

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Late Pentecost - October - 2004

We miss you -- I miss you

Being a Christian means being part of a community. We have a loving, caring church here; I know because I have often been on the receiving end of that love and care.

One of the most important things we do is to worship together. I have noticed that over the past several months the numbers of us worshipping has dropped. St. Paul tells us that we are the Body of Christ, Jesus Christ on earth, and that all parts of the Body are necessary for proper functioning. He says we need each other. There are, perhaps, many reasons, or even excuses, for not attending worship. What-

ever they are ... we need you. We are not whole without you.

Recently I looked over our parish mailing list and counted noses. If everyone who worshiped here more than once or twice over the past year came to church at once we would have well over 50 worshippers.

You are invited to a reunion/homecoming party on Sunday, October 31, All Saints. We will begin with Eucharist with special music followed by a light lunch in the parish hall. Come renew connections, help make us whole again. We miss you ... I miss you.

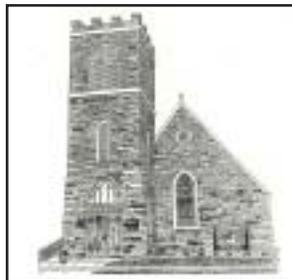
Fr. Ned

Building Project Update

It's been a long process, but we're reaching the end of the active work on the building. The final tasks remaining are replastering and repainting the inside of the narthex as well as the hallway between the sanctuary and the sacristy; replacing the damaged tiles in the sacristy ceiling, grading the soil on the north and south sides of the nave; and, finally, putting the rain gutters back up. There is some question as to the stability of the small porch roof at the sacristy door; the architect will take a look at that soon. Thankfully, the hydraulic lift, the portajohn and dumpster are gone. The contractor reseeded the lawn and will be repairing the damage to the concrete in the driveway and in front of the church.

The building committee and vestry are pleased with the work so far; it's been a long time since Bruce Barton noticed the changes in the structure, which is what got this all started. So, what's been done?

The Tower: Masonry repair to the base of the tower, as well as the top. Louvers repainted and sills placed behind them so that water no longer leaks in.



The roof membrane resealed over the parapets.

The Nave: Tie rods to stabilize the walls have been placed from North to South at the same points our light fixtures hang. The fixtures were lowered through the eyes of the turnbuckles; bay lighting was added along the sides of the nave. The old composite shingles were removed from the north side of the church and replaced. The south side work was more intensive as there were two layers of shingles to be removed and there was no plywood base, which had to be added. The small rose window was repaired and repainted. The old oil tanks under the church were replaced; asbestos on the pipes was removed and they were re-insulated, and the electric panel was replaced.

The Sacristy: The original 1890 tin roof was found to be excellent shape so the gabled roof was removed (along with the pigeons, squirrels and bats) and insulation and a membrane were put over the original roof.

Being good stewards means taking care of the building that was entrusted to us by those who came before and passing it along in good condition to those who come after.

Children at Risk in Shelters

The ECW convention project will benefit children at risk in shelters. "We will collect basic necessities (undershirts, briefs, undies and sox) for boys and girls, two to 16 years old," said ECW president Marlene Hartshorne.

"When a parent makes the decision to leave an abusive situation, most times they leave with only the clothing they are wearing."

We will send one packet to the Diocesan Convention (10/14-15 in Bethlehem), but the rest of the clothing we gather will be given to local charities and shelters.

Please bring your donation to the church by October 31.



United Thank Offering

The annual ingathering of the United Thank Offering will be held at Diocesan Convention (10/14-15). Since Trinity does not have a UTO chairperson, we will hand in a blank card at the service, and later forward the funds we gather.



The Mission of the United Thank Offering is to invite people to offer daily prayers of thanksgiving to God and outward and visible signs of those prayers which will benefit others.

God calls each of us to grow in awareness of God, our own relationship with God, and our relationship in community with all whom God has created. As habits of daily thankful prayer mature, our personal relationship with God grows. Daily prayers of thanksgiving strengthen our being and doing. The blue box can be a reminder of our many blessings. Uniting our own gifts of thanks with those of others keeps us in thankful relationship them and with all of creation. In sharing our thank offerings with those throughout the Communion who seek to address compelling human need and extend the mission of the Church, we deepen our sense of participation in the lives of others. The shared prayer and money offerings help others to

respond to God's call and to grown in their own deepened sense of living within the greater Christian community. Through our shared stories, God calls us to continue to grow into the fullness of the Kingdom.



Food Pantry

As you know, the first Sunday of each month is when we bring donations for the Food Pantry ... non-perishable foods in unbreakable containers.

This is an important part of our outreach ministry, so please make a note on your calendar each month to either buy a few extra items at the store or go through your pantry.

For many years Jan and Janice Beck have taken the food up to Waverly each month. We are so very thankful for their ministry, but it's time for them to "retire."

Can you spare just a half hour or so each month to deliver our donated food? Talk to Janice or Jan Beck (888-0836) and they'll be happy to tell your the hours the pantry is open.

As you did to the least of these, you did unto me



Fall Back!!!

Yes, it's that time of year again. Only this time we GAIN an hour of sleep. So, on Saturday, October 30, be sure to set your clock back one hour before you go to bed. While getting to the church on time is much harder when the time change comes in Spring, in the Fall, it's a lot easier. If you forget, you'll be VERY early...



...for our All Saints Day Reunion and Homecoming Festival Eucharist at 10 a.m. followed by a light lunch





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Mid Pentecost

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Trinity Prayer Cycle 10/3</i> Mary Tolbert, Ann Zulkosky; <i>10/10</i> Jake, Joanne, Nicole and Greg Armstrong; <i>10/14</i> Kathy, Kevin, Alexandra and Jonathan Ayres; <i>10/24</i> Ralph, Bonnie, Rose, Jeffrey, Chris and Justin Bailey; <i>10/31</i> Patrick and Barbara Barry; Mike, Shelley and Justin Barry.</p>						
<p>3 Pentecost 18 (Proper 22) 9:45 Church School 10:00 Holy Eucharist I 11:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>4 Francis of Assisi</p>	<p>5 <i>Carla Ross</i> <i>Melanie Wood</i></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 <i>Kathy Patterson Ayres</i></p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 The Bridge's Giant Bake Sale 8 a.m. at K-Mart Bishop's School, Grace, Kingston</p>
<p>10 Pentecost 19 (Proper 23) 9:45 Church School 10:00 Morning Prayer II 11:00 Coffee Hour "Undies Sunday" <i>Scott Armstrong</i> <i>Brandon Hunsinger</i></p>	<p>11 <i>John Bubniak</i></p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 <i>Diocesan Convention, Bethlehem</i></p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 Pentecost 20 (Proper 24) Vestry Meets 9:45 Church School 10:00 Holy Eucharist I 11:00 Coffee Hour <i>Tom & Kathie Manerul '87</i></p>	<p>18 St. Luke the Evangelist</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 <i>Meredith Beck Mentzel</i></p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 St. James of Jerusalem</p>
<p>24 Pentecost 21 (Proper 25) 9:45 Church School 10:00 Holy Eucharist I 11:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>25 <i>Fanna Proper</i></p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 <i>Emily Kelley</i></p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Bishop's School, Grace, Kingston FALL BACK <i>Don Barton</i></p>
<p><i>Anglicans Around the World 10/3</i> The Church of Tanzania, The Most Rev. Donald Leo Mtememela, archbishop; <i>10/10</i> The Church of the Province of Uganda, The Most Rev. Henry Lutkej Orombi, primate; <i>10/17</i> The Episcopal Church of the United States, The Most Rev. Frank Tracy Griswold, presiding bishop; <i>10/24</i> The Church of Wales, The Most Rev. Barry Cennydd Morgan, archbishop; <i>10/31</i> The Church of West Africa, The Most Rev. Justice Ofei Akrofi, archbishop.</p>						
<p>Next Weekend is Happening! for youth grades 9-12</p>						

Home Communion

It's often hard for some of us to get out on Sunday mornings. As winter weather approaches it can be even more difficult. Fr. Ned or Trula are happy to come visit you and bring you communion after church on Sunday, or when it's convenient for you. Please call the office at 888-5715 to arrange a visit.

The Bridge Needs Help

Did you miss the bake sale on October 9th? You can still help. The Bridge, which is a cooperative outreach to the poor, hungry and homeless in our area, is on "Yellow Alert," which means that funds are low. As winter approaches and people need more help with power and heating bills, it's important that the funds be there. Any time you wish, you may write a check to Trinity and place "The Bridge" on the *for* line, or put cash in an envelope marked "The Bridge."

Coffee Hour Hosts

Sign up to host a coffee hour at 11 on Sundays. There's a clipboard in the parish hall kitchen. Pick up a coffee cake or donuts and share them with us. Coffee will be made already, all you need to do is set out the food. Plenty of folks will be around to help you clean up. And Thanks! Coffee hour is a good time for all.

Get connected

Point your browser to <http://trinityathens.baka.com> for our calendar, pictures and a .pdf version of our newsletter.

Point your browser to www.diobeth.org to read a wealth of articles, sermons and news. You can join the diocesan mailing news list or interactive discussion, or check links to many sites with wonderful information.... from the Daily Office to the worldwide Anglican Communion.

Episcopalian Decalogue

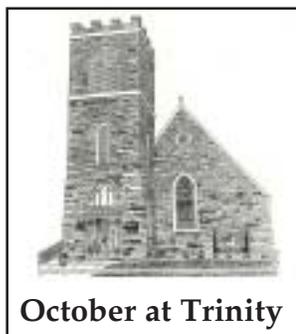
(Robin Williams' top ten reasons for being an Episcopalian)

10. No snake handling.
9. You can believe in dinosaurs.
8. Male and female, God created them; male and female, we ordain them.
7. You don't have to check your brains at the door
6. Pew aerobics
5. Church year is color coded!
4. Free wine on Sunday
3. All of the pageantry, none of the guilt
2. You don't have to know how to swim to get baptized.

And the number one reason for being an Episcopalian:

1. No matter what you believe, there's bound to be at least one other Episcopalian who agrees with you.

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