

November Session Highlights

Want to be a Christmas Angel? Yes, there's the pageant on Christmas Eve, but at the request of the Mission & Service Ministry, Trinity will again participate in the Angel Tree Program, which gathers money to gift cards for children at Abingdon and Cardinal schools in Arlington. School social workers have identified about 90 children for this effort. After gift cards for the children, we may also provide grocery gift cards to their families.

Have an idea for a project? Trinity's Endowment Committee Chair Michael Ledford briefed the Session on the endowment funds, and emphasized that Trinity ministries can request funds for important extra-budget items. Interested? You can discuss further with Michael, or committee members Kemper Gay, Jennifer McGrail, Leslie Bradenham, and Lance Bultena.

Our building serves many needs. One Health Lessons will hold a fundraising concert at Trinity on Dec. 9, with the performance including our own favorite French horn player, Mark Stanga. This organization provides training and lesson plans to inspire students around the world to value the interconnection between public health and the health of the environment.

A good time was had by all. Seventy (!) Trinity members enjoyed the annual October retreat at Massanetta Springs. Along with fresh air and fun, there was discussion of Trinity's discernment process and ideas for future planning.

Looking forward to new faces. Keeley Harris has accepted Trinity's offer to be our Youth Director. A graduate of the University of Richmond and member of Trinity Presbyterian Church – in Atlanta! – we look forward to her regular presence starting in January. And a new Facilities Manager has been identified, with starting date pending some paperwork.

And looking at new possibilities. Rev. Judith Fulp-Eickstaedt led conversation about church staffing, the discernment initiative, and the need to review position descriptions. The two new staff hires (Youth Director and Facilities Manager), some rebalancing of staff responsibilities, and more attention to the "inreach" initiative were discussed. Session members emphasized the need to keep the congregation abreast of these discussions, and encouraged concrete decisions.