



Trinity Times News of Trinity Church

From the Priest-in-Charge

His name was Sam. He was a wonderful Christian. He loved his parish and served on many committees and the Vestry over the years. Sam had the following on his computer screen saver: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this; Hear, O Israel: The Lord God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31.*

Sam tried very hard to live by these words of Mark. He felt great joy when he was able to do things for other people. Once, he found out that one of the older widows in the parish had a front porch that was in danger of collapse. When he knew she was out of town visiting family, he rounded up a number of people from the parish and spent the weekend making repairs. Sam was the first one to volunteer to take people to doctor appointments. He sent cards to members who were sick or shut-in. Sam called what he did "grace gifts".

One day Sam was a little under the weather. He shrugged it off as the beginning of a cold or the flu. Instead of getting better, however, Sam continued to get worse. He went to the doctor and discovered that he had a debilitating disease. Sam was quiet about it. He let very few people know what was going on. People began to pick up on the fact that something was wrong with Sam. He wasn't quite himself. They asked him about his health and he shrugged it off saying it was nothing. Then Sam began to look bad. He was not able to do all the things he had done in the past. Many folk asked Sam if there was anything he needed. He would always smile and say, "I'm fine, thanks."

One day one of the "wise people" from church paid a visit to Sam. When the person sat to talk with Sam, she told him that he did not practice what he preached. Sam was taken aback and began to feel anger building up inside. She explained to Sam that he was not allowing others to give back to Sam a portion of what he had given them. By refusing to let others help him, he was denying them the opportunity to give him "grace gifts". Sam was shook up by what this person told him. After prayer, and thinking over what this friend told him, Sam began to see that by not letting people give to him, he was denying them their own gifts of grace.

Sam is doing better. It was difficult at first to let others "do" for him. But when he realized that others were loving him as they loved themselves, he began to relax and let the "grace gifts" be given.

Blessings,

Fr. Bob+

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



November Birthdays

- 1 Rachel Lyn Salmon
- 2 Tom Parry
- 2 Craig Anglemire
- 3 Clara Hendricks
- 8 Esmie Dennis
- 21 Corbin Reese Vincent
- 22 Neil Criste-Troutman
- 25 Liz Leary



November Anniversaries

- 8 Liz & Jamie Leary
- 8 Timothy & Deanne Vincent
- 23 George & Lillian Waters

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*

November Calendar of Events

- Nov. 2 - Annual Fall Clean Up, 9:00 a.m. - ??
- Nov. 3 - Youth Group, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Lower Level
- Nov. 6 - Trinity at Food Pantry, 8:30 a.m. - Noon
- Nov. 7, 14, 21 - Meditation Class, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall
- Nov. 8-10 - Happening, Kirby House
- Nov. 9 - Popcorn & Movie Night, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall
- Nov. 10 - Stewardship Commitment Sunday, Luncheon following the 10:00 a.m. service
- Nov. 11 - Trinity Crafters, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Library
- Nov. 15 - Newsletter Deadline for Information
Teen Movie Night, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Nov. 16 - Vestry Retreat, 9:00 a.m., Jim Thorpe
- Nov. 22 - Newsletter Mailing
- Nov. 24 - Pageant Rehearsal, 11:30 a.m., Church
Youth Group, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Lower Level
- Nov. 25 - Trinity Crafters, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Library
- Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving Eve, Evening Prayer with Music, 7:00 p.m., Church
- Nov. 28 & 29 - Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed

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
Becca McConnell
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*

Food Pantry Awareness

Lorraine and Rich Naiko have been successful in getting an opportunity for Trinity to expand awareness of the Food Pantries' needs. On a Tuesday in March, we will look for 8 volunteers to man a table at ShopRite. We will be giving out business sized cards with 3 items listed (i.e. peanut butter, cereal, canned veg.) along with Trinity information. We will ask them to pick up any or all of these items and bring back to us for the food bank. We will have a tri-fold stand up on the table about the Food bank. Please let Lorraine know that you are interested in volunteering or talking more about it.

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.

Youth Group News

Hello members of Trinity Mt. Pocono! Want to have a look at what the youth of this parish have been learning, doing, and planning? If so then read on!

Trinity Youth Group meets about every Sunday night at 6:00pm for fellowship, fun, prayer, and planning. Once a month the youth meets for movie night at the church on a Friday night, on these weekends we do not meet the following Sunday.

The youth have had two fundraisers so far and all give a BIG THANK YOU to all those who donated! The first fundraiser we had was a “No Bake, Bake Sale” it was simple and fun for the youth and thanks to a lot of you it was a huge success! The total made the day of the non-sale was \$231.00.

The other fundraiser we had was a Salad Bar after the 10 O'clock service on Oct. 13th Again THANK YOU to all of you who donated! The youth made a total of \$155.00.

The youth also cleaned the entryway of the church for the Oct. work project; we dusted cobwebs, polished wooden doors, vacuumed carpet, cleaned glass doors inside and out, and swept under the bell tower.

On Friday Oct. 18th The Group met to watch “Warm Bodies” a romantic comedy centered during a zombie apocalypse, and drink chocolate milkshakes. Afterward we had a discussion on Christ's love for his people and the affects it has when shared. A sort of “Build Bridges, Break Walls” conversation took place. Thank you to Father Bob who joined the youth for the film.

The youth are planning to attend several events in the future such as Happening, Bishop's Day, Christophany, and EYE. Other group activities such as Skiing, rafting, or field trips will be discussed in a future meeting.

Total savings of Trinity Youth Group is \$971.75 as of 10/19/13

Active youth: Nneka (President, Big Nekahuna), Emma (Accountant), Clara (Journalist), and Paige.

Adult advisers: Becky, Michelle, and Neil.

Thank you all for reading!

-Clara E. Hendricks

Food Pantry Information

As of today October 22,2013 these are the numbers for October Pantry Clients.

Families	341	Composed of:	Adults	615	26	are new families who came to us in October
			Children	366		
			Seniors	133		
		Individuals Served		1,114		

With the above numbers this would translate to a total of 13,368 meals.

If you have been following you can see the numbers grow in the Fall months as we approach the holiday season. The Pantry has provided for both Thanksgiving and Christmas for this year, however as we look to the new year we will be in great need of donations if these numbers continue to rise. We need donations to make our food distribution help our clients prepare meals for their families so please continue to shop for the fruits and vegetables that are the best buys this season and of course soups are always a good nourishing meal .

Thank you for all your continuing support of the work of the Pocono Mountain Ecumenical Hunger Ministry.

Lorraine Naiko

Tales from a Welsh Corgi

TALES FROM A WELSH CORGI

by Patricia Goodwin

Happy fall to all of you canines and felines (I begrudgingly include cats) and human friends out in Trinity-land...life goes on pretty much the same, day in and day out, but that's a good thing, at least Mom always says so.



Oh the escapades I've had in the human world, starting with my obedience school training. I was about 5 months old when my folks got out the phone book and picked the name of an obedience/training school. Now, this place is where they also train German Shepherd dogs (they're so big, they kind of scare little short me) for the police and they have a rule that the owner of the school must first check out the dog to see if they want to take him/or her on for lessons. He checked me out, and said he would take me on but he wanted to remind my folks that in the end I would still be a Corgi - and you can only do just so much with a Corgi - they are known for their stubbornness and high intelligence (ahem, ahem) and as a herding dog by nature, are bred to think before following a command. Undeterred, the lessons did follow and on the night of the test, the room was full of tension (and this was just the humans) and strange dogs and my nerves grew strained as we were put through our paces. Suddenly I barked out my usual command and dad took me outside. We both hung our heads that night and if I had a tale it would have been between my legs!

But praise the Lord and St. Francis, I did get my obedience certificate, probably because they didn't want to have to start over with me and my dad! Mom was proud of us anyway, she hugged us and we then went to McDonald's, my favorite choice in fine dining. We drove home in silence and as I settled into my cage, I rolled over into the usual Corgi way of sleeping, flat out on my long back, all 4 feet in the air, obedience school now a thing of the past, dreaming of someday catching that squirrel that keeps coming onto our deck.

Until we chat again, to all of you out there, be good to each other, it does so much to make the world a better place, right in your own little corner of the world.

Your Welsh Corgi friend, Huw Morgan...

How can I let people know about Trinity Church?

Invite and bring friends to our bazaar on December 7th, 10-2

Invite and bring friends to Meditation, new to Trinity. Thursdays @ 7PM

Invite and bring friends to Bible Study, Wednesdays 1-2

Invite your crafty friends to join in friendship & crafting on Mondays 10-12

Let your friends know that Trinity has an active Youth Group

Let your friends know that they can volunteer at the Food Bank

Invite and bring friends to Popcorn & Movie Night (next on 11/9, 7PM)

Invite your friends to Thanksgiving Eve Service 7PM and back to your home for cider and friendship

Let your friends know that the last Sunday of the month there is the laying on of Hands and Healing Prayers at the altar.

As the saying goes.....You don't have to do everything, just do something.

A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the 4 pups, and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy. "Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies." "Well," said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat of the back of his neck, "these puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money."

The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer. "I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?" "Sure," said the farmer. And with that he let out a whistle. "Here Dolly!" he called. Out from the doghouse and down ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight. As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse.

Slowly another little ball appeared, this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a awkward manner, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up.... "I want that one," the little boy said, pointing to the runt. The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would."

With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. In doing so he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe. Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands." With tears in his eyes, the farmer reached down and picked up the little pup. Holding it carefully he handed it to the little boy. "How much?" asked the little boy. "No charge," answered the farmer, "There's no charge for love."



Vestry

Patricia Goodwin
Daniel Harris
Andrea Hauck
Becky Hendricks
Susan Kennedy
Rob McMahon
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
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