

Trinity Episcopal Church

Welcome



December 3, 2017
The First Sunday of Advent



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Parish Notes

Welcome, visitors and guests! Thank you for joining us in worship today - we're glad you're here. We hope that you will find food for your spirit, and a warm community connection today. Please speak to one of the clergy, or sign the guest register in the Tower entrance, if you are looking for a church home, are in need of prayer, or have any questions.

We use two books in worship, the maroon "Hymnal 1982" (Hymns starting with S are at the front of the hymnal, other numbers follow in normal order) and the black Book of Common Prayer. All the texts you need for worship are found there and in the program in your hands. Anyone around you should be happy to help any time the book-juggling becomes confusing. Please join in with all our prayers and hymns, as your presence helps to complete our prayer.

Nursery Care. There will be nursery care today for infants to two-year olds during the 9:00 a.m. service. Volunteers are needed to help in the nursery. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Old Kitchen.

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. During the rush of the holiday season, *Meditations for Advent and Christmas* invites us to pause for a moment of reflection. Each inspirational reading focuses our thoughts on the reason we celebrate and the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus. Please pick up a devotional in the tower entrance.

Consecration Sunday Results: As of November 29, we have received 190 Estimate of Giving cards, for a total of \$473,732 commitment for 2018. This includes 21 households making a new commitment and a 15% increase in giving commitments from 169 households who also pledged for 2017. We project that our total giving for 2018 will be \$522,000; an 11% increase over 2017.

Advent Study—*Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born Hope is Here* by Max Lucado continues today at 10:15am in the conference room. This four week Advent Study, hosted by Deacon Leslie, includes a short video played each week with discussion, Bible exploration and a study guide. Cost of study guide is \$10. Please see Deacon Leslie or come to the office if you would like to participate.

Journey to Bethlehem begins today after the 9:00am service. All the children in 2nd to 5th grades please meet downstairs in the Godly Play Room to begin the journey. This program will last for three weeks.

Advent Lessons & Carols: Today at 4:00 p.m. ~ Sung by the Trinity and Canterbury Choirs with guest organist Andrew Senn. Reception will follow at 5:00pm.

Today - Join Jewish, Christian, and Muslim neighbors from local faith communities for an afternoon of reflection on shared themes in the scriptures of each faith. Trinity is co-sponsoring this event today at 2-4 pm. Islamic Center of South Jersey, 612 Garfield Avenue, Palmyra, NJ 08065.

Offering Envelopes for Christmas Flowers and Music are in the pews this morning. Please PRINT the full names of those whom you want remembered, and place the envelope in the alms basin today.

A blood drive is being held on Saturday, December 9th in the Parish Hall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. *The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Please give blood.* To donate contact Geri Trost at 856/235-0811 or gtrost@trinitymoorestown.org or go to the Trinity website to sign up online. Please donate and help save a life this holiday season.

Volunteers are needed to help the day of the Blood Drive. If you would like to help for a couple of hours on Saturday, December 9 between 9:00am and 2:00pm please contact Geri Trost at 856-235-0811 or gtrost@trinitymoorestown.org.

Trinity Church liturgical calendars for the year 2018 are available in the Tower Entrance this morning (limit one calendar per family). The calendars are a gift from the Lewis Funeral Home in Moorestown, John Engleman, Owner.

Youth Sunday---December 10, 2017. All the youth who signed up to participate must rehearse their readings on either Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 4-6pm or Thursday, Dec. 7 also from 4-6pm. Please come to the sacristy and meet Deacon Leslie. If you didn't sign up to read and would like to please contact Deacon Leslie.

Christmas Bake Sale – Support our youth by enjoying holiday treats from the special Christmas bake sale next Sunday, December 10. Stop by the old kitchen during coffee hour to nab the best goodies and help our youth enjoy great opportunities for both service and fellowship.

The Christian Caring Center in Browns Mills has been doing so much good work with the little that they have for many years and we on the Outreach Commission are very impressed with their mission. They provide meals, school supplies, help finding shelter, assistance with securing medication and many other services along with emotional and spiritual support. Please use the Outreach envelope in your pew to help them continue their mission. Thank you!

Attention Junior and Senior Youth Group: Our annual 'Twas The Night fund-raiser will be held this Friday, December 8th from 6-9 pm. It will be a night full of crafts, games, and movies. If you are interested in helping to entertain the younger members of our church, please sign up on the youth bulletin board and arrive in the Parish Hall at 5:30 pm.

Parents of children ages 2-10 - "Twas the Night" is a parents' night out on December 8th, with games and crafts for children at Trinity while you shop or celebrate. The cost is \$5/per child. Pick up a flyer in the tower entrance. Sign up your children on the Old Kitchen bulletin board off the Parish Hall.

Adopt a family or child for Christmas. We have 14 families that include 39 children. If you would like to adopt, please contact Deacon Leslie at lmazzacano@trinitymoorestown.org or by phone at 856-235-0811.

Lost & Found: A prayer book/hymnal, a set of keys, a ring, and a necklace (found in the church parking lot) have been added to our lost and found in the past few weeks. If you lost these or any other items in or around the church please call the church office at 856/235-0811.

Calling all Youth - On December 10 from 1-2pm we will be going to the Evergreens to sing Christmas Carols to the residents in the Health Center. This is a great opportunity to bring joy to these residents and have some fun and fellowship with each other. There is a sign-up sheet on the youth bulletin board, so please sign up TODAY so we can let the folks at the Evergreens know how many are coming. Parents if you are able to drive please contact Deacon Leslie.

Trinity Church Outreach Commission is hosting a *Give 20* Fund-raiser at the Iron Hill Brewery on Wednesday, December 13th. Doors open at 11:30am, plan to come for lunch or dinner. Pick up coupons in the tower entrance. You must have a coupon in order to ensure your meal benefits outreach!

Christmas Caroling Party & Supper: If you enjoy singing or listening to Christmas Carols, plan to attend the Trinity Caroling Party on Sunday, Dec. 17. All are welcome! We will gather in the parish hall at 5:00pm and sing together for 30-45 minutes, accompanied on the piano by Lisa Yeh. Then, we will share in a covered-dish supper. Please sign up in the Parish Hall, by calling the church office, or on the Trinity website by December 15. If your last name starts with A-M, we ask that you please bring a main dish and if your last name starts with N-Z, please bring a side dish/salad. Dessert, drinks, and kids meals will be provided. Hope to see you there!

The Annual Holston Christmas Open House will be held Sunday, December 17th from 1:00pm - 5:00pm. Hosted by Bob and Pearl Holston, please come out and see the art decorations, Christmas trees, dollhouses, model trains, ships, and aircraft! Bring friends and children. All are welcome! Pick up a flyer in the tower entrance for more details.

Project Interaction is collecting for "Bare Essential" bags to be distributed to the homeless in Camden at Christmas. We need 150 full size men's deodorant and 50 women's full size deodorant. If everyone in our parish would bring just one deodorant to donate we could fill this need. Please help the Outreach Committee in their efforts. Place the donations in the box on the stage in the Parish Hall by Sunday, December 17th. "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." Proverbs 19:17

Scholarship for High School Seniors. Applications for the 2018 VanDuser Scholarship are now being accepted. ALL applications MUST be submitted electronically by April 1, 2018 (no paper applications will be accepted). You can find the link to apply at www.dioceseofnj.org or www.newjerseyyouth.org. Any questions contact The Rev. Canon Debi Clarke at dclarke@dioceseofnj.org or 609-394-5281 ext. 36.

Community Events

Moorestown Community Band: You are invited to attend Sounds of the Season presented by the Moorestown Community Band, conducted by L. Bruce Smith. This free concert will be held on Friday, December 8, at 7:30 pm in the William Allen Middle School, North Stanwick Road, Moorestown. The band will play a varied program of popular and classical music that will feature some soloists and songs that will get you into the spirit of the very special holiday season including Christmas Time is Here and Silent Night.

Intercessions – December 3, 2017

Please remember the people listed below in your prayers this week. This list is also prayed weekly at our Healing Eucharist on Thursdays at 10 am in the chapel. If you would like to add someone to our prayer list, or remove someone, please contact the church office at 856/235-0811. Our common practice is to keep people on the list for three weeks. If the need for prayer extends longer than that, or is for a chronic condition, please let us know. We appreciate updates on the condition and needs of people on our prayer list.

Harry Engleman	Paulette & Doreen	Jen Williams
Jane Ollivier	Sarah Fish	Jack & Suzanne
Marion Voda	Charlene &	Salmon
Maryann	Kenneth Heintz	Frank Souder
Gary	Sister Mary	Michael
Heidi	Caroline	Lillette Pettus
Brooklyn Gonteski	DeAngelus	Dorothy Sherrill
Richard Gonteski	Barbara McCaully	Norma Hopkins
Darlene	Jane & Herb Hale	Frances Ernst
Sheila Hollins	Dan Harvey	Al Masucci
June & Mike	Liz Webster	Nancy
Warner	Barry Houston	Matt Brown
Jackie & Don Moore	Xavier	Nicolette Russo
Bob Fleming	Peter Lin	David Connolly
Braylon Daniels	Jacqueline Leis	Olivia Demmler
Harold & Rebecca	Laundre	Lauren Elias
Montague	Hilda Delgado	Lisa Somaine
Kaeson Barnville	Laurie Schweinfurth	George & Ruth
Nancy & Phil	Ethan	Council
Flanders	Dan McDonough	Alison Sprague
Kristen	Jim & Deva	Linda Ralls
David Batista	Gattinella	Maureen Mazzucco
Dave Mike & family	Bill & Betty Beard	

Those actively serving in the armed forces

Douglas Sandburg II	Jeremy Doughty	Leah Harvey
Justin Snyder	Tanguy Balou	Brandon Casey
Sean Donato	Robert Kersey	Lynn Peace
Dustin Hoogland	Kevin Davis	Darius Moore
Jason Merriweather	Matthew Menade	Jarred Stanley
Robert Cuthbertson	Stephen Stanley	Steven Sweet

Those visited today by Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Enid Pitman	Sue Salmon
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The clergy and parishioners of churches in our Diocese

Grace Church [Plainfield]

St. Mark's Church [Plainfield]

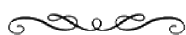
Church of St. Mary the Virgin [Pleasantville]

About Trinity Church

Trinity Church was organized in 1837 by the rector and members of St. Mary's Church, Colestown (now Cherry Hill Township). An obelisk in Colestown Cemetery marks the site of St. Mary's church, which burned to the ground in 1899. The Moorestown congregation raised funds for a church building to be erected on our present site; it was constructed and consecrated in 1838. The rector, The Reverend Francis P. Lee, noted, "It is a beautiful structure of brownstone, with a graceful spire and a comfortable basement story for the use of the Sunday School". The current church complex was built in 1928 and was the gift of a single benefactor, Eldridge Johnson.

Trinity Church offers many opportunities for individuals and families to serve both in the church and in the community. By becoming involved in a commission or a specific event or ministry, you will meet other parishioners and hopefully become an integral part of our church family. Volunteer opportunities include: Fellowship, Property, Christian Formation, Outreach, Health and Music Commissions just to name a few.

There are many opportunities to participate in music at Trinity Church. The Trinity Choir is the primary parish choir and sings at the 9:00 a.m. Eucharist. The choir sings a repertoire ranging from Renaissance motets to current works. The Coventry Choir is a small ensemble that sings for the 11:15 a.m. service. The choir prepares its own repertoire of *a cappella* motets as well as canticles for Morning Prayer. The Canterbury Choir is for young singers in grades 4 and up; the Carol Choir is for those in grades 2 - 3; and the Cherub Choir for children in grades K-1.



TRINITY STAFF AND WARDENS

The Reverend Emily A. Mellott, Rector

The Reverend Leslie G. Mazzacano, Deacon

The Reverend John F. Salmon, Jr., Assisting Priest

Mrs. Jasmine Declet, Rector's Warden

Mrs. Janet Murray, People's Warden

Mr. Vernon H. Williams, Organist and Choirmaster

Mrs. Geri Trost, Parish Manager

Mrs. Nancy Johnson, Preschool and Sunday School Director

Mrs. Maris W. Williams, Director of Cherub and Carol Choirs

Mrs. Lauren Evans, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Thomas Pitman, Sexton