

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Late Pentecost Season - October, 2010

Greetings,

It seems strange to feel such cool air coming through the windows in the morning after the heat of the summer. The summer has passed by so quickly. In a way, especially after this summer, I look forward to sweat pants, the comfort of a blanket as I sit on the sofa, candles burning in the house and nighttime coming sooner.

This part of the country is perfect for me. I look forward to the change in the seasons and the surprises that come with change. I would be bored in an area where the seasons never change.

Life seems a bit more adventurous when we welcome change in our lives. Just like the seasons, change in our lives allows for growth and movement.

In a small town area like the "Valley," change is not always welcomed by all. It is true, there is good change and not so good change. As citizens and especially as Christians, it's important that we know the difference.

Everywhere I go I am surprised and pleased to find more and more diverse populations in our area. This change helps us open our eyes to the fact that we are a global people. The world is our community, not just the valley.

Truly, we can take care of those in our immediate backyard; but if, say, all the children in the rest of the country were not well nourished or well educated, where does that leave the future of our country? It's so important to remember we are responsible beyond our backyard, township lines or "Valley".

I was south in Pennsylvania this week and heard of a drive for a mission in Allentown. I thought, "I wonder how many people driving through, as I was, are thinking, 'that's not my problem, I don't live in Allentown.'"

Well, maybe we don't live in Allentown, but Jesus does. Jesus lives everywhere and in everyone. It is small minded of us to think that we can just take care of those in our backyard and not reach out to others in need.

I am hoping in the next few months, to have this conversation more and more. It is relatively comfortable for us to be aware of what is going in our own community. If we remain in that place, we won't have to face the fact that what goes on in the rest of the world affects us and our future.

Just as right now, as I sit this cool morning, drinking my tea, feeling comfortable with my dog beside me and the cool air coming in window, I need to face the fact that at some point the early nights and the winter weather may not please me so much; so, we need to see be able to look beyond the immediate.

Jesus did not limit himself when caring for those in need. Jesus did not say, "Oh somebody else can take care of that problem, I'm busy with my own problems," or "I'm comfortable helping these people but not *those people*."

We cannot look in the mirror and say, "Well, I can only do so much." Jesus never meant for us to limit ourselves in any way, especially when caring for the children of God.

As we open our eyes to the fact we are a global people, let us also open our hearts.

God's Peace,
Mother Trula





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.



The Book of Common Prayer. Episcopalians have sometimes been called "The People of the Book." Thomas Cramner's work has been through many iterations, but The Book remains, in essence, the same.

During Lent this coming year, we will hold a weekly study session on the prayer book. Plan now to be part of this exploration into the

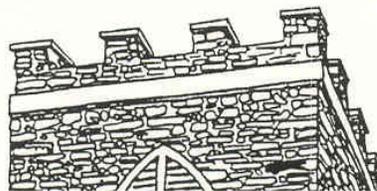
rich heritage we have been given for our common worship and prayer lives.

Helping with worship:

We are grateful for our loyal group of lectors, worship leaders, Eucharistic ministers and acolytes. We welcome Dan and Marny Gerhart, Chris Bailey and Charles Kohnken to our group of lectors.

We would also like to expand our group of Eucharistic Ministers (chalice bearers) and Worship Leaders (Lay Readers). Training will be provided. 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.



Building Committee

The committee has met with Bob Butcher, the architect from Foor and Asso-

ciates who worked with us in 2003 to stabilize the church walls. He has examined what was done before and is working with the committee on what can be done next to repair the top of the tower. Water has leaked into the mortar and freezing and thawing have caused some cement and mortar to give way.

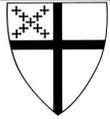
Work will be done immediately to prevent further deterioration of the crenellations at the top of the tower. Tentatively, the tower membrane roof will be removed and replaced and the trap door restored.

Over the winter the committee will continue to work with the architect and sub contractors to plan for replacing the front doors, venting the basement and repairing some weaknesses in the mortar at various places around the church.

Many thanks to the members of the building committee, Dan Gerhart, Jack Strange, Don Barton and John Schoonover, for taking on this most important ministry of being good stewards of that which was given into our keeping

Parish Hall .. The rug has been shampooed and the recent bee invasion has been addressed. We are discussing the best way to replace the worn linoleum tile in the kitchen.

Vestry meets the third Sunday of the month. The next meeting is October 17th after coffee hour. All are welcome.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Trinity:</i> 10/3 Marie Bubniak, Mary Ann Burke; 10/10 Joe, Laura, Rachel, Peter and Tim Cama; 10/17 Barbara, Alan and Doris Caum; 10/24 Ian, Kathleen, Audrey and Sean Clare; 10/31 Walt and Marcella Chaykosky.</p>		<p><i>Kajo Keji:</i> 10/3 Loopo Parish: The Rev. Chaplain Wori. Finance Ministry: The Rev. Jale Edward Woli Joseph. 10/10 Lori Parish: The Rev. Yunis Kiden. MES: Duesuk Alex and Moro James. 10/17 Lorudung Parish: The Rev. Elinoma Rabuk Sebang. HIV/AIDS Ministry: Monday Robert and Winnie Israel Taban. 10/24 Lu'bule Parish: The Rev. Clement Duku. Bethlehem Tailoring Training Center: Grace Tomor, Staff and Children. 10/31 Lukura Parish: The Rev. David Duku. Diocesan Secretary: The Rev. Murye Emmanuel.</p>			1	2 Pentecost 19 5:00 Holy Eucharist
<p>3 Pentecost 19 P-22 9:00 Holy Eucharist II St. Francis Day Observance 10:00 Coffee Hour</p>	4 AA 8:00 pm	5 <i>Carla Ross Melanie Wood</i>	6 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm <i>Audrey Lauren Clare Stacey Baster</i>	7 <i>Kathy Patterson Ayres Tom & Shannon Bubniak</i>	8 Diocesan Convention, Bethlehem	9 No 5 p.m. Service <i>Tyler Smith</i>
<p>10 Pentecost 20 P-23 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Scott Anderson Brandon Hunsinger</i></p>	11 AA 8:00 pm <i>John Bubniak</i>	12	13 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm <i>Meredith Beck Mentzel</i>	14	15	16 Pentecost 21 5:00 Holy Eucharist
<p>17 Pentecost 21 P-24 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour Vestry Meets <i>Tom & Kathe Maneval Brandon Bubniak</i></p>	18 St. Luke the Evangelist AA 8:00 pm	19 Clergy Bible Study 8, 4 p.m., Christ Church, Towanda	20 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	21 <i>Bob & Barbara Bean</i>	22	23 Pentecost 22 5:00 Holy Eucharist St. James of Jerusalem
<p>24 Pentecost 22 P-25 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour</p>	25 AA 8:00 pm <i>Fanna Proper</i>	26	27 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	28 Saint Simon and St. Jude, Apostles	29 All Saints is Sunday, November 7: Holy Eucharist and Holy Baptism	30 Pentecost 23 5:00 Holy Eucharist
<p>31 Pentecost 23 P-26 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Elise Barton</i></p>	<p><i>Bethlehem:</i> 10/3 St. Joseph's, Pen Argyl & St. Mary's Church, Wind Gap: The Rev. Dr. Jane Gaeta, PIC; 10/10 Trinity, Pottsville: The Rev. James Rinehart, Rector; 10/17 Christ Church, Reading: The Rev. John Francis, Rector, The Rev. Douglas Moyer, Asst.; The New Hope Campaign; 10/24 St. Mary's, Reading: The Rev. Nancy Packard, Rector; Daughters of the King; 10/31 Church of the Redeemer, Sayre: The Rev. Andrea Baldyga, PIC; The Social Ministries Committee</p>			<p><i>Anglicans Around the World:</i> 10/3 The Church in Wales: The Most Rev. Dr. Barry Morgan; 3/10 The Church of the Province of West Africa: The Most Rev. Justice Akrofi; 10/17 The Church in the Province of the West Indies; 10/24 The office of the Anglican Observer at the United Nations, and the Anglican UN Advisory team in Geneva, as they strengthen the mission of the Communion by conveying Anglican concerns to the UN and Governments, and keeping Anglicans informed about international initiatives. 10/31 The Church of Ceylon.</p>		



Fr. Ned putting out birdseed, 3/93



and St. Francis of South Main with the blessing of the animals and the dedication of the new statue in the church garden.

Bring your pets!!! When we say that all are welcome at Trinity, we mean it. Join us in giving thanks for the special place our pets have in our lives and give thanks for the special place Fr. Ned had in our lives.



Thanks to those of you who said you'd like to receive your newsletters by email. Please consider going electronic .. Your newsletter will arrive faster, be in color and will save trees and postage.

St. Francis Day Observance, this Sunday

Fr. Ned became known as the St. Francis of South Main Street during the blizzard of 1993. Up to his knees in snow, bundled against the cold, he repeatedly went out to put out seed for his "little buddies," as he called them.

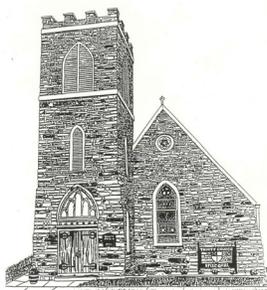
On Sunday, October 3, we will celebrate both St. Francis of Assisi

The 5 O'clock service on Saturday, October 9, is cancelled. This is the closing day of Diocesan Convention and Mthr. Trula may not be back in time.

Janice T. Beck passed away in the early morning hours of September 24th at ElderWood. Her family is planning a Memorial at a future time when they can all gather together. You may write to Dr. Jan Beck at 105 Old Hopkins St., Athens, PA 18810. In the decades that Janice belonged to Trinity, she was involved in nearly every ministry. She was gifted with true kindness and a seemingly endless wellspring of giving. We cherish the honor of knowing and being known by her.

Music News ... our organist, Kay Horton Bennett, will continue to play an instrumental in place of a communion hymn throughout the rest of Pentecost. We have changed our service music for the fall to S-125 and S-180 and will change it again in Advent to the Schubert Settings.

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