



Dear Friends,

I am writing you this last letter to let you know how much I love you and how much I will miss you. Several people have asked if I am leaving because someone did something wrong or because the church is too old and I want to be very clear I am leaving because God has called me on and when God invites you somewhere you cannot resist that invitation. I keep thinking about the movie Mary Poppins from my childhood, she leaves the Banks family because the winds shift and she is invited on to new things. I am leaving because God called me on to something new.

By the time this letter reaches many of you we will have said our final goodbyes and will have begun a new pattern together. We will still live together here for a bit but I will no longer be your pastor and you will no longer be my flock. We will see each other and wave and smile but I will no longer be the one to show up at your bedside if you are sick or cheer you on in the victories of life.

It is a great chance to reflect on all that was good and helpful in our time together as you reset for your future ahead and to choose to leave behind patterns that were not. I still remember the moment we drove up through the rock cut on an October day and I felt assured that God was calling us here. I remember beloved members who have passed away and friends new and old who have come and gone. I will choose to take with me the good from our time together and hope you do as well.

Yours in Christ  
Pastor Jen

# GOOD NEWS OF TRINITY

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May 2022



## Women of Trinity – April / May 2022

Our April meeting opened with prayer by Meryl Davis. We enjoyed a nice lunch at Agolino's in West Pittston.

Our Fellowship of the Least Coin offering last month was \$44.00 and was \$20.00 this month. We are ahead of schedule to donate \$100 to this charity annually.

Carol Hobbs gave a report on the Prayer Shawl Ministry activities.

Betsy Fairchild gave a report on the busy Greeting Card Ministry.

Samaritan's Purse – (emergency fund) requested donations to bring aid to the people of Ukraine. Last month we sent \$150 to help them with the two hospitals they have set up along the border with Poland, and to help with supplies airlifted to Europe to care for the families fleeing the fighting. This month we agreed to send \$150 to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program to help with their similar aid to the people of Ukraine.

The Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering is one of two offerings we donate to at the Presbytery level. It is received in the spring each year and gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. The Birthday Offering funds up to five projects each year. Our gifts to the Birthday Offering help fund real solutions in the areas of health, education, economic development and the needs of women and children. There is a supply of yellow envelopes on the table in the hallway to use for this purpose.

Our thoughts and prayers go with our members, their families, our country and our world.

Our Church Prayer List: Rich Burkhardt, Jim Snyder, Deb Cooper, Carlene McCaffrey, Mary and Neil Morrison, Allan and Carol Hobbs' son-in-law Jules Williams, Allyson Lord's sister Bonnie Zim, Tom Pickett, Shirley Wolfkeil, Marianne's brother Steve Silege, and Rev. Roger Griffith. We also keep the people of Ukraine in our prayers.

**May meeting** – Wednesday, May 25 – 12:30 – at the home of Sandy Peoples, 13 Noble Lane, Dallas. Please park at the church and carpool as parking is limited.

. . . Calling the Women of TPC . . . The 2022 Presbyterian Women Eastern Regional Gathering will take place June 3 - 4, 2022. This event will be held at the Church on the Mall in Plymouth Meeting. This retreat will focus on God's Grace and follow the program "Cafe Chocolat." (with some chocolate sprinkled along the way!) If you are interested in attending, please contact Barbara Rinker (570) 574- 5772 for more information.

*You are cordially invited to attend  
the Trinity 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration reception  
following the worship service on June 12, 2022.*

*Please join us to mark this very special  
occasion in the life of our church.*



*Trinity Presbyterian Church*

*105 Irem Road*

*Dallas, PA*



**Meals on Wheels**~ If you would like to volunteer for Meals on Wheels on any open date, please call Meryl Davis @ (570) 310-1556.

May 5, 2022	Windsor & Meryl Davis	
May 19, 2022	Wayne & Marianne Williams	
June 2, 2022	Beth Davis	Meryl Davis
June 16, 2022	Volunteers	needed
June 30, 2022	Volunteers	needed

May Birthdays	
5/7	Nicole Fleschut
5/7	Henry Cooper
5/13	Alice Kocher
5/14	Calvin Baer
5/15	Zach Coy
5/28	Kurt Williams



June Birthdays	
6/11	Vera Supey
6/17	Luke Sgarlat
6/19	Rowan Yurko
6/20	Elizabeth Handley
6/28	John Fleschut



June Anniversaries	
06/09	John & Rev. Jennifer Baer
06/19	C. Don & Alice Kocher
06/29	Robert & Charla Pilger

LITURGISTS - The Session wishes to thank everyone who has volunteered to serve as Liturgists.

If you are interested in serving as a Liturgist, please check the poster on the bulletin board in the hallway and select a date. Rev. Baer is available to talk to anyone who has never been a liturgist but wants to give it a try.

Nicole Fleschut, Administrative Assistant, will send you your material prior to the date you are scheduled to be the Liturgist.

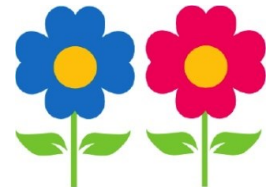
It will be in a large print format.

Thank you, Art Peoples, Clerk of Session

May 1, 2022	Josh Coy
May 8, 2022	Sharon Davis
May 15, 2022	Sherri Newell
May 22, 2022	Barb Rinker
May 29, 2022	Michele Steele
June 5, 2022	Kristina Coy
June 12, 2022	Barb Rinker
June 19, 2022	Josh Coy
June 26, 2022	Sharon Davis

## Flower Chart

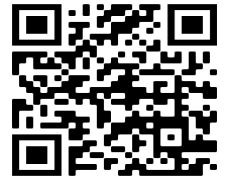
There is a flower chart sign-up sheet in hallway for anyone wishing to honor a loved one. The cost of flowers is \$35 per week so please plan accordingly.



May 1, 2022	Cindy Williams	June 5, 2022	Nancy Thomas
May 8, 2022	Kristina Coy	June 12, 2022	Michele Steele
May 15, 2022	Art Peoples	June 19, 2022	Elizabeth Fairchild
May 22, 2022	Elizabeth Fairchild	June 26, 2022	Ken Jones
May 29, 2022	Meryl Davis		

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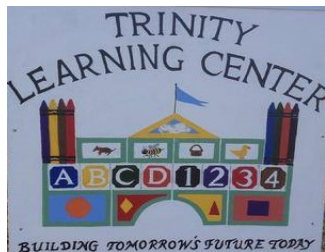
Be sure to be in the know about all that is happening at Trinity Presbyterian Church by joining our email list. Use the QR code next to this announcement to join (take a photo of it with a smartphone and the webpage will open) or go to <http://www.dallastpc.org/join-our-email-list>.



Thank you to everyone for the beautiful send off. See you soon, sometime in October. Bette Handley

I would like to thank everyone for your calls, texts, cards and random acts of kindness during my recent bout with Covid. You all were very sweet and I wanted to let you know I really appreciated it. . . Barb Rinker

On Palm Sunday our Children's Choir sang during the worship service and walked about the sanctuary waving palms to commemorate the special day.



Please join us for worship on May 29 as we honor the students and staff of Trinity Learning Center, and celebrate another successful school year. Joan Rovinsky, our long-time nursery teacher, will be retiring after 32 year at TLC! We thank her for her service and invite you to join us for a reception following worship planned by the outreach committee.



Some photos taken at the Outreach Committee Egg-stravaganza on April 1st. The children colored and decorated eggs for Easter.



Lemonade on the Lawn receptions are returning May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please sign-up in the hallway if you would like to host fun and fellowship summer reception. This is an easy way to share your homemade goodies or simply purchasing store bought items to share with everyone after service.

Men's Club will be meeting for breakfast on May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am  
Lum's Fernbrook.



**DEACON'S NEWS**



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| <b>Board of Deacons: Cindy Williams, President</b> |                       |
| <b>Linda Baines</b>                                | <b>Chuck Borland</b>  |
| <b>Josh Coy</b>                                    | <b>Beth Davis</b>     |
| <b>Megan Davis</b>                                 | <b>Betty Handley</b>  |
| <b>Allyson Lord</b>                                | <b>Karen Sassaman</b> |
| <b>Michele Steele</b>                              | <b>Kathy Stevens</b>  |
| <b>Nancy Thomas</b>                                |                       |

**Rummage sale set for June 10-11 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas**

The Deacons have set June 10 and June 11 for their annual gigantic two day rummage sale in the Fellowship Hall and parking lot at the rear of Trinity Presbyterian Church, 105 Irem Road, Dallas. The sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 10 and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 11. Saturday will be bag day: all you can stuff into a large brown grocery bag for only \$2. Items available for sale will be: clothing in good condition for men, women and children, jewelry, household items, smaller pieces of furniture, knickknacks, collectibles, toys, books, holiday items and much more. Trinity is located across Rt. 309 from the Country Club Shopping Center. All proceeds benefit the programs of the church and several community outreach projects.



The rummage sale committee recently met to plan the event.

Seated from left: Karen Perzia, Megan Davis, Allyson Lord, Kathy Stevens.

Standing from left: Karen Sassaman, Rev. Jennifer Baer, President Cindy Williams, Beth Davis, Nancy Thomas, Chuck Borland.

**We need everyone's help to make the sale a big success.** There are many jobs to do, and we would appreciate all the help we can get. **Sign-up sheets** will be posted in the hallway in May and June so you can join in on the fun and fellowship.

**The Miracle Building will be set up for the sale on Saturday, June 4.** Please hold your donations and bring them from Sunday, June 5 through Wednesday, June 8 so we can organize and price everything before the **congregational pre-sale on Thursday evening, June 9.**

**Thank you** in advance for helping us make this a profitable fundraiser for the church. All proceeds benefit the budget of the church and many programs in our community.

**NOW ACCEPTING JEWELRY** - The Rummage Sale has been set for Friday, June 10, and Saturday, June 11. That means it's time to get your jewelry that you never wear out of your jewelry box and get it to Allyson Lord as soon as possible. Allyson will be accepting jewelry until further notice. Thank you in advance for your donations.



The Deacons will be holding a table drive in order to purchase 15 new tables for use at the rummage sale, receptions, chicken n biscuit fundraisers, and other events. The cost of a table is \$50 each. If you would like to donate the money to purchase one table, 1/2 table, or just make a donation, it's up to you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_ Full Table \$50
- \_\_\_ 1/2 Table \$25
- \_\_\_ Donation (other)

Checks should be made payable to **Trinity Presbyterian Church Deacons** and mailed to PO Box 239 Dallas, PA 18612

Thanks for the help!  
Cindy Williams, President of the Board of Deacons

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

From Your Presbytery . . .

1. Camp Lackawanna is now taking registrations for summer camp weeks. They run from the week beginning June 26, 2022 through July 17, 2022. They are grouped according to children's ages. To register, please go to [www.camplackawanna.org](http://www.camplackawanna.org)

2. Our Youth are invited to the Presbyterian Youth Tri-PENNium at Krislund! They will be following PC(USA)'s [Matthew 25 framework](#), which calls us to actively participate in the world around us by boldly and compassionately serving people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor. Teens today belong to what is very possibly the most politically and socially aware generation the world has ever seen. This event will help foster that passion and equip them to pursue the justice that God seeks for His people.

Presbyterian Youth Tri-PENNium is a powerful conference for teens who are truly passionate about changing the world around them. There are only five spots available for each presbytery, so high school students should register immediately if they would like to attend.

Cost is \$300 per participant and includes all food, lodging, and programming, and transportation to and from a central point within your Presbytery. If you need financial assistance, please reach out to your Presbytery's registrar or see Barb Rinker (570-574-5772) for possible scholarships.

### 3. EMBRACING OUR SMALL CHURCHES - *You're invited...*

WHO: Members of Lackawanna Presbytery's small churches

WHEN and WHERE: Saturday, May 21, at the Tunkhannock Presbyterian Church, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

On May 21 we will celebrate all that the small churches of our presbytery have to offer. We will share plans and ideas, tackle issues, and encourage one another to value the potential of our vision in practical ways. Participants will be treated to a continental breakfast spread, a catered luncheon, and will receive a copy of Karl Vaters' *Small Church Essentials*.

This event is sponsored by a grant from the Synod of the Trinity and is completely free for up to 5 persons from each church with 100 or fewer members. *Registrations are being collected by email to [langcliffchurch@gmail.com](mailto:langcliffchurch@gmail.com). Please send the name of your church, and the names of the (up to) 5 people who will be attending by May 1.*

### **NOTICE OF UPCOMING SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING-**

The Session has approved a Special Congregational Meeting for May 1, 2022 for the purpose of dissolving the relationship with Rev. Jennifer Baer. The meeting will be held immediately following the regular Sunday morning service.

Following the Congregational Meeting, the Session will be honoring Rev. Baer and her family with a reception in the Miracle Building.

Respectfully yours, Arthur J. Peoples, Clerk of Session



## Session Highlights

### Session Members: Arthur J. Peoples, Clerk of Session

Mark Chappell  
Sharon Davis  
Sherri Newell  
Barbara Rinker

Meryl Davis  
Ken Jones  
Karen Perzia  
Wayne Williams

The regular meeting of the Session was held on April 18, 2022, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas, PA. The following items were discussed and or acted upon by the Session.

1. Rev. David Brague, Chair, Committee on Ministry, reviewed the Separation Ethics document prepared by the Ministry Team, Presbytery Lackawanna. The complete Separation Ethics document signed by Rev. Brague, Rev. Baer and Arthur Peoples, Clerk was forwarded to the Lackawanna Presbytery.
2. Thank you, cards were sent to all the children, who sang at the Palm Sunday Service.
3. Baptisms scheduled for May 1:
  - a. Harper Rose Swepton-Ferenchick, born October 18, 2021, Wilkes-Barre, PA
  - b. Kinsley Willow Natt, born September 24, 2021, Wilkes-Barre, PA.
4. Treasurer's report for Trinity Presbyterian Church and Trinity Learning Center for the period ending March 28, 2022 were received and approved.
5. Deacon's Minutes, dated April 10, 2022, were submitted for informational purposes.
  - a. **Caring & Sharing:** The food pantry drive brought in 160 lbs. of food which was delivered on April 5th. Also, \$230.00 in donations were received.
  - b. The total amount made on the flower sale was \$162.00. Great job done by all.
  - c. **Flowers:** Nancy Thomas reports that it is going well.
  - d. **Publicity and Special Services:** Maundy Thursday Service will be 7 p.m. on 4/14/22, Good Friday will be observed with devotions online. Easter Sunrise will be at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, 4/17/22 followed by the regular worship service at 10 a.m.
  - e. Rummage Sale will be held June 10th and 11th. Set up will be the 4th of June. People may start bringing their donations on June 6th. A sign-up sheet will be put up for volunteers to sign up. New Posters will be made to place over the tables.
  - f. **New Business:** Table Drive - We need 15 tables. Beth Davis offered to get prices for heavy duty 6 ft. tables with folding legs. We will be asking for donations either for a whole table, ½ table, ¼ table or a donation. Envelopes will be set up accordingly and given out before church.
  - g. **Deacons of the month:**
    - May:** Linda Baines and Megan Davis
    - June:** Kathy Stevens and TBD
  - h. Next Meeting: Sunday, May 15, following the church service.

## 6. SESSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

1. Mark Chappell requested that the Session approve the placement of a sign on the lawn at Trinity protesting the construction of a strip mall on Irem Road. The mall will increase the traffic on Irem Road which may be a hazard to the children in the Trinity Learning Center.
2. Zackary Coy has finished phase one of his Eagle Scout Project.
3. Scout Troop 218 has requested to start another Eagle Scout Project at Trinity. Elder Mark Chappell will coordinate the project for Trinity.
4. Mark Chappell reported that he requested six estimates for the repairs to the parking lot. He only received one response with an estimate of \$7,640. This estimate was approved by the Session and work on the parking lot will begin on June 14, 2022.

### B. OUTREACH/MISSION –

1. Congrats to Nancy on her last day of work tomorrow.
2. **Old Business-**
  - a. **Rise Against Hunger**-November 12, 2022. The sign-up genius link allowed for a lot of members of the community to easily sign up.
  - b. **Eggs-travaganza**- We had collected \$199.98 in donations from church members and donations that evening. The eggs, egg dye, shaving cream, tasty cakes and juice boxes totaled \$75.10 we are left with \$44.88 cash to be donated in the Outreach fund. We had approx. 30 children that night.
3. **New Business:**
  - a. **Reception for TLC Graduates is scheduled for** May 25th at 10am.
  - b. We will invite students and staff to join us on May 29th for Sunday service to honor TLC students and staff. We plan to purchase a small flower bouquet to be displayed. Jen will check into date Nursery school was founded.
  - c. Market on the Pond is Sat., June 18th 9-3PM. The rain date is the 25<sup>th</sup>. We will plan something for the children and then Nancy will speak to Allyson about taking the left over jewelry to the Market on the Pond.

### C. TRINITY LEARNING CENTER (TLC)

1. Mother's Day flower sales will end May 2 and pickup date is May 5, 2022.
2. Summer camp registration is going fine.
3. As of this date, it is believed that all teachers will return for the next school year.

### D. WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

1. The organ is not working. An organ repair company from Williamsport, PA indicated that they will not be able to examine the organ to determine the problem/s until May 30, 2022.

2. A reception for Rev. Baer and her family will be held on May 1, 2022 after the congregational meeting. Karen Perzia, Sharon Davis and Kathy Stevens will coordinate the reception. Kathy Stevens recommends that we have soup, sandwiches and dessert.
  3. Karen Perzia will obtain a book on the history of the Back Mountain and have it available on Sunday for members to sign. It will be given to Rev. Baer at the reception.
- E. **PRESBYTERY** - Elder Barbara Rinker will represent Trinity as the Commissioner at the May 17, 2022 Presbytery Meeting,

F. **WOMEN OF TRINITY:**

The Women of Trinity met on April 14 at Agolino's in West Pittston.

1. The women approved a donation of \$300 to help two different organizations who are offering assistance on the ground in Ukraine and the countries that border Ukraine.
  - a. They donated \$150 to Samaritan's Purse and
  - b. \$150 to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program.
2. The women hope to meet again in May.

G. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Project Regeneration (Rev. Baer)

Elder Arthur Peoples advised the Session that Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley requested that the Session review and reconfirm their commitment to the Regeneration Program. The Elders discussed the program and decided to continue their commitment to Regeneration Program, but would like to postpone our participation until late September or October.

H. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. On May 21, 2022, at Tunkhannock Presbyterian Church, a program titled "Small churches and how we can go forward" will be held. The program is funded by a grant from the Presbytery. The program is scheduled to start at 9:00 am with a continental breakfast and lunch. Each church may sign up for the program. Five members from each church are approved to attend. Representing Trinity will be Meryl Davis, Karen Perzia, C. Don & Alice Kocher.
2. Elders of the Month and Devotion Schedule
  1. May 2022 Elder Sharon Davis
  2. June 2022 Elder Karen Perzia

Respectfully submitted,  
Arthur J. Peoples, Clerk of Session

## **“What is happening at Trinity?”**

The members of the Session feel that it is very important that you, the members of Trinity, are kept well informed. Therefore, they have requested that you be provided with an update on “What is happening at Trinity.”

1. First, let us all keep Jennifer and her family in our prayers as they embark upon their new journey.
2. On June 12, Trinity will celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. On behalf of the Session, I wish to thank everyone who has prayed for, labored with and financially supported this church over the past 60 years. There will be more details about the Anniversary in the newsletter.
3. We also are about to embark on a new journey.
4. We are very fortunate to have a strong Board of Deacons and Session that are ready, willing and able to lead us on this journey into the future.
5. The Session has obtained a wonderful list of Commissioned Pastors to serve as Pulpit Supply covering May 8 through June 26.
6. The Committee on Ministry, chaired by Rev. Dave Brague, a son of Trinity, is working with us to help us find a permanent pastor. This process appears to be moving along more quickly than expected. With God’s guidance, we may have recommendations within the near future.
7. As indicated at our Annual Meeting, we are looking for a half time pastor.
8. The Session is aware that we may have a situation during the next month or so which may require an Ordained Minister. We have a plan in place to cover this.
  - a. A minister has been made available to us to help during events like hospital visits, weddings, funerals, etc.
  - b. In addition, the Session has a visitation Team available to make home visitations, hospital visits and serve communion. The Team is comprised of Meryl Davis, Ken Jones and a few other Elders. Meryl and Ken are experienced at home visitations and will help the rest of us know what to do.
9. Your need for support is only a phone call away. Call the church and Nicole Fleschut, our Administrative Assistant, will start the ball rolling. The office hours for the church are: Monday 8:30am - 2:30pm, Tuesday 8:30am - 2:30pm, Wednesday 1:00pm – 3:00pm, Thursday 8:30am - 2:30pm, Friday Closed
10. In addition, an Elder will be available for contact when the office is closed. This list will be made available. I can always be contacted at 570-690-5105.
11. The future of Trinity is filled with opportunities, and I know we are all willing and able to help Trinity move into the future.
12. If you are a member, friend or someone looking for a church home, please come join us at Trinity.

Yours in His service,  
Arthur Peoples, Clerk of Session

# Gigantic Rummage Sale



## Trinity Presbyterian Church

**105 Irem Road, Dallas**

(off Rt. 309 - across from Country Club Shopping Center)

**Friday, June 10 • 9 am - 3 pm**

**Saturday, June 11 • 9 am - noon**

**Saturday is \$2 bag day!**



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