

Trinity Parish

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

Advent and Christmas Worship Opportunities at Trinity

WEDNESDAYS

December 5, 12, and 19

7:00 a.m. - Communion Service - Chapel
Breakfast following service - Fellowship Hall

THURSDAYS

December 6, 13, and 20

6:30 p.m. - Communion Service - Chapel

SATURDAYS

December 1, 8, 15, and 22

5:30 p.m. - Communion Service - Fellowship Hall

SUNDAYS

December 2, 9, 16, and 23

8:15 & 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship - Nave
10:45 a.m. - Contemporary Worship - Fellowship Hall

HOLY COMMUNION AND SERVICE OF HEALING

December 16 - 3:30 p.m. - Chapel

CHRISTMAS EVE - Monday, December 24

4:00 p.m. - Family Service - Nave

7:00 p.m. - Contemporary Service with Communion - Fellowship Hall

8:30 p.m. - Traditional Service with Communion - Nave

11:00 p.m. - Candlelight Service - Nave

CHRISTMAS DAY - Tuesday, December 25

10:00 a.m. - Holy Communion - Nave



Christmas Concerts at Trinity

Christmas Music

- 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.*

Operation Paperback

Trinity is participating with the Carlisle Barracks in "Operation Paperback" a national military program to collect used paperback books for our troops.

After just three weeks (as of November 11) we collected 728 books.

A box for donations is in the Gathering Space near the collection closet.

Keep em' coming. Thank you.

Bob Foster

Adventures in Bibleland News

Habari! That's "Hello!" in Swahili. Adventures in Bibleland for elementary-aged children launched Sunday school with great success in September. Guest speaker Linda Lubold, from the Lower Susquehanna Synod, introduced the children to Tanzania. She taught them some words in Swahili, showed them how children in Tanzania live, and talked about the challenges Tanzanians face to find clean, drinkable water.

Her talk was a prelude to this year's mission project called "Wishes for Wells." The children have been collecting loose change and bringing it to Sunday school each



week, dumping it in our classroom "well." The money collected will be forwarded to Marion Medical Missions Protected Water Program and used for the construction of water wells in Tanzania. Materials for one well cost \$350 and provide enough water for up to 300 villagers. The coins have been pouring in since September and the kids have collected over \$500 by the first week of November – they are well on their way to providing for a second well before the year is over! Watch the bulletin and Gathering Space for information on how you can help our Sunday school children make a difference in the world.

All children in kindergarten – 5th grades are invited to join us each week to explore people of the Bible through drama, computers, games, science, art, music, videos, puppets and more. Late-comers and drop-ins are always welcome! Come visit us in *Bibleland* (Rooms 121-126).

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STAFF NOTES

Light in the Darkness

He was turning over the dark soil with a rototiller when he saw a glint of something on the ground. Thinking it was the tab of a soda can, he reached down to pull it up and toss it in his overall pocket. But what he scooped up in his hand was not an aluminum tab. It was a ring—a gold ring. It looked like a wedding band. He wiped off the dirt and read an inscription inside the band: **HC and JB 1895**.

Otto Shippling, a neighbor of my grandparents, tilling an acre of land on my grandfather's farm, had found my great-grandmother's wedding band. The inscription stood for *Hilma Carlson and John Burglund*. They had been married in 1895. Apparently, when my great-grandmother was busy tilling that same soil she'd lost her wedding band. We believe that occurred sometime in the early 1900's. Otto Shippling found it while rototilling in 1975. My mother wears the ring, and someday, I will wear it.

That tiny bit of sunlight reflecting off that ring was all that was needed. That glint of light made all the difference.

We have entered the church season of Advent—a time when we wait for the light of Jesus Christ to shine once again. We hunger for such light. For our world is, in so many, many ways, terribly dark. And in our dark world so many, many people are feeling lost. How can we be carefree, just "walking in a winter wonderland" when the headlines scream out about war and terrorism, poverty and disease? How can we have a "holly, jolly Christmas" when we are tense and anxious over the high, often unrealistic expectations we hold about making the holidays "perfect"?

Advent is sorely needed by you and me. We will light one more candle on the wreath each week and see that increasing light outstrip the darkness. We will hear expectation in the words of prophets, and a song of praise from an expectant Mary, magnifying our God. Hope and joy will temper the anxiousness of our souls. Christ will come—and we will celebrate his wondrous birth. Christ will come again—at a future time as yet unknown—and we will see God's creation redeemed and restored.

Advent hope is a little like that bit of sunlight reflecting off that ring in the soil. That glint of light makes all the difference. We scoop it up in our hands and treasure it. We look to God to enter our world once more. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

DEADLINE

January issue of *Trinity Parish* is
Monday, December 10.

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

YG NEWS

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG (youth group) season is back in full swing for 2007. The year is two months old and busy as ever. 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'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. Since we've just begun, the time is definitely right to get to our 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 October.

We kicked off the month on Sunday, October 7 when we had our first "real" YG MEETING of the year. Around 65 people were in attendance at the meeting. There continued to be 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 which was good as it was our first "topical" meeting for the year. Our theme for this YG year is RULES & TRADITIONS and this meeting served as our "rules introduction". Since our YG group is younger this year we thought it good to teach them about our rules and traditions, and show them how they apply to life and faith. This year will definitely bring them closer to Christ. Everyone learned a lot at this meeting and the discussions were great! Hopefully a sign of good things to come. On the 14th we had SR. HIGH BOWLING NIGHT at ABC West. Twenty-three YG and some advisors came out for this night of total fun and fellowship. A good time was had by all. We had another YG meeting on the 21st. Around 65 people were in attendance at the meeting. The theme for the night was "respect". We talked about our #1 rule in YG (RESPECT), and why it's important in YG and life in general. More deep discussions were delved into at this meeting. Faith, fun and fellowship were had by all. Our last event for the month was our 11th ANNUAL HAUNTED WOODS EVENT. Around 55 YG, nine advisors and 10 or so parents were in attendance for this "scary" event. We ate dinner, carved pumpkins, sat around the fire, and took ghostly walking tours through the woods. This night was awesome and the weather was perfect. A great time was definitely had by all. It was a blast! Well, that was October for you, and it was a great start of what promises to be a great YG season! November will be our busiest month so far this season, so I must go to start all of the planning. I can't wait.

Yours in Christ,

Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director

Stewardship Update

The Senior Pastor's letter has been written, the 'estimate of giving' form has been sent (including a return envelope), and the "Stewardship In Trinity" booklet has been mailed to every Trinity family. Our membership is some 1,500 families and 2,500 total individuals. We have heard from just 300 families as of November 12.

We have provided more options for giving to Trinity than ever before. Last year we encouraged 'e-giving' through Thrivent; a simple form and a void checking or savings account slip and Trinity could deduct the amount you wish from your account with the frequency you desire. This year we have added 'credit card giving' through Thrivent.

Also, if you misplaced your 'estimate of giving' form, you may contact the office and they will mail a replacement. OR, if you prefer, you may use your computer and log onto www.trinitycamphill.org. Scroll down on the left side and click onto quick links, then on the right side click on Pledge Form-Paper or On Line. The forms are self-explanatory.

We have provided all the ways for you to give to Trinity. It is now up to you as you hear His voice. Trinity has nurtured my faith. Christ has shown me the way. I hope He touches your heart as you prepare your pledge form. We invite you to be generous with all your gifts here at Trinity and join us to be blessings to all.

Jim Kriebel
Stewardship Chairman

Trinity Seniors' Christmas Luncheon

The annual Christmas luncheon will be celebrated Friday, December 14 at the Officers' Club, Naval Support System, Mechanicsburg, PA. A social time will begin at 11:30 a.m.; lunch will be served at 12:00 noon at a cost of \$18.00 per person. We will have a short entertainment time and Jeff Weaver will bring his guitar so we can sign Christmas carols. It's traditional!

If you haven't already done so, reservations can still be made; flyers with details are available in the Gathering Space. Checks should be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, with the memo line marked "Senior Lunch." Guests are welcome, ask some friends.

Questions? Call Joan Conrad at 774-3331.

Social Ministry

Featured Ministry for December

Angel Tree – A Ministry of Prison Fellowship

Each Christmas, prison chaplains, Prison Fellowship, and Christian churches make available a program called "Angel Tree Christmas" for prisoners to give gifts to their children. This unique ministry gives our church an opportunity to share Christ's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners. Participating in Angel Tree is a powerful way for our church community to lovingly answer the biblical call to minister the least of these. Angel Tree Christmas works by connecting parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts. Children are delighted by an unexpected reminder of their absent mom or dad, and parents in prison are deeply moved to know that their children are cared for in this special way. To participate, select an angel from the Giving Tree placed in the Gathering Space in early December. Purchase two gifts – one toy or other fun gift and one new article of clothing. Gift ideas and other information are listed on each angel tag. Return the gifts to the church office by the return date noted on the angel tag. The gifts will be delivered to the children's caregivers before Christmas. The Giving Tree also has decoration tags for gifts to various other needs during this Christmas season.

By Jim Kincaid

The Giving Tree

*"Christmas is for giving and for showing that we care,
For honoring the Christ child with the gifts we share."*

Our Giving Tree will be in the Gathering Space again this year. This is your opportunity to participate in our giving to others at Christmastime.

There will be seven 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.

Apples - Gifts for Sudanese (Lost Boys of the Sudan) Education Fund/Calling Cards .

Churches - Gifts for Zion Lutheran (Harrisburg) Winter Homeless Shelter.

Please take a tag of your choice, purchase the gift requested and bring the gift unwrapped unless specified otherwise and the tag ornament attached to the church office no later than December 9.

Parish Ministry

HEALTH TIP:

"A merry heart doeth good like medicine." -- Book of Proverbs

Good blood pressure numbers can make a heart happy. The American Heart Association new number for normal is 115/70. Anything higher is considered pre hypertension. American Heart is also asking us to check children. They have found that high blood pressure can show up in children and teens. A good time to change life style and make a heart happy! Trinity has the proper equipment for checking all ages.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Mark your calendars
Will start – January 16, 2008

9:30-11:00 A.M.
Child Care available

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

Blood Bank News



This year's Blood Bank closes the last day of December. So far, we are doing well and I think will be ahead of last year. We had several new donors this year and I hope that they become "regulars!" Remember, if it is impossible for you to donate at church when the Blood Mobile is here three times each year, you can always donate at the area hospitals (including York, Hanover, and Gettysburg), the Central PA Donor Centers, or the Community Blood Drives. Trinity's number is 157.

The first drive for 2008 is January 20. Sign-up is in the Gathering Space, after all the services, on January 6 and January 13. If you have any questions, or desire the name of a regular donor to contact, please call Jeanie Bentzel at 766-3526.

BLOOD DRIVE JANUARY 20, 2008

Sign-up is in the Gathering Space
January 6 and 13

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Will meet December 19
7 – 9 p.m.
Library

All are welcome to join us.
For more information,
contact Donna Sprowls at
766-8075 or at SPROWLSD@aol.com

Women of Trinity Circle Meeting Schedule

Women of Trinity Circles meet at various times once a month, and all women are welcome to join any circle meeting. 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.

There will be no meetings held in December due to the holidays, but they will resume in January 2008. The schedule for the January meetings is as follows:

- Thursday, January 3, at 9:15 a.m., Room 228-230 (Martha Mary Circle) * Nursery provided in Room 225
- Monday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m., Library (Esther Circle)
- Tuesday, January 8, at 9:30 a.m., Library (Deborah Circle)
- Tuesday, January 8, at 9:30 a.m., Room 237 (Ruth Circle)
- Tuesday, January 8, at 1:30 p.m., Library (Elizabeth Circle)
- Wednesday, January 9, at 6:30 p.m., Library (Lydia Circle)

Women of Trinity Collecting for Local Charities

The Women of Trinity are collecting hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for women and children to be donated to local charity organizations. A special collection box is near the Gathering Space Collection Closet. Please deposit donations (handmade or purchased new items) by **Sunday, December 16.**

Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group is open to all members of Trinity and meets the third Sunday of every month in Room 232-234.

The choices of books for December 07 through May 08 are:

December 16 - *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson
January 20 - *What is the What* by David Eggers
February 17 - *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls
March 16 - *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khalid Hosseini
April 20 - *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson
May 18 - *Water for Elephants* by Sara Green



The Perfect Gift

I've got to find the perfect gift, but I don't know what it is.
Is it a sweater? Is it a necklace? Oh, what could it be?
This is what shoppers say as they rush from store to store.
Every shopper is looking for – The Perfect Gift.

Some people are depressed during the holiday season.
Families are not around or have passed on.
To them a smile, a friendly face, or even a warm "hello"
Is not that far from – The Perfect Gift.

A gift was given long ago in a manger full of hay.
This gift was precious and is still today.
What was this gift? Who gave this gift?
The gift was a baby born of man, born of God.

Jesus is the gift for all.
He is walking with you even now.
He is with you every minute of the day and night.
Jesus is the Perfect Gift!

When you feel lonely, when you feel sad,
Remember the gift for all to have.
God wants you to have this gift because, after all,
It is the Perfect Gift for everyone.

Lori Anne McBride
December 26, 2006

Missions Corner

The Rev. Rodger C. Prois, a member of the National ELCA Board involved in the World Hunger and Disaster Appeal, was at Trinity recently for a Sup n' Study night and thanked the members present for their giving to these appeals. So to you who weren't there, a big thank you for your support. Hunger and disasters don't go away, so consider giving another gift at the end of this year to help someone who needs your love and care. Check the Missions Board for ideas as to how you can give a present to someone special.

Grace Lutheran Church in New Orleans sent Thanksgiving greetings to you, the members of Trinity. I would like to share a few excerpts from their latest update. "The Lord has been good to us. And your witness to that goodness has impacted our lives and our future. Our prayer life, our presence in the community, our ability to give of ourselves, our time, and our possessions, and our desire to serve others in need has led our members to commit themselves to not just survive, but to truly be the church Christ intended us to be. This year has become our reformation. Luther would be proud..... We give thanks to God because your grace in us has allowed us to be transformed and renewed in this new light. So thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May your grace in us....not be in vain." For more of this update, check the Missions Board.

By *Elizabeth Winters*

On Eagle's Wings

Each Sunday in the bulletin you see *On Eagle's Wings* listed as a Mission Partner, and on Sunday November 11 Pastor Lee Berry thanked all the volunteers who prepared the mailing of nearly 50,000 Advent Reflections booklets to churches in the U.S. It is much more economical to mail within the U.S. and so Carolyn and Bob Jones and volunteers have taken on the responsibility to do all the U.S. mailings including the Holy Week Reflections (28,000), two *Soaring* newsletters (18,000), and two annual appeal letters. As a member of the U.S. Board of *On Eagle's Wings* I am so very grateful to these Trinity members. Our mission in the far North is very costly because most villages can only be reached by plane!!

The Advent Reflections have been written by many wonderful people dedicated to this mission and I feel privileged to have met and to work with so many of them. I believe you will gain much from reading the Reflections.

I hope to see you at the Epiphany event on Sunday, January 6!

Does anyone want to go North next summer to teach Vacation Bible School!!! Give me a call! (697-3928)

By *Barbara Kriebel*

"Nanook" (the Great White)

If you have not already seen the painting on the second floor of the Educational Wing above the water fountain, the Arts Committee invites you to do so.

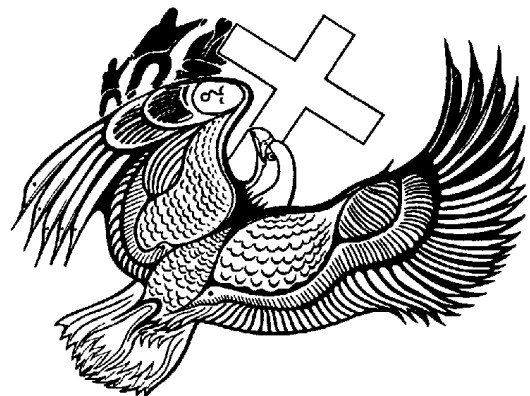
This painting entitled "Nanook" (the Great White), by Archie Beaulieu, was presented to Trinity Church by Jean Romberger. Jean purchased the painting some years ago when she and others from Trinity traveled to the Northwest Territories to assist with Vacation Church School - - - a tradition that has continued.

Beaulieu, an international native artist, has been gaining in popularity and becoming more widely known. (See following: A Symbol of Ministry) A member of the Dogrib tribe, he was born in Fort Rae, a small community on the north shore of Great Slave Lake in Canada's Northwest Territories. He still resides there today with his family.

A unique feature of this painting, it has 10 different animals incorporated within the polar bear, each one representing important parts about the life of the people of the north. Please take a few moments to look at the information provided in the adjacent holder and see how many of the animals you can find.

Trinity wishes to thank Jean for this lovely addition to the many works of art throughout the building, as well as the surrounding grounds.

By *Bill Range*



A Symbol of Ministry

This inspiring logo was designed and painted as a gift to *On Eagle's Wings* from Archie Beaulieu. It is Archie's response to the powerful words of Isaiah 40:31, "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles." It also reflects the land, animals and people of the North.

The eagle is highly respected by all cultures and by people everywhere as a symbol of strength and vision. For many aboriginal people the eagle is a messenger of the Creator. Within the eagle Archie has included other animals of his land and culture. A northern family stands at the foot of the cross, the symbol of new life for all God's people.

Artist of the Month

RICHARD (DICK) MICHAELIAN

As a student at Grove City College (PA), Dick took his first course in painting and enjoyed the experience of creating art. Yet, it has only been in the past nine years that he became more serious in pursuing the hobby of watercolor painting. Through classes at the Harrisburg Art Association, Dick learned and studied under David Lenker, a local artist with many professional accomplishments.

Dick was raised in Newport News, Virginia and has been influenced by the Williamsburg and Tidewater regions for subjects to paint. The use of color with an eye for specific detail has allowed Dick to paint from a realist's perspective. He has won several awards at the Harrisburg Art Association and is now teaching their Basic Watercolor class. Many of his works and prints have been sold throughout the Harrisburg area.

Members of Camp Hill Presbyterian Church for over sixteen years, Dick, his wife, Becky, and their three school-aged children enjoy many of the activities at the church. As a past Deacon and Elder and currently a Sunday school leader and Confirmation Mentor, Dick has been involved with numerous programs.

Dick considers his art to be a ministry and testament to his faith. All that he creates and all that he accomplishes is rooted in the knowledge that all of his gifts come from God.

Dick was Trinity's *Artist of the Month* last December also.

New Members Received

Welcome to the Trinity Family!

The following new members were received into membership in October: Karen Appel; Cindy Boyne; Scott, Jennifer and Abigail Brubaker; Raymond and Jennifer Cook; Kimberly Enders; James Herbst and Lillie-Berry-Herbst; Kathy Hettinga; William Hettinga; Chris, Shannon and Aidan Lilienthal; Mark Matthews; Darren, Wendy and Kyle McClure; Shelly McGowan; Lois Reed; Donna Roberts; Robert Sadler; Lori Seip; Theresa Seip; Katherine, Nicholas and Samantha Smeal; Nathan Sooy; Carol Steffy; William, Trudy, Nathan and Rebecca Swanger; David Taylor; John and Judith West.



Every Member Prayer Ministry

"Blessed by God, who did not refuse me
the kindness I sought in prayer."

Psalms 66:20

DECEMBER 2-8: Margaret Scott; Sandra Schwalm; Michael, Jennifer, Katie, and Lydia Schwalm; Jim, Tamara, Carson, Ethan, and Carolina Schulz; Carolyn Schubert; James and Lillian Schreier; Samuel and Barbara Schreckengast.

DECEMBER 9-15: John Schneiderhan; Robert and Ann Schmidt; Mark, Cindy, Ashley, and Matthew Schmidt; Ann Schmidt; Dawn, Joshua, and Finn Schmidhuber; Mike, Sara, and Meredith Schmehl; Kelly, Mike, and Robert Schlicker; Kenneth and Fern Schlegel.

DECEMBER 16-22: Karen Schlauder; Jack and Jean Schelhas; Forrest Schaffer; Leslie and Carly Schaefer; Bob, Robin, Emily, Mark, Megan, and Madison Scaer; Ron and Doris Savage; Dakota Santo; Steven, Kathy, Andrew, Gabrielle, and Emily Santiago.

DECEMBER 23-29: Sean Santarelli; Steve, Kris, Matt, and Zachary Samara; Bob and Vonnie Sadler; Joan Ryder; Harold and Nancy Ryder; Mackenzie Ryan; Kelly Rupp.

DECEMBER 30-JANUARY 5: David, Karen, Matthew, and Nicole Rupnik; Michael and Sharon Rudy; Jeremy Roy; Chuck, Joyce, Courtney, and Matthew Roy; James, Shirley, and Matthew Rouzer; Gregory, Elizabeth, Keri, and Gregory Jr. Rothermel; Melvin Roth.

Trinity Prayer Concerns

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let EVERY heart prepare Him room..." *Isaac Watts*

This Christmas season, we pray that each of us takes time to reflect on the true reason for *celebrating!* God loves us so much, He would do anything to save us and reconcile us unto Himself. He sent Jesus to show us how very much He loves us! Today, we pray that Christ's birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension, and pending return really makes a positive impact in our daily lives, as we realize how much we are loved and cherished.

We pray that those who attend Trinity's services and special concerts this Christmas season have their spiritual lives enriched. May our Lord be especially pleased with concerts by the Harrisburg Harp Orchestra; Trinity's Chancel Choir, Children's Choirs, Bell Choirs, and orchestra; and The Susquehanna Chorale, during the first three Sundays in December.

We pray for the homeless. May they find food, shelter, and compassion. And we praise God for leading caring individuals into soup kitchens and missions to help meet the needs of those less fortunate. We pray for the Lord's blessing on those who serve and share His love with the poor this Christmas season and *throughout* the year.

We pray for all who are faced with loneliness this holiday season – including those who are serving in the military and cannot be home for Christmas – may they feel God's love surround them.

Volunteer News

*May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.
May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass
on the love that has been given to you.*

Every Sunday after the later services, the altar flowers from the Nave and Fellowship Hall are made into arrangements and delivered to our hospitalized members. Seven Flower Delivery Teams rotate on a monthly basis. The members of each team share the flower deliveries for that month. Several teams are in need of more volunteers. If you would be willing to deliver flowers to our hospitalized members once or twice a year, please contact Nancy Martin in the church office (737-9921, Ext. 224). Thank you for considering participating in this very rewarding ministry.

CALLING ALL LECTORS AND LECTOR WANABES!

I want to thank all of the lectors who have volunteered at Trinity over the past few years. It's been a pleasure working with you and your service has been much appreciated! Beginning in January, 2008, the new voice on the phone asking you to choose a lecturing date will be Barbara Park. She has graciously volunteered to continue this job as I move my energies to other venues.

We are in need of beefing up our lector list at Trinity! If you would like to volunteer for this important job of reading the Word on Sundays, any service, please notify the church office at 737-8635, Barbara Park at 761-2044 or me, Linda Roberts at 737-9997. We need at least 12-15 lectors every month and Christmas and Easter require even more. Any confirmed member is welcome to join a long list of dedicated readers! Don't just read this message, READ in CHURCH!

By *Linda Roberts*

*And a very special thank you to Linda for her
dedicated service enlisting and supporting those
reading God's words through the Lessons for the Day.*

Trinity Preschool Playgroup participating in Fundraiser

Trinity Preschool Playgroup 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 through April '08 designated schools will automatically receive 1% of all participating customers' total Bonus Card purchases. What an easy way to support our nursery school! Last year the school received \$1,209.34 from the program.

One Small Child



Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes

*Thou shalt know Him when He comes,
Not by any din of drums,
Nor the vantage of His airs,
Nor by anything He wears;
Neither by His crown,
Nor His gown,
But His presence known shall be
By the holy harmony
Which His coming makes in thee.*

Anonymous

Taking Advantage of Trinity's Many Activities

*"I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the LORD."*

Psalms 122:1

We are so blessed! Trinity gives us *many* opportunities to "go into the house of the Lord". Not only do we have worship services on Thursday nights, Saturday nights, and Sunday mornings...along with Sunday school – we also have Bible studies, Prayer services, Small group meetings, a monthly Healing service in the Chapel, monthly art exhibits and many wonderful concerts and special events.

Trinity has so much to offer our members *and* the community – many ways to enrich our spiritual lives. (Trinity's December schedule is impressive – to say the least)!

Because of the church's phenomenal list of activities this month, SUNDAYS AT SIX – one of *many* "small groups" here at Trinity – will be "taking a break" from our weekly gatherings so that everyone has the opportunity to join in and completely get involved in these activities.

Then, as the new year begins, SUNDAYS AT SIX will again meet weekly. Our first meeting in 2008 will be on Sunday evening, January 6 – and *everyone* is invited!

In the meantime, may you enjoy a wonderful, blessed Christmas season!

Epiphany Event at Trinity

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2008,
5-8 P.M.**

SPEAKER: LINDA LUBOLD

Linda Lubold will tell us about her visit to our companion synod in the Konde Diocese and about the Sunday School's Mission project building wells in Tanzania.

This is a family event. Plan to come.

Birthdays

HOMEBOUND

December 1 **Pauline Middleton**
824 Lisburn Road
Apt. 315
Camp Hill, PA 17011


STAFF

December 2 **The Reverend Nancy R. Easton**



HELP WANTED!

The Arts Committee is still looking for a person to coordinate the monthly artist's exhibits. This could be a shared position. If interested, please call Bill Range at 697-1871.




Just for KIDS


Luke 2:1-20

In Luke 2:1-20, we read the familiar story of Jesus' birth. The scrambled words and names in the list below are a part of that story. Unscramble them and circle them in the puzzle. You will find them → ↓ ↗ ← ↑ ↘.

eaCrsa _____	aMyr _____	zaNhtare _____
gnamre _____	opesJh _____	uutuAsgs _____
laiGele _____	auedJ _____	rephsehds _____
nso _____	csenus _____	teeBhheim _____
hritb _____	ilfeds _____	enagl _____
adfari _____	daviD _____	tginh _____
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athre _____	isbotfrn _____	ecrdee _____
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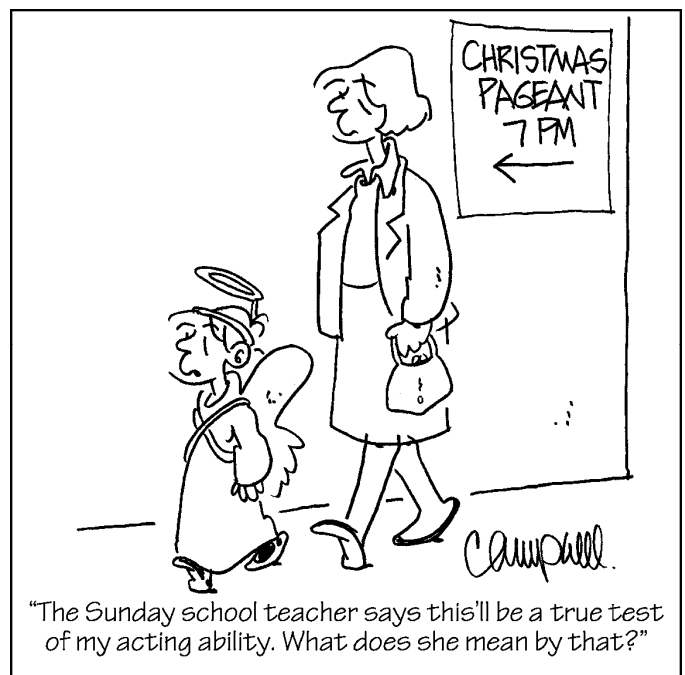


B C A E S A R M E A R T H
D E C R E E E Y R U A G B
F N T R B I R T H G F A O
I S Y H S O N N I U R L R
R U O Y L E G N A S A I N
S S J G P E A C E T I L M
T J O S E P H C J U D E A
B S D R E H P E H S A E N
O M A R Y H R I M S V T G
R F I E L D S T H G I N E
N A Z A R E T H M A D S R



There will be 14 uncircled letters. Write them in order from top to bottom on the lines. They will spell a special message to you.

Merry Christmas
Caesar, Manger, Gallilee, Son, Birth, Arraid, Glory, Earth, Peace, Mary, Joseph, Judea, Census, Fields, David, Joy, Firstborn, Inn, Nazareth, Augustus, Shepherds, Bethlehem, Angel, Night, Born, Decree




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Emmanuel