May-June 2019





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Retiring on May 12: Becky Enney, children's storyteller at contemporary worship

Some words to describe multi-talented Becky Enney, a Trinity member for 50 years and **faithful servant** of God:

Storyteller of children's messages since 1997 • Exemplary volunteer • Quilter with a passion • Yoga and workout enthusiast • Five-mile-a-day walker • Healthy eater • Former Trinity property manager (15 years) • Former member of Council, various committees, Chancel Choir (alto, 30 years), and Women of Trinity (president) • Former Sunday School teacher • Volunteer in many other roles • Autism awareness advocate • Patient listener • Energetic doer • Kind and inspirational mentor

We're pretty sure that list is not all-inclusive. And **it's in addition to her primary roles** of wife (51 years), mother of 3, grandmother of 4, and recent (April 9) great-grandmother of one. So why is Becky, known as Mrs. Enney to hundreds of our youngest listeners, **telling her final story on Sunday, May 12?** Is she tired? Is it her age? Does her storytelling prep take too much





Becky on one of her favorite quilts (she loves color!) and at Easter worship

time? Does she need more time to pursue her other activities? Go to page 5 for the answers.



Bid on this metal garden basket with a church birdhouse, "Faith" and "Power" word art, and red geranium from the Publicity and Communications Team.

No ticket for our Mardi Gras event on Sunday, May 5? You can still bid at the silent auction!

Online readers will see this story before end of day, May 2, and will therefore have **one last chance** to buy tickets to our Mardi Gras in May fundraiser to support young leaders in ministry. Go to <u>www.trinitycamphill.org/mardigras</u>.

But even if you didn't get tickets by the deadline, you can bid on artwork, quilts and gift baskets at the silent auction.

Check out the gift baskets and artwork in the Gathering Space on the morning of the event. If you make payment arrangements when you bid, **you don't have to be present that night at the event.** continued on p. 4

Oh, no, it's Mother's Day again by Pastor John Brock



It's May, which brings a holiday that always fills me with fear and trepidation: Mother's Day. I feel inadequate in giving gifts to my own mother, and I'm certain I have *never* gotten the right gift for the mother of my own children. Sorry, Marianne.

This year, though, I've been thinking more about "family," and not just "mothers."

We've had to move Mom into an assisted living place, so we're clearing out her previous apartment (which was still not entirely unpacked from her moving here just two years ago). I run across something, and I ask my sister, "Do you remember this?" Or "Hey, this is from our trip rafting down the Colorado." Or "Look at this photo. That's me, there you are, but who's this over here?" Or we talk about who gets the plates that came from her mother, who had them sent from where my grandmother grew up in Finland. Memories of growing up. Memories of things I've only ever experienced through stories.

Mom's own memory is lapsing, so I ask her, instead, about growing up, about relatives long gone, about meeting my father, and the silly things they did.

I love my mother, even though there are times we drive each other a bit crazy. Hopefully, for most of us, we've had good experiences with our mothers. Unfortunately, I know that not everyone has had such good experiences. If that's been your history, I hope you were able to find someone who filled the role of a good mother to you.

Most important of all, remember that God loves each one of us as a parent loves a child.

Letters

From Sylvia Stotler: This has not been my best year physically, but Bill and I are hopeful that I will continue to improve as the warmer seasons arrive. Thank you for your prayers during my recent vascular surgery at Hershey Med Center. I could feel God's hand moving through incredible doctors, staff, facilities, Trinity's prayer shawl ministry, and pastoral care. Members of our congregation are never really alone.

From Susan Pennington: On behalf of myself and Peter's daughters, Whitney and Stephanie, we thank all our Christian friends at Trinity for your beautiful cards. We also thank everyone who made the trip to Gettysburg to help us celebrate Peter's life, and we give a special thank you to Nancy Martin and Timothy Koch for sharing their gifts to help give Peter a beautiful service. I know he would have been so grateful; he loved you both.





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Hear the Harrisburg Singers present "America Sings" on Saturday, May 4, at 7:30 pm



Don't miss this final concert in our 2018-19 Concert Series. The ever-popular Harrisburg Singers present selections from the time of the Shakers through American folk, to hymns, spirituals, and patriotic songs, including a selection from the hit "Hamilton."

Susan Solomon Beckley is director. Timothy Koch is accompanist.

Concert Series Patrons get up to 4 free tickets; get them at the church office. Non-patrons pay regular Harrisburg Singers prices; those tickets are available at the door.



Say thanks to our choirs on Choir Appreciation Sunday, May 5; then join our Summer Choir, too

It's Choir Appreciation Sunday on May 5, at the 11 am traditional service. You'll see, hear, and appreciate all our singing choirs. So be sure to thank them, as well as Director of Music Tim Koch and Children's Choir Director Amy Koch. Trinity is fortunate to have such talented, dedicated members and directors.

Now is the time also for you to consider joining our Summer Choir, whose members sing when they can from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Chancel Choir members are automatic members of the Summer Choir, but other members are needed during the summer months because of vacationing regular members.

Interested? Email Tim Koch at timothy.koch@trinitycamphill.org.

Mardi Gras in May: Bid on items even if no ticket!



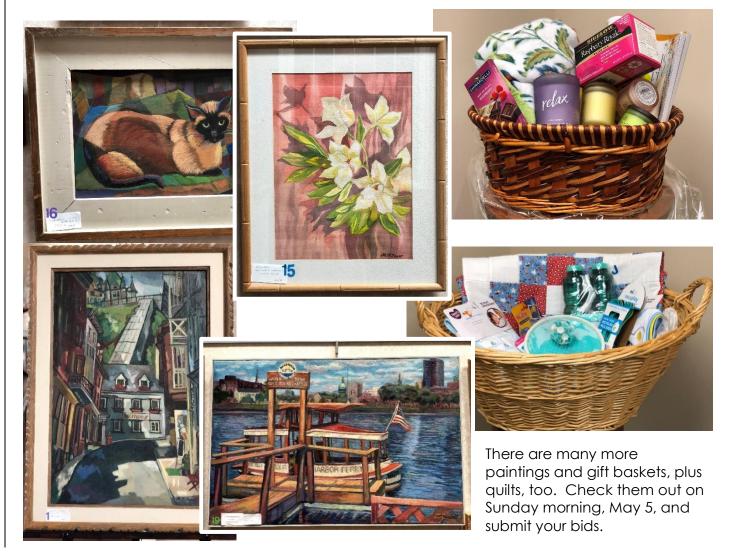
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If you **did** buy tickets, thank you. Remember to come to the event and enjoy the food, fellowship, games, and the FUN show put on by our talented youth.

If you signed up to volunteer, thank you as well. Check the volunteer schedule to confirm your time and duty.

And whether you have tickets or not, you can donate \$\$. All proceeds go to the Lower Susquehanna Synod's Always Being Made New campaign and its youth and young adult programs. Make checks payable to Trinity with "Mardi Gras" on the memo line, or use the Giving Station in the Gathering Space or the "Donate" button on our website.

Above: Property Committee's wooden tool box with work and garden tools. **Below, clockwise from top left:** Siamese Cat (23" x 17"); Orchids Longwood Garden (16" x 20"); Relaxation basket from Community Outreach Team; Baby basket from Worship Team; Harrisburg Harbor Ferry (24" x 26"), and Quebec Elevator" (20" x 30"). Paintings by Mark Kay Fager.



Becky Enney, continued from page 1

The answers to the questions on page one are a resounding "NO." Becky is **not tired** and, in fact, has energy to spare. **It's not her age** that's making her retire, either; at 74, Becky is more fit than people half her age. It's also **not a matter of needing more time**. Her prep took 2-3 hours a week; she often read the lessons, went to bed with no story in mind, and woke up inspired. "It's not like I need more time," she said. "I don't. Time has nothing to do with my retirement. What made the decision was that I wanted to stop when I felt I was still at the top but was in danger of sliding and becoming distracted."

So there we have it.

Regrets? "Omigosh," she said, "I love what I've done and it's how I identify myself. I'm a storyteller and a quilter. And, of course, a wife and grandmother, too."

Becky will surely put the few extra hours each week to good use—probably in quilting, which she didn't start until age 40. At that time, she had made up her mind to pursue a college degree and was attending Harrisburg Area Community College part time. Yet she wasn't sure that path was right for her. She asked a Trinity pastor if it was okay to change her mind. He said yes, and that's when she found she was meant for quilting. "I found my passion in the colors," she said.

Best wishes to you, Becky. We'll miss your stories and the 40-some characters you created. May your retirement from Trinity storytelling be filled with never-ending color.

On May 12, we'll have cake in the Gathering Space to recognize Becky's retirement. You can thank Becky in person, sign a card that we'll have at the table, and wish her the best.

May 12: Come to a Mother's Day breakfast

The Men of Trinity invite everyone to come to the library for a special Mother's Day continental breakfast on Mother's Day morning, Sunday, May 12, between services.

The men will transform the library into the "Luther Rose Café," with pastries, bagels, fruit, and assorted beverages. Every mother will receive a devotional book to take home.

Have a 2019 graduate in the family? Tell us now!

Our list of graduates in the *Trinity Parish* is popular, so get your 2019 info to us before close of business on Friday, June 14, to make the July-August issue. Email to <u>parish@trinitycamphill.org</u>.

Yes, we know we're picky, so ask the graduate to verify the accuracy of your submission. **Include your phone number and email**, and keep us in good humor by following this format:

- Name of graduate, relationship to you, and your name
- Name of degree plus major, if applicable (if high school, just say "diploma")
- Name of college or school, month and day of graduation, and future plans

Here are samples of listings from 2018. We plan to follow the same format:

John Daniel Drury, son of Daniel Drury and Jill Lashay. Diploma, Cumberland Valley High School, June 2. Will attend Gettysburg College in the fall.

Kelly Jones Lapetina, daughter of Mitzi jones. Bachelor of Science, Applied Health, Penn College of Technology, May 12. Kelly is a GI specialist at Penn Medicine Radnor.

Becky with two of her beloved characters, Barabas and Uncle Floyd.





Travel to Germany in 2020: Follow Martin Luther



Travel to Germany in the fall of 2020 as you follow the footsteps of Martin Luther for 11 days. This trip features the Passion Play of Oberammergau.

Co-hosting is Pastor Horner's re-found friend, Pastor Kurt Hutchens (Lead Pastor of Shalom Lutheran Church, Pinckney, MI), whom Pastor Horner spoke about in his sermon of February 24. Check out their story in the sermon, "God Made Known in Forgiveness," at https://www.trinitycamphill.org/sermons/.

Get a brochure in the Gathering Space or contact Pastor Jack Horner at 717-743-9224 or jack.horner@trinitycamphill.org.

Community Outreach Ecumenical Food Pantry: How do we help?

For more than 40 years, the Ecumenical Food Pantry has provided a three-day food supply every 30 days to people in need in the Greater Harrisburg area. The Pantry is open five days a week and has 200+ volunteers a month. It serves more people in Dauphin County than all other pantries, averaging more than 2,300 people, of which 40 percent are children. The Pantry is located with Messiah Lutheran Church in downtown Harrisburg.

While grant money funds many of the food supplies, the Pantry relies on—and is grateful to—Trinity and other area churches that provide volunteers and donations of food and money. Trinity members volunteer at the pantry on the first Friday of each month working as food packers, distributors, and receptionists.

YOU can join our volunteers, or you can help on another day



between 9:30 am and 2 pm. You can also donate non-perishable food items; put them in the collection closet under the stairs in the Gathering Space. More information? Contact Lynn Bertram (717-329-2078) or Bruce Bigelow (717-761-3289).

Join Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pa.



<u>Sunday, May 19</u>. Come to the Welcome Table! Join neighbors of many faiths **at several Harrisburg locations** for worship, service, learning, prayer, artistic expression, and a community meal, all to strengthen what unites us.

Monday, May 20. Lutheran Day at the Capitol begins and ends at Trinity, and includes a trip to the state capitol.

To learn more about these events, including daily agendas, go to www.lutheranadvocacypa.org/event/lutheran-advocacy-days-in-the-capitol

Godspeed to our Maine Mission Trip team

Our Maine Mission Trip team has requested a Godspeed sending at worship services on June 9 for the trip that starts June 15. Will do, team. You'll be in our prayers, too. Send pictures!

Our Faith Connections are going REALLY strong!

Trinity has one of the strongest faith connections and education programs that you'll find anywhere. Check out a sampling of our upcoming opportunities below.



May 19, 10:15-10:45 am Enjoy Breakfast and Butterflies.

(Mon-Fri)

Vacation

Our VBS is

popular,

enormously

Everyone is invited, including all classes children through adult. Come to Breakfast and Butterflies on the lawn at Trinity to celebrate the end of our Faith Connections year. We'll release butterflies and let them fly free as part of the celebration. Fun and inspiring.

May 19 10:15-10:45 am **Kickoff: Flat Jesus**

Stay connected this summer with Flat Jesus as we take him everywhere this summer; and, yes, by "we," we mean YOU. So be ready for Flat Jesus and his summer adventures!

Learn the details at the May 19 Breakfast and Butterflies event

but, in a nutshell, you'll be taking pics of you and Flat Jesus wherever you go. What a fun and unique way to connect with God and others all summer long.

June 2 through July 21 | Small group 9:45-10:45 am, Library

Connect/re-connect with Starting Point, an 8-week small group.

New to faith? Curious about God? Coming to church after time away?

with you

Sometimes we forget that faith has a **starting point**. As adults, most of us have already made up our minds about faith—faith we've formed or inherited from our youth. But it may not stand up to today's pressures.

Here you can explore faith freely, ask tons of questions, discuss with others, and find a new faith starting point. Join us any week.



starting

A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE STORY OF GOD

outrageously creative, and tons of fun. Kiddos from age three to those who've finished fourth grade will learn all about God, and they'll love it!

Morning and evening programs are identical (except evening snacks are "to go"). Registration is \$15 per child, fills up fast, and closes June 15. Register and volunteer at www.trinitycamphill.org/vbs.

Supported by scores of enthusiastic family and individual volunteers, Faith Connections are led by Faith Formation Team Facilitator Serena Fedor, Director of Faith Formation Kelly Falck, Children's Ministry Coordinator Danelle Andrews, Youth Director Peter Fox, and Vacation Bible School Director Amy Koch.

Birthday wishes May-August

At-home members

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

May 11. Helen Greene, 5225 Wilson Ln., Apt. 1105, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

May 12. Helen Liddick, 1205 S. 28th St., Harrisburg, PA 17111

May 12. Gloria Zerbe, 824 Lisburn Rd., Apt. 317, Camp Hill, PA 17011

May 13. Lee Kunkle, Maplewood Assisted Living, 5225 Wilson Ln., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

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

June 6. Shirley Orris, 1 Longsdorf Way, #PC, Carlisle, PA 17015

June 7. Betty Wade, 315 Messiah Circle, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

June 15. June Stauffer, Assisted Living, Rm. 332, 5225 Wilson Ln., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

July 16. Gerald Tome, 526 Colony Rd., Camp Hill, PA 17011

July 17. Virginia Sell, 5225 Wilson Ln., Apt. 3127, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

July 25. Harvey Zerbe, 824 Lisburn Rd., Apt. 317, Camp Hill, PA 17011

July 28. Harry Soehnlein, 5311 Cobblestone Dr., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

July 29. Anna Gessner, 824 Lisburn Rd., Apt. 321, Camp Hill, PA 17011

August 4. Donna Peters, 2100 Bent Creek Blvd., Suite 233, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 August 7. Elizabeth Vreeland, 20 North 12th Street, Apt. 233, Lemoyne, PA 17043 August 9. Lois Stumpf, 21 Tuscany Court, Camp Hill PA 17011 August 22. Vonnie Sadler, 824 Lisburn Road, Apt. 316, Camp Hill PA 17011

Trinity Staff

May 13. Zandra Bishop | June 2. Russ Brown | June 4. Lori McBride | July 15. Tim Koch July 18. Stephanie Maurer | August 6. Paul Hensel

Support the Community Connections Breakfast

The Criminal Justice System Ministry will hold its annual Community Connections Breakfast at Trinity on Saturday, May 18, starting at 9 am, to support work release men and women.

Please volunteer to help in the kitchen, with greeting, with transportation, and clean up. Contact Kristen Campbell at <u>kristencampbell156@gmail.com</u> or 717-805-1716.

End notes

The Every member prayer list is published weekly in the *Trinity Today* in our worship bulletins. The *Trinity Today* is also online at <u>www.trinitycamphill.org</u>. Click on "News and Events."

Our Book Review Group meets monthly on the third Sunday, 9:45 to 10:45 am. Next meetings are May 19, June 16, July 21, and August 18. Email Sue Kerr, <u>kerrent1@hotmail.com</u>, for info.



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