

# Trinity Parish

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## Trinity congratulates these college graduates who recently received degrees:

**Ashley Fry** graduated from George Mason University School of Law, Arlington, Virginia, with Honors, completing a Juris Doctor Degree. She is the daughter of Roger and Sharon Fry of Camp Hill.

**Allison L. McFadden** graduated Lebanon Valley College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English communications and religion. Future plans are to work in public relations. She is the daughter of Ann B. McFadden and the late John R. McFadden.

**Lauren E. Mease** graduated from Shippensburg University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication (Journalism, print media) and a minor in English. Lauren is the daughter of David Mease of Lemoyne and Patricia Koblisch of Carlisle and the granddaughter of Carl L. and Rose Ann Mease of Camp Hill.

## These Trinity seniors will graduate from high school in June:

**Sara Eckard** and **Emily Eckard**, graduates of Cumberland Valley High School, will attend Hood College. Parent is Teresa Eckard of Mechanicsburg.

**Will Foos**, East Pennsboro High School, plans to attend college this fall. Parents are Dr. Colleen Foos and William Foos of Camp Hill.

**Jason Frantz**, Williams Valley Jr-Sr High School, plans to pursue a career in criminal psychology. Parents are Amy and Jason Brinkley of Harrisburg.

**Kendall Sorem**, Harrisburg Academy, will attend the College of Charleston. Parents are Steve Sorem and Jean Woodworth Sorem.

Coming in June...



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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."*

## Staff Notes

### “Johannes Gutenberg is Alive and Well in the Church” The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

Nearly 25 years ago, I switched from typing my sermon on a Smith-Corona electric typewriter (my high school graduation present) to an electric typewriter with a word processor. It was as if a whole new world opened up. Well, maybe not a whole new world, but with word processing capabilities, I could write a sermon in about half the time. I'd move blocks of material here or there, edit easily, and add new insights. I couldn't imagine going back to that old Smith-Corona.

Of course, now I can't imagine not having my Mac at home or the PC in my office. Besides sermon preparation, there's e-mail, which I consider absolutely crucial to daily communication. The internet helps me find contemporary liturgies and adapt them for our worship services.

Advances in technology in these 25 years are amazing. And sometimes daunting. The ability to “cut-and-paste” into an e-mail stumped me years back until a fellow staff member patiently showed me how. Some of you from my Sunday school class on Bonhoeffer experienced my abilities (or lack of) with a DVD player. I've decided my children, once they're grown, need to live at home so they can help me with the TV remote.

But I remain in awe of these advances. The possibilities of their use in our ministry can indeed open up a whole new world for someone by making the Good News of Jesus Christ accessible in new, creative ways that reach out—way out—beyond Trinity's doors.

Five hundred years ago, the invention of the printing press with movable type revolutionized the world. Johannes Gutenberg's invention is credited with having a key role in the Protestant Reformation. Martin Luther nailed his copy of the 95 *Theses* to the door of the Wittenberg University Church in 1517—an isolated act that might have remained in isolation except that copies of his 95 *Theses* were printed by Gutenberg's press and distributed widely, provoking discussion and reform.

Then consider Luther's German translation of the Bible. To place a Bible—inexpensively produced by printing press—in the hands of a peasant family meant the story of God's grace through Jesus Christ could be treasured in personal study and devotions by all. Today we find the same thing of sorts with apps of the entire Bible on our smart phones.

Some technological advances may not be useful. I doubt I'll tweet this in the midst of worship: *Heard they have warm choco chip cookies at Garden of Eatin' 2. C U there!*

However, I often make use of video, images and other graphics in my preaching at contemporary worship. My seminary education did not train me in this endeavor, so I am still learning and growing, but find it a wonderful opportunity to offer a visual message connected to the auditory message.

Then there are our website and Facebook pages. These are places a person may visit who might never otherwise come to Trinity's doors. The pastoral staff even has discussed the possibility of writing a regular blog. Wouldn't it be neat to have folks ask questions and reflect with the pastoral staff on that blog about all sorts of issues from a faith perspective?

With the technology we have in hand at Trinity, Johannes Gutenberg is alive and well in this place! We need to discern prayerfully how best to use these means, and let's be clear that they themselves are **not** the means of grace (for a Lutheran, the means through which God's grace is transmitted are the Gospel, written and proclaimed, Baptism and Communion.) But they are tools we can use faithfully in speaking Jesus Christ to the world. It is an exciting (dare I say *revolutionary*?) time to be the Church.

“Her children arise up, and call her blessed:  
her husband also and he praises her.”

Proverbs 31:28

### 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 April 2012 meeting:

- Opened the meeting with devotions by Rachel Wright.
- Council member Nancy Mock made a presentation on Leadership Development.
- Voted to approve the establishment of the IT/AV Committee as a Standing Committee rather than a Sub-Committee of the Property Committee.
- Voted to approve the establishment of a Benevolence Forum which shall be an ad hoc committee called at the discretion of the President of Council and under the advisement of the Senior Pastor. The Benevolence Forum will assist in the development and coordination of the total benevolence ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church as related to global mission, ministry within Central Pennsylvania and persons in need within our own congregation.

The next meeting of the Congregation Council will be held on Monday, May 14, 2012.



Trinity's Prayer Shawl Ministry Members and Prayer Shawls

### Gathering Space Art Display for May

For the second year, Trinity's Prayer Shawl Ministry will display their beautiful shawls for our monthly art exhibit.

Formed in 2004, this ministry has become a vital part of Trinity's outreach to those hospitalized, confined to their homes or nursing facilities and family members who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

As of March 2012, they have made 642 shawls and distributed 590. The group meets the fourth Thursday of each month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Room 125 of the education building. Ideas are shared, shawls completed and handed in, and they ask God to bless them that they may be tangible evidence of the love and prayers of our congregation.

The group welcomes anyone who crochets, knits, cro-knits, or wishes to learn. For more information, contact Kay Range, coordinator at 697-1871.



### May Birthdays

#### Our Homebound

May 2      **Ann Sponaugle**  
 20 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Apt. 227  
 Lemoyne, PA 17043

May 26     **Dorothy Miller**  
 6 Creekside Lane  
 Camp Hill, PA 17011

#### Our Staff

May 21     **Lori Goss**

### Every Member Prayer List

**May 6-12:** Mary Ann Klementik; Hannah Kitner; Jack and Janet Kissinger; Kaitlyn Kishbaugh; Leora and Allison Kirkpatrick; Elaine and Jacob Kintzer; John and Shari King and Mikhala Stevens; Jim, Kathy, Melissa, Jen, and Stephanie Kincaid. **May 13-19:** Jay and Jane Killian; Harry Killian; Hannah Killian; Matthew, Mary, Hannah, Rachel, and Sarah Kichman; Joan Kichman; Lance, Laurie, and Andrea Kessler. **May 20-26:** Shirley Kerr; Diane Kerly; Debra and Matthew Kephart; William Kenyon, Jr.; William Kenyon, Sr.; Luke Kenson; Ralph and Marie Kennedy; Thomas Kemp; Megan Kemp. **May 27-June 2:** Jennifer and Sydney Kellington; William and Kathryn Kellie; Marietta Keller; Jim, Brina, Mason, and Sydney Keim; Kim Kehler; Carol Keese; Steve Kauffman and Chad Ruegsegger.

### 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 May through June 2012 is:

- May 20: *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*, by Isabel Wilkerson
- June 17: *Tinkers*, by Paul Harding

### Prayer Concerns

We pray to be worthy to spread the good news.

- ◆ Jesus lives!
- ◆ We pray neither life nor death shall sever us from Him and that we endure in His love through death forever.
- ◆ We pray that God will be our sure defense. This shall be our confidence.

We pray to glorify God. How? Jesus said by bearing fruit.

- ◆ These are the ones on good ground. Those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit.

*"You will know them by their fruits ... "*

Matthew 7:16

We pray for our pastors, teachers, family and all who support us and make our walk with God possible.

- ◆ *We will never know how many will be affected when we lead just one person to Christ.*

*"... there will be rejoicing in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who repents."*

Luke 15:10

### Parish Ministry Spotlight

#### HEALTH TIP:

*"A merry heart doeth good like medicine."*

- Book of Proverbs

Good blood pressure numbers can make a heart happy. The American Heart Association new number for normal is 115/70. Anything higher is considered pre-hypertension. The American Heart Association is also asking us to check children. They have found that high blood pressure can show up in children and teens. A good time to change life style and make a heart happy! Trinity has the proper equipment for checking all ages. **Stop by the first Sunday of every month outside the Chapel after all services and get yours checked.**

## *“The Lutheran” Adult Forum Sunday, May 27, 2012*

Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in Room 123-126 for a discussion on **“Inactives: Where Are They? What Do We Do?”** from pages 20-25 of the April 2012 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine. Many congregations, including Trinity, struggle with whether to remove people who no longer participate in the church from its membership rolls. On the one hand, it serves little purpose to carry people on the rolls who are consistently absent from church life. On the other hand, how many of these people might return to the fold with a little more encouragement? How can our church provide that type of encouragement and support? 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 Bon-sall at (921-1957).

### *Blood Bank News*

Many thanks to everyone who showed up at the Blood Bank on Sunday, April 22, and helped add to Trinity's yearly goal. We currently have 100 donors on my "Donate at Trinity" listing, as well as a growing number of people who donate every eight weeks at the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank donation centers, hospitals, or community blood drives.

Most blood donors are unpaid volunteers who donate as an act of charity! I asked several regular donors why they are so faithful, and what do they "get out of it." Their comments will be included in future articles, so look for their remarks and perhaps you may be inspired to ask them personally. Lori McBride says, "This is my legacy--helping others." We would be happy to have you join us as a donor—at any of the above noted places, or at the September 23, 2012 Blood Drive at Trinity. Question: please call Jeanie Bentzel at 766-3526 or email her at [jeanneil@paonline.com](mailto:jeanneil@paonline.com)

### *Social Ministry Corner Spotlight on: Prison Ministry Keeps Growing in Service*

Trinity's Prison Ministry has expanded over the last two years to include ministry to those both inside and outside prison bars. In all facets of the Prison Ministry, those who are seeking God's grace are ministered to whether they are in the prison community or the ones providing the ministry.

The volunteer list for assisting at Sunday worship services at Dauphin County Prison has grown to 15 people. Pastor Easton continues to lead the services there every six to eight weeks.

On Saturday, May 19 Trinity is preparing to host its third annual Community Connections Breakfast in Fellowship Hall. This ministry gives us the opportunity to offer support and acceptance to prisoners being released back into the community. Trinity members will have the chance to prepare and share a meal with these men and women. While at first thought this may seem like an "out of the comfort zone" experience, Trinity members have found this event to be both rewarding and humbling.

Worship also continues for the Dauphin County Work Release program at CCU headquarters in Harrisburg at 4 p.m. every Sunday. Trinity conducted its second service there to coincide with Trinity's, March 11, Day of Caring. The service drew 35 Trinity members, who helped ahead of time with painting and other chores at the location, participated in the service and distributed Bibles, crosses, and Baskets of Love to those in attendance.

Assembling baskets, containing personal care items needed by those recently released from prison, was part of Trinity's Day of Caring. Roberta Smith has been attending synod prison committee meetings, where the Baskets of Love idea was introduced to her.

If you would like more information about prison ministry, contact: Roberta Smith (Dauphin County Prison services), Robin Fero (Sunday 4 p.m. Work Release Services) and Kristen Campbell (Community Connections Breakfast).

## YG News

The YG season has been quite busy so far. We kicked the month of March off with a YG NITE on Sunday, the fourth, with around 50 YG and advisors in attendance. The topic was TAKE A BATH. The focus was all about serving as a reminder to the YG that God is always with us on our faith journeys as a result of our baptism. We need to be reminded of this on a daily basis. Your baptism paves the way for so much of our Christian identity, not to mention teaches us to be more like Christ. We need to remember the example Christ set by humbling himself and lifting up others. That is what this night was about. It was certainly one of the most powerful ones we had this season and the YG definitely got into the theme.

We had our annual YG PANCAKE BREAKFAST on Sunday, March 10. This fundraiser is a YG tradition when we serve a buffet style breakfast of pancakes and sausages to the congregation, friends and family. Around 150 people were served and we made around \$800 to go toward the 2012 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING this summer.

On March 18 the topic for YG NITE was SHORTCUTS = DO NOT ENTER. The focus was all about helping the YG examine 'shortcuts' (AKA "TEMPTATIONS") they face in their lives and how to deal with them. In life we will be tempted. We will mess up and take shortcuts. But the Lord will be there to help us through if we trust in Him. He has already paved the way for us, and it was not through a shortcut. This night helped the YG recognize ways that we 'shortcut' God daily so that we may learn other ways and instead to serve God better. Equally, this YG NITE was awesome; 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!!!

Yours In Christ,

*Peter A. Fox*  
*Youth Ministry Director*

## Women of Trinity News and Events

### WOT Spring Meeting

The Women of Trinity Spring Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 9 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will begin with a covered dish dinner, to be followed by a business meeting, including the installation of the 2012-2013 board members.

The speaker for the meeting will be Rhonda Hendrickson, Director of YWCA Domestic Intervention and Protection Services. Her talk will focus on the YWCA's volunteer program. Don't forget your Blessing Box – proceeds from this year's boxes will go to the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg Domestic Violence Program.

In addition, we will begin to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Women of the ELCA with a look at past and present ministries of Women of Trinity.

Do you have unwanted but still usable cell phones hidden away in a drawer at home? If so, you can donate those phones to help end domestic violence. Donated phones are reprogrammed into 911 emergency phones for victims of domestic violence and may be their only means of reaching out for assistance. Please place your unwanted phones in the box marked "Phones" in the Gathering Space Collection Closet.

Everyone is invited to attend the May meeting and bring a friend! Sign-up sheets will be available at the Gathering Space reception desk.

## Letters to Trinity

To my family at Trinity,

I would like to thank everyone for their support through the death of my father. I received well over 100 cards, several memorials, and countless personal expressions of condolences.

Thank you all, for your love, grace and encouragement.

God's peace,

*John Brock*

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Dear Trinity Staff and Members,

I am writing on behalf of my Mother, Eleanor Black. We celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this week (April 1) and she was delighted to receive so many cards from Trinity members. She loves her Trinity and regularly listens to the recorded Sunday services and Thursday morning Bible study classes. Caroline Schubert faithfully sends them to her. Needless to say, the telephone call from Pastor Brock wishing her a happy birthday made her day. Although it has been many years since she was last able to attend Trinity in person, I can assure you that she is always there in spirit.

Thank you all for your kindness and thoughtfulness. May God continue to bless you, His people, who make Trinity such a wonderful congregation!

Warmest regards,

*Jim Black*

To my Sisters and Brothers in Christ

There is absolutely no way that I can share the feelings within my heart and very soul as to how to express the love and concern you demonstrated to me as I experienced a very serious health issue. Your prayers, cards, phone calls, notes, and other acts too numerous to mention, gave me much encouragement and healing power. It was a lesson as to how our Lord works through His faith-centered children to bring healing and spiritual encouragement to each other. Each of you are a blessed example of how God brings His presence into His world.

*Jack Bush*

Thank you once again to my Trinity family:

During my two recent hospitalizations I received many cards and notes, telephone calls and visits and the beautiful altar flowers. I am truly blessed to be part of such a warm and caring group of people. You will all be in my heart for a very long time to come. May the love of Jesus Christ be with you all as we celebrate the Easter season.

Peace,

*Judy Messinger*

Sincere thanks,

Heartfelt thanks to Pastor Ludwig for visiting me in the hospital during my recent stay! Thank you for the kind greetings and cards as I recover. I feel blessed to be part of such a caring church community.

Sincerely,

*Tom Stover*

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board, Staff and clients of Christian Churches United I am writing to say **thank you so very much and God bless you!** March has truly been a month of blessings for us from our friends at Trinity.

For an organization like us, efforts like those provided by your congregation make it possible for us to keep our doors open and continue assisting the many people in need that we work with each and every day. **We appreciate it and you.**

Thanks to Trinity we now have a wonderful "green room" that we use for education sessions and meetings. As Barb Musselman and her group can attest, the room needed work. Our client waiting room and entrance are also much more attractive. The gym and kitchen had a thorough going over during Day of Caring; winding up that day was the wonderful worship service for prerelease inmates, men and women. I am still wearing my cross from the evening.

Our Hunger Banquet would not have been the success it was without Trinity! The kitchen crew, under Doug Bonsall, did an excellent job with preparing the food and carrying out the mission and intent of the banquet. There were many compliments from guests about how meaningful the "staff" made the activity. Several others have said that they also want to have a Hunger Banquet, based on the role Trinity carried out.

We are very grateful for the gift baskets and gift cards that were brought over from Trinity for inmates as well. They are especially valuable because the work release inmates must pay for and provide all personal care items. Bless you!

The ongoing care and support from Trinity members is a godsend. We hold your partnership in the highest esteem. We look forward to more times that we can work together. Please let me know what we can do for you!

Peace and love,

*Jacquie Rucker, Executive Director  
Christian Churches United*



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