

The Trinitarian



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BREWSTER, NEW YORK

Pastoral Reflections-Lent

For years, Lent has been seen as a season of “giving up.” Traditionally, on Mardi Gras, all the fats and extravagance of our lives is used to its fullness before it is put away for the somber time of Lent. People would give up chocolate or other sweets; they might go without alcohol or other beverages; some might take this opportunity to give up smoking or other kinds of addictions. Yet, the moment that Easter Sunday dawned, all those former practices were revived again.

This “giving up” became more of a test of our will power than anything else. It was something to endure for 40 days and not much else. It lost the sense of its original purpose and intent.

The season that we mark as Lent today has its roots in the early church’s practice of preparing people for baptism and intentional fellowship with the Church. By the 3rd century, it became a practice throughout the Church as people prepared for the celebration of Christ’s resurrection. Spiritual disciplines included prayer, fasting, gifts, and acts of charity. It was about more than will power or our ability resist temptation.



We are called to walk daily with Christ, not just for 40 days (or even just 40 years), but in each moment. Like the New Year is an opportunity to set new goals, Lent becomes that time to re-commit ourselves to live in faith and trust. It does not end with Easter, but rather Lent is that communal impetus to get us moving along that path.

As you reflect on your own life of faith, what would you like to focus your attention and efforts around? Do you want to renew your commitment to prayer or devotions? Attend worship more regularly? Join a group of other Christians in conversation, reflection, and Bible study? Participate in mission or outreach ministries?

On **Ash Wednesday**, I will be asking people to make their Lenten commitment, writing it down and placing it in a box that we will pray over. Take the opportunity between now and then to prayerfully reflect on what kind of commitment you would like to make. Don’t try to do too many of them, but do something specific.

I am praying for us as congregation as we enter into this time of renewal.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Jen



SUPER BOWL!

FIRST FRIDAY

February 5, 6:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

➤ **Super Bowl Food** 🍷

**Wear your favorite team's
colors/jersey**

Please let us know you are coming by signing up in the Narthex so we know how many to expect. Kat Devine

HEALTH TALK #2

Sunday, February 28
2:00 PM ☀ Fellowship Hall

UNDERSTANDING SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER

Tips on Coping, Home Remedies,
and Treatments

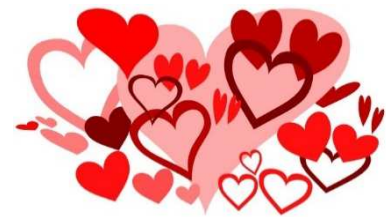
Speaker: William Dubenicsek,
owner of the Art of Healing

FREE ☀ OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
REFRESHMENTS



Sunday, February 7

Stocking up for a Super Bowl party? Pick up some nonperishable food items and place them in the shopping cart in the narthex. All donations of food and money go directly to local people in need via Putnam CAP. See page 3 for more information on nutritional and other needs in Putnam County.



YOUTH VALENTINE DANCE

Saturday, February 13

7:00 - 11:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

\$10 per person

Supports ELCA 2018

Youth Gathering



Food Insecurity

Have you, your family, or friends ever experienced the inability to purchase nutritional foods because they couldn't afford it that week or month? If so, then you understand food insecurity, although you may not have known the name for it. **Food insecurity** refers to the USDA's measure of lack of access to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members, or limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods. **Hunger** is defined as a strong desire or need for food; the discomfort, weakness or pain caused by a prolonged lack of food. Putnam households are not necessarily food insecure all of the time, but when they are in need people turn to the food pantries in their neighborhood.

I recently spent time with Judy Callahan from the Putnam Community Action Program (Putnam CAP) to understand the need for food in Putnam County. She explained that their role is to serve the residents of Putnam County who are struggling to support themselves and/or their families. Putnam County is fortunate in that people in need mostly suffer from food insecurity instead of hunger.

With approximately 500 families registered with Putnam CAP, on average they help 325 to 350 families per month. These individuals and families are limited as to the amount of food provided based on rules set by the county/government. The food items include meats, fish, dairy, vegetables, and breads, and the non-food items include diapers, cleaning products, toiletries, and gift cards. These items help families make it through each month. Many of those supported are single parent, multiple children households with no child support, households with mental or physical disabilities, and households without jobs. While Putnam CAP depends heavily on some

government funds and grant monies, those funds have been halved over the past several years due to government cost-cutting. Today they rely heavily on community donations to keep their shelves stocked. If people don't provide donations, many people in Putnam go without nutritious food. By not spending on food, our donations help families save for car repairs, medications, and clothes for job interviews. Putnam CAP receives many donations from local stores such as Hannaford and Trader Joe's. If you shop at Hannaford in Carmel you know that each Thanksgiving patrons are asked at the checkout counter to donate \$10 for a box of food. These boxes of food are collected for Putnam CAP, where they are used throughout the year.

Monetary donations and gift cards are most welcome. The gift cards should be for local stores such as Kohl's, Marshall's, Hannaford, and ShopRite, as well as VISA and MasterCard, because, even without cars, it is usually possible to get to local stores. The gift cards enable people new to the area to buy necessities besides food.

Putnam CAP is a Trinity social ministry we are committed to support. It is something we all can participate in and doesn't take much effort. If you plan one week a month to buy an extra bag of groceries for Putnam CAP, this helps our neighbors in need in our surrounding area. Please be generous and help those less fortunate.

Joanne Icken

**On Sunday, February 7,
we encourage generous
donations for
Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday**

Faith@Home

Lent is a time of growing closer in our relationship with God. How might you, as a family, engage in any of the disciplines of Lent? Below are a few ideas:

- 1) Make your own **Lenten Calendar** (pre-filled in ones are available). Include activities or practices that you are already doing; check out the church's newsletter and bulletin for ideas to include; write in something that you have been meaning to do; use any of the following ideas:
 - a. People, places, groups (Trinity, sports teams, BESP, etc.) and/or situations to pray for
 - b. Acts of kindness (i.e., smiling at someone; giving someone a hug, donating extra toys, clothes, food, or money to a charity; recycling, helping someone at school, etc.)
 - c. Read a Bible story or learn about a particular person in the Bible
 - d. "Fast" from eating junk food and/or eat everything on your plate
 - e. "Fast" from the use of electronics
- 2) **Coloring sheets** – pick up a copy of the weekly coloring sheets to use as a spiritual practice
- 3) **Prayer** – set aside a particular time to pray each day (individually or as a family)
- 4) **40 Days of Giving and/or Step by Step devotionals**– pick up a copy of these devotionals

Check out other ideas throughout this newsletter.

BESP

Your enthusiastic response to signing up for our first and second weeks of ministry (Dec 21-27 at the Brewster First Baptist Church and Jan 11-17 at the First United Methodist Church) is really appreciated.

Our third week of service will be February 22-28 at the Brewster First Baptist Church. Those without a warm place to sleep are met nightly at 8:45 pm by the paid overnight supervisor in Brewster and escorted to the shelter's location, which rotates among four churches.

Please check your calendars to see if you can help. We also need boxer underwear, t-shirts, warm socks, warm gloves. **(We have more than enough toiletries at this time.)**

God's blessings,

Gail & Irene

Please contact Gail Pease (h) 845 225-8921,(c) 845 629-1963, gpeasesoar@aol.com or Irene Germain (h) 845 225-4698,(c) 845-260-5385 (no reception at home), Irene6174@comcast.net.

This season BESP, our interfaith temporary homeless shelter, runs December 7, 2015 through March 27, 2016.

John Castle (Brewster First Baptist)–chair
 Don Cuomo (Trinity)–treasurer
 Gail Pease (Trinity)–board
 Irene Germain & Gail (Trinity)–co-coordinators of Trinity's ministry
 Charlie Germain & Tom Pease (Trinity)–assistants



Step by Step with Jesus: A Journey Toward More Abundant Life for All

Lent, 2016

We enter into this season of Lent, taking one step at a time. We follow in the footsteps of Jesus as we seek to live the abundant life that God has blessed us with.

A **Lenten booklet** will be made available as a weekly devotional as a companion to the **40 Days of Giving from the ELCA World Hunger Devotion** (physical copies are available or you can sign up for the daily email). **Full page coloring sheets** are also available to use as part of your reflection and devotional time.

This booklet will be used in conjunction with the **Sunday morning Adult Faith Formation** class held between services. Please join us as we explore our weekly themes (see below).

As we are faithfully formed in this time, we seek also to live out God's mission in the world. We are engaging in this mission as we seek to work with other ELCA congregations towards the goal of \$2 million to help alleviate hunger and other issues related to poverty. The goal for Trinity's part is \$1,000. The kickoff will be **Souper Bowl Sunday** as we collect soup as well as funds for this project.

Join us as well for the **March 4th First Friday Potluck** (with an *international flair*) as we share foods from around the world and hear about the various ways that God's mission is being accomplished far and wide.

Weekly Themes are:

February 14th: Opening our Hearts (Who do you think you love?)

February 21st: Opening our Eyes (Who do you think you are?)

February 28th: Opening our Hands (What do you think you own?)

March 6th: Opening our Ears (what do you think you hear?)

March 13th: Opening our Lives (What do you think it will be?)

Other Lenten opportunities:

"Unbinding the Gospel" (Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in Youth Room)

Jesus calls us to share the Gospel, going into the whole world. What does this mean for us as a church in the 21st century?

Lent Madness (on-line bracket of saints).

Go to www.lentmadness.org to learn more about a variety of saints and vote for your favorite as we see who will win this year's Golden Halo.

Prayer Calendar

We thank everyone who has made a commitment to pray for the Mission and Ministry of Trinity. If you have not yet picked a specific day to pray for the congregation, check out the calendar in the narthex or contact Pastor Jen to see which days are still available. Praying together as a community of faith is a gift and a blessing to all!

YOUTH GROUP

2 middle school students, 5 high school students, and 2 adults will be attending Youth Quake—Boston Quake Zone February 5-7 in Deadham, MA.

On Saturday, February 13, 7-11 PM will be our Valentine Dance. Cost is \$10 per person. Other area youth groups are invited. Proceeds will go toward the costs of those attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering.

Youth Group events are held throughout the year. If your 6th-12th grade child(ren) is interested or if you or they would like to be included on the e-mail contact list, please let Albert (tgoblondie@aol.com) and Lauren (ickenlauren@gmail.com) know.

Albert Cuomo, Lauren Icken, and Joy Baggetta

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Faith Formation for Adults

“Unbinding the Gospel” (Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in Youth Room starting 2/17) Jesus calls us to share the Gospel, going into the whole world. What does this mean for us as a church in the 21st century? All are welcome to join us. (Does not meet Wednesdays when there is a council meeting.)

“Step by Step with Jesus” (Sundays at 9:45 AM starting 2/14) will use Lenten themes along with the Sunday morning readings to explore living lives of discipleship

FIRST THURSDAY of each month **Bible Study** at WELCA meetings, 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall AND a special Lenten study on three Thursdays in March—see WELCA article on this page for more information

Thursday Morning WELCA Group Winter Schedule

During the winter months we met less often. We extend an invitation to all ladies to join us. We will be meeting:

February 11 at 10 AM for Bible Study with Debbie Lyon as our study leader

February 18 at 12:30 PM for lunch at Turo Restaurant

In **March** we will meet for a **Lenten Study** for three weeks with Pastor Jen leading us:

March 3 – 10 AM Lenten Study

March 10 – 10 AM Lenten Study

March 17 – 10 AM Lenten Study followed by lunch out at 12:30 PM

Irene Germain, Irene6174@comcast.net
845-225-4698

Sunday Morning WELCA

Coordinators: Joanne Icken (jicken@yahoo.com) & Heidi Kuhland (CraftierQ@aol.com)



Sunday School February News

As we enter into Lent, we celebrate Mardi Gras Sunday by marching into service to the sounds of the Trinity Brass and “The Saints go Marching In” with the 4th grade Alleluia banner that has all the SCS students’ handprints. Our 4th grade SCS students will begin their formal communion classes after Ash Wednesday and partake of the Lord’s Table on Maundy Thursday, March 24, 2016. The Sunday Church School students made valentines to go to Operation Cupid for troops serving overseas. Our annual Lent event will be on Palm Sunday, March 20th—look for details to come as notices will go home and be emailed to parents. Remember to check WHUD for any weather-related closings or delays.

Jeanette Baldanza,
Sunday School Superintendent





Worship Assistants

Assisting Ministers, Readers, and Ushers NEEDED

Trinity is blessed to have a number of people who enrich our worship services by acting as ushers and assisting ministers—but **we need more help in those areas**. Do you think you might be called to give a little of your time to serve in one of these roles? It’s not difficult. It doesn’t require a big commitment of time. You come to worship anyway, so why not think about participating in a new way!

Please keep this ministry in your prayers and consider it in your heart. If you have questions about what’s involved, speak with Mary Beth Commisso. If you’d like more information, contact Mary Beth Commisso, Dawn Morello, or Pastor Jen.



Ash Wednesday Services of Holy Communion

Wednesday

February 10th

Noon and 7:00 PM

♪ JOYFUL NOISE ♪
 CHILDREN'S CHOIR ♪
 Meets about 9:20 AM in
 Shepherd's Hall
 with Joy Baggetta



Children in Sunday School (Pre-K through 5th grade) may participate in this group, singing pre-arranged songs for performances at worship services throughout the year. Rehearsals are on Sundays in Shepherd’s Hall 9:20 AM-9:45 AM. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex, or just join us. Please contact Joy Baggetta (joy_baggetta@hotmail.com) for more details.

Senior Choir

Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Please contact Franklyn Commisso for more information.

Altar Flowers 2016

The chart for 2016 is posted in the narthex. Flowers may be taken home after Sunday worship or left to beautify the altar. You may designate the gift as a memorial or thanksgiving gift. Sundays may be shared with other donors, reducing the \$30/week cost. You may also give a general gift to the Flower Fund. Contact Kathie Ruhs at 845-277-8012 or Linda Salinger at 845-277-5345 for more information.

February Worship Schedule

Thu, Feb 4	Holy Communion/Spoken Worship, noon
Sun, Feb 7	Holy Communion, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Wed, Feb 10	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion, noon & 7:00 p.m.
Thu, Feb 11	Holy Communion/Spoken Worship, noon
Sun, Feb 14	Holy Communion, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Thu, Feb 18	Holy Communion/Spoken Worship, noon
Sun, Feb 21	Holy Communion, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Thu, Feb 25	Holy Communion/Spoken Worship, noon
Sun, Feb 28	Holy Communion, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Everything INCLUDING the Kitchen Sink

A friendly reminder—when you leave the bathrooms, please turn off the lights. Also if you notice a light on and no one is using that room, please turn the lights off. It is very important to help us with this and your support is greatly appreciated. You may want to pass this information onto the rest of your family members as well.

We held our property committee meeting on January 12th and discussed a number of items.

1. The downstairs kitchen sink is being repaired again. Please be careful when you turn the water on and off. Thanks.
2. Pat Wills has done an excellent job in getting tenants for this past year and because of her efforts an increase of over \$7,000 was realized. Thanks so much for all your hard work.
3. We are moving forward for the renovation of the windows in the Fellowship Hall. I would like to thank Karl and Marge Westerville and Don Icken for a terrific job in preparing a proposal to the Metropolitan New York Synod for this renovation. We have been approved for a \$17,000 grant from synod and we will need to match those funds before the project is completed. Sharon Laird is now preparing the final documents to present to the contractors we had originally, and we will be waiting to hear back from them. In the meantime a number of our members have already committed to help with this cost. We are hoping to have more information to present at the annual meeting. Your support for this project will be greatly appreciated. Again we are truly blessed to have so many of you who are helping with this project. More information will follow. If you are interested in helping to support this project, please contact the office staff.

God's blessing on all our wonderful volunteers. You are all greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Ken Mongold
Chair person, Property Committee

WHAT IS MY NEW CONTRIBUTOR NUMBER?

For 2016, ALL regular contributors have been assigned a NEW contributor number. We have dropped down to 200 box of envelopes, saving the church over three hundred dollars as part of our ongoing goal toward reducing expenses. Those who use physical envelopes on a regular basis are assigned a box of envelopes numbered within the range of 1 to 200. Those who contribute online, do not use physical envelopes regularly, or are visitors have been assigned a five-digit contributor number. This acts as an account number for recording contributions. **Please check the table in the narthex—if you do not have a box of envelopes, you have a letter providing your new number. PLEASE NOTE:** To ensure that your contributions are recorded and attributed to you correctly, **PLEASE CLEARLY IDENTIFY ALL CONTRIBUTIONS** with your name, address, and contributor number. This is especially important for cash contributions. If you wish to contribute to multiple funds in the same week, please mark your contribution accordingly, including General Fund, Mortgage, Building Improvement, or Festival Music. Pew envelopes are available in the pew racks and from the ushers. A list of contributors' numbers will be available in the narthex if you are uncertain of your number.

DISCARD ANY UNUSED ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS to avoid any possible confusion. If you have your contributions automatically generated by your bank, you should inform them of your new number. If you contribute online, your number will be updated in that system by the financial recording secretary, Stephanie Lyons. We greatly appreciate everyone's continuing contributions and everyone's patience as we make this change.

The Finance Team

Pledges for 2016

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE A PLEDGE. If you have not completed one, there is still time! Blank cards are available in the narthex or contact the church office to have one e-mailed to you.

COMMENTS

GENERAL ACCOUNT INCOME—Total income is \$1,445 more than projections.

GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES—Total expenses are \$17,083 less than projected.

MORTGAGE FUND—Contributions are \$1,407.59 behind payments.

MONTHLY INCOME—December income was \$8,122 more than expenses.

YEAR-TO-DATE*—Expenses were \$4,328 less than income for the year.

*Income includes two \$5,000 loans, one in March & one in August

Recurring or One-Time Gift Giving Online

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or a special one-time additional gift, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions.

To set up a recurring giving schedule or a one-time gift, visit Trinity's website, trinitybrewsterny.org, and click on the "Offering" button, set up an account or "profile," and follow the instructions to complete your donation amount and frequency. Questions? Please contact Stephanie Lyons after church or email her at lyonss1@comcast.net.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

YEAR TO DATE BUDGET REPORT (through December 31, 2015)

GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT

Category	Budget	Actual	Variance
INCOME			
Contributions	\$193,630	\$182,670	(\$10,960)
Other Income	\$21,191	\$33,595	\$12,404
Total Income	\$214,821	\$216,266	\$1,445
EXPENSES			
Benevolence	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
Pastoral	\$110,451	\$110,956	\$505
Education	\$4,413	\$3,020	(\$1,393)
Evangelism	\$116	\$436	\$320
Worship & Music	\$21,776	\$9,334	(\$12,442)
Administration	\$51,135	\$47,796	(\$3,339)
Property	\$34,601	\$34,073	(\$528)
Stewardship	\$489	\$306	(\$183)
Social Ministry	\$20	\$0	(\$20)
Fund Raising	\$20	\$18	(\$2)
Total Expenses	\$229,021	\$211,938	(\$17,083)
NET INCOME	(\$14,200)	\$4,328	\$18,528

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES (includes \$15,000 in loans)

January 1, 2015 balance	\$12,251
Current balance	\$13,845

MORTGAGE FUND

Contributions	Payments	Variance
\$41,384.41	(\$42,792.00)	(\$1,407.59)

Memorial Gifts

We are always grateful for contributions to the Memorial Fund.

Christian memorial gift is a contribution of money or property to some Christian cause in loving memory of a relative or friend. We give such memorial gifts on the occasion of a loved one's being called to Eternity, on an anniversary of the "Gift of Life," or on the remembrance or celebration of an event in the life of the departed one. Such gifts, given lovingly, honor the Living Lord, Jesus Christ. If you would like to contribute a monetary memorial gift to Trinity, there are forms available on the credenza in the Narthex. If you are interested in sponsoring an item, please contact the office for a list of suggested gifts.

We remember in prayer those who are

In the hospital, ill, recuperating from surgery, or undergoing medical treatment:

Brigitte, Lee, Augie Autieri, Tamara Bagen, Lisa Bagnati, Kitty, Barbara Jean Bennet, Patricia Berwind, Joe Bettcher, Nicole Bettcher, Michael Boyd, William Brown, Lilly Browne, Wendy Bucaj, Betty Buckmaster, Lynn Byrnes, Gail Cardella, Dorothy Carlson, Tamara Casablanca, Christine, Colleen, Erin Conroy, Helen Conte, Jon Cope, Linda Cowen, Ben Dalecki, Karen Delduco, Kathren Devine, Dilynn, Dominic, Gert Donovan, Lillian Eberhardt, Wayne Farber, Kristin Foley, Christine Gallegher, George Gilleo, Barbara Goos, Eleanor Greene, Alexandra Grimaldi, Eric Halbekath Sr, Thomas Ingate, Joe, JoAnn Johnston, Kelly Kern, Sally Kindt, Dick Kittle, Bob Koenig, George Kramer, Matthew Kromar, Pr Sandy Leifster, Judy Lutz, Raymond Maglio, Meg, Michael, Beth Maley, Hedy McCloskey, Dan McGill, Ziggy Mignanelli, Oliver Milton, Michael Montana, Karen Myerwold, John Noone, Pr. Paul Nordeen, Bob Obuck, Pr Garry Patrylo Jr, Ed Ranieri, Muriel Rapp, Elain Rigo, Nicholas Rogan, Ronnie, Larry Ruhs, Marilyn Schoeller, George Schwarz, Sharon, James Sorge, Phyllis Sorge, Joe Stark, Meyer Steinhardt, Curt Stiles, Audrey Stone and Figo, Walter Straub, Michael Stringer, Meranda Sue, Grace Tadler, Michelle Tessier, Teddi Tom, John Torlish, Mary Torlish, Greg V., Henry Von Bargaen, Katherine Waldvogel, Alex Wallace, Mary Ann Wilk, Jessica Wilkson, Gina, Cele, Marv, Arthur, Jeff

In hospice care: Eligio

Remembering the life of: John Tadler, husband of Grace; Kelly Kern, friend of Gail Pease

Wrestling with long-term health issues:

Moshen Alameldin, Morgan Andren, Judy B, Malcolm Beal Sr,

Amanda Beneway, Gloria Bretone, Neal Brundage, Janet Canor, Tony Cardella, Nancy Cuomo, Deena Cox, Tom Curran, Glen DiSanto, Al Eberhardt, Priscilla Elz, Donna Ficara, Jim Fiore, Mollie Fitzpatrick, Margaret Fowler, Amanda George, Catherine Henneforth, Sue Kaufman, Raymond Kiernan, Janet Kniffin, Ryan Lee, Allen McCaslin, Reneé McElroy, Thaine Manske, Virginia Mead, George Miller, Tanya Murgai, Regina Paulson, Katie Ray, Betty Rodda, Rosaleen, Riley Rushia, Sindy, Sally Sheets, Zack Small, Michael Smith, Kenneth Strawn, Kathy Sullivan, Josephine Talley, Gina Venezia, Glenn Wagner, Walt, Elizabeth Waugh, Cecilia Winters, Stephanie, Donna, Richard Yessian

Facing life's challenges: Kim Andren, Daniel Baggetta, the Banuelos/Cable/Lyon family, Wanda & Cliff, Della Arndt, the Bueti family, Catherine, Jeannie Graham, Terry Gregori, Larry Hampson, Logan Keane, Nicola Kenny, Matt, Bill & Debbie Logan, Anita Luhrs, Mary Jane McMahan, Ryan, Mariela Ramirez & family, Isabel Ranieri, Sue Rodriguez, Alex Smith, Barbara Sparkes, Katelyn Stufano, Kristen Sullivan, Michael Talarico, Jennifer West, Helga Whalen, Dave, Lisa, Jaimie Zeola

Serving in the Armed Forces: Michael Caitney, Dylan Cumpston, Adam Elliott, Phillip Gerhardt, Ron Hansen Jr., Dylan Kinsella, Pr Anthony Stephens, Adam Vieux, Jessica Woodall, all those in the service of our country, especially in Iraq and Afghanistan, and their chaplains

Restricted to home/nursing home: Marge Christie, Gerrit Franssen, Lucy Hillers, Marian Langlois, Horatio Massatti, Marge Popham, Sylvia Rieg, Scott Werner

Attending seminary: Dawn Morello

Partnership Ministries: The Northwest Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania; the Brewster Soup Kitchen (Brewster 1st Baptist Church) and Brewster Food Pantry (St. Andrew's Episcopal), Brewster Ecumenical Service Partnership (BESP); local small business owners in challenging economic times

Servants of the Church: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, and the Churchwide staff; Bishop Robert Rimbo of the Metropolitan New York Synod and staff; Pastor Jennifer Boyd, Deacons Charles Germain, Jr. and Dorothy Kafalas; Minister of Music Franklyn Commisso; Council members; Sunday School teachers, and worship leaders

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: To add a name to Trinity's prayer list, please complete a request form located in the pew and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Names are usually listed for four weeks. Wednesday is the deadline for including names in the following Sunday's printed list. **Please contact Amy in the church office trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com if a person should be moved to a different area of concern or removed.**

- Clocks spring ahead on Sunday, March 13
- The next Blood Drive will be here at Trinity on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 2-8 PM

February Birthdays

Scott Dzibela Sr 2/1
 Luke Loftus 2/1
 Paula Belmont 2/3
 Wendy Healy 2/3
 Danielle Markert 2/3
 Ursula Merolla 2/3
 Nicole Morello 2/3
 Dowlette Alam el Din 2/4
 Lauren Giacomelli 2/4
 Lindsay Wund 2/4
 Jennifer Gerfen 2/6
 John Gerfen 2/6
 Ashley Hansen 2/6
 Aldona Gasiunas 2/7
 Lois Lawrence 2/7
 Faith Prisciantelli 2/7
 Joey Maston 2/11
 Alyssa Nastasi 2/12
 Olivia Giacomelli 2/13
 Melissa Rice 2/13
 Brian Van Vlack 2/13

Adam Beal 2/14
 Andrea Tiersch 2/14
 Karl Westerville 2/14
 Jack Litchfield 2/15
 Melody Williams 2/18
 Christopher Donohue 2/19
 Mary Gerhardt 2/20
 Nathan Knolker 2/20
 Mark Boldish 2/21
 Andrew Klammer 2/21
 Jeffrey Von Bargaen 2/22
 Adelina Zhang 2/22
 Erin Corbi 2/23
 Grant Cuomo 2/23
 Carol Fendt 2/24
 Gary Meissner 2/27
 Rita Karlsson 2/28
 Larry Ruhs 2/29
 Lori Van Vlack 2/29

Leap
 Babies!

February Anniversaries

Henry & Marie Von Bargaen 2/11

WEATHER OR NOT

Listen to WHUD (100.7 FM) for closings due to weather

AWAY THIS WINTER?

Please let the church office know your alternate address and effective dates to continue receiving the *Trinitarian* and other mailings over the winter. Thanks!

YOGA AT TRINITY

Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:00 AM AND Thursday nights 7:30-8:45 pm. Just bring a yoga mat and an open mind! All abilities welcome. Cost: Suggested donation of \$10. Donations exceeding \$10 will be donated back to Trinity. Contact Cyndi Bertone, RYT, at 279-8240 for more info.

PLANNING AN EVENT?

Please contact **Pat Wills** regarding any **PROPERTY USE** at 845-259-3138 or e-mail her at p.wills@comcast.net

Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary in February and aren't on this list? Please contact the church office with the complete month-day-year information. Thanks!

CHECK OUT WHAT TRINITY RECYCLES FOR CASH!



Do you have shampoo bottles? Old cell phones? Used-up toothpaste tubes? Plastic #6 cups? Trinity has updated the list of items accepted for **Terracycle**. Please pick up a new green list from the narthex table—stick it on your fridge or inside your bathroom medicine cabinet to remind you of what you can empty, rinse, and bring in that can be turned into cash for Trinity AND not going into a landfill! **PLEASE REMEMBER TO EMPTY AND RINSE CONTAINERS.** For more information, please contact council member Georgina Marek.

Articles for the March *Trinitarian* are due **Mon, February 15**. Please email articles to Amy Finney at trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com

Office Hours: Mon to Fri, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

PASTOR JEN'S CONTACT INFO

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FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS



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| Fri, Feb 5 | First Friday Potluck Supper, 6:00 PM |
| Fri, Feb 5-
Sun, Feb 7 | Youth Quake in Massachusetts |
| Sun, Feb 7 | Souper Bowl/Mardi Gras Sunday |
| Wed, Feb 10 | Ash Wednesday services,
noon & 7:00 PM |
| Sat, Feb 13 | Youth Valentine Dance, 7:00 PM |
| Sun, Feb 28 | Health Talk: Seasonal Affective
Disorder, 2:00 PM |

Remember to see the full February calendar enclosed as well



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