



disciples in the making, making disciples

Update

What's going on with our strategic plan and related projects?

As we work diligently to focus and expand our ministries, members are encouraged to read the end-of-year **strategic plan** report that summarizes the plan's goals and action steps. This report was summarized at the Jan. 11 Congregation Council meeting and was also on the agenda for the Jan. 24 annual meeting.

The document is available on our website. Alternatively, hard copies are available at the church office.

Regarding the plan's **facility updates, improvements, and capital projects** discussed at our well-attended Nov. 1 forum, here's the latest: We have received responses from architects to assist us in planning for future projects.

NOTE: No final decisions have been made about any projects. (However, authorization has been given to finalize designs for parking lot work and steeple replacement). Instead, we will form teams in the near future to discuss our options and interests.

We will continue to update the congregation as our work progresses.

Kyrie eleison: What is it?

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.*

Psalm 23.6

Kyrie eleison (kee-ree-eh ay-lay-ee-sohn). This ancient chant has been a part of the church's life from its inception. It's a Latin transliteration from the Greek for "Lord have mercy." Its use in worship actually predates the church; long before, the psalmists called on God for mercy in their songs of prayer.

You might say it's in our very nature to cry out to God, "Lord have mercy." It recognizes both our need for mercy as well as offering an act of faith to the God who gives such mercy and love to us. We need mercy because we fail. Sin has separated us from God and neighbor. Our relationships are strained, the world is a mess, external forces, be they medical, economic or political, seem out of our control. Have mercy! And who can give us comfort in such a world as this? The Lord of heaven and earth! He listens to our cries and offers us hope. We are not alone. We are not adrift. God is here. We can rely on him for all our needs.

When we sing "Kyrie eleison" we join our voices with a church through the ages that has sought consolation from a God who does not stand on the sidelines of our life but offers his Son for the salvation of all.

This Lent, let your song be "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy!"

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1.3

The Rev. Dr. Jack Horner

**Join us for
Lenten
worship
Services!**

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10, imposition of ashes:

7:30 am, Chapel. Noon, Nave. 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall. 7:30 pm, Nave.

Wednesday Services, Feb. 17 – Mar. 16:

7:30 am, Chapel. 7:40 pm, Fellowship Hall.

*Holy Communion is
offered at every service*

More great music: Concordia Choir to perform in February; Juniata College Choir follows in March



The world-class 72-voice Concordia Choir is conducted by René Clausen. Don't miss this outstanding concert!

Mon., Feb. 22, at 7:30 pm. With its reputation as one of America's finest a cappella choirs, the Concordia Choir from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, has performed with the Grammy Award-winning King's Singers, has often been on Garrison Keillor's Prairie Home Companion Radio Show, and has been featured nationally on public television in the Emmy-award winning Concordia Christmas concerts. Admission is free, but a \$10 donation is suggested.

Sat., Mar. 5, at 7:30 pm. The Juniata College Concert Choir, conducted by Dr. Russ Shelley, is the premier off-campus ensemble at Juniata. **Our own Evan Brock, son of Pastor John and Marianne Brock, is a member!** More next month...

Needed for both choirs are "home stays," or volunteers to house a student or two on the night following each concert. Not only will you help to reduce the cost of hotel stays, but you will also enjoy the opportunity to meet these talented young people. Call or text Tim Koch at 717.364.2422, or email him at timothy.koch@trinitycamphill.org. Contact him soon—time is of the essence!

Learn about Lent through the ages

Join Pastor Horner on Sunday, Feb. 7, at 9:30 am in Rm. 237 to learn about the history of the liturgical season of Lent. Where did it come from? What are some of the traditions? Why give up candy or other "good" things? These are just a few of the many questions you'll explore about this amazing time. Let's prepare to enter this deeply meaningful and holy season of Lent together.

Wish happy birthday to our homebound members

Feb. 3 Virginia Bush, 2100 Bent Creek Blvd., Rm. 211, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Feb. 10 Helen Reichel, 5225 Wilson Ln., Oaks Bldg., Rm. 3, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Feb. 15 Martha Hoak, 1560 Slate Hill Rd., Camp Hill, PA 17011

Feb. 24 Lila Depew, 5225 Wilson Ln., Apt. 218, Maplewood Assisted Living, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

...and also to our staff:

Feb. 12 Tom Notestine

Feb. 14 Pastor Horner

Snippets of note...

...Trinity's ever-popular **Sup 'n Study** series—a time of fellowship and learning—begins Wed., Feb. 17. Find more information and/or register at the Gathering Space reception desk. Topics include the history of Jerusalem, surprising stories in the Bible, Luther's Small Catechism, discipleship on weekdays, and a study of choral music. Sup at 5:30, study at 6:30. Don't miss it!

...Join Trinity's **Book Discussion Group** on Sun., Feb. 21, at 9:30 am in Room 237 to review **A Painted House** by John Grisham. Inspired by Grisham's childhood in Arkansas, this thriller—

different from Grisham's lawyer novels—is set in rural 1950's Alabama and told through the eyes of a seven-year-old boy from a struggling family of cotton farmers. The story takes the boy from a world of innocence into one of harsh reality.

...**Using your photograph.** As we build our digital library, be advised that your unidentified face may appear in some group shots that we use online or in print. If you are concerned about the possibility of appearing in such shots that include no names, email parish@trinitycamphill.org.

...**Social Ministry's Weekend of Caring** is March 11-12-13. Watch for more details.

Donations of knitted items help many in need

Thank you, Trinity, for generously donating 162 hats, 105 scarves, and 77 pairs of gloves for Women of Trinity's Special Concerns Committee to give to homeless/displaced children in the Harrisburg School District, as well as to others.

Committee members Pat Eby and Beth Shunk gave sets of the knitted items to 40 children in grades 1-5 at a December holiday party hosted by a local business. In addition to being delighted by the Trinity gifts, the children bowled, ate pizza, participated in crafts, chose free books, and received a carryall bag from Santa with toys and a blanket.

With as many as 400 homeless/displaced children, the district makes sure that younger students each get to a party like that in which Trinity participated. Unfortunately, there are no such parties for the district's middle school children. Accordingly, many of the larger-size donations were distributed to those children. The rest were donated to Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties.

WOT's Special Concerns Committee is also responsible for Blanket Sunday and the collection/processing of Campbell's Soup labels. Well done, WOT!

Letters of thanks

To the ministers and many friends I have at Trinity,

Thank you so much for all your visits and thoughts and prayers as I spent an extended stay in the hospital and acute rehab. I am continuing my therapy. I hope things progress so that I can become active again. – **Darlene Hess**

Dear friends of Trinity,

After several weeks in hospital and rehab, I am now recovering at home. Many thanks for the flowers from the altar after a Sunday sermon; they were beautiful. All the get well cards and visit from the pastors and friends were appreciated. I also appreciate the many prayers that helped in my recovery. Thanks for being such a caring church family. Love and God bless. – **Peggy Hofer**

Souper Bowl and more coming in February

Souper Bowl Sunday is Feb. 7!

Our Jr.-Sr. YG will collect donations for *The Bridge* food pantry after all services.

More coming up for Sr. High:

- ✓ Sun., Feb. 14, **Sr. High Nite**, 6:30-8:30 pm. Faith, fun, fellowship. Bring snacks & friends. Dinner provided.
- ✓ Sun., Feb. 28, 6:30-8:30 pm, **Sr. High Movie Nite**, great 80's movie, fun/fellowship. Dinner provided; bring snacks, friends.

More coming up for Jr. High:

- ✓ Sun., Feb. 21, **Jr. High Nite**, 6-8:30 pm. Bring snacks, friends; dinner provided. Awesome!
- ✓ Sun.-Mon., Feb. 26-27, **Jr. High Sleepover**, 8 pm-9 am. Games, movies, pizza, more. Bring snacks, friends.



Trinity's Youth Group looked great at January's Winterfest, the annual synod-wide event in Lancaster (17 youth, 3 advisors). December was also great, with Winter Retreat at Nawakwa (35 YGers!), caroling at Manor Care, and a party afterward with 60 YG + advisors. AWESOME!



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**Our Parish Ministry
Team says to keep a
winter emergency kit in
your car, including
blankets, energy bars,
water, & a first aid kit.**

February Prayer Concerns: We pray, Lord, teach us the way of righteousness, for it is the foundation of all that is right and good. May we long for it, for we know that nothing will nurture life like the way of righteousness. We also pray for people who have lost loved ones, and for people who need help to recover from devastation in all parts of the world.

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*Read Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4 and pray the Lord's Prayer often.
It is a simple devotion to God expressing longing for God's righteous rule on earth,
as well as for God's provision of food, forgiveness, and protection.*

Every member prayer list

Feb. 5-11: Andrew Howe; Rev'd. Dr. Jack, Linda, and Krista Horner; Monica Horner; Frank and Sheri Horner; Robynn, Courtney, and Michael Hope; Kim and Grant Hoover; Doris Hookway; Gretchen and Caden Hong

Feb. 12-18: Gib and Ginny Honeysett; Chris Honeysett; Maxine Hommel; Allen and Kathy Holmes, and Zach and Rachael Barnes; Cindy Hollingsworth, Alex Bishop, and Haley and Greenly Hollingsworth; Brad Hollinger; Benjamin Hollinger; Jeff Hollenbush

Feb. 19-25: Chip, Ellen, Peter, and Samuel Hoffmeister; Warren, Cheryl, Amanda, and Joseph Hoffman; Sandra Hoffman; Royce, Kristi, Gabe, and Tyler Hoffman; Chet Hoffman; Tom and Linda Hoffert; Stephanie Hoffert, and Tyler and Claudia Hoffman; Burton and Peggy Hofer

Feb. 26-Mar. 3: Karen Hockley; Jeffrey Hochmiller; Dale and Carol Hochmiller; Vicki and Martha Hoak-Dutlinger; Andrea Ho; Ron Hivner, Jr.; Matthew Hivner; Linda Hivner; Karen and Chelsie Hivner

Deadline for the March 2016 Trinity Parish is Wednesday, February 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.