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Annual meeting held Jan. 27

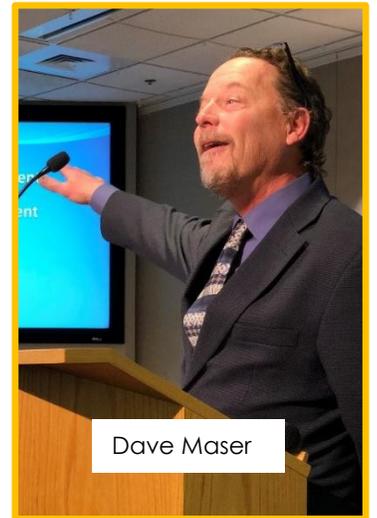
Four Council members elected, outgoing members honored, staff recognized, capital appeal update presented

An estimated 200 members attended Trinity's annual meeting on Sunday, January 27, following the late services and after an outstanding buffet luncheon. Meeting highlights:

- ✓ Approval of minutes from the 2018 congregational meeting and the special congregational meetings held May 12-13 and December 2.
 - ✓ Recognition of four employment anniversaries: Paul Hensel and Tom Notestine, 15 years; Kelly Falck and Pastor Jack Horner, 5 years.
 - ✓ Election and installation of four new Council members (*see bios, pages 4-5*): Matt Bingaman, Serena Fedor, Dave Rupnik, and Debbie Savidge.
 - ✓ Introduction of new Council member Peter Glenn, appointed by Council in October to fill the unexpired term of Mike Finio.
 - ✓ Recognition of outgoing Council members: Mike Finio, Steve Kauffman, Barbara Kriebel, President Dave Maser, and Charlie Suhr.
 - ✓ Remarks by outgoing president Dave Maser: He thanked everyone and encouraged folks to be on Council if they have the chance. He ended his remarks with a mic drop—actually a gavel drop (*pic above*).
 - ✓ Remarks by new Council president, Dan Drury. (Member since 2002. Wife is Jill Lashay, and sons are J.D. and Ben). He spoke primarily about Trinity's **capital appeal, Honor Our Past, Plan Our Future**, by providing an overview of the process, an update of where we are, and a summary of where we're going:
- "Frankly, the biggest challenge, and it's a good one, a good challenge to face, is that we need to implement the capital appeal," he began. He explained how the planning and preparation process for the appeal happened over a period of time, with input from the congregation, staff, and church committees. The consensus? "It was time that we move forward; it was time that we raise some money and implement some of the things we've been talking about for years."



Dan Drury



Dave Maser

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New date for chili cookoff: Sunday, March 3.

Sign up in Gathering Space or online at www.timetosignup.com/trinitycamphill. Click on "Fellowship Dinners."

Get clean! by Pastor Jack Horner

The calendar we use comes to us from the Romans about 50 years before the birth of Christ. (It was updated 1500 years later by Pope Gregory.) Many of our months are named after various Roman gods--January after *Janus*, the Roman god of doors; March after *Mars*, the god of war; May after *Maia*, goddess of plants/spring. Some are named after people: July for *Julius Caesar* and August for *Augustus Caesar*, Julius' nephew and first emperor of Rome.

The month of February is named after *Februa*, an old Roman annual festival of purification during which people would take ritual baths and seek the forgiveness of their sins. (Similar to remembering your baptism.) The word comes from pre-Roman Etruscan meaning "to purge."

What needs to be purged or cleaned in your life? Perhaps February can be a month of preparation to clean up your spiritual or emotional life? What needs to be swept away,



dusted off, or carried out to the trash? Lent, which begins in March, is a great time to put into practice your new habits, spiritual exercises, and lifestyle changes to deepen your life and lead to greater happiness.

St. Augustine once wrote, "This is the very perfection of a man [or woman], to find out his own imperfections." We are perfect when we know our imperfections and strive for something better in our life. We are perfect when we come before God confessing our failures and flaws and seek renewal and restoration from our loving God, for it in those moments that we are touched by God's mercy and grace.

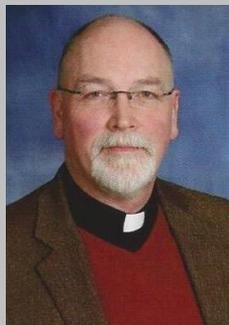
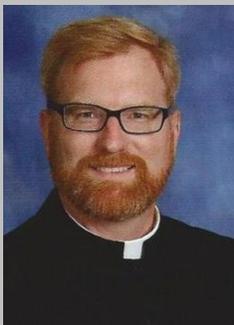
Have a great February!

Mystery donors?

During this season when folks are looking at tax advantages, we've had members ask about donating stocks or contributing money from their retirement funds. If you make that type of contribution, remember to let Finance Director Paul Hensel know that such funds are coming so that he can credit your giving record. In some cases, checks or stock transfers have come directly from financial institutions without identifying the donor.

Communion Milestone Workshop and Celebration

Your child's first communion: What a milestone! On Sunday, February 24, from 9:45-10:45 am, there's a special workshop targeted to children in kindergarten and up, with parents. Then, on Sunday, March 3, the children will attend regular Faith Connect Kids! classes for a special lesson. That same day, at the 11:00 am service of the family's choice, the children will celebrate their first communion. Learn/register at www.trinitycamphill.org/communion-registration.



(l-r): Rev. Dr. Jack Horner, Lead Pastor
Rev. John Brock, Ministry Director for Parish Life
Rev. Elizabeth Frey, Ministry Director for Engagement

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Don't miss the ongoing concert series: **THREE** great concerts in February!

Feb. 4 • 7:30 pm

Harrisburg Youth Symphony and Junior Strings

You'll be amazed by this next generation of fine musicians, including Trinity members Kierra Heinly and Alison Koch.

▶▶FREE admission



Sat., Feb. 9 • 9:30 am

West Shore Symphony Orchestra Children's Concert:

Introduction to the orchestra

This program is for our youngest listeners, 3-7, who should bring their parents and siblings.

▶▶FREE admission



Sun., Feb. 10 • 3 pm

West Shore Symphony Orchestra and Harrisburg Choral Society

Explore the notion of "wandering" as these two groups perform Brahms' *Schicksalslied*. Also featured is viola soloist Ofir Tomer, a native of Carlisle.

▶▶Concert Series Patrons can get up to 4 free tickets (at church office during business hours); non-patrons pay regular prices

We're Guatemala-bound! Join us!

From July 13-20, we're taking our awesome VBS program to Guatemala, where we'll work with Pastor Jenn Tringali's **Tree4Hope**. Pick up a brochure in the Gathering Space with details, including cost and due dates. If you can't make the can be part of our "home team" by giving financial support, and supplies. Learn more on March 17 at an info meeting. Also go to www.trinitycamphill.org/guatemala.



Meet your new Council members



Matt Bingaman *(elected at annual meeting)*

Church background. Joined Trinity in 2013. Typically attends contemporary service.

Childhood. Raised in Lower Allen Township, oldest of four boys. Grandfather was the minister of 4th United Church of Christ in Alison Hill. Graduated from Cedar Cliff High School.

Education. B.S., Special Education, Penn State. M.Ed., Educational Leadership and Policy, Shippensburg University of Pa.

Work. Special Education Teacher, Susquenita School District

Family. Married to Janelle. Sons Chase and Parker.

Activities outside Trinity. President, Cumberland Valley Association of Baseball Umpires. Mid Penn Conference/Cumberland Valley Chapter, Baseball Rules Interpreter. Also multiple volunteer activities with other groups, including teaching rules of baseball.

Fun fact. Selected as one of 16 umpires from around the world to umpire at the August 2019 Little League World Series in Williamsport

Favorite Verse. "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." *Jeremiah 29:11*

(elected at annual meeting) **Serena Fedor**

Church background. Trinity member since 2011; typically attends late contemporary service. She and her husband are active with Trinity's youth education program.

Childhood. One of four children. Grew up in Central Pa.

Education. B.S., Management Science and Information Systems, Penn State.

Work. Senior Strategist for Boston-based marketing agency, Hill Holliday.

Family. Married to Michael Fedor for 15 years in 2019; three "amazing" boys, Jackson (10), Parker (8), and Luke (1½).

Activities outside Trinity. Den Leader for Cub Scout Pack 279 (Hampden Twp). Contributing writer for *Blue Mountain Living*. "I also spend a lot of time volunteering at Shaull Elementary and shuttling my older boys around to their many activities."

Wisdom: "Most Trinity members recall hearing some portion of my story of crisis in 2017 after the birth of my son, Luke. While there were many lessons I learned from that experience one that I like to remind others about is how important it is to reach out to those who are in crisis, sick, struggling or who need to be reminded they are not alone. The love and outreach of our congregation and family made the difference to me. Simple acts of kindness can mean the world to someone." *(more bios next page)*



Meet your new Council members, *continued*



Dave Rupnik *(elected at annual meeting)*

Church background. Raised Roman Catholic; joined Trinity in 1985 upon marriage to long-time Trinity member Karen Gastrock. Typically attends contemporary service. Has been on Property Committee since 2016.

Childhood. Was born in Pittsburgh; spent first 12 years there until family moved to this area.

Education. B.S., Mechanical Engineering, Penn State. M.S., Manufacturing Systems Engineering, Lehigh University.

Work. Retired after 34 years at AMP Inc/Tyco Electronics/TE Connectivity. Last position was Chief Technology Officer/VP of

Engineering. Global travels included 60+ trips to China.

Family. Married to Karen for 33 years. Two children: Nicole is a senior at Bucknell University and will attend veterinary school. Matt is a Pitt graduate who works for Direct Energy in New Jersey.

Fun fact: Scrapped plans to go to culinary school after realizing he'd have to live in a big city and work evenings and weekends.

(elected at annual meeting) **Debbie Savidge**

Church Background. Joined Trinity in 2008 with her daughter, Lauren. Typically attends contemporary service, but can be found wherever Lauren is performing.

Family. Daughter Lauren is very active in church programs.

Activities outside of Trinity. Enjoys running, traveling, and spending time outdoors.

Bible Verse. "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets." *Matthew 7:12*



Peter Glenn *(appointed to fill unexpired term of Mike Finio)*

Church Background. Trinity member since 2015. Was Methodist as a child and Episcopalian as a young adult. Member of A&P Committee. He and his wife, Pam, often join their Trinity-On-The-Run friends on Saturday mornings.

Childhood. Born and raised in a not-so-fancy section of Stamford, Connecticut, as part of a small working family.

Education. B.A., Middlebury College; J.D., University of Pennsylvania.

Work. Semi-retired lawyer and legal educator. Currently professor of Experiential Learning at Penn State Dickinson Law School.

Family. Married to Pam in 2009. Each has two adult children. Pam's daughter, Karen Gavenda, and her husband, Jay, are Trinity members.

Activities outside Trinity. Travel, reading, avid Phillies fan

Wisdom. The beginning of wisdom is to know what we don't know.

Annual meeting photos



← Congrats to these staff on their anniversaries!

Photos below, clockwise from top left:

- New council members (l-r) Peter Glenn, Matt Bingaman, Dave Rupnik, Serena Fedor, Debbie Savidge
- Ellen Ney, Council Secy.; Steve Kauffman, Asst. to the Secy.
- Great food once again by our outstanding kitchen crew
- Yum! Who doesn't like Tastykakes?
- It was a full house. Thanks, Trinity members, for attending!
- Outgoing Council members (l-r) Dave Maser, Barbara Kriebel, Charlie Suhr, Steve Kauffman (Mike Finio absent)



**Youth Group's annual Souper Bowl of Caring 2019: Weekend of February 2-3.
 Donate non-perishables or dollars to benefit
 Mission Central in Mechanicsburg (works with Bethesda Mission).**

Help! Volunteer at homeless shelter just ONE night between February 24 and March 2



The beds pictured above are set up evenings, December through March, for the Winter Overnight Safe Haven program, located near the Farm Show complex. The program is part of Christian Churches United, or CCU, of which Trinity is a member; the beds are in the community room of CCU's Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven building, shown below.

Around 20 men can sleep in this clean, warm, dry space instead of on the street. Two volunteers make coffee, chat, and sleep in an adjoining room.

Every winter, Trinity takes a turn at supplying overnight volunteers. Trinity members Joe Hunter and Becky Enney struggle to get 14 people—just two a night for one week—to help. This year, folks are needed for any of the nights between Sunday, February 24, and Saturday, March 2.

For people who worry that volunteers are alone with no support, that's not the case. Right down the hall are folks on the staff of Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven, who are there 24/7.

Remember that, as people of God, we are called to minister to each of these homeless men and to see the Christ in them, for when we help the least of us, we are helping Jesus!



Please help. Sign up in the Gathering Space or www.time2signup.com/trinitycamphill/sheet/1277184



Strategic Plan: Stay updated

Trinity's Strategic Planning Committee has released its 2018 end-of-year report that details the status of our 2018-2020 strategic plan. Chairman Bob Frymoyer thanks all involved for their efforts at completing the report. "Look at what we have done and are doing," he said. "Trinity is definitely on the move with vibrant and innovative ministries." Copies of the report are available in the

office and online at www.trinitycamphill.org. Please familiarize yourself with the report as you proceed with your 2019 ministries and as you coordinate with others regarding your goals and action steps.

Capital appeal overview and update

Summary of remarks by Council president Dan Drury at annual meeting



(Continued from front page) The interaction and information-gathering with Council, staff, Finance and Property, Strategic Planning, as well as professional consultants (Kairos), resulted in the potential initiatives that were widely communicated to the congregation. Many initiatives were based on the age of our building, and some—e.g., parking lot and steeple—have been completed.

There are other things, Dan explained, that “we need to do to push the congregation forward and make us prepared for what’s coming. We need to stay current; we need to stay productive.”

Thus far, we’ve raised \$1.3 million. Pledged receipts total \$411,000, and unpledged receipts total \$30,000. These amounts represent a “great start,” he said, but our goals exceed those amounts.

“This is a process that lasts years,” he said, “and we’ll be entering into Phase II.” To that end, there’s a newly formed Capital Development Project Team, headed by Charlie Suhr of the Property Committee, that will determine the cost “to do the different things that we want.” Accordingly, we’ll get bids and then see where we are financially so we can prioritize projects. “We don’t know exactly how much money is coming in and when,” said Dan. “It’s a dynamic process that’s being done responsibly through this committee structure.”

President Drury concluded by noting that, once the Capital Development Project Team and the Finance Committee determine the priorities and how they might be funded, a proposal will be made to Church Council. “Council then wrestles with this and votes on it. And then eventually—before we actually move forward—we’ll put it out to the congregation for comment and approval. ... And if we keep moving forward, I think we’ll continue to improve and grow.”

Every member prayer list

The every member prayer is published weekly in the *Trinity Today* bulletin insert. The *Trinity Today* is also published weekly online at www.trinitycamphill.org. Click on “News and Events.”

February birthdays

Homebound

Feb. 10. Robert Lyman, 5225 Wilson Ln., Maplewood, Suite 209, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Feb. 12. Anne Fry, 2100 Bent Creek Blvd., #135, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Feb. 20. Leona Baehler, 2815 N. Second St., Harrisburg, PA 17110

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 Horner



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