



Dear Members and Friends of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Each Lord's Day morning in our life together at Trinity Presbyterian

Church, I find myself awed by the spirit, the movement, and the vitality in our beautiful church facility. In many of the services of worship I have had the honor and privilege of leading since being called to Trinity early this past August, I, along with you have seen old friends and new faces that have brought joy to our souls. The fresh energy in the people all around is palpable. The sharing of times of fellowship, the welcome in the narthex, the conversation in the hallways, and the enjoyment of refreshments, all serve to strengthen and deepen the ties of our common life together. Every Sunday morning, I try not to take the whole experience for granted. To be sure, our congregational life and commitment go far beyond Sunday morning and include so much more than what happens at 105 Irem Road, but I would like to invite you to join me, both looking around on Sundays with a bit of wonder and not taking any of it for granted. For God has blessed each one of us to be called to be part of this Body of Christ, this very special manifestation of the Holy Spirit Himself.

Together, we launch into this Fall season, I want to thank each one of you who supports Trinity Presbyterian Church with your gifts of stewardship. Approximately 60% of our annual operating revenue comes from those who pledge and give regularly. Every contribution we receive serves to sustain the breadth, health, and future of this ministry. The Fall season is the time when we express as a

GOOD NEWS OF TRINITY

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congregation our gratitude for all God is doing in our midst and prayerfully discern our commitment looking ahead to 2023. Celebrating God's abundance and God's grace is a defining quality of our community's identity. This great season of giving, please be a part of our celebration and reflection as we celebrate our Time, Talents, and Treasures in loving support of a congregation we so dearly love and cherish. In anticipation of 2023, the Session will be piecing together a budget and fiscal resources they know will be required to sustain our overall ministry in this time and place. We believe it is a very exciting time for our congregation to discern initiatives, commitments, and convictions as we strive to answer God's call to be the Body of Christ for one another, so together we can be the Body of Christ in the world. The impetus to be the Body of Christ is underpinned by our Mission statement, which says, Trinity Presbyterian Church seeks to reflect God's unconditional love as we proclaim, witness to, and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ. We strive to be a worshiping, welcoming, learning, and serving community of faith that is comforted, challenged, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. More information will be forthcoming about our Celebration and Pledge Dedication Sunday which will be November 20th during our service of worship. Until then, I am confident of God's call on our lives to grow in faith and service, our salvation promised in Jesus Christ, and the overwhelming generosity of the people who know themselves to be Trinity Presbyterian Church. With gratitude, grace, and peace, Pastor Murray

From the Stewardship Committee

Save the date – Sunday, November 20th. The Stewardship Committee would like to invite everyone to attend a special service of worship at Trinity on "Stewardship Sunday." The service of the dedication of our time, talent and treasure will be followed by a luncheon in the Miracle Building. Join us as we celebrate our commitment to doing the Lord's work at Trinity and to enjoy fellowship with one another. Please watch your mailbox and our church newsletter for more information about this very special day in the life of our church. The Endowment Fund has unanimously voted to financially support the stewardship luncheon.



The Women of Trinity Notes

Our September 21st meeting was at the home of Barbara Rinker. Thanks to Barb for giving us a pleasant outdoor place to meet under the backyard pavilion.

Thank you to Betsy Fairchild for her many efforts to reach out to our members and friends with cards throughout the year.

Our year to date Fellowship of the Least Coin offering now totals \$115.00.

The annual Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering will be conducted beginning mid-October through November. Look for the blue "Thank Offering" envelopes on the table in the hallway.

The women had a round table discussion on monetary donations we wish to make to various charitable causes and a Christmas project to help several groups who could use some holiday cheer. More information will follow on these donations and projects after we have our October meeting and we firm up our final plans.

The women voted to hold our annual Bakeless Bake Sale in January and February of 2023. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to the general fund of the church.

The women will host the Second Sunday reception on December 11th with our usual Christmas theme. Final plans will be made in our October and November meetings.

Our October meeting will be in the Miracle Building at the church on October 21 at 12:30. We will clean out the knitter's closet to see what we have in stock to donate to children and adults in our area who may need something warm to wear during the winter months....like hats and gloves for instance. This will be a brown bag, working lunch so bring your favorite sandwich or salad to enjoy. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Since we don't need to make reservations at a restaurant, there is no need to sign up. Just come and bring a friend.

We continue to pray for our members, our families, our country and our world.



As a part of the children's sermon at a recent Sunday morning worship service at Trinity, Rev. Thompson presented two of the children with their own bibles to begin their journey through the Old and New Testaments. Scarlett McKinley and Ella Yurko were pleased and proud to carry their new bibles back to the pews where their families were waiting to share in their joy of such a wonderful gift.

From left to right: Rowan Yurko, Henry Yurko, Scarlett McKinley, Rev. Dr. Murray Thompson, Ella Yurko, Drew Fleschut, Ariel Courter holding Kinsley Courter.



Board of Deacons: Cindy Williams, President	
Linda Baines	Chuck Borland
Josh Coy	Beth Davis
Megan Davis	Allyson Lord
Karen Sassaman	Michele Steele
Kathy Stevens	Nancy Thomas

The Deacons will be collecting non-perishable food items starting the week of October 9th and ending December 18th. The food will be donated to the Back Mountain Food Pantry.

The following food items are needed: peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, canned fruit, gravy, instant potatoes, canned or bottled juice, rice or rice mixes, cereal, sugar, salt, flour, cake mixes, icing, canned tuna or chicken, coffee, tea, pie filling, canned soup, pudding & Jell-O mixes, spaghetti or tomato sauce, pasta, powdered drink mixes.

Organ Repairs

The Session is pleased to announce that the Robert E. Sites organ company has made the final repairs to our organ and it is fully operational. A very special thank you goes out to the family of George Flint for their generous donation in memory of George. The donation covered all the repair costs to the organ. The Session





World Communion Sunday is celebrated on October 2nd and we would like to cover our communion table with breads from around the world. If you would like to donate a loaf of store bought or homemade ethnic bread, please sign-up on the poster in the hall and indicate the kind of bread so we don't end up with duplicates. If you have any questions call Kathy Stevens.



October

10/02	Betsy Fairchild
10/03	Beth Davis
10/12	Chuck Borland
10/12	Sara Davis
10/18	Janet Hunt
10/22	Linda Baines
10/25	Janet Cunius
10/27	Charla Pilger
10/29	Tracey Chappell

November

11/03	Richard Burkhardt
11/06	John Baer
11/13	Kyle Borland
11/14	Kim Borland
11/15	Meryl Davis
11/22	Scarlett McKinley
11/24	Julie Sgarlat
11/29	Sloane Yurko



October

10/09	Brian & Mari Johnson
10/11	Harry & Deb Cooper
10/24	Rev Dr Murray & Karin Thompson
10/29	Kevin & Erin Yurko
10/31	Art & Sandy Peoples

The Mission Outreach Committee together with the teachers of Trinity Learning Center will be sponsoring a Trunk or Treat on October 31, 2022 at 11:30 AM in the church's rear parking lot. Everyone in our congregation is invited to participate. You can decorate your car trunk, SUV liftgate, etc. in any theme you choose and hand out goodies to the TLC students, children from our congregation and/or other participating children. If you cannot provide a decorated car trunk, we would welcome donations of individually packaged treats. If you are going to participate, please see committee chairperson, Barbara Rinker, by October 17th for advance planning. Thank you.





Although we haven't even finished raking the fall leaves, the Mission Outreach Committee is already planning their Christmas project. They will be joined by the Women of Trinity in supporting the Samaritans Purse, "Operation Christmas Child." (This project has been done at Trinity in previous years). Although more information will be forthcoming, you can research the project on their website, Samaritanspurse.org and click on Operation Christmas Child, if you would like to get started. This project involves filling shoeboxes with suggested items for age appropriate children, however the deadline will be mid-November. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help a child by becoming involved in this event.



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

October 6, 2022	Curtis Goodwin & Meryl Davis	
October 20, 2022	Windsor & Meryl Davis	
November 3, 2022	Volunteers	Needed
November 17, 2022	Volunteers	Needed

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.

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

October 2, 2022	Meryl Davis
October 9, 2022	
October 16, 2022	Barbara Rinker
October 23, 2022	
October 30, 2022	
November 6, 2022	
November 13, 2022	Wayne Williams
November 20, 2022	Josh Coy
November 27, 2022	

Flower Chart for 2022 is up

There is a new flower chart sign-up sheet in hallway for anyone wishing to honor a loved one. The cost of flowers is \$50 per week so please plan accordingly.



October 2, 2022		November 6, 2022	
October 9, 2022	Nancy Thomas	November 13, 2022	
October 16, 2022		November 20, 2022	
October 23, 2022	Karin Thompson	November 27, 2022	
October 30, 2022		December 4, 2022	

Trinity Men's Club - Trinity Men's Club meets for breakfast on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Club meetings are held Lum's' Fernbrook @ 8:30 a.m. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.



Men's Club



Keep it on your calendar . . . Don't forget! We will be packing 10,000 meals on Saturday morning, November 12, 2022 with the Rise Against Hunger program. We will let you know of the exact start time, but you can sign up in the very near future so we can make plans for a spot for everyone.



250th Anniversary
Grand Music Celebration
 PRESENTED BY
First Presbyterian Church
Wilkes-Barre
OCTOBER 7, 2022 AT 7PM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
97 S. FRANKLIN ST
WILKES-BARRE, PA 18701
FREE ADMISSION
 FEATURING NEPA CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY,
 GUEST ORGANIST MARK LAUBACH AND
 MEMBERS OF THE NORTHEAST PA
 PHILHARMONIC

SPONSORED BY THE WOMEN'S CIRCLE OF
 COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Circle of Covenant Women is hosting an Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Public admission is \$2. Vendor applications are available at the church office or in the back of Covenant Presbyterian Church's sanctuary and will be accepted until space is filled – preferably by August 31st. Setup for vendors is 7:00-9:00 the morning of November 5th. Please contact Carolyn Pembridge at carolpemb@gmail.com or 570-499-3317 for more vendor information.

Holy Humor

One Sunday morning, after a long period of rain had found some leaks in the Sanctuary roof, the Reverend said to his congregation:

“We have good news and bad news.

The bad news is that the roof needs repairing.

The good news is that we have the money to pay for it.”

And there were appreciative murmurs all around.

But then the Reverend said:

“The extra bad news is that it’s still in your pockets!”

Karin’s Delicious Slaw

16 oz. package coleslaw mix

Crispy Mixture:

1 cup toasted sliced almonds

1 cup roasted, salted sunflower seeds

2 packages Ramen noodles (Oriental or Soy Sauce flavor) set flavor packet aside, crush noodles.

After toasted almonds and sunflower seeds are cooled, mix with crushed dry noodles in a gallon zip lock baggie and shake to mix. Store in the baggie to keep fresh and crisp.

Dressing:

1 cup salad oil

½ cup white vinegar

½ cup sugar

2 flavor packets from Ramen noodles

Mix dressing and chill for at least one (1) hour (works well to make in a mason Jar). Shake or stir before using. Combine coleslaw mix, Crispy Mixture and dressing just before serving.

If only fixing for 2 or 3, you do not need to use all of the coleslaw mix, Crispy Mixture and dressing – just combine the amount you need for one serving and serve the rest for another meal. It is best fresh so the Crispy Mixture doesn’t get soft.

**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**

There was no meeting of the Session during the month of September 2022, but the following items were discussed and approved by electronic communications.

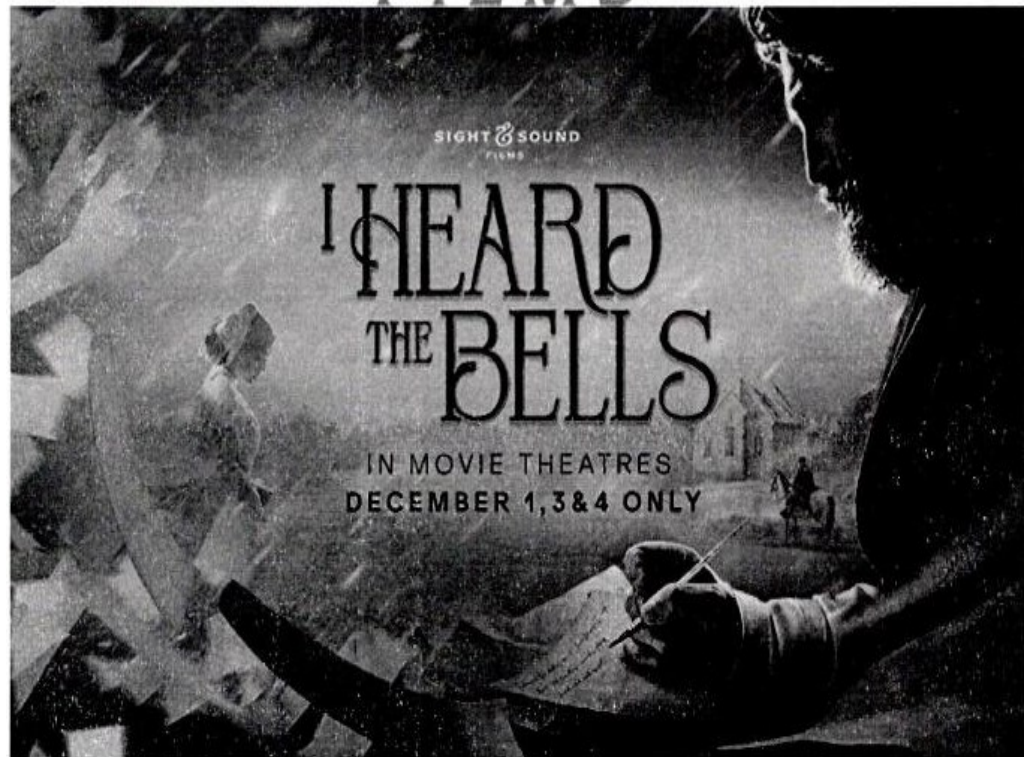
1. The Rev. Dr. Murray Thompson and Karin are on vacation and will return on October 5, 2022.
2. The Session wishes to thank Rev. Donna Dickinson, Jean Biggar and Bruce Jordan for filling our pulpit during Rev. Thompson's leave.
3. The Session wishes to thank Commissioned Pastor Janet Hunt and Rev. Roger Griffith for serving as Rev. Thompson's backup pastors during his absence.
4. The Session wishes to congratulate Zachary Coy on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.
5. The Session wishes to thank Vera Supey for administering Flu shots at the Trinity Learning Center for the members of TLC, the congregations and friends of Trinity.
6. The Session accepted the letter of transfer for Karin Thompson from Providence Presbyterian Church. Please welcome her as a new member of Trinity.
7. The Session wishes to extend our condolences to the family of Carlene McCaffrey. Carlene was a long-time member of Trinity who faithfully served as a Deacon, Elder and Choir member. As an Elder she served as the Clerk of Session.
8. The next Session meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Peoples, Clerk of Session

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Let Hope Ring Out!

We are thrilled to announce that tickets for Sight & Sound Film's debut feature are on sale now! I HEARD THE BELLS tells the inspiring true story behind the beloved Christmas carol and its author, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. We invite you to join us this holiday season as this story of resounding hope and rekindled faith comes to life in movie theaters nationwide— December 1, 3, and 4 only.