

A New Beginning in a New Year

Philemon 1:4-6 When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.

As we enter the New Year, we enter it together as one community of faith. The first step in unifying our community took place in a courageous act of faith which enables us now to congregate not in two separate worship services, but together in one. Beginning January 5th, there will be one service on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. I want to thank the council for their leadership in this matter, and for all the people who attended the December 8th forum, expressing their heartfelt hopes and concerns that supported that decision.

I chose this passage of Scripture from Philemon (1:1-4) to begin our New Year. It captures two of the essential components that build strong communities of faith: 1. Prayer and 2. Perceiving all the good we may do for Christ.

Without prayer, we are on our own. On our own we can do good things, but not Godly things. But with the active guidance of the Holy Spirit that comes through prayer, all things are possible. This passage from St. Mark 10:27 expresses this truth: Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Godly work is never done for self-aggrandizement, but always out of love for Christ and the good of our neighbor. So as we work for good, it is important that we always remember what we are working for: namely, the good we may do for Christ. This is our purpose for our being and the means by which our lives find significance in service. (Galatians 2:10) "For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life".

I have come to know many of you, but not yet all of you. Please help me to know you by introducing yourself (name tags are very helpful). Since I am part time, and teach confirmation on Sunday mornings when not leading worship, my availability for informal conversation is unfortunately very limited. If you would like to meet with me, please make an appointment by calling 224-355-4213. For the foreseeable future, my office hours will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. The appointment will guarantee that I can give you my undivided attention.

I look forward to this year and all the good we may do together for Christ.

Happy New Year! Pastor Jeff



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Submissions/Deadlines:

Trumpet Articles

Articles for *THE TRUMPET* must be submitted either as a hard copy to the church office, or electronically to **Peterson_Shaw@att.net** by the 5th of the *previous* month.

Sunday Bulletin Announcements

Items for the Sunday Announcement Bulletin must be submitted to the church office or electronically to **trinityonthehill@sbcglobal. net** by Wednesday afternoon.



Dear friends in Christ,

December is the month when Council focuses on end of year tasks such as preparing for the Annual Congregational Meeting, which will take place on January 26, 2020. During that meeting, we will vote on our annual budget and elect new Congregation Council Members and a Nominating Committee.

Annual Reports Are Due

The following reports need to be turned in by January second.

Pastor's Report Congregation President's Report

Ministry Team Reports, including Action Teams under each Ministry: Congregational Life Outreach and Care Support Youth and Family Mission Endowment and Memorial Funds Report

Financial Reports

2019 Treasurer's Report

2020 Budget

After much discussion and meeting with congregation members at a forum on December 8, we agreed to combine services to worship together as one and to change the worship time to 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The new format will take place on January 5. See Page 3 for details.

Blessings to all of you as we continue to move forward in faith in a new year!

Rose Anne Hoekstra, Congregation President

New Worship Time Begins January 5!

Service and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. (See Page 4 for Sunday school details.) First Sunday Breakfast at 10:30 a.m. following the service.

We are excited for all to worship together as one united congregation beginning on January 5. Along with the change in the service time, Sunday school parents and teachers agreed that Sunday school will take place during the service and children will return to the sanctuary in time for communion. There will be time for the children's choir and other activities following the service. (See the accompanying article on Page 4 to learn more about the changes to the Sunday school program.)

Thank you to all who attended the forum on Sunday, December 8, for seeing the benefit of coming together to worship as one family. Although change is difficult, you saw the reasons and helped us make a major step toward moving Trinity forward.

2020 Offering envelopes are here!

You may pick up your 2020 envelopes in the narthex by the Welcome Desk. Also, in the next few weeks you will be receiving your year-end offering statements. Contact Janet Peterson, Financial Secretary, on either matter with any questions (847) 587-1459 or Peterson_Shaw@att.net You can also leave a note in her mailbox in the inner hall closest to the church office.

Nominating Committee Seeks Applicants for Congregation Council

The Nominating Committee is searching for qualified candidates to be considered for the 2020 Congregation Council. If you have a suggestion or you yourself would like to be considered, please fill out the Consideration for Nomination form available at the Welcome Desk. Completed forms can be returned to Patti Garcia or the church office.



Annual Congregational Meeting January 26, 2020

9:30 a.m Worship

10:30 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting

New Sunday School Schedule Begins January 5

Hello Trinity Families! We hope that you had an amazing Christmas!

Starting January 5th, Trinity will be changing the worship schedule to only one service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School times will also be changing to fit into the morning in (hopefully) a more convenient way for all you busy families! *Please provide us with any feedback you have! We are flexible and your child's Christian education is so very important to us.*

9:30 - You bring your child into worship with you. Your child will attend worship until the children's sermon. After the children's sermon, the children will go straight back into the same room that we formerly used for Children's Church. During Pastor's sermon and the offertory (about 25 minutes), the children will learn their Sunday school lesson and we'll also have a short activity for them so that they aren't sitting for the whole time! The children will then rejoin their family when it is time for communion and stay with their family until the end of service (typically that's a short time since there's only one hymn after communion).

After Worship, we will have the music and craft time. Music will come first with Mrs. Kramer and then we go back to the same room (next to library) for the craft. We're hoping that moving all the Sunday school items upstairs will help save transit time! I know that many families are worried about going late into the morning, so the crafts would be optional. You can skip that part if you have a busy day ahead! Our crafts are designed to reinforce the lesson, however, so it is nice if there is time (and the kids really enjoy them!).

Please, however, encourage your child to stay after the service for music. This only takes 10-15 minutes. Music is such an important part of Worship and the congregation really loves to hear the kids sing.

A VERY rough timeline (based on a one hour service) might look like this:

9:30 - 9:50Children in Worship until children's sermon9:50 - 10:15Children in SS learning the lesson10:15 - 10:30Children in Worship for communion and final hymn10:30 - 10:45Singing with Karen Kramer10:45 - 11:10Craft time!

BUT, THERE'S ALWAYS GOTTA BE ONE EXCEPTION ...

The Trinity Men's Group will still be making us delicious breakfasts AFTER service on the 1st Sunday of every month. **So, on the 1st Sunday, we will be doing the mission project with the kids during Pastor's sermon time, but we will NOT have music and crafts on the 1st Sunday of the month so that everyone can go down and enjoy the breakfast.** We may ask you to come a little early on the 1st Sunday of the month to practice the songs BEFORE service since this is the Sunday when we typically sing. Would it be okay to do that? Maybe have the kids arrive at 9:15 on the 1st Sunday of the month for a quick brush-up right before they sing?

So, first Sunday might look like this:

9:15 - 9:30	Practice singing with Mrs. Kramer
9:30 - 9:50	Children in Worship until Children's sermon
9:50 - 10:15	Children in SS during the monthly mission project
10:15 - 10:30	Children in Worship for communion and final hymn
10:30	BACON!

Many of you have asked us about confirmation. Pastor Jeff is handling that part of it so please direct your questions to him on that.

Whew! Thanks for reading all of this. If it's confusing, let's chat. **Call Gayle Harrop at 847-878-9242.** Or, if you have other ideas which would work better for you, let's meet for coffee. We're truly open to what works for your family! For example, one parent said that she wants her daughter to be present for the offertory. If that's important to you, let me know and we'll work that out.

Thank you for entrusting your children to our care. They are a joy in each of our lives.

Your teachers,

Melissa, Nick, Rylee, Sue, Karen, Tam and Gayle

Christmas Program Delights Congregation



Congratulations to our Sunday school teachers, Nick Steinberg, Riley Gibson, Gayle Harrop and Tammy Dick and our Sunday school children for an outstanding Christmas program this year.

Special Music by Our Youth



Trinity youth, Megan Katzel, Katie Ubera on flute and Will Harrop on trumpet, treated Trinity to special Christmas music during Sunday services and Christmas Eve. It is a joy to hear our young people use their gifts to the glory of God.



Stewardship

Thank you for faithfully sharing that generosity with us in 2019 with your year-end giving through pledges, special offerings and memorials, and for joining forces with us as we continue to move forward in faith. We hope that you will continue to support Trinity's work now and in the years to come.

Thank you to all who have already submitted your financial pledges for 2020. If you have not, it's not too late! In addition to offering envelopes, you can give through our Simply Giving program or with individual gifts using PayPal by clicking on the "Donate" button on our website: https://www.trinityonthehill.org.

At the beginning of a new year, let us start afresh, renewed and restored by God's unfailing love for us through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. We need everyone's help to accomplish great things as we form a new vision for Trinity and transform lives by sharing our faith in Jesus Christ!

Sincerely, Your Stewardship Team

Nicholas Steinberg Receives Eagle Scout Award!

Nicholas Steinberg, son of George and Melissa Steinberg, recently received his Eagle Scout award through hard work and dedication. Nick is a member of Boy Scout Troop 85 out of Fox Lake, Illinois. His project was the memorial renovation at the corner of Cedar Lake and Clarendon in Round Lake Beach, IL.

In addition to being active in Boy Scout Troop 85, Nick teaches Sunday school at Trinity. He also has helped with our Vacation Bible School for several years and participates in Trinity's Youth Group activities.



Love in action

Martin Luther King Jr., whose life and legacy we honor this month, spoke often about the power of love. In fact, he equated the practice of nonviolence with "absolute commitment to the way of love."

Love, declared the minister and activist, "is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend." And, he said, anyone who's "devoid of the power to love" is "devoid of the power to forgive."

King distinguished between true love and "empty sentimentalism," however. He taught — and showed — that love is "the active outpouring of one's whole being into the being of another."

Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is the ultimate "active outpouring" of love, and we can choose to follow his example daily.

Special Dates in January

New Year's Day, January 1, 2020 New Service Time January 5, 2020 Baptism of Our Lord, Sunday, January 12, 2020 MLK, Jr. Day, January 20, 2020

Bible Studies

Thursday mornings, 10:00 a.m. *Good Tidings* Bible Study (Jean Whiteley)

Thursday Evening, 7:00 p. m. *"About the Bible"* with Pastor Jeff

L.O.V. Women's Ministry

Brunch - Please join us every third Saturday of the month. As always, there will be wonderful treats and fellowship--all for only a \$3 donation. Any questions, please contact Gayle Harrop at **gayle_harrop@comcast.net** or (847) 878-9242. Bring a friend or two!

Crafters

Fridays, 10:00 a.m.

Come with your projects, or learn a new skill! Our Crafters Group is a new ministry which is open to the community. Bring whatever you are working on whether it be needlework or something completely different. If you want to learn a craft such as knitting or crocheting, we would be happy to teach you. We meet in the lower level (Fellowship Hall).

OWLS Saturday, January 25 1:00-3:00 p.m.

OWLS, is a senior fellowship group for persons aged 55+ who are exploring their special gifts. OWLS stands for **O**lder **W**iser Livelier Seniors. This group is open to both men and women. We invite community members as well as Trinity members to join us. For more information contact **Sue Wagner (813) 727-5040 or poboxsam@yahoo.com**

Bible Quiz

How many wise men followed a star

to Bethlehem to worship Jesus?



A. two

- B. three
- C. four

D. We don't know because the Bible doesn't say.

Behind the Scenes

"Behind the Scenes" is a feature that recognizes leaders and volunteers who use their gifts behind the scenes to make church activities run smoothly. We will be featuring different people



Jen Verga, "Coffee Lady"

What would we all do without our morning cup of coffee? When you come for your cup of joe on Sunday morning, you are greeted by a little lady with a big smile and a warm welcome. Her name is Jen Verga, and she is our faithful "coffee lady."

Jen is part of a coffee team which includes Richard Gunnell and Jean Whiteley who also help. Richard sets up the coffee pots in the narthex, Jean brings the donuts and plugs in the coffee pots and sets up the coffee table. Jen keeps the "cafe" well stocked. She also provides other services like keeping the kitchen in order making sure everything we use is clean, especially for the First Sunday Breakfast. She also helps with "Life Celebration" gatherings and other meetings.

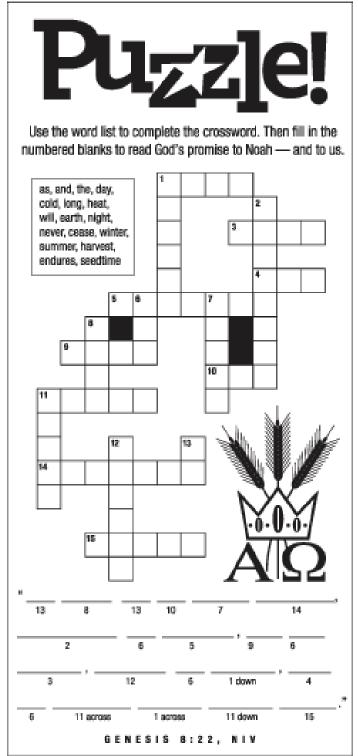
Pastor Cel of Eben-ezer, a congregation that worshipped in our sanctuary Sunday afternoons, called her "HIS" Coffee Lady because she always made sure he had coffee in the parlor for his meetings after our Sunday services. When she cleaned up after our services she would greet the Eben-ezer congregation.

Jen likes to put a smile on everyone's face. She does not like to see anyone go hungry and often donates leftover food to those in need. When she is not at church, she likes to help her neighbors, some of whom need rides and food.

Jen came to Trinity in 2005 by invitation of Darleen Borke, a long-time friend and co-worker . When Darleen retired from the coffee team, Jen stepped up. When asked about her hobbies, Jen said she collects stuffed bears and smiles.

If you would like to help in the Cafe or kitchen, please see Jen. She can always use help in lifting the heavy coffee pots and water bottles. She especially needs help cleaning up after large gatherings such as First Sunday Fellowship Breakfast.

Thank you, Jen, for all you do behind the scenes.



Answer: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8:22, NIV

Save the Date!



8th Annual Corned Beef Dinner & Auction

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Silent and Live Auctions

Entertainment

Door Prizes

Children's Activities

Donation:

\$15.00 per person \$18.00 at the door \$6.00 per child (4- 11) free for children under 4 years of age

This is our major fundraiser, sponsored by Trinity and Thrivent. This event helps us connect to the community, and at the same time benefit Trinity's ministries.

We need volunteers to plan and help make this a successful event. There are small and large tasks, like those listed below. The next committee meeting will be on January 8 at 7 p.m.. Come and see where you can help

- Provide auction items—antiques, themed baskets, children's items, gift cards, etc.
- Distribute flyers to businesses
- Provide and fill baskets for the auction
- Create and decorate
- Take tickets at the door
- Serve as Silent Auction room attendant
- Serve food
- Clean up kitchen and Fellowship Hall
- Most importantly, purchase tickets, which will go on sale in the Narthex at the end of January.
- Bring your friends and family!

Please contact Carolyn Gratz: dgratz34816@comcast.net and offer your time and talents.



Cookie Walk Exceeds Expectations

Cookies, Cookies everywhere! Twenty-two of our LOV (Ladies of Value) and one helpful gentleman met on Saturday, December 14, 2020, to prepare cookies for the second annual Cookie Walk fundraiser, which was held on Sunday, December 15. We filled 100 boxes of cookies and assembled trays for folks who preferred to choose their own assortment rather than purchase pre-made boxes. There were ginger cookies, peanut blossoms, butter cookies, spritz, sugar cookies, chocolate cookies and other cookies from favorite family recipes and new ones as well – ALL TASTY. On Sunday there were "elves" on hand to help people make their selections.

Thanks to all of the LOV ladies who baked for hours, some at midnight or five a.m. You are the stars of the sale. We also couldn't have done it without Richard Gunnell who did the heavy setup, Nancy Wendt who continued our advertising, and Kris Koth and Carolyn Gratz, our bankers, and finally the Love Ladies who smiled when a burnt batch had to be remade. Thank you Ladies of Value for your constant companionship and for feeding our sugar cravings.



January 6, 2020

What is Epiphany?

Epiphany Day is a Christian holiday that marks the day that the Three Kings visited Jesus, having followed a star to reach him. They followed a bright star that foretold the birth of a new king, and brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh (Matthew 2:1-3, 7-12). This holiday is celebrated in Western Roman Catholic and Protestant churches.

It is also known as the 12th Day of Christmas, as it falls twelve days after Christmas Day. Epiphany is the last day in the Christian season of Christmas. In Western churches, it is observed on Monday, January 6; however, some churches celebrate on the Sunday before or after January 6 if it does not fall on a Sunday.

January Worship Helpers

In the event you have volunteered and have a scheduling conflict on that date, please contact and trade timeswith another person on the schedule and notify the church office.

ACOLYTE

- 9:30 a.m. Service
- 5 Jaxson Dick
- 12 Abby Hamm
- 19 Katie Ubera
- 26 Emma Shales

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

9:30 a.m. Service

- 5 Kimberly Frank
- 12 Pat Leners
- 19 Jean Whiteley
- 26 Rose Anne Hoekstra

READERS FOR WORSHIP

- 9:30 a.m. Service
- 5 Ilona Snider
- 12 Judy Cooper
- 19 Tom Morris
- 26 Joe Doninger

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

9:30 a.m. Service

- 5 Robin Adams, Kimberly Frank, Ilona Snider
- 12 Judy Cooper, Pat Leners, Gay Schaaf
- 19 Patti Garcia, Tom Morris, Jean Whiteley
- 26 Joe Doninger, Rose Anne Hoekstra, Gay Schaaf

ALTAR GUILD Diane Kanda, Merry Oates

NURSERY CARE (9:15 - 10:45 a.m.) Tammy Littleton

OFFERING COUNTERS Leader

Team 5 Brock Bentson Linda Piepenbrink, Janet Peterson Bob Piepenbrink, Mary Bentson 12 Janet Peterson Brian Adams, Linda Hallas Jean Whiteley, Charmayne Zoller 19 Brock Bentson Linda Piepenbrink, Janet Peterson, Bob Piepenbrink, Mary Bentson Brian Adams, Karen Zetterlund 26 Janet Peterson Jean Whiteley, Karen Kramer

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9:30 a.m. Service

- 5 Carl Bretschneider John Florian, Janet Peterson
- 12 Carl Bretschneider John Florian, Janet Peterson
- 19 Carl Bretschneider, John Florian, Janet Peterson
- 26 Carl Bretschneider John Florian, Janet Peterson

WELCOME DESK

9:15 a.m.- 9:35 a.m.

- 5 Charmayne Zoller
- 12 Merry Oates
- 19 Linda Schoensiegel
- 26 Ilona Snider

GREETERS

9:20 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.

5	(Front Door)	Pat Leners
	(Narthex)	Tom Morris
12	(Front Door)	Russ Snider
	(Narthex)	Ilona Snider
19	(Front Door)	Al Hoekstra
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- Rose Anne Hoekstra Scott Lincoln Jane Lincoln

Fellowship Time

10:15 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. 5 First Sunday Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

12, 19, 26 - Bible Study "Coffee and" in the Narthex

Richard Gunnell, Jen Verga, Jean Whiteley

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Sunday Schedule: Worship and Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Jeffrey E. Koth

All Are Welcome!

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New Worship Schedule Begins

Sunday, January 5, 2020

One Combined Service 9:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School (First Sunday Breakfast at 10:30 a.m. following the service.)

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 26, 2020

9:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting