

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Laying the Groundwork for a New Direction

“The goal of Groundwork is to encourage personal and congregational transformation, to ask congregational members and leaders to dig deeply into the soil of their mission and context to do serious and joyful learning about evangelism, invitation, and welcome”

During the Wednesdays in Lent a group has been meeting to begin to lay the foundation for what will eventually become our evangelism committee. Using the Groundwork program as a basis, they’ve studied the week’s scripture readings with special emphasis on what we might learn about reaching out and sharing.

Another resource has been “All Doors Open,” a practical look at what’s reasonable and what’s not in inviting people into the church ... and in helping them find a reason to stay.

This Fall the national church will debut an advertising campaign to coincide with back to school time. Our diocese has made a commitment to take part, and Trinity has joined in as well. While the ads are being produced nationally, they will air locally and people will begin looking at churches in their own neighborhoods.

Welcoming people into the church is something each one of us needs to do. “It has to be all of us and it’s for our spiritual health, not for survival, not for paying the bills,” says Trula Hollywood, who is coordinating the group sessions, “it is about being Jesus to the world.”

“It’s a big job, and we have a great deal of enthusiasm!” she adds.

Consider attending the Wednesday meetings, throughout Lent at 7:00.

For more information on Groundwork, go to www.ecusa.anglican.org/groundwork.htm. To see commercials that have already been tested, www.comeandgrow.org.

Parish Potluck serves up great food and Great Ideas

Everything from a spiral ham to chocolate cake graced the tables at the Parish Hall on March 6 when about 25 of us gathered to take a look at Trinity’s future. Trula began with a presentation called, “Rock this Church,” which called each of to look at our gifts and see where God might be leading us in sharing the ministry of Trinity.

For instance, we are fortunate to have a licensed lay preacher in our midst; we had two people volunteer to visit the sick, another to help with music, another to be the handyman, another to take over making sure the Parish Hall is stocked and organized and so on.

This is just the very beginning of the process; in the months ahead we’ll begin to develop a yearly calendar of what it takes to be ... and run a church, even our small one.

Think about your own gifts and listen to where God is calling you to help.

Helping Others

The American Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to work in the Patient Resource Office in Guthrie Clinic in Sayre. Volunteers would be responsible for registering patients for access to services provided by the American Cancer Society. For more information, please contact Tara Gordon at 1-888-227-5445. Or you may email her at: tara.gordon@cancer.org

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Are you listed? Check the pages on the back table in the church and, if not, please do add yourself, spouse and children.

Tax Time

For those of you who itemize, you may want to have the bottom of your pledge statement stamped with those wonderful words about charities that the IRS requires. Call the office (888-5715) if you need your statement stamped.

Food Pantry

Please remember that the first Sunday of each month is Food Pantry Sunday. Please bring nonperishable foods in unbreakable packaging and place them in the basket at the back of the church.

Rector's Discretionary Fund

Also on the first Sunday of the month any offering that is not designated as a pledge goes into the RDF. Over the past year funds have helped a prisoner, a battered woman, a patient with no place to go and others. Historically, it's purchased acolyte robes, housed the homeless, paid camping fees for young people, bought gas for the stranded. In other words, it is for those who are marginalized, exactly the people that Jesus spent his time with.

...as you did to the least of these, so you did unto me

Home Communion

It's often hard for some of us to get to church on Sundays. In winter, it can be even more difficult. Fr. Ned, Trula or Carla 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.

Diocesan Training Day, March 19

Held yearly at St. Stephen's in Wilkes-Barre, this even offers a wealth of workshops and a chance to talk to people from other parishes. There is a description in this month's *Diocesan Life*.

Participants may choose two workshops; there is a midday Eucharist followed by lunch. Here's a sample of the workshops:

- ◆ Vestry (Bishop Paul)
- ◆ Clown Ministry: Another sort of Evangelism
- ◆ Be a Welcoming Congregation
- ◆ How to Develop a Mission Statement ... and make it come alive in your congregation
- ◆ Spiritual Gifts
- ◆ St. Matthew Society
- ◆ Financial Management and Internal Controls
- ◆ Orientation to *groundwork*
- ◆ The Dance of Evangelism: Hospitality and Witness in Today's world
- ◆ Stewardship is Part of our Spiritual Development
- ◆ Preaching and Evangelism (Bishop Paul)


Registration forms are available at www.diobeth.org and at the church office. Registration deadline is March 12.

The workshop runs from 9:30 to 2:45; the fee is \$15, which covers lunch and materials.



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Lent
Easter

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Trinity Prayer Cycle</i> 3/6 Mark, Trula and Keith Hollywood 3/13 Matt and Caden Hollywood, Jerilyn Park and Gage Streeter 3/20 Carolyn Hooper, Shirley Huminik 3/27 Chris, Heather, Adam and Brandon Hunsinger		1	2	3	4 <i>Greg Lake</i>	5 Bishop's School, St. Anne's, Trexlertown <i>Trula Hollywood Ray Bresett</i>
6 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:15 Church School 9:30 Holy Eucharist I 10:45 Parish Potluck <i>Laura Smith Evelyn Gurney Forbes</i>	7 <i>Elizabeth Pashley</i>	8 <i>Bonnie Bailey</i>	9	10 <i>Beverly Barton Jan Beck Jack Forbes Gage Streeter</i>	11	12 <i>JoAnn Armstrong</i>
13 Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:15 Church School 9:30 Holy Eucharist I 10:30 Coffee Hour <i>Barbara Caum Keith Hollywood</i>	14	15 <i>Jeff Hunt</i>	16	17	18 <i>Mike Barry</i>	19 St. Joseph Diocesan Training Day <i>Mary Tolbert</i>
20 Sunday of the Passion -----Vestry Meets----- 9:15 Church School 9:30 Holy Eucharist I 10:30 Coffee Hour <i>Peter Cama</i>	21 <i>Rick Bubniak</i>	22	23	24 Maundy Thursday 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar <i>William Wood</i>	25 Good Friday 7 p.m. Liturgy for Good Friday (3:05 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Church of the Redeemer)	26 Holy Saturday 7 p.m. The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter 8:30 Easter Bash, Rectory
27 Easter Day 9:15 Church School 9:30 Holy Eucharist II 10:30 Coffee Hour <i>Robert Bean, Mary Ann Burke</i>	28 <i>Mary Beth Paul Jeanne Ewing</i>	29 <i>Joe & Laura Cama's 25th anniversary</i>	30	31	Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, April 3. Set your clock ahead one hour Saturday night. 	

11:00 MaundyThursday>>>
 Chrism Mass and Renewal of Ordination Vows, St. Stephen's, Wilkes-Barre

Anglicans Around the World 3/6 The Diocese of Matabeleland (Central Africa); 3/13 The Diocese of Medak (South India); 3/20 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; 3/27 Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Kajo Keji, 3/6 The Congregation at Magburu; 3/13 Refugee Camp, Adjumani; 3/20 St. James Refugee Congregation, Kampalla; 3/27 The Romogi Archdeaconry

Diocesan Prayer Cycle 3/6 Church of the Redeemer, Sayre, Benjamin L. Lentz, rector; Lawrence Holman, Deacon; The Episcopal Churchwomen, Diocese of Bethlehem, Marlene Hartshorne, president 3/13 Calvary, Tamaqua, The Rev. Rob Gildersleeve; 3/20 St. James & St. George, Jermyn, Paul Meglathery, priest-in-charge; 3/20 St. Mark's, Moscow, Earl Trygar, rector; St. Mark's, New Milford, Carol Horton, rector; 3/27 Grace, Allentown, Patrick Malloy, rector; Grace, Honesdale, F. Graham Cliff, rector

Holy Week and Easter

Sunday, March 20

**The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
Blessing of the Palms begins at 9:30 a.m.**

Thursday, March 24

Maundy Thursday

**Chrism Mass and Renewal of Ordination Vows
St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, 11:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar, Trinity, 7:00 p.m.**

Friday, March 25

Good Friday

**Stations of the Cross, Redeemer 3:05 p.m.
Liturgy for Good Friday, Trinity, 7:00 p.m.**

Saturday, March 26

Holy Saturday

**Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter, 7:00 p.m.
Easter Bash, Rectory, following the service**

Sunday, March 27

**Sunday of the Resurrection, Easter Day
Festival Eucharist, 9:30 a.m.**

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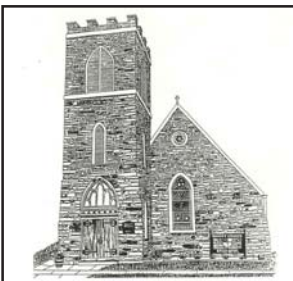
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March at Trinity

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