

Faith Hall at 7:30 pm

September 8

October 13

November 10

Big Band Comes to Trinity



Our fall calendar begins with a BIG Band Concert & Dance with The Brian Pastor Big Band —

People in the Philadelphia area who are fans of big band music will certainly recognize the name **Brian Pastor**. He is Mr. Big Band himself. The concert and dance will be presented through the generosity of The Jazz Sanctuary. Light refreshments will be served. Unlike most of the Music & Arts presentations, **all proceeds** will go to Vision 20/20.

Has it been a while since you had the opportunity to do this kind of listening/dancing? We have thought of everything, and we can help! **Starting at 3:00 pm, you can come early and brush up your swing dance** with some pointers from Jeff & Janelle, Dancers Extraordinaire. They will be on hand to provide some pointers. America really does have talent!

Sunday, Sept 18th

The Brian Pastor (Big Band) Octet

Concert & Dance: 4:00-6:00 pm

Free Dance Instruction @ 3:00

Faith Hall Tickets: \$15

Festive Brass for All Seasons

Join us in November for **Festive Brass for All Seasons**. The concert will feature a brass quintet of well-known and highly skilled musicians, who have performed with such distinguished organizations as the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Philly Pops, the Delaware Symphony and the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia. Be treated to classical, jazz, and blues and to a few Christmas selections to get us thinking cheerful thoughts of the upcoming holidays.

Sunday, Nov 13th 4:00 pm Trinity Buckingham Church

Tickets: \$20 \$15 Students & Seniors



In addition...

Several ideas are still in the planning stages. Included among those plans is an evening of drama brought to you by our own Trinity Players, AND there is one new and improved feature for the coming season — thanks to the efforts of Marty Gillen and others, we expect to make it easier for those attending performances. Soon Trinity's Music and the Arts patrons will be able to purchase tickets through PayPal. More to come!

Regina Gordon

Exciting Sunday Forums and Wednesday Night Series Events This Fall

A Call to Serve: Parenting

Wednesday Evening Series —
Sept 28, October 5, 12, 19

7:00 – 8:30 pm

St. Mary's Parenting Center instructors will be offering four Wednesday evenings to discuss the many gifts and challenges of parenting and grand-parenting our young ones and our teenagers alike. Topics of discussion will be —

Managing the Morning Madness

Effective Discipline - Different Styles, Different Temperments

Managing Anger in a Healthy Way

Navigating the Teenage Years

A Call to Serve: Creation Care

Sunday Forums —
October 16, 23

11:30 am, following the 10:15 am service

In this month of celebrating the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Rector Nancy Dilliplane will facilitate a discussion on ways to we can better care for our planet Earth — our island home.

A Call to Serve: Prison Ministry

Sunday Forum — October 30, 11:30 am
Wednesday Evening Series — November 2 & 9

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Did you know the Bucks County prison is located just across from the Red Barn Plaza in Warminster, just five miles from where we worship every Sunday? Have you ever wondered if there are ways you might help someone who is incarcerated?

Trinity will be hosting the directors of Doylestown's **VITA Education Services** for a Sunday forum and follow-up Wednesday Evening Series to bring us a greater awareness of local prisoners' lives and of the many simple ways we can be of assistance to current inmates' hopes of attaining a promising future —

Sunday Forum — October 30th

Gail Huber, Curriculum and Training Specialist will outline VITA's literacy, job readiness and decision-making programs in the jail and ways we can put our faith into action.

Wednesday Evening Series, November 2nd

Linda Wolfson, Executive Director of VITA, will offer an overview of the lives of immigrants in Bucks County, services VITA offers to facilitate learning English as a second language, and what volunteers can do to help.

Wednesday Evening Series, November 9th

Mercedes Anderson, Director of Literacy and GED Programs at VITA, will discuss adult literacy needs in Bucks County, the goals for Basic Education learners, and ways we can be of some help to literacy students.

A Call to Formation: Embracing an Adult Faith

Sunday Forums —
November 6, 13, 20

December 4 & 11

11:30 am after the 10:15 am service

Embracing an Adult Faith is an exciting, open-minded five-session adult formation resource for new seekers and church alumni alike who enjoy "living the questions" of faith and exploring what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world.

A Call to Formation: Advent Contemplation

Thursday Evening Series —
December 1, 8, 15, 22

7:00 pm in the Library Chapel

Taking time for a few moments' reflection can be enormously restorative during the busiest season of the year. We will hear a guided meditation that will assist us in exploring one meaningful passage of scripture each Thursday evening that each bring back a sense of the Spirit as we anticipate the coming of the Christ child in us and around us this season.



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8 am Holy Communion, Rite II

9:15 am Children of all Ages (New!)

10:15 am Holy Communion, Rite II
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