

Volunteers pack meals at Plumstead Christian

In celebration of Martin Luther King Day, Plumstead Christian School students and Bucks County community members worked together on Jan. 18 to feed thousands of starving children in the developing world.

Plumstead Christian School and Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) volunteers prepared 109,512 life-saving meals at the FMSC MobilePack event.

The 228 students, faculty, and staff at the Middle and Upper School campus prepared more than 72,000 meals during their morning shift. The afternoon shift was comprised of numerous Plumstead Christian School families in addition to community members from many of local churches and



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organizations. "Martin Luther King, Jr. was all about working as one people to solve social injustices," said Mid-

dle and Upper School Principal Shannon Nusser, who spearheaded the project. "No child should starve to



Volunteers assemble meals for starving children during a FMSC MobilePack event at Plumstead Christian School.

death, and I am glad that as a school we could honor his legacy and address this social injustice head-on in a loving and very prac-

tical way." George's Tool Rental sponsored the event and donated the use of a forklift.

On the Spiritual Side

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Trinity Buckingham's Reed given service award

Bucks County resident Allan Reed has received the Chapel of the Four Chaplains' Legion of Honor award for his exemplary service to the local and regional community through his leadership of the Bread Ministry of Trinity Buckingham Episcopal Church, Buckingham.

The award ceremony took place in Doylestown's Masonic Temple, during a local Knights Templar of the United States of America gathering on Jan. 28.

The Legion of Honor award was presented to Reed by several Knights Templar officials, including Robert Duffy, who is fellow member of Trinity Buckingham Episcopal Church with Reed and a member of the Church of Four Chaplains organization.

"Allan Reed exemplifies what the Chapel of the Four Chaplains' Legion of Honor Award strives to recognize - exceptional selfless service which contributes to the well-being of his or her community, and to a spirit of interfaith cooperation," said Duffy.

"Through Allan's tireless and inspirational leadership of the Trinity Buckingham Bread Ministry, he and the church's Bread Ministry volunteers support and care for thousands of people in Philadelphia and Bucks County who are hungry and in need."

The Chapel of the Four Chaplains is a national organization that recognizes and honors "outstanding members of society whose lives model a giving spirit and unconditional service to community, nation, and humanity without regard to race, religion, or creed." Their Legion of Honor Award is recognized nationally for honoring ordinary citizens doing extraordinary deeds.

Chapel of the Four Chaplains' tributes have been given each year for more than 60 years as a way to honor the four U.S. Army chaplains who, during World War II, gave up their life jackets and helped other soldiers board lifeboats when their transport ship, the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was



Allan Reed, leader of Trinity Buckingham Episcopal Church's Bread Ministry, is presented with the Chapel of the Four Chaplains' Legion of Honor Award by William D. Hartman, right eminent grand prelate of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States of America, center; Richard Bradbury, district deputy grand master of the Fraternity of the Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, left; and Robert Duffy, commander, Doylestown Commandery, Knights Templar PA, right.

torpedoed by a German U-boat 80 miles south of Greenland on Feb. 3, 1943.

As the ship sank, according to reports, the four chaplains, each from different faiths and backgrounds, led others in prayer and then joined arms and sang hymns as they went down with the ship.

Reed is an ordained Episcopal priest who has been a resident of Bucks County since 1980, when he and his wife, Marty Reed, moved to Bucks County from the Boston area where he was director of Chaplaincy and supervisor of Massachusetts General Hospital's Clinical Pastoral Services.

Reed tells the story of how Trinity's Bread Ministry began. "Thirty years ago, my wife

Marty and five other women from Trinity Buckingham parish went to stand in line for the opening of the new Genuardi's store in Doylestown. The store was offering a free bag of groceries to each person attending. Our parish had just remodeled the interior of a homeless shelter building into five separate apartments, a meeting space and food bank, and we needed food to stock the shelves.

"Someone said to Marty, 'That's Mr. Genuardi over there.' She immediately introduced herself and the other Trinity parishioners ... and asked him if he knew there was a homeless shelter less than a mile up the road."

"After some conversation, Mr. Genuardi called the manager over

and told him to start giving food to our church for the shelter. And just like that, we had a source of real food to share with the residents there."

Today there are 14 volunteers from Trinity Buckingham at work every day of the week picking up bread and other food from Panera Bread, Weis' Market, Crossroads Bakery and the Bucks County Coordinating Council, and deliv-

ering it to New Britain Baptist Church, St. John's Church in Ottsville, Fisherman's Mark in Lambertville, N.J., Doylestown Senior Center, Doylestown Family Shelter, and four locations in Philadelphia.

The Bread Ministry also provides bread for local community lunches and for Code Blue, the local winter shelter program for the homeless in Central Bucks County, sponsored by the Central Bucks Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless.

"The needy we reach are the poor, the unemployed, the disabled, the homeless, the disturbed, the unfortunate who live in locations ranging from upper Bucks County to North Philadelphia, from Lambertville to Chalfont," said Reed. "Each week we handle 300 to 500 pounds of groceries, 50 to 200 pounds of meat, some vegetables and fruit in a season."

Reed himself, now 89, drove more than 7,000 miles in the past year alone, making pickups and deliveries in and out of Philadelphia.

Reed said he considers the bread ministries of Trinity Buckingham and other churches to be an example of what a true sacrament is.

"The definition of sacrament is 'an outward and visible sign of an inward and invisible grace,'" he said. "The outward sign of the Bread Ministry is a successful social program at work - good-hearted people sharing with others. The inward sign is that of the presence of God reaching those in need." In that meeting, as with all sacraments, Reed points out, "The inward sign is always far greater than the outward sign."

HAPPENINGS

Refugee coordinator to preach, speak at St. Philip's in New Hope

St. Philip's Episcopal Church, New Hope, will host Jane Jorgensen, refugee coordinator of Lutheran Children and Family Services, on Sunday, Feb. 21.

She will preach at both the 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Eucharists and lead the adult forum at 9:15 a.m.

The refugee crisis is a confusing and challenging topic for people of faith. Jorgensen hopes to both educate and challenge listeners to act from a Christian perspective.

St. Philip's is located at the corner of Chapel and River Roads in New Hope. For information, visit stphilipsnewhope.org.

St. John's Spinnerstown selling homemade chocolate Easter eggs

St. John's Lutheran Church of Spinnerstown offers for sale two types of chocolate Easter eggs, made by its service group, the Willing Workers.

Peanut butter and coconut cream eggs will be sold by the half pound for \$5; one pound costs \$10, and two pounds is \$20. Orders will be taken by phone at 215-536-0734, from 5 to 7 p.m. March 7 and 8.

Pick-up is from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday, March 18, at the church, 1565 Sleepy Hollow Road, Spinnerstown (for GPS purposes, use Quakertown, 18951). For directions, visit stjohnsofspinnerstown.org. For information, call 215-536-0734.

Archbishop's lecture series continues at seminary

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia and its Office for the New Evangelization host professor Anthony Esolen, of Providence College, speaking on

"Themes from Life Under Compulsion: Ten Ways to Destroy the Humanity of Your Child."

His talk takes place from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, March 7, at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Vianney Hall Auditorium, 100 East Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood, as part of the Archbishop's Lecture Series.

For information, or to R.S.V.P., contact Meghan Cokeley, director of the Office for the New Evangelization, or visit phillyevang.org/lectures.

Redemption Christian Preschool registration open

Redemption Christian Preschool in Southampton is accepting applicants for its 2016-17 academic curriculums.

Space is limited, and interested applicants are encouraged to submit their registration by April 30, to secure a spot. The preschool is celebrating its 21st year of operation.

Classes are available for children ages 2 to 5, with afternoon playcare available. The preschool is staffed with experienced teachers and aides, certified in CPR and First Aid, and all staff members receive criminal background checks. Class sizes are kept small, and parents are encouraged to participate and are always welcome.

A typical day includes a constructive play period, circle time, stories, lessons, crafts, and indoor and outdoor activities.

To learn more or to register your child, visit redemptionpreschool.org or call 215-357-7530.

Jazz Sanctuary performs "Jazz and Joe" at Trinity Buckingham

The Jazz Sanctuary will play a live "Jazz and Joe" concert at Trinity Buckingham Church, 2631 Durham Road, Buckingham, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18.

Visit The Jazz Sanctuary online for information.

Buddhist Sanga hosts lama



The Buddhist Sangha of Bucks County hosts Tibetan Lama Gursam for a one-day retreat from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Yardley Friends Meeting House, 65 N. Main St., Yardley. The focus of his teaching will be using meditation to calm the mind and live a happier life. All are welcome; no advance registration is necessary. Partial day participation is fine. The day will include lectures, sitting and walking meditation, a lunch break and questions and answers. Donations will be accepted. Details are at Buddhistsangha.com.

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