

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Early Pentecost - June - 2008

Greetings,

As we enter the season of Pentecost, it seems most appropriate to consider the mission of our church; "to seek and serve Christ in all people". We all know the words of Jesus considered the Great Commission, *to go and make disciples of all nations* and that in these words is the meaning of our existence. Our mission clearly coincides with the task that Jesus has set before us. The words "seek" and "go" make it clear that being a follower of Christ means to take an active role in the community of God's people.

In a world where we are encouraged to think about self, it's easy to forget that our identity is truly defined by our relationship with others.

The vestry has been having a great many conversations lately regarding the mission of Trinity and how we can reach out beyond our doors and meet the people of God face to face. Our goal is to look at the gifts that Trinity has been given and to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

We believe that Trinity has a wonderful gift in hospitality and open mindedness that is leading us to reach out to those who are marginalized just as Jesus kept company with those who were considered "on the edge" of society.

There are many risks in the act of evangelizing. A commitment to evangelism tests what it is we believe and forces us to articulate our beliefs. We are forced to be accountable for our actions, as we embrace those persons of whom others have left behind, treating them with dignity and respect.

The act of reaching out to others causes fear when we consider what has been "comfortable" for us. We are a church that feels like a family and we have been very comfortable in this place but what if somebody shows up that we may not be comfortable as part of the family? The reality is that most of us have someone in our own families who we may not fully understand, appreciate or even like all that much; so the "no bumps in the road, we all get along at holiday dinners" kind of family isn't even a reality. We are all the branches of one vine. We will bear much more interesting fruit as a diverse community than as a "comfortable" family. We are asked to love everyone even if we do not fully understand them.

As we fulfill our mission, the face of Trinity will change. This, in itself, evokes fear. Fear of how our church will be perceived by others or how we can explain our mission to people who don't understand why we would embrace people who don't "fit in" to their view of the acceptable family member. It is necessary for all of us to be a part of the process of evangelism to accomplish our mission and to help each other get beyond the fear of change.

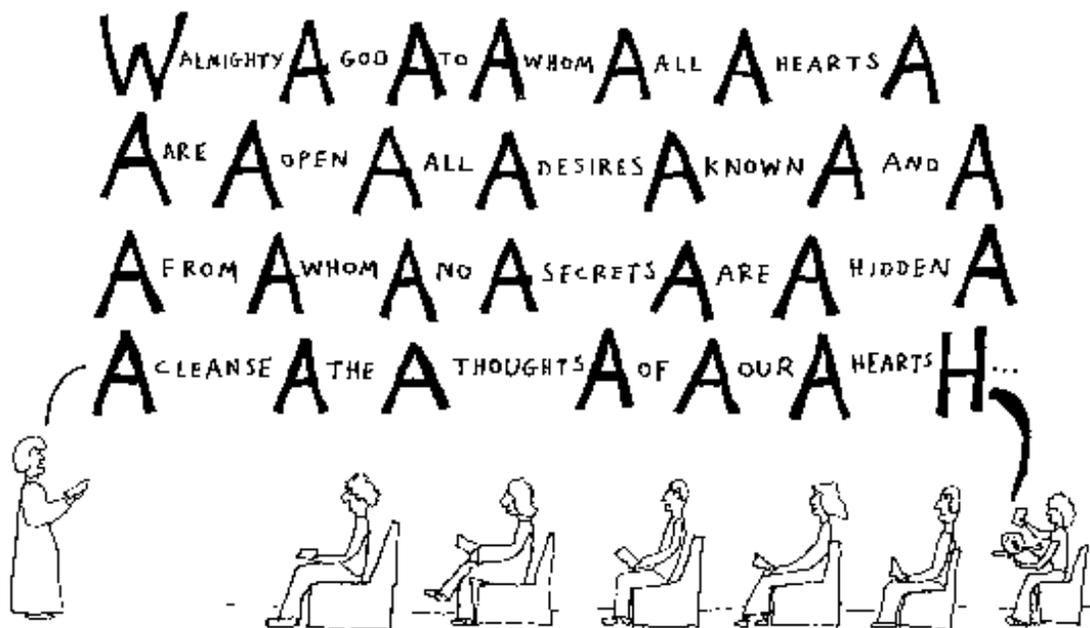
I and other members of the vestry will be visiting you in the next several weeks to discuss our thoughts and yours in regard to Trinity's mission. We hope to approach our mission with open hearts and minds, bringing our little community into the larger community "to seek and serve Christ in all people".

God's Peace, Mother Trula



SMALL CHILDREN

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME AT CHURCH.
EACH HAS THEIR OWN UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION TO
BRING TO THE LIFE OF THE WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY



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2008 Senior Expo

Friday, June 20, from 10 to 2 at the Lynch/Bustin Elementary School, Athens. This is an information fair for citizens 55 and older and their families sponsored by State Representative Tina Pickett. Transportation is being provided by EMTA.. You can call 1-800-242-3484 to arrange for a free ride.

There is a town meeting with Representative Pickett at 11:30. Exhibits and programs include health care, insurance, nutrition and exercise, financial planning, wills, fraud protection, government services, hunting and fishing, entertainment and door prizes, refreshments, PENNDOT and more.

33rd Annual Senior Citizens Picnic

Thursday, June 26 from 10 to 2 at Alparon Park in Troy. The celebration this year will be with a patriotic theme. There will be a large variety of vendors to provide free health screen-

ings and information on services and resources available to seniors. There will be a picnic lunch of hamburgers, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, fresh fruit salad, vanilla ice cream and a beverage. A suggested donation of \$3 is asked to cover the cost of the food.

You can make a reservation by calling the Area Agency on Aging, toll free, at 1-800-982-4346, by June 12.

Father Eric Snyder's 50th ordination anniversary celebration

Saturday, June 21, with propers for the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, at 11 a.m., there will be a celebration at Holy Apostles Church in St. Clair. Bishop Paul will celebrate and Archdeacon Rick Cluett will preach. St. Clair is in coal country south of Route 80 and on the other side of Route 81.

If you plan on attending, please let Fr. Eric know by emailing him: jean.snyder@ecunet.org. There will be a reception following the service. Fr. Eric currently resides on Long Island.



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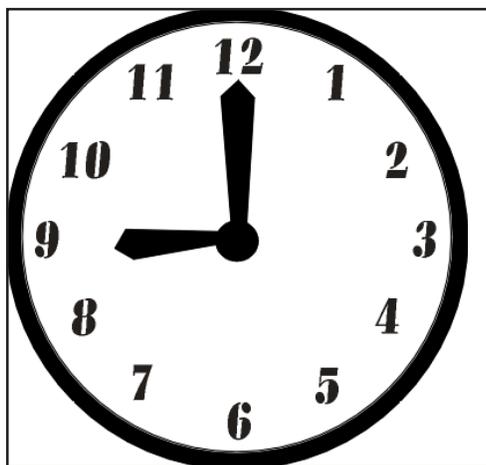
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Trinity Prayer Cycle 6/1 Robert and Marguerite Franks 6/8 Dan and Marnie Gerhart 6/15 Ed Gilbert, Barry Goldsmith 6/22 Patricia Gurney, Hanako Henty 6/29 Mark Hollywood, Shirley Huminik		Anglicans Around the World 6/1 The Church of the Province of Melanesia, and the communion of Anglican provinces throughout the world; 6/8 La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico; 6/15 The Anglican Church of the Province of Myanmar; 6/22 The Church of Nigeria, and the communion of Anglican provinces throughout the world; 6/29 the Church of North India		Diocesan Prayer Cycle 6/1 St. Barnabas Church, Kutztown, The Rev. John M. Brndjar, priest-in-charge; 6/8 St. Alban's, Sinking Spring, The Rev. Karl Kern, rector; 6/15 Church of the Good Shepherd, Scranton, Canon William T. Warne II, priest-in-residence; Warren Shotto, senior warden; 6/22 Church of the Good Shepherd and St. John the Evangelist, Milford, The Rev. William J McGinty, rector; 6/29 Christ Church, Reading, The Rev. John R. Francis, rector		
1 Pentecost 3 - Proper 4 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour	2 <i>Barbara Bean</i>	3	4 <i>John Strange</i>	5	6	7
8 Pentecost 4 - Proper 5 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Barbara & Patrick Barry</i>	9 <i>Laura Cama Parker Coston Christopher Bailey</i>	10 <i>Patrick & Barbara Barry</i>	11 St. Barnabas the Apostle	12 <i>Malcolm Forbes</i>	13 <i>Eric Davenport</i>	14
15 Pentecost 5 - Proper 6 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour	16 <i>Kate Murray</i>	17	18 <i>David Caum</i>	19 <i>Bruce & Colleen Barton</i>	20 Senior Expo 10 to 2, Athens Lynch/Bustin Elementary School	21 Fr. Eric Snyder's 50th Ordination Anniversary <i>Hildegard Mohr Greg & Ginny Caum-Lake</i>
22 Pentecost 6 - Proper 7 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour ---- Vestry Meets ---- <i>Jeremy Forbes</i>	23 <i>Jessica Cameron</i>	24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist <i>Charles Ford Paul & Emily Kelley</i>	25 <i>Tom Bubniak</i>	26 Senior Citizens Picnic, 10-2 Alparon Park	27	28
29 Pentecost 7 - Proper 8 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour	30 St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles	<i>Kajo Keji,</i> 6/1 Barjur Parish, The Rev. Openi Sakor; 6/8 Bori Parish, The Rev. Jenti A'diko; 6/15 Loggu Archdeaconry, The Ven. James Dina Bojoi; 6/22 Dwani Parish, The Revs. Estere Kojo and Yobo Sunamurye; 6/29 The Rev. Isreal Taban (Bishop's Chaplain) and the Rev. Richard Loguryang (Army Chaplain)		Traveling? Vacationing? Visit the Episcopal Church there and bring back a bulletin to share with us. Bring your summer houseguests to Trinity.		

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 is scheduled to meet June 22nd after coffee hour, but that may change. We'll announce it in church. We are trying to arrange a time with our Maurice Trust Officer from C&N Bank.



Summer Service Time Change

Beginning June 1, our service moves to 9 o'clock for the summer season. Get more out of your weekend by starting earlier!

Hana has a conflict on June 1, so there will be no music, which means a very quick service. Mark your calendar or you'll arrive at 10 and find no one in church!

Charles F. Jackson, III, 6/24/23 -4/30/08

Charles Jackson, a long-time member of Trinity, passed away on April 30 at Robert Packer Hospital. While we had not seen the family since July of 1998, when Nan passed away; Charles faithfully read the newsletter and was a loyal supporter of the building fund. Many of you may have read his obituary in the Morning Times; if you missed it, it is available on line at cqservices.com. While we are constrained by time in this life, Charles is no longer; he is in the eternal now of God's loving presence.

Servers for June

June 1	Pentecost 3, Proper 4
June 8	Pentecost 4, Proper 5
June 15	Pentecost 5, Proper 6
June 22	Pentecost 6, Proper 7
June 29	Pentecost 7, Proper 8

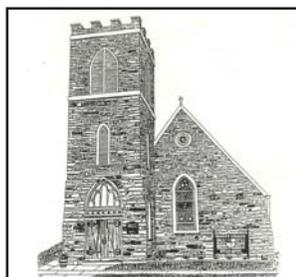
Worship Leader

Barbara Caum
John Schoonover
Don Barton
Patricia Gurney
Barbara Caum

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John Schoonover
Fanna Proper
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June at Trinity -- Worship begins at 9 a.m.