

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Last Pentecost - November - 2007

Greetings,

I'm writing this on a chilly morning. It seems as if it's time to buckle everything down and prepare for winter.

Doesn't it seem as if I talk about preparation a great deal? I assume part of that is my nature and how I was raised but being in the mode of preparing for what is to come next is not necessarily bad. The trick is not forget to live in the present while preparing.

It's important to me to live in an area where the seasons are noticeably different from each other. It allows for anticipation as well as keeps us from getting bored.

It's exciting to see the changes in the seasons. So it can be with the changes in our lives. Bringing excitement and joy to the present and anticipation to the future, opens our minds and our hearts to others.

I can remember a time, when I was young, thinking, life is just the same old, same old. Last year, at this time, everyone was talking about the same things; what type of winter we're going to have, the leaves changing, etc. In those days, I wondered if there would ever be any more to life than this cycle of "the same old".

Thank God, we grow up, but, there is more to it than just maturity. We begin to realize that what God has given us to "talk about" is so magnificent that humans can't begin to bring it into perspective. We begin to realize that God is working in our lives and the lives of others. We

begin to know that it is not acceptable to think of anything as "the same old".

God is asking us to participate in our lives but in the bigger sense, to participate in the lives of the people around us.

We prepare for ourselves and we remember that our lives are not ours alone. We are part of a larger community. There are other participants in our lives.

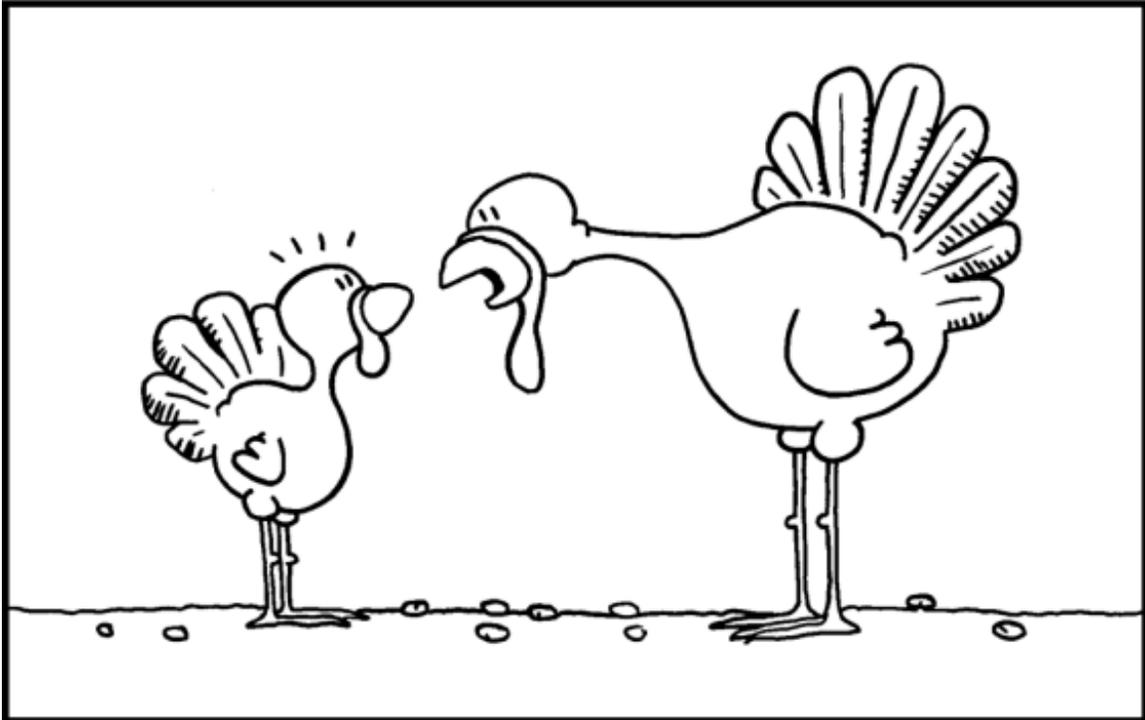
As I write this, on this chilly morning, I thank God for the heat in my home, the food in my refrigerator, the electric that runs it all, the cool brisk air as I walk into the back yard.

I pray for those who don't have what I take for granted. In my prayer, I ask how I can participate in the lives of others lives as a disciple of God. I am only one person, but "I am" present to participate in this ever changing world.

So, I ask, that we all participate in preparing for the changes in our lives, in the world and to listen to what God wishes for us as individuals and as a Christian community.

God's Peace,
Mother Trula



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YES, EVEN TURKEYS HAVE SOMETHING TO BE THANKFUL FOR ON THANKSGIVING ... PERSONALLY, I'M THANKFUL THAT I LOST SO MUCH WEIGHT WHEN I WAS SICK LAST MONTH

Are You an Organ Donor?

If you or a loved one needed an organ transplant to live who would donate the organ? That's the question that thousands of people in our area are waiting to have answered. All hope and pray for acts of charity by strangers who make the commitment to give the gift of life. You have the power to save lives. Make the decision to give the gift of life. Register to be an organ and tissue donor online today or when you renew your driver's license, and tell your family about your decision. **Register online today at www.donors1.org**

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National Donor Sabbath, November 11, 2007



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Last Pentecost

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<i>Trinity Prayer Cycle</i> 11/4 Hildegard Mohr, Karen Nichols; 11/11 John, Wendy, Kim, Kate and Kelly Murraray; 11/18 Cora Orshal, Elizabeth Pashley; 11/25 James and Mary Patterson, Andy Patterson					1 All Saints' Day	2 All Souls' Day	3 Fall Back Daylight Savings Time ends, 2 a.m. Heather Martin Brandon and Derek Coston
4 All Saints Sunday 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	5	6 <i>Norma Duddie</i>	7	8	9 <i>Matthew Hollywood</i>	10 <i>Jim & Mary Patterson</i>	
11 Pentecost 24 - Proper 27 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour National Donor Sabbath Cub Scouts meet	12	13 Clergy Day, St. Luke's, Scranton <i>Ann Zulkosky</i>	14	15 Clergy Bible Study, 10 a.m., Towanda Caregiver Information Session <i>Carol Reed</i>	16	17	
18 Pentecost 25 - Proper 28 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour ---Vestry Meets ----	19	20	21 Thanksgiving Eve 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24 <i>Joe Coston</i>	
25 Last Pentecost Christ the King 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour Pledge Sunday	26	27 <i>Ruby Jenney</i> <i>Elizabeth Maneval</i>	28	29	30 St. Andrew the Apostle	The first Sunday of the Church year begins next week, the First Sunday of Advent	

Kajo Keji,
 11/4 The Keyo Refugee Camp
 11/11 The Alare and Ogojo Refugee Camp
 11/18 Bishop Anthony Poggo and all who work to support Kajo Keji
 11/25 The Olijj Refugee Camp

Diocesan Prayer Cycle 11/4 St. Mary's, Reading The Rev. Nancy Packard; 11/11 Holy Cross, Wilkes-Barre, The Rev. Dan Jones; 11/18 Children and Youth Ministries of the diocese; 11/25 St. Anne's, Trexlertown, the Rev. Canon Michael Piovane.

Anglicans Around the World 11/t The Niger Delta, Nigeria; 11/11 The Diocese of Vanuatu, Melanesia; 11/18 The Diocese of Waiapu, New Zealand; 11/25 The Diocese of Wellington, New Zealand



November Highlights



Saturday Night, Nov. 3 ... Fall Back Daylight Savings ends at 2 a.m. Sunday morning ... we

all get an extra hour of sleep!

Sunday, Nov. 4, All Saints Celebration

Sunday, Nov. 9, National Donor Sabbath



Sunday, Nov. 18, Vestry meets

Wednesday, Nov. 21, Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 25, Pledge Sunday

**Under One Roof:
a day for small parishes from the Northern Tier**

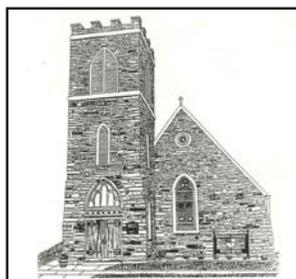
“Throughout the plenary, small groups, Bishop Paul’s homily at the Eucharist, and a panel of diocesan staff, the assembly heard that the marks of small, strong congregations are: team approach to leadership; mission and service to local community; compassion and shepherding; caring for others; worship that fosters hope; generous givers; self-reliance and self-suffering; wise use of space and facilities.” (from *Diocesan Life* ... read the whole story in the November edition)

Our representative to the meeting was Laura Cama; she spoke to the Vestry during its October meeting. You’ll be hearing more about this.

Prayer for the New Hope Campaign

Ignite our hearts, O Holy Spirit, with the love of Jesus. Let his compassion for the poor burn in us as we respond joyfully to his call to serve the least of his sisters and brothers. Let our participation in the work of New Hope transform us as individuals and as a community. May our unity of purpose and love for your creatures witness to the world the truth you have revealed to us in Christ. Receive our work as praise for our creation, redemption, and the call you and given us; receive it as our response to your eternal love. Amen

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