

Trinity Parish

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A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



Congratulations, Confirmands!

On June 7, twenty-nine confirmands (pictured above) took for themselves the promises made by their parents at their baptism. Those confirmed were: Emily Allen, Miriam Balasundram, Erika Borger, Benjamin Brock, Emily Brunie, Leah Chan, Morgan Clark, Joanne Drawbaugh, Julia Fogg, Alex Garber, Ellen Hempt, Sarah Koenig, Shane Kubik, Ryan Lamontagne, Kyle McClure, Ashley Porter, Katie Pritsch, Sarah Robertson, Matt Rupnik, Katie Schwalm, Elizabeth Seideneck, Rachel Snyder, Sullivan Stapf, Mikhala Stevens, Alex Swade, Derek Tenetylo, Jacob Trump, Elizabeth Wilken and Tyler Wilson.

Congratulations to Our Graduates

Allison Marie Kirkpatrick, Cedar Cliff High School will attend Drexel University and major in Chemical Engineering. She is the daughter of Leora and Richard Kirkpatrick of Wormleysburg.

Hale Justis Milano, Cumberland Valley High School will attend Ohio State University and major in Global Securities and Intelligence Analysis. Hale is the son of Todd and Linda Milano.

Former Trinity Vicar Ordained

Barbara Ann Barry was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament on June 12 in the Grantham Brethren in Christ Church. Barbara, better known to Trinity as **Barbara Pond**, served as our vicar several years ago and has now received a call to be pastor of Quickel Lutheran Church in York.



Farewell Reception for Vicar Korte

Please join us for a farewell reception for Vicar Cheri Korte on Sunday, July 12 following the 11:00 a.m. service.

OUR VISION

"Disciples in the making, making disciples"

OUR 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 daily witnesses of God's transforming love."

Pastor Edmiston Tells Us About Our New Vicar

Thomas Holdcraft will begin his intern year as Trinity's Vicar on Monday, July 13. He is a member of the Florida-Bahamas Synod and a member of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Seminole, Florida. Tom is married to Colleen whom he met while attending Florida State University. They are the parents of three sons, Davis, Wesley and Jonas.

Prior to coming to Gettysburg Seminary, Tom was employed as a youth minister at Good Shepherd. His college degree in hospitality administration led to employment with the Marriott Corporation. After four years, he formed a small business in commercial and home maintenance. He then worked in a powerboat factory prior to his youth ministry experience. Throughout all these employment years, God was active in directing his life and finally His call claimed Tom. We welcome him to Trinity for another year with a Vicar in shared learnings and growth.

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

For more information, contact Donna Sprowls at
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Trinity Parish Deadline

The deadline for the August 2009 edition of *Trinity Parish* is **Friday, July 10, 2009 – no exceptions.** If articles are e-mailed, please send to the Editor, Donna Sprowls at parish@trinitycamphill. Articles may also be dropped off in the *Trinity Parish* box in the church office.

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STAFF NOTES

How Can I Keep from Singing?

At least three times in the last several weeks I have heard sung the Lowry/Rouse/Kirkland arrangement of the song "How Can I Keep From Singing?"

While many artists at many times have sung versions of this piece, the above-mentioned arrangement is my favorite for tune and lyrics. One verse particularly moves me:

*No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heaven and earth how can I keep from singing?*

That love originating in the very nature of God has come down to you and me in the person of Jesus Christ. He is indeed the rock to which we cling. And if that love, perfect and powerful, has absolute authority over heaven and earth, then how can we keep from singing in joy and praise as response? That rule of love simply draws the music out of us. Or it should.

My mother recently worshiped at Trinity while visiting Camp Hill for several days to celebrate her first grandchild's high school commencement. We brought her to the 8:15 traditional service on Sunday, June 7. What amazed my mother was the number of voices singing. During the Hymn of Praise she was especially moved by all the men singing verses 2 and 4 with such gusto. She was delighted to sing beside her daughter, matching me note for note on "Holy, Holy, Holy." Granted, her home congregation is quite small—there are not many voices to be lifted up in song in the first place, male or female. But she also told me that so many folks in her home congregation never even open their mouths to sing. Often she feels as if she is singing all alone. At Trinity that morning, however, it appeared to her that everyone was singing.

Now, I know that's not exactly accurate. I know that not everyone likes to sing, and even our congregation—with all its musical talent and resources—has persons in it who stay silent during hymns and sung liturgy. Why is that? Perhaps some feel as if their singing is of poor quality, and are self-conscious regarding their abilities. Perhaps some struggle to read musical notation, on top of reading the lyrics, and only the most familiar songs are attempted. (Even those who can read musical notes might be at an occasional loss in our 10:45 Contemporary service, where we rarely have musical notation to follow!) And perhaps others simply enjoy being surrounded by the music, letting the sound wash over them like a flood.

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Regardless of the reason, I still encourage you to try to sing. If the music itself seems hard to follow, speak the words only, without musical pitch—sound the words out and let their meaning and power come off your lips. Take the bulletin home and study words of the sung liturgy or read the lyrics of songs from the Contemporary service. Come into the sanctuary or chapel at a time other than worship, open a hymnal and sing something familiar from it. (Believe me, when the main sanctuary is nearly empty, all singing voices sound wonderful! Personally, I love to practice singing the liturgy in the nave when no one else is there because the acoustics are so tremendous. It's kind of like singing in the shower—and don't we all just sound great in there?)

I cannot demand that a non-singer sing, but I can encourage the non-singer to find simple ways to incorporate our music into their lives. In fact, the composer of the lyrics for "How Can I Keep From Singing?" understood that our very lives **are** song. The first verse goes like this:

*My life goes on in endless song above earth's lamentations,
I hear the real, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.*

Our God has created us to give him praise, both now and in the everlasting kingdom to come. One wonderful way to give praise is through music. May you and I allow that love most high to draw song out of each one of us, and thus give God glory.

The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group invites you the third Sunday of every month in Room 232-234 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Books chosen through December 2009 are:

July 19: "**Hershey**", by Michael D'Antonia

August 16: "**The Book Thief**", by Zusak

September 20: "**The Soloist**", by Robert Lopez

October 18: One Book, One Community selection – to be determined

November 15: "**The Woman Behind the New Deal**", by Kirstin Downey

December 13: "**The Zookeeper's Wife**", by Diane Ackerman

Women of Trinity Elects New Officers

The Women of Trinity recently elected and installed new officers and board members at its spring general meeting.

Serving 2009-2010 are: Connie Dollase, president; Linda Penny, vice president; Donna Roberts, secretary; Jane Hess, treasurer; Pat Eby, advisor; Julie Evanish, historian; Kathy Powers and Charlotte Lazarchik, membership; Kim Shindle, publicity; Bunny Armstrong and Joy Snyder, education and Joan Gamber, Frey Village representative.

Chairs for the following Christian Service Committees are: Elizabeth Winters and Lois Tress, 24-Hour Prayer Vigil; Marla Peters, Card Ministry; Margaret Parker and Zandra Bishop, Hospitality; Ruth Bertovich, Intercessory Prayer; Kay Range, Prayer Shawl Ministry; Carolyn Jones and Pat Eby, Project Sewing; Fran Jacobs and Gloria Zerbe, School Kits; Mel Robertson and Shirley Zellner, Special Concerns; and Joyce Gustavson, Visitation Ministry.

The next Women of Trinity general meeting will be held September 16.

Our Hospitalized and At-Home Members

Our hospitalized and at-home members are listed in the Narthex and Gathering Space. Your prayers, cards and visits to them are invited so that Christ may be glorified by the manner in which His people care for each other.

Attention all Bowlers

There are exciting changes coming to the Trinity Camp Hill Kingpins Bowling League!!! For starters, we have changed venues for the 2009-2010 season. We will be bowling at ABC West lanes. In addition to this change, we are moving nights. Bowling will now be Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. With all these exciting changes, bowling spots are sure to fill fast. The format is still doubles which means everyone is home by 8:30 p.m. For more information, or to reserve a spot please contact Lisa Wolf at 572-0267 or e-mail lee5472w@hotmail.com.

Annual Fall Camping Weekend

September 25-27, 2009

Please contact Dan & Lyn Reed to reserve your site:
938-5589 or dreed927@aol.com

YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG (youth group) season has officially drawn to a close. The SUMMER YG CALENDAR is now out and dates are set for the fall. Wow, this YG season went really fast, and the summer is jam packed with three pool parties, Confirmation Camp and the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. It should all be awesome! Just so you are in the know, here is an overview of what we did in the month of May. The month of May provided a fitting close to the YG season. We were set to begin with a bang with two YG events in one weekend and then the rains came. Both our YG CAR WASH as well as our SR. HIGH MINI-GOLF outing were rained out on the first weekend. Never had to cancel two YG events in a row because of rain, so this was a first. And what a bummer it was to do this. The weather just did not cooperate at all. We had better luck two weeks later with our last YG NITE for the season. We needed the weather to be better on this night since we have traditionally gone outside for the last two YG NITES every year. Our second YG NITE was rained out just last month, so it was great to see blue skies in the weather forecast. We ate pizza, played large group games outside, and closed down the NITE with candle prayer back inside. Lots of fun, faith and fellowship were had by all. We finished the month and season with our YG FIESTA NITE. This event turned out to be a success. Around 35 YG and advisors came out to work at the event. And around 120 church members, family and friends came out for a great Mexican meal and to support our YG. Some of the YG members even provided musical offerings throughout the dinner which was awesome! We will do that again! All and all, it was definitely one of the smoothest YG dinners to date, which surprised the advisors and me. We were able to raise just over \$700 to go toward the ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING in New Orleans this July. This event went from being one that we were not to sure about to a welcome addition to our YG yearly calendar.

I'd like to take this time to thank everyone for coming out to the various YG FUNDRAISERS this year in support of our youth attending the Gathering. We were able to raise much needed monies to help with this trip. If you'd still like to give in support of this trip, please make your checks out to TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH and write "NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING" in the memo line. Thank you for your support! And there you have it, the month of May. With that said, I must get back to work; a lot of planning still needs to be done.

Yours in Christ,

Peter A. Fox

Youth Ministry Director

Trinity, Camp Hill Staff Assumes Care for Trinity, Harrisburg

When their pastor retired, Trinity Lutheran Church in south Harrisburg reached out to our staff to provide pastoral care for their members. Pastor Hardy and Pastors Brock and Easton, Vicar Cheri and AIM Judy Collins worked with Synod Secretary, Tom McKee and reached an agreement to care for the congregation for one year. During this year, Trinity, Harrisburg will work with the synod to determine the future direction of their ministry. Our staff involvement will take minimal time due to the small membership of Trinity, Harrisburg. Bishop Edmiston will serve as the coordinating pastor for preaching at their Sunday worship, hospital visits, home-bound member visits, funerals and other pastoral needs. Let us pray for our sister congregation as they discern their future.

Guy Edmiston

"Men's Third Saturday" Returns!

"Who are we and what do we believe" is back by popular demand.

Men's Third Saturday will start again on October 17, 2009 and then again on November 21. The sessions will break for the Thanksgiving/Christmas holidays, and then start again in 2010 on January 16. The February date is 20, followed by March 20 and end on April 17.

The format will be the same; we meet in the Library for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and our sessions will start at 9:00 and end at 10:00 a.m. No need to sign up, just show up and enjoy the food and the gathering. More details about the subject contents and when each leader will present his subject will be in a later **Parish** article.

Our leaders will be: Jack Bush, Christopher Couch, Roger Smith, Craig Staller and Bill Stotler.

If you have any questions about "Third Saturday" contact George Enney at 737-4115 or georgebeckyenney@yahoo.com.

What we obtain too cheaply, we esteem too lightly; it is dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods, and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated.

-Thomas Paine

Trinity Prayer Concerns

Heavenly Father,

We love you, O God, and rejoice in the knowledge that your love for us is eternal and beyond all measure! Help us, through Thy Word and with the power of Thy Holy Spirit, to live as Christians, dedicating ourselves to Thy Will and to one another.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Galatians 6:9-10.

Holy Father, give us stout hearts to bear our own burdens; give us willing hearts to bear the burdens of others; and give us believing hearts to cast all of our burdens upon Thee.

As we join together to celebrate our Independence Day, let us be respectful of those who willingly sacrificed their all so that we might live as a FREE PEOPLE! Help us, O God, to shine as a beacon of hope to others; let our words reveal our hearts, and let our actions mirror Thy Love for all creation!

We give thanks for our pastors, our teachers, and our volunteers; we give thanks for our choirs and our Faith X Band; and we give thanks to you, O God, for our church---a place where we can join together, without fear, in Christian love, fellowship, and worship!

We pray for all those who are in need of your healing power; especially, the sick, the poor, the abused, the neglected, the imprisoned, and the spiritually lost....if it be Thy Will, Heavenly Father, restore them to wholeness, hope, and service!

We pray these things in the name of Your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

New Members Received Welcome to the Trinity Family

The following new members were received into membership Sunday, May 31, 2009: Alison Cope; Michael, Lynn, Christopher, Steven and Johnathan DeSantis; Sara Feichtel; Roger and Joyce Gustavson; Jim, Jennifer, Maxwell and Alicia Hahn; Anthony Henery; Paul and Jacquelyn Johnston; Susan, Scott and Faith Kwiatkowski; Randall and Nancy Moore; Thelma Nuttall; Megan Orth and Clark Smith; Kathy and Nathan Sauter; William, Andrea, Dillon, Dalton and Saigen Stauffer; Sharon Twomey, Laryssa and Holden Van Lieu; Alexis Vogel; David, Betti, Marteen and Maggie Witmer.

A Faith-Inspired Vision of Health Care – An Overview

In June 2008 a diverse gathering of faith leaders met to define the religious community's distinct vision for and role in national and state conversations about health care reform. They established that the faith community's primary role is to transform the conversation from an economic debate to a moral dialogue. They also developed ***A Faith-Inspired Vision of Health Care***, which asserts that as people of faith, we envision a society where each person is afforded health, wholeness and human dignity, through a health care system that is:

Inclusive – Health care is a shared responsibility grounded in our common humanity;

Accessible – Health care must contribute to the common good by being affordable for individuals, families and society as a whole;

Affordable - All persons should have access to health services that provide necessary care and contribute to wellness; and

Accountable - Our system must offer a quality, equitable and sustainable means of keeping us healthy as individuals and communities.

The effort has shifted to calling for religious bodies, organizations and individuals to communicate our faith-inspired vision to our representatives in Congress as they prepare to address health care. Because Congress has committed itself to enacting health reform this year – perhaps as early as July – it is especially important that people of faith not stand on the sidelines any longer. Now is the time to speak. We can be in communication with our senators – Arlen Specter and Robert Casey – telling them of our experiences with the health care system and urging them to enact reform that is inclusive, assessable, affordable, and accountable. To endorse the faith vision described above and to find an outline for letters to both senators, go to www.pachurchesadvocacy.org and click on “Health Care” under the “Issues” link. Taken from ELCA “*Carings & Sharings*” e-newsletter.

Parish Ministry Committee

Summer Sundaes Concerts

Sunday, July 26 & Sunday, August 23

6:30—7:30 p.m.

Outdoors on church grounds.

Contemporary Christian Music performed by **FaithX**.

Bring your friends and lawn chairs
and join us for a relaxing summer evening.

Free Ice Cream Sundaes!!

Letters to Trinity

Donna Sprowls, Editor, *Trinity Parish*

Dear Donna Sprowls:

I write this note of appreciation for sending *Trinity Parish* to me ever since I moved from Camp Hill almost 15 years ago. I enjoy looking for familiar names and do find some. Trinity was one of my memorable experiences as I helped pastorally a number of times beginning the first Sunday of January, 1989,

I never expected to live in Massachusetts but, following my family, moved from Connecticut several months ago. All of my family now lives in MA: two daughters, a son-in-law, three grandchildren and their spouses, nine great-grandchildren.

Fortunately, at age 91, I am still able to live with reasonable independence. It is a time of life when I look back in appreciation and forward in anticipation.

Sincerely,

(Rev.) Harold Haas
 88 Masonic Home Road, T-205
 Charlton, MA 01507
 (508) 434-2880

Dear Trinity,

Thanks to the caring people at Trinity during my hospitalization. The cards, flowers, beautiful prayer shawl and visits from Vicar Cheri were greatly appreciated.

Christian Love,

Gladys Laubenstine

Dear Trinity,

Thank you to the many caring and loving people of Trinity Congregation for your thoughts and prayers during my recent stay at Holy Spirit Hospital and Messiah Village. Special thanks go to Vicar Cheri for her visits, to Pat Eby who stayed with me two afternoons and gave me such encouragement during the first sessions of walking and Physical Therapy, to Joann Fetrow who spent several of her lunch times with me, to Jean and Bob Zimmerman, who gave up a Saturday morning trying to teach me how to work “the torture machine”, to Mel Robertson who brought me the most delicious lunch, to The Women of Trinity for the beautiful Prayer Shawl and most especially to my brother and his wife, George and Charlotte Wirt, who have always been there for me and without whom I wouldn’t have healed as well. What a joy it is to be associated with Trinity Lutheran Church.

In God’s Love,

Judy Messinger

Dear Fellow Members of Trinity,

Our entire family has been profoundly touched for the loving embrace and kindness shown throughout Jean’s illness. Flowers, cards, memorial gifts ..., stories of remembrances by the hundreds ..., both fun and poignant bring joy to our souls ... and to Jean’s!

Hans Romberger

Dear Trinity,

I wanted to thank all the members of Trinity for their prayers and cards during my recent hospitalization. I am especially grateful for the prayer shawl, the flowers, and the visits from Vicar Cheri and Pastor Brock. My mother, Karen, and I are both so very touched to be part of such a loving and caring church family.

Warmly,

Rachel Wright

Dear Trinity,

We wish to thank all members of Trinity who have helped us with transportation, sent us beautiful cards and altar flowers. Also, we look forward to our monthly visits from Pastor Edmiston.

Sincerely,

Allan and Mary Hull

July Birthdays

Homebound Members

- July 2 **William Baker**
 302 East Coover Street
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- July 14 **Mary Jane Setzer**
 3600 Logan Court, Unit 1-A
 Camp Hill, PA 17011
- July 17 **Kathleen Smith**
 5225 Wilson Lane, Assisted Living 102
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- July 20 **Adele Weltmer**
 1212 Yverdon Drive
 Camp Hill, PA 17011
- July 31 **Katherine Beck**
 3605 Kohler Place, Unit 7
 Camp Hill, PA 17011

Staff

- July 3 **Cindy Hammond**
- July 15 **Tim Koch**

Women of Trinity Collect Supplies for School Kits

Many children around the world are unable to attend school unless they have the required supplies. That's why Women of Trinity members Fran Jacobs and Gloria Zerbe have made it their mission for the last four years to increase the number of School Kits collected by Trinity for the Lutheran World Relief. And they've been successful in doing so.

Jacobs says she and Zerbe have challenged themselves to collecting more kits each year. The first year they chaired this committee Trinity sent 96 kits, the second year, 106 kits and last year, 167 kits were donated.

Zerbe, a retired teacher, says this mission is special to her because she knows how important education is. Many children around the world are unable to attend school unless they have the required school supplies. "I know we're helping children in other countries and in areas in our country who have been affected by catastrophic events," she says.

Jacobs coordinates the collection of school supplies, while Zerbe coordinates the sewing of the bags needed for the supplies. The Project Sewing Committee helps assemble the kits prior to shipping them to Lutheran World Relief.

Known to scour local stores for bargains on school supplies, Jacobs has also successfully gained financial contributions from Giant, Wal-Mart and Wegmans to purchase additional supplies for this endeavor.

Trinity members are encouraged to bring the following school kit items to the Gathering Space collection closet and place in the box marked "School Kits" by August 30.

Items needed for each school kit should be new and include:

- Padded or spiral notebooks of ruled paper approximately 8 1/2" x 11" totaling 150 to 200 sheets; do not include loose leaf paper
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- One pencil sharpener
- One 30 centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One eraser approximately 2 1/2 inches long
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors.

Previous donations of pencils have resulted in a surplus. Cash donations are also needed to pay to ship the kits overseas. Please make checks payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church" and mark the memo area "School Kits." Women of Trinity thank everyone who continues to generously support this project.



Photo cutline: Last year with your help, Women of Trinity sent 167 school kits to Lutheran World Relief. Assembling the kits were (l-r): Carolyn Jones, Fran Jacobs, Gloria Zerbe, Janet Williamson, Kathy Powers and Hannah Wood.

Weekly Prayer List

June 28-July 4: George and Christine Geisler; Lisa, Jacob, Lyndsay, and Jaxon Geisel; Dennis and Julie Geib; June Geede; Bradley, Pamela, and Katelynn Gebhart; Frances Gault; Edwin and Marlene Gates; Terry and Virginia Gardner; Michael, Jenny, and Kalina Gardner. **July 5-11:** Pat, Patty, Alex, Ryan, and Amanda Garber; Iona Garber; Ashley Garbacik; Stuart, Amy, and Allison Gansell; Frank and Gerry Gamber; Sam and Joan Gamber; Matthew and Ian Gamber; Jennifer Gallagher. **July 12-18:** Fran Gable; Jana Furst; Michael, Susanne, and Chase Funk; Adam Frymoyer; Bob and Holly Frymoyer; Edward and Doris Frye. **July 19-25:** Roger, Sharon, Ashley, and Jaime Fry; Michael Fry; Kimberly Fry; Kenneth, Susan, and Andrew Fry; Gordon Fry; Anne Fry; Ann Fry; Natalie Froehlich. **July 26-August 1:** Zachary and Katelyn Frock; Shelly Frock; Jamie Frizzi; Terry Frizell; Justin Frick; Dennis Frick; Charles Frey; Roland and Josephine Freund.

VISIT TO OUR WEBSITE: Someone from Kingston, Jamaica was searching for the phrase "children stories about worship" and was led to the Contemporary Worship children's stories that we have been posting on the site starting in 2005 and visited eight pages, spending over seven minutes on the site.

From Your Director of Learning Ministries

Congratulations, Confirmands! You are, of course, Confirmands no more but full members of our parish. I hope you go on to do many church-member things: take classes, serve on committees, vote, and eat food at church gatherings.

I grieve with one of our Confirmands, Jake Trump, and all the Trump family over the loss of Emily. I have such clear images of Emily's bright, spirited presence. The all-too-human part of me is so sorry she is not here. But the end of the school year came, and it's appropriate for me and you to recognize and congratulate all sorts of folk. Of course there are many summer activities at Trinity; hopefully you're reading the bright magenta brochures that describe Trinity's summer. But for the last several months that were the regular school year, many people came together to provide leadership and coordination of the learning ministry at Trinity. I can only thank some of them here, but I'd like to try.

The Women of Trinity have circles, which are study groups. The content of this year's study was selected by Bunny Armstrong and Lori McBride. The Lutheran Men have the annual winter retreat, coordinated this time by Jack Bush and George Enney.

Sup and Study happens mid-week twice a year for a total of ten weeks. We had a number of enthusiastic teachers and coordinators of classes this year, among them Pastor Brock, Pastor Easton, Joe Fidler, Vicar Cheri and Judy Collins. And the meals were coordinated by Joe Hunter who led an enthusiastic- dare I say zealous-group of providers.

On Sunday morning, Kelly Rice taught Toddlers and Twos, while Gerrie Reddinger coordinated the preschool teaching team 'til pretty close to the time for her to give birth.

The Sunday morning rotation classes were coordinated by Mary Alin Lubold, Amy Czyzyk, and Sandra Yuen. This program serves our kindergartners through fifth-graders with many folk taking turns as teachers and shepherds. It is actually a most active and complex Sunday learning program.

Amy Koch provides music for children in rotation, preschool, and Toddlers and Twos. Amy provides this leadership not because of her job as Director of Children's Choirs but out of her giving as a member of our church.

The Middle School Class is led by Joyce Roy and Jayme Cashman. This is a fun class to visit. Jayme and Joyce moderate the class with thought and care, and the middle-schoolers are, you know, middle-schoolers. Delightful, frenetic, insightful.

This was a Secret Church year for the middle-schoolers. And we have Becky Enney, Pastor Brock, and Jim Fox to thank for providing that special experience. What is Secret Church? Well, it's a secret.

Affirmation of Baptism was coordinated by Pastor Brock with the assistance of Kathy Brunie. This year there were roughly thirty confirmands with many presenters, mentors, discussions, and activities to help the confirmands on their way.

The Senior High Class was led by Lori Anne McBride and sometimes by me. The group discussed much and should buy stock in Entenmann's.

Our adult classes meet year-round and are coordinated and led by a group that includes Jack Bush and a team of teachers for the Bible Study Class, Fred Bohls, Craig Staller, and Doug Bonsall. There were several Special Topics Classes that met on Sunday morning as well, given by a variety of members of and visitors to Trinity.

There are other programs within the learning ministry at Trinity. I'll mention two. Trinity Preschool Playgroup has been in operation for well over thirty years. Currently, close to a hundred children attend each year. There is a teaching staff of ten, and Heather Rose serves as the director. This is a program of our church that has wonderful and strong word-of-mouth recognition and support in the community too.

Our library is a ministry at Trinity and part of the learning ministry. A dedicated staff of Trinity members meets weekly to add new works to our collection, cull out the no-longer-used, and generally keep the library in accessible and relevant shape. The fact that we have a library of substance and variety may ironically go missed by many. But it's an impressive and successful resource. And also the most comfortable room in the church!

My thanks for the programs but especially for the persons who make the programs happen. There would be so much more to tell, but I'll stop here-offering gratitude to you all, leaders in learning ministry (named and unnamed here) and everyone in the parish, with prayers for a beautiful summer.

Christopher

VISIT TO OUR WEBSITE: Someone from Hiawatha, Iowa was searching for the phrase "elca churches devotionals", was led to our Devotions page and visited a total of 21 pages and spent over ten minutes on the site.

Koinonia Alert

Koinonia has been an active small group ministry within Trinity since the mid 1970's. Koinonia is a Greek word translated to fellowship or community and related to communal participation as followers of Christ Jesus.

In the early church, the apostles, as active witnesses to the risen Lord, invited others into this fellowship as joint heirs or disciples sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Even into this century, Koinonia fellowship remains an active ministry of Christian believers. Recently, the Education Ministry Committee has begun a commitment to revitalize and expand this program, encouraging members to form new groups. Our initial Koinonia Rally was held this past April, with our primary purpose to enlighten our members to consider getting involved and to take inventory of active groups.

A Koinonia fellowship group should consist of eight to 12 members and normally meet in a home. Current groups either meet once to twice monthly. Once you join a group, it is strongly urged that you commit for the long term and are loyal to the group. This assures close bonding in order to develop trust in sharing your highs and lows, as well as developing a sincere caring support community. Most groups also introduce topical and Bible based studies. A Koinonia group is strongly encouraged to hold a time frame of two hour meetings.

There are no assigned leaders, as the group becomes a joint ownership. The primary rewards of a well structured Koinonia group are the bonding together in a faith centered setting that reinforces each others spiritual growth. A Koinonia community is seriously committed to assure that things shared remain within the group.

Education Ministry will hold another rally in the near future with the primary purpose to give support to Trinity's existing groups and to help newly formed groups get started and to help place others into groups.

More information will be forthcoming. If you have questions or comments in the meantime, you are encouraged to contact Christopher Couch (office 737-9921, ext 228), Kathy Powers (761-2907) or Jack Bush (763-0494).

MasterBuilders Steak & Corn Roast

Men, make plans to join Trinity's MasterBuilders for the annual Steak & Corn Roast. This is an event that you should not miss. It will be held on Friday, August 14 beginning at 3:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

We have a new location for our event, the East Pennsboro's Addam Ricci Park. The park is across from the East Pennsboro Post Office. Look for Pavilion #18.

Here is a suggestion...Invite your sons and grandsons to join you or invite a friend. They will have a terrific time.

Our meal includes a charcoal grilled steak, all the corn on the cob you can eat, ice cream and beverages. The cost is only \$12.00 and young men under 12, \$6.00.

The afternoon activities include corn husking, bocce ball, horseshoes and softball. There are also basketball and volleyball courts – or maybe you would just like to relax and enjoy a card game or stimulating conversation.

Our MasterBuilders will also hold its "Third, First Annual Golf Tournament" (or is it the Fourth) at the Rich Valley Golf Course that afternoon. We have ten tee times scheduled so at this time we are limited to the first 40 golfers. We'll begin at 12:00 noon and you will arrive at the park in time for dinner. The cost for the tournament is \$30.00 which includes cart and prizes.

Our day will conclude with a brief Vesper Worship Service. This promises to be a very memorable occasion where you can enjoy bonding with your Christian brothers of Trinity.

Our outing is close by this year to allow the guys who work to join us for dinner and be able to get home at early evening avoiding a long ride, as in the past.

Reservations may be made after Sunday worship services on July 26 or August 7 in the Gathering Space. There will also be a sign-up poster available in the Gathering Space so you can sign up anytime. The deadline is August 8!

Need more information? Call Joe Fidler or e-mail him at joefidler@fidlerpartners.com.

VISIT TO OUR WEBSITE: Someone from Baku, Azerbaijan was searching for the phrase "martin luther a simple way to pray, for a good friend", was led to our Devotions page and visited a total of five pages, spending a little over four minutes on the site.

Artist of the Month
Joanna E. Buck

My biography is not remarkable – in fact it’s rather dull. The only statement I can truthfully make is that I have loved art and nature all of my life. I would hope that I shared this love with my students. I taught art for thirty-nine years in the West Perry School District.

Now, with no obligation to collect a salary my life is governed by art, my garden and my animals, an ideal life. I do not travel.

I attended Lebanon Catholic High School, Lebanon, and earned bachelors and masters degrees at Kutztown. I owe success I may have had to the encouragement and support of my aunt – to learn all I could about art, to love reading, to go to college. What would I have done otherwise?

Currently I work mostly painting in oils and drawing in pencil. It’s amazing what can be done with a simple pencil. On occasion I do water-color or decorative furniture.

I do art work for the church (my paintings have found their way to Africa!) and for the Legislative Initiative against the Death Penalty – mostly illustrated lectures on innocent victims throughout history.

Blood Bank News

Here are the results! Trinity and its terrific donors didn’t let me down completely! On May 17 we added 20 pints of blood to the Central PA Blood Bank, plus seven more given at the hospitals soon after that date. Thanks to all that donated at church, plus the many who donate at the hospitals, donor centers, or Community Blood Drives. As of May 31, Trinity has donated 97 units, which is just under what we had this time last year.

On May 13, I attended the annual dinner held for CPBB Donor Chairmen, as well as persons reaching certain levels of giving (10 units, 25, 50, 75, 100, etc.). I am always so proud to be able to brag about how great Trinity did in the past year, and how we are continuing to **break the bank!** Thanks again to everyone for helping me look good!

Jeanie Bentzel

Thank You!

The Women of Trinity wish to thank our members and the entire congregation for the participation and the generosity shown for our various projects. We all have lots of places for our money to go, but this congregation, as Disciples of Christ, shares their blessings with those in need.

When we asked for donations in the fall for the Church World Service Blanket Program, you donated more than \$2,800 for this program. When we asked for hats and scarves for the homeless children in the Harrisburg School District, you gave us 247 items to help them keep warm. When we recently asked for health kit items for Lutheran World Relief, you donated enough items to make 59 kits for distribution to those in need around the world and to flood victims in the Midwest.

We asked the women in the congregation last fall to place a small monetary token in a box when they felt blessed; \$872 was received as of May 27. This money will go to the Allison Hill Fund which funds eleven faith based groups that do societal ministries in the Allison Hill area. Allison Hill is the biggest pocket of poverty in Pennsylvania outside the cities of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. I am sure that they will be as pleased to receive these funds as the women were to give them. If we take the time to think about it, we all have so much to be thankful for.

Soon we will again be asking for donations. This time for school supplies to make school kits for distribution by Lutheran World Relief. I know you will be generous. We made 167 kits last year and the ladies have more than 250 book bags made ready for the supplies. We thank you in advance for your donations

Your caring spirit is what makes Trinity a wonderful place to call home. Thank you all for your generosity.

Pat Eby

Past President of Women of Trinity

Our Vicar is Leaving

Many thanks to all who have supported me in my internship project this past year. The Prayer labyrinth should be finished by the time this newsletter is in your hands. By the grace of God, we reached our goal and were able to proceed.

It is my hope and prayer that many of you will take the time to walk over to Willow Park and Mount Calvary Episcopal Church on 25th Street right off of Market. There you can enjoy the labyrinth at your leisure and experience, for yourself, the powerful activity of God.

May the Holy Spirit be present in your lives as you continue to serve God in the church, the community and the world.

Blessings,

Vicar Cheri Korte

The Boundaries Class (pictured at right) enjoyed a visit from novelist Tom Bailey, author of *The Grace That Keeps This World*. A novel about contemporary living in the wild, isolated parts of New York's Adirondacks, it is a story whose themes are family, loss, brokenness and the tries we make at reconciliation. The novel is going to be made into a movie.



Flanked by the King and Queen of Mardi Gras, Jacque Rucker, Christian Churches United Executive Director, accepts a check for \$5, 359.42 from the event for HELP Ministries.

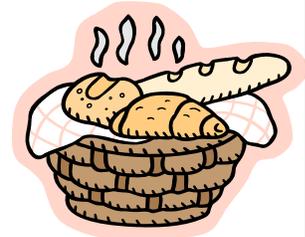
Trinity's MasterBuilders is Looking for a Few Good Men

Many of our Trinity younger children live in single homes with moms and don't have father figures in their lives.

We can help provide that support through our men teaching these children during Sunday school and Vacation Bible School.

If interested in helping in these areas, please call Chris Lubold at 728-9203.

**Prison Action Committee of Christian Churches United
Invites You to Attend Community Connectins Breakfasts
Inmates of Work Release, Transitional and Pre-release Programs
Men and Women!**



**2009
Join us for Breakfast, Prayers, Inspiration and Information**

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**Participants will be picked up at 8:30 a.m.,
and back before 11:00 a.m.**

There is no cost!

Contact Roberta Smith at 761-0519 or e-mail at rosethorn3737@comcast.net

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| July 18 | Living Waters Community Church, 206 Oakleigh Ave., Hbg |
| August 22 | Faith Refuge Church, 1016 North 17th Street, Hbg |
| September 26 | Locust Lane Mennonite Chapel, Edgemont |
| October 24 | Wesley Union AME Zion, 5 th and Camp Streets, Hbg |



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COMING SOON!
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Member Business Directory

In an effort to learn more about our church community and provide a resource for those in need of services of all kinds, we are developing a member business directory.

This will be a listing of businesses and/or services provided by members of Trinity that will appear under specific categories, i.e., "Accounting," "Housecleaning," "Landscaping," etc. When completed in early September, the directory will be available in print and online. If you have a business or service you would like to include, complete the form below and return it to the church office or submit the information by email to judy.collins@trinitycamphill.org by Monday, August 3.

MEMBER BUSINESS DIRECTORY

TYPE OF BUSINESS _____

NAME OF BUSINESS/SERVICE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

TRINITY MEMBER (AFFILIATED WITH BUSINESS/SERVICE) _____