



disciples in the making, making disciples



**Join us Christmas Eve:  
2, 4, 7, 8:30 & 11 pm**

**Join us Christmas Day:  
10 am**

Experience Christmas at Trinity by attending any or all of our services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. All are welcome! An asterisk\* means that Holy Communion is offered.

#### **December 24**

- 2 pm\* Candlelight.  
Traditional setting.
- 4 pm\* For kids, by kids!  
Pageant, message, choir,  
bells.
- 7 pm\* Candlelight.  
FaithX praise band.
- 8:30 pm\* Candlelight.  
Traditional setting.  
Youth choir, strings, bells.
- 11 pm Candlelight.  
Traditional setting.  
Adult choir, strings, bells.

#### **December 25**

- 10 am\* Traditional setting.  
Soloist.

## **Have yourself a merry little Christmas**

In 1944, Judy Garland brought grown men to tears by singing a new Christmas song from one of her movies.

"Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" continues to this day to be a favorite holiday classic. The context of the event was the Hollywood Canteen, a USO club for servicemen and women preparing to be shipped out for war.

When it was written, some considered it too sad a song for the growing Christmas lightheartedness of jingling bells and jolly Santas. But it touched a meaningful chord with a world in conflict hoping for a new day.

The birth of Jesus, celebrated by Christians every year, is that moment where anticipation and hope meet fulfillment and assurance. God is with us. In the midst of violence, war, and sin, God is present, offering saving grace through Mary's child.

In song (Luke 1:78-79), Mary proclaims:

*By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
to give light to those who sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

The hope of Christmas breaks through like the light of a new dawn showing us a Way of joy and holy community. So to you and your loved ones:

*Have yourself a merry little Christmas.  
Let your heart be light.  
Next year our troubles will be out of sight.*

*The Rev. Dr. Jack Horner*

## Welcome to these 70+ new members

Look for their photos, coming soon, in the hall by the library. And give a hearty welcome!

Meghan and Brian Buehler  
William (Will), son  
Mechanicsburg

Christine and Christopher Catherman  
Acadia, daughter; Jordan, son  
Camp Hill

Georgia and Michael Clements  
Lewisberry

Carla and Ted Fishel  
Camp Hill

Tiffani Fox  
Bryce and Hudsyn, sons  
Mechanicsburg

Pamela (Pam) and Peter Glenn  
Mechanicsburg

Diane and Terry Hartzell  
Mechanicsburg

Elizabeth (Beth) and Jason Herb  
Ford, Lucas, Hudson, and Max, sons  
Camp Hill

Jessica (Jess) and Michael (Mike) Hetrick  
Adilyn (Addy), Emma, and Isabelle (Izzy),  
daughters  
Mechanicsburg

Natalie Jacoby  
Mechanicsburg

Denise and James (Jim) Kanelos  
Alexa and Elana, daughters  
Camp Hill

Ronald (Ron) Livingston and Robin (Rob) Leshner  
Dillsburg

Rebecca (Becky) and Benjamin (Ben) Lorah  
Nathaniel (Nathan), son  
Camp Hill

Sandra (Sandy) and David (Dave) McGeorge  
Mechanicsburg



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Gwendolyn, daughter  
Camp Hill

Martha Hawk-Nagle and John (Jack) Nagle  
Camp Hill

Kathleen (Kathy) and Robert (Bob) Nies (Sr.)  
Mechanicsburg

Kristina and Daniel (Dan) Pae  
James and David, sons  
Etters

Christine Rea and William (Bill) Murray  
Mechanicsburg

Erin Reedy  
Camp Hill

Jovanna and Thomas (Tom) Roh  
Isabella (Bells) and Sophia (Sophie), daughters  
Camp Hill

Andrea and Nick Shears  
Ben, son  
Enola

Nancy and William (Bill) Shoemaker  
Leah, daughter; Daniel (Danny), son  
Lewisberry

Kristen and Christopher (Chris) Skaugen  
Cole, Carter, Cade, sons; Kendall, daughter  
Enola

Leoma (Omie) Stern  
Mechanicsburg

## Great music continues with December events



**Saturday, Dec. 5, 7:30 pm**  
**HOLIDAY! with The Harrisburg Singers**  
**Susan Solomon Beckley, Conductor**  
**H. Timothy Koch, Accompanist**

You will love this traditional concert of carols and a few surprises, including the talents of Elizabeth Asmus, harp, and Jill Hoffmann, oboe. Listen to familiar favorites such as *Away in a Manger*, *Silent Night*, *O Holy Night*, and other songs like *I'll be Home for Christmas* and *Santa Claus is coming to Town*. Also included is an excerpt from Saint Saens' *Christmas Oratorio*.

*This event is part of the 2015-16 Trinity Concert Series.*

Concert series patrons can request up to 4 free tickets by calling the church office (717-737-8635) or

by mailing the church a self-addressed stamped envelope with your request. Non-patrons pay regular ticket prices; visit [www.harrisburgsingers.org](http://www.harrisburgsingers.org).

**Sunday, Dec. 13, 4 pm**  
**Christmas at Trinity**  
**H. Timothy Koch, conductor**

Trinity's Concert Choir and Orchestra will present Mendelssohn's cantata, *Von Himmel Hoch*, based on Martin Luther's famous Christmas hymn. Also enjoy seasonal music by our Cherub, Junior, Matins, and bell choirs, as well as by our FaithX praise band. *This event is part of our Concert Series, and admission is free.*



**Sunday, Dec. 20, 7 pm**  
**Cedar Cliff High School Chamber Singers**  
**Matthew M. Topping, Director of Choirs**

This select group of nearly 30 students (grades 9-12) features a predominantly a *cappella* repertoire and has performed for 2 American Choral Directors Association eastern conventions, 6 Pa. Music Educators Association state conventions, and 3 invitational Heinz Chapel Chamber Choir Festivals. Trinity's own Briana Heinly, a senior, is in this group. Admission is free.

### Trinity CONCERT Series

#### 2016

Sun., Jan 31, The U.S. Army Chorus, 4 pm. Free admission.

Mon., Feb. 22, The Concordia Choir, 7:30 pm. Free admission, but a \$10 donation is suggested.

Sat., Apr. 9, American Composers Choral Festival, 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$10.

Sat., May 21, Carmina Burana, 7:30 pm. First 100 patrons receive free tickets; others pay regular prices.

## Plenty to do in December

# YG wants YOU: Have fun, show faith, and reach out!

Peter Fox, Director of Youth and Student Ministries, sends his greetings. About December, he said this: "There is a lot coming up and we want you involved. So check out these dates and come on out to YG Jr. and Sr. High."

### Jr. and Sr. High combined events

- ✓ Fri.-Sun., Dec. 4-6, **YG Winter Retreat**, a weekend of awesome faith, fun, and fellowship at Camp Nawakwa. "Retreats are the most powerful thing we do as YG," said Peter.
- ✓ Wed., Dec. 15, 5-9 pm, **Isaac's Community Night Fundraiser**, a night to dine with fellow congregation members, including YG members and their families, at the popular Issac's in the West Shore Plaza. A portion of all proceeds supports Trinity's Youth Ministry, so good food and a good cause make this a win-win event!
- ✓ Sun., Dec. 20, 6:30-8:30 pm, **YG Christmas Party**, a night in which we come together as a YG, past and present, to reach out to the folks at Manor Care Nursing Home by singing Christmas carols there and then coming back and having a party with one another. This is always an incredible and special night.



Check out the YG pages at [www.trinitycamphill.org/YG/index.htm](http://www.trinitycamphill.org/YG/index.htm)

Games and team building at Oct. Sr. High Nite



Salad making at Oct. Pasta Nite.

## Help Trinity's Preschool Playgroup earn cash

With your help through March 17, 2016, Trinity Preschool Playgroup can earn cash through the Giant A+ School Rewards Program.

Every time you shop at Giant and use your Giant BONUSCARD, you'll help our preschool earn money to buy educational toys and playground equipment.

To participate in this program, it's as simple as registering your BONUSCARD and selecting

Trinity Preschool Playgroup as your designee.

There are two ways to register: Either (1) log on to [www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus](http://www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus) or (2) call the A+ Hotline at 888-448-4642. You'll need your BONUSCARD number and the school ID number, which is 22309.

*Editor's note: It's a lot easier to register online than to call the hotline number and listen to the message that's more than two minutes long!*

**Take a journey with Pastor Nancy Easton.** It's not too late to join her in the year-long adventure of spiritual reading and reflection. You'll use Brian D. McLaren's book, *We Make the Road by Walking*, as your guide. Paperbacks are available in the church office for \$12. For more information, including a calendar of readings, pick up a flyer at the Gathering Space reception desk, and follow Pastor Easton's blog at <https://pastoreaston.wordpress.com>.

### Health Ministries of Christ Lutheran Church

## Supported by Social Ministry: Free medical/dental help

The Health Ministries program of Christ Lutheran Church, S. 13th Street, Harrisburg, exists for those who have no medical insurance.

"We are not a social service agency," says Christ Lutheran's website. "We are a church, a missionary congregation, blessed to be located in a neighborhood of intense need and great opportunity for mission work."

Free care is available to those who cannot afford health insurance and those who are not eligible.

The ministry takes a holistic approach; it provides English-as-a-second-language classes and tries to build stable relationships within the community.

A clinic in the church's basement is run by nurses five days a week. Our own member, Dr. Meg Groff, has provided a weekly clinic since 2013 for patients who have episodic or persistent illnesses and need more than the nurses can provide.

There is also a weekly prenatal clinic provided by another doctor, a monthly dental clinic, a free baby furniture bank, a durable medical goods bank, and an orthopedic bank.

Volunteer opportunities are available to help Christ Lutheran's small congregation with its needs.

Contact Barbara Kriebel at 717-697-3928 or [barbara.kriebel@verizon.net](mailto:barbara.kriebel@verizon.net) to learn more about this program and about volunteering.

### December 12

## Women of Trinity to hold luncheon, general meeting

Women of Trinity will hold its annual Christmas luncheon and general meeting on Saturday, December 12, at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

Michelle Shupp, a Latin teacher at Mechanicsburg Area Senior High, will talk about *Christmas Around the World*, highlighting traditions from other countries.

All Trinity members, guests, and children are invited to attend this event. Tickets should be purchased in advance—\$7 for adults, \$3 for children ages 3-10, free for children under 3. Tickets can be bought at the church office up until a few days prior to the meeting.

In addition, cookies will be packed prior to the meeting to be delivered to homebound Trinity members by the Visitation Ministry. Cookies should be delivered to the church on Friday, December 11, or by 9 am on December 12.

WOT is also collecting knitted hats, mittens, and scarves (they can be store-purchased) for local grade school children in need. Please put items in the Christmas paper-wrapped box beside the Trinity's Collection Closet by December 6.

Also note that Circle Studies do not meet in December. They will resume in January.

## Donate to the Giving Tree and help those in need

The Giving Tree will be available during Advent in the Gathering Space to share your love and concern for others. Just choose an ornament representing one of the benevolence ministries listed here. Pick up a flyer by the tree and follow the directions listed on the ornament you choose.

✓ Missions: Gettysburg seminarians

- ✓ Social Ministry: CROSS (Christian Residential Opportunities & Social Services); Camp Curtain YMCA; CCU (Christian Churches United winter shelter); Bethesda Mission
- ✓ Parish Ministry: Trinity members in need

Your gifts will help make a blessed Christmas for your brothers and sisters in Christ.

## Please help: Spend a night at homeless shelter

According to Becky Enney, Worship Team facilitator, Trinity's turn at the Homeless Shelter in Harrisburg this winter falls during the weeks of **February 7-13** and **February 28-March 5**. Two volunteers are needed each night to act as overnight hosts.

Many Trinity members who serve as hosts volunteer every year and describe the experience as rewarding. But Becky noted that some new volunteers might be "a bit nervous" as they serve those in need.

"The men who come to stay overnight at the shelter are sometimes odd, dirty, talkative or silent," she said. "Some of them say they are appreciative. And sometimes we have great discussions that range from silly to profound,

like 'Bullwinkle is much better than Road Runner,' or 'What would I change for the better if I could?'"

There can be fun as well. Last year, Pastor Horner and Becky were "solidly beaten at a hot game of dominoes," she admitted.

Forfeiting a night of good sleep is a small price to pay for the good that is provided for these men, and Becky asks that you prayerfully consider volunteering.

Christian Churches United has set rules for the guests to keep the night safe, both for the guests and volunteers. Watch for more information and the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space in January. YOU are definitely needed.

## By the numbers...

*Thank you, Trinity members!*

- ...**Trinity Thanksgiving Dinner, Nov. 22.** 329 people attended. More than 200 people volunteered. 134 shut-in meals and Meals on Wheels were served to 75 residences with the help of 28 volunteers. 350+ pounds of non-perishable food items were collected and provided to New Hope Ministries. All leftover prepared food was donated and delivered to Bethesda Mission. Any remaining monies from the shut-in meal donations will go to a worthy cause through our Social Ministry team. Our Fellowship Team is so very grateful to all who made this event happen.
- ...**Blanket Sunday, Nov. 1.** \$2,545 donated. Our Women of Trinity thank you.
- ...**Trinity stewardship video-in-the-making, Nov. 15.** 18 Trinity members were interviewed by two Trinity fourth-grade reporters, Heather McFadden and Ben Gates, for the making of a stewardship video. Our Stewardship and Publicity & Communications teams thank you!

## Every member prayer list

- Dec. 4-10:** Debra and Matthew Kephart; William Kenyon, Jr.; William Kenyon; Luke Kenson; Ralph Kennedy; Thomas Kemp; Megan Kemp; Jennifer, Sydney, and Bryton Kellington; Bill and Kathryn Kellie
- Dec. 11-17:** Jim, Brina, Mason, and Sydney Keim; Kim Kehler; Steve and Chad Kauffman-Ruegsegger; Ron Katzman, Sr.; Ron Katzman, Jr.; James Katzman; Paul Kaster; Jeffrey, Mary, Nikolas, and Jackie Karoly
- Dec. 18-24:** James, Denise, Alexa, and Elana Kanelos; Yvette, Kathleen, and Madeline Kane; Samantha Kaloz; Meredith Kalman; David, Deborah, and David Jr. Kalman; Barry and Vonnie Kain; Makena Kabiru; Daryl, Ruth, Jeffrey, and Matthew Jurkiewicz
- Dec. 25-31:** Daniel Joyner-Miller; Laurie Jordan; Laretta Jordan; Amy Jordan; Shannon Jones; Russ Jones; Ron, Tara, Dane, Sarah, Seth, and Cole Jones; Robert and Carolyn Jones

## Good thought to share:

**"Make a joyful noise  
with music."**

Lori Anne McBride  
Choir President &  
Evening Receptionist

Trinity Parish is looking for more "good  
thoughts"—12 words max!  
Email [parish@trinitycamphill.org](mailto:parish@trinitycamphill.org).

## Say happy birthday to...

### Homebound

#### **December 3**

Pearl Weaver  
105 North 36th Street  
Camp Hill, PA 17011

### Staff

#### **December 2**

Pastor Nancy Easton

#### **December 16**

Erich Sprowls

## Letters

To the ministers and many friends at Trinity:

It was a long summer for me, and I hope and pray the coming season will be greatly improved.

I just want to thank you all for your prayers, many cards, calls, and visits during my numerous hospital stays. I especially wish to thank Pastors Horner, Edmiston, and Easton for their visits and uplifting prayers. I feel very blessed to have had for many years my relationship with such a loving and caring congregation.

With thanks and Christian love,  
Fay Pepperman

Dear Trinity Family,

I have many things to be thankful for, most of all your prayers while I fought cancer. God was and still is with me as I endured radiation and chemotherapy, which now has ended. The tumor is gone, the body is healing, and my voice is back and gaining strength.

My wife and I attended the healing service in July led by Pastor Horner. It was the most significant moment of our lives. God's presence, the Great Healer, could be felt.

Now my prayers are asking God's blessings on all of you.

With thanks,  
Richard Barry

## Parish Ministry Corner

**Prayer concerns** *Lord God, you are often hidden from us in the splendor of light. Help us to be aware of you in Jesus Christ and in angels and saints and servants in our midst who help us know your message and sense how close you are. We pray:*

- ✠ for strength and courage that the true spirit of Christmas—with its joy, its beauty, its hope and its abiding faith—may live among us.
- ✠ with thankful hearts, and remembering the goodness and the wonderful works of the Lord for such abundant blessings.
- ✠ that every blessing has been given to us in order that we might be good stewards as we share it with others this Advent season.
- ✠ that, during this penitential season of Advent, the message of Christ comes through that we may be a light of faith in the darkness of an unbelieving world.
- ✠ that all may recognize the small voice of long ago.

**Health tip** The holidays can be stressful and trigger depression, even more so if your expectations of a picture-perfect time are unrealistic. So be sensible; it's easier to see the glass as half full if that glass is not too big! Don't fill your schedule to the brim, slow down, keep smiling (even forcing a smile can brighten your mood), and put your focus on Jesus where it belongs. Keep remembering that the perfect gift is from above.



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**Deadline for the January 2016 Trinity Parish is Thursday, December 10, at 4 pm.** Don't be late!

Email articles to [parish@trinitycamphill.org](mailto: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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