

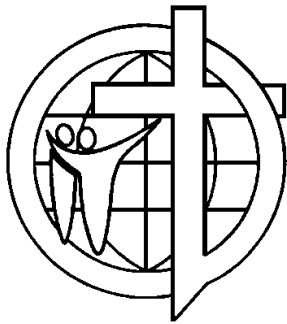
The Trinity Times

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The Purpose of
Trinity Covenant Church is:

To invite people to enter into
personal relationship with Jesus Christ
and into His family,
To enable them to grow in
Christlike character,
And to equip them for their ministry,
So as to bring honor to God.



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is the monthly newsletter of

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And Where Our Members Are
Our Ministers

EASTER THIS YEAR IS SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH

*We invite you to join us for these special dates at
Trinity leading up to and including Easter:*

Sunday, April 5th

10:45 a.m. Palm Sunday Service

Thursday, April 9th

7:00 p.m. Lord's Supper Commemoration

*We gather downstairs in our Fellowship Hall in a reflective setting to
remember the last hours of the life of Jesus from the Lord's Supper
to the cross. We will share Communion together.*

Sunday, April 12th

9:30 a.m. Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt

*You, your family and friends are invited to our Easter Morning
Celebration! Join us at 9:30 for a light breakfast and time of
fellowship for all ages. We will have an Easter Egg Hunt, children's
message, singing and activities to celebrate this special day.*

10:45 a.m. Easter Celebration Service

*Join us for an uplifting worship service where we will recall
and celebrate the work of God through Jesus. We'll have
special music from Trinity's Adult Choir, and our children
and youth, too. You are welcome at our celebration of the
Resurrection!*

KIDSTIME NEWS

March 29th

* Today the children are to make Easter cards to be mailed to shut-ins and to those needing some encouragement.

Preparations for Easter Sunday

* The KidsTime children will be preparing special music to be sung with the Adult Choir.
* Monique Jones and Mary Lou Freitas have been assisting with **Children's Church** while Linda Mathew attends to family. Monique began a **"Pay It Forward"** assignment. This project is to be completed by Easter Sunday. If your child/children participate in Children's Church and you have questions about this, please contact Monique.

Ministries to Children Sunday – April 26th – Kids Host Coffee Hour

* **The KidsTime children will host the coffee hour** after church this day, with the free-will offering to be donated to our sponsorship of Catherine Damas from Tanzania. During worship, we will make a brief presentation about Compassion International and its ministries, and also include some information about other ways we can make a difference in the lives of children, in Christ's name.

Hosting the coffee hour will require that the children stay for the duration of the event. They will be split into teams, caring for all details of the event from setup, providing the refreshments, monitoring the refreshment table, to clean-up. This is an opportunity to serve God and others.

Vacation Bible School this summer at Trinity is now officially the week of July 20th

* Mark your calendars and start spreading the word!
* It is not too late to volunteer!
* On Sunday, April 26th, we will begin collecting donations for our craft center. If you are able to help out, select a slip or slips with the requested item(s) you would be willing to donate, and bring it/them back to Trinity by May 24th.
* **Craft preparers:** June 7th after church will be the first craft prep session. Bring a bag lunch to eat before we get started. TBA: another session in June and a final one the week of July 6th.

Youth Group

* The **Youth Group** will assist with stuffing Easter Eggs. Also, the youth will go bowling this month. For more details, contact Marilyn Anderson or Edie Chandler.

CHIC/High School Aged Members of Youth Group

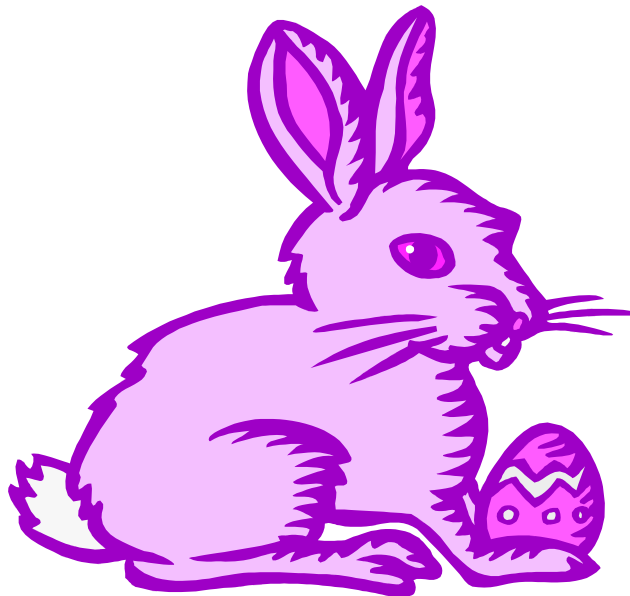
* Please come and help at 9:30 a.m. on Easter Morning, April 12th. We could use assistance to hide the eggs for the kids and with making sure each child has a bag with her/his name on it for collecting the eggs.

Calling Trinity Ladies
Join Us for an evening of
“Creative Christian Fellowship”

Wednesday, April 1st
6:30 - 9:00 PM

Create a delightful
Bunny/Egg covered candy bowl
All supplies will be provided
\$6.00 each

Class will be limited to 12
Light refreshments will be served



EASTER LILIES

You are invited to place an order for Easter lilies in memory of loved ones. Please complete the order form found in the March 22nd or March 29th church bulletins, and return it to either Donna Lee Carlson or Carol Nilson. If you do not have a form, please contact Donna Lee Carlson. Orders will be accepted through Thursday, April 2nd. The lilies are \$8.00 each, and will be ordered and placed in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday by the Worship Commission. After the Morning Service that day, you are welcome to take the flowers home.

YOUTH GROUP TO PREPARE EGGS FOR EASTER

Calling all kids ages 9 through grade 12: We need you to prepare 500 eggs for Easter!

We will meet on Friday, April 10th, at 1:30 to stuff the plastic eggs with candy and other surprises. Then, on Easter morning, the little kids (and maybe some bigger kids) can have fun hunting for the eggs.

After we finish our preparation of the eggs, we will relax with hot chocolate and snacks. Please bring a snack to share.

Join us on the 10th because ... MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.

P.S. Youth Group kids: Please save the date of Saturday, June 6th. We are planning to visit the Connecticut Historical Society Museum in Hartford and then go on to Elizabeth Park for a picnic.

CHOIR MEETING FOR EASTER SEASON

We have two rehearsals left! We'll meet **March 31st and April 7th** at the Selander home in Forestville at 7:15 p.m. It's not too late to join us.

A CHIC THANK-YOU

Once again the members of our CHIC group want to express our gratitude to the members and friends of Trinity who attended or otherwise supported our recent Pasta Dinner on March 21st. Our chefs, Dave and Kristen Blandino, with help from the Simons family and the Carlson family, prepared about 60 dinners, along with several take-out orders which were delivered. Our wait staff consisted of Brandy Simons and her friend Sara, Kara Blandino, and Michael and Stephen Carlson, grandsons of Margaret Carlson, who will attend the CHIC Conference (this coming July at the University of Tennessee) with our Trinity group.

We are getting closer to our goal, and for this we thank everyone at Trinity – for their prayers and their support of our fundraisers.

CHIC OFFERS PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Want to go out, but can't find a sitter?

On Saturday, April 25th, CHIC students and their families will be sitting with children from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Where will this be taking place?

At the Simons residence, 37 Basswood Street, Plainville

How much does this cost?

There is no set fee, just donations of your choice

Who will be sitting my children?

CHIC attendees Kara Blandino, Brandy Simons, Michael & Steven Carlson, along with their parents

What is provided for my Children?

Toys to play with, a movie to watch, and a snack to eat
– plus lots more fun!

Questions?

Please call

The Blandinos at 583-9435

Or

The Simonses at 793-9408

Please sign up for this great deal
on the sheet in the church lobby

With Easter Cheer and Love,
The C. H. J. C. Students 2009

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REPRESENT TRINITY IN PENNSYLVANIA THIS SPRING?

The Annual Meeting of the East Coast Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church is to be held on Friday and Saturday, May 1st and 2nd, in York, Pennsylvania. Friday's gathering includes workshops from 3-5 p.m., dinner for all guests at 5:30, and an opening service of Worship and Celebration at 7 p.m. The main business session will be held in the morning through mid-afternoon on Saturday. If you would like to represent Trinity, please see our church chairperson, Ruth Bernadt.

SEEKING SOMEONE TO RECORD SERMONS

Trinity's Worship Commission would like to resume a ministry, practiced in years past, of recording Sunday sermons and making them available to guests, shut-ins, or others who might like them simply for further study. The church sound system currently has equipment for recording onto audiocassette, which can then be duplicated as needed. We also want to explore acquiring equipment to allow us to record sermons onto compact discs. If you would be interested in participating in this, please see our Worship Commission Chair, Donna Lee Carlson.

**Covenant Village of Cromwell,
our church's retirement community in Connecticut,
invites you to an
Open House!**

**You are welcome on
Sunday, April 19th, at 2 p.m.**

Village staff will

- **Give you a preview of their planned Hillcrest neighborhood of villa and apartment homes**
- **Show you the future site of the neighborhood on the Village campus**
- **Tell you about the "continuing-care" lifestyle they offer**
- **Let you tour the campus and see apartment, cottage, and patio homes**

**Covenant Village is located at 52 Missionary Road in Cromwell.
Please RSVP to Janet Carlson at 860/754-3045 (or toll-free at 866/623-7285).**

**For more on Covenant Retirement Communities, you can visit
www.covenantretirement.org.**

UPCOMING GATHERINGS AT THE PINES

Please take note of these upcoming mind- and faith-growing opportunities at Pilgrim Pines Conference Center in beautiful southern New Hampshire:

- May 22-25, Family Work & Worship Weekend
- Late June through mid-August, Camp Squanto (please see next news item)

Promotional/registration brochures are available in the church office. In addition to church-centered retreats, the Pines carries on a great service to seniors in the broader public as a hosting site for many Elderhostel “Adventures in Life-Long Learning” programs held during most months of the year. For fees and information on these and other programs, please call the Pines at 603/352-0443. You can also visit www.pilgrimpines.org, or e-mail info@pilgrimpines.org.

TIME TO PLAN FOR CAMP SQUANTO

Registration brochures for Camp Squanto this summer are available! Camp Squanto is that portion of Pilgrim Pines that hosts camping experiences for children and youth (those entering grades 2-12 this coming fall) from late June through mid-August. Camps are one week long, except for a three-day camp for 2nd-3rd graders, and a one-month “Teen Leadership Challenge” for 11th-12th graders. “Camperships” to help cover registration costs may be available. Loads of information, including online registration, are available at www.pilgrimpines.org/CampSquanto.htm.

SEND A CARD, SAY A PRAYER

Here are church members and friends who live in retirement communities, who may miss church because of physical challenges, or who are ill or otherwise just need our prayers and a card:

- * Ruth Bridgwater, Parkway Health Center, 800 SE Central Pkwy, Rm. 109, Stuart, FL 34994
- * Mary Carrione (Mary Lou Freitas’s mother), Newington Health Care, 240 Church St., Newington, CT 06111
- * Mary Eschenbrenner, 12 McKernan Drive, Plainville, CT 06062
- * Judith Johnson, The Gables of Guilford, 201 Granite Road, Apt. 115, Guilford, CT 06437
- * Annie Larson, 88 Scott Swamp Road, Apt. 313, Farmington, CT 06032
- * Ruth Lunn, 424 Lake Avenue, Unit 1, Bristol, CT 06010
- * David Peterson, Pilgrim Manor Care Center, Room 22, Missionary Rd., Cromwell, CT 06416
- * Emma Selander, 75 Perry Road, Forestville, CT 06010

On the next page is a newsletter from Cathy Campobello, Covenant missionary to Colombia, South America, whom Trinity supports with our prayers and finances.

NEWS FROM CATHY - COLOMBIA

MARCH 16th



*The first photo (above left) was taken in a rural area known as Belmira. I was able to see the work God is doing through one of the Covenant pastors who is working with children whose fathers milk cows for a living. These children are learning more about God through the efforts of Pastor Alonso Muñoz . *The second photo was taken outside of Barranquilla on the northern coast of Colombia where I was helping to translate and lead worship in a leaders conference for Women's Ministries in Colombia. *The third photo shows progress on the tower being built behind my house to put water tanks on top to improve the pressure as well as to have a reserve of water in case there are dryer times, and to put in more filters to improve the quality of the water. *The last picture is from a pastors' retreat in February; I am with some of the Norwegian missionaries who were there and we all enjoyed a wonderful three days of fellowship.



At the Colombian Women's Ministries leadership conference outside of Barranquilla in February, we proudly show the certificates we received for completing this aspect of the leadership training (see photo left). We also are wearing the heart-shaped sunglasses we received from Trinity Abila, who gave the conferences, as she was sharing about seeing others through God's eyes of love. She and Kathy Melton came from California to speak in this conference and a shorter one in February.

***OPPORTUNITY: HELP SUPPORT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PROJECT FOR COLOMBIA CALLED "HOPE FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN" PLEASE CHECK OUT DETAILS WITH YOUR COVENANT CHURCH**

Personal Notes:

It has been a busy time of travel to different ministry events, mainly helping with worship in all of them, and with translation for several people who have come recently to Colombia.

In February the little Dalmatian puppy my roommate and I had was hit and killed by a car, so that was sad. She was a real joy to us. We may try to get another puppy in a little while.

Thank you again for your continued support and prayers,

Cathy Campobello

PRAISES AND PRAYERS:

-Thanks to the churches who were able to help with the water tower project, it has now become a reality. It is making a difference already.

-Also, praise God that my roommate Marlen has made great progress in healing from the fall she took in December that broke her ankle. She is doing very well in physical therapy and is almost walking without a limp.

-Please pray for wisdom and understanding in all I am involved in as far as intercession, preaching, teaching, administration, facilitating, organizing and giving advice.

PREPARING FOR, AND SERVING ON, SUNDAYS IN APRIL AND MAY

VOLUNTEER CUSTODIANS

April

5 Dick & Marilyn Anderson
12 Ruth Bernadt & Ruby Harper
19 Kristen & Kara Blandino
26 Freitas Family

May

3 Freitas Family
10 Freitas Family
17 Freitas Family
24 Freitas Family
31 Freitas Family

NURSERY CAREGIVERS

April

5 Edie Chandler & Nancy Johnson
12 Jackie Damon & Monique Jones
19 Cathy & Brandy Simons
26 Sherry Eschenbrenner & Reneé Cortland

May

3 Marilyn Anderson & Ruby Harper
10 Jen Leander & Mary Lou Freitas
17 Joan & Amanda Charneski
24 Edie Chandler & Nancy Johnson
31 Jackie Damon & Monique Jones

USHERS

April

Richard Peterson & David Blandino

May

Audrey & Stanley Kasakowski

COMMUNION PREPARERS

April

Sandra Soucy & Ruby Harper

May

Mal Cummings & Ruth Bernadt

COMMUNION SERVERS

April

Anil Mathew, Jay Leander,
Ingrid Mongillo, Ruth Bernadt

May

Ruby Harper, Ted Cortland,
Mal Cummings, Donna Lee Carlson

BIBLE READERS

April

5 Allison Platt (op)
12 Linda Mathew
19 Jon Platt
26 Hannah Platt

May

3 Jordan Jones
10 Nancy Johnson
17 Donna Lee Carlson
24 Abigail Chandler
31 Kristen Mathew

LEADER/PIANIST FOR HEALTH-CARE CENTER SERVICE

April 2

Ruth Bernadt, leader

Margaret Carlson, pianist

June 4

Mal Cummings, leader

Margaret Carlson, pianist

DATES OF NOTE AMONG TRINITY FOLK

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mary Lou Freitas
- 7 Anna LaVallee
- 14 Malcolm Cummings
- 16 Michael Ersevim
- 17 Richard Keller
- 21 Richard Anderson

- 22 Claire Cortland
- 28 Stanley Kasakowski

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Scott & Daneen Peterson
- 28 Elizabeth & Raymond DeFrancesco

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Amanda Charneski
- 4 June Anderson
- 8 Henrique Freitas
- 8 Hannah Platt
- 9 Dana Gronowski
- 12 Margaret Carlson
- 15 Jennifer Leander
- 20 Sandra Soucy
- 26 Daneen Peterson
- 26 Amy Mongillo
- 27 Larry Harper

- 27 Kristen Mathew
- 28 Kyle Dougherty
- 29 Myrtle Pipeling

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Larry & Ruby Harper
- 9 David & Linnea Pearson
- 12 Joseph & Heidi Maar
- 14 Robert & Diane Dougherty
- 25 Richard & Claudia Peterson

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