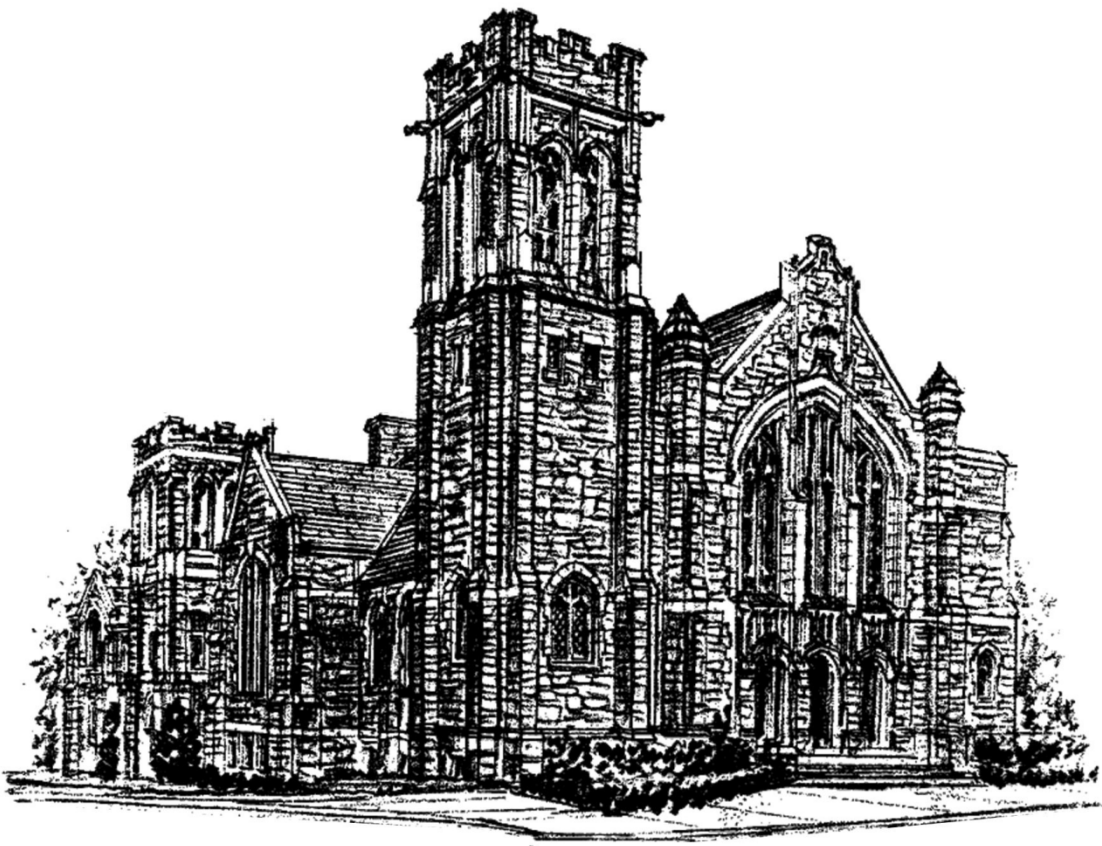


TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Making Disciples for Christ



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
AND REPORTS - 2019

Rules of Procedure

Trinity Lutheran Church Congregational Meeting

1. Eligible voters include those confirmed members who have made a contribution of record and received Holy Communion during the current or preceding year.
2. In addressing the Chair, speakers shall identify themselves by name.
3. Speeches from the floor shall be limited to three minutes.
4. No person shall speak more than twice on the same questions and only after all others have spoken.
5. When there are numerous pro and con statements on any motion, the Chair will attempt to recognize alternately persons making a pro or con statement.
6. No motion is before the Assembly until it is recognized and stated by the Chair, and no discussion shall occur without a second before the Assembly.

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Church Council Members

Craig Fentress, President*
Lauren Rowe, Vice-President
Maggie Stone, Secretary
Mary Madurski, Treasurer
Junior Michael*

Barbara Winebrenner*
June Habeck-Holler*
Craig Robinson
Virginia Doarnberger
Mark Deiterich

*Term ending 12/31/2019

2019 Trinity Staff Members

The Rev. Dr. David Eisenhuth
The Rev. Gregory Shook
Mr. Andrew Wallace
Mrs. Colleen Gildee
Mr. Ricky Stoner
Mr. Hunt Hardinge
Mrs. Peggy Hardinge
Mrs. Inge Dudda
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Minister of Music and Visitation Pastor
Praise Worship Director
Contractor - Administrator
Sexton
Website/Social Media Coordinator
Deacon, OSSD
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Pastor in Residence

AGENDA

Table Grace

Lunch

Devotions and Pastor's Comments

Rules Reminder

Call to order

Establish Quorum

Review and Approval of 2018 Minutes

Receive reports

Recognize off-going Council members

Election of Council and Endowment Fund Board members

Endowment fund report

Review and discuss 2019 budget

Open Question and Answer Period

Adjournment

Closing Prayer

2018 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Meeting called to order at 12:30PM by Judy Conrad, Council President. A count was done and a quorum was present.

Opening prayer and devotions were led by Pr. David.

Thanks given to the Trinity kitchen crew for coordinating the lunch. A brief time was spent reviewing upcoming volunteer activities: Breakfast with Santa, REACH Cold Weather Shelter, Advent/Christmas decorating, Advent Craft Festival.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the 2017 Annual Meeting minutes as presented and discussed.

The floor was opened for nominations for Council and the Endowment Board. No nominations from the floor. Nominees for Church Council for terms beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019: Mary Madurski, Mark Koogler, Mark Deiterich, and Craig Robinson.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to suspend the Bylaws and approve the 4 nominees presented for Council's 4 vacancies.

Nominees for Endowment Board are Ralph Conrad and Jeff Reed.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to suspend the Bylaws and approve the 2 nominees presented for the Endowment Board's 2 vacancies.

Staff and Team Reports received.

Laura Herrera presented information regarding the endowment. The endowment is managed by Marshfield & Associates who has a unique investment strategy and disciplined approach, only buying stock when it's trading at a discount. We are in a growth period; the 3-5 year outlook is good. It's best to stay the course and not trail the market.

Ms. Herrera will let Marshfield know what Trinity plans to do with its endowment. They may make changes to the investment strategy if they know we will be withdrawing at a much high rate than suggested. Recommendation is to put cash in reserves for what we need for the year to protect from the down side. We may risk losing some return, but that way that amount is protected. It is difficult to determine in the short-term which way the market will go.

There are opportunities for financial giving now and in the future. We always welcome outright gifts towards the endowment. Secondly, you can gift to Trinity appreciated stock. Both of these may save you some taxes. You don't get charged capital gains taxes when funds are transferred to the church. Lastly, you could assign Trinity as one of the beneficiaries on the account. Work with an attorney to determine how you want your assets divided in your will.

Pastor Chris Ramsey presented information on the Called Out Scouts. How do we get the good news of Jesus to those who have not heard? Canoeing the Mountains discusses the changing church in the changing world. Council will be working on the study, but Pastor Chris feels compelled to do something now to adapt Trinity to a changing world. His simple question, "Is this God's church?" YES! Then God has a future for Trinity. The team will have a very conscious, spiritual element, spending some time in scripture and

prayer. Next, go scouting! What else is out there? What are other churches doing? What do we do well? What turns people off to church (those are the voices we don't hear – most of our friends go to church). With what we've learned from scouting, look at Trinity with new eyes and new understanding. What didn't we see and here – what is NOT offered anywhere? How can we use our words and deeds to offer what is desired and needed? This is an impossible job...except with GOD! Invitation was given to join the adventure.

2019 Budget presented. *Motion made and seconded to approve the budget as presented.*

Discussion:

Discussion was held to explain the new programs of Jazz Vespers, Joyful Noise and Marketing. These are new expenses for 2019.

Therese Ramey asked for clarification on which staff members are paid and which are volunteer. Order of Saint Stephen Deacons and Pastors in Residence are unpaid positions. She also requested that a breakdown of staff expenses and time (hours/week) be provided next year.

She added that a portion of the Minister of Music's salary will be coming from the youth fund. Previously, all of his salary came out of the current operations/general endowment. Now a portion – 10 hours each week – will be funded from the youth endowment, specifically for Joyful Noise.

Mike Mowen will take the request for details on salaries to the Personnel Team meeting on Monday.

Ed Drawbaugh questioned the need to spend \$7,500 on the 150th anniversary celebrations. He commented that the money requested for marketing is money spent on the future of the church.

Clarification was provided explaining that of the \$25,000 spent from the youth endowment, a portion of that will cover 10 hours of the Ministry of Music's salary (hours for Joyful Noise), youth activities (including the Joyful Noise program expenses), and Chris Ed.

Carol Schofield suggested the first work towards a marketing plan be done through Pastor Chris' group; use their findings to help with the marketing. Pastor Chris commented that responding to questions from a marketing firm will first require some research and exploration from us. We hope to all work together on this.

Rick Anthony commented that the church can choose to either die slowly or take a chance on growth. An idea to increase income would be to use the beautiful sanctuary as a wedding venue. Not any one thing we do will fully support the budget.

Mark Young commented that he came to Trinity through the Food Bank. Part of what is needed in the community is being provided through our food and clothing banks, but sometimes we should think about stepping outside and "launching the net." We can't sit still in the building – we must go out.

Karen Spessard expressed concern for the older population of the congregation. Please make time for our senior members, particularly the homebound and in nursing homes. She expressed excitement about the new programs that Trinity will be offering.

Ed Drawbaugh cautioned the congregation to spend prudently. It becomes easier each time one "dips into the well."

Judy Conrad challenged the congregation to support the budget in all ways – time, talent, and treasure – and to come up with ideas.

Pastor Torben Aarsand explained that trust is earned and requested that the congregation receive periodic updates on the new programs and support them with their prayers as well.

Gary Hammond reminded the congregation that approximately 5 years ago, the council made the commitment to get the draw down to 6-8%. Last year was 8-9%; this year will be close to 13%.

Maggie Stone urged the congregation to read Canoeing the Mountains. If we hold onto the canoes, we will not move forward. We may have to do things that stretch us and get us out of our comfort zones.

Hunt Hardinge encouraged congregants to have a more active role on the Finance Team and Council to prevent constantly seconded guessing those who are doing the work.

Question was called. Budget is passed.

Maggie Stone ended the meeting with prayer.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 1:56pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Mr. Craig Fentress

Dear Trinity members,

This year has been an amazing year at Trinity Lutheran Church. We have had many ups and downs, but we have weathered the storm together. We have lost dear friends that have transitioned to be with God. Although they are gone, they will never be forgotten. We took this year to celebrate our 150th anniversary with many activities and guests. We served thousands of people in our food and clothing banks. We started community dinners to not only feed people dinner, but to share the love of Christ with those in our community.

On the business side of the church, we stepped out on faith last year and pulled the most money we ever pulled from the endowment. The endowment ended up with more money than we started the year with. Whether you attribute that to a good year for the stock market or divine intervention, I think one drove the other. I have always said if we do the right things, God will take care of us. A group was formed and very passionately developed a new mission and vision statement. This will lead Trinity well into the future.

The thing I am most proud of for this year is the Pray-ground. I believe it is a success and has gotten mentions from other churches. I am very proud of how well the congregation handled the change. We came together and expressed our opinions and concerns in a respectful and civil discussion. If we can continue to do this in the future, we will be able to accomplish great things together- as we proved with the success of the community dinners- which started out with 2 people saying, "let's do this!" - to the 150 shoe boxes that everyone said could not be done.

In the next few years, we will be faced with many different decisions, from how to advertise what we do at Trinity to how we reach out to the Hagerstown community. Society has changed the way it looks at the church and each other. Most people don't know their neighbors and very rarely reach out of their comfort zone. This makes it a challenge to bring them into Trinity. We will have to work together to come up with new ways to reach people to share not only our love, but the love of Jesus, with them. My hope is that we make our decisions not from fear but from faith and love.

Craig Fentress
Council President
Trinity Lutheran Church



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ACCOUNT VALUE SUMMARY

	THIS PERIOD	THIS YEAR
Beginning account value	\$2,066,155.65	\$1,955,185.53
Withdrawals	0.00	-267,456.79
Taxable income	5,214.89	27,579.26
Change in asset value	8,406.37	364,468.91
Ending account value	\$2,079,776.91	\$2,079,776.91

TOTAL PORTFOLIO VALUE

Ending account value	\$2,079,776.91
Estimated accrued interest	5,721.84
Total portfolio value	\$2,085,498.75

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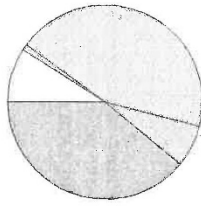
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ASSET ALLOCATION SUMMARY

	CURRENT VALUE	PERCENT
<input type="checkbox"/> RBC Insured Deposits	\$188,133.96	9%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash and money market	13,173.56	1%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> US equities	930,004.04	44%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International equities	144,831.00	7%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taxable fixed income	803,634.35	39%
Current account value	\$2,079,776.91	100%



Mutual funds are included in the above categories. Funds that invest in more than one category are reported as "Mixed Assets."
The cash and money market figure is net of debits including any RBC Express Credit (margin) debit, if applicable.

Deposits in the RBC Insured Deposits are not covered by SIPC. Please see Asset Detail beginning on page 4 for more information.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE / PROFILE AND RISK TOLERANCE

The investment objective for this account is: Balanced Growth

The risk tolerance for this account is: Moderate Risk

The advisory risk profile for this account is: Profile 3

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GAIN/LOSS SUMMARY

	THIS PERIOD	THIS YEAR
Total realized gain or loss	\$0.00	\$263,883.82
Short-term gain or loss	0.00	0.00
Long-term gain or loss	0.00	263,883.82
Unrealized gain or loss	AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2019	
		\$707,875.92

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ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Total account value last statement	Cash activity	\$2,066,155.65
Beginning balance		196,092.63
Money coming into your account		
Interest		3,417.25
Dividends		1,797.64
Total		5,214.89
Money going out of your account		
Funds to purchase securities		-12,080.32
Total		-12,080.32
Ending balance		189,227.20
Net change cash activity		-\$6,865.43
	Change in security value	
Beginning value of priced securities		1,870,063.02
Securities purchased		12,080.32
Change in value of priced securities		8,406.37
Ending value of priced securities		1,890,549.71
Net change in securities value		\$20,486.69
Total account value as of September 30, 2019		\$2,079,776.91

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/FAMILY MINISTRY
Jane Drawbaugh

During the 2019 calendar year the Christian Education/Family Ministry Team was responsible for the following activities:

- The team conducted monthly meetings held in person or via email.
- Upcoming activities and events were publicized in the Trinity Messenger, Mini-Messenger, eNews and in person during worship announcements.
- The youth SCS continued to assist on the fourth Sunday of each month at the Praise worship service as Communion assistants, greeters and offering takers.
- Children Helping Children continued throughout 2019 and the last collection for the year will be November 17 after the unity service and before the annual meeting. These monthly collections allow the children of Trinity to provide Christmas gifts and clothing for other children in the Washington County school system to brighten their holiday and help provide needed/wanted gifts their parents might not be able to provide. In 2018, four children were given gifts from this money and 17 shoeboxes were sent to Operation Christmas Child for distribution overseas. We learned our boxes went to Equador and the Ukraine.
- We continued to sponsor two Child Fund International children, Ibrahima and Carina with money from SCS offerings and a budget item line. Our sponsorship provides educational needs, health care and clothing plus family assistance to parent/parents and siblings of the sponsored child plus birthday and Christmas gifts. Our youth correspond at least twice a year via letter or card to the children and we receive updates on their school progress and their family life.

Some highlights of 2019 include:

December 2018 - Shopping for and delivering the gifts for the four children we sponsored through our own Children Helping Children offerings.

January 2019 - Confirmation classes begun during the SCS hour for two students, Bradley and Kaylee Kline. Taught by Susan Stull and Jane Drawbaugh, the class has completed three sections of the *"To Know, To Live, To Grow"* curriculum, What is a Lutheran?, The Lord's Prayer, and the Apostles' Creed this year.

April 2019 - Baskets prepared for the Easter Breakfast Basket Auction.

June 2019 - Teacher and Graduate Recognition and Scholarship presentations. Three scholarships were awarded in 2019 to Elizabeth Dagliano, Patrick Anthony and Maggie Stone.

July 2019 - Joyful Noise Singers started at the Boys and Girls Club of Washington County, Pennsylvania Avenue location with 30+/- children. Funded with money from the Paddack Youth Endowment, Pastor Greg, Jane Drawbaugh and Annie Gobel met weekly with the group, teaching them VBS and other simple songs and doing a craft each week. A closing program for the summer session was held August 9th at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts with about seven Trinity members attending.

Operation Christmas Child 150 Shoeboxes for 150 Years begun as part of our 150th Anniversary celebration.

September 2019 - Rally Day service and picnic were held at Washington County Regional Park. Activities for children were cancelled because only three toddlers were there.

Joyful Noise Singers began again in continued cooperation with the Boys and Girls Club at the Elgin Station location. A smaller group of children (14-18) and a better location have led to a much better outcome already and the group is now preparing for a winter program in early December. Marty Blake, Kathy King and Barbara Jones have joined Pastor Greg and Jane Drawbaugh in leading the group, helping give individual attention to some children and helping with crafts. A visiting performance at Trinity is in the planning stages, too.

SCS began with two classes for children and a class for adults focusing on the mission statement led by Maggie Stone. The Pre-school/Elementary class is being led by Kathy King and Kim Kline. Susan Stull and Jane Drawbaugh continue to lead the Confirmation Class.

October 2019 - Operation Christmas Child concluded with 160 shoeboxes filled by Trinity members, exceeding our goal by 10 shoeboxes! Thanks to all who contributed and helped to fill boxes at the Packing Party.

2019 will conclude with shopping and delivery of gifts for the Children Helping Children family/families from Pangborn Elementary School in early December.

Christian Education/Family Ministry Team members for 2019 were: Pastor David Eisenhuth, Jane Drawbaugh, Team Chair, Barbara Winebenner, Church Council Liaison, Kathy King, Kim Kline, and Maggie Stone.

FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH LIFE **Scarlett Michael**

Members: Wilma Condo, Judy Conrad, Scarlett Michael, Barb Pottorff, Debbie Shank, Sue Stull, Marilyn Young

Once again Fellowship and Parish Life has had a very busy year.

We completed the year 2018 by organizing the decorating of the nave and Fellowship Hall for the Christmas season. We provided a light lunch for the helpers. The day after Christmas, we hosted a tour of the church and light refreshments for the annual Tour of Historic Churches.

We continue to prepare and serve a meal the second Monday of every month to the Tri State Civitan Club. They are very appreciative to us for providing the space for them to meet and they hold many special events at Trinity including a monthly Karaoke night for young adults with special needs.

We prepared and served funeral lunches for several members of the congregation including the funeral for Pastor Chris Ramsey in January and then for the funeral of Lisa Norgard in February.

We held the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and helped provide light suppers for the mid-week Lenten services. We did decide to take the year off from preparing and serving Easter breakfast. We had a coffee hour after Easter Service instead.

We held several special events along with the 150th committee including extra coffee hours and several meals.

We prepared a lunch for the Westminster Choir College when they were here to teach classes to Barbara Ingram students and give a concert. The students were very appreciative of some homemade food!

Our annual Ladies Night Out this year focused on Mother Daughter banquets from the past and we even prepared exactly the same meal that had been served at the very first banquet.

We held soup and sandwich sales to help raise money for various projects in the church and we will continue with these sales into the new year to benefit our Seminary Students.

We once again held a Rally Day Picnic at Washington County Regional Park in September.

A huge thank you to all of our team members for your help throughout the year.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to Carol Brashears and her 150th anniversary committee for all their help with the events of this year!

Respectfully submitted,
Scarlett Michael and Judy Conrad

FINANCE
Dave Krueger

The Finance Committee meets once a quarter. During budget time, a monthly meeting or more as needed is the usual activity. Once the budget is assembled, it is turned over to the Church Council for approval to present to the congregation.

A review invitation of the budget was presented to the congregation. The review was conducted in October. Many questions and concerns were presented and were addressed as well as possible. Thank you to those that were able to attend.

I wish to thank the current and past members for their dedication. If there is anyone interested in serving please let me know.

FINE ARTS AND MEMORIALS
Carol Brashears

Fine Arts and Memorial organized and implemented the 150th Anniversary Celebration. Please see the 150th Anniversary Report below.

We coordinated a coffee hour after All Saint's Day in November. This was well received. Many members shared the favorite food of one of the Saints in their lives. We hope this will become an annual event.

150th Anniversary

"Celebrating our Past and Embracing our Future"

OCTOBER 2018: Our first celebration was held to commemorate the beginning of Trinity Lutheran Church. October was chosen because it was the month our original members began the formation of a new Lutheran Church in Hagerstown. In August of 1869, the Constitution was signed; in October of 1869, the first service was held in our original church building on Franklin Street. The celebration this day focused on the original church, the growth of the church, and the move to our present location in 1911. We planted a tree in our newly landscaped court yard at the end of the service with a blessing given outside. Memorabilia was displayed in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. A potluck was held and a program was presented using old photos and readings from interviews from past members. These interviews are in our Heritage Room Archives. We also began to put a recipe from the past into the Trinity Messenger each month. This continued all year.

DECEMBER: Christmas at Trinity has always been a very special and festive season. We resurrected the candelabras that were attached to the end of the pews for our Christmas Eve Services. This were part of our service for many years but had to be abandoned because of fire regulations. With the advent of flame free candles, the Christmas Eve Services were once again held by the candlelight of the past. We also shared the memories of members of Christmas Eve at Trinity in a printed pamphlet. Many remembered all three choirs singing, "Oh, Holy Night" and Mrs. Hewitt playing "Silent Night" on the harp. The midnight service was launched by Dr. Ard upon his arrival, and it is believed we were the first church in Hagerstown to hold a late night Christmas Eve Service. A bag of hard candy and an orange were given to all attendees as they exited the service which was a tradition that came from the 1930's.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY: Our beautiful stained glass windows were the emphasis of our celebration this month as we all worshiped together at one service in the sanctuary. A brief history of the windows was shared. The highlight was the TE DEUM window on the balcony. The Te Deum was part of the service with Pastor David leading from the balcony in front of the window. Congregational members were encouraged to study the windows to see their rich symbolism.

The 150th Banner was hung from the bell tower. This was originally part of our 125th celebration and resurrected and updated to once again adorn the church for the year.

MARCH: We moved the festivities to Fellowship Hall as we worshipped together in this space and honored the significance of Praise Worship as part of our history. This service was a direct offshoot of having to worship in Fellowship Hall during the sanctuary renovation in 1996. Many appreciated the less formal space and Praise Worship was born. Pastor Micki Bond was our guest as she was the leader who molded this service and brought elements to it that are still an integral part of it today. The Praise Band led us in our favorite music.

APRIL: Easter – We celebrated Easter with past pictures and the history of the Easter Cross that adorns our Sanctuary each Easter Season. This Cross was quite the attraction and for many years the church was open on Easter afternoon for member of the community to come and see the cross. Unfortunately having real live lilies placed on the cross has become cost prohibitive. We remember its beauty with the artificial ones now used. **150 Prayers and Praises:** We kicked off the ribbon that holds our 150 prayers and praises that hangs from the balcony during Lent. The congregation was asked to fill out a card to be placed on a ribbon to offer our thanks and praise to God as well as to offer names up to God for specific prayers. **Earth Day:** We celebrated Earth Day as part of our Anniversary Celebration by handing out small potted herbs to our Food and Clothing Bank clients. On April 28th, 150 bulbs were handed out to Trinity members at both worship services. We had 50 packs of 3 bulbs each to be given and then planted at a place of your choice in honor of our anniversary.

MAY: We celebrated our Anniversary at the Ladies Night Out Event by recreating the first Mother-Daughter Banquet held in May of 1939-80 years ago! Attendees wore something to represent a past decade- apron, gloves, hats, jewelry, etc. as we celebrated the influence of women at Trinity. Fellowship Hall was adorned with vintage kitchen items and the menu from the first banquet was served by the men of the congregation. The program cover was recreated from the first cover. A skit that was originally part of the first Mother- Daughter Banquet was rewritten to bring it up to date and presented. All in attendance were asked to post the name of a woman who has been instrumental in their faith formation. These names were then added to our Prayers and Praises Banner in the sanctuary. A grand time was had by all.

JUNE: June has been a traditional month of weddings and this was our focus this month. Memorial Hall was adorned with wedding memorabilia from our members dating back to the early 1900's. We had a few gowns, veil and even shoes as well as albums, pictures, and cake tops on display. A beautiful and delicious wedding cake was the focus of our refreshments and the room was filled with traditional wedding music. The cake was accompanied by things served at early receptions held at the church – punch, nuts and mints. Past marriage records from 1869 to 1940 from our archives were on display. Marriage was the highlight of our church service and we even had the opportunity for couples to have a blessing of their vows.

JULY: Christmas in July was our focus. One of the goals of our Anniversary was to do an outreach program and Samaritans Purse/ Operation Christmas Child was chosen. Our goal was to fill 150 boxes with the many items requested. The congregation rose to meet this challenge and all the boxes were distributed and returned. What a blessing!

AUGUST: August 25, 2019. A FESTIVE LITURGY CELEBRATING OUR 150TH ANNIVERSARY DAY. This was celebrated on the Sunday closest to the actual signing of the charter on August 26, 1869. We welcomed Pastor David Buchenroth back to the pulpit that day. It was a celebration with an inspirational message and music. A pot luck followed in Fellowship Hall. The displays and talk given highlighted our Christian Education History. The bulletin boards were filled with pictures from our recent past. There are many familiar faces! It was a wonderful homecoming for Pastor David Buchenroth and his influence as pastor –weekly communion, chanting and our beautiful sanctuary - just a few things that are part of his legacy.

SEPTEMBER: Genealogy was the emphasis of this month. We have learned about our church history during the past year. It was time to learn how to trace your own family history! Carol Miller-Schultz, our guest genealogist, gave us knowledge on how to begin your own family research. An enthusiastic group attended and would like for her to follow up with another presentation in the spring.

OCTOBER: The concluding event of our yearlong celebration was on **October 13, 2019** with Bishop Gohl as guest preacher. We had a choir reunion with a choir made up of anyone who sang in one of our past choirs singing that day. All choir members- Cherub, Junior, Young Peoples and Senior choirs were invited to come and sing. We also had a celebration meal together that day. Pastor Greg shared information about the extraordinary musical history Trinity has had and the impact our music has had on our community.

The 150th Anniversary Committee hopes the congregation has enjoyed the many ways we have celebrated our history. One of the goals was to offer a variety of events to spark interest for all. Pastor David has suggested that we bring items from our Heritage Room out at various times to keep our history alive. He has been impressed with what we have from our past compared to other churches where he has served. We will continue to do this. We are still adding to our Heritage Room; watch for it to be open on a regular basis in 2020.

Our philosophy of **CELEBRATING OUR PAST** has been accomplished, so now it is time to move to the second part of our yearlong motto –**EMBRACING OUR FUTURE!** What better way to move forward than to examine and update our mission statement. It is the perfect ending to this celebration and a wonderful way to begin our next 150 years. THANKS BE TO GOD!

PROPERTY **Ralph and Judy Conrad**

Members of Property Team: Ralph and Judy Conrad, Jane and Ed Drawbaugh, Craig Robinson, Ricky Stoner

Our year got a late start after a change in leadership following the discussions with Music and Worship Team regarding the creation of the Pray Space in the Narthex. There was a lot of respectful discussion, sharing of opinions and ideas, and a vote by the congregation. By Easter, the Pray Space was a reality and has been very successful. Many visitors comment on our area and take photos to take back to their own congregations. We hope this has been a successful solution to a polarizing issue.

In May, Ralph and Judy Conrad agreed to co-chair this team. Ed and Jane Drawbaugh, Ricky Stoner and Craig Robinson agreed to participate on Property Team.

We were able to complete many projects and make good starts on others.

- Memorial Hall Gutters were replaced and painting done.
- Organ repair is ongoing this year under Greg's guidance.
- Maintenance contracts signed for both boilers plus the air conditioning in the Nave.

- Second railing for Randolph St entrance is in process as of Nov 10.
- Recycling bins have been ordered and placed around the buildings.
- Altar Rail was sent for refinishing and sealing.
- Parking lot was resurfaced.
- Loose stained glass in the Narthex door was repaired.
- Courtyard garden was completely refurbished, the crepe myrtle was trimmed and a new dogwood was donated and planted in the spring by Doug Stull . Thanks to Rodney and Michelle Nearchos for all their hard work.
- Dying shrubs along Randolph and Potomac were removed; remaining shrubs were pruned and entire area was mulched.
- Sexton job description was sent for our review from Personnel. We had some recommendations for change and communicated that back to the team.
- Baby changing room is almost complete! Many thanks to Ed and Jane Drawbaugh for all their work!
- New Gate for Fellowship Hall entrance. We had safety concerns about the ability for emergency exit if the gate was closed. The old gate was difficult to open and unsightly. A new gate is installed and will be upgraded. There is a keyed entry and a button inside the gate that will allow emergency exits.
- Carpets in Memorial Hall, the Narthex and the center aisle of the nave will be cleaned.
- Kitchen storage room was cleaned, repainted and redone after a water leak.
- Three red doors along Potomac Ave were repainted in time for the Bishop's visit celebrating our 150th Anniversary.
- Black light posts in front are peeling and unsightly. Craig Robinson will strip and repaint them. Electrical work will be done as needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Conrad, Co-Chair

SENIOR MINISTRY
Kathy King and Greg Shook

Team Members: Donna Alexander, Sue Bell, Marty Blake, Jean Kendle, Kathy King, Carol Martin, Barb Pottorff, Pastor David Eisenhuth, and Pastor Greg Shook

Senior Ministry Team provides services, activities and support to senior members of Trinity's congregation.

The team oversees the following activities and programs:

Mail Ministry: Cards are mailed 6 times a year to all members who are homebound or residing in nursing homes. Cards are mailed for Valentine's Day, Easter, early summer, early fall, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Hearing Earphones: Hearing earphones are located in the narthex and provided for use in the church sanctuary. These are purchased and maintained by the team.

Pew Cushions: Pew cushions are available and maintained for use as needed in the church sanctuary and Memorial Hall.

Special Events: There was one Bingo Night and a Game Night. This included dinner provided by Fellowship and Parish Life followed by Bingo called by Downs Hewitt. There was also a movie and ice cream social event. Both of these were sponsored by the Senior Ministry Team.

Christmas Poinsettias: Poinsettias are provided and delivered to members of the congregation who are homebound or residing in nursing homes. Plants were purchased and delivery schedule was organized by the team. A small ornament was purchased to accompany the plants. Team members and other church volunteers delivered the poinsettias. Many thanks to the Lay Visitation members who participated with us in this ministry.

Easter Raffle: Our Team provided a wine and cheese basket for the raffle. Again with the help of volunteers and Lay Visitation members, we delivered spring flowers to our shut-ins.

Trunk-or-Treat: Senior Ministry participated in the October 19th event.

SOCIAL MINISTRY
Carol Brashears

The Social Ministry Committee meets the first Wednesday of every month at 10 AM in the Parlor.

Our 3 major outreach programs are:

Clothing Bank - We continue to collect and serve those in need of clothing. We receive donations of gently used clothes from our members. We are especially in need of sheets and blankets, towels, winter coats, men's socks as they are always in demand. We purchase underwear and other items as needed. A major change to the Clothing Bank this year was the location. It was moved into the primary department area. It gives us more room for items.

Food Bank- Continued distribution of food to area residents. We collect food as well as get donations from the Maryland Food Bank. We have also had a regular partnership with Martin's and get lots of fresh fruit, vegetables and bakery items.

Micah's Backpack - We serve students at Eastern and Bester with weekend food. At the end of the 2019 school year, we served 47 at Eastern Elementary and 15 at Bester. We have begun the 2019-2020 school year with the capacity to do the 56 at Eastern as permission slips come in and 15 at Bester. Items for breakfast, lunch, dinner, as well as juice, fruit, and snacks are included in the bags. We put Valentine's cards in during the month of February. We also help with additional projects at the schools as requested.

Lenten Project - We collected personal care items for the food pantry and clothing bank clients. This was very successful. We also supplied a basket of items with the theme "Hands" for the Easter basket raffle.

We collected money in **May** for Noisy Change Sunday to take to the Synod Assembly.

We helped to sponsor the HARC Hike **in June**. Proceeds from the hike will benefit Micah's Backpack Ministry.

In **July and August**, we encouraged all to participate in the Samaritans Purse. This project was part of our 150th Anniversary.

Charity of the month was reinstated and Micah's Backpack was the recipient for September and part of October. Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive was the recipient for November. Christmas gift cards for the North Point Veterans Home was the recipient for December.

We have over 40 volunteers who support the various outreach programs of Trinity.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Brashears

TRINITY COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Jeff Reed

SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY

The Social Ministry Committee serves as the oversight committee for the activities of Trinity Community Outreach. The activities of the Outreach Center complement and enhance the work of the Social Ministry Committee. The most visible activity is, of course, the Food Pantry and Clothing Bank. Now well into its third decade, Trinity's Food Pantry & Clothing Bank are open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11:00 AM until 1:45 PM, and is supported by over twenty volunteers. In 2018 the Food Pantry provided food to over 3900 individuals. During the first ten months of 2019, the Food Pantry served 3500 individuals -- approximately 4% more than the same period in 2018. The Clothing Bank served 2300 families in 2018, During the first ten months of 2019, the Clothing Bank served 1900 families - approximately equal to that for the same period in 2018.

In addition to the food and clothing programs, Trinity Community Outreach continues its commitment to help the needy in our neighborhood -- in direct and indirect ways, with various household items and services, including assistance with prescription medicines, helping to find basic furniture, bedding, and items for children such as a car seat or crib. On rare occasion, and after thorough background checks, we help families with rent and housing issues.

Support for Local Schools

We continue our support for the families of our adopted schools -- Bester and Eastern Elementary Schools. Many of these families live here in our neighborhood. This support includes: school supplies, food and clothes, basic items such as laundry detergent, paper products, personal hygiene items, and other household items, incentives to help reduce the high absenteeism, provide transportation (taxi fare) for certain students to attend medical and dental appointments, and Christmas toys. Trinity is a "Community Partner" along with other organizations that support numerous after-school programs that benefit the children and parents of these schools. Some of these programs have included parenting classes, child abuse prevention programs, workshops designed to build self-esteem in our children, math night, book fairs to encourage kids to read, family fitness games night, multicultural night, and summer camp that highlighted math, science, and reading skills.

Neighborhood Veterans Home

In 2015, we reached out to The North Point Veterans Home, located at 25 E. North Ave., just one block from Trinity Lutheran Church. The home is a VA-funded transitional housing program for the homeless male veterans. For these veterans, this is the first step towards becoming a healthy, successful person, able to function independently within the community. Several of the veteran residents have volunteered at the Food Pantry & Clothing Bank.

Trinity helped provide Thanksgiving 2018 for the veterans at North Point. We provided the turkeys and other holiday food that was prepared by the staff and residents at North Point.

On occasion, the VA has reduced the budget for the Home, resulting in a shortage of food. When Trinity Food Pantry has had an excess of government (USDA) provided food, we have shared that food with North Point.

For its Christmas project, the Social Ministry Committee requested monetary donations from the congregation to purchase gift cards for these veterans. Each vet received a \$50 Walmart gift card. They sincerely appreciated the concern & generosity of Trinity members. These vets need to be reminded that their sacrifice and service to our country is appreciated.

Organizational Changes

The management of the Outreach Center has completed the process of reorganization. The plan divides the administration into three supervisory positions, held jointly by Jeff Reed, Ralph Conrad, and June Habeck.

Jeff continues his role in providing financial reports, submitting government forms, enforcing policies of the USDA & the Maryland Food Bank., paying bills, maintaining financial records & budgets, ordering food, and working directly with Bester & Eastern Elementary Schools.

Ralph is responsible for supervising the labor to pickup & unload food deliveries, restock shelves, recycle cardboard and other similar duties. He also is the contact person with North Point Veterans Home. June supervises the volunteers who run the Food Pantry & Clothing Bank weekly through scheduling hours, enlisting substitutes when needed, morale, publicity, and internal celebrations.

Physical changes have also been completed at the Outreach Center. The Micah's Backpack program now operates in the former Sunday School rooms 111 & 112 on the first floor. The Clothing Bank has moved to the "Primary" area, with new clothing racks, hangers, etc. The Food Pantry has greater storage space in room 109, for freezers and stacks of boxed food awaiting distribution. These changes were completed in January and have resulted in a more efficient operation.

Trinity Community Outreach

Trinity Lutheran Church

For the nine months ended 09/30/2019

Receipts

Contributions		
Trinity members	\$	1,389
Churches		-
Organizations		375
Other individuals		40
Special		
Events		3,125
Trinity		16,500
Cash grants		-
Memorials		-
Food grants -- USDA	(1)	14,335
Other		-
Total receipts		<u>\$ 35,764</u>

Disbursements

Food purchases	\$	10,075
Gov't food --- USDA grants	(1)	14,335
Clothing bank		
purchases		541
Paper products / hygiene		98
Household items		62
Family assistance		280
Holiday programs		844
Support for schools		403
Operating supplies / expense		787
Vehicle expense /		
rental		21
Hired labor		953
Relocate clothing bank /		
improvements		1,639
Other		
expense		328
Total disbursements		<u>\$ 30,366</u>

Net activity to date	\$	5,398
plus cash balance -- beginning of year		<u>1,632</u>
cash balance 9/30/2019	\$	<u><u>7,030</u></u>

Trinity Community Outreach

Trinity Lutheran Church

For the twelve months ended 12/31/2018

Receipts

Contributions		
Trinity members	\$	1,275
Churches		-
Organizations		500
Other individuals		-
Special		
Events		10
Trinity		2,500
Cash grants		12,926
Memorials		
Food grants -- USDA	(1)	20,740
Other		-
Total receipts		<u>\$ 37,951</u>

Disbursements

Food purchases	\$	14,772
Gov't food --- USDA grants	(1)	20,740
Clothing bank purchases		708
Paper products / hygiene		389
Household items		349
Family assistance		1,240
Holiday programs		3,440
Support for schools		1,032
Operating supplies / expense		1,614
Vehicle expense / rental		20
Hired labor		1,431
Other		
expense		348
Total disbursements		<u>\$ 46,083</u>

Net activity to date	\$	(8,132)
plus cash balance -- beginning of year		<u>9,763</u>
cash balance -- 12/31/2018	\$	<u><u>1,631</u></u>

Micah's Backpack

a ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church

For the twelve months ended 12/31/2018

Receipts

Contributions	
Trinity members	\$ 2,346
Other individuals	-
Churches & organizations	-
Social Ministry budget	600
Cash grants - Hershey Foundation	1,500
Cash grants --- HARK	4,451
Special Events / fundraising	
Other	-
Total receipts	<u>\$ 8,897</u>

Disbursements

Food	
purchases	\$ 9,582
Backpacks / bags	768
Hired labor	-
Operating supplies / equipment / expense	10
Holiday programs	-
Vehicle expense -- gas / repairs	-
Other	-
Total	
disbursements	<u>\$ 10,360</u>

Net activity to date	\$ (1,463)
plus cash balance -- beginning of year	<u>2,610</u>
cash balance -- curent	<u><u>\$ 1,147</u></u>