

Trinity Parish

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

Bread Sunday – August 2

Bread Sunday is August 2. Congregation members are invited to bake the breads of their choice, wrap and bring them for sale that Sunday. The ELCA World Hunger Appeal will receive all monetary donations from the sale. Persons wishing to participate in a bread-baking group on the morning of Friday, July 31, in the Trinity kitchen, should contact Craig Staller at 921-1957 or c.staller@verizon.net. Additional donations can be made with the World Hunger envelope in the August bulletin.

Just how does our contribution make a difference? In Boone County, West Virginia, Jennifer Massey and her neighbors began to experience unusual illnesses. They discovered significant contamination in the community's primary water source – contamination linked to nearby mining activity. As many of Jennifer's neighbors began to suffer adverse health effects, she lost her 29-year-old brother to an illness believed to be caused by the contamination.

Community Lutheran Partners, Inc. (CLP) – a social ministry organization supported by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger – worked with Jennifer to organize "Water Weekend." CLP provided 2,000 gallons of safe drinking water for Jennifer's community. Jennifer coordinated local efforts to assemble two public panel presentations. One discussed the importance of safe water, and another spoke about personal experiences with water contamination. After the presentations, groups of CLP volunteers and community members went door-to-door delivering water and educational pamphlets about the importance of safe water. "Although the 2,000 gallons of water was a wonderful form of relief," Jennifer said, "in my opinion the greatest thing that came of ... 'Water Weekend' was knowledge."

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger help support Community Lutheran Partners, Inc. and many other ministries like it through the ELCA Domestic Hunger Grants Program.

Craig Staller

You're invited to Trinity's **FINAL FREE**

Summer Sundae Concert

Sunday, August 23

Adult and kid games: 5:00 p.m.

FREE PICNIC: 5:30 p.m.

Concert: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
outdoors on church grounds

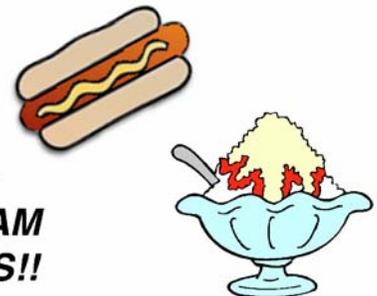


Contemporary
Christian
Music
performed by
FaithX

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

*Picnic & concert held indoors in the event
of inclement weather.*

**FREE
PICNIC &
ICE CREAM
SUNDAES!!**



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."

Birthdays

Homebound Members

August 1	Jan Hassinger 506 Joyce Road Camp Hill, PA 17011
August 4	Carol Keesee 1901 North 5 th St—Room 3 M 1 Harrisburg, PA 17102
August 13	Jacob Fischer 3604 Franklin Avenue Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
August 17	Ralph Kennedy 212 North 21 st St Camp Hill, PA 17011
August 28	Ed Beck 770 Poplar Church Rd—Room 1334 Camp Hill, PA 17011

Staff

August 6 **Paul Hensel**

Trinity Parish Deadline

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

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STAFF NOTES

Let the River Flow II

Let the River Flow II was an outstanding four day event for large congregations of the ELCA. This conference took place June 15-18 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Burnsville, MN. Debbie Wilson, Director of Contemporary Music, Judy Collins, Spiritual Gifts Coordinator, and Associate Pastor John Brock were able to attend. The schedule included worship, bible studies, workshops, entertainment, displays, wellness breaks, food and fellowship for over 600 participants.

Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson, led the first bible study and preached at closing worship. Other keynote speakers included: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Bouman, Executive Director for Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission of the ELCA; Dr. Diana Butler Bass, author, speaker and scholar specializing in American religion and culture; The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale, founder and senior pastor of Ray of Hope Christian Church in Decatur, GA; The Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba, Director of African National Ministries in the ELCA; and Mark Mittelberg, author and evangelist.

Judy participated in workshops which focused on Visitor's First Impression, Young Women's Ministry, Volunteers, Congregational Generosity and Generational Strategy. Debbie was a part of workshops about Strategic Planning, Visioning, Maximizing Worship Ministry, and Fellowship Through Food, while Pastor Brock's workshops included Second Campus Churches, Can Latinos be Lutheran, Ministry with Young Adults, Contemporary Religion in American Life, and Radical Welcome.

Overall, we found that other ELCA churches like Trinity are discussing and working on the same issues that we are – issues like:

- *Where are we headed in the next 10-15 years?*
- *How do we most effectively minister not just to those within our church, but also to those outside our church to further the kingdom of God?*
- *How can we reach out to people in today's culture and our own context while preserving connections to our history and traditions?*

It's quite humbling, inspiring and exciting to be part of this very-alive, local/national/global church as God sends us forward.

The three of us would like to thank the Administration and Personnel Committee and congregation for the opportunity to attend this conference and meet so many gifted leaders throughout the church. We will spend several months as we continue to process all the information and share in detail what has been gathered.

Judy Collins
Debra Wilson
The Reverend John H. Brock

Adult Forum – Sunday, August 30, 2009 @ 9:30 a.m. – Room 232-234. Feeling Welcome from pages 18-24 of the July 2009 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine. As our nation becomes more racially and ethnically diverse, the ELCA is working to achieve its goal of growing into a multicultural church. This has proved to be a long, slow and difficult process for most Lutheran congregations. If you don't have access to the articles and study guide (either in print or on-line), please contact class coordinators Craig Staller or Doug Bonsall at 921-1957.

Financial and Estate Planning Seminars to be offered as part of the fall Sup and Study and during the Christian Education hour. **PLAN TO ATTEND.** Details forthcoming in the September edition of *Trinity Parish*.

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:

- 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

Annual Fall Camping Weekend

September 25-27, 2009

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

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.

Parish Ministry Spotlight

What is the Meal Ministry?

It is a ministry of the Parish Ministry Committee that provides for family and friends to gather at the church for a meal to celebrate the life of a loved one following a funeral or memorial service.

God gives each of us the ability to serve in special ways. For some it means visible service, for others it's behind the scenes. While our Meal Ministry volunteers are not behind the scenes to those who receive their loving support during a time of need, I am sure many aren't aware of this ministry unless they have been a guest. Sometimes we are addressed as the Women of Trinity. This ministry, one of the largest groups of Parish Ministry volunteers, consists of both men and women. We welcome all who would like to help us in serving through this ministry.

When there is a request for a meal we always have willing volunteers, whether it is a week day, weekend or around a holiday. Everything must be completed within a few days from the time we receive the request – starting with consulting the family of the deceased by Karen Appel, Meal Coordinator to determine time, approximate number of guests and type of meal desired. Our Telephone Coordinator, Jo-an Eckert must get busy right away calling volunteers for set up, serving and clean-up.

A meal was hosted last December 23 and Karen reported "in spite of very busy schedules, Jo-an mustered up eight people and everything went well. But none of us lingered in the kitchen that day. We all dashed home to continue with our own preparations for the holiday." Karen also commented "if the volunteers are told to be there by 10:45 they will be there by 10:30 a.m. Bless their hearts; they take pride in what they do."

Thank you to Karen for her guidance in the planning, arranging and getting the various foods and beverages and to all our volunteers for their attention to every detail; attractive table setting with tablecloths and flowers, and graciously serving the guests with smiles and kind words. I wish I could mention all our volunteers here but the list is very long.

Donna V. Sprowls
Chair, Parish Ministry

Alzheimer's Support Group
will meet Wednesday, August 26, 2009,
from 7-9 p.m. in the library.

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

YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG summer is in full swing as we speak. As usual there are several YG events each month over the summer to keep the YG connected until we start back up again in the fall. No matter what time of year it is, the time is always right to get on out to YG and see what we are all about. Throughout the year, there is something YG related on almost every weekend for you to take part in. YG is a place for everyone in grades 6 – 12, so get on out to YG soon and take part in all of the faith, fun and fellowship. Just to give you a taste of what this YG SUMMER holds, here are some examples. We have three POOL PARTIES on the schedule. These are always a blast for everyone who comes out to them. Around 20 – 25 YG and advisors come out to each of them for all the food, fun and fellowship. They are always awesome! Next, we always take a few youth to the HARRISBURG AREA CONFIRMATION CAMP in June. This year we had 10 YG and two advisors in attendance for the week of learning about themselves, their faith and their baptism. This event is also great because it gives our YG kids an opportunity to make many new friends outside of their normal circles. And the biggest thing for a handful of our YG this summer is the NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING in NEW ORLEANS in July. Every three years the ELCA hosts this event which brings together about 35,000 Lutheran youth, advisors and pastors in faith and fellowship. This event is always awesome and this year promises to be no different. We are taking nine Sr. High YG and four advisors to New Orleans for this five day event. Through this event we not only get to be in fellowship with one another, but we get to serve in a city that still needs much help! We will be engaged in service to the New Orleans community throughout our experience. It will be powerful and awe-inspiring to say the very least. All of these things listed above will make for a great YG summer, and I look forward to it all. Before we know it the normal YG season will be here, but let's take some time and enjoy this fabulous summer first.

Yours in Christ,

Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director

PS - Be on the lookout in the NEXT TRINITY PARISH for an awesome article about our YG's experience at the ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING in the city of New Orleans. We will surely want to tell you all about it.

Trinity Prayer Concerns

Heavenly Father,

Blessed are we to be your children, blessed are we to live in your love and grace, blessed are we for your son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and blessed are we to have the power and the wisdom of your Holy Spirit in our world and in our daily lives!

As a congregation, help us to keep our hearts and minds open and focused on thy will, O God; help us to care for our brothers and sisters with loving hearts and steadfast hands.

Lord, we give thanks for Vicar Cheri Korte, and her ministry here at Trinity ... we lift her up to you, Father, with the comforting knowledge that her ministry will always be divinely guided, we welcome our new Vicar, Thomas Holdcraft; and pray that his time with us will be a time of shared love and spiritual growth!

Father, we ask that you might bless our men's annual golf, steak and corn roast. This is a wonderful opportunity for men and young men to join together and to share in a spirit oriented, fun-filled outing!

We pray that our last Summer Sundae Concert will be a joyous time; a song-filled time of praise to You, O God! We give thanks to the Faith X Band for bringing us all such joy through music!

Lord, let us take pause to give thanks for our members who give of their time and talents to ensure that our church activities run smoothly: Our Congregation Council, office staff, sound board operators, alter care workers, service greeters, ushers, offering assistants, flower deliverers, Garden of Eat'in hosts, grounds keepers, food preparers, librarians and receptionists.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Congratulations, Beth!

Beth Catlin, a Trinity member for almost 50 years, is highlighted in the July issue of *Reader's Digest*. The article features Beth, an autistic savant, and her incredible skill in remembering names, addresses, and birthdays. She uses this God-given talent to draw and send cards to each of the almost four-thousand names she has memorized. Those who have received one of Beth's cards tell her parents how much it means to them. Several copies of the *Reader's Digest* are available in Trinity's library. Beth was recently recognized in the Carlisle Sentinel and the Harrisburg Patriot. Congratulations, Beth, and thank you for sharing your gift with so many!



A Thank You from Newly Ordained Trinity Vicars

Friends at Trinity,

Thanks so much for the purple stole in celebration of my ordination. Nancy Martin brought it by and presented it after the ceremony. It is lovely and has a special place hanging in my closet. Every time I wear it I will remember my special time with you.

I unpacked my office and placed carefully around the room all the gifts and pictures you gave me during my year of internship. I couldn't take the smile from my face. You will always be a significant part of my ministry. What I experienced at Trinity and what I learned from you shaped me as a person and a pastor. I will always be grateful.

As I promised, here is my contact information if any of you care to write. I still have a box at the seminary until I find my own place; 61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, PA 17325. My e-mail is: revbarb.barry@gmail.com.

You are always in my prayers.

Blessings,

Rev. Barbara Barry

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I wanted to thank you for your recent honorarium to the LTSG Scholarship Fund in honor of my ordination. While traditionally Trinity has presented former vicars with a stole, I was blessed to have received a set of stoles from my home congregation and family as a graduation present. The donation to the scholarship fund made in lieu of the stole is a fitting example not only of your generosity but of your support of the broader Church. Nancy, Megan and I all appreciate the love, support and learning that we received from Trinity and take a part of you with us as we begin the next chapter in our lives of service to our Risen Lord Jesus Christ at St. Paul's Lutheran in Funkstown, MD. Again thank you all!

Peace,

Pastor Mike Louia

Letters to Trinity

Dear Friends,

I want to express my appreciation and sincere thanks to all the members of Trinity for their cards, phone calls, visits and other expressions of concern during my recent knee replacement. I especially want to thank Liz Winters and the prayer chain; Kay Range and the prayer shawl group; and Alden and Donna Amig for bringing me flowers in the hospital. I also want to thank Pastor John Brock and Vicar Cheri Korte for visiting me in the hospital. I trust I didn't miss anybody and if I did, I apologize.

It is wonderful to belong to such a caring and great congregation as Trinity Lutheran Church.

In Christian Love,

Larry Dromgold

Trinity Lutheran Church Family:

I want to thank you and the congregation for the outpouring of your prayers and thoughtfulness during my recent surgeries and recuperation. The visits in the hospital by Pastor Hardy, Pastor Brock and Vicar Cheri meant more to me than I can put into words.

The beautiful flowers from the alter that were delivered to me while I was in rehab brightened up many days.

The gift of a splendid Prayer Shawl was really touching and is very comforting. It is quite a treasure.

Thanks again for all your prayers, visits and caring gifts. Sincerely,

Howard L. Foose

Weekly Prayer List

August 2-8: Benjamin Freedenberg; William and Cindy Freed; David Freed; Cynthia Freed; Mary Jane Fredricksen; Gail, Quinn, and Cameron Frassetta; Amy, Jason, and Em Frantz; Dharla, Ryan, and Ashley Franks. **August 9-15:** Preston Fox; Peter and Laurena Fox; Jim, Margy, and Whitney Fox; Kim and Ivan Fowler; Nadine Foust; Scott Foster; Bob Foster; Jesse and Jackie Fosselman. **August 16-22:** Mitzi Fortenbaugh; Jane and Kurtis Forney; Carol and Jay Forman; Lisa, Brett, Alissa, Morgan, and Erin Ford; Joe, Jill, Kyrsten, and Kylee Ford; Neil and Mary Lou Force; Bill, Colleen, Will, and Susannah Foos. **August 23-29:** Dale Fohl; Dale and Joyce Fohl; Michael, Janet, Sarah, and Julia Fogg; Arbutus Focht; Arlene Fisher; Valerie, Spencer, and Zachary Fish; Jacob and Jacqueline Fisher; Angie Finnerty. **August 30-September 5:** Lucinda Figueiredo; Sean, Ann, Lucas and Noah Fields; Joe and Molly Fidler; Suzanne, James, and Paige Fickes; Angie Fichtner; Robert, Kathleen, Elizabeth and Jennifer Fever; Joseph, Elizabeth, Elizabeth, and Kenneth Ferrari; Robin Fero.

Guess Who's Coming To Dinner? You are!

The Trinity Fellowship Committee is forming small groups of families, couples and singles who wish to gather for dinner and conversation to get to know one another. Ideally, the families, couples, and singles in a group of seven or eight individuals do not know each other, or at least not very well. The logistics are simple, each supper club consisting of approximately eight people meet at the convenience of the group members, rotating host/houses once a month, for the months of September, October and November. The host prepares the main dish; the others bring the appetizers, side dishes or dessert.

Sign up during the month of August. The forms will be available in the bulletin and also at the receptionist desk **with a drop off box** in the Gathering Space. All participants will receive the names and contact information for members of their group by the end of August. Beginning in September, the group begins to meet for dinner and continue through November.

Small group ministries foster the growth of disciples by connecting participants to one another and strengthen relationships. Do you enjoy cooking; sharing meals with others; and/or trying new dishes? If you answered yes to any of this question, sign up for the Supper Club and try something new to get to know your faith community!

Any questions please contact Pam Easley at 766-9165 or thomasmech@aol.com.

The Lord is my Shepherd

A Sunday school teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible; Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Rick was excited about the task – but, he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

Join Women of Trinity on Facebook

Become a "Fan" of the Women of Trinity.

Women of Trinity recently established a group page on Facebook. Facebook is a popular social networking site that allows people, organizations and businesses to communicate with one another. People of all generations are finding that Facebook provides a unique opportunity to communicate with distant family members, to receive updates from groups and organizations, to reconnect with fellow high school or college graduates, and to keep in contact with a child or grandchild who's away at college.

To access the Women of Trinity Facebook page, you must have a personal page yourself. It's easy and free to sign up for a Facebook page; simply go to www.facebook.com and follow the instructions. Once you've established a personal page, you can search for other friends or become "Fans" of other organizations. For example, *The Lutheran* magazine and Camp Nawakwa (Nawakwa-The Best Place on Earth), have Facebook group pages. Once you've become a "Fan," you'll receive updates from those that you've become a fan of.

Items for School Kits are Needed

The Women of Trinity are again collecting school kit supplies for the Lutheran World Relief. Trinity members are encouraged to bring the following 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 ½" 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 ½ 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 cover shipping these kits overseas. Please make checks payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church" and mark the memo area "School Kits." Women of Trinity thanks everyone who continues to generously support this project.

Council Update – This column highlights actions and significant items of interest from the most recent meeting(s) of Trinity’s Congregation Council.

From the June 8th meeting:

- Studied “*Sunday School: It’s Not What it Used to Be*” from the May 2009 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine during opening devotions.
- Learned that the Council Executive Committee had granted permission and waived rental fees in excess of \$1 for a church youth group from Hickory, North Carolina to stay overnight at Trinity in late June during their visit to central Pennsylvania for a service project.
- Adopted a resolution stating that the Congregation Council will consider approval of up to three new financial appeals per year (in addition to existing on-going, recurring appeals) and reserved that one of the three approvals will be designated for domestic emergency disaster relief.
- Approved the appointment of a special Call Process Task Force consisting of Charles Armstrong, Craig Erdman, Barbara Kriebel, Bert Weaver and Doug Bonsall (ex officio). This task force will make a recommendation to council in the fall regarding the number of members for a Pastoral Call Committee in 2010 and the process of selecting those individuals.
- Authorized that any funds received for Vicar Cheri Korte’s labyrinth project which exceed construction costs be donated to Mt. Calvary Episcopal Church designated for ongoing maintenance of the labyrinth.
- Referred to the Strategic Planning Team a suggestion that a study and analysis of Trinity transportation requirements be made.

Announced preliminary plans for a church calendar review and leadership training event on Monday, July 13 for council members, staff and committees.

Doug Bonsall

Looking Ahead!

Trinity’s Blood Drive
Sunday, September 20
7:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Sign up on Sept. 6 & 13
in the Gathering Space.



Fall is Coming!
(don’t worry—it’s not here yet)

Sunday Church School

for all ages starts
at 9:30 a.m.,

Sunday, September 13!

*(Affirmation of Baptism
begins then, too)*

Koinonia Rally

on September 16,

7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall!

*(catching up on how groups
are doing and what we need)*

Sup and Study starts

Wednesday, September 30,

from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m!

(supper, classes, childcare)

Registration for Sunday Church School is at the door on the thirteenth; registration sign-ups for the Koinonia Rally and Sup and Study will be in the bulletin or the Gathering Space.

Questions? Contact:

Christopher Couch,

Director of Learning Ministries,
through the church office

(737-8635; christopher.couch@trinitycamphill.org)

Fulfillment

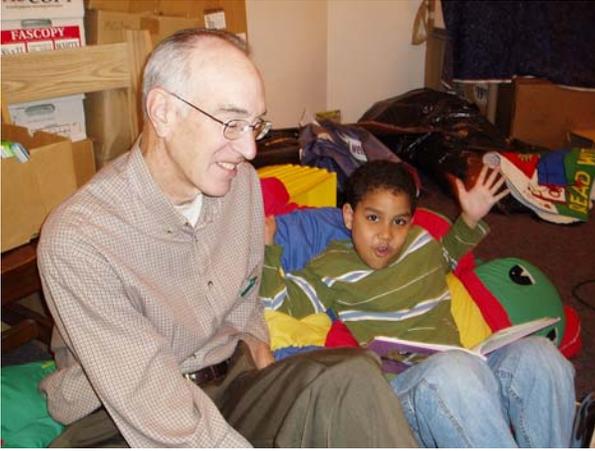
*The sun, the moon,
The ocean’s roar;
All of these I’m
Thankful for.*

*The wind, the rain,
The flowers too;
The earth below
The sky so blue.*

*I give my thanks
To the one above
Who fills my heart,
To the brim, with love.*

*All that I have,
And all that I be;
Have come,
Unfaltering from Thee.*

Kathryn L. Wolf



Bruce tutoring at Foose Elementary.



Valerie tutoring at Downey Elementary.

Mark Your Calendar

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Jennifer Rothschild Bible Study

*Fingerprints of God:
Recognizing God's Touch on Your Life*

Wednesdays at 9:30-11:30 a.m.
8 Sessions lasting from
September 9 to October 28, 2009

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

Babysitting will be available

For questions or registration
Call Judy Trissler at 774-6036 or
Bert Weaver at 697-3259

Trinity Tutors

One of the keys of discipleship is "serving in and beyond the congregation." - Michael W. Foss, *Real Faith for Real Life* (also author of *Power Surge*)

During the 2008-2009 school year, eighteen Trinity members and friends tutored second and third graders in reading and math once a week at two Harrisburg District schools -- Foose Elementary, 1301 Sycamore Street, and Downey Elementary, 1313 Monroe Street. These dedicated individuals -- retired teachers, experienced tutors and some "new" tutors -- quickly realized the children's' tremendous need for help, as well as the immeasurable sense of fulfillment they themselves received. Tutors work one-on-one with one or two children during a one-hour session, and the benefit of individual attention from a caring, interested adult proves to be invaluable. *Judy Collins*, Spiritual Gifts Coordinator, who tutored in Mrs. Burton's second grade at Foose, explained that "Mrs. Burton has already asked that *Bruce Bigelow* and I return to her class this fall. She wishes all her students could have a 'one-on-one experience' each week."

Ten of the tutors continued their efforts through the Harrisburg District's Summer School program for six weeks at Downey Elementary. All of last year's tutors have committed to return for the coming school year.

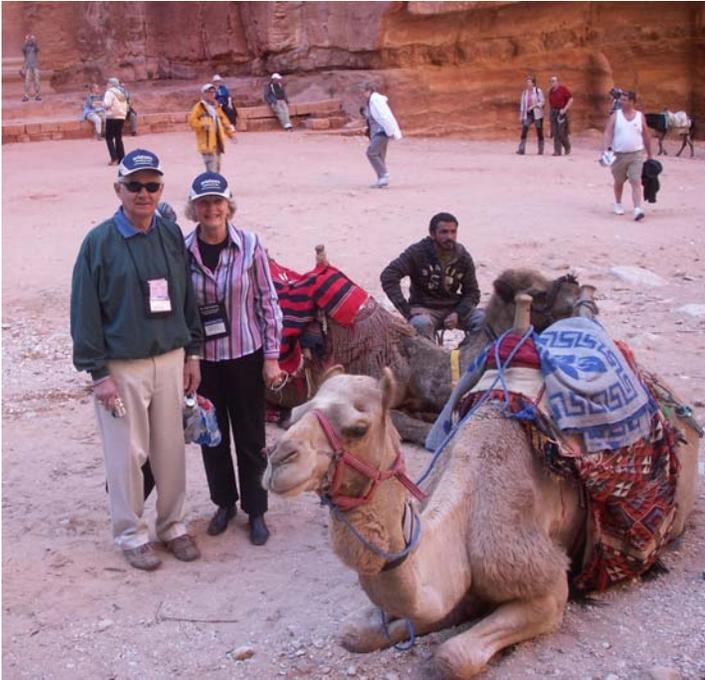
The experiences of the tutors witness to the "rewards" realized when people extend their God-given gifts and talents beyond the local church. *Valerie Sprinkle*, who retired in 2008 after 36 years of teaching, said: "I am so blessed and exhilarated when I tutor at Downey. Tutoring has revived my love and passion for teaching...I am able to connect with the children and hopefully make a difference."

Bruce Bigelow, who called himself a "novice" teacher, said: "Tutoring at Foose School was a marvelous experience...The pleasant environment and wonderful children quickly put me at ease...Please sign me up for next year." *Nicole Vangenhassend*, who also tutored at Foose, echoed this sentiment: "I could not have been better served than with my tutoring at Foose...What a great experience and what a blessing it was for me to participate."

Also a retired teacher, *Sandy Boncarosky*, explained that "the children loved to receive special attention from an adult and, in turn, made the tutor feel special too...I highly recommend this outreach activity to anyone who wants to make a difference in a child's life."

Other tutors were: *Bunny Armstrong*, *Doug Bonsall*, *Elizabeth Bush*, *Myrl Busler*, *Pastor Nancy Easton*, *Barbara Edmiston*, *Virginia Ely*, *Jane Hess*, *Jim Kriebel*, *Charlie Murray*, *Austin Towner*, *Elizabeth Winters*, and *Alicia Zelazny*.

The tutoring program operates under the auspices of the Social Ministry Committee. If you would like to participate in this rewarding ministry, contact *Doug Bonsall*, (717) 921-1957, or *Jane Hess*, (717) 612-6633, for further details.



WOT Meeting Features Holy Land Presentation

Take a Christian journey through the Holy Land with Trinity members Bunny and Chuck Armstrong as tour guides. Everyone is invited to attend the Women of Trinity's General Meeting on Wednesday, September 16, at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Armstrongs will offer a photographic presentation and display memorabilia of their trip to Israel earlier this year.

Travel Israel from border to border and visit holy sites, such as Upper and Lower Galilee where Jesus did most of his teaching, the Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, and Nazareth. And explore Cana and Sepphoris, an excavated site where Joseph is said to have worked as a carpenter, and experience historical sites in Jerusalem, including the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, and other notable points.

Those attending are asked to bring refreshments to share, such as veggie or fruit trays, finger sandwiches, crackers and cheese, pretzels or desserts. Special invited guests for the evening will be the Rev. J. Stewart and Barbara Hardy, who will be celebrated for his years of dedication to Trinity.

A brief business meeting of the Women of Trinity will follow the presentation. A new constitution and bylaws will be presented for final approval.

2009 - 2010 Senior Luncheon and Retreat Schedule

Wednesday, September 16

Noon luncheon & program

Nancy Martin - How Can I Keep from Singing

Wednesday, October 21

Day Retreat at Camp Hebron

Details in September's Trinity Parish

Wednesday, November 18

Noon luncheon & program

RJ Harris - Morning Talk show host WHP-AM

Wednesday, December 16

Fort Hunter Christmas luncheon and tour

11:00 a.m. car pool from church parking lot

Wednesday, January 20

Noon luncheon & program

Ken Collins - Covered Bridges of Lancaster County
(February 10 - snow date)

Wednesday, March 17

Noon luncheon & program

Bud Smitley - Harrisburg Senators' chaplain

Wednesday, April 21

Noon luncheon & program

Dick Porter - Rare Fossils, Minerals & Rocks

Looking to May 2010

Two-day Retreat at Camp Hebron

To be announced.

Thank You, Trinity!

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