



disciples in the making, making disciples

Children and adults wanted for Trinity's great choirs

Trinity is well known for its inspiring music and is looking for you and your children to join one or more of the voice or bell choirs.

Adults are always needed to further enhance the Chancel and Concert choirs, according to Tim Koch, Ministry Director for Music, who directs those groups. Some note-reading ability is helpful.

Amy Koch, Director of Children's Music, is also looking for additions to her choirs. "Children's music can move adults," she said, "and we're there to bring a smile to people's faces."

Amy tells children they're helping the congregation to worship God, that they're an active part of that worship, and that they are worship leaders when standing in front of the congregation. The high-energy rehearsals are full of fun and fellowship, and Amy suggests that kids come to a rehearsal to see if they like it and want to stay on.

See the list of choirs and their rehearsal schedules on page 3.

Change is Good

What if nothing changed...ever?

Sometimes you might hear that desire, especially when it relates to the church. Maybe you've heard the old saying, "We've never done it that way before."

Think about this though. Recently I came across some statistics from less than 100 years ago that illustrate some of the changes we've seen.

- Pneumonia and flu were the #1 causes of death
- 10 percent of doctors had a college education
- 95 percent of births happened at home
- 8 percent of homes had phones
- 33 percent could read and write
- There were 144 miles of paved roads in the US

It's hard to imagine living in that time. So many of the positive changes we experience are taken for granted. They become a part of who we are and stepping stones for something greater (we hope).

Who knows what the future will bring? What changes are in store for our world or church? Ultimately it is in God's hands. What we can do is to continue to be people of faith and hope advancing Christ's mission and ministry for a new generation.

I've always loved the lyrics to the old hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty."

*Praise to the Lord, who will
Prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy
Shall daily attend you.*

Ponder anew

What the almighty can do

As with his love he befriends you.

The Rev. Dr. Jack Horner

Celebrate and say thank you! Following the late services on Sunday, September 13, join us in Fellowship Hall for a reception to honor Trinity's long-time faithful servants, **Office Manager Nancy Martin (25 years)** and **Pastor Nancy Easton (15 years)**. Their knowledge, dedication, and personal warmth are invaluable. Sign the sheet at the Gathering Space reception desk by Sunday, September 6, to indicate your attendance and any food items you wish to bring.

Strategic plan update

How are we doing?

We're making good progress as we implement our strategic plan. Congregation Council approved the plan last year, delegates and monitors the progress, and routinely provides the congregation with updates like this one. Our committees, ministry teams, and staff carry out the assigned actions, all of which develop and enhance our work in Christian ministry.

Examples of initial actions on this 3-5 year plan:

Strengthening relationships

- ✓ We are gathering information about small groups, envisioning they will be intentional in study, prayer, and fellowship and will be short term in nature.
- ✓ We are defining a process to reach inactive or disengaging members.

Making connections

- ✓ We have hired a part-time communications director to improve our communications.
- ✓ We are evaluating Trinity worship opportunities regarding preferences for worship times and styles.

Building foundations

- ✓ We are initiating a comprehensive study of staff benefits for value and cost.
- ✓ We are discussing having quarterly sessions on Trinity finances, including designated giving and memorials and endowments.
- ✓ We are planning to develop approaches for growing membership giving.

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- ✓ Our Property Committee has been evaluating options to maximize our growth, including addressing our parking constraints.

A complete report of this half-year's work is on our website or at the church office.

We have a lot more work to do. Once we have a property master plan and have built additional steps to provide financial stability, including any necessary capital campaign, we can work as a congregation to address needed facility improvements and potential enhancements to better carry forth our mission and ministries.

Your input is critical. Please share your thoughts and comments with any of the following: President Jen Schwalm, Lead Pastor Jack Horner, or Strategic Planning Committee Chair Bob Frymoyer.

Every member prayer list

September 4 – 10: Becky, Megan, and Michael Lohr; Brian and Cameron Lobel; Jon, Sara, and Parker Lobaugh; Amber Livick; Joe and Rich Lint-Campbell; Larry Lint; John, Becky, and Meredith Lingenfelter. **September 11 – 17:** Janette, Xavier, and Karlsen Line; Henry Line; Christine Line and Alex Greenleaf; Bradley, Joan, Chad, and Travis Lindsay; Chris, Shannon, Aidan, and Finn Lilienthal; Helen Liddick; Joyce and Jacob Libby; Bernard, Nora, Mark, and Lisa Levan; Arianna and Gina Leto. **September 18 – 24:** Judy Leslie; Jim, Gretchen, and Cooper Leslie; Lydia Lerch; Julie Leppo; Josh Lentz; Frank IV, Dagny, and Frank V Lentz; Frank III and Cheryl Lentz; David and Marcia Lentz; Brad Lentz. **September 25 – October 1:** Eric, Tina, Emma, and Brian Leighow; Colton Lehmer-Russell; Bonnie LeFevre; Dave, Megan, Anna, and Samuel Leeds; Jen Lee; Frederick, Merle, and Andrea LeDonne; Janet Lebkicher; Michael, Whitney, Amelia, and Elizabeth Leber; Frank and Linda Leber.

Make wonderful music at Trinity: Join a choir!

You have lots of choices. Trinity has seven vocal choirs and four hand bell choirs.

Vocal choirs

Cherub Choir, grades K-2. Our youngest choir rehearses 4:30-5:15 pm Sundays starting September 13.

Junior Choir, grades 3-5. Rehearsals are 5:30-6:15 pm Sundays starting September 13. From 6:15-6:45 there's *Food, Fun, & Fellowship!*

Matins Choir, grades 6-12. This classic choir for contemporary youth rehearses 5-6 pm Sundays starting September 13.

Chancel Choir, adults. This classic choir for contemporary adults sings every Sunday, mostly at 11 am. Rehearsals are 8-9 pm Thursdays starting September 3.

Concert Choir, adults, sings only at concerts. Note-reading ability is helpful. Rehearsals are 7-8 pm Thursdays starting September 3.

Family Choir, grade 5-adult, sings two-three times a year, with a rehearsal immediately preceding each service.

Vigil Choir, grade 5-adult, sings only at the Easter Vigil and rehearses immediately prior.

Hand bell choirs

Adult Bells, currently full, sometime need substitutes.

Family Bells, grade 5-adult, play two-three times a year and rehearse right before.

Junior Bells, grades 3-6, rehearse 6:45-7:15 pm Sundays starting September 13, with *Food, Fun, & Fellowship* from 6:15-6:45. Rhythmic ability is helpful.

Youth Bells (advanced), grades 6-12, rehearse 4:15-5 pm Sundays starting September 13. Rhythmic ability is helpful. Some youth choose to stay in Junior Bells where the music is less advanced.

Family Bell Choir on August 16

Front row (l-r):

Christine Suhr, Hailey Maser, Ali Koch, Tyler Koch, Alex Woodring

Second row:

Bridget Suhr, Leanne Maser, Nancy Martin

Third row:

Karen Woodring, Margaret Parker, Amy Koch, Tim Koch

Back row:

Liam Bishop, Xander Bishop, Charlie Suhr

Photo by Bill Bishop



Trinity CONCERT SERIES 2015-16

2015

Sun., Oct. 4, Tromba Mundi, 4 pm
 Sun., Nov. 8, Paul Bisaccia, Piano, 4 pm
 Sat., Dec. 5, Holiday! w/ Hbg Singers, 7:30 pm
 Sun., Dec. 13, Christmas at Trinity, 4 pm

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Sun., Jan 31, The U.S. Army Chorus, 4 pm
 Mon., Feb. 22, The Concordia Choir, 7:30 pm
 Sat., Apr. 9, American Composers Choral Festival, 7:30 pm
 Sat., May 21, Carmina Burana, 7:30 pm

Most concerts are free. See brochure that was mailed to all Trinity members for details on each concert, and on becoming a Concert Series Patron.

Bible study groups to start meeting again this month

The **Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study** will meet 9:30-11:30 am Wednesdays from Sept. 16 through Nov. 4 in Rm. 237. *What Love Is*, a DVD study of 1, 2, and 3 John, is written by author/speaker/musician Kelly Minter. Facilitators Judy Trissler (717-795-5919) and Bert Weaver (717-697-3259) will lead the discussion; call them to register or ask questions. Free babysitting is available.

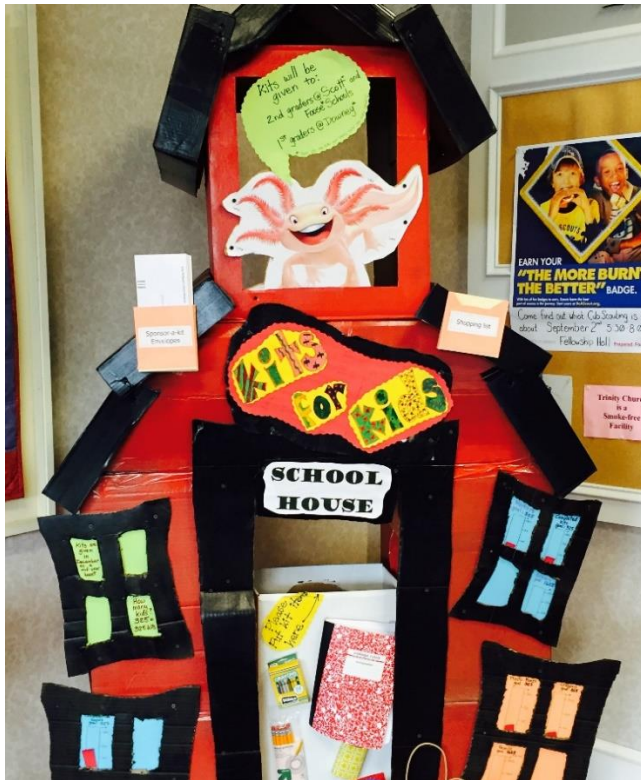


The **Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study** will meet beginning Sept. 22 at Brother's Restaurant, Route 15 South, Mechanicsburg, from 8-9 am. Except for September, December, and May, the group meets twice monthly on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Bishop Guy Edmiston will begin the year with a study of St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. To attend, just bring a hearty appetite, a desire for good fellowship, and a love of Bible study. Invite a friend.

Pastor Horner's Thursday Bible Studies start on Sept. 17, either from 9:30-11 am in Fellowship Hall or 7-8:30 pm in Room 237. The fall study will begin with a focus on the book of Hebrews.

A Women of Trinity project

Needed: School supplies for Harrisburg City first graders



The **Big School House** is back in the Gathering Space, and Women of Trinity are seeking your help to fill 325 school boxes with supplies

The Women of Trinity have an ambitious goal for a wonderful project: filling 325 school boxes with much-needed supplies that Trinity Tutors will give to first graders at the Foose and Scott elementary schools in Harrisburg.

Last year, thanks to the generosity of Trinity members, WOT filled 315 such boxes and distributed them to grateful recipients.

This year you can help by providing a complete kit or any part of one, purchasing a bulk pack of any one item, or making a monetary donation that will be used to purchase items. Needed items include these:

- No. 2 pencils
- Pencil tip erasers
- Plastic school boxes
- Individual tissue packs
- Small packs of crayons
- Small packs of markers
- Marble composition books.

So check the back-to-school sales and bring your items to the Gathering Space! Your support is very much appreciated.



Creative help wanted to manage and post messages on our electronic signboard in the Gathering Space. Sue Erdman has graciously handled this task for several years and will train a volunteer. Work can be done from your home if you have a computer with an internet connection; no special software is required. Contact Jessica Warren, Publicity & Communications Team facilitator, jessica72@gmx.com, to learn more.

Reserve your tickets now**Laugh with the church basement ladies; they're back in an all-new musical comedy**

Reserve your seats **now** for the all-new musical comedy, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our Basement*, at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, Lancaster, on Saturday evening, November 7.

Inspired by the best-seller, *Growing Up Lutheran*, this performance is the latest installment in a series that has played to sell-out crowds in other venues coast to coast.

Because earlier performances were popular with Trinity members and guests, our Fellowship Team has made a group reservation for 40 seats.

A great Lutheran plot

The plot is great: it's 1960, and a reformation is under way in a Lutheran church basement in Minnesota. Young Beverly is getting her first high heels, Mrs. Engelson is getting her driver's license, and a recipe contest adds to the excitement. Through it all, these ladies stand strong in their faith and friendship.

Pick up a reservation form at the Gathering Space reception desk or church office.

Included are all details: dinner/show times, directions, driving or ride arrangements, and what's included in the \$50 per person price.



Reservation deadline is October 14, but get tickets now to ensure you'll sit with the Trinity group.

Deadline for reservations is noon, Wednesday, October 14.

Questions? Event organizers are Dallas and Connie Dollase. Joe Hunter is assisting with the carpool and ride arrangements. Fellowship Team facilitator is Steve Kauffman.

Women of Trinity to hold fall general meeting

Plan to attend the Women of Trinity annual Fall General Meeting on Wednesday, September 9, at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Guest speaker is Eric Saunders, a Christian social worker and executive director of New Hope Ministries, a community social service agency in Mechanicsburg. Eric manages programs that impact 15,000 people a year; he'll tell how New Hope shows Christ's love and hope by serving, supporting, and helping to stabilize our neighbors in times of need.

All Trinity members and guests should attend this informative event. You can bring a non-

perishable food item to donate to New Hope, such as breakfast cereals, pancake mix, or instant oatmeal; canned chicken, tuna, or beef stew; canned fruit and fruit cups; canned milk, canned ravioli or other canned pasta; canned vegetables; dry milk, flour, sugar (white or brown); ground coffee; tea bags; iced tea mix; infant formula; instant potatoes; rice mixes; peanut butter; pasta; and macaroni and cheese.

The dinner meeting is pot luck, with a main dish provided. Just bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. But most important, enjoy the Women of Trinity fellowship and camaraderie.

Our Trinity Riders rolled to King Gaps

Our Trinity Riders took their cycles to Kings Gap State Park in Carlisle on August 8, stopping for breakfast in Boiling Springs. It was both fun and spiritual, and they're always looking for new bikers and those who just want to come along for the ride. While no more rides have been planned for this year, you can still text Pastor Horner at 717-743-9224 or email him at jack.horner@trinitycamphill.org if you'd like to schedule one!

Photos: Trinity Riders (l-r) Ryan Wilson, Jake Jacobs, and Pastor Jack Horner stopped for breakfast. Rider Debbie Wilson snapped these pics, including the bikes parked at Kings Gap State Park.



Youth Group gears up for a new season: it will rock!

Last month in *Trinity Parish*, we featured the Youth Group's trip to Detroit with 30,000 other Lutherans. There were opportunities for cool worship, group time, time with synod friends, and a day of service—plus good food and a massive community center with lots to do. Now, with the advent of a new YG season, Peter Fox, Director of Youth and Student Ministries, reports “tons of things” to do: new YG Nites for Jr. and Sr. High, new retreats, new events, and new friendships all await YG participants.

The new calendar is “jam-packed more than ever” for both junior and senior high, said

Peter. “There is truly something YG-related on every weekend. It will be good!”

He emphasized how the summer provided a strong preparation for the new season. The Harrisburg Area Confirmation Camp in June, for example, was “a blast from start to finish.” There were also two successful pool parties, each attended by 15 youth and at least 4 advisors for “pure fun and fellowship.”

“Events like these help to keep the YG kids connected,” said Peter, who's looking forward to the new season. “It will definitely be a busy one,” he said, “but a good one all the same. The year will ROCK! I can't wait.”

September 13

Children's Sunday School: Faith Formation Kickoff

Join us for sing/praise time starting at about 9:20 am on Sunday, Sept. 13, in Fellowship Hall to kick off the new school year! At 9:45, FaithX will sing us to our classrooms. Preschool-grade 5 students will be escorted by their teachers. (Infants/toddlers should be taken directly to the nursery at 9:30.)

Parents should join Kelly Falck in Rm. 126 for an orientation meeting. Everyone will be finished by 10:30.

Regular classes begin Sunday, September 20, from 9:30-10:30 am, for all ages, infant through grade 5, in the Education Wing. Register now at www.timetosignup.com/trinitycamphill.

Save the dates

Sat., Sept. 12, 8-9:30 am

Men's Breakfast Gathering
Home of George Enney
Questions or directions?
Call 717-737-4115 or email
georgebeckyenney@yahoo.com

Sat., Oct. 24, 5-8 pm

Hunger & Soundbites 2015
Event will benefit the
Ecumenical Food Pantry
More details later, or email
Linda Roberts, labrooke@me.com

Say happy birthday to...

Homebound

September 12

Charles Frey
100 Freemason Dr., Apt. 3548
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

September 12

Marcia Swartz
770 Poplar Church Rd., Rm. 201
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Staff

September 9: Beth Hinkle

College grad

Lexis Mowery, daughter of Hal and Teena Mowery and **granddaughter of Phyllis Mowery**, graduated from Gettysburg College earlier this year. She follows a long list of family members who attended Gettysburg (16 at last count), starting with her great grandfather, Harold T. (Whitey) Shearer, a 1924 graduate. Lexis has joined her father's insurance business.

Men: Speak Wisely

The Men's Small Group will meet Sept. 8 at 7 pm in the church library and then meet every Tuesday night until Thanksgiving. The group will study *Speaking Wisely—Exploring the Power of Words*, by Poppy Smith, and incorporate scripture into the discussion. All men are invited. Questions? Contact George Enney at 717-737-4115 or georgebeckyenney@yahoo.com.

Parish Ministry Corner

Prayer concerns

"Be joyful in hope...faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

Prayer is a key ingredient in our relationship with Christ. ✠ Prayer sustains. ✠ As we pray, we expand our ways of experiencing God's grace, love, and guidance. ✠ Listen to what God is asking us to do. ✠ Then go, feeling empowered, and do what the Lord guides us to do. ✠ Day by day God has a plan for us. ✠ To give us eyes to see all the ways he touches our lives. ✠ To give us courage to make sacrifices that are needed to follow him faithfully. ✠ Oh Christ, when we feel weakness and helpless, grant us grace to receive You with our whole heart. ✠ May we seek and find You. ✠ Pray that we are able to let compassion and love for all flow from us and may we all be uplifted by Your glory.

"Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth." Psalm 54:2

Become a Prayer Partner

Parish Ministry is seeking persons interested in serving as Prayer Partners as part of our Every Member Prayer team. On a rotating schedule, partners are assigned Trinity members to contact and hold in prayer throughout that week. Please consider joining us. Contact Donna Sprowls at sprowlsd@aol.com with questions.

Thank you from the Giving Tree Ministries

"Thanks for sharing with God's people who are in need." Romans 12:13

The Social and Parish Ministry teams thank all who gave so generously to the "Christmas in July" Giving Tree. The recipients of your gifts are most grateful for your support.

Health tips

- ✓ **Get your blood pressure checked.** Trinity offers blood pressure screening the first Sunday of the month at 9 am and noon in the chapel narthex.



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Coming Sun., Sept. 27!

**Joyful Noise: A NEW
worship experience
for families with
children on the
autism spectrum.**

1 pm in the Chapel



This special condensed 30-minute service is planned for the 4th Sunday of every month throughout the school year. Families can worship together while giving freedom to children who respond to sensory stimulation in different ways. Spread the word. Contact Kelly Falk with questions or comments at kelly.falck@trinitycamphill.org.

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Deadline for the October 2015 Trinity Parish is Thursday, September 10, at 4 pm. Don't be late!

Email articles to parish@trinitycamphill.org or leave hard copies in the Trinity Parish mailbox at the church office. Submissions **should not exceed 200 words**.

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