

# Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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## Pentecost - July and August, 2012



### This Summer at Trinity

Comparing last year's newsletter for the summer to where we are now shows that we have come a long way in the past year.

A year ago, the tower was surrounded by scaffolding, machinery and orange plastic construction fencing which was moved for our weekend services. We entered the building through doors that usually needed to be kicked open from the inside and fought grit covering most of the inside of the church each week. There was little natural light as most of our windows were covered with plywood to protect them.

Today, we enter the church through beautiful new front doors and sit in the lovely light of our stained glass windows. The morning light which comes through the three lancet windows behind the altar is now clear and bright since our hard-working senior warden cut down the rogue black walnut trees, and the outside window trim is also bright since he and our clerk of the vestry scraped and painted the woodwork. Dan and Marnie Gerhart have worked incredibly hard on the building, doing not only the projects just mentioned, but also clearing out more brush and dead wood over the sacristy, clearing the blocked rain gutter on the Sacristy roof, and much more. We extend our most heartfelt thanks to them for all they do.

Also, a year ago, we were planning our farewell brunch for Trula, who is now serving as Executive Director of the Area Agency on Aging in Luzerne and Wyoming Counties. She and Karen live outside of Tunkhannock. She says that she is supplying almost every Sunday at area churches and that is surprising how many churches do not have full time clergy. As of this writing she has welcomed a new granddaughter, born to Matt and Jerilyn.

A year ago we were praying for Deacon Hazel, as she went through surgery; she spent the summer recuperating and we are so happy to celebrate with her that she is cancer free. We are blessed to have Hazel with us each Saturday evening at 5 for a Deacon's Mass. This month, she will also be with us Sunday mornings, July 8 and 15, when Fr. Ben is on vacation in Maine

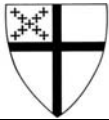
We welcomed Fr. Ben Lentz as our Supply Priest a year ago. We are so fortunate to have him with us each Sunday and for his pastoral visits to our ill and shut-in members. Over the winter we have shared some services with Grace, Waverly, where he also supplies, which has been a welcome time of fellowship. He also offered a weekly Bible Study there, to which we were invited, which will resume this Fall.

A year ago the church garden was a wreck, and an orange traffic cone covered the area where Fr. Ned's ashes were buried. It was pretty dismal. This Spring, the Gerharts pulled out the dead evergreens closest to the tower, a tough job. In the past few weeks Barbara has worked peat moss into the soil, which was pretty much like cement, and replanted some perennials and annuals. As of this writing, she is up to nine bags of mulch on top of the re-worked soil, which will help keep the moisture in and the weeds down.

Marie Bubniak, our Outreach coordinator, has held two clothing giveaways over the year, one for flood victims and one for children. She also organized the annual Christmas toy giveaway, the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and a parish spaghetti dinner.

Pat Gurney continues to work tirelessly as our main Altar Guild person. This past year we have purchased liquid candles for the altar and a new fair linen. Our older chalice and paten are being used each week for the Saturday Deacon's Mass since it

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**Pentecost**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Trinity:</b> 7/1 William, Sarah, Leigha, Addy and Blake Draper; 7/8 Norma Duddie, David and Shelly Fish; 7/15 Charles and Virginia Ford; 7/22 Robert and Marguerite Franks; 7/29 George and Ingrid Garver.</p>  <p><b>Diocese:</b> 7/1: St. Luke's, Lebanon: The Rev. Terrence Wible, Rector. Bishop Paul V. Marshall. 7/8: All Saints, Leighton: The Rev. Jane Arrington Bender, Priest-in-Charge. Congregational Development. 7/15: Good Shepherd and St. John the Evangelist, Milford: The Rev. Canon Elizabeth Geitz, Assistant Priest, The Rev. Fran Hlavacek, Deacon. Daughters of the King. 7/22: St. Paul's, Montrose and St. Matthew's, Stevensville: The Rev. Paul Walker, Rector. Diocesan Council. 7/29: St. Thomas, Morgantown: The Rev. Donald A. Howells, Deacon. Ecclesiastical Court.</p>						
<b>1 Pentecost 5 P-8</b> 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Tim Cama, Paul Kelley            Dan &amp; Margaret Gerhart</i>	<b>2</b> AA 8:00 pm <i>Bruce Barton</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Vickie Wood</i>	<b>4 Independence Day</b> AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	<b>5</b> <i>Alex Maneval</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Elise Barton</i>	<b>7 Pentecost 6</b> 5:00 Deacon's Mass <i>Sean William Clare</i>
<b>8 Pentecost 6 P-9</b> 9:00 Deacon's Mass II 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Jon &amp; Wendy Murray</i>	<b>9</b> AA 8:00 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm <i>John &amp; Barbara Strange</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14 Pentecost 7</b> 5:00 Deacon's Mass
<b>15 Pentecost 7 P-10</b> 9:00 Deacon's Mass II 10:00 Coffee Hour	<b>16</b> AA 8:00 pm	<b>17</b> <i>Abby Davenport</i>	<b>18</b> AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> No 5 pm service  <i>Sean Bubniak</i>
<b>22 Pentecost 8 P-11</b> 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Blake Allan Forbes</i>	<b>23 St. Mary Magdalene</b> AA 8:00 pm <i>Justin Bailey</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Rhonda Hooper</i>	<b>25 St. James</b> AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm <i>Bishop Paul</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>Tomorrow:</i> "We all live in a Yellow Submarine"	<b>28 Pentecost 9</b> 5:00 Deacon's Mass 9:30 Bishop's Day with Kids, Cathedral <i>Carlyle Hooper, Jr.            Mike &amp; Shelley Barry</i>
<b>29 Pentecost 9 P-12</b> 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	<b>30</b> <i>Ron Hunt</i>	<b>31</b> <i>Andy Patterson</i>	<b>Anglicans Around the World:</b> 7/1: The Church of Pakistan (United): The Most Rev. Samuel Azariah. 7/8: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea: The Most Rev. Joseph Kopapa. 7/15: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines: The Most Rev. Edward Pacyaya Malecchan. 7/22: L'Eglise Episcopal au Rwanda: The Most Rev. Dr. Onesphore Rwaje. 7/29: The Scot-		<b>Kajo-Keji:</b> 7/1: Gurube: The Rev. Charles Kwoji. 7/8: Rodo: The Rev. Rufas Sobe. 7/15: Ajira: Deacon Alfred Lomena. 7/22: Gaderu: The Ven. George Kenyi and Deacon Timon Tomilyan. 7/29: Mond: The Rev. Elinama	



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has a smaller attendance. It is nice to see it again. We use the chalice and paten given in memory of Barry's parents each Sunday.

Trinity is such a unique and wonderful parish. Each of us contributes to our life together and the richness we share ... whether we are readers, servers, singers, prayers, musicians, vestry members, or the occasional guest who drops in on a weekend. We pray and sing out of books with markers made by Carol Reed, each book given in love, often in memory of someone, and their presence carries us forward just as we will carry those who come after us as we strive to be good stewards of Trinity. The light through the windows, each given in memory, and then protected by those of us who came later, the extra lighting in the church, given in memory of one who could not see well, the list goes on and on.

Fr. Ned often cautioned against thanking people by name; he was correct in that somewhere along the way someone would not be mentioned and might have hurt feelings.\*

In this retrospective, only a few of the many of you have been mentioned. But the point is that each and every one of you, whether you attend regularly or are reading the newsletter as a shut-in or are a former member who no longer lives here, are present in some way at Trinity. You are Trinity. You have given part of yourselves to our life together. It's a legacy that is treasured.

*\*I have an unwritten article which I will some day submit to Diocesan Life ... it is called "I Know You All By*

*Name." I have spent nearly 22 years keeping parish records, watching you and your families grow and change, leave and sometimes come back again. You are each unique, known and appreciated.*

Barbara

### Summer Highlights

**July 8 and 15:** Fr. Ben will be on vacation; Deacon Hazel will be presiding over our services those days. The Deacon's Mass is the regular Holy Eucharist without the prayer of consecration. Be sure to come and make her welcome.

**No 5 p.m. service on July 21.** Deacon Hazel is serving at Troy that day.

**Vestry meets next on August 19th.**

**The Birthday/Anniversary list** has been updated. Please check it for additions or corrections.

**Email addresses:** The list is growing; thank you all for agreeing to receive your newsletter as an email attachment. Send your email address to [information@trinityathens.org](mailto:information@trinityathens.org) to join the list.

**Share the riches of your gardens:** consider bringing bouquets for the altar or extra produce to share at coffee hour.

### Plan Ahead:

**An all parish picnic** will be held on September 9 (September 16 is the rain date) at the Gerharts'. It will be a great event ... mark your calendar now.

**Bishop Paul visits October 16th.** Plan to be here to welcome him; he is an excellent preacher.

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