

Trinity Parish

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church • Camp Hill, Pennsylvania • November 2007 Edition
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

All Saints' Sunday

On All Saints' Sunday we give thanks for those who have gone before us, the great cloud of witnesses doing God's work in the world.

In 1853, Arne E. Boyum, a poor young man from Norway's Sogne Fjord, arrived in America with the hopes and dreams typical of new immigrants. He found the Norwegian community facing a lack of pastors to serve it, and was selected by that community as one to minister to it. He was ordained by Elling Eielsen, and kept to his calling, initially walking to various congregations in Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota.

Pioneer pastors struggled to unite the faithful against worldly temptations. Enjoying the religious freedom in America and freed from the restrictions of the old country's state church, many immigrants left the Lutheran church. Yet the faithful found strength through pastors and congregations joining together around language and theology, sharing resources, educating pastors and supply areas with clerical leaders.



Beginning with Henry Melchior Muhlenberg and the formation of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania in 1740, this model was replicated throughout the many ancestor bodies of the ELCA. Other early leaders, such as William Passavant, led the way in creating hospitals, orphanages and other social ministry organizations. These individuals were not wealthy or highly educated, but, to paraphrase the psalmist, they were humbly adorned with victory in their efforts through the gifts of the Lord.

These and other examples of the work of the saints who went before us are preserved for research and study in the archives of the ELCA.

From Trinity's website: www.trinitycamphill.org, under CALENDAR.

Social Ministry

Featured Ministry for November

Ecumenical Food Pantry

Trinity members support the Ecumenical Food Pantry with donations of non-perishable foods and through dedicated volunteers who go to the Pantry at Messiah Lutheran Church, Sixth and Forster Streets, Harrisburg. Our members staff the pantry on the first Friday of each month, stocking the shelves and filling orders to be supplied to those in need. They also assist as needed at other times.

To support this important ministry in our community, please bring non-perishable food items and baby food and formula, and place them in the closet below the stairs in the Gathering Space. Please do not include anything perishable, or non-food items such as cleaning supplies. At present there is an urgent need for more volunteers to staff the pantry and be available with transportation to move our donated items from Trinity to Messiah. If you are able to volunteer please contact Nancy Bachman at 774-2528 who will schedule your ministry as a member of Trinity's Food Pantry Team. God bless you as you help to "feed His sheep".

By Roland Freund

Taste of Central Pennsylvania

The wildly popular 20th annual *Taste of Central Pennsylvania* will be held on Sunday, November 4 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Strawberry Square in Harrisburg.

Taste the finest foods, wines and beverages from area establishments at one place, at one time, for one great cause! More than 50 area restaurants, caterers and food and beverage purveyors donate their services by sharing samples of their specialty menu items with attendees. The event is complete with a silent auction and raffle, live entertainment and free parking! The *Taste* raises significant funds for the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank's mission to reduce hunger in our area. For more information or to order tickets, check the Food Bank's Web site at www.centralpafoodbank.org or call the Food Bank at (717) 564-1700, ext. 3024.

Advent Wreath-ing

A Trinity Family Event November 25, 4 to 6 p.m. Room 124-126

All members of Trinity are invited to come to the church the afternoon of Christ the King Sunday, November 25 to make Advent wreaths for the coming season. Our event will be from 4 to 6 p.m. in Room 124-126. The wreath making will be followed by a light supper, all shared in community.

The first Sunday of Advent is December 2 and traditionally noted as the start of the new church year. Advent wreaths are an old tradition of the church, made of a circle representing eternity, set with four candles that stand for the light coming into the world, culminating in the birth of Christ at Christmas.

There will be materials at the church for whole families to come to assemble. But what is a whole family? We are a whole family as Trinity Church, and the families within our family are of many kinds: parents with children, grandparents, godparents, couples, single parents, people with pets (though, sadly, don't bring the pets) and guests.

In fact, family and community become the impetus for having this event. We can make Advent wreaths in our homes or purchase them, singly (which is fine). But in coming together, we are encircled with each other, like the circle of the Advent wreath itself.

There will be a free-will offering toward the materials and food for supper. Any questions prior to the event may be directed to Christopher Couch, Director of Learning Ministries, or Kathy Brunie, Chairperson of the Educational Ministry Committee.

No prior registration is required. Simply come, which is what Advent is about, what the word advent means – coming.

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Christmas at Trinity 2007

- Sunday, December 2 – 4:00 p.m.
THE HARRISBURG HARP ORCHESTRA
Tickets required – available in the church office.
- Sunday, December 9 – 4:00 p.m.
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
Trinity choirs and handbells with full orchestra.
Timothy Koch, Conductor
Free admission, but early seating advised.
- Sunday, December 16 – 4:00 p.m.
THE SUSQUEHANNA CHORALE
Linda Tedford, Director
“A Candelight Christmas”
Tickets required: Reg: \$20; Seniors/Students: \$18
Trinity Concert Series Patrons: \$10 (church office)
\$20 and \$18 tickets available at the door or by
calling 214-ARTS.



TRINITY'S CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING

Please join our church family as we celebrate Thanksgiving this year in 3 ways:

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| <p>1</p> <p>COMMUNAL
THANKSGIVING
DINNER</p> <hr/> <p>Sunday, Nov. 18
5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Tickets may be purchased in the Gathering Space on Sundays:
Oct. 28—Nov. 11
\$8 for adults
\$5 for children under 12
-ALSO-
Please volunteer to help out with the dinner or the shut-in meals!</p> | <p>2</p> <p>SHUT-IN
MEAL
DELIVERIES</p> <hr/> <p>Share your thanks by donating a meal for a shut-in within our community. These meals will be prepared in Trinity's kitchen and delivered between 4:00—5:00 p.m. on November 18. Suggested shut-in meal donation is \$5. Donations will be accepted when you purchase your dinner ticket. And volunteer to help out too while you're there!</p> |
| <p>3</p> <p>FOOD OFFERING
TO FEED THE
HUNGRY</p> | <p>Bring non-perishable food items when you come to the dinner. The food will be shared with area food pantries.</p> |

Staff Notes

“Lord, Teach Us to Pray . . .”

Even in slightly-updated language, the Lord’s Prayer is familiar, comforting, and simple to recite: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

N.T. Wright, Anglican Bishop and prolific writer, states that the Lord’s Prayer is “*small in scale but huge in coverage.*” Isn’t it, though? In Luke 11:1-4, the disciples, uncertain how to pray and what to pray for, and looking to their Lord Jesus for guidance, asked Jesus to teach them. The words Jesus gave them provided what is the framework for the Lord’s Prayer as we now know it.

For all its brevity and simplicity, this prayer encompasses all that we could possibly want to pray for, or need to pray about. Wright goes on to explain the prayer’s content: “*The prayer is a way of saying to the Father: Jesus has caught me in the net of his good news. The prayer says: I want to be part of his kingdom-movement. I find myself drawn into his heaven-on-earth way of living. I want to be part of his bread-for-the-world agenda, for myself and for others. I need forgiveness for myself—from sin, from debt, from every weight around my neck—and I intend to live with forgiveness in my heart in my own dealings with others. And because I live in the real world, where evil is still powerful, I need protecting and rescuing. And, in and through it all, I acknowledge and celebrate the Father’s kingdom, power, and glory.*” (*Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense* by N.T. Wright, HarperCollins, 2006)

We use the Lord’s Prayer in virtually every worship service here. Many meetings and events at Trinity end with a communal recitation of it. In 1529, Martin Luther explained each of its petitions in his *Small Catechism*. Nearly 500 years later, parents still promise at their child’s baptism to teach that child this prayer. And even though dementia may have set in to the mind of an elderly parishioner, we discover that brother or sister in Christ will nevertheless be able to pray with us—often in its entirety—“**Our Father . . .**”

When you and I are weighed down by the cares of the world, tempted to sin, angry with our neighbor, concerned about the direction we should go, worried about our finances, struggling in faith, or uncertain about the future, then we must turn once again to this simple prayer. It will provide the words that sometimes, in our weakness, we cannot. And even if we know exactly what we want to pray about, the Lord’s Prayer is still a great way to begin.

The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG (youth group) season is back for 2007. The year is only one month old and things have been so busy already. This is a strong sign of things to come as well. Our YG calendar is so jam-packed with so much to do for everyone. There is something YG related on every weekend. If it is not a large group meeting, it is a small group meeting.

There are plenty of meetings, events, retreats, sleepovers and various get-togethers for everybody. Since we just began, the time is definitely right to get out to YG and make a fresh start. If you are in grades 6-12 we would love to see you soon. Here is a taste of what we did in the month of September. We kicked off the YG season on Sunday, September 9 when we had our first YG meeting of the year. Around 70 people were in attendance at the meeting. There were a lot of new faces there and some old ones too. The advisors and I were really stoked at the turnout, especially from younger YG. The meeting ran really well. This meeting is always a laid back one that introduces kids to YG and all of our traditions. Much faith, fun and fellowship was had by all in attendance. As a side note, there are a lot of younger YG this season. We lost 13 seniors last year in YG, so our whole group dynamic has changed. This will be a great year for teaching and re-building. Two weeks later, on the weekend of September 21 through 23 we attended the synod-wide JR. HIGH EVENT called ALIVE, ALIVE at Camp Nawakwa. Fifteen of our jr. high youth and two advisors attended this awesome weekend. It was a blast from start to finish! Around 300 youth from our synod gather for this event every year. There is large group, small groups, music, speakers, and tons of faith and fun. Plus, it gives me a chance to really get to know our younger YG. Seventy five percent of our YG who attended this year were brand new to this event, so it proved to be a great bonding weekend. We had a blast! Our second YG meeting was the very next weekend on September 30. Around 60 people gathered for a “getting to know you” type meeting. With the group being so big, it is important to get to know people as well as we can, so that is what we did. We accomplished this through games, fellowship, large group and small groups. We had our first small group sessions of the year at this meeting. This is a favorite part for most YG kids and it served as a good introduction to some of our newer advisors. Everyone had a great time at this meeting and they learned a lot about each other in the process. Well, that was September for you, and it was a great start to what promises to be an awesome year! I can’t wait.

Yours in Christ,



Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director

Book Discussion Group

Book for November 18

The Time Traveler's Wife, by Audrey Niffenegger
Room 232-234 – 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

CACCC News

Advent Calendars support Trinity CACCC mission

Chocolate-filled Advent Calendars from Germany will be available for sale again this year in the Gathering Space after all services on November 11 and November 18. Look for Linda Roberts or Cindi Teter. The calendars are \$5 each. The profit from these sales goes directly into the scholarship fund of CACCC – Churches Affiliated Child Care Centers. Trinity is the founding church of this group of six local churches who sponsor affordable, church-supported, subsidized day care for local needy families. CACCC opened its doors to the first children in 1988. We need your support of this activity and the calendars make wonderful gifts not only for children and grandchildren, but also for those at-home and neighbors and friends. It is a great way to start the holiday season of giving!

Alternative Gift Fair to benefit Trinity's own CACCC

Are you tired of searching for “just the right holiday gift” for the special people in your life? Well, here is your chance to purchase gifts that really give! **On Saturday, November 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** The Ladies' Half, a local charitable group, is sponsoring an alternative gift market called “Gifts That Give” at the Hampden Township Recreation Building across from Sporting Hill Elementary School. Shoppers will have a choice of holiday gifts to honor family and friends with **donations to causes that fit their values.** The gifts will support the participating charities and non-profit organizations in a festive atmosphere. Among the charities will be CACCC, Inc. (*aka The Child Care Center*), which is a mission of and founded by Trinity Lutheran Church. Join us November 10!

**CACCC Community Day Coupon Books
will still be available on November 4
in the Gathering Space
You will receive a \$10 off coupon and
other % off coupons to use at
Bon-Ton on November 10.**

The Giving Tree

Kindness in giving creates love.

Help undecorated the Giving Tree that will be placed in the Gathering Space again this year. This is your opportunity to participate in our giving to others at Christmas time.

There will be five organizations to choose from. Gift requests are listed on the following decoration tags:

Angels – Gifts for the Prison Ministry children.

Trees – Gifts for the men who are cared for at Frank's Place in Camden, N.J.

Teddy Bears – Gifts for our own members at Trinity in need.

Mittens – Gifts for women and children at Delta Community.

Stockings – Gifts for Churches Affiliated Child Care Centers.

Your gifts will help make a blessed Christmas for your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes will be available in the Gathering Space, November 8-25. It will save on postage if you can pick up your box during this time and perhaps that of a neighbor or friend who is unable to get to church. Thanks for your help.

Parish Ministry News

Alzheimer's Support Group will meet November 21 7-9 p.m. in the Library

For more information, contact Donna Sprowls at 766-8075 or at SPROWLSD@aol.com

Makes You Think

Recent research showed once again the brain is like a muscle: Use it or lose it. Nearly 1,000 seniors followed for several years had a lower incidence of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of memory loss if they read books, wrote letters, played board games and solved crossword puzzles. Only one physical activity appeared to help mental acuity: dancing.

Parish Ministry Committee

Every Member Prayer Ministry

"Prayer is the glad heart's hymn of praise."

OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 3: Beth Shunk; William Shuman; James and Gloria Shuman; Karla Shultz; Ed and Marcie Shuey; Scott, Karen, and Gregory Shreffler; Dennis, Jane, and Bradley Shoop; William, Annie, and Dane Shoemaker. **NOVEMBER 4-10:** Douglas, Ann, Will, and Olivia Shields; Jamie Sheriff; David Sheriff; James, Susan, Ben, and Andrew Sheppard; Philip, Diane, Molly, and Owen Shenk, and Sheena and Christopher Polito; Nancy Shenk; Michael, Karen, Jillian, Danielle, and Michael Shenk, and Brittany Feichtel. **NOVEMBER 11-17:** Janet Sheely; Judy Shearer; Geoff Shearer; Tim, Teresa, Andrew, Sarah, and Peter Sheaffer; Tom, Carol, Scott, and Kelly Shaw; Dick and Vonnie Shaul; Patti Shatto; Eric Shatto. **NOVEMBER 18-24:** Melissa and Vincenza Sharretts; John Shannon; Geraldine Shahian; Naé Shafer; Mary Jane Setzer; Virginia Sell; Kirk Sell; Kirk and Jeremy Sell. **NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 1:** Harold and Jean Selecky; Ellis Seip; Nicole and Morgan Seifert, and Shane Ketterer; Zach Seidel; H. Harper Seidel; Diane Seibert; June Seeds; Thomas and Bonnie Seaman; Raymond and Barb Seaman.

Women of Trinity News

Women of Trinity Christmas Luncheon Saturday, December 1, 2007 12:00 – Fellowship Hall

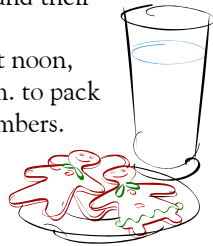
The Women of Trinity Christmas Luncheon and Program will be held on Saturday, December 1 at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. All women of Trinity and their guests are invited to attend.

The luncheon program will begin at noon, but you are invited to come at 11:00 a.m. to pack cookies for charity and our at-home members. If you wish to donate cookies for this event, please drop them off in the church kitchen during the week, or prior to packing time, and label them "WOT Christmas Cookies". Please only bring cookies that do not contain nuts and are soft cookies or bars.

The guest speaker for the luncheon will be Jocelyn Tress, a member of Women of Trinity. She will be talking about de-stressing for the holidays.

At the luncheon, candy wreathes will be sold to benefit Operation Silver Braid.

Please come join us on December 1 for a time of joy and fellowship in the celebration of the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.



Women of Trinity Invites You!

Women of Trinity Circles meet at various times once a month, and all women are welcome to join any circle meeting. No registration is required.

This year, the circles are studying from the book, **Proverbs: Wisdom That Works**, by Vinita Hampton Wright. Passages from the book of Proverbs are the basis for discussion of twelve topics relating to real life today. Each circle is selecting subjects from the text that are of interest to its particular members.

Please check your calendar and see if you can join us. The schedule is as follows:

Circle Name	Circle Leaders	Circle Time & Place
Deborah	Peggy Bishop, Anne Fry, and Betty Wade	1 st Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Library
Ruth	Ruth Bertovich and Ruth Dietz	1 st Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., Room 237
Elizabeth	Elizabeth Winters	1 st Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. Library
Esther	Joan Gamber and Jean Zimmerman	1 st Monday, 7:00 p.m. Library
Lydia	Lori Anne McBride	1 st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Library
Martha Mary	Karen Woodring	1 st Thursday, 9:15 a.m., Room 228-230. Childcare in Room 225

Women of Trinity also offers other groups and activities and you are always welcome to join:

- The Intercessory Prayer Group meets year-round, the first Thursday of every month, at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Library.
- The Project Sewing Ministry meets year-round the third Tuesday of the month (except for December), at 9:00 a.m. in Room 237.
- The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the fourth Thursday of each month, September through May (excluding December), at 1:00 p.m. in the Library.

Birthdays

HOMEBOUND

- November 4 **Elsie Corlett**
 1 Freemason Drive
 B F 3, Room 3874
 Elizabethtown, PA 17022
- Peg Deraclea**
 4905 East Trindle Road
 Building 1, Room 40
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
- November 12 **Ione Cook**
 123 Sunset View Drive
 New Cumberland, PA 17070
- November 18 **Shirley Coombe**
 Messiah Village, Room 48-W
 222 Messiah Circle
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- Mitzi Fortenbaugh**
 110 Constance Court
 China Grove, NC 28023
- November 21 **Jean Laufer**
 Special Care Unit
 2990 Carlisle Pike
 New Oxford, PA 17350
- November 24 **Evelyn Bentz**
 5 Chelton Circle
 Camp Hill, PA 17011

STAFF

- November 26 **The Rev. Dr. J. Stewart Hardy**

Letters to Trinity

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you for hosting Paul and I for "Unforgettable Broadway." The accommodations were wonderful, the space was beautiful, and the audience was heavenly! Everyone was so accommodating too. I am personally extremely grateful that venues like yours make it possible for performers like Paul and myself to share the gifts we've been given with people who so appreciate it.

Many thanks and Blessings,

Diane Penning

Dear Friends and colleagues,

I wanted to let you know that yesterday (September 23) the congregation of Messiah Lutheran Church voted 283-36 to call me as their next senior pastor. As you can imagine, I am relieved that the process is over, and that it has turned out in the way that we hoped and prayed for. I thank you for the many expressions of support I've received from you. Please continue to keep me, Annette and the kids, and the congregation in your prayers.

God bless you all!

Chip

Maurice Frontz, Vicar: 2000-2001

Trinity Friends,

Thank you for the cards, best wishes, and prayers during my recent hospitalization. Pastor Brock and Vicar Mike's visits and the prayer shawl were also greatly appreciated.

Dave Mackley

Dear Trinity Friends,

Thank you most sincerely for all the prayers, cards, and support you have given during my recent spinal surgery. Then as a special treat Vicar Mike came to visit me in the hospital with a prayer shawl. What a blessing it is to be part of such a special group of fellow Christians.

Thanks and God bless you for all your help,

Jean Romberger

Dear Pastor Hardy, staff, and congregation,

This is a very difficult letter to write. First because of my bad eyesight and second there are so many people to thank. Pastor Hardy and Barbara for their love and prayers. Pastor Brock for his wonderful message, love and care. Tim for the beautiful music. Vicar Mike for his many visits as well as Pastor Guy. Nancy and my niece Paula for their vocal talent. For those who sent sympathy cards and messages. For the ladies who prepared the great luncheon and for the many who have contributed to the church and hospice. Many, many thanks to you all. I will miss his smile and his three favorite words "I love you."

Peace in Him and my love to all,

Ruth Trimmer

Dear Trinity,

Many thanks to all for your prayers and support during my recent surgery. I enjoyed the visits from Pastor Edmiston and Vicar Mike at the hospital.

The altar flowers that were delivered brightened my room and spirits. The phone calls from two members who had recent knee replacements provided great advice and encouragement.

Yours truly,

Carl Winfield

Trinity Prayer Concerns

- *Philippians 4:6 (New Living Translation)* – “Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done.”
- As we reflect on All Saints’ Day (Nov 1), may we thank God for those who led us to Christ. And we pray that we, too, are willing to be used by God in leading others to Him – whether it be someone in our family, a neighbor, coworker, classmate or any child or adult whom God puts in our lives...
- This Thanksgiving, we thank God for what He has provided for us. And we pray for those who have less than adequate food on their tables. May we be people who actively try to help those less fortunate. We pray for the Lord’s help in showing us where there is need, and what we can do about it.
- We pray for Trinity’s staff and volunteers as they labor to sustain our ministry as we approach the busy Advent season.
- We thank God for the youth who come to our Youth Group activities. And we pray that God will richly bless these young people. May they grow ever deeper in their love for Him. Amen.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Mark your calendars starting
January 16, 2008

Beth Moore Study

The Patriarchs

Wednesdays at 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Child Care will be available.

The series will be held at
Trinity Lutheran Church
2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill

For questions or registration
Call Judy Trissler at 774-6036,
Bert Weaver at 697-3259
or Christopher Couch at 737-8635

Sundays at Six

Join Us Anytime!

Psalm 133:1 (King James Version) – “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”

The first SUNDAYS AT SIX fellowship went quite well. Tom Hoffert led the group, which was a joint meeting of men and women.

There were 12 disciples in the first gathering, and God came too – just like He promised!

God continues to guide folks into our weekly get-together, and different people have been coming as the Lord leads. It’s *always* good to be with like-minded people who truly desire to grow closer to the Lord *and* to each other.

Most Sundays, the men’s and women’s groups will meet separately, but, occasionally we will have a “joint” session. In October, there were two joint sessions – one in which we discussed praying, the other in which we discussed reading scripture. Both sessions focused on building a closer relationship with our Lord.

The joint session in November will be on the 25th. We will be gathering in the church library for an evening of praise and thanksgiving. Everyone who feels a desire to come and share a story of what the Lord has done for them is encouraged to attend. We’d love to celebrate God’s goodness right along with you!

The only Sunday we won’t be meeting in November is on the 18th (Thanksgiving Dinner).

Again, YOU are invited to drop by ANY Sunday night at 6:00, say “hi”, and feel free to join in!

Sincerely,

Tom Hoffert	732-3403	or e-mail: twhoffert@verizon.net
Erich Sprows	870-1150	or e-mail: elsprows@yahoo.com
Betsy Knarr	783-7797	or e-mail: betsyknarr@aol.com

O Give thanks unto the Lord;
 for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.
 O give thanks unto the God of gods:
 for his mercy endureth for ever.
 O give thanks to the Lord of lords:
 for his mercy endureth for ever.
 To him who alone doeth great wonders:
 for his mercy endureth for ever.
 To him that by wisdom made the heavens:
 for his mercy endureth for ever.
 To him that stretched out the earth above the waters:
 for his mercy endureth for ever.
 To him that made great lights:
 for his mercy endureth for ever:
 The sun to rule by day:
 for his mercy endureth for ever:
 The moon and stars to rule by night:
 for his mercy endureth for ever.

Missions Corner

I would like to share with you excerpts from three of our mission fields:

From David and Mary Kuck:

They write: "Some people have a dog to welcome them home after a time away, but we had "Dean". After spending most of the summer in the U. S. we returned to Jamaica and almost immediately had to prepare for Hurricane Dean, which struck on August 19. It spared us a direct hit but still did considerable damage, especially along the south coast of Jamaica. With two students taking shelter in our home, we waited it out and the following morning discovered that no harm was done to our house. Several roofs on the campus, however, were damaged, and a lot of trees were down. We were without power and water for four days, which was considerably shorter than after Ivan. So we give thanks to God for a disaster mostly averted. We appreciate all the more your thoughts and prayers and support, all of which help us to feel that there is a rich web of God's people who care about our work of theological education in the Caribbean."

From Pastor Lee Berry:

"*On Eagle's Wings* is helping to shape lives. After a wonderful summer of LAUGH! Summer Bible School children will now be able to experience our new GIGGLE Sunday School curriculum throughout the year. All of the lessons will be taught by northern adults. Mothers, fathers, big brothers or sisters will be able to teach children in many settings. Some will have traditional Sunday Schools while others will start Bible Clubs for children during the week. In smaller communities parents will teach their children at Home." (*This to me is exciting news. Barbara Kriebel had a wonderful time this summer interacting once again with the children and some of their parents.*)

From Carol Riley and her staff at Frank's Place, part of New Visions Community Services of Camden:

"*New Visions* first half service statistics show that we are continuing to provide at record levels much-needed services to our patrons. We provide the services of telephone access and a mail address-key needs for those without a home. We also provide underwear and socks to patrons as well as personal hygiene items and laundry supplies. But maybe our most important service is the encouragement and support that is provided by our staff." (We will be asking for socks and underwear again this year on our Giving Tree.)

By Elizabeth Winters

Equal Exchange Order

An order for Equal Exchange gourmet coffee, tea and chocolates will be placed the second week of November.

If you have any special requests, (maybe for Christmas?), please contact Marie Bake at 697-3505.

This order will be available for pick-up the first Sunday of December.

A Penny is a Penny and They Do Add Up

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Orleans was recently approved to be a listed charity on a search engine called GoodSearch and they have asked for our help. Every time you go online and search for information, Grace Lutheran receives a payment. Granted it isn't much (like a penny), but it all adds up over time, and every source of revenue goes to further their mission. You are invited at your discretion to consider using GoodSearch. Make sure you list "Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Orleans" as your recipient.

GoodSearch is a search engine which donates 50-percent of its revenue to the charities and schools designated by its users. It is a simple and compelling concept. You use GoodSearch exactly as you would any other search engine. Because it is powered by Yahoo!, you get proven search results. The money GoodSearch donates to your cause comes from its advertisers – the users and the organizations do not spend a dime!

How Many?

How many stars will I see
Before the Lord comes for me?

How many birds will I hear?
How many bells will I peal?

Will I see daughters full grown
With families of their own?

Are these questions I should ask
Or will they hinder the Lord's task?

Oh, gracious Lord of everything,
Remove all questions and let me sing.

I rejoice in new found freedom
That will lead me to Your kingdom.

How many days do you have for me?
I will not ask but let it be.

Lori Anne McBride
November 20, 2005

Artist of the Month

Terri Hoffler, the Artist of the Month for November has participated in Habitat for Humanity "One-of-a-Kind" art auction, was the featured "artist of the month" for the Dillsburg Library and participated in the Art Center of Mechanicsburg "Handmade in PA": Juried Fine Craftsperson Show.

In the past year Terri Hoffler has been inspired by God and His Word, the Bible. Through her art, she hopes others will take a look at themselves and contemplate the relationship they can have with God.

The medium of her paintings is acrylic on canvas and/or wood. The mosaic planters are made by choosing a diameter of PVC pipe and cutting it to the correct height. Once the tile colors are selected, Terri begins to break them with a hammer and adhere them to the pipe. After the surface is completely dry, a stain-resistant, sanded grout is applied to the entire area. The planters can be used as umbrella stands, bird baths or a beautiful way to display a potted flower or plant.

Terri has an associate degree in Liberal Arts/Photography from Harrisburg Area Community College and has received honorable mentions in photography. She lives in Dillsburg with her husband and two children.

Christ in Our Home

Trinity member Stephanie Maurer and the Senior High Church School Class are featured in *Christ in Our Home*, a family devotional distributed quarterly at Trinity church and churches worldwide. The current edition has several submissions by Stephanie, who in the spring worked with the Senior High Class with the Bible verses for the devotions. Together they shared insights, struggles and discoveries in making devotional responses that work in a real, everyday way. *Christ in Our Home* is in Trinity's Narthex and Fellowship Hall. Congratulations team, on your collaborative, published effort!

Operation Paperback

Carlisle Barracks is participating in a national military program called Operation Paperback. The intent is to collect used paperback books for our troops all over the world. The Carlisle Area Sertoma Club is collecting books to donate. They are looking for action, bestsellers, biographies, fantasy, children's books (parents read them on tape for their kids back home), history, horror, mysteries, science fiction, and true crime. Please, no romance books. A box for donations is in the Gathering Space near the collection closet.

Something to Think About

As we open our worship service, have you regularly focused on the realization that we are now in the presence of our Lord and God? Do we pay close attention to the event that we are experiencing? Do these words deeply impact our very heart and reach the depth of our souls? Consider what we are confessing to our all knowing almighty Holy Father:

"My heart is open to you, my Lord. No secrets are hidden from you; you know my every thought, desire, and act. I need to be aware of that. I, also, know how your love for me carries me through each and every day.

I am here in your presence to confess that no matter how much I try; no matter how committed I am to you, I am a slave to my sinful nature, which I know disappoints you.

It frustrates me that I am so weak.

I, also, have a tendency to love others and material things more than I love you. This is embarrassing to confess. As I stand here before you. I want to love you above all else in appreciation for the belief and faith that has become the cornerstone of my life. Nothing should supercede my relationship with you.

I am blessed to know that through the depth of love you Have for us, Christ Jesus experienced a horrible death on the cross and took on my sins. What a marvelous gift that I often do not appreciate enough: a gift I do not deserve, however gratefully received.

Now, here in your presence and through your Holy Spirit that lives within me, I confess my sins and request that you cleanse me.

Help me to feel your spiritual waters that renew a right spirit within me, as I rejoice in my relationship with you throughout my life into eternity."

Consider that time each of us just spent with our loving Father. We had a heart rendering personal conversation with him. How do you feel? Is your spirit uplifted and rejoicing, as you and your fellow worshipers move into the worship service of scripture, word, and music?

Reflections from a Fellow Worshiper

DEADLINE

December issue of *Trinity Parish* is
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