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## Update on surveys and interviews

Here's another **update written by Bob Driver-Bishop** of Kairos and Associates consultants. Included are some dates, plus a list of Trinity members on the Leadership Team.

**From Bob:** Our survey—called the Mission Assessment Profile, or MAP—went very well. Approximately 400 persons completed the survey by the September 20 deadline, either online or via hard copy. This is a great starting point. It helps us ask the right questions as we proceed with interviews in the congregation.

On Sunday, October 2, at 9:30 am in the Nave, we will repeat our September 25 overview of the survey findings.

Our interviews with members of the congregation continue. These interviews allow deeper engagement and comments. Members are encouraged to sign up using the link on Trinity's webpage. There are also opportunities for group interviews. Watch for announcements of dates when we will present interview results.

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## Materialism and consumerism cured by gratitude and generosity

Someone once asked billionaire Howard Hughes "How much do you need?" He replied, "Just a little bit more."

How much is enough? I often wonder about that. Linda and I are now empty nesters. We don't need as much as we did before. Our refrigerator and pantry are a lot sparser than when we were feeding four kids in the house. We've been downsizing the old camping gear, sports equipment, and kids' DVDs. They served a purpose but it's time to move on.

The disease of materialism and consumerism is that we never have enough. The illusion is if we have "just a little bit more" we'll be happier and more content.

The fact is there is always something else to be desired, something else to satisfy us that people are more than willing to sell us.

The cure for this disease is gratitude and generosity. Thankfulness or gratitude honors the first

commandment about having no other gods but the Lord, who made us to make a difference in our community and world. God gives us our intellect, skills, and money so that we can share with others. Generosity moves us beyond selfish accumulation to aligning our lives with God's holy purpose. God, after all, is generous, giving us our lives, family, community, church—and we are called to be like God, to be generous.

As St. Paul wrote to the Corinthian Church, "You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God."

Maybe our question to ourselves should be, "How much will I give?"

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*Rev. Dr. Jack Horner*

## TAKE NOTE!

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## Update on surveys and interviews

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Thank you for your partnership in this ongoing process. If you have questions, contact anyone on the Trinity/Kairos Leadership team. The chair is Jay Killian, and members are Danelle Andrews, Bob Frymoyer, Steve Handwerk, Mitzi Jones, Steve Kauffman, Jill Lashay, Stephanie Maurer, Elizabeth Schenk, Jennifer Schwalm, Donna Sprowls, and Rick Sten, with Pastor Horner and Barbara Kriebel providing coordination with Congregation Council.

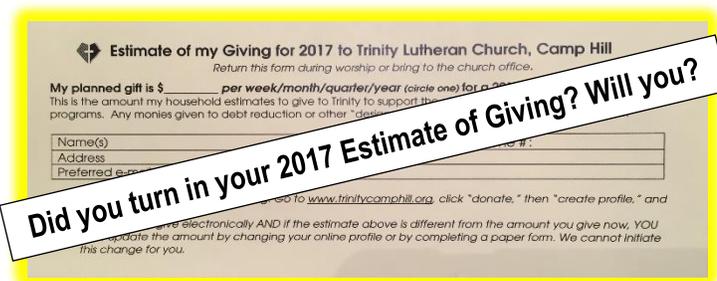
Please continue to keep Trinity Evangelical in your prayers. Together we seek to hear and follow God's desires for this blessed congregation.

*Yours in Christ,*  
Rev. Dr. Robert Driver-Bishop

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## A letter about stewardship: Think about this, please



Some say that the mark of insanity is to do the same thing over and over while expecting different results.

Every year we ask the leaders of our church to prepare a balanced budget when they have only 1/3 of the information they need. Last year, for example, only 375 members—or roughly a third of our households—were brave enough to sign their name to an

ESTIMATE OF GIVING and turn it in. It's like trying to figure out your own personal annual budget when you know about only 1/3 of the amount of money you'll have coming in.

As far as the rest of our membership, there's another 1/3 who have a record of giving even though they don't turn in an ESTIMATE OF GIVING. And the final 1/3 have NO record of giving.

The good news is that, in 2015, those who DID fill out an EOG actually gave over and above what they estimated. So far this year, those who filled out an EOG are, on average, on track or even ahead of their estimates. Even so, the bad news is that we are roughly \$46,000 behind where our budget says we should be; by year's end, we project we'll be \$62,000 behind.

ESTIMATES OF GIVING help you stay focused while helping our leaders create a realistic balanced budget. Without your ESTIMATE OF GIVING, next year's budget will not be very supportive of the ministries of the church. Please, we need everyone to fill out and sign their name to an EOG!

Dave Maser, Facilitator, Stewardship Team

*If our thankfulness never becomes more than fulfilling the minimal obligation, if we never outgrow the rote mindlessness of fill-in-the-blank thanks, we stop short of experiencing the grace-filled lifestyle of genuine, heartfelt gratitude. --Nancy Leigh DeMoss*

Series starts Wednesday, Oct. 5

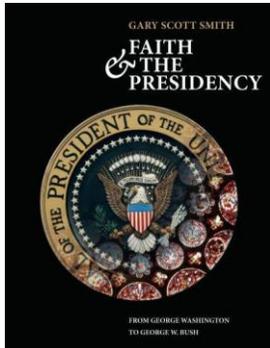
## Choose from three timely topics for popular Sup 'n Study

For the five Wednesdays from October 5 to November 2, you can choose from among three study groups for our ever-popular Sup 'n Study series. An always-great dinner (optional, but you won't want to miss it!) starts at 5:30; classes begin at 6:30.

Here are this fall's topic choices:

### Faith of the Presidents

Led by Pastor Jack Horner



Explore how religion and faith influenced the private lives and public policies of our U.S. presidents. Research from author Gary Scott Smith will form the basis for class.

### Have Yourself a Crafty Christmas

Various class leaders



Create crafts for Advent and Christmas. Ages 8 and above. Parental supervision needed if under 12. \$15 payment for supplies.

### My Neighbor is Muslim: Living Together Faithfully

Led by Dr. Rukhsana Rahman, Mr. Athar Rafiq, and Pastor Nancy Easton



How do we love our neighbors when they appear different from us? This couple will offer a study of Muslim faith and life. Resource booklet available in advance to registrants.

For more details on all courses, as well as menus (\$7 for adults, family costs capped at \$19), pick up a brochure at the Gathering Space desk. Register in the Gathering Space or online at [www.timetosignup.com/trinitycamphill](http://www.timetosignup.com/trinitycamphill). Pre-registration is requested.

## Help our Social Ministry Team serve weekly Saturday breakfasts at St. Patrick's in Harrisburg

Our Social Ministry Team recruits members for various activities. One of the most satisfying is serving Saturday morning breakfasts at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Harrisburg.

Working in teams of two or three, our volunteers work with St. Patrick's volunteers to cook and serve breakfast for unemployed, under-employed, and homeless persons. The hot meal varies weekly and is served with extras like cereal, toast, grits, and fresh fruit, plus beverages.

Normally, 90 to 115 folks are received every Saturday in St. Patrick's Bishop Rhoades Hall (basement level) at 212 State Street.

Volunteers start around 6 am and finish by about 8:30 am.

The Trinity teams rotate so that each team is assigned only four or five Saturdays a year. They provide much-appreciated help to the St. Patrick's volunteers as well as nourishment and fellowship to the grateful guests.

St. Patrick's has recently begun serving weekly Sunday dinners, too, and Trinity volunteers are needed to help on the fourth Sunday of each month from 2:30 to 6:30 pm.

Contact Kathy Gottlieb at [bbbkw55@aol.com](mailto:bbbkw55@aol.com) or 717-379-6834 if you can volunteer. You'll find it well worth your time.

Women of Trinity

### Circle study groups re-start; first Circle is Oct. 3

Jayne Coover, Trinity member and retired educator, will kick off the Women of Trinity's Circle educational series for the fall. Jayne will facilitate October presentations on instilling Christian morality within the family unit. (On October 9, Anne Stafford, former WOT president, will facilitate in Jayne's absence).

You'll be encouraged to discuss how family life has changed over the years; you'll also be encouraged to strengthen discipleship skills through Bible verse memorization. October's memory selection is Colossians 3:14: "Above all these, put on love which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

All Trinity women are welcome. Choose from four different date/time options based on what works for you.

- First Mon., 6:30 pm, Library; Esther Circle
- First Tues., 9:30 am, Library, Deborah Circle
- First Tues., 1 pm, Library; Elizabeth/Ruth Circle
- Second Sun., 9:30 am, Rm 237, Sarah Circle

*Four meeting choices, same presentation!*

### Pastor Glenn Beard to speak on Oct. 30 about doing flood recovery work next spring in West Virginia



*Photo taken by Nick Scott on June 27 on his way to a local church to deliver supplies. Mr. Scott gave media outlets permission to use the photo if they showed the nation what West Virginia was facing. He captioned the photo, "God bless this child."*

Pastor Glenn Beard will speak at 9:30 am on Sunday, October 30, Rm. 237, about how YOU can help West Virginians in the aftermath of floods that occurred in June.

Pounding rains brought flash flooding that left at least 24 persons dead and widespread damage to roads and property. Long-term recovery efforts are continuing.

Our Missions Team is looking for folks to travel to the area next spring to help. Trinity's Brice Arndt is leading the effort; he encourages all members to hear Pastor Beard speak.

Pastor Beard is Coordinator for the Lower Susquehanna Synod (LSS) Disaster Response Network. The LSS Disaster Response Team helps congregations with preparations to make such trips and, in this case, to make a real difference to our West Virginia neighbors.

| Trinity Concert Series | 2016                                  | 2017                                   |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
|                        | Sun, Nov 6, 4 pm, Track 45            | Sun, Feb 19, 4 pm, Hbg. Youth Symphony |
|                        | Sun, Dec 4, 3 pm, Hbg. Choral Society | Sun, Apr 2, 4 pm, Mozart's Requiem     |
|                        | Sun, Dec 11, 4 pm, Christmas/Trinity  | Sat, Apr 29, 7:30 pm, Hbg. Singers     |

Wow! Fellowship Team hosts new events

## **Celebrate Octoberfest with great food and fun on Oct. 23; then get ready for NEW Thanks & Giving party on Nov. 20**

In the April *Trinity Parish*, we wrote about refocusing our Thanksgiving Dinner from an inward fellowship event to an outward outreach event. We also said we would continue our internal fellowship with new dinner events.

And now we're ready!

**Octoberfest, a new dinner event.** First is the new Octoberfest celebration on Sunday, October 23, immediately following the late services. You'll absolutely love the pork and sauerkraut! And then there's a costume parade, a fall craft project for kids, and an apple pie contest for adults. Great stuff!

Do NOT miss this outstanding opportunity for fellowship and fun. Sign up at the Gathering Space welcome desk or online at [www.timetosignup.com/trinitycamphill](http://www.timetosignup.com/trinitycamphill).

**Thanks & Giving: Give thanks and give back.**

On Sunday, November 20, we're having a grand party to celebrate all the ways that God has blessed our Trinity family. At the same time, we'll be giving back to the community and to those in need at Thanksgiving time.

We'll gather to prepare and package Thanksgiving dinners on that Sunday. The dinners are for those at Trinity in need of the dinner as well as those in need in our community. Children and their families can decorate cards to go with the meals, and then

# OCTOBERFEST!

**Sunday, Oct. 23**

# Thanks & Giving

**Sunday, Nov. 20**

we'll all head out to share God's love and Trinity's fellowship as we deliver the dinners.

This event is very family-friendly. It represents a wonderful way to share Christian values as we give to others, including those who have no one with whom to share Thanksgiving. Folks have told us that doing this type of giving is one of the most meaningful activities they have done for the holidays. Ever.

As usual, we'll still be collecting canned food for the Food Bank.

All in all, there will be lots of ways to sign up to help. Watch for more information. Or contact Kathy Holmes at [kathyholmes@mac.com](mailto:kathyholmes@mac.com).

## **Trinity landscapers seek help for fall cleanup on Oct. 22; YOU are needed to keep our grounds looking great**

Trinity landscapers are looking for volunteers to help clean up our property. If you have some time to spare on **Saturday, October 22, starting at 9 am**, contact Bruce Bigelow at 717-761-3289 or [nbbigs@comcast.net](mailto:nbbigs@comcast.net).

Work includes shrubbery trimming and brush/leaf collection. We are especially looking for a volunteer with a truck who would be willing to

haul material to the Camp Hill compost center.

Landscaping not your thing? No worries! We have lots of other stuff for you to do around the church.



Visit [www.trinitycamphillfamilies.weebly.com](http://www.trinitycamphillfamilies.weebly.com) to see events for children/families!

## Every member prayer list for October

- Oct. 7-13:** Paul and Cheryl Enck; Jason and Evan Enck; Corey Enck; Mark, Karen, Riley, and Tyler Emig; Tina Emerick; Virginia Ely; Kathy Elias; Joyce Elfreth.
- Oct. 14-20:** Shaun, Pat, Chris, and Lauren Eisenhauer; Greg, Susanne, Matthew, and Samuel Ehgartner; Allison and Maia Egli; Sandy Edmunds; Bishop Guy and Karen Edmiston-Wright; David, Kathy, Dennis, Derrick, and Kristina Edmiston; Jamie, Nicholas and Nathaniel Eddy; Richard Eckert; Teresa, Emily, and Sara Eckard.
- Oct. 21-27:** Pat Eby; Kathy Eavey; Randy, Nancy, Sarah, Matthew, and Rebecca Easton; Sarah and Zachary Easley; Russell, Angela, Taylor, and Ruston Dzielak; Ed, Sherry, Katelyn, and Landon Duvall; Alexander and Addison Durst.
- Oct. 28-Nov. 3:** Karen Durbin; Jason and Tyler Dunn; Sean Dunlop; Bishop Jim and Connie Dunlop; Steve and Karen Dunlap; Ray and Barb Dumas; Thomas and Cheryl Duffalo; Birgit Duchene.

## Youth Group is back in full swing. Join the October fun!

September was a blast, and October will be, too. There's something for everyone at YG! Check out these dates and come on out: we want YOU! (JYG=Jr. Youth Group. SYG=Sr. Youth Group)

- ✓ **Sun., Oct. 2, YG, 6-8:30 pm.** If you're in grades 6-12, come on out, bring friends, and be prepared for anything and everything. It's all about faith, fun, and fellowship. Dinner and drinks are provided, but bring a snack to share. Home-baked goodies are welcome. CU@YG!
- ✓ **Sun., Oct. 9, JYG, 6-8 pm.** If you're in grades 6-8, come out to JYG for total fun, group bonding, crazy games, and fellowship time. Dinner and drinks are always provided. Bring friends and a snack to share. These nights are a blast, so spread the word!
- ✓ **Sun., Oct. 16, SYG, 6-8:30 pm.** If you're in grades 9-12, come out to SYG and bring friends! It's all about group building, community, open discussion, and spiritual growth. Dinner and drinks are always provided; bring a snack to share. And spread the word to peers: these nights rock!
- ✓ **Sun., Oct. 30, YG PASTA NITE, 5:30-8:30 pm.** This event is for the congregation and your families. We provide a traditional Italian dinner of pasta, meatballs, sauce, rolls, and salad. All proceeds from this year's meal go toward Camp Curtain YMCA kids' programs.

## Book Group meets Oct. 16

Trinity's book group will discuss *Humans Need Not Apply: A Guide to Wealth and Work in the Age of Artificial Intelligence* by Jerry Kaplan on Sunday, October 16, 9:30 am, in Room 237.

This relatively short book by an artificial intelligence entrepreneur and expert presents delightful stories and some serious thinking about how sophisticated computers and robots will transform business, jobs, and the law.

Co-facilitators of the group are Connie Dollase and Julie Evanish.

## Giving Tree: \$2,220 in gifts

Trinity continues to reach out to many in our community as well as our own members. Our Giving Tree is one small benevolence ministry that happens only twice a year: *Christmas* and *Christmas in July*.

It is easy to connect the giving of gifts for Christmas but not so much for July when there are needs as well. Even so, our *Christmas in July* gifts totaled \$2,220 for five ministries! [See letter, p. 7, from the domestic violence services group that received \$743 of that total.]

**Wednesday, October 5, is the deadline for reservations** to be received in the church office for *Anything Goes* and a buffet dinner on Saturday evening, November 5, at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre. See reservation forms in Gathering Space or church office for complete details.

**Disregard this notice if you responded to any of the earlier notices**

**FOURTH NOTICE: Trinity Parish will go mostly electronic in 2017!**

**If you didn't respond to the first, second, or third notice, return this to the church office to keep receiving paper copies of the Trinity Parish starting in January 2017**

Before you return this notice, remember the other ways you can read the Trinity Parish:

- You can get the newsletter on Trinity's website at [www.trinitycamphill.org](http://www.trinitycamphill.org)
- You can click on the newsletter link when you get the weekly Trinity Minute e-Blast, plus you will receive a link monthly. If you haven't already signed up for the e-Blast, give us your email address by going to [www.trinitycamphill.org](http://www.trinitycamphill.org) and clicking on this:

 'Trinity Minute' e-Blast Sign-up

- Yes, I know I can get the newsletter electronically, but I want to keep receiving paper copies, thank you very much.**
- Yes, my name and address are on the back of this form on the mailing panel. Thanks for not making me fill out a form!**

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## Prayer concerns

*The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Psalm 19:1*

Hear us as we pray, Lord. ☩ We come to you as one of your many children. ☩ We are weak, we are small, we need you. ☩ Let us walk in the beauty of this autumn season and make our eyes behold the beautiful sunsets and the changes that abound. ☩ Let our eyes respect all that you have made. ☩ Make us wise so that we may understand what you have taught us. ☩ We ask for words of wisdom and strength. ☩ And to recognize you even more as we watch the changes of autumn. ☩ Make us ever ready to come before you with a loving heart. ☩ Amen.

## Letters to Trinity

Dear Trinity friends: Thank you for the reception, gift card, flowers, congratulatory cards, and kind words honoring my 15 years at Trinity as your Sunday receptionist. Trinity is a great place to be on Sunday mornings. --Cris Floray

Thank you, Council and Congregation, for celebrating my 15 years on the staff of Trinity. It seems only yesterday that Pastor Hardy asked me to help with visitation ministry for a few months. Your support and prayers have made these years meaningful and joyful. --Peace, Bishop Edmiston

On behalf of the staff and all the victims we serve at Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties (DVSCP), thank you for the work you do for this cause. Support of this kind is incredibly helpful and helps to maintain services to adult victims and their dependent children. We are coping with the tremendously difficult situation of domestic violence. --DVSCP

**Happy  
Birthday!**

- ★ Oct. 15. Ken Bistline, 76 Longwood Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
- ★ Oct. 20. Marty Hempt, 410 Candlewyck Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011
- ★ Oct. 22. Bill Ressler, 1106 Musket Lane, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050



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**Feeling blue?  
Heading outside will lift your  
spirits and improve your  
mood. Take a brisk walk on  
these shorter days and avoid  
isolating yourself at home.**

*--from Parish Ministry*

## HEALING WEEKEND is October 8-9

Join us at any regularly scheduled service. Pastors will invite you to come forward for a laying on of hands and anointing with oil. A healing service is also offered on Thursday, Oct. 13, at the 6:30 pm service in the Chapel. Our regular monthly healing service is Sun., Oct. 16, at 12:30 pm, in the Chapel.

## BOX TOP\$ and LABELS FOR EDUCATION (UPC Codes) Needed

The Special Concerns Committee of Women of Trinity is still collecting BOX TOP\$ and Labels for Education UPC codes (the bar code) to benefit several Harrisburg elementary schools. Put your box tops and UPC labels in the pink Campbell's tin box on the table at the left of the main entrance to the Gathering Space. There's also a sheet you can take that lists accepted product box tops.

**Box Top\$ for Education** labels are on the top or side of boxes from various manufacturers, such as Betty Crocker, General Mills, Scott Paper, and more. Each is worth 10¢.

**UPC Codes for Labels for Education** (must say "Labels for Education"! ) are on products by Campbell's, Swanson, Pepperidge Farm, SpagettiOs, V8, and Pace. Program will be phased out by manufacturers in August 2017, so look for these labels now!



**Deadline for the November 2016 Trinity Parish is Monday, October 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.

**Please keep submissions under 200 words.** We edit for clarity, consistency of style, and space.