Search me, Jod, and know my heart, test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Create in me a pure heart, O Jod, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Oo not cast me from Jour presence or take Jour Holy Spirit from me. Resto me a willing Trinity Alliance Church t will declare spirit, to susta NNUAL REPORT en and contrite Jour praise. My 2022 heart Jon, Jo for my feet, a light on my path. I have hidden your Word in my heart that I might not sin against Jou. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight. Rejoice always, pray continually, giving thanks in all circumstances. Come near to Jod and He will come near to you. Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will lift you up. Now, our Jod, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name! The heavens declare the glory of Jod, the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech, night after night they reveal knowledge. Amen!

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Saturday, January 28, 2023 6:30 PM Trinity Alliance Church



# Trinity Alliance Church **2022 Annual Report**

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#### **Trinity Alliance Church**

# **Active Membership List**

Mannering, John Jr. Bates, Shawn Bates, Kristy Matulevich, Robert Bell, Michael Matulevich, Michele Capito, Al Milza, Joseph Capito, Theresa Milza, Christina Conley, Jeff Mol, Philip Conley, Gena Mol, Sharon Conley, James Mol, Sarah Conley, Donna Mooney, Jill Corbin, Dorothy Morris, Morgan Darpino, Tony Morris, Cathy Darpino, Emily Muchler, Michael Darpino, Debby Muchler, Veronica DiCicco, Nicholas Phillips, Mary Lou DiCicco, Jayne Putiri, Ralph DiCicco, Tori Putiri, Joyce DiCicco, Nicholas Pyle, Michael Flint, Rosalie Pyle, Donna Frecon, Phil Ross, Michael

Guenther, Fred Santiago, Glorimar
Guenther, Margaret Santosuosso, John Jr.
Hobson, Rick Santosuosso, Christina
Hobson, Vickie Sarabella, Peter

Ross, Thea

Frecon, Shannon

Love, Tom Lyons, Raymond

Lyons, Betty

Mandes, Jay

Mandes, Julie

Hobson, Vickie Sarabella, Peter Sarabella, Louise Jensen, James Jensen, Sheila Siddons, Gail Johnson, Charles Smith, April Johnson, Leah Smith, Rory Johnson, Richard Smith, Jennifer Kosh, Barbara Spissinger, Paul Kruse, William Jr. Steuber, Candace Kruse, Annette Taclan, Rob Kruse, Daniel Taclan, Michelle Taylor, Glenn Kruse, Marion Kruse, Bill III Taylor, Patty Kruse, Tabitha Wakeley, David LaBor, James Wakeley, Linda Warburton, Kathy LaBor, Frances

Witmer, Jonathan Witmer, Joshua Witmer, Amanda

#### **FRATERNAL MEMBERS**

Atkinson, Adam Atkinson, Laura Hurst, Eric Hurst, Elise Reynolds, Brad Reynolds, Tina Winslow, Bob Winslow, Heidi

Watson, Charlotte

Witmer, Patricia

Witmer, John

Witmer, Eric

Witmer, Cheri

#### **Trinity Alliance Church**

## **2022 Statistics**

If any information is missing or incorrect, please contact the church office.

## **Baptisms**

Addison Smith (Calvary Baptist)

Mackenzie Smith

Mark Tozer, Jr.

## **Births**

Victorie Frecon

## **Dedications**

#### **Deaths**

Sherilyn Bredin Rev. Les Conklin Margie Finkbeiner Ed Kramer Russell Miller Doris Sawicki

## **Marriages**

Isaiah & Lillian (Martz) Conley Justin & Laura (Wakeley) Conklin

## **New Members**

Nicholas & Jayne DiCicco Tori DiCicco Nicholas DiCicco Barbara Kosh Pete & Louise Sarabella Paul Spissinger

## SR. PASTOR REPORT 2022

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline."

2 Timothy 1:6-7 NIV

I love the imagery in this verse as Paul shows Timothy that being a disciple is not a passive calling. We are to be engaged participants in our relationship with our amazing God and be equipped for every good work He has called us to. We are to grow and not sit still. We are to fan into flame!

We set out in the beginning of 2022 to allow the dust to settle from two culture-shifting and life-changing years of the COVID pandemic. I challenged you to find ways to get engaged in the church and a deeper relationship with God. I have enjoyed watching as many of you have drawn closer to Him and gotten involved by serving each other in the church. Many of you have joined a small group that has pushed you deeper and built lifelong relationships.

As we studied James this year, it was evident that many of you were growing and spending more time in His word. As a Pastor there is nothing more encouraging than to see people engaging and growing in so many areas.

I know it's been a struggle for some to re-enter and try to figure out how to be part of the church post-Covid. I also know there have been many families that keep getting knocked down with sickness and feel disconnected because they can't be consistent. I pray that this year will bring opportunities for you to find some footing. I am planning that the new approach we will be taking this year will be very valuable in this.

This coming year, I would like to take our relationships with God and each other much deeper. Jesus invested in thousands of people as He taught in different towns; but He narrowed in on a group of 72 that He would later send out. As we all know, His main focus was on the 12 disciples and actually invites three of them into an incredibly intimate relationship with Him.

Jesus understood the impact of one-on-one relationships. I love how you have grown in small groups and I continue to urge you to seek them out. But, do you have anyone mentoring you? A person who can speak truth into your life, and provide encouragement and accountability? Do you have anyone you are specifically, intentionally discipling?

This is the focus we would like to have this year—**individual discipleship**—where everyone has someone they are investing in and inviting into a deeper relationship with our Savior; and that everyone will have someone pouring into them. Together we will learn how to do this more and more effectively.

Most of us feel ill-equipped for this. When I return from sabbatical, we will spend time walking through this together. But for now, be praying. Pray for a heart for someone in the church you can encourage, pray for, and help grow. Pray for the person who will speak into your life even if you don't know who they are yet. Also, ask God to show you someone who does not know Jesus that you will pray for their salvation.

I want to conclude with a huge thank you for giving my family and me some time to rest. God commands us to rest, leads us to a land of rest, and calls us to rest in Him. Rest is very important in our walk with God. Please continue to pray for me and for my family as we take this time to be renewed in Him.

Lastly, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge Christy and Johnny Santosuosso. As they head to help the Awaken Community Church plant, I will miss them more than they will ever know. As my oldest friends in this church, we have worked hand-in-hand for decades. I do not know ministry without them. I am excited for where God is taking them and know God will continue to use them to further His kingdom.

Once again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you and your families. I am excited to return from sabbatical refreshed and ready to follow our amazing Father as we draw closer to Him and one another.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Conley Sr. Pastor

## **ELDER REPORT 2022**

"Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow Your righteous laws." Psalm 119:105-106

Praise God for another year here at Trinity Alliance Church. We continue to be blessed by His goodness and faithfulness to us through every circumstance that may arise. We praise Him for being a constant help in times of need and a sure foundation that we stand upon through our everyday lives.

The Elder board here at Trinity strives to allow Psalm 119:105,106 to ring true through our lives and through the ministry He has placed us in. 2022 had its share of struggles and also its share of blessings. Financially, we continue to lean on the Lord for His provision, and He never fails us. We have struggled many months this year to make budget, yet the Lord has shed His grace on us as we have relied on Him. We were able to fix the roof over the "little dome" this year, which was in great need of repair, and also keep up with the maintenance of God's house that He has blessed us with. Going into 2023 we are again putting our faith in the Lord that He will provide for us as we seek to be faithful servants and good stewards of the finances that He brings into the storehouse.

We were blessed to see one of the largest groups we have had in awhile interested in membership at Trinity. The interest and excitement that people have is contagious and brings joy to God's people. We thank God for the congregation that He has brought to Trinity and pray that He makes clear the plans that He has for us and guides us in them. Starting last year teaching through the book of James, we looked to grow closer to the Lord in spiritual maturity and knowledge of how to walk closer to Him. We started introducing classes such as "Intro to Theology" to help in this area. We also introduced fellowship opportunities with "Party of Six" that have gone very well, and we look to continue in 2023 with more of these opportunities.

Please continue to pray for your Pastor and Elders as we seek the path the Lord has for His church. It is an honor and privilege to serve, and also a great responsibility requiring much wisdom and guidance. May God continue to bless us through 2023 as we strive to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

In His Service,

Rory Smith Elder

## **CARE & OUTREACH MINISTRY REPORT 2022**

The year 2022 continued to have many challenges that have encompassed all aspects of our lives and those of our families and friends. The one Constant amidst it all has been and always will be Jesus! The Care and Outreach Ministry at Trinity was active in 2022 with outreach to new people coming to service and helping get them connected. The current ministries available in the Care & Outreach Ministry are:

- Mason Jar Ministry: Approximately 50 care packages went out to newcomers, those struggling physically, and to those just needing encouragement. Each care package consists of a combination of flowers, cards, crafts, snacks, devotionals, and more. Kristy Bates and Cathy Morris are the main contacts for this ministry, and we appreciate them and the team of people who make these weekly care packages happen! If you have someone who could use some encouragement, please visit our Care Ministry page on the website to submit their name.
- Helping Hands Ministry: This ministry was established in the second half of 2022 and approximately 4 people were helped directly. Areas of help consisted of moving things out of a house for bulk pickup, building a shelf, installing a screen door, helping to move a person to a new property with a U-HAUL, and also emptying out a storage unit full of clothes that were saved to help the Rescue Mission in Atlantic City. Even though only 4 families were helped, potentially many more lives were touched by the service of this Ministry. Many thanks to Mike Muchler and his team who have been so willing to serve. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please send an email to: <a href="mailto:youaremymission123@gmail.com">youaremymission123@gmail.com</a>.
- Atlantic City Rescue Mission: On the first Wednesday of every month, a group of
  individuals host a time of ministry through music, testimony, and God's Word for the men
  and women at the Mission. Please continue to pray for salvation for those hearing the Word
  and that hearts and lives are changed eternally for Jesus. James Jensen is the main
  contact for this ministry and everyone is invited to come and support or share in this
  outreach ministry.
- Greeter Ministry: Each month we have had Greeters in the Lobby to welcome people to
  each service and provide newcomers with a Get Connected card where they can enter
  their contact information so they could be further reached out to. If you would like to become
  part of this ministry, please contact a member of the Care Ministry Team.
- Meal Train Ministry: This is a ministry that differs from the Mason Jar Ministry in the sense
  that it provides full meals for individuals and/or families that are in need of help for an
  extended period of time based on a variety of needs (surgery, new baby, etc.). If you would
  like to be part of this ministry, please contact Marion Kruse or Leah Johnson.
- <u>Visitation and Prayer:</u> This aspect involves partnering with Pastor Jeff and the Elders in visiting people in their home, hospital room, or wherever God provides opportunity so we can bring encouragement to them in their time of need.

Care and Outreach should be the heartbeat of God's people and we should be reaching out as the hands and feet of Jesus to our Trinity family and our own communities. We encourage each person who attends Trinity to participate in some aspect of the Care and Outreach Ministry and help grow the Kingdom of God.

In 2023, Rory and Jennifer Smith will be taking over as the Care and Outreach Ministry Team Leaders. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Team Leaders over these past two years and we are confident that God will continue to work in mighty ways. As we embark on another year ahead that will have its many challenges, may we seek to grow in the Lord diligently, love Him passionately, and care for others more deeply. We have the answer for the Hope this lost world needs and it is found in a Person that is alive and active, the King of Kings and Lord of lords—Jesus Christ!!

Thank you for the privilege of being used to serve in this way.

In His Service,

John Santosuosso & James Jensen

## **YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT 2022**

2022 was a busy year for the Youth Ministry. Our goal in everything is steady consistency and we tried to give the students events that they could count on as well as some new experiences to look forward to. Our Youth Team is made up of Shawn and Kristy Bates, Thea Ross, MaryBeth Tozer, and Liz Champion. We've gelled together well as leaders and try to meet a couple of times a year to talk about calendar, vision, and how to best serve the students.

We consistently met on Wednesday nights with Sr. High (9th -12th grades) for dinner and Bible study. It is always a great time of fellowship and our Bible study time is an opportunity to dig deeper into the Word with the kids. We've been studying the book of Mark and are encouraged by the questions asked and by those who are eager to know Jesus more.

Our Friday nights are for 5th through 12th graders and each week we play games, have snacks, have a devo time, and we try to give the kids a little bit of time just to hang out. Our Senior High is the only group that can stand alone at this time, so we use this time to encourage the older ones to notice and help draw in the younger ones. Over this last year, on Friday nights we have had anywhere from 30-50 students and we try to keep variety in our activities. About once a month, we have a worship night, put on by our Youth Worship Team. It's been such a blessing to see them grow through this ministry.

We took our Sr. High to Spruce Lake for the Ignite Sr. High Youth Rally Weekend in February and it was a really wonderful time away. We were challenged by the speaker, had some really good break-out small group sessions and just really got to enjoy each other's company away in a very different setting than what we are all used to. Weekends like this are made for memory making and impacting lives!

At the end of last school year, we took the Sr. High to Lancaster for our Sr. High Retreat. We rent a farmhouse and just spend the time hanging out, playing games, and getting to know each other better. We saw Sight and Sound's play David - which was so incredible - ate at Shady Maple, and celebrated Cheyenne Thompson's graduation from high school. That trip has become something they all look forward to.

Our group had the opportunity to serve in the food pantry (Grace Beyond Our Doors) a couple of times last year. What a blessing to know that what you are participating in is being the hands and feet of Jesus!

We finished up the year with a Christmas party in the beginning of December and took a winter break so as to not add to the busy-ness of the season. Many of the students were in the Cantata, had school programs, and lots of traveling, so it's a good time to rest and reset. Please pray for the students this year as we are looking for 2023 to be full of many more opportunities for growth and connection.

In His Service, Shawn and Kristy Bates

# **ADULT MINISTRY REPORT 2022**

In 2022 we continued to push forward in providing times of learning and fellowship. In the starting of classes that will allow a foundation to build on such as the "Intro to Theology" class and the "Finance" class that will be starting in January 2023 to the small groups and Bible studies that have taken place, we hope to grow closer to the Lord in knowledge and truth.

With fellowship we have started the "Party of Six" that allows smaller groups to get together for a time of relaxation and coming together to uphold each other relationally with fun and laughter.

Coming into 2023, we want to continue to provide these times and build even more opportunities for the congregation to grow a passion for God and compassion for others through learning and relationships. We ask you to continue to pray about how you can be used in this process. We will need homes to fellowship in and people to lead Bible studies. Discipleship is a large part of the church and something that needs more focus on. Who can you partner with to move yourself and the body of Christ forward? Consider in prayer how the Lord can use you.

We thank you for your efforts in attending these classes and events in the past year and pray that the upcoming year brings even more people out to an ever-growing list of opportunities to grow a deeper relationship with the Lord.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Discipleship Team
Rory & Jennifer Smith, Eric Witmer

## **MISSIONS MINISTRY REPORT 2022**

"If you want me to protect you, you must learn to believe (trust) what I say." Isaiah 7:9b TLB

I often read the scriptures with an eye focused on missions. Some verses are clearly missions-centered and stand out such as Acts 1:8 where we are told to "...testify about Me (Jesus) throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth about my death and resurrection." However, the intent of Isaiah 7:9b at first does not seem to call us to missions especially when context is considered. Yet, this verse is foundational to all those who answer the call to be a missionary. Missionaries must go to their respective fields with the assurance that the Lord who called them will protect them as they believe and trust in His direction and care.

Recently, we heard how the Lord provided for our missionaries to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In the midst of war and widespread destruction, their property was spared. We heard thankfulness from another international worker that his family was not present when an explosion tore through his home. When asked about the sense of returning with his family to such a dangerous mission field, his response was quick and certain, "Don't pray for my safety; pray instead that the Lord's work will succeed!" Wow! He was exaggerating to make his point, and of course, we will pray for both safety and success. I hope we feel compelled to support such people who for the Kingdom's sake lay all their interests aside.

Therefore I ask, how do we support? There are four important paths of support: to pray, to encourage, to send, and to financially provide. Certainly, nothing is accomplished in the Kingdom without prayer. When we pray, let's remember to pray that the Lord of the Harvest would send out workers from our church. What an honor for the Lord to send out workers from our congregation! They may not go overseas or even to another region of the US, but God will send them across the street to their neighbors. One final word about prayer: as a people who encourage and support the Great Commission, we need to always have God's heart for the world and that heart is cultivated in prayer for workers. In addition to prayer, the Scriptures ask us to encourage each other. Needless to say, financial support provides for daily needs.

So, how do we support our missionaries? First, please remember to pray for them. Read missionaries' newsletters and pray for specific needs. Sign up for newsletters if needed. Respond to a missionary's newsletter with an encouraging note/email. Be sure to tell them that you are praying. Come to missions corporate prayer at the church on the second Monday of the month at 11:30 AM. This is new, and the missions team encourages you to attend.

As well, the missions team offers exposure to missionaries we support and other Alliance missionaries with videos, presentations, written updates, and our Missions Conference. The Missions Conference is a great way to become familiar with our missionaries and up-close to their work. Visiting missionaries leave information about themselves, their work, and contact information. Please find their literature in the church lobby.

For this year (and future years), the missions team intends to increase communication between the Trinity congregation and our sponsored missionaries. For example, did you know that one of the missionaries TAC sponsors was involved in helping Ukrainian refugees? We need to know, encourage, and pray.

Finally, there is one thing we missed...you. If you are not in some way involved in missions, we miss you! Please come to Monday corporate prayer or join the Missions Ministry Team and offer your ideas. You are needed! We and our missionaries thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

The Missions Ministry Team Kathy Warburton, Morgan Morris, Ralph Putiri

# **WORSHIP MINISTRY REPORT 2022**

The ministry of worship at Trinity Alliance Church has walked through a year of great growth and opportunity. Our Sunday morning worship and audio visual (AV) teams have learned the importance of what it means to have unity, as both parts of our ministry teams work together to do our best at leading a Christ-centered worship service.

From a technical/AV standpoint, we have gone through an extensive learning curve, and we thank the congregation for bearing with us, as we are not sound or audio engineers. In the process, we have recognized where we need more guidance. We researched and signed on with a ministry called Church Front Worship Ministry Training School to help us overcome our technical obstacles. We have invested in their program to help our AV team be able to better understand and work through technical issues on our livestream and live sound services. The Church Front program also gives us unlimited access to their extensive training video series which our current team members are learning from and will train new members of our team in the future.

The young adults worship collective has led many wonderful nights of praise and worship to our God throughout this year. We are thankful and encouraged to see the growth of these young people coming together as one church worshiping one God.

Marion Kruse and Jannette Lumley put together a great Christmas Cantata this year, and we are thankful for their leadership of working with the choir to present a wonderful night of worship for our King.

Our youth worship band has practiced relentlessly in developing the gifts God has given them into an encouraging time of worship once a month for the entire youth group (5th-12th grades).

As for 2023, the Worship Team will focus on coming before the Lord with reverent, humbled hearts that are obedient to the call of worshiping our Lord. We would ask that our congregation's hearts be challenged to come before the Lord in this way as well.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Tony Darpino** 

# Nominating Committee Report 2022

The Nominating Committee consisted of two individuals who were appointed by the congregation—Emily Darpino and Morgan Morris—as well as Pastor Jeff Conley, Elder Rory Smith, and Elder Eric Witmer.

The Committee has put forth the following individuals for the position of Elder:

Rick Hobson: one 2-year term

Charles Johnson: one 3-year term

Glenn Taylor: one 2-year term

Respectfully Submitted,

The Nominating Committee

# **Communications Team Report**

The Communications Team was created to include the Secretary and any other individuals who assist in aspects of communication (website, social media, etc.) within the church. This team currently meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month with the Pastor, Elders, Treasurer/Finance Team, and a Team Leader representing the following areas of Ministry within Trinity: Children, Youth & Family, Young Adults, Adult Discipleship, Care & Outreach, Missions, and Worship.

The purpose of the monthly meeting is to gather important ministry updates and planning details so that we can communicate information to you in a timely manner. It has also been a great encouragement for the various Team Leaders to hear about what is happening within other ministry areas and find ways to partner together for support.

We encourage everyone to stay connected to our website and subscribe for the weekly email newsletter. They are the most reliable ways to stay connected on a regular basis. Additional questions can be directed to the Church Office. We hope these resources will help keep you connected and informed of what's happening in our church family and how to best communicate with us!

## **General Church Info + Communication...**

- Website: www.tachurch.com
- Primary Email: trinityalliance@comcast.net
- Secondary Email: tac.trinityalliance@gmail.com
- To subscribe to our weekly email, text **TACHURCH** to **22828**, or email us and we will add you to the mailing list.

#### Social Media...

- Facebook Page (public): @wearetachurch
- Facebook Group (private): @tacprayerandpraise
- Instagram: @wearetachurch