

Trinity Parish

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church · Camp Hill, Pennsylvania · December 2011 Edition
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Pastor Hardy to Receive Pastor Emeritus Status

The Congregation Council, upon recommendation from the Administration and Personnel Committee, has unanimously voted to confer the honorary title of Pastor Emeritus to The Rev. J. Stewart Hardy. The conferral will take place at the beginning of the 10:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services on December 4. A reception will be held in Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service and everyone is encouraged to attend.

In 1991, Trinity bestowed this honor upon The Rev. Harold Haas on the 50th anniversary of his ordination and “to recognize the extraordinary contribution Pastor Haas made to this congregation as its interim pastor.”

The title “Pastor Emeritus” carries with it no responsibilities or expectations. It is simply a way for a congregation to recognize the distinguished and faithful service of a pastor to a congregation.

While Pastor Hardy isn’t preaching at Trinity these days, we give thanks that he was called to Trinity for many years to proclaim God’s Word, to baptize new members into the church, to announce forgiveness and to preside at celebrations of the Lord’s Supper. Beyond those important roles, he comforted us in times of sickness and trouble and at the death of our loved ones, shared our joys, and blessed the congregation and our community. Equally significant, Pastor Hardy challenged us to live out the Gospel mission in our daily lives and his words continue to inspire our ministries. We give thanks for the significant leadership role he played for more than two decades as our senior pastor and as an important part of the Trinity family and our history.

We hold Pastor Hardy and Barbara in our prayers and give thanks for the partnership in the gospel we have enjoyed with them.

Ephesians 4:8-13 *"When Jesus ascended to the heights, he led a parade of captives and gave gifts to his people...He is the one who gave these gifts to the church: pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ..."*

New Year's Day Worship Schedule

10:00 a.m. - Traditional Service
10:45 a.m. - Contemporary Service

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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."

Family Choir to Sing

Family Choir to sing on December 11. For those who aren't familiar with it, the choir consists of children (5th grade and above), youth, parents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles... We will rehearse an accessible anthem at 10:30 a.m. sharp on December 11, then lead worship and sing the anthem at the 11 a.m. service. Invite your friends, relatives, etc., to join us. I would like to have a headcount as soon as possible. Please contact Tim Koch at timothy.koch@trinitycamphill.org or call 739-9921 x 229.

Adult Bells to Join Harrisburg Singers

Trinity's Adult Bell Choir will be joining the Harrisburg Singers for three Christmas concerts – December 2, 3 and 4. The concert "Rejoice and Be Merry" will be directed by Susan Solomon Beckley and accompanied by both organ and piano by Timothy Koch. Tim will also direct our bell choir in a 15 minute pre-concert recital and Mrs. Beckley will lead them in several pieces with the chorus. Trinity will host the Saturday, December 3 concert at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 at the door; and \$18 in advance/seniors. Please contact Tim Koch for advance tickets at timothy.koch@trinitycamphill.org or call 761-5902 x229.

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December Birthdays



Our Homebound

- December 9 **John Orris**
11 Moore Circle
Carlisle, PA 17013
- December 18 **Stellamary Bertram**
3404 Choco Chase
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Our Staff

- December 2 **Pastor Nancy R. Easton**
- December 22 **Juan Rivera**



Trinity Parish Deadline

The deadline for the January 2012 edition of **Trinity Parish** is **Saturday, December 10, 2011 – no exceptions.** If articles are e-mailed, please send to the Editor, Donna Sprowls at parish@trinitycamphill.org. Please keep all articles to 300 words or less. Articles may also be dropped off in the **Trinity Parish** box in the church office.

Alzheimer's Support Group

The Alzheimer's Support Group will be held, Wednesday, December 28 (*one week later than usual because of Christmas*). We will meet from 7-9 p.m. in the Library. For more information, please contact Donna Sprowls at 766-8075 or sprowlsd@aol.com.

Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group invites you the third Sunday of every month in Room 126 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The book for December 2011 is:

DECEMBER 11:
Things Fall Apart, by Chinua Achebe



Staff Notes

The Reverend Glenn E. Ludwig

LIFE IS MESSY. We'll begin there this month. From the time of creation, where God brought order out of chaos and the two fools in the garden (who look and act like us) decided to mess with it by disobeying the one (and only one) command they were given, to our present world – life is messy.

Do we need examples? Let's start with birth. We come into this world from the warm comfort of a mother's womb covered in fluid and blood, kicking and screaming, needy and demanding, fragile yet resilient. We're a mess when we're born. Then, we end up in homes with naïve, broken, flawed folks who've neglected to read the "parenting" manual that was supposed to come with us. Imperfect, struggling folks barely into any form of adulthood themselves, suddenly charged with the greatest responsibility any of us will ever know in this world. Yikes!!! Messy work, indeed, done by messy folks whose best efforts are all too often tainted with their own needs.

And what about the messiness of our relationships? There isn't room enough here to name all those possible dysfunctions, but we know them or are a part of them or contribute to them. Did you grow up fighting and arguing with a sibling or two? Messy stuff. Even the scriptures tell us of such in story after story stretching back to Jacob and Esau. How about those "on-again-off-again" relationships with school friends – best buds one day, arch-enemies the next? Messy business, friendships. Then there is the penultimate (next to the top spot) relationship fraught with the highest euphoria we can experience and still capable of plunging us into the darkest pit we can know. Do I have to spell that one out? Okay, I'll say it, just for the sake of redundancy – marriage can be messy stuff!

Which brings us along the road to our ultimate relationship – us and our Maker. Messy maybe? Who hasn't wrestled with the tragedies of life and wondered where God went? Who hasn't stood alone in prayer and felt the awful silence of the One who promised in our baptism to be with us ALWAYS? Who hasn't felt the fracturing of this relationship as we confess our own disobedience, echoing and repeating the scene in the garden with our brother Adam and our sister Eve? Messy, indeed.

Such is the life we live and the world we all know. And it was into just such a world that Jesus was born, messy himself from the detritus of humanity – the blood and fluid, the smells and sights of an animal shelter, the cries of birth pains and the wail of infant lungs invaded by cold air. It was and is a messy, dark world that Jesus entered. God's Son born in the humblest of places and the most inauspicious of circumstances.

And yet . . . and yet **this** birth, messy and ordinary in so many ways, has brought life and order, love and forgiveness, peace and goodwill not only into a dark winter world, but into our lives – lighting a way for us to live in spite of the messinesses and warming our hearts so that there is always room for others to share in our journeys.

You are invited this year, as every year, to experience the fullness of Advent, where the light of candles each week begins to push the darkness of this world further and further into the corners, and the warmth of God's love reaches through any and all messiness we know in our lives offering us peace and joy.

"For to us a child is born." Emmanuel is His name – God with us, even in the mess.

Prayer Concerns

Almighty God,



- ◆ You have made yourself known to us and our world in your Son, Jesus. We pray that his birth as a human child will set us free from the slavery of our sin.
- ◆ You sent your only Son as the Word of Life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe the joy that the scriptures proclaim.
- ◆ You have filled us with the new light of the Word who was made man and lived among us. Let the light of our faith be revealed in all that we say and do.

Amen.

*"As you therefore have received
Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him."
Colossians 2:6*

Council Update

Each month this column highlights actions and significant items of interest from the most recent meetings of Trinity's Congregation Council.

From the November 2011 meeting:

- Opened the meeting with devotions from Rachel Wright.
- Elected Barb Musselman as Congregation Council President and Frank Bertovich as Congregation Council Vice President for 2012.
- Approved Pastor Emeritus resolution in grateful recognition of The Reverend J. Stewart Hardy, Ph.D.
- Approved moving the Transportation Facilities and Going Green Committees as subcommittees of the Property Committee.

The next meetings of the Congregation Council will be held on Monday, November 28, and Monday, December 12, 2011.

New Members Recently Received

Welcome to our newest members of Trinity's family: Kristopher, Laura and Noah Aldinger, and Daniel Williston; Ed, Renee, Kaelyn, and Elliana Antolick; Jason Brinkley; Lois Costello; John and Carol Crowe; Brian, Kelly, Olivia, Ella, and Avery Falck; Janet Lebkicher; Wesley, Barbara, Austin, and Marin Orwan; Steven, Margaret, Holly and Amy Plank; Karen and Jackson Seivard; Michelle Waters; Terry Weidemann; James and Jennifer Wharton.

If you are hospitalized...

Please have someone notify the church office. Hospitals are no longer contacting the church because of privacy issues.

Every Member Prayer List

November 27-December 3: Janet Miller; Jack Miller; Irene Miller; Greg Miller and Megan Heberlig, and Alexis Miller; George, Charlene, and Cody Miller; Robert Miller; Dorothy Miller; Don Miller; Dave, Deb, Josh, Adam, and Allison Miller; Bill, Beverly, and Danielle Miller. **December 4-10:** Todd, Linda, Hale, and Hazel Milano; Judy Mikos; Kathy Mieczkowski; Bob Middleton; Joan Michelotti; Amos and Charlene Meyers; Ashley Metz; Judy Messinger. **December 11-17:** Ann, Jennifer, Rachel, and Jordan Mermelstein; Michael Merlino; Joseph and Barbara Menegat; Laura Mellott; Nancy and David Meiser; Scott, Lynda, Grace, and Aaron Meinke; Julie, Andreas, and Sofia Meier; Anne Meek. **December 18-24:** David, Lauren, Lindsay, and Ashley Mease; Carl and Rose Ann Mease; Jane, Nolan, and Justine McMullen; Shelly McGowan; Jim and Barb McGovern; Matt, Jen, and Lily McGeorge; Clarice McGee; Cynthia McFarland; Jamie, Karen, and Heather McFadden-Albert. **December 25-31:** Ann and Allison McFadden; Thomas and Tyler McElrath; Michael McCulloh; Merlin and Barbara McCulloh; Fay McCrory; Susan McCoy; Donald and Micki McCoy; Darian McCoy.

Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 p.m.

The Susquehanna Choral and Children's Choral

Linda Tedford, director

A Candlelight Christmas

Tickets required: Reg. \$20; Seniors/Students \$18
Trinity Concert Series Patrons: Free (4 max.) - available in church office.

\$20 and \$18 tickets available at the door or by calling 214-ARTS.

Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m.

Christmas at Trinity

Timothy Koch, conductor

Chancel, Matins, Children's Choirs, Adult, Youth and Children's Bell Choirs, and FaithX with full orchestra

Free admission - early seating advised.

Christmas reception to follow.

Mark Your Calendar
Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

***A Women's Heart
God's Dwelling Place***

A Bible Study led by Beth Moore.

Wednesdays at 9:30-11:30 a.m.
12 Sessions lasting from
January 18 to April 5, 2012

Babysitting will be available.

For questions or registration, please call:

Judy Trissler at 795-5919
or Bert Weaver at 697-3259

Blood Bank News

Since this is the final Trinity Parish for 2011, I wanted to share that as of November 1, Trinity is credited with donating 196 units of blood! We have November and December's contribution to add to this total, which will put us

way over the goal (200 units) set by Central PA Blood Bank! Thank you, thank you, and thank you!

Our first drive of 2012 is scheduled for January 22 from 7:45 to 11:00 a.m. Sign up will be held on January 8 and 15. Beginning a New Year, means that Trinity's Blood Bank starts at the **big 0!** **The promise to become a regular blood donor would be a great New Year's Resolution! Help Trinity's Blood Bank go even higher next year!**

Jeanie Bentzel

***Senior Pastor Bible Study
January - May 2012***

The Sr. Pastor Bible Study for the winter/spring of 2012 will be the study of the New Testament book of Acts. The class meets on Thursday mornings from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. and Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. All persons are welcome to attend.

Written sometime between 70 and 100 A.D., it tells the story of the development and spread of the early church. Scholars believe the author to be the same person who wrote the Gospel of Luke. Since we are, in essence, a story-formed community as a church, it makes sense that the early church was documented in story form. Some have even suggested that the title of the book is miss-named; that it should not read "The Acts of the Apostles," but rather, "The Acts of the Holy Spirit." Luke's concern was not necessarily to follow all the disciples as they spread the word about Jesus, but to show how the Gospel was spread into every corner of the gentile world.

Come and join us for this very interesting, informative and transformative book study. Class begins January 5.

***November Artist of the Month
Susan Ori Cappelli***

A native of Hummelstown, Susan Ori Cappelli, our Artist of the Month, attributes her talents in painting to one simple love; color. Since high school, this award-winning artist has dabbled in vibrant paints, from bright scenes of nature to murals for a child's bedroom. Susan draws inspiration from her children, and her joyful imagination to create, or recreate, colorful images. She currently lives with her husband and two children in Camp Hill.

Reminder

The church office will be closing at 12 noon on Friday, December 23, and will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 27.

Parish Ministry Corner

***Meals for New Parent –
Announcing a new ministry!***

Trinity Cares is looking for volunteers willing to make or purchase a meal and deliver it to the parents of a new baby or recent adoption. Please contact Kellie Argot, ministry coordinator, at kellargot@verizon.net or through the church office at 737-8635.

Spotlight on Trinity's Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be available during the advent season to share our love and concern with others. The tree will be located as you enter the Gathering Space. On the first Sunday of Advent, please choose an ornament representing one of the following benevolence ministries:

Crosses: This ornament represents our support to **CROSS**, a residential ministry for young adults with mental and physical challenges. We will be collecting paper products and cleaning supplies.

Toy Trains: This ornament represents our ministry to **Churches Affiliated Child Care Centers (CACCC)** which provides scholarships for low-income parents returning to the work force so their children can receive quality daycare. We will be collecting paper products, cleaning supplies and office supplies (copy paper, tape, staples).

Christmas Trees represent the Missions Committee. We are requesting gift cards for the support of young students and their families at Gettysburg Seminary.

Houses: This ornament represents **Delta House**, an organization helping single parents gain safe housing, plus other support services to help them get further education and a job. Read the ornament for requested gift item.

Churches: The churches represent our **Parish Ministry** which reaches out to those in need within our congregation through gift cards for local stores.

Angels: The angels represent our **Prison Ministry** for recently released men and women and their families. We are requesting gift cards to help prisoners who are re-entering society.

Christmas Bells: This ornament represents **New Hope Ministries**, a social service agency in our community for at risk or in crisis individuals and families by assisting with basic needs and services. Read the ornament for requested gift item.

Thank you for your support of **The Giving Tree Ministries**, and sharing God's grace with all in need.

Some Tips...

- ⇒ Please return all gifts as early as possible but definitely by the third Sunday in Advent (December 11) to the Reception Desk in the Gathering Space.
- ⇒ Read the back of the ornament for requested gift items and to find out if you need to wrap the item.
- ⇒ Give the gift cards with ornament attached to the receptionist.

Christmas is for giving, and for showing that we care, for honoring the Christ Child with the loving gifts we share with those in need.

The Giving Tree Ministries

Letters to Trinity

Dear Trinity,

I couldn't possibly express the amount of gratitude my wife Darlene and I have for the amount of prayer and support we received during my wife's recent hospitalization and surgery. The number of phone calls, visits, and cards she received really helped her through the ordeal. She is home now and slowly, day by day getting better and before you know it she will be joining me to come to church. Again, thank you so much for being there when we were in need.

George and Darlene Henriksen

Dear Trinity Family,

How Heartwarming to receive you're many expressions of caring concern for me during my recent hospitalization and my stay at the nursing home in Carlisle. Thanks for all the cards, phone calls, prayers, and the beautiful flowers from the Sunday services. Also the visits from Pastor Brock and Marica Brown. It is a blessing to me to know that I was being thought about by so many fellow church members.

God Bless you all.

Gloria Shuman

Dear Trinity,

I wish to thank the congregation for their expression of sympathy and cards. The support of the Pastors was of great spiritual help.

Thank you.

Terry Arnold

Social Ministry Corner

New Hope Ministries...
...Just a Food Bank?

Each month Trinity's Social Ministry Committee highlights one of its ministries and New Hope Ministries is featured for the month of December. This is a non-denominational Christian organization, headquartered in Dillsburg, with service centers in Dillsburg, Dover, and a newly renovated center in Mechanicsburg. Our committee members are sometimes asked, 'Is New Hope Ministries just a food bank?'

One only needs to read their mission statement to realize that New Hope Ministries is much more than just a food bank. New Hope Ministries is a Christian social service agency that shows the love and hope of Christ by serving our neighbors in times of need and supporting their efforts toward stability.' When individuals and/or families find themselves faced with a crisis, they often need much more than food; although food and safe shelter are always of primary concern. The crisis could be a death in the immediate family, a serious illness, the loss of a job, spousal abandonment, shut-off of utilities, medical emergencies, tutoring needs, transportation needs, legal needs, youth needs, counseling needs, and the list goes on and on.

Our area is very much blessed to have such a committed faith-based agency ready to provide immediate assistance. New Hope Ministries can only be successful when they have the support of the local communities. Area churches provide several resources, primarily money and volunteers. Trinity Lutheran Church has a long history of providing financial support; and in recent years, we have witnessed a marked increase in the number of volunteers from our congregation!

Our committee wishes to take this opportunity to thank every Trinity supporter of New Hope Ministries. If anyone else from our church community is interested in learning more about this wonderful organization and ways to contribute, you can click on their website at www.nhm-pa.org or reach them by calling 717-432-2087 (Dillsburg), 717-292-3441 (Dover), or 717-766-7333 (Mechanicsburg).

Save the Date
Sunday, March 11, 2012
Trinity's "Day of Caring"
Providing Many Opportunities for Service
to our Neighbors in Need

"YG" DIGS 3G!



In the spirit of our fall 3G Network theme, Trinity's Youth Group (YG) accepted our call to join in the discussion by creating a colorful poster titled "YG IS GRATEFUL FOR..." with each youth group member filling-in-the-blank for the many blessings in their lives. (Below is a sample section of the large poster that was on display.)



As the stewardship theme this year has testified, we are connected to one another because of our 3G Network: God. Gifts. Gratitude. We have learned to live our lives with Gratitude for the Gifts we have all received through the grace and love of God.

So, for those who have made pledges of support toward the mission and ministry of Trinity for 2012, "Thank You!" You have helped keep us strong and connected, as well as a vital voice for the Gospel in the community, the region and the world.

For those who have yet to make their pledge of support, consider this another invitation to do just that. Additional "Invitation to Stewardship" forms are available in the Gathering Space, and also available on our website at www.trinitycamp-hill.org/stewardship. Your support does make a difference.

The Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is made of a circle of greens holding four candles, (one for each Sunday in Advent) and, sometimes, a candle in the center. The circle represents God's eternity, without beginning or end, and the perfect nature of God as revealed in Christ. The evergreens represent God's gift of life and growth and life to come. The four candles represent the four Sundays before Christmas. The four Gospels and the four great words of the season – "Prepare you the way". The flame represents the coming of Christ as the Light of the World, the shining light which dispels all darkness.

On the First Sunday, only one candle is lit. The dimness of this one candle symbolizes the darkness of the world before the coming of Christ. The circle of light increases each Sunday with the lighting of successive candles. On Christmas the whole wreath is ablaze with light as the Christ candle is lit to announce His coming.



Fellowship Hall Improvements Update

This past month potential contractors have toured our facility in order to place bids on the work needed to upgrade Fellowship Hall. We expect to select the winning bids and make a recommendation to Congregation Council in early December. There will be four contracts awarded: General Construction, Electrical, Audio Visual and Lighting. A Project Manager will oversee the work.

The Sanyo projector that has served us well over the past 11 years has finally failed and cannot be repaired. Too bad it didn't last another four months! We thank Trinity's ITAV Committee and Pastor Brock for their work to place a temporary projector in Fellowship Hall for use until the renovations are complete.

Women of Trinity News

December Meeting

The next Women of Trinity meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 3, 2011. It will begin with a social hour at 11 a.m. and a noon lunch, with a program to follow. The cost is \$7.00, payment due upon registration. Please make checks payable to Women of Trinity with "Luncheon" in the memo line. Payments will be accepted at the church office and registration forms can be found at the reception desk in the Gathering Space. Deadline in November 28.

The program "The Colors of Christmas, A Reflection on Preparing for Christmas," was written by two women of the ELCA and will be presented by our members. During the social hour, a table will be set up to display special Christmas ornaments of our members. If you would like to bring an ornament with a story, give a description to Ruth Bertovich, so we can make up a card with the information.

YWCA Chosen as Blessing Boxes Recipients

The YWCA domestic Violence Program is the recipient of our Blessing Boxes for 2011-2012. The WOT Board would like our members to make use of our Time, Talent and Treasures for the women and families at the YWCA this Christmas. We have been made aware of three ways to help:

1. Sponsor a family for Christmas. \$200.00 has been budgeted for this and a family has been selected for us to buy presents from their list. Shoppers are needed for this.
2. Unload and wrap donated items at the YWCA the week of December 12. Please consider giving of your time.
3. Donate items for the women who have fled to safety without even a purse. These items include personal hygiene products, shower gel, body lotion, stationary items, purse or carrying bag, small wallet, small tissue packages, small hand sanitizers. We will be collecting the above items for the women at the December 3 meeting and in the Gathering Space until December 15. Contact Ruth Bertovich, Margie Fox or Myrl Busler if you can help.

YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG (youth group) season is once again in full swing. New YG NITES, new retreats, new events, and new friendships all await our YG participants. The calendar is the most jam-packed that it has ever been. There is truly something on almost every weekend. It will be all good!

The YG season so far has been busy. Here is what we did in the month of October. We kicked off the month Sunday, October 2 with a YG Nite. Around 60 YG and advisors were in attendance on this nite. There continued to be a lot of new faces as there are with the first couple of YG NITES every year. The meeting for the nite was titled "UP ON A ROOF" and it dealt with looking at things through a Christian perspective. Often in our lives our faith journey is like walking through a maze. It is very easy to get lost or off track when you are actually in the maze. But when you have a view/perspective from the top and can see everything, it is easy to figure out your path. The world will continue to push its agenda/view/perspective on us every day, if we constantly pay attention to that, we will get lost. If we keep our eyes focused on that Christian perspective we will not get lost as easily and will stay on track much better. This life is all about perspective, so we made sure the YG were concentrating their eyes through the right one. The nite was a success from start to finish and the discussion was powerful! On the 16th we had JR. HIGH MOVIE NITE. Around 25 Jr. High YG and advisors came out for this nite of total faith and fellowship. We showed the movie SOUL SURFER which is a true story based on the life of a pro surfer named Bethany Hamilton. It is a powerful story and gave the Jr. Highers a lot to think about.

Our next YG Nite was the very next weekend on October 23. Around 60 YG and advisors gathered for this YG NITE. The title of this meeting was TAKE TIME TO PLAY and focused in on having fun and not being always serious. In our lives as we continue to get older, life calls us to more serious responsibilities. It is easy to get caught up in always doing the same prayer or not trying something new. God challenges us to have "faith like a child" and love from the center of who we are, no matter what. This means that we should be able to have fun with our faith from time to time and find a good balance of what that means in comparison to always being "serious". This nite was

awesome and once again the discussion was top notch! We closed down the month on the 30th with our Annual YG PASTA NITE. This is a nite in which we provide a hearty meal of pasta, homemade sauce, warm rolls, salad and ice cream. The nite was once again a success! We were able to feed around 150 people and raise over \$600 towards our Sr. High YG attending the 2012 ELCA National Youth Gathering next summer in New Orleans. What a great nite! Well, that was October for you, and it was a great start for what promises to be an awesome year!

Planning for the 2012 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans is well on the way. Once again, service to others is the driving force behind this gathering and its location. We have 16 Sr. High YG and three advisors planning to make the trek. At this point we have officially registered and we are in. We have also been able to secure plane tickets and pay the deposit to attend the event. All and all, a trip of this magnitude is an expensive undertaking. It costs roughly \$1,200 for each youth to attend. The parents will be paying \$500 towards this cost. We will ask the church budget to cover some of the cost, and we will look to raise a lot of the cost through fundraisers. That leads to my last point about this, PLEASE come out to support our YG fundraisers to help us raise the money we need to attend this awesome servant event! We need your help and support to make it happen! It is a trip that these kids will remember for a lifetime, and most of them will only get to do it once since it occurs every three years.

On that note, I want to highlight our next YG fundraiser that definitely needs your congregational support! We have a "Community Night" fundraiser scheduled at the ISAAC'S RESTAURANT & DELI in the Lemoyne Plaza. The date for this event is Wednesday, December 7 from 5 – 9 p.m. On this night you are invited to dine at ISAAC'S and when you pay, turn in the "Community Night" flyer along with your bill and ISAAC'S will donate 25% of the bill towards our Sr. High YG attending the 2012 National Youth Gathering service trip. It sounds simple because it is. It is a win-win; great food as well as a great cause. The "Community Night" flyer will be available in the Gathering Space throughout November and December at our display. Please pick up several and give them out to family and friends!

With that said, I must get back to work. I have a lot to do. I am looking forward to the rest of this YG year. It will be a definite busy one, but a good one all the same. The year will ROCK! I can't wait!!!

Yours In Christ,

Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director



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Lost in the Night: A Service of Hope and Expectation Midweek Advent Services

During this holy season of preparation, join us for worship at our Midweek Advent services. This year's theme reflects our struggle in darkness, and our longing for the coming of the light of Christ. In our worship together, we express our deepest pleas for God's mercy and salvation to come soon, then place our trust in the promises He made through the prophets and the words of scripture. These promises tell of the Holy One who is, was, and is to come—Jesus Christ our Lord.

Midweek services are held on Wednesday mornings (7:00 a.m.) and Thursday evenings (6:30 p.m.) in our chapel. Holy Communion is offered at each service. A breakfast in Fellowship Hall follows each Wednesday morning service.

Dates and themes are as follows: November 30 and December 1 (*Will Not Day Come Soon?*), December 7 and 8 (*Will You Help Us Soon?*), December 14 and 15 (*Christ is Coming Soon!*), and December 21 and 22 (*Come and Save Us Soon!*).

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day at Trinity

4:00 p.m. Family Service

Children's Choirs; Children's Bell Choir
Vicar Peter Roy, leading

7:00 p.m. Contemporary Service

Candlelighting and Holy Communion; FaithX Band;
Pastor Nancy Easton, preaching

8:30 p.m. Traditional Service

Candlelighting and Holy Communion; Matins Choir;
Youth Strings; Youth Bell Choir
Pastor Glenn Ludwig, preaching

11:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols

Candlelighting; Chancel Choir; Adult Bell Choir;
String Chamber Orchestra
Pastor Glenn Ludwig, preaching

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service

Traditional Liturgy with Holy Communion
Pastor John Brock, preaching