

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
WENONAH, NEW JERSEY

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# The Banner

## The Deluxe Holy Trinity LEGO® Set

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When I was a little kid, I would spend hours playing with LEGOs. As an adult...I admittedly still play with LEGOs (i.e. my collection of *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* LEGOs in my office). But LEGOs taught me a lot of valuable life lessons. They taught me how to plan ahead, to think outside the box, and gave me the first satisfying taste of watching a dream become a reality.

But probably the most important lesson LEGOs taught me was the importance of a strong foundation.

Foundations need to be sturdy, broad, and well-built to ensure the long-term integrity of whatever you are building. Whether it's a LEGOs creation, a house, or an organization—the fact remains: the foundation is the most important part.

Should we be surprised then that Jesus said the same thing to his disciples (Matthew 7:24-27)? Maybe you know the children's song "The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock?" It's a paraphrase of what Jesus says to his followers: whoever hears and

responds to what I say, "builds their house on a rock"—a sure foundation. But those who do not listen and do not respond to what Jesus says, "build their house on sand"—where the whole structure is easily washed away.

As a church coming out of transition, having a good foundation is very important. How will we make sure that everything that God builds on it later will remain sturdy, and effective, and faithful? Many of the sturdy blocks we used to build the original foundation have become worn down or are in need of repair. Other, new blocks, are looking for a place to help bolster our 40+ year foundation.

Core values are meant to do just that; but one in particular is especially important to making sure our foundation is strong and can stand the test of time. That is **worship**—the most important work of the Church!

Worship build up our spiritual foundation. It connects us to Jesus Christ, to each other, and to the entire Church—past, present, and future. Worship nourishes us spiritually and sacramentally; it also one of the few areas in our lives where we are able to stop and truly thank God for his work in the world. Lastly, worship reconnects us, continually, with the Good News of Jesus Christ! Through music, prayer, and preaching we

we are hearing—again and again—the Good News of God's grace for a broken and hurting world. Worship connects us to God, to each other, and to our true selves—it is the foundation on which the whole Christian life is built.

And that's why we take it seriously, but not rigidly. That's why it is both reverent and fun, traditional and relevant, connected to the small things in life and connected to the biggest, most amazing story in the entire world. This is why **worship** is a core value, and why we strive and are committed to offering a quality worship experience from beginning to end. No one will leave Holy Trinity without being reminded, through music, prayer, and preaching, that they are loved, and forgiven, and saved by the grace of God in Jesus Christ.

**Worship** was the first core value identified by the Vestry during the March Vestry retreat. Worship makes Holy Trinity a church, and worship connects us to God, each other and ourselves. By grounding ourselves in worship to God, we are building a firm foundation for Holy Trinity as we continue to discern God's plan for our church. **Worship** is the first metaphoric LEGO brick in our set, but there are many more. We will continue to talk about those other bricks in the months to come.

In Christ,  
**The Rev. Ben Maddison**

**P.S. No Sunday School May 28.**

## News from the Pews

We welcome to the Holy Trinity Family Richard Liam Kelly and Jake Hunter Tomaski who were baptized at the Great Easter Vigil. Jake is Meghan Garvin's gentleman friend.

Thank you to the following members who provided refreshments during the coffee hours: Alice Nowak and Mary Moore after the 8 am service; Joan Borkowski and the Rodwell-Simon Family after the 10 am service.

Please keep the following shut-ins in your prayers - Greta Brown, Mary Moody, Jo and Bill Good and Margaret Roth.

If you have news to share, please let us (Gar or Jackie) know.

## Save The Date

**May 3 — ECW Fundraiser at Landmark Americana Restaurant all day/evening**

**May 7 — All Church Brunch 11:15 am**

**May 11 — ECW Painting Party 7-9 pm**

**June 3 — Chicken BBQ 4-7 pm**

## Notes From The Vestry



To give you an update on our Vestry, I felt I ought to give you a little background in the way the Vestry is structured. For some of you this will be new, and for many it will be a refresher! The Vestry of Holy Trinity is comprised of six Vestry members (who each serve a three-year term) and two Wardens (each serving a two-year term). Other regular attendees of the vestry meetings are the rector (who is the chair), the treasurer, and the clerk of the vestry (who takes the minutes for each meeting). Each year, we elect two Vestry members and one Warden. If, for some reason, a vestry member is unable to complete his/her term, a replacement is found to fill out the remainder of that term. In 2017, our vestry has a larger number of new members, "new" being more than a relative term. In 2016, since we were in the midst of our discernment transition, Roger Savage, who would have been rotating off, chose to stay on, to maintain continuity in the midst of so much change. Another vestry member — Tina Sheehan — had taken on the responsibility of finishing the remaining year of an unexpired term, but she also agreed to stay on the vestry, and began a new three-year term at that point. This meant that in January of this year, we had to find two new vestry members to serve three-year terms, and another vestry member to finish the unexpired two years of Roger's term. We also had to find a new warden to take on the role that Laurie Cimino had been fulfilling.

Got that? (Good, because it took

me weeks to get it all straight...)

Quite frequently, our new wardens and vestry members are people who have served on the vestry in the past. This year all three of our new vestry members — Susan Cassidy, Colleen Green and Alice Nowak — are new to the system. This is their first time on the vestry. Our new warden — Steve LoCastro — is also new to the vestry. This is really exciting, because it is giving the vestry so many new voices and opinions! The combination of these new people and our new rector, Ben, is providing the vestry with an opportunity to really look at itself and redefine who it is and what it does. Ben has been helping us to do that in a number of ways. The first thing he added was a brief period of spiritual formation at the beginning of each meeting. In the past, meetings were always called to order with prayer, but now we are starting with a brief prayer service, along with a small amount of Bible study. This is helping the vestry to bring more spiritual investment to the business processes of running the church. We are also examining the role of the vestry in the church, based on the Canons of the Episcopal Church as well as our own traditions. This is assisting us to better understand our roles, and work better together as a team. It will be interesting to see where this leads. I believe that it will help

us to better serve our congregation!

**Melissa Semmes-Thorne,**  
Senior Warden

## All Church Brunch Set for May 7



The Men's Breakfast Group will once again be sponsoring its annual All Church Brunch following the second service on Sunday, May 7. All church members are invited for food and fellowship.

Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex. The cost will be \$5, with a maximum of \$20 per family.

Gary and Carla Henderson will be the "chefs-in-charge."

This will mark the final Men's event for the season, so please come, enjoy, and celebrate.

**Gar Miller**



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## This and That

### ECW Painting Party!

The EWC will be hosting a Painting Party on Thursday, May 11 from 7-9 pm in the Parish Hall. Our instructor is Chelsea Clark, art teacher at the Wenonah Elementary School. Chelsea will take us through each step of creating this beautiful spring picture!



Paint Parties are great fun and you'll be surprised at how talented you are! This night is open to both women & men and would be a great Mother's Day treat for the special mom in your life.

All you need is a smock, your drink of choice and snacks. All painting supplies will be provided.

Tickets are \$25 and seating is limited! Reserve your spot now by contacting Alice Nowak at 856-889-7670 or [alicegnowak@comcast.net](mailto:alicegnowak@comcast.net)

All ticket money is due by Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.  
**Alice Nowak**

### Kitchen of Hope Fund-Raiser

The Kitchen of Hope will be sponsoring its second annual basket auction fund-raiser on September 30 of this year at the Moose Hall on the White Horse Pike in Clementon. Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase food for the monthly giveaways.

As many as 125 auction baskets will be available, along with two large screen televisions, and a variety of other premium items. The price to get in the door is only \$10, which will include a quantity of basket auction tickets.

Look for tickets to be sold at Holy Trinity in the coming weeks. We will also be seeking basket items.

For more information, contact Gar Miller at 856-468-6658.

**Gar Miller, KOH Trustee**



### Family Promise News

Once again our Family Promise host week is approaching fast. We will next be hosting families the week of May 21 - 27.

This is a wonderful and successful ministry that gives us the opportunity to put our faith into actions. At Holy Trinity we don't just talk about our Christian values. We set an example to our children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends of how followers of Christ help those among us that need a little lift.

Within Family Promise we are taking the words of our Lord and putting them into practice. We are living in difficult times. It wouldn't take much to put any one of us into the same circumstances as those that we are helping. If you have volunteered in the past, Thank you. If you are considering helping out but have some questions feel free to call me or email me anytime.

Family Promise's upcoming events: On Saturday May 6 at 1:30 pm Family Promise is hosting a celebration for six of our more recent Family Promise graduating families. The celebration will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Mullica Hill. All HT volunteers are welcome, however they need a head count to plan for

food, tables, beverages, etc. So please let me know if you would like to attend. It should be a wonderful day celebrating our graduated families.

"Paint Night Benefit for Family Promise" -- Thursday May 11 from 7 to 9 pm at McGuiness Funeral Home 573 Egg Harbor rd. Sewell NJ. \$35 per person includes all supplies, beverages, and deserts (YES deserts). BYOB welcome. You will be painting a pair of spring-themed wine glasses with artist instructions.



Reserve your spot by calling Elisha Elliott at 856-582-3800.

Thank you to all the amazing people at Holy Trinity that volunteer to help out our neighbors.

**Sean Garvin, HT Family Promise Coordinator**

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## This and That (cont.)

### Easter Thanks

Easter is a season (50 days to be exact...so save some of those jelly beans) marked by celebration and joy at the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We worship and give thanks for a world changed by the grace of God in Jesus Christ—a world where all things are being brought back to God through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Easter is a great time to say to God, "We love you" and "Thank you."

Easter is also a time to give thanks for others! This was my first Easter at Holy Trinity and it was a wonderful success. Thank you to everyone who helped in all the myriad of ways. For the ECW in their help setting up, funding, and organizing the Agape meal—especially Phyllis Joslin and Rita Curry. Thank you to everyone who came to the Agape Meal and everyone who helped clean up.

Thank you to the Altar Guild for your work during Holy Week and Easter. You transformed the space into one thick with meaning and symbolism. I was blown away by the beauty of the Church for the Vigil and Easter Day. The flowers and arrangements were absolutely stunning; it took my breath away. Thank you especially to Joanne Hutchison for her work as the head of the Altar Guild, and the person responsible for scheduling, planning, and executing all of the altar guild's work.

Thank you to the Lay Eucharistic Ministers, the Lectors, the Intercessors, the Acolytes, the Crucifers, the Thurifers, and the Altar Servers—we led over 275+ people in worship between Thursday and Sunday. Thank you, especially, to Emily Provine for her work in all of those areas, but also her mentorship

and guidance of our youngest acolytes—she played her role with precision and professionalism, but also with a whole lot of grace and fun!

Thank you to our greeters/ushers who warmly welcome worshippers to our services and who monitor an even flow of communicants to the communion rail.

We had the biggest crowd of folks at the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services since the 1990s! We had the largest crowd at the Easter Vigil since the early 2000s! On Easter day, we saw a ton of old and new friends and families return, once again, to remember and celebrate the resurrection of Christ from the dead.

An especially big thank you to Margie MacWilliams for her work in all aspects of planning, preparing, and providing music for the services. Thank you to the choir for their beautiful music, to the trumpeter for his great embellishment to our Easter service, and **ESPECIALY** to the Holy Trinity Dance Ensemble and Melissa Semmes-Thorne for her direction of the ensemble. The arts were well represented and helped add to the already rich tapestry of meaning and symbolism found in Holy Week and Easter.

Thank you to those who helped orchestrate the Easter Egg Hunt, who provided refreshments for after the services, and for those who helped provide the nurse for families with young children. You all helped make Holy Trinity a warm and inviting place, and one that people would want to come back too.

Finally, thank you so much to our sexton, Fran Szczepanski, and our parish administrator, Lisa Carlamere. Their work to get the church ready for Holy Week, printing bulletins, and doing all sorts of unseen and unknown tasks meant the difference between a good Easter and a GREAT one!

Lastly, I'd like to thank everyone who came to any of the services. The Church is the Body of Christ—we need each other to be that body. Your presence, support, encouragement, and faithfulness helped make Holy Week and Easter—and my first Easter at Holy Trinity—really meaningful and memorable.

Thank you!

The Rev. Ben Maddison

### Cook Book Changes

If you have already purchased one of Holy Trinity's cook books, you might want to make the following changes to ensure that your mushroom casserole (on page 14), and snickerdoodles on page 36 turn out the way they should.

The casserole recipe actually calls for 18 ounces of mushroom crowns – not one 8 ounce can or jar. The provider of that recipe – Rhoda Miller – says that she uses four 4.5 ounce jars of the mushroom crowns.

And if you want your cookies (snickerdoodles) to come out perfectly, use ½ cup of butter (1 stick) plus ½ cup of margarine (also 1 stick), rather than the listed ½ cup butter or margarine.

These changes will be made in cook books currently in stock. Books are still available for only \$10 each.

**Gar Miller & Gary Henderson**



### ECW Update

Please help thank Colleen Green for leading the Yard-Sale/Bake-Sale group again this year. We are truly blessed by her energy and organizational skills.

May continues the "busy-ness" of the ECW. We hope you'll treat yourselves on Wednesday, May 3rd at the Landmark Americana Restaurant in Glassboro. Just take one of the flyers with you, give it to your server, and we will receive 25% of your bill. Jackie Gould has made this happen for us. Bon appétit! The flyer is attached.

On Thursday of the following week, those who are prepaid for our Painting Party will have a really fun evening creating a beautiful work of art, as well as enjoying their snacks and drinks. Thanks to Alice Nowak for arranging this. (And we'll do it again if we overflow the room limitations.)

Saturday, May 20 is the Annual Diocesan ECW Meeting and UTO Ingathering which will be held at Grace-St. Paul's Church in Mercerville. And our next regular meeting will be on the usual second Monday, May 8, in the Parish Hall. We will begin to determine the distribution of funds, and look forward to a new president, and we thank you for prayerful consideration of those needs.

**Joan Munyon, Secretary**



## This and That (cont.)

### Chicken Barbecue Coming on June 3



It will be "all hands on deck" as we prepare for the church's 39<sup>th</sup> annual chicken barbecue, June 3, beginning at 4:00.

Sign-up sheets are already up in the Narthex for a variety of jobs and some food items, including a quantity of desserts. Please check them to see how you might be able to help. Donations to defray the cost will also be accepted.

This is our major fund-raiser of the year and Treasurer Mark has budgeted a significant profit for this year's event. Ticket prices are expected to remain the same as last year - \$12 for adults and \$6 for half-portions. As usual, tickets will be available on May 7, the day of the annual all-church brunch. If you are not there to pick up that day, the envelopes will be mailed to you. You will generally be given the same number of tickets you sold last year. If you didn't participate, please try to either buy tickets for your family or to sell them to friends and neighbors this year.

Gary Henderson is serving as chairman of the barbecue, while committee members include Carla Henderson, Colleen Green, Lisa Carlamere, Fred Cimino, and Gar Miller.

### WHO WILL WIN THE RUBBER CHICKEN?



### Memorial Flowers

The memorial flower chart outside of the Parish Hall kitchen needs a little attention.

As a reminder, we use the chart to memorialize your loved ones during the year. The flowers you see on the altar each week (except for Lent) are placed in memory of those listed on the chart. The cost is only a minimum of \$20 and you can use it as often as you wish.



Income from weekly flower donations, as well as at Easter and at Christmas, represent a line item in the budget.



### Anniversaries

- 2) Mark & Laurie Cimino
- 3) Bill & Tina Sheehan
- 10) Kurt & Corinne  
Hartsough
- 16) Pete & Nancy Peterson
- 22) Al & Kate Valentino
- 27) Paul & Joetta Eldridge
- 28) John & Cheryl  
Muldowney

Love is patient,  
love is kind...  
Love never fails.

I Corinthians 13:4-8



### Birthdays

- 2) Charles Thorne
- 3) Nickolas Prus-Preston
- 5) Meghan Garvin  
Elizabeth Sellen
- 7) Michael Szczepanski
- 8) Aiden Haygood
- 9) Margie MacWilliams
- 15) Robert Traynor
- 16) Robin Diane Broughton
- 17) Michelle Gwin
- 19) Debbie Blackburn
- 20) Hunter Conners  
Isaiah Thompson
- 21) Roseann McAlister  
Michael White
- 23) Dawn Carlamere  
Sandra Ferris
- 25) Keyon Haygood
- 29) Minakshi Bajpai
- 30) Rosalie Paul
- 31) Morgan Kampmeier

*O God, our times are in your hand:  
Look with favor, we pray, on your  
servants as they begin another year.  
Grant that they may grow in wisdom  
and grace, and strengthen their trust  
in your goodness all the days of their  
lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>MAY 2017</b>						
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>8 am</b> Morning Prayer <b>5:15 pm</b> Evening Prayer	<b>3</b> ECW Fundraiser at Landmark Americana Restaurant	<b>4</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> Adult Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>5 pm</b> Holy Eucharist at Holy Nativity
<b>7</b> <b>8 am &amp; 10 am</b> Holy Eucharist <b>9 am</b> Sunday School for <b>all ages</b> <b>9:45 am</b> Choir re- hearsal in the church <b>11:15 am</b> All Church Brunch <b>11:30 am</b> Joyful Noise Choir in the church	<b>8</b> <b>7 pm</b> ECW Mtg.	<b>8</b> <b>8 am</b> Morning Prayer <b>5:15 pm</b> Evening Prayer	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>7-9 pm</b> ECW Painting Party  <b>7:30 pm</b> Adult Choir	<b>12</b> <b>8:45 am</b> Deliver food to KOH	<b>13</b> <b>8 am</b> KOH  <b>5 pm</b> Holy Eucharist at Holy Trinity
<b>14 Mother's Day</b> <b>8 am &amp; 10 am</b> Holy Eucharist <b>9 am</b> Sunday School for <b>all ages</b> <b>9:45 am</b> Choir re- hearsal in the church <b>11:15 am</b> Coffee hour <b>11:30 am</b> Joyful Noise Choir in the church	<b>15</b> <b>7 pm</b> Vestry Mtg.	<b>16</b> <b>8 am</b> Morning Prayer <b>5:15 pm</b> Evening Prayer	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> Adult Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>5pm</b> Holy Eucharist At Holy Trinity
<b>21</b> <b>8 am &amp; 10 am</b> Holy Eucharist <b>8:45 am</b> Coffee hour <b>9 am</b> Sunday School for <b>all ages</b> <b>9:45 am</b> Choir re- hearsal in the church <b>11:15 am</b> Coffee hour <b>11:30 am</b> Joyful Noise Choir in the church	<b>22</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Woodbury Convocation Mtg. at Christ Church, Woodbury	<b>23</b> <b>8 am</b> Morning Prayer <b>5:15 pm</b> Evening Prayer <b>6:30 om</b> Lector Team Mtg.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> Adult Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>5 pm</b> Holy Eucharist at Holy Nativity
<b>28</b> <b>8 am &amp; 10 am</b> Holy Eucharist <b>9:45 am</b> Choir re- hearsal in the church <b>11:15 am</b> Coffee hour <b>11:30 am</b> Joyful Noise Choir in the church	<b>29</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> 	<b>30</b> <b>8 am</b> Morning Prayer <b>5:15 pm</b> Evening Prayer <b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> Adult Choir	<b>2</b> <b>Fr. Ben's Day off</b>	<b>3</b> <b>4 pm</b> Chicken BBQ  <b>5pm</b> Holy Eucharist At Holy Nativity

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