

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Lent - March, 2007

Greetings,

All Christians are invited "to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." (BCP, p. 265)

This season of Lent is meant for us to slow down from the world as we experience it day to day and to begin to look at our self identity as Christians, how we use the gifts God has given us, and to determine where the excesses are in our lives.

It is not a small task, but one we need to take seriously, as we remember the sacrifices Jesus made for us.

A day should not go by that we don't take the time to pray and listen through the silence.

To get ourselves to the place where we truly know what we need to be doing with this precious life we've been given takes effort on our part.

We hear stories of it occurring, the voice from nowhere, as we're walking down the street, instructing, guiding and motivating us.

I know this happens, but I hope you're not waiting for this experience to just *happen* to you.

Waiting is not what God intended us to be doing. We need to set goals and move toward the goals. Moving toward a goal is important as long as we don't get sidetracked with the priorities of the secular world and as long as we don't become too busy to be still.

When we are still, we need to listen for the guidance, instruction and motivation.

As your priest, I must tell you that Trinity seems to be in a wait and see mode.

Wait and see what happens. Maybe someday a huge number of people will be drawn to our church. Maybe children and adolescents will suddenly become interested in what's going on at Trinity.

We have to stop waiting and start moving. We need everyone's effort to go forth. Prayer and self-examination needs to happen for the church as well as for individuals.

Trinity needs your thoughts and your energy. Trinity needs to serve the people in our community. We can attend to needs in our valley, there are certainly many.

Last month, I spoke of sending out a survey asking, "What do you think?"

This survey is included in this newsletter. I would like you to be honest about how you're feeling and what you're thinking. I would like you to be forthright and put your name on this survey.

It's important for us to trust each other and to begin this self examination process in order for us to move forward. Please feel free to contact me by phone, if this is more comfortable for you. Feel free to ask for a meeting. It will happen.

If you feel that you would rather discuss your thoughts with the Senior Warden, just ask.

Return your survey in any manner with which you are comfortable. You may mail it to the church or to my home or hand it to me personally.

However you decide to communicate, the most important thing is that you do it.

This is your chance. I ask that you take the time, pray about your role in this self examination process and your role in the long term plans for Trinity.

Gods Peace,
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Servers Schedule for March and April, 2007

Because of the extra paper in this month's newsletter, we're including the servers schedule here. If anyone would like to volunteer to read, be an acolyte or train to be a worship leader, please speak to Mother Trula or call the church office. Servers, if you need to make a change, please call.

	Lector	Worship Leader	Acolyte
March 4 (Lent II)	Don Barton	Barbara Caum	Barry Goldsmith
March 11 (Lent III)	Fanna Proper	Don Barton	sometimes assisted
March 18 (Lent IV)	Barbara Caum	John Schoonover	by Brandon Hunsinger
March 25 (Lent V)	Don Barton	Patricia Gurney	
April 1 (Palm Sunday)	John Schoonover	Barbara Caum	
April 5 (Maundy Thursday)	Don Barton	Patricia Gurney	
April 6 (Good Friday)	Fanna Proper	Don Barton	
April 7 (Great Vigil)	lessons TBA	John Schoonover	
April 8 (Easter Day)	Fanna Proper	Barbara Caum	
April 15 (Easter 2)	John Schoonover	Patricia Gurney	
April 22 (Easter 3)	Don Barton	Don Barton	
April 29 (Easter 4)	Barbara Caum	John Schoonover	

ONE - The Campaign to make poverty history

More than one billion of God's people live on less than one dollar each day. More than fifteen-thousand people die each day because of AIDS, tuberculosis, or malaria, all preventable diseases.

It doesn't have to be this way. The world holds in its hands the resources, strategies, and capabilities to eradicate extreme poverty. What's missing is the political will. That makes your participation, your voice, joining together as ONE with people around the world so important.

The ONE Campaign is a movement of Americans of all beliefs and every walk of life, united as ONE to help make poverty history. Join this historic campaign, as ONE by ONE we change the world.

WE COMMIT ourselves - one person, one voice, one vote at a time - to make a better, safer world for all.

The Millennium Development Goals

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are eight interrelated targets for the eradication of global poverty. More than 180 Countries, including the United States, have endorsed the MDGs and promised to direct resources toward their fulfillment.

- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- Achieve universal primary education
- Promote gender equality and empower women
- Reduce child Mortality
- Improve maternal health
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases
- Ensure environmental sustainability
- Develop a global partnership for development

Learn more at www.episcopalchurch.org/ONE

Trinity Episcopal Church, Athens

Parish Community Survey

Re-Imagine Your Church

This survey is meant to begin dialogue with you that may not otherwise occur, an “ice breaker,” if you will. I am asking that you open your mind and imagine Trinity in a place that will encourage growth and service to the community. Imagine Trinity as youthful and energetic. When you imagine this, create a vision of how we will get to this place. There are no quick fixes but there are certainly many ways of moving forward. Please feel free to think “out of the box” and be creative in your suggestions.

If you need additional surveys for other members of your household, they’ll be available in the church beginning March 4. Please return the surveys by March 18.

Please return this survey to me at either the church address (PO Box 9, Athens, PA 18810) or my home address. You also may feel free to bring it to church with you. I appreciate your cooperation with this survey and am hoping to be talking with you soon.

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1. Do you consider Trinity to be healthy in a spiritual sense? _____

Please explain:

2. What needs do you see in the local community?

3. What role do you think Trinity can play in meeting these needs?

4. Is there something you would like to do at/for your church?

5. What time/days would you like to see services offered?

6. Would you like to see more adult education? _____

7. In what form and on what schedule?

8. Can you help with youth education?

Please use the space below to communicate anything that you would like:

March at a glance

March 3 - Diocesan Training Day, St. Stephen's, Wilkes-Barre

March 7, 14, 21 and 28 - Inquirer's Class, 7 p.m.

March 10 - Set your clock one hour ahead; daylight savings time begins Sunday, the 11th

March 11 and 25 - Cub Scouts meet

March 13 - Evangelism Committee, 7 p.m.

March 18 - Vestry meets after coffee hour

March 29 - Chrism Mass, Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, 11 a.m.

Are you receiving *Diocesan Life* and *Episcopal Life*? If not, please let Barbara know. Our award-winning diocesan paper arrives wrapped around our national paper and is provided without cost by our diocese.

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

Inquirer's Class

... continues Wednesdays, at 7. This is 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 Episcopal Church in the news:

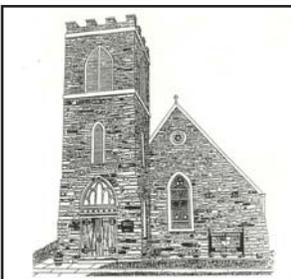
The Rev. Jan Nunley, Deputy Director for Communication of the national church has created a unique web space where you can access all the news about the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church and also find out what is truth and what is rumor. It's a wonderful resource:
www.episcopalchurch.typepad.com:80/episcope

Free at last

Just a reminder, all areas of the Parish Hall are now smoke free.

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