

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Early Pentecost - July - 2007

Greetings,

The summer is in full force now. The saying, "the lazy days of summer" rings true for many of us.

It's so nice to sit out in the evening and enjoy the sounds, the smells and the wonderful life around us.

The life around us such as the lush beautiful green colors in the landscape, the birds, squirrels, the fresh air and the flowers cause us to want to soak it all in. Just sit back and soak it all in.

God's creation is all around us.

It's easy to do this and forget that not only is God's creation all around us, but that we are also God's creation.

The universe was created for us. God is the source of life for us in this universe.

So as you sip that lemonade on the back porch and take in what is within your eyes reach consider also what is beyond your eyes reach.

Consider that there are so many other living breathing "creations of God," beyond your eyes' reach who cannot find the beauty around them or even within themselves.

Consider the great power within yourself as God's creation to bring beauty into another person's life.

Their eyes may not have the same view as you do but there are many ways to bring beauty into whatever their view is.

This is when we need to make the time to do what God is asking us to do; bring Christ into another person's life.

As a part of the Diocese, we are seeing much happening in Kajo Keji.

This Diocese has changed the view for many people there. The New Hope Campaign is meant to address concerns there and in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

We have two volunteers who have offered to be "Lay coordinators" and attend a kick off for the capital campaign for "New Hope".

New Hope is what we can offer those who cannot see the beauty.

Don't let the summer drift away without letting your "down time thoughts" drift into the eyes of another.

Don't let the nice cool mornings allow you to lie in bed and forget that we need the beauty of our church community and worship to rejuvenate us into action and empower us to do God's work.

As we are empowered, we can bring Jesus Christ to others.

May we remain a community of individuals who demonstrate passion, energy and love in all areas of our lives.

God's Peace

Mother Trula

An Excerpt from Bishop Paul's Corpus Christi sermon: **There is no McDonald's in Kajo Keji, but they eat the same food.**

It would get on my nerves when I was an adolescent that when I went to see my grandmother almost the first thing out of her mouth was the affectionate command: "Eat." Just the one word, not even the familiar "eat something" from the movies. Eat. Food has always been tricky business for me, and it is getting worse with age. But I also know now what I didn't know then, that sharing food is how people connect, how they establish and reinforce relationships. Eat something. To share just a morsel, or even a glass of water, is to share in somebody's life and to receive the grace of hospitality, the sharing of life.

Sometimes how we make up with people is to have a meal with them. Sometimes we solidify or renew relationships by having dinner when old friends are passing through town. Eating together is not a casual thing.

Think of Jesus' wisdom in commanding his disciples to have at the center of their practices a simple meal. In Luke's gospel account, the Last Supper takes place in the middle of a fight between the disciples! Whatever is going on with us, Jesus calls us to the table, where we are reconnected with each other as we share heavenly Food.

I can easily recall that the Body and Blood of my Lord are really present at the altar; sometimes I need God's help to remember that this really is a meal, and that you do not eat with enemies. It really is like a good family. God has put us, his children, at table together so the daily disagreements, the impatience, the frustrations, and the challenges of living together may be transcended. We already know that families that do not eat at least one meal together each day are vulnerable – God has made us creatures who connect when they share food. Jesus wants to be that food.

(Read it all in the July edition of *Diocesan Life*.)

Vestry News

1. Home Improvement. We are contracting with Rogers' Paving to have the square in front of the church replaced as well as the area between the sidewalk and the curb. We are also having the front step increased to four feet so there is a more comfortable landing area. Rogers will also repair the two blocks that are broken in the sidewalk and raise the block to the north of the church to meet the one that the tree root has raised by the rectory driveway.

2. New Hope for Kajo Keji. Our coordinators will be John Schoonover and Laura Cama and we thank them for volunteering. Read more about this wonderful capital campaign in this month's *Diocesan Life* on page A3.

3. Convention Delegate. Many thanks to Patricia Gurney for agreeing to serve as our parish delegate to the Diocesan Convention, October 12-13 in Bethlehem.

Upcoming projects include cutting some tree limbs so that we have no branches on the street side less than 14 feet, having the rectory gutters moved, repairing the rectory porch and replacing the back door to the parish hall. If you have knowledge of any of these tasks or can recommend someone, please call the church office.

News from our Clergy

A big change for Mother Trula. She has resigned from the Area Agency on Aging. She has loved working with and for the elderly, but feels it is time to do something new, something she has wanted to do for many years. She is the new proprietor of The Lamplighter in Sayre. Watch for changes in the offerings there over the next year.

Fr. Ned will be having a heart valve replaced, probably in late July. It should be a very good thing for him and will give him a lot more energy. Please keep him in your prayers.



Trinity Episcopal Church - July 2007

Pentecost

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Trinity Prayer Cycle 7/1 Joe, Stacey, Roman, Derek, Brandon and Parker Coston; 7/8 Jeff, Kim, Eric and Abby Davenport; 7/15 Jean and Jerry Dolan; 7/22 William, Sarah and Leigha Draper; 7/29 Norma Duddie, Charles and Virginia Ford		Diocesan Prayer Cycle 7/1 Christ Church, Towanda, Maureen Hipple, Larry Holman; 7/8 The Church Seminaries and those preparing for ordained ministry; 7/15 North Parish (St. John's Church, Ashland; Christ Church, Frackville; Church of the Holy Apostles, St. Clair) Dolores Evans, senior warden; 7/22 Diocesan House Ministry Team; 7/29 Trinity, Athens, Trula Hollywood, Ned Caum		Anglicans Around the World: 7/1 The Anglican Church of Canada; 7/8 The Anglican Church in Polynesia; 7/15 The Episcopal Church in the Philippines; 7/22 The Diocese of Raiwind in Pakistan; 7/29 The Diocese of Rhode Island and the The Episcopal Church USA		Kajo Keji, The Congregations at 7/1 Kala 7/8 Kendiri 7/15 Kerwa 7/22 Lema 7/29 Liwolo
1 Pentecost 5 - Proper 8 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Tim Cama</i> <i>Paul Kelley</i>	2 <i>Bruce Barton</i>	3 <i>Vickie Wood</i>	4 Independence Day	5 <i>Alex Maneval</i>	6	7 <i>Sean Clare</i>
8 Pentecost 6 - Proper 9 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Jon & Wendy Murray</i>	9	10	11 <i>John & Barbara Strange</i>	12	13	14
15 Pentecost 7 - Proper 10 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour Vestry Meets	16	17 <i>Abby Davenport</i>	18	19	20	21
22 Pentecost 8 - Proper 11 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Blake Allan Forbes</i>	23 St. Mary Magdalene <i>Justin Bailey</i>	24 <i>Rhonda Hooper</i> <i>Robert & Kay Bennett</i>	25 St. James the Apostle <i>Bishop Paul</i>	26	27 Diocesan Youth Mission trip to New Orleans, through August 4	28 <i>Carlyle Hooper</i> <i>Mike & Shelley Barry</i>
29 Pentecost 9 - Proper 12 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	30 The Great Bible Reef begins <i>Ron Hunt</i>	31 <i>Andy Patterson</i>	Register by June 30! Call Mother Trula		Ecumenical Vacation Bible School at St. James, Waverly	

The garden needs replanting.

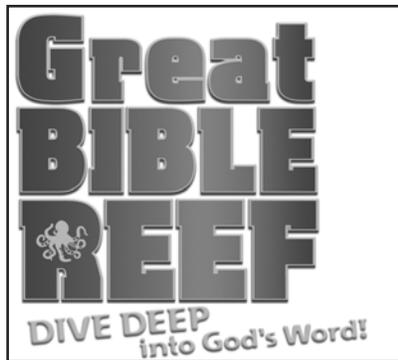
Most of the mums died off this winter; not surprising, as they were 16 years old and most had cross pollinated to a vague color. If you would like to help, talk to Barbara. She and Alan will be relandscaping it over the next few weeks, replacing the rotted timbers with a stone edging.

Are you receiving *Diocesan Life* and *Episcopal Life*? If not, 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 July 15th after coffee hour

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

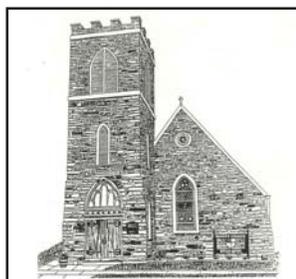
5:45 to 8:30 p.m. This great event is sponsored by the Valley Roman Catholic Churches and by Trinity. **Talk to Mother Trula before the end of June to register.**

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.

We extend special thanks to our coordinators, John Schoonover and Laura Cama.

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