

# Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Easter - April - 2005

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## Greetings!

It is now Easter season and (I believe) I saw on the calendar someday in March, a new season of spring was to have started. That I'm having some doubts about.

Either way, our long awaited Easter season is a wonderful time for new beginnings. And this year we are going to experience new beginnings.

Trinity, the building, has already gotten its "face lift". The work has been done on the church to preserve its beauty and its functionality. The bell tower will hold our bell up for many, many more years. The bracing and the foundation will do the same for the structure itself.

Trinity, the people of God, are working on their "face lift", as well. Our Lenten season was spent considering our future in a much different way than we have other years. The Wednesday Lenten study did the "groundwork" for our evangelism plan. The potluck dinner presentation, entitled "Rock this Church" instigated some thoughts about our gifts and ideas to revitalize and maintain ourselves and to serve others in the community. And finally, the vestry has begun to seriously consider their role in evangelism.

We have heard much about this word that has been a "dirty" word in the past. Certainly, if someone on the street was "preaching" evangelism, most of us would cross to the other side. Evangelism is something we must do.

Why? Because it is our charge to reach out to those who are thirsting for hope, love and meaning in their lives. Evangelism is not about increasing the roles or making sure we get our bills paid. Evangelism is about all of us. It's about action. There are expectations and responsibilities we have as Christians to present the Good news of Christ to the entire community.

I was thrilled with the enthusiasm when discussion started about evangelism and about parish development. There were ideas and with the ideas, volunteers! Imagine that!

With the Easter Vigil, Lent ended. We now move into a season of joy and expectations of new things to come. We've been waiting, we've been listening for our call, we've been praying, thinking and talking. This Easter season we will actively open our hearts and everything else we have been given to receive all that Jesus Christ has to offer. We will actively pray to use all our gifts to perform the tasks we are created to perform. We will find ways to do outreach to meet the needs of those in our community.

And we will praise God in thanksgiving for all we have been given. There is much to come, I believe we the people of Trinity should expect a very interesting year!

God's Peace,

Trula

What does it take to run a church? Well, other than total commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ, there are nuts and bolts. The list is a work in progress: there's a great deal to be added; help us fill in the missing tasks.

#### **At any time:**

Office supplies  
Registrations for diocesan events  
Subscriptions (Episcopal/Diocesan Life)  
Upkeep on copier  
Fire extinguisher check up  
Parish hall supplies: Paper products, coffee, cups, plates, etc.  
Updating mailing lists and family information  
Entering events into parish registry  
Note: The church does not have its own computer or internet access

#### **For Sundays**

Sermon  
Hymns  
Prayers of the People  
Altar Guild, including supplies of bread and wine  
Ongoing order for lectionary inserts  
Turning up the heat in the church  
Arranging the hymn board  
Bulletin and inserts ... announcements, copying, folding  
Making Coffee  
Turning up the heat in the parish hall  
Child Care  
Church School  
Unlocking the buildings on Sunday morning  
Coffee Hour host  
Locking up afterward  
Home Communion or visits to homebound or hospitalized parishioners

#### **Monthly**

Newsletter:  
Parish cycle of prayer  
Servers' schedule  
Calendar .. birthdays, anniversaries, holy days, special events  
A column that folks may actually read  
Parish news  
90 copies  
Address labels, Stamps  
Folding, sealing, affixing labels  
Converting newsletter to pdf and emailing to those who choose not to have a paper copy  
Posting the newsletter on the web site  
Web site update: calendar, cycles of prayer  
Payroll, Bills  
Vestry Meetings: Financial reports  
Food pantry  
Replace light bulbs

#### **January**

Annual meeting:  
Must be announced in church and also by mail

Reports must be done by those responsible and collated into a booklet

Elections for Diocesan Delegate and alternate  
Vestry members  
Epiphany Pageant

#### **February**

Souper Bowl  
Ashes for Ash Wednesday  
Adult Lenten Series  
Parochial Report, due 3/1

#### **March**

Palms for Palm Sunday  
Order Easter Flowers  
Put out sign up sheet for flowers  
Special bulletins and music for Holy Week and Easter  
Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Great Vigil, Easter Day  
Lectionary inserts must be created for MT, GF and GV

#### **April**

May be Easter Season  
Remind Parish of Daylight savings time

#### **May**

Pentecost – baptisms  
Spring Cleanup and Garden planning, and planting

#### **June**

Trinity Sunday – picnic?  
Arrange for lawn mowing  
Gardening is weekly, watering

#### **July**

A bit of down time  
Gardening, watering

#### **August**

Plan for Fall  
Church School opening party, curriculum, teachers  
Arrange for child care

#### **September**

Church School begins

#### **October**

Arrange for snow removal  
Remind parish of Standard time change

#### **November**

Advent plans, order candles  
Joint Thanksgiving service  
Every member canvass or Pledge Sunday

#### **December**

Order Christmas Flowers  
Greening of the Church  
Choir. Caroling party  
Plan for Epiphany pageant  
Arrange for shut-ins to have communion



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Easter

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Trinity Prayer Cycle</i> 4/3 Hazel, Ron and Jeff Hunt 4/10 Charles Jackson, Ruby Jenney 4/17 Paul and Emily Kelley, Marcel and Donna Lamb 4/24 Tom, Kathe, Michael, Alex, Elizabeth and Patrick Maneval</p>			<p><b>Daylight Savings</b> Time begins Sunday Set your clock ahead one hour Saturday night.</p>		<p>1</p> 	<p>2 Bishop's School, St. Anne's, Trexlertown</p> <p><b>Spring Forward!</b></p>
<p><b>3 Easter 2</b> 9:15 Church School 9:30 Holy Eucharist II 10:30 Coffee Hour</p>	<p><b>4 The Annunciation</b> <i>transferred from 3/25</i></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6  <i>Sarah Catlin</i></p>	<p>7 Community Meal, Waverly Methodist Church  <i>Jan Beck, Jr. Kelly Murray</i></p>	<p>8</p>	<p>12</p>
<p><b>10 Easter 3</b> 9:15 Church School 9:30 Holy Eucharist II 10:30 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>11  <i>Rachel Cama-Lekx</i></p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13  <i>Dianne Catlin</i></p>	<p>14  <i>John Gurney</i></p>	<p>15  <i>David Bean</i></p>	<p>16 Bishop's School, St. Anne's, Trexlertown</p>
<p><b>17 Easter 4</b> -----Vestry Meets----- 9:15 Church School 9:30 Holy Eucharist II 10:30 Coffee Hour <i>Catherine Gurney Stanley</i></p>	<p>18</p>	<p><b>19 Kajo Keji Presentation</b> Christ Church Towanda 7 pm. Bishop Paul &amp; Diana Marshall <i>Jim Patterson Stephen Paul</i></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p><b>24 Easter 5</b> 9:15 Church School 9:30 Holy Eucharist II 10:30 Coffee Hour 3:00 Music for Two Pianos Church of the Redeemer</p>	<p><b>25 St. Mark</b></p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Bishop's School, Trexlertown</p> <p>Episcopal Fear Factor Evangelism Webcast <i>Mark Hollywood</i></p>
<p><i>Anglicans Around the World</i> 4/3 The Diocese of Monmouth (Wales); 4/10 The Diocese of Mount Kenya South; 4/17 The Diocese of Mumbai (North India); 4/24 The Diocese of Nambale (Kenya).</p>		<p><i>Kajo Keji</i>, 4/3 The Congregation at Kimu; 4/10 The Congregation at Lobale; 4/17 Amazing Grace Orphanage; 4/24 The Congregation at Mogiri.</p>		<p><i>Diocesan Prayer Cycle</i> 4/3 St. Mark's/St. John's, Jim Thorpe, William Diehm, S.W.; St. John's, Hamlin, Edward Erb, rector; 4/10 Grace, Kingston, Goeffrey Howson, rector; St. Peter's, Hazleton, Jeffrey Funk, rector; 4/17 Trinity and St. Philip's, Lansford, Robert Wellner, priest; 4/24 St. Stephen's Pro Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, Charles Parthum, interim.</p>		<p><b>Next Month:</b> <b>Pentecost May 15</b> <b>Trinity Sunday May 22</b></p>

## Music for Two Pianos

For the 8th year, Katherine Allen and Charlotte Cook will combine their considerable talents in a concert on Sunday, April 24 at 3 p.m. at the Church of the Redeemer.

This year's program has something for everyone:

Sonatina, Op.36, No. 5 - Clementi  
 Romance - Rachmaninoff  
 Memories of Childhood - Pinto  
 "Adagio" from *Moonlight Sonata* - Beethoven  
 "Malaguena" from the *Spanish Suite* - Lecuona  
 By Strauss - George & Ira Gershwin  
 Variation on a Theme by Beethoven - Saint-Saens  
 Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini - Rachmaninoff  
 Lord of the Dance - arr. Ramsey  
 Two Contemporary Hymn Settings  
     Shine on Us - Smith  
     Shine, Jesus, Shine - Kendrick  
 How Great Thou Art - Hine  
 Suite from the Nutcracker Ballet - Tchaikovsky  
     Russian Dance  
     Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies  
     Waltz of the Flowers

There is no charge for the concert is free but you may make a free will offering.

## .... I'd have baked a cake

The Bridge is responsible for the community meal at the Waverly Methodist Church on April 7.

Donations of cakes are needed. If you are able to bake your special cake for the meal, please contact Renee Langan at 888-1297

## 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.

## Kajo-Keji Presentations

Bishop Paul and Diana Marshall are traveling throughout the diocese with a presentation on their mission visit to the Diocese of Kajo Keji in Southern Sudan. It includes pictures, movies and sound as well as their personal reflections. The closest one for us is at Christ Church, Towanda on April 24 at 7 p.m.

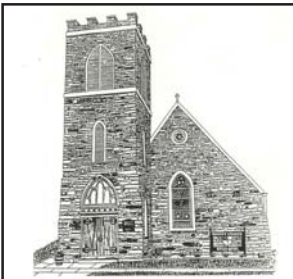
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## The Episcopal Fear Factor - a Webcast on Evangelism - April 19

10 a.m. sponsored by the Diocese of Texas and Trinity Church Wall Street, will be available for on-demand viewing afterward. More information at [http://www.trinitywallstreet.org/news/article\\_457.shtml](http://www.trinitywallstreet.org/news/article_457.shtml).

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