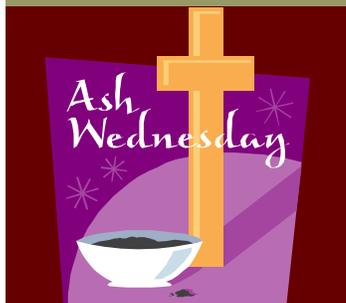


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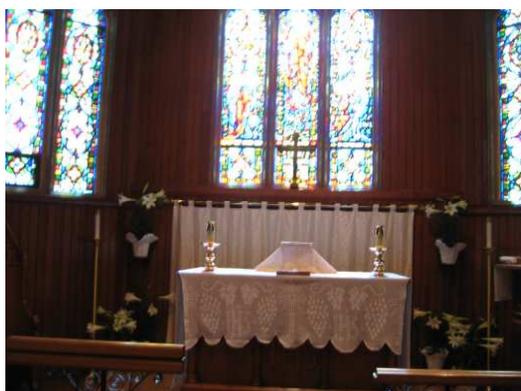
Trinity Times News of Trinity Church

Parish News

December 30, 2012 - Baptism, Caroline Josephine Cortes

January 12, 2013 - Funeral, Jean Roth

January 27, 2013 - Baptism, Tegan Paige Vincent



If anyone is interested in playing bridge or pinochle one afternoon a month at your convenience please contact Teri Buttz (595-2424), Mary-Alice Holmes (646-4763) or Susan Kennedy (595-3140). Beginners are welcome.

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Special points of interest:

- *Tales from Hound Haven*
- *Ash Wednesday Services*
- *Children's Sunday, February 24, 2013*
- *Lenten Study Begins February 20, 2013*

Birthdays & Anniversaries



February Birthdays

1 Taylor Ayers
11 Vernon Yeich
14 Penny Clark
17 Robert Gower, Jr.
19 George Waters

February Anniversaries

14 Tom & Tracie Salmon

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*

"True happiness involves the pursuit of worthy goals. Without dreams, without risks, only a trivial semblance of living can be achieved"

Dan Buettner

Tales from Hound Haven submitted by Julie Beech

What a way to end and begin a year. A real flurry of activity!

First of all it snowed. I've never been out in the snow it was great! I loved wading through it very invigorating. My coat has become very thick so I don't get cold. Cousin Malibu came to play. We ran around the yard and tossed snow around with our noses.

Then Mom's grandson Sean and his family came from Germany for 10 days. They were worried about Mom because she was sick. I don't know exactly

how they are related to me but they are. The house was busy because they have two little girls. I don't know much about little ones, they were fun and lots of scraps fell from the table. Talk about manna from Heaven! I was a little frustrated though with all these people I couldn't stretch out on the couch! It's quiet here now after thy left here, I slept the whole day! It was a visit that made Mom happy and if she's happy so am I.

It's an exciting life in the Poconos. Who ever thought an

old dog from Alabama could find such a great life. Mom says God will direct your path. He does a good job!

Crystal



PERPETUA AND HER COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

In the year 202, the emperor Septimus Severus issued an edict forbidding conversion to Judaism or Christianity. A group of young catechumens defied the order, remaining steadfast in their faith. They were Perpetua, Felicity, Revacatus, Saturnius, and Secundus.

Vivia Perpetua was a young North African convert, not yet baptized. From a prosperous family, she was a well educated twenty-two year old widow with a small child. Felicity was her devoted slave. Revacatus, Saturnius, and Secundus were students, studying about the Christian faith.

Staunch followers of Christ, they were arrested, convicted of civil disobedience, and condemned to “fight with the beasts of the arena.” While in prison, Perpetua’s father, a pagan, had come to see her, begging her to abandon her faith. “Lay aside your courage and do not bring us all to destruction,” he implored. But the courageous and faithful Perpetua responded, “On that scaffold, whatever God wills will happen.”

At their trial, these Christians refused to offer sacrifices to the Roman gods for the emperor’s safety, and were subsequently ordered to die in the arena at Carthage. Their final days have been recorded in a document that is partly in their own words and partly the words of an anonymous translator.

Felicity was eight months pregnant and, according to the law, not allowed to be executed. She and her friends in Christ prayed for an early delivery so that they might stand together in their fateful death. They were granted their wish.

While awaiting their fate, both Perpetua and Saturnus had visions which they described in great detail. The visions gave them courage and strength while assuring them of their approaching martyrdom.

The day before the games, these brave Christians were given their last meal, called “the free banquet.” Their friend, Secundus, was not with them, having died while in prison. The martyrs strove to make it an Agape, or Love Feast. To those who crowded around them, they spoke of the judgments of God and of their own joy in their suffering. Because of their calm courage, they were able to bring about the conversion of many pagans.

On the day of the games, the group was led into the amphitheatre. As the crowd demanded, they were first scourged, then wounded by wild animals. When Perpetua saw the extent of her injuries from a mad heifer, she called to her brother, “Do not let our sufferings be a stumbling block to you.” The group was then ordered to be slain with a sword. They went into the arena and exchanged a farewell kiss of peace. With the exception of Perpetua, the group died, unmoving and silent. The executioner bungled Perpetua’s death stroke. She cried out in pain; then guided his hand to her throat.

Psalm 50:5 “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”

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Food Pantry

December numbers for our Pantry are as follows:

Families picking up food totaled 331 composed of	618 ADULTS
	393 CHILDREN
	<u>132 SENIORS</u>
	1,143 People served

Thanks to the Tobyhanna Operation Santa Claus 275 Families received turkeys, candy, treats. and toys.

For the month of December we saw 606 Families in total.

Thank you to all those from whom we received donations of food, financial support and most important volunteers from all parts of our community. Your being there in spirit or in presence is the reason for our success. We are Blessed !

Lorraine Naiko

February Calendar

Feb. 2 - Popcorn & Movie Night, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

Snow date, Feb. 9, 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 4 - Shepherds Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Library

Feb. 10 - Vestry Meeting, 11:45 p.m., Library

Feb. 13 - Ash Wednesday

Holy Eucharist, Noon & 7:00 p.m.

Soup Supper, 6:00 p.m., sign-up sheet in Parish Hall

Feb. 20 - Lenten Study, 1:00 p.m.

Our Prayers have been requested for:

Ed Benintende

Penny Clark

Mary Baker

Victoria Forstein

Porter Caldwell

Lee Connolly

Frank Fiore

Marilyn Croneberger

Art Frawley

Alan White

Hal & LeeAnn Daniels

Jim Rawson

Christopher Rose

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*

Getting to know you



Getting to Know You.

Mary and The Late, Great Kenneth Banzhof

Mary and Ken joined Trinity when it was a summer church. They were part of a group of about 30 parishioners who were instrumental in Trinity becoming a year round, full time church, circa.1960. Father Earnest Young was the first full time priest.

At that time the church had a pipe organ and Mary became the first organist. Although she was a pianist, she says she learned the foot pedals as she played.

Born in Manayunk, Pa, a section of Philadelphia, her family moved to Swarthmore as a young child. There she grew and graduated from Swarthmore HS, then attended Millersville State Teachers College, now called Millersville University. It was there she met Kenneth Banzhof of Lancaster, Pa.

They were married in 1944 and moved to Swiftwater where there were employment opportuni-

ties at the Tannersville HS for Mary, and the Tobyhanna Army Depot for Ken.

They lived on Bowmans Rd for 30+ years where they raised young Kenneth and sister Margaret. Mary continued her education at Lehigh University. Upon graduation, she took a position as Professor of English at East Stroudsburg University, retiring in 1981.

Ken became Director of Training at the Army Depot where he retired in 1972. He then proceeded to build the house on Old School House Rd where Mary still lives. Ken was also the resident carpenter at Trinity Church. One of his outstanding contributions to our church is the construction of the two large Celtic cedar crosses that sit atop on the roof of the nave. Among Mary's hobbies include being an accomplished seamstress making expensive clothing for herself and her family.

I would like to thank Mary for inviting me into her beautiful home and sharing with all of us the highlights of her fascinating story. Mary and Ken were truly two of the movers and shakers in the formation of what we enjoy as Trinity Episcopal Church.

Respectfully Submitted
Dick Orner



Vestry

Jan Anglemire
Robert Ceci
Barbara Gessner
Dan Harris
Susan Kennedy
Claudia McClellan
Rob McMahan
Don Scheck
Carolyn Tolley
Nigel VanGronigen

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
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