

Trinity Parish

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How Contemporary is Debbie Wilson?

After 10 years, Trinity's Director of Contemporary Music, Debbie Wilson, certainly still is. She continues to lead us in new and innovative forms of music for our ears, hearts and spirit. What a sound! What a band! What a voice Debbie is blessed with... Keep doing it, Debbie! Thanks, Debbie, for helping us in your many special ways to get closer to our spiritual selves and to Christ's message in our lives.

About her years of service to Trinity, Debbie says:

"I never would have predicted my journey at Trinity when Rick and I joined in 1990. Believe it or not, I felt at home at Trinity as soon as I sang the old and familiar settings and hymns in the red book. Who could know that I would find what feels like my life's calling when as a volunteer, I got involved with the start of the contemporary worship service in 1997? Even after 10 years of serving as a staff member here, and the rewards and challenges of developing this worship style for Trinity, most days are inspirational and I couldn't ask for a more collegial work environment! I eagerly look forward to discovering the blessings God has in store over the next 10 years!"

A sincere "Congratulations" to Debbie on reaching this milestone. Please join us in recognizing and celebrating with Debbie at a reception following the late services on Sunday April 22 in the Gathering Space.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT TRINITY

Palm / Passion Sunday, March 31 & April 1

5:30 p.m. Saturday, Fellowship Hall

8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday, Traditional, Nave

8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Contemporary, Fellowship Hall

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 2, 3, & 4

7:30 p.m., Holy Communion, Chapel

Maundy Thursday, April 5

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

Good Friday, April 6

12:00 noon-3:00 p.m., Three-hour Devotional Event

7:30 p.m., Tenebrae and Adoration of the Crucified

Easter Vigil, April 7

7:30 p.m., Nave

Services of Light, Readings,
Holy Baptism, Holy Communion

Resurrection of Our Lord, Sunday, April 8

8:15 & 11:00 a.m., Traditional, Nave

8:30 & 10:45 a.m., Contemporary, Fellowship Hall



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."

Staff Notes

“Hospitality”

The Reverend Glenn E. Ludwig

Grandma Ludwig used to sweep her side porch, the main entrance into her house, every day. Every day – regardless of the weather. She lived in that home until she was 99, basically blind, and stubbornly independent. And every day, the porch got swept.

While observing her sweeping one day, I asked her why she did that. “In case of company,” came the clipped response.

Of course, why didn’t I know that? Grandma was practicing what we talk about a lot in churches these days – hospitality. It’s the reason she always used her best plates when even we came for dinner. It was the reason she moved her car so others could easily park in the driveway. It was the reason we always had enough food to feed twice the number gathered – hospitality.

It is a concept and a practice that has become something of a buzz word in church circles. We examine our internal and external signs to see if they are helpful as visitors try to find nurseries or bathrooms or classrooms. We talk about parking issues as measures of how hospitable we are. We offer bread for first-time visitors as a sign of welcome and friendliness. We even print communion instructions so visitors can feel comfortable joining us around the table of Christ. All hospitality issues.

Recently, another hospitality issue came to light at Trinity, one that has taken much staff time to deal with. It is the issue of offering an alternative to wine for those for whom alcohol is a problem. It is not a theological issue; it is a hospitality issue, and one that was complicated for us to figure out. With six services a week and five of them being very different in style and order, how do we offer grape juice as an alternative without making it awkward, cumbersome, and/or embarrassing to those who would wish to partake?

Well, we think we have the solution. Tree of Life Lutheran Church, our friends on the east shore, use a wine product called Fre – a wine produced by Sutter Home that removes the alcohol

but preserves the flavors of the wine. The alcohol percentage then is less than .5%. As our staff has discussed this with the pastor’s of Tree of Life, they claim that it solves the logistical problem of trying to offer Christ’s blood in the sacrament in two forms – wine and grape juice.

Believe me, our staff has studied this issue for nine months now. We think it is the best logistical solution to the hospitality issue, and we have proposed to the Worship Committee that we move to the use of Fre for communion. There are some logistical issues yet to solve, including the refrigeration of open bottles for preservation sake, but we don’t think these are insurmountable. The actual cost of this product is less than what we pay for the Cannon Port we use now.

We experimented with the use of Fre for a few weeks on Saturday night and only one person commented on the taste. Most of the time all you will taste is the little that clings to the wafer during intinction anyway. And, quite frankly, I’m not sure the taste of communion wine should be a factor in our decision. Is the blood of Christ really to taste good to us? I’ll let you ponder that one.

There still may be some folks for whom just the smell of the wine may be an issue and who would refrain from taking that element of communion, but we think this solution is the best we could come up with after months of study.

Hospitality – like sweeping your porch every day; like making sure visitors feel welcome; like caring for our brothers and sisters who come here for whom alcohol is a problem.

Excuse me now. I have to go find my broom, and offer a prayer for a grandmother who taught me about all this.

Trinity Parish Deadline

The deadline for the May 2012 edition of *Trinity Parish* is **Tuesday, April 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.

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 March 12, 2012 meeting:

- Opened the meeting with devotions by Bill Tauriello
- Elected Debbie Balasundram as voting member to the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly
- Approved changes to policy pages pertaining to Employee Job Descriptions for Senior Pastor, Associate Pastor I, Associate Pastor II, Support Pastor in Residence and Spiritual Gifts Coordinator.
- Voted to affirm the following to be members of the Strategic Planning Committee: Paul Walker, Frank Bertovich, Nancy Mock, Lorraine Graybill, Bob Scaer, Mike Schwalm and Lisa Leber
- Granted permission for the Social Ministry and Missions Committees to sponsor a special fundraiser for the benefit of the ELCA Malaria Campaign in 2013.
- Approved the following for membership: Barbara Armstrong; Ilona Burd; James Burd II; Timothy, Stacey, and Lucien Connors; Jil Dershem; Bob and Sue Erdman; Sandra Lunger; Jessica and Cormac McMahon; David, Dona, and Rachel Norris; Gary and Bridget Rini and family; Michael, Gail, Sarah, Andrew, and Colton Riska; Susan and Samantha Rittner; Kurt and Natalie Roth; Chad Ruegsegger; Brad and Elizabeth Schenk; Keith, Mindy, Norah, and Rory Jo Shively; David Sienkiewicz; Dan, Mari, Sarah, and Danica Stewart; Rob, Jessica, and Kaelyn Winesickle; Ben, Beth, and Grace Yoffee.

The next meeting of the Congregation Council will be held on April 9, 2012.

Letter to Trinity

To My Trinity Family:

Once again it is time to tell the members of Trinity how much I so appreciated all the concerns, calls and cards while I recently had a short stay in the hospital.

Also want to thank our Vicar for his cheerful visit with myself and sons who were visiting.

Needless to say, I'm so thankful the problem seems to be under control and I'm back in swing of things.

With Christian Love and thanks,

Fay Pepperman

Parish Ministry Corner

Fact or Fiction?

High cholesterol and high blood pressure symptoms are obvious.

Fiction.

Neither high cholesterol nor high blood pressure presents with early warning signs, which is why regular tests for both are essential to maintaining health. Get your blood pressure checked after Sunday services, located outside of the Chapel (first Sunday of the month).

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March Birthdays

Our Homebound

- April 1 **Ruth Trimmer**
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- April 4 **Gloria Shuman**
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Prayer Concerns

God our Father,

- By raising Christ your Son, you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life.
- Let our celebrating today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us all.
- In these days of Easter, we celebrate Jesus victory over death.

“Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.”
Psalm 45.6

- We have walked with Jesus in the battle. We ask that we may have the courage to stand with Jesus in God’s truth.
- Help us to learn Jesus’ gentleness and accept the love that will always be there.

“Look your king is coming.”
Matthew 21.5

- Help us to follow Jesus through faith, generosity and love.
- Risen Jesus, help us all to be your disciples.

“I have seen the Lord.”
John 20.18

Blood Bank News

When someone donates to the Central PA Blood Bank, it means **local** hospitals receive your blood. By the timer someone is 72 years old, there is a 95% chance he/she will need replacement blood! Think of all the times family, friends, and Trinity members, have been in the hospital recently. We have to keep replacing this used blood, and that means we need **YOU!**

Trinity will be holding a blood drive on **Sunday, April 22, from 7:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** Look for the **sign-up table** in the Gathering Space, after all services, on April 8 and 15. Neil and Jeanie Bentzel will be looking for **YOU!**

Blood Drive!

April 22

7:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Report to Room 125

**Sign up April 8 and 15
in the Gathering Space**

The top ten pages visited on Trinity's website during 2011:

1. Home page – 18,287
2. Daily Lectionary page – 11,122
3. News and Events page – 3,890
4. Sermons index page – 3,622
5. Worship Services page – 2,662
6. Staff page – 2,492
7. Devotions page – 2,438
8. 2011 Sermons Listed by Pastor page – 1,978
9. Calendars page – 1,832
10. Trinity Parish index page – 1,784

Comparing 2011 data against 2010 data, the number of overall visits to the website was significantly higher in 2011, but the average time spent on the site per visit was slightly less.

Seniors News

ATTENTION SENIORS: Our spring retreat is all set for Tuesday May 8 at Camp Hebron. Ken Collins will be our leader. His topic will be "YOUR BRAIN AND AGING: KEEPING YOUR BRAIN SHARP." I'm sure many of us can relate to this. Come to hear Ken tell us how to keep our brains active and productive well into our senior years. The cost is \$23.00 per person. Lunch and supper are provided. Please meet in the church parking lot promptly at 8:30 a.m. We will arrange rides for those who do not drive. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. We will return by 7:30 p.m. Registration forms are at the desk in the Gathering Space. Questions should be directed to Judy Messinger at 766-3692.

Understanding our Latino Neighbors

The **Fifth** Sunday Adult Class will be held on April 29, from 9:30-10:30 a.m., in Room 126. Brad Gebhart, a Trinity member and Director of Individual Giving for Family Health Council of Central PA, Inc., will be the presenter. Brad lived in Costa Rica and Peru and has a rich understanding of Latino history, language, food and community. Everyone is welcome.

Gathering Space Art Display for April

Again this year during the month that includes Holy Week, the Gathering Space art exhibit features the Crosses of Trinity - photographs of many of the crosses, crucifixes, and Christus Rexes that are scattered throughout the building. These photographs were taken by members of the congregation and in many cases the crosses have very special meaning to the photographers. Throughout Trinity there are many reminders of Christ's sacrifice from very plain, wooden crosses to ornate brass crosses, from crucifixes with the suffering Christ to Christus Rexes with the victorious Christ all captured through the artistic eyes of our photographers. Our photographers even found crosses in window frames, the folds in a table cloth or the tiles in a mural. Can you figure out where each of the crosses is located in the church?

Attention Parents of Trinity Graduates

If you have a son or daughter graduating from high school or college this year, please contact the **Trinity Parish Editor** at parish@trinitycamp-hill.org. Your written submission should include; name of recipient, address, parent's names, college or high school, future plans if known and a contact phone number or e-mail address. For college graduates, also include degree and major. These students will be recognized in the next issue of **Trinity Parish**. Information may also be placed in the **Trinity Parish** box in the church office. DEADLINE is April 10 for submission.

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 April through June 2012 is:

- 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

YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG (youth group) is smack dab in the busiest time of our youth year. Things are crazy around here! There are new YG NITES, new retreats, new events, and new friendships all await our YG participants. There is truly something on almost every weekend. It will be all good!

The YG season has been quite busy so far. We kicked off February with our annual SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY campaign. Through YG collection and congregational support we raised over \$1,200 to give to THE BRIDGE food pantry in New Cumberland. We were also able to collect over 400 food items. The money and food goes a long way in helping THE BRIDGE meet the needs of those in the west shore community who need some help.

We also had two strong YG NITES during the month, on the 12th and the 26th. Both YG NITES had around 50 YG and advisors in attendance. On the 12th the topic was YOU NEED HELP, YOU NEED GOD. The focus was all about getting the YG to realize that they can't do this whole faith journey thing without the help of God and others. In our American culture today we are taught to not rely on anyone but ourselves. Relying on others is seen as a sort of weakness. This message also gets played out in our media with our "me, me, me" culture. God's way is the opposite of all of this thinking. He shows us that we need others as well as Him to be our 'steering wheel'. Trusting and relying in Him and on others is of the utmost importance in God's eyes. That is what this nite was about. It was certainly one of the most powerful ones this season and the YG definitely got into the theme.

On the 26th the topic was GIFTS TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE. The focus was all about helping the YG to realize that they can't be on their journeys alone. One must use their God-given gifts and allow others to use their gifts to help you. Many YG are not (as well as most of us) aware of their gifts. Gift discernment and practicing your gifts is a lifelong process. This night was all about helping them to determine some of their

gifts and to start using them for the greater glory of God. Equally, this YG NITE was awesome and once again the YG responded by getting actively involved in the topic.

I am looking forward to a great 2012. It will definitely be a busy one, but a good one all the same. This year will ROCK! I can't wait!!! P.S. PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE YG FUNDRAISERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WE NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT TO MAKE A LOT OF THE THINGS WE DO HAPPEN. THANKS...

Yours In Christ,

Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director

YG FUNDRAISERS

*WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Isaac's Community Night Fundraiser from 5:00-9:00 p.m.
@ Issac's in the Lemoyne Plaza

*SUNDAY, MAY 20

YG Fiesta Nite & Talent Show from 6:00-7:30 p.m.



Every Member Prayer List

April 1-7: Steve, Kate, Ryan, Alex, Drew, and Cole Lamontagne; Dave Lambert; Michael Lamarca; Lois Lamarca; Kimberly and Jessica Lamarca, and Samantha Brinley; Dawn Lamarca; Stacy, Bonny, and Jennifer Kyler; Alan, Sue, Scott, and Faith Kwiatkowski. **April 8-14:** Sylvia Kutchman; Ronald, Peggy, Eric, and Ryan Kunz; Richard and Lee Kunkle; Ruth Kumler; Jan, Grant, and Carl Kulonda; Randy, Cindy, and Matt Kuentzler; Joe, Donna, Shane, and Ericka Kubik; Brian Ksiazek. **April 15-21:** Jim and Barbara Kriebel; Jane Krider; Wilma Krick; Bob and Faye Kretz; Dave, Mary, and Christopher Kratzer; Harold Kratz; Patty Krantz; Todd, Jeri, Cassidy, Kaylee, and Kendall Kramer. **April 22-28:** Denlee, Jennifer, and Isabella Kraft; Sandra Krafsig; Rob, Elizabeth, Robert, and Thomas Kozicki; Donna and Cole Kovalchick, and Alexandria Anthony; Elizabeth Kost; Sarah Koenig; Norman Koehler; Beth Koeberle. **April 29-May 5:** Tim, Amy, Alison, and Tyler Koch; Charles Knoble; Lori and Jessica Knittel; Chris Knittel; Jason, Heather, and Emma Knisely; Marilyn Knerr; Betsy Knarr; Dave Kless.

"The Lutheran" Adult Forum Sunday, April 22, 2012

Please join adult learners at 9:30 a.m. in Room 126 for a discussion on "Our Lutheran Liturgy" from pages 20-26 of the March 2012 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine. Many Lutherans feel strong connections to our time-honored liturgy, even if they may not fully know the origins or biblical roots of our order of worship. Traditional liturgy connects us not only to the first Lutherans of the early 1500s, but also to the earliest Christians of two millennia ago. Yet as fewer people, especially unchurched and younger people, come to worship with an appreciation for the tradition, congregations are challenged to innovate in a way that honors the old while bringing in the new. If you do not have access to the articles, paper copies will be available about two weeks 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).

Women of Trinity News and Events

CROCHETED MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

The women of St. Theresa Catholic Church, New Cumberland use plastic bags to crochet mats that are then given to the homeless and they have graciously offered to teach others how to do the same. You do not need to know how to crochet in order to help – women are needed to cut, tie and make balls out of the bags for the crocheters. We would like to start a group at Trinity and everyone is invited to join. This is also a good project for Girl Scout troops. Please contact Ruth Bertovich for more information.

UPCOMING WOT MEETINGS

The April board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. The May General Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 9, beginning at 6 p.m. and begin with a covered dish dinner, followed by installation of the new leaders and include a celebration of the 25th anniversary of Women of the ELCA. Please remember that Blessing Box receipts will be given to the Domestic Violence Program at the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

Women of Trinity want to thank the congregation for their generous donations of items for the personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. The kits were assembled and packed on the Day of Caring and were delivered to New Windsor, Maryland during the final week of March.

DAY OF RENEWAL

The Day of Renewal is scheduled to be held at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Lewisberry on Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is a \$10 cost, which includes lunch and the program. Reservations are due by April 11. Contact Ruth Bertovich to obtain reservation forms. For more information regarding the program, please contact Lori Anne McBride.

Alzheimer's Support Group

The Alzheimer's Support Group will be held, Wednesday, April 25 from 7-9 p.m. in the Library. For more information, please contact Donna Sprowls at 766-8075 or sprowlsd@aol.com.



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Social Ministry Corner
Spotlight on: KATHRYN'S KLOSET

Inspired by and named for a woman who gave of herself and shared whatever she had with others, Kathryn Sophia Beasley Hall, Kathryn's Kloset serves as a conduit for corporate gift-in-kind donations by establishing connections between corporate donors and a network of partner non-profit organizations.

Kathryn's Kloset is in reality a large warehouse situated in Baltimore, Maryland, which stores and distributes donated products to partnering agencies who in turn distribute the goods, free of charge, to people in need in the community.

In 2011, Trinity partnered with Diakon's Kathryn's Kloset to receive and donate \$22,440 of product to local ministries. Ministries served included the Ecumenical Food Pantry, Churches Affiliated Child Care Center, Delta Housing/Gaudenzia, CROSS, Susquehanna Harbor, YWCA and Bethesda Women's Shelter. The product received and distributed, primarily liquid detergent was so appreciated that tears of thankfulness were

frequently seen on the faces of the recipients for whom the cost of detergent was out of reach.

The cost of operating and managing the program and warehouse has taken a financial toll on Diakon, the Lutheran Social Service Agency underwriting this program. Beginning in 2012, an administrative fee is being charged for the receipt of product. The structure provides for a greater amount of product for each step in increased fee. Trinity has paid an amount of \$500 in order to receive \$7,500 worth of product during 2012. Please check the Social Ministry bulletin board in the library hall for the April ministry of the month and more information about KATHRYN'S KLOSET.

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