

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Pentecost - October- 2009

Greetings,

The leaves are beginning to turn and change is coming to Trinity.

We have been talking about change for some time. Most people fear change because there is no certainty of what it will bring. With change brings the unknown but also challenges that can invigorate and revitalize.

Most of us have heard the Albert Einstein quote about Insanity: *doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results*. Trinity is in a place where we can stop doing the same thing and begin making things happen.

This week's sermon was about not becoming a stumbling block in the path to Jesus for others. There are many ways in which we do that. Most of us are guilty of keeping our faith hidden from others; even from ourselves. We put our faith in the backseat and reach back to get it only when trouble arrives.

This will never get the results Jesus expects from us and that is to empower every single soul we meet. I hope we all take time to consider what it means to bring our faith to the forefront in our lives and how that affects people around us.

Trinity is working to do just that. We have been considering for some time adding a service on Saturdays for families and individuals who cannot make it to the Sunday morning service. The demands of job and family make it difficult for some who would really like to attend church. We conducted a poll within the church and got some positive response, so beginning November 7th, we will have a Saturday evening service

at 5:00 p.m. The service will be a simple said eucharist with no music. Please tell people about the service. You'll see articles in the newspapers to inform others in the community who may want to attend.

We have also reached out recently to those in need more so than ever in the past. Those of us who were at the clothing giveaways were pleased to see how grateful people were to receive something concrete to help get them through difficult times. It was fun to watch young children excitedly sorting through clothing for the upcoming school year.

After the success of the clothing giveaways, we've started a toy giveaway to be held the week before Thanksgiving. You'll see more about that later in the newsletter.

Also, I'm arranging for a DVD presentation of a documentary "The Bible tells Me So" in the month of November. We hope to reach out to families, helping them accept and understand the issues behind sexuality. We also hope this will start an open dialogue in the community to begin a process of healing and acceptance.

There are many needs in our community. I hope Trinity can become a main vine from Jesus to meet those needs. Our mission statement is to *Seek and Serve Christ in all People*. Let us go forth and accomplish the work of the Lord.

God's Peace,
Mother Trula

-To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did.

(Sara, the Trinity church mouse is feeling rather under the weather and won't be able to give her usual monthly report. She is curled up on her couch with tea and a hot water bottle and we wish her fast healing. We'll hear from her next month. Editor)

Food Pantry Donations Every Sunday.

Trinity has had a long history of making the first Sunday of the month a donation day for **The Valley Food Pantry**. Due to our current economic crisis, our food pantries are facing major shortages. Every Sunday Sara would love for you to bring food to Trinity for the Valley Food Pantry.

Toy and Book Giveaway

Inspired by the success of the recent clothing drive we have decided to run a toy and book giveaway for Christmas. We are seeking new or slightly used books and toys. Start searching the attic and the basement and bring things in now. This event will take place just before Thanksgiving.

Vestry News

A new Advent Wreath and liquid wax candles for it has been ordered and everything has arrived. The vestry voted to use memorial donations for this long needed purchase. It will be dedicated on the first Sunday of Advent, which is November 29.

In honor of his many years of service, the Vestry has gifted a

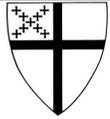


Fanna Proper and Patricia Gurney, surrounded by the many donations for Trinity's successful clothing giveaway, organized by Marie Bubniak. Many thanks to all who made it such a wonderful success and great gift to the community.

new alb and cincture to Barry Goldsmith. He has been a loyal acolyte for more years than many of us can remember, making the weekly trek from Towanda each Sunday. Thank you, Barry.

A donation has been made to Penn York Opportunities to help in the valuable work they do with the mentally and physically challenged in the Valley.

The Church Doors, as you know have been problematic for quite some time now. Many thanks to those of you who have struggled to make them better and to those of you who have struggled to get them open! The vestry is looking in to having them either replaced or rehung by a professional. It's hard to be a welcoming church when people can't get in!



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Pentecost

Trinity: 10/4: John Schoonover, Hermine Shapiro; 10/11: Roger and Mary Ann Smith; 10/18: John and Barbara Strange; Shelly and David Fish; 10/25: Mary Tolbert

Bethlehem: 10/4: The Diocesan House Ministry Team; 10/11: Trinity, Athens, The Rev. Trula Hollywood; 10/18: Clergy Licensed to Officiate in the Diocese; 10/25: Retired Clergy of the Diocese

Anglicans Around the World: 10/4: The Diocese of Swaziland, South Africa; 10/11: The Diocese of Tanga (Tanzania); 10/18: The Church of The Gulf (Pakistan); 10/25: The Diocese of Torit (Sudan)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Kajo Keji: 10/4: Kala Archdeaconry, The Ven. Eluzai Lo'boka Yario; 10/11: Bori Archdeaconry, The Ven. Sadoka Toe; 10/18: Gaderu Archdeaconry, The Ven. George Kenyi; 10/25: Kiri Archdeacondry, The Ven. Amosa Buli Gwolo</p>			<p>All Saints Day is Sunday, November 1. Saturday 5 p.m. service begins November 7.</p>	<p>1</p> <p><i>Chris & Heather Hunsinger</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Tyler Smith</i></p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 Pentecost 18 P-22 Bishop Paul Visits 9:00: Holy Eucharist II 10:00: Coffee Hour</p> <p><i>John Bubniak</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p><i>Carla Ross Melanie Wood</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p><i>Audrey Lauren Clare</i></p>	<p>7</p> <p><i>Kathy Patterson Ayres Tom & Shannon Bubniak</i></p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Diocesan Convention, St. Stephen's, W-B</p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>Scott Anderson Brandon Hunsinger</i></p>
<p>11 Pentecost 19 P-23 9:00: Holy Eucharist II 10:00: Coffee Hour</p> <p><i>John Bubniak</i></p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>Meredith Beck Mentzel</i></p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Tom & Kathe Maneval</i></p>
<p>18 Pentecost 20 P-24 9:00: Holy Eucharist II 10:00: Coffee Hour Vestry Meets</p>	<p>19 St. Luke the Evangelist</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p><i>Bob & Barbara Bean</i></p>	<p>23 St. James of Jerusalem</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 Pentecost 21 P-25 9:00: Holy Eucharist II 10:00: Coffee Hour</p> <p><i>Fanna Proper</i></p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Saint Simon and St. Jude, Apostles</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>Don Barton</i></p>	<p>31 Eve of All Saints</p> <p><i>Elise Barton</i></p>

October Highlights:

Sunday, October 4th:
Bishop Paul's Visitation, 9 a.m.

"Copper Coins," a contemporary praise band at Waverly First Baptist Church, 6 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, October 9 and 10, Diocesan Convention, St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre.
John Schoonover is our delegate; Patricia Gurney is our Alternate.

October 18: Vestry meets.

October 25: "An Audience of One" a contemporary praise band at Waverly First Baptist Church, 6 p.m.

A Look Ahead:

Our Presiding Bishop The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori will visit the Diocese November 9th-12th. The closest she will be to our area is on Wednesday, November 11 at 6 p.m. at St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre. A reception and open forum will follow.

A New time to Gather

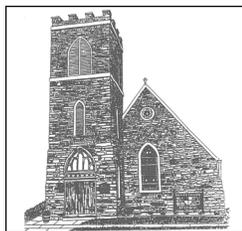
Beginning on Saturday, November 7, we are adding a second service here at Trinity. It will be at 5 p.m. each Saturday evening. This will be a simple said Eucharist. It is our hope that with the addition of this service that Trinity can continue to reach out to those who cannot attend our Sunday service.



Bishop Paul Marshall

Bishop Marshall was consecrated on June 29th 1996. He was called to Bethlehem from Yale where he was an Associate Professor and Acting Director of the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. The Bishop has faithfully served the Diocese of Bethlehem for the past thirteen years living and teaching our mission statement: "Live God's Love. Tell what you have seen and heard." Bishop Marshall is a celebrated theologian and a prolific author. The Bishop is renowned for his outstanding interpretation of scripture and has a great gift for bringing God's word to all of God's people. Please welcome him.

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