

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Last Pentecost - November, 2012

[Editor's note: Stewardship is definitely not our Clerk of the Vestry's favorite subject, yet she took it upon herself to write this year's letter. I commend it to you for your prayerful consideration of her offering.]

Dear Friends—

Hopefully you and yours are well in this post Sandy period. We are so fortunate again to escape harm. Surely you recall Irene and Lee of 2011.

Although asking for money sits poorly with me, I put pen to paper to do that. Giving feels better. Still, stewardship proposes that we, who are Trinity Church, continue to support each other.

Barbara Caum, parish administrator, supervises accounts and much more. Don Barton counts and deposits monetary gifts. The Vestry acts on our behalf. The Altar Guild tends the linens and elements. And, of course, Deacon Hazel and Father Ben attend to our pastoral needs. This list is not all inclusive, but you get my drift. We cannot afford salaried help in every area and the expenses of operating a church exist to be met. With your help: time and expertise given and money donated, Trinity Church remains viable. Please, let this continue by pledging and, hopefully, increasing your giving.

To show care and concern for ourselves and others, welcome is extended to all comers. If the passing of the Peace is difficult, do as I do. Give a wave. To have two services each weekend is important, I think. Can this continue? Clothing drives and toy giveaways, and providing meeting space for AA groups and participating in Diocesan renewals are worthwhile. And, parish dinners and picnics are good. But...

Bishop Paul gave Trinity a good report card when here on October 21st. Trinity accomplished a lot this year regarding the physical plant: completing the bell tower project, painting woodwork outside and inside, beautifying the garden areas, erecting a new storage shed, and installing a gas fueled heating system in the

church and rectory. Again, this list is actually longer.

The stress of how hard it is to meet the interest due on the line of credit for the renovation (so far no principal has been repaid) as well as to meet operating expenses is an underlying point in this stewardship appeal. Nevertheless, we owe ourselves to make good on Trinity's mission: **to seek and serve Christ in all people.**

The Vestry asked each other to consider writing the necessary stewardship letter. I have never pledged before (much to the consternation of my husband and others) or written such an appeal. Anyway, Daniel and I will commit in memory of our mothers—both born in 1913. We will pledge.

Most of you pledge faithfully, I know. Can you provide more than you did last year, by any chance? The annual church budget is more accurate when the Vestry knows money is promised. Extenuating events do occur and sometimes pledges need adjustment—down or up.

An especially beneficial aspect of being at Trinity Church is participating actively with remembering those on the Prayer List and Prayer Chain. Maybe, you feel the healing that prayer provides. I hope so.

As I mentioned earlier, I like giving some money better than asking for funds, but if you pray thoughtfully and decide to pledge for 2013, please fill out the form on page 2. Mail or bring the form to Trinity Church by November 25, Pledge Sunday. Thank you.

There are many ways to give to and to get from life's experiences. Being part of our religious community here at Trinity, Athens, is a wonderful way to express God's love. Don't you agree?

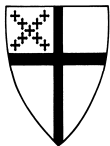
Yours in faith—

Margaret C. Gerhart
Clerk of the Vestry

There is a pledge form for you to fill out and detach at the bottom of this page. But, as you know, being an active member of the church involves much more than money. If you would like to be involved in any of these areas, please fill this portion out and enclose the entire page with your pledge:

I will participate as follows (check those applicable):

- Help with cleaning
- Help with maintenance
- Help with Altar Guild
- Help with Stewardship
- Help with Evangelism
- Help with gardening, mowing, snow shoveling
- Help to host coffee hour
- Become an acolyte
- Become a lector
- Become a worship leader
- Become a Eucharistic minister (chalice bearer)
- Become a Eucharistic Visitor (take communion to shut-ins)
- Other (please specify)



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As a faithful steward of God’s bounty, I/we pledge a definite share for the work of the church in 2013, within the parish and beyond.

[This commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances]

\$_____ per week; month; one-time gift

Signed _____

(Please print) Name(s): _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone/Cell _____

Date _____





In addition, I will pledge to the Renovation fund: \$ _____ per week; month; one-time gift

Please place this in the enclosed envelope and put it in the Offering plate on November 25, or you may mail it.



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Last Pentecost

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Trinity:</i> 11/4: James & Mary Patterson, Andy Patterson. 11/11: Mary Beth, Chandler and Savannah Paul. 11/18: Fanna Proper, Paul Polzella. 11/25: Tom, Lori, Derek and Lauren Pruyne.</p>	<p><i>Diocese of Kajo Keji:</i> 11/4: Andasire: The Rev. Cosmas Lodiog; The Rev. Nora Pita and The Rev. Michael Aboi and for the MES Department: Duesuk Alex and Moro James. 11/11: Motongo: The Rev. Mary Kajoggo. 11/18: Sera-Jale: The Rev. John Loboka and Deacon Emmanuel Diliga. 11/25: Lito'ba: The Rev. John Liri Amuja and Deacon James Sekwat.</p>			<p>1 All Saints' Day</p>	<p>2 All Souls' Day</p> <p>11/3: Heather Martin Brandon & Derek Coston</p>	<p>3 All Saints' 5:00 Deacon's Mass</p> <p>Fall Back DST ends</p> 
<p>4 Pentecost 23—All Saints'</p> <p>9:00 Holy Eucharist II</p>  <p>10:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>5 AA 8:00 pm</p> <p>Highlights this month: All-Parish Soup Dinner on Saturday, November 10 at 6 p.m. Renewal Assembly on Saturday, November 17, in Towanda. Stewardship Sunday on November 25th.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 AA 7:30 pm</p> <p>AA/Alanon 7:30 pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Clergy Day, St. Luke's, Scranton</p> <p>Blake Draper</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Happening</p> <p>Kirby House, through Sunday</p> <p>Matthew Hollywood</p>	<p>10 Pentecost 24</p> <p>5:00 Deacon's Mass</p> <p>6:00 Parish Get Together, Soup Dinner</p> <p>Jim & Mary Patterson</p>
<p>11 Pentecost 24 P-27</p> <p>9:00 Holy Eucharist II</p> <p>10:00 Coffee Hour</p> <p>*Vestry Meets*</p> <p>National Donor Sabbath</p>	<p>12 AA 8:00 pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 AA 7:30 pm</p> <p>AA/Alanon 7:30 pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Carol Reed</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Pentecost 25</p> <p>5:00 Deacon's Mass</p> <p>Renewal Assembly, 9-2, Christ Church, Towanda</p> <p>Kent Stanley</p>
<p>18 Pentecost 35 P28</p> <p>9:00 Holy Eucharist II</p> <p>10:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>19 AA 8:00 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>John & Carol Reed</p>	<p>21 AA 7:30 pm</p> <p>AA/Alanon 7:30 pm</p>	<p>22 Thanksgiving Day</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Last Pentecost</p> <p>5:00 Deacon's Mass</p> <p>Joe Coston</p>
<p>25 Last Pentecost - Christ the King</p> <p>Stewardship Sunday</p> <p>9:00 Holy Eucharist II</p> <p>10:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>26 AA 8:00 pm</p>	<p>27 Clergy Bible Study 8, 3 p.m.,</p> <p>Christ Church, Towanda</p> <p>Elizabeth Maneval</p>	<p>28 AA 7:30 pm</p> <p>AA/Alanon 7:30 pm</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 St. Andrew, the Apostle</p>	 <p>Next week: The new church year begins with the First Sunday of Advent</p>
<p><i>Diocese of Bethlehem:</i> 11/4: St. Alban's, Sinking Spring: The Rev. Karl L. Kern, Rector, The Rev. Charles L. Beem, Associate Priest. Social Ministries Committee. 11/11: Christ Church, Stroudsburg: The Rev. Doug Moyer, Rector. Standing Committee. 11/18: Please pray for Bishop Jack Croneberger, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem. 11/25: Calvary, Tamaqua: The Rev. Robert K. Gildersleeve, Supply.</p>				<p><i>Anglicans Around the World:</i> 11/4: Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), Bishop Patrick White. 11/11: The Lusitanian Church (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury), Bishop Fernando Soares. 11/18: Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury), Bishop Carlos Lapez-Lozano. 11/25: Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury).</p>		

November Highlights

November 3-4

All Saints' Observance

(Daylight savings time ends)

November 10

6:00 All Parish Soup Dinner

November 11

Vestry meets

November 17

Renewal Assembly, 9-2 at Christ Church, Towanda.

November 25

Last Pentecost - Christ the King Pledge Sunday

About the Saturday Service: Deacon Hazel has faithfully served us each Saturday at 5 for nearly two years. However, attendance has dropped off lately so that she has more often driven up from Towanda to an empty church than a full one. The Vestry is considering cancelling this service as of November 24th. If you would like to see this service continue, please speak to Barbara or a member of the Vestry. Otherwise we will try cancelling it for the winter and then revisit it in Spring.

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 is Food Pantry Sunday. Bring non-perishable foods in unbreakable containers. Please do not donate items that are past their "use by" date. The food pantry cannot accept those items. All donations are used locally.

An All Parish Get Together and Soup Dinner, November 10 at 6. The menu looks great and it will be a time to visit and relax together. Please plan to join us and bring your family and friends.

Renewal Assembly: This offering by the diocese includes an interview with Charlie Barebo, a lay person who has found a way to share his faith and the steps that have shaped his journey. A copy of the interview will be available for every parish.

The gathering in our area will be on Saturday, November 17th at Christ Church, Towanda, from 9 to 2.

Renewal Assembly VI

A time to find your voice and share your faith.

- Affirm and celebrate your faith experience.
- Give form and words to express and demonstrate your faith.
- Share and welcome others into your life of faith.
- Support and nurture new believers.

Please register online at www.diobeth.org so that our hosts can plan for lunch.

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