

# Trinity Parish

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church · Camp Hill, Pennsylvania · April 2009 Edition  
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

## Holy Week Worship Opportunities

### Trinity's Way of the Cross

*Available in Fellowship Hall during Holy Week*

This spiritual reflection on Christ's last journey as he walked to his death on a cross at Calvary as atonement for our sins is available anytime the church building is open from 6:00 p.m. on the Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday, April 5, until after the Tenebrae Service on Good Friday evening, April 10.

### Passion/Palm Sunday

Saturday (April 4), 5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Sunday (April 5), 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship - Nave

10:45 a.m. - Contemporary Worship - Fellowship Hall

### Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (April 6, 7, and 8)

7:30 p.m. Holy Communion - Chapel

### The Triduum

On Maundy Thursday we begin the *Triduum*, which means "*The Three Days*." The Triduum includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Eve. The three liturgies on these days are considered to be one service of worship. No benediction separates our worship on these days. We leave the worship room in silence from each liturgy for just a while in order to return and continue participating in the great mystery and miracle of our redemption.

### Maundy Thursday (April 9)

7:30 p.m. Holy Communion - Nave

### Good Friday (April 10)

12:00 noon—3:00 p.m. - Nave

The Last Actions of Jesus  
According to St. Mark's Gospel

7:30 p.m. - Nave

Tenebrae and Adoration of the Crucified

### Easter Vigil (April 11)

7:30 p.m. - Nave

Services of Light, Readings, Affirmation of Baptism, Holy Communion

### Easter Sunday (April 12)

8:15 & 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship - Nave

9:00 & 10:45 a.m. - Contemporary Worship - Fellowship Hall

## Welcome to the Trinity Family

The following new members **made a public affirmation of their faith** during worship services in February: Mark, Meg, Grace and Liam Anderson; Christopher Butt; Kristi, Steve and Hailey Clark; James Clisham; Jessica Cole; Martin and Rachel Hammond; Darlene and Richard Hess; Rhonda Hylton; Steven, Kathryn, Ryan, Alex, Drew and Cole Lamontagne; Nancy Martin and Philip Mock; Gilbert Prokop; Michael Tighe; and Rachel Wright.

## Spring Camping Outing

### – Time to Sign Up!!!

**Calling all campers and camper "wanabees."** Mark your calendar; dig out your camping gear, easy chairs, hot dog forks, fishing rods and whatever stuff you buried last fall and get ready for an enjoyable time with other Trinity folk at Otter Creek Camp Ground, York County, the weekend of May 29-31.

Trinity's annual spring congregational camping outing is for anyone who enjoys fresh air, relaxation, exercise, campfires, good food (*including s'mores!*) and great fellowship. This outing is for new and experienced campers - singles, families, kids, adults, seniors...in a nut shell, anyone!

All sites are equipped with water and electric, and can accommodate tents, pop-up campers and RV's. Cost per night is \$28; first night payable with reservation. A limited number of cabins and rental RV's are available for an additional cost. Pets on leash are permitted. New to camping? We can help you with planning, equipment and set up.

Saturday evening join the group for our fabulous pot luck supper and evening Vespers Service. Join us for supper and Vespers even if you aren't planning to stay the night. Check out [ottercreek@ottercreekcamp.com](mailto:ottercreek@ottercreekcamp.com) for information on amenities and local activities available.

For more information and reservations, contact Judy or Joe Hunter, 737-9933. Hope to see you there!

## Affirmation of Faith

New Disciple's Class Meets in the Library  
Sundays - 9:15 a.m.

April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24

## Reception of New Disciples

Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31

Coordinator: Judy Collins

Phone: 737-9921 x239

Email: [judy.collins@trinitycamphill.org](mailto:judy.collins@trinitycamphill.org)

## Blood Bank News



The Central PA Blood Bank recently told me how wonderful Trinity's blood donors are! As if I didn't know. What they were talking about is that we donated **36** units (28 at the drive on January 18). January is a very critical month for CPBB and they expressed their appreciation to Trinity. Thanks so much for making me look good!

Several weeks ago I had the opportunity to sit beside a new member the Sunday he joined church. Just as I gave him an enthusiastic welcome and an invitation to become a blood donor, I welcome all the new members. The next drive at church will be held on **Sunday, May 17**, and you'll find us in the Gathering Space after all services on May 3 and May 10 urging you to sign up for a specific donation time. Or, you may donate, every eight weeks, at any of the local hospitals, donor centers, or a community blood drive you may see advertised. Please give them #157, or Trinity Lutheran, Camp Hill. Still have questions? Please call Jeanie Bentzel, 766-3526 and if she doesn't know the answer, she'll find out.

Jeanie Bentzel

**Alzheimer's Support Group**  
will meet **Wednesday, April 22, 2009,**  
from **7-9 p.m. in the library.**

For more information, contact Donna Sprowls at  
766-8075 or [SPROWLSD@aol.com](mailto:SPROWLSD@aol.com)

## Trinity Parish Deadline

The deadline for the May 2009 Edition of *Trinity Parish* is **Friday, April 10, 2009 - no exceptions.** Please forward all articles to the Editor, Donna Sprowls at [parish@trinitycamphill.org](mailto:parish@trinitycamphill.org)

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## STAFF NOTES

### *The Long Journey Home*

One of my walking paths takes me through Willow Park, a small park in the borough of Camp Hill. I love how Willow Stream meanders along in that park. No straight lines here, but a curve this way, a curve that way, another curve again, until the stream has made its presence known through the park from end to end. There is a sidewalk created for Willow Park as well, and it has the same lovely meandering quality. I so enjoy ambling along, wending my way from the top of Willow Park to its tip.

My geometry teacher in high school would have considered it the long way to get anywhere. After all, weren't we taught "the shortest distance between two points is a straight line"? But perhaps the shortest distance covered isn't always the best journey to take. My walks are often filled with prayer, or sermon composing. (Or I might be considering what to write for next month's *Staff Notes*—that is indeed how I came up with this one!) Therefore it's a good journey I take, meandering and all. It certainly doesn't imply that the journey is aimless, without purpose.

Some Christians prefer the short distance, particularly when it comes to the movement of the Church year toward Easter, the Day of Resurrection. From A to B they go: Beginning with shouts of "Hosanna" and palm branches waving . . . straight ahead, with barely a brief stop at Good Friday . . . and then right on to Easter morning, our "Alleluias" trumpeted by lilies which nod their heads in every direction.

That certainly is one way to get from here to there. But the shortest distance covered isn't always the best journey to take. There is something to be said about the meandering, the time taken to think and pray.

That is the sheer beauty, if I may call it so, of Holy Week. The story of Jesus' final earthly days takes us not in a straight line, but curves us this way and that. Yet it is not an aimless path. It has a purpose: Beginning in Mark's Gospel in Chapter 11, we witness Jesus' driving the moneychangers from Jerusalem's temple. We hear the chief priests, scribes and elders argue with one another and Jesus, too, about his authority. We listen to Jesus' teachings, which denounce false religiosity, praise a poor woman's generosity, and announce the signs of the end of time. We watch a disciple turn and betray. We weep with Peter after his denials. We are horrified at the sham of a trial, the mockery and persecution of an innocent man. And we wonder how any human being could endure the torture of crucifixion. Would we have sacrificed ourselves like that? Or, as the song goes, "What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!"

This Holy Week let us not take the short path. Let us read from Mark's Gospel the stories of those last days. Let us gather for worship, as often as we can, to think and pray, mourn and repent, and ultimately honor and praise the One whose path eventually led him to the cross. It is a good journey for us to take. We will find our faith is strengthened as we journey from end to end . . . and then, by God's grace, we journey into our Easter beginning.

*The Reverend Nancy R. Easton*

**Council Update** – Each month this column will highlight actions and significant items of interest from the most recent meeting of Trinity’s Congregation Council. From the March 9 meeting:

- Studied “Upside, Downside of Church Size” from the February issue of *The Lutheran* magazine during opening devotions
- Received written reports from program staff and standing committees indicating a high level of activity in most areas of ministry
- Shared comments about the Trinity Leadership Retreat held March 7 and implications for the future as we strive to build our ministry upon the *Vision-Mission-Guiding Principles* recently adopted by the congregation
- Approved revised policy pages for the Worship and Parish Ministry Committees and an updated chart of facilities usage fees
- Elected Ryan Hannigan and Josephine Freund as Trinity’s voting members (delegates) to the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly at Messiah College in June

*Doug Bonsall*

### ***The Book Discussion Group Invites You!***

Join us the third Sunday of every month in Room 232-234 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Books chosen through June 2009 are:

April 19: “**Pope Joan**”, by Donna Cross

May 17: “**The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl**”, by Timothy Egan

June 21: “**The Shack**”, by William P. Young

**"The Lutheran" Adult Forum** - Please join us on Sunday April 26 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 232-234 for our next discussion on "**Faith During Economic Strife**". You'll find several articles and a study guide on pages 18-24 of the March 2009 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine on this real-life subject that is affecting thousands of people today, including many at Trinity. We'll talk about the global economic crisis and the opportunity for mission and ministry it presents to the Church struggling with its own financial issues. If you do not have access to the articles, please contact class coordinators Craig Staller or Doug Bonsall (921-1957) for a paper copy.

### ***Women of Trinity***

***May General Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner  
May 13, 2009  
Fellowship Hall***

Please come to our General Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner. The meats and drinks will be provided by the WOT Board. Guest speaker will be Vicar Cheryl A. Korte. At this meeting we elect our officers for next year. If you are interested in being an officer or a chair for any of our committees, please contact Vice President Connie Dollase at 761-3699 or cdollase@aol.com before May. We will be returning our “Blessing Boxes” at this meeting with the proceeds from these boxes going to support The Allison Hill Fund. Also, join the Women of the ELCA to help create lasting solutions for poverty and climate change. How? Through the simple act of recycling your old cell phone! If you have one, please bring it with you to the meeting or leave it in the “Cell-Phone” box located in the Collection Closet.

We will begin assembling the health kits in May, so if you have any donations, please see that they get to either the meeting or the Collection Closet before the General Meeting. We will then begin to collect layette kit items and school kit items from May through August.

### ***Koinonia Support Revival***

Trinity’s Koinonia Ministry has a history that dates back to the mid 1970’s. Koinonia is the New Testament Greek word for community and is the name referred to for small group gatherings.

Trinity’s Koinonia Ministry is designed to organize small groups of eight to 10 to share their highs and lows of life’s journey, pray together, study and discuss spiritually related subjects and enjoy social camaraderie in a Christian setting that develops caring, love and support. Fellowship and fun are by-products of belonging to a Koinonia group.

Each group normally meets in homes. There is no specific leader or set format. Koinonia is designed to be informal gatherings. The group decides when and how regularly to meet: monthly, bi-monthly or weekly.

It is the objective of the Education Committee to place a renewed effort to revitalize this ministry and to learn how many groups are active and what support is needed. We also want new groups to organize.

For these reasons a Koinonia Rally is scheduled to bring existing groups together and invite others to join, to become involved or receive more information. This get together will take place on Wednesday, April 22 in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. We will encourage conversation and enjoy a slice of homemade pie.

A sign-up sheet will be placed at the information desk in the Gathering Space to assist us to better plan the evening. Kathy Powers, the coordinator for this event, can be reached at 761-2907. You are also invited to contact Jack Bush at 763-0494 or bjackshirl@aol.com or Christopher Couch at 737-8635 or christopher.couch@trinitycamphill.org.

***Jack Bush***

*Education Ministry Committee*

## YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG (youth group) is going strong in 2009. We are now in the busiest part of our YG season. The YG calendar is the most jam-packed that it has ever been. New YG Nites, new retreats, new events, and new friendships all await our YG participants in 2009. A lot of hard work has gone into this year to make it a success. There is truly something on almost every weekend. It will be all good! Just so you are in the know, here is what we did in the month of February.

February was another great month for the YG. We started out the month with our ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE. For the past two seasons we've collected food as well as money. On Sunday, February 1 the YG was able to raise \$1,295.47 and around 250 cans of food to donate to THE BRIDGE food pantry in New Cumberland. We also have some matching funds forthcoming from Thrivent which will bring the total over \$1,500, which is awesome! I would like to thank you, the congregation, and the YG members and their families for making this servant event such a success. On the 8<sup>th</sup> we had our first YG NITE of the month. The topic of the Nite was PRAYER and it focused in on reminding the YG to make time to pray daily in their lives. We talked and demonstrated many ways to pray, but moreover explained that there's not a right or wrong way to do it; the important part is just that you do it. Around 50 YG and advisors came out for the night of faith, fun and fellowship. A lot was definitely learned from start until finish. On the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> was the JR. HIGH SLEEPOVER at the church. Twenty YG plus eight advisors came out for this overnite of total fun and fellowship. We played games, watched a movie, ate pizza and shared conversation. The night was great and a good time was had by all. Jr. High sleepovers are always a blast and this was one of the best ones to date! We closed down the month on the 22<sup>nd</sup> with another YG NITE. The topic of the Nite was LOVING OTHERS BEGINS WITH SERVICE and it focused in on reminding the YG that service is at the heart of love. The Nite challenged the youth to look more at service and doing for others. Part of this Nite was spent in service to our YG College kids, by creating care packages to send to them all. All and all, the topic was a great one and the conversation was fabulous and powerful! It was an awesome night of faith, fun and fellowship. And that was the month of February, with that said I need to get back to the busyness that lies ahead of me in March on the YG Calendar.

**REMINDER:** PLEASE COME ON OUT AND SUPPORT OUR YG FUNDRAISERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WE NEED TO RAISE A LOT OF MONEY FOR THE ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING THIS SUMMER IN NEW ORLEANS.

Yours in Christ,

*Peter A. Fox*  
Youth Ministry Director

### THE YG FUNDRAISER CALENDAR

- YG FIESTA NITE on Sunday May 31 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- YG CAR WASH @ Killians' on Saturday, June 6 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Our New Missionary in Asia

The Lower Susquehanna Synod recently agreed to support Richard Sarker as our missionary in India, Bangladesh, Indonesia and Nepal. Richard's work there is supported by members of Trinity through the benevolence fund of the Missions Committee.

Richard wrote an introductory letter eloquently describing his mission. It is excerpted below.

I am being sent to the Asia-Pacific region by ELCA Global Mission to work as the regional representative for the health, education, and sustainable development programs. I will visit different churches and communities to build relationships with them. My primary focus will be to identify the needs of the people and find ways to mitigate sufferings through sustainable programs.

I was born and raised in Bangladesh. I struggled financially to finish each level of my education. Both my parents worked very hard to make ends meet. I grew up as "one of the poor" in a poverty stricken country, so my understanding and empathy for the poor goes beyond mere theory.

I have spent a considerable amount of time working with the poor and helping them improve their lives through the United Nations World Food Program and the Mennonite Central Committee [based in Lancaster County, where Richard's wife lives and works as physician.] It was fulfilling for me to work with the socially excluded, refugees and victims of natural disasters and a joy to know I could make a significant difference in so many people's lives.

My wife and I moved to the United States as first generation immigrants 18 years ago to fulfill our dreams. It was a long and difficult journey, and we are grateful to God for His grace. Now, there could be no better time for me to go and work for the people who are in need.

I have traveled extensively and have learned to appreciate different cultures and traditions. Moving to the United States also exposed me to different cultures and values. Living in the U.S. has taught me how fortunate and blessed we are in this country. We have so much to enjoy and even waste when millions of people around the world go to bed hungry every single day. While I appreciate the abundance, I also realize that we have so much to share with our neighbors and with those who are suffering in this world. Jesus taught us to love our neighbors, and love one another as He loved us. I can respond to God's grace by working with people who are suffering from hunger, poverty, malnutrition, oppression and injustice.

My prayer: "Dear Lord, Here I am, send me."

To learn more about Richard's work, visit his blog at <http://richardsarker.blogspot.com>.



**Trinity's Congregation Council**

*Photo courtesy of Bill Bishop*

## An Invitation to Sing!

You are invited to sing in any or all of these special choirs:

**The Vigil Choir** will lead worship at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. There are no auditions. Rehearsal begins promptly one hour before the service – at 6:30 p.m. Adults and youth – fifth grade and higher – are welcome to participate.

**The Family Choir** will be singing on Sunday, May 17. This choir is made up of parents and youth (fifth grade and older). One rehearsal will be held at 10 a.m. on May 17, one hour before the service.

**The Summer Chancel Choir** sings weekly during the summer. There is only one rehearsal – Thursday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. – then sing on whatever Sundays you are available.

**VISION** *Disciples in the Making, Making Disciples*

**MISSION** *Called by the Holy Spirit to be Christ's Disciples, we seek to equip ourselves and others to live like Christ, and to be sent into the world proclaiming and living the Good News as witnesses of God's transforming love.*

After more than 18 months of work, we now have in place a re-defined statement upon which Trinity's future mission and ministry will be based. The *Vision-Mission-Guiding Principles* document can be viewed as the firm foundation for all that will be built upon it in the years to come. This document is available online at: [www.trinitycamphill.org/Welcome.htm](http://www.trinitycamphill.org/Welcome.htm) Now the even harder work of implementing and re-inventing ministries is before us to carry out the noble precepts we've set for ourselves as Disciples of Christ. Each thing the church does will be considered in relationship to its furthering the vision, mission and guiding principles.

Prior to the Trinity Leadership Retreat on March 7, all staff, council members, committee chairs and committee members were challenged to read the book *Power Surge* written by Lutheran pastor Michael Foss. The retreat program gave us an opportunity to look at three levels of discipleship – as individual Christians, as leaders and as a Church. Committees and organizations began writing their individual mission statements for their work as we seek to move our congregation from a "membership model" of ministry to a "discipleship model" of ministry.

Multiple copies of *Power Surge* are available for loan to members of the congregation. If you are interested in reading this thought provoking book, please contact Christopher Couch to borrow a copy. Plans are being considered now for possible follow-up study sessions and discussions on the book's inspiring message.

## Thank You ....

*"My offerings reflect the ways I worship You each day."*

- Members of the Evangelism Committee recently stuffed doorknob bags with Lenten invitations and Easter candy for another door-to-door campaign. Nearly five hundred bags were hung in Trinity's neighborhood. Thanks to **Peter Fox**, twelve youth also helped.
- **Women of Trinity** received a thank you note from West Shore Meals on Wheels for a donation of \$100 and an honor certificate to Trinity Lutheran Church from Church World Services for the donation of \$2,805 from the congregation for blankets around the world.
- **Don Dietz** and his wife **Ruth** have volunteered countless hours assisting the church office with counting money, shredding documents and stuffing envelopes. Don has also been an active member of the Property Committee and representative of Administration and Personnel for a number of years. Their service is recognized as an invaluable asset to the church.
- **Roberta Smith** has been a Prayer Partner for the Every Member Prayer Ministry since the inception of this ministry over 14 years ago. It is a Parish Ministry of intentional prayer incorporated into the life of the entire church.
- **Tim Koch** recently provided music for a concert commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of composer Felix Mendelssohn held at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg. An ensemble from Trinity's choir sang several anthems as well as a quartet made up of **Tim and Amy Koch** and **Mark and Amy Heinly**. Mark and **Karen Appel** also sang solos.

*Congratulations to **Judy Collins** on her reinstatement to the Roster of the ELCA and her installation as our Spiritual Gifts Coordinator.*

## Trinity Graduates

If you have a son or daughter who will be graduating from high school or college this year, please contact the **Trinity Parish Editor** at [parish@trinitycamphill.org](mailto:parish@trinitycamphill.org)

Your written submission should include: name of recipient, address, parents' names, college or high school, future plans if known and a contact phone number or e-mail address. For college graduates, also include degree and major. These students will be recognized in the next issue of **Trinity Parish**. Information may also be placed in the **Trinity Parish** box in the church office.

**DEADLINE IS April 10 for submission.**

### Prayer Concerns

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank You and praise You for the wonderful love You have shown us through Jesus Christ, Your Son. May this Easter season be one of great joy for You, as You see Your children praising, thanking, loving and adoring You!

As we go through Holy Week, from a festive Palm Sunday, through dark and sad days...finally entering into full celebration of Your amazing love on Easter Sunday, may You be honored, blessed and glorified. Praise to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Now and forever!

We pray that many members and friends of Trinity will be led to take their own spiritual journey through Trinity's "Way of the Cross" between Palm Sunday and Good Friday.

Now that You have provided Trinity with a new Vision and Mission, we ask You to help us live out that dream for Trinity. May each of us – *Your children* – learn to love You more and more each day, becoming even *more* committed Disciples of Christ.

May the area Vacation Church School leadership workshop, hosted by Trinity, *and* the Koinonia rally later this month be a blessing to all who are involved.

Please bless the youth and staff who attend the Youth Group Spring Retreat at Camp Nawakwa, April 24 through 26. May they have a great time and wonderful fellowship with You and with each other, as they continue to witness Your grace and Your love.

And, please guide those to turn to our "Trinity Cares' program" who truly need a helping hand. It's often hard for people to ask for help, but please help them understand that *many* volunteers are waiting and *wanting* to help.

We ask all of these things in the name of your precious Son – *our* Savior and Lord, Jesus.

Amen.

### Senior Lunch

Make your reservation now for the Senior Lunch on Wednesday, April 15, at noon in Fellowship Hall. The reservation sheets are on the desk in the Gathering Space. We ask that you fill in the tear-off section and leave it in the church office with your money. If you pay by check, please remember to mark "Senior Lunch" on the memo line. The meal is catered by Trinity's kitchen crew at a cost of \$6.00 per person so you know it is good! The program will be presented by Trinity member, Dan Drawbaugh, entitled "Daniel Drawbaugh, Inventor." It is the story of Dan's grandfather's life. Join us and bring a friend or two.

*Joan Conrad*

### Evangelism

**"Don't touch that remote!"**

*Have you ever been watching a television show and, right before the commercial break, you hear, "Don't touch that remote! We'll be right back."? You are asked to stay tuned: you'll get to enjoy the show, if you simply stick around.*

*Well, that's what I'm asking you to do right now. I have some notes on EVANGELISM that I'd really like to share with you... I'm hoping you'll stay tuned.*

April is "Evangelism Emphasis Month" at Trinity.

When we evangelize, we proclaim the *love* of the Father – which comes to us through His Son, Jesus Christ. As Christians, we live out a message about a man – *Jesus* – who came to us on our terms, spoke our language, and met us where we were.

Evangelism should be about *relationships* ("spiritual friendships") – not about "trying to convert" someone. When we try to convert someone, we become spiritual salespeople instead of spiritual friends...and that's inconsistent with a good *relationship*.

The best way to evangelize is to see, like and serve people. We need to find ways for people to simply *encounter* Christ, like doing deeds of service for a neighbor...such as mowing their grass when they're ill...or sharing a favorite "dish" with them. Some people call this "practical Christianity", because it shows people the love of God in a practical way.

Put simply, what God wants from each of us is found in **Micah 6:8** (*New International Reader's Version*) - "*The Lord has shown you what is good. He has told you what He requires of you. You must treat people fairly. You must love others faithfully. And you must be very careful to live the way your God wants you to*".

### Birthdays

#### Homebound Members

- April 1 **Helen Ey**  
44 Creek Bank Dr, Rm 154, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
- April 4 **Gloria Shuman**  
3824 Trindle Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011
- April 8 **Kathryn Wolf**  
124 North 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011
- April 17 **Jean Romberger**  
5225 Wilson Lane, Skilled Care - Room 41  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- April 19 **Sylvia Kutchman**  
1716 Lincoln Drive, Camp Hill, PA 17011
- April 23 **Isabelle Guise**  
100 Freemason Dr, #3508, Elizabethtown, PA 17022
- April 25 **Bob Middleton**  
824 Lisburn Road, Apt. 226, Camp Hill, PA 17011
- April 30 **Jean Titzell**  
519 Village Blvd., Mifflintown, PA 17059

#### Staff

- April 14 **Vicar Cheryl Korte**

*Trinity presents*  
*Expressions of Faith*  
*"The Best of Ten Years"*  
*Sunday, May 3 - 7:00 p.m.*



Join FaithX, Trinity's children's choirs, and the FaithX alumni as they present **Expressions of Faith** on **Sunday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**. The annual contemporary Christian music concert is part of Trinity's 2008-2009 concert series. This year, we celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the concert and feature the Cherub and Junior Choirs along with special guests Kathy Holmes, Shannon Jones, Joann Moody, Robin Scaer, Shari Stevens and Carolyn Sweeney. A delicious dessert buffet is also included in the celebration!

The songs you voted for in February as your favorites will be included in the concert program as well as some new songs. Pastor Easton will provide a perspective on the music and its meaning for today's Christians.

Whether you have attended Trinity's contemporary worship services or you like an occasional upbeat song, there's something for everyone in the program and you may find yourself singing along! Bring your friends and help celebrate "The Best of Ten Years!"

**Senior Retreat**

The Senior Retreat is set for Monday, May 4 through Tuesday, May 5 at Camp Hebron. Craig Staller will be our leader. His theme is Trinity's Vision Statement: Disciples in the Making, Making Disciples. Craig would like everyone to read the book "Power Surge" by Michael Foss before coming to retreat. The books are free and will be given to you when you turn in your registration form and payment to Joann in the church office. Please bring "Power Surge", pen or pencil, writing tablet or notebook and your Bible with you to retreat.

The cost will be \$85.00 per person. This fee covers five meals, one night's (double occupancy) lodging. There will be an additional charge of \$25.00 for those wanting a single room.

You can pick up registration forms at the information desk in the Gathering Space, from Joann in the church office and from Judy Messinger, 766-3692.

**You Can't Be A Good Disciple...**

Most people think Stewardship is *all* about money; that's only partly true. But just to reinforce that view, I am asking you to take a dollar out of your wallet. I'd like to talk to you about that dollar. You have a lot of choices to make in the rest of your life and one of them is what to do with that dollar.

We are at a special moment in time. How you spend that dollar has a lot of implications for our time together here and also for eternity. The way I see it, we have a couple choices to make: (1) Do you want to be a Giver or a Getter? Did you join Trinity to get a wonderful choir or praise band? So you can get great sermons from the staff? To get a comfortable pew and never leave our four walls? Or did you join to give yourself away to the sake of the world, as Christ did? (2) Do you want to be a member or a disciple? Whichever way you choose, there will be a reward and you can find your reward here at Trinity whichever choice you make.

Trinity is making some choices too. Recently our Church Council chose to approve a new mission statement. "*Called by the Holy Spirit to be Christ's Disciples, we seek to equip ourselves and others to live like Christ, and to be sent into the world proclaiming and living the Good News as witnesses of God's transforming love.*" In that statement Council made it perfectly clear what this church is all about – namely, that everything we do here is not for ourselves but for the sake of the world.

Bill Foos, our Chairman of Property, asked me, "What does that mean for your Stewardship Team? How does the concept of Stewardship fit into Discipleship?" "Bill, it's simple," I said, "you can't be a good disciple without being a good steward; and not only that, - there are eternal consequences if you are not a good steward." "Whoa, he screamed. What are you talking about, Joe?"

"Bill, a steward is someone who takes care of the money and property of another." Psalm 24 says, 'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.' That car, that house, that body you have, those talents and abilities you have, the very earth you live on, that dollar in your wallet—it all belongs to the Lord. Not only that, but in Matthew 25:14 Jesus tells the story of what happens to the good and bad stewards. The good ones 'shared his happiness' and the bad one was 'sent into darkness.'

"What does that mean? he asked". "I don't really know; I'm not a pastor. But I know our choices are actions. Actions become habits. Habits become our character. And our character becomes our destiny." Wow, those choices are important, aren't they? said Bill. "Yes they are, said I."

Whether you want to be a steward or not, it's too late; you already are one. **You can't be a good Disciple ... without being a good Steward.**

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*Weekly Prayer List*

**March 29-April 4:** Jeanne Henderson; Daniel, Barb, Amanda, Emily, and Quinn Henderson; David, Luann, Glenn, Nichole, and Floyd Hendershot; Max, Amy, Ellen, and George Hempt; Marty Hempt; Jean Hempt; Gerald, Lyn, and Gregory Hempt; Judith Hempt. **April 5-11:** Mark, Amy, Briana, and Kierra Heinly; Jonathan, Jennifer, Cora, and Ellie Heilman; Christie Heike; David, Maria, Jessica, and Stephanie Hegedus; Henry Heck; Stephanie Hoffert, and Tylor and Claudiea Hoffman; Katie McGinty, and Karl, Alana, Tara, and Allie Hausker; Betty Hauser. **April 12-18:** Alan and Gloria Hassman; Dick and Jan Hassinger; John and Christopher Hartmann; Dorothy Hartlieb; Suzanne Harro; Melissa and Alexander Harrison; Carol Harris; David Harrington. **April 19-25:** Bob and Maryellen Harner, and Franz, Carolyn, and Kate Kindler; Will and Carole Harmon; Will Harmon III; Harold Harlan; Timothy Harker; J. Stewart and Barbara Hardy; Mark and Emma Hardy; Julie Harclerode. **April 26-May 2:** Timothy, Rochelle, Hannah, and Madeline Harbick; Roy, Kathy, and Emma Hanson; John, Sharon, and Deborah Hanson; Ryan, Kim, Jesse, Matthew, and Sarah Hannigan; Marty and Rachel Hammond; Matthew Hammaker; Kevin, Jennifer, and Megan Hammaker; Kathy, Mark, and Robert Hamilton.

**DID YOU KNOW...** ...Women of Trinity Circles this year are examining Paul's book of Philippians, called the "epistle of joy." There are two circle sessions remaining – April and May – and four meeting times each month to choose from. Consider attending one of them and invite a friend to join you... After all, couldn't nearly everyone use more joy in their lives?

*Women of Trinity Circle Meetings*

Circle Name	Date	Circle Leaders	Circle Time & Place
Esther	Monday, April 6	Joan Gamber & Jean Zimmerman	7:00 PM Library
Ruth	Tuesday, April 7	Ruth Bertovich & Ruth Dietz	9:30 AM Rm. 237
Deborah	Tuesday, April 7	Peggy Bishop, Anne Fry & Betty Wade	9:30 PM Library
Elizabeth	Tuesday, April 7	Elizabeth Winters	1:30 PM Library