

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Pentecost - September and October, 2011

Worship and Clergy

We are pleased to welcome back **Deacon Hazel** on Saturday, September 10th. She will preside at our Saturday 5:00 Deacon's Mass each week. We give thanks for her successful surgery and for her ministry among us.

It's been a pleasure to worship with **Fr. Ben Lentz**. His sermons are lively, informative, thought provoking and fun. We are fortunate to have these two fine clergy willing to supply for us; a process will begin to plan for Trinity's future clergy within the next few months.

Fall Clothing Giveaway

... will be **Saturday, October 1** in the Parish Hall. Marie Bubniak, our Outreach Coordinator, along with her many helpers, has been hard at work collecting items for the giveaway. Please bring new or like new clothing for all ages to the parish hall by September 18th. Marie says the only things we *don't* need are sweatshirts. All other items of clothing are welcome. Please speak to Marie, or give her a call at 607.206.2964 if you can help with sorting or on the morning of the Giveaway.

UTO Ingathering - September 26 and October 2

Every penny placed in a UTO box is spent on grants. \$ 2.2 million was awarded in 2010, in the Episcopal Church, partner diocese and internationally. Every small prayer said in thanksgiving for God's bounty and blessings helps others.

If you don't have a blue box at home, pick one up from the back table in church and put it on your kitchen table or counter. With each small ... or large ... thanksgiving (warmth, health, children, loved ones, sunshine, laughter ... the list is endless), put coins (or bills!) in the box. Or you may write a check to Trinity with "UTO" on the memo line.

ECW Fall Project

The theme this year is "\$\$\$ for FABRIC." The goal

is for each child attending school in Kajo-Keji to have a uniform. You may donate \$10 for a full uniform or \$5 for one meter of fabric; it takes 2 meters to make a uniform which will be made at the Bethlehem Tailors' Training Center in Kajo-Keji. We will collect funds at Trinity or you may mail your donation, made out to The Diocesan Episcopal Churchwomen, with Fabric for Student Uniforms/BTTC on the memo line to:

Martha Fox, ECW Treasurer
4465 Farm Drive
Allentown, PA 18104

Hospital Visits

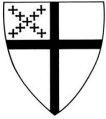
With the new HIPPA laws, the church isn't notified when you enter the hospital. Please, if a member of your family has been admitted, call the church office so we can arrange a visit. Both Fr. Ben and Deacon Hazel are available. If you need to reach Fr. Ben directly, his home number is 888.8208; his cell is 570.423.1858. He has spotty cell reception in his neighborhood, but you can leave a message.

Altar Guild Help Needed

Pat will be gone the last two Sundays in September and Barbara will be on her way to Philadelphia for back surgery and then recuperating, so we really need someone to set up the altar and take it down on September 18th and 25th. If you can help, please talk to Pat (607.699.3640) or Barbara. The altar needs to be set on Saturday afternoon for the 5 p.m. Deacon's mass and then reset for Sunday morning.

Book of Remembrance

Each year at Diocesan Convention, the necrology is read. We make a donation to the Trust Fund for each name we submit, which is the Diocesan Scholarship Fund. The names we have for this year are Janice Beck, Doris Caum, Cora Orshal and Anita Patterson. Please let Barbara know by September 11th if there are others who should be included.



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Trinity: 9/4: Jeff, Kim, Eric and Abby Davenport. 9/11: Jerry and Jean Dolan. 9/18: William Sarah, Leigha, Addy and Blake Draper. 9/25: Norma Duddie, David and Shelly Fish.

Bethlehem: 9/4: St. John's, Palmerton: The Rev. Abraham Valiath, Priest-in-Charge. Health Ministries. 9/11: St. Joseph's, Pen Argyl and St. Mary's, Wind Gap: The Rev. Dr. Jane Gaeta, Priest-in-Charge. Incorporated Trustees. 9/18: Trinity, Pottsville: The Rev. James Rinehart, Rector. Liturgy and Music Commission. 9/25: Christ Church, Reading: The Rev. John R. Francis, Rector, The Rev. Douglas Moyer, Assistant Priest. Ministry to Older Adults.

Kajo Keji: 9/4: Dwani: The Rev. Estere Kojo, Deacon Gedion Wani. 9/11: Akuboro: The Rev. Stanley Rumbe Lubai. 9/18: Sonder: The Rev. Henry Puji. 9/25: Kinyiba: The Rev. Scopas Wani.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Anglicans Around the World: 9/4: Seoul, Korea: The Rt. Rev. Paul Keun-Sang Kim. 9/11: Sittwe, Myanmar: The Rt. Rev. Barnabas Theaung Hawi and The Rt. Rev. Sein Aung, Suffragan Bishop. 9/18: Southeast Florida: The Rt. Rev. Leopold Frade; Southwest Florida: The Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith. 9/25: Southern Virginia: The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith.</p>			<p>United Thank Offering Ingathering: 9/26 and 10/2</p>	1	2	3
				<i>Alan Caum</i>		
<p>4 Pentecost 12 P-18 9:00: Holy Eucharist II 10:00: Coffee Hour</p>	<p>5 AA 8:00 pm</p>	6	<p>7 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm</p>	8	9	<p>10 Pentecost 13 5:00 Deacon's Mass</p>
					<i>Barbara Strange</i>	
<p>11 Pentecost 13 P-19 9:00: Holy Eucharist II 10:00: Coffee Hour —Vestry Meets—</p>	<p>12 AA 8:00 pm</p>	13	<p>14 Holy Cross Day AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm</p>	15	16	<p>17 Pentecost 14 5:00 Deacon's Mass</p>
			<i>Stephen D. Barry</i>	<i>Jon Murray</i> <i>John Schoonover</i>		<i>Tom Maneval</i>
<p>18 Pentecost 14 P-20 9:00: Holy Eucharist II 10:00: Coffee Hour</p>	<p>19 AA 8:00 pm</p>	20	<p>21 St. Matthew AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm</p>	22	23	<p>24 Pentecost 15 5:00 Deacon's Mass</p>
	<i>Kim Cornell</i>		<i>McKenzie Elliott</i> <i>Caden Mark Hollywood</i>			
<p>25 Pentecost 15 P-21 9:00: Holy Eucharist II 10:00: Coffee Hour UTO Ingathering Clergy Retreat, through</p>	<p>26 AA 8:00 pm</p>	27	<p>28 St. Michael and All Angels AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm</p>	<p>29 4 pm Redeemer Community Supper, 25th Anniversary meeting, Epiphany, Clarks Summit</p>	30	<p>October 1st: Clothing Give-away, Parish Hall</p>
	<i>Patricia Gurney</i>		<i>Shelly Strange Fish</i>		<i>Emily Kelley</i>	



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Late
Pentecost

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Trinity: 10/2 Charles and Virginia Ford; 10/9 Robert and Marguerite Franks; 10/16 George and Ingrid Garver; 10/23 Dan and Marnie Gerhart; 10/30 Ed Gilbert, Barry Goldsmith.		Bethlehem: 10/2: St. Mary's, Reading: The Rev. Nancy Packard, Rector. New Hope Campaign. 10/9: Redeemer, Sayre: The Rev. Andrea Baldyga, Priest-in-Charge. Pennsylvania Council of Churches. 10/16: St. James', Schuylkill Haven: The Rev. John H. Heffner, Rector. Personnel Committee. 10/23: Good Shepherd, Scranton: The Ven. Howard Stringfellow, Supply. Provincial Synod. 10/30: St. Luke's, Scranton: The Rev. Peter D'Angio, Rector. Recovery Commission.			 United Thank Offering Ingathering: 9/26 and 10/2		1 Pentecost 16 5:00 Deacon's Mass <i>Chris & Heather Hunsinger</i>
2 Pentecost 16 P-22 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour UTO Ingathering <i>Tyler Smith</i>	3 AA 8:00 pm	4	5 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm <i>Carla Ross Melanie Wood</i>	6 <i>Audrey Lauren Clare Stacey Baster</i>	7 Diocesan Convention, Bethlehem <i>Kathy Patterson Ayres Tom & Shannon Bubniak</i>	8 No 5 p.m. Service	
9 Pentecost 17 P-23 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	10 AA 8:00 pm <i>Scott Armstrong Brandon Hunsinger</i>	11 <i>John Bubniak</i>	12 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	13 <i>Meredith J. Beck</i>	14	15 Pentecost 18 5:00 Deacon's Mass	
16 Pentecost 18 P-24 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour Vestry Meets	17 AA 8:00 pm <i>Tom & Kathe Maneval Brandon Bubniak</i>	18 St. Luke the Evangelist	19 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	20	21	22 Pentecost 19 5:00 Deacon's Mass 9:30-3 DOK Annual Meeting, St. Luke's, Scranton, <i>Bob & Barbara Bean</i>	
23 Pentecost 19 P-25 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	24 St. James of Jerusalem AA 8:00 pm	25 Clergy Bible Study 8, 4 p.m., Christ Church, Towanda <i>Fanna Proper</i>	26 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	27	28 Saint Simon and St. Jude, Apostles	29 Pentecost 20 5:00 Deacon's Mass	
30 Pentecost 20 P-26 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Don Barton</i>	31 <i>Elise Barton</i>	Anglicans Around the World: 10/2: St. Asaph, Wales: The Rt. Rev. Gregory Cameron. 10/9: Swaziland: The Rt. Rev. Meshack Boy Mabuza. 10/16: Tasmania: The Rt. Rev. John Douglas Harrower. 10/23: The Murray, South Australia: The Rt. Rev. Ross Owen Davies. 10/30: Toronto, Canada: The Rt. Rev. Colin Robert Johnson (Toronto); The Rt. Rev. Philip Poole (Credit Valley); The Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls (Trent/Durham); The Rt. Rev. Canon Patrick Yu (York/Scarborough); and The Rt. Rev. George			Kajo Keji: 10/2: Kasurak: The Rev. Paul Geri. 10/9: Longira: The Rev. Emmanuel Yongo. 10/16: Beliak: The Rev. Elikana Lodu. 10/23: St. Joseph, Lire: The Ven. Emmanuel Kenyi and The Rev. Anjelo Taban. 10/30: Bajur: The		All Saints, next Sunday Renewal of Baptismal Vows



A new sign. This beautiful wood and glass sign was made by **John Strange**. When the tower work is completed, it will be mounted on the left side of the front doors and will have movable letters. It's lovely, John, thank you so much!

Renovation News

The re-pointing of the tower is done, the new roof is on and the masons are power washing and putting up flashing. The scaffolding will come down this week and clean up will begin. The work that remains includes the repair/replacement of the basement door, sealing the old underground windows on the north side of the basement, and, of course, replacement of the front doors and decorative panel, which is where this all began.

The vestry also approved rebuilding the rectory chimney; the wrap done several years ago was a temporary measure and is failing.

Our senior warden, Dan Gerhart, has done a fine job tracking and overseeing this very complicated project and we are very grateful. He reports that the total amount of work authorized is now \$164,434. To date we have paid \$90,500 of the total.

Paying for the Project

To date, we have withdrawn \$30,000 from the Horatio Bridge Fund in the Diocesan Investment Trust. The balance of the project is financed by a loan (line of credit secured by the Maurice Trust at C&N Bank) of \$120,000. Clearly, it will be necessary either to

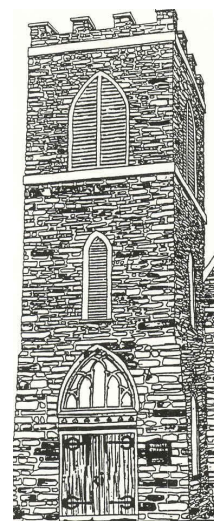
borrow more than this amount or make additional withdrawals from the DIT.

Response to the Vestry's appeal for pledges in support of this capital campaign has been less than hoped for. Pledges received to date for the three year period will not cover the interest payments, let alone allow for a reduction in principle on the loan.

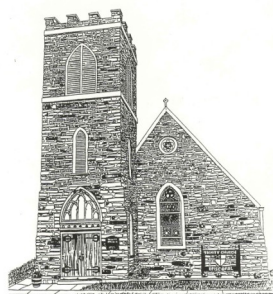
Dan says, "We need to take a good hard look at where we are going with the future of Trinity. As everyone must realize, our list of active parishioners has dwindled to levels that make it difficult to support the ongoing operation Clearly, however, we need an increased active membership. I would ask for your thoughts on how we might make this happen. The Vestry will be starting to address these issues beginning at the October Vestry meeting, presently scheduled for October 16, 2011. I would ask that as many members as possible plan to stay for that meeting and come prepared with ideas on where we go from here and how to get there. Your thoughts and serious consideration of these issues will be greatly appreciated."

This newsletter is for both September and October; there may be news items that come in after publication, so please keep an eye on the Sunday bulletin announcements. It's possible there won't be a bulletin for 9/25 or 10/2, it just depends on how fast your editor heals from spine surgery. See you in church!

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Early Fall at Trinity