

# The Trumpet

October 10, 2025



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.



## Sacred Seeing

*Draw near to God and  
He will draw near to you.*

James 4:8

On October 5, twelve Trinity members concluded a two part workshop taught by John Ehman. We learned that Contemplative Photography is about using a camera as a personal learning tool to become more observant of the world around us, to enrich how we see, and especially to see with an eye toward greater spiritual meaning. It is a process of sacred seeing or *visio divina* and can be a spiritual discipline that draws us closer to God. A follow-up winter workshop is tentatively planned.

**A few of the photos we took are included below. Enjoy!**






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## This Week at Trinity

**Sunday, October 12 is Stewardship Sunday.** It's a special time for all of us to express our gratitude for the blessings in our lives and to make a commitment to invest in our mission for 2026. All members should have received pledge materials at your homes this week. If you didn't, there will be extra pledge cards in the Narthex on Sunday. Please return all pledge cards by November 2nd when Pastor Karen will pray over our commitments. If you are a live stream worshiper or a guest and feel called to support our mission during this time of stewardship, click "donate" on our website. **Plan to stay for the Fall Luncheon immediately following worship.**

**Tuesday, October 14:** Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich making in the kitchen at **12 noon**. The sandwiches are given to the Missionary Sisters of Norristown for distribution at their soup kitchen and to the homeless community in Philadelphia. Contact Linda Stone at 610-246-2853 or LGStone74@gmail.com.

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## Looking Ahead

- Plan to attend the *SEPA Synod Fall Learning Day: Who Is Our Neighbor?* on **Saturday October 18** 8:30 am to 12:15 pm at St. John Lutheran Church, 3101 Tyson Avenue, Philadelphia. Keynote presenter: The Rev. Emily Harkins will lead an hour-long workshop titled: *Serving All People In The Name of Jesus*. Workshop presenter: Ms. Julia Frank will be leading an hour-long workshop on "Striving for Justice and Peace" which will include practical, hands-on opportunities for congregations to get involved in justice work. Contact Anne Meibohm (armeibohm@gmail.com) or Judy Flanigan (jhflanigan1@gmail.com) if you'd like to carpool.
- Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day will be held on **October 22**. Purchase your discount shopping pass in the narthex on Sunday. 100% of your donation goes directly to Trinity.
- **Helping Hands Needed!** The fundraising committee, in conjunction with the Country Fair committee, is scheduled to sell Boscov's tickets at the Plymouth Meeting store on **October 12, 18 and 19** from noon to 4:00 pm. Can you help by volunteering for a 1 or 2 hour time slot on any of these dates? Contact Craig Moyer at 610-906-4078 or Ray Nyahay at 610-539-3734.

- Mark your calendar: Reformation Sunday is **October 26**. Don't forget to wear red.



### Adult Faith Formation

Join us for reflection on readings from the Lectionary at 11:15 am in Room 129. We meet from October 19 through May 24. All are welcome.



### 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

Help is needed for setting up and cleaning up for coffee hour. See the sign-up board in the narthex.

## Trinity Community News



### Blessing of the Animals on October 5

We thank God for all our furry family members every day, but especially on this day of the Blessing of the Animals. Thank you Pastor Karen!

### Welcome Bishop Penman and Synod Pastors

On September 23, Trinity hosted the pastors from the Lower Montgomery Conference of the Southeastern PA Synod for an important presentation and discussion on vitality. We were especially honored to have Bishop Penman with



us, who also attended the American Dancewheels performance. It was great to have him visit twice in one week. Many thanks to our volunteers and staff who made the conference meeting possible.



## After I Retired by Mike Martorelli

Yes, there is life after retirement. I appreciate the advice I was given many years ago: "Retire **to** something, not just **from** something." So after spending more than 50 years in the investment industry, I've spent the past decade or so pursuing my lifelong interest in history.



Earning an MA in History gave me the credibility to begin writing articles for *Financial History* magazine and essays for websites such as the Essential Civil War Curriculum and the Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia. My essay on Banking is about to be published in a book titled *Greater Philadelphia and The Nation*. As several of you "test-audience" friends know, I also give presentations on assorted topics to audiences at local libraries and historical societies.

So what did you retire *TO*? **Consider this as an invitation** to contact me at michael.m@comcast.net or Judy Flanigan at jhflanigan1@gmail.com with a paragraph describing your transition from a full-time worker to a retired devotee of another satisfying activity. Let's share our stories.

## Altar Flowers Update

Each week the two bouquets of flowers at the altar bring color, beauty and the joy of God's creation, as well as enhance our worship experience. The flowers also serve as a gift of thanks from the congregation for blessings or in memory of loved ones. Many thanks to all who have contributed flowers over the past year.

Please note that, after seven years, there will be a cost increase; the new cost is \$60. In the new year, Linda Stone will be sharing the available dates for contributing flowers as a memorial or to honor a loved one or special occasion. If you previously have contributed flowers on a specific date and would like to make a change, contact Linda at 610-246-2853 or LGStone74@gmail.com.

## Local Community Events

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg was the founder of the Lutheran Church in America. His home in Trappe PA, The Muhlenberg House, is hosting a **Harvest Fair** on **October 11th from 10 am to 4 pm**. Enjoy live music, delicious food, 18th century trade demonstrations, colonial kids' games, and locally-made artisanal wares. Learn how to make sauerkraut and apple cider. The Muhlenberg House will be open for tours. Free parking will be available at St. Luke's Fellowship Church, 200 W. Main Street, Trappe (directly across from the Muhlenberg House).

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



Meg Smith October 10  
Christine McKinnie October 12  
Nancy Morgan October 14

Jeff & Becky Shadle October 16

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**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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