

# Trinity Parish

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## What is God Calling U 2 Do?

The 3G Symbols around the church remind us of our Stewardship Theme again this year – **OUR 3G NETWORK: GOD.**

**GIFTS. GRATITUDE.** Our **GOD** is the God of all creation from whom we receive all things, all talents, everything that is made. In the creation story we hear, again and again, that “God said it was good.” All of it. Including us. These **GIFTS** are worthy of our thanks and praise because we have not done a thing to earn them. They are part and parcel of God’s grace for each of us, and we know them in abundance. Therefore, we offer our **GRATITUDE** to the maker of all things and the giver of all good gifts.

So, it is time, once again, for us to examine our lives and to demonstrate the gratefulness we have for all the gifts God has given us. Trinity Lutheran is a faithful witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We enjoy many gifts, blessings and graces, making us a leadership church in the ELCA. We stand among the top 1% of congregations in size, mission support and worship attendance. But with that honor comes responsibility – to be generous witnesses to the love we know from God; to be faithful servants in the use of our gifts in service to the community and larger world; to be humble stewards of the goodness we know.

It is our hope that you will prayerfully consider the gifts God has given you and respond with generous gratitude. If you haven’t already, please take a moment to complete an Estimate of Giving form (even if you are in the eGiving program.). You may mail in your response or bring it to any of our worship services in the weeks ahead.

**Our 3G NETWORK:  
GOD. GIFTS. GRATITUDE.**



**Veteran’s Day Spectacular**  
**Sunday, November 11, 2012**  
**4:00 p.m.**

Please join us for a Veteran’s Day Spectacular featuring Trinity’s Concert Choir, Childrens Choirs, Adult Handbell Choir, St. Paul’s Brass, The Greater Harrisburg Chorus of Sweet Adelines, the Keystone Capital Chorus, and the Cedar Cliff HS JROTC.

## Trinity’s Celebration of Thanksgiving

Trinity’s Communal Thanksgiving Dinner is one part of Trinity’s Celebration of Thanksgiving. The Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Sunday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Tickets will be on sale in the Gathering Space on November 4, and 11. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. There are also other important ways for you to support the Celebration: **1) Please volunteer to get involved!** Sign up to do your part when you buy your ticket; **2) We will once again be delivering meals for shut-ins on November 18.** You can send a meal to someone in need with your \$5 donation when you buy your ticket; **and** donate your coupons/vouchers for free turkeys when you buy your ticket. These free turkeys will help offset Trinity’s expenses or will be donated to those in need; **and 3) Bring non-perishable food items when you come to dinner.** The food will be shared with New Hope Ministries. **So, join the Celebration!**

## 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

### “Summer School”

The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

The sight of a rainbow over Niagara Falls. The support and love among members of a 12-step group. A quiet beach at early morning, allowing time and space for prayer. A Boy Scout project devoted to replacing illegible Civil War headstones—thus honoring our war dead.

What do these things have in common? They were “homework” assignments handed in to me by worshipers at our contemporary services. On June 17, in my sermon based on the parable of the mustard seed (Mark 4:30-32), I posed a question to worshipers: *Where have you seen the signs of God’s kingdom? Where have you witnessed His reign of love and peace in our world?* And then I assigned it as my “summer school homework.”

The responses came to me throughout the summer into autumn. They came via snail mail and e-mail. They came as photographs and stories. They came with a sense of wonder and from the deepest places in their hearts. But each response was one person’s story of where they saw the powerful presence of God at work in the world. Their experience gave them hope and strengthened their faith, and they wanted to share it with me.

Not exactly knowing how to report the results, I finally chose our newsletter as the forum. Let me display some of their homework on our “newsletter refrigerator”:

#### Where have you seen the signs of God’s kingdom?

- The beauty of Seneca Lake, and the refreshment of that vacation.
- Watching family members’ enthusiasm as they volunteer in a charity fundraiser.
- Prayers answered for my son’s healing from cancer.
- A renewed desire to play the piano once again, and for the glory of God.
- The love, laughter, beauty, joy and peace of days spent in Elder Camp at Nawakwa.
- A bountiful garden where God’s hand surely was present to help it grow.
- The sight of a woman assisting a man with two prosthetic legs take a walk on the beach.

- Faces of inmates lighting up during our worship together at Dauphin County Prison.
- Incredible support from total strangers, making a food drive for the homeless a success.
- Sharing God’s love with someone who desperately needed it **that very day**.
- Friendships nurtured in silent companionship, without a constant need for chatter.
- The realization that God truly loves me as His child, just as I am—unconditional love!
- Watching my daughter affirm her baptism.
- An experience on Easter Sunday that filled me with peace after a loved one’s death.
- The changing surf at the ocean.
- Reconciling with a parent after years of estrangement.

This has been the easiest “Staff Notes” I ever had to write, for it has been written by Trinity members who kept their eyes opened in order to recognize God at work. Their stories have been a blessing to me. I leave you with a response from a visitor to that June 17 worship service. These are places he witnessed God’s reign of love and peace:

- 1) I walk into a Turkey Hill to get a gallon of milk. Two men are talking in loud tones next to the garbage can. I feel myself judging them for their manner, their demeanor, their speech, their way of carrying themselves. I feel superior and allow myself to keep feeling that way. When I go to pay for the milk, I am 15 cents short. I tell the cashier I need to get it out of my car. But one of the men I judged, politely and with a smile, says "I got it. No problem." I accept his gift, given with cheer, without even the hint of expecting anything in return. I am humbled.
- 2) At Trinity my seven-year-old son is given bread to eat in the Eucharist, even though he has yet to be confirmed. At first I see this through how the church I grew up in might view it: Something's bad here, something's wrong, this is terrible! Then suddenly I'm struck by something: All are welcome at God's table.

Just open your eyes. Signs of the Kingdom abound.

### Prayer Concerns

Dear Lord who has made all, we give you thanks.

Thanksgiving is a time of giving thanks for good received, it is grateful prayer we offer You. We only need to deny the commonplace, to know, with certainty our Father's grace. Lord, bless the bounties we have received.

Life is made of little things, so let's not forget to count our smallest blessings. We thank you Lord for every one of them.

For one day, let us take to ourselves the serenity of spiritual strength. Let us give thanks for the blessings that are ours. For every single blessing gives a reason that we rejoice at this Thanksgiving season.

May every home be warmly blessed this Thanksgiving.

### Every Member Prayer List

**November 4-10:** Royce and Mark Groff; Phil and Meg Groff; Laird and Bailey Groff; Robert Grim; Stacey, Kaleb, Kato, and Kasey Griffiths; Joyce Grier; Dorothy Gregory; Carol Greenlund; Arnie and Anne Greenlund. **November 11-17:** John Greenleaf and Christine Line, and Alexander Greenleaf; Walter and Marilyn Greene; Helen Greene; Adam, Rachell, and Rebecca Green; Patricia Graybill and Maya Yashinsky; Lorraine Graybill; Stephanie and William Granoff; Diane Granoff. **November 18-24:** Lou and Sue Grammes; Jon Grammes; Christine Grabau; Noma Gotwalt; John Gottshall; Kathy Gottlieb, and Sarah and Victoria West; Tim, Lori, Emilie, Steven, and Julia Goss; Linda, Stacey, and Brad Gorter. **November 25-December 1:** Ann, Jennifer, and Jeffrey Gormley; Laura and Sandra Gorecki, and Jared Worley; Alison, Ellie, and Ian Goodwin; Gary Goodling; Patricia Goldhart; Paul, Lucy, Lucy, and Lauren Gnazzo; James, Julie, and Jamie Glucksmann, and Mark Williams; Jill Glinick.

### November Birthdays

#### Our Homebound

November 2 **Bob Schmidt**  
3808 Carriage House Drive  
Camp Hill, PA 17011

November 4 **Elsie Corlett**  
600 Freemason Drive  
BF 3 - Room 3874  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

November 4 **Peg Deraclea**  
4837 East Trindle Road  
Bldg. 4 - Room 302  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

November 18 **Mitzi Fortenbaugh**  
110 Constance Court  
China Grove, NC 28023

#### Our Staff

November 1 **Tyler Rivera**

### "The Lutheran" Adult Forum Sunday, November 25, 2012

Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in Room 126 for a discussion on "**Two Kingdoms: Taking Your Faith into the Election**" from pages 20-26 of the October 2012 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine. Because of the way God has structured how we live, Christians hold dual citizenship. We are always first and foremost under the authority of God, but also of the civil governments of the country where we live. We give God and country our allegiance in separate and distinct ways. For Lutherans in an election year, this offers some opportunities and cautions. 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

### Blankets+ Sunday is November 4

Contributions to Blankets+ mean that Church World Service can be ready to help families around the world recover from disasters and bring help and hope to people in need around the world. This program provides blankets, food, shelter and safe water and later with tools and training for long term recovery. To learn more visit: [www.churchworldservice.org/blankethotline](http://www.churchworldservice.org/blankethotline).

The Women of Trinity has been involved in this program for many years. As little as five dollars can buy a blanket so any amount is welcome. Special envelopes will be in the bulletins on November 4 or you can mail a check to the church office made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with Blanket Sunday on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

### Knitwear Collection for Needy Children

Women of Trinity is collecting knit hats, gloves, mittens and scarves to be given to elementary age homeless children in the Harrisburg School District in December. If we have more than needed they will go to New Hope Ministries. A collection box will be outside the Collection Closet in the Gathering Space in mid-November. The deadline is December 2. Any questions can be directed to Pat Eby at 379-8945 or [patriciae-by@verizon.net](mailto:patriciae-by@verizon.net).

### Campbell's Labels and Box Tops for Education are Needed

Women of Trinity collects both Campbell's product labels and Box Tops for Education labels for Foose and Downey Elementary Schools in Harrisburg. Please bring the UPC codes or Box Top for Education Labels from BIC, Campbell's products, Pop Secret, Franco American, Pace, Pepperidge Farms, Post Cereals, Prego, Emerald Nuts, Glad Food storage bags and containers, Betty Crocker, General Mills, Scott paper products and V8 products. There are also new companies joining the program so keep your eyes open for other brands too. The collection box is on the Reception Desk in the Gathering Space. Many thanks for your continued support.

### Women of Trinity President's Tea, December 1

The President's Tea will honor all of the WOT past presidents. The program will feature interviews with some of the past presidents as well as a brief talk about tea with "One Good Woman." Cookies will be packed for the home bound at 10 a.m., with the tea starting at 11:30 a.m. In the spirit of a formal tea, you are invited to bring along your favorite tea cup and wear a hat. We hope to see all of you for the tea!

## Blood Bank News

Trinity's Blood Drive on September 23 was a great success in many ways. We were able to donate 29 units of blood to the Central PA Blood Bank, and we had several new donors.

CPBB reports Trinity is credited with 166 units as of the end of September. If you missed our drive, please consider donating at a hospital, donor center, or a Community Blood Drive. Trinity is #157.

Sunday, January 27, 2013 is the date of Trinity's next Blood Drive. Mark your calendar and **plan ahead to "Save a Life" by donating blood!**

*Jeanie Bentzel*

## Frey Village Needs...

Frey Village is seeking someone to serve on their Auxiliary Board as the Birthday Party Chairperson. If you volunteer, you would need to be able to come to Frey Village by 1 p.m. on the third Wednesday afternoon of every month to coordinate parties with sponsoring churches. In addition, you would be invited to attend the quarterly auxiliary board meetings.

Please contact Joy Snyder (737-8950) for a detailed job description if you are interested in helping to brighten the lives of Frey Village residents.

## Gifts to Release

You have gifts God wants to release in you. How can you know for certain what your gifts are? Judy Collins offers a five week course, beginning Sunday, November 11 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 227, to identify and put into practical use the gifts God set aside just for you. There will be no class on Sunday, November 25. Contact Judy at [judy.collins@trinitycamphill.org](mailto:judy.collins@trinitycamphill.org) or 737-8635 or complete an orange insert.

*Letters to Trinity*

Mr. Koch and Trinity Members:

St. Matthew Lutheran Church and the Martinsburg (WV) community truly appreciate your very generous gift of the carillon rolls. The music, played three times daily, helps to remind those who hear it to remember and stop to ponder our Creator, Giver, and Savior.

May God Bless You!

*Jane Fagans  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
Martinsburg, WV*

Dear Trinity members,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful flowers from the church services. They really brightened my days during my long hospital and rehab stay. What a nice way to greet me on a Sunday afternoon.

I'm feeling much better now and hope to get back to church services soon.

Sincerely,

*Marilyn Greene*

Dear Friends of Christ:

On behalf of my family, I wanted to thank everyone for the cards and prayers we received for the passing of my dear father, Robert Hegedus. The outpouring of such acts of kindness and love was overwhelming. I and the entire Hegedus family thank you.

Sincerely,

*Dave and Maria Hegedus*

To My Trinity Family,

Words cannot express my thanks to my wonderful friends and church family for all the kindnesses shown to me in my recent illness and surgery.

I shall always be most grateful for the many, many cards, calls, flowers, beautiful prayer shawl and personal visits from friends, ministers and Vicars.

My recovery has been slower than hoped, but please know I've been blessed to have such concern from all.

I do hope again soon to be with you all for worship and activities I miss while recovering.

With Christian Love,

*Fay Pepperman*

Trinity family:

Thank you for the prayers and cards you sent me during my surgery and recovery in July. I could feel God's presence during my hospital stay and all the personnel there were quite surprised at my rapid recovery. It is a blessing to belong to such a caring community.

*Shirley Wilkie*

*Spotlight on Trinity's Giving Tree*

The Giving Tree will be available during the Advent season to share our love and concerns for others. On the first Sunday in Advent, the tree will be located in the Gathering Space. Please choose an ornament representing one of the following benevolence ministries:

**SOCIAL MINISTRY:**

- **CACCC** (Churches Affiliated Child Care Centers) provides scholarships for low-income parents returning to the work force so their children can receive quality daycare.
- **CROSS** is a residential ministry for young adults with mental and physical challenges.
- **DELTA Community** supports low-income single parents to gain safe housing, food and clothing, plus other support services to help them get further education and a job.
- **New Hope Ministries** a community social service agency supporting at-risk or in crisis individuals and families by assisting with basic needs and services.
- **Bethesda Mission** is a Christian rescue mission providing shelter for homeless.
- **Prison Ministry** is for men and women recently released from prison, and their families.

**PARISH MINISTRY:**

- Reaches out to members in need within Trinity parish.

**MISSIONS:**

- Offers support for Gettysburg Seminary students and their families.

### YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. We started off the YG year with our first YG NITE on September 9. Around 70 YG came out for this YG NITE. The focus of this night is always to introduce YG to all the new people. Call it "YG 101." We play games, meet new people, have dinner and teach the YG all about our many traditions and what we are all about. It is a great and necessary way to start off every year.

We had another YG NITE two weeks later with around 70 YG and advisors. We introduced our theme for the year which is "STIR IT UP". Often in our lives when things are the same all the time, we lose interest. When we try to "stir things up" they become relevant and vital once again. The same goes for our faith life, we need things to energize it and keep it growing and moving forward. Jesus certainly "stirred things up" by getting people to think differently and to challenge what they had been told. This year will focus on Jesus' example. All and all, the YG Nite was a success from start to finish with much faith, fun and fellowship.

We closed down the month with the synod-wide ALIVE, ALIVE retreat at Camp Nawakwa on September 28 through 30. Six of our Jr. High youth (three boys and three girls), myself and another advisor attended this awesome weekend. It was a blast from start to finish. Around 250 youth from our synod gather for this event every year. There is large group, small groups, music, speakers, and tons of faith and fun. It was great!

Lastly, we are in beginning stages of planning our Sr. High Mission Trip this coming summer to be held in mid-July with the organization Lutheran-HANDS. We should have around 15 Sr. High YG and several advisors (including myself) attend this trip. These servant trips provide a great opportunity for our youth to "get their hands dirty" and help others in need. It teaches them to look at the plight of others and not just concentrate on themselves. That is what this trip is all about. I am looking forward to this YG year. It will ROCK!!!

Yours In Christ,

**Peter A. Fox**  
Youth Ministry Director

### Council Update

#### From the October 2012 meeting:

- Opened the meeting with devotions by Nancy Mock.
- Reviewed the Planning Process for Council and Committee Chairs.
- Welcomed Fellowship Chair for an update on this year's Thanksgiving dinner.
- Voted to approve membership of the following:  
*Tim, Melissa and Cassidy Anderson; Chris, Sara, and Sam Banner; Adam, Britta, and Anders Barrickman; Curt and Karen Bowen; Tom and Jane Davis; Ed, Sherry, Katelyn and Landon Duwall; Alane, Patrick and Jonathan Fagan; Lana Fellows; Sue Froh; John Greenleaf III; Darlene Henriksen; Royce and Kristi Hoffman; Gretchen and Caden Hong; Tom, Beth, and Crosby Lyon; Daniel and Madalyn MacConnell; Parker, Barbara, Rebecca, and David Martin; Barb Moyer; Kevin Murphy; Charles, Devon, Parker, and Mason Nordine; Charles Reddinger and Karen Lingle; Andrea Reede; Keith and Karen Rockey; Jen Stahl; Tim and Winnie Sullivan.*
- Voted to approve the sale of Reindeer Food by the Social Ministry Committee to benefit the Domestic Violence Services ministry.

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

### Children's Busy Bags

Children's Busy Bags for the Traditional Service have been redone! If you have young children you are welcome to use a Busy Bag during the service. Please take one from the basket in the Narthex marked "These Bags Are Ready to Use!" and after the service return it to the basket marked "This Bag Needs some TLC." This way, each week we can refill and check the contents of any used bags. If you are interested in helping with the upkeep of the bags – just a few minutes each week – please contact Kelly Falck at [kbfalckfamily@comcast.net](mailto:kbfalckfamily@comcast.net).

Social Ministry Corner - CACCC

**WHAT:** Churches Affiliated Child Care Centers was organized more than twenty years ago by Trinity and four local churches. Their focus was to develop two quality centers that would extend scholarships to children from lower income homes where parents were returning to the work force without the cash reserves to pay for childcare. CACCC provides scholarships for new parents who need assistance while they wait to receive state or local subsidies for their children’s care.

**WHO:** Trinity’s representatives to the board are Margy Fox, Judy Leslie and Karen Bowen who help develop fund raisers for CACCC’s scholarship fund. The board meets monthly, September through June at Trinity.

**WHERE:** The two centers are located in Enola and Camp Hill. Before and after school programs are located in Camp Hill at Eisenhower Elementary and at Wellsville and South Mountain.

**WHEN:** CACCC has just completed its fall fundraiser – a night at Isaac’s restaurant in Lemoyne. Thank you to everyone who supported us that evening. We hope to have several more restaurant fundraisers this year, so please stay tuned! During November, we will be selling chocolate advent calendars in the Gathering Space for \$5.00.

**WHY:** Trinity’s support of CACCC carries the legacy we started 25 years ago when it was established. Your support of the fundraisers and items on the Giving Tree in the summer and at Christmas help to provide quality childcare for children and families. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Judy Collins or one of the board members.

Thank you Trinity for your many years of support and encouragement!

Dear Trinity:

I would like to express a sincere thank you to everyone who donated paper products, and gift cards to Cumberland Vista and the residents. We greatly appreciate the kindness and generosity you have expressed.

May God Bless you in all of your endeavors.

Thank you,

Dixie Hoffman, houseparent and Residents of Cumberland Vista



“13 in 13”

ELCA Malaria Campaign Update

What are Trinity members doing to eliminate deaths from malaria — for good?

- ⇒ Our involvement began with a January 2012 Epiphany luncheon at Trinity where we learned about this *worldwide* ELCA campaign and dined on an “African” meal.
- ⇒ Children in Summer Vacation Bible School learned that some mosquito bites don’t just itch; they can land you in the hospital. Using a display of a mosquito net and clip-on mosquitoes, children in VBS raised \$265 in just one week. Children saw that as funds were raised, the mosquitoes went away.
- ⇒ Trinity’s Missions Committee created a bulletin board showing the affected areas of Africa to help us learn about those areas of the world.
- ⇒ Children and youth in our Sunday school classes are learning about the campaign, too, and raising funds.
- ⇒ More than \$2,000 has already been gifted by Trinity members toward the ELCA malaria campaign.
- ⇒ Trinity’s Social Ministry and Missions Committees and lots of volunteers are planning a “13 in 13” event for Sunday, March 10, 2013. Please mark your calendars.
- ⇒ Mark your calendars also for an Epiphany luncheon, Sunday, January 6, 2013. Our guest speaker will be Amani, who is from Tanzania and who is currently studying at the Gettysburg Theological Seminary.

Editor’s Note

The article in the October edition titled “Trinity’s First Fulltime Pastor Called One Hundred Years Ago” we neglected to list Connie Dollase as the article’s author.



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***Trinity Parish Deadline***

The deadline for the December 2012 edition of *Trinity Parish* is Saturday, November 10, 2012 – **no exceptions**. If e-mailing articles, please send to: [parish@trinitycamphill.org](mailto:parish@trinitycamphill.org)  
Please keep all articles to 300 words or less. Articles may also be dropped off in the *Trinity Parish* mailbox in the church office.