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TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Trinity Times News of Trinity Church

## From the Priest-in-Charge

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Dear Friends,

Carolyn Tolley, the Senior Warden and I, met with the Review Committee for the second time on Friday April 26. The first time, they received the information they requested. This time, they spoke with us about some of their thoughts.

The committee plans to meet with Bishop Marshall, discuss their thoughts, and then meet with the Vestry. They will share in detail their thoughts and suggestions about where our future lies. The areas of emphasis that they shared with us are in Stewardship and Evangelism. I was given some books to read on Stewardship and Evangelism. In the coming months you will hear more about these two important aspects of our ministry together. They also told us that we need to find our mission. By that they mean what is our common purpose for doing ministry here at Trinity. Everything we do needs to reflect our mission statement. To: Share God's Unconditional Love With Everyone.

Please continue to hold the committee, your Wardens, the Vestry and myself in prayer.

Blessings,

Fr. Bob+

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### SIGN UP TO BE A MAILMAN!

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Drop your check with a memo notation "Newsletter Mailing" into the collection plate. Any overages will go to printing supplies. And, you will bring Trinity into a home.

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- *Tales from Hound Haven*
- *Saint of the Month*
- *Calendar of Events*

## Hello from the Youth Group

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Hello from the Youth of Trinity!

What you are reading is the 1<sup>st</sup> monthly newsletter designed for anyone wanting info on past/future planned events of Trinity Youth Group.

Let's catch up, so far we have had Fr. Bob, Wayne Dereaux, Becky Hendricks, and Neil Criste-Troutman share their faith stories with the youth at our Sunday night meetings.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in March we served at the food pantry.

Twice we visited the patients at Whitestone Health Care Center, Stroudsburg. Where we sang songs, visited, prayed with and read poetry to the patients. Two of the youth painted fingernails for those who wanted it. We brought handmade note cards with scripture, pictures, designs, and a personal note; all youth signed each card.

We served two salad bars so far; donations for 1<sup>st</sup>: \$173.75; for 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$112.00

We hosted Easter Sunday fellowship hour after both Masses; donations: \$170.00

We watched two NOOMA movies challenging us to walk in the way of the LORD, (More on these videos will be said in next month's newsletter)

All youth have volunteered to serve in various functions during 10a.m Mass

The youth also reached consensus to:

Clean the trail and labyrinth, and clean up Trinity Hill Road and other church property beginning May 4<sup>th</sup>, we spoke with Dan Harris about this project; he is excited and will work with us and hopes to round up others to help.

- Meet from 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September through 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in June

- Share a meal once a month

- Do a service project once a month

- Donate \$40.00 toward the license needed to show movies at the church

- Plan a day trip to Knoebles Amusement Park over the summer; date has yet to be decided

- We are also trying to raise money to take part in some sort of summer camp/program

We hope this letter was insightful to its readers, thank you all who have shown support through prayers and donations it is greatly appreciated, GOD bless.

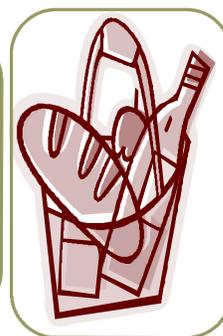
-Clara E. Hendricks

Youth Group Members: Jordan Dereaux, Ben Gower, Jacob Gower, Clara Hendricks, Emma Hendricks, Paige Keiper, Nneka Van Gronigen.

Youth Group Advisors: Bob Gower, Becky Hendricks, Maddy Polak, Neil Criste-Troutman.

# Silent Basket Auction & Bake Sale

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
137 TRINITY HILL ROAD, MT. POCONO**



Mark your calendars and don't miss a wonderful assortment of themed baskets. Also available a large variety of delicious homemade baked goods.

Wine and Cheese Basket  
Christmas Children's Basket  
Bath & Spa Basket  
Gardening Basket  
Picnic Basket

**Saturday, June 15 2011 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

We are located just south of Mt. Pocono off  
Rt. 611 on Trinity Hill Road, across from  
"Happy Trails" Riding Stables.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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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*

### May Birthdays

3 Donald Ayers  
16 Tegan Paige Vincent  
17 Leroy Reaves  
21 Michael Goodwin  
22 Benjamin Gower

### May Anniversaries

3 Wendell & Jutta Moser  
16 Bob & Vickie O'Grady  
19 Nelson & Chandanie Baboolal

"It is for us to pray not for tasks equal to our powers, but for powers equal to our tasks." Helen Keller



## Tales from Hound Haven submitted by Julie Beech

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It really startled both of us! I was stretched out on my favorite couch asleep and Mom was relaxing in her recliner. I ran right over to her to be protective even though I was frightened. Mom put her arms around me but she was uneasy too. Thusly, we survived the hail-storm. We really thought the roof was going to come down and the windows break or blow in and the noise of those hail stones hitting our aluminum siding all around was defeating. It didn't last long and the comfort we got from each other was worth the whole ruckus.

Mom and I were reading articles about how much comfort and help dogs can rally give. There is a sled dog kennel in New Hampshire. One of the dogs is blind but

still wanted to be an active sled dog. In order to help him one of his siblings learned to guide him and now they are running side by side. Also some zoos now depend on dogs to keep the cheetahs calm. The cheetahs are very nervous and somehow the dogs know how to make them feel more peaceful. So they walk with them, play with them and protect them. It's just like Mom and me!

And speaking of Mom, Mother's Day is coming soon. I'm not allowed to shop in the stores so I really don't know what to get her. I can't buy flowers or perfume or write a card. I think I will fix her a special breakfast some of my dry kibble and if I

can stretch out enough to get the snickers bars off the kitchen counter I could put the candy on top of the kibble and carry it to Mom. Then a couple of special loving licks. She'll love that!

See it's all very simple, love one another then all's right with the world!

Happy Day,  
Crystal



# Saint of the Month

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## William Tyndall 1494-1536

William Tyndale (Tindall, Tyndall) was born along the Welsh border at a time when the truths of God's word were obscured by traditions and heresies in the Roman Catholic Church. Henry VIII was on the throne. He was a dedicated Roman Catholic, but a bitter enemy of the Pope's rule in England. The church was rife with evil and wickedness in high places. Universities were full of the new learning of the Renaissance and the teachings of Luther, Reformer of Germany.

At the time, no one could challenge the hierarchy because Bibles were forbidden and church services were in Latin. The translations, interpreted by priests who had scant knowledge, were often erroneous. This left the people in spiritual and intellectual darkness.

Tyndall attended university in Oxford. He became a subdeacon and went on to get his MA in 1515. He then moved to Cambridge. He was purported to be a man of great virtue and was a gifted linguist. One of his associates said that he was "so skilled in eight languages that you might think each his native tongue."

Around 1520, Tyndall became a tutor in the family of Sir John Walsh. Having become attached to the doctrines of the Reformation, he devoted himself to studying scripture. This led to disputes with Roman Catholic dignitaries. Tyndall continued to be dissatisfied with the teachings of the clergy. It was his belief that the Bible should be made available to all, so that the common people might read and understand it. He felt that this knowledge would free them from the ignorance and heresies of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Roman Catholic Church had forbidden the Bible to be translated into the common tongue, fearful of the fact that it would reveal just how corrupt the church had become. Tyndall recognized the desperate need for reform and realized that this would not come about without the Bible being the standard of truth and life.

By 1523, Tyndall had changed from Roman Catholicism to Lutheranism. He sought permission and funds from the bishop of London to translate the New Testament. The bishop convinced him that the project would not be welcome anywhere in England, and his request was denied. Tyndall then traveled to the free cities of Europe. He finally settled in the Lutheran city of Worms, where

his New Testament emerged. It had to be smuggled into England in bales of cotton.

Tyndall's translation of the first five books of the Bible, the Pentateuch, were printed in Holland in 1530. He also wrote *The Obedience of a Christian Man*, which was studied by Queen Anne Boleyn and eventually found its way to King Henry VIII. So impressed was Henry that he said, "It is for me and for all the kings to read!" Henry offered Tyndall a high position in his court. However, in his book, *The Practice of Prelates*, Tyndall argued against divorce and asserted that the king should remain faithful to his wife. Henry's initial enthusiasm turned to rage, making Tyndall an outlaw to both the Roman Catholic Church and to the English kingdom. Authorities planned to silence him.

Tyndall did not live to complete his mission. On the morning of October 6, 1536, betrayed by a trusted friend, he was taken to the place of execution, tied at the stake, strangled and buried. Reportedly, his last words were, "Oh, Lord, open the King of England's eyes."

Two years after the death of Tyndall, Henry VIII gave permission for the publication of the English Bible. However people were not allowed to read it aloud to another person, nor were people below the rank of gentleman allowed to own a copy.

The lasting monument to Tyndall's martyrdom is the King James Version of the Bible. It contains about ninety percent of the words from his translation. A true scholar and genius, Tyndall is often referred to as the "Architect of the English Language." Many of the phrases he coined are in our language today.

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## Silent Basket Auction and Bake Sale

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Included in this Newsletter you will find a flyer with all of the information for our second Silent Basket Auction and Bake Sale to be held on Saturday, June 15th from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.. We will have 25 Baskets each with a different theme. Tickets are \$5.00 for a sheet of 25 tickets and 1 door prize ticket. Once you purchase your tickets you then place them in the container for the Baskets you would like to win. The drawing for the Baskets will begin at 1 p.m. Last year as a first time fund-raiser we raised almost \$1000.00. I am hoping the word has gotten out how beautiful the baskets were and we can bring in more outside attendance.

I am asking that all of our wonderful bakers in the parish please bring in your favorite baked or non-baked item to the church on Friday, June 14th between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. or on Saturday morning between 8 and 9 a.m. so we have time to price the items and get them out for sale.

Thank you all for your help with this Fund-raiser for our parish!

*Jan Anglemire*

## May Calendar

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May 1 - Trinity at Food Pantry, 8:30 a.m. - Noon

May 3 - Family Fun Night, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

May 5, 12, 19, 26 - Gospel Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 - 5:25 p.m.

    Youth Group Meeting, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

May 5, 19, 26 - Confirmation/Inquires Class, 11:30 a.m., Lower Level

May 12 - Vestry Meeting, 11:45 a.m., Library

May 13 & 27 - Trinity Crafters, 10:30 a.m. - Noon, Library

May 19 - Pentecost, Red Cross "Run for the Red"

May 24 - Newsletter Deadline for Information

May 27 - Memorial Day, Office Closed

May 31 - Newsletter Mailing

July 27 - Trinity Parish Picnic, Trinity Centennial Band Concert, 1 - 5 p.m., "The Roof"

## Our Prayers have been requested for:

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Mary Baker

Ed Benintende

Penny Clark

Lee Connolly

Marilyn Croneberger

Hal & LeeAnn Daniels

Victoria Forstein

Jim Rawson

Christopher Rose

Lois Rothrock

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*

## Have Lunch with God - Jill Long

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### Potato Chips

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park, just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him some chips. He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him.

His smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.. As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave; but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever.. When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied "I ate potato chips in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime! Embrace all equally!

Have lunch with God.....bring chips.

## And the Moral is....

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One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement he quieted down. A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt

that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up. As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!

### **MORAL :**

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a steppingstone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up.

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred - Forgive.
2. Free your mind from worries - Most never happens.
3. Live simply and appreciate what you have.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less from people but more from yourself.





Vestry

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Robert Ceci  
Barbara Gessner  
Patricia Goodwin  
Daniel Harris  
Susan Kennedy  
Rob McMahan  
Donald 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  
The Rt. Rev. John P. Croneberger, Assisting Bishop  
The Rev. Robert J. Criste-Troutman, Priest-in-Charge  
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