



QUARTERLY UPDATE

From Trinity pastors and staff

We hope you are coping well. Once again, we remind you to call a pastor if you need to talk with one. If urgent, dial 717-737-8635, press 1, and speak clearly to leave a message—the pastor on call will reply shortly. If not urgent, reach a particular pastor’s phone or voicemail directly by calling 717-737-9921 and dialing ext. 225 for Pastor Horner, 226 for Pastor Brock, or 243 for Pastor Frey.

Worship Update: Join us as you feel comfortable

No registration needed. Masks and social distancing required.

- Saturday night in-building worship has resumed at 5 pm (as of 4/17).
• Sunday in-person worship is at 11 am. Traditional service is in the Nave, and Contemporary service is in Fellowship Hall.
• Livestream worship is on Sunday at 9:30 am and can be viewed anytime after.
• Drive-up, take-home communion is each Sunday from noon-12:30.

Facility Update: What a dramatic difference!

Our facility has come a long way since September 2019 when the congregation approved the \$1.175 million capital appeal project, Honor Our Past, Plan Our Future, for improved safety, security, fellowship, and hospitality.

In our Oct. 2020 update, we wrote about our improved air handling system, upgraded wi-fi, more safety and security in our preschool area (e.g., sprinklers and security doors), a new portico roof, our repaired flat roof, and more.

Following our Jan. 2021 newsletter, we finished work on our library/family lounge (with its own new bathroom), adjacent hallways, new ADA-compliant bathrooms, and part of the Gathering Space. We progressed to the rest of the Gathering Space, the Narthex, and the second floor area leading to the balcony (pic right, top). And from a separate appeal last July, we now have the needed technology for livestreaming, including screens just added in the Nave (two pics, right), mostly to use for sermon illustrations.

We expect our work to be finished soon.

The consensus of comments is “Wow!”

Next: Watch for a video reveal, an open house, and more opportunities to give financial support. We are so close!

Predicated on new and continued support, including fulfillment of pledges, we are optimistic about our financial position for this project, and we thank you.

To give, please go to www.trinitycamphill.org/ donate; or send checks to the church office and notate “Honor Our Past, Plan Our Future.”

Five pics at right, clockwise from top: Airlock doors at Gathering Space entrance; Narthex column with trim; opened-up Narthex; Narthex into Gathering Space; windows between Narthex and Nave.





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It's Our New Sermon Series

You don't have to be a *Star Wars* fan or from a galaxy far, far away to hear these compelling messages by our preachers right here at Trinity. **For any you've missed, you can catch up by going to our website or YouTube channel:**



- April 11 · I find your lack of faith disturbing. (Frey)
- April 17-18 · May the force be with you. (Horner)
- April 24-25 · You're my only hope. (Brock)
- May 1-2 · The force is strong with this one. (Horner)
- May 8-9 · Do. Or do not. There is no try. (Frey)
- May 15-16 · I am your father. (Brock)

Thinking about taxes? Here's some helpful info from our Director of Finance

Do you own stocks?

One way to contribute to Trinity is to transfer **stocks or other equities to the church directly**, rather than to sell them and then make a contribution. There can be some significant tax advantages to doing so.



A gift of appreciated securities qualifies for a charitable tax deduction and **avoids the long-term capital gains tax** on the appreciated value of the asset. Stocks or bonds held more than one year that have increased in value qualify for a deduction equal to the full market value of the gift.

Always talk to your financial advisor. But Paul Hensel, our Director of Finance, can tell you what info you'll need to make the transfer to Trinity.

Are you age 70+ with an IRA?

If you have an Individual Retirement Arrangement/Account, or IRA, you can't park those tax-deferred funds there indefinitely. To avoid significant tax penalties, **you must take a required minimum distribution, or RMD, every year starting at age 72.**



Your RMD is subject to federal income tax. **But you can reduce that tax burden** when Trinity gets your contributions **directly from your RMD** via what's called a **Qualified Charitable Distribution!**

Example: Let's say you want to give Trinity \$1,200. It will cost you \$1,200 and you'll avoid paying taxes since it comes directly from your RMD. On the other hand, if you want to give Trinity \$1,200 from your regular income—not your IRA—it will cost you \$1,500 if, say, you are in a 20 percent tax bracket. In other words, you have to make \$1,500 to net \$1,200, with the extra \$300 going to Uncle Sam and not Trinity.

To proceed, **tell your IRA administrator** to send the desired amount **directly to Trinity** with your name and whether it's for regular offering, capital improvement appeal, endowment fund, or something else.

Questions for Paul? Call him at the church office: 717-737-9921, ext. 223.