

Trinity Parish

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Why Do You Come Here?

"Why do you come here?" Sherman asked. It was the morning of my fourth turn at the Harrisburg Winter Homeless Shelter. Sherman, one of the guests, is a well groomed, articulate man standing in line for a cup of coffee.

Many members of Trinity helped prepare and serve the Thanksgiving Dinner at the shelter. Then, in teams of three or four, volunteers stayed overnight with the guests. At 9:00 p.m. each night, about 35 men and a few women come in from the cold to sleep on mats on the floor at Zion Lutheran Church on 4th Street in Harrisburg. A staff person from HELP screens, does paper work and then clears each guest as they enter. Before lights out at 10:30 p.m., there is time for coffee, cards and conversation. I played my first hand of poker and with beginner's luck, I won, causing much hilarity and joking. Each time they passed me after that they called me "The gambler".

Doc has a long beard and wears a civil war style hat. Chester is a heavy set black man who walks with a limp and wears a cross on a beaded necklace he made. Ron is a handsome young Hispanic man who works in a restaurant. Warren has splotches on his face and is missing his front teeth. He is embarrassed about his appearance and doesn't see that in spite of the splotches, he is a good looking man.

Tuesday night I sat at the piano and played Christmas Carols. As I played "I Wonder As I Wander", Paula came up behind me and sang. She knew all the words . . . "I wonder as I wander, out under the sky. How Jesus our Savior, came for to die, for poor ordinary people, like you and like I. I wonder as I wander, out under the sky." When we finished she excitedly hugged me and said "That is a favorite of mine! I haven't sung that in years and years!"

Sleeping on a mat marked with a 'V' for volunteer, I caught a few hours of sleep while the other members of the team talked quietly under dimmed lights in the kitchen. We took turns resting. Volunteers Gordon and Val both were awake all night, but not the guests. They snored heavily, appreciating being off the streets.

As I poured his cup of coffee, I carefully answered Sherman's question. "This scares me a bit, to come here. But I know it is a good thing to do and I think

God places scary things in front of us to help us grow. Does that make sense?" Sherman said "Yes, it does."

Indeed, I think God often offers us opportunities to move out from what is comfortable into areas that scare us. Members of Trinity will again take a turn at the shelter at the end of March, 2007.

By Becky Enney

Artists of the Month

The artist for the month of January is actually a group of young artists. They are the 2^{1/2}, 3, 4, and 5 year olds from Trinity's own Preschool Playgroup. The teachers have gathered some of their students' favorite pieces of artwork using a variety of materials and methods. Each piece of art is listed with the artist's first name, class, and skill objective. Trinity Preschool Playgroup encourages learning through play believing that process takes precedence over product. The school, now in its 30th year holds morning classes Monday through Thursday. The staff includes Director Heather Rose and teachers Sonja Bebinger, Jill Folk, Angie Fisler, Linda McCollum, Michele Kelly, April Schock, Wendy Fronte, and Trinity members Julie George, Amy Koch, and Angie Clark. Trinity Preschool Playgroup has an enrollment of 96 children and is currently registering students for next school year. If you enjoy our artwork, come up to the preschool wing any Sunday morning and view our art, which is always on display in the hallway.

By Amy Koch

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2007 at 12:15 p.m. in the Nave.

Blood Bank News

Need a great New Year's Resolution for 2007? **Donate blood!** Nearly all of us will need blood at some point during our lifetime. Yet only 7% of those able to give blood actually will give. Remember, excuses don't save lives.

If you are interested in knowing how much blood you have donated through the Central PA Blood Bank, call Jeanie Bentzel at 766-3526. This doesn't include blood donated to the American Red Cross or when you were in the service. Have any questions – if I don't know the answer, I will find out for you.

By Jeanie Bentzel

DEADLINE

February issue of *Trinity Parish* is **Wednesday, January 10.**

Please forward all articles to the Editor, Donna Sprowls at: parish@trinitycamphill.org

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Staff Notes

God's Time

The Old Testament lesson for January 1 in our Revised Common Lectionary cycle is Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. How fitting that as a new year begins, we read these familiar words:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die;

A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal;

A time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;

A time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to seek, and a time to lose;

A time to keep, and a time to throw away;

A time to tear, and a time to sew;

A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate;

A time for war, and a time for peace.

The truth is you and I will experience many of these moments of time in the year to come. Even if we don't particularly wish to experience those moments. Often we find ourselves "stuck" in a period of time. Often we lack patience in these moments of time, or we're uncertain just which time we're **supposed** to be in. As I write this article, we are in a time of protracted war, and, oh, how we long for peace! Some of us are grieving losses of the past years, and we can't stop the tears from flowing. Some of us are making plans to move—what should we keep? What should we throw away? And some of us struggle daily with decisions about when to keep silent and when to speak up. The writer of Ecclesiastes understood well the human experience.

As we look ahead to 2007, the words of Thomas F. Fischer are helpful. He studied Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, then offered these thoughts for church leaders, though I believe they speak to any disciple of Jesus Christ. May his words remind you of God's patient and purposeful presence in **all** of time:

Lord, I know there is a time for me. Lead in Your time, Lord!

Help me discern Your ways . . . and Your time.

But most of all, may I always be Your servant in Your time, Lord.

Lord, in Your time there is always . . .

A time for strength, a time for hope, a time for life.

Lord, in Your time, use me . . . and I will lead.

Call me . . . and I will follow.

Lord, all this I will do . . . in Your time.

By The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. Finally, the YG year is starting to calm down, but not for long. The YG (youth group) season so far has been extremely busy. Our YG calendar is so jam-packed with so much to do for everyone. There is something YG related on every weekend. If it's not a large group meeting, it's a small group meeting. There are plenty of meetings, events, retreats, sleepovers, and various get-togethers for everybody. So the time is definitely right to get out to YG and make a fresh start. If you are in grades 6-12 we want to see you soon. Here is a taste of what we did in the month of November.

We started off the month on Sunday the 5th with a YG MEETING. The topic of the meeting was JESUS AS HEALER and it focused on showing the YG all of Jesus' acts of healing. We also looked at ways that we can be healers for others in our lives. Sixty plus YG and advisors were at this night of faith, fun and fellowship. Next, on Saturday the 11th we had a YG PANCAKE BREAKFAST. This event was good, as usual, and it helped us raise some money for Sr. High Summer Retreat. The very next night, on Sunday the 12th we had a JR. HIGH GAME NITE. Around 25 Jr. High YG and some advisors and two senior leaders gathered for this night of total fun and fellowship. It was a blast from start to finish! Next, on Friday through Saturday the 17th-18th we had a SR. HIGH SLEEPOVER at the church. Around 20 Sr. High YG and some advisors came out for this event. We played games, ate pizza, watched movies and exchanged conversation. This night was awesome! We finished off the month on Sunday the 26th with another YG MEETING. The topic of the meeting was JESUS AS DISCIPLE and it focused on Jesus' being a disciple to His father. We focused also on ways we can be better disciples to those around us. Once again, 60+ YG and advisors came out for this night of faith, fun and fellowship. Well, there you have it. What a month! In December things start to slow down a little bit, I can't wait. CU @ YG...

Yours in Christ,
Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director

2006 Annual Report

Trinity's 2006 Annual Report will be available at the end of January. Copies will be placed in the Gathering Space for members to pick up at their convenience. If you wish to have a copy of the report mailed to you, please contact the church office at 737-8635.

New Bible Study to Begin in January

Have you ever wanted to be part of an interactive Bible Study where Scripture was explored in depth, centered on what the text means for us as Christians in today's world? A new small group Bible Study will be forming on Wednesday, January 17 at 6:45 p.m.

This study group will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in Room 241. The meeting time (6:45-8:00 p.m.) is designed to accommodate persons with children attending Wednesday evening choir rehearsals.

If you are looking for an opportunity to freely discuss and challenge ideas of faith based on Biblical text and respected interpretation, please consider being a part of this small group Bible Study!

Contact Becky Enney (737-4115) or Judy Hunter (737-9933), group facilitators, if you are interested in participating in this study group.

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

*Living Beyond Yourself:
Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit*
by Beth Moore

Wednesdays
January 10 - March 21, 2007
9:15-11:15 a.m. - Room 237
Trinity Lutheran Church Camp Hill

All women are invited!
There will be childcare.

For questions or registration, please contact:
Judy Trissler at 774-6036
or Bert Weaver at 697-3259

Thank You

A servant is what you are when you care for the needs of others.

Once again this year the Giving Tree had an overwhelming response in all groups. We actually had to "re-decorate" the tree with additional tags to meet the desire of members wishing to participate.

Thanks for showing your kindness and giving to those in need for: The Prison Ministry, Frank's Place, Camden, NJ, Sudanese men, Delta Community, Churches Affiliated Child Care Centers, and our own Trinity members in need.

Letters to Trinity

Dear Pastors and Trinity Members,

Thank you for the prayers, visits, telephone calls, cards and concerns during my recent surgeries.

I feel very blessed and happy to be a part of this wonderful congregation and all the support everyone has to offer. May God bless all of you.

Sincerely,

Terri Denison

Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for the prayers, flowers, visits, and Thanksgiving meal you have blessed me with. Your kindness is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Virginia Baum

To Members of Trinity,

We wish to thank you for your prayers, pastor's visits, altar flowers and Thanksgiving dinners. Also, thanks to the Men of Trinity who cleaned leaves off our property this year. They did a great job!

It's wonderful to be a member of Trinity who cares about everyone.

Allan and Mary Hull

Dear Trinity Lutheran Men in Mission,

Your crew of four angels arrived on Fall Clean-up Day – not wearing halos and blowing trumpets, but wearing work gloves and carrying leaf blowers!

What a blessing to have them do such wonderful work in my yard. Thank you so much for your help.

Your caring and sharing in these projects is a true expression of Christian love in action.

Arlene Machemer

Greetings from Grace Lutheran NOLA

Greetings to our friends in Christ from Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of New Orleans! This Thanksgiving marks our second Thanksgiving since Hurricane Katrina changed our lives forever. Grace Lutheran Church stood in approximately seven feet of water for almost two weeks, causing over \$1.3 million in damages. With insurance payments of just \$403,000, we were not sure what our future would be. Virtually everything on the first level was destroyed; our Sanctuary, office, Narthex, Fellowship Hall, kitchen, daycare facility and classrooms. The upper level contained only a few classrooms and storage. Please go to: www.gracenola.com/katrina.htm to view pictures taken shortly after the flood waters receded.

Our congregation was scattered to the far corners of the country. Gradually, they began to return to assess their damaged homes, neighborhoods and businesses and to pick up the pieces. Many lived near our church in the Lakeview area of New Orleans and

suffered extensive flooding. Worship services were held in a local funeral home chapel beginning in October. Some may think a funeral home an unusual place for worship, but New Orleanians are adaptable! We were thrilled (and thankful) to be able to return to the church building for our Easter services. Donations of chairs, hymnals and an organ were blessings from churches around the country. The church had been gutted by tireless volunteers (angels!). We had a temporary electrical pole installed to provide a limited amount of electricity, which meant no-air-conditioning. If you have ever visited New Orleans in the warmer months, you can understand how important air-conditioning can be. We discussed moving back to the funeral home, but ultimately the congregation wanted to remain in the church, even in its gutted state. In June a very warm congregation cooled themselves with fans made of small paper plates. Later that month, we had our air-conditioning units installed; however, since we still only had the temporary pole, we had to choose between lights or AC. Well, we chose AC, even though it got so dark during a storm the assistant minister had to use a flashlight to read the lessons! This experience has changed the lives of our congregation and community forever.

Though so much was lost, we feel that so much more was gained. The outpouring of prayers, volunteer workers, gifts offered and monetary donations given have displayed clearly that God's power is working through his people. We are so very grateful for your prayers and gifts to Grace Church. We have received approximately \$290,000 in donations of money, time and replacement items. Although we're not back to "normal" yet, we are at about 75% of where we were before the storm. We honestly did not know if we would be able to open the church doors again. We could not have done it without you!

Please visit: www.gracenola.com/saving_grace.htm to view photos showing our progress, how your gifts are being used, and some of the many volunteers who gave their time and hearts to rebuilding Grace Church. There still is much to do, however. The neighborhood of Lakeview needs our help: the majority of the area remains much the same as it was immediately following the storm. Through our rebuilding effort, we hope to be an inspiration to other residents and businesses in the area. It is our intention to host volunteer groups at the church for months to come. With God's help and yours, "we are making all things new."

This Thanksgiving we gave thanks to God and each and every one of you. May God bless you and keep you safe!

**Sue Pundt of the congregation of
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
New Orleans, LA**

Volunteer Corner

Grace Morgan has served as Trinity Cares Coordinator for 4½ years. Trinity Cares is a short-term emergency assistance ministry for all Trinity members. Grace works with a list of volunteers who are available to assist other members that cannot be filled by traditional resources.

Grace is reluctantly stepping down so we need a replacement. The responsibilities of the coordinator are maintaining the list of volunteers and contacting them to provide assistance when a call is received. This is a great volunteer position, handled all by phone that can be done from home. If you would be interested in this position or need more information, please contact: Donna Sprowls, Parish Ministry Chairman at (717) 766-8075 or you may e-mail her at: SPROWLSD@aol.com.

We thank Grace for her years of dedicated service.

Volunteer Outreach... Living God's Mission In God's World

As reported in an earlier issue of Trinity Parish Joyce Grier has been a vital force in the **Operation Shoebox** project of supporting military men and women deployed overseas. To date (December) Joyce reports they have sent out 520 care packages including six to Trinity members. Operation Shoebox is a project of the Capital Club, Verizon Telecom Pioneers, a non-profit organization of active and retired employees dedicated to "answering the call of those in need."

On another note, Operation Shoebox was entered into the Pioneer Telecom Challenge under the category of Military/Technology. The challenge is open to Pioneer clubs throughout the U.S. and Canada. Joyce reports they received word they have made it to the final four. First prize is \$1,000, second \$500.

One of the high points for Joyce is when she receives thank you letters. The morning she gave me this information she received a letter. Following are excerpts from that letter... "you guys are doing such good work. It makes me feel so much better about what we are doing, knowing we are helping to preserve a place where good people can be safe, comfortable and protected....Many of the guys stay up late to talk with family on the phone. It's hard for the kids not to have daddy home with them, but I have heard more than once, 'I'll be home soon, sweetheart. Daddy loves you...'"

Another project Joyce chairs is Verizon Reads. This Telecom Pioneers program distributes student dictionaries to local elementary schools. In October her team presented dictionaries to the two second grade classes at Northside Elementary School in Mechanicsburg.

Donna Campbell, a Trinity member and a second grade teacher at Northside arranged for a school project to have students write letters to the military which were then included in the packages. All classes in the school participated. Donna reports the students have already received some responses. The letter writing was an enjoyable experience for the students.

Anyone who is interested in offering support through contributions or writing letters may contact Joyce at 566-2294 or at auntiejoyce@yahoo.com

By Donna V. Sprowls

Fall Clean-Up Day 2006

The Lutheran Men in Mission enjoyed another successful fall clean-up day on Saturday, November 11. The good Lord provided beautiful weather, and we provided leaf raking and other household chores for six Trinity members.

My thanks go out to the volunteers. Team A worked in the Camp Hill area with Terry Bush, Jens Damgaard, Paul Enck, Peter Pennington and John Withrow. Team B went south to the New Cumberland and Lewisberry area with Joe Fidler, John Lingenfelter, Karen Peiffer and Mark Therkjaldsen.

We will be seeking new projects and volunteers for the Spring Clean-up Day 2007 in late April.

By Mark Therjukdsen

When I say good morning I mean:

G - od
O - ffers us His
O - utstanding
D - evotion to
M - ake us
O - bedient and
R - eady for a
N - ew day with Him
I - nspire others please, and
N - ever forget
G - od loves you!

Trinity Prayer Concerns January 2007

We pray:

- For the members of the congregation, that they will be guided by the spirit of wisdom at the Annual Congregational Meeting
- For our newly elected Congregation Council members, that they will have a good year.
- That 2007 will be a year filled with great peace.
- For the homeless, that they might find shelter, food, and warmth during the winter.

Weekly Prayer List

DECEMBER 31-JANUARY 6: Evelyn Bannan; William and Elizabeth Banks; Alison, Sally, and Eleanor Ballantine; Reuben, Debbie, Miriam, Benjamin, and Elizabeth Balasundram; William Baker; Paul and Kristina Baker; Melissa Baker, and Nicole and Ryan Grimes; Clifford and Rose Marie Baker. **JANUARY 7-13:** Marie Bake; Ted and Lee Baehler; Bonnie Baehler LeFevre; Ronald and Nancy Bachman; Michael Bachman; Catherine and Magdalena Babyak; Michael Awan; Abraham Awan; Joanne Austin. **JANUARY 14-20:** Harry and Ann Aumon; Corinne Augusto; Richard, Joan, Meghan, and Ryan Atkinson; Esther Atherholt; Areanna Ash; John and Susan Artevich; John Artevich III. **JANUARY 21-27:** Terry and Joann Arnold; Sara Arnold; Edwina Arnold; Brice, Kristy, Ryan, Sara, and Emily Arndt; Chuck and Bunny Armstrong; Ida Arms; Ryan, Kellie, Sam, and Zoe Argot. **JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 3:** Deitra and Alexander Arena; Reuben and Martha Appleby; David and Jeffrey Apgar; Patton, Gail, and Christine Anthony; Karah Anderson; Chris and Kathryn Anderson; Carol Anderson; Angela Anderson.

Lutheran Men in Mission Future Events

Men's Retreat at Kentland - February 17
Spaghetti Dinner in Fellowship Hall - March 2

The church gathered for worship on Sunday becomes the church scattered for service on Monday through Saturday.

Birthdays

Homebound Members

- January 8 **Bob Cox**
The Bridges at Bent Creek
2100 Bent Creek Blvd.
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
- January 10 **Eleanor Walker**
100 Freemason Drive
Apt. # 541
Elisabethtown, PA 17022
- January 11 **Dick Shaul**
5225 Wilson Lane
Apt. # 2117
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- January 12 **Alma Reitz**
24 Gale Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- January 24 **Marian Elder**
707 Walnut Street
Lemoyne, PA 17043
- Jean Hempt**
Woods Services - Alcare Cottage
Routes 413 & 213
PO Box # 36
Langhorne, PA 19047
- January 25 **Harriet Allison**
Country Meadows - Room # 108
451 Sand Hill Road
Hershey, PA 17033

Staff Members

- January 7 **James Crowley**
- January 16 **Peter Fox**
- January 18 **Amy Koch**
- January 21 **Pastor Brock**
- January 30 **Criss Floray**

Classes on Mission Awareness

On each Sunday morning in January, there will be Special Topics Classes on mission issues in the world. All Trinity members and guests are invited to explore the urgent issues of the day and our response to them. This is the series, dates and subjects:

- January 7, Mount of Olives Housing Project (Jerusalem)
January 14, Tsunami relief work
January 21, Lutheran response to immigration
January 28, AIDS epidemic

Each class begins at 9:30 a.m. in Room 232-234. Questions may be directed to Elizabeth Winters or Craig Staller for the Missions Committee or Christopher Couch, Director of Learning Ministries. This is just the time of year to be expanded and challenged anew.

Trinity Preschool Playgroup Participating in Giant Foods A+ School Rewards Fundraiser

Trinity Preschool Playgroup, our weekday nursery school, is participating in Giant Foods A+ School Rewards Fundraiser. For those who shop at Giant Foods, the A- program is very simple. All you have to do is enter the school ID code (02309), your Bonus Card number and the first three letters of your last name at GiantAplus.com. If you prefer, forms are available in the tract rack in the Gathering Space. Each month (October through April 2007), designated schools will automatically receive 1% of all participating customers' total Bonus Card purchases. What an easy way to support our nursery school! Thank you.

Epiphany Event January 7, 2007 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

The featured speaker at this Epiphany Event is Trinity's own "missionary" Dr. Brice Arndt. Dr. Arndt and his family have been members of Trinity since his move to Camp Hill 21 years ago. He will show us and tell us about his various mission trips to Costa Rica, South Africa, Peru and Ecuador where he used his medical and dental skills to bring healing to the children. Bet they actually loved going to the dentist! Three of his trips were with members of the Colonial Park Methodist Church, and the others with the Costner Medical Mission Group.

Obviously Dr. Arndt has heard the call from our Lord to "Go, and do likewise". He has answered a recent call to go to Croatia in February. We can help fill his suitcase with supplies of construction paper, crayons, colored pencils, pencils and pencil sharpeners and soccer balls since soccer is big in that country. Please bring one of these items with you as your "ticket" for the evening event. A free will offering will be received to help with the cost of the meal as well as supply Dr. Arndt with the extra for his trip. This way we can go with him as he embarks on his next adventure.

Please join us at 5 p.m. for dinner. This is a program for us all to hear so bring yourselves and your children. For those too small to sit still during the program, care will be provided, just let us know. If you forgot to sign up – we need to know by January 3.

By Elizabeth Winters

News from the Missions Committee

At our November meeting the committee voted to distribute the monies received from members earmarked for missions for the following mission work:

- \$2,500 to the Mount of Olives Housing Project in Jerusalem. Together with the ELCA we can build a housing project that will help alleviate the critical shortage of housing and strengthen the dwindling Christian presence there. You can learn more about this project at the church school hour on January 7.
- \$1,000 to Julie Rowe, the communications assistant to Bishop Munib Younan in Palestine.
- \$500 to Wycliffe Bible Translators for the ministry of Jon and Angie Barker who joined this organization recently and are helping translate the Bible into the language of the people.
- \$500 to Jennifer Kincaid who will be participating in a mission trip to Trinidad in January. Look forward to hearing of her trip later this year.

We are truly blessed that we can respond with our wealth to those who need it in order that they may do their part in sharing the Good News given to us at Christmas. Thanks be to God.

By Elizabeth Winters

NEW!! TRINITY'S MOVIE NIGHTS

Trinity's Fellowship Team is hosting monthly Movie Nights starting Friday, January 12 (and continuing February 9 and March 9). Dinner (pizza) will be at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by a movie – *Spirited Away*. Sign up in the Gathering Space on December 31 and January 7, so we have a count for meals. A free-will offering will be collected for expenses the night of the movie.

The PG movie *Spirited Away* has a 100% rating from critics on the Rotten Tomatoes review site, runs a little over two hours and is directed by animation legend Hayao Miyazaki. The most successful film in Japanese cinema history, this is a surreal adventure about a young girl, reminiscent of *Alice in Wonderland*. This English-language film is a movie experience like no other and sure to enchant audiences of all ages, leaving viewers grinning with a giddy sense of wonderment. More movie details will be available at the sign-up table. Come and enjoy!!!

From Your Director of Learning Ministries

I can say Happy New Year (and I will—Happy New Year!), though actually we are already several weeks into the new Church year, which began on the first Sunday in Advent (December 3, 2006 this year). Nonetheless, I do hope and pray for a 2007 filled with blessings.

New brochures have been distributed listing and describing our offerings in learning ministry for the winter and spring terms (so to speak). Brochures are in the Gathering Space, the Narthex, and the church office or I may be contacted.

Though it may be a stretch to think of summer, more of a stretch to plan for it, the time for registering for summer camping in the synod is at hand. Registration materials are sent from the camp association office to families who have camped before. Those needing registration—or simply wanting to read up on camping opportunities—will find materials in the Gathering Space. Typically, we receive camp information and applications this month.

Trinity offers a scholarship of fifty dollars for campers. The church has an arrangement with the camps regarding the scholarship, so all registrants need do is indicate on the application that the scholarship from the church is desired. If the scholarship is not wanted, that may be indicated as well. If there are situations for which more funding is needed beyond the “automatic” scholarship in order to provide a camping experience, I may be contacted. I’m happy to work to have these needs responded to.

The Wednesday Morning Women’s Bible Study begins January 10 and is promoted elsewhere in the newsletter. Joining the study after it starts is not a problem.

For families and those wanting to be informed about families, I recommend reading the *Central Penn Parent Magazine*? The magazine is free and distributed throughout our area. Trinity receives copies via our weekday preschool, and there are typically enough magazines to go around. Thus far, I have found the contents of the magazine timely and informative. I can’t say that everything in the publication is always going to be sterling, but I have not been disappointed thus far. The magazine appears to be inclusive if not comprehensive in sharing information and perspective on issues and trends affecting child education and the family overall.

Speaking of child education, we are in the process of enrolling students for our weekday preschool, the Trinity Preschool Playgroup. We have classes for two-and-a-half year-olds through pre-kindergarten. Interviews and applications may be received through Heather Rose, our preschool director. Her extension is

241 at the church, and the preschool receives e-mail at preschool@trinitycamphill.org. Information on the preschool is also available via the church’s website.

Church members may feel free to be in touch with me, especially with ideas or requests for our learning ministry program. Our offerings come out of expressions of interest from our membership. I receive e-mail at christopher.couch@trinitycamphill.org, and my extension at the church is 228.

I wish our parish a Happy 2007. And many seasons of blessings in all years,

Christopher

A Great Day for Our Men

How long has it been since you have taken One Day to participate in an event with your Brothers of Trinity? Here is your golden opportunity!!!!

On Saturday, February 17, we will car pool from our church parking lot, leaving at 7:15 a.m. We will then meet at the Peppermill Restaurant, off Wesley Drive for breakfast. (You order from the menu). After breakfast, we will take a short drive to Kentland, where we will spend the day in faith enriching discussion, plus social time, laughs, exercise and two delicious meals.

Our discussion topic will be "I don't have time for Patience". Our moderator will be our own Christopher Couch. Since patience is not one of our strongest virtues, this should lead to a boatload of sharing. You will be amazed at the references to patience in the Bible, so we know God is aware that we have real problems with this issue in our day-to day life.

Woven into our All Guy day is a humor hour when we will invite jokes and humorous stories. Laughter is a healthy exercise for us all! Plan to contribute your own funny stories or jokes.

There will be a time for stretching and fresh air. Meal times are important to all of us. The highlight will be a charcoal steak dinner. There will be snacks, coffee and cold drinks available throughout the day.

Your cost to share this experience is only \$25.00, which does not include breakfast at the Peppermill Restaurant. Also wear your most comfortable clothes. Your might want to bring a bible with you. That is all you need to bring.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the rear of the Gathering Space, so we will know you plan to come with us. We will also have an information table in the Gathering Space on Sunday February 4 and 10. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact George Enney (737-4115) or Jack Bush (763-0494).

Women of Trinity Circles Collecting for "Health Ministries"

The Women of Trinity Circle meetings will be featuring collections of specific items during January through April for the "Health Ministries" program at Christ Lutheran Church in Harrisburg. Pastor Jody Silliker's ministry is in special need of our help as many of their donation sources have declined due to the needs of disaster victims such as in New Orleans, so our help is real and needed. Here is a list of what Pastor Jody is looking for and more details and items are listed on the Christ Lutheran web site.

- January Circle Meetings: warm gloves for adult men
- February Circle Meetings: sugar-free lozenges and/or generic cough suppressants or syrups
- March Circle Meetings: small size hand sanitizers
- April Circle Meetings: toothpaste and soft bristle toothbrushes

If you are interested in donating any of these items but don't normally attend a Circle meeting, please feel free to drop your donation off in the Collection Closet in the Gathering Space and mark it "WOT - Pastor Jody's Ministry." For more information about "Health Ministries" see the Christ Lutheran web page at <http://www.pcvsoftware.net/christlutheran/html/requestlist.html>. In advance, thank you for your generosity and sharing what you have with others.

By **Sandy Biedenbach**

(Learn to) DANCE LIKE A STAR!

Supporting the CACCC Scholarship Fund and a new way to celebrate Valentine's Day!

CACCC (Churches Affiliated Child Care Center) will sponsor a **ballroom dance night** on Friday, **February 9 from 8-11 p.m.** at the Camp Hill Borough Building, 2145 Walnut Street. Ballroom instruction will be conducted by one of the area's best dance teachers, Joanne Clionsky. In addition to the dance lessons, great music and lots of practice time, you will have an opportunity to socialize, bid on silent auction items, enjoy complimentary light refreshments (you may bring your own "favorite" beverage), all for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund of the Children's Centers. Tickets are priced at \$15 and will be available for purchase after all services on January 28 and February 4. You may also contact Trinity's CACCC board members, Linda Roberts (737-9997 or labrooke@mac.com) or Cindi Teter (938-8421 or ttandwe@aol.com) to purchase tickets, to donate silent auction items or to provide appetizers for the dance. Maybe your Sunday school class or your card club might want to attend together - we can reserve a

table for your group!! This could be a great **Valentine's Day** celebration for you and your honey! We are limited to 150 dancers and we reached that goal last year, so get your tickets early!

SO, what is this CACCC all about??? "I know they sell Advent Calendars every year." In 1988 Trinity along with five other local churches started a mission to provide affordable, safe and nurturing child care for families in need in our area (often single parent households - the "working poor"). We started with 10 children and one teacher and now serve more than 200 children daily in six centers with 55 full and part-time employees. The member churches and our fundraising efforts provide scholarship money to families who are unable to pay current child care rates. Many of the families are on the waiting list for Pennsylvania's Child Care Network to subsidize them (this process often takes many months to set up!) We gave out more than \$15,000 in scholarship aid in 2005 alone (the 2006 numbers aren't available yet). The scholarship fund is running in the RED - more than \$5,000 over our current member church support -- Trinity, St. Peter's and St. Tim's (the 3 Lutheran church participants), Mt. Cavalry Episcopal, and Camp Hill United Methodist. The needs of our families are growing every year and we welcome private donations and fundraising support to meet our commitment to these families. One of our major fundraisers is the **ADVENT CALENDAR** sale, which our congregation so wonderfully supports. Try something new and fun! Come learn to dance, socialize with friends and support a good cause all in one night!! **(Learn to) DANCE LIKE A STAR!!**

Maybe Emmitt Smith and Mario Lopez will be there, too!!!

Back by popular demand,
coming to the Fellowship Hall
near you... on Friday, January 19

Last year, the Lutheran Men In Mission introduced the traditional Pennsylvania Dutch dinner of Pork and Sauerkraut! The response was overwhelming and we were requested to offer it again this year. Your wish is our command. The dinner will include pork, sauerkraut, green beans, mashed potatoes, pumpernickel bread, dessert and beverage, the dinner will be offered from 5-7:00 p.m.

Advance Sales through January 14 deadline.

Tickets will be available in the Gathering Space: Sunday, January 6 & 13.

The cost is:

\$5.00 Adults

\$3.00 Children (8 to 12 years)

Free! Children (5 & under)

Sales at the door on January 19 - \$7.00

Tickets will also be on sale in the church office until January 14. Get your tickets in advance and save a buck... You'll never get a more satisfying pork & sauerkraut dinner... *...we have a secret recipe.*



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January Women of Trinity Meetings

The Women of Trinity Circle meetings resume in January and will continue their study of the book, *“Becoming Women of Purpose”* by Ruth Haley Barton. At the January meetings we will focus on chapters four and five, *“Prepared for a Purpose”* and *“Identifying God’s Purposes.”* We will also be collecting specific items for the “Health Ministries” project at Christ Lutheran in Harrisburg in Harrisburg (see article on page 9). Any woman of Trinity is welcome to join us at any of the six circle meetings – no registration is required and you may move among the different circle dates – and bring a friend along too!

CIRCLE NAME	DATE	CIRCLE LEADERS	CIRCLE TIME AND PLACE
<i>Deborah</i>	Tuesday, January 2	Peggy Bishop, Anne Fry & Betty Wade	9:30 a.m., Library
<i>Ruth</i>	Tuesday, January 2	Ruth Bertovich & Ruth Dietz	9:30 a.m., Room 237
<i>Elizabeth</i>	Tuesday, January 2	Elizabeth Winters	1:30 p.m., Library
<i>Lydia</i>	Wednesday, January 3	Lori McBride	6:30 p.m., Library
<i>Esther</i>	Monday, January 8	Joan Gamber & Jean Zimmerman	7:00 p.m., Library
<i>Martha Mary</i>	Tuesdays, January 16 & 30	Carol Sunday & Mary Alin Lubold	9:15 a.m., Nursery