

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Last Pentecost - First Advent - November - 2008

Greetings,

As the weather is predicted to turn to snow, we all start battening down the hatches and planning for the long winter ahead. I always find this a sort of comforting time. A time that not only calls for us to plan for the impending winter but gives us some down time to gather our thoughts and consider where our energy should be directed in the upcoming weeks.

We always dread a winter storm but it's interesting how those storms bring out in us a sort of adventurer. For some of us it brings back memories of days when electric and indoor plumbing was a luxury.

Imagine, the computer and the television being "down" for several days. What *would* we do? For me, I get a little "squirrely" this time of year. I think it comes from having very little at various times in my life and knowing that the winter would be the most difficult of times. I "gather"; it is just in my nature.

I also start to consider the needs of those who are unable to gather or don't have the resources to plan for the impending winter ahead.

Heating bills are going to be especially difficult for many people this year. The local agencies have little or no resources to help people fill their oil tanks or pay their heat bills. The federal LIHEAP funds cannot stretch far enough to get people through the winter.

In some cases, it comes down to choosing between heat, food, medications, etc. The local

"Bridge" helps people in need of fuel. They are in great need of funds this year.

Please consider donating to the Bridge this year. If you have any questions regarding how to do that, ask Barbara or me.

Also, if you know anyone who is having a tough time making ends meet, please bring it to my attention. It is much easier to work together to solve problems.

Also, at Trinity, there is much to be done. We need to consider our outreach efforts for the upcoming months and for the year 2009 and we all need to be a part of that.

Think about how you can step forward and bring Christ into the lives of others. I would still like to have a contemporary service for younger people, families and anyone else who is interested. Since I am no musician, I need some assistance from some (I know we have them) talented person with a little time to devote to this effort. In January, I would like to invite some young people to a party to Celebrate Creation! Please start your list of those to invite and consider how you can help.

Also, in Lent, plan on a movie/slash book study on Wednesday nights. There is much to be done and many hands make light work so please let me know how you can contribute your God given gifts and time to make it all happen!

God's Peace,
Mother Trula

Early Winter Book Study

We've talked a lot (Trula in sermons, Vestry at meetings, you all at home, I hope) about how we can develop a better understanding of people in our community who aren't necessarily like us and how we can, through that understanding, make them feel welcome at Trinity. We're taking a step toward that goal by planning a book study in January.

We've chosen *Coming Out, an Act of Love*, a book that was recommended by The Rev. T. Scott Allen. This short volume, by clinical psychologist Rob Eichberg, discusses the various aspects of the coming out process and the effects on all of the participants in that difficult and often painful undertaking. One reviewer said that the book is "...filled with compassion, understanding, and empathy for those who are coming out, as well as for those to whom the coming out process is directed," while another described "Coming Out" as "...center[ing] on the individual but understand[ing] that one person's actions of self-respect and love can begin to change the world."

We're planning the book study for Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall starting January 11 and we'll have more details soon. Plan to join us. We might not change the world, but we might very well change our view of it! And we also might have a chance to show Trinity's best side to some folks who may not have expected to be welcomed into our family.

For the Vestry,

John Schoonover
Senior Warden

Congratulations, Hana!

Hanako Henty, daughter of Peter and Tomoko Henty, and student of Towanda Jr./Sr. High School, was named the First Runner-up in the Bradford-Sullivan Outstanding Young Woman of the Year competition. She also won the Presence and Presentation Award and the Performing Arts Award for performing her piano piece, "Prelude 1 op. 40" by Nikolai Kapustin.

Hanako was inducted into the National Honor Society in her junior year and is consistently on the honor roll. She is also a member of the Gifted Individualized Education Program. With a background in music, Hanako was a semifinalist in the Governor's School of Excellence for the Arts for music composition in 2007, and a finalist in 2008 for piano performance. She is the winner of the John's Hopkins Talent Search for Reading/Writing award and has received nine consecutive superior rankings from the National Federation of Music Clubs. Hanako also won first place in piano and second place for voice at the Polyhymnia Music Competition. Among her many interests, Hanako is active in band, serving as Secretary and currently serves as Librarian for Chorus. She is currently undecided on which college to attend, but she wishes to focus on Music Composition and Arrangement.

text from The Daily Review

Congratulations Chris!

Chris Bailey, who earned his "Church and God" badge at Trinity in November, 2006, and has been a loyal acolyte, has been elected president of his class at Athens Area High School.

Also, Chris and members of his Boy Scout Troop have volunteered to do some yard work and major clean up of our property in the Spring. This is most welcome news and we look forward to it. Thank you, Chris!

Pledge Sunday is November 9.
You may mail your pledge card or place it in the Offering plate.



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Last Pentecost
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Trinity Prayer Cycle</i> 11/2 Fanna Proper, Carla Ross; 11/9 Tom, Lori, Derek and Lauren Pruyne; 11/16 John and Carol Reed; 11/23 John Schoonover, Hermine Shapiro; 11/30 Roger and Mary Ann Smith				<i>Diocesan Prayer Cycle</i> 11/2 St. Mary's, Reading, The Rev. Nancy M. Packard, rector; 11/9 Holy Cross, Wilkes-Barre, The Rev. Daniel G. Jones, rector; 11/16 The Youth Ministry of the Diocese of Bethlehem, The Rev. Demery Bader-Saye, missionary for youth; 11/23 St. Anne's, Trexlertown, Canon Michael Piovane, rector; 11/30 St. Luke's, Lebanon, The Rev. Terrence Wible, rector.		1 All Saints' Day Fall Back Daylight Savings Time ends, 2 a.m. 
2 All Saints Sunday 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	3 All Souls' Day (transferred from 11/2) <i>Heather Martin</i> <i>Brandon and Derek Coston</i>	4	5	6 <i>Norma Duddie</i>	7	10
9 Pentecost 26 - Proper 27 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour Pledge Sunday <i>Matthew Hollywood</i>	10 <i>Jim & Mary Patterson</i>	11 Clergy Day, St. Luke's, Scranton	12	13	14 Happening at Kirby House, through Sunday, grades 9-12	15 <i>Carol Reed</i>
16 Pentecost 27 - Proper 28 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour ---Vestry Meets ---- National Donor Sabbath	17	18 Clergy Day, Good Shepherd, Scranton	19	20 Clergy Bible Study, 7 p.m., Towanda	21	22
23 Last Pentecost Christ the King 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	24 <i>Joe Coston</i>	25	26 Thanksgiving Eve 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist	27 Thanksgiving Day <i>Ruby Jenney</i> <i>Elizabeth Maneval</i>	28	29
30 Advent I 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour 	<i>Kajo Keji</i> , 11/2 Ku'dupi Parish, The Rev. Moses Logiron; 11/9 Kudaji Parish, The Rev. Gordon Nyori; 11/16 Leikor Parish, The Rev. Enoke Pitia; 11/23 Limi Parish, The Rev. Peter Mala; 11/30 Lire Parish, The Rev. Franco Mogga, The Rev. Angelo Taban.		<i>Anglicans Around the World</i> 11/2 Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba; 11/9 Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury); 11/16 The Lusitanian Church (Portugal); 11/23 The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain; 11/30 The Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury)			

November Highlights

November 2 - All Saints Celebration, Food Bank Sunday

November 9 - Pledge Sunday

November 16 - National Donor Sabbath, Vestry meets after coffee hour

November 26 - Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7 p.m.

November 30 - First Sunday of Advent

Would you like a visit or home communion? Our rector or one of our Eucharistic Visitors 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.

Advent Tree

Beginning November 30, the first Sunday of Advent, we will put up an Advent tree. We'll be decorating it with mittens, gloves, warm hats and socks until it's time to decorate for Christmas, which will be December 21.

We'll be donating the warm clothing to Children and Youth Services.

We received a very kind thank you letter from Catholic Charities for the socks we donated. Thanks to all who took part.

New Vestry Members

With great joy we welcome Marie Bubniak and Karen Nichols to the Vestry. They are both interested and involved in our life at Trinity and we thank them for offering to serve.

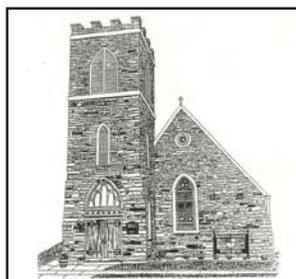
Rector's Discretionary Fund

The first Sunday of each month, the loose offering, that is money given that is not a pledge, is designated for the RDF. In the past this account has helped send young people to diocesan events, fed the hungry, paid for housing or fuel for the needy, purchased acolyte robes and much more. Please consider giving a bit extra the first Sunday of the month.

Eucharistic Visitors

Eucharistic Visitors are trained by the rector and licensed by the Bishop to take communion to those who are ill or shut in. We are in need of additional people to help with this very special ministry of presence. Please prayerfully consider whether God may be calling you to be a Eucharistic Visitor. Talk to Mother Trula.

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