

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Greetings,

It's been a busy fall at Trinity. There have been some changes made, albeit slight changes, but we are showing signs of tender loving care, both with the building and the people.

The lights are fixed in the front of the church and help people to see the church all day and night long. Of course, since the lights were fixed, the wear and neglect of the front doors was obvious. There's a new coat of stain and between the rain drops, the doors are getting some coats of varnish.

There are the beginnings of a soft space in the back of the church. It was clear how welcome this area makes the children feel last week when toddlers smiled at the space meant just for them.

We have a lovely young woman playing the piano for us, Hana Henty, whose talents are amazing. We see other young people "popping in" for the service now and then, as well. We need to get their attention so they pop in more often. The energy in the church is significantly increased with their presence.

We expect to see many people and critters at the Blessing of the Animals. This fall has certainly been busy.

Bishop Marshall has formally approved my appointment as the Rector for Trinity.

At the potluck dinner next week, there will be a special presentation, by the *new* rector. It will be lively and informative.

Keep in mind the "lively" part. This equals "fun". Yup, fun at a potluck. Who'd have thought? Invite friends and family to the dinner. Trinity never lacks for plenty of good food when we throw a party.

For the last several weeks, the sermons have focused on our call in ministry. As the disciples in our Gospel readings struggle to understand the message of true servanthood, Jesus is telling us that we all have a call to serve.

There are so many opportunities to become a true disciple. The little ones, the marginalized, the suffering, the hungry, the poor and the lonely are described as God's own. We can "meet God" in our interface with the people who need us.

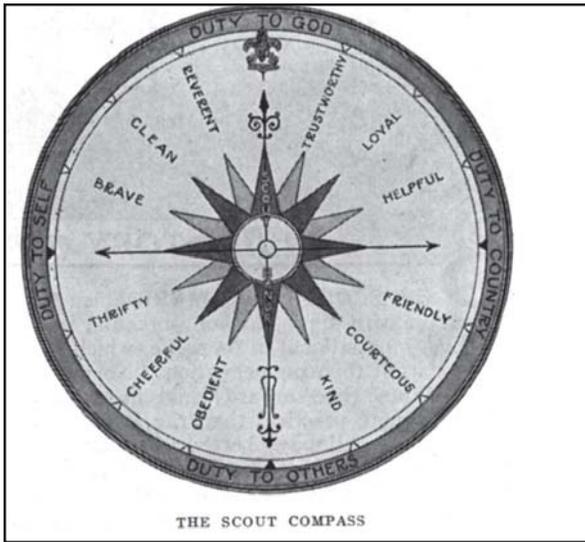
We can bring God to others and have an obligation to do exactly that and no less.

Please remember the Gospels this fall and as we go into the winter season. Actions speak louder than words. Is this not the message?

We may be small as a congregation but we are powerful in the love we have for others. Acting on that love and taking it to our community is called Evangelism.

Let's get at it.

Mother Trula



Two Boy Scouts, Chris Bailey and Fran Magurno, are participating in the *God and Church* Program. This program is designed to help young people grow in to their understanding of the Christian Faith. The goals are to help young people strengthen their relationship in Christ and to learn about and participate in the worship and ministry of the church. Chris is the son of Alden Chapman and Bonnie Bailey. Fran is the son of Jim and Tina Magurno. The Rector is serving as a mentor weekly for this program. There will be an awards ceremony held at Trinity once the program is successfully completed.

ECW "Undies" Project

From now through October 11, you are encouraged to donate **new** undershirts, socks, briefs or boxers, panties and sweatpants for children, size 2 to 16.

We will send one set to Convention and the rest will be distributed locally for children at risk.

The Via Media

The middle way is Anglicanism's great strength. It came out of the reformation when Queen Elizabeth needed to bring together two very different ends of the Christian spectrum. She had to find a place for the Church of England to stand somewhere between the Catholics on one end and the Protestants on the other. The agreement came to be known as the Anglican Compromise, or "Via Media" the middle way. Anglican Bishop Michael Marshall, director of the Anglican Institute, outlines ten classic characteristics of the "Via Media."

1. It is universal and local.
2. The Anglican Church enjoys dispersed rather than central authority.
3. Anglicanism takes Creation and its preservation very seriously.
4. In ethics and morals it is Pastoral and Sacramental.
5. Anglicanism is structured and yet free, held together by creative tensions.
6. Our Church demonstrates diversity in unity and minimizes what you *must* believe while maximizing what you may believe.
7. It is provisional (on a journey, but not yet arrived.)
8. Anglicanism is incarnational and embraces the priesthood of all believers.
9. It has a strong sense of Kingdom Theology and a vision of God as mystery.

According to Bishop Marshall, there are three types of Christians

- Those who want the King without the Kingdom
- Those who want the Kingdom without the King
- Those who believe that Church is already a Kingdom

The "via media," the middle road of Anglicanism is not a position, a stance, not a political system, but a way, a path, a road -- a journey with Christ. It has nothing to do with mediocrity, shabby compromise, being lukewarm or belonging to a particular group or party. It is about authentic discipleship. It is about apologetics, evangelism and spirituality.

By Rosemary Randall
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Pentecost

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pentecost 17 - Proper 21 9:00 Holy Eucharist II and Blessing of the Animals Coffee Hour <i>Chris & Heather Hunsinger</i>	2 <i>Tyler Smith</i>	3 	4 	5 <i>Carla Ross Melanie Wood</i>	6 <i>Audrey Lauren Clare</i>	7 St. Paul's, Wellsboro's Annual Antique Sale, 10 -4 4 - Bubniak Wedding <i>Kathy Patterson Ayres</i>
8 Pentecost 18 - Proper 12 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour 5 p.m. Harvest Potluck Dinner, Parish Hall	9 	10 <i>Brandon Hunsinger Scott Armstrong</i>	11 <i>John Bubniak</i>	12 	13 Diocesan Convention, Bethlehem <i>Meredith Beck Mentzel</i>	14
15 Pentecost 19 - Proper 23 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour Finance Committee	16 	17 <i>Tom & Kathe Maneval</i>	18 St. Luke the Evangelist 	19 	20 	21 4:00 Chemung Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists visit Trinity
22 Pentecost 20 - Proper 24 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour ----Vestry Meets ----- <i>Bob & Barbara Bean</i>	23 	24 	25 <i>Fanna Proper</i>	26 	27 	28 St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles
29 Pentecost 21 - Proper 25 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	30 <i>Don Barton</i>	31 	Trinity Prayer Cycle 10/1 Charles and Virginia Ford 10/8 Robert and Marguerite Franks 10/15 George and Ingrid Garver 10/22 Dan and Marnie Gerhart 10/29 Ed Gilbert, Barry Goldsmith		Holy God, your Son called us to wrap the whole world in your saving embrace. By your Holy Spirit, give us compassion, purpose and energy to invite into your Church <i>those who do not yet know the transforming power of your love.</i> We ask this through him who has brought us from darkness to light, your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.	
Anglicans Around the World 10/1 The Province of Uganda; 10/8 The Episcopal Church, USA, Frank Griswold and Katharine Jefferts Schori; 10/15 The Church in Wales; 10/22 The Church of the Province of West Africa; 10/29 The Church in the Province of the West Indies.		Diocesan Prayer Cycle 10/1 St. Mary's, Pen Argyl, St. Joseph's, West Bangor, Patricia MacMillan; 10/8 The congregations of the diocese meeting in Convention Oct. 13 and 14; 10/15 St. Anne's, Trexlertown, Michael Piovane, Judith Snyder, Sally Dover; 10/22 St. Luke's, Lebanon, Terry Wible; 10/2 St. Luke's, Scranton, Robert Cudworth, SW			Kajo Keji 10/1 The Keyo Refugee Camp; 10/8 Canon Beniah Poggo Bible College; 10/15 The Esia Refugee Camp 10/22 The Kolidi Refugee Camp; 10/29 The Aliwara Refugee Camp.	

Plan Ahead

October 8 - Harvest Dinner Parish Potluck, 5 p.m. Make (or purchase) your favorite dish, gather up family and friends and bring everything to the Parish Hall. Food shared is always a good thing.

October 15 - Finance Committee

October 21 - Chemung Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists visit, 4 to 4:30. They are stopping at Trinity as part of a tour of historic organs and will be looking into and playing our Hook & Hastings tracker. We are all welcome to be there. We'll have more details closer to the time for those of you who might be interested in the entire tour.

October 22 - Vestry Meets

Sign up to host a coffee hour!

Coffee is made for you, just bring something to share after the service ... coffeecake, fruit, cheese, crackers, whatever you'd like. We're very easy to please!

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. Thank you, Pat Gurney for delivering our donations.

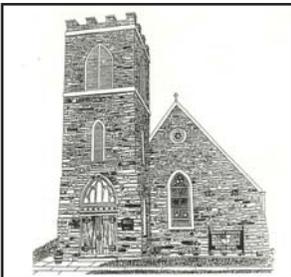
Rector's Discretionary Fund

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

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