# The Trinity Times

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### "The Dawn From On High Shall Break Upon Us"



The past month at work has been brutal: Codes, bad diagnoses, moral injury. Patients and families, whose lives were in a normal routine just a week or two before, now find themselves with tough decisions: Where do we live? Do we sell the house? Can we afford this?

For many, a life's work now seems so trivial and small, and it has me wondering: In this place where I work, what is The Gospel?

And surely it is not just at

the hospital where this is asked; it seems our national climate begs this question too.

With political division, with violence, drug addiction, mass incarceration, the grief of holding children in indefinite state custody at the border, with continued cries of racial injustice and blame, all with the background of an economic and spiritual malaise: Where is the Good News of Jesus Christ?

In our own personal lives, we have experienced cancer diagnoses, profound grief at the loss of loved ones, and now we hear there is the threat of a new pandemic: What is the Good News? Where can we find hope?

I think while cliché answers are available, they do not satisfy. Indeed, wrestling and seeking these answers have been difficult for me. But I suppose one good thing to remember in these dark nights of the soul is that as a People of God, we have been here many times before, and we have come through it. Indeed, "Dark Night of the Soul" is a term coined by St. John of the Cross.

But, not just in personal existential wanderings have we survived and thrived, but also in times of mass turmoil. The Church has survived a few pandemics before — the Spanish Flu and the Black Death to name two.

The Church has seen nations, kingdoms, and empires come and go. From relentless and bloody persecutions, to the Fall of Rome (which was thought unthinkable at one point), to Charlemagne, to the Fall of Byzantium, to the fall of the monarchies of Europe, to the formation of this new republic, and through two world wars, the Church has seen it all; and this Church history is not even covering our Sacred Texts.

In her sermon on January 26th, Nancy reminded us that while Noah had made the Ark, God saved Noah and his family from the Flood. While Moses did speak Truth to Power, and was hated by both Egyptians and Hebrews for it, God saved and liberated God's People. While the People of God kept faithful during the Babylonian Exile, it was God who brought them back to Israel.

And indeed, our greatest triumph is after The People of God tortured and executed The Messiah, God raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

Resurrection — the Great, Ecstatic and Final Triumph of God <u>for</u> all creation — it is both an historic moment, and an eternal moment; The Great Flash of Love that echoes throughout time. Resurrection: God's act and promise that no darkness, no warped will of humanity, no disease, not even death — nothing can defeat the Love of God in Jesus Christ.

In our modern lives of ample distractions, I can forget that we are a part of that line of stories; we are a part of this history whether we feel it or not. We are in and a part of The Great Arc of Salvation that spans long before and long after our mortal lives. God has saved us; God is saving us; God will save us.

However, even though God is saving us despite ourselves, it is important for me to remember it doesn't always feel that way. To those who are in the long, dark times, it does not feel like God is saving us at all — more like God has abandoned us.

While the Holocaust camps were eventually liberated, those who were tortured and murdered in *The Shoah* would not have seen the Nazis defeated; to them, darkness won.

While chattel slavery was finally ended with the 14th Amendment and the Civil War, to those many generations, to those millions of our brothers and sisters who were born, lived, and died as slaves in the United States, it would have seemed that the darkness, not God's justice, had won. And so it can be for us today with gun violence, war, cancer ... the list goes on.

Salvation is bigger than us, God's love story with Creation and Humanity is bigger than us. And often too, the darkness is bigger than us. But I suppose when I sift through the ashes, I am reminded that ultimately Resurrection is bigger than us, too.

In Advent we heard from the Song of Zechariah, and I end with that passage of Scripture as we prepare for Lent and Resurrection —

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### Dawn (continued)

"By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

— Luke 1:78-79

As I contemplate the depth and height of The Resurrection, of our History as The People of God, and of God's faithfulness throughout time, I am given a piercing flash of hope, like the first warm rays of light over the ocean at sunrise.

It is a hope that can endure despite what I see in the world around me; it is a hope that is bigger than me, beyond me, and is calling me onward on this journey. May the Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and the Blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon us this day, and forevermore.

AMEN.

**Deacon Matthew Simpson** 



## **Rector's Warden Report**



Greetings fellow parishioners,

I am honored to have been selected as your Rector's Warden. My wonderful wife Lauren and I joined Trinity in 2002 along with our then 15 year old daughter Kate and 13 year old daughter Liz. Kate and Liz are now married and the parents of our three beautiful grandchildren: Rosie, 9 months old, Samuel 5 and Benjamin 7. Life is good! Lauren loves her job and is thinking about retiring, but not too much. I retired from the corporate world in 2015 and now drive a school bus for the Central Bucks School District. Best job ever!

At Trinity's Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 2nd, we recognized outgoing Vestry members Dom DeCaprio, Elisabeth Goggin, Meg Dennis and Dave Huddy. Thank you for your service and commitment to Trinity, Buckingham. We also welcome our newest members of the Vestry: Jerry LaSala, Joanne Welker, Rose Marie Proctor and Kevin Wielehowski.

I've always referred to Trinity as "this wonderful place." Like many churches these days, we have our challenges, but we have a solid foundation. We also have an enthusiastic and dedicated community that will always step up to the plate to help solve problems and keep us moving forward. I look forward to helping our church grow and to supporting Pastor Nancy as we continue on with sharing God's love and serving God's people with Christ in our hearts and God's work through our hands.

Peace +

### **Rector's Reflections On 2019**



There is an empty space outside my office window where Pierce Hall stood, not so very long ago. Now there is a field of mud, surrounded by caution tape. Transitions are like that.

Things change, sometimes by design, sometimes unplanned, and we are left with a sense of emptiness. Things can seem muddy for a spell, even perilous.

On a rainy Sunday in October 2019 we gathered for the last time in Pierce Hall, said our prayers, thank yous, and good-byes as we decommissioned a building that for the last 70 years had housed Sunday School classes and kindergarten, hosted vestry meetings and square dances, sheltered youth groups and rectors' offices, 12-step programs, and 4H meetings.

Although the removal of Pierce Hall was some ten years in the making, it was a bitter-sweet moment for a parish more used to building and adding than to tearing down — a visible, tangible reminder that Trinity is no longer who we once were. Empty space, muddiness, peril.

At the same time, there is suddenly openness, possibility, and hope. Grace is like that.

The empty places of our lives create openings for God to enter in. Sometimes with compassion. Sometimes with healing. Sometimes with a bracing wake-up call. Always with an invitation to move forward in the company of the life-giving Spirit.

As I look out into the empty space where Pierce Hall used to be, I see openness. I see possibility. I see invitation. Pierce Hall belonged to the vibrant past of Trinity Church. But it was no longer serving us well. We've let it go.

What else from our past, I wonder, are we being invited to let go of in order to embrace the vibrant future that God is calling us to?

What might we do in partnership with the Spirit in the space that has opened up?

That's a metaphorical question, by the way, even though we will also be discerning, literally, what to do with the open space in the front yard.

It is true that Trinity is no longer who we were, even as recently as 10 years ago. There is some loss in that.

But this open, beautiful, possible space, invites us to explore more fully who we are **now** — the Trinity Church God is calling us to be for a new decade. Unobstructed by Pierce Hall, the spire of Trinity Buckingham stands for all to see, pointing future-ward, pointing God-ward.

Who are we now?

That's a question that I would very much like to explore together this year. I hope you will give this some prayerful thought, and share with me and the vestry what you hear the Spirit whispering to you.

With Christ's love in our hearts and God's work in our hands, we are being invited to explore God's open future.

How will we share God's love and serve God's people now?

Nancy+



Helping Grandpa carry the offering plates

### **End Of An Era!**

In August 1954, ground was broken for a new \$20,000 Parish House to be built adjacent to the existing Parish House on Durham Road. After the retirement of the Rev. Roderic Pierce in 1966, the whole building was renamed in his honor, Pierce Hall. For decades the building served as the church's base for business, fellowship, education, and social activities.

After the construction in 1999 of the major addition that included offices and classrooms, and the construction in 2001 of the new Faith Hall, Pierce Hall's functions declined significantly. Most recently the building's regular use has been limited to a few outside group meetings and storage.

For the last several years, Trinity has weighed alternatives for the best use or disposition of Pierce Hall. As its physical condition had declined, the cost to renovate it had increased significantly.

Ultimately, the vestry decided that removing the building would create significant cost savings, and it would dramatically improve visibility of the church building from the road. AP Creations was contracted to undertake the demolition project.

It only took a few days in December 2019 to demolish and remove Pierce Hall. The photos tell the story.

#### Jim Sanders



Pierce Hall 1954-2019



Pierce Hall's Last Day



Going!



Gone!

### A Message of Thanks to Trinity Buckingham Church from Bucks County Housing Group (BCHG) Supportive Housing Shelter and Community Food Pantry at Doylestown

BCHG is so very grateful for all the support you kindly give to our clients. As apartment partners you provide your paired apartment with items such as sheets and towels and household goods for a family as they move in. It means a lot to the clients (often entering via the Emergency Shelter) to have new items that they are able to call their own as they make a fresh start on their journey to future housing independence.

One of the goals that our clients have is to save as much as they can for future housing needs such as security deposits and the first and last months' rent that is often required to move into an apartment of their own. It really aids our clients when you kindly donate cleaning products, personal care items, and food.

Our clients are also very grateful for the holiday meals that you provide to your apartment partner families. Your generous donations cheer our clients and let them celebrate without putting a strain on a very limited budget.

We are always grateful for Trinity's monthly collections of donated goods that include personal care items (shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, feminine items, etc.), cleaning products (laundry detergent, dish detergent, toilet cleaner, cleaning sprays, etc.), food (canned proteins, condiments such as ketchup, herbs and spices, canned fruit), twin bedding, towels, light bulbs, and batteries.

Thank you so much for all that you have done for our folks over the past year.

All of us at BCHG wish you a happy and healthy Holiday Season and send our Good Wishes for the New Year.

With Gratitude,

#### **Maddie Burgess**

Food Pantry Manager, Bucks County Housing Group

Barbara Struble

### **Tally Marks**

Work hard. Play hard. Rest hard. Really. Resting is every bit as important as working and playing. The world tells us that we must do more and be more, but only when we stop working and playing can we really hear God saying, "Good dog. I love you." Before we do anything, we are already loved deeply by the One who created us. Isn't that great? Lie down and enjoy that!



# Conversations On Science And Technology —

### The Green Bible



In my office to the left of my desk is one entire shelf of Bibles. They are various translations serving as resources and one of my favorites is *The Green Bible* – New Revised Standard Version, Harper One, 2008.

The Green Bible is a unique little treasure.

In the preface it states, "Is God green? Did Jesus have anything to say about the environment? What is my role as a Christian in caring for the Earth?"

I believe these are important questions that people are belatedly asking as we confront a situation unique to human history: We are killing our planet! And for Christians, the Bible is a natural place to look for guidance. It is almost as if we were waiting for this moment to speak to us, maybe because we often don't pay attention until something smacks us between the eyes!

The Green Bible highlights over a thousand biblical references to the Earth and caring for creation, and the message is clear: "All in God's creation — nature, animals, humanity — are inextricably linked to one another."

Here is the source of the problem: About the time agriculture began in 10,000 BCE, world population was about 2 million human beings. By the time Jesus was born, this number had grown to about 200 million, and by 1800, it was 1 billion. Then with the rise of the Industrial Revolution, world population exploded to 2 billion by 1930; then in just 70 years, in the year 2000, world population was 6 billion.

Today the human population is about 7.8 billion and projected to be 9 billion by 2050. Each time our population increases by 1 billion, we are adding the equivalent of the entire world population existing at the time Thomas Jefferson was elected President of the United States.

Here is what has resulted as described in a recent United Nations report —

- More than a third of the world's land surface and nearly 75% of freshwater resources are used for crops or livestock;
- 75% of land environment and 66% of the marine environment have been significantly altered by human action;
- About half a trillion dollars in annual global crops are at risk from the loss of bees and other pollinator insects "These little things that run the world." (E.O. Wilson);
- Plastic pollution has increased tenfold since 1980, and from 300-400 million tons of heavy metals, solvents, toxic sludge and other industrial waste are dumped into the world's water systems each year;
- Bluntly speaking, humanity has used the Earth as an extractable and disposable resource, and its waterways as a garbage disposal system.

The North American continent has lost nearly 3 billion birds representing hundreds of species over the past five decades due to human impact on the landscape. It has been reported there are 29% fewer birds in the United States and Canada today than in 1970. Grassland species have been hardest hit because of agricultural intensification that has engulfed habitats and spread pesticides that kill the insects many birds eat.

### **Conversations** (continued)

Cornell University entomology professor Scott McArt states, "The alarming decline in bees and other insect pollinators are unfortunately an excellent example of the problems caused by human activities. There's actually a newly-coined phrase for the dramatic insect declines — the 'windshield effect' — owing to the fact that if you drove your car on a summer evening 30 years ago, you would need to clean the windshield frequently, but that's no longer the case today. "Bugs are the bottom of the food chain."

There have been five previous mass extinction events in the Earth's history, the 5th and last event being caused by an asteroid strike 65 million years ago, causing the dinosaurs and 50% of all other living species at the time to become extinct. As many as 1 million of the estimated 8 million plant and animal species on Earth are at risk of extinction in just the next decade, putting the world's biodiversity in peril. This loss of species has been described by scientists as "The Sixth Mass Extinction" (1), but this one is man-made.

Biodiversity and nature's contributions to people are our most important life-supporting "safety net." But our safety net is stretched almost to the breaking point. Humans are both the cause of the threat and a target of its damage. Protecting biodiversity amounts to protecting humanity. We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide. As I am prone to say in polite company when things are looking really bad, "We are in deep yogurt!"

As part of her Introduction to *The Green Bible*, the Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor noted, "In 1967, a historian named Lynn White wrote an article for *Science* magazine in which he charged that the roots of the ecological crisis are essentially religious. The problem derived from Christian tradition in particular, he said, which has taught people to view themselves as 'superior to nature, contemptuous of it, willing to use it for our slightest whim.'"

In my view, a lot has changed since the year I graduated from high school in 1967. Our view of the world was maybe too focused on our own Western Christian backyard.

Our present environmental crisis is a worldwide problem that requires leadership from all the world's religions plus international cooperation, because I believe we all realize that humanity is the only species that can exercise conscious Stewardship of the world we and all God's creatures have to live in.

First, we must accept that the problem is us, and then we can decide what we need to do about it.

Faithfully, Steven W. Mann, Ph.D.

(1) The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History, by Elizabeth Kolbert, 2015.

### **Trinity Book Club**



#### Come Read With Us!

Trinity Book Club is headed down the road a piece to suburban Philadelphia.

Whether you have read the selection or not, you are welcome to join us for what always proves to be a lively discussion.

Tuesday, March 17
The Dutch House
by Ann Pachett

Trinity Book Club will meet at the Pine Run Community Center 777 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA

### A Morning With The Reverend Betsy Ivey







The Reverend Betsy Ivey, Canon for Growth and Support in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, visited Trinity on Sunday, February 9th. An informative coffee hour discussion followed our morning services during which the Reverend Ivey preached, including offering the children's message at the 9:15 service. This was also the day we celebrated the baptism of Jack Thomas Pokropski!



# **Love Heals: The Thistle Farms Story**

Becca Stevens, founder of Thistle Farms, spoke to us on February 6th. Thistle Farms is an organization founded to help women who have been involved with prostitution and addiction to gain a second change at life.

Bishop Daniel G.P. Gutierrez joined us for this special evening.

### Have You Heard?



Looking for a way to improve your prayer life or pray the Daily Office on the go?

A Morning at the Office is a daily 15 minute podcast available every day from Daily Morning Prayer as found in The Book of Common Prayer 1979.

Find this podcast where your other favorite podcasts are available.

A lovely way to start the day.

Lauren Gillen

## **Layette Sunday & ABC Quilt Project**

For over thirty years, Trinity Church ECW has been sponsoring Layette Sunday on the fourth Sunday of Lent, sometimes known as "Mothering Sunday." This year's ingathering will be held on March 22nd at all services. Using the concept of "one to wash and one to wear," a basic layette consists of two onesies, two sleepers, two receiving blankets, two baby washcloths, socks or booties, a hat, and a sweater or jacket. Donations should be unisex (please no pink or obvious girl or boy themes!) and size medium 6 months. Assembled layettes will be delivered to Maternity Coalition in Doylestown to be given as gifts to teenage mothers who complete the parenting program.

For parishioners and friends who like to sew, the ABC Quilt Project might interest you. Since 1991, Trinity quilters have been contributing their creations which are put on display in the Narthex on Mother's Day — May 10th this year. (The finished quilt due date is the week of May 3rd). Quilts don't have to be elaborate, but there are some guidelines to follow. Please contact Elizabeth Crooke at 215-598-3575 for instructions. The little "love and comfort" quilts are sent to St. Stephen's Quilt Project in Philadelphia for distribution to at-risk babies in local hospitals and to regional foster homes.



Elizabeth Crooke



ECW will be having a meeting on Wednesday, March 11th at Noon in the Library. Please bring a lunch, and drinks will be served. We will be planning our Spring Rummage Sale and distributing our profits from our Fall Sale. Thanks to all who continue to keep this group going. We need your help!!!

To the parish, please start putting aside your Spring clothes that don't fit, kitchen items, books, toys,

children's clothing, jewelry, linens, etc. We appreciate all that you give! Last year between the 2 fundraisers we made \$6,700.

With these monies we supply coffee hour for the year and donate to many needy charities in our area. The **Spring Rummage Sale** is Saturday **April 25th**.

Mary Beth Perisho



at the historic

King George II Inn



### **Sunday Forums**

During Lent and Eastertide, from March 1 to March 29, the Sunday Faith Forum will meet in the Reed Chapel Library from 11:40 am to 12:30 pm for a nine-session study/discussion of *Living the Way of Love in Community: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life.* 

At the 79th General Convention in 2018, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry delivered a sermon entitled "Living the Way of Love" describing the seven practices that would help Episcopalians lead a Jesus-centered life.

Curry had asked a group of bishops, clergy and laypeople to meet with him to explore how the church could move more deeply into being the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, a statement that has been the theme for his first three years as presiding bishop. He said he wanted to find a way to "help people throw themselves into the arms of Jesus."

That group concluded that the Episcopal Church did not need a new program, but instead should call upon spiritual practices that for centuries have helped Christians draw closer to God. The result, the *Way of Love*, is an adaptation of monastic traditions that Curry said would help church members "open up the soul and spirit."

You can read more about the Way of Love online by clicking here.

March 1 —Rule of Life— The Way of Love as a Rule of Life
How can we, as individuals, more intentionally use our time building our relationship with God?

March 8 — **Turn**— Pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus What do we, as individuals, need to turn toward for a deeper relationship with God?

March 15 — Learn — Reflect on Scripture each day, especially on Jesus' life and teachings What practice can I learn to incorporate into my life?

March 22 — Pray — Dwell intentionally with God each day What intentional practice can I learn or strengthen in my life?

March 29 — Worship — Gather in community weekly to thank, praise and dwell with God What new practice of worship can I strengthen or add to my life?

April 5 —Bless— Share faith and unselfishly give and serve How can/do I bring life and joy to others and/or practice stewardship for creation?

April 19 — Go— Cross boundaries, listen deeply, and live like Jesus How can I go beyond my circle of comfort to learn about others?

April 26 — Receive the gift of God's grace, peace, and restoration How can I add a regular practice of rest in my life that will restore my body, mind, and soul?

May 3 —**Turn**— Living the Way of Love What have we learned about the changes we have made with this new Rule of Life?

# **Epiphany Pageant 2020**



# **Trinity Pajamas Vespers!**



(ves'-pers: a short and relaxing early evening prayer time) Trinity's January 12th Family Epiphany Activity included dinner, candlelight prayers in the Church — and everyone got to wear their PAJAMAS!

### **Facilities Coordinator Corner**

Happy almost Spring, everyone!

Over this past calendar year, we hosted a total of thirty (30) private rentals in Faith Hall. We also hosted numerous monthly and ongoing rentals in Reed Library and some beautiful Spring & Fall weddings that took place in both Historic Trinity and the Main Sanctuary.

The revenue from our rental spaces on campus — Faith Hall, the Main Sanctuary, Historic Trinity, and the Reed Chapel — was \$17,711.00 at year-end close of 2019. Fay Kitchen brought in \$15,184.25, thanks to our amazing resident chef, AnnaP Catering. The rental total for 2019 was \$32,895.25.

Now with all of these rentals taking place, I recently have been asked some really good questions by various people and organizations regarding Fay Kitchen and Faith Hall, and with Spring right around the corner, I thought I would take some time to answer these questions here ...

# Dear Dani, Why can't we use regular foil in the convection oven?

Because the oven's MONSTER fan in the back will eat it up, SPRAY tiny tidbits of foil wreckage all over your food and possibly BREAK the unit.

Truly, using regular foil is a "recipe" for disaster. It puts the oven out of commission until cleaned, which costs \$150 per cleaning.

**PLEASE USE** a restaurant grade, hard aluminum cover that cinches around the edges securely to the baking dish or NO top at all when using this oven. There is a sign right on the oven stating this policy, but sometimes when rushing, it is overlooked.

# Dear Dani, Who is responsible for setting up and breaking down Faith Hall before and after events?

When Trinity hired a new cleaning company in the fall of 2019, we lost the services of the man hired on a per event basis to set up and break down the tables and chairs. I am currently looking for someone to hire on a regular basis to do this for both rental and parish events.

### You can help in 2 ways!

- · First, if you or someone you know might be interested in earning some extra money with set up and break-down and cleaning the hall, please let me know ASAP!
- · Second, until we find someone to do this contract work, if you or your ministry holds an event in Faith Hall, and you need more than the 5 tables and 35 chairs that are usually set up, please plan on recruiting people to help you set up and break down the extras. Also, if you move the long tables to a new location in the room, please put them back to their normal position at the end of your event for the next group.

# Dear Dani, How can I get involved in helping you with parish events and rentals?

Contact me any time! As Trinity gets busier and busier with renting our spaces, I need a team of people who can open/close or oversee the property during events, as well as a parish committee to act as a sounding board and help develop procedures to make using our space a good experience for the parish community and the surrounding community.

Alright ... enough 'Dear Dani' for now! In closing, I want to give a BIG Thank You to ECW for their ongoing support and to the ENTIRE PARISH for working hard to adhere to Faith Hall and Fay Kitchen cleaning protocols. Our church is a very vibrant and exciting hub of positive ministry work, combined with our very busy and growing private rentals. I feel that 2019 was generally seamless with everyone doing their part to pitch in and keep our blessed spaces clean.

Please enjoy some recent rental photos and remember to always think of Trinity to help you celebrate your next BIG life event! Dates are going fast!!

Warmly,

Dani Badiali







### **Music Notes**





Randy Sutin – Eddie Etkins – Alan Segal – Leon Jordan Sr – James Dell'Orefice

### Jazz & Joe's

# The Alan Segal Quintet Winter & Early Spring 2020

Thursday Evenings at Trinity
March 12, April 16, May 14

Sunday Afternoon at Trinity
June 21

Jazz & Joe and YOU BarBQ & Picnic

Thursday performances begin at 7:30 pm. The special BarBQ/Picnic in June begins at 4:00 pm.

Events are held in Faith Hall.

### Join Us!





# **Trinity Buckingham Academy (TBA)**

We welcome the new decade here at Trinity Buckingham Academy! We ended the year with our annual Christmas Pageant which was enjoyed by our families. It is always amazing to watch our little performers embrace the true spirit of Christmas as they sing songs for their families with such joy and enthusiasm in

the Chapel.





After the hustle and bustle of the holidays is over, it is always peaceful to welcome January, a time of less distractions and settling into a calmer routine — for the students, families and staff. Our staff often refers to January through March as our "magic time." All of the pieces of the learning puzzle that we have been putting into place since September are beginning to form a picture and come together.

We also look forward to some Academy traditions — celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday, Donuts for Dads,

Trap a Leprechaun Day, and Bill Wood the Story Teller. We also enjoy our monthly Chapel visits with Pastor Nancy — the story, singing and watching "the light surround us" is a very peaceful way to start the day!

Winter is also a busy time as we are registering current families and touring potential new families for next year. We are excited to add to our Department of Education license with a license from the Department of Human Services. With this license came many upgrades in our classrooms, procedures and playground. And we added rubber mulch to the playground, along with a climber!



# **Our Church Family**

### **Baptisms**

Isabella Costantini Jack Thomas Pokropski

### **Weddings**

Regina Gordon & Carol Grey Chris Ewing & Maureen Harding

#### **Deaths**

Anna Silcox, Donald Brusch, Sally Swanson, Doris Whelan

#### **Funerals/Burials**

Mary Grove, John Phillips, Joanne Phillips, Anna Smith

### **Confirmations and Receptions**

Chris Bannon, Connor Bannon, Maddie Bannon,
Brooke Dougherty, Faye Gilbert, Lily Gilbert,
Sarah Goggin, Jack Harar, Josh Huddy, Gianna Jaedicke,
Austin Stalker, Maddie Wanzer,
Meghan Dennis (R) Elisabeth Goggin (R)

### **Vacation Bible School**



### Vestry

Marty Gillen, Rector's Warden Don O'Hara, Accounting Warden Joanne Welker, Vestry Secretary

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### Worship

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

### **Office Hours**

10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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.