

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Easter and Pentecost Seasons - May, 2010

Greetings,

This past month has been very busy for all of us. We took a full Saturday and cleaned the Parish Hall making it ready for fellowship. On that Saturday, there was a feeling of camaraderie, friendly bantering and just a general good mood all the way around. It reminded me of when I clean the house anticipating special company. (Not that I only clean when I'm expecting company).

We *have* had special company in the parish hall recently. Some very brave people meet regularly to support each other as they recover from alcoholism. As we all know, it is not easy to admit we need help. Most of us don't like to admit when we have a problem we can't "fix" all on our own. These people come together every week knowing how important each one is to the other.

We've also had celebrations in the parish hall for a variety of occasions, birthdays, children's events and of course, the Easter "bash." The Lord has risen indeed!

When we attend church each week, we come together knowing how important we are to each other. We *are* very important to each other. We anticipate having "special company" every time we find our familiar pew. We celebrate the lessons of the scriptures, the birth of Jesus, his ascent into heaven, his resurrection and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus. We celebrate life.

As we look to the future, my hope is that we are always "cleaning house" in anticipation of special company. We cannot rest long enough to

let the cobwebs develop. Our pews are waiting patiently for us to reach beyond our "house" and bring in the company.

There is no more important place for us to bring our families and friends than church. There is no more "special" place for us to invite company.

Trinity Church was originally built in 1842, destroyed by fire in 1851, and re-built in 1860. The bell was first rung on Christmas Eve, 1863. Now near 150 years later, the bell is now rung every service to represent the fact that our doors are open to all who enter.

It is easy, although not particularly inviting, for us to wait for company to show up. It is not so easy for us to admit that we *need* them to show up. Jesus has commissioned us to do everything in our power to bring people to this special place to learn how important they are, to us and to Christ.

This month, we have a Fellowship dinner on Saturday, May 8th, at the parish hall. Invite someone to come with you, share the bread (and the spaghetti).

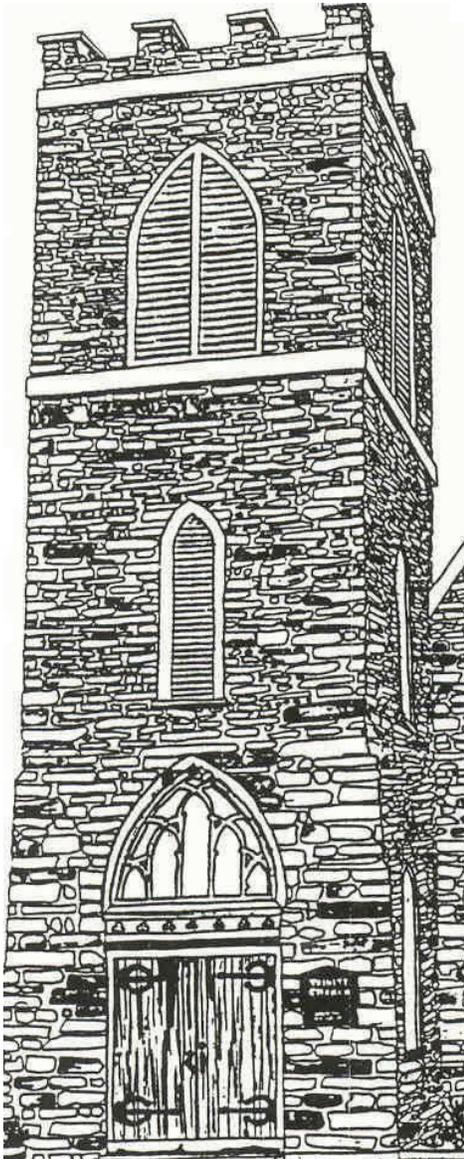
As you consider what it is that makes Trinity special to you, share your discovery with someone who needs a place to worship. Jesus sees us all as special and equally important. Let us always know the significance of all who enter our lives and ring the bell of life showing all the love of Christ.

God's Peace,
Mother Trula

Vestry News

The church doors are in very poor shape and the vestry is exploring options to replace or repair them. The design over the doors, which is meant to represent a rose, was originally put up over what appears to be plywood and it is disintegrating. Some of the sills are rotting as well as the paneling on the front of the doors. The carved area between the doors and the design appears to be in good shape, however. We will try to have the doors replaced over the summer, but if that is not possible, we may need to coat or paint them to make them more presentable and to protect them from further damage over the next winter. Your suggestions are most welcome.

The church tower is also in need of repair. While the pointing is in good condition, the flat concrete area which surrounds the top of the tower is flaking off in rather large pieces. It was repaired on a quasi-temporary basis at least a decade ago, before the more professional work was done on the roof, structure and pointing. The vestry is also exploring this problem.



A movable sign will be purchased to display information about special events at the church or parish hall. We have had a lot of activity in our parish hall and we find that people are not sure where it is. The sign will help not only those looking for it, but will make our parish visible to those walking or driving by.

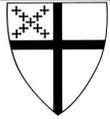
Trinity Parish Hall Toy Giveaway today

... our next outreach project will be a toy giveaway in September, so please start looking around now for either new or used items in good condition. Last year's event was a wonderful success; we are grateful to Marie Bubniak for organizing this event and others and to all her helpers!

The Church Garden will get some additional attention this month. The perennials that the Gerharts put in last year just before Fr. Ned's funeral are coming back as well as the newer mums from Fanna Proper's yard. The mums will be moved around and the "burning bush" will be trimmed back below the level of the stained glass window. The Caum family is looking at a new St. Francis statue for the area which will be given in Fr. Ned's memory. There will also be a small memorial plaque mounted inside the tower.

The Rectory also needs some attention. Barbara has redone all of the ground floor rooms (plaster and paint) except the dining room. Alan is now working on one the upstairs rooms and the rest will follow. In the meantime, two larger projects are being planned: replacement of the windows to make the building more energy efficient and rebuilding the chimney from the roof line up before it topples over. The house is now 100 years old, having been built in 1910. It's a solid structure and should last a long time as long as we continue to take care of it.

Vestry meets next May 9th. All are welcome.



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Easter and Pentecost Seasons

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Trinity: 5/2: Ruby Jenney, Paul & Emily Kelley. 5/9: Charles Kohnken and Maureen Blaney. 5/16: Marcel and Donna Lamb, Patricia and Heather Martin. 5/23: Tom, Kathe, Michael, Alex, Elizabeth and Patrick Maneval. 5/30: John, Wendy, Kim, Kelly and Kate Murray.		Diocese: 5/2: St. James', Dundaff, The Rev. Lou Divis, Summer Supply. 5/9: Trinity, Easton, The Rev. Canon Andrew T. Gerns, Rector, The Rev. Wayne Sherrer, Asst. Priest; The Incorporated Trustees. 5/16: St. Margaret's, Emmaus, The Rev. Canon Lexa H. Shallcross, Vicar, The Rev. Elizabeth Diely, Asst. Priest. 5/23: St. John's, Hamlin, The Rev. Ronald Miller, Supply; Holy Cross, Wilkes-Barre, The Rev. Daniel G. Jones, Rector, The Rev. John Leo, Assoc. Priest. 5/30: St. Peter's, Hazleton, The Rev. Jeffrey L. Funk, Rector, The Rev. Marion Meiss, Deacon; The Standing Committee.			1 Saint Philip and St. James, Apostles Easter 5 5:00 Holy Eucharist <i>Mary Patterson</i>	
2 Easter 5 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	3 AA 8:00 pm	4 <i>Patrick Kelley</i>	5 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	6 Clergy Day <i>Kim Murray</i> <i>Noah Gurney</i>	7	8 Easter 6 5:00 Holy Eucharist 6:00 Spaghetti Fellowship Dinner, Parish Hall
9 Easter 6 Rogation Sunday 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour Vestry Meets (5/9) <i>T.J. Smith</i> <i>Hazel & Ron Hunt</i>	10 AA 8:00 pm <i>T.J. Smith</i> <i>Hazel & Ron Hunt</i>	11 <i>Kathy & Kevin Ayres</i> <i>Chandler Paul</i> <i>Savannah Paul</i>	12 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm ECW Annual Meeting, Kirby House <i>Barry Goldsmith</i>	13 Ascension Day <i>Colleen Barton</i>	14 <i>Cora Orshal</i>	15 Easter 7 - Ascension 5:00 Holy Eucharist
16 Easter 7 - Sunday after Ascension Day 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	17 AA 8:00 pm <i>Kristina Hooper</i>	18	19 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm <i>Sharon Cole</i> <i>Phil Kelley</i> <i>Caleb Hunsinger</i> <i>Amanda Bivins</i>	20	21 <i>Jeff Davenport</i>	22 Pentecost 5:00 Holy Eucharist <i>Patricia Gurney</i> <i>Martin</i>
23 Day of Pentecost 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Ginny Ford</i>	24 AA 8:00 pm <i>David J. Bivins</i>	25	26 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	27 <i>Dan Gerhart</i>	28	29 Trinity 5:00 Holy Eucharist
30 Trinity Sunday 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Virginia Caum-Lake</i>	31 AA 8:00 pm The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial Day <i>Kim and Chuck Cornell</i>	Anglicans Around the World: 5/2: The Anglican Church of Kenya, Eliud Wabukala Archbishop. 5/9: Anglican Church of Korea, Solomon Jongmo Yoon. 5/16: Anglican Communion Sunday. 5/23: Episcopal Church of Cuba, Nerva Cot Aguilera and Ulises Aguero Prendes, Suffragan Bishops. 5/30: Church of the Province of Melanesia, David Vunagi. Kajo Keji 5/2: Wudu Parish, The Revs. Wilson Lomugun, Apolo Abile. 5/9: Kasurak, The Rev. Paul Geri, The Bishop's Office, Wani Peter, Tabu Grace, and Muja Margret. 5/16: Andesire, The Revs. Cosmas Lodiong Kwoji, Micheal Aboi; The Finance Office, The Rev. Jale Edward and Kiden Rose. 5/23: Emmanuel Cathedral, Pianilee Samuel Alibee; Romogi Parish, Anna Poni and Wani Peter, Deacon. 5/30: Kajo Keji County, Muki Batali, Commissioner, and the government of Southern, National Unity and Central Equatorial State.				

May Highlights



Saturday, May 8: Spaghetti Dinner Fellowship meal ... a

feast for our parish family and friends. Talk to Marie Bubniak if you'd like to help. The meal will follow the 5:00 service.

Sunday, May 9: Vestry Meets (please note we're meeting a week early this month.)

Wednesday, May 12 - ECW Annual Spring Meeting, Kirby House. The guest speaker is The Rev. Ronald Miller, "Messages—Obvious and Obscure—in Christian Art Throughout the Ages." Call Martha Fox at 610.395-4857 for more information.



Sunday, May 23: Day of Pentecost. A day to celebrate the gift of the Holy

Spirit. Baptisms or renewal of Baptismal Vows. Wear **RED**.



Sunday, May 30: Trinity Sunday—Celebrate our Name Day!

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Get Involved!

Want to do a bit for our parish family but are not sure where to start? Here are some suggestions:

Be a greeter - welcome people on Sunday morning with a smile and a bulletin.

Be a lector - volunteer to join our group of readers and read the first lesson occasionally.

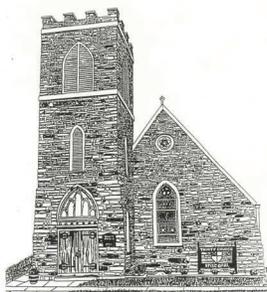
Set the table - help set the altar for our Saturday or Sunday Holy Eucharists. This ministry of service is very rewarding.

Feed the people - host a coffee hour on Sunday morning. Buy some donuts or bake something at home. Everyone will be very appreciative.

Visit the lonely - take some time to call or visit our members who can no longer get to church. You'll both benefit.

Make it grow - help with the garden or landscaping and invite a friend. Growth happens on all levels.

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