



## NOTICE

**Sunday, January 1: No early services!  
Worship times are 10:45 & 11 am only**

disciples in the making, making disciples

## Sunday, February 5:

- ✓ **Worship services moved to 9:30 am**
- ✓ **Annual meeting will follow**
- ✓ **All members should attend**

Be sure to attend Trinity's annual congregation meeting on Sunday, February 5.

Worship times have been moved for this one day—there will be one contemporary service and one traditional service, both at 9:30. The annual meeting will take place immediately afterward in Fellowship Hall. (There will be no meal.)

On the agenda is the election and installation of new Congregation Council members. At its December meeting, Council voted to nominate the following: Jay Killian, Dave Miller, Mike Schwalm, and Anne Stafford.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor with the prior permission of the nominee.

Also on the agenda, said outgoing Council President Barbara Kriebel, will be the following:

- Results of a Kairos-led mission and visioning workshop scheduled for January 21 for leadership folks (committees, teams, others)
- Presentation by our Property Committee, including information about steeple repairs, proposed parking lot improvements (see the plan in the Gathering Space), and more
- Other items as needed

Rob Bertram will succeed Barbara Kriebel as Council president at the annual meeting. Council elected him to that post in November.

## Lead pastor's column

### In the name of Jesus!

It's important to take Jesus' name seriously.

Jesus is a derivation of Joshua, the great warrior leader of the Israelites who led them to the Promised Land after Egyptian slavery. The name in Hebrew means "God saves." Jesus is serious about his mission to save.

When we pray in Jesus' name, we pray for that saving grace. "In the name of Jesus" contains both hope and confidence that God will act through his son Jesus to save and bring hope to those for whom we pray.

When we do ministry in his name, we serve to lift up the life of Jesus who brought healing, mercy, and kindness to the marginalized of society. His name gives us strength to love and care for our neighbor.

When we live in his name, we try to put our egos aside, listen to his Spirit for guidance, and be people of gratitude and generosity for all that Jesus has done for us.

The name of Jesus is serious business, and the Church has sought to serve that name throughout the centuries. We don't always get it right, but if you examine all that Church and Christian communities have done, the good, brave, and merciful actions of Christian people would far outweigh the bad.

In baptism the name of Jesus is given to each of us, to live and serve the One who saves. All that we are and do is in the name of Jesus.

*The Rev. Dr. Jack Horner*

**The name  
above all  
names**

**Thank you for your gifts to Trinity throughout the year.  
A blessed New Year to all!**

**Question:**

How many Lutherans does it take to change 168 lightbulbs in our six huge chandeliers?

**Answer:**

Only a few. Our talented Property Committee has it under control.

*(Identifiable in this picture: Dave Rupnik on the ladder, Dan Reed in orange, and sexton Russ Brown at left.)*



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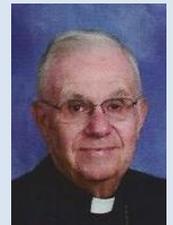
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- Rev. Dr. Jack Horner, Lead Pastor
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- Rev. John Brock, Ministry Director for Parish Life
- Rev. Dr. Guy Edmiston, Director of Congregational Care

**What's our CCU ministry partner?**

Christian Churches United runs programs to help others, providing a way for churches to work together to meet needs of more people than one church can meet on its own. CCU directs the following:

- **Help Ministries.** Provides emergency services for thousands of people each year, such as emergency shelter, rent assistance, food referral service, case management, heating fuel assistance, PPL assistance, emergency travel, life-sustaining medication, and La Casa De Amistad with bilingual staff for Spanish-speaking clients.
- **Susquehanna Safe Haven.** Provides permanent housing for 25 chronically homeless men with mental illness. The goal is to provide safe housing and supportive services for the men, including support to transition to their own apartments. This program has helped to break the cycle of chronic homelessness and to gain stability.

- **Men's Overnight Shelter.** Provides a warm, safe sleeping site at night (8 pm to 7 am) from December to March for homeless men. Trinity partners in this ministry by providing one week of site coverage totaling 14 volunteer nights at the shelter. *(See page 7.)*
- **Prison Action Committee.** Provides worship services, frequently led by Trinity volunteers at Dauphin County Prison and CCU Headquarters; Community Connections re-entry breakfasts hosted annually by Trinity in Fellowship Hall; mentor training and support; and chaplaincy and healing communities.

Your volunteer opportunities include helping at the men's shelter and working with the Prison Action Committee, in addition to an annual golf tournament, the Highmark Walk, the Concert of Hope, and the CCU Facilities Action Committee. Contact Joe Hunter at 717-737-9933 or [joehunter506@hotmail.com](mailto:joehunter506@hotmail.com) to head you in the right direction.

**Help victims of domestic violence: Donation box in Gathering Space**

Needed for women/children staying in shelter run by Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties: diapers (sz. 3, 4, 5), baby wipes, laundry detergent, paper towels, socks and underwear for women and children, infant formula, paper towels, Giant gift cards.

Next in Concert Series**Sunday, February 19, at 4 pm: Harrisburg Youth Symphony and Junior Strings in Concert!**

Trinity's immensely popular Concert Series continues with the Harrisburg Youth Symphony and Junior Strings in Concert on Sunday, February 19. Conducted by Gregory Woodbridge and Krista Kriel, this free concert starts at 4 pm. You'll love hearing this next generation of fine musicians. And it's exciting that they practice right here at Trinity!



Gregory  
Woodbridge  
and  
Krista Kriel,  
conductors



## 2017 Concerts

- **Sun., Feb. 19, 4 pm.** Hbg. Youth Symphony & Jr. Strings in Concert. Gregory Woodbridge and Krista Kriel, conductors. *Free.*
- **Sun., Apr. 2, 4 pm.** Mozart's Requiem. Timothy Koch, conductor. *Free.*
- **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.*

## We're looking for choir members; how about joining in?

Do you have a pleasant singing voice, some note-reading ability, and a desire to share your gifts at Trinity?

If so, the Chancel and Concert choirs are calling you! We especially need baritones/basses, but we welcome ALL voice parts.

Rehearsals begin on Thursday, January 5, at 7 pm. Contact Tim Koch at 717-364-2422 or [www.timothy.koch@trinitycamphill.org](mailto:www.timothy.koch@trinitycamphill.org).

## Learn "What the Bible says about..."

Bring your open Bible and an open mind to our lead pastor's spring Bible study series on Thursdays starting January 12. Times are 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall and/or 7 pm in Rm. 237.

What does the Bible say about the Bible itself? Or about angels, evil, worship, thanks, prayer, resolving conflict, Jesus, faith, sex, forgiveness, suffering, Jesus' death, resurrection, church, worship, ecology/creation, miracles, and politics? From January 12 through May 25, Pastor Horner answers each of those 19 questions. You won't want to miss!

## Where have all the pastors gone? And what can be done? Conversation with Bishop Dunlop



*Bishop James Dunlop, member of Trinity and graduate of Gettysburg Seminary, speaks of the increase in empty pulpits in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Trinity's Judy Hunter interviewed the Bishop in December; her report follows.*

**The Problem.** One of the important issues facing the ELCA today is the future supply of and demand for ordained clergy.

While multiple factors are involved in creating this shortage, one factor looms large over the heads of persons feeling the call to ordained ministry—that is, the cost of attending seminary over and above the cost of the required undergraduate degree. Tuition and living expenses, including supporting a family for several years without income, create a debt load nearly impossible to repay on the starting salary of a newly ordained pastor.

So, what is being done about this situation?

**A solution.** Gettysburg Seminary has decided to provide full tuition for all full-time seminary students. This commitment can be accomplished by individuals and churches working together to raise funds for scholarships to help secure the future of the Lutheran Church.

**Why seminary?** The value and purpose of a seminary education are significant. Lutheran seminaries set high academic standards requiring a Masters of Divinity and an extended candidacy process as a student progresses toward graduation. The entire process helps determine (1) the presence and activity of the Triune God and (2) competencies consistent with leading God's mission through the church. Seminary coursework comprises Biblical, theological, pastoral care training, ethics, history, and practical studies in a three-year academic setting, plus one year of field work to equip a pastor for ministry in the church and community.

**Changing times.** As the church and society are changing, so must the seminary change, too. Ministry is happening outside of brick-and-mortar churches, and therefore our pastors must be prepared for serving in new ways. In that regard, today's seminarians are taught to equip disciples for ministry rather than to perform ministry.

*As you may know, Bishop Dunlop was pursuing a second career as he started his studies at Gettysburg. His decision followed an extended period during which he supported the seminary; it also followed Pastor Stewart Hardy's suggestion to consider ordained ministry. The Bishop continues his service to the seminary as guest lecturer and chair of the transition team to form the United Theological Seminary that will unite Gettysburg and Philadelphia seminaries in July 2017.*

**You can help! Be sure to support Trinity's March 26 fundraiser, the Soirée for Seminary Scholarships.**



**Empty pulpits? Declining church attendance?****Help to fund new pastors by supporting our  
March 26 Soirée for Seminary \$cholarships**

New pastors are needed to maintain and increase the Lutheran presence both in pulpits and pews. In that regard, **Gettysburg Seminary** teaches pastors to reach people in new places and in new ways.

Unfortunately, the cost of tuition and living expenses may prohibit seminary attendance, particularly since starting salaries for pastors are not high.

You can help with the monetary issues faced by seminary students if you attend—or just support—

Trinity's March 26 Soirée for Seminary \$cholarships. Watch for more details about tickets, the dinner, the entertainment, sponsorships, and the silent auction. In the meantime, mark the date of March 26 on your calendars so you don't miss this event; the Lutheran future is too important!

**Sunday, March 26**

**4:00 to 7:00 pm**

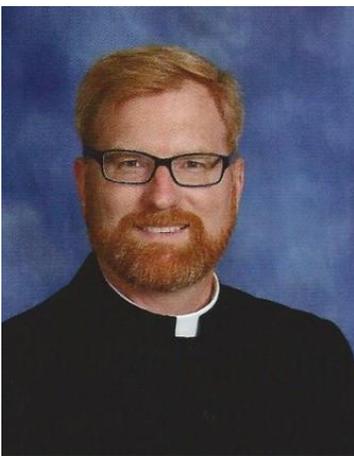
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**Soirée for  
Seminary  
\$cholarships**  
to benefit **Gettysburg Seminary**

**Pastor Horner talks about Gettysburg Seminary**

*Trinity's lead pastor, the Rev. Dr. Jack Horner, graduated from Gettysburg Seminary in May 1991. Member Sue Erdman interviewed him.*



"I was humbled to learn in a location so rich in history for both our nation and church," said Pastor Horner. He is grateful for the wonderfully enriching conversations with professors and colleagues as well as the opportunities for learning in the ecumenical settings of nearby Washington DC.

Pastor Horner said that, going forward, "seminary needs to be a place of learning the core of our faith and learning how to communicate it to a new generation so that it can inform and help shape our world today."

The biggest challenge facing today's seminary graduates, he believes, are "witnessing to an increasingly de-churched or unchurched culture, leading congregations through a rapidly changing world, being inquisitive, imaginative, and joy-filled in their call."

"Gettysburg Seminary leads students on to the path for pastoral success by facing the future with faith and trust," he concluded. "I am especially hopeful for the new seminary and its curriculum for meeting the needs of the church in the 21st century."

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## Hey, youth, come out to YG in January!

Greetings from Peter Fox, Director of Youth and Student Ministries. YG has been going great so far this season, and the calendar is jam packed as usual. Last month we had a blast at YG, SYG (Senior High Youth Group), and JYG (Junior High Youth Group); all our times together were awesome. There's always something for everyone on the YG calendar, so check out these dates in January and come on out!

- ✓ **Fri.-Sun., Jan. 6-8. Winterfest 2017** at the Lancaster Host. You know the details if you signed up!
- ✓ **Sun., Jan. 15, 6-8:30 pm, YG.** Come out for all the fun, faith, and fellowship with your YG friends. Always bring friends and snacks. Dinner will be provided.
- ✓ **Sun., Jan 22, 6-8:30 pm. SYG.** Be there for all the fun, faith, fellowship, and group building with your peers. Always bring friends and snacks. Dinner will be provided.
- ✓ **Sun., Jan. 29, 6:15-8:30 pm, YB Bowling Night at Trindle Bowl.** All details and flyers will be available at YG events in January.



YG at its  
December  
retreat



## Learn about disaster response and how to help

Come to a Missions Team-hosted talk on Lutheran Disaster Response on Sunday, January 15, in Fellowship Hall, after the late services and beginning with a light luncheon.

**Pastor Glenn Beard, Jr.**, coordinator of the Lower Susquehanna Synod Lutheran Disaster Response Network, or LDR, will explain the LDR's core components: (1) community response, (2) emotional and spiritual care, (3) volunteer coordination, and (4) long-term recovery. He will also explain how we can use our talents to help, whether as individuals or as a congregation.

Pastor Beard has more than 20 years' experience, starting in 1992 in response to

Hurricane Andrew. He has been organizing disaster responses since Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and has been the Synod LDR Coordinator for over a year. A free-will offering will be taken to cover the cost of the luncheon.

Look for a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space.



## YOU are needed! Will you answer the call to spend a night in a winter homeless shelter?

Becky Enney and Joe Hunter are looking for volunteers to take an overnight turn hosting at the Winter Homeless Shelter in Harrisburg during the week of February 19 to February 25.

Potential new volunteers may be unsure about serving persons who seem to be different from us, persons who are often thought of as dirty, lazy, and scary. Maybe they are, and maybe they're not. But does it matter? After all, as People of God, our congregation is called to minister to every person and to see Christ in that person, whether he is homeless or not.

Remember that when we help the least of us, we are helping Jesus. And it is for that reason that most people who take a turn for Trinity find the experience to be both rewarding and humbling. And forfeiting a night of good sleep is a small price to pay for the good that is provided for these men.



Prayerfully consider volunteering. Two volunteers serve as hosts each evening. 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.

**Prayer concerns.** Pray for a Holy New Year. May the gift of God's love be accepted by the world and bring us peace. ✝ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift. 2 Corinthians 9:15 ✝ Pray for the unchurched, the unloved and misunderstood. The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost. Luke 19:10 ✝ We pray for all our volunteers, the countless numbers of people who work on numerous programs within our church. Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love. Psalm 48:9 ✝ Pray to use your time wisely. The greatest waste in all of our earth is our waste of the time that God has given us each day.

**Parish Ministry Tip.** instead of *scraping* ice off your car, *spray* it off using 2/3 vinegar, 1/3 water. The ice should melt right off!

### Book Group selections for Jan-Jun 2017

Trinity's Book Group meets the third Sunday of each month from 9:30 to 10:30 am in Room 237. All are invited!

**January 15.** *The Gratitude Diaries: How a Year Looking on the Bright Side Can Transform Your Life*, by Janice Kaplan.

**February 19.** *Rebecca*, by Daphne du Maurier

**March 19.** *The Prize: Who's in Charge of America's Schools*, by Dale Russakoff

**April 23.** *Hamilton: The Revolution*, by Lin Manuel Miranda and Jeremy McCarter

**May 21.** *My Own Words*, by Ruth Bader Ginsburg

**June 18.** *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry: A Novel*, by Gabrielle Zevin.

## Every member prayer list for January

**Jan. 7-12:** Tim, Stacey, & Lucien Connors; William & Adele Confair; Michael & Amy Comisky; Judy Collins; Julie, Justina, & Luca Colestock; Donald & Carole Coffee-Yon, & Kylie Sherritt.

**Jan. 13-19:** Betsy Cobb; Kris, Jodi, Andrew, Matthew, & Katherine Clymans; John, Tracy, Matthew, & Megan Clista; Michael & Georgia Glements; John & Beverly Clements; Jeffrey & Kim Clements; Kristi & Hailey Clark; Dan, Angie, Gregory, Morgan, & Noah Clark.

**Jan. 20-26:** Amie Clark; William & Donna Clapper; Lisa Clapp; Bonita Clapp; Andrew Chol; Steve, Karen, Evan, & Austin Chevarria; Margie Chester; Lauren, Becky, Andrew, & Leah Chan

**Jan. 27-Feb. 2:** Carys Chace; Christylee Cawley; Patty Catlin; Barb & Beth Catlin; Christopher, Christine, Acadia, & Jordan Catherman; Matt, Kim, & Madelynn Cashman; Brenton Cashman; Bart Cashman; Madeleine Casal.

**OUTSTANDING!** Our Every Member Prayer ministry celebrates its 22nd anniversary in January. Over 22 years, 200+ prayer partners have reached out to Trinity members on the weekly lists. Wow!

**Thank you...**

...to all who took an ornament from our Giving Tree and donated gifts.  
 ...for your generous contributions to Blankets + Sunday. This ELCA-sponsored annual event resulted in donations of nearly \$3,100 for Church World Services.

### Homebound

**Jan. 25:** Miriam Culton, 707 Shepherdstown Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

**Jan. 26:** Doris Hookway, 5225 Wilson Lane, Maplewood Assisted Living, Suite 219, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

**Happy Birthday**

### Staff

**Jan. 16:** Peter Fox

**Jan. 18:** Amy Koch

**Jan. 21:** Pastor John Brock

**Jan. 30:** Kelly Falck, Criss Floray



**Christmas Eve at Trinity:  
Oh, what a glorious night!**



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**Deadline for the February 2017 Trinity Parish is Tuesday, January 10, at 4 pm.** Email articles to [parish@trinitycamphill.org](mailto:parish@trinitycamphill.org) or leave hard copies in the Trinity Parish mailbox at the church office.  
**Keep submissions under 200 words.** We edit for clarity, consistency of style, and space.