

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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The Rev. Dr. Michael G. Tavella
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Parish Secretary

Worship Services

Saturday at 5 pm
Sunday at 9 am
(*Sunday Church School
at 10:30 am*)

Holy Communion

Saturday evening, Sunday morning
& Festival Days

*Deadline for submission of material
for the Echoes Newsletter is 9 am
the 15th of each month*

From the Pastors

Dear Parish Family,

From the Templeton Project blog "Of Anger" Anger is a dangerous emotion that can lead to harmful speech and actions. It is also destructive to the heart and soul of a human being. It can be as petty as a reaction to our not getting our way or as seemingly noble as a response to injustice. Either way, anger is never an appropriate emotion in any situation. Justice is better served by love of one's enemies (See Mohandas K. Gandhi on satyagraha) This stance may seem incredible to you, for anger is a natural human response to frustrating and outrageous behaviors of other people. It seems an appropriate response to evil. Some would say it is a healthy response to certain situations. This therapeutic view became popular in the 1960's and has clung to "The Culture of Self-expression." Other ways to resolve anger of the heart need to be sought.

Several classical Greek and Roman writers were critical of anger and placed limits on its expression. In the New Testament anger is frowned upon. Jesus directly addresses the subject in the Sermon on the Mount. He says, "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool! will be liable to the hell of fire.'" (Matthew 5:21-22 ESV) Brother refers only to disciples, to those in the Christian community; but, a Christian also should not be angry with those beyond the Church. Another text will indicate this point. "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also." (Matthew 5: 38-39 ESV)

In Ephesians Paul writes, "Be angry but do not sin, do not let the sun go down on your anger and give no opportunity to the devil." (Ephesians 4: 26 ESV) The apostle places clear limits on the expression of anger. A little later he writes, "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such that is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear it." (Ephesians 4: 29 ESV) And then he says, "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgives you." (Ephesians 4: 31- 32 ESV) The limits seem to abide no exceptions. Paul is instructing the Christian Church in proper behavior among brothers and sisters in Christ; but, the restraint of anger also counts as the appropriate behavior among those outside of the Christian community.

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Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a congregation of people of God, bound together in love for the purpose of glorifying God in worship and in fulfilling His will through spreading the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ to all humankind.



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers have been presented to the Glory of God by the people of Holy Trinity. Altar Flowers must be ordered no later than the Tuesday afternoon preceding the Sunday they are presented. They may be ordered through the Church Office (215-659-2642). You may pay by placing \$20.00 in a small white pew envelope checked, "Altar Flowers." If you know it, indicate your envelope number.

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In the book of James we find a critique of the misuses of the tongue. "... the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell." (James 3:6 ESV) The tongue "... is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God." (James 3: 8b-9 ESV) Anger and the misuse of the tongue go together.

One may say that God expresses anger, why can't I? Paul refers to the wrath of God (Romans 1). Jesus overturns the tables of the moneychangers in the Temple. The wrath of God is not a human emotion, but a reference to God's judgment against sin. In the scene in the Temple no particular emotion is ascribed to Jesus. One could say that anger is not mentioned, but Jesus expresses it in His actions. Again, His anger is an expression of the judgment of God against sin that the Son of God is certainly authorized to pronounce by word and action. We are not so authorized.

It is clear that in the New Testament anger is condemned. Hear also words from the Old Testament: "A worthless person, a wicked man, goes about with crooked speech, winks with his eyes, signals with his feet, points with his finger, with a perverted heart devises evil, continually sowing discord; therefore calamity will come upon him suddenly; in a moment he will be broken beyond healing." (Proverbs 6: 12-15 ESV)

With this wise advice from the Scriptures we conclude by saying that anger and its expression in speech and action are to be avoided and certainly in the case of our witness to and apology of the Christian faith. No provocation justifies anger, though we weak and sinful human beings are tempted to harbor it and express it. Lord Jesus, have mercy!

Merry Christmas!
Fondly,
The Pastors.





Healing Prayer Ministry

After the 9:00 A.M. Sunday Service, trained members of the Healing Prayer Team are available in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd to meet with you for healing prayer. Prayers are offered for your physical, emotional, and spiritual health.



† Women's Prayer Group

The Holy Trinity Women's Prayer Group cordially invites all women to join us **Monday, Dec. 16th** at 7:30 PM in the room over Rosemary Hinkle's garage. (see church directory for phone # and address)

“Prayer is the breath, the watchword, the comfort, the strength, the honor of a Christian.”
– Spurgeon.

Resumes Jan. 20, 2020

Prayer List

One of the beautiful aspects of Christian Fellowship is that we can share one another's concerns through prayer. Please pray for the following:

Please pray for the following individuals & their families: (we cannot add last names or initials) The families of the members Holy Trinity together with those they love, including: Aaron, Abby, Adelaide, Al, Albert, Aleksandr, Alex, Alexsei, Alicia, Allyson, Alvin, Amanda, Amy, Andrew, Andy, Angela, Anita, Ann, Anna Mae, Annora, Anthony, Antonette, Antrims, April, Arnie, Arthur, Arye, Audra, Barb, Barbara, Barbara Jo, Ben, Benet, Bernadine, Beth, Betty Lou, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Brayden, Brian, Brianna, Brittany, Brother Kan, Brother Yi, Bruce, Caleb, Carol, Caroline, Celso, Chris, Christopher, Chuck, Cindy, Claire, Colleen, Colette, Daisy, Dale, Daliliah, Dallas, Dan, Daniel, Dan-Ning, Dave, David, Deb, Debbie, Deborah, Denis, Derek, Devin, Diane, Dianna, Dick, Dolores, Donna, Don, Dorothy, Dottie, Dot, Doug, Drew, Dylan, Edmund, Edward, Ekaterina, Elaine, Eda, Ella, Emma, Emely, Emersyn, Emily, Eric, Erica, Erik, Fawn, Florance, Francesca, Frank, Gail, Gene, George, Glenn, Gloria, Grayson, Greg, Gus, Hannah, Harold, Harry, Heather, Heide, Heidi, Helen, Hilma, Howard, Hunter, Ingrid, Irina, Isabel, Ivy, Jack, Jackson, Jake, James, Jana, Janet, Jason, Jean, Jeanne, Jeannette, Jen, Jenn, Jennifer, Jenny, Jhansi, Jim, Joan, Joanie, Joanne, Jocelyn, Joe, John, Johnny, Joseph, Josh, Joyce, Julia, Julie, Juliet, Juwan, Karen, Kate, Katie, Kathleen, Kathy, Kayla, Keith, Kelly, Ken, Kerry, Kevin, Kim, Kristi, Kyle, Larry, Larsen, Laura, Lauren, Lauryn, Levi, Lewis, Leo, Lex, Linda, Lisa, Logan, Lorna, Lorraine, Louise, Lynn, Maggie, Margaret, Marge, Marina, Marion, Mark, Marsha, Martha, Mary, Maryjane, Mason, Matthew, Matt, Mayet, Megan, Melissa, Melody, Michael, Michele, Michelle, Mickie, Nancy, Nannette, Nathan, Neena, Nieves, Noel, Noreen, Otis, Pam, Pat, Patsy, Paul, Peg, Peggy, Peter, Pierce, Rachael, Rachel, Ray, Renee, Rho, Rhonda, Richard, Rick, Ricky, Rita, Robert, Robbin, Robin, Roger, Rose, Russell, Ruth Anne, Ruth, Ruthie, Ryan, Sam, Samantha, Sandy, Scott, Sharon, Sheila, Sherri, Sister Rita, Stephen, Steve, Sue, Suzanne, Sylvia, Tanisha, Tara, Thelma, Tiffani, Tiffany, Tom, Tony, Tricia, Trudy, Tyler, Valentina, Vicki, Walter, Wanda, Warren, Wayne, William, Woodie, Xavier, Yasmin, Zac.

Please pray for the following families: Ammon, Baltera, Bamberger, Bednarczyk, Bell, Bell-Powell, Berger, Berman, Borgia, Bott, Boyer, Bricker, Brown, Caldwell, Cassidy, Chan, Clarke, Corker, Corwell, Danskin, Del Rio, Dieterly, Donahue, Douglas, Drobish, Elsey, Engelbert, Erb, Etlén, Fisher, Frame, Freedman, Frezza, Ganther, Glenn, Guenzel, Hayson, Heller, Hendricks, Hoyle, Hummel, Joseph, Kan, Kucher, Leary, Leventhal, Lewis, Matkowski, McCann, McFadden, McGovern, Medveckus, Milarch, Minges, Montgomery, Moorman, Moyer, Mumford, Myers, Naylor, Neubauer, Nilsen, Novak, Payne, Powell, Primus, Quaker, Reid, Reiff, Renner, Rhinebeck, Richetta, Robinson, Rogers, Ruth, Schied, Sears, Smyser, Spangler, Stoeffler, Suhr, Sullivan, Swift, Tasher, Thern, Tredinnick, Videtto, Williams, Wilson, Witner, Yakscoe, Yi, Young, Zarolli, Zieger, Zimmermann.

Please pray for the following petitions:

- That God would bless and protect all members of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for.
- That God would guide each of us to grow in grace & that He would please send workers into the Harvest.
- For all who are chronically ill and/or shut-in.
- For all who struggle with addiction to drugs and alcohol.
- For the sick and the grieving.
- For all congregations of the NALC.
- For all travelers and for the dying.
- For the military and their families.
- The unemployed, the underemployed & the uninsured, especially those in our own families.
- All Caregivers, rescue workers, doctors, nurses, firefighters, EMTs,
- For the members of the Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk Congregation.
- For our sister congregations: Nifas Silk in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and First Lutheran in Kirkland Illinois.
- For all Christians who are being persecuted for the faith throughout the world.
- For the victims of rains, wildfires, earthquakes and hurricanes and for favorable weather and an abundance of crops.
- For all in financial difficulty that they may be totally restored.



We welcome ***Gus & Helen Haun and Silvia Laemmle***
as new members of our Holy Trinity family.

Gus and Helen Haun
248 Hampshire Drive
Chalfont, PA 18914

Silvia Laemmle
214 Lorna Drive
Hatboro, PA 19040



Our Christian Sympathy to

The entire Zimmermann family
on the death of **Lindsay Zimmermann**
November 1, 2019
Beloved son, brother, husband and father.

The entire Frey family
on the death of **Howard Frey, Jr.**
November 12, 2019
Beloved brother, husband and father.

The entire Twesme family
on the death of **Phyllis (Lawrence) Twesme**
November 16, 2019
Beloved wife and mother.

Psalm 112:6

“For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.”

Advent Choral Vespers

MUSICA CONCORDIA

Jacqueline Smith, Director

Music by Christiansen, Crüger, Handl, Praetorius, and others



Two performances:

St. Cecilia's Church

535 Rhawn St. Philadelphia, PA 19111

Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 4:00 pm

Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

2086 Parkview Ave., Abington, PA 19001

Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 5:00 pm

No admission required but a free will offering will be accepted

Join the Conversation!

We want to hear from you! Pastor Mandy has a blog on which she posts regularly. This blog is embedded right in our website at www.holytrinity.net. Your feedback is wanted! Please come on in and check us out. At the bottom of each blog there is space for your comments. Let us hear from you.

Treasurer's Report

October 31, 2019 (For the Year 2019)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 330,461.79	\$ 65,059.01
Carry over from 2018	\$0.00	\$ 21,634.64
Expenses paid to date	\$ 360,048.31	\$ 62,289.66
Surplus/(Deficit) 2019	(\$29, 586.52)	\$ 24,403.99

Support Us

Please consider a gift of appreciated securities to Holy Trinity as you do your tax planning for this year. You may direct questions about how to do this to Alan Hinkle @ alanhinkle@comcast.net

Keep in your prayers the following individuals serving in the armed forces:

Christopher Biehl

Michael Boerner

Connor Gowton

Shaun Hall

Eric Henderson

C.J. Hess

John Quici

Nathan Quinlan

Vikas Shah

Jonathan Skilton, MD

Jeremy Zar

"Jesus Christ became incarnate for one purpose, to make a way back to God that man might stand before Him as He was created to do, the friend and lover of God Himself."

- Oswald Chambers

"You can never truly enjoy Christmas until you can look up into the Father's face and tell Him you have received His Christmas gift."

- John R. Rice

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

- Augustine

"For unto us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

- Isaiah 9:6

**Please remember your
Church in your will.**

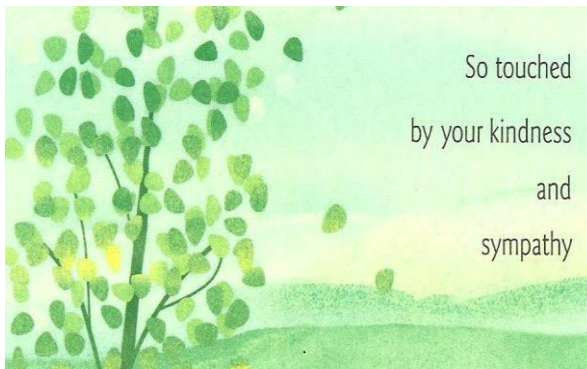


NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Thank you so much for your outpouring of love and caring as we grieve the loss of our son, Lindsay. We have been comforted by the many cards, calls, and visits and the beautiful altar flowers.

Gratefully,
Gil and Betsy Zimmermann



Dear Holy Trinity family,

Many thanks for the delicious and well timed Care Package! The snacks and sweets were just the ticket for studying! I am truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful and caring congregation.

Sincerely,
Samantha Mumford



November 11, 2019

Dear Holy Trinity,

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for continuing to remember me by the thoughtful visit from Sue and Charlie Tolton who brought the most beautiful floral arrangement!

I feel truly blessed to be a member of such a caring congregation!

Sincerely,
Dottie Gerlach



Dear Holy Trinity,

Freedom Steps would like to thank you for your continued and steadfast support. Our mission to send care packages to deployed soldiers could not continue without the help of people such as you. Your donations of goods and money are a huge help. We just completed our holiday shipment which consisted of (18) 45-50 pound boxes that were sent all over the world, including to some ships and submarines. The shipping alone for this endeavor was over \$2,000.00 Again, we could not have done this without your continued help and support. Especially this time of year we want our deployed troops to know they are being thought of and that we are praying for their safety and a successful mission. We at Freedom Steps wish you all a joyous holiday season.

Many blessings,
The Freedom Steps Committee





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Estate of John Robinson
Regina C H Robinson, Executor
264 Brookdale Drive
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006-2429

November 18, 2019

Dear Jeannie,

I was astonished when I opened your envelope and discovered Holy Trinity had received a ten-thousand dollar check (\$10,000) from John's estate. I was stunned and very grateful. Thank you.

John has been a member of Holy Trinity for many, many years. Pastor Mike and I have loved your entire family ever since we arrived as Holy Trinity's pastors in 1987. We delighted in the way you and John alternated Sundays between Holy Trinity and your Roman Catholic congregation – and we loved watching your daughters grow from adorable little girls into such poised and beautiful women. Mike and I both really appreciated the deep commitment you and John had for Christ and each other.

Pastor Mike and I both very much miss John – both his gentle presence and his faithful leadership. And I am very grateful that you and he thought to remember Holy Trinity in such a generous way. Your thoughtful gift is being divided between two endowment funds: \$9,000 (90%) is going into a fund where the interest is used for Holy Trinity itself and \$1,000 (10%) is going into a fund where the interest is used to make charitable gifts beyond the congregation.

Thank you so much for all you and John have done through the years to strengthen the ministry of Holy Trinity. And thank you especially for this most-recent and generous gift.

Sincerely,

The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer

Cc: Eric Gregg, Congregation Council President
Sue Tolton, Treasurer
Deb Mumford, Secretary



NALS

North American Lutheran Seminary

Dear Friend of the NALC,

I am writing to thank you for your contribution towards my scholarship at the North American Lutheran Church. I am so grateful for the support and your gift of faith in the future of the church and wanted to let you know how much your support means. This will be my senior year of my MDiv studies before I go to internship and then seek a call in pastoral ministry with the North American Lutheran Church. I come to the North American Lutheran Seminary, after getting my Bachelors in Religion and Socio-Legal Studies at Drake University, and taking coursework in Lutheran studies at the Institute of Lutheran Theology and Luther Seminary.

I really appreciate the work of the North American Lutheran Seminary in preparing Christian leaders for ministry, in a way that is firmly rooted in seeking Christ, Biblical study, and the Lutheran tradition as well as their attention to the personal and spiritual formation of Seminarians. These factors are what brought me to the NALS, and I've been pleased with my academic experience here as well as the chance to meet other students and professors who are committed to Christ-centered ministry.

I believe it is a very important time in the Church for people to be committed to ministry that is faithful to God's Word and Gospel. Thank you again for your support, it is a blessing to me!

God's Blessings,

Alliyah Greaver



Why are Poinsettias the Flower of Christmas?

Bright, flaming red, star-shaped Poinsettias are known as “The Flower of the Holy Night” or the “Flame Leaf Christmas Star” in the United States.

One of the most popular flowers in Central America, it was brought here by Dr. Joel Poinsett, the first US ambassador to Mexico, over 100 years ago. The legend of the Poinsettia also comes from Mexico and explains how this flower came to represent the deep love of innocent hearts shown, by poor children, for the Baby Jesus.

Once upon a time, two very poor children lived in a village in Mexico. They were a brother and sister named Maria and Pablo. Just like all the other children in the village, Maria and Pablo looked forward to the special Christmas parade and the annual Nativity play. During this Nativity play, a large manger scene was set up in the village church. All the children of the village marched in the Christmas parade to bring their presents to the Baby Jesus on Christmas Eve.

Maria and Pablo loved Jesus and the season of His birth very much, but they had no money to buy a gift for Him. That evening as they walked to join the other children in the Christmas parade, they took the long route in hopes that they might be able to find some flower blossoms to lay before the manger of the Christ Child. But they couldn’t find any.

Although they were sad at heart and quite disheartened by their poverty, they picked the prettiest green leaves they could find, squared their shoulders, and joined the parade of children. The other children teased them cruelly for bringing “weeds” to the Christ Child, yet Pablo and Maria braved their way to the Nativity Scene, knelt in worship, and placed the greenery carefully around the manger. As the children lifted their heads, a miracle occurred. Bright red star-shaped flowers burst forth from the greens and were the most beautiful of all the gifts that the Christ Child had received that day.

Poinsettia Order for Christmas Eve **Deadline - December 16, 2019**

___ Red Poinsettias @ \$10.00 apiece ___ White Poinsettias @ \$10.00 apiece

Amount enclosed: \$_____ Dedicate or memorialize as follows (if desired):

Your Name: _____ Envelope Number (If known) _____

Please enclose order and payment in small pew envelope marked “Poinsettias” and place in offering plate.

Make checks payable to: Holy Trinity

The Count is In!



What a giving congregation! The drop-off center gave us an official count of **389** shoeboxes delivered by Rob Ischinger who faithfully provides his van for our shoebox transportation each year. That is **26** more boxes than we packed in 2018. This count represents both our wonderful church packing party efforts as well as the loving efforts of many individuals who filled boxes on their own as well.

There is still a financial need to help cover the cost to ship the boxes around the world.

(\$9 per box)

Using a small white pew envelope make your contributions out to Holy Trinity and mark it **“OCC Shoeboxes”**



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...



Holy Trinity has begun the drive to stock the shelves of the Martin Luther-Silver Springs Positive Behavior store.

The Christmas tree has been out in the Narthex and wrapped presents are available for everyone to take home. Within the wrapped present are the typical suggestions for purchase such as: stuffed animals, basketball and footballs, puzzles, crayons and coloring books, board games and card games.

If you are interested in a challenge, please see the list of somewhat larger items for the store that is on the table next to the Christmas tree/presents in the Narthex. They will be used to reward students who have achieved their behavior goals at a high level.

Merry Christmas!
Ann Frey



At Annual Meeting this year, **Sunday, January 26, 2020** the first item of business will be the adoption of Rules of Procedure. This adoption of Rules of Procedure has always been done at the outset of every denominational or synodical convocation (LCA, ELCA, or NALC). This adoption needs only a simple majority and is done to make the meeting run smoothly. Among other things, The Rules of Procedure say that Holy Trinity's Annual Meeting will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, that all speeches will be limited to three minutes, and that anyone can present a resolution but that this resolution must be presented in writing to the Committee on Reference and Counsel by 3:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately prior to Annual Meeting. At the time each resolution is presented to Annual Meeting, Reference and Counsel will advise the Annual Meeting as to whether or not the resolution should be adopted. Copies of these Rules of Procedure and Forms for Resolutions are available in the Narthex.



To All Committee Chairpersons

If you haven't already, please submit your Annual Report to Deb in the office or email to secretary@holyltrinity.net



***Bread of Heaven* Christmas Meal Collection:**

for Homemade Chili Dinner

We will be putting together Christmas Bags for our guests at the *Bread of Heaven* Food Pantry for 3 Thursdays in December.

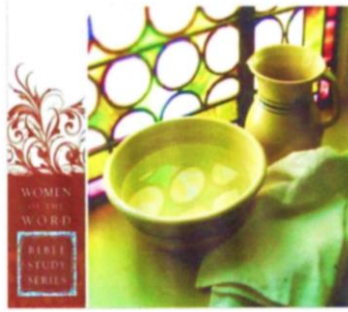


Donations needed for these items:

Diced Tomatoes, Kidney Beans, Vegetable Oil, Brownie mix, onions, Corn bread mix, Applesauce, or Cuties/Halos, Chili Seasoning packets, canned tomatoes with chilies, and money to purchase ground beef and peppers.

Thanks be to God for the outpouring of His Holy Spirit which inspires Holy Trinity's faithful disciples to provide so generously to those in need!

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



December Topic "A Cup of Christmas Tea"

"The log was in the fireplace all spiced and set to burn. At last, the yearly Christmas race was in the clubhouse turn." So begins *A Cup of Christmas Tea* written by Tom Hegg in 1982, whose reading has become an annual tradition for many families. This month our Circle will read aloud this nostalgic poem, the story of a young man's reluctant visit to an elderly aunt at Christmastime, and the unexpected joy it brings. It has been described as "a wonderful, thought-provoking book"; a reminder to cherish and share your good times and memories and make new ones while there's still time to do so. Following the reading, our own Christmas memories and traditions may be shared with each other over a cup of Christmas tea. At this busy time of year, may this little book with a sweet message touch our heart strings and remind us of the true meaning of Christmas. Please direct questions either to LCW President Rosemary Hinkle (215) 704-3701 or church secretary Deb Mumford (215) 659 - 2642.

★ DECEMBER CIRCLES ★

Here is the listing of the Circles, when and where they meet in December, and the Circle leader with contact information.

Hannah Circle - Sunday, December 8 at 11:30 a.m. in the HTLC Café
Contact: Deb Mumford (267) 210-1789 debssam@msn.com

Miriam Circle - Monday, December 9 at 12:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Sandy Schmidt (215) 657-5065 sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, December 11 at 7:30 pm at home of Donna Zar
104 Loney St., Rockledge (215) 663-8042
Leader: Nancy Necker (215) 884-2123 nnecker52@gmail.com

Eve Circle - Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Potluck dinner & Pollyanna game.
Leader: Sharon Koch (215) 355-7875 sharonkoch1304@gmail.com

The LCW Winter Collection begins now...

Earlier this year we put together 50 Tee-shirt Tote bags
Now it is time to fill them...we are looking for 50 donations
of these FULL SIZE items:

Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

Shampoo, soap & deodorant

Washcloths & tissues

Band-aids & socks



The collection basket will be in the Narthex Jan. through Feb.

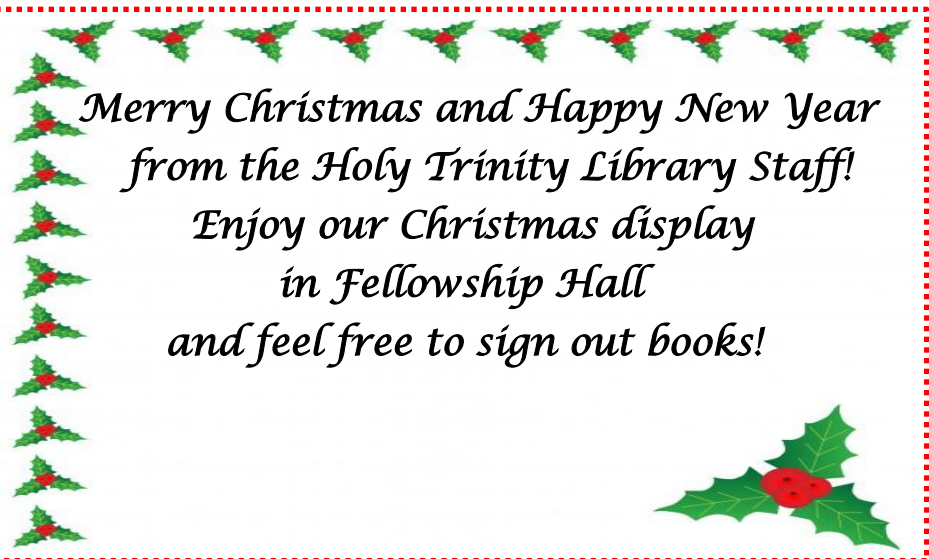


**women's
retreat**

Friday, April 17 - Sunday, April 19, 2020

at Mother Boniface Spirituality Retreat Center

More information coming in next month's Echoes...



The holidays are upon us
so if you have started to think
about shopping, remember
Giant Cards make great gifts.

I have a small number of cards on hand,
but will be happy to order whatever you need.

See Joy Alderfer for cards or orders.



HTLCW receive a 5% cash back award for each card sold which goes to our scholarship fund. Our scholarship fund is utilized to offset the cost of an LCW related function for any church women who may want to attend but may need some financial assistance.



Mark your calendar!

The Sunday after Christmas Eve,
December 29th
is Bell Sunday

Bring a small bell with you from home.
Any kind of bell is OK.

The Sunday after Christmas Day is **Bell Sunday**. Everyone is encouraged to bring a small bell from home. These bells are to be rung throughout the liturgy and the hymns of the worship service on the first Sunday following Christmas. The ringing of bells during Christian worship is an ancient custom. We ring bells in obedience to God's command to "make a joyful noise," as a sign that something supernatural is happening in our midst, and as a way to celebrate the defeat of evil through the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. You are encouraged to ring your bells every time you hear (or sing) Gloria, "Holy, holy, holy", Praise, or any reference to joy, bells, singing, ringing, angels, celebration, or Jesus Christ.

Don't forget your Bells!



Coram Deo

We meet in the SS Peter & Andrew Study most Mondays at 7:30 PM
You don't have to read the selection in advance
and can drop in for any or all sessions.

December 2019

December 2 - *Thérèse Raquin* by Emil Zola

December 9 - *Movable Feast* by Ernest Hemingway



Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

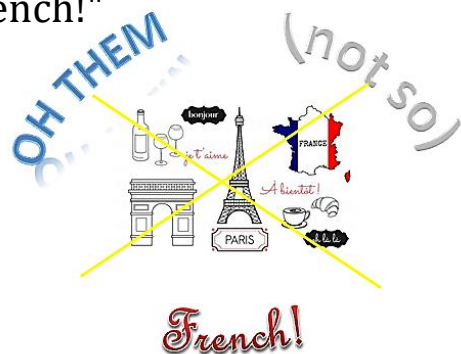
(All Adults Young & Old are invited)

Date: **Saturday, December 7, 2019**

Time: **9:00 AM**

Topic: "Oh, those (not so) French!"

Speaker: Allan Shikhvarg



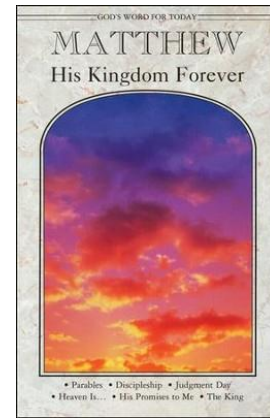
\$5.00 pp suggested donation to help cover the cost of food.

Join us for breakfast & fellowship.

*Please be advised that AFB is taking a Winter break for January & February, 2020
We will be back on 1st Saturday of March 7, 2020. Hope to see you then.
Have a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a wonderful wintertime! *

CONTINUING BIBLE STUDY

All are welcome to join us in participating in the continuing Bible Study exploring the Gospel of Matthew at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall. The study will continue through **January 19**. No class on **December 20** and **27**.



Since our Gospel Reading in our worship this Liturgical year (which starts Advent 1, December 1) will be primarily from St. Matthew, this is a good opportunity to dig a bit deeper into the apostle Matthew's proclamation of Jesus as the promised Savior.

Pastor Larry Guenzel will be the teacher and we depend upon the Holy Spirit to be our Guide. Please join us!



Congratulations and welcome to God's world:

Lavinia Noble Danskin Born **October 31, 2019**

Weight: 7 lbs., 7 oz. Height: 19"

To parents Brooke (Affleck) and Michael Danskin
And proud grandparents Mark and Terry Affleck.

Life Celebration by Givnish

Cordially invites you to participate in our 16th Annual

Memorial Tree Service

Monday, December 2, 2019

6:30 PM – Registration

7:00 PM – Service

Craft-Givnish of Abington, Inc.

1801 Old York Road

Abington, PA 19001

(215) 659 – 2000

Families who have lost a loved one in recent years will be given the opportunity to place an Ornamental Dove, which carries the name of your love one on the tree.





Men's Devotional Group

Mark your calendar & don't miss out on the
Men's Devotional Group Meeting.

They meet the second Wednesday of every month.

Join us **Wednesday, December 11th at 7:00 P.M.**

in the Sons of Thunder Youth Room.

If you've never joined us before, now is the time to start
and see what we are all about! Hope to see you all there.

KNITTERS FOR KENSINGTON MINISTRY

Saturday, January 18, 2019

10 AM

Learn to knit scarves & hats

Meet in SS Peter & Andrew Study

Bring size 13 needles

if you have them and bulky yarn

(we use Wool-Lion brand Wool-ease)

If you have a hat pattern bring that.

Interested knitters

Contact Katie Beyer

(215) 572-6864

KNITTER'S CLUB NEWS





Youth Ministry

All events are on SUNDAY unless otherwise noted



December 1, 2019 11:30 - 1 PM

Sons of Thunder Youth & friends are invited

Sanctuary Christmas Trees Decorating
& Christmas Gift Exchange Game

Join us on the first Sunday of Advent
to help decorate the trees in the Sanctuary

Bring a wrapped gift (gift limit \$10)
& participate Christmas gift exchange game



Don't miss out on the annual presentation of
Tucker's Tales Puppet Show
Sunday, December 8, 2019

Time: 11:30 AM



Where: In the Sanctuary

Followed by Lunch Bunch where we will call out for pizza.



December Worship Assistants Schedule



December 1

Usher 2	Greeter John & Anita Ickler	Presenters of Gifts	The Gregg Family
Count 4	Acolyte Audrey Brown		
Christophers Chris Quici	Crucifer Kevan Berkovitz		
Healing Prayer Deb Mumford	Lector- Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Tony Quici Tom Schied
Sun Alyson Kuenstner			

December 8

Usher 3	Greeter Allan Shikhvarg Charlie Tolton	Presenters of Gifts	The Ickler Family
Count 1	Acolyte Matthew Gregg		
Christophers Mike Breslin	Crucifer Ken Tredinnick		
Healing Prayer Barbara Harvey	Lector- Sat Karen McGovern	Communion Assistants	Gil & Betsy Zimmermann
Sun Deborah Mumford			

December 15

Usher 4	Greeter The Ischinger Family	Presenters of Gifts	The Schied Family
Count 2	Acolyte Jim Necker		
Christophers Sue Tolton	Crucifer Frank Ganther		
Healing Prayer Sherry Breslin	Lector- Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Jim & Nancy Necker
Sun Sherri Gregg			

December 22

Usher 5	Greeter Jim & Nancy Necker	Presenters of Gifts	The Ischinger Family
Count 3	Acolyte Kelly Darreff		
Christophers Deb Mumford	Crucifer Sherry Breslin	Communion Assistants	Linda Borkowski Kevan Berkovitz
Healing Prayer Kathy Ingerson	Lector Sat Karen McGovern Sun Allan Shikhvarg		

Tuesday, December 24 7:30 PM

Ushers 1	Greeter The Schied Family	Presenters of Gifts	Al & Pam Eisenmann Kevan Berkovitz
	Acolyte Steph Powell	Communion Assistants	Allan Shikhvarg, Charlie Tolton
	Crucifer Charlie Tolton		
	Lector Charlie Tolton		

December 29

Usher 2	Greeter Kevin Berkovitz, Linda Frezza	Presenters of Gifts	Janice Donnelly, Deb Mumford, Marilynn Murphy
Count 4	Acolyte Becca Nilsen		
Christophers Nancy Necker	Crucifer Kevan Berkovitz		
Healing Prayer Sue Tolton	Lector- Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Mark & Erica Affleck
Sun Todd Kuenstner			

If you cannot serve please contact someone on the list for that particular service team and find a replacement.
If you cannot find a replacement simply contact the office (215) 659-2642 or email Deb at secretary@holyltrinity.net

DECEMBER 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 ADVENT 1 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult  11:30 -1 SOT Youth Group	2 6 – 8:30 Girl Scout Cadets 7:30 Coram Deo	3 10:00 -12:00 PB & J	4 9:00 Kensington Ministry 7:30 Council	5 10:00 Bread of Heaven 1:30 Artis Ministry 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	6 7:30 AA	7 9:00 Adult Breakfast Fellowship 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA	
8 ADVENT 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Tucker's Tales Puppet Show and Lunch Bunch 11:30 Hannah Circle	9 12:30 Miriam Circle 6 – 8:30 Girl Scout Cadets 7:30 Coram Deo	10	11 7:00 Men's Group 7:30 Ruth Circle at the home of Donna Zar	12 10:00 Bread of Heaven 6:30 Eve Circle 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	13 7:30 AA	14 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA	
15 ADVENT 3 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 4:00 Advent Choral Vespers at St. Cecilia's	16 SHOP & COOK AIDS DINNER 6 – 8:30 Girl Scout Cadets 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	17 DELIVER AIDS DINNER 10:00 -12:00 PB & J	18 9:00 Kensington Ministry	19 10:00 Bread of Heaven 1:30 Artis Ministry 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	20 7:30 AA	21  5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA	
22 ADVENT 4 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:00 Carol Sing and Cookies 5:00 Advent Choral Vespers	23	24 SERVICE 7:30 	25 OFFICE CLOSED 	26 10:00 Bread of Heaven 1:30 Artis Ministry	27 7:30 AA	28 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA	
29 Bell Sunday 9:00 Holy Communion	30	31 					

Special Dates:

- ◆ Advent 1, Dec. 1, 2019
- ◆ Advent 2, Dec. 8, 2019
- ◆ Advent 3, Dec. 15, 2019
- ◆ First Day of Winter, Dec. 21, 2019
- ◆ Advent 4, Dec. 22, 2019