



# TRINITY TIDINGS

WINTER  
2016

## Advent – A Time of Waiting and Watching

by The Rev. Richard L. Vinson

We live in a time of great anticipation and anxiety. Transitions in government, changes in life, evolution of thought and feelings are creating opportunities and crises of faith and practice. The constant response to such is fear. That is the common and shared experience of humanity. Ironically, fear, which usually breeds contempt and disunity, may actually serve



as the catalyst for bringing human beings together.

Acknowledging our fear with one another reminds us of our vulnerability and our need for one another and of a power greater than ourselves to heal our divisions and allow us to live without anxiety and in joyful anticipation of a brighter future.

This is Advent. O come LORD, and be with us.

Rick+

## Advent Day of Reflection

by The Rev. Dr. Virginia Sheay

Saturday, December 3, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m., in the Chapel. *The Triumph of Love*.

The morning shall be spent reflecting on Part II of **Frederick Buechner's** book, *The Magnificent Defeat*. This section includes sermons on the life of Jesus: The Annunciation, The Birth, The End is Life, and Follow Me. With fresh insight, Buechner, a consummate storyteller, weaves theological themes which we can identify with from our daily lives, i.e., the importance of listening to our life, faith despite doubt, the search for meaning and truth, and hope through grace.

The day will be led by Rick Vinson and Ginny Sheay. Copies of the book are on the narthex table and cost \$11.00, payable to Ginny.

## Handel's Messiah

by Timothy Harrell

The Senior Choir of Trinity will perform Handel's Messiah Part I and selections from Part II & III, Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 p.m. They will be accompanied by a 16-piece chamber orchestra and conducted by Timothy Harrell, organist/choirmaster at Trinity Church. The Madrigal Singers from Bucks County Community College will be joining us again this year.

Rochelle Reed returns as our soprano soloist. She is a full-time faculty member at Bucks County Community College where she conducts the Concert Choir, Madrigal Singers, Contemporary Vocal Ensemble and teaches applied voice.

Countertenor Nicholas Tamagna returns after a busy year singing in France with the Opéra de Haute-Normandie-Rouen, Opéra de Versailles with le Poème Harmonique in productions of Puercell operas. Recent appearances have also been in Germany and the Royal Opera House in London.

Steven Brennfleck returns as our tenor soloist. Praised by the *New York Times* as **“dramatically astute” and a “stand out” performer, he has been consistently acknowledged** for his consummate artistry, vocal flexibility, and moving interpretations on the operatic and **concert stage. He made his Carnegie Hall debut in 2012 in Handel's *Messiah*** and has performed with companies including Glimmerglass Opera, New York Lyric Opera Theatre, Spoleto Festival USA and The Tanglewood Festival.

Baritone Elem Eley is Professor of Voice at Westminster Choir College of Rider University and enjoys a remarkably varied career - from opera, oratorio and recital to premieres of contemporary vocal music. He appears on five recent recordings, including a solo album *Drifts and Shadows: American Song for the New Millennium*. One CD features lieder of Schubert, Schumann, Brahms, Wolf and Frank Martin. He has performed in leading venues including Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, Alice Tully Hall, as well as with regional orchestras.

Admission is \$20 adults, \$10 children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the door. A reception will follow.



*Mark Your  
Calendars for Trinity's  
Upcoming Concerts!*

December 2, 8:00 p.m. – Cantus Novus  
February 11, 7:30 p.m. – Dryden Ensemble  
February 26, 3:00 p.m. – Concordia Chamber Players

## Adult Forum Ministries

by Kay Rock

Our Sunday Forum calendar for winter 2016-2017 represents collaboration and cross-pollination across several Trinity ministries, and offers an enriching slate of interactive programs for holistic spiritual development. Calendar topics and events are loosely organized into themes related to the Five Marks of Mission. Please mark your calendars and join us.



DECEMBER will focus on THE SECOND MARK OF MISSION: *Teach, baptize, and nurture new believers.* **“Let the same mind be in you that was in Jesus Christ.”** Philippians 2:5

SATURDAY, December 3 - 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Revs. Ginny and Rick will lead an Advent Retreat on Frederick Buechner. *Chapel*

December 4 - 11:00 a.m., Advent Wreath making. Incorporates Middle School Formation. *McArthur Hall*

December 11 - 11:00 a.m., **“Mary and Joseph on the Journey”**

Curious about the many varied traditions which 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? Parishioner 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. *Chapel*

December 18 - 4:00 p.m., THE MESSIAH, *Sanctuary*  
6:00 p.m., Post-concert reception, *McArthur Hall*



December 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS

January and February will continue with the SECOND MARK OF MISSION: *Teach, baptize, and nurture new believers.* **“Let the same mind be in you that was in Jesus Christ,”** with a focus on the Bible.



January 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 8 - “History of the Bible”

Historian Will Rivinus will take us on a journey from 2017 BC to 2017 AD demonstrating how the Bible came to be. Epiphany will be celebrated with a Kings cake at fellowship hour. *Chapel*

January 15 - Under construction.

January 22 - BYOB - Midrash on scripture serving as foundation for the following Sunday’s service. *Chapel*

January 29 - BYOB - Midrash on scripture serving as foundation for the following Sunday’s service. *Chapel*

February 5 - Annual Meeting and Brunch will be held in *McArthur Hall*.

February 12 - BYOB - Midrash on scripture serving as foundation for the following Sunday’s service. *Chapel*

February 19 - BYOB - Midrash on scripture serving as foundation for the following Sunday’s service. *Chapel*

February 26 - Bury the Alleluia - led by Youth and Family Ministries in *McArthur Hall*.

## Trinity Outreach

by Ardith Talbott

Trinity Church, through our outreach donations of time, talent and money has for many years supported the dedicated efforts of A Woman's Place. We are sharing this background information and update with you so that you may better understand and appreciate the important work they do and the valuable impact our support is making.



A Woman's Place (AWP) has been in Bucks County for 40 years providing free, confidential, and comprehensive service, shelter, and support to victims of domestic violence and their children. AWP envisions a society in which all individuals are safe in their intimate and familial relationships and have the space to thrive and develop to their full potential. Trinity has been a long-time supporter of AWP.

This year, AWP is expanding their Peace Works Camp. Peace Works Camp is an extension of **AWP's successful *Peace Works!*** elementary curriculum delivered throughout the school year in **Bucks County's school districts. Through meaningful and enlightening activities, games, and crafts,** campers learn skill sets that benefit them throughout their school years and beyond. Peace Work Camp is a week-long, day camp for children in kindergarten through fifth grade focusing on building positive self-esteem, promoting healthy relationships, and encouraging teamwork. Offered free of **charge to clients' children, Peace Works Camp offers a chance for these children, so often witnesses** to violence and inhabitants of unhappy homes, the opportunity to really be children.

For five years, Peace Works Camp has been held at Doylestown Mennonite Church, but there are many children throughout Bucks County who would benefit from attending camp. This year, AWP is raising funds to hold Peace Works Camp in Lower Bucks County during the summer of 2017. Trinity has made a \$600 donation to kick off their fundraising campaign for this effort. To learn more about AWP or Peace Works, go to [www.awomansplace.org](http://www.awomansplace.org); email [info@awomansplace.org](mailto:info@awomansplace.org) or call 215.343.9241. Your efforts make a huge difference in the lives of many.

### More News from Trinity Outreach

Over the past three months, the loving and generous spirit of Trinity has helped those in need in many ways. Outreach has included both financial and in-kind donations to **Fisherman's Mark, Lambertville Food Pantry, Worthwhile Wear, Episcopal Community Services, and Episcopal Relief and Development** for hurricane relief in Haiti and flood relief in Louisiana. In addition, Trinity **contributed to A Woman's Place to help them** expand their Peace Works Camp for young children (see article above). Thanks to all who participated in the Red Cross blood drive, the Aid For Friends gathering, and the Thistle Farm Boutique sale which helps victims of human trafficking. **Here's a picture of the Aid For Friends** gathering on November 2. Another Aid For Friends gathering is coming up; watch for details.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

by Janet Gill

Our knitters have been very busy. We always have Prayer Shawls available for anyone who is ill or in need of comfort.

This fall, we have been concentrating on our afghans made for the homeless youth in Bucks County, which number over 400. Last year we donated 10 afghans, and this year we have 17 ready to go. They now have a Trinity label on them.

Many parishioners have done all this knitting and putting together. I want to honor all those who have contributed. They are: Diane Ash, Sue Benner, Beth Carrick, Karen Dewar, Jean **Evans, Janet Gill, Linda Kenyon, Helen Montgomery, Vicki O'Connell** (mother of Kim Sager), Ginny Saunders, Barbara Slack, Ellen Vinson, and Katie Walden (a new and enthusiastic member of our congregation).

I also want to thank 12 people from Meridian Condos, under the direction of Jean Evans, who have knitted and put together six afghans. What a wonderful contribution to add to ours here at Trinity!

The feedback we have received has been very rewarding. The need is so urgent for the young people as our weather becomes colder. Please keep them in your prayers. The afghans will be on display on Sunday, December 11 at which time Rev. Rick will bless them.

## *Call for Nominations for Vestry*

*Nominations are welcome for consideration to fill those vacancies that will occur in February. New vestry members will be elected at the Annual Meeting on February 5, 2017.*

*Four persons are to be elected. Serving on the vestry is an honor and privilege. Prayerful, dedicated and faithful persons are needed to guide the church in its important work.*

*If you are interested or wish to nominate someone, please speak to the rector or wardens.*



## Greetings from the Church School Program

by Christine Angulo

We have had an exciting start to our new year. The children are getting to know their teachers and we are all having fun exploring our "SPARK" Bibles. Each Second Sunday of the month we have a guest from our church family. We had an exciting Sunday on October 9th. Dave Benner and the children harvested 60 lbs. of **grapes from the church's grapevine**, and we made grape juice to share with our church family.



Please take note of our upcoming schedule. We meet each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. until the Passing of the Peace.

December 4 - God's Peaceful World - Isaiah 11:1-10

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - **Advent Wreath Making for everyone!**

**Second Sunday December 11 - An interactive presentation on the Christmas Story in preparation for the Pageant lead by Josh Kelly!**

December 24 - 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service & Christmas Pageant!

December 25 - No Sunday School - Merry Christmas!

January 1 - No Sunday School - Happy New Year!

Then the Second Sunday of January, February and March we will have the honor of enjoying a series of stories told by professional story teller, Anna P. Wyman.



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Trinity Episcopal Church CHAPEL  
 "CURIOUS GEORGE GOES TO THE ZOO"

'CURIOUS GEORGE' written by H.A. REY is clever, witty, interesting, captivating, and riotously illustrated! George is a double-trouble, sunny little monkey! He lives in the jungle. The man with the yellow hat discovers George, changes his life, and many adventures later they TRUMP their way to the NEW YORK ZOO..  
 FANTASTIC ★

JANUARY 8, 2017 SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

Anna D. Wyman ALL Benvenuto & Buon Anno!  
 Stockton Boro School Storyteller Prallsville Mills Head Decent





# Newcomers' Welcome

by Mike Yount

On Sunday, November 6, there was a newcomers' coffee hour in the Chapel. The event was attended by five newcomers. Many members of the Parish were present to welcome the newcomers to Trinity. Trinity's hospitality was present with a bounty of finger foods for all. Rick talked about the history of the Episcopal Church. It was a joy to meet and share food with the new members of the Parish.





## Trinity Parish Member News

*Bucks County Herald, October 6, 2016*

# Whitley receives lifetime membership in period furniture makers group

Robert Whitley, whose studio is in Solebury, has been awarded a lifetime membership in the Society of American Period Furniture Makers (SAPFM) in recognition of his support and through a lifetime commitment to advancing the understanding, education and appreciation of period furniture.

Whitley received the Cartouche Award from the society in 2002. The Cartouche Award is SAPFM's way of acknowledging the contributions made by craftsmen, educators, conservators and supporters, professional or hobbyist, who have inspired or instructed others, or who have simply made the world more pleasing as a result of their skillful labors. Each year, the recipient of the award is honored at the Cartouche Award banquet, held in conjunction with Colonial Williamsburg's annual conference, Working Wood in the 18th Century.

Whitley's works are exhibited in the permanent collections of the National Museum of Fine Arts, the Smithsonian, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Independence Hall and many other museums and private collections. Other awards include: National Merit Award, Museum of Contemporary Crafts, 1966,



*Robert Whitley stands beside one of his pieces. He was recently awarded a lifetime membership in the Society of American Period Furniture Makers.*

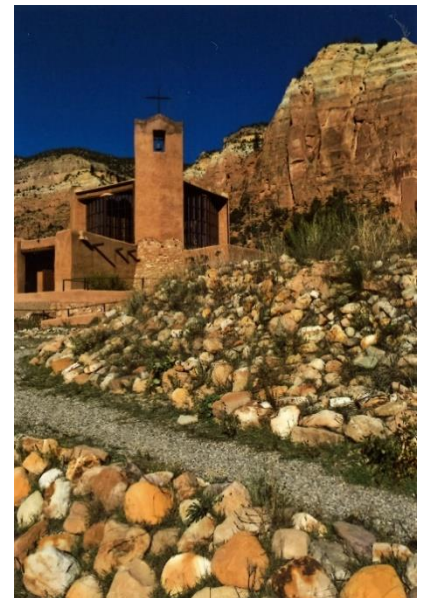
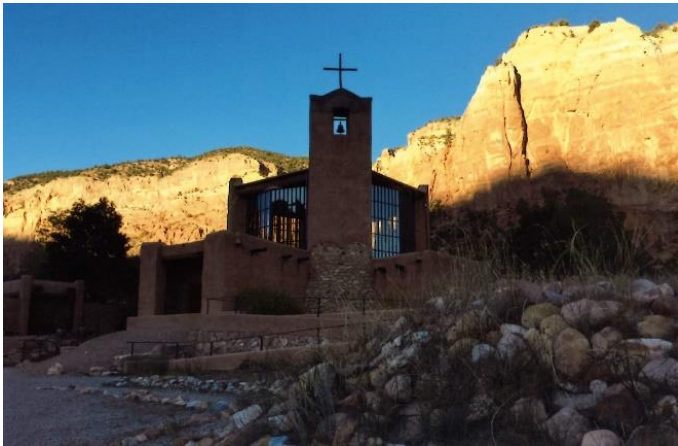
Craft Multiples Award, Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, 1975, Handmade Furniture Exhibit Award, American Craft Museum, 1979-80, Individual Grant, National Endowment of the Arts, Washington D.C., 1980, First Place Award of Excellence, The American Woodworker Magazine, 1996, Bucks County Arts Lifetime Achievement Award and Central Bucks Chamber of Com-

merce, 2002.

On Oct. 8, Whitley will be hosting the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Society of American Period Furniture Makers's membership meeting and exhibit.



Recently Mary Miller and her cousin traveled to the high desert of New Mexico to go on a retreat at the Benedictine Monastery, Christ in the Desert. Founded in 1964, the monastery chapel was designed by George Nakashima. Christ in the Desert is in a perfect desert setting of Chama Canyon, 13 treacherous miles outside of the small village of Abiqui where solitude and quiet of the monastic setting is assured. For more information, go to [www.christdesert.org](http://www.christdesert.org).





## Christmas Services

### Saturday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service &  
Christmas Pageant

9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

### Sunday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### Sunday, January 1

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### Submissions Deadline for the Spring Trinity Tidings Newsletter

The deadline to submit an article for the spring *Trinity Tidings* newsletter is February 1. This issue will contain information for March, April and May.

Please email all submissions, including photos, to [communications@trinitysolebury.org](mailto:communications@trinitysolebury.org).



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