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disciples in the making, making disciples

Annual meeting

New Council members elected, new president introduced, steeple repairs explained, parking lot plans presented

At least 225 members attended Trinity's February 5 annual meeting, held following services that were moved to 9:30 am. Outgoing president Barbara Kriebel chaired the session until turning it over to incoming president, Rob Bertram. See the new president's bio, page 2.

As members gathered, our FaithX band provided music. There was also a slide presentation of year-round photos put together by Kelly Falck, Director of Children and Family Ministries.

Some meeting highlights:

Four new Council members. Members elected were Jay Killian, Dave Miller, Mike Schwalm, and Anne Stafford. Bios, pages 4-5.

Strategic plan update. Jennifer Schwalm, member of the Strategic Planning Committee and former committee chair, reported on the strategic plan's progress. An end-of-2016 update is available on our website; hard copies are in the church office.

Kairos workshop update. Jay Killian, chair of the Kairos "Listening" Leadership Team, discussed the January 21 Kairos-led workshop attended by more than 50 members. See last month's *Trinity Parish* for more details.



Barbara Kriebel, outgoing Council president



Rob Bertram, new Council president



Steeple rehab needed



Steeple repairs explained. Property Committee Chair Charlie Suhr, assisted by Dan Reed and Dave Rupnik, used slides to show our needed steeple rehab, including ventilation, a railing system with vinyl, wood surfaces coated with liquid vinyl, and more. The rehab, not to exceed \$200,000, will be paid with funds borrowed from reserves (undesignated quasi-endowment account).

Parking lot plans. Charlie Suhr also presented plans for an improved parking

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lot. There would be more spaces, including additional handicapped spaces (with all handicapped spaces moved closer to the building), better traffic pattern and vehicle flow, lighting, raised walkways for pedestrians, a more welcoming Market Street entrance, and more. Ballpark costs, not yet finalized, are \$450,000.

Recognition of outgoing Council members. Barbara Kriebel presented our three outgoing Council members



Barbara Kriebel (r) presents gifts to (l-r) Charlotte Lazarchik, Kevin Brady, and Kelly MacConnell

with gifts as Pastor Horner thanked each for their many contributions—including Charlotte Lazarchik for her “great questions on Council to make us think”; Kevin Brady for his music, sound, and helping hand; and Kelly MacConnell for her youthful voice and her education ministry leadership.

Installation of new Council members, remarks by outgoing president, introduction of new president.

The bios of new members are on pages 4-5; the new president's bio is below. Outgoing president Kriebel thanked Council and the congregation for their support during her presidency and expressed her comfort that Trinity is moving forward (she will remain on Council for two more years). She introduced the new president, Rob Bertram, who thanked Barbara and Council members for their leadership and asked the congregation to share its “help, comments, even disagreements” over the next year.



Charlie Suhr with parking lot plan

Meet Rob Bertram, Council's new President

- ✓ **Church background.** Rob and his mother joined Trinity in 1984. Remembers when latecomers were not seated until a certain point in the service; his mother was thus always concerned about being on time. Mostly attends contemporary services. Previously served on Administration and Personnel Committee. Last year he was Council VP. His term ends next January.
- ✓ **Childhood.** Youngest of four children born to depression-era parents. Been told he's a curmudgeon.
- ✓ **Education.** B.A., Pennsylvania State University; J.D., Dickenson School of Law.
- ✓ **Work.** General Counsel, Ollie's Bargain Outlet. Currently, Ollie's has 235 stores in 19 states and 5,000+ employees. Rob previously practiced law in Harrisburg.
- ✓ **Family.** Met his wife, Lynn, in seventh grade. They have a son, 17, and daughter, 15.
- ✓ **Wisdom.** He coached youth sports and now sees those boys growing up and moving on to college. He knows the church is more important than ever as an institution. Believes that in order to remain relevant—and continue to reach individuals—the church must evolve. Seeks members' help in moving Trinity forward.

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- Rev. Dr. Guy Edmiston, Director of Congregational Care



**Sunday, April 2, at 4 pm – Timothy Koch, Conductor
Trinity Concert Choir, Orchestra, and Soloists**

Free admission. The mysterious circumstances of the Requiem's commission, and the fact that it was left incomplete by a dying Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, have ensured a continuing fascination with this masterpiece, Mozart's last composition. It is one of the most recorded and performed. It was finished by Franz Sussmayr, who wrote the last three movements and completed the instrumentation. Do not miss this free event in our Concert Series!

One more concert! ▪ **Sat., Apr. 29, 7:30 pm.** The Hbg. Singers. Susan Solomon Beckley, director. Timothy Koch, accompanist. *Concert Series Patrons get up to 4 free tickets.*

Lead pastor's column

Are you serious? Let's get in the habit!

It's Lent. Time to get serious. If you ever wanted to explore the faith deeper, to understand Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, to grow in personal meaning and purpose, now is the time. Like an athlete training for victory or a student striving for a degree, it won't just happen. It will take total commitment. From start to finish Lent stresses the habits that lead to a deeper engagement with your faith.

Habit One: Self Examination. The first habit is the hardest. Take a hard look in the mirror. What needs to change? What needs to be confessed and forgiven?

Habit Two: Prayer. In Lent you are encouraged to personal and communal prayer. Spend time with God in conversation at home and church. Use devotional tools, set a special time for prayer, worship regularly and on holy days.

Habit Three: Fasting. Learn to say "no." In a world of instant gratification, fasting goes against the grain, a little sacrifice to remember the great sacrifice Jesus made.

Habit Four: Generosity. Give seriously. Lent begins with the phrase "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." What we have is a gift for a time to make an impact.

Habit Five: Service. Give yourself to others. Life that cares and shares is life well-lived. Jesus lived a life caring for those on the margins.

Let's get serious this Lent with habits that deepen our faith and commitment to our Lord.

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serious.**

The Rev. Dr. Jack Homer

Who are your new Council members?

Jay Killian



- ✓ **Church background.** Joined Trinity in 1975. Typically attends traditional services. Chairs the "listening" leadership team that acts as liaison to our Kairos consultants. Volunteers on Sundays as usher and soundboard tech, and on Monday mornings as offering counter. Two prior Council terms; chaired Property Committee and Parish Ministry Team.
- ✓ **Childhood.** Grew up in Harrisburg. His grandfather was minister at Christ Lutheran, 13th and Derry Streets.
- ✓ **Education.** B.S., Indiana University of Pennsylvania.
- ✓ **Work.** Retired. Operated family business, Killian Fireplace Centre.
- ✓ **Family.** Married to Jane; they met on a blind date. Wedding was at Trinity in 1981. Two daughters, two grandchildren. Loves family life; is happy and content.
- ✓ **Activities outside Trinity.** With Jane, loves to take care of grandkids, 5 and 2. Also likes to travel.
- ✓ **Wisdom.** Tends to hide his light under a bushel basket but has realized the importance of sharing his talents.

Dave Miller

- ✓ **Church background.** Baptized Lutheran; was active in Luther League. Joined Trinity in 1983. Typically attends contemporary services. Chair of Finance Committee. Has served "too many" prior terms on Council to list all his past involvement, which includes Social Ministry and other groups. His current Council term actually began in 2016 when he was appointed to fill a vacancy.
- ✓ **Childhood.** Grew up in York County (Manchester).
- ✓ **Education.** Northeastern High School, York. Penn State, math degree.
- ✓ **Work.** Part-time consultant. Retired actuary; worked for 39 years at Penn National Insurance.
- ✓ **Family.** Married to Deb. Four children, all grown. Expects to be a grandfather this June.
- ✓ **Activities outside Trinity.** Biking, kayaking, visiting state and national parks.
- ✓ **What he hopes to bring to Council.** Will help Council understand financial decisions. Hopes to ensure everyone is heard; wants all Council members to share their thoughts.



Book Group

9:30 am, Rm 237
Dates at right

March 19. *The Prize: Who's in Charge of American's Schools?* by Dale Russakoff. A riveting account of the challenges that face all of America's failing schools.

April 23. *Hamilton: The Revolution*, by Lin Manuel Miranda and Jeremy McCarter. Readers get a backstage pass to *Hamilton*, the hit musical.

Your new Council members, *continued*

Mike Schwalm

- ✓ **Church background.** Mike and his wife, Jennifer, joined Trinity in 1991. He plays in FaithX, so you'll see him at contemporary services (he enjoys traditional services, too). This term is Mike's second on Council.
- ✓ **Childhood.** Mike is the second of four children. His mother taught sixth grade. His father was a church musician for many years at Lakeside Lutheran Church, where Bishop Edmiston once served as lead pastor.
- ✓ **Education.** BS/BA, Marketing, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- ✓ **Work.** Mike is the Vice President, Business Development, for National IPA, an inter-governmental cooperative located outside Nashville, TN. Mike has served in various sales and management roles over the last 28 years.
- ✓ **Family.** Married to Jennifer for almost 27 years. They have two daughters, 21 and 17.
- ✓ **Activities outside Trinity.** Spending time with his family, music, triathlons, biking, and golf.
- ✓ **Favorite Bible verse.** 1 Corinthians 13:4-8



Anne Stafford

- ✓ **Church background.** Raised a Methodist. Attended Baptist church as an adult. Joined Trinity in 1996. Mostly attends traditional services. Works on quilts for Women of Trinity's Sewing Ministry. Participates in Book Club, Women's Wednesday Bible Study, and LIFT small group.
- ✓ **Childhood.** Raised in an Air Force military family.
- ✓ **Education.** B.S., Millersville University.
- ✓ **Work.** Taught fourth grade, worked in medical claims, then as office assistant for loan company. Now retired.
- ✓ **Family.** Daughter lives locally, son in Connecticut. Each has a daughter.
- ✓ **Activities outside Trinity.** Grows flowers and vegetables. Enjoys reading, knitting, and making cards.
- ✓ **Fond childhood memories.** Lived on 19-acre Alabama farm; learned to love animals and gardening from maternal grandparents, who lived with the family. Later had a registered quarter horse; won some ribbons in local horse shows.
- ✓ **Favorite Bible verse.** Romans 8:28.



Sup 'n Study, Wednesdays in Lent, March 8-April 5
Five-week Topic: We are Reformation!

5:30 pm. Tasty meals • 6:30 pm. Engaging presentations • 7:40 pm. Worship
 More info in Gathering Space. Sign up there or at www.timetosignup.com/trinitycamphill

Lenten Worship

Ash Wednesday, March 1

7:30 am, 12 noon, 6:30 pm, 7 pm

Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

Mid-week Wednesday Lenten services, March 8-April 5

12 noon, 7:40 pm

Help keep Lutheran pastors in our pulpits

Attend and support our March 26 soirée

Sunday, March 26

4:00 to 7:00 pm

↔ **Trinity Lutheran Church**
2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill

**Soirée for
Seminary
\$cholarships**
to benefit **Gettysburg Seminary**

Soirée: An evening party or gathering, especially one with a special purpose

Your support is critical. Do not miss Trinity's soirée on Sunday evening, March 26. Our special purpose is to raise tuition funds for seminarians at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

- **Enjoy** the Saints and Sinners Smorgasbord; continuous seating 4-6:30 pm. Great food awaits!
- **Listen** to *Dearest Home Band* and *Cormorant's Fancy* from 4-7 pm, featuring Appalachian to Celtic music on various instruments as well as vocals.
- **Get tickets** from March 4-24 in person, or buy online

at www.timetosignup.com/trinitycamphill. Adults, \$15; kids 6-12, \$5; under 6, free w/ticket.

- **Shop the first-class silent auction** from 4-6 pm for collectibles, craft items, and much more.
- **Give!** Consider a gift of \$1,600, which represents a tithe of the \$16,000 annual tuition; or \$550, which represents one credit hour; or \$150 for a table sponsorship; or gifts of \$10, \$25, \$50, or ANY amount. Gifts of \$150 and above come with the option of receiving two free tickets.
- **Volunteer.** Sign up in the Gathering Space or complete the volunteer bulletin insert. You can also contact Judy Hunter at 717-737-9933 or jahunter@hotmail.com; or just stop her at church any time to say you'll wash dishes, wait tables, prepare food, or help with any other task.

Please prayerfully consider the part you will play in this venture to preserve our ability to provide Lutheran pastors now and in the future. Your financial help is truly needed!

Soirée gifts are included in the Always Being Made New Campaign of the ELCA/LSS. Let us celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation by providing for the faithful continuation of our Lutheran Church.

President of Gettysburg Seminary writes...

Excerpts from letter written by seminary president about our scholarship appeal

As I think of the hundreds of congregations that support our school—through regular mission support sent to synods, and through special appeals that result in gifts directly to the Seminary—one stands out above all the rest. And that's Trinity Lutheran Church of Camp Hill! ...And now it is my privilege to issue

one last invitation for your generosity, and thank you in advance for what I know will be a widespread response to our seminary scholarship appeal. ...I am confident that Trinity congregation will be on the leading edge of this effort with your Soirée for Seminary \$cholarships on March 26. ...God bless you as you remain faithful to the high calling we share as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Faithfully yours, Michael L. Cooper White

Youth group: Come out on these March dates!

Greetings from Peter Fox, Director of Youth and Student Ministries. We had a blast in February, and we'll have more of a blast in March! So check out these dates and come on out!

- ✓ **Sun, Mar 5, YG, 6-8:30 pm.** Fun, faith, and fellowship. Dinner provided; bring snacks.
- ✓ **Sat, Mar 11, YG Pancake Breakfast, 7-11 am (YG times).** Be there to help with this annual YG fundraiser. We need you to sign up to make this event a success.
- ✓ **Sun, Mar 19, SYG Movie Night, 6-8:30 pm.** Be there for fun and fellowship, not to mention a great movie. Dinner provided. Always bring friends and snacks.
- ✓ **Sun, Mar 26, JYG, 6-8 pm.** Come out for all the fun, games, group building, and excitement that you can handle! Dinner provided. Bring snacks. Bring friends. Bring MORE friends!
- ✓ **Fri-Sun, Mar 31-Apr 2, YG Spring Retreat, Camp Nawakwa.** Retreats are the best; seriously, they are the #1 thing you can do as a YG member. You will love them. Nuff said....

Our Stewardship Team needs YOU

As you think about ways that God calls you to serve, I invite you to join our Stewardship Team. We welcome ideas from all, young and old!

You may think you'll have to ask people for money. Yet the thought of asking someone for money is uncomfortable. Many of us on the Team feel the same way!

Our mission is this: Proclaiming God's love for us through Jesus Christ, our team seeks to encourage faithful discipleship by challenging all Trinity members to use gifts of time, talent,

and treasure prayerfully and thoughtfully in response to the grace we all receive.

We teach that stewardship is living a life of gratitude and generosity for all God has done for us in Jesus Christ. Our team is tasked with sharing these ideas with our congregation using the words and ideas from the Bible.

Come join us for an hour at one or more of our meetings—they're on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. You are needed!

Dave Maser, Stewardship Team Facilitator

Lenten boxes: Giving up to give to someone else

Ash Wednesday, March 1, starts our journey toward Easter. We engage in almsgiving and acts of self-denial, large and small, to demonstrate to God that we love God above all else. But because we're *giving up* something, acts of self-denial can sometimes cause us to focus too much on *ourselves*.

With Lenten boxes, you can balance that "giving up" focus by remembering that what you're giving up will benefit someone else. This year, half of all amounts collected in Trinity's

Lenten boxes will go to the ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response. This important effort brings God's hope, healing, and renewal to our brothers and sisters (in the U.S. and throughout the world) whose lives have been disrupted by disaster. The other half will support programs of Christian Churches United, or CCU.

Trinity families, please make regular Lenten box giving a part of your daily lives throughout the Lenten season. Let's all make a commitment to fill those boxes and thus give to others!

Help with spring cleanup!

Folks are needed on Saturday, April 1, beginning at 9 am, for Trinity's spring landscape cleanup. Bring rakes! We also need a pickup truck. In addition, Dan Reed is looking for volunteers to help take down the remaining ash tree at the far end of our lower parking lot. Contact Bruce Bigelow at 717-761-3289 or at nbbigs@comcast.net. Bruce is also looking for landscape/garden helpers throughout the season. Let's keep Trinity's grounds looking great.

Every member prayer list for March

Mar 3-9: Erin Bucher; Todd, Angela, Ashlyn, and Evan Brysiak; Paula, Nathan, and Jacob Bruns; Sonja, Kinsey, and Hayley Brunner; Nathan Brunner; Linda Brunner; Lauren Brunner; Jeff, Chelsea, and Emily Brunie.

Mar 10-16: Susan Brown; Marcia Brown; Kathy Brown; Betty Brown; Amanda, Liam, and Tiernan Brown.

Mar 17-23: Edwina Browell; Margie Brothers; Emily and Ian Brookmyer; Jim and Cathy Brommer; Bob and Ruth Brommer; Gretchen, Madelyn, Carolyn, and Benjamin Brodie.

Mar 24-30: Rev. John, Marianne, Benjamin, and Evan Brock; Amy Brinkley, Jason and Emily Frantz; Danielle Brier; Ric and Sharon Brice; Gretchen Brewer.

Mar 31-Apr 6: Judith Bretz; Karen, Chelsea, Noelle, Kevin, and Tyler Brett; Ruth Brady; Kevin and Adrienne Brady; John Brady; Cindy Boyne.

March birthdays

Homebound

Mar 17. Iva Adams, 46 Erford Rd., Rm. 120, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Mar 18. Elizabeth Winters, 321 Elgin Circle, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

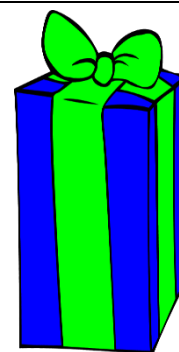
Mar 22. Dottie Herold, 5225 Wilson Ln., Oaks Bldg., Rm. 49, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Mar 25. Bootsy Focht, 824 Lisburn Rd., Apt. 213, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Staff

Mar 11. Debbie Wilson

Mar 12. Bishop Guy Edmiston



Dear Trinity...

Thank you for your prayers, get well cards, flowers, and the beautiful prayer shawl. I'm very blessed to know so many wonderful, caring people. Sincerely, Criss Floray

Thank you to the pastors for their visits while I was a patient in the hospital and to the congregation for the prayers and get-well wishes I received. Sincerely, Cindy Turney

Thank you so much for your prayers, your concern, and your cards during my recent surgery in Hershey Medical Center. Surgery was successful. Recovery is slow but sure. Thank you to Pastors Horner and Brock for their visits and prayers. God bless you all, Stew Hardy

Psalms: Study the beauty of language set to music

Five-week class, Sundays, March 5-April 2, 9:30 am, Room 227-229

The psalms of the Old Testament have provided inspiration for beautiful music through the centuries. Join us for a five-week study: *Many Voices – One Song: 1000 Years of Christian Psalmody*. Trinity member Virginia Hine Ely will lead this class, during which we'll consider a variety of music styles, from the early chant to 20th-21st century compositions. One session will be devoted to the beloved 23rd Psalm and how its meaning has been conveyed in music over time.



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Keep submissions under 200 words. We edit for clarity, consistency of style, and space.