

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Pentecost, September, 2012

Pentecost is the longest season of the church year. As I write this, it is the weekend of the 14th Sunday of the season (if you're of "an age," you will remember the seemingly endless Sundays after Trinity; this is similar). There are 26 Sundays After Pentecost this year, which means we are just a bit over half way through.

The liturgical color of the season is green, signifying a time of growth and learning. We have certainly learned a lot so far this year, on many levels.

On Sundays we have learned a great deal about the ancient roots of the Bible that go beyond the stories thanks to Fr. Ben's fondness for the Old Testament. It's really been enlightening to learn something new about something that's so very old and that speaks to us today just as it did to those who first heard the stories.

As stewards of our church property, your vestry has learned a great deal, some of it a bit painfully:

- We've learned that when you make the decision to convert the buildings to gas heat and the gas company tells you it will be done in a few weeks, it's not necessarily the case. We began the process last March and are still waiting for that to happen. We fervently hope that the changeover is done before we need to turn the heat on in the church and rectory.
- We've learned that a major renovation, which one expects to take longer than the projected time, takes even longer than that, and then some. The final coats of varnish will go on the original wood surrounding the new front doors this coming week. How-

ever, we are still waiting for word on the new light fixture.

- We've learned that most of our grounds can take an awful beating from dropped stones and mortar and heavy equipment and still come back to life. The peonies on the south side of the church bloomed in abundance and the pachysandra is filling in on the north side. A lot of work was involved, but the memorial garden looks good again and we have a lawn again. We'll overseed it and it should do very well next spring.
- We've learned that there are some exceptional young people in our community. Mitchell Orshal, a great-nephew of Cora, a long-time member of Trinity, built the foundation for and constructed our new storage shed as his Boy Scout Eagle project.
- We've learned that a small group of dedicated people can make a difference. What Trinity lacks in numbers it makes up for in the hard work and loyalty of its members.

We spend a lot of time at vestry meetings talking about growth, about the future of our parish and what we might do to make it grow. These are not easy discussions.

Sometimes it's good to take a step back, not think about the numbers and appreciate the richness and growth we see in our lives together, how we grow in spirit each week as we worship together and how much we have accomplished as God's Episcopal people in Athens. When we see how much we have learned and how we have grown from that learning, then surely God will help us find a way to share it.

Norma P. Duddie passed away at Robert Packer Hospital on Thursday, August 23, 2012. A long time member of Trinity, Norma was active in the Altar Guild and in Trinity Guild. She was a wonderful knitter and donated several afghans over the years to our annual Bazaars.

There will be a memorial service in celebration of her life on Saturday, October 13th or 20th. The time will be announced later.

Norma had a wonderful sense of humor and was a delight to spend time with. If you have favorite "Norma" stories, please call, write or email Barbara and she will write them up to share with everyone.

[I once sent out a newsletter in which the computer auto-corrected her name to Normal. I called her that for years and she always laughed. bcc]

UTO Ingathering - September 30



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.

2012 ECW Project

This year the ECW is concentrating on disaster relief in response to the flooding in NE Pennsylvania. The former St. George's Episcopal Church in Nanticoke, which has been vacant, has been established as the primary center for future disasters. The St. George's Regional Disaster Recovery & Outreach Center is preparing now.

Each person in the diocese can help by donating items for this year's ingathering at convention. We are asked to donate plain, solid colored tees shirts and plain white socks, in all sizes, to the Center.

Please bring your items to the Parish Hall by September 30th and Barbara, our convention delegate, will take them to Good Shepherd, Scranton, on October 5th.

How to find Dan & Marny Gerhart

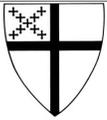
From the light at PA 187 and Route 6 in Wysox

Go North on 187 approximately 1.8 miles to Myersburg. Turn Left on Claverack Road approximately one block then right on Glen Road. We are 3.4 miles up Glen Road on the left. Number is 3355 – reflective sign on mail box post – only paved drive off the dirt road – driveway is between two sections of fence.

If you prefer, head up Lake Road past the lake, then turn right on Allen's Lane and left on Glen Road. We are approximately 1.7 miles up Glen Road from Allen's Lane.

From the North/West

Take 220 to Ulster and cross the bridge. From the stop sign on the east side of the river proceed straight ahead (up Ghent Hill) approximately 3 miles. Turn right on Shores Road approximately 2.4 miles to Lake Road. Turn right on Lake Road approximately 0.5 miles. Turn left on Maloney Road (sorry, no sign) at the big tree. Proceed approximately 0.2 miles and turn right onto Glen Road. We are approximately 0.8 miles down Glen Road on the right. See above.



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Pentecost

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Trinity Cycle of Prayer: 9/2: Matt, Jerilyn, Caden, Libby and Haylynn Hollywood. Gage Streeter. 9/9: Chris, Heather, Adam, Brandon & Caleb Hunsinger. 9/16: Hazel and Ron Hunt. 9/23: Paul and Emily Kelley. 9/30: Charles and Maureen Kohnken.</p>				<p>Bethlehem: 9/2: St. Mark's, New Milford: The Rev. Charles Warwick, Deacon-in-Charge. Christ Church, Susquehanna: The Rev. Randy Webster, Supply. 9/9: St. John's, Palmerton: The Rev. Abraham Valiath, Priest-in-Charge. Health Ministries. 9/16: St. Joseph's, Pen Argyl & St. Mary's, Wind Gap: The Rev. Dr. Jane Gaeta, Priest-in-Charge. 9/23: Trinity, Pottsville: The Rev. James Rinehart, Rector. New Hope Campaign. 9/30: Christ Church, Reading: The Rev. John R. Francis, Rector. Ministry to Older Adults.</p>		<p>1 Pentecost 14 5:00 Deacon's Mass</p>
<p>2 Pentecost 14 P-17 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>3 Labor Day AA 8:00 pm</p> <p><i>Alan Caum</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Pentecost 15 5:00 Deacon's Mass</p>
<p>9 Pentecost 15 P-18 9:00 Deacon's Mass II 10:00 Coffee Hour 2:00 Parish Picnic</p> <p><i>Barbara Strange</i></p>	<p>10 AA 8:00 pm</p> 	<p>11</p>	<p>12 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Holy Cross Day</p> <p><i>Stephen D. Barry</i></p>	<p>15 Pentecost 16 5:00 Deacon's Mass</p> <p><i>Jon Murray</i></p>
<p>16 Pentecost 16 P-19 9:00 Deacon's Mass II 10:00 Coffee Hour —Vestry Meets—</p>	<p>17 AA 8:00 pm</p> <p><i>Kim Cornell</i> <i>Tom Maneval</i></p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 St. Matthew</p> <p><i>McKenzie Elliott</i> <i>Caden Hollywood</i></p>	<p>22 Pentecost 17 5:00 Deacon's Mass</p>
<p>23 Pentecost 17 P-20 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>24 AA 8:00 pm</p> <p><i>Kim Cornell</i></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm</p> <p><i>Patricia Gurney</i></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>Shelly Strange Fish</i></p>	<p>29 St. Michael and All Angels Pentecost 18 5:00 Deacon's Mass</p>
<p>30 Pentecost 18 P-21 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour UTO Ingathering</p> <p><i>Emily Kelley</i></p>	 <p>United Thank Offering Ingathering is September 30th</p>		<p>Kajo Keji: 9/2: Dwani: The Rev. Estere Kojo, Deacon Gedion Wani. 9/9: Akuboro: The Rev. Stanley Rumbe Lubai. 9/16: Sonder: The Rev. Henry Puji. 9/23: Kinyiba: The Rev. Scopas Wani. 9/30: Kasurak: The Rev. Paul Geri.</p>	<p>Anglicans Around the World: 9/2: The Episcopal Church of the Sudan: Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul Yak. 9/9: The Anglican Church of Tanzania: Archbishop Valentino Mokiwa. 9/16: The Church of the Province of Uganda: Archbishop Henry Orombi. 9/23: The Episcopal Church in the USA: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori. 9/30: The Church in Wales: Archbishop</p>		<p>Bishop Paul visits Trinity October 21st</p>

September Highlights

Deacon's Masses are celebrated each Saturday at 5 p.m. Deacon Hazel Hunt is the preacher and presider.

Holy Eucharist with music, Sundays at 9 a.m. Service Music is from *Wonder, Love and Praise*, the supplement to the Hymnal.

Deacon Hazel will preside at our Sunday services on September 9th and 16th.

September 9

9 a.m. Deacon's Mass with music
2 p.m. Parish Picnic

September 16

Vestry meets

September 30

United Thank Offering Ingathering (details inside)

Looking Ahead:

October 5-6: Diocesan Convention, Good Shepherd, Scranton

October 9: Archdeacon Howard Stringfellow meets with the Vestry

October 13 or 20: Memorial Service for Norma Duddie. Time to be announced.

October 21: Bishop Paul visits Trinity, 9 a.m.

Hospital Visits: Because of the privacy regulations now in effect, the church has no way of knowing if someone is in the hospital. Please, make arrangements now with a friend or family member to call the church if you are admitted. Fr. Ben or Deacon Hazel will visit with you, pray with you and bring you communion, but only if you let us know.

Prayer List, Birthday Anniversary

Calendar: We keep a copy of the prayer list on the back table for you to add or subtract names each week. Please take a look and make sure it's up to date. Also, look over the **birthday/anniversary** calendar and make sure you and your family are included.

Make Trinity a friend on **Facebook, Trinity Episcopal Church, Athens.** You'll find pictures and news. Check it often.

Every Sunday as Food Pantry Sunday. Bring non-perishable foods in unbreakable containers. All donations are used locally.

Parish Picnic

A picnic for the members and friends of Trinity will be held on **September 9 at 2 p.m.** at the home of Dan and Marny Gerhart. Hot-dogs, hamburgers and soda will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share and **all** of your family. Invite your friends as well! We need a rough count of how many are coming, so please let Barbara know by Wednesday, September 5th. Rain date for the event is September 16th.

Dan and Marny live in the vicinity of Rome. There are detailed driving instructions on page 2 of this newsletter. The address is 3355 Glen Road if you want to look it up on your favorite map program.

We hope to see you ALL there!



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