



**United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.**

## Attend our annual meeting on Sunday, Jan. 28

Our annual congregation meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, after late services. Agenda items include election and installation of new

Council members, approval of parking lot project, and informational presentation on upcoming capital campaign.

## Upcoming appeal to members: Let's honor our past as we plan our future

Have you attended any of the meetings or read the various communications about proposed ideas to make Trinity even better? Have you studied the renderings in the Gathering Space that show concepts for building improvements?

If you haven't weighed in already, please get involved. We've already made needed steeple repairs, and we're excited about the prospect of improving our parking lot.

### Next steps coming up

Now, in 2018, we need even more of your input as we move forward further. Our goal is to seek your active partnership to ensure that the

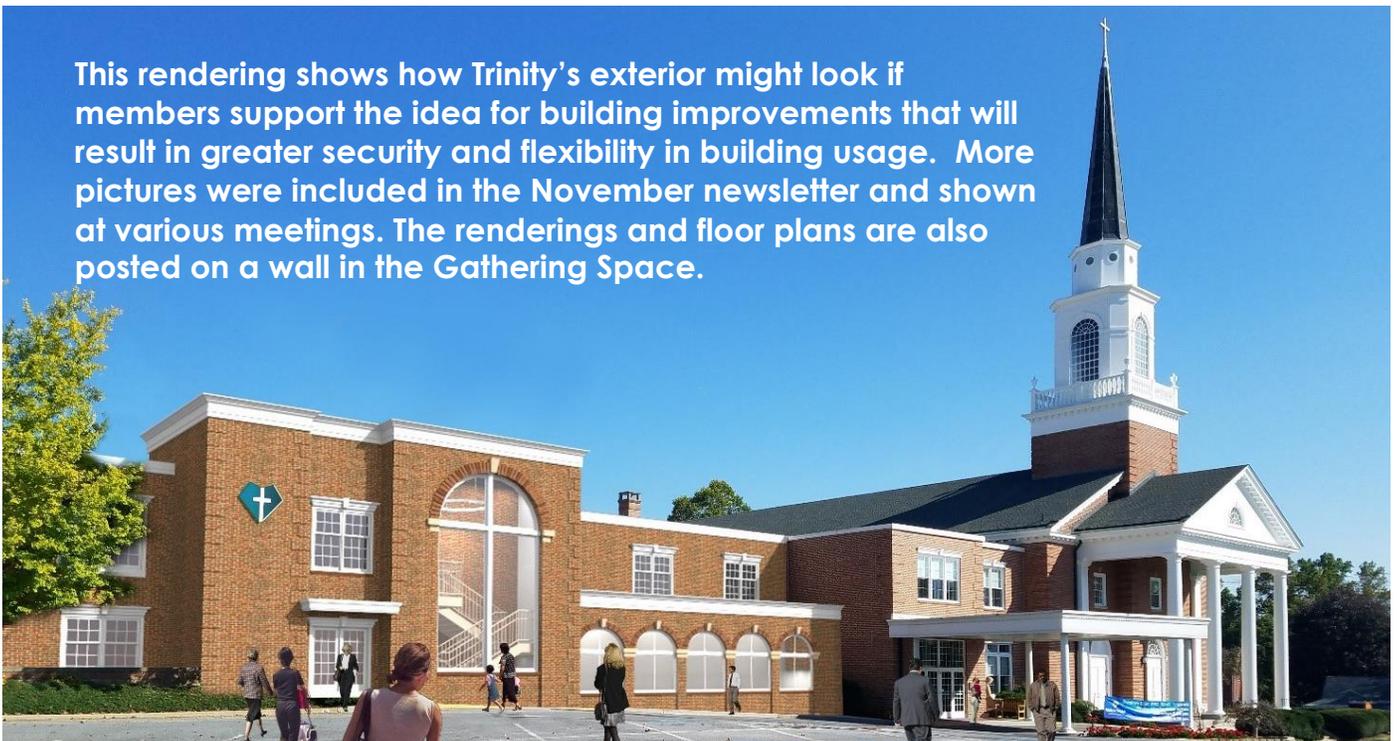
future Trinity is as vital, essential, and respected as the Trinity of today.

To accomplish that goal, your Congregation Council has approved a statement making a case in support of building improvements. And we are looking to our consultants, Kairos and Associates, to guide us through an appeal. To date, the Kairos folks have led a careful and responsible examination of our current state, and they are helping to gauge Trinity's appetite for moving forward.

The case statement is summarized on page 4. The full statement is available on our website under "News and Events."

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**This rendering shows how Trinity's exterior might look if members support the idea for building improvements that will result in greater security and flexibility in building usage. More pictures were included in the November newsletter and shown at various meetings. The renderings and floor plans are also posted on a wall in the Gathering Space.**



Our  
worship  
times

**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**

## Become a champion!

by Rev. Dr. Jack Horner

*I firmly believe that any man's finest hour, the greatest fulfillment of all that he holds dear, is that moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle - victorious. Vince Lombardi*

I love this time of year. Playoffs are in the air. The fruit of hard work and planning, attention to detail and high level performance will pay off. Champions will be made.

Trinity is in a unique position in today's church. We are the largest Lutheran church in the northeast United States by worship attendance. Our staff is dedicated to excellence and growing our ministry. We continue to be a leader meeting the challenges of a rapidly changing world. Our people care deeply about our mission, and they give generously of their time, talents, and treasures in ministry.

To continue our leadership in the church will take dedicated focus and big dreams. It will take vision and desire. We will need champions



### How can YOU be a champion?

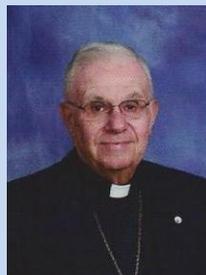
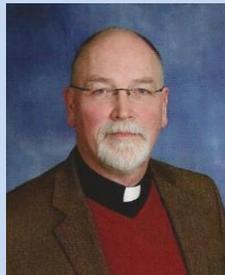
How can you be a champion? What can you do? You can:

Unite, Empower,  
Worship, Connect,  
Serve, Give,  
Encourage, Pray,  
Discern, Support,  
Work, Sing, Engage,  
Inspire, Help,  
Motivate, Impact,  
Invest...

As the great coach Vince Lombardi said, "The measure of who

*we are is what we do with what we have."*

This new year, be a part of Trinity's team of disciples making a difference in our church, community, and world. Be a champion for Christ's ministry at Trinity.



Pastors (l-r):

Rev. Dr. Jack Horner, Lead Pastor

Rev. John Brock, Ministry Director for Parish Life

Rev. Dr. Guy Edmiston, Director for Mission Advancement

Rev. Jennifer Crist, Ministry Director for Outreach (part time)

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Trinity 2017-18 Concert Series

## February 5 concert includes two talented young musicians from Trinity

### HARRISBURG YOUTH SYMPHONY & JUNIOR STRINGS IN CONCERT

**Mon., Feb. 5, at 7:30 pm**  
Free admission

You'll be amazed at the talent of these young musicians, including Trinity's own Kierra Heinly on the violin and Alison Koch on the cello. The groups are led by conductors Gregory Woodbridge and Krista Kriel.



**Next concert in this series:**

### U.S. AIR FORCE SINGING SERGEANTS & THE HARRISBURG SINGERS

**Tues., Feb. 20, 2018, at 7:30 pm** (Free admission)

What a combination! The Singing Sergeants, as the official chorus of the U.S. Air Force, features 24 active duty airmen who perform a wide range of musical styles. And, of course, we all know that the Harrisburg Singers have become one of Central Pennsylvania finest choral ensembles.

## Adults: Check the boxes that apply to you

- I love to sing
- I have some note-reading ability
- I can attend rehearsals on Thursday evenings from September through May
- I know that Trinity's music brings joy to listeners



If you checked all the above boxes, then you and your voice are definitely wanted for our Chancel Choir. The choir sings every Sunday at the 11 am traditional service (or a few times at the 8:30 service) and also rehearses 30 minutes prior to each service.

We're looking for all voice parts, but we particularly need sopranos and basses. C'mon, give it a try—it's fun, and you'll like the camaraderie. Contact Music Director Tim Koch at 717-737-9921, ext. 229, or [timothy.koch@trinitycamphill.org](mailto:timothy.koch@trinitycamphill.org).

## Upcoming appeal: Honor our past, plan our future

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### Statement of our case, abridged

**Who we are.** Trinity is built on a rich history that has molded us into a vital, essential, and respected Christian Church.

**Where we're going.** To ensure that Trinity's legacy passes from one generation to the next, we must plan thoughtfully for the future while building on the past.

**Our goals are tied to our mission.** All goals are tied to our mission statement, "*United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.*"

- **United.** We propose supporting the work of the wider church by creating an internship fund for future church leaders, including vicars. We also will further commit to the ELCA's *Always Being Made New* campaign.
- **Empowered.** We propose strengthening Trinity's volunteerism by funding a staff position and related ministry for volunteer engagement and leadership development.
- **Worship.** We propose making enhancements to our nave and chapel, as follows:
  - ✓ **Replacing portions of the back wall of the nave with soundproof glass** will make the worship area visible to all who enter, and will make Trinity look like one church instead of traditional vs. contemporary
  - ✓ **Improving the lighting and audiovisual capabilities** will improve messaging
  - ✓ **Providing a ramp for easier access to the chancel area** will be comfortable and welcoming for folks with mobility issues
  - ✓ **Reconfiguring seating** will provide flexibility
  - ✓ **Reconfiguring the chancel area, including moving the location of the choir so it faces the congregation**, will increase functionality and improve acoustics
  - ✓ **Bringing the altar forward** will make worshipers feel more connected
  - ✓ **Combining and enlarging the sacristies** will allow better storage and work areas
  - ✓ **Adding flexible, comfortable seating to the chapel** will improve functionality
  - ✓ **Renovating the bathrooms near worship spaces** will make dated facilities current
- **Connect.** We propose enhancing various areas of the Gathering Space and narthex.
  - ✓ **Expanding, renovating, and opening up the Gathering Space** by removing the wall that separates it from the narthex will result in greater community building and functionality; will improve sight lines and traffic flow; and will open the space to look more like one church than two
  - ✓ **Providing comfortable seating areas** will encourage fellowship and interaction
  - ✓ **Reconfiguring and improving classrooms** for small group gatherings will increase functionality and be more comfortable
  - ✓ **Reconfiguring interior traffic flow** with a linking corridor between the Gathering Space and new office area/education wing will be more attractive and provide a direct route from place to place
  - ✓ **Reconfiguring the parking lot** and adding better lights and signage will result in greater safety; will also increase parking
- **Serve.** We propose enhancing our facilities to provide better service and greater safety and security for our members and guests.
  - ✓ **Improving the building's security**, particularly the children's areas, is a must in today's environment and will provide comfort and peace of mind to all
  - ✓ **Creating a clearly visible new weekday entrance** with an elevator in the education wing will allow greater mobility and accessibility; will also provide a single and secure point of weekday entry
  - ✓ **Adding a classroom for preschool** will allow more enrollment and increases our visibility and service to the community
  - ✓ **Moving the offices to the first floor of the education wing** at a single point of weekday entry will result in greater security when staff is visible and can welcome, screen, assist, and direct all who enter
  - ✓ **Moving the Sunday nursery closer to the worship spaces** will appeal to parents of children who now must navigate stairs and hallways to get to the nursery

Read the unabridged case statement on our website under "News and Events"

## Youth Group: So much going on!

**First, a note to our congregation:** Youth Group Director Peter Fox and our youth thank you for your help in YG fundraising. They ask you to keep supporting those efforts. Money is still needed to send 16 senior high youth and 3 advisors to Houston, Texas, for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering this summer, where our youth will serve victims of the catastrophic Hurricane Harvey.

**Now, to our youth in grades 6-12:** Check out these dates, come on out, and bring friends!

- **Fri.-Sat., Jan 5-6, Sr. High sleepover at the church.** Come out for fun, fellowship, games, food, movies, and maybe even some sleep. Bring snacks and friends.
- **Sun., Jan. 14, YG, 6-8:30 pm.** If you are in grades 6-12, come out to YG and bring snacks and friends. Be prepared for anything and everything—it's all about faith, fun, and fellowship. Dinner and drinks are always provided.
- **Sun., Jan. 28, 6-8:30 pm.** Ditto to the above! C U there!



What great involvement: Our youth in early December at their Winter Retreat at Camp Nawaka

## Q: Is Trinity on the Run for you? A: Yes!

Did your 2018 new year's resolutions include exercising more? Meeting new friends? Getting your weekends off to a great start? If so, *Trinity on the Run* is for you! It's a group that meets every Saturday morning, year round, at 8:20 am in our parking lot.

Brief devotions are first. Then, at 8:30, there's a 30-minute walk (you can run if you want), followed by coffee, tea, and fellowship at the always-popular Cornerstone Coffeehouse.

Curious? Contact Kathy Holmes at [kathyholmes@mac.com](mailto:kathyholmes@mac.com). Or just show up on Saturday mornings! It's for all ages—from kiddos in strollers to senior seniors!

## Say thanks to our Trinity tutors for all they do

Trinity tutors carried out a new role at Scott Elementary School in Harrisburg—**servicing Thanksgiving dinner in mid-November** for families of children who attend the school, including families of the second-grade students with whom the tutors work. Trinity also donated \$300 toward the cost of the food. Nearly 40 families attended and, for some, it was their first Thanksgiving meal ever.

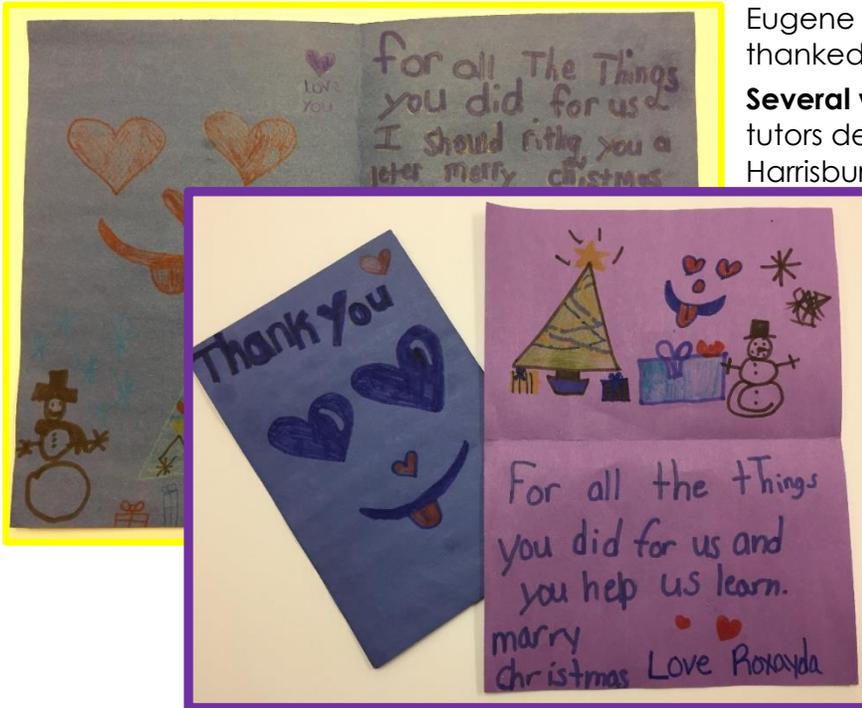
Trinity was one of 13 outside groups who participated. The goal was to involve more parents in their children's school lives, according to Harrisburg School District's Derra Brown. She and Eugene Spells, Scott School principal, thanked Trinity for its "loving kindness."

**Several weeks later, in early December**, the tutors delighted second graders at Harrisburg's Foose and Scott schools with Christmas parties. Each child loved conversing with Santa, who strongly resembled Trinity's Bob Foster. The tutors helped Santa by handing out candy canes.

Tutors also distributed a school kit to each child, thanks to the generous contributions of Trinity members and Women of Trinity.

The children made the tutors special thank-you cards, two of which are pictured here.

Well done, tutors, well done.



## Who has good ideas for a parade float?

Yes, Memorial Day is about five months away, but we need ideas SOON for a float that Trinity will add to Camp Hill's Memorial Day parade.

Starting January 7, in the Gathering Space, interested folks can obtain a set of rules and paper on which to submit your idea for our

float. We need ideas that best meet the meaning of Memorial Day, and ones that can be readily turned into an actual float.

In the spring, the congregation will vote on which float our Trinity family will build. So look for the information and start thinking!

## Sale of York County property was finalized

The sale of our York County property has been finalized. As reported previously, the +/- 28 acres were donated to us decades ago, but we could make no real use of the land.

A cash offer of \$120,000 was contingent on (1) the buyer finding a septic site, (2) the buyer paying about \$20,000 in roll-back taxes, and

(3) our members approving the deal by October 29. All three conditions were met, and the sale closed on December 8.

Special thanks go to Property Chair Charlie Suhr and Trinity member Jon Andrews, both lawyers, for offering their expertise and time in handling the sale.



## Why be **CHILLY** when you can be cozy at our **CHILI** cook-off?

Come on out for Trinity's annual chili cook-off on Sunday, January 21, after late services.

This year we have a few new twists—it'll be a **cozy-fest** with pots of chili, glowing candles on the tables, and mugs of hot chocolate. Plus **bring your coziest slippers to wear** around Fellowship Hall, where we'll even take a cozy-slipper-wearing group photo. What a fun way to warm up on a cold January afternoon!

Prizes this year will be awarded in the categories of "traditional," "non-traditional," and—new this year—"youth" (16 and under).

Sign up in the Gathering Space or at [www.timetosignup.com/trinitycamphill](http://www.timetosignup.com/trinitycamphill) to make chili, corn bread, or just to let us know you'll attend (so we have enough hot dogs and dessert!)

Questions? Talk to Kathy Holmes or Jennifer or Jonathan Heilman.



*Bring cozy slippers to wear!*

## Attend our popular Women's Wednesday morning Bible study starting January 17

*David: Seeking a Heart Like His* by Beth Moore is the subject of this 11-session series that runs from January 17 to April 18 (no meeting on March 28).

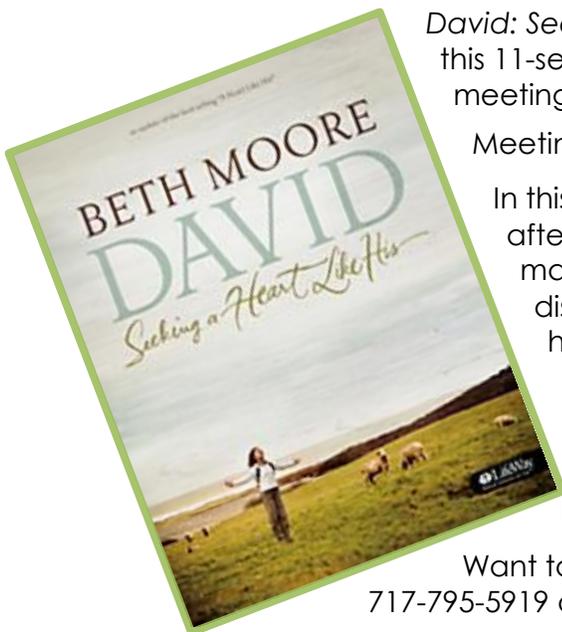
Meetings are in Room 237 and run from 9:30 to 11:30.

In this DVD study, you'll examine the story of David, a man after God's own heart. According to the presentation materials, you can expect to be both delighted and disappointed in David. Sometimes you'll want to be like him and other times you'll want nothing to do with him.

But if you've ever experienced doubts, temptations, losses, family problems, or personal inconsistencies, this study is for you.

Babysitting is available.

Want to register? Have questions? Contact Judy Trissler at 717-795-5919 or Bert Weaver at 717-697-3259.



**Watch for it! We'll soon have information for you about our next new members' class!**

## Every member prayer list for January

Each week we pray specifically for several members. Every member is ultimately included. Volunteers call the listed members to tell them they are on the list for that week, and names are read aloud at services.

- Jan. 5-11:** Jack and Evey Spahr; Mary Louise and Corina Sowden; Brian, Sara, Liam, and Claire Solomon; Harry and Linda Soehnlein; Nicole and Morgan Snyder; Mary Snyder; Joseph, Inez, and Ilsa Snyder; John Snyder, Tammy Kelley-Snyder, and Bridget Kelley.
- Jan. 12-18:** Isabel Snyder; Douglas and Joy Snyder; David, Gretchen, Kevin, Rachel, and Olivia Snyder; Clayton, Daria, Landon, and Larissa Snyder; Jack Snider; Gretchen Snavely; John and Sally Smither; Scott, Karen, Amanda, and Wilton Smith.
- Jan. 19-25:** Scott, Tamatha, Abigail, and Ava Smith; Jennifer and Thomas Smith; Diana, Rachel, Rebecca, Riva, and Raven Smith; Clark, Meagan, and Maddison Smith; Kathy, Samantha, and Nick Smeal; Irmgard Smawley; George, Donna, and Emma Smawley; John and Loma Slike
- Jan. 26-Feb. 1:** Christopher, Kristen, Cole, Carter, Cade, and Kendall Skaugen; Casey, Katelin, Kendall, and Atticus Sipe; Randy and Michelle Sine; Frank Sienkiewicz; David and Phyllis Sienkiewicz; Clara Sienkiewicz; Elizabeth and Robert Shunk, Ted Shumaker

## February birthdays

Remember, we now list birthdays a month ahead!



### Homebound

- Feb. 3** ▫ Virginia Bush, 2100 Bent Creek Blvd., Rm. 211, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
- Feb. 10** ▫ Bob Lyman, 5225 Wilson Ln., Ste. 209, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- Feb. 10** ▫ Helen Reichel, 5225 Wilson Ln., Oaks Bldg., Rm. 3, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- Feb. 14** ▫ Ted Robertson, 4531 Crestview Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17112
- Feb. 15** ▫ Martha Hoak, 1560 Slate Hill Rd., Camp Hill, PA 17011
- Feb. 24** ▫ Lila Depew, 5225 Wilson Ln., OFC, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- Feb. 27** ▫ Dale Mummey, 3109 Village Way, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

### Staff

- Feb. 12** Tom Notestine ▫ **Feb. 14** Pastor Jack Horner

### From George Thompson:

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, flowers, and phone calls while I was in the hospital and rehab. Thank you for the visits with Guy Edmiston and Trinity friends; you brightened my day. It is a blessing to have support and love from Trinity members.

### From Jess Woodruff, Executive Director, The Harrisburg Symphony:

Thank you for extending a welcoming hand to the Youth Symphony over the past few seasons. Access to your facilities/space and even some of your equipment (timpani, chairs, etc.) is very much appreciated. The Youth Symphony has seen robust growth in recent seasons and we can thank Trinity in part for that success story. Happy New Year from all of us at the Harrisburg Symphony.

Dear Trinity



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