

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Early Pentecost - June - 2007

Greetings,

I am sitting on the back porch of a Bed & Breakfast in Rehoboth, Delaware as I write this. I just came from a beach where it was ninety degrees with a wonderful breeze.

Vacations are nice. After many years of truly not knowing how to relax, I think I've got it thoroughly figured out now.

There are times rest is necessary for us to refresh and, at times, to heal ourselves.

I used to believe that "down time" was wasted time. I now know this is not true.

Life is full of opportunities and down time is simply an opportunity.

"Down" time allows us to gather ourselves and examine opportunities to approach life with the zeal of the fullness of God.

There are times that the only way to allow the Holy Spirit to work through us is to get that "down time". There are many times throughout all of our lives that we wither and need refreshing.

I was having some conversations this week about the circle of life: discussions about where we begin and where we end up as we live our life.

I started to picture life as if it were a dance. Sometimes we dance slower than others. Sometimes we dance with rhythm and conviction and other times we are playful and easy going.

We live life engaged in a dance shared with others, a dance without beginning and without end.

We dance through life when everything seems to make sense; during the celebrations, during the transitions when we graduate from one phase of life and are ready to start another. We dance when we are thankful for what we've been given and proud of what we've done.

Our pace changes when we hear music of tragedy, when our usual way of coping has been kicked out from beneath us, and we feel without place and without purpose. But we get through the dance.

The Holy Spirit extends life to us, inviting us into the circle, drawing us into the dance no matter how clumsy we may be.

Some dance with grace and some are not so graceful. The saddest of all are not the dancers who lack ability or skill, but the many who never get up

at all, people who could dance but decide they will not.

Our life works the same way. A dance is going on. The Spirit is eager to help us move. We should not hesitate to accept others into our circle of life.

What finally matters is not how well we dance, but that we take a risk, get up, and go out on the floor; bring others along, enjoy all of the differences we have from one another and remember to rest.

Life is a joyful community dance. Let us bring others in to join us in our community.

Mother Trula



New York Times Op Ed, May 12, 2007

The Episcopal Church Marking a Milestone, Moving Forward

Somewhere near you, there's a blue-and-white sign bearing the familiar slogan: *The Episcopal Church Welcomes You*. It represents some 7,400 congregations that trace their beginnings in North America to a small but hopeful group of English Christians who arrived May 14, 1607 at a place they called Jamestown — the first permanent English settlement in the New World.

You may know us as Washington's monumental National Cathedral, site of historic services and ceremonies, or the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, still unfinished, but already the largest cathedral in the world.

But the Episcopal Church is also Boston's Old North Church, founded in 1723 and made famous by serving as the beacon for Paul Revere's revolution-spurring "midnight ride." And Philadelphia's Christ Church, home parish of 15 signers of the Declaration of Independence, host to the first General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 1785.

It's Trinity Parish on Wall Street in New York, formed in 1698, and St. Paul's Chapel just down the street, frequented by George Washington and the spiritual healing center of Ground Zero since September 11, 2001.

It's also Epiphany Church in Los Angeles, where Cesar Chavez rallied the United Farmworkers. And Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Cumberland, Maryland, whose basement was a major stop on the Underground Railroad to freedom for enslaved African-Americans. And St. John's Church in Greenwich Village, a meeting place for gay and lesbian action following the 1969 Stonewall uprising.

It's a parish in Iowa. A campus ministry in Georgia. A mission in *Diné'tah* — the Navajo Reservation. A cathedral in Utah. Even a house church in Vermont.

Wherever you find us, you'll find the *Book of Common Prayer* and a Christian faith that honors and engages the Bible, the tradition of the Church, and God-given human reason.

Joined in prayer, you'll find people with many points of view — Christians who are progressive, moderate, and conservative — yet who value the diversity of their faith community.

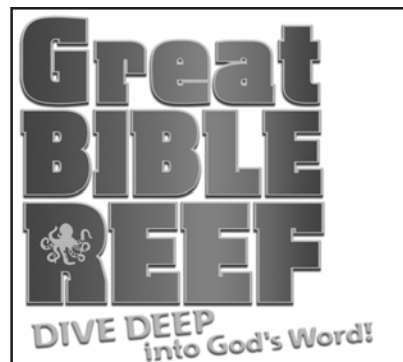
That's a heritage drawn from our deep roots in nearly 2,000 years of English Christianity, and shared by a worldwide Anglican Communion that unites nearly 80 million people in 164 countries through prayer and ministries committed to caring for "the least of these," as Jesus commanded, by reducing poverty, disease, and oppression.

Episcopalians struggle with the same issues that trouble all people of faith: how to interpret an ancient faith for today... how to maintain the integrity of tradition while reaching out to a hurting world... how to disagree and yet love and respect one another.

Occasionally those struggles make the news. People find they can no longer walk with us on their journey, and may be called to a different spiritual home. Some later make their way back, and find they are welcomed with open arms.

Despite the headlines, the Episcopal Church keeps moving forward in mission — in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, as well as congregations in Belgium, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Germany, Guam, Haiti, Honduras, Italy, Micronesia, Puerto Rico, Switzerland, Taiwan, Venezuela, and the Virgin Islands. We're committed to a transformed world, as Jesus taught: a world of justice, peace, wholeness, and holy living.

We've grown a lot in 400 years, since that 1607 worship service from the *Book of Common Prayer* was held in Jamestown — inside and out. Come see for yourself. Come and visit... come and explore... *come and grow*.



Vacation Bible School!

Are you looking for fathoms of fun this summer? Then head to St. John the Evangelist Church in South Waverly for a net

full of adventure at the Great Bible Reef! This exciting Vacation Bible School is for everyone diving into grades 1 through 5. The fun begins on Monday, July 30 and flows through Friday, August 3. Sessions run each evening from 5:45 to 8:30 p.m. This great event is sponsored by the Valley Roman Catholic Churches and by Trinity. Talk to Mother Trula for more information.



Trinity Episcopal Church - June 2007

Early
Pentecost

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Trinity Prayer Cycle 6/3 Virginia Bostwick, Marie Bubniak, Mary Ann Burke 6/10 Joe, Laura, Peter and Time Cama, Rachel and Peter Cama-Lekx 6/17 Ned, Barbara, Alan and Doris Caum 6/24 Ian, Kathleen, Audrey and Sean Clare		Traveling? Vacationing? Visit the Episcopal Church there and bring back a bulletin to share with us. Bring your houseguests to church.			1	2	
3 Trinity Sunday 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour Noon - Annual Picnic	4 <i>John Strange</i>	5	6	7	8	9 <i>Laura Cama Parker Coston Christopher Bailey</i>	
10 Pentecost 2 - Proper 5 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Barbara & Patrick Barry</i>	11 St. Barnabas the Apostle	12	13 <i>Eric Davenport</i>	14	15 Senior Expo 10 to 2, Athens Lynch/Bustin Elementary School <i>Kate Murray Melcom Forbes</i>	16	
17 Pentecost 3 - Proper 6 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour ----Vestry Meets -----	18 <i>David Caum</i>	19 <i>Bruce & Colleen Barton</i>	20	21 <i>Charles Jackson Hildegard Mohr Greg & Ginny Caum-Lake</i>	22 <i>Jeremy Forbes</i>	23 <i>Jessica Cameron</i>	
24 Pentecost 4 - Proper 7 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Charles Ford Paul & Emily Kelley</i>	25 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	26 <i>Tom Bubniak</i>	27	28	29 St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles	30	
Anglicans Around the World 6/3 The Diocese of Oji River, Nigeria; 6/10 The Diocese of Oleh, Nigeria; 6/17 The Diocese of Osaka, Japan; 6/24 The Diocese of Oyo, Nigeria		Diocesan Prayer Cycle 6/3 Good Shepherd and St. John the Evangelist, Milford, William McGinty; 6/10 Christ Church, Reading, John Francis, Lois Bartlett; 6/17 St. Paul's, Montrose, Charles Cesaretti, interim; 6/24 Christ Church, Stroudsburg, Elizabeth Haynes.			Kajo Keji, The Congregations at 6/3 Wuruta; 6/10 Ajo and the Liwolo Archdeaconry 6/17 Andejo 6/24 Derderek		The Diocese of Swaziland Pray for Bishop Meshack Mabuza and the Diocesan AIDS Ministry

Bishop's Day for Kids

Narnia: The Lion, the Bishop and the Wardrobe. Cathedral, Bethlehem, 10:15 to 3:30, on June 27. Register by June 8. There is bus transportation from Scranton. Talk to Mother Trula for more information.

Are you receiving *Diocesan Life and Episcopal Life*? If not, please call the office at 888.5715.

Would you like a visit or home communion? Our rector or one of our Eucharistic Ministers will be happy to call on you. Call the church office, 888-5715.

Volunteer to host a coffee hour! There is a signup sheet in the kitchen.

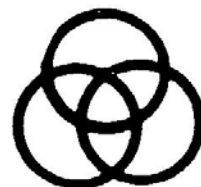
Vestry meets June 17th after coffee hour



Our Cub Scout Garage Sale is Saturday, June 2 303 McDuffee St.* from 8 to 1

Sunday, June 3, is Trinity Sunday. Come celebrate our Name Day! Our Annual Picnic is at noon at 303 McDuffee St.*

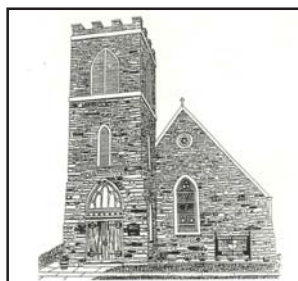
***which runs east and west between Elmira Street and Pennsylvania Avenue between Clinton and Westbrook.**



New Hope For Kajo Keji

The Diocese has asked each church to name two individuals to coordinate their parish's efforts to help our brothers and sisters in Kajo Keji through The New Hope Campaign. Volunteers will attend a two-hour training session in late July or early August and will coordinate the Kick-off and Commitment Sunday activities on September 23 and 30, 2007.

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