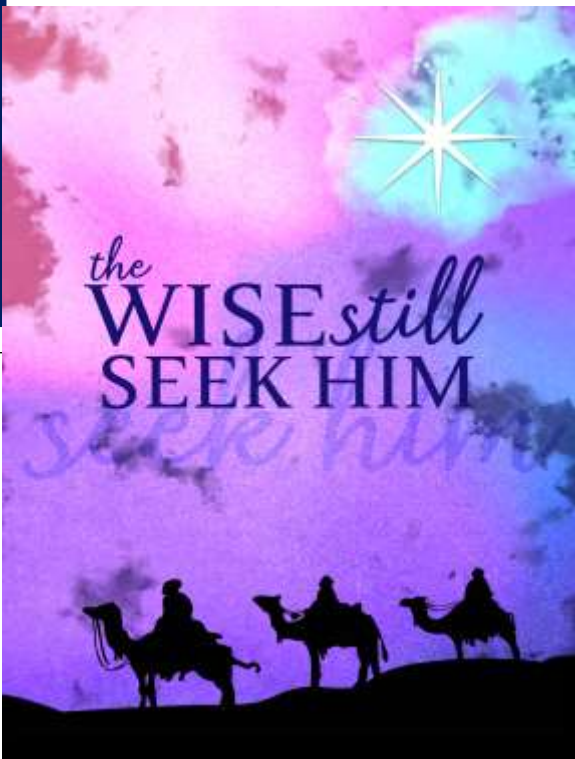
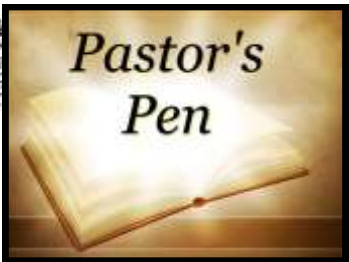




Holiday Edition
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Holy Trinity Lamp lighter

Dear Holy Trinity family,

Have you ever been in worship when there was a really loud crash of thunder or a blindingly-bright flash of lightening at a significant moment? Maybe the Scripture was about judgment or there was a pregnant pause in the sermon or we’d just prayed, “Our Father, who art in Heaven,” and it seemed like the drama of thunder and lightening signaled God’s entrance into the sanctuary. “You have our full attention, Lord! We’re ready to listen!” Years ago Bishop Roy Riley was preaching at a Holy Trinity festival liturgy that included torchbearers and crucifer. One of our torchbearers was a newbee and didn’t quite latch the torch into its holder fully. As we sang the processional hymn I reached the presider’s bench, from which I could see her post the torch and step away. (At that time the torches were attached to the lectern, not the pulpit.) As if in slow motion I saw the torch begin to fall and then hit the floor, complete with the shattering of the glass cylinder protecting the flame. (Murphy’s Law: it happened the day the bishop was visiting!) “You have our full attention, Lord! We’re ready to listen!”

Pastor Mark & I attended the Quaker Meeting on the Manasquan Circle on Friday evening, Nov. 10. The candlelit Prayer Vigil for Peace in the Mideast began with silent prayer inside the meetinghouse. Have you ever visited that historic building? Many people assume it is a museum, but it is not; it is a living house of worship. The Quakers are the oldest faith community at the Shore; they have had title to that property since 1685! The current building is the third on the site; it dates from 1884. Like our own historic sanctuary, it has been seasoned with the prayers of the faithful for well over 100 years.... We began worship by singing “This Is My Song” (beautiful peace hymn set to Sibelius’ *Finlandia*), then settled into quiet meditation for about 20 minutes. The Quaker silence (to which we Lutherans are greatly unaccustomed!) was broken only by a couple brief spontaneous sharings – and at one point a bit of bustle outside, muffled voices, and the closing of interior doors to the meeting room. At the end of prayer time, our Friend explained what had caused the minor hubbub: the front door had fallen off! (Our own HT Property Committee can commiserate over the challenges of upkeep for a very old building!) “You have our full attention, Lord! We’re ready to listen!”

When something really bizarre happens, I sometimes remember to ask, “What are You getting at, Lord? What am I supposed to notice? What are You aiming to

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teach me?” I was on somebody’s else’s “turf” so didn’t have to problem-solve about the door on the ground. My brainwaves were left free to play with the weird detachment of the door. What I came up with was: such a lovely metaphor for openness!! “Come one, come all! You don’t need a password for entry. You don’t need a key to unlock the door. You don’t have to be able to turn a doorknob or heave a heavy door open. Walk right in! You are welcome!”

Church friends who have been part of Holy Trinity for a long time say we used to be called, “The Church of the Open Door.” The sanctuary door was never locked. Folks could drop in and pray at any hour of the day or night. That changed when something was stolen from the sanctuary. (Bookstand on the altar? Pulpit Bible? I’m not sure.) I’m not suggesting we literally go back to unlocked doors, ‘round the clock. But I do hope we’ll keep in mind the fanciful image of God taking the Friends’ door off its hinges! I do hope we’ll ask, “What are the barriers preventing those who are outside from coming inside?” God isn’t finished with us yet! As a Church of the Reformation, we continually remind ourselves that we are **always** in need of reform, and that the Holy Spirit is **always** wanting to do a brand new thing among us. As Church we exist for those who are not here yet. We have received the treasure of the Gospel to **share**, not to **hoard**. We’re not like pioneers who need to circle the wagons to protect ourselves from outside attack. If we form a circle, it’s a circle of care – there is always a way into the circle – and some in the circle are always focused outward, to beckon others in and to report back on the needs of the world around us.

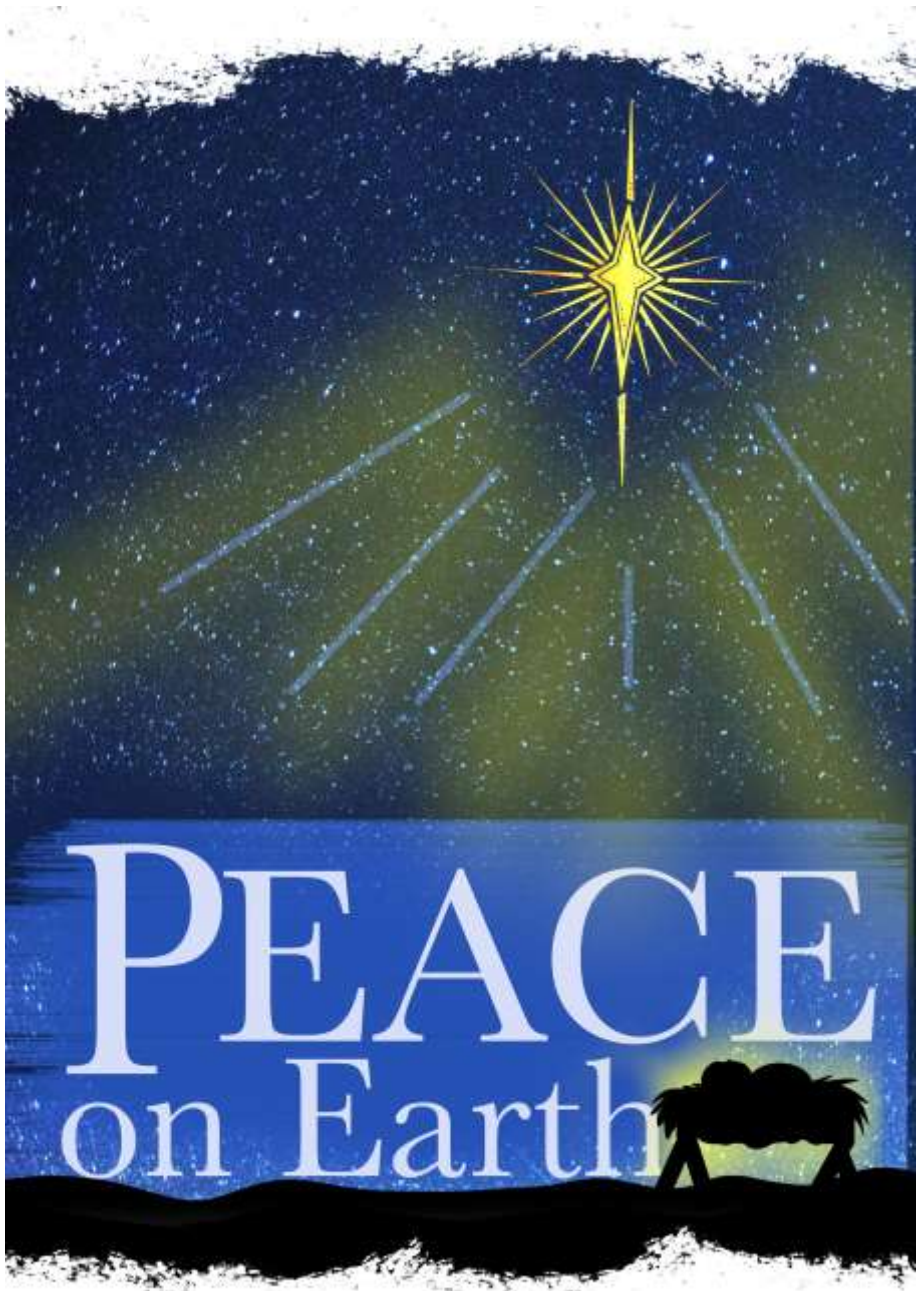
My favorite quote-of-the-week comes from Dorothy Day, 20th century social reformer:

We have all known the long loneliness and
we have learned that the only solution is love
and that love comes with community.

We are richly blessed with community, a faith family with whom to give thanks, to make Advent preparations, to celebrate Christmas, to serve in time-honored and totally new ways in the new year. “You have our full attention, Lord! We’re ready to listen!” May we live more faithfully and share more generously with each passing day, season and year.

In Christ, who shows us the Way,

Pastor Mary Virginia Farnham





Holy Trinity Concert @ 4

Sunday, December 3rd @ 4 p.m. The New Jersey Chamber Singers
20 free tickets are available. Contact the Church Office for details while supplies last.
Tickets will also be available online at www.njchambersingers.org or at the door once all free tickets are claimed.



Lessons & Carols

Saturday, December 16th @ 5 p.m.

The choir and handbells of Holy Trinity will combine with flute, piano, and organ to present carols and poetry that span the centuries.

A reception in Fellowship Hall will follow the service.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE - BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Sunday, Dec. 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	4 p.m.	Family Service with Holy Communion, children’s choir and organ, followed by the blessing of the creche
	6 p.m.	Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion, organ, piano, flute and handbells
	9 p.m.	Festival Eucharist with candle-lighting, choir, brass quintet and organ

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**Monday, Dec. 25**      10 a.m. only      Holy Communion, trumpet and organ  
*Christmas Day*  
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Saturday, Dec. 30 5 p.m. Holy Communion
Christmas I

Sunday, Dec. 31 10 a.m. only Holy Communion No Sunday School
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**Saturday, Jan. 6**      5 p.m.      Holy Communion  
*Baptism of Our Lord*

**Sunday, Jan. 7**      8:45 a.m.      Holy Communion  
                         10:30 a.m.      Holy Communion



*Please note: All services are livestreamed/recorded.*



St. Paul’s epistles, his letters, usually start with the format identifying the sender, then the recipients, then a greeting, e.g. “Grace and Peace,” followed often by a thanksgiving, an expression of gratitude. Here are some expressions of gratitude.

The weekend of October 21-22 was a busy time. Pastor Mary was away with a large group of women on the annual retreat. I have heard from some who have been before, that they believe this was the best ever. However, that didn’t mean that things stopped at Holy Trinity. I received this message from Barbara Vogel:

“I know this is last minute but I had an idea. Watch out!! This weekend is the women's retreat and I noticed there is no coffee hour scheduled for Sunday. What if the men held a coffee hour and showed HT what they can do? If this works for you, can you get 5-6 men to bring something (homemade or bakery) to share? I know Ken Olsen will pick up doughnuts if you ask. Someone could bring bagels. Buzz makes fabulous sticky buns. I have a stash of coffee and there is plenty of milk, 1/2 & 1/2, butter, cream cheese, paper products. There could be a donation basket to donate to the Rescue Mission or something else you choose. I will set it up and help with cleanup. Let me know!”

Result: abundant contributions of delicious food from the men who did show what they could do (thank you!), enjoyable fellowship and conversation, the joy of doing something together, and a nice donation that will go to Alzheimer’s New Jersey.

Alzheimer’s New Jersey has been a good resource for me to learn about Alzheimer’s and other dementias. Every time I have called with a question, I have found them to be an inspiring resource. Even if you are not personally providing care for persons with dementia in your own immediate family, you will have friends who are daily responding to varied and constantly changing challenges. You can find help by going to their website, alznj.org. You will find they have a helpful webinar library and host webinars. A current series, Preparation, Planning and Peace of Mind: Legal and Financial Considerations for Individuals with Dementia has already started, but there will be two new live webinars: November 15th, 6 p.m.: Rights of Long-Term Care Residents; November 29th, 6 p.m.: Advanced Care Planning in Alzheimer's Disease. There is also a helpline and their weekly update always has something useful. You should sign up for it.

On the same subject, there is a support group that meets every third Monday, 5-7 p.m. at the Manasquan United Methodist Church. Several Holy Trinity members who have attended found it remarkably informative and helpful. No sign up necessary – just go. Some people come with a friend. If you are hesitant or have questions, please call me – anytime. I would like to thank our group of Stephen Ministers, who enabled another Caregivers’ Conversation on that same Sunday – the 22<sup>nd</sup>. I am grateful for those who take the opportunity to tell their stories. It is a healthy thing to do. And our Stephen ministers are not only good listeners but have powerful insights from their own life experiences. They are a blessing. They evidence the truth of God’s loving presence for us. Psalm 46 begins, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Our conversation concluded with thoughts about how Stephen Ministry might be the refuge God provides. It seems that many who have embraced the role of caregiver in their households reach moments when they are nearly overwhelmed. They need a breather, a respite, a short change of scenery, a chance to walk outside and around the block, take a look at the ocean, come to Bible study or be in a different space. We are wondering how it would work if we made ourselves available to such a person at that time. Maybe one of us could come over soon or plan a visit to give the person time for regrouping before they are overwhelmed. In that way, with the Lord’s help, we might be a timely refuge. As we begin the experiment, do not hesitate to give me a call; either I or another Stephen minister will try to help out. The most necessary component is that you call.

This past Sunday during the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class, I was overjoyed by how the class has progressed. There were six children who really engaged the subject. Where often there had been six blank faces, eyes looking down, they are all speaking up, eager to participate, volunteering an answer or thought. They are more willing to read out loud. They remember what has been taught previously. I thank the Lord for bringing Mrs. Randi Molinelli into this classroom. Randi has sparked their conversation. For example, she has made a set of cards with key words or names from the last Bible stories from Luke 1. These are handed out to the students, and when it is their turn, they describe the importance or role of the words or names to the story. It is very hopeful. And fun.

Here are some other blessings for which you should be watchful.

The Youterans – high-school youth group – I caught them at a Wednesday evening dinner gathering. Their smiles were radiant. Ned has been show-casing his cooking skills. A fun time at HT.

Our joint Bible study with St. Denis is a wonderful gathering of Christians with two extraordinary teachers – we are looking at the lectionary for the week to come. If I could, I would go to both – the people in each are different and have a different thoughts, but all are worth getting to know. Don’t miss out!

Observed young high-school singers in choir – often their parents attend church.

Observe – and listen - the bells were played on Sunday. It really sounded nice. The group has become more than individuals playing their bells, but a musical ensemble multiplying the loveliness of the music making each other sound wonderful.

Be around Holy Trinity, keep your eyes and ears open, and you will be blessed.





Our Sunday School students and teachers are looking forward to the Advent season which will begin with our Family Advent craft on Sunday Nov. 26 from 9:45 to 10:45. There is NO SUNDAY SCHOOL this day. This year we are making Advent wreaths and everyone is welcome to join in! All supplies will be waiting in Fellowship Hall for all who signed up to make their own wreath. Please sign up on the HT website, use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054BADAC2CA4FA7-45873102-annual> or call the church office so we are sure to have enough supplies for everyone!

Our Annual Advent Pageant will be on Dec. 17 during 10:30 worship. More info to come the first week of December. On Dec 10 we will hand out costumes! If you sign your children up, please make sure you will be attending church on December 17!

Here is the Sunday School schedule for this holiday season:

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|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nov 26      | Family Advent Craft – Advent Wreath                                                                                                                                |
| take        | ** Watch for the opportunity to enter your child’s name in the raffle to find out who will take Baby Jesus to the creche after the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve service!!! |
| Dec 3       | Winter curriculum begins. Regular Sunday School classes start at 10:15 followed by worship at 11.                                                                  |
| Dec 10      | Regular Sunday School classes at 10:15 with costume fitting, and worship at 11.                                                                                    |
| Dec 17      | Advent Pageant during 10:30 worship.                                                                                                                               |
| Dec 24 & 31 | CHRISTMAS BREAK – No Sunday School                                                                                                                                 |
| Jan 7       | Regular Sunday School class at 10:15 and worship at 11                                                                                                             |
| Jan 14      | FunDay Sunday event – Martin Luther King weekend                                                                                                                   |
| Jan 21      | Regular Sunday School classes at 10:15 and worship at 11                                                                                                           |
| Jan 28      | Congregational Meeting – Our annual pancake breakfast.<br>Signup Genius will be available for this event in January.                                               |



We need some parent volunteers for a few of our upcoming events. Advent costume fitting, Dec. 10; Advent Pageant and after party Dec. 17; FunDay Sunday Jan.14; Annual Pancake Breakfast on Jan. 28. If any parents have some time to volunteer and help with planning, please reach out to me.

All of us in the Sunday School program wish our Holy Trinity family a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a New Year full of blessings.

Donna Dreibelbis, Sunday School Superintendent





**Youth & Family Advent & Christmas Activities**

**Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Sunday School Advent Craft in Fellowship Hall.



**Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Youterans host Advent II midweek dinner.

**Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Confirmation / Youteran Christmas Party after Lessons & Carols.



**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Sunday School Pageant during 10:30 a.m. worship.



**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve)**  
Children’s Choir sings @ 4 p.m. service.  
Handbells ring @ 6 p.m. service.  
Holy Trinity Choir sings @ 9 p.m. service.





## **\*Evangelism – College Care Outreach Program Why do we do it?\***

Holy Trinity's Evangelism Committee is committed to maintaining contact with our church family's college youth. For some college students, it is their first time living away from home, and they are coping with meeting the academic and social challenges of campus life. Students carry with them their hopes and dreams for the future.

What support can our church family offer students? How can we maintain and strengthen the ties that bind us in Christian love and faith? Certainly, we can offer our prayers for their safety and success. But a box full of lovingly packed homemade and store-bought food items, along with a letter of support and encouragement is also appreciated! That care package, arriving in the spring semester, is surely a welcomed sight!

This box serves as a reminder from their church family that although our college youth are out of sight, they are neither out of our minds nor our prayers. This box also encourages friendships and sharing in the dorm. As it arrives on campus each spring, students tell us it becomes famous among their friends, and ultimately part of their remembered college experience.

Sign-ups from parents or guardians of students attending commuter colleges or vocational schools are also welcome.

We encourage students who receive care packages to drop us an email to let us know that their box arrived safe & sound and share with us a little about their college life. These emails are such a treat to read that we post them in the Evangelism/Stewardship section of the Lamplighter newsletter for our entire church family to see.

*\*Please be aware we are constructing a "NEW" list.\* All previous entries have been deleted.*

You **must** complete a new online form which you can access by clicking here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054BADAC2CA4FA7-college>

**\*The last day to be placed on the Care Package list is Sunday, March 17, 2024!\*** Please email any questions to Lisa Valsamedis at [lisa1703@optonline.net](mailto:lisa1703@optonline.net) or Carolyn Zengel at [carolynz22@comcast.net](mailto:carolynz22@comcast.net).

**If your child is in the US military, please contact Lisa or Carolyn directly as the Evangelism Committee would like to express appreciation for his/her service and dedication to our country with a care package as well.**

More details will be posted in weekly announcements in the New Year.  
Thank you for your support!!!



# JUSTICE AND PEACE ADVOCACY TEAM



A highlight of the fall was our work to raise funds for the Bike Ride for Food Justice, an event sponsored annually by Trinity Episcopal Church in Asbury Park. Thanks to our bike-riding team (spearheaded by Susan Ardito), sponsors, and coffee hour donations, we successfully brought in close to \$4,000, monies that will be used to support Trinity’s food and housing ministries in an area where it is most needed.

Another highpoint was the generous donation raised during the coffee hour for Rosy Pablo Cruz and her four children, hosted by our Immigration and Refugee subcommittee. A grateful “thank you” to all who contributed. Rosy visited Holy Trinity last year to tell about her grueling journey as a refugee from Guatemala, and the hardships she endured after being separated from her two sons at the border, a story vividly told in the book “Rosy”. She now lives in the Bronx in a one-bedroom apartment with her sons and two daughters, who were finally granted visas. We will continue to support Rosy through the asylum process. Her journey of faith has been a source of hope and inspiration for all of us.

The Caring for Creation subcommittee is supporting the Manasquan High School (MHS) Gardening Club in the NexTrex Plastic Recycling Challenge, designed to help students understand the importance of recycling and the need to reduce waste. We have already delivered two carloads of plastic to MHS, whose goal is to raise 1,000 pounds of recyclables. The program will be ongoing for the next several months. The bin for recyclables is located in Fellowship Hall on the right side of the stage.

Looking forward to next year, we are already forging alliances and meeting with local church ministries as part of our Ecumenical Program on Gun Violence, which will be a major focus for Justice and Peace in 2024. We believe by partnering with other churches and organizations that have existing gun violence programs, we can be most effective in our efforts. In January, we will review ideas and topics for next year’s “deep dives,” examining our subcommittees to determine which programs offered in the past particularly engaged our faith family in the education and advocacy of today’s relevant justice and peace issues, especially as they relate to our local community.

**Best Wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year !**





## Furniture Bank Surpasses 2000!!!

Meet Mary Ellen Mullen, the Furniture Bank's 2000<sup>th</sup> client, shown here with MussQue Mover Wolf Kottmann!!!

We met Mary Ellen through Raisa Acevedo of HabCore. HabCore helps homeless and other disadvantaged people find housing (see HabCore.org). They helped Mary Ellen find a room and we helped her with some furniture. She had spent the last five months living in the woods. She shared some of her story with us. She told me that she had been homeless before and lived in her car with her son. She did have a job, but there was some issue with her identification. Apparently she could not provide a valid ID card. She grew up in a town in NY, but didn't realize that she wasn't actually born there and had so far not been able to get a copy of her birth certificate. She told us that there were many people living in the woods who had been there much longer than her, but she said all she wanted was a room with a bathroom and a place to cook.



I wanted to give you an update on Zorro's condition. As of our last newsletter, we were waiting for an insurance adjuster to take a look. Their report detailed every nick, scratch, bump and bruise that Zorro has experienced over his 20 years, but failed to mention anything mechanical like the broken tie-rod which was the reason we couldn't drive him. I guess they just stopped counting when the damage exceeded what they said the value was. Miraculously, they decided that a 20 year old Ford Ranger with damage to its right side, a swiped off left side including a demolished mirror and 146,000 miles was worth just over \$8000. They asked me if I would accept that as payment. It was a tough decision!!!!!! I told them I wanted to buy him back. The accident happened on a Wednesday. By the following Tuesday, I had the truck and a check for \$7497. By Thursday, Zorro was back on the road. **Zorro lives again!!!** Of course, the body has a bunch of dents, and the mirrors don't match, but the tie-rods are fixed and he passed inspection. They were unable to find a mirror to match the old one, and I opted to have a new one and an old one. So they look a little different. Who cares?? It adds more personality.

You may wonder what's happening in the photo below. Ever hear the expression, "When the cat's away the mice will play?" This is a Furniture Bank version - - "When the Wolf's away the Movers will play!" Last Wednesday, when Wolf wasn't with us, MussQue Movers Tom Vetterl, Maggie Stulz, and Lee Querns, performed some "quality control" tests on some of the furniture in the LEW (Luther's Evans Warehouse). They were actually waiting for me to finish texting our latest donor.

And, truth be told, I'm the whip cracker!





The Fall season is always the busiest for the Social Ministry team. We had a successful Nearly New Clothing Sale and bake sale that took in over \$4350 which went to Maui relief and the Manasquan Food Pantry. All left over clothing was donated to local charities who pass it on to those in need. Goodies were sold, locals got great buys on clothing and clothing was kept out of landfills. A great deal of work and many hours setting up and folding clothes but definitely a win/win.



Our next project was the Thanksgiving food drive for the Manasquan Food Pantry. Our generous congregation donated 109 bags of food totaling 867 pounds. The Jersey Shore University Medical Center ER donated 92 bags with 710 pounds of food. Thank you to Lauren Navarro who started this project with the hospital ER several years ago. Apparently this has reached



beyond the ER this year and other hospital departments donated. Thrivent Financial NE is also providing \$500 in grant money for the second year in a row.

Our Christmas Angel tree is going up November 18<sup>th</sup> with ornaments to provide gifts for Madonna House in Neptune, ELCA Good Gifts and local families. Gifts are due back December 10<sup>th</sup> in order to get them back to Madonna House for organization and distribution the following week. Gifts should not be wrapped and you can choose the item/items you would like to donate from the list from Madonna House posted by the tree.



Have you seen the coat rack in Fellowship Hall that will be there into January? 28 coats have already gone to the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission for their Coat Giveaway on Saturday, November 18. All other coats will be distributed to local charities providing coats for those in need. If you have outgrown a coat or received a new one for Christmas please share what you are no longer using. Scarves, hats and gloves also needed.

Christmas cards for the homebound are being prepared to be mailed or for Peter to deliver on his visits. We want to ensure those who are not able to attend church in person know they are not forgotten especially during the Christmas season.

These projects would not be successful without the continuing support from all of you. Our church family is always so generous with their time and donations and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. These are trying times for many and our mission is to help as many people as possible with our support of food, clothing and money where needed.

Other upcoming projects/events:

Holiday Coffee Hour: Sunday, December 3

Women’s Approach to Christmas :Tuesday, December 5 at First Presbyterian Church

Advent Dinner: Wednesday, December 20

Souper Bowl food collection for the Manasquan Food Pantry: February 11

Please join us for our meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m.



# Stewardship is WORK

In our faith journeys, we respond to the gift of God’s grace and that blessings are to flow through us and not built up as stored treasure. This is the time of year when we are asked to reflect, pray, and commit to our congregation’s ongoing ministries. Our generosity is one way of expressing thankfulness.

Many years ago, a friend gave me [A Book of Blessings](#), a collection of short inspirational pieces by Helen Steiner Rice. I share this as we approach the holiday of Thanksgiving and as we prepare for the season of Advent.

## Thank You, God, for Everything

Thank you, God, for everything –the big things and the small –  
For every good gift comes from God, the Giver of them all.  
And all too often we accept without any thanks or praise,  
The gifts God sends as blessings each day in many ways.

First, thank you for the little things that often come our way.  
The things we take for granted, and don’t mention when we pray.  
The unexpected courtesy, the thoughtful kindly deed,  
A hand reached out to help us, in the time of sudden need.

Oh, make us more aware, dear God, of little daily graces  
That come to us with sweet surprise from never-dreamed of places.  
Then thank you for the miracles we are much too blind to see,  
And give us new awareness of our many gifts from Thee.

And help us to remember that the key to life and living  
Is to make each prayer a prayer of thanks and everyday Thanksgiving.

LuAnn Barnes  
Stewardship Team Chair



## INTERESTED IN HELPING TO COUNT THE WEEKLY OFFERING?

The Finance Team is beginning the scheduling process for counters of the weekly offering in 2024 and we need additional members who are willing to serve. The count takes place each Sunday following 8:45 a.m. worship and requires approximately six Sundays a year of volunteering (we are flexible). You will be teamed up with another member of HT so it is a great way to get to know other members. If you are interested in hearing more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Gail Campbell at [treasurer@holytrinity-elca.org](mailto:treasurer@holytrinity-elca.org) or Ralph Jensen at [RalphEJensen@aol.com](mailto:RalphEJensen@aol.com).





## Gifts Given

**Sept. 2-3** - Thank you, Social Ministry friends, for inviting our faith family's generosity toward those in need! Lunch Break's Family Promise provides shelter for temporarily homeless families in hotels, providing services for 16 weeks to get them on their feet and hopefully in housing. Social Ministry donated \$200 to Family Promise for the swim day they provided for the families. Summer events were held every other week to get the families out of their hotel for some summer fun. The funds covered the cost of \$8/person to swim, plus snacks. Lunch Break is the parent community that provides food,

clothing, life skills and fellowship to those in need in Monmouth County and beyond. The following is an excerpt from a thank you letter we received: "By generously supporting Lunch Break, your contributions allow us to advance our mission to provide Help for Today and Hope for Tomorrow. Thank you for your kindness and compassion."

**Sept. 9-10:** Solos, duets, small groups, summer choir, and the boisterous voices of the congregation have filled the sanctuary with music all summer long. Thank you to all who go above and beyond to beautify and enrich worship through music during these summer months.

**Sept. 16-17:** We thank Katie & Bob Pacholski for donating their wedding flowers for weekend worship. We give thanks to everyone who has given or plan to give flowers to the glory of God and in celebration of life events or in memory of loved ones. Florist's arrangements are lovely but if you enjoy flower arranging there is always the option to create your own beautiful bouquets!

**Sept. 23-24:** Thank you to all who made the *Jersey Shore Bike Ride for Food Justice* a huge success by riding or contributing to Holy Trinity's cyclists. We raised ~\$4000 dollars from pledges to our team and from the September 17<sup>th</sup> coffee hour. The event total was ~\$75,000 this year, just a bit less than 2022. The funds will be used to support food and housing ministries at Trinity Church in Asbury Park, where the need for food and shelter is highest in our area. Trinity Church serves over 35,000 meals each year and operates a food pantry. We are in partnership with them to feed the hungry, and also to address the root cause of poverty and homelessness at the Jersey Shore. May God bless you for your generosity and concern for your brothers and sisters in need.

**Sept. 30-Oct. 1:** A note from NJ Synod Council: "Dear Pastor Farnham and members of HT, As a member of the NJ Synod Council I want to thank you all for your partnership in living out the gospel. We also want to thank you for your generous mission support. The work we accomplish together is worthwhile and wonderful.

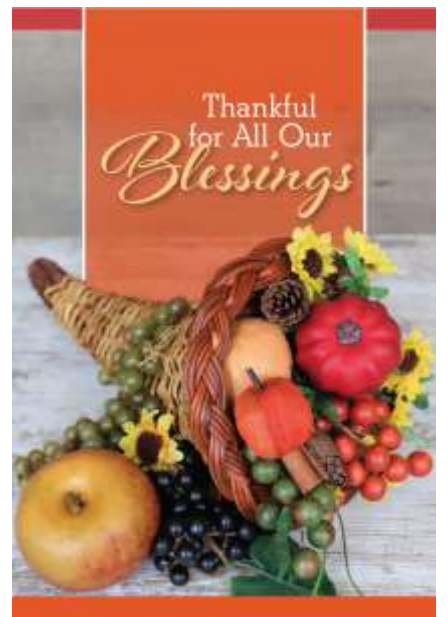
Please thank all your members for us." Blessings, Carla Hoenigmann.

**Oct. 7-8:** As always, we thank the Social Ministry team for consistently inviting our Holy Trinity faith family to give generously to those in need beyond our immediate circle of care.

We recently received thank you letters from Lutheran Disaster Response for a \$350 gift, and from Lutheran World Relief for \$200. We are grateful for the HT Endowment Fund which frequently enables us to match individual donations, multiplying money which fuels ministry domestically and internationally. By God's grace, our financial gifts become an answer to the prayers of many brothers and sisters around the globe! Among others, we are assisting victims of the fire in Maui, earthquakes in Turkey and Morocco, and flooding in Libya.

## Gifts Given

**Oct. 14-15:** Dear Friends, your efforts and dedication to the food pantry are truly blessings! Thank you so much for all you do for us and, in particular, thank you for having the bake sale which generated \$600 for the Pantry. Many thanks to the members of the congregation who baked the goodies to sell. Manasquan Food Pantry Board Members



**Oct 21-22:** A huge thank you to our generous congregation for donating \$350 at the coffee hour last week. All proceeds will be used to purchase 90 microscopes for the fifth grade science classes at Bearden Elementary School in Knoxville, TN. Their teacher, Dr. Maitland is a former student of Lynn Walsh at Manasquan Elementary School. Dr. Maitland and his students are beyond grateful for this gift and very excited to use their new microscopes!

**Oct 28-29:** A note of thanks from Your Grandmother's Cupboard expressing sincere gratitude for the clothing donation received following HT's Nearly New Clothing Sale. Michael Lehmann, President of YGC writes, *"This donation helps us to continue our mission of improving the well-being of those around us and spreading hope and positivity in these challenging times."* Thank you, Social Ministry team and all other volunteers, for your time, talent and hard work on the NNCS/Bakesale/Boutique. The sale and proceeds have once again allowed our Holy Trinity faith family to help neighbors-in-need locally and in surrounding communities.

**Nov. 4-5:** A simple thank you cannot express our gratitude for the overwhelming response to the October 29th coffee hour in support of Rosy Pablo Cruz and her four children. A very special thank you also to the family of John George who donated dozens of delicious pastries made available for you to enjoy at home. With your generosity, their first American Thanksgiving together as a family is sure to be memorable.

A recurring theme throughout The Book of Rosy is *God is at work here*.

God was certainly at work with us at Holy Trinity on Sunday morning October 29!

Gratefully, The Immigration Committee of Justice and Peace

**Nov. 11-12:** Last weekend was the official culmination of our Holy Trinity centenary celebration. We'd like to thank the members of our HT Anniversary Committee who planned beautiful events over the course of this past year: Jean Benfanti, Diane Churchman (co-chair), Morgan Harkness, Kathy McLaughlin (co-chair), Ken Olsen, Ned Perwo, John Quakenbush, Evie Shibla, Cathy Taft, and Danielle Wall. We also are grateful to Melinda Allen-Grote and Mike Farragher who are enabling the creation of a Holy Trinity FaithBook with audio and written faith stories and reminiscences. Let us continue to pray together the prayer that preceded the burial of our 100th Anniversary Time Capsule:

*We give You thanks, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ Your dear Son, that over these past 100 years Your Holy Spirit has called, gathered, enlightened, inspired, empowered and protected this family of faith. We ask Your grace and blessing for the next 100 years, that the faithful of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church would continue to preach Good News in word and deed, that our lives and actions may please You. Into Your hands we commend ourselves, body and soul and all that is ours. Let Your holy angels be with us, so that Your name be glorified, Your children served, and Your Kingdom come. Amen*



# Sanctuary Adornment & Christmas Music



Please help us decorate our worship space for Christmas. In lieu of ordering poinsettias, we are asking for donations to beautify the sanctuary and provide beautiful music for the Christmas season. Place this form and your donation check (made payable to ‘Holy Trinity Lutheran Church’) in a Christmas Flower envelope (only available in FH and the narthex literature areas) and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office at 6 Osborn Ave., Manasquan, NJ 08736.

**\*\*\*Please specify in the memo line flowers and/or music.**

**Order forms & payments must be received in the church office by 5 p.m. on Monday, December 11. Please understand that due to the busy nature of the pre-Christmas season, no exceptions can be made.**

**Please print the following information:**

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Telephone No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed: \$**\_\_\_\_\_

**Please accept my donation in loving memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please accept my donation in honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

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WOMAN’S COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

“A Gathering of Women Seeking a Peaceful, Spiritual, Approach to Christmas” will be held at 11:30 am on December 5 at Manasquan Presbyterian Church. Worship will consist of hymns, responsive reading, Scripture and a Christmas Sing-a-Longs. Guest speaker will be Sister Monica Clare from the Episcopal Community of St. John Baptist in Mendham, N.J. Following worship all will be welcome to stay for lunch and fellowship. Questions? Email Sue at [gussz@verizon.net](mailto:gussz@verizon.net)



Intercessory Prayer

We meet virtually on Tuesdays at 11 a.m.  
If you have a prayer request, or would like to join us, please contact  
Pastor Mary or  
Peter Seggel at 862-588-5107.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS/USHERS ALWAYS NEEDED!

Communion assistants, lectors (to read Scripture and Prayers) and ushers are needed for worship Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. [Click here](#) to sign up online (or “Sign Up” from the website homepage). If not online, please contact the church office if you’d like to help out ([office@holytrinity-elca.org](mailto:office@holytrinity-elca.org); 732-223-0533).



HOLY TRINITY’S INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT—442 FOLLOWERS!



Now going for 450 *by Christmas!*  
Help spread the news of our vibrant ministries and welcoming family of faith.  
You can officially follow us @HolyTrinity\_Squan.  
Please email any photos you’d like to submit for posting to [instagram@holytrinity-elca.org](mailto:instagram@holytrinity-elca.org).

Thank you to our Evangelism team for expanding our social media presence!



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF FARMER’S MARKET COFFEE & CHOCOLATE

What lovely gifts chocolate and coffee make! Order candy bars for stocking stuffers or make a gift basket with a variety of coffees and fancy mugs. So many possibilities!  
Choose from a variety of coffees and chocolate bars. There is a Sign Up on the HT website; <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054BADAC2CA4FA7-coffee>. There are also order forms in Fellowship Hall. For every bag of rich, delicious LWR Farmers Market Coffee you buy, a farmer receives a strong, up-front price for their coffee beans and a share in final sale profits.  
A win/win for everyone!



# HAPPENINGS at HOLY TRINITY

## CHILD OF GOD

During 5 p.m. worship on Saturday, September 30, we welcomed Bradley Benjamin Field into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. His parents are Jade & Kevin Field and his older brother is Owen. His sponsors are Morgan Hutchins and Colin Gall.



## A RED ROSE CELEBRATES BIRTH

*[Jesus said,] "Let the little children come to me... for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."* (Mark 10:14)



A daughter, Lily Grace, was born to Richard & Anna Graham on September 15. The proud maternal grandparents are Richard & Sheila Graham.

A daughter, Emma Grace, was born to Kasey & Bobby Lithgow on September 22. The baby’s big brother is Brett, and big sister is Amelia!

A daughter, Elysa Rey, was born to Ryan & Bernice Spill on October 6: 7 lbs., 5 oz. The proud paternal grandparents are Susan & Keith Spill. Twin big sister is Amelia Nicole, and big brother is Dane Ryan.

A daughter, Teal Rainie, was born to John & Kristin (Diefenbacher) Barrett on October 31: 19”, 7 lbs. 1 oz.! Teal’s big sister is Kaila Skye and the proud maternal grandparents are Janet & Brad Diefenbacher.



## *Pastor Mary recently presided at the following weddings:*



Anna Katherine “Katie” Barnes & Bob Pacholski were married at Holy Trinity on Friday, September 15.

Meghan Elizabeth Gibson & Christian Boodey were married at Holy Trinity on Saturday, October 14.

Lauren Lemig & Paul Grodeska were married at the Manasquan Gazebo on Friday, October 27.



## *We remember the following members and friends:*

John George passed from earthly to eternal life on Wednesday, August 2. A memorial service occurred for John on Saturday, October 28 at 1 p.m. Our love and prayers are with John’s wife Janet and their family.

Bettyanne Pannkuk, mother of Jane Wall and Eric Pannkuk, passed away on October 2. Her memorial service will be at Holy Trinity on Saturday, November 18 at 10:30 a.m. Our love and prayers are with all her family.

David Kregg passed from earthly to eternal life on Wed., October 11. Our faith family extends love and prayers to David's wife Sharon, to David & Sharon's daughters Sheila Wall and Stacy Kregg, and to their families.

The memorial service was at Holy Trinity on Monday, October 16 at 12 noon.

Arno Schwarz passed from earthly to eternal life on Monday evening, Oct. 16. Our faith family extends love and prayers to Arno’s wife Jeanne, as well as to all their children and grandchildren. A memorial service occurred at Holy Trinity on Thursday, November 2 at 11 a.m. Visitation preceded the service.



# **HAPPENINGS at HOLY TRINITY**

## **SOCIAL MINISTRY HOSTS FESTIVE CHRISTMAS COFFEE HOUR**

The Social Ministry team is excited to host a  
Festive Christmas Coffee Hour at 9:45 a.m. on Sun., Dec. 3.  
All are invited to join in the holiday cheer and fellowship!

Please sign up to help with the festivities!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054BADAC2CA4FA7-46021188-festive>

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## **ADVENT DINNERS!**

On Wednesdays, December 6, 13 and 20

Advent I—hosted by Catherine Schwier

Advent II—hosted by the Youtherans

Advent III—hosted by Social Ministry

Here's the sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054BADAC2CA4FA7-45928883-advent>



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## **HOLY TRINITY CONCERT!**

Sunday, December 3 at 4 p.m. The New Jersey Chamber Singers present their December concert season that centers around “Light” through beloved carols that illuminate the season through warmth, hope and beauty.

20 free tickets are available. Contact the Church Office for details while supplies last.

Tickets will also be available online at [www.njchambersingers.org](http://www.njchambersingers.org) or at the door once all free.



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## **SAINTS & SINNERS CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

Friday, December 8, 6 p.m. at the home of Cynthia and Joan,  
72 Old Tavern Road, Howell NJ; 732-259-7652.

Please bring a dessert or appetizer, and a gift of ~\$15-20 for the gift exchange. Please sign up on-line or through the church office.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054BADAC2CA4FA7-46127656-saints>



## Jimmy Savaryn Meets the Mitchells

This past week, I had the pleasure of interviewing Heidi and Scott Mitchell, a missionary couple who were stopping in New Jersey, on vacation from their missionary work in Kenya, to visit family and thank their financial and spiritual supporters. It just so happens that Heidi and Scott are Pastor Mark's daughter and son-in-law! Their excursion to Kenya wasn't exactly a vacation, either: they left everything they owned behind, only bringing suitcases and their children with them! They shared some insight into how they became missionaries, and what it is like to work in Kenya.

Scott admitted, at first, he did not want to be a missionary. He was a high school teacher in PA, and he was comfortable with his job and really felt he was needed there. Heidi was a teacher at an elementary school, and worked part time at their church after their children were born. However, she felt that something was missing, and that she could fill that gap by becoming a missionary. She stated that missionary work kept coming to her mind but had no idea where it would take her. She believed she would remain somewhere in the United States. Since she and Scott were not on the same page at that point regarding missionary work, the two prayed on it for a long time, and two years later, Scott said, "I woke up and was finally ready". Scott noted that he spoke to friends about it and also to a Missions Pastor. The Pastor told him that they could not do mission work if only one of them felt the call. Scott read books for missionaries and took a trip with his son and their home church to the Dominican Republic. While on the trip he spoke to another parent who suggested he work for Rift Valley Academy in Kenya. After going through a lengthy hiring process, the two were accepted to work at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya. Scott said his good-byes to his high school, and Heidi to her job at the church, and the family sold everything they didn't need (like their house and car), and moved to Kenya. For some background, They are both teachers and mentors to the kids that attend Rift Valley Academy. They had a home on the campus but were later asked to become dorm parents and moved into a part of the dorm.
















The two of them now supervise the dorms of the high school boys. This includes greeting them in the morning, making sure they are back by curfew, and having fun with them by playing games together; all the normal things teenage boys do. If I learned one thing from this interview, it's that kids are kids everywhere. The kids in Kenya are just normal, average highschoolers that just happen to live at their school, almost like college except at a younger age and with more supervision. They have the same struggles and successes as I might in my studies or personal life. It's hard to imagine living in a place where wild monkeys can break into your home (Heidi said they go for the chocolate and eggs) but that regional difference is one of the only things Rift Valley Academy has that is different from my high school. Another thing I learned from this interview is that ordinary people are special. Scott considered himself a normal teacher in PA, until his trip to Kenya. It was then that he realized that God uses everyday, average people to do his work. People aren't just born to become missionaries, they have a calling or a gut feeling that tells them to do so. Scott recommended to me that people should listen for God's calling, because it will make them happy. In conclusion, if you've been wanting to do something for a while, and you feel that it is what God has called you to do, go do it! It may seem scary, but remember Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". Also, if you wish to support or see pictures of Heidi and Scott and their work at Rift Valley Academy, you can find them on Facebook at "The Mitchell's Journey to Kenya"!



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| 5 Daylight Savings Time ends<br>8 a.m. AC<br>8:45 a.m. HC<br>10 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by 100th Anniversary Committee<br>10:15 a.m. SCS<br>10:30 a.m. HC<br>11:30 a.m. Time Capsule Dedication<br>11:30 a.m. CC<br>12 p.m. HT Ringers | 6<br><br>6 p.m. Evangelism<br><br>7 p.m. Virtual J & P                                                                                                     | 7 Election Day<br>11 a.m. Virtual Intercessory Prayer <br>7 p.m. Churchyard Memorial Garden Board<br>7 p.m. NA (Grahn)<br>7:30 p.m. JSC (FH) | 8 7 a.m. HC<br>11 a.m. Fall Scripture Study (FH)<br>6:30 p.m. Youtherans<br>7 p.m. Fall Scripture Study (St. Denis)<br>7:30 p.m. GA (lower level) | 9<br><br>7 p.m. AC                                 | 10<br><div>CHURCH OFFICE<br/>CLOSED FRIDAYS</div>                                    | 11 8:30 a.m. AA (lower level)/ GOM (CR) <br><br>4:15 p.m. Joyful Noise rehearsal<br>5 p.m. HC |
| 12 8 a.m. AC<br>8:45 a.m. HC<br>10 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by the Youtherans<br>10:15 a.m. SCS<br>10:30 a.m. HC<br>11:30 a.m. CC/ Genealogy Group<br>11:45 a.m. W&M<br>12 p.m. HT Ringers                                              | 13<br><br>5:30 p.m. Stewardship<br><br><br>7 p.m. Social Ministry (CR) | 14<br>11 a.m. Virtual Intercessory Prayer <br>7 p.m. NA (lower level)<br>7:30 p.m. JSC (FH)                                                 | 15 7 a.m. HC<br>11 a.m. Fall Scripture Study (FH)<br>7 p.m. Fall Scripture Study (St. Denis)<br>7:30 p.m. GA (lower level)                        | 16<br><br>7 p.m. AC                                | 17<br><div>CHURCH OFFICE<br/>CLOSED FRIDAYS</div><br>Synod Youth Retreat (Fri.-Sun.) | 18 8:30 a.m. AA (lower level)<br>10:30 a.m. Bettyanne Pannkuk memorial service<br>4:15 p.m. Joyful Noise rehearsal<br>5 p.m. HC<br>6 p.m. Confirmation Connection                                                                                                      |
| 19 8:45 a.m. HC<br>10 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by Evangelism<br>10:15 a.m. SCS<br>10:30 a.m. HC<br>11:30 a.m. CC<br>12 p.m. HT Ringers<br>11:45 a.m. Finance<br>4 p.m. Ecumenical Thanksgiving worship at St. Andrews in Spring Lake    | 20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 21<br>11 a.m. Virtual Intercessory Prayer <br>7 p.m. NA (lower level)<br>7:30 p.m. JSC (FH)                                                 | 22<br>7:30 p.m. GA (lower level)                                                                                                                  | 23<br><div>CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE</div><br> | 24                                                                                   | 25 8:30 a.m. AA (lower level)<br>4:15 p.m. No Joyful Noise rehearsal<br>5 p.m. HC                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 26 Christ the King Sunday<br>8:45 a.m. HC<br>9:45—10:45 a.m. Family Advent Craft<br>No SCS<br>10:30 a.m. HC<br>11:30 a.m. No CC<br>12 p.m. No HT Ringers                                                                               | 27<br><br>7 p.m. Congregation Council (CR/hybrid)                                                                                                         | 28<br>11 a.m. Virtual Intercessory Prayer <br>7 p.m. NA (lower level)<br>7:30 p.m. JSC (FH)                                                 | 29 7 a.m. HC<br>7:30 p.m. GA (lower level)                                                                                                        | 30<br><br>7 p.m. AC                                |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <div>3 Advent I</div> <div>8:45 a.m. HC</div> <div>10 a.m. Social Ministry hosts Festive Coffee hour</div> <div>10:15 a.m. SCS</div> <div>10:30 a.m. HC</div> <div>11:30 a.m. CC</div> <div>12 p.m. HT Ringers</div> <div>4 p.m. NJCS Concert</div>                                                 | <div>4</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <div>5</div> <div>11 a.m. Virtual Intercessory Prayer</div> <div>11:30 a.m. Women’s Community Christmas at Manasquan Pres.</div> <div>7 p.m. NA (lower level)</div> <div>7:30 p.m. JSC (FH)</div> | <div>6</div> <div>7 a.m. HC</div> <div>6:30 p.m. Dinner</div> <div>7:30 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer</div> <div>7:30 p.m. GA (lower level)</div>     | <div>7</div> <div></div> <div>7 p.m. AC</div>                                                                                                                                      | <div>8</div> <div>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS</div> <div></div> <div>6 p.m. Saints &amp; Sinners Christmas Party at Cyn and Joan’s home</div> | <div>9</div> <div>8:30 a.m. AA (lower level)/ GOM (CR)</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div>4:15 p.m. Joyful Noise rehearsal</div> <div>5 p.m. HC</div> |
| <div>10 Advent II</div> <div>8:45 a.m. HC</div> <div>10 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by Evangelism for College Care</div> <div>10:30 a.m. HC</div> <div>11:45 a.m. CC</div> <div>12:30 p.m. Private event in FH</div>                                                                                    | <div>11</div> <div>5 p.m. Sanctuary Adornment deadline</div> <div>5:30 p.m. Stewardship</div> <div>7 p.m. Social Ministry (CR)</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <div>12</div> <div>11 a.m. Virtual Intercessory Prayer</div> <div>6 p.m. Evangelism</div> <div>7 p.m. Property/ NA (lower level)</div>                                                            | <div>13</div> <div>7 a.m. HC</div> <div>6:30 p.m. Dinner</div> <div>7:30 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer</div> <div>7:30 p.m. GA (lower level)</div>    | <div>14</div> <div></div> <div>7 p.m. AC</div>                                                                                                                                     | <div>15</div> <div>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS</div>                                                                                                                                                                               | <div>16</div> <div>8:30 a.m. AA (lower level)</div> <div>3:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal</div> <div>5 p.m. Service of Lessons &amp; Carols followed by reception in FH</div> <div>6 p.m. HT Youth Christmas Party</div>                                                                                                              |
| <div>17 Advent III</div> <div>8:45 a.m. HC</div> <div>9:30 a.m. Pageant Rehearsal</div> <div>9:45 a.m. Festive Christmas Coffee Hour hosted by Barb Vogel and Y&amp;FM</div> <div>10:30 a.m. HC/Advent Pageant</div> <div>11:30 a.m. HT</div>                                                       | <div>18</div> <div></div> <div>7 p.m. Congregation Council (CR/hybrid)</div>                                                                                                                                                                                 | <div>19</div> <div>11 a.m. Virtual Intercessory Prayer</div> <div>7 p.m. NA (lower level)</div>                                                                                                   | <div>20</div> <div>7 a.m. HC</div> <div>6:30 p.m. Dinner</div> <div>7:30 p.m. Prayer Around the Creche</div> <div>7:30 p.m. GA (lower level)</div> | <div>21</div> <div></div> <div>7 p.m. AC/ Stephen Ministry supervision (CR)</div> <div></div> | <div>22</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <div>23</div> <div>8:30 a.m. AA (lower level)</div> <div></div> <div>4:15 p.m. Joyful Noise rehearsal</div> <div>5 p.m. HC</div>                                                                                                          |
| <div>24 Christmas Eve</div> <div>8:45 a.m. HC</div> <div>3:15 p.m. CC rehearsal</div> <div>4 p.m. Family worship</div> <div>6 p.m. Lessons &amp; Carols</div> <div>9 p.m. festival worship with choir and brass</div>                                                                               | <div>25</div> <div>CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE</div> <div>10 a.m. HC</div> <div>MERRY CHRISTMAS</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <div>26</div> <div>CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE</div> <div>11 a.m. Virtual Intercessory Prayer</div> <div>7 p.m. NA (lower level)</div>                                                          | <div>27</div> <div>No 7 a.m. worship</div> <div>7:30 p.m. GA (lower level)</div>                                                                   | <div>28</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <div>29</div> <div>CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE</div>                                                                                                                                                                              | <div>30</div> <div>8:30 a.m. AA (lower level)</div> <div>5 p.m. HC</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <div>31 New Years Eve</div> <div>10 a.m. HC – Baptism-Vens</div> <div>(One service only)</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <div>1</div> <div><b>New Year's Day</b></div> <div>CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE</div> <div>Happy New Year!</div>  | <div>2</div> <div>CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE</div> <div>11 a.m. Virtual Intercessory Prayer</div> <div>7 p.m. NA (lower level)</div>    | <div>3</div> <div>7 a.m. HC</div> <div>7:30 p.m. GA (lower level)</div>                                                                                                             | <div>4</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div>7 p.m. AC</div>              | <div>5</div> <div><b>Epiphany</b></div> <div>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS</div> <div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <div>6</div> <div>8:30 a.m. AA (lower level)</div> <div>Joyful Noise</div> <div>4:15 p.m. Joyful Noise rehearsal</div> <div>5 p.m. HC</div> <div>6 p.m. Confirmation Connection</div>                                                                                            |
| <div>7</div> <div><b>Baptism of Our Lord</b></div> <div>8:45 a.m. HC</div> <div>10:15 a.m. SCS</div> <div>10:30 a.m. HC</div> <div>11:30 a.m. CC</div> <div>11:45 a.m. Worship &amp; Music</div> <div>WORSHIP</div> <div>12 p.m. HT Ringers</div> | <div>8</div> <div>5:30 p.m. Stewardship</div> <div>6 p.m. Evangelism</div> <div>7 p.m. /Social Ministry (CR)</div> | <div>9</div> <div>11 a.m. Virtual Intercessory Prayer</div> <div>7 p.m. Property (CR) NA (lower level)</div> <div>7:30 p.m. JSC (FH)</div> | <div>10</div> <div>7 a.m. HC</div> <div></div> <div>11 a.m. Healing Service</div> <div>12 p.m. Luncheon</div> <div>6:30 p.m. Youtherans</div> <div>7:30 p.m. GA (lower level)</div> | <div>11</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div>7 p.m. AC</div>             | <div>12</div> <div>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS</div> <div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <div>13</div> <div>8:30 a.m. AA (lower level)/GOM (CR)</div> <div>Joyful Noise</div> <div>4:15 p.m. Joyful Noise rehearsal</div> <div>5 p.m. HC</div>                                                                                                                            |
| <div>14</div> <div>8:45 a.m. HC/</div> <div>10:15 a.m. SCS – Funday Sunday</div> <div>10:30 a.m. HC</div> <div>11:30 a.m. CC</div> <div>12 p.m. HT Ringers</div>                                                                                  | <div>15</div> <div></div> <div>FINANCE</div> <div>7 p.m. Finance (CR)</div>                                        | <div>16</div> <div>11 a.m. Virtual Intercessory Prayer</div> <div>7 p.m. NA (lower level)</div> <div>7:30 p.m. JSC (FH)</div>              | <div>17</div> <div>7 a.m. HC</div> <div></div> <div>7:30 p.m. GA (lower level)</div>                                                                                                | <div>18</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div>7 p.m. AC</div> <div></div> | <div>19</div> <div>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS</div> <div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <div>20</div> <div>8:30 a.m. AA (lower level)</div> <div>Joyful Noise</div> <div>4:15 p.m. Joyful Noise rehearsal</div> <div>5 p.m. HC</div> <div>6 p.m. Confirmation Connection</div>                                                                                           |
| <div>21</div> <div>8:45 a.m. HC</div> <div>10:15 a.m. SCS</div> <div>10:30 a.m. HC</div> <div>11:30 a.m. CC</div> <div>12 p.m. HT ringers</div>                                                                                                   | <div>22</div> <div></div>                                                                                          | <div>23</div> <div>11 a.m. Virtual Intercessory Prayer</div> <div>7 p.m. NA (lower level)</div> <div>7:30 p.m. JSC (FH)</div>              | <div>24</div> <div>7 a.m. HC</div> <div>6:30 p.m. Youtherans</div> <div>7:30 p.m. GA (lower level)</div>                                                                            | <div>25</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div>7 p.m. AC</div>             | <div>26</div> <div>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS</div> <div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <div>27</div> <div>8:30 a.m. AA (lower level)</div> <div>Joyful Noise</div> <div>4:15 p.m. Joyful Noise rehearsal</div> <div>5 p.m. HC</div>                                                                                                                                     |
| <div>28</div> <div>8:45 a.m. HC (one service only)</div> <div>9:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting and Sunday School Pancake breakfast</div>                                                                                                          | <div>29</div> <div>Church Council</div> <div>7 p.m. Congregation Council (CR/hybrid)</div>                         | <div>30</div> <div>11 a.m. Virtual Intercessory Prayer</div> <div>7 p.m. NA (lower level)</div> <div>7:30 p.m. JSC (FH)</div>              | <div>31</div> <div></div>                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                        | <div>AA=Alcoholics Anonymous</div> <div>AC=Adult Choir</div> <div>CC=Children's Choir</div> <div>CR=Council Room</div> <div>CMG=Memorial Churchyard Garden</div> <div>FH=Fellowship Hall</div> <div>FHC=First Holy Communion</div> <div>GA=Gamblers Anonymous</div> <div>GOM=Gathering of Men</div> | <div>HC= Holy Communion</div> <div>Youth Group = Youtherans</div> <div>J &amp; P= Justice &amp; Peace Advocacy</div> <div>JSC=Jersey Shore Chorale</div> <div>NA=Narcotics Anonymous</div> <div>SCS=Sunday Church School</div> <div>Y &amp; FM=Youth &amp; Family Ministry</div> |



Glory to God  
*in the highest,*  
and on earth peace,  
good will toward all.

Luke 2:14, KJV



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## Wednesday Worship:

- ◆ 7 a.m. Holy Communion: Indoors, in-person + virtual\*

## Weekend Worship:

- ◆ Saturday, 5 p.m. Holy Communion: In-person + virtual\*
- ◆ Sunday, 8:45 a.m. Holy Communion: In-person + virtual\*
- ◆ Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion: In-person + virtual\*

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