

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Pentecost - July-August - 2008

Greetings,

I just got back from a little over a week's vacation. I didn't do anything glamorous. I went on a little camping trip. It looked like a good week to choose to spend time in the great outdoors. The weather report called for sunny skies and 70 degree temperatures. Looking forward to reading by the campfire, putting my kayak in the water for the first time this summer, fishing and maybe even sleeping a little longer than usual in the mornings, the reality changed quite quickly after the first day. For the weather forecast was not quite as cheery as the week went on. As a matter of fact, the rain and the thunderstorms just kept coming and coming. I would describe this week in June as "seriously wet and cold". The kayak and the fishing pole got wet but not because they reached the river waters. It is true, things don't always go as planned.

The "unusually long sleeping plan" fell through after the second night of arthritic hips and knees kept me awake. Wisdom does come with age and so it was clear it was time to change vacation plans.

The rest of the vacation was spent in Bradford County. Some fishing got done, (no bites) but very relaxing. Time spent with friends and grandchildren turned out to be a pleasant experience.

The time was good even though the "plan" changed. We can do all the planning we want but life plans are going to change, and most often, when we least expect them. The weather change for my vacation plans was just a little glitch compared to the bigger challenges life brings us.

The changes that occur in our lives, anything from the weather affecting vacation, to health issues, loss of a job, divorce or loss of loved ones present us with tests of faith.

We have heard many stories of having to do with tests of faith in the last few weeks. I think that it is important to understand that "life" hands us the changes and it is how we approach whatever

challenge that is set before us that determines the "stuff" we're made of.

We will fall short in our faith tests. We will give up sometimes and let what life hands us take a piece of the "stuff" we are made of with it. But that's okay. God won't give up on us. If I had curled up in bed last week and said that life "stinks," I believe God would think, "Well, maybe she'll do better next week."

I know there are times we need to do that. Curl up in our cocoon and feel whatever it is we need to feel to get through. What we're not meant to do is to isolate ourselves from the God who is right there curled up inside us and more than willing to get us through the challenges of life. This is when the faith test kicks in. Knowing that God is present and that no matter what, no matter how unfair life seems at the time, God will get us through.

God is everywhere. In that little cocoon we sometimes find ourselves in, in that community that loves and cares for us, in our suffering and grief, in the joys and in all the challenges that come our way.

Maybe in our next challenge, we'll have more faith in the fact that God has given us everything we need to cope with life's challenges. For if we don't have it within us right at this moment, there is another of God's own, of God's community, who is more than willing to share their gifts of love and support to help us through life's challenges.

There is so much for all of us to cope with as a community. Our church community is getting smaller, either by choice or not, some are no longer filling our pews. In our world, we face uncertainties with our security both physical and financial. I pray that we can find the faith to know that there is a plan for Trinity, which may change as we venture forth, but that no matter what, God will guide us and bring us to a place where all is right.

God's Peace,
Mother Trula



Trinity Episcopal Church - July 2008

Pentecost

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Trinity Prayer Cycle</i> 7/6 Trula and Keith Hollywood; 7/13 Matt Hollywood, Jerilyn Park, Gage Streeter, Caden and Libby Hollywood; 7/20 Chris, Heather, Adam, Brandon and Caleb Hunsinger; 7/27 Hazel and Ron Hunt</p>		<p>1</p> <p><i>Tim Cama</i> <i>Paul Kelley</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Bruce Barton</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>Vickie Wood</i></p>	<p>4 Independence Day</p>	<p>5</p> <p><i>Alex Maneval</i></p>
<p>6 Pentecost 8 - Proper 9 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>7</p> <p><i>Sean Clare</i></p>	<p>8 San Antonio: National Episcopal Youth Event, through Sunday</p> <p><i>Jon & Wendy Murray</i></p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>John & Barbara Strange</i></p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 Pentecost 9 - Proper 10 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Lambeth Conference begins</p> <p><i>Abby Davenport</i></p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 Pentecost 10 - Proper 11 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 St. Mary Magdalene</p> <p><i>Blake Allan Forbes</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>Justin Bailey</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>Rhonda Hooper</i> <i>Robert & Kay Bennett</i></p>	<p>25 St. James the Apostle</p> <p><i>Bishop Paul</i></p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 Pentecost 11 - Proper 12 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour</p> <p><i>Blake Allan Forbes</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>Carlyle Hooper</i> <i>Mike & Shelley Barry</i></p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>Ron Hunt</i></p>	<p>31</p> <p><i>Andy Patterson</i></p>	<p>Kajo Keji, 7/6 Gaderu Parish, The Rev. Nasona Buli; 7/13 Gurube Parish, The Rev. Scopas Wani; 7/20 Jalimo Parish, The Revs. Edward Maku and John Jiggo; 7/27 Kajo Keji Secondary School, The Rev. Tom Ezbon</p>	

Diocesan Prayer Cycle

7/6 St. Paul's, Montrose, The Rev. Charles Cesaretti, interim rector,
 7/13 Christ Church, Stroudsburg, The Rev. Elizabeth S. Haynes, rector
 7/20 Christ Church, Susquehanna, Todd Moffett, senior warden.
 7/27 St. Mark's, New Milford, James Yeich, senior warden

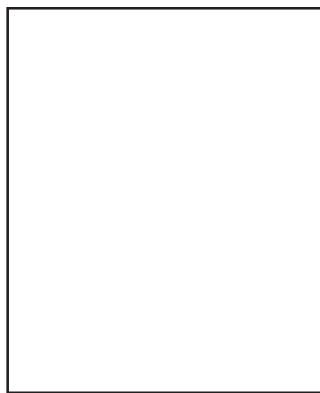
Anglicans Around the World:7/6 The clergy and people of the Church of Pakistan 7/13 The clergy and people of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; 7/20 The clergy and people of the Diocese of Canterbury, the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, the Lambeth Conference and the communion of Anglican provinces throughout the world; 7/ 27 The Lambeth Conference, the clergy and people of L'Eglise Episcopal au Rwanda, and the communion of Anglican provinces throughout the world

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.

Altar Guild help is very much needed. If you can't get here to set up, that's okay, we do need help with laundering the linens. Talk to Trula or Ned.



All systems go

Hold this rectangle to your face and blow on it. If it turns green, call your physician. If it turns brown, see your dentist. If it turns purple, consult your psychiatrist. If it turns red, see your banker. If it turns black, call your lawyer and make a will.

If it remains the same color, you're in good health and there is no reason on earth why should not be in church next Sunday morning!

Servers for July and August

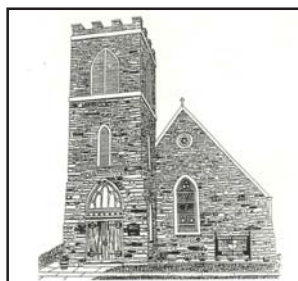
Worship Leader

Lector

July 6	Pentecost 8, Proper 9	John Schoonover	Fanna Proper
July 13	Pentecost 9, Proper 10	Don Barton	Barbara Caum
July 20	Pentecost 10, Proper 11	Patricia Gurney	Don Barton
July 27	Pentecost 11, Proper 12	Barbara Caum	John Schoonover
Aug. 3	Pentecost 12, Proper 13	John Schoonover	Fanna Proper
Aug. 10	Pentecost 13, Proper 14	Don Barton	Barbara Caum
Aug. 17	Pentecost 14, Proper 15	Patricia Gurney	Don Barton
Aug. 24	Pentecost 15, Proper 16	Barbara Caum	John Schoonover
Aug. 31	Pentecost 16, Proper 17	John Schoonover	Fanna Proper

Barry Goldsmith and Chris Bailey are our acolytes. If you would like to become a lector, Worship Leader or Acolyte, please talk with Mother Trula or Father Ned.

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