



trinity parish

disciples in the making, making disciples

Strategic planning update

Spring begins with little buds

Trinity's teams and committees have been working through the



winter on our strategic plan. The forming of small groups, the Maundy Thursday service, and outreach

to inactive members are just a few of the "buds" that we see growing.

In addition, ad hoc groups were formed to interview (1) architects for the facilities master plan and (2) capital campaign consultants.

At its May meeting, Council will receive recommendations about which architect and which financial consultant to select.

As part of their work, the selected entities will survey and interview parishioners to determine the steps forward.

Please continue to pray for Trinity, our staff, and our leaders as we grow and discern where God is leading us.

Relationship geometry

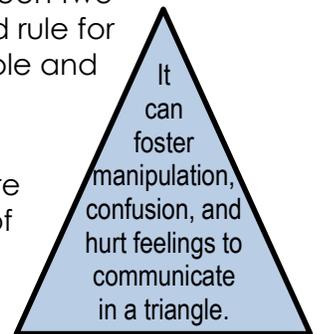
The Rev. Dr. Jack Horner

I wasn't much of a math person growing up. Simple math was OK, but not algebra, trigonometry, and calculus. I asked myself, "When will I ever use this again?!" Since I had no plans to be an astrophysicist, I thought it was a legitimate question.

I did enjoy geometry though. It made sense with its measuring of dimensions, points, lines, objects, shapes. I've used those formulas often when making things or home improvement projects. And it's come in handy with relationships as well.

The first rule we learned in 10th grade geometry class was that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. That's a good rule for human relationships as well. It is simple and to the point.

Effective communication has two points: speaker and hearer. The more "points" added, the higher the risk of misunderstanding. If you've played that old telephone game (or whisper game), you learned you must go to the source if you want to understand an idea or person. In other words, make it a straight line.



Jesus understood this simple geometry very well. In the gospel of Matthew, chapter 18, he says, "If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him—work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you've made a friend." (*The Message*.) Straight lines make better relationships.

Sometimes, rather than a straight line, triangles are created. Relationship triangles happen when Person 1 brings in Person 3 to communicate to Person 2. That means that, instead of carrying the burden to Person 2 himself, Person 1 is asking Person 3 to carry it!

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Upcoming Concert

Sat., May 21, at 7:30 pm: Carmina Burana

Tickets \$10, or free to first 100 Concert Patrons who call the church office at 717-737-8635

Relationship geometry, from page 1

Unfortunately, this relationship triangle doesn't help communication or solve a problem but, instead, can foster manipulation, confusion, and hurt feelings.

Triangles are not necessarily bad—as long as the role of Person 3 is to get Persons 1 and 2 together to form a straight line of communication. As Jesus continues in Matthew, "If he won't listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again."

In that case, the role of the Person 3 is clear, to be a witness and encourager of straight communication between the parties involved.

Why does Jesus insist Christians act this way? The answer is clear: so the Church can be made up of circles of love, reconciliation, and grace. And that shapes us all!

Wish happy birthday to our homebound members

May 6 Jane Davis. 822 Oak Oval,
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

May 14 Jeanne Henderson. 852 Wynnewood
Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011

May 23 Clara Sienkewiz. 824 Lisburn Road,
Rm. 112, Camp Hill, PA 17011

May 29 through September 4

Sing in our Summer Choir!

Yes, you can! All voice parts are welcome. And only one rehearsal is required—Thursday, May 26, at 7 pm. Then sing throughout the summer whenever you're available. Contact Tim Koch at timothy.koch@trinitycamphill.org.

Journey with Pastor Easton

Go to <https://pastoreaston.wordpress.com> to follow Pastor Easton's blog, *An Apprentice in Kingdom Living*. Click on "Calendar for 'We Make the Road by Walking'" to read how to join Pastor Easton in her year-long adventure of spiritual reading/reflection.

Date	Chapter
May 1-7	Ch. 38: The Uprising of Stewardship
May 8-14	Ch. 39: Whatever the Hardship, Keep Rising Up!
May 15-21	Ch. 40: The Spirit is Moving!
May 22-28	Ch. 41: Moving with the Spirit
May 29- June 4	Ch. 42: Spirit of Love: Loving God
June 5-11	Ch. 43: Spirit of Love: Loving Neighbor
June 12-18	Ch. 44: Spirit of Love: Loving Self
June 19-25	Ch. 45: Spirit of Unity and Diversity
June 26- July 2	Ch. 46: Spirit of Service
July 3-9	Ch. 47: The Spirit Conspiracy
July 10-16	Ch. 48: Spirit of Power
July 17-23	Ch. 49: Spirit of Holiness
July 24-30	Ch. 50: Spirit of Life
July 31- Aug. 6	Ch. 51: Spirit of Hope
Aug. 7-13	Ch. 52: God in the End

Bonus! You can gather together with Pastor Easton and fellow readers in **Rm. 227** (new room) to share thoughts and chat about readings on one or both of these dates:

- **Tues., June 7, 6:30 pm**, "Coffee Break on the Journey." Bring coffee or enjoy ours.
- **Wed., June 8, 12 noon**, "Brown Bagging on the Journey." Bring your lunch and beverage.

Mark your calendars for these **FREE** and **FUN** community outreach events with great FaithX music, good picnic food, yummy sundaes, cool prizes, & more!

Hello Summer! (summer kickoff party): **Sun., June 26, 5:30-7:30 pm**

Goodbye Summer! (summer farewell party): **Sun., Aug. 28, 5:30-7:30 pm**

Sat., May 21, 7:30 pm: Don't miss *Carmina Burana*!

The Harrisburg Choral Society and the Pennsbury Community Chorus of Fairless Hills, Pa., will present *Carmina Burana* at Trinity on Saturday, May 21, at 7:30 pm. *Carmina Burana* is Carl Orff's monumental work for chorus, orchestra, and soloists.

Guest conductor for this event is **Dr. Jason Vodicka**, Assistant Professor of Music and Coordinator of Music Education at Susquehanna University, where he directs the University Chorale. Dr. Vodicka also participates as summer session faculty at Westminster Choir College, part of Rider University, Princeton, NJ, where he teaches Choral Pedagogy and Conducting.

The Harrisburg Choral Society, founded in 1865, is the oldest continuously active music ensemble in southcentral Pennsylvania and is a fixture of the area's cultural landscape. It has maintained its core values of community participation in presenting great works of choral music with professional soloists and orchestra. **The Pennsbury Community Chorus**, founded in 2000, provides a forum for talented singers in the Lower Bucks County communities. It comprises 75-100 residents of that area, including students, graduates, teachers, parents, staff, and friends of the Pennsbury community.

This concert is the last in Trinity's 2015-16 Concert Series. Get tickets for \$10 at the church office or at the door. The first 100 Concert Series Patrons can receive free tickets by contacting the



Pennsbury Community Chorus at its Winter Concert

church office at 717-737-8635.



Harrisburg Choral Society: founded in 1865



Guest Conductor Dr. Jason Vodicka

Volunteers needed to pack meals on June 3

On June 3, Hunger J.A.M. (Justice and Mercy) 2016 will strive to pack 400,000 nutritionally complete meals to help feed hungry Pennsylvanians.

Sponsored by the Lower Susquehanna Synod, the event at Messiah College needs volunteers, and Trinity is looking for YOU to donate about two hours of your time to work

as part of a team of 12 in an assembly line process needing 1,200 people for the day!

Sign up in the Gathering Space starting May 8 or at www.timetosignup.com/trinitycampbill anytime. For more information, go to <http://www.lss-elca.org/hunger-jam/> or contact Jane Killian at 717-433-3201 jkillian@gmail.com.

All Trinity women are invited to May 4 meeting

All Trinity women are invited and encouraged to attend the Wednesday, May 4, General Meeting of Women of Trinity at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Please bring a covered dish.

The guest speaker is Brian Gaughan, co-founder of Pink Hands of Hope, which provides needed items to women fighting breast cancer—or to persons fighting any type of cancer. Hear the inspirational story that began April 1, 2008, when Brian's wife, Laurie, then 45, was diagnosed with Stage 1 breast cancer.

Here's a preview of that story:

As Laurie received surgery and treatment, she and Brian were surprised to discover that not everything is covered through health insurance. They used their own savings to make sure Laurie got what she needed.

Being led by God, Brian and Laurie took a leap of faith. They started Pink Hands of

Hope on June 1, 2009, to help other women who might also find themselves without all of the support they need to battle the cancer.

Blessing Boxes will be collected at meeting

Also at the May 4 meeting, Blessing Boxes will be collected to benefit New Hope Ministries (see story on New Hope, below). Trinity women, when they feel blessed, make a deposit to their Blessing Boxes. What a great idea and a wonderful way to share our blessings!



Donations to New Hope will be collected by Women of Trinity through June 30.

Trinity supports New Hope Ministries



New Hope Ministries—a Trinity Social Ministry partner—is a community-based Christian social service agency that provides support and organized assistance for at-risk and in-crisis individuals and families through centers in Mechanicsburg, Dillsburg, Hanover, and Dover. The agency's programs impact close to 15,000 persons yearly by helping them with basic needs and equipping them to change their lives.

Services are available to people regardless of age, race, gender, or religious affiliation, and include these:

- ✓ **Crisis assistance.** Provide guests assistance with needs such as food, household and personal care items, rent/mortgage, utilities, transportation and medical care and referral services.
- ✓ **Stability and workforce development.** People are met at their point of need and provided training in basic financial budgeting skills, help with job searches, resume-building and interview preparation, preparation classes for General Education Development (GED) diplomas and education regarding nutrition and food preparation.
- ✓ **After school and summer youth programs.** Through recreational programs and mentoring, New Hope reaches out to at-risk children and youth with the goal of providing structured, constructive programs and positive adult role models.

Numerous volunteer opportunities exist with all of New Hope Ministries' programs. A volunteer application is available online at www.nhm-pa.org; click on "Ways to Give." Questions about New Hope? Contact Brad Hollinger at 717-730-0401 or blhmanheim@comcast.net.

Youth Group keeps busy with great activities; invites everyone to join talent show on May 13

There's always lots of good stuff happening at, for, and by YG, so take note!

Talent show open to everyone!

On Friday, May 13, starting at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall, all Trinity members are invited to share their talents and abilities at this intergenerational talent show hosted by YG and Children and Family Ministries. You can sing, dance, tell a good joke, read a poem, or share whatever other gift you'd

like. You'll get to enjoy desserts and beverages, too, whether or not you decide to share your talent. Any money collected in a free-will offering will benefit future YG events, so come on out and enjoy this event with your Trinity brothers and sisters.

If you're performing, sign up by Monday, May 9, at www.timetosignup.com/trinitycamphill or in the Gathering Space. No need to sign up if you're just coming out to watch Trinity's talent and enjoy the food, fun, and fellowship! Questions? Call Peter Fox at 717-737-9921, ext. 227.



Here's our awesome Youth Group at its April Spring Retreat at Camp Nawakwa. YG is always looking for more youth to join in. Come out with your friends on Sunday, May 1, from 6-8:30 pm for YG Outside Nite. Keep updated by visiting <http://www.trinitycamphill.org/YG/index.htm>.

Help sustain Trinity's ministries for the long term

Trinity continues to pursue ways to stabilize and strengthen our ministries for the future through our strategic planning. Maintaining and increasing our endowment is critical to the long-term sustainability and growth of Trinity's ministries both here and throughout the world.



We are undertaking an initiative to inform you of ways to make long-term investments through endowment giving.

Did you know? The IRA qualified dividend charitable distribution is

available to you if you are of qualifying age. A gift to Trinity *directly* from your IRA could (1) be

excluded from your gross income as a qualified charitable deduction and (2) count toward your required minimum distribution, or RMD. Your giving through this approach benefits Trinity because you can donate more to the church with no greater effort than giving with your post-tax dollars.

To qualify, you must be 70 and a half or older and the gift must go directly from your IRA to Trinity. Your total IRA gifts in one year may not exceed \$100,000.

For general information, please contact Paul Hensel in the church office. You should also consult your tax advisor to determine if you can benefit from this opportunity.

--The Endowment and Investment Subcommittee

Have fun at Trinity's "Getting to know you" pot luck dinner on Sunday, May 22

Join your Trinity brothers and sisters immediately following the late services on Sunday, May 22, for our "Getting to know you" pot-luck dinner!

Whether you're a long-time member, a mid-termer, or a newbie, this is the dinner for you. It's the Fellowship Team's way of connecting you with others around a common theme.

Here's how it works. You choose a table based on a theme: gardening, sports fan, loves to read, music, dining out, dog lover, loves to cook, cat lover, DIY'er, traveler, outdoor enthusiast, parenting, or movies. There are even some tables for older kids: Disney, reader, video game, and music lover. At

that table, you'll connect with ideas and questions that will get the conversation going.

After dinner, some of Trinity's "celebrities" will take the stage to face some of their own questions. It's all in fun, and you'll learn things about your leaders that you might not have known.

Sign up by May 8 in the Gathering Space or online at www.timetosignup.com/trinitycamphill. For the dinner itself, people with last names A-I will bring a main dish; J-S, side dish or veggies; and T-Z, dessert. We'll have volunteers in the kitchen on the morning of the dinner to help get your dish into the fridge or oven as needed. See you there!

Volunteers needed for May 21 breakfast

Please consider helping with the Community Connections breakfast at Trinity on May 21 beginning at 9 am. Trinity hosts this breakfast for men and women re-entering the community following incarceration. Volunteers are needed for food prep, greeting, transportation, and cleanup. A few are also needed for set up and food prep on Friday, May 20, as well. Contact Kristen Campbell at 717-805-1716 or at kristencampbell156@gmail.com to participate.

Help our military ministry

New member Leslie Reed has volunteered to re-start, refresh, and potentially expand a ministry for people serving in the military. The primary mission is to communicate with those who want to maintain a Trinity connection.

Leslie is seeking background information from folks who were beneficiaries of this ministry, and from others who may have helped with it. What communications were used, and with what frequency? What was most positive? What might we do differently, and what ideas might we initiate now?

If you've been involved with this ministry in any way, whether in military service or as a Trinity volunteer, please contact Leslie at [717-805-7788](tel:717-805-7788) or at lesliereed1116@gmail.com.

Help Evangelism Team reach out to emergency professionals

June is Emergency Professionals Month, and our Evangelism Team needs your help in making Trinity's first annual Emergency Professionals Appreciation Event a success.



Sign up in the Gathering Space to supply baked goods, assemble care packages, write thank-you notes and/or deliver the packages to our local police, fire stations, and EMTs.

Here's the timeline:

- ✓ **Sat., May 21, by 10 am.** Baked goods and thank-you notes due to Trinity. Bring items to kitchen; label them "Evangelism Committee"
- ✓ **Sat., May 21, 10 am-noon.** Gift bags will be assembled
- ✓ **Sat. or Sun., May 21-22.** Pick up bags that are ready for delivery
- ✓ **Mon. or Tues., May 23-24.** Deliver gift bags to emergency professionals

Questions? Contact Kristi Hoffman, Evangelism Team facilitator, at khoffman324@gmail.com.

Every member prayer list

May 6-12

Robie Hall; Jack & Jan Halada; Jim, Jen, Max & Alicia Hahn; Blain & Nancy Hackett; Robert & Lynne Haar; Mary Haar; Annie, Luke, & Levi Gutshall; Roger & Joyce Gustavson

May 13-19

Anne Gurka; Dick Gulden; Audrey Guistwhite; Thomas Guise; Greta Guilday; Dan, Pam, Michael, Marc, Kasey, & Corey Grundon; Royce & Mark Groff; Phil & Meg Groff; Laird & Bailey Groff

May 20-26

Stacey, Kaleb, Kato, & Kasey Griffiths; Joyce Grier; Scott Grieb & Jenna Tomasko, & Ellie Grieb; Dorothy Gregory; Carol Greenlund; Anne Greenlund; John Greenleaf, III; Walter Greene, Jr.; Helen Greene

May 27–June 2

Adam, Rachell, Rebecca, & Allison Green; Lorraine Graybill; Lindsay Graybill; Stephanie & William Granoff; Diane Granoff; Lou & Sue Grammes; Jon Grammes; Christine Grabau

Yard sale will support Ecumenical Food Pantry

Yes, you can enjoy food, fun, and fellowship while cleaning out your “treasures” and supporting the Ecumenical Food Pantry, a social mission partner.

Messiah Lutheran Church, in conjunction with friends of Midtown Harrisburg's Annual Sidewalk Sale, is hosting a **yard sale** on **Saturday, May 14, from 9 am to 2 pm**. You can rent a spot in Messiah's parking lot for just \$10 to sell items you no longer treasure. The church is located at the corner of Commonwealth and Forster streets in Harrisburg.

Alternatively, you can come find *new* treasures for yourself while you enjoy baked goods, participate in children's activities, or take a tour of this historic church.

The yard sale is a **FUN**draiser to benefit the Ecumenical Food Pantry that serves more than 1,000 individuals a month, as well as Messiah's Vacation Bible School. Sellers are encouraged to provide a donation of their profits to either charity. Call the Messiah Church office at 717-233-6731 to reserve your spot.

Questions about the Ecumenical Food Pantry? Contact Trinity member Lynn Bertram at 717-329-2078. Lynn is a board member of the Food Pantry.

Medical Doctor to Address Important Topic

- **Who's speaking?** Dr. Jason R. Woloski, of Penn State Hershey, winner of 2015 Penn State award for family medicine advocacy
- **What's the topic?** Common health questions answered for an aging population, including understanding medication and side effects
- **When/where?** Wed., May 25, 7 pm, at Trinity (room TBA)

Trinity members and guests should not miss hearing this critical information. Contact Donna Sprows, sprowsd@aol.com, for more info and to tell her you're coming. This event is hosted by Parish Ministry.



Jason R. Woloski, M.D.



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Have a high school or college grad in the family? Email parish@trinitycamphill.org by May 10 with student name, your name/relationship to student, graduation date, degree earned if college, and future plans. Include your contact info so we can follow up if questions. Will publish in June.

✠ **May prayer concerns** ✠ Pray for peace and prosperity of our community. Also seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it. Because if it prospers, you too will prosper. Jeremiah 29:7 ✠ The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.... 1 Samuel 16:7 ✠ O my people Listen! For I am your God. Listen! What I want from you is your true thanks; I want your promises fulfilled. I want you to trust in me in your times of trouble, so I can rescue you and you can give me glory. Psalms 50: 7, 14, 15 ✠ But whatever is good and perfect comes to us from God, the Creator of all light, and He shines forever without change or shadow. James 17, 18

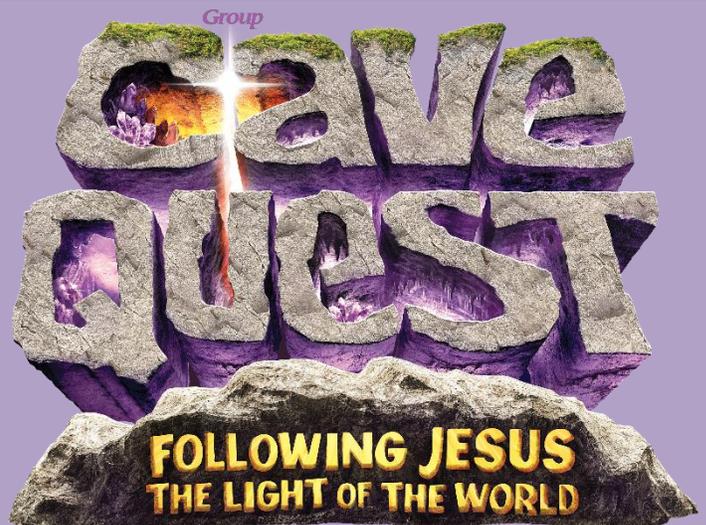
It's exciting! It's fun! 2016 Vacation Bible School!

July 25-29

9 am to noon - OR - 5:30 to 8 pm

Register & volunteer NOW at

www.trinitycamphillfamilies.weebly.com



Deadline for the June-July 2016 Trinity Parish is Tuesday, May 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.

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