



disciples in the making, making disciples

Sunday, Nov. 1

Capital projects to be forum topic

All members are invited to a forum about potential capital projects on Sunday, November 1, at 9:30 am in Room 237. The session will be led by Property Committee Chair Dan Reed and Lead Pastor Jack Horner.

Congregation Council has affirmed a draft document listing future capital needs/projects identified by teams, committees, staff, and leadership during Trinity's strategic planning process. This document forms the basis for the forum.

Summarized here, the draft lists projects that are tied to Trinity's three strategic plan initiatives.

Please know that the potential projects are just that: potential. No formal plans have been drawn and no actual dollar amounts have been set. And no monies have been allocated except for limited up-front monies as noted under "steeple" and "parking lot."

Strengthening Relationships

Gathering Space. It's 15 years old, needs a facelift, energy-saving improvements, a welcome center, and signage.

Library & Chapel. Our library and chapel can be reconfigured to attract more people by allowing for flexible, multipurpose usage.

See "Forum scheduled," page 6

For God, all things are possible

It's been more than a year since Trinity had a vicar. I know for many, including myself, that is a great loss. It was a privilege to work with persons training for ministry and a sense of pride that we had so much to offer them in a ministry experience.

Last winter we tried to bring on a part-time vicar; however, it turned out none were available. As we prepare for next year's budget cycle, we are again faced with growing expenses around health care, staffing costs, and building maintenance. Our membership giving, the main source of our income, has been flat since 2009. Speaking to other pastors, I've learned this seems to be a church-wide trend.

I still have hope. Through the Spirit, I hope each person gets engaged in using his or her gifts for Christ and his Church. I hope all members grow in their giving and thanksgiving to God who has done so much for them. I hope we grow in mission and ministry to our community. I hope in God for you. What are your hopes for our ministry together?

Hope meets reality in your generosity. Through your gifts of time, talent, and treasure we will grow and expand God's kingdom work strengthening relationships, making connections, and building foundations. For God, all things are possible after all! You and I have a God who abundantly loves and blesses us and calls us to his holy purposes. Yes, I have hope!

Please join me in offering your best for the sake of Christ and his work we share by offering your Estimate of Giving for next year and yourself in hope-filled ministry.

The Rev. Dr. Jack Horner

Estimate of Giving cards are being received in worship through October 11. Pastor Sharron Blezard will be guest preacher at services on the weekend of October 10-11. Please join us!

Both faithful servants

Many thanks given to the two Nancys

Approximately 200 people turned out on Sunday, September 13, to recognize Office Manager Nancy Martin and Pastor Nancy Easton for years of faithful service to Trinity. Nancy Martin has served for 25 years; Pastor Nancy Easton has served for 15 years.



Pastor Nancy Easton, left, and Office Manager Nancy Martin at their September 13 reception

Congregation Council President Jen Schwalm and Lead Pastor Jack Horner gave introductory remarks, noting the contributions of both Nancys and the esteem in which the two women are held.

Council member Charlotte Lazarchik introduced Nancy Martin, presenting her with would-be awards for her responsiveness, ability "to fix just about anything," keeping everything in the office running smoothly and staying "ahead of the game," earning the trust of all, and "always having an answer to who, what, where, when, and how."

Brian Musselman introduced Pastor Nancy Easton. He praised not only her preaching, but also her good listening skills, her genuine warmth and love, and her honesty, humility, and respect that she shows to all.

Jen Schwalm presented the women with gifts from the congregation. The two Nancys also received flowers and cards.

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Thomas Notestine, Admin. Assistant for Ministry

Erich Sprowls, Admin. Assistant for Finance & Property

Debra Wilson, Director of Contemporary Music

Both women briefly addressed the gathering, emotionally expressing gratitude for the recognition and the opportunity to continue their service to Trinity.



The Administration and Personnel Committee, chaired by Doug Bonsall, organized the event and—along with dozens of other

Trinity members—donated the delicious food items, including sandwiches, fruit, veggies, desserts, and drinks.



Top photo: Charlotte Lazarchik, right, introduced Nancy Martin. **Bottom:** Brian Musselman, center, introduced Pastor Nancy Easton, while Council President Jen Schwalm, right, also spoke. Not shown but also speaking was Lead Pastor Jack Horner.

Get tickets by Oct. 14
Last call for Dutch
Apple Dinner Theatre

As this newsletter was being published, there were several tickets left for the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre's November 7 production of the all-new *A Mighty Fortress is our Basement* in the hilarious Church Basement Ladies series.

Look for flyers around the church (and in the office) for dinner/show times, directions, driving or ride arrangements, and what's included in the \$50 per person price.

You can also email Joe and Judy Hunter at jahunter@hotmail.com if you have questions.

Benefits food pantry
Oct. 24 is Hunger and
Sound Bites fundraiser

Enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship, heavy hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and punch (BYOB) while listening to the smooth music of Taylor Perry and Seth Witherow. Tickets are \$25 a person.

Hunger and Soundbites is from 5-9 pm on Sat., October 24; it benefits The Ecumenical Food Pantry, which meets the emergency needs of people in the greater Harrisburg area.

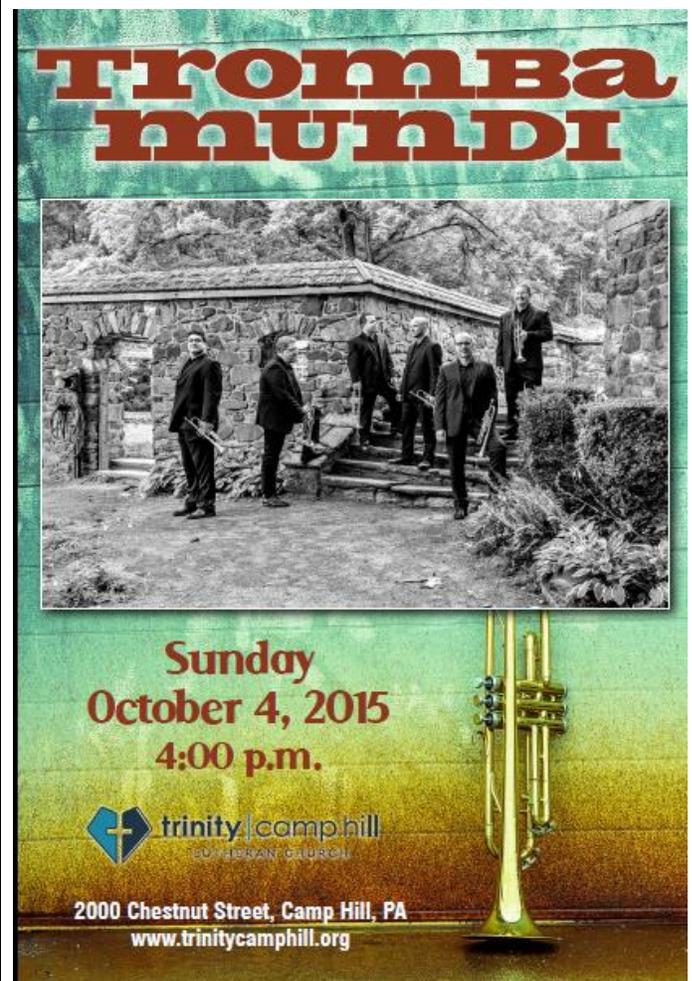
There will be a small silent auction featuring both the practical (like plumbing/electrical) and fanciful (like mani-pedis and massages).

Contact Messiah Lutheran at 717-233-7631 or messiahhbg@yahoo.com to reserve tickets. The event is in Messiah's Social Hall, 901 N. Sixth Street, Harrisburg. Messiah has been home to the Food Pantry for four decades.

Trinity Concert series
kicks off Oct. 4 with
professional trumpeters

Six professional trumpet players from across the nation will kick off Trinity's 2015-16 Concert Series on Sunday, October 4, at 4 pm. Led by Dr. Bill Stowman from Messiah College, Tromba Mundi provides a wonderfully musical and humorous concert experience.

Don't miss it. Admission is free.



Trinity
CONCERT
Series

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. details on each concert, and on becoming a Concert Series Patron.

Receive a healing word, prayer, or touch

On Saturday, October 17, and Sunday, October 18, Trinity will hold services of healing for heart, mind, body, and soul, at all regular worship times: Saturday evening at 5:30 and Sunday morning at 8:15, 8:30, 10:45, and 11.

A service of healing will also be offered at the Thursday evening chapel service on October 22 at 6:30.

Worshippers will be invited to come forward for a laying on of hands and anointing with oil by our pastoral staff.

The regular monthly Healing Service will still take place on October 18 at 12:30 pm in the chapel.

October 18 is the commemoration of St. Luke, writer of our third Gospel. Described in scripture as "the beloved physician," Luke is thus identified with the church's ministry of healing.

Please join us to give thanks for the healing that God offers us through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Learn the difference between seizures and strokes

Knowing the difference between a seizure and a stroke—or recognizing the signs of a heart attack—could help you save a life.

On Saturday, October 17, starting at 9 am in Fellowship Hall, you can attend a presentation to help you learn the difference between such medical emergencies. You'll also hear about "Myths and Misunderstandings," plus you'll get critical pointers on how to take care of yourself and loved ones.

Presenters are Kerri Michnya of the Epilepsy Foundation of Eastern Pa.; Trinity member

Mitzi Jones, former chair for the Heart Walk of Harrisburg; and Steve Chevarria, president of the Capital Region Division board of directors for the American Heart Association.

Invite family, friends, and coworkers to attend this important presentation. It's expected to last about 90 minutes. Call Bob Foster at 717-512-8430 for more information.

"There have been times when I've seen an emergency and didn't know what to do, so I did nothing," said Bob. "This event will give us all pointers on how to help."

Women of Trinity say thank you for help in filling 325 school kits

The Women of Trinity met their goal of filling 325 school boxes with school supplies. Our Trinity Tutors distribute the kits at three Harrisburg City schools, including Downey, Foose, and Scott. Beneficiaries of the kits—and of the volunteer tutors—are first graders at Downey and second graders at Foose and Scott. *[The September Trinity Parish incorrectly referred only to first graders and also omitted the name of the Downey School.]*

The Tutors appreciate the continued support of Trinity members, just as Trinity members and the community appreciate the work of the tutors. Many thanks to all!



Congratulations to Glenn and Stella Ludwig on receiving the 2015 Cornerstone Award at this year's Friends of Lutheran Camping Corporation Donor Appreciation Dinner.

Churches Affiliated Child Care Center, Inc.**Supported by Social Ministry: Affordable child care**

The Churches Affiliated Child Care Center, Inc., or CACCC, was created in 1988 by area churches to provide affordable quality state-licensed child care to the community. In addition to Trinity, the churches currently involved are Mt. Calvary Episcopal, Camp Hill United Methodist, and St. Timothy Lutheran.

Camp Hill United Methodist is CACCC's main site, serving up to 70 children from six weeks of age through six years. In addition, an Enola Center at 110 Altoona Avenue can serve up to 70 children. CACCC also conducts a summer camp program (about 100 children) and a before-and-after school program.

CACCC has a governing board made up of representatives from each affiliated church. The board oversees the entire program, including personnel, finance, fundraising, and publicity. Trinity's members are Angie Clark, Margy Fox, Kim Hoover, and Judy Leslie.

CACCC takes pride in meeting its mission to provide quality care and peace of mind to working parents, and to do so at the most reasonable rates possible. Priority goes to families in financial need, and a scholarship program (funded by the churches and annual fundraisers) helps to subsidize tuition. For more information, visit www.cacccinc.org.

Join in! Women of Trinity post upcoming schedule

- ✓ **Board Meeting.** October 14, 5:30 pm, Room 239
- ✓ **Circle Studies:** Women of Trinity Circles offer women an opportunity to gather together and develop a deeper relationship with God.
 - Our will vs. God's will.** In October, November, and January, the three circles below will study the story of Jonah and the fish, or what happens when a believer thinks that God is wrong and disobeys God. The study, by Cynthia E. Cowen, looks at the book of Jonah for help in learning how to discern our role in carrying out God's vision for the whole of creation. Discussions will focus on how we distinguish our own will from God's will.
 - Esther Circle, Oct. 5, 6:30 pm, Library, led by Joan Gamber and Jean Zimmerman
 - Deborah Circle, Oct. 6, 9:30 am, Library, led by Peggy Bishop and Joanne Austin
 - Elizabeth/Ruth Circle, Oct. 6, 1 pm, Library, led by Ruth Dietz and Janet Williamson
 - Called to deal with difficult issues.** In October, November, and January, the Sarah Circle will review the process for thinking theologically as we face difficult issues in our daily lives. Martin Luther said that our core belief is our God. This study, written by Faith Fretheim and Joan Pope, looks at Lutheran doctrine and offers faith skills for daily lives.
 - Sarah Circle, Oct. 11, 9:30 am, Rm. 237, led by Margy Fox, Kathy Powers, Janet Kissinger
- ✓ **Intercessory Prayer.** October 1, 1 pm, library. (Monthly, first Thursday)
- ✓ **Prayer Shawl Ministry.** October 22, 1-3 pm, Rm. 121. (Monthly, fourth Thursday)
- ✓ **Blessing Box.** Pick up at receptionist's desk; proceeds benefit New Hope Ministries.
- ✓ **Blanket Sunday.** Save the date: Nov. 1.

C U there!**Youth Group: Come to everything YG in October****Jr. High**

- ✓ Sun., Oct. 18, 6-8:30 pm, **Jr. High Game Nite**, total fun, games/prizes, bring snacks & friends.
- ✓ Sun., Oct. 25, 6-8:30 pm, **YG Pasta Nite Fundraiser**. Be there at 5:30 pm to help set up.

Sr. High

- ✓ Sun., Oct. 11, 6-8:30 pm, **Sr. High Nite**, faith/fun/fellowship with peers. Bring snacks & friends.
- ✓ Sun., Oct. 25, 6-8:30 pm, **YG Pasta Nite Fundraiser**. Be there at 5:30 pm to help set up.

Forum scheduled, *from front page***Making connections**

Steeple. Our iconic 60-year-old steeple has deteriorated to the point where repairs would not be effective. A fiberglass replica is recommended. This custom projects requires a long lead time; some funds have thus been allocated, and a contractor has been identified.

Parking lot. The lot is deteriorating and needs to be reconfigured to address space maximization, appearance, and safety/security issues. Because of the required permitting and up-front engineering work, some funds have been allocated to begin this work.

Nave. This center of our worship life is also used for community concerts and other events. Looking at renovation ideas will give us more flexibility to meet changing needs and to upgrade sound/video capabilities.

Building foundations

Security. Security is an ever-increasing

concern in churches and schools. Our security needs major upgrades; much of Trinity is unsecured, with multiple entries and open access to children and youth areas. Moving the offices to the first floor and relocating children and youth above are two potential upgrades, thus allowing office staff to screen entrants during business hours.

New construction. New construction would allow our present education wing to house first floor offices and community rooms, plus upper-floor space (secure and dedicated) to expand our services for children, youth, and family ministries. For example, while we now reach hundreds of children yearly, we could greatly multiply that capacity with more and updated space for new programs like sports, large/small group activities, fellowship gatherings, and community meals. New construction would also allow more multipurpose space and a larger space for our growing contemporary worship services.

From our Missions Ministry team. . .

...Dr. Joseph and Rev. Deborah Troester, ELCA missionaries in East Africa, are pictured with shawls from our Prayer Shawl Ministry during

the Troesters' August visit here. The Troesters are one of two missionary families in Africa

that are sponsored by our Missions Team on behalf of the congregation.

...Thanks to all who donated baked goods for World Hunger/Bread Sunday, sponsored annually by Missions, and thanks to all who made generous donations in exchange for the donated bread. Trinity was able to send more than \$5,000 to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal to address hunger domestically and globally. Please plan to bake and donate next year: demand always exceeds supply.

Every member prayer list

Oct. 2-8: Joyce Leaman; Charlotte Lazarchik; Suzanne and Mason Lazarcheff; Chad Layton; Rebecca, Crea, and Ty Lawyer; Jordan Lawson; Jenna Lawson; Edna Lauver. **Oct. 9-15:** Ronald and Gladys Laubenstine; David Laubenstine; Gloria, Shelly, Krista, and Megan Latin; Denise Lashley; Jack and Marge Lashay; Robert Lane; Mary Ann Landis; Patty Lampi. **Oct. 16-22:** Steve, Kate, Ryan, Alex, Drew, and Cole Lamontagne; Dave Lambert; Michael Lamarca; Lois Lamarca; Kimberly and Jessica Lamarca and Samantha Brinley; Dawn Lamarca; Jon and Jan LaFaver; Stacy, Bonny, and Jennifer Kyler. **Oct. 23-29:** Alan, Sue, Scott, and Faith Kwiatkowski; Ronald, Peggy, Eric, and Ryan Kunz; Richard and Lee Kunkle; Ruth Kumler; Jan, Grant, and Carl Kulonda; Randy, Cindy, and Matt Kuentzler; Joe, Donna, Shane, and Ericka Kubik; Amanda Krotzer. **Oct. 30-Nov. 5:** Jim and Barbara Kriebel; Bob and Faye Kretz; David, Mary, and Christopher Kratzer; Harold Kratz, Jr; Patty Krantz; Todd, Jeri, Cassidy, Kaylee, and Kendall Kramer; Jennifer and Isabella Kraft; Sandra Krafsig.

Good thought to share:

**"When you *tithe*, you get
back more than you give."**

Ruth Bertovich
Member since 2002

Trinity Parish is looking for more "good thoughts"—12 words max!—for future issues. Email, mail, or drop off at office. Include your name and phone number.

Say happy birthday to...

Homebound

October 1

Alverta Hubbard
222 Messiah Circle, Rm. 69
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

October 20

Marty Hempt
5225 Wilson Lane
Maplewood – 206
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

October 22

Bill Ressler
1106 Musket Lane
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Letters

Dear Trinity Friends,

Thank you for the lovely reception in recognition of my 25 years as office manager, and of Pastor Easton's 15 years of ministry. I was touched by your good wishes, cards, and gifts. I am honored to serve in ministry with you.

Yours in Christ, Nancy Martin

Dear Friends in Christ,

Your celebration of my 15 years of ministry beside you at Trinity was a lovely gesture! I give thanks to God for your continued gracious support and affirmation of my pastoral call to this congregation. Being able to watch you grow in faith and live out your discipleship fills me with joy. As well, I recognize my own growth in faith, and I am so grateful for God's work in me each day. Thank you for the delicious lunch reception, the cards and gifts, and best of all—your presence. I especially loved sharing such a fine day with my fellow staff member, Nancy Martin. God bless you all!

Peace, Pastor Nancy Easton

Dear Trinity Friends,

Thank you all so very much for your thoughts, prayers, cards and visits during Gib's recent hospitalization. The pastoral visits, flowers, and prayer shawl certainly helped to brighten Gib's long days in the hospital. It was also wonderful to know that he was one of the thousand recipients of a shawl. What an accomplishment.

Sincerely, Gib and Ginny Honeysett

Dear Trinity,

Thank you all so much for the many thoughts and prayers, the beautiful prayer shawl, flowers and cards when I had surgery this summer. They were uplifting and healing.

Thanks again, Zandra Bishop

Parish Ministry Corner

Prayer concerns Prayer is integral to our faith life. God can change us through prayer by helping us to be more attuned to His will and His loving care for us. Only God can touch our hearts, and Christ must be our first love. ✠✠✠ Our prayer concerns, based on Timothy 1:12-14, are for God to place into us the faith of His grace, that God's grace will overflow, and for God to place into us the faith of His love. ✠✠✠ We pray: God, our Father, by raising Christ, your son, you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. Now let our celebrating raise us up and renew our lives by the spirit that is within us. Grant this through our lord Jesus Christ, your son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one go, for ever and ever. Amen.

Health tips October is breast cancer awareness month. Perform routine breast self-checks, get regular exams, and encourage others to do the same. And remember the Pink Hands of Hope Thrift Store, 5325 East Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg, by shopping, donating, or volunteering there. Pink Hands, a beneficiary of our Social Ministry Team, is a nonprofit support program for cancer patients.



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Fall Cleanup Help Needed

**Sat., Oct. 24, starting
9 am at the church**

Our Trinity landscapers need volunteers for tasks like shrub trimming and leaf collection. Especially needed is a person with a truck to haul material to Camp Hill compost center. Please help!

Contact Bruce Bigelow at
717-761-3289 or
nbbigs@comcast.net



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Deadline for the November 2015 Trinity Parish is Saturday, October 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.**

We edit for clarity, consistency of style, and space considerations.