



Rector's Reflections



Welcome to Advent!

The word Advent means “coming.” On December 3 we begin a new church year, and with it a new invitation to consider what it means for God to come to us. Christians, of course, believe that God *has already* come to us in the person of Jesus Christ. So once

again the church will look *backwards* to when God was born into the world as the child of Bethlehem, coming to share our humanity, and to sanctify creation. But we also believe that the time when God’s reign is all-in-all is yet to come. So, during Advent, we also look *forward* to God’s coming once more, finally and forever to restore all of creation to the Divine self.

Advent lays bare the odd in-between-times in which we dwell. We are a people of God’s already, and God’s not yet. To use the words of the Godly Play Advent story: “The One who *was* coming is still coming. This is full of mystery.”

The invitation of Advent, I think, is to enter fully into that mystery, and to recognize God in the in-between-times. Between Bethlehem and the final restoration, God is always coming. God comes over and over again to you and to me. And God comes to the world over and over again *in* you and in me. And so Advent is also about *our* coming—our coming in the name of God, with forgiveness, mercy and love, to help mend broken hearts and broken lives, and to bind up creation’s wounds.

This Advent, let’s pay attention to God’s coming in us, and our coming in the world. The pages that follow contain many opportunities to explore what it is to come in the name of God, through worship, and study, and service.

Over the next four weeks in worship and Bible study, we will explore with Mark how we can keep awake to God’s presence in the world. With John the Baptizer, we’ll consider the gift of repentance—turning to face God again, so that God’s image may be renewed in us. With Mary, we will ponder our “Yes” to God, and how Trinity might be pregnant with God’s possibilities for renewing the world in which we live. With the Psalmist we will pray that our lives might be the place where mercy and truth meet together, where righteousness and peace kiss each other.

We’ll have an opportunity to practice what we learn during Advent when, in January, Trinity becomes Central Bucks County’s Code Blue shelter. Advent’s invitation to discover God’s coming in us gives way to Epiphany’s invitation to see the face of God shining in the poor and homeless on our doorstep.

So, welcome to Advent. As we remember God’s coming into the world as a poor baby in Bethlehem, and as we lean into the final coming of God’s reign, let us also remember that we—you and I, together with Trinity Church, are also the coming of God to this good and hurting creation.

How will we receive God’s coming this year? How will we *be* God’s coming?

In hope, faith and love,

Nancy+



Welcome to Advent!

Worship Calendar for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany

The Season of Advent —

December 3, **Advent 1:** 8 am, 9:15 am and 10:15 am

December 3, Candlelit Evening Prayer in Historic Trinity, 6:15 pm

December 10, **Advent 2:** 8 am, 9:15 am and 10:15 am (Code Blue Sunday)

December 17, **Advent 3:** 8 am, 9:15 am and 10:15 am (Youth-led Service at 10:15 am)

December 21, Longest Night Service, 7:30 pm in Historic Trinity

December 24, **Advent 4:** 8 am ONLY

The Season of Christmas —

December 24, Christmas Eve: 4 pm, Fill the Creche Service with Eucharist

9 pm Special Music

9:30 pm Festive Eucharist with Choir

December 25, Christmas Day: 10 am—Contemplative Eucharist in Historic Trinity

December 31, Christmas Lessons and Carols: 10 am—ONE SERVICE ONLY

The Season of Epiphany —

January 7, Epiphany Pageant: 10 am—ONE SERVICE ONLY

January 14, Epiphany 2: 8 am, 9:15 am and 10:15 am

January 21, Epiphany 3: 8 am, 9:15 am and 10:15 am

January 28, Epiphany 4: **9 am**—ONE SERVICE ONLY—ANNUAL MEETING & BRUNCH

February 4, Epiphany 5: 8 am, 9:15 am and 10:15 am

February 11, Last Epiphany: 8 am, 9:15 am and 10:15 am

Lent begins on February 14, 2018 with Ash Wednesday.

The Longest Night

We wait for God's coming in a world that seems especially dark, frightening and fragile this year. Mass shootings, divisive partisan politics, hurricanes, increasing numbers of displaced people, threats of war and terror on the global stage, and the loss of beloved community members all contribute to our sense that the world is a dark and hostile place, sorely in need of God's peace, compassion, justice and mercy. On December 21, 2017, the longest night of the year, we will gather in Historic Trinity at 7:30 pm to light candles against the darkness, claim God's unyielding love for us, and pray for comfort, hope and peace.

Pastor Nancy



Reed Chapel to be Dedicated on December 9, 2017

In thanksgiving for the lives and ministries of the Rev. Allan and Marty Reed, the Library Chapel will be named in their memory on Saturday, December 9, 2017 during Trinity's Christmas Party. Please join us for the dedication and blessing.



Trinity members enjoy fellowship in the soon-to-be dedicated Reed Chapel following Wednesday Eucharist.

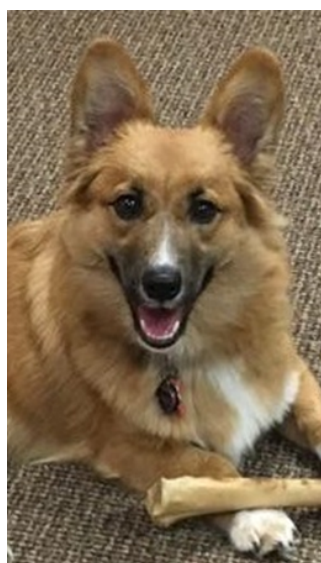


Save the Dates

February 11 Blanket Sunday for Church World Service (Sunday nearest Valentine's Day)

March 11 Layette Sunday (middle Sunday in Lent, also known as "Mothering Sunday")

May 13 ABC Quilt Sunday (Mother's Day)



Tally Marks

Don't wallow too much. It's good and natural to be alert for things that stink as you go through life. Sometimes you just can't avoid it—life's journey takes us through a lot of unpleasant things. But if you roll around in them too much, pretty soon that's all you'll be able to smell, and all anyone else will smell when you walk into the room. You'll miss out on the sweeter things that life has to offer. Be sure to roll in clover sometimes, too.

Faith Forum: Art as Social Inquiry

Artist Theresa BrownGold gave a wonderful, heartfelt, thought-provoking and prayer-provoking Faith Forum on the topic of health care as a basic human right on October 22, 2017.



ECW (Episcopal Church Women)

Thank you to all who contributed to our Fall sale—to the women who did all the setup during the week; to the bakers who supplied great treats for our bake table; to the kitchen workers who bought or cooked or served a great luncheon; to the men and women who bagged and cleaned up after the sale. We in the ECW are very grateful!!!! We made about \$3,000, so we will be able to help many in our community.

On December 6, the first Wednesday of the month, we will be going to lunch and then to Byer's Choice to enjoy their Christmas display. We will meet at the Church at 11 am and then carpool. Please let Mary Beth Perisho know if you plan to attend and if you can drive. Hope to see many of you then.

Mary Beth Perisho

Deanery Notes

On Sunday, October 8, 2017, Rev. Nancy, Matthew Simpson (Deacon in Formation), Judi Krauss, and Kathi Sadowski attended a deanery meeting at Emmanuel Church in Quakertown. The evening began with Evening Prayer.

The Rev. Toneh Williams, Deacon for Veterans Ministry, gave a presentation about mental and spiritual health support for veterans. She mentioned the need for knitted or crocheted lap robes and prayer shawls for wounded and homeless vets, calling it "Healing Stitches," and gave us a list of other ways we can provide support for veterans.

The business meeting centered around church partnerships like EPIC (Episcopal Partnership in Community), which now supports Community PeaceMeal, Youth Ministry, Pub Theology, Community of Hope International, and programs about Human Trafficking. Partnerships are a way for many smaller parishes to share resources and to support programs to expand the outreach within local communities.

We were also introduced to the Rev. Daniel Moore, the new Rector of St. Paul's, Doylestown.

And finally, it was shared that the Bishop is allocating \$300,000 in grants to aid parishes in their programming and ministries over the next 5 years.

A lot is happening in the Bucks County Deanery!

Kathi Sadowski

Sunday School and Children's Ministries

As the beautiful season of lights is approaching, we thank God that He includes us in his family and that we can be a light to all nations of the world.

On December 3, we will be making family Advent wreaths after the 10:15 am service. Please look for the sign-up sheet in Faith Hall. Also, since this is the first Sunday of the month, we will be having Super Sunday. Super Sunday begins at 6pm. As per our VBS format, all activities reflect the lesson being taught. The evening consists of a religious educational lesson, a craft (imagination station), music, games, and of course, a snack. We have had wonderful feedback from parents whose children have attended, along with comments from the children themselves. Regular Sunday School classes will be held on the rest of the Sundays in December, except for New Years Eve. Classes are 45 minutes in length, beginning at 10 am. At the end of class, the children are dismissed to go to Church with their parents.

We will celebrate Jesus' birthday with our traditional Happy Birthday Jesus Party starting on Christmas Eve, during the 10am Sunday School class on that day.

'Super Sundays' Schedule

6pm to 7:45pm

We will have an evening gathering based on the popular Vacation Bible School format for children from PreK to 8th grade.

December 3: Advent, Christmas and Epiphany program

January (off for Code Blue)

February 4: God Is Always With You

March 4: Lent/Holy Week and Easter program

April 1: (Easter Day—no program)

May 6: God Will Always Love You

June 3: God Made You For A Reason

Sallee Lord and Pastor Nancy +

Due to Code Blue, we will not be having Super Sunday on January 7. However, we will be having our Epiphany Pageant on that day at the 10:15 am service.

February 4 will be our Super Sunday night Sunday School. On February 11, the children will begin our winter outreach program by making Valentines for our Church shut-ins, members of our Armed Forces, as well as for the veterans in the Delaware Valley Veterans Home.

Many thanks to those families that have supported the Sunday School Christmas Outreach Project. Once again, our Church families have filled shoe boxes with toys and various items for children up to 8 years in age. These boxes will be used by Family Service Association of Bucks County Caseworkers who will give them to children during family visits throughout the year.

Wishing all of you a Joyous Christmas and a Blessed 2018!

Sallee Lord



Rector's Warden Report

In the past few years we've come to realize that in order for Trinity to maintain its various ministries, to continue to meet our spiritual needs, and also to be able to serve our community, we do need to grow the church and attract some new families. With that purpose in mind, an additional service was added for Sunday worship. A "family service" was started at 9:15 which is designed to attract young families and children. This service has a different format from the traditional services we're accustomed to and is geared more to meet the needs and likings of a younger generation. Fortunately this new addition has indeed brought us some new faces. We even met some families that were simply willing to come and visit Trinity to see what was happening here. This is exactly what we were hoping it would do and it has been working for us. Some of the families have become regular attendees at this 9:15 service and have also become interested in joining or adding ministries to our existing ones. I've attended a few of these family services and I have to say that, thanks to Nancy, Caroline and Martha, they are very upbeat and fun!

Another change that the vestry recently implemented is to divide the church year into 3 working trimesters which Nancy explained to us at the one service on October 29th. This would allow individuals to sign up for one or more ministries for a 4-month trial period instead of for a full year. We anticipate that this will

encourage parishioners to join a ministry that they might consider, but without having to commit to a full year's service. We've started to hold a parish meeting before the start of each one of these trimesters, where individuals can talk to vestry members about our ministries and sign up as they feel called. Many of us participated in these meetings on June 4th and October 29th. Hopefully this action will prove attractive to our parishioners and will help us better support our ministries. At the end of the 4-month period, they can sign up again for the same ministry or can try a different one. Who knows? There may even be the possibility of several new and different ministries in our future! I am confident that these changes will help our church to grow and hopefully expand Trinity's presence in our community.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year.
Peace to all.

Dom De Caprio



On Stewardship

The 2018 Stewardship campaign is well underway as this issue of Trinity Times is being published. Your pledge, or financial commitment to Trinity Buckingham, is critical to the Vestry as they prepare our operating budget for 2018. The operating budget sustains our paid staff, our technology and our buildings and grounds. Without your financial support, we may not be in a position to continue with all of the ministries doing God's work out of Trinity Buckingham.

Trinity Buckingham is important to the broader community in which we live. Numerous Trinity volunteers, supported by our paid staff, contribute, on average, more than 100 hours per week in time and talent. This equates to approximately 5,200 hours annually or more than \$125,000 in value to the community. Our volunteers cannot do this important work without your pledge and Trinity could not share God's love without you and your gifts of time, talent and treasure.

Peace +

Marty Gillen

Honoring Those Who Served



On Sunday evening, November 12, a special event took place in Faith Hall. The Trinity Buckingham (EPIC) Youth Group hosted a dinner honoring our Veterans. It was a wonderful night of story telling and serving dinner to those who've served.

Publicity: It's About SHARING With Your Friends All the Good Things Trinity Does

Are you excited by Jazz & Joe and other upcoming Music & Arts events, along with Community PeaceMeals, new Youth and Worship and Sunday School events—all the great things being offered by Trinity's music and outreach and worship ministries these days?

Sometimes do you just wish more people knew about them?

If you are on Facebook, **YOU** can be a part of getting the word out. It is super easy —

When you see a post in your Facebook timeline about an event you would like people to know about, don't just click the "LIKE" button on the post, **be sure and click the "SHARE" button**. THEN all your Facebook friends will be able to see the same post!

AND — please make sure you've clicked the "LIKE" button on Trinity's Facebook PAGE (not just our individual POSTS). Go to Trinity's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/trinitybuckinghamchurch and then click the big LIKE button that is located just underneath the large photo of Trinity.

Then all of Trinity's posts will come directly to your own Facebook page every time we post a post.

Thank you!

Caroline Oakes

From the Archives

In 1965, with construction of our current facility well underway, Robert Bitzer wrote to the parish to acknowledge the many people who volunteered countless hours to make it happen.

As Trinity gears up to discern the best use of Pierce Hall, how to configure the building, and how to finance such a project, we are reminded of the perseverance and can-do spirit of our forebears. The Pierce Hall Medium-Term and

Long-Term Development Plan Committee (PHM<DP) is now in formation and seeking volunteers. Please contact Marty Gillen for further information.

—Mark Barnard (with a hat tip to Elizabeth Crooke for her wonderful compendium documenting Trinity’s history).

October 3, 1965

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Our rector, Mr. Pierce, has asked me to report to you the names of those persons in the parish who have participated in the discussions, planning and actions of the 1960 thru 1965 building expansion years. Mr. Pierce believes that I have more knowledge of those involved with the project since I have attended more than 150 meetings to date concerning the overall plan. I am honored to list below the names of the persons to be recognized and placed in the 1965 Cornerstone.

Vestry Members

- Robert L. Bitzer
- William E. Camp
- Herbert A. Class
- Chester D. Cope
- Richard W. Davis
- Robert L. Gilmore
- John A. Griffith Jr.
- Benjamin C. Grove
- *Willard G. Hstand
- Mrs. Nicholas P. Jacoby
- Robert G. Kern
- *L. Elkington Lazelere (deceased)
- George S. Morris
- Mrs. John T. Paulding
- William A. Perry (deceased)
- Mrs. William A. Perry

- H. Kirk Rulinson (deceased)
- Thomas J. Scott
- Donald Weisel
- *denotes Rector’s Warden
- General Contractor**
- E. Arol Fesmire
- Architect**
- Harold E. Wagoner & Assoc.
- Surveyor**
- Donald Weisel
- Expansion Study Committee**
- William E. Camp, chairman
- Thomas J. Scott, co-chairman
- Chester D. Cope
- Harry T. Grace
- Benjamin C. Grove
- Willard G. Hstand

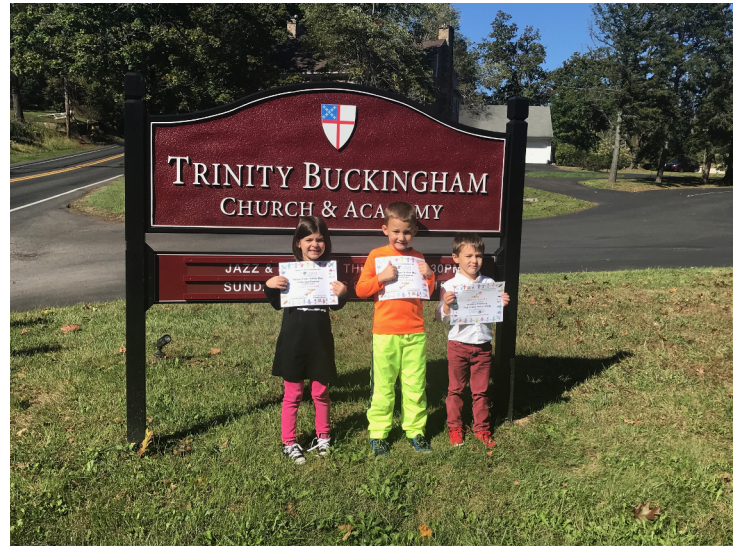
- Mr. & Mrs. Augustus L. Raffetto
- Special Ladies Group on Sacrist**
- Mrs. Roderic Pierce
- Mrs. L. Elkington Larzelere
- Mrs. William E. Camp
- Mrs. John T. Paulding
- Building Committee**
- Robert L. Bitzer, chairman
- Willard G. Hstand
- Robert L. Gilmore
- William E. Camp (resigned)
- Mrs. Augustus L. Raffetto
- Building Fund Committee
- John A. Griffith Jr., chairman
- Thomas J. Scott, co-chairman (resigned)
- Entire vestry served on committee

As I reflect back on all the arduous doings of the last six years, I am impressed with three things: First, the scope of our undertaking and the success of our farsighted project. Second, the boost and inspiration of certain men such as “Doc” Larzelere whose belief that this project should and could be done. He was even correct on the approximate costs and financial capability of the parish. Kirk Rulison’s vote of confidence even in retirement from vestry duties. Our good Bishop Hart for his concern and interest in our task by offering us a \$50,000 loan. The everlasting prayers and belief of our rector, building and fund committees, vestry and other parishioners who knew, that with God’s help, we would succeed. Special thanks goes to our rector’s warden, Willard Hstand, and Robert Gilmore and Jack Griffith, without whose counsel and work this project would not be possible.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Bitzer

Trinity Day School Academy News

It is hard to believe that fall will be winding down and we will be gearing up for our Christmas Pageant soon. The weather certainly “tricked” us into believing summer was not going to end! The energy at the start of a new school year is always so exciting... returning children are a bit hesitant to begin in new classrooms with new teachers, and welcoming all of our new friends and their families adds a new energy to the school year. This year has also brought big changes at the Academy. My role as a “teaching director” has shifted to a “full time director” position with the retirement of Debbie Muller last May. We’ve also said sad farewells to two of our teachers and have welcomed three new teachers to our Trinity staff—one new teacher for each age group, in fact! Lots of changes and lots of new energy always leads to happy and positive things!



Our Parents Committee is gearing up to (hopefully) complete the last big piece of our Playground project, the removal of the swing sets and replacement with either a tire swing set or a balance course maze. This will be determined by the profits from our fundraisers for this year. Either will complete the upgrades of making our playground ADA compliant. Our profits from last year went towards replacing the old wooden picnic tables with two new coated-steel picnic tables.

Before we realized it, it was well into October and we truly enjoyed starting some special programs — meeting with Pastor Nancy for Chapel and learning the story of Creation and singing songs with her, and beginning our Praise and Play program with Mrs. Shaw where we learned more songs about how much God loves us and that we are truly special creations. The highlight of the month was our Boo Parade (of course)! November is always our time to give thanks and to also reflect with the parents on how their child has settled into our program and what they enjoy about school.

We’re looking forward to another wonderful Christmas Pageant on Thursday, December 14th at 9:30 am in the Church Sanctuary. Join us if you can!

Blessings,

Steph Elliott



Scenes from our Boo Parade

Conversations on Science and Technology

Scientific Method

Recently, Pastor Nancy and I were emailing each other on a topic related to the brain and the influence of pre-existing beliefs on our perception of reality. Nancy said what I wrote to her would be a good topic for a future article, so here we go! —

People with strong ideologically or religious beliefs often perceive the world through that lens. This perceptual bias is what the scientific method is designed to control. It is also why outside verification and replication are so important to science, because scientific researchers are also subject to this same bias towards pre-existing expectations and beliefs.

It is also why even solid science that breaks the current paradigm is often resisted at first. It is human nature to resist giving up our “truth,” when confronted with evidence that contradicts our current beliefs. Einstein said, “Science is not about truth; it is about being less false.”

Science is not a religion or a set of agreed upon facts; science is a methodology designed to control our perceptual bias resulting from our pre-existing experiences and beliefs **so that we can understand how the world is, rather than how we want it to be.** Science is evidence-based and does not care what you already believe. The scientific method allows us to better discern true from false.

No one is immune to bias, but some are more naturally self-aware or trained to recognize the presence and consequences of their expectations and beliefs on how they perceive the world. How emotionally invested one is in one’s **certainty** also influences perception, or as the saying goes, “One believes what one wants to believe.” Those claiming scientific or religious certainty are likely those who are most blind to these influences.

We are born essentially an empty slate — like a soul wrapped in some basic survival instincts with a brain predisposed to certain personality types. But a human infant is a vast ocean of possibilities, and the brain of a child has enormous plasticity. Drop a baby in any culture in the world and they will adapt accordingly. We are constantly comparing our experiences and perceptions to our existing and rapidly expanding “mental database” of expectations and beliefs. There is a powerful visceral emotional fear of ideas that conflict with our current beliefs. We distrust and often mindlessly and mistakenly



reject new ideas that conflict with our existing beliefs, beliefs that seem unquestionable and sacred.

As we assimilate information, we develop our beliefs about how the world works, a set of expectations, and a bias as to the nature of reality. **But that is a very specific, narrow set of personal experiences that are random in both time and space.** Even identical twins raised in the same household will not have the same beliefs about the world around them. Just the order (timing) of our experiences can affect our beliefs, because the first experiences we have become the standard by which we compare future experiences.

If we grow up in a frozen environment, our expectations and beliefs about reality will be different than if we grow up in a tropical jungle. If we grow up in a gentle and nurturing environment, we will expect the world to be loving, but if we grow up in a warring, hurtful culture, we will expect the world to be threatening. Social culture, which includes religion, is one set of experiences. But this perceived reality is just a tiny sliver of the entirety of reality.

How do we guard against our own bias so that we can learn new truths that might conflict with what we believe is true now? The scientific method allows us to stand away from ourselves and test our ideas by comparing them in a very carefully controlled systematic manner. We can design experiments that prevent us from knowing (“blind” us from knowing) what comparison is actually being made. This kind of controlled, blinded experiment can be difficult to perform at times.

see **Conversations** on next page

Conversations cont'd

Science is evidence-based and once all other interpretations are ruled out, the conclusions must be integrated into the current paradigm or the paradigm must shift or be replaced. When it was known that the Earth was not the center of the solar system, some felt the Earth and humanity was diminished in God's Creation. A more mindful interpretation could have been that Earth sits in a very special place relative to our star. We are in the "Goldilocks zone," that exact place just right for life to evolve and thrive! This simple example shows that mindlessness is the application of yesterday's theological thinking to today's theological problems, and mindful theological thinking can be applied when science seems to conflict with religion. Science done properly is telling us how reality is, rather than how we might want it to be, but if we are willing to shift our paradigm theologically, we may find a truth more awesome than we had previously imagined.

Faithfully, Steven W. Mann, Ph.D.

New Ways to Make Your Pledge at Trinity

There are now additional ways to make your pledge to Trinity! Skip the weekly check and migrate to electronic secure payments via credit/debit cards, Apple pay, and directly from your checking account. Contact any member of the our Vestry for more details.

Amy Conoscenti



Please Meet Dani Badiali

My name is Danielle Badiali, but most of you know me simply as Dani. I have been a member here at Trinity with my family for the past four years. Many of you know my husband, Stephen, and my two daughters, Helena (10) and Paige (7). They are what motivates me when I wake up every morning.

I recently held a seat on our Vestry, where I had the privilege to get to know Reverend Nancy and many wonderful members of our church. It was while on the Vestry that I learned of the new position for a Facilities Coordinator, a position that is truly in my "wheelhouse" as the saying goes.

After spending many years in New Jersey's fast-paced world of advertising and marketing as an Art Director, with the support of my husband, I decided to launch Full Circle Bridal & Events Consulting in 2002. I wanted to help clients create events to truly represent their personal styles. During this time I gained expertise in areas of project management, client service and event planning, completely encircled with an extra dose of creativity. I have planned and executed close to one hundred events, ranging from private estate tented weddings, corporate meetings, to both large and small scale fundraising events, and I have loved every minute.

I am proud to say that over these six months, this new role suits me. I feel very blessed and fortunate to have been chosen by my peers and Reverend Nancy to help develop and cultivate this new position here at Trinity. I am driven to not only grow myself within this position, but to help contribute to our financial goals here at Trinity Buckingham through strengthening our rental income.

If you have any questions or inquiries on our rentals here at Trinity, or you would like to stop by and simply say hello, please feel free to contact me at faithhall@trinitybuckingham.org.

Dani Badiali



Facilities Coordinator Corner

I wanted to start by acknowledging all of the hard work that our dear Trinity member, Aida King, has put into building the rental income program here at Trinity Buckingham. Without her ministry efforts over the last couple of years in both Faith Hall and Historic Trinity, we would not be where we are today. I want to thank you Aida for passing the proverbial torch; your work has not gone unnoticed.

Since stepping into this new position in May of this year, there has been no shortage of things to get done to ensure that our rental income stream runs smoothly.

My first box to check to complete was to update and standardize our rental price tiers and contracts for the remainder of 2017, so that everything related to renting our spaces is completely transparent, as well as making sure we are competitive with other similar intimate venues in our area. Copies of all prices and contacts for members, non-members, and not-for-profit groups can be requested at any time if you are looking to rent here at Trinity Buckingham. At the same time I have been researching different ways to advertise and market Trinity's spaces as the attractive venue it is for intimate, unique weddings, bridal & baby showers, sweet 16s, graduation & birthday parties and frankly, anything else that can be thought up! In recent days I have just signed a few major rentals for a couple of Sweet 16s and a Spring 2018 Star Wars Themed Wedding – on May the 4th Be With You!

Some of you may have noticed changes happening in our kitchen over the last few months. Being that we are a licensed and inspected professional kitchen, I cannot stress how very important it is that we be “up-to-code” to be allowed to keep this license by the county inspector. I am working alongside our professional resident chef, AnnaP from AnnaP Catering, who has a monthly contract to use the kitchen for her local catering company, to create new kitchen protocol. The kitchen currently underwent a full cleaning and reorganization as a fresh

start to kick off this new chapter in its care. Please take notice that new signs have been placed over all of the sinks. These signs are in place to help designate specifically what each sink is used for. Please kindly abide by these rules. Also, a BIG Thank You also goes out to the ECW and AnnaP for covering the cost of a new refrigerator and freezer unit that will replace the old freezer and ice maker!

Over the coming months be on the lookout for new labeling on shelves and drawers in the kitchen to help direct everyone to where things belong after they have been used. Much needed kitchen protocol/rules for using the facility, refrigerator & freezer and storage of left-over food will be in place to help apply the new changes when using and caring for Trinity's kitchen. I am looking forward to everyone's efforts in the quest to keep our kitchen in tip-top shape!

I wanted to mention that there are always volunteer opportunities to be on the Trinity Rental Team. It involves simply watching the property while an event is taking place for a couple of hours if I am unavailable to be there myself. A BIG Thank You goes out to Bernadette Gross and the Siliani Family for watching Faith Hall back in the summer while I was away. They split their time so that neither did more than 3 hours of time...it was extremely comforting to know that caring members of the team were here at the church making sure everything ran smoothly for the day.

Again, if anyone has any questions or inquiries on our rentals or wants to be a Rental Team Member here at Trinity, please feel free to contact me at faithhall@trinitybuckingham.org or call me direct on my cell: 856-313-6000.

Until then... I will be happily renting away!

Dani Badiali



Our Church Family

Baptisms

Emily Price

Margaret Grace

daughters of Kyle and Meghan Dennis

October 1, 2017

in Historic Trinity

A Note of Thanks: Adopt a Family USVI Program

Thanks Trinity family! Five boxes are on their way to St. Thomas!

With gratitude,
Barbara Kroberger

December

1 Kethleen Pliia
2 Rachael Shisler
2 Dan Shisler
9 Nicholas Bluder
9 Michele Barkalow
10 Richard Jaedicke
10 Dominich DeCaprio
11 Thomas Brown Jr.
13 Sam Jankowski
16 James Paxson
16 Fred Erk
21 Terence McCreary
22 Carol Downs
23 Robert Kirchner
23 Christopher Bannon
24 Carol Trunzo
24 Nicholas Moore
26 Deborah McLean
27 Jeffrey Kroberger
28 Sherri Bittner
29 Elizabeth Slim
29 Kathi Sadowski
29 Richard Bradbury Sr;

Happy Birthday!

January

3 Ray Perisho
7 Maddie Wanzer
7 Livy Wanzer
7 Sallee Lord
9 Jill Unger
9 Deana Corrigan
10 Tyler Zak
14 Mark Evans
17 Louis Vollrath
17 William Plum
18 Michael Prasto
20 Dennis Zak
20 Mae Pechal
21 Liz Oliver
27 Meryl Lasala
30 Ken McConeghy
30 Zachary Haeusel

February

2 Bernadette Gross
4 Aileen Wanzer
6 Pam Fuchs
11 Emily McCreary
12 Steven Guidry
14 Daphne Rolleri
15 Mark Eichhorn
16 Joseph McLean
18 Christian Serban
19 Connor Wisnom
20 Jessica Overington
21 Catherine Kirchner
23 Jamie Shisler
23 Corinne Shisler
26 Barry McCabe
26 Brynn Marmor
26 Mary Ellen Brehm



Jazz & Joe

Our 2018 season is set!

January 11, 2018	April 12, 2018
February 8, 2018	May 10, 2018
March 8, 2018	
	June 24, 2018
	Jazz & Joe and
	BBQ

Regina Gordon



Another wonderful evening of Jazz & Joe

Alan Segal and the Jazz Sanctuary filled Faith Hall on November 9th. World class jazz, great coffee and baked goods. What are you waiting for? Come on out to the next Jazz & Joe on January 11, 2018!

Trinity's Music and Arts Season Continues

Sunday, February 25, 2018 @ 4 PM

Fitzpatrick School of Irish Dance

With Special Guest Charlie Rutan on bagpipes

Saturday, April 21, 2018 @ 7 PM

An Evening of Monologues, Melodies and Scenes with the Trinity Players

plus a special photo exhibit & show in Faith Hall
by Janice Fiore, photographer

Trinity Book Club

Come read with us...

**The Rent Collector
by Camron Wright**

Join us!
immediately after
the 10:15 am service
in Faith Hall
January 7

next meeting: February 18

Lauren Gillen



Ten Easy Ways to Know What's Happening at Trinity

1. **Trinity's Weekly eBlast** is the absolute **BEST** way to stay current with Trinity news.

Please make sure the Church Office has **your email address** so you can be sure you are receiving this newly formatted and colorful email, filled with beautiful images and short descriptions of everything Trinity. It is sent from the office EVERY week on Wednesday or Thursday. (Let the Church Office know if you are not receiving it!)

2. **Trinity's Updated Website** is newly-formatted (and easy-to-read on cell phones) so you can scroll through to see all upcoming **events**, and click to learn more about what Vestry and Trinity's **ministries** are doing.

3. Check the new **Trinity Bulletin Board** for new flyers on your way to Worship.

4. Check the **Trinity Wall Monitor** for new event slides on your way to Faith Hall.

5. Pick up seasonal and ministry **Trinity Brochures** in the brochure rack — Music, Spiritual Life, Outreach, Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter.

6. The Announcements page in **Trinity's Sunday Bulletin** always features upcoming ministry and fellowship events, along with who we can pray for on our Prayer List.

7. **Trinity Newsletters** (published three times a year) are filled with memories and photos of events past, as well as details of upcoming events. A **Vestry Corner** section is always included, so you can easily keep up with the business and ministry of Trinity.

8. If you are on **Facebook**, go to Trinity's page **www.facebook.com/trinitybuckingham** and be sure to click the large "LIKE" button located just under our header.

Then you will receive all of Trinity's Facebook posts in your *own* "feed," your own daily Facebook page/timeline. (To help Trinity get the word out about all that is happening, you could periodically click "like" and "share" buttons below the posts you receive from Trinity).

9. **Trinity's Publicity Table** is located on your right just before you enter the Sanctuary. There you will find weekly sermons, seasonal brochures, and newsletters.

10. And...**talk to your Vestry!**

Each vestry member has felt a call to serve Trinity in a leadership capacity, and each are in the know about Trinity's current events and future plans. Monthly Vestry minutes are posted on the Bulletin Board panel on the left wall of the Hall to the Sanctuary.

**Please let your friends know which are your favorite ways to
stay current with all things Trinity! Thank you :)**

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Worship

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

Office Hours

10:00 am to 2 pm
Monday – Thursday
Closed Friday

Trinity's Mission

*Christ in our hearts, sharing God's
love, God's work through our
hands, serving God's people.*