

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Christmas - Epiphany - January, 2011

Greetings and Happy New Year!

As we begin 2011, Trinity will be facing many decisions; big decisions having to do with the church building and the use of our finances.

This month we will have our annual meeting. Attendance at the annual meeting has dwindled quite a bit in the last several years so I would like to give you a few reasons why you *should attend* this year's annual meeting.

The reasons are as follows:

- 1) Free food- The annual meeting is as much for fellowship as it is for business. Bring a dish to pass and share quality time with your fellow parishioners. The more the merrier!
- 2) Become informed about what it takes to keep Trinity alive and well both spiritually and financially. The vestry puts a lot of effort into the business of caring for the church, the budget and the worship life of the church. Find out what's been going on and learn about the goal planning being conducted. I guarantee you will learn something.
- 3) You have experience and expertise that you can share at the annual meeting. The vestry is always looking for your opinions about how you believe things are going at Trinity.
- 4) Trinity needs you. You are the heart and soul of Trinity. When you are not at the weekly services or other events, believe me, you are missed! We are the body of Christ, the body of Trinity and without all of the members, we are not whole!

- 5) Also: someone on the vestry mentioned another reason why everyone should come to the annual meetings; if you're not present you might get elected to a seat on the vestry!! Ask Pat Gurney what that's all about.

I felt the call to become the rector at Trinity about ten years ago. Now after four years of answering that call, I find myself thinking that the one thing we as a church don't do as well as we should is communicate. Our annual meetings are meant to start the year off with communication about the church we all love.

In a time when most of our communication is hardly ever done in person, a time when responsibility for others has become "out of style" in the secular world, your presence is very important. Your opinion is very important to the ongoing workings of the church.

Come and share in the lines of communication, share what concerns you have and what gives you joy. Don't just talk to each other. Talk to your Rector, your Senior Warden or anyone on your vestry. We are very lucky to have such devoted persons on the vestry. Come and see what has been accomplished at Trinity!

We thank God for raising up the following individuals to lead our church in 2010:

John Schoonover, Senior Warden; Karen Nichols, Junior Warden, Margaret Gerhart, Clerk; Daniel Gerhart, Patricia Gurney, Fanna Proper, and Marie Bubniak.

God's Peace,
Mother Trula

Building News



The work to get the church through the winter has been completed. The crenellations have been removed from the top of the bell tower, loose masonry removed from the east face below the tower and a temporary roof covering is in place.

Damage to the sidewalk and front yard caused by the hydraulic lift used to do the work has been repaired. Elmira Structures has asked us to let them know if there are problems with the lawn when spring arrives and if so, they will address them.

The Building Committee will meet with Architect Bob Butcher of Foor Associates on Thursday, January 6, at 1:30 in the Parish Hall. Members of the building committee welcome your presence or input.

Very special thanks to Dan Gerhart for chairing the committee and keeping tasks on track. He has also lent his handyman skills to our parish family by fixing the lock on the sacristy door, "unsticking" the main door, installing a programmable thermostat, and working on the windows.

Total cost of the building project is unknown at this

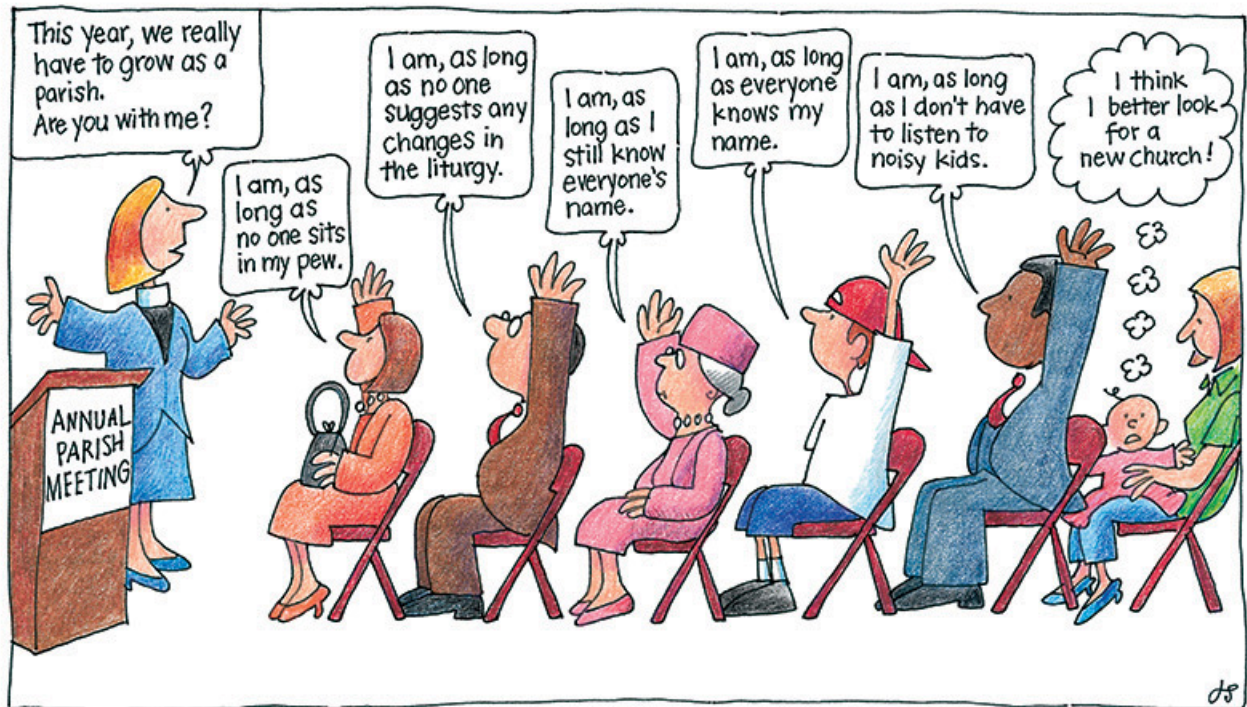
time; however, the vestry withdrew funds from the Diocesan Investment Trust to cover the initial costs. As of publication of this newsletter, the first portion of the work was less than the estimate, for which we are all grateful.

Because we are unsure of the cost, we are delaying the replacement of the parish hall kitchen floor. When that project is undertaken, the Maurice safe will be moved. The vestry is considering donating it to the local museum. If you have ideas for what to do with it, or know the history of the safe, please talk to a member of the vestry. We note that it has kept generations of young (and not so young) Trinitarians occupied in hopes of finding the lost combination.



Altar Flowers ... there will be a seasonal sign up sheet for giving flowers on specific Sundays on the back table of the church. The florist cost is approximately \$40. Talk to Barbara if you have a specific request;

sometimes we create our own arrangements with blooms from the local grocery stores.




Trinity's 169th Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 23 following worship. There will be a pot luck lunch.



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Christmas
Epiphany

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Trinity Cycle of Prayer: 1/2 George and Ingrid Garver; 1/9 Daniel and Margaret Gerhart; 1/16 Ed Gilbert, Barry Goldsmith; 1/23 Hanako Henty, Mark Hollywood, Shirley Huminik, 1/30 Trula Hollywood, Karen Nichols.		Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: 1/2 St. Andrew's, Alden: The Rev. John Leo. St. Stephen's, Whitehall: The Rev. Frank St. Amour, III. 1/9 Mediator, Allentown: Canon Maria Tjeltveit, Canon Walter Krieger. Holy Cross, Wilkes-Barre: The Rev. John Leo. 1/16 Grace, Allentown: The Rev. Patrick Malloy, The Revs. Christine Nord, Elizabeth Reed, Deacon Rodney Conn. St. Clement and St. Peter's, Wilkes-Barre: The Rev. William Marshall. 1/23: St. Andrew's, Allentown/Bethlehem: The Rev. T. Scott Allen. St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral: The Rev. Daniel Gunn, The Rev. Brian Pavlac. 1/30 St. John's, Ashland; Christ, Frackville; North Parish, Frackville and Holy Apostles', St. Clair: The Rev. Bruce Baker. Diocesan Staff.				1 Holy Name
2 Christmas II 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour	3 AA 8:00 pm	4 <i>Marie Bubniak</i> <i>Bryan Bean</i>	5 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	6 The Epiphany 	7	8 Epiphany I 5:00 Holy Eucharist
9 Epiphany I 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour 7:00 Women's 12 Step begins, 18 weeks <i>Doris Caum</i>	10 AA 8:00 pm	11	12 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	13 <i>Sharon & Harold Cole</i>	14	15 Epiphany II 5:00 Holy Eucharist
16 Epiphany II 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour Vestry Meets—Annual Reports due <i>Janet Gurney</i>	17 AA 8:00 pm	18 St. Peter <i>Jake Armstrong</i>	19 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	20	21	22 Epiphany III 5:00 Holy Eucharist
23 Epiphany III 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour and Annual Meeting <i>Paul Kelley</i>	24 AA 8:00 pm	25 St. Paul <i>Catherine Page Gurney</i>	26 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	27	28	29 Epiphany IV 5:00 Holy Eucharist
30 Epiphany IV 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Joe Cama</i>	31	Anglicans Around the World: 1/2 Lahore, Pakistan: Bishop Alexander Malik. 1/9 Leicester, England: Bishop Timothy Stevens. 1/16 Nigeria: Bishop Nicholas Okoh. 1/23 Louisiana: Bishop Charles Jenkins. 1/30 Cape Town: Thabo Cecil Makgoba, Archbishop, Garth Counsell, Suffra-		Kajo Keji: 1/2 Leikor: Lule James; Enoke Pitia, Emmanuel Waran. Lire Secondary School: Headmistress, Staff, and Students ; 1/9 Liwolo: Charles Kenyi, Augustino Loboka. Pomoju Girls Secondary School: Headmaster, Staff, and Students. 1/16 St. Peter's, Logu: James Dima, Augustino Lubang. Poggo College: Henry Leju, Staff, and Students. 1/ 23 Kala: Abate Joel, William Nyoma, Moses Dilla. Mangaloti: Yusto Wani. 1/30 Bori: Clement Duku, Jeneth Adiko, Michael Wolyan. Liwolo Secondary School: Headmaster, Staff and Students.		



Reaching Out ...

2010 Toy Giveaway:

51 children from both New York and Pennsylvania receive the toys you donated over the past months. The giveaways were December 4th and 11th. Thanks to all of you who donated toys and money, and the many hours Marie Bubniak, Patricia Gurney and their elves put in, Christmas was a lot brighter for many families.



The Hat and Mitten Advent Tree was

so full this year, we had to put the extras in a box. You all did a wonderful thing with your many donations of gloves, hats, scarves and mittens.



January Highlights:

- **Building Committee** meets January 6 at 1:30 in the Parish Hall.
- **Vestry** meets January 16th following coffee hour; please have your reports for the Annual Meeting ready!
- **Annual Meeting** is Sunday, January 23. Pot luck lunch, good company, good food, good planning. All are welcome.

Prayer Chain: The prayer chain is now in place; if you would like to ask for immediate prayers for yourself or someone else, call the church office or Patricia Gurney (607-699-3640). You may also add names to the prayer list located on the back table in the church.

Our Worship Time will not change. An informal survey concluded that most people are happy with Sunday at 9 a.m.

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