

Trinity Parish

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Guitarist Peter Griggs to Perform at Trinity

Sunday, Feb. 16

4 p.m.

Free Admission

In his "500 Years Of Music For Guitar" program, Peter Griggs explores the music of the classical guitar from the Renaissance to the Contemporary, including works by Gaspar Sanz, Johann Sebastian Bach, Ferdinando Carulli, Bartolome Calatuyud, Django Rheinhardt, Thelonious Monk, and Luiz Bonfa, as well as Flamenco, Brazilian music, jazz and several of Griggs' own compositions.

He also discusses the evolution of the guitar from its origins in Spain to its worldwide popularity in the 21st century. There is something for listeners of all tastes on this wide-ranging program.



"An almost unbelievable talent. Peter Griggs performs magic!"

Sigrid Hedderich, Bergische Morning Post, Germany

"Clear and mysterious as the dance itself."

Jennifer Dunning, New York Times

"A beautiful recording of world music."

John Schaefer, "New Sounds: A Listener's Guide to New Music" (Harber & Row)

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"Disciples in the making, making disciples"

OUR VISION 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

Strategic Planning

I'm not much into prognostications, but recently I read predictions from church consultant Thom Rainer for 2014. Many of his predictions have been general trends for a number of years, but I was particularly struck by how many could have a potential impact on our ministry here at Trinity.

This year our leaders and staff will be working hard at strategic planning. In strategic planning you want to develop a strong sense of identity, who you are, as well as reflect on where you are going, or more specifically for a church, where God is might be leading us. Assessing our resources and staffing we will then seek to align and focus our ministries to fulfill those purposes to which God has lead us. This process, as you can imagine takes a lot of prayer, study, spiritual discernment, and plain and simple hard work. The mission of Christ through Trinity deserves nothing less.

So what are some of the trends that Rainer is predicting that we should be aware of as we begin to make plans for our own growth in ministry?

- ▶ With the continuing rise in staff cost, smaller congregations may seek partnerships with larger congregations to share staff and raise the level of quality of programming.
- ▶ The number of large and "mega" churches will continue to grow but worship spaces will get smaller as those congregations seek more intimate worship gatherings.

- ▶ The old worship wars between traditional and contemporary worship styles will give way to a more unified worship style that may have elements of both.
- ▶ There will be trend toward raising expectations around membership of congregations. Experts have seen for many decades now a direct link between low expectations and low commitment and passion.
- ▶ Congregations will create small group ministries to meet the needs of people who are seeking deeper personal relationships with God and others.
- ▶ The large congregation will take more and more the role exercised by seminaries and synods in the past as ministry training centers.
- ▶ Congregations will continue to look for ways to serve their communities *in* the community rather than within the walls of the church. Members will increasingly minister in the world through partnerships with other community groups.

As you read these predictions you may be having the same reaction I did. Trinity is already doing many of these things or at least there have been conversations and acknowledgement that some of these are directions we could see ourselves developing in the future. Please pray for the Strategic Planning Committee and all of Trinity's staff and leaders as we continue together to discern God's vision for our congregation.

**YOUR SERVANT IN CHRIST,
PASTOR JACK HORNER**

Council Update

From the Jan. 13 meeting:

- ▶ Reviewed staff & committee reports.
- ▶ Finances reflect receipts \$20,838 under budget, expenses \$22,786 under budget, excess \$1,947
- ▶ Approved policy updates for Missions and Manual Format & Preparation.
- ▶ Approved resignation of Bill Foos as chair of Strategic Planning Committee.
- ▶ Thanked those members whose terms are ending for their contributions.



For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:25, NRSV

Letters to Trinity

Dear Trinity Members,
We recently committed ourselves to God and one another on November 30th. With that, we would like to say thank you for the many members of our congregation who have supported us through the years. We met at this church and very much look forward to bonding our future family to this incredible one. God certainly has blessed us with one another and with you in our lives. With love,
Jake and Devin Miller

Dear Trinity Family,
Thank you very much for all your care, thoughts, and prayers in the recent death of my father. It was greatly appreciated. It is very comforting to belong to such a caring community.

A special thank you to Pastor Easton for your beautiful letter. It was a great comfort.

Sincerely,
Lennie and Ben Nyman

**Thank You! Thank You!
Thank You!**

To The Women of Trinity and all who contributed:

Your gifts of school boxes and school supplies helped Christmas come alive for all the second graders at Foose and Scott Elementary Schools and all the first graders at Downey Elementary School in Harrisburg.

Thank you!

Trinity Tutors

Social Ministries: St. Pat's Saturday Breakfast for the Homeless and Shining Light Ministry

Last year was a very good year for our ministry at St. Pat's. We have a new cook with some great ideas. She is sending food to go and providing containers when there is leftover food, bringing smiles to our homeless.

Our schedule for January through June of this year was mailed in December and we have a total of 20 volunteers serving.

Our fall ministry for the Shining Light Ministry in Harrisburg was completed with gathering 865 items donated by the congregation. Please remember the Shining Light Ministry when you complete your spring cleaning.

Thank you for your support. New volunteers are most welcome. Please contact Nancy Restagno at 717-938-4035 for additional information.

Save the Dates! Trinity's Weekend of Caring is March 21-23, 2014

BY SUE ERDMAN

Preliminary projects include a pizza party and games at CROSS, a food pantry drive, visits to nursing homes, a community meal at Christian Churches United, card making, prayer beads, prayer pockets, prayer shawls, love baskets, and projects at Camp Curtin YMCA and Pink Hands of Hope.

More details to follow next month. Contact Barb Musselman at bdmusselman@verizon.net or 717-329-3710 for more information.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Witness to the gospel falls on each of us.

Lord:

- ❖ Give us eyes to see all the ways you touch our lives.
- ❖ Give us the courage to make the sacrifices that are needed to follow you faithfully.
- ❖ Help us reach out in love and service to those around us.
- ❖ You have called us by name to serve you and your people. May we always be strengthened in our ministry as we reach out with the gospel.
- ❖ Guide us to be servants who equip others for ministry. *Through Christ we are made free that we may freely serve others.*
- ❖ We know this is the responsibility of being a disciple of Christ.
- ❖ We pray Lord, teach us the way of righteousness, for it is the foundation of all that is right and good. May we long for it, for we know that nothing will nurture life like the way of righteousness.

*“He calls us to service, and sends us into the world.”
(John 17:15-18)*

Resolutions: Bah Humbug or I’m on it?

BY BILL TAURIELLO

We are now about a month into the new year and which camp do you fall into regarding New Years resolutions? Many made resolutions. How are you coming with them? Have they already been broken and you’ve given up? People say that there are six major areas of our life: Family, Mental, Physical, Financial/Business, Social/Emotional, and Spiritual. If you were to evaluate where you are in these areas, say on a scale of 0 to 10, how would you stack up? Did you make any resolutions to improve any of these areas? How do you measure yourself in these areas?

1. Family: How much quality time do you spend with your spouse/children? Are you living out the commitments you made when your children were baptized?
2. Mental: What are you reading? Do you have stimulating discussions with anyone? Hobbies?
3. Physical: Are you exercising, have a healthy diet, getting restful sleep?
4. Financial/Business: How is your career progressing? Appropriate investment/savings portfolio growth? Is your business where you want it to be?
5. Social/Emotional: Do you have a group of people that you can occasionally let go with and have some serious fun?

6. Spiritual: How are you living Michael Fose’ Six Marks of Discipleship: daily prayer, service, regular church attendance, Bible reading/study, regular devotions, and proportional giving?

Now take your 0 to 10 evaluation in each area and make them into wooden dowels that can be used as six spokes of a wheel. Be honest. What does your wheel look like? Most are a bit lumpy. Some are very lumpy. The objective is to have a balanced, round wheel where all of the spokes are relatively equal. This is our “Wheel of Life.” The more it is out of balance, the rougher our trip through life will be.

What does this have to do with Men of Trinity/Lutheran Men in Mission (MOT/LMM) you ask? Accomplishing any goal in life goes a lot easier if you are walking along side someone else – an accountability partner if you will. An individual or even a group of guys who will hold each other’s feet to the fire. What is MOT/LMM all about? Guys being there for each other. Guys sharing with each other. Guys helping each other through the pitfalls we encounter in life. And, yes, guys helping each other grow spiritually. Remember, every guy who is a part of the ministries here at Trinity is a part of MOT/LMM. We have no “members,” just guys who are concerned about each other.

Where do you fit in? How can you plug in? It’s not too late to pick up on those resolutions. Check with our leadership to find out how.....

YG NEWS

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. Here is what we did in the month of December (after the YG Winter Retreat). On Wednesday, December 11 we had our COMMUNITY NIGHT AT ISAAC'S in the Lemoyne Plaza. This was a night where church members, YG members and their families could come out for a dinner at Isaac's. 25 percent of their bill was given to the YG to go towards future YG events. We were able to raise just around \$250 to support this cause. Our next Community Night at Isaac's is scheduled for April 2013. Thanks to all who came out and supported us!

We closed down the month on Sunday, December 22nd with our ANNUAL YG CHRISTMAS CAROLING & PARTY. Around 65 YG and advisors were in attendance for this most special night. 11 college graduates joined us as well for this event. We began the evening by walking over to Manor Care Nursing Home and singing Christmas Carols to all of the people there. It is always a memorable experience and quite impactful for our YG to bring some Christmas cheer to all of the good folks there. After caroling, we walked back to the church for dinner, lots of snacks and some great YG Christmas

games. We closed down the evening and the year with a large group prayer.

In these next months I'll be getting together all of the information for our SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP to Tuckerton, New Jersey this coming summer. We will be heading there to help those affected by Hurricane Sandy rebuild. For this trip, we will once again be partnering with the organization LutheranHANDS. We should have around 15 or so Sr. High YG and several advisors (including myself) attending this servant trip. Help us, help others; Please support our YG fundraising efforts which will help to pay for this trip!

Lastly, I wanted to put a reminder out there that SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd is SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY at church. The YG will once again be collecting money and canned foods to go to THE BRIDGE food pantry in New Cumberland. On that morning we will be collecting any financial contributions after each service. We will also be collecting canned food items that morning at our table in the Gathering space.

That's all for now...

Yours In Christ,
Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

February 2-8

Kevin Woods; Joel Woods; Greg Woods; Andy, Karen and Alexander Woodring; Hannah Wood; John and Mary Wolfinger; Richard Wolfe; Bill Wolf.

February 9-15

David, Bettilu, Marteen and Maggie Witmer; John, Wendi, Alayna, Seth and Cari Withrow; Carter Wise; Michele and Cassidy Wirth; Barb Wirth; Gregory Wirt; George and Charlotte Wirt; Elizabeth Winters; Debbie Winters.

February 16-22

Michelle Winston; Carl and Barbara Winfield; Rob, Jessica, Kaelyn and Hadleigh Winesickle; Mary Wilt; Jessica Wilt; Rick, Debbie, Ryan and Tyler Wilson; Peggy Willis.

February 23- March 1

Janet Williamson; Tonya Williams; Ron and Val Williams; Joel Williams; Christa Williams and Angelina, Christian and Lennon Lees; Wayne and Shirley Wilkie; Tom, Vicki, Elizabeth, Jackson and Maxwell Wilken; Jim, Jen and Julia Wharton.



"The Lutheran" Adult Forum - Sunday, February 23

Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in Room 237 for a discussion on "**Renew and Renovate: The Work of the Church**" from pages 20-26 of the January 2014 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine.

"It's not a numbers game, it's spiritual belief and passion" says the author of this month's feature article about the work of the church in 2014. It's a well-known fact that the ELCA (along with most main-line Protestant denominations) faces unprecedented challenges today. Social, technological and economic upheavals in the last 50 years have totally changed the religious landscape and many of our congregations suffer from dwindling participation and shaky finances. But if we focus on growing people, we won't have to worry about growing our churches.

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 THANKS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

BY WOMEN OF TRINITY, SPECIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Thank you so very much for your generosity!
In November, we asked you to donate money for Blanket Sunday. You did! Church World Service received \$2163.00 from Trinity's congregation.

That converts to more than 430 blankets that could be given to those in desperate need.

In our world, there are always those in desperate need, be it from natural disasters or war. So thank you very much. In December, we collected children's hats, gloves and scarves to help local children keep warm. Once again, you responded. We gave 59 three-piece sets, plus 98 hats, 78 pairs of gloves and 23 scarves for a total of 347 pieces divided between the Christmas Party for Homeless Children in the Harrisburg School District and the Bethesda Mission Youth Center. So you helped to keep a lot of children warmer this winter.

Thank you to both the knitters and the buyers for all of the warm articles. They were definitely needed this winter.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Our Homebound

Feb. 4 Virginia Bush
2100 Bent Creek Blvd.
Room 211
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Feb. 10 Helen Reichel
5225 Wilson Lane
Oaks Bldg., Rm 3
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Our Staff

Feb. 12 Tom Notestine
Feb. 14 Pastor Horner

Mark the Date: New Member Orientation

begins on

**Sunday, February 23
at 9:30 a.m.
in the library.**

New members will be received
April 5 and 6. Any questions,
contact Judy Collins at 737-8635.

Stewardship at Home: Lasting Value

BY THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Several past columns have focused on debt, and how debt can influence our use of time, talent and treasure. This month we're going to discuss some of the purchases and habits that placed us into debt, and ask if we are receiving the *lasting value* we anticipated from making those buying decisions.

Every day there's an ad for the latest fashion, gadget, entertainment opportunity or travel destination. Advertising is good at making us think we need something. Or, a coworker, neighbor or acquaintance has the latest fashion, gadget etc. We tend to think we may get the same enjoyment. It may seem "natural" for us to want to buy it too. Or is it? Did we have a "bad day?" Does life "owe us" a pick-me-up? Or have we been "good" - and buying something provides an immediate reward? We all face situations (urges) like this - and how we respond to the urge impacts the value we receive.

After the time and money is spent, gone forever, are we satisfied, and were our expectations met? If there were "do overs,"

would we use one to go back in time and change our decision?

We don't get "do overs," but we do get lessons learned ... and memories of past experiences. Before making a buying decision, we could pause and reflect: What do we expect from our purchasing decision? Will the object, event, or experience bring the satisfaction we desire? How will it influence our ability to realize lasting value in our lives?

Is our limited time and hard-earned money going to items high on our values list? When time is used, it is gone forever, no do overs. When money is spent, it is gone forever, no do overs. Perhaps we *can* wait until tomorrow to make a final decision. Let's spend some time thinking, reflecting, discerning, and drawing on memories and past experiences before acting. Will our action satisfy the need we are feeling? Will we realize *lasting value* from the object, event or experience? How does it fit into our overall values? Resources are limited, desires are unlimited. Let's practice stewardship and make sure every action and expenditure brings lasting value.

4Gs: God, Gifts, Gratitude, Grace

February Gathering Space Art Display

When not helping with Garden of Eatin' on Sunday mornings, Sheila Thurston continues knitting hats for area charities at Cornerstone Coffeehouse on evenings and weekends. She began knitting on a loom knitter about five years ago when hosting Korean exchange students who wanted to learn knitting. She began giving hats away to

local schools and churches and then began helping area nonprofits such as Diakon Foster Care and Cumberland Perry ARC.

Like the oil lamp in the temple that never ran out of oil, she says a prayer when yarn runs low, and God provides a steady supply! Recently she received a donation from Trinity's prayer shawl ministry of left over odds

and ends of yarn. Some of the hats on display were made from these bits! Each hat on display has a card attached. Please feel free to write your name on the card and collect your hat at the end of the month! More hats will be added throughout the month, so please keep checking!

Forgiveness and Faith

Imagine finding out that one of your own children has done the unthinkable--taking the lives of innocent children. Such was the news that greeted Strasburg resident Terri Roberts on Oct. 2, 2006.

"I saw the emergency vehicles go by, prayed, not knowing our very own son was the cause of an unspeakable tragedy occurring nearby at that very moment," says Terri Roberts, mother of the Nickel Mines school shooting perpetrator.

A lone gunman entered the one room school

house, and at the end of the day, 10 young Amish girls ranging in age from six to 13 had been shot, and the shooter had committed suicide. Five of the 10 girls died as a result of the attack.

Terri Roberts brings her story to our synod on Saturday, Feb. 22, in an event hosted by the Lower Susquehanna Synod Criminal Justice System Ministry. We hope that you will join us to hear this story of walking through unthinkable circumstances, and by the grace of God and the love of family,

friends, and neighbors, Roberts found strength and even joy along the journey to forgiveness and healing.

This is an event you will not want to miss. Invite your friends, and anyone who wonders about issues of faith and criminal justice. There is no charge, but we ask that you r.s.v.p. by contacting Jeff Weaver by Feb. 12 at 697-3259 or jeff_bert@verizon.net.

The event will be held at Trinity in Fellowship Hall. Registration will open at 8:30 a.m., and the event will end around 11:30 a.m.

Save These Dates Criminal Justice System Ministry

- ▶ Sunday, Feb. 2, 9:30 a.m. room 237 - ELCA Criminal Justice Statement
Pastor Nancy Easton, facilitator
- ▶ Saturday, Feb. 22, 9 - 11:30 a.m. - Forgiveness and Faith
Terri Roberts, mother of Nickel Mines Schoolhouse perpetrator, presenter
Sponsored by The Criminal Justice Systems Ministry of the Lower Susquehanna Synod
- ▶ Wednesdays in Lent, March 12 - April 9, 6:30 p.m. - Hearing the Cries
Sup 'n Study course with guest presenters
- ▶ Saturday, May 17- Community Connections Breakfast

Sup n Study Spring 2014 Information

Wednesdays

March 12 - April 9

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Dinner

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes

A time for fellowship at Trinity with a light supper of soup and sandwich/salad followed by one-hour classes for five weeks.

Cost of meal is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children.

Capped at \$15 per family.

Information is online or at the Gathering Space receptionist's desk. Registration is strongly recommended.

Veggie Tales and Nursery will be available

Topics for Spring 2014:

- ▶ **Good God Questions**
- ▶ **Hearing the Cries: Faith & Criminal Justice**
- ▶ **Inside the Large Congregation**
- ▶ **Introduction to Microsoft Excel**
- ▶ **The Daniel Plan: Feast on Something Bigger Than a Fad**

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate For Sale

On the first Sunday of every month the Missions Committee offers for sale fairly-traded coffee, tea and chocolates. These items are part of the Fair Trade project of Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Fair Trade is a partnership that seeks greater equity in international trade. Its principles include fairness, children's and women's rights and good stewardship of natural resources. When you buy Fair Trade products, more of the money you spend reaches the hands of the farmers and families who grew the crops.



Five Week Adult Sunday Church School Program

March 9 through
April 6
9:30 a.m. in
Room 234
Linda Horner,
facilitator

The Nooma Video Series by Rob Bell

Explore our world
from the perspective
of Jesus.

A time for
conversation on
important issues.

Blood Pressure Screening

First Sunday of the
Month
Chapel Narthex

9 a.m. - Noon

Parish Ministry Corner: Meal Ministry Spotlight

BY DONNA SPROWLS

*“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and
saves the crushed in spirit.”*
Psalm 34:18

God gives each of us the ability to serve in special ways. For some it means visible service; for others it is behind the scenes. While our (funeral) **Meal Ministry** volunteers are not behind the scenes to those who receive their loving service during a time of need, I am sure many of us aren't aware of this ministry unless we have been a guest for a meal after a funeral or memorial service or requested the service upon the death of a love one. Our **Meal Ministry** provides an opportunity for family and friends to gather together to celebrate the life of a loved one, an important component of the grieving process.

When the call comes with a request for a meal by the **Meal Ministry** there are always willing volunteers; whether the service will be on a weekend or around a holiday, these great people come forward. All planning arrangements must be completed within a few days – starting with consulting the family of the deceased by Karen Appel, with Ruth Bertovich as backup, to determine a date and time, approximate number of guests to be served and type of meal desired. Then Terri Denison calls to get as many volunteers as needed for set-up, serving and clean-up.

Thanks to this wonderful group for their attention to every detail; attractive table settings and for graciously serving the guests with smiles and caring words.



Funeral Meals

The Wellness Voice Invites Any Driver Over 55 to attend an AARP Safe Driving Class

Sign up for an AARP Safe Driving Class to be held at Trinity on Friday mornings. This course is for any driver age 55 and older. There is no test. Pennsylvania requires your auto insurance company to give you a discount of 5 percent for three years if you hold a clean driving record.

The eight-hour class will be held Fridays, Feb. 28 and March 7



from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. A four-hour refresher class will be held Friday, March 21 from 8:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Register early to reserve your seat.

The cost is \$20 (\$15 for AARP members with membership number). Make your check payable to AARP and mail the information below to: Owen Moore, 411 N. 4th St., Lemoyne, PA 17043-1608 or sign up online at www.aarp.org/findacourse.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Friday, February 28 and March 7 (eight-hour course): _____

Friday, March 21 (four-hour refresher course): _____

AARP Membership Number: _____



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