

Trinity Parish

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Dr. Mack Wilberg

The American Composers Choral Festival

Saturday, March 10 * 7:30 p.m.

(Snow date: Sunday, March 11 * 7:30 p.m.)

Jointly sponsored by the Trinity Concert Series 2011/2012 and the Harrisburg Singers, the American Composers Choral Festival will welcome Dr. Mack Wilberg, the Artistic Director of the internationally acclaimed Mormon Tabernacle Choir as its guest director. One of America's foremost composers of sacred music, Wilberg will conduct the Festival Choir of 200 voices in performances of some of his best-known works. Participating will be members of local church choirs, and instrumentalists from the Harrisburg and Lancaster area. Timothy Koch (organ/piano), Sara Schmehl (piano), and Sara Lobaugh (flute) along with our Chancel Choir will represent Trinity in this wonderful event.

Tickets are \$10; and as of this writing are going fast.

Dr. Wilberg will also be directing our Chancel Choir and guest choristers in two of his anthems at the 11 a.m. service on March 11.

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Attention Seniors

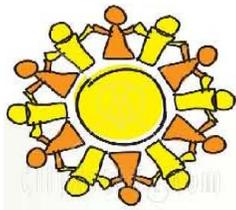
Spring Retreat has changed this year from a two day excursion to a one day retreat like we have in October. The date is May 8, 2012 at Camp Hebron. Leader, topic and times will be forthcoming shortly. Watch for more information in the next *Trinity Parish* or the *Trinity Today*. Questions, please direct them to Judy Messinger at 766-3692.

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."



Trinity's First "Day of Caring" is coming up March 11th... ..Are you still thinking how you will be involved?

Several hundred church members and friends have already volunteered to **"answer God's call and join the body of Christ, move as one and see God in the hungry, the homeless, the imprisoned, the infirmed, the lonely, the naked and.....each other."** Volunteers at the "Day of Caring" information table in the Gathering Space during week-end services will be glad to explain the many different opportunities for individuals and families, young and old, to participate in this congregation-wide outreach effort. No matter your age, skills or interests, there is something you can do to help others on this day of service. We'll be doing a variety of things to show we care:

- Visiting the elderly at home or in nursing homes
- Sharing the gift of music
- Participating in the Work Release worship service with former prisoners
- Packing kits for the needy around the world
- Preparing/serving food for the homebound and those in shelters
- Doing simple work chores in members' homes or at Christian Churches United

You are also encouraged to make a financial contribution that will provide meals for the hungry and/or supply items for the needy. Each contribution and each volunteer will be recognized with a cut-out silhouette posted in the Gathering Space, using the symbolism of hands joined in the common cause of helping those in need. Please do your part to help our disciples' chain of hands to grow!

Alzheimer's Support Group

The Alzheimer's Support Group will be held, Wednesday, March 28 from 7-9 p.m. in the Library. For more information, please contact Donna Sprowls at 766-8075 or sprowlsd@aol.com.

Prayer Concerns

"If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from His love, any fellowship with the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete, be of the same mind, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose."

Philippians 2:1-2

- * Lord, help us to be like minded with our community of fellowship.
- * Guide us to compassion when in the presence of other's pain.
- * Let us comfort people with the love You give us.
- * Empower us with a spirit of willingness to work with your children.
- * Lord, let us see you wherever people are gathered, and beyond the church and our fellow believers.
- * Let our differences balance into wholeness through Your grace.
- * Let us see a person as a whole being.
- * We pray that our actions will always help the body of Christ's work toward your purpose.

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Staff Notes

“How to Spend a Long, Three-Day Weekend” The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

“We’ve got a three-day weekend coming up. Let’s plan something!” Ever part of your family conversation? The very idea of an extra-long weekend conjures up images of a getaway vacation to the shore, a trip to the outlets, and leisurely mornings where the alarm clock can be silenced. If productivity is actually desired, those three days are ideal for cleaning out the basement, organizing several years’ worth of photographs, or making progress on the yard work. Whatever, we revel at the thought of a span of time that’s just for us, completely at our disposal.

A different sort of three-day weekend is approaching. The Church calls it the *Triduum*, or “the Three Days”—the last three days of Holy Week. Beginning at evening on Maundy Thursday, moving through Good Friday, and continuing on to the great Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, the *Triduum* is not just another long, three-day weekend, but rather, encompasses three of the highest holy days in Christianity and the Church year.

These are the days of the passion (*pascho*, meaning “to suffer”) of our Lord Jesus Christ. These are the days marking his farewell meal with his disciples, his betrayal, arrest and sham of a trial, his ignoble crucifixion and death, and the hours of utter silence that followed his burial, where light and hope were veiled from our eyes.

But these are also the days where the divine took a massive tombstone and moved it, took dead flesh and resurrected it, took what looked like the end of all things and made it our beginning.

The *Triduum* represents the sheer power and “productivity” of God over a long, three-day weekend. And this power and productivity is indeed “just for us”—it is for our salvation, for our lives to be resurrected, for us to be “in Christ.”

Kathleen Norris, in her book *The Cloister Walk*, describes the *Triduum* as “a total surrender to worship. Time feels suspended, allowing for focus” on commemorating these events of the last days of Holy Week.

At Trinity, we offer you opportunity for this same total surrender to worship. The worship services of the *Triduum* bring time—our human concept of time—to a standstill, as we contemplate the mystery of God’s self-giving. Worship with us on Maundy Thursday, and hear our Lord’s command that we love one another, as he humbly kneels and washes his disciples’ feet. Worship with us on Good Friday, as we wrestle with the knowledge that an innocent man—no, the very Son of God—died for us. Worship with us at the Vigil on Holy Saturday, where we proclaim that God’s saving acts throughout history culminate in Jesus Christ, raised from the dead.

There will be other long, three-day weekends, completely at our disposal. But as for the *Triduum*, immerse yourself in these three days. Join in the drama whose ending is our lasting joy.

Midweek Worship for Lent

Join us for midweek worship throughout the season of Lent. This year’s theme is

A Song for the Road: Journey through Lent with the Psalms. The Psalms are a collection of songs, found in our Old Testament, which are regularly sung or read in Christian worship. Psalms 120-134 are often called the “Songs of Ascent,” for these psalms were sung by Jewish pilgrims making their way up to Jerusalem to worship in the Temple. During Lent we will focus on five of those Psalms. Together in our weekly midweek worship, we’ll contemplate our creatureliness, Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem and the cross, and the awesome life-giving power of God.

Midweek services are held 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 will be available following Wednesday morning services in the Gathering Space—linger with your Trinity friends over coffee, or make your breakfast more of a “grab-and-go.”

Dates and themes are as follows:

February 29 and March 1	Protection (Psalm 121)
March 7 and 8	Humility (Psalm 131)
March 14 and 15	Help (Psalm 124)
March 21 and 22	Hope (Psalm 130)
March 28 and 29	Joy (Psalm 126)



Dr. Lynn Drafall

The Oriana Singers
Dr. Lynn Drafall, Conductor

The Trinity Concert Series 2011-2012 will welcome **The Penn State Oriana Singers** on Saturday evening, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. The Oriana Singers were founded in 1995 by current director Dr. Lynn Drafall to provide an excellent choral environment for women. The Singers are comprised of approximately 50 women representing all different colleges on the University Park campus. Repertoire includes a variety of music from the 16th century through the 20th century. The choir presents two campus concerts each year and participates in Mosaic, which includes all of the Penn State Choirs as well as a representative group from the instrumental program. There is no admission charge, but a freewill offering will be taken.

The Oriana Singers will also be participating and singing at the 11 a.m. service on Palm Sunday, April 1.

As of this writing, we are looking for housing for many of the women. They will need a place to stay on Saturday night, March 31, breakfast on Sunday morning, and transportation to the church in time for the 11 a.m. service on April 1. Please call Joan Conrad at 774-3331 or Mary Haar at 761-2748.

March Birthdays

Our Homebound

- March 2 **Wallace Smith**
 5225 Wilson Lane
 Oaks - Room 31-A
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- March 14 **Janet D'Agostino**
 3510 Walnut Street - Apt. 3
 Camp Hill, PA 17011
- March 16 **Marie Kennedy**
 26 Fieldcrest Drive
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
- March 17 **Iva Adams**
 104 Clarkton Court
 Lemoyne, PA 17043
- March 25 **Bootsy Focht**
 20 North 12th Street - Apt. 301
 Lemoyne, PA 17043
- March 26 **Eleanor Black**
 2800 NW 47th Terrace - Apt. 210
 Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33313
- March 31 **Ann Belknap**
 2100 Bent Creek Blvd. - Rm. 219
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Our Staff

- March 11 **Debbie Wilson**
- March 12 **Bishop Edmiston**

Steps to the Cross

You are invited to participate in *Steps to the Cross*, a pilgrimage through the last events of the life of Christ. Based on the Gospel of Mark, this Lenten journey encourages you to read, to reflect, to feel and to mediate on Christ's sacrifice for humankind. Located in the hallway leading to the chapel, *Steps to the Cross* has been designed to be accessible to people of all ages. It will be on display March 18 – April 6 and can be viewed anytime during normal church hours.

Social Ministry Corner

What's a Hunger Banquet? Find Out on March 17th

Christian Churches United (CCU), one of Trinity's long-standing Social Ministry commitments, is sponsoring a Hunger Banquet on Saturday, March 17 to experience and learn about food-related needs in our community....and how YOU can help. Actually a luncheon is being held from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at CCU headquarters in Harrisburg. This event will provide a dramatization of the inequity that perpetuates poverty in the world. Guests will be randomly assigned roles as they enter representing different income levels around the world. What each person receives to eat depends on the role they are playing – some will have more than they can eat while others won't have enough to eat. To join this interactive opportunity to see and feel the effects of poverty OR to help with food preparation, please contact Doug Bonsall (921-1957).

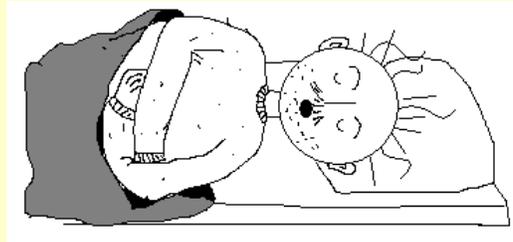
Council Update

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

From the February 2012 meeting:

- ⇒ Opened the meeting with devotions and a prayer by Becky Enney.
- ⇒ Approved Rachel Wright as chair of the Educational Ministry Committee.
- ⇒ Elected Frank Bertovich as voting member to the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly, May 31 – June 2 at Messiah College.
- ⇒ Approved the addition of 72 additional niches to the columbarium and to raise the cost.
- ⇒ Reviewed reports from Staff, Special Committees and Task Forces as well as Standing Committees and other Ministries of the ELCA.

The next meeting of the Congregation Council will be held on Monday, March 12, 2012.



Help Needed at the Emergency Shelter

Each year Trinity members volunteer to be an overnight host at the Emergency Shelter located in the Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven near the Farm Show Building. The dates this year are Sunday, March 18 through Saturday, March 24.

Volunteers (two each night) arrive at the Shelter at 7:45 p.m. An 'intake' person will be on site to screen the guests who arrive to stay overnight. Mats and blankets are provided for the guests to sleep on the floor. There is a separate room with a bunk bed for the volunteers. Bring your own pillow and blanket. In the morning you'll turn on the lights at 6:30 a.m. and have coffee made. Everyone must leave the facility by 7:00 a.m.

Volunteers are allowed to sleep as long as one volunteer stays alert to any needs of the guests. You may bring a book or other activity to pass the hours.

Please consider volunteering for this program. It is a wonderful opportunity to personally spend time with those less fortunate. Invite a friend to help with you!

Want to know more? Check out the display in the Gathering Space to sign up or contact Joe Hunter (737-9933) or Becky Enney (737-4115).

'When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink?' . . . 'I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these, brothers of mine, you did it for me!'

Matthew 25

YG News

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

The YG season so far has been quite busy. We kicked off the year on January 6 – 8 with the synod-wide Sr. High event called WINTERFEST. This was the 21st year for this event, held at the Lancaster Marriot and Convention Center in downtown Lancaster. Around 600 youth and adults were present for the weekend. We took 29 YG and three advisors along for the event. There was great large group time, awesome workshops, powerful worship, and motivating small group encounters. The theme was about DOING JUSTICE for others in our society and the weekend served to raise up many justice issues that occur around the world (whether large or small). The weekend taught the youth to go out and get involved in doing justice for others, just as Jesus did. In short, it was a powerful experience in every way. Everyone learned a lot.

We also had two strong YG NITES on the 15th and 29th to kick off the year in the right way. Both YG NITES had around 60 YG and advisors in attendance.

On the 15th the topic was THE SIMPLEST THINGS. The focus was all about getting the YG to seize the day and make the most of every second of their lives. It was designed to get the YG to think about all of the little things they take for granted, and to make the most of the time they have left in their lives to better appreciate those things they have been given. Many people go through life awake but sleeping. God has given us too much for us to allow this to happen. Time is limited. God always has surprises, so we need to make the most of every day while we can with those that mean the most to us. We need to challenge each other to begin appreciating everything we have in our lives. That is what this nite was about. Certainly one of the most powerful that we had this season. The YG definitely got into the theme.

On the 29th the topic was STOP AND REST AWHILE. The focus was all about getting the YG to realize they need time for themselves along their faith journeys. It was designed to help the YG slow down and experience all that life has to offer. It also called them to not let worries and troubles get in their way along the journey. There will be many times in our lives that our burdens and stresses will seem countless, at those times especially, we need to look for outlets to balance things out. We need to reach out to YG friends and to God to help put those burdens in their place. Rest time is always needed, so we need to make time for it. Equally, this YG NITE was awesome and once again the YG responded by getting actively involved in the topic. This was another good one!

I wanted to use my last paragraph to highlight a YG Fundraiser that definitely needs congregation support! In January the YG started the YG BULLETIN BOARD FUNDRAISER. It was placed in the Gathering Space with 150 envelopes on it. Each envelope was numbered from #1 to #150. Church members are invited to take an envelope off the board, open it and deposit the dollar amount listed on the envelope. If you take down the #25 envelope you put \$25 in the envelope and return it to the church office. The fundraiser will continue through the month of March. I like this fundraiser because it keeps our impending trip in the congregation's eyes and gives them an opportunity to give what they want in support of the trip. With your help, it will be a successful fundraiser. ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING OUR YG IN ATTENDING THE 2012 ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING IN NEW ORLEANS THIS SUMMER. There are 19 Sr. High YG and three advisors going on the trip this summer.

I am looking forward to a great 2012. It will definitely be a busy one, but a good one all the same. I can't wait!!!

Yours In Christ,

Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director

Parish Ministry Corner

Health Tip:

Do you want to be sure children are doing a good job washing their hands? Make it a game and have them sing "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" two times while washing. Then dry their hands on a paper towel and use the towel to turn off the faucet.

Did You Know:

- Every 70 seconds someone is diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease.
- By mid-century it will be every 33 seconds.

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 list for March through June 2012 is:

- March 18: *In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American's Family in Hitler's Berlin*, by Erik Larson
- April 15: *The Invisible Bridge*, by Julie Orringer
- May 20: *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*, by Isabel Wilkerson
- June 17: *Tinkers*, by Paul Harding

An Irish Blessing

May God grant you always
 A sunbeam to arm you,
 A moonbeam to charm you,
 A sheltering angel
 So nothing can harm you,
 Laughter to cheer you,
 Faithful friends near you,
 And whenever you pray,
 Heaven to hear you

Letters to Trinity

Dear Trinity:

I want to thank the family of Trinity Lutheran Church for all the cards, notes, flowers, prayer shawl, phone calls and meals you have given me following my back surgery. Your expressions of love and care have touched my heart and we are forever grateful and humbled by your outpouring of support. I am slowly recuperating and appreciate all the prayers that have been offered on my behalf. I hope to be back in church soon.

Stella Ludwig

To Our Trinity Family:

Bunny and I wish to thank Pastor Ludwig and members of our Trinity family for their many sympathy cards and words of comfort upon the passing of my Mother, Florence Billingsley Armstrong. Mother journeyed to heaven just two weeks short of her 94th birthday. We were grateful to have her for these many years.

We, Bunny and I, are truly blessed to be members of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Charles Armstrong

To the Women of Trinity:

To the Congregation of Trinity:

I've enjoyed the vases of flowers that were sent to me when I was in various hospitals to treat broken bones.

The healing had time to mend the bones and heal without surgery.

I also had many experiences in the Lutheran Retirement Center in Gettysburg. It's nice to know that the elderly are well taken care of in the Lutheran Retirement Village.

Many thanks again for the beautiful flowers and thinking of me. I attended church service in a wheelchair, as we all did.

Love to all and Good Wishes for a successful New Year.

Dorothy Miller

“The Lutheran” Adult Forum
Sunday, March 25, 2012

Please join an enthusiastic group of 15-20 adult learners at 9:30 a.m. in Room 126 for a discussion on **“Lent: Experience the Flow of God’s Grace”** from pages 20-26 of the February 2012 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine. Lent is the season in our church year when we focus on practices and exercises that will help strengthen our faith and draw us closer to God. Lenten spiritual practices invite us to encounter, experience the flow of God’s unspeakable grace. But has our observance of Lent been too negative? Reframing Lenten practices may help us experience Lent anew. If you do not have access to the articles, paper copies will be available about two week in advance of the session and may be picked up at the reception desk in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions, please contact class coordinators Craig Staller or Doug Bonsall (921-1957).

Every Member Prayer List

March 4-10: Lydia Lerch; Julie Leppo; Velma Leonhard; Josh Lentz; Frank, Dagny, and Frank Lentz; Frank and Cheryl Lentz; David and Marcia Lentz; Brad Lentz; Eric, Tina, Emma, and Brian Leighow. **March 11-17:** Bonnie LeFevre; Helen Lefevre; Dave, Megan, Anna, and Samuel Leeds; Fred, Merle, and Andrea Ledonne; Janet Lebkicher; Lisa Leber; Michael, Whitney, Amelia and Elizabeth Leber; Frank and Linda Leber. **March 18-24:** Joyce Leaman; Charlotte Lazarchik; Suzanne and Mason Lazarcheff; Rebecca, Crea, and Ty Lawyer; Jordan Lawson; Jenna Lawson; Edna Lauer. **March 25-31:** Ronald and Gladys Laubenstein; David Laubenstein; Gloria, Shelly, Krista, and Megan Latin; Denise Lashley; Matthew Larson; Robert Lane; Mary Ann Landis; Patty Lampi.



Fellowship Hall Improvements Update – A lot has happened this past month in Fellowship Hall. Most visible are the new walls where the media screens will be mounted and behind which the folding partition will be stored. The sound booth has been placed in the back left side of the room. Trinity’s ITAV Committee has been planning how the new system will accommodate the many groups using Fellowship Hall. Training will happen later this month on all that new equipment.

As of this writing, painting is scheduled for the end of February. The new media screen and projectors should be hung then as well. It’s beginning to look much more finished; however there are still a lot of wires that need to be run in the ceiling to hook everything up.

Many thanks go out to the people who have helped to tear down after worship each Sunday afternoon and then reset the room on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning after the contractors have left. And thanks too to those who have adapted to attending Bible Study in the Nave during this construction time!

A brief order of dedication will be offered during worship once the project has been completed.

Be sure to check the weekly updates that are posted on the glass doors to Fellowship Hall for the most current news.

Bible Quiz

According to the book of Acts, Jesus spent some days with his friends after he was raised from the dead. During that time “he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during _____ days and speaking about the kingdom of God.”

How many days did Jesus appear?

- A. Three
- B. Seven
- C. Thirty
- D. Forty

Hint: The correct answer can be found in Acts 1:3.

Answer: D

Women of Trinity News and Events

World Day of Prayer

This year's World Day of Prayer, scheduled for Friday, March 2 is sponsored by the Church Women United of Harrisburg. Three services are scheduled to be held on the west shore: 10 a.m. at St. Theresa Catholic Church in New Cumberland; 2 p.m. at Bethany Village Community Room and 6:30 p.m. at the New Cumberland Church of God of the Brethren.

WOT Circle Meetings

The Circle study, "Trusting That God Will Provide: A Study of Ruth" continues in March. All are welcome to attend! The meeting dates and times are:

- **Esther**, Monday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in the church Library
- **Deborah**, Tuesday, March 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the church Library
- **Elizabeth/Ruth**, Tuesday, March 6 at 1 p.m. in the church Library
- **Sarah**, Sunday, March 11 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 237

LSSWO Day of Renewal

This year's Day of Renewal will be held on Saturday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The meeting will take place at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Lewisberry. There is a \$10 cost to attend. The theme is "Quiet Time" and an offering will be taken for the ELCA Malaria Campaign. If you would like more information, please contact Lori Anne McBride.

**Men of Trinity Annual Retreat
Saturday, April 28, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

The Men of Trinity announces their annual retreat to be held at Camp Eder, near Fairfield, PA. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided as well as various activities and speakers for a fun day of learning and fellowship.

More information will follow in the coming weeks and all men and guests are invited to attend.

Bill Bishop, Men of Trinity

**Another Thank You on Behalf of
the Giving Tree Ministries**

Dear Friends:

Your gift is like a leaf added to make a dining room table bigger. Every gift you make creates room on *both* sides of the table. You've helped us make room for seminarians hungry to learn how to best serve in our Lord's Church. Across the table you've opened up space for partners in that in-depth learning process – professors, pastors, mentors, peers ... *and you!* Thank you for your support. We are so grateful for your partnership in leading, teaching, serving and growing with us in Christ's name! We hear your voice joined with ours every time we pray,

*"Be present at our tables, Lord.
Be here and everywhere adored!"*

**Kathleen O. Reed, LTSG '80
Chief Advancement Officer**

- ◆ *"Many thanks for all you do."*
- ◆ *"Our students are so grateful for your generosity. Thank you!"*
- ◆ *"God bless you all!"*
- ◆ *"You fill the faith of so many in so many ways!"*
- ◆ *Additional thanks by staff members on the card we received.*

Blood Bank News

We are off to a good start! When I checked with my Central PA Blood Bank contact, Trinity was credited with 38 units donated in January 2012 – 24 of them at our blood drive on January 22. Thank you so much – once again, you did not let me down!

FYI – "The Central PA Blood Bank is truly your community blood bank. Since 1960, their primary goal has always been to meet the local area blood need through local blood donors. Blood that is drawn here is used here." Please donate to your community blood bank – **IT'S ABOUT LIFE!**

Jeanie Bentzel



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As this year rounds to a close, we reflect with gratitude on having been taken under your wing for 2011. The difference you all made in our ability to serve our neighbors is amazing.

- The Community Room, fully refurbished and refreshed, gets almost daily use now. The addition of fans, padded seats and nice tables have made the room so much more comfortable. In addition to its previous use for community meetings and events, congregational council meetings, lab and triage area, we now have added English As a Second Language classes there three mornings a week. Most who come struggle in after working night shift in an onion factory, exhausted but eager to learn. The barrier is not only language, but for some, literacy as well. Each student sets his or her own goals and we help them achieve them. It may not sound like much, but for the woman who was able to write her name and address and participate in filling out the papers for her baby's birth certificate, it's huge.
- The new floor inside the front door and in the large Waiting Room is so appreciated! Clients clearly enjoy being in nicer surroundings and we are glad the floor is sturdy enough to take us into the next decade. We were able to cut out large pieces of the old carpeting that was there and re-use them elsewhere in the building.
- The Youth Room is in heavy and constant use. Children twirl and crawl on the fresh carpeting. Breakfast is made so much easier with cabinets, a refrigerator and a microwave. Most of all, the kids were craving a place of their own, someplace that was predicable and secure. With your help, they have it. It's a bonus that we're better able to protect our supplies from theft.
- I spoke to Darlene Hess today, who told of additional money coming via Thrivent, due to your efforts! We will apply it to the costs of operating the dental clinic. Because all the dentists are volunteer, \$1,900 will cover almost two months of operations.

I hope when next you hear the gospel story of the loaves and the fishes, you can translate and transpose it to the story of the Broadway Bistro and the people of God at Trinity.

In Thanks,

Pastor Silliker and the people of Christ Church

Trinity Parish Deadline

The deadline for the April 2012 edition of *Trinity Parish* is Saturday, March 10, 2012 – no exceptions. If e-mailing articles, please send to: 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.

Your Story, My Story, God's Story

A number of years ago, Arnold Greenlund heard about a Christian organization, which produced 4¹/₂ inch crosses designed to hang around one's neck. Arnie envisioned a small ministry within those crosses.

Arnie is a dedicated brother within our congregation, deeply committed to the Lord, Our God. Through the years, he has touched many people within Trinity and elsewhere, placing many crosses around the necks of men, women and youth.

Arnie has been awakened to an amazing experience. Believe it or not, Jesus Christ is touching the spiritual needs of people through these crosses ... far too many to recall or record. Arnie, over the years has been overwhelmed by the numbers of people who notice the cross around his neck and approach him to share their needs, reflections and faith stories. Arnie does not directly approach them, they approach him.

Here are three accounts that serve as examples of Arnie's ministry through those crosses:

1. Arnie was assisting an elderly lady loading her groceries into her car. He noticed tears flowing from her eyes. He asked, "Is there anything I can do for you?" She looked at Arnie and simply said, "Pray"! Then added, "My husband only has a week or two to live." He consoled her sorrow and gave her a cross to give her husband. A week later she saw the man with the cross around his neck and thanked him, stating that her husband had died. "He held onto the cross that gave him ease 'til the moment of his death."
2. Arnie received a letter from a woman in 2008. She related that she and her brother stopped by our church looking for refuge and to pray. She related that Arnie graciously welcomed and assisted them. As usual, Arnie was wearing the cross. The letter stated that her brother and his wife were having serious marital problems and were on the verge of separating. She stated in the letter, "thanks for your prayers and the booklet you gave him, I am elated to tell you they are back together and their marriage is stronger than ever."
3. There were two elderly sisters who always noticed the man with the cross around his neck. One sister was 88 years old and the other was 78. They saw Arnie each week and he gave each one a cross on Ash Wednesday in 2011. Shortly before Christmas, the older sister died and her sister shared that the cross he gave her sister was so valued that she requested that the cross was to be placed in her coffin.

Through Arnie's experiences, it was decided to present each worshipper with a cross on the "Day of Caring", Sunday, March 11. Can you possibly imagine how many lives all those crosses will touch as Jesus Christ will minister to and emit His love and comfort and spiritual strength?

Jack Bush

Council Approved Expansion of Columbarium

Plans for expanding the Columbarium were approved by the Congregation Council on February 13. The Columbarium is located outside of the church Library on the east side of the building. It is designed with niches, each of which holds two urns for the inurnment of cremated ashes. The Property Committee is adding 72 niches because most of the existing 144 niches have been sold. The Columbarium Fund will pay for the new expansion. Due to rising costs, the price for niches in the new section of the Columbarium will be increased to \$1,100. The last 15 niches of the current structure will be sold at the current price of \$680 until March 30. That price includes the cost of the urns and plaques for the niches, and ongoing maintenance for the Columbarium itself. Please contact Nancy Martin or Paul Hensel in the church office for further information or to purchase a niche.

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