

# HOLY TRINITY

## Evangelical Lutheran Church

# ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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## July/Aug., 2024

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### ***Pastor***

The Rev. Dr. Maurice Y. Lee

### ***Staff***

Mr. Thomas Hobson Williams,

*M. Mus., Director of Music*

Mrs. Deborah Mumford,

*Office Administrator*

### ***Worship Services***

Saturday at 5 p.m.

Sunday at 9 a.m.

*(Sunday Church School  
at 10:30 a.m.)*

### ***Holy Communion***

Saturday evening, Sunday morning  
& Festival Days

***Deadline for submission of material  
for the Echoes Newsletter is 9 a.m.  
the 15th of each month.***

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

In preparation for a church retreat in Texas (a friend's church, not our own) over the July 4 weekend, I've been thinking about what the apostle Paul wrote to the Christian community in Philippi:

*Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. (Philippians 3:20–21)*

The word translated *citizenship* is unusual, in that Philippians 3:20 is the only place in the New Testament where it occurs. (Related words do show up in a few other verses.) But that one word in its context — and it's a context larger than the one I've given here; I highly recommend meditating on the whole book of Philippians — speaks volumes.

Far from making Christian identity into a slightly spiritualized but otherwise lookalike clone of earthly citizenships (which, of course, have their place), so that our allegiance to God in Christ is just one among many that we enjoy simultaneously, Paul was saying that belonging to Jesus and Jesus alone is fundamentally who we are, and that anything incompatible with that has no future.

Far from reducing Christian life to a series of "You mustn't do this"s and "You can't enjoy that"s, Paul was saying that, as citizens of the one true eternal dominion, we have access to a level of fullness, friendship, joy, and peace so great as to be indescribable in secular terms — and that in the midst of the suffering and brokenness that we share with our fellow creatures.

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# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *Mission Statement*

We proclaim the  
Gospel of Jesus Christ,  
worshiping,  
making disciples,  
and serving  
in his name.



## Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers have been presented to the Glory of God by the people of Holy Trinity. Altar Flowers must be ordered no later than the Tuesday afternoon preceding the Sunday they are presented. They may be ordered through the Church Office (215-659-2642). You may pay by placing \$20.00 in a small white pew envelope checked, "Altar Flowers." If you know it, indicate your envelope number.

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Far from locating Christian destiny in a distant, disembodied heaven, Paul was saying that it is from heaven to earth — thus uniting them — that the crucified and risen Jesus will bring the salvation promised to his people, by raising them from the dead and renewing their bodily existence so that they may worship Father, Son, and Holy Spirit together, as they were created to do, forever.

Worldly citizenships, with all their paraphernalia — passports, embassies, city halls, armies and navies, etc. — are a pale and poor imitation of the common life that God gives us in his Son by the power of their Spirit. Our praising and serving God together, hearing his word and participating in his sacraments, makes a political statement that run-of-the-mill politics will never pull off.

That doesn't imply that we should withdraw from the world like a survivalist sect. Quite the opposite, in fact. It implies that we have something to give to the world — not on the world's terms, but on God's; yet something that the world needs and secretly longs for regardless. We are, after all, in Paul's words,

*ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: Be reconciled to God. God made him who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:20–21)*

With thanks for God's gift of summer,  
Pastor Maurice





## Healing Prayer Ministry

Prayer cards are available in a basket on the Altar in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Fill out your prayer requests and members of the Healing Prayer Ministry will pray for your needs. If you leave your contact information a team member will contact you.



## † Women's Prayer Group

The Holy Trinity Women's Prayer Group will resume meeting in September.

For prayer needs over the summer please contact Rosemary Hinkle at

[Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net](mailto:Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net)

The group will gladly gather to lift up any in need of intercessory prayer.

Next meeting  
**Monday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 PM**

“Devote yourselves to prayer,  
being watchful and thankful.”  
Colossians 4:2

## Prayer List



**One of the beautiful aspects of Christian Fellowship is that we can share one another's concerns through prayer.**

**Please pray for the following:**

**Please pray for the following individuals & their families:** *(we cannot add last names or initials)* The families of the members Holy Trinity together with those they love, including:

Adam, Adriana, Alan, Alexa, Alice, Allan, Allyson, Amanda, Amy, Ann, Ashley, Becky, Ben, Beryl, Billie, Blanche, Bob, Bruce, Caliq, Carly, Carmela, Carol, Charles, Charlie, Chris, Christopher, Colin, Connor, Craig, Dallas, Dan, Dave, David, Derek, Diane, Dick, Duke, Ekaterina, Elizabeth, Emersyn, Emma, Eric, Erica, Ernie, Errol, Flo, Gabe, Gavin, Gene, George, Harrison, Ilze, Jamie, Jeff, Jen, Jennifer, Jill, John, Julia, Julie, Justin, Kamelia, Kathleen, Kathy, Kelly, Kim, Landon, Laura, Levi, Linda, Lisa, Logan, Lorraine, Lois, Maggie, Margie, Margot, Mary, Mary Kate, Mary Lou, Matthew, Megan, Melody, Meredith, Michael, Mike, Miley, Nancy, Natalie, Philip, Randy, Ray, Rick, Rodney, Roger, Rose, Rosemary, Roy, Sam, Sandra, Sandy, Sarah, Sharon, Shary, Sherri, Sherry, Shirley, Solomon, Steph, Steve, Teena, Tiffany, Todd, Tom, Tony, Tonya, Travis, Trevor, Trudy, Valentina, Vicki, Viktor, Vince, Virginia, Violet, Willow.

**Please pray for the following families:**

All of the families of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for; especially we pray for the: Ambrose, Bradley, Britton, Burton, Carr, Casey, Cassady, Custer, Edinger, Diener, Dobbins, Edythe, Forsythe, Gregg, Gulden, Hamilton, Huddleston, Lacy, Lint, Lockhart, Marsella, Marzario, McShea, Miller, Novak, Pharye, Quici, Schenck, Singley, Staedtler, Tavella, Tolton, Ulan, Weiss, Wildemore, Wright, Wyszomierski, Young.

**Please pray for the following petitions:**

That God would bless and protect all members of Holy Trinity and those they love and pray for.

That God would guide each of us to grow in grace and please send workers into the Harvest.

For all who are chronically ill and/or shut-in.

For all who struggle with addiction to drugs and alcohol.

For the sick and the grieving.

For all congregations of the NALC.

For all travelers and for the dying.

For the military and their families.

The unemployed, the underemployed & the uninsured, especially those in our own families.

All Caregivers, rescue workers, doctors, nurses, firefighters, EMTs,

For the members of the Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk Congregation.

For our sister congregations: Nifas Silk in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and First Lutheran in Kirkland Illinois.

For all Christians who are being persecuted for the faith throughout the world.

For the victims of rains, wildfires, earthquakes and hurricanes and for favorable weather and an abundance of crops.

For all in financial difficulty that they may be totally restored.

For those suffering from racial injustice, bigotry, and oppression in our nation and in the world.

For the people of Ukraine.

For peace in the world and shootings to stop in our cities.

For a peaceful political atmosphere.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE LIVE  
ON YOUTUBE (thehtlconline)  
OR OUR WEBSITE HOLYTRINITY.NET  
JOIN US AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY MORNINGS.

## Support Us

Please consider a gift of appreciated securities to Holy Trinity as you do your tax planning for this year. See page 5 for ideas on how to do this.

## Treasurer's Report

*May 31, 2024* (For the Year 2024)

|                                                 | Holy Trinity<br>Ministries | Wider Church |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Year to date received for current income</b> | \$ 147, 163.01             | \$ 32,929.83 |
| <b>Carry over from 2023</b>                     | (\$4,369.83)               | \$ 44,254.33 |
| <b>Expenses paid to date</b>                    | \$ 166,359.85              | \$ 26,061.05 |
| <b>Surplus/(Deficit) 2024</b>                   | (\$23,566.67)              | \$ 51,123.11 |

## Keep in your prayers the following individuals serving in the armed forces:

Christopher Biehl  
Michael Boerner  
Conor Gowton  
Shaun Hall  
Eric Henderson  
C.J. Hess  
Nathan Quinlan  
Vikas Shah  
Jonathan Skilton, MD  
Jeremy Zar

## Martin Luther Quotes:

The whole being of any Christian is faith and love. Faith brings the person to God, love brings the person to people.

Every man must do two things alone; he must do his own believing and his own dying.

I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer.

Faith does not despair of the God who sends trouble. Faith does not consider him angry or an enemy, as the flesh, the world, and the devil strongly suggest.



**Please remember your  
Church in your will.**



## WHAT IS A QCD AND HOW CAN IT BENEFIT YOU AND YOUR CHURCH FAMILY?

If you are 72 years old or older you can make gifts directly from your IRA to Holy Trinity without paying income tax on the withdrawal.

The QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution) can be used to satisfy your required minimum IRA distribution each year.

### ADDITIONALLY

#### Gifts of Securities

Changes to the tax laws bring good news to those who wish to make significant donations to Holy Trinity.

#### Some Key points:

- ♦ The government eliminated the tax on capital gains in securities that are donated to charities.
- ♦ New rules say that when publicly listed securities such as stocks, bonds, and units of mutual funds or income trusts are donated to a charity, there is not tax at all on the capital gain.
- ♦ In addition you benefit from a charitable donation receipt in the amount of the current market value of the asset.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**2 Corinthians 9:7**





## Our Christian Sympathy to

Randy Wright, Kelly, Steve, Travis, Connor  
and the entire Wyszomierski family  
on the death of **Carol Wright**,  
**June 5, 2024**  
Beloved wife, mother, and grandmother.

Psalm 112:6

“For the righteous will never be moved;  
they will be remembered forever.”



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES:

### High School:

From North Penn High School  
**Rosalia Aversa**, granddaughter  
of Ben & Linda Frezza.

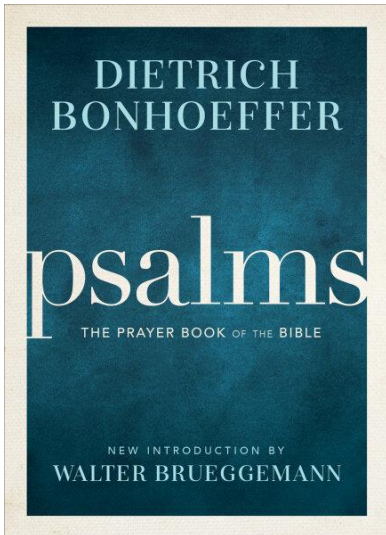
### College:

From Slippery Rock University  
**Grace Laudenslager** with Doctorate  
in Occupational Therapy,  
daughter of Wayne Laudenslager.

Congratulations & welcome to God's World  
little **Jalen David Tolton**  
Born Sunday, **May 26, 2024**  
Weight: 7 lbs., 13 oz.

To parents Anthony & Alicia Tolton  
and proud grandparents Dave & Linda Tolton.





## SUMMER STUDY ON PSALMS: THE PRAYER BOOK OF THE BIBLE

All are welcome to a 4-session Study in Fellowship Hall the **Sundays of July** following the Divine Worship Service.

**The Topic is - Psalms The Prayer Book of the Bible**  
What comfort is found in the Psalter? What praise, and what challenge? What threat? Discover the richness this book of Scripture held for Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and learn to pray psalms along with Christ.

First published in 1940, this classic reveals how the Psalms are essential to the life of the believer and offers Bonhoeffer's reflections on psalms of thanksgiving, suffering, guilt, praise, and lament.

All are welcome, especially teens, to participate. Come one Sunday or come all four Sundays. Pastor Larry Guenzel will be the facilitator and the Holy Spirit will be our Guide.



Your Church Library does not close for vacation!



Please feel free to check out our selection of books.

Good summer reads are also available in the Sunday School and Youth Rooms.

Remember we also have a suggestion box for your book requests or ideas to enhance the Library.

## HAPPY SUMMER READING!

### CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."





## NOTES OF THANKS



### THANK YOU HOLY TRINITY!

Your generosity has made a great gift possible. Pastor Didi Panzo sent us photos of 28 grammar school children in need of support so that they can continue attending school. \$120 provides a child with a uniform and school supplies and covers school fees.

We received a total of \$3,360 which exactly covers the full fee for each of those precious 28 children.

**GOD BE PRAISED!**

*Thank You*

FOR

**GIVING**  
GENEROUSLY

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

We would just like to thank you for your recent participation in our 2 collections. Having 2 collections back-to-back is not easy, but you did very well.

First, you donated enough items to give out 15 bags to our Bread of Heaven guests for Mother's Day. Then there was the collection for Cradle of Hope and Life Turning Point. We collected \$355 for Life Turning Point.

Then we received all of the following for Cradle of Hope:  
\$350 in gift cards to Boscov's, Giant, Kohls and a Visa gift card.

3 Septa Key cards worth \$15 each  
12 packs of baby wipes  
5 packs of diapers  
5 bottles of laundry soap  
5 boxes of Ziploc bags  
3 boxes of tissues  
2 bottles of spray cleaner

2 rolls of aluminum foil  
1 baby towel and washcloth  
1 glass cleaner  
1 pack of sponges  
1 soft scrub cleaner  
1 pack of paper towels  
1 pack of toilet paper

You are a very generous congregation. The two agencies are so pleased with their gifts.

Sincerely,  
The LCW Christian Action Committee



June 20, 2024

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Ave.  
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Family,

Thank you for your donation in the amount of \$355.00 to support the ministry of Life Turning Point of Philadelphia (LTP). As you know, we are striving to maintain a strong, Christian program without compromise of the Word of God and are not seeking government funding. Therefore, we are trusting God to touch the hearts of the body of Christ and others that believe in what we do to partner with us to share the love of Christ with these precious women and children. We greatly appreciate you! Currently, we have 9 families which includes 9 moms and 12 children living in our home. All of our moms are working the program, attending classes, participating in Case Management and counseling, and saving their money to prepare to transition into permanent housing. 7 of our moms have made a profession of faith in Christ and 1 of our moms recently got baptized! One of our moms is due to graduate from phlebotomy school and another mom is in a 1<sup>st</sup> time home buyers program. We are in the process of renovating our cottage to convert into 2 apartments for our moms to transition into once they complete the program. We also had a donor offer to match \$15,000.00 for the purchase of a van to transport our families. Great things are happening at LTP and we are trusting God to complete the work He started in the lives of the families we serve. We are so glad that you see the value in the work we do. Know that your support is making an eternal investment in the lives of the families we serve. Together, we are providing homeless women and children in Philadelphia with Biblical strategies for LIFE! Please remember our doors are always open if you would like to bring a group from Holy Trinity to visit our home. Just give us a call to schedule a visit. We would love to have you!

In Christian Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rita", is placed above the printed name.

Rita Whitaker  
Life Turning Point of Philadelphia, Founder/Executive Director

*Please retain this letter for tax purposes. It is your receipt in grateful acknowledgement of your generous contribution. No goods or services were provided by Life Turning Point of Philadelphia for this donation.*

Address: 5200 Wayne Ave. Philadelphia PA 19144 Phone: (215) 826-7810

June 12, 2024

Dear Pastor Maurice and the Disciples at Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

On behalf of the Atlantic Mission Region Council I would like to thank you all so much for opening your church building and for providing fellowship breakfast and lunch for all of us at the Central Mission District Convocation on May 4, 2024.

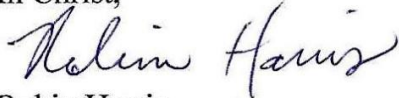
The hospitality shown to all who participated was so appreciated, especially the friendliness and open welcome we all felt. The food you had for us was wonderful, from the awesome muffins and fresh fruit to the delicious lunch your fellowship team provided for us.

A huge thank you also goes to Pastor Maurice for leading us in Morning Prayer and for being a wonderful host. Thank you to the organist for playing at the liturgy and to Beth Lee for her presentation on her Catechetical Pilgrimage and especially for taking notes during the liturgical year sharing time. Thank you to everyone else who helped make this event a successful one.

It was clear that a lot of thought and preparations went into hosting this Mission District gathering. Your efforts were noticed and so very appreciated! Thank you!

May the LORD bless all of you and keep you in His care!

In Christ,



Robin Harris

Administrative Assistant to the Deans and Council of the Atlantic Mission Region

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!

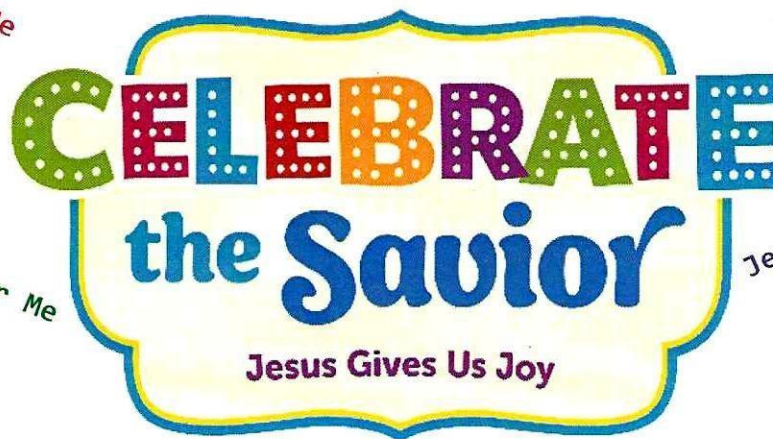
Jesus Came for Me

Jesus Heals Me

Jesus Cares for Me

Jesus Saves Me

Jesus' Love Fills  
Me with Joy



Welcoming **children** from pre-school through rising fifth graders

**Featuring**  
**Bible Stories, Music, Crafts, Games & Snacks**

**When: Monday—Friday, August 5—9 9:00 AM—12:00 Noon**

**Where: Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**2086 Parkview Avenue, Abington, PA 215-659-2642**

**Free to Attend Freewill Offering Accepted**  
**or**

**You may contribute Non-Perishable Food for our community**  
**Bread of Heaven Food Pantry**

**Register online at [www.holytrinity.net](http://www.holytrinity.net)**  
**Director: Nancy Ischinger 267-566-7200**  
**[Nancymaeisch@yahoo.com](mailto:Nancymaeisch@yahoo.com)**

## LET'S TALK SOME MORE ABOUT

# stewardship



"Giving is more than a responsibility ~ it is a privilege;  
more than an act of obedience ~ it is evidence of our faith."

~ William Arthur Ward.

One of my favorite charities is Samaritan's Purse. You know them for their Christmas boxes. But they do so much more around the world. For example, they provide relief to the residents who have lost everything due to wildfires in New Mexico.

Overseas, they help refugees displaced by violence in Sudan and provide heartfelt evidence that God sees them, loves them and is working through his people to restore their hope and provide a future. To see pictures of these refugees who have nothing, pretty much just the threadbare clothes on their backs, little food, no clean water, living in absolute poverty that we can't even imagine.

Samaritan's Purse provides families with basic things like seeds and equipment to help them live independent lives. By growing their own gardens, the refugees can feed their families and hopefully replace their sense of hopelessness with hope for a better future.

We can't do much individually, but as a church community, we can move mountains and reach so many more people who are in need. Please pray on this, and ask yourself, can I do more?

Can I give \$5.00 more in my weekly offering? Can I volunteer my time and efforts either through Single Serve or one of our dedicated ministries? God asks us to give with a glad and generous heart. This is important, because it empowers us to show empathy for those in need, to show love and care when despair has settled in ~ it brings us closer to God by enriching our spiritual growth.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

## Help Support our NALC Seminary

In 2025, The North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS) marks the tenth year of preparing pastors in the North American Lutheran Church. We have more seminarians in our seminary network than ever before. With the large number of current pastors approaching retirement age, there is a severe need for new pastors. Part of our calling as a congregation in the NALC is to seek out candidates for pastoral ministry and encourage them to prayerfully consider this calling as we also support the NALC Seminary. In the past, Holy Trinity has provided financial support for Pastor Caleb Douglass a number of years ago. Caleb is now serving a NALC church in Western PA.

The Seminary in Ambridge PA (north of Pittsburgh), with a generous donation, recently purchased a house nearby that will also enable the seminary to better serve the growing community. It is to be a place for students to experience *life together*. The name of this new house is the *Bonhoeffer House*. The house will feature three student apartments, a chapel, common room, a study room, and a kitchen for community meals.



The Seminary needs our help to get the *Bonhoeffer House* ready for students. We can help with our financial gifts. A gift of \$500 will help to furnish the common areas. A donation of \$1,500 will help build out the communal kitchen

space. A gift of \$3,000 will furnish an entire student apartment. Gifts of any amount are appreciated. By making these gifts we are investing in the future of theological education and pastoral formation for the North American Lutheran Church. Learn more about Bonhoeffer House at:

<https://www.thenals.org/introducing-the-bonhoeffer-house/>

We are asking the Holy Trinity community to prayerfully consider making an investment in the future of theological education and pastoral formation.

Please make your check out to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and mark your gift: *NALS Bonhoeffer House*. We already have a gift of \$500 to get a start. All gifts should be over and above what you are already giving to the ministries of Holy Trinity Congregation.

In Christ,

Holy Trinity Stewardship Committee

## A ~ BOX ~ O ~ BAG ~ A ~ METER

(If you say it fast, it won't sound so bad)

*Bread of Heaven* is in need of NEW Reusable grocery bags.

The bags must be big enough to hold a paper grocery bag.



We are on our way but still need many more bags!

Fill the BOX ~O ~BAG Move the Meter

(Giant Grocery Store offers the bags for 99¢ with a percentage going to charity)

*Back by  
popular Demand!*

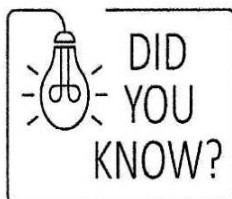
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Cards & Information available  
Sunday, July 7th in the Narthex!

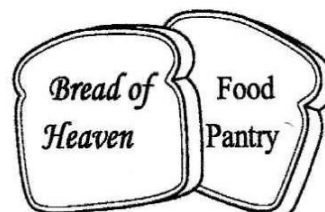
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All proceeds benefit Bread of Heaven.





## AT THE



In the month of June alone we served **95 guests** which totals **422 people** including family members.

While out shopping, prayerfully consider picking up a few of these food items for the pantry in July/August:

- |         |                  |                    |
|---------|------------------|--------------------|
| List 1: | Oil              | 48 oz. or larger   |
|         | Flour            | 5 lb.              |
|         | Peanut butter    | 18 oz. or larger   |
|         | Jelly            | 30 oz. or larger   |
|         | Cereal           | 1 lb. or larger    |
|         | Canned Tuna      | 5 oz. or larger    |
| List 2: | Dish soap        | 26 oz. or larger   |
|         | Laundry soap     | 40 oz. or larger   |
|         | Box Mac & Ch     | 7.5 oz. or larger  |
|         | Canned chicken   | 12.5 oz. or larger |
|         | Canned fruit     | 15 oz. or larger   |
|         | Soup             | 10.5 oz. or larger |
| List 3: | Sugar            | 4 lb. or larger    |
|         | 100% Fruit juice | 64 oz. or larger   |
|         | Pasta Sauce      | 24 oz. or larger   |
|         | Pasta            | 1 lb. or larger    |
|         | Pancake Mix      | 32 oz. or larger   |
|         | Syrup            | 24 oz. or larger   |

# Holy Trinity Blood Drive for the Red Cross



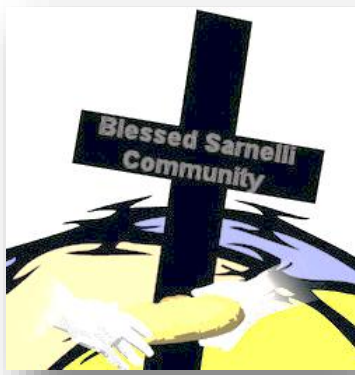
Mark your calendars for  
**Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00 PM – 4:45 PM**

**Red Cross Blood Drive  
at Holy Trinity**

Call **Karen McGovern (267) 968 – 5485**  
to schedule an appointment

- ✓ Every unit donated can save up to 3 lives!
- ✓ Every 2 seconds someone in the US needs blood!



## SUMMER HAS ARRIVED!

There is a great need at Sarnelli House for gently used warm weather clothing -

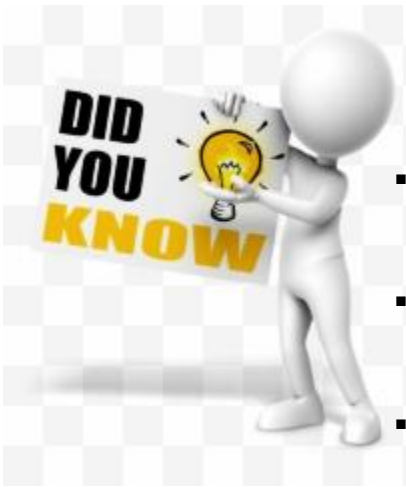


**Shorts, tee-shirts, sneakers, sandals & hats.**

**New men's and women's underwear  
is an urgent and on-going need.**

Thank you for your continued consideration of this vital ministry.

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### Regarding the LCW's Giant Gift Card Program...

- If you don't happen to shop at the Giant you could buy the cards to donate to the *Bread of Heaven* Food Pantry...
- Every card purchased goes to help the LCW provide scholarships for the women of Holy Trinity...
- It's easy to order speak to Nancy Ischinger any given Sunday...
- Card purchases are offered in any denomination...
- Now that you know why not order some...





# Ideas for Packing Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

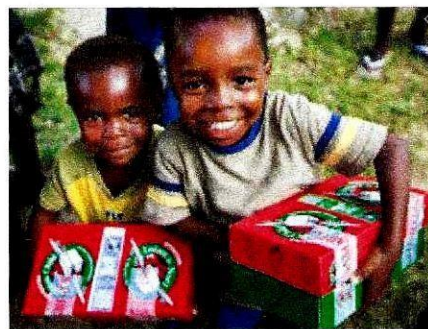
**NO toothpaste, food, liquids, creams, or war-related items permitted.**

Select your Gender & Age Groups:

Boys and Girls 2-4, 5-9, 10-14

All Children Need A Shoebox!

Boys 10-14 & 2-4 receive the fewest number.



## **Ideas to Get Started!**

### **School Supplies**

Notebooks, Pads, Journals  
Pencils, Pens, Sharpener, Crayons/Colored Pencils  
Ruler, Eraser, Glue Stick, Scotch Tape, Scissors  
Solar Calculator  
Stencils, Stickers, drawing paper

### **Toiletries**

Soap, Wash Cloth, Toothbrush, Chap Sticks  
Nail clippers, Emery Boards, Band-Aids  
Large-tooth Comb, Sports Towel, Tissue Pack  
Feminine products

### **Accessories**

Socks, Gloves, Scarves, T-Shirts  
Ball Caps or Visors, Sun Glasses—UVA protection required  
Barrettes, Hair Ties, Headbands, Bandanas  
String bags, Small Zipper Bags (Cosmetic size)

### **Toys**

Stuffed Animals, Dolls  
Marbles, Glo Sticks, fold-up Frisbees, Yoyos  
Coloring, Maze, & Dot-to-Dot Books  
Vehicles of many kinds (no war)  
Puzzles, Legos, or K-Nex Kits  
Hand-held Games, Uno, Playing Cards  
Musical Instruments: Harmonica, Kazoo, etc.  
Definitely A Ball! (Pinky, bouncy, beach, sports)  
Play Doh, Modeling Clay, Water Colors/Brush (dry)

### **Misc.**

Flashlight with extra set of batteries (tape ends)  
Soccer Ball & Pump, small Tool Set  
Manicure Set, small Purse, string bag or backpack

BE CREATIVE! Think Age-Appropriate

**Pease remember that quality is essential. This shoebox might be the only gift a child receives, and we want the items to have staying power.**

## **Date for Your Calendar!**

**Church Packing Party—Saturday, November 9**

**Want to Volunteer in the Baltimore Packing Center right after Thanksgiving? Sign up on "Interested" form in Narthex.**



## Will You Start Packing Shoeboxes this Summer?

*Tis the season of many sales...after July 4th, back-to-school, change of seasons.*

Please think of the children throughout the world who have never received a gift, which is hard for us to grasp. Think of the children and their families who do not know Jesus and how knowing Him and having a church community of worshippers would change their lives...forever!

**Look for a carton of shoeboxes** in the Narthex for you to take and fill. Questions: Rosemary Hinkle or Nancy Ischinger.

**If you are packing shoeboxes with children or teens**, it is fun for them to pack for boys or girls their age. They not only know what they would like to receive, but also if they provide their name and email and even a photo, the receiving child might be excited to correspond.

## And When You Are in the Stores...Would you consider purchasing a WOW Gift?

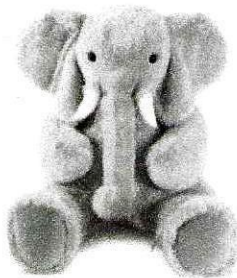
WOW gifts are those special toys or clothing items that make a child's eyes pop and bring so much joy. We would like to add these to our boxes at the packing party. Ideas include:

|                                          |                      |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Dolls (Barbie, Chelsea, ragdolls)        | Soccer Ball & Pump   |
| Stuffed animal larger than Beanie Babies | Lego Kits            |
| Jewelry Making Kit                       | Vehicles             |
| Purse                                    | Tops to Spin         |
| Sketch book and artist pencils           | Shoes and Flip-Flops |

**The Shoe that Grows** can be ordered from

[becauseinternational.org/christmas-shoebox-wow-item](http://becauseinternational.org/christmas-shoebox-wow-item)

Use Code **Christie10** to receive 10% off your first order.



## STORIES TO INSPIRE



### Shanika and Sherika: The Notebooks

Shanika and Sherika are twins who were born to teenaged parents in rural Jamaica. When the girls went to school, their father cut a notebook in half and broke a pencil in half and sharpened each half with a knife, as he had no pencil sharpener. These were the girls' school supplies. They



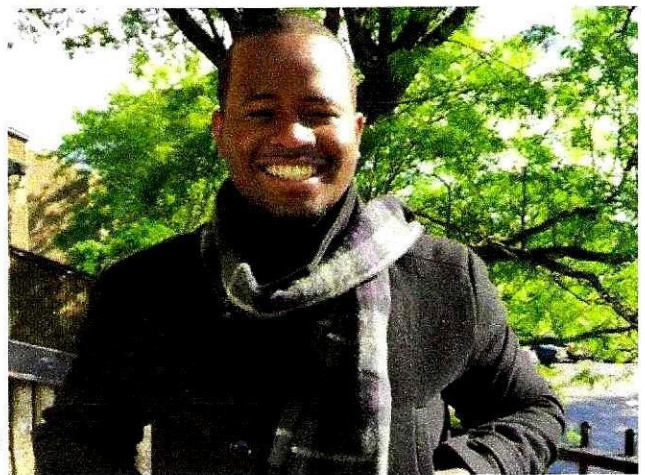
longed for full-sized notebook and full pencils like the other children had. That wish came true when they were eight years old and each girl received a shoebox. One of the girls received two full-sized notebooks and shared one with her sister. They also discovered their first calculator—a small, gray one that they still love to use. Additionally, they received a pair of woolen mittens, noting, "We didn't need them for warmth, but we put them to good use as pot holders. Our parents still have them." They add, "We were glad to receive a game of jacks since previously we used stones or the balls

from roll-on deodorant to play the game. We also each received pencils, sharpeners, crayons, coloring books, along with combs, toothbrushes, washcloths, and soap. One of our younger brothers still has the flashlight he received in his box."

### Yves: The Scarf

When his mother was eight months pregnant with him, Rwandan neighbors tried to murder the family, and they literally had to run for their lives. So Yves was born in a refugee camp in Congo. When conflict arose there, the family sought safety in Kenya. But conflict arose there, and they had to move again. Yves says, "After the atrocities I'd seen, my heart was filled with hate—not just for those who had committed those atrocities, but also for humanity because I had found little of it in people. In Togo, we finally found a place to call home. My father began serving as a pastor again, but the local witch doctors taught people never to step foot into a church, so the villagers would not come to church. These villages were dangerous—some Christians who went there never came back. The village children didn't go to school because they didn't have school supplies. So, their parents were willing to come to the church to receive free school supplies from an Operation Christmas Child shoebox distribution. The witch doctors warned the villagers to stay away, but many of them went anyway.

"Thinking that there was no way we'd ever see these villagers again, one of our church's pastors preached a bold message, emphasizing the supreme love and power of Jesus. Many villagers were shocked to learn that such a God exists and began to attend church to hear more. Even a witch doctor came and began to follow Jesus. The people said, 'If this powerful man needs Jesus, so



do we. Three more churches were formed as a result.

My heart remained hardened from the violence I had seen. However, when I received my shoebox at age 11, it changed everything. A stranger loved me enough to give me a gift! How was that possible when our neighbors in Rwanda had tried to kill us? I thought I had the world figured out, but the shoebox turned my world upside down, actually right side up. I put my faith in Christ later that year.

At the shoebox distribution, I had tried to trade a wool scarf for a soccer ball. I did not know what to do with that in the tropics. But I had been taught to save everything and waste nothing, so I stored the scarf. Three years later, my family received refugee resettlement in Buffalo, one of the coldest cities in the U.S. Was this a coincidence? No way. My precious scarf is still meaningful today. It is a promise to me that Jesus knew my past, and He knows my future and what I will need.

### **Dana: Personal Products**

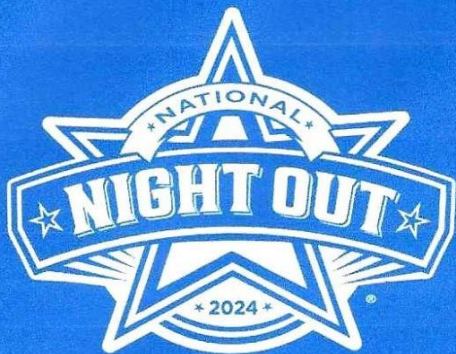
When you only have a little, a shoebox is a lot. I felt loved when I realized that someone selflessly gave it to me. God's love was wonderfully demonstrated because it was a heartfelt gift—nothing was asked in return. I wore shoes that were too large so that I could wear them longer. My clothes were either hand-me-downs or bought at secondhand stores. We had a few toys, but they were poor quality. My favorite gifts were feminine hygiene items, a toothbrush, and soap. As a young girl, to have nice smelling soap and a nice toothbrush meant a lot to me. I treasured the feminine hygiene items because this was the first time I had ever received them. They were considered a luxury in my country.

### **Vladimir: The Toy Car**

When I was 9, my mother died, and my father's alcoholism prevented him from raising me. In Ukraine, it was tough to find enough work to support a family, but my best friend's parents took me in for two years. They taught me how to read and write, but it eventually became financially impossible for them to continue caring for me. So when I was 11, they put me in an orphanage in Kiev, where I lived with 30 other children. There, I began to learn about God and the love of Jesus. We were taught that God cared about even the little details of our lives. We learned how to take every need and desire to Him in prayer.



At the orphanage, I received my Operation Christmas Child shoebox. I remember how everyone's face just lit up as they opened their boxes and looked at each gift inside. When I finally looked in my box, I found a New Testament, coloring books, pencils, and markers. But the one toy that really stood out was a toy car. I raced my friends with their cars, and we had such a good time. Perhaps it's hard to believe that a toy car could have had such an effect, but it did. And it's not just because it gave us something fun to do. God cares for us and often shows His love through even the littlest things—like toy cars!



# ABINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT PRE-NIGHT OUT BLOCK PARTY 2024

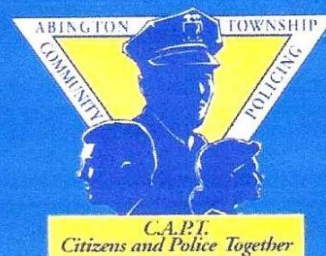
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# Christ's Home

Caring. Compassion. Community.

## Summer Collection for Christ's Home

During July and August, we are collecting needed items to support the teen moms, children, and teens living at Christ's Home.

### Needed:

1. Bath Towels



2. Baby Wipes



3. Diapers - Sizes 4, 5, & 6



4. Underwear; Sizes 4T through XL for teens (Boys and Girls).

Please leave your contributions in the marked collection container in the narthex.

Questions: Karen McGovern @267-968-5485

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featuring your favorite songs  
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The event will be held at our state-of-the-art Community Center  
in Warminster, PA starting at 7 pm.

Christ's Home Community Center  
800 York Road  
Warminster PA

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**[christshome.givecloud.co/phillipsraigdean](http://christshome.givecloud.co/phillipsraigdean)** for tickets



# July Worship Assistants Schedule



## July 7

|                                   |                                               |                 |                     |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| <b>Usher Team # 4</b>             | <b>Lector - Sat Bruce &amp; Maureen Freer</b> | <b>Acolyte</b>  | <b>Nancy Necker</b> |
| <b>Stream Charlie Tolton Team</b> | <b>Sun Scott Brown</b>                        | <b>Crucifer</b> | <b>Jim Necker</b>   |
| <b>Christophers - Team # 2</b>    |                                               | <b>Cantor</b>   | <b>Tom Schied</b>   |

## July 14

|                                  |                                    |                 |                       |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Usher Team # 5</b>            | <b>Lector - Sat Karen McGovern</b> | <b>Acolyte</b>  | <b>Sherry Breslin</b> |
| <b>Stream Frank Ganther Team</b> | <b>Sun Eric Gregg</b>              | <b>Crucifer</b> | <b>Charlie Tolton</b> |
| <b>Christophers - Team # 3</b>   |                                    | <b>Cantor</b>   | <b>Ravinia Lee</b>    |

## July 21

|                                     |                                               |                 |                           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Usher Team # 1</b>               | <b>Lector - Sat Bruce &amp; Maureen Freer</b> | <b>Acolyte</b>  | <b>Helen Haun</b>         |
| <b>Stream Gloria Ischinger Team</b> | <b>Sun Larry Guenzel</b>                      | <b>Crucifer</b> | <b>Sherry Gregg</b>       |
| <b>Christophers - Team # 4</b>      |                                               | <b>Cantor</b>   | <b>Steve Wyszomierski</b> |

## July 28

|                                   |                                    |                 |                      |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Usher Team # 2</b>             | <b>Lector - Sat Karen McGovern</b> | <b>Acolyte</b>  | <b>Scott Brown</b>   |
| <b>Stream Hannah Mumford Team</b> | <b>Sun Julia Gregg</b>             | <b>Crucifer</b> | <b>Suzanne Brown</b> |
| <b>Christophers - Team # 1</b>    |                                    | <b>Cantor</b>   | <b>Dean Lawrence</b> |

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# August Worship Assistants Schedule



## August 4

|                                   |                                               |                 |                      |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Usher Team # 3</b>             | <b>Lector - Sat Bruce &amp; Maureen Freer</b> | <b>Acolyte</b>  | <b>Rob Ischinger</b> |
| <b>Stream Charlie Tolton Team</b> | <b>Sun Helen Haun</b>                         | <b>Crucifer</b> | <b>Matthew Gregg</b> |
|                                   | <b>Christophers - Team # 2</b>                | <b>Cantor</b>   | <b>Deb Mumford</b>   |

## August 11

|                                  |                                    |                 |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| <b>Usher Team # 4</b>            | <b>Lector - Sat Karen McGovern</b> | <b>Acolyte</b>  | <b>David Tolton</b>    |
| <b>Stream Rob Ischinger Team</b> | <b>Sun Suzanne Brown</b>           | <b>Crucifer</b> | <b>Linda Borkowski</b> |
|                                  | <b>Christophers - Team # 3</b>     | <b>Cantor</b>   | <b>Sandy Schmidt</b>   |

## August 18

|                                  |                                    |                 |                         |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Usher Team # 5</b>            | <b>Lector - Sat Karen McGovern</b> | <b>Acolyte</b>  | <b>Gloria Ischinger</b> |
| <b>Stream Frank Ganther Team</b> | <b>Sun Kathleen Ingerson</b>       | <b>Crucifer</b> | <b>Steph Templeton</b>  |
|                                  | <b>Christophers - Team # 4</b>     | <b>Cantor</b>   | <b>John Minges</b>      |

## August 25

|                                     |                                               |                 |                           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Usher Team # 1</b>               | <b>Lector - Sat Bruce &amp; Maureen Freer</b> | <b>Acolyte</b>  | <b>Michael Mutashobya</b> |
| <b>Stream Gloria Ischinger Team</b> | <b>Sun Nancy Ischinger</b>                    | <b>Crucifer</b> | <b>Otis Bricker</b>       |
|                                     | <b>Christophers - Team # 1</b>                | <b>Cantor</b>   | <b>Beth Lee</b>           |

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# JULY 2024

| Sunday                                                                                            | Monday | Tuesday                   | Wednesday | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                         | Friday                                                                                               | Saturday                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                   | 1      | 2                         | 3         | 4 10:00 Bread of Heaven<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>                                                                   | 5                                                                                                    | 6                                            |
| 7 <b>PENTECOST 7</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br>10:30 Psalms Class<br><br>6:00 AA                  | 8      | 9                         | 10        | 11<br>10:00 Bread of Heaven<br>10:00 Theology<br>w/Pastor Maurice                                                                                                                                | 12<br><br>7:30 AA | 13<br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br><br>7:00 AA |
| 14 <b>PENTECOST 8</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br>10:30 Augsburg<br>Confession Class<br><br>6:00 AA | 15     | 16<br><br>7:00 Evangelism | 17        | 18<br>10:00 Bread of Heaven<br>10:00 Theology<br>w/Pastor Maurice                                                                                                                                | 19<br><br>7:30 AA                                                                                    | 20<br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br><br>7:00 AA |
| 21 <b>PENTECOST 9</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br>10:30 Augsburg<br>Confession Class<br><br>6:00 AA | 22     | 23                        | 24        | 25<br>10:00 Bread of Heaven<br>10:00 Theology<br>w/Pastor Maurice                                                                                                                                | 26<br><br>7:30 AA                                                                                    | 27<br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br><br>7:00 AA |
| 28<br><b>PENTECOST 10</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br>10:30 Augsburg<br>Confession Class            | 29     | 30                        | 31        |  <p>You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth;<br/>you have made summer and winter.<br/>Psalm 74:17</p> |                                                                                                      |                                              |

## Special Dates:

- U.S Independence Day, *July 4, 2024*
- Red Cross Blood Drive, *July 12, 2024*

# August 2024

| Sunday                                                                           | Monday                                                                                      | Tuesday                                | Wednesday                              | Thursday                                                                                           | Friday                                                | Saturday                                                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  |                                                                                             |                                        |                                        | <b>1</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven<br>10:00 Theology w/Pastor Maurice                                  | <b>2</b><br><br>7:30 AA                               | <b>3</b><br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br><br>7:00 AA                                                                                                      |
| <b>4 PENTECOST 11</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br><br>6:00 AA                      | <b>5</b><br>9:15 – 11:45<br><b>VBS</b><br><br>Abington<br>Pre- Night out<br>5:00 – 10:00 pm | <b>6</b><br>9:15 – 11:45<br><b>VBS</b> | <b>7</b><br>9:15 – 11:45<br><b>VBS</b> | <b>8</b><br>9:15 – 11:45<br><b>VBS</b><br>10:00 Bread of Heaven<br>10:00 Theology w/Pastor Maurice | <b>9</b><br>9:15 – 11:45<br><b>VBS</b><br><br>7:30 AA | <b>10</b><br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br><br>7:00 AA                                                                                                     |
| <b>11 PENTECOST 12</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br><br>6:00 AA                     | <b>12</b>                                                                                   | <b>13</b>                              | <b>14</b>                              | <b>15</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven<br>10:00 Theology w/Pastor Maurice                                 | <b>16</b><br><br>7:30 AA                              | <b>17</b><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br>6:30 <i>Prayer</i> <br>7:00 AA |
| <b>18 PENTECOST 13</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br><br>6:00 AA                     | <b>19</b>                                                                                   | <b>20</b><br><br>7:00 Evangelism       | <b>21</b>                              | <b>22</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven<br>10:00 Theology w/Pastor Maurice                                 | <b>23</b><br><br>7:30 AA                              | <b>24</b><br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br><br>7:00 AA                                                                                                     |
| <b>25 PENTECOST 14</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br><br>6:00 AA                     | <b>26</b>                                                                                   | <b>27</b>                              | <b>28</b>                              | <b>29</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven<br>10:00 Theology w/Pastor Maurice                                 | <b>30</b><br><br>7:30 AA                              | <b>31</b><br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br><br>7:00 AA                                                                                                     |

## Special Dates:

- Holy Trinity's Vacation Bible School, August 5 – 9
- Abington Pre-night Out, August 5, 2024
- Prayer Service, August 17, 2024 6:30 PM