

# Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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## Early Pentecost - July - August, 2015

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### A Letter from Bishop Sean: General Convention Concludes

July 3, 2015

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church has just concluded in Salt Lake City. It has been a momentous time, both in the church and in the world.

I am preparing to leave General Convention with great hope for the Episcopal Church. We have passed a budget with substantial investments in evangelism and church planting, we have made a major commitment to the work of racial reconciliation, and we have elected the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, a dynamic preacher and powerful evangelist, as our next presiding bishop. Bishop Curry will be the first African American person to lead the Episcopal Church, and the news of his election was reported and celebrated around the world. I am eager to work with him over the next nine years.

While we were gathered at General Convention, the Supreme Court of the United States made marriage equality the law of the land. While this does not change the law in Pennsylvania, where we have enjoyed marriage equality since last spring, it does bring about long-sought legal equality for our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) sisters and brothers.

Just a few days later, both the House of Bishops and House of Deputies overwhelmingly approved two resolutions that bring liturgical marriage equality to all dioceses of the Episcopal Church beginning on the first Sunday in Advent. The [canons of the church regarding marriage](#) have been changed to be gender-neutral, and [two trial liturgies](#) have been approved. One is a gender-neutral version of the current marriage service in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, and the other is a version of a liturgy called "The Witnessing and Blessing of a Lifelong Covenant" that was first approved for blessing same-sex unions

in 2012 and now can include vows of marriage. Bishops who object to same-sex marriage are not required to authorize these liturgies, but they are required to make provision with another bishop to do so for same-sex couples in their dioceses. As has always been the case, clergy will not be required to perform marriages that violate their consciences.

Our path toward marriage equality in the Episcopal Church has been long—some 40 years—and sometimes difficult, and I celebrate that we have finally arrived at a time when we can provide not only legal protection, but also full recognition of the sacred bond that unites both same-sex couples and opposite-sex couples who marry in our church.

I have not always seen the issue of marriage equality the way I do now, and I understand that this decision of the General Convention may be difficult for some people to understand and accept. If you are struggling with this change, I hope that you can find ways to listen to the stories of our LGBT couples and families across the church and find, as I have found, the power of their witness and their love of Jesus. My relationships with LGBT Christians have brought me to a new understanding of scripture, fidelity, and marriage, and I am grateful to them for so generously sharing their lives with me.

When the House of Deputies was preparing to take the final vote on marriage equality, Jim Steadman of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania said, "For years we have concluded worship by asking that God grant us the strength and courage to do the work he has given us to do. This is the time. Use the courage you have prayed for all these years."

May we go forward into this new world of greater justice and unity with just this kind of courage and an abundance of love.

In Christ



# Trinity Episcopal Church - July 2015



**Pentecost**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Trinity:</b> 7/5 Tom, Lori, Derek and Lauren Pruyne; 7/12 John Reed, Carla Ross, Hermine Shapiro; 7/19 Roger and Mary Ann Burke; 7/26 John and Barbara Strange.		<b>Kajo-Keji</b> 7/5 Pamoju: The Rev. Stephen Duku Lotiyu; The Rev. Elia Chandig, The Rev. Cicilia Yangi, The Rev. Jeneti Ponti., 7/12 Mereguga: The Rev. Clement Duku. 7/19 Loru'dung, The Rev. Cosmas Lo'bur Yusto 7/26 Jali-mo: The Rev. Cosmas Lo'diong Kwöji.		<b>Diocese:</b> 7/5 St. Luke's, Lebanon: The Rev. Terrence Wible, Rec-tor. 7/12 All Saints, Leighton: The Rev. Jane Arrington Bender. 7/19 Good Shepherd and St. John the Evangelist, Milford: The Rev. Van Bankston; Canon Elizabeth Geitz, Assistant, Deacon Fran Hlavacek. 7/26 St. Paul's, Montrose and St. Matthew's, Stevens-		
<b>Anglicans Around the World:</b> 7/5 Oyo - (Ibadan, Nigeria) The Rt. Rev. Wil-liams Oluwarotimi Aladekugbe. 7/12 Peru - The Rt. Rev. Dr. Harold William Godfrey, Suffragan, The Rt. Rev. Michael Alexander Chapman. 7/19 Southern Africa: Port Elizabeth - The Rt. Rev. Nceba Nopece; Pretoria - The Rt. Rev. Dr.		<b>1</b> AA 7:30 pm AA/ Alanon 7:30 pm <i>Tim Cama, Paul Kelley Dan &amp; Margaret</i>	<b>2</b> AA 8:00 pm <i>Bruce Barton</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4 Independence Day</b>	
<b>5 Pentecost 6 P-9</b> 9:00 Deacon's Mass II 10:00 Coffee Hour  <i>Alex Maneval</i>	<b>6</b> AA 8:00 pm  <i>Elise Barton</i>	<b>7</b>   <i>Sean William Clare</i>	<b>8</b> AA 7:30 pm AA/ Alanon 7:30 pm  <i>Jon &amp; Wendy Murray</i>	<b>9</b> AA 8:00 pm	<b>10 Clean and Sober Campout</b> , through Sunday	<b>11</b>   <i>John &amp; Barbara Strange</i>
<b>12 Pentecost 7 P-10</b> 9:00 Morning Prayer and Sermon 10:00 Coffee Hour	<b>13</b> AA 8:00 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> AA 7:30 pm AA/ Alanon 7:30 pm	<b>16</b> 10-2 Senior Expo, Lynch-Bustin, Athens, AA 8:00 pm	<b>17</b>   <i>Abby Davenport</i>	<b>18</b>
<b>19 Pentecost 8 P-11</b> 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour -Vestry Meets-	<b>20</b> AA 8:00 pm	<b>21</b>   <i>Sean Bubniak</i>	<b>22 St. Mary Magdalene</b> AA 7:30 pm AA/ Alanon 7:30 pm  <i>Blake Bioins</i>	<b>23</b> AA 8:00 pm   <i>Justin Bailey</i>	<b>24</b>   <i>Rhonda Hooper</i>	<b>25 St. James</b>
<b>26 Pentecost 9 P-12</b> 9:00 Deacon's Mass II 10:00 Coffee Hour	<b>27</b> AA 8:00 pm	<b>28</b>   <i>Carlyle Hooper, Jr. Mike &amp; Shelley Barry</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> AA 8:00 pm   <i>Ron Hunt</i>	<b>31</b>   <i>Andy Patterson</i>	Flowers from your garden are welcome any Sunday. Please consider gathering a bouquet or two for the altar.



# Trinity Episcopal Church - August 2015

Pentecost

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>Trinity: 8/2</b> Kathy, Alexandra and Jonathan Ayres. <b>8/9</b> Ralph, Bonnie, Rose, Jeffrey, Chris and Justin Bailey. <b>8/16</b> Patrick and Barbara Barry. <b>8/23</b> Mike, Shelley and Jason Barry. <b>8/30</b> Don Barton, Barbara Bean, Jan Beck		<b>Bethlehem 8/2</b> St. Thomas, Morgantown: The Rev. Dolores Smith; The Rev. Donald A. Howells. <b>8/9</b> St. Mark's, Moscow: The Rev. Earl P. Trygar, Sr., Rector; The Rev. Christine Sutton. <b>8/16</b> St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Moutaintop: The Rev. Daniel FitzSimmons, Rector. <b>8/23</b> Trinity, Mt. Pocono: The Rev. Robert Criste-Troutman. Episcopal Appalachian Ministries. <b>8/30</b> St. Brigid's, Nazareth: The Rev. Bill Martin, Rector.					<b>1</b>
<b>2 Pentecost 10 P-13</b> 9:00 Deacon's Mass II 10:00 Coffee Hour	<b>3</b> AA 8:00 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> AA 7:30 pm AA/ Alanon 7:30 pm	<b>6 The Transfiguration</b> AA 8:00 pm	<b>7</b>  <i>Kim Davenport</i> <i>Barbara Barry</i>	<b>8</b>  <i>Dave &amp; Chela Bubniak</i>	
<b>9 Pentecost 11 P-14</b> 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	<b>10</b> AA 8:00 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> AA 7:30 pm AA/ Alanon 7:30 pm	<b>13</b> AA 8:00 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15 St. Mary the Virgin</b>	
<b>16 Pentecost 12 P-15</b> 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour --Vestry Meets--  <i>Ed Caum</i> <i>Roman Coston</i>	<b>17</b> AA 8:00 pm	<b>18</b>  <i>Charles &amp; Ginny Ford</i>	<b>19</b> AA 7:30 pm AA/ Alanon 7:30 pm	<b>20</b> AA 8:00 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	
<b>23 Pentecost 13 P-16</b> 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour  <i>James Caum</i> <i>Michael Maneval</i>	<b>24 St. Bartholomew</b> AA 8:00 pm  <i>Jake Parshall</i>	<b>25</b>  <i>Ben &amp; Andrea Lentz</i>	<b>26</b> AA 7:30 pm AA/ Alanon 7:30 pm  <i>Kim &amp; Jeff Davenport</i>	<b>27</b> AA 8:00 pm  <i>Charles Kohnken</i> <i>Kevin Hooper</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	
<b>30 Pentecost 14 P-17</b> 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	<b>31</b> AA 8:00 pm  <i>Sean Barry</i>	<b>Kajo-Kaji 8/2</b> Mond Parish, The Rev. Elinama Rabok Sebang <b>8/9</b> Diocesan Office: The Rev. Eluzai Lo'boka Yairo; The Rev. Sadaraka Muni; The Rev. Tom Ezbon. <b>8/16</b> Kasurak: The Rev. Emmanuel Yöngö. <b>8/23</b> Bajur: The Rev. Franco Mogga. <b>8/30</b> Andasire: The Rev. Gamaniel Loguya.		<b>Anglicans Around the World 8/2</b> Renk (Sudan) The Rt. Rev. Josphe Garang Atem. <b>8/9</b> Rochester (The Episcopal Church) The Rt. Rev. Dr. Prince Singh. <b>8/16</b> Ruvuma (Tanzania) The Rt. Rev. Dr. Maternus Kapinga. <b>8/23</b> San Diego (The Episcopal Church) The Rt. Rev. James Mathes. <b>8/30</b> Sebei (Uganda) The Rt. Rev. Augustine Arapyona Salimo.		How does your garden grow? Share your extra produce at coffee hour.  	

**July 5 - Deacon's Mass, The Rev. Hazel Hunt, Presiding**

**July 12 - Morning Prayer with Sermon, Don Barton, Worship Leader and Preacher**

**July 16 - Senior Expo, 10 to 2 at Lynch Buston.**

**July 19 - Vestry meets**

**July 26 and August 3 Deacon's Mass, The Rev. Hazel Hunt, Presiding**

**August 16 - Vestry meets**

**2015 Pledge Statements:** Yours from the first the first six months of the year is included with this newsletter if you receive this by regular mail. If you are receiving this as an email, your statement will be on the back windowsill of the church. The statement is NOT a bill but provided to you for your own record keeping and tax purposes if needed.



**The United Thank Offering** Do you have a Blue Box? If not, pick one up from the table in the narthex to fill over the summer for our Fall In-

gathering. Each moment of thankfulness adds up to grants that change people's lives. *Every day in every way, give thanks.*



**Altar flowers from your garden ...** please feel free to bring bouquets any Sunday to grace our worship. The daisies from both the church and rectory gardens will be ready soon.

**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.

**Diocesan Convention** is October 2 and 3. There will be an ECW project again this year, but as of press time we are not sure what will be collected.

**Organist Search** Our organist, **Kay Horton Bennett**, recently graduated from nursing school and her new work schedule will mean she can no longer play for us. She has been with us for well over a decade and we will miss her enormously, but we congratulate her and wish her the very best. In the meantime, our multi-talented senior warden, Dan Gerhart, has accompanied us on clarinet and we have sung *a capella*. However, we are searching for a musician to play for us. If you know of someone, please let a vestry member know.

**Presiding Bishop-elect, The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry**, is an amazing preacher. You can find his sermon from this past week at General Convention [here](#), or go to the Episcopal News Service website ([episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens](http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens)) and search for it. He's funny, inspiring and spirit filled. His tenure will run nine years and it's bound to be a wonderful time of growth and renewal.

**Traveling this summer?** Have a safe and happy trip and visit the Episcopal Church near you!

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