

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Epiphany - Lent - February, 2007

Greetings,

What's on your mind? That's the question of the day. I've been Rector at Trinity for several months now and realize that I have heard from very few of you about what you think about your church.

You listen to me every Sunday. You read this column to find out what I think, but I'm not all that sure what you all think.

The ability to communicate in a variety of different ways is one of the greatest gifts we possess. Without good communication, we can't go forward. Unfortunately, for one reason or another, we either choose not to or are unable to manage to communicate. Some of us blame time and some blame the person on the other end of the cup and string. The reality is it takes effort to make communication occur.

So, I will begin. As they say, if you build it, they will come.

Communication can be risky. Communicating what we think and who we truly are is not always easy.

We often think that if we tell someone else what we think, that person may think differently of us.

That's true, but in my opinion, the need to grow as a community outweighs the danger of taking that risk.

I believe that anyone who has the courage to communicate what they truly feel and think is an individual who cares about the future of Trinity.

Last week, we had the annual meeting. As I watched us work together, I had this feeling there was more there, in your hearts and minds, that was not coming to the table.

The one thing you will learn as I continue as your Rector, is that I like to have the cards out on the table. My approach is to deal with issues head on and not let things smolder.

I am drafting a letter/survey to each parishioner to give you an opportunity to let me know what it is that's on your mind. You should receive it in the mail this month.

The purpose of this exercise is to begin a flow of communication, to help us develop a relationship, as I will follow up on each and every response, and for you to help me understand each of your concerns.

I will also follow up with people who don't respond. A member of the vestry or I will call to discuss any concerns you may have with you. No response can be a communication that evokes some concern in itself.

Starting the new year out with a positive approach toward making communication happen is a priority for me. Please make yourself available to share in this experience.

God's Peace, Mother Trula

Trinity's Annual Meeting was January 28

As usual, the food was amazingly good. The table was full and the chairs were also; it was a good turnout.

Highlights:

~ Upon recommendation of the vestry, we voted to change our bylaws to require a minimum of seven vestry members instead of nine.

~ Beginning next month there will be a financial overview published in the monthly newsletter.

~ The parish hall and kitchen have been designated a smoke free area, which will make it more comfortable and welcoming to everyone.

Tiger Cubs at Trinity



The parish hall is being used two Sunday evenings a month for Tiger Cub meetings. The boys who belong to this troop are in the first grade and have been working with Mother Trula as Den

Leader. The Tiger Cubs are Chris Keefer, Matthew D'Ortano, Brandon Hunsinger, Connor Simpson, Jonathan Daley, and Dustin Patton. They have earned their Bobcat badge by learning the words and the meaning of their Cub Scout motto and promise. They are also learning about some of the cub scouting core values such as citizenship, compassion and cooperation. Each cub scout comes to the meetings, which are held on the second and fourth Sunday night each month, with an adult partner who helps them with their projects and guides them through the achievement activities. It has been great fun for the boys, the parents and the rector.

Share your stories of faith

The Washington Post is inviting readers to share their stories of spirituality (400 words or less) -- "a time of crisis that tested your faith, the person who most influenced your belief, or a life-changing event that shaped your spiritual identity. When has your faith helped you forge a connection with a stranger? How did you worship when you were a child? You can read some of the stories online. Go to www.washingtonpost.com and type my faith into the search box.

Diocesan ECW raised \$20,000 for Kajo Keji ministries through presentations of Sudanese crafts

Since October 2004, our diocesan Episcopal Church Women have raised some \$20,000 through their sale of crafts made by the Mothers' Union of the Diocese of Kajo Keji in southern Sudan. That includes a recent transfer of \$5,706, according to the diocesan World Mission committee.

All proceeds, not simply the profit, support the Mothers' Union ministry with orphans and widows as well as their vocational education projects such as sewing classes that include dress making and embroidery. Hefty postal costs have been offset by additional contributions.

The Mothers' Union is the counterpart to ECW in many parts of the Anglican Communion.

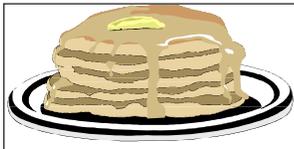
The artistic renderings have been shown at diocesan conventions, parish forums and fall and holiday craft shows. They include finely woven baskets of millet, palm leaves and split bamboo (all renewable sources, ecologically speaking) and small carved pieces.

Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent begin on February 21. So, that means a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday) at 6 in the parish hall. Pancakes are the traditional meal as we clean all the "fat" out of the house to begin Lent. We'll also serve sausage, eggs, juice, milk, coffee and applesauce. Come and bring your appetite!



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Epiphany
Lent

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Trinity Prayer Cycle 2/4 James and Mary Patterson, Andy Patterson 2/11 Stephen, Mary Beth, Chandler & Savannah Paul 2/18 Fanna Proper, Carla Ross 2/25 Tom, Lori, Derek and Lauren Pruyne		 Shrove Tuesday is February 20		1	2 The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple	3
4 Epiphany 5 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Stephen & Mary Beth Paul</i>	5 <i>Jonathan Ayres Alexandra Ayres</i>	6	7	8	9	10
11 Epiphany 6 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour	12	13	14	15 <i>Stacey Coston</i>	16	17
18 Last Epiphany 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour ----Vestry Meets ----- <i>Virginia Bostwick</i>	19	20 Shrove Tuesday 6 p.m. Pancake Supper, Parish Hall	21 Ash Wednesday 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes	22	23 <i>Adam Hunsinger</i>	24 St. Matthias the Apostle
25 1st Sunday in Lent 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour	26	27	28 Inquirer's Class, 7 p.m.	 Ash Wednesday - February 21 Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes 7 p.m.		
Anglicans Around the World 2/4 The Diocese of Marathwada in North India; 2/11 The Diocese of Masindi-Kitara in Uganda; 2/18 The Diocese of Mbaise (Province of Owerri) in Nigeria; 2/25 The Anglican Church of the Province of Mexico.		Diocesan Prayer Cycle 2/4 St. Brigid's, Nazareth, The Very Rev. William Schenkel, priest-in-charge; 2/11 Prince of Peace, Dallas, the Rev. Peter Harer, rector; 2/18 St. Gabriel's, Douglassville, Canon Calvin Adams, rector; 2/25 St. George's, Nanticoke, The Rev. Henry Pease, priest-in-charge.			Kajo Keji, 2/4 The Congregation of Magburu and the Refugee Camp, Adjumani; 2/11 St. James Refugee Congregation; 2/18 The Romogi Archdeaconry; 2/25 The congregation of Kimu	

February at a glance

February 4 - Souperbowl Sunday

February 18 - Vestry Meets

February 20 - Pancake Supper, 6 p.m.

February 21 - Ash Wednesday - Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes, 7 p.m.

February 28 - Inquirer's Class, 7 p.m.

Fr. Ned

As most of you know, Fr. Ben Lentz retired at the end of January. Diocesan policy calls for a supply priest for one month before the church calls an Interim, who serves during their search process.

During the month of February, Fr. Ned will serve as the supply priest at the Church of the Redeemer. While we will not see him at our Sunday worship, we know that the people of Redeemer will enjoy his gentle wisdom and humor.

We'll welcome him back March 4.



Souperbowl Sunday

A national event which started as a local church youth group project, this is a great opportunity to feed the hungry. On February 4, put a

dollar in the soup pot for for each member of your family, or more, if you can. Your donation will be given to our local Food Pantry.

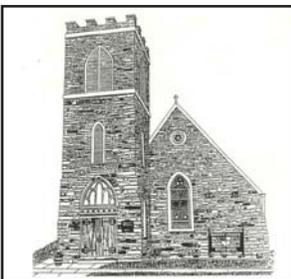
Inquirer's Class

Beginning Wednesday, February 28, we will begin a series of classes for those who wish to explore their faith and learn more about the Episcopal Church. This class will lead to confirmation for those who wish it or can be a time of growth and learning for those already confirmed. The class will be held on Wednesdays at 7 throughout Lent.

Don't forget to sign up to host a coffee hour!

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