



Trinity Times News of Trinity Church

From the Stewardship Ministry Team

Wouldn't we all love to flourish in faith and be certain of God's presence at all times and in all circumstances? "Flourish in Faith" * is the theme of Trinity's financial stewardship program this year and will include a variety of opportunities for exploring scriptures and deepening our faith.

Scripture tells us that God first placed human beings in a garden to practice stewardship: cultivating, tending, toiling and caring for God's garden (Genesis 2:15). From the opening verses of Genesis God blesses and calls all of creation to be fruitful and flourish. As God's stewards it is our highest privilege to use the gifts that have been entrusted to us --- relationships and resources --- to ensure that the entire created order reaches its potential of life abundant.

How do we find a ground for faith in God? How do you flourish in faith in a culture that tells us not only that there is not enough but, so often, that you are not enough? *Flourish* can be defined as a bold or extravagant gesture or action, made especially to attract the attention of others. What is it that you can do to boldly trust in God? The annual giving campaign is an opportunity for us to flourish in our faith. When we are intentional and faithful in our giving, we boldly tell the world that we want to grow in putting our trust in God. We trust, like Jesus, in God's desire for life abundant.

Over the next several weeks we will explore God's vision for Trinity and invite members to prayerfully determine God's will for the gifts and resources with which they have been blessed. The following are the seeds we will plant for our journey:

Beginning on October 6th and through November 10th bulletin inserts written by Episcopal stewardship leaders across the country will provide reflections on stewardship and faithful giving;

Each Sunday, from October 6th through November 10th, we will hear personal thankfulness stories from your fellow parishioners to learn first-hand how they have flourished in their faith through intentional giving of their financial resources; October 6th will be designated "Gratitude Sunday", an opportunity to reflect on God's abundant blessings and express our gratitude, and; on November 10th we will celebrate "Commitment Sunday, the culmination of the journey, when pledges will be completed and offered as an act of worship and we will all gather afterwards for a celebratory meal.

The richness of the journey depends upon each of us and our openness to God's leading. As we seek to lay a fertile foundation in which seeds may be planted to blossom in our community, let us join together to do God's work through Trinity Church.

Together in Christ,

The Stewardship Ministry Team

(Barbara Gessner, Pat & Michael Goodwin, Esmie Dennis, MaryAlice Holmes, Hank Kennedy, Cindy Hill, Dan Harris, and Don Scheck)

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



October Birthdays

4 Mary Cole
7 Austin Dennis
17 Mary Alice Holmes
19 Neil Anglemire
21 Bob Storm
25 Stephanie Anglemire
30 Tom Salmon



October Anniversaries

10 Craig & Jan Anglemire
14 Bob & Carol Butiste
25 Tom & Virginia Parry

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

October Calendar of Events

- Oct. 2 - Trinity at Food Pantry, 8:30 a.m. - Noon
- Oct. 4/5 - Diocesan Convention, Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem
- Oct. 6 - "Gratitude Sunday" "Flourish in Faith" stewardship program begins.
Blessing of the Animals, 10 a.m. service
Youth Group, 6-7:30 p.m., Lower Level
- Oct. 13 - Vestry Meeting, 11:45 a.m., Library
- Oct. 18 - Newsletter Deadline for Information
Teen Movie Night, 6 - 9 p.m.
- Oct. 19 - Popcorn & Movie Night, 7 p.m., Parish Hall
- Oct. 25 - Newsletter Mailing
- Oct. 27 - Youth Group, 6-7:30 p.m., Lower Level

Our Prayers have been requested for:

Mary Baker
Ed Benintende
Penny Clark
Lee Connolly
Fr. Bob & Neil Criste-Troutman
Randy Criste-Troutman
Bishop Jack & Marilyn Croneberger
Hal & LeeAnn Daniels
Victoria Forstein
Claudia McClellan
Rob McMahon
Jim Rawson
Christopher Rose

Lois Rothrock
Katrina Troutman
Donald
Will Klopp
Jon & Austin
Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

Did anyone do the Oprah/Deepak Chopra meditation? Call Jill Long and let's get together for a one time discussion.

Christmas Bazaar

Our Trinity Bazaar group continues to be amazing! Don't pass up buying a chance (or many chances) to win one of the fabulous prizes.

1st prize: Blue & White 9 Patch Quilt (Queen Size)

2nd prize: \$100 Gift Card Bill's Shoprite

3rd prize: \$50 Gift Card Bailey's Restaurant

4th prize: Hand Knit Afghan

5th prize: Lap Quilt

Chances are \$5 each (a bargain AND a good cause!) Don't hog them. Trinity Bazaar isn't a secret. Invite your friends to come and while you are at it, sell them a chance.

Crafters, painters, woodworkers, bakers, knitters, sewers, glass painters....we need your donations to the bazaar. What can YOU do? Let Kathy Herling know what you are going to contribute. Celebrate your talents with your donation.

Founders of the Church

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Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage (200 – 258 CE)

Festival Day September 13.

Part 2

Unlike Tertullian and Augustine, Cyprian was less concerned with theology and more concerned about the church, both the hierarchical visible Church and invisible mystical Church. And he believed that the Church is one, founded on Peter. This is why schisms were so contentious (and would become even more so when Christianity became the religion of the empire, and heresy became akin to treason.) God is the father and the Church is the mother. In *The Unity of the Church*, Cyprian says:

Assuredly the rest of the apostles were also the same as was Peter, endowed with a like partnership both of honor and power; but the beginning proceeds from unity. Which one Church, also, the Holy Spirit in the Song of Songs designated in the person of our Lord, and says, "My dove, my spotless one, is but one. She is the only one of her mother, elect of her that bare her." Does he who does not hold this unity of the Church think that he holds the faith? Does he who strives against and resists the Church trust that he is in the Church, when moreover the blessed Apostle Paul teaches the same thing, and sets forth the sacrament of unity, saying, "There is one body and one spirit, one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God?"

The logic of God and Church as father and mother is powerful, in that if one denies the mother, you deny the parentage of God as well. Cyprian wrote on The Lord's Prayer, pointing out that it begins with the intention that it is to be prayed in unison, in a group, and not necessarily by oneself. We pray for the church. Benedict suggests that this is in the nature of all prayer that it is for the benefit of the Body Ecclesiastical (in parallel with the notion of the Body Politic.) There is little difference between personal and liturgical prayer, in that both respond to the same word of God. That means all prayer must be conducted with modesty and discipline, with the position of the body and the measure of the body, because we are standing in God's sight. I immediately took a shine to Cyprian's stance on prayer when he added that (in Benedict's words) we should not "cast to God with tumultuous wordiness a petition that ought to be commended to God by modesty." It was Cyprian who placed God's dwelling in the heart. It is what is happening with the heart that is the currency of prayer. For Cyprian, this model implies that the bond joining the Church and God cannot be divided, so schisms were unthinkable, and disagreements were often settled by gatherings of Bishops rather than by a declaration from Rome.

Cyprian's second encounter with persecution begin under the emperor Valerian near the end of 256. Cyprian did not hide. Instead, he came before the Imperial proconsul and reaffirmed his profession of Christ, refusing to sacrifice to pagan deities. He was punished by exile to a seaside town, Curubis, where he had a vision of his fate. He was brought back to Carthage, under house arrest in his own villa (he came from a wealthy family). This is not surprising. Even Paul was detained for several years, under house arrest, before being executed. On September 13, 258, he was imprisoned by the new proconsul and examined for the last time. He was sentenced to be beheaded by the sword, which was a very honorable death by Roman standards. The story of his final hour states that a large crowd followed him to the place of execution, he disrobed himself, and placed the blindfold on himself, ending with "Praise be to God."

I found one remarkable statement in Cyprian's treatise on the unity of the church, which, written before 257 CE, sounds as if it were written by a bishop yesterday:

But in us unanimity is diminished in proportion as liberality of working is decayed. Then they used to give for sale houses and estates; and that they might lay up for themselves treasures in heaven, presented to the apostles the price of them, to be distributed for the use of the poor. But now we do not even give the tenths from our patrimony; and while our Lord bids us sell, we rather buy and increase our store. Thus has the vigor of faith dwindled away among us; thus has the strength of believers grown weak.

Food Pantry Information

Hello Everyone,

This September has been busy, schools back in session and the weather reminding us Winter is just around the corner so our food requests should change as well. We are asking for can goods related to the Thanksgiving side dishes such as cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, corn, green beans and box goods like stuffing and instant mashed potatoes. Soups are always welcome and whatever else we get in donations is much appreciated . Your continuous support is our blessing and we thank you.

Here are the numbers as of Wednesday 9-25-2023.

296 Families	People served in those 296 Families =	Adults	541
		Children	310
		Seniors	137
		Total	988

In the numbers 18 Families were new this month.

Lorraine Naiko

Tales from a Welsh Corgi

TALES FROM A WELSH CORGI

by Patricia Goodwin

Oh happy day! Oh happy day! It is time for the blessing of the animals on October 6th!! We haven't done that here at Trinity in a long time. This comes close to the feast celebration day of St. Francis of Assisi, the one who loved animals so much. Just the other day while I lay stretched out on the deck , I overheard my mom



and dad talking about St. Francis and a very big, bad wolf, or so the story goes. Let me try to tell you that story, dear reader,, with a bit of help from my human parents, after all, I am a mere creature. They say all dogs came from wolves!! Oh my! The story of St. Francis goes like this, it started when he tamed the wolf that was being very bad to everyone in a village in Italy. But Francis wasn't worried, he decided to go out and meet the wolf, he insisted that God would take care of him. Suddenly the wolf charged out of the woods. St. Francis made the Sign of the Cross and the power of God caused the wolf to stop!!! Awesome!!

Then St. Francis said, " Brother Wolf in the name of Christ, I order you not to hurt anyone", the wolf lowered its head and lay down at the feet of St. Francis who said, "I want to make peace between you and the people. They will harm you no more and you must no longer harm them."

The wolf followed St. Francis into town. The people agreed to feed the wolf. The wolf lived among the people, going from door to door for food. It hurt no one and no one hurt it. The peaceful ways of the wolf had been a living reminder to them of the holiness of St. Francis and the love of God. Awesome!! St. Francis was probably a 'Wolf Whisperer'!!

There you have it, friends, a story of the power of God and the trust of one man, St. Francis. So all of you dogs and cats, and other critters, get yourselves groomed and spruced up and do be on your best behavior for your blessing. That is our way to thank St. Francis, God and most of all, Father Bob. No biting, please!

Happy fall to all out there in Trinity-land, cheerio for now, See you on October 6th, with bells on, as we say in my homeland of Wales. Oh!, one more thing, how about bringing a can of cat or dog food for the offering for the food bank to Trinity on the blessing day, all God's critters need food, too.

Your friend, Huw Morgan

Getting to know you.....



GETTING TO KNOW YOU - Linda & Peter Salmon

What do you get when you mix a Quaker (Linda) and a free spirit (Peter)? All you have to do is look at the choir loft most every Sunday and you can see for yourself. Pete and Linda have been continuous members of Trinity and its choir since 1976 (Pete since 1972, while Linda was still attending Quaker meeting). They've sat on many Vestries, been church Lectors for many years and were instrumental in the development of the Hunger Ministry with former Rector Ralph Roth. Linda was its president for 7 years. This program exists today as the Food Pantry, which has fed thousands of families since its inception in 1985. Peter also directed the Sunday School for 4 years and family outings in Fr. Ralph's time and has co-directed the Arts on the Mountain program with Kathryn Ritter Vicich for 25 years, while Linda has been an active participant in creating crafts for our Christmas Bazaar. Peter also served on the Search

Committee which brought us Rev. Ginny Day as Ralph's successor and directed the Search Committee that chose Rev. Bob Christe-Troutman to succeed Ginny.

Through all this, Linda and Pete have managed to raise one daughter, Jennifer, and two sons, Tom and Nick. We all know Tom and Tracie and family. Their "Getting To Know You" will be coming soon. Oh, Linda and Pete also brag about eight grandchildren.

Linda Salmon

Her grandfather rose from office boy to president of the Schrader Valve Company, makers of a tool which is used to check the air pressure in our tires to this day. Linda was born in Brooklyn, NYC and moved to Garden City, Long Island. Her parents and family spent their summers at Swiftwater Lake in Henryville PA. She attended Middlebury College in Vermont and completed her graduate studies in education at Harvard University. (More recently she attained a second MA degree in librarianship from Kutztown University.) After graduating from Harvard and living 5 years in Boston, she moved to Henryville with her husband, Peter. Linda taught kindergarten and first grade at the Barrett School for 23 years. After her retirement in 1990, she became a librarian part time, mostly at the Pocono Mountain Public Library.

Peter Salmon

Peter was born in Vermont, then moved to Yonkers, NY. He attended Middlebury College, where he and Linda met. They were married in New York City December 3, 1958 and then moved to the Boston area to study at Harvard. Peter worked for Quaker organizations for two years on their civil rights and peace projects before returning to his lifelong dream of being an artist. He studied art at Boston University. Linda and Pete then moved to Henryville and Pete became Trinity's resident artist for over 40 years.

Pete's artistic contributions to the church are too numerous to count, but some examples are: the animal figures used in Trinity's Christmas Pageant; figures for the "Godly Play" Sunday School program; the painting of the Trinity Centennial Band which hangs in the Library; and the Noah's Ark mural on the walls of our Sunday School, a 'must see'.

I've been singing with Pete and Linda for 30 years and have just come to know more about who they are and some of their accomplishments. To those reading this, hopefully you didn't have to wait that long. This story is proof positive that, once a parishioner, one never retires.

May God Forever Bless Linda and Pete Salmon.

Respectfully Submitted, *Dick Orner*

Public Relations

YOU CAN HELP WITH PUBLIC RELATIONS

We have special services, an all year round Sunday School, youth group, Family Night, Christmas Bazaar, etc. and we support the Food Bank and Family Promise. We can't keep these a secret. Garry Long (Jill's husband) has offered to advise volunteers in how to get the word out to the different medias. Gerry is the PR volunteer person with Bethlehem Rotary Club. He also is Past Rotary President and Past Rotary District 7430 Governor.

It will only take 1 or 2 Trinity volunteers. Call Gerry at [610 625-5105](tel:6106255105) (H) or [610 597-4560](tel:6105974560).

Youth Group News

HELLO! To the members of Trinity Mt. Pocono who may be wondering what the Trinity Youth Group has and will be up to.

So far we have had two meetings. The first on Sept 8th was mainly discussion on events and fundraisers we would like to take part in during the coming year, and eating watermelon. The events include Happening, Bishop's Day, Christophany, and EYE. The one closest coming up is Happening: A three day two night event at the Kirby House for youth grades 9th through 12th, focusing on spiritual formation and prayer life. The event includes workshop activities, music, and a chance to get out and meet other youth while learning about the Christian faith. So far three of our youth are planning to attend. The cost per teen is \$125.

The second meeting we had was movie night on Sept 13th; we watched "The Karate Kid" and discussed Discipleship. Barb Gessner was kind to come help chaperone.

The youth have planned a fundraiser for Sept 29th, a No Bake, Bake Sale; participants who would normally donate bake goods to be sold, are instead asked to donate the funds they would spend making the bake goods to the Youth Group. Then the lovely people, who might typically purchase bake goods, are allowed to donate the funds they might spend on such things to the Youth Group. This fundraiser saves time, effort and calories! The youth will have a table set up for the non-sale after both services.

The total savings Trinity Youth Group has is \$585.75 as of 9/18/13

So far the estimates of cost for the youth to attend the four events is \$3,275.

Active youth: Nneka (President, Big Nekahuna), Emma (accountant), Clara (journalist), and Paige.

Adult advisers: Becky and Neil.

Notes: Becky H. has been invited by Ellyn Siftar, Missioner for Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Diocese of Bethlehem to attend the Episcopal Church Provence 3 Youth Leader Retreat in North East, Maryland this month. The trip is being fully paid for by the Diocese.

Thank you all for reading.

~Clara E. Hendricks



Vestry

Robert Ceci
Patricia Goodwin
Daniel Harris
Becky Hendricks
Susan Kennedy
Rob McMahan
Peter Salmon
Nigel VanGronigen
Tim Vincent

Worship Services: Sunday, Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 a.m.
Adult Education, 9:00 a.m. September - June
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. September - June
Tuesday, Morning Prayer, 9 a.m.
Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9am – 2pm

The Rt. Rev. Paul V. Marshall, Bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem
The Rt. Rev. John P. Croneberger, Assisting Bishop
The Rev. Robert J. Criste-Troutman, Priest-in-Charge
The Rev. Ralph C. Roth, Rector Emeritus
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Richard Naiko, Jr. Warden
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