

TRINITY TIDINGS

December 2015

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Call for Nominations

by The Rev. Rick Vinson

Beginning with prayer, discerning God's way for us as a parish, we raise up those called to ministry. In preparation for the new year, we are all called to consider where God's Spirit may be leading us. Specifically, we are called to identify those called to serve in leadership positions. This year we will elect three persons to the vestry at the Annual Parish Meeting in February. Nominations are welcome at this time and continuing through the month of December. If you are interested or wish to nominate someone, please speak to the rector or one of the wardens. Serving on the Vestry is an honor, but it is not an honorary position. We have important work to be done as we look to the future of our mission and ministry. If God is calling you to such challenges, please be willing to step up. May God's providential care guide us in this task of identifying new leadership.

Day of Reflection: *The Holy Family under an Apple Tree*

by The Rev. Dr. Virginia Sheay

Saturday, December 5, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Chapel

We shall study *The Holy Family under an Apple Tree*, a painting by Peter Paul Rubens, (1577-1640) a famous and successful Flemish Baroque painter. We shall ponder the implications of this painting through scripture, poetry, music, and its relation to the meaning of the birth of Christ. As we reflect on this painting, you shall be invited to express the insight you gain through writing a Haiku, a short form of Japanese insight poetry as a way of being intimately present to the symbolism and imagery of Rubens' painting. It is hopeful that the reflection time will open your heart and mind, and that the morning experience will

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Cookie Bake Sales and Pick-Up

Pre-ordered cookies may be picked up and additional boxes purchased during the first weekend of December. Scheduled times are as follows:

Fri, December 4

**10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel
Sat, December 5**

**9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in McArthur Hall
Sun, December 6**

**9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in McArthur Hall
(between and after services)**

Those who assist with Boxing Day on December 3 may pick up their pre-ordered cookies that day, after boxing has been completed.

Trinity Autumn House Tour - New Co-Chairs Needed

After three years as co-chairs, Jacqui Griffith, Rick Lansill, and Roger Stikeleather will be taking a break in their co-chair roles and we need new folks to step up to the opportunity of leading and co-chairing this important event. There will be plenty of support for these new co-chairs within the Parish; it takes the entire Parish to make this important event the success it has been. If you have any interest, please let us know as soon as possible; planning needs to begin now and we will be finalizing our 2016 Operating Budget in December and without co-chairs identified we cannot budget the much needed income. Thank you!

Church Office Holiday Hours



In addition to being closed on Fridays, the Church Office will also be closed on Thursday, December 24 and Thursday, December 31.



Sunday, February 7
11:00 a.m.

resonate with your inner soul and fill you with the presence of God. A sign-up sheet is available on the narthex table. The morning reflection will be led by The Rev. Dr. Ginny Sheay.

Trinity's Annual Holiday Pearl Street Gift Giving

by Kyle Evans



The Holiday Pearl Street Giving Tree, assisting children in the Haddington community supported by Mission Philadelphia, will be found in McArthur Hall Sunday, November 29. If you would like to give to the same child or children again, please contact Kyle Evans (267.221.9239 or kyle.evans55@gmail.com). If you would like to contribute, and do not have time to shop, monetary donations are welcomed. TYG will be shopping on Wednesday, December 2 with said monetary donations.

All gifts should be wrapped, with the child's designated tag taped to the item. Please deliver the gifts to McArthur Hall by Sunday, December 13.

Your continued support enables children that may go without at the holiday time to feel the joy of Christmas. Thank you, as always, for your support.

Outreach News



Syria Crisis Response - The Outreach Committee approved a donation of \$1000 to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) for the Syria Crisis Response Fund. If you'd like to know about what the Fund is doing in Greece and other parts of Europe impacted by the flow of refugees, go to the ERD website (<http://www.episcopalrelief.org/press-and-resources/press-releases/2015-press-releases/syria-crisis-response-updates>). Please continue to pray for those fleeing violence and unrest.

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December Worship

Sunday, December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayers

Sunday, December 13

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:30 a.m. Youth Eucharist

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant

9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Friday, December 25

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 27

First Sunday After Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

Centering Prayer

Tuesday Mornings

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Morning Prayer

Thursday Mornings

7:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Church School

Church School meets

every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., except

December 20, December 27 and

January 3.

Vestry Minutes & Reports

Please visit www.trinitysolebury.org for September's Vestry Minutes and Financial Reports.

Aid for Friends - 994 meals prepared so far this year for frail and elderly adults! Please come celebrate the 1000th meal at the next gathering on December 8th at 9:00 a.m. in the church kitchen. Contact Debbie Hische at 267.544.0117 or hischegx@comcast.net. All are welcome...Bring a friend!



Happy Birthday, PEACEMEAL! 20 years ago, Trinity members began this ministry of food and fellowship to for all those impacted by AIDS. Having led the ministry for 4 years, Jerry and Debbie Hische will pass the baton of leadership to a new team in June. Can you help? Peacemeal occurs on the 3rd Sunday of every month (except January). If you might be interested in leading or helping, please contact Debbie and Jerry at 267.614.9384, hischegx@comcast.net, and/or come to the next Peacemeal on December 20th, which will be held at Trinity Buckingham. All are welcome.

Our friends at Fisherman's Mark, a non-profit agency that provides services to the poor in New Hope and Lambertville, is looking for volunteers willing to help with their Holiday Program in December. If you have any questions or would like your email to be removed, please contact Candice J. Gantt at FM (c.gantt@fishermansmark.org).



Adult Forum on Mary and Joseph

by Spiritual Life

Sunday, December 13, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Chapel



Curious about the many varied traditions that have grown up around the biblical figures of Mary and Joseph? What, exactly, is in the Bible and what does Hebrew culture of that time reveal about them? How do the visual arts reflect and even shape our perceptions? Susan Wells will lead an illustrated discussion on Mary and Joseph: come and share in this exploration of past and present traditions as part of your Advent preparation.



Parish Calendar

Wednesday, December 2
6:30 p.m. TYG

Thursday, December 3
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Cookie Bake
Boxing Day

Friday, December 4
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cookie Bake
Sales & Pick Up
6:30 p.m. Cantus Novus Concert
& Reception

Saturday, December 5
9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Day of Reflection: *The Holy Family under an Apple Tree*
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Cookie Bake
Sales & Pick Up

Sunday, December 6
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Cookie Bake
Sales & Pick Up

Tuesday, December 8
9:00 a.m. Aid for Friends
7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, December 9
6:30 p.m. TYG Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 13
11:00 a.m. Adult Forum on Mary and Joseph

Tuesday, December 15
January Trinity Tidings Newsletter
Submissions Deadline

Wednesday, December 16
6:30 p.m. TYG

Sunday, December 20
9:00 a.m. Bring Your Favorite
Nativity or Crèche Set
4:00 p.m. Handel's *Messiah*
4:00 p.m. PeaceMeal, Trinity
Buckingham

Monday, December 21
Mindfulness Meditation

Thursday, December 24
Christmas Eve
Church Office Closed

Calling all Favorite Nativity or Crèche Sets!

by Spiritual Life

Sunday, December 20, Available from set-up at 9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., McArthur Hall

Do you or your family have a treasured nativity? Perhaps you have a favorite picture of the Madonna and Child? December 20th will be a special time for you to bring your crèche to McArthur Hall for a one-morning display of these core aspects of Christmas celebrations. The variety, surprises and special features of our personal scenes are what can make this an especially enjoyable and thought-provoking event.



There will be several table set up for visual sharing throughout the services and coffee hour, and cards to identify your crèche as yours will be available, if you wish. There will be a separate table for Wise Men! Easels will also be available for artwork. The tables will have adult monitors throughout the morning, services and coffee hour and one crèche has been planned for the children to rearrange and enjoy.

The afternoon performance of Handel's *Messiah* is a great conclusion to this special day!

Friends of Music Presents G. F. Handel's *Messiah*

by Tim Harrell

Friends of Music presents G. F. Handel's *Messiah* on Sunday, December 20th at 4:00 p.m. One of the highlights of the Advent/Christmas season is Trinity Church's annual performance of Handel's best known oratorio.

This marks our 17th consecutive year performance with full orchestra and professional soloists. Returning this year are soloists Rochelle Reed, Nicholas Tamagna, Stephen Sands, and Brian Chu. Joining us this year are the Madrigal Singers from Bucks County Community College

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Wednesday, December 30
6:30 p.m. TYG

Thursday, December 31
New Year's Eve
Church Office Closed



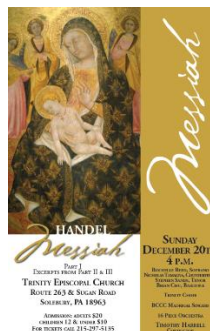
December Birthdays

- 1st Courtney Smyth
- 3rd Quinn Jones
Tyler Jones
- 7th Brynn Corey
Kyle Evans
- 8th Robert Howard
Leah Hunt
- 9th Holly Hargreaves
Kyle Roberts
- 11th Earlene Austin
Christine Glidden
- 12th Jeff Harrison
Earnest O'Brien
- 14th Kathy Marcino
Charles Scholer
- 15th Courtney Eavenson
Debbie Hische
- 16th Harper Brindley
- 17th Kathy McAdam
- 19th Robert Blaise DeAngelis
- 20th Rick Boyko
Christina Ferguson
- 24th Richard Hargreaves
Ian McNeill
- 27th Cooper Bode
Jeffery Lewis
Taylor Vinson
Amelia Wheelan
- 28th Stan Broadbent
Wyatt Gatley
Carina Sayles
- 29th Martha Huestis
- 30th Aaron Balog
Paula Lewis

whose director is our soprano soloist, Rochelle Reed.

Messiah is divided into three parts. Part 1 will be performed in its entirety, "Hallelujah Chorus" from Part 2, from Part 3 "The Trumpet shall sound", and the final chorus "Worthy is the Lamb...Blessing and Honor...Amen."

Admission is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under.



Cookie Bake 2015

by Lori Daukas



If you walked through McArthur Hall in the first two weeks of November, you know that the cookies are back! Despite many challenges along the way, we persevered and, with true Trinity spirit, baked and decorated over 16,000 cookies. Veteran cookie bakers were joined by first-timers, and we had a glorious time learning about each other while honing rolling and decorating skills.

We added baking on Tuesday evening and Saturday. The result was an additional 2,000 cookies generated primarily by people who had never before rolled dough at Cookie Bake. Families decorated cookies together, and children beamed with pride, knowing that they were contributing in a very real way.

Some of my favorite moments came from those who walked up to me and said, "this is very therapeutic", "this is very zen", and (my favorite) "I am having such a good time meeting people and catching up with friends I never get to see". There is a shared joy that comes from working

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December Anniversaries

3rd	Bernard & Marilyn Riley
14th	Nancy Bridwell & Gordon Heddel
17th	Reid McCarthy & Caroline Oakes
26th	Ron Carper & Ruth Foster
29th	Scott & Peg Clark
30th	Russell & Mary Ann Keep
31st	Daniel & Karin Iannucci

Trinity Staff



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together; a contentment that is hard to achieve with solitary projects. When I looked over the trays of cookies, I saw my Trinity family and heard their stories of joy and pain and struggle and laughter. I was reminded again that this event is so much more than a fundraiser.

Many, many thanks to all who made this event possible - the almond splitters, the dough makers, the rollers, the bakers, the decorators, the day chairs, the counters, the packers, the record keepers...the list goes on and on. Each of you was essential to the process—you made a difference. For that I thank you. Now go eat a cookie.

Are You and Your Family Ready for Christmas?

by Spiritual Life

Beyond the Christmas lists, trees and lights, malls and travel plans, even beyond carols and Trinity cookies, there is a deeper, spiritual preparation we are "called to" by Advent. One avenue many at Trinity have experienced is a few moments each day spent in reflection. Ginny Sheay offered us a spiritual inventory reflection handout as part of her Marcus Borg presentation (some are located in the narthex if you would like one). Another possibility is the beautifully illustrated book *Handel's Messiah Family Advent Reader* by Payne and Lenzo: it includes 28 "fresh and friendly" daily readings based on the scriptures used to create Handel's *Messiah* and a companion CD. Trinity's own *Messiah* offering is on December 20th. Another Trinity favorite tradition is to use an Advent Candle Wreath and companion readings: you will have a chance to create your wreath and receive the readings on the first Sunday in Advent, November 29th, in McArthur Hall after church. There are also many online Advent sites for you to selectively use, especially the episcopalchurch.org Advent resources 2015. Take a daily pause for a few moments of still, quiet reflection. Enjoy the season of Advent!

Trinity Day School Pre-Schoolers Collect Food for Lambertville Food Pantry

by Cindy Bove

Trinity Day School pre-schoolers collected 250 cans of food to donate to the Lambertville Food Pantry. This community project was part of our school-wide theme for November of being thankful for the many things we have in our lives, and learning about helping others less

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fortunate. The Rev. Rick Vinson visited school to hold "Chapel Talks" with the children to teach and reinforce these important values.



Greetings from the Church School

by Christine Angulo

We are having a terrific time in our classes each Sunday.

A great time was had by all during November's "Second Sunday". Josh Kelly led the children through the book of Jonah with an interactive exchange.



Katherine Hunt helped the children make the communion bread for Youth Eucharist.



We are looking forward to an Advent season of learning. We will be holding classes the Sunday after Thanksgiving followed by a Church Wide "Making of the Advent Wreaths" on Sunday, November 29th. Don't forget to bring your wire cutters. Please contact Christine Angulo, angulo.christine@comcast.net or 215.262.1451, if you are available Saturday, November 28th for set up.

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FIRST CLASS



To submit an article for the monthly "Trinity Tidings" newsletter, email communications@trinitysolebury.org.
Deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of each month.

To submit a notice for inclusion in the weekly bulletin and emailed weekly notices, visit www.trinitysolebury.org/submitnotices.
Deadline for new weekly notices is Tuesday prior to the Sunday you wish it to appear.

GUS WAS A FRIENDLY GHOST,
in Trinity's CHAPEL



October 11, 2015, Sunday morn
in Chapel it was BOO time!
Fifteen glorious children and
four adults attended.
Gus and Mouse were happy.
Weekly Reader Children's Book
Club presented "GUS WAS A
FRIENDLY GHOST" by Jane Yayer,
illustrated by Seymour F., was witty,
charming, delightful and FUN galore!
GUS haunted the house BUT
pined for a friend. Naughty MOUSE
came along - uncaring, bad, unmanly,
and destructive to people and property!
GUS's readings were on caring
about surroundings, respect and like
people, and have proper manners.
Our children look - listen -
learn - AND are inspired towards
better SELF and the ART of
DRAWING! WE SMILED w BOO!
Anna Wyman
Storyteller Stockton Popo School
Prattville Mills Head Docent

