

The Trumpet

July 31, 2026



Worship with us online using **this link**.



Worship with us Sunday mornings in the sanctuary at 10 am.



Pray with us Wednesdays at 7 pm at a service of Evening Prayer on Zoom.



Can You Help Bring the Christmas Story to Life?

In December, Trinity will hold our third Live Nativity when we will share the story of Christ's birth with our church family and the surrounding community. This beloved tradition is made possible by volunteers who generously give their time and talents to help tell the Christmas story.

Many of our costumes were originally made for youth. Today, our cast members are mostly adults, and on chilly December evenings they need costumes that fit comfortably over warm layers of clothing. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help sew new, adult sized costumes. You can work at your own pace and on your own schedule from home. If you enjoy sewing with others, consider gathering with a small group at someone's home or at Trinity for fellowship while you work.

By sharing your sewing skills, you'll help keep our cast warm and comfortable so they can focus on sharing the joy and hope of the birth of Jesus with all who come to experience our Live Nativity.

If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Elaine Gross at egross46@verizon.net. We'd love to have you be part of this meaningful ministry!



Ways to Help the Daily Bread Food Pantry

- 1) Please bring any extra fresh produce from your garden to the food drive. Our neighbors greatly appreciate getting fresh fruit and veggies.
- 2) Remember that donating your Redner's cash register receipts helps the Daily Bread food pantry; they can cash them in for groceries.
- 3) Daily Bread now has an Amazon Wish List posted on their Facebook page - it is an easy way to purchase what they need and have it delivered directly to the food pantry.

Thank you so much for caring about our community members in need.

This Week at Trinity

Tuesday August 4

TAG Book Group meets in the narthex at **11 am** to discuss *Heartwood* by Amity Gaige. Contact Heddy Martorelli at 610-247-6367. Looking Ahead: September's book is *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans.

Wednesday August 5

Evening Prayer at **7 pm** on Zoom. Contact Judy Flanigan at 215-370-2570.

Thursday July 30

TAG Games Group at **1 pm**. Contact Jan Contino at 610-324-2003.

Looking Ahead

Tuesday August 11

The second Tuesday of each month is sandwich making day. Join us at **noon** in Room 106 to help feed our neighbors and enjoy a time of Trinity fellowship. Contact Linda Stone at 610-246-2853.

Monday August 31

Christian Book Group meets at the Empire Diner on Ridge Pike at **5:30 pm** for dinner followed at **7 pm** with a discussion of *Jesus Changes Everything* by Stanley Hauerwas. Contact Peter Schell at 215-806-4889.

Sunday September 13

God's Work Our Hands. We will be assembling blessing bags for the patrons of the soup kitchen and we will hold the 3rd annual Gemma picnic.

Saturday October 3

We are hosting a Health fair for Trinity and the community in the afternoon. More info to come on all events.



Trinity Community News

Be a financial steward while reducing your tax liability.

At 70 and a half, if you have a traditional IRA, you can donate up to \$111K a year to charity through a "Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)." The money comes directly from your IRA to the charity. Given you do not withdraw the money from your IRA, you don't pay taxes on it. For example, if you donate \$7K to Trinity, you won't owe about \$1400 in federal taxes (the example assumes a 20% tax bracket). And once you're 73, this also reduces the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) you have to withdraw (and pay taxes on). If you have any questions, have a chat with your financial advisor or with any member of the stewardship team.

Property Committee Update: The repaving of the church driveway and parking lot is fast approaching. Please take note of the following important dates as of now. They are subject to slight change due to weather, last minute scheduling conflicts, etc. We will communicate any changes to these dates and/or the project as soon as possible:

- 1) underground **drain pipe installation** in the parking lot near the church across from Guiser Hall and the lobby - to start **Tuesday or Wednesday, 7/21 or 7/22** and will require approx. 2 days to complete. During this time, if you need to park, please proceed with caution and park at the back of the lot near the soccer fields,
- 2) **milling** of driveway and parking lot pavement - **8/10-8/12 at night**
- 3) **paving** - **8/14 and 8/17** in the daytime. Please note: as Sunday service falls within the paving schedule, please exercise caution when driving and walking on the driveway and parking lot during this time.

The **driveway and parking lot will be closed off during paving days**. Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this project; it will be quite a welcome improvement for the church. If you have any questions, please reach out to Karl Schafer or Ron Moorehead.

Outreach Fund Raising: Football Mania is Back! Join us in this fun and easy way to support Trinity's outreach efforts and enjoy the upcoming NFL season. We keep \$14 for each \$20 ticket we sell. We will have a guaranteed winner from among the tickets we sell during the next several weeks. And once again, an anonymous donor will match the profits we receive from this program. See Mike or Ray each week in the Narthex for tickets and for the web address to buy them electronically. Thanks for your support!



Adult Faith Formation

From September until May, join us each Sunday for reflection and discussion of the lectionary readings in **Room 106** at 11:15 am.



Food Drive

Every Sunday from 1 to 3 pm. Please bring your non-perishable food items for donation to the Daily Bread Food Pantry and St. James Outreach House.



Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour hosts are needed. We have a handful of dutiful coffee hour hosts, who either set up or clean up most Sunday mornings. Won't you consider being a host as well? See Lynn Chialastri for more information or sign-up on the easel by the coffee stand.



August Birthdays

Greg Fry
August 5

Carl Nelson-Poteet
August 7

Sarah Anderson
August 17

Jim Bedrosian
August 18

Linda Stone
August 19

Jacob Fry
August 21

Becky Shadle
August 22

Jessica Lacerte
August 25

Craig Moyer

August 25

Michael Martorelli
August 29

Katherine Booz
August 30

Ashley Parker
August 31

Marilou Doughty
August 31

Alexa Marburger
August 31

August Anniversaries

Richard & Emma Berk mire
August 4

Jeremy & Katrina Stansbeary
August 9

Conrad & Janet Fontaine
August 16

Mark & Jenny Anderson
August 16

Mark & Carol Jablonski
August 24

Church Council Members:

Marilou Doughty, *president*; Elaine Gross, *vice president*; Emma Berk mire, *secretary*; Dave Stone, *treasurer*; Leslie Askonas, Jim Bedrosian, Georgia Burnett, Janet Fontaine, Beth Keenan and Anne Meibohm.

Church Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 8 am to 1 pm.

For Pastoral emergencies please call 610-584-8411, extension 2 and leave a message for Pastor Nelson. This voicemail is being monitored for emergencies.

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