



Dear Friends

Welcome to the New Year, what a great chance to think about what things in our lives we want to shift to match our values. It is a great time to think about what matters to us and why and then to reflect in our time talent and treasures how we value those things. I am looking forward to spending some extra time in prayer each day and being sure to block it off in my calendar so that I make sure to allow the time. I wonder what things God might be inviting you to make sure to make time for in your lives?

I hope that this new year is a season of blessings and wonder for you and that you can celebrate all that God is doing in and for you. I hope as well that you can take the time to recenter your life around the things that really matter. I am excited to be planning on spending some quality time with my family this year. In all the hustle and bustle of the last year we lost track of some of those sweet sacred moments together and I am excited to rebuild old traditions and start new ones. I pray that this upcoming year you can set aside special time to spend on the things and people that really matter to you.

Blessings

Pastor Jen

GOOD NEWS OF TRINITY

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January 2022

WOMEN OF TRINITY

**SANDY PEOPLES,
MODERATOR**

Women of Trinity – January 2022 Notes

Thank you to Allyson Lord for hosting the women's Christmas party, providing lunch for the group, and helping us get into the spirit of the season at her beautifully decorated Christmas house.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry, led by Carol Hobbs and Alice Kocher, provided scarves for the members of the Dallas Active Adult Center.

Our Greeting Card Ministry, chaired by Betsy Fairchild, sent more than a dozen Christmas cards to church members and friends who are on our special care list.

Our third annual Bakeless Bake Sale fundraiser was a big success. All proceeds will be donated to the general fund/operating account of the church.

Thank you to the women who generously donated \$1,000 which will be presented to our church treasurer Karen Perzia in January.

Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women – the women donated \$230.00 which will be sent to the Presbyterian Women's Association in early January.

The women hosted the second Sunday reception on December 12. We called it "Come Home for Christmas." The delicious homemade baked good and punch were enjoyed by all. But most importantly, it offered all of us an opportunity for much needed fellowship with our church friends. Thank you to the committee for helping make it happen.

There will be no women's meetings in January and February due to the cold weather and anticipated snow. We will resume our meetings in March 2022. Think Spring! Watch the newsletter and bulletins for upcoming meeting dates and locations.

As always, our thoughts and prayers are with our members, their families, our country and our world. We also pray for the safety of our men and women in our armed forces who were near and far from home during the holiday season.



Men's Club meeting will be January 8th @ Lums.

Men's Club



February Anniversary

02/28 Phil & Leona Walter

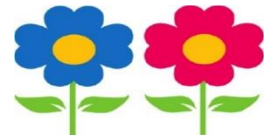
January Birthdays

1/04	Eleanor Yurko
1/10	Marianne Williams
1/11	Thomas Pickett
1/13	Linda Burkhardt
1/13	Michele Steele
1/15	Philip Walter
1/15	Brian Burkhardt
1/18	Kimberly Perzia
1/23	Karen Perzia
1/29	Jeffrey Burkhardt
1/31	Henry Yurko
1/31	Rev. Jennifer Baer

February Birthdays

02/08	Kathy Stevens
02/11	Arthur Peoples
02/17	Clarence Givens
02/25	Alan Hobbs
02/25	Al Brown
02/25	Carl Sgarlat, Sr.
02/27	Doug Stevens

Flower Chart There is a flower chart sign-up sheet in hallway for anyone wishing to honor a loved one. The cost is \$35 per week so please plan accordingly.



January 2, 2022		January 30, 2022	
January 9, 2022		February 6, 2022	
January 16, 2022		February 13, 2022	
January 23, 2022	The Rinkers	February 20, 2022	



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

January 13, 2022	Windsor and Meryl Davis
January 27, 2022	Beth and Meryl Davis

Nominating Committee is still seeking 1 individual to serve as Elder. All Deacons positions have been filled. Nomination are accepted from the floor Elders positions are for 3 years term. If interested please contact Art Peoples or Sherri Newell.





A volunteer is needed to be responsible for changing the messages on the sign out by IREM ROAD. This is not a difficult task but it does require some time each week (maybe an hour?), and the ability to spell properly. Punctuation is not necessary. Actually, it is not mandatory to change the message weekly, but if you are so motivated, it will be observed and appreciated. If you are eligible and moved to respond, please call WAYNE at 570-417-2995 and he will assist you in assuming this task and answer any questions. THANK YOU!



Board of Deacons: Cindy Williams, President	
Linda Baines	Al Brown
Tracey Chappell	Fred Hunt
Sandy Peoples	Barb Rinker
Michelle Rittenhouse	Karen Sassaman
Nancy Thomas	Nancy Williams

A HUGE THANK YOU for kind efforts - Deacons and members of the Mission Outreach Committee jointly packed the donated socks, hats, scarves, toothbrushes and toothpaste into Christmas bags. These were then delivered to the VA for distribution to our Veterans. We want to thank EVERYONE for their contribution in making this coordinated project a huge success, not to mention keeping our Veterans a little warmer during the upcoming winter. Thanks to all for your kind efforts and donations.



Chili Cook Off – On February 13th our 11th annual Chili cook-off will be held (COVID conditions dependent). There will be prizes for: Meatiest, Beaniest, Spiciest, and best all around. Even if you do not like chili this will be great chance for fellowship and there will be lots of delicious food that was shared.



The children of Trinity will be presenting a Christmas pageant on Ephiphany Sunday, January 9th entitled the ABC's of Christmas featuring traditional scripture readings and carols. If your child would like to participate in reading, singing, or playing angels or shepherds (or all of these), please reach out to the church office at 570-675-3131.

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. Rev. Baer is available to talk to anyone who has never been a liturgist but wants to give it a try.

Nicole Fleschut, Administrative Assistant, will send you your material prior to the date you are scheduled to be the Liturgist.
Thank you,

Art Peoples, Clerk of Session

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Session Members: Arthur J. Peoples, Clerk of Session

**Mark Chappell
Mary Jane Leo
Karen Perzia
Kathy Stevens**

**Sharon Davis
Sherri Newell
Jennifer Sgarlat
Wayne Williams**

The regular meeting of the Session was held on December 13, 2021 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas, PA. The following items were discussed and acted upon by the Session.

1. New Members:
 - a. On December 19, 2021, the Session approved the baptism of Kristina Coy, Zachary Coy and Abbie Coy scheduled for December 19, 2021.
 - b. On December 19, 2021, Trinity welcomed four new members: Joshua Coy, Kristina Coy, Zachery Coy and Abbie Coy all joined by Reaffirmation of Faith.
2. Sad Good By: During this month Barbara Rogers and George Flint entered life eternal.
3. The Session, with regret, accepted a request from Fred Hunt to transfer his membership to Moosic Presbyterian Church. The motion was unanimously approved with regret by the Session.
4. Trinity will hold one service on Christmas Eve at 5:30 that will start upbeat and move to a calm candlelight celebration.

5. On December 26, 2021, we held our traditional service of Lessons and Carols. Jessica Starcher was with us to lead the singing, and offer some solos. The readings will be shared with congregation members participating.
6. On January 9, 2022 there are plans for an Epiphany pageant where our children will lead us in worship sharing the good news through scripture and song. All families are invited to participate in the worship service.
7. The Stewardship Committee sent out the pledge cards during November; followed by hand written notes to every member asking them to pledge to the 2022 drive.
8. The Session approved leave for Rev. for January 24 -31, 2022. Jean Biggar is scheduled to fill the pulpit.
9. The Session wishes to thank everyone for sending in their 2022 pledges. Please continue to send them in. Our goal is \$100,000. We are almost at \$80,000.
10. From the Board of Deacons:
 - a. Fred Hunt completed the Directory. It was sent to Misericordia University, Cougar Prints, for printing. The directory was ready for distribution by Mid-December.
 - b. Food Collection – Food was collected through November and was delivered to the Food Pantry.
 - c. Veteran’s Day Pictures/Fellowship – Nancy Williams put together a poster of Veterans pictures to display at church. Veterans were acknowledged during worship on November 14 followed by food and fellowship after.
 - d. November Mission Project – The Deacons decided to ask for donations of socks on November 28. The Deacons already have 50 scarves and hats donated from the quilters. The Outreach Committee has toothbrushes and toothpaste to donate to the Veterans.
11. The Property Committee:
 - a. Held a work day/ clean-up day on November 13, 2021. We had 18 scouts and leaders and eight electrical students and the program director from Johnson College. The scouts worked to clean-up the exterior of the church. The students worked on the LED conversion. The sanctuary is 85% complete.
 - b. The Deacons decorated for Christmas on November 13.
 - c. The Program Director from Johnson College expressed an interest in returning to work on the light project further.
12. The Nominating Committee is in the process of obtaining nominations for the Board of Deacons and the Session. To date, all the vacancies on the

Board of Deacons have been filled. Two of the three vacancies on the Session have also been filled.

13. The Session wishes to thank the Men's Club for their gift of \$2,000 to the General Fund. In addition, the Women of Trinity will donate \$1,000 to the 2022 General Budget.
14. Every year, the Session is requested to elect new members to The Frank Linden Howorth and Margaret Jones Howorth Memorial Trust and the Endowment Committee. This year, the Session made the following selections.
 - a. Wayne Williams, Class of 2023, to replace a vacancy on the Endowment Committee.
 - b. Sandy Peoples, Class of 2026, second term on the Endowment Committee
 - c. Jennifer Sgarlat, Class of 2026, second term on The Frank Linden Howorth and Margaret Jones Howorth Memorial Trust.

The Session wishes everyone a very happy and safe 2022. We look forward to seeing everyone in church.

Yours in His service,

Art Peoples, Clerk

NOTICE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS & ANNUAL REPORTS

On January 16, 2022, the Annual Reports are due from all committee and organization chairs of Trinity. The reports should be sent by e-mail or delivered on a thumb drive to Nicole Fleschut, Administrative Assistant. The font type for the Annual Report is Arial.

On January 16, 2022, the Audit Committee has requested that the all committees and organizations provide their financial books and records to the Audit Committee. The books and records should be given to Nicole Fleschut, Administrative Assistant, who will ensure that the records are properly secured and delivered to the Audit Team. The affected organizations are: Trinity Presbyterian Church, Trinity Learning Center, Board of Deacons, Endowment Fund, Women of Trinity, Trinity Men's Club and The Memorial Wall and Garden Committee.

On January 30, 2022, copies of the Annual Report will be made available for members of the Congregation to pick up at the church

or they can be sent to you by email.

On February 6, 2022, the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following the Sunday Church Service.

Arthur J. Peoples, Clerk of Session

2021 Audit of all financial books and records

The Book of Order states that a full financial review of all books and records relating to the finances of the church shall be conducted once each year by a public accountant or public accounting firm or a committee of members versed in accounting procedures. The 2021 Audit Committee is comprised of Debbie Cooper, Chair; Allyson Lord and Karen Sassaman.

This committee has requested that the affected organizations provide their financial books and records to them by January 16, 2022. The books and records should be given to Nicole Fleschut, Administrative Assistant, who will ensure that the records are properly secured and delivered to the Audit Team. The records will be reviewed and returned after the review. The affected organizations are: Trinity Presbyterian Church, Trinity Learning Center, Board of Deacons, Endowment Fund, Women of Trinity, Trinity Men's Club and The Memorial Wall and Garden Committee.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Cooper, Chair at 570-675-0069.

Arthur J. Peoples
Clerk of Session