



Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wed., Nov. 22, at 7 pm

United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.

Members approve land sale at Oct. 29 meeting, then hear building plan/capital campaign update, see potential concepts. Q&A session is Nov. 12

Land sale. At a special meeting on Oct. 29, the congregation approved the sale of +/-28 acres of York County land conveyed to Trinity decades ago but for which no real use could be made.

Charlie Suhr, Property Committee Chair, explained that a cash offer of \$120,000 was received contingent on (1) the buyer finding a septic site, (2) the buyer paying around \$20,000 in roll-back taxes, and (3) the congregation approving the deal by Oct. 29.

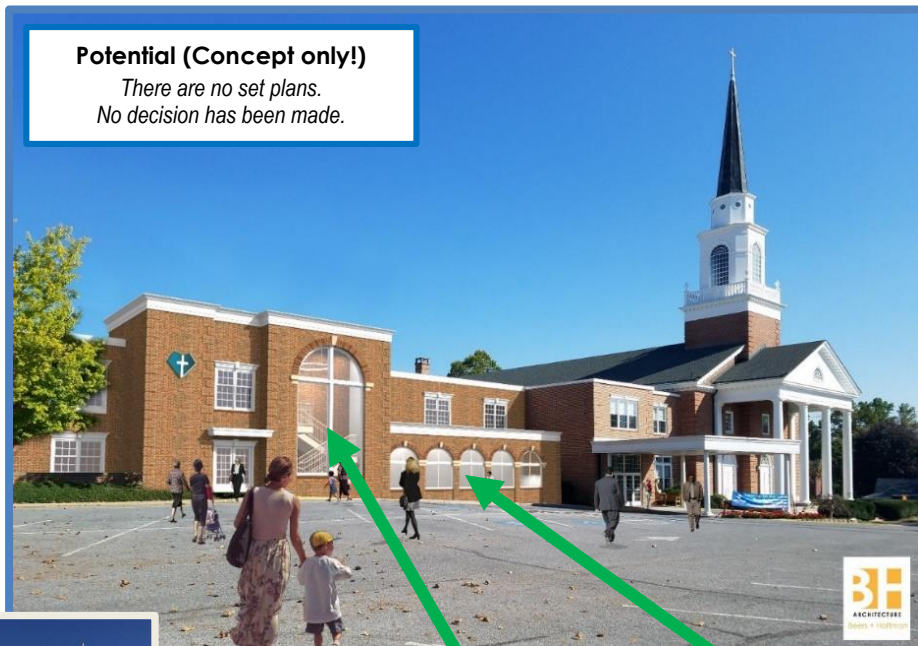
Charlie further enumerated several key reasons for approval. Specifically, the land was not an asset contributing to Trinity's ministry, its assessed value was \$105,000, and it had been listed for sale for two years with no offers. Furthermore, the sales agreement was structured so that Trinity avoided the roll-back taxes, and the terms required a quick settlement.

Building plan/capital campaign update. Following the land sale meeting, Congregation Council President Rob Bertram used slides to accompany his presentation, "Where we are today and where we'll be tomorrow."

Available on our website, the slides use photographs and data to show Trinity's reach and depth. Throughout the year, day in and day out, we reach and inspire thousands upon thousands of people as we gather to worship, connect, and serve.

While you might be surprised to see the actual numbers, you

won't be surprised to know **we are where we are today only because of the past efforts of many, whether over decades or years or months. It's important to honor our past as we plan our future**—to make what we have now even better, and to pass our legacy on to all who follow.



The area with the cross and the large glass window focuses attention on a single point of weekday access, creating a secure environment for preschool children in our charge. Offices would be right inside, with staff immediately visible and welcoming. A new secure stairway and elevator would improve access to the second floor, and there would be more classroom/meeting space. A new connector walkway filled with natural light would link the weekday entrance to the portico.

Worship
with us!

Sundays 9 & 10:45 am contemporary
Sundays 8:30 & 11 am traditional

Christian education/Faith formation 10 am

Thursdays 6:30 pm • Saturdays 5:30 pm

Our Thanksgiving Eve service is November 22 at 7 pm

Lead pastor's column

Thanksgiving Church

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4.5-7

Imagine a church where thanksgiving is central to its life. What would that look like?

Gratitude opens the heart and helps us look to the positives of life. We are a part of changing our world for the better. Psychologists tell us a regular practice of thanksgiving can even change our brain patterns to help us relax and see the possibilities in life. We start to think differently about situations and opportunities when we become actively engaged, making us connect directly with the process. Gratitude, too, connects us—with God and with others. We know we are a part of something so much greater than ourselves.

Thankful prayer, St. Paul reminds us, removes the anxiety of life by putting our aspirations and

concerns into God's hands. Being thankful puts our hearts and minds at peace. We receive God's holy comfort. All this makes us stronger Christians in faith and action as we live out our baptismal calling.

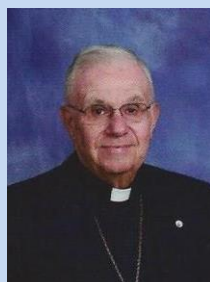
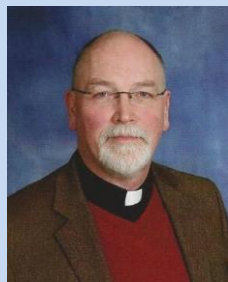
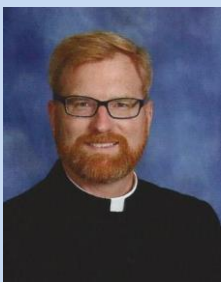
Gratitude helps us see the gifts in our neighbor and what makes them special in God's eyes. It helps us see life's glass half full rather than half empty. It moves us to a theology of abundance rather than a theology of scarcity. It helps us see the power of prayer and our reliance on God for every good gift.

Gratitude as a trait of the church pushes us to faith in the God who is the great Giver. For where our treasure is, the heart will follow.

You're invited to our Thanksgiving Church!

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Rev. Dr. Jack Horner



Pastors (l-r): Rev. Dr. Jack Horner, Lead Pastor
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Rev. Dr. Guy Edmiston, Director of Congregational Care
Rev. Jennifer Crist, Interim Associate Pastor

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Trinity 2017-18 Concert Series**Nov. 12: Wow! Top female brass players****Dec. 2: Wow again! Harrisburg Singers****SERAPH BRASS****Sun., Nov. 12, at 4 pm***Free admission*

Seraph Brass is a dynamic brass quintet drawing from a roster of America's top female brass players. This talented group will captivate and engage you with its diverse repertoire, including original transcriptions, newly commissioned works, and well-known classics. Seraph has toured throughout the United States, Mexico, and Europe; it will release its debut studio album, *Asteria*, in January 2018.

**HBG SINGERS:
HOLIDAY!****Sat., Dec. 2, at 7:30 pm**

Up to 4 free tickets for
Concert Series patrons
(Non-patrons pay regular ticket prices)

Who doesn't love this group and its "One Voice" sound? You'll hear seasonal favorites and even get to sing along with some of the carols!

**Next concert is Sun., Dec. 10, at 4 pm** (free admission)

CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY featuring Trinity Concert Choir and Orchestra, plus Cherub, Junior, Matins, and Bell choirs, as well as FaithX. Come early for seating.

- **Reception afterward!** The Arts and Fellowship teams cordially invite you to a reception immediately following this ever-popular concert. They are requesting food donations such as appetizers and desserts; bring your food to the kitchen by noon on the day of the concert.



Look for people wearing white carnations at services on Sat., Nov. 4, and Sun., Nov. 5. These folks have completed weeks of classes to learn more about Trinity and are now our newest members. Let's make them feel welcome!

Trinity supports local health ministry

The health ministry of Christ Lutheran Church is one of many social ministries that Trinity supports. Christ Lutheran is a missionary congregation in Allison Hill, a Harrisburg neighborhood with intense need and a great opportunity for mission work. Pastor Dean Stockstill is committed to addressing barriers to health care there. Everything the church offers is free based on generous support from many mission partners. And thanks to YOUR contributions to our "Christmas in July" giving tree, more than 100 medical supplies were donated to Pastor Dean.

The church offers its neighbors the following:



Holy Spirit Hospital's medical outreach service. A nurse-run drop-in clinic. Services include first aid, simple lab tests, health assessments, health education, social service interventions, medical case management and items necessary to health, such as blankets, underwear, hygiene products, and the like.

Prenatal care clinic. Free prenatal care for those unable to access Medical Assistance.

Dental clinic. Free dental care available three times a month for urgent problems like replacement of lost fillings and simple extractions.

Urgent care clinic. Doctor available weekly by appointment for urgent medical needs.

English as a second language (ESL) and literacy classes. Classes are 9 am on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Each student is assisted to develop and meet his/her own goals.



Hospitality center. Open every weekday. Offers beverages, phone, bathroom, internet, copying, fax and notary services, plus a lending library of bilingual children's books.

Free baby furniture bank. Provides new or gently used strollers, pack-n-play infant beds, baby seats, and other items needed for a new baby.

Durable medical goods bank and orthopedic bank. Provides walkers, bedside commodes, etc.; also canes, splints, wraps, and more.

Contact Margy Fox and Kim Hoover or the Social Ministry Team for more information about volunteer opportunities for this important growing ministry.

Donate knitwear for homeless children

With the start of cold weather, elementary school-aged homeless children in the Harrisburg School District will surely appreciate your handmade or purchased knit hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves. Put donated knit items in the marked collection box in the Gathering Space until November 26, and they'll be given to the children at a Christmas bowling party sponsored by local businesses. Items donated beyond the needs of the Christmas party will be distributed to other local children. Trinity has supported this effort for a number of years through your donations, and we thank you. Questions? Call Grace Hoyt at 717-434-5436.

YG: November fundraiser and fun events

Next summer, 16 senior high youth and 3 advisors will fly to the ELCA's National Youth Gathering in Houston. They'll make us proud doing mission work and rebuilding flood-damaged structures.

But, whoa, the trip costs about \$1,200 per participant! That's a lot, so please help by taking an envelope from the bulletin board fundraiser in the Gathering Space.

Choose an envelope, fill it with the amount shown, and put it in the offering plate. (Make checks payable to Trinity; write "Youth Fund" on the memo line.) Or donate at the Giving Station—just select "National Youth Gathering."



The board was designed by Dona Norris and Marjorie Taylor, YG parents. As envelopes are removed, a special image will be revealed. And if all the envelopes are returned with the designated amounts, that's \$11,325 in support of our youth and their very worthwhile trip. The board will stay up until early December.

In the meantime, here are this month's meeting dates:

- o **Sun., Nov. 5, YG (grades 6-12), 6-8:30 pm.** All about faith, fun, fellowship. Be prepared for anything. Dinner and drinks provided. Bring snacks. Bring friends.
- o **Sun., Nov. 12, Sr. High YG (grades 9-12), 6-8:30 pm.** Group building, community, open discussion, spiritual growth. Invite friends. Dinner and drinks provided. You bring the snacks.
- o **Sun., Nov. 26, YG Bowling Night (grades 6-12), 6:15-8:30 pm.** Meet at Trindle Bowl, see flyer with details (outside YG room)

Diakonia and Dessert: Mission on the Move

Our Missions and Social Ministry teams invite you to **Diakonia and Desserts: Mission on the Move**, a second evening of facilitated discussion and discovery with Pastor Jennifer Crist on Wednesday, November 15, at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. **Diakonia** is a continuation of the July 12 event during which we explored the question, "What is God's mission for Trinity?"

Everyone is welcome whether or not you attended in July. We'll further explore Trinity's mission and ministry and our role as Lutheran Christians and members of the body of Christ in Camp Hill. Can you as an individual make a difference at Trinity? In the community? In the world? Come and see! Use the sign-up sheet is at the Gathering Space desk to reserve your space.

Questions? Contact Pastor Jennifer Crist at jcrist.hope@gmail.com.

BOX TOP\$ for EDUCATION needed to benefit some Harrisburg elementary schools. Labels look like those in the image here. They're worth 10 cents each, and they're on the top or sides of products by Betty Crocker, General Mills, Scott Paper, and more. Put them in the pink Campbell's tin box on the table just inside the Gathering Space doors, where you can also find a sheet that lists accepted box top products.



Building plan update, *continued from page 1*

Rob talked about the many thousands of people who come in and out of our building throughout the year. They “have an opportunity to call this place a safe, welcoming, and nurturing structure and environment. It’s a place where they are made better, a place where they are made whole,” he said. **“That’s what this structure is. That’s what has been built to date. That’s what we need to make sure we preserve it going forward.”**

He cautioned that we cannot sit still, that we must continue to explore what makes sense for us as a congregation in order to position Trinity to be as successful in the future as it is now.

“There is a vision as to where we would like to go,” he said. “Ultimately, whether we get to that particular place as outlined in our vision today will be **determined by you, the congregation**, in conjunction with Council and the lay and professional leadership of the church.”

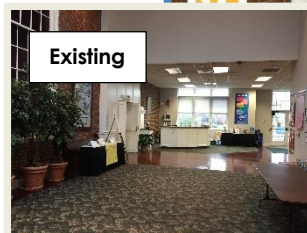
The Council president was very clear in saying that, **until the congregation weighs in, there are no set plans.**

“Anyone who will tell you differently is mis-informed.”

Prior to showing renderings of conceptual ideas, Rob explained the history of getting to those ideas, including the hundreds of surveys and “listening” sessions conducted by Kairos and Associates. **He expressed gratitude to Trinity members who participated, thanking them for identifying both what we do well and what we don’t do well.** “We heard you,” he said.

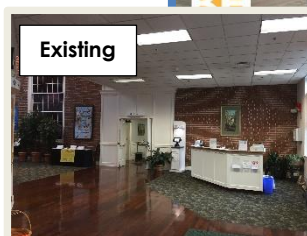
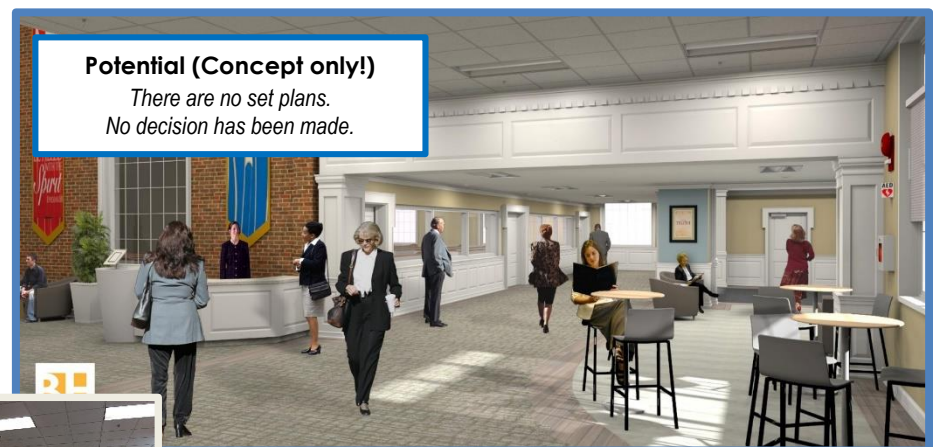
Next came the slides of potential changed spaces, all of which are shown in this article. Security and safety in children’s areas are key, and any capital campaign must be oriented to ensuring a safe and secure environment for children in our charge.

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Possible design for reconfigured and expanded Gathering Space

- More conversation areas, inviting look, natural light, open spaces, better sight lines
- Improved traffic flow, easier access to Nave
- Better placement and design of welcome desk
- Airlock entry doors to keep cold out, heat in, save energy



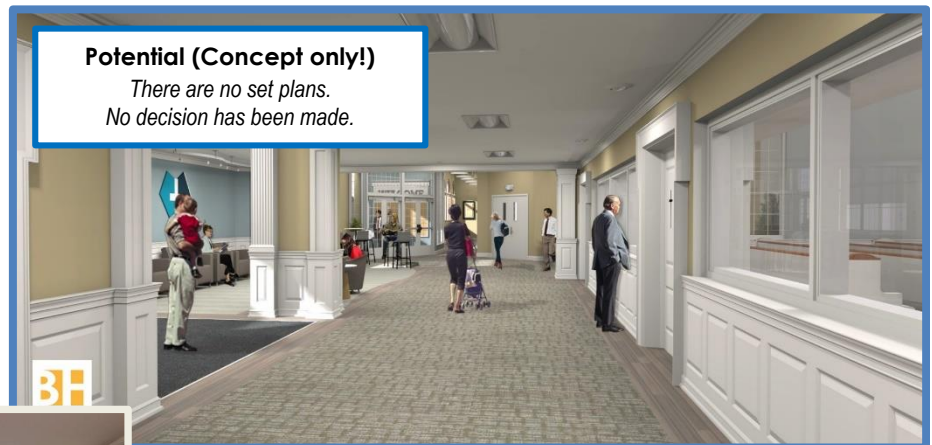
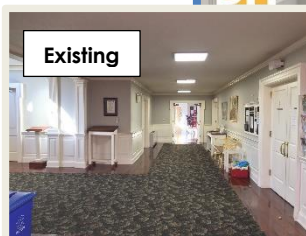
Possible design for expansion of Gathering Space into existing Narthex

- Nave visible from Gathering Space; worship space less closed off, more welcoming
- Improved traffic flow, more conversation areas, inviting look, natural light
- Openness gives look of one church rather than contemporary vs traditional
- Better placement and design of welcome desk

Building plan update, *continued from page 6*

Questions to ask ourselves as we continue our discussions.

- ✓ How do we preserve all the good we've done to date?
- ✓ How do we enhance security?
- ✓ How do we create a physical structure for the future that will enable us to deliver services in the excellent and superior manner in which we deliver them now?



Possible design for reconfiguration of existing Narthex

- Gathering Space combined with Narthex is more open than two separate spaces
- Openness gives look of one church rather than contemporary vs traditional
- Nave visible through soundproof glass
- Improved traffic flow, more conversation areas, inviting look, better sight lines

**Be sure to attend the Q&A session on Sunday, November 12, at 10 am, Rm 237.
We hope to have more detailed architectural drawings at that session.**

Nov. 19: Reach out to others for Thanks & Giving

Sign up in the Gathering Space to take part in the second year of this wonderful outreach event. Like last year, instead of putting on a dinner for ourselves, we'll give to others as we make, package, and deliver dinners to Trinity members, homebound folks, and those in the community with no one else to share the day. We'll also collect canned goods to donate.

As we work together on the **giving** part of this event, we'll offer **thanks** as we remember the many ways in which God has blessed us. And we can all cover our turkey (pictured at right) with "What I'm thankful for" feathers.



End world hunger

Can world hunger be ended by 2030? That's the reachable goal of Bread for the World, a Christian advocacy organization. While efforts to feed the hungry by monetary donations are necessary and good, advocacy at the governmental level can bring about mighty change through domestic and international programs to fight hunger and poverty. **YOU** can make an impact by writing a letter to your congressman as part of the **2017 Offering of Letters** by joining with Christians all over the U.S. in this effort. The *Trinity Today* has more details.

Give the gift that gives

Need a special gift to give, something that has real meaning, something that makes a difference in people's lives around the world? A cow, a goat, a pig, honey bees, school supplies, mosquito nets, vaccinations—the list is endless. Just look for our ELCA Good Gifts table in the Gathering Space on Sundays in December. See how you can choose gifts that mean the most to you, or choose gifts to give in honor of friends and loved ones. We'll have info and catalogs, or you can go online at www.ELCA.org/goodgifts.

Every member prayer list for November

Nov. 3-9: Timothy Trayer; Martin Tozer, Jr.; Rita Townsend; Michael and Susan Torkelson; Michael and Carolyn Tonelli; Gerald and Mary Tome; David and Cynthia Tolsma; Robin Tilley and Casey McMillan.

Nov. 10-16: Mary Lou Tietbohl; Sheila and Courtney Thurston; Linda Thompson; Lawrence IV, Sherry, Lawrence V, Robert, Madison, and Jackson Thompson; George and Jean Thompson; Herbert and Sandra Thomas; Arletta Thomas; James and Tracie Tenetylo.

Nov. 17-23: Doug and Doreen Templeton; William, Jayna, and Alexis Temple; Bob and Sue Telford; Melissa, Tristan, Genevieve, and Logan Taylor; Matt, Marjorie, Vivian, Lana, and Marly Taylor; Dave, Kelly, Mason, and Dylan Taylor; Cole, Shannon, Alison, and Rowan Taylor; Chris, Kim, Aiden, and Kamryn Taylor.

Nov. 24-30: Bill, Kimberly, Liam, and Eva Tauriello; Yoke and Jean Tan; Albert and Sandra Sykes; Kimberly Swartzell; Marilyn Swartz; Craig and Ryan Swartz; William, Trudy, and Nathan Swanger; Keith, Lori, Alexander, Caroline, and Patrick Swade.

December birthdays

Homebound: None in December but...

Did you notice we now list birthdays a month ahead? Here's a second chance if you missed the November names we published last month. You might have to send "belated" cards, though!

Nov. 2. Joyce DeVerter, 265 Buchanan Valley Road, Orrtanna, PA 17353

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Nov. 18. Mitzi Fortenbaugh, 413 Winecoff School Rd., Five Oaks Manor, Concord, NC 28027

Nov. 24. Evelyn Bentz, 5 Chelton Circle, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Staff: Dec. 16. Erich Sprowls



Dear Trinity

It has meant so very much to me over the past 6 months to receive the lovely flowers, cards, prayers, phone calls, and beautiful prayer shawl from all the caring members of Trinity. I deeply appreciate your kindness in your remembrance of me during my serious illness. It has been so meaningful in my progress. Your prayers have been uplifting and brought me to a recent improvement in my condition. I really miss your wonderful services and beautiful music. It is an empty part of my life now. Thanks to all for your spiritual help. —Ted Robertson

Look for these envelopes Nov. 4-5

Blanket Sunday is November 5. Use the envelopes in your bulletins to donate to help families around the world as they recover from disasters like Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, the earthquake in Mexico, and the ongoing conflict in Syria. Put envelopes in the offering plate, or send checks to the church office (payable to Trinity; write "Blanket Sunday" on the memo line). Your donations truly make a difference. In 2016, for example, Church World Service (CWS) distributed thousands of blankets worldwide. Money is used not only for blankets but also for food, water, and other critical short- and long-term support.



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