Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Easter Season - May, 2017

May Highlights

Holy Eucharist II with music, each Sunday at 9 a.m.

May 16, Tuesday, 6:30 - Vestry Meets

It will be a quiet month for us, following our very full April, which included five Sunday services and an additional three services during Holy Week. It all went beautifully and those who traveled through the journey from darkness to light were enriched by the many worship opportunities.

Vestry news

As you know, we changed our meeting time from the third Sunday of the month to the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30. As always, everyone is welcome to attend. Very welcome.

Your vestry takes its duties seriously. Those include both care for the buildings and the physical upkeep of our property as well as providing a rich worship experience for all who attend and caring for each other.

But, as our parish continues to age and ceases to grow, we wonder where we might be in the future. We are a



healthy parish in that we manage financially (on a shoestring budget, but without deficits), and we focus on Outreach rather than just on ourselves. But the truth remains that we are not growing.

So, where do we go from here? This is a question that's been asked before; Fr. Ned asked back in the 1990's when our average Sunday attendance began dropping below 50. It's now 13. What do you think? We all want Trinity to continue to be here for us and for our families, so what will that take?

Please, pray about this, think about it, talk about it. The vestry would love to hear from you .. At coffee hour, at their monthly meeting, by letter, card, or phone call.

As the children's song goes:
The church is not a building,
the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place,
the church is the people ...
I am the church, you are the church,
we are the church together.
All who follow Jesus, all around the world,
yes we're the church together.

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May at Trinity



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The Great Fifty Days of Easter

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	7	Thursday	Frida	y	Saturday
Trinity Cycle of Prayer: 5/7 David and Shelly (Strange) Fish 5/14 Charles and Virginia Ford 5/21 Robert and Marguerite Franks		(Bendel, Nigeria) Bishop David Obiosa. 5/14 Diocese of New Jersey, Bishop William Stokes. 5/21 Ngbo (Enugu, Nigeria) Bishop Christian Ebisike. 5/28 Nike (Enugu, Nigeria) Bishop 5/1		5/14 Gra Diocesa 5/21 Chr F. Graha	Bethlehem: 5/7 St. George's, Hellertown. 5/14 Grace, Honesdale, The Rev. Ed Erb. Diocesan Peace and Justice Network. 5/21 Christ Church, Indian Orchard, The Rev. F. Graham Cliff. 5/28 St. James' and St. George's, Jermyn. New Bethany Ministries.		Kajo Keji: 5/7 St. Peter Logu and Kanyi Parishes. 5/14 St. Paul Loopo. 5/21 Mutongo Parish. 5/28 St. John Akuboro.	
	1 St. Philip and St. James AA 8:00 pm Mary Patterson	. 2	3 AA 7:30 pm		A 8:00 pm trick Kelley	5		6 AA Intergroup 6:30 Kim Murray Noah Gurney
7 Easter 4 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	8 AA 8:00 pm	9 Hazel & Ron Hunt	10 AA 7:30 pm	Ch	L A 8:00 pm andler Paul vannah Paul	12 Barry Goldsmith		13 Colleen Barton
14 Easter 5 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour Theo Lentz	15 AA 8:00 pm	16 **Vestry Meets** 6:30 p.m. Dave & Shelly Fish	17 AA 7:30 pm	18		Phil Kelley Caleb Hunsinge Amanda Bivins		20
21 Easter 6 (Rogation) 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	22 AA 8:00 pm	23 Clergy Day, Cathedral, 9:30-3:30	24 AA 7:30 pm	l l	5 Ascension Day A 8:00 pm	26		27
	Patricia Martin	Ginny Ford	David Bivins					Dan Gerhart
28 Easter 7 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	29 AA 8:00 pm	30	31 The Visitation the Blessed Virgin Mary AA 7:30 pm		Next Sunday, June 4th, is Pentecost - the Birthday of the Church. Wear something red!			
		Virginia Caum-Lake	Kim & Chuck Cornell					