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The Trinity Tower



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DURING FEBRUARY 2011

February Worship Services at 8:15 and 10:30

Feb. 5 - The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany: Holy Communion; Scout Sunday. The season of Epiphany is about God's divine revelation to the world. On this Sunday, a counter theme is introduced—concealment. Isaiah 40 marvels at the hiddenness of God; Mark records the confusion of the disciples and the secrecy of Jesus's purpose. **Pastor Heberling** will preach.

Feb. 12 -Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Healing is the theme for this day. II Kings tells of the healing of the leper, Naaman. Mark gives us the account of Jesus healing a leper. Psalm 30 and Paul's letter to the Corinthians lift up physical wholeness as a spiritual blessing. Our service will be led by **Pastor Heberling**.

Feb. 19 -Transfiguration Sunday

This Sunday marks the pivotal event in Jesus' ministry, celebrating God's powerful presence in Christ as he begins the final journey to Jerusalem and the cross. II Kings tells of Elijah's ascent to heaven, the event echoed in Mark's account of Jesus' mountain top experience. Worship in this last Sunday of Epiphany will be led by **Pastor Heberling**.

Feb. 22 -ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m. service

This the beginning of the penitential season of Lent. The imposition of Ashes will be offered by **Pastor Heberling**. Matthew's gospel reading alerts us to the tension between public displays of devotion and private piety.

Feb. 26 - First Sunday in Lent

Covenants are central to the theme of Lent in this liturgical season. Genesis tells of Noah and the covenant signified by the rainbow. Mark ties together the covenantal act of Jesus' baptism with his temptation and initial preaching event. **Pastor Heasley** will lead this service.

(Watch the Sunday Bulletin for information about Special Lenten worship/study/fellowship opportunities)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Beth (Sheely) and Greg Lathbury will be presenting a program on the July mission trip that they took this past year to Burkina Faso, during the Sunday School hour (9:15 - 10:15 am) on **Sunday February 12**, in Fellowship Hall. They also want to thank everyone who has been a prayer partner and sponsor during any of their mission trips. Beth is the daughter of Janet and Steve Sheely and Greg is her husband

SOCIAL CONCERNS

February is Trinity's Food Pantry Drive. Enclosed is a mail-back envelope for you to place your check for the annual Food Pantry Drive. Please give generously as the Food Pantry staff can buy in bulk those items it needs that have not been donated.

Social Concerns, continued

Lisa Beaver of the Food Pantry says that donations have been less this year. Items of non-perishable goods include peanut butter, tuna, juices, meals in a box, canned fruit and vegetables, and soup. They also have a critical need for personal products such as toothpaste, bar soap, deodorant, and shampoos. And let's not forget the babies - disposable diapers are always needed.

Starting Feb. 5, please bring your goods to the Gathering Area where tables will be set up. We will collect during the entire month. Lisa said "If it were not for the churches, we couldn't stay open 12 months a year." She reports that in Adams County, there are 1336 users each month - the majority families with two parents and children.

We hope to collect the monies on February 26 as well.

Together we can make a significant difference in the food needs of Adams County.

Chocolate, Coffee, and Christian Caring. All are invited to an afternoon of sharing ideas, coffee, and chocolate on Sunday, Feb. 12 (snow date - Feb. 19), at Homewood at Plum Creek in the Omni Auditorium, 425 Westminster Ave. in Hanover from 2-4:00 pm. Admission is free. There will be displays from UCC groups and local community organizations. Fair Trade and SERRV items will be available for purchase. If you have a special chocolate food item that you would like to donate, please contact **Jane Malone**. She will be hosting Trinity's table and would be happy to arrange car pooling for those who would want to attend.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The committee has several dates for you to put on your calendar for 2012.

March 24 - Men's Lenten Prayer Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.;

April 1 - Palm Sunday Dinner - after church;

May 17 - Ladies' Dinner 5:30 p.m.;

June 10 - Reception for Graduates after church.

TRINITY CIRCLE

Trinity Circle's dates for their Spring 2012 Rummage Sale are Thursday and Friday, April 26 and 27.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

We have received and reviewed over 40 Ministerial Profiles. We have conducted 6 initial interviews and we continue to narrow the field of candidates. To date, one candidate has been invited for a second, in-person interview with the committee members, while additional interviews continue to be scheduled.

The committee invites and encourages all interested members to attend a compelling presentation by **Rev. Dr. Laurene Bowers**, Penn Central Conference Associate Minister for Congregational Life and Vitality, and the author of *Designing Contemporary Congregations, Strategies to Attract Those Under 50.* Please mark your calendar for **Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 7:00 p.m. here at Trinity.**

CONSISTORY OFFICERS/COMMITTEE CHAIRS OR LIAISONS

Serving us in 2012:

Chairman - **Don Walsh**

Vice Chair - **Neil Hollabaugh**

Secretary - **George Steckert**

Committees:

Auditing - **Ruby Warren**

Called to Care - **Jen Mickelson**

Education - **Jane Malone**

Fellowship - **Stan Gish**

Finance - **Ruby Warren and Oscar Spicer**

Holiday Bazaar - **Jane Malone**

Library - **Bonnie Smith**

Nominating - **Jen Mickelson**

Outreach - **George Steckert**

Personnel - **Cindy Blevins and Oscar Spicer**

Property - **Don Walsh**

Social Concerns - **Andrea DiMartino**

Stewardship - **Neil Hollabaugh**

Trinity Circle - **Andrea DiMartino**

Worship - **Buzz Jones and Bonnie Smith**

Delegates to Gettysburg Association - Pending Acceptance

Delegates to Penn Central Conference - Seeking Persons

On behalf of Consistory, I want to thank all the volunteers who have given of their time, talent, and energy by serving on the various committees. Your efforts greatly enhance our community and prove we truly are a family.

As we start a new year, we have openings on many of our committees. One of the challenges presented is not knowing all of the talents/interests of our members and their inclination to share them.

Therefore I am inviting anyone who is interested in serving on a committee to contact Cally in the church office and let her know of your interest. I can assure you we will enthusiastically welcome your participation.

Donald Walsh, Chairman

Renovation Fund Update

The securing of Funds for the Renovation of Fellowship Hall is a 6-month campaign, designed to raise a minimum of \$75,000. We began this fund in October 2011 and will conclude it on March 1, 2012. The cost of the renovations to date is \$139,555. We are grateful for the receipts to date of \$81,433. The expenditures over receipts are \$58,142. That amount has been 'borrowed' from the Endowment Fund. All contributions to the Renovation Fund will continue to be used to reduce the amount of that 'borrowed' sum and will be re-invested in the Endowment. You are encouraged to continue contributions to the Renovation Fund through the month of February.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

This year the Stewardship Committee encouraged giving to Trinity Church on the basis of Proportional Giving, giving a percentage of income to support the mission and ministries of Trinity. The Consistory, seeking to be faithful to the trust and call you have given them as leaders, have agreed to practice Proportional Giving in 2012. They have covenanted together to give a percentage of their individual incomes to Trinity.

The Old Testament speaks frequently of the tithe (10%) as an offering to the Lord. We recognize that in our day, many of the things that were done with the Old Testament tithe are now carried out by other parts of society. Therefore, we speak of the modern tithe, or 5% as the goal to strive toward if the tithe is seen as unrealistic. Whatever the amount, the concept is the same: to see our support for the work of our church as a percentage, or proportional share as we have been blessed, that we set apart as a faith response. Thank you Consistory, for setting this leadership example.

Trinity has two octogenarians:

Donald Hubbard Sr. - February 17

P O Box 3546. Gettysburg PA 17325

Alice Wishard - February 21

254 East Middle Street, Gettysburg PA 17325

and three youngsters under 8 years:

Bryson Macks - February 20 - 3 years

5585 So. Baltimore Street, Hanover PA 17331

Levi Doersom - February 26 - 4 years

199 Kerrs Road, Carlisle PA 17013

Abigail Karchner - February 27 - 2 years

199 Palace Drive, Gettysburg PA 17325



With Sympathy We did not have a January Trinity Tower newsletter, so we offer our condolences to the family of Gloria Ziegler who passed away on December 24. A Celebration of her Life service was held here at Trinity on December 29.

SNOW CANCELLATION

We have enjoyed (thus far) a relatively snow-less winter. We hope it continues! However, in the event of a BIG Snowstorm on a weekend, a snow cancellation policy has been set in place. The Chairman of Consistory, in consultation with the Interim Pastors and the Music Leadership will determine if it is appropriate to cancel services on a Sunday morning. Notification will be sent to WGAL television station. If you are in doubt about worship on a snowy Sunday morning, tune in to Channel 8, WGAL, for information regarding cancellation.

PARKING LOT LEASE COMPLETED

We have completed the lease agreement with the Adams County Housing Authority! We now have a formal agreement that grants use of the parking lot (marked VISITORS) next to the Housing Authority building, the area closest to the church, and three spaces at the north end of the lot. Trinity members and guests have access after 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and on Saturday and Sunday. Additional use of these spaces for special occasions will be negotiated on a case-by-case need.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

Over 100 years ago, Lord Baden Powell had a dream of creating an organization that would instill character and basic life skills in young men. That dream became a reality with the birth of the Boy Scouts. Trinity Church is the sponsor of Scout Troop 1863, complete with an active Cub Program and Boy Scout Program. **Sunday, Feb. 5, is Scout Sunday**, and we will welcome the Scouts to the 10:30 service (where the Scouts will serve as ushers.) Plan to welcome the Scouts (both Boys and Girls) and their families at worship.

ASH WEDNESDAY - LENT

February 22 is Ash Wednesday. There will be a service of worship with the imposition of ashes in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. During the season of Lent we are exploring a cooperative worship experience with our sister congregations for Feb. 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25, and perhaps Palm Sunday, April 1st. Watch the web site and the Sunday bulletin for details.

Bazaar Committee Thank You

Included in this issue of the *Trinity Tower* is a two-sided thank you note to all who participated in any way to put on our Holiday Bazaar this past December.

Thank you note:

Thanks to all of you in my church family who kept me in your thoughts and prayers before, during, and after my recent surgery, and a special "thank you" to those who took the time to send cards and e-mails and to visit me at the hospital and in my home.

Trinity is the most loving and caring church I have ever been privileged to be a member of, and I'm so happy to be a part of it.

Darla Jean Christopher

New Paraments in Place! For the Epiphany season, we now have bright beautiful white paraments on the altar table and lectern, a gift from the Tom McLaughlin memorial and selected by his wife Jeune.

In our thoughts and prayers: Ashlee Black, Robert Boyer, Morgan Christopher, Shane Cox, MacKenzie Kretz, Steven McKenna (serving our nation in Egypt), Tom Smith, Mary Timmins, Patsy Titus, and Teeyara Jo Weiant.

The annual giving statements are now in the mail. If you wish a more detailed report, please call the church office.

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Envelope offering needed through Jan. 22: \$ 14,460.

Envelope offering received to date: \$ 14,385.

Improvement Fund needed through Jan. 22: \$ 1,384.

Improvement Fund received to date: \$ 877.

Renovation Fund received to date: \$ 82,037.