

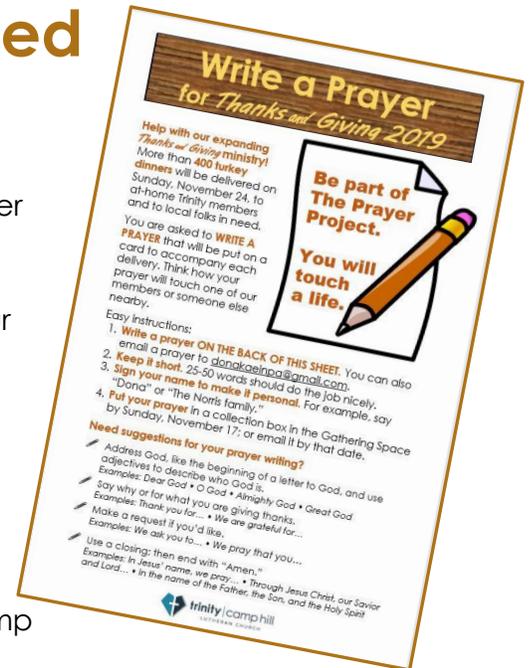
United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.

Wow! Nearly 400 meals to be delivered to others as part of our expanded *Thanks and Giving*

Trinity made a **bold change** in 2016 when it retired its longstanding and much-loved Thanksgiving Dinner for member fellowship. The decision was made to create an event that, instead of serving ourselves, would **serve others**.

Such was the birth of Thanks and Giving, in which we show our gratitude by giving to others. Please take part.

- As we've done before, we'll **prepare and deliver more than 225 Thanksgiving dinners** to at-home members.
- New: We'll prepare **150+ more meals for families in need**—families with school-age children right here in the Camp Hill School District. We've teamed up with the non-profit Earl Besch Project to identify these families. We learned that Camp Hill Borough—yes, Camp Hill—has a poverty rate of nearly 14 percent.



What can you do? We need **your financial donations and your time**: at least \$1,000 and 150 volunteers. Giant Food Stores has typically been supportive of Trinity, but we need YOUR support, too. After all, this is **us** giving thanks by **giving to others**.

Also new this year is **The Prayer Project**. We'll attach a prayer card to each of the meals we deliver. **Will you write at least one such prayer or blessing, please?** You will touch someone's life. Look around the church and online for the paper (pictured above) with details. You can also help assemble the cards on November 10 and 17 during the Sunday School hour.

Sign up in the Gathering Space to help. Or go to www.trinitycamphill.org to donate or volunteer.

Questions about the event? Contact Kathy Holmes at kathyholmes@mac.com.

Questions about the Prayer Project? Contact Dona Norris at donakaeinpa@gmail.com.

Shhhhhhh! Our Webmaster is retiring



Try to keep this issue of the *Trinity Parish* away from Jeff Weaver. He doesn't like to be the focus of attention, even on the occasion of his **retirement as our 15-year volunteer Webmaster**.

So, on one hand, we offer Jeff our apologies. On the other hand, we would owe even deeper apologies to everyone at Trinity if we kept Jeff's story silent. We're pretty sure that his service to Trinity will be **inspirational to others**. Thus, for the greater good, we've opted to tell at least a bit of that story.

First, check out the **photo of Jeff at left**. It's one of our favorites because it represents Jeff perfectly as a humble, modest servant of God, neither looking for or at the camera.

As Webmaster, Jeff has been more like staff than volunteer. He has made himself continually available, continued on page 4

Give? Serve? Lead? What's that about?

As we consider our commitments to stewardship this month, Pastor Brock reflects on what it means to give, serve, and lead.

GIVE.

I received my Trinity third quarter statement the other day and realized I have fallen behind in



what I said I was going to give this year. Things have been tight in the Brock household for a bit, and I know there have been a few times (no, I have to admit, more than a few times) when

I chose to pay other bills, with the caveat "I'll make it up to church next month."

You know what? Looking at my statement, I didn't follow through. Yet I know that Trinity still had to pay the electric bill. We needed to cool (and now heat) the building. It costs money to print bulletins, keep the place clean, and set up tables and chairs for things like Oktoberfest, or Monday evening Harrisburg Youth Symphony rehearsal, or Sunday morning classes. I haven't even mentioned paying the staff.

If I don't give what I said I would give, not only do we as a congregation then struggle to keep operating, but that kinda makes me a liar. And I really strive to tell the truth, and to be honest.

SERVE.

Yet our congregation is about more than simply money. I know that many of us have at least

the same kinds of bills I do, and maybe haven't pledged to give what I have. But you can still contribute.

Each month, we send groups out to help tutor students in schools and programs that can't afford to hire extra help. We have folks who assist with leading worship over at Dauphin County Prison, or with the Prison Work Release program. There are folks who support our congregation by visiting our homebound members, to simply bring them a warm hand and greetings from this place that so many of them are no longer able to get to. We have opportunities to lead a class or discussion group, or merely take part in one. There are so many ways to give back in faith (helping out with any of the numerous ways for the Thanks

and Giving meal is another example).

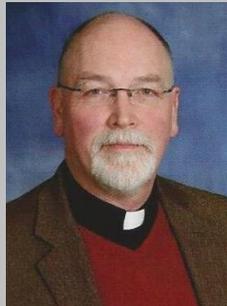
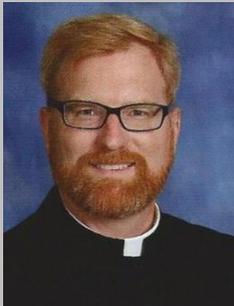
What can you do?
What are you willing to do?



LEAD.

I was recently part of a discussion with some long-time members who were not aware that anyone may attend the monthly Council meetings. Being part of Council is a very obvious way of helping in leading the congregation. So is being a communion assistant. Or a lector (that's the

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(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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The December issue deadline is Sunday, November 17, at 4 pm. Max. 200 words. We really do edit.

You will LOVE these Concerts!



Tromba Mundi AND THE TRINITY CONCERT CHOIR
TIMOTHY KOCH, DIRECTOR

Sunday, Nov. 17 • 3 pm • Free Admission

Led by Dr. William Stowman of Messiah College, Tromba Mundi presents a wonderful and humorous concert experience.

The poster features a photograph of six men in black suits standing on stone steps, each holding a trumpet. The text is overlaid on the image in a green, handwritten-style font.

**Saturday
Dec. 7
7:30 pm**

Celebrate the opening of the holiday season with the Harrisburg Singers' traditional concert of carols. Harpist Elizaabeth Etters-Asmus will play the pre-concert recital.



Trinity Concert Series Patrons receive up to 4 free tickets, available now at the church office. Non-patrons pay regular Harrisburg Singers' ticket prices.

Shhhhhh! Our Webmaster is retiring continued from front page

typically keeping his laptop close by even when he travels and, yes, even on vacation. In fact, **his response time has been so fast** that we've joked he must have had his hands tied to the keyboard. Over the course of his tenure, the amount of time he's spent on his Webmaster role has likely averaged at least 10-20 hours a week.

Jeff and his wife, Bert, have been **married for 51 years**. Bert reiterated that Jeff does not like to talk about himself, or to have others talk about him. She said he knows that other Trinity folks volunteer many hours, too, and he is not comfortable being singled out.

"Jeff does what he does not for thanks or recognition," she said, "but because **he believes strongly that God calls us to serve.**" And Jeff has indeed served God.

Bert helped us put together a list of some of the other ways Jeff has volunteered since they joined Trinity on Palm Sunday in 1969. Here's just a sampling:

Council member for several terms, 12 years in all, president twice • Guitarist for children's Sunday School classes, Saturday night worship, and contemporary praise band prior to FaithX • Chair of Worship Committee and of then-Social Ministry Committee, and lead or member of various call and search committees • Member of various other committees/teams, including Publicity and Communications for 16 years, IT/AV since its inception • Assisting Minister at traditional worship service • Musician (French Horn) with our former orchestra • Member of adult Handbell Choir • Member of Criminal Justice System Ministry • Sound board operator

With the hours freed up after retiring as Webmaster, it's unlikely that Jeff will slow down. It's obvious he didn't do so when he retired in 2004 from his job as a civil engineer. Bert says she has no idea what Jeff might do with the extra hours; she said he's already active with the Synod, and he'll still be an active Trinity member and volunteer. "But he will continue **to listen for God's call,**" she said.

Whatever call that Jeff has answered thus far at Trinity, he is known not only as humble and dedicated, but also as **collegial and kind.**

Thank you, Jeff, for your dedication as Webmaster, and for your willingness to pass the keyboard to three capable successors: **Jessica Sheaffer, Mary Alin Lubold, and Tom Kautz.**

After Jeff's retirement takes effect, we'll announce a date for the congregation to thank Jeff in person and enjoy cake in his honor. Bert says she'll make sure he shows up.

Pastor Brock on Give, Serve, and Lead continued from page 2

person who reads the lessons for worship). As is helping with the sound system. Or heading up (or simply serving on) one of the many committees, task forces, or teams.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Wow. I just paused and read over what I wrote. I think I have to say that this column kinda got away from the way I opened it, talking about my third quarter statement. It changed as I went along, grew, in a way. Sort of like our faith. At baptism (or Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation), we promised that we would continue **to grow in our faith,** "live among God's faithful people . . . proclaim the

good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus" (ELW, p. 236).

We are called by our baptism to continue to grow in our faith, and **to put that faith into action.** Which is what we do when we **Give, Serve, and Lead.**



Serve! Come to the SERVE FAIR to learn about the many ways to help at Trinity

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SERVE AT TRINITY?
Sunday, Nov. 10 • 9:45-10:45 am • Rms. 236-237
 Trinity's Serve Fair: Move from table to table to learn about our projects and ministries.

Here are just a few ways to get you thinking; but definitely come to the Fair for other ways:

- **Operate our Nave soundboard**, especially for 11 am traditional. Contact the office.
- **Help set up communion at Sunday traditional services.** Barbara Kriebel, 717-697-3928.
- **Lectors for all services.** Call the office or go to www.trinitycamphill.org/serve-at-trinity-form/
- **Communion assistants for all services.** Call the office or go to web address above.

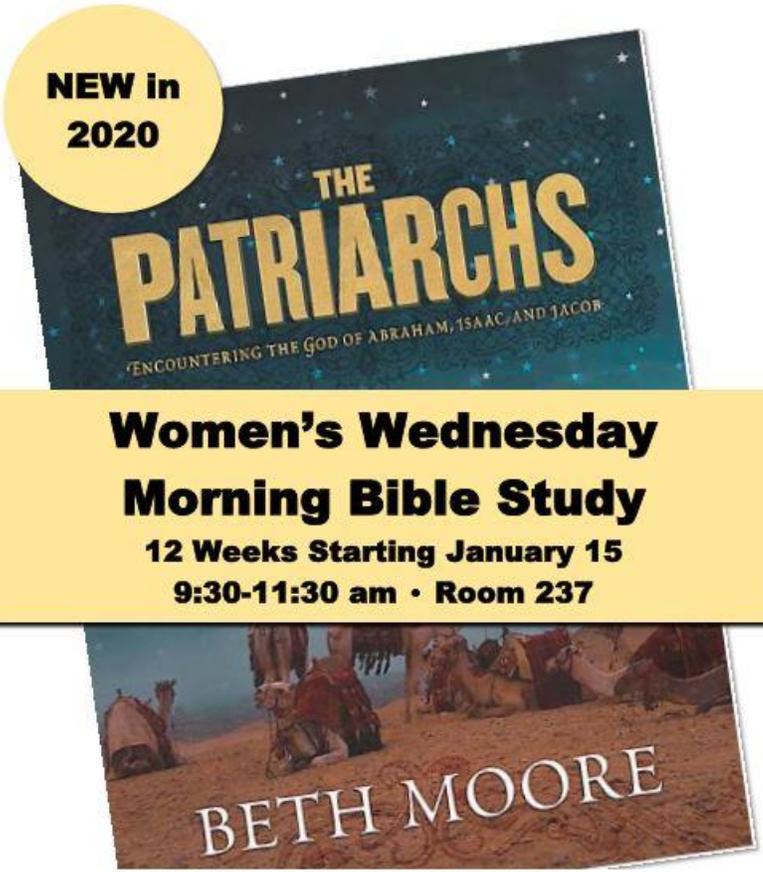
Happy birthday

- Dec. 1** Margaret Fackler
2397 Little Buffalo Rd
Newport, PA 17074
- Jan. 1** Donald Hassinger
- Jan. 3** Ronald Rau
131 N. Saint John's Dr.
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- Jan. 8** Barbara Seaman
2100 Bent Creek Blvd., Apt. 100
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
- Jan. 17** **Alice Rau**
131 N. St. John's Dr.
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- Jan. 20** Fay Pepperman
430 Orrs Bridge Rd.
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- Jan. 21** Ronald Quigley
6 Buchannon Dr., #101
Carlisle, PA 17013
- Jan. 23** Imgard Smawley
1729 Hutchinson Ln.
Silver Spring, MD 17055
- Jan. 26** Doris Hookway
5225 Wilson Lane, Ste. 106
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
Janet Sheely
222 Messiah Circle, #402
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- Jan. 16** Peter Fox
- Jan. 18** Amy Koch
- Jan. 21** Pastor Brock
- Jan. 30** Kelly Falck

*to these
at-home
members*

and to staff

Register now for Bible Study that starts in January



NEW in 2020

THE PATRIARCHS
ENCOUNTERING THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB

**Women's Wednesday
Morning Bible Study**
12 Weeks Starting January 15
9:30-11:30 am • Room 237

BETH MOORE

Questions? Registration?
Bert Weaver 717-697-3259 or Judy Trissler 717-497-1392

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Give at the Christmas Giving Tree



Take an ornament from the tree in the Gathering Space and return it with the gift listed by December 8 to the office or the receptionist on duty.

Thank you! Gifts will go to these ministries:

- Bethesda Mission
- Camp Curtin YMCA
- Ecumenical Food Pantry
- Criminal Justice System Ministry/ELCA



pantry in Dauphin County and serves about 2,500 people each month. Volunteers from Trinity accept client vouchers and distribute food the 1st Friday of each month.

Criminal Justice System Ministry

Criminal Justice System Ministry of the ELCA fosters forgiveness and compassion, liberation and justice, hope and healing, connecting the church to people affected by the criminal justice system. Provided are educational presentations, displays, and adult Sunday schools.

Who benefits?

Bethesda Mission

Since 1914, Bethesda Mission has been a missionary arm of local churches, reaching out to men, women, and children of all races, nationalities, and creeds, providing the poor and homeless with shelter, food, clothing, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and Christian life.

Camp Curtin YMCA

The Camp Curtin YMCA seeks to provide a safe haven for youth to engage with their peers, broaden horizons, and get healthy. Located on 6th Street in Harrisburg, the Y serves the surrounding community by providing a variety of programs from basketball to chess, SAT prep to mentoring. Membership rates are based on household income with a goal that no one is turned away due to an inability to pay.

Ecumenical Food Pantry

Housed at Messiah Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, this food distribution program has served the community for over 40 years. It's the largest food

Wanted!
We're seeking your ideas, suggestions, and comments for the next Wednesday Connect program planned for March 2020.

Email Kelly Falck now at kelly.falck@trinitycamphill.org



CROSS Game Night
Friday, Nov. 15 • 6:30-8 pm
Room 124-126

Enjoy games, snacks, and conversation with residents of Cumberland Vista group home. The home is part of Christian Residential Opportunities and Social Services (CROSS), a Trinity-supported ministry. Questions? Contact Tom Drye at tom.drye@iCloud.com.

Donate knitwear for homeless children

We're collecting knit hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves for homeless children in the Harrisburg School District. The items will be distributed at a fun Christmas party sponsored by local businesses. Put your purchased or handmade knitwear in the collection box in the Gathering Space until November 25.

Questions? Ask Grace Hoyt at 717-434-5436.

Christmas Concert Reception: Dec. 15

You're invited!

The Arts Team and Fellowship Team cordially invite you to attend a reception immediately following the Christmas at Trinity concert on Sunday, December 15. The concert begins at 3 pm and will feature Trinity's choirs and handbells with an orchestra. We are requesting that food donations—such as appetizers and desserts—be brought to the kitchen by noon on December 15.



SAVE THESE DATES

Christmas Around the World
Friday, December 6, at 6 pm

An intergenerational Christmas celebration you won't want to miss!

Hosted by Trinity Faith Formation and Family Ministry Team

Christmas Eve Worship
Tuesday, December 24 • 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 pm

- 2 pm • Traditional with brass
- 4 pm • For kids, by kids!
- 6 pm • Traditional w/youth choir, bells
- 8 pm • FaithX praise band
- 10 pm • Lessons & Carols w/adult choir, bells, strings

Register your children now for the Christmas Eve program!

We're planning the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve children's program. If your child can participate, please register online by **Friday, November 29**, at www.trinitycamphill.org/children-family.



From Connie Dollase. I wish to thank everyone who remembered me with expressions of encouragement when I was in the hospital and Messiah Village rehab, including cards, visits, flowers, and phone calls. I very much appreciate the visit in Holy Spirit from Pastor Liz. I returned home on October 13 and will be returning to Trinity when the healing process allows.

End notes

See the **Every Member Prayer list** weekly in the *Trinity Weekly* (formerly *Trinity Today*), which is in our worship bulletins and also online. Go to www.trinitycamphill.org; click on "News and Events."



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Living with Gratitude

Letter to members and friends from Jen and Mike Schwalm, Chairs of Trinity's Give, Serve, Lead Team

Dear Friends in Christ,

The kind woman didn't know what was bothering the young man, but she sat down beside him, introduced herself, and asked what was wrong. She couldn't have known **he was grieving the loss of his best friend.**

The young man had come to Trinity that day for spiritual support, and he shared with the woman his loss. The next day, he was surprised to discover a gift bag by his front door. In the bag was a beautiful handmade prayer shawl, along with a card and thoughtful message **signed by each of the women in our Prayer Shawl Ministry.** His spirit was uplifted in a way that, to this day, moves and inspires him.



Because of your generous annual gifts, this type of inspiration happens each and every day in the life of our church.

Now, as we near this year's end, **it is time to consider your annual giving estimate** that allows us to continue this mission of uplifting spirits and transforming lives. Worship and music for all, **visitation** to at-home members or nursing home residents or prison inmates, **faith formation** for all ages, a **quilting ministry** that reaches folks worldwide, our **Vacation Bible School** and **preschool** programs that affect hundreds, and much more—your support makes miracles happen.

As you continue your support in 2020, please **think about increasing your gifts** to keep inflationary costs from reducing the amount of good we can do for our congregation, our community, and beyond. We give because we are grateful for all God has given us.

We sincerely thank you for your past support, and we ask for your prayerful reflection and financial help to keep our ministries thriving. You can make your commitment now at www.trinitycamphill.org/pledge or by returning the form below to the office, the Gathering Space, or the offering plate.

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2020 Estimate of Giving



With a grateful heart for God's boundless generosity, and as an expression of my Christian stewardship, I make this commitment to Christ's church and Trinity's ministry.

The following commitment is based on my/our current financial status:

\$ _____ per week **or**
 \$ _____ per month **or**
 \$ _____ per year

I understand that I can modify this commitment at any time by contacting the church office. Updated information enables better budget planning both for me and for Trinity.

Name _____

Address _____

Contact me/us about how to include Trinity in my/our will or estate planning.

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____