

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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From Bishop Paul Marshall, August *Diocesan Life*

The Millennium Development Goals are represented on almost every page of this month's *Diocesan Life* and the *Episcopal Life* publication that comes with it. Our church body has joined this worldwide effort to save life.

An old hymn said that once to every person and group there comes a decisive moment. Previous generations have had the adventure of settling a new continent, or the unfortunate circumstance of being joined in a World War. Those on the planet now have the happier circumstance of being invited to wage peace and health together on a global basis.

The MDGs will not solve all the problems of the world, but they go a long way towards making life sustainable for all. The price is amazingly low – .07% of GNP.

Our churches and dioceses have been asked to set aside a minimum of .07% of income to join the MDG effort. With our New Hope program we have chosen to go the extra mile, several extra miles in fact, in a campaign to raise \$3.6 million for the destitute in Sudan and in Northeast Pennsylvania.

Each phase of our New Hope work allows those we assist to control their own destinies.

In Sudan, we are responding to the request of the diocese of Kajo-Keji for assistance in building the educational and organizational centers that will allow them to provide for their own future. Through revolving "micro-finance" funds, enterprising individuals, largely women, will be able to make a new start in a war-torn country.

Similarly, the money for use at home is to allow grants for the expansion of local projects and also to allow parishes such as yours to have seed money for new initiatives in serving those in need.

In March the Presiding Bishop told me how happy she was to hear about New Hope, and the delight she takes in endorsing and commending it to you. In September, every member of the diocese will be given the opportunity to join this work with glad hearts.

We are, rightly, to some degree concerned about what emerged in the 1960s as "The Anglican Communion." Is it a fellowship? Is it a church? Who decides?

Those are questions over whose answers you and I have almost no influence at all. What we have in the New Hope Campaign, especially as it relates to Sudan, is the opportunity to enact the Anglican Communion as we work together with fellow believers for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Those who have visited Kajo-Keji know that their worship forms and church life vary from ours to a great degree. Our cultures also have very little in common, although this will change in the next generations. What we do have in common is our Lord, our faith, and our baptism into the life of discipleship. The same yet different.

Even though as a diocese we don't get to keep the money, there is something in this campaign for us.

Personally, I have come to no greater opportunity in my life to give selflessly, to surrender significant resources in service to God. For me, making that commitment means that I am going to have to retire a little bit later than I had planned. For others of you, the sacrifice may also have consequences. It may mean keeping a car a year longer or not taking that dream vacation just yet.

We are, in short, not taking a collection here. We are inviting ourselves to sacrifice, to lose a bit of our substance.

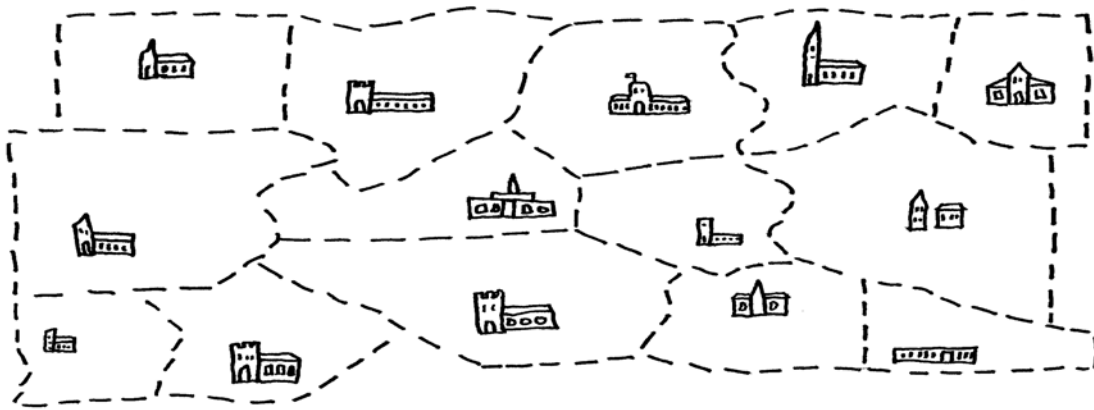
But what we are offered in no uncertain terms by Jesus is that in letting go of our lives, we find them. In calling ourselves to go the extra mile in the MDG effort we are making for Kajo-Keji and our own poor, we are calling ourselves to transformation, to growing more into the image of God we were created to reflect.

What we also know is that parishes, where sacrificial giving for others occurs, discover that their local stewardship improves because people enter a new way of experiencing themselves.

I am grateful to be on this journey with you.

THE PARISH SYSTEM

THE ENTIRE COUNTRY IS DIVIDED INTO PARISHES. EACH ONE HAS ITS OWN CHURCH. EVERYBODY GOES TO THEIR LOCAL PARISH CHURCH*



* UNLESS IT IS TOO HIGH, TOO LOW, TOO LIBERAL, TOO EVANGELICAL, TOO CATHOLIC, TOO MIDDLE OF THE ROAD, TOO UNBIBLICAL, HAS TOO MANY BELLS AND SMELLS, HAS TOO MANY SMELLS, HAS SERMONS THAT ARE TOO LONG, HAS TOO MANY CHILDREN, HAS NOT ENOUGH CHILDREN, HAS NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, HAS MUSIC THAT IS TOO OLD FASHIONED, HAS MUSIC THAT IS TOO HAPPY CLAPPY, HAS A VICAR WHO IS A WOMAN, HAS A VICAR WHO IS A MAN, HAS A VICAR WHO IS A BIT ODD, HAS SERVICES THAT START TOO EARLY IN THE MORNING, HAS REALLY BAD COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICES, HAS PARTICULARLY UNCOMFORTABLE PEWS, HAS SERVICES THAT CLASH WITH SUNDAY LUNCH PREPARATION TIME, HAS SERVICES THAT DON'T USE THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, HAS SERVICES THAT DO USE THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER OR ISN'T THE CHURCH ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRIMARY SCHOOL THEY HAD IN MIND

CartoonChurch.com

The cartoon church is a labor of love and humor by Church of England member Dave Walker. While it is mostly about the English Church, it is apt for all. Visit www.cartoonchurch.com

Vestry News

1. Paving Project. This should begin soon; Rogers will plan the work at the beginning of the week so that the concrete will set and finished before Sunday. In the good news department, the Code Enforcement officer said because it is considered a repair, we didn't have to buy a permit, which was going to cost \$154!

2. Rectory Work. As you may, or may not know, Barbara has been renting the rectory for almost a year. During that time she has replastered the two front rooms and painted them as well as the kitchen. Those two front rooms had not been painted in 20 years. Seven rooms to go. She is donating her time, the church pays for materials.

The vestry approved the hiring of a handy man to take care of some much needed repair work that is beyond her capability: replacing much of the front deck, which is rotten, putting rain gutters around the porch, cutting back the roof which overshoots the existing gutters, doing some work on the side and back steps and much more. It is good stewardship to take care of the buildings entrusted to us and we had let this work go too long.





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Pentecost

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Trinity Prayer Cycle</i> 8/5 Robert and Maruerite Franks 8/12 Dan and Marnie Gerhart 8/19 Ed Gilbert, Barry Goldsmith 8/26 Patricia Gurney, Mark Hollywood		 Pray for the children in our Ecumenical Vacation Bible School this week	1	2	3	4 <i>Wendy Murray</i>
5 Pentecost 10 - Proper 13 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Kathe Maneval</i>	6 The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ		7 <i>Kim Davenport Barbara Barry Shirley Huminik</i>	8	9	10
12 Pentecost 11 - Proper 14 9:00 Holy Eucharist I 10:00 Coffee Hour	13	14	15 St. Mary the Virgin 10 a.m. ECW Annual Picnic St. Matthew's Stevensville	16 <i>Ed Caum Roman Coston</i>	17	18 <i>Charles & Ginny Ford</i>
19 Pentecost 12 - Proper 15 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour ----Vestry Meets ----- Celebration for Bob Goldsmith 2 to 5, Christ Church <i>Jan & Janice Beck</i>	20	21	22	23 <i>Mary Duddie James Edward Caum Michael Maneval</i>	24 St. Bartholomew the Apostle <i>Jake Parshall</i>	25 <i>Ned Caum</i>
26 Pentecost 13 - Proper 16 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Kim and Jeff Davenport</i>	27 <i>Kevin Hooper</i>	28	29	30	31 <i>Sean Barry</i>	

Diocesan Prayer Cycle 8/5 Clergy canonically resident in our diocese, licensed to officiate in our diocese and Retired Clergy of our diocese ; **8/12** Trinity, Bethlehem The Rev. Richard Ditterline, interim, The Rev. Laura Howell, associate, The Rev. Elizabeth Miller, deacon and soup kitchen coordinator, Canon Clifford B. Carr and Canon Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril, assisting; **8/19** Trinity, Carbondale, Jaki Sheare, SW; **8/26** Trinity, Easton, The Rev. Andrew Gerns.

Kajo Keji
 The Congregations at
8/5 Liwolo;
8/12 Lorudang;
8/19 Mangaloti
8/26 Sokare

Anglicans Around the World 8/5 Province II of The Episcopical Church: Albany, Central New York, Haiti, Long Island, New Jersey, New York, Newark, Rochester, Virgin Islands, Western New York; **8/12** The Diocese of Ruwenzori, Uganda; **8/19** The Diocese of Santiago, Philippines; **8/26** The Anglican Church of Korea

August Highlights

VBS - Please pray for the children and adults in The Great Bible Reef, our ecumenical Vacation Bible School in South Waverly, thorough August 3.

ECW Annual picnic, August 15 (see article in next column)

Vestry meets August 19th after coffee hour

A Party for Bob Goldsmith (see article in next column)

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.

A Party!

The family of **Bob Goldsmith** is celebrating his 90th birthday on Sunday, August 19, from 2 to 5 in the undercroft of Christ Church, Towanda. We are all cordially invited.

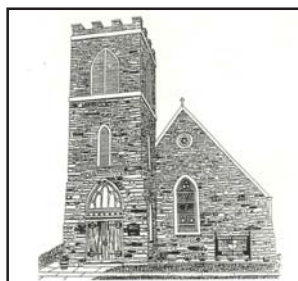
Bob was a member of Trinity for over 20 years. He served on the vestry and was a staple of our 8 o'clock service where he served as lay reader, chalice bearer and acolyte. Our beautiful chalice and paten were gifts given in memory of his late wife, Ray.

ECW Annual Picnic

Scheduled for 10 a.m. on the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin (also the anniversary of Trula's ordination to the priesthood), the ECW annual picnic will be held at St. Matthew's, Stevensville. Everyone is invited. Bring your lunch and a lawn chair, dessert and beverages will be provided. Deacon Lou Divis will do a presentation on Biblical Story Telling; Archdeacon Howard Stringfellow will celebrate the Eucharist.

From Towanda, head east on Route 6 past Wysox and take route 409 to Stevensville. St. Matthew's is the first white wooden church on the left.

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