

# Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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## Pentecost Season - September, 2010

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Greetings,

The summer is winding down. Trinity has been busy gathering food for the food bank, and toys for those who need a little help at the holidays.

The ice cream social was new for us this month and those who attended were very happy to find home made ice cream and many delicious toppings. The fellowship was wonderful. It was a great opportunity for fellowship with all members who attend Trinity.

The fall has much planned us to look forward to. We're starting to plan a chicken and biscuits fellowship meal in October. John and I will be also be attending the Diocesan Convention in October.

The vestry has been very busy examining the building needs of the church and the rectory. There are some significant needs for the church. A committee has been organized to work with an architect for repairs to the tower and other needs. The committee includes John Schoonover, Don Barton, John Strange, Dan Gerhart and Barb Caum. I am very thankful for the knowledge and devotion members of our parish have offered to Trinity.

If you have any questions about the needs of the church, please talk with any of the members of the committee.

There is also much going on in anticipation for the holidays. Last year, we had our first annual toy giveaway for those who are finding it difficult to purchase gifts for their children for Christmas. It was a very successful event. There will be another toy collection this year.

What I find happening more and more at Trinity is that our priorities are reaching beyond our doors. The needs of our community are something we are examining on a regular basis. Life is changing in the valley. Many people are moving in the area. This has been good for the economy for some but has affected those who are low income negatively. There are more homeless, more in need of the food pantry, more unemployed and less services available. Many are worried about meeting their heat needs this winter already.

Trinity has chosen to give weekly to the food pantry and to donate financially to the Bridge and the food bank.

Throughout the season of Pentecost, we have heard much about the subject of loving our neighbors. We have also heard Jesus speak of priorities.

Let us remember the needs of others when we determine our financial priorities but also where we utilize our time and energy.

God has given us many resources in the gifts we possess and our ability to love our neighbor. Let us rejoice in all the blessings in our lives knowing we are disciples of Christ and remembering always the commandment of bringing the love of Christ to others.

Gods Peace,  
Mother Trula



## Vestry News

### Buildings and Grounds:

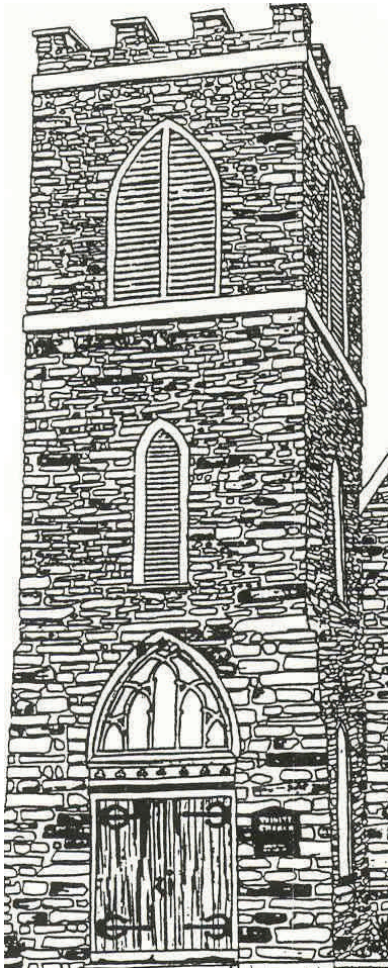
**The Tower** is in need of repair, as most of you know, as well as the **Church doors**. After having discussed the problems with contractors and experts, the vestry feels that the scope of the project requires an architect. The vestry is meeting with Bob Butcher of Foor Associates this month to that end. Bob worked with us when we had the church foundation and sides reinforced and stabilized in 2003.

The first priority is the tower, which is flaking pieces of stone and cement on the east side. That will be addressed before winter.

Next will be to rebuild the doors. The wood is degrading and will most likely be replaced in the same design. That work will be done next Spring and Summer.

**The Rectory porch** roof has been re-surfaced and rain gutters added. Carpenter John Lattimer did a fine job on the project. Next for the rectory is to have the chimney examined and rebuilt. The fireplace cannot be used until this is done and winter will be here before we know it.

**The church Memorial Garden** has had some loving work done. Jack Strange did a beautiful job repainting the Episcopal Shield on our sign, which completes the work that was started last May. Alan Caum trimmed and hauled away about 3/4 of the burning bush in the corner. It



had overgrown its allotted space and was blocking two windows. It has been shaped and will leaf out well in the Spring.



Barbara and Alan placed the new St. Francis statue in front of the tree, near Fr. Ned's ashes. The statue and a plaque in Ned's memory will be dedicated on October 3 when we have our observation of St. Francis Day. There will be more information about that in next month's newsletter.

**Chris Bailey's Eagle Scout Project** is ready to get underway. He and his fellow scouts will be scraping and painting windows, doing some landscaping and more. If you'd like to meet

Chris, he is most often the Acolyte at the Saturday 5:00 service.

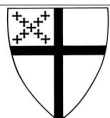
**An informational sign** is needed to make us and our events more visible. The vestry discussed the possibilities and has decided to explore having one built rather than purchasing a commercial sign, since they seem to quickly deteriorate and turn yellow.

**We'll be sprucing up the parish hall** a bit, having the run cleaned will be a big start. We are just beginning to discuss what might be done with the kitchen floor tile, which is discolored and cracked in places.

**Diocesan Convention** will be in October in Bethlehem. Our delegate is John Schoonover. There has been and will be more information in our diocesan newspaper, *Diocesanlife*. The pre-convention hearing in the northern part of the diocese is on September 30 at Epiphany Church in Clark's Summit.

If you have suggestions or wish to help in any way, please speak to a member of the vestry.

**Vestry meets the third Sunday of the month. The next meeting is September 19th after coffee hour. All are welcome.**



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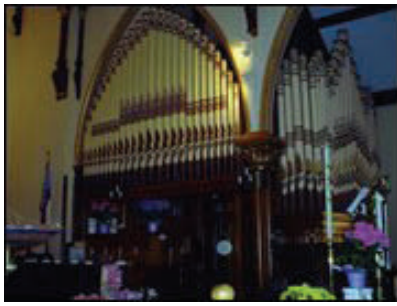
Pentecost

**Trinity: 9/5:** Sean, Donna, Daniel and Savannah Barry. **9/12:** Don Barton, Barbara Bean. **9/19:** Jan and Janice Beck. **9/26:** Kay Bennett, Jake Parshall.

**Bethlehem: 9/5:** Trinity, Mt. Pocono: The Rev. Charles Rice, Interim. **9/12:** St. Brigid's, Nazareth: Sally Jo Reynolds, Senior Warden; St. Matthew's Society. **9/19:** St. Mark's, New Milford: James Yeich, Senior Warden. **9/26:** St. John's, Palmerton: The Rev. Abraham Valiath, Priest-in-charge.

**Kajo Keji: 9/5:** Lire Parish and Secondary School: The Rev. Taban Anjelo, the Rev. Francis Loku, and Staff. **9/12:** Lito'ba Parish: The Rev. John Liri Amuja, The Revival: Enoka Dumo and Staff. **9/19:** Logili Parish: The Rev. Mary Basa, Mission and Evangelism: The Rev. Amule Emmanuel. **9/26:** Longira Parish: The Rev. Apolo Abile, KADRA: The Rev. Fred Taban.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Anglicans Around the World:</i> 9/5: The Episcopal Church of the Sudan: The Most Rev. Daniel Deng Bul Yak. 9/12: The Anglican Church of Tanzania: The Most Rev. Valentino Mokiwa. 9/19: The Anglican Church of the Province of Uganda: The Most Rev. Henry Luke Orombi. 9/26: The Episcopal Church of the United States: The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori.			1 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	2	3  <i>Alan Caum</i>	4
5 Pentecost 15 P-18 9:00: Holy Eucharist II 10:00: Coffee Hour	6 AA 8:00 pm	7 An organ-ized Exhibi- tion, Christ Church, Towanda, 7:03 p.m.	8 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	9  <i>Barbara Strange</i>	10 Building Com- mittee, 1 p.m.	11 Bridge Annual Bake Sale, Tops Communication Workshop, W-B
12 Pentecost 16 P-19 9:00: Morning Prayer II 10:00: Coffee Hour St. Paul's Hymn Sing 4:15, p.m.	13 AA 8:00 pm Holy Cross Day	14  <i>Stephen D. Barry</i>	15 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm  <i>John Schoonover Jon Murray</i>	16	17  <i>Tom Maneval</i>	18
19 Pentecost 17 P-20 9:00: Holy Eucharist II 10:00: Coffee Hour —Vestry Meets— St. Matthew's Sunday	20 AA 8:00 pm	21 St. Matthew  <i>McKenzie Elliottaden Mark Hollywood</i>	22 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	23	24	25  <i>Patricia Gurney</i>
26 Pentecost 18 P-21 9:00: Holy Eucharist II 10:00: Coffee Hour Clergy Retreat begins, Jesuit Center, Werners- ville	27 AA 8:00 pm	28  <i>Shelly Strange Fish</i>	29 St. Michael and All Angels AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	30 Pre-convention meeting, Epiphany, Clark's Summit, 7 p.m.  <i>Emily Kelley</i>	Coming in October — St. Francis Day Observance, October 3rd. Blessing of the animals and dedication of the St. Francis Statue.	



**"An Organ-ized Demonstration:** Theodore Lentz, along with his high school organ teacher, Shirley Moyer, will be presenting a lecture/demonstration of the Johnson & Son pipe organ at Christ Episcopal Church in Towanda, on **Tuesday, September 7th** at 7:03pm. The evening's events will include an overview of how the instrument works as well as beautiful musical demonstrations performed by both artists.

**The Bridge Annual Bake Sale is September 11 at Tops.** You can drop your baked goods off at Catholic Charities (on the east end of the former Lefty's in Waverly) on Thursday or Friday between 9 and 4. The sale begins at 8:30.

The fundraiser benefits the programs of The Bridge of Penn-York Valley Churches, which is dedicated to helping the poor and marginalized with food, clothing, furniture, rent, utilities and more. If you can't bake, then please buy!

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**Toy Giveaway:**

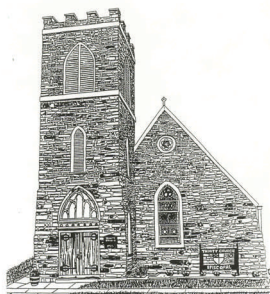
Toys are starting to pile up in the parish hall in preparation for our Christmas Toy giveaway. Last year's event was a wonderful success and we look forward to another year of giving to those in need. Please drop off new or like new toys any Sunday at the Parish Hall. If you have questions, talk to Marie Bubniak, who is organizing the event.

**Helping with worship:**

We are grateful for our loyal group of lectors, worship leaders, Eucharistic ministers and acolytes. However, we would very much like to have you join this group. Training is provided for the various ministries. We are especially in need of Eucharistic Ministers (chalice bearers) and Worship Leaders (Lay Readers). If you would like to learn more, talk to Mother Trula or to Barbara Caum.

**Altar Guild:** Please consider this quiet and lovely ministry. Talk to Patricia Gurney or Mother Trula if you'd like to know more.

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