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From the Priest-in-Charge

Dear Friends,

On Saturday, July 13th, 31 people came together for a pot-luck dinner and a time to dream. After eating, we spent time at our tables generating ideas about what our mission to the community of Mt. Pocono might be. We started with the question; Would anyone besides us be upset if we were to close our doors? Elsewhere in this issue is the list of activities and programs that were listed that evening. What we are asking everyone to do is to read over the list. Pray about the list. Then think about those items on the list that may interest you.

Keep in mind our Mission statement: Share God's Unconditional Love with Everyone. All that we do should be filtered through our mission statement. We hope that in the next few months, with your help, we can begin to make a solid, helpful presence in our community.

Thank you all for your enthusiasm around this work. It is in working together that we can truly Share God's Unconditional Love with Everyone.

Blessings for your Summer,

Fr. Bob+

Bishop Paul Marshall sent this letter to the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Bethlehem today, announcing his intention to resign:

July 15, 2013

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It was my long-held intention to serve you as long as the canons permit. Life contains surprises, however. A number of circumstances and conversations have made it very difficult for me to continue as bishop of a diocese that I have come to love with all my heart. I will resign for the canonical reasons of "advanced age" as of December 31 of this year.

I will turn over ecclesiastical authority to the Standing Committee at noon on August 1, the beginning of my usual holiday. I will move up my long-delayed sabbatical from 2014 to September of this year, continuing that terminal sabbatical until I lay down my crosier on December 31, thus giving me time to transition into the last stage of my life and giving the diocese all of 2014 to accumulate the funds required to finance an Episcopal election.

Canon Gerns will be in contact with Bishop Clayton Matthews, who will guide you through the process of providing Episcopal ministry and selecting my successor.

This comes, as always, with my best wishes and blessing. I doubt that there are many bishops who have had as much satisfaction over seventeen years.

Faithfully,
(The Rt. Rev.) Paul V. Marshall

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Special points of interest:

- *Getting to know you*
- *Saint of the Month*
- *Calendar of Events*

Ideas for Mission and Ministry at Trinity, Mt. Pocono

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

ESTATE PLANNING
HEALTH LECTURES, LV MEDICAL/PARISH NURSE
LECTURES FINANCE, UNEMPLOYEES (DAVE RAMSEY)
DIVORCE CARE/SUPPORT
SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE
SOCIAL MEDIA FOR SENIORS
CLASSES TAUGHT BY PARISH MEMBERS
SOCIAL NETWORKING
MEDITATION
BIBLE STORY DRAMAS
LABYRINTH
GRANTS

SOCIAL

MUSICAL EVENTS
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
KAREOKE NIGHT
BINGO
BUS TRIPS
BOOK GROUP
DRIVE IN MOVIE
THEMED DINNERS
WINE & CHEESE
GAME NIGHTS FOR ALL AGES
TALENT SHOW
SERVICE AUCTION

ADVERTISING & FOOD BANK

PASS OUT LEAFLETS AT EVENTS
T-SHIRTS FOR MEMBERS/EMBROIDER
OUR LOGO
LOOK INTO PORTABLE SIGNAGE

PARTNER W/SUPERMARKET TO PROMOTE
FOOD BANK. HAND OUT TRINITY CARDS
WITH 3 FOOD ITEMS NEEDED. BRING BACK
TO OUR TABLE

FACILITY USAGE

SCOUT TROOPS
DANCE/SELF DEFENSE
WEIGHT WATCHERS
EXERCISE CLASSES SENIORS
CLOSE CLOSET'
AA & OTHER GROUPS
MEDITATION
PET MEMORIAL GARDEN
BLOOD DRIVE
LABYRINTH UTILIZE MORE
AM/PM CHILD CARE (NURSE?)
FOOD PANTRY DROP OFF-SIGNS
LEADING TO CHURCH VESTIBULE
CRAFT FAIR MOVE OUTSIDE/SELL TO
VENDORS TO IMPROVE #'S
COFFEE SHOP W/OPEN MIC

INTERFAITH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

BOWLING LEAGUE
BREAKFAST
BIBLE STUDY
BE PRESENT AT COMMUNITY EVENTS - TABLE
"ASHES TO GO"
FEED THOSE WHO WORK ON HOLIDAYS
MORE GATHERINGS
CLOTHING RE-FASHIONING
OUTSIDE SERVICE PROJECTS
PARTNER WITH OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS

Birthdays & Anniversaries



August Birthdays

1 Kathryn Ritter-Vicich
3 Tom Sayer
3 McKenzie Tate Vincent
4 Dorothy Reaves
6 Jacob Gower
8 Charles Buttz
13 Raeann Passno

14 Myra Bailey
14 Nelson Baboolal
14 John Vicich
14 Rob McMahon
17 Angelique Girard
24 Ryan Tolley
26 Teri Lyn Salmon
28 TJ Salmon

August Anniversaries

15 Donald & Marianne Ayers
17 Ed & Joni Benintende

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*

New address for Julie Beech:

204 Grandview Circle
Columbia SC 29229

Current address for Claudia McClellan:

Slate Belt Nursing Home
701 Slate Belt Blvd Room 216
Bangor PA 18013

Vestry Nominees

Trinity's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 15, 2013 at 11:30 a.m.

Below are the names of those who will be voted on at the Annual Meeting to fill Vestry positions for either a 3 year term or a 1 year term:

3 year terms beginning October, 2013 through September, 2016

Becky Hendricks

Peter Salmon

Tim Vincent

1 year term beginning October, 2013 through September, 2014

Patricia Goodwin

Saint of the Month

SS. Cyril and Methodius

Cyril (or Constantine) and Methodius were born in 826 and 827 respectively. They were born to an illustrious senatorial Roman father. It may be that their mother might have been of Slavic ancestry. Constantine, the youngest of seven brothers, seemed to be remarkably different from the other children. He amazed everyone with his ability to recall important facts. Methodius was the eldest brother who shared the deep moral standards of his youngest brother.

It would not be long before Methodius recognized the vanity of life and chose the tranquil life of a monk. Later, Constantine joined him there.

Together, they broadened their life in the monastery and invited themselves to be open to their future mission, according to the will of God.

The two brother became priests and, while living in the monastery, were chosen to work with the Moravians in conducting the Divine service in the Slavonic tongue. Slavonic had no written form, so Cyril invented an alphabet (Cyrillic alphabet, named for him) and, with the help of his brother, translated the Gospels and the liturgy into the Slavonic tongue. The two were the first to produce written material in the Slavic language and are regarded as the founders of Slavic literature.

Cyril and Methodius left for Moravia (now part of the Czech Republic) in 863 and worked there for four years. They were, however, regarded with distrust by the Germans who opposed their church service in the Slavonic language. In 865, they began translating the Bible into what is now known as Old Church Slavonic. It is impossible to determine with certainty what portions of the Bible they translated. It appears that the New Testament and Psalms seem to have been the first, followed by the Old Testament.

Nicholas I recognized the important work of the brothers and decided that they deserved merit. He summoned them to Rome, but Nicholas died before the two arrived there. It was Adrian II who received the brothers kindly. He commended their missionary activity, sanctioned the Slavonic liturgy, and

ordained the brothers bishops. The brothers' plan was to return to Moravia, but Cyril, feeling his end approaching, returned to the monastic habit and died in Rome on February 4, 869.

At the request of Moravian princes, Adrian went on to form an Archdiocese of Moravia and Pannonia and made it independent of the German church. In 870, King Louis and the German bishops summoned Methodius to a synod at Ratisbon where he was condemned to prison. After three years, he was liberated by Pope John VIII and reinstated as Archbishop of Moravia. After a great deal of struggle with opposing forces, Pope John stated that the Gospel should first be delivered in Latin and then in Slavic. Methodius continued to be antagonized by his opponents. He died on April 6, 885.

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Food Pantry Information

July has been a busy month and our numbers are slightly lower for July and we always hope that trend will continue .

Families served 264

People served are:	460	ADULTS
	267	CHILDREN
	<u>118</u>	SENIORS
	845	

Thank you all for your continuing support. On opening day Wednesday many of you delivered very nice food donations and this coupled with community donations received we will provide for our clients donation bags for August and September .

Remember if anyone wishes to volunteer please call the Pantry and leave a message 570-894-2072. Extra help is always appreciated.

Thank you and all those folks at your parishes.

Lorraine Naiko

August Calendar

August 2 - Newsletter Mailing

Family Fun Night, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Parish Hall

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - Choir Rehearsal, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m., Library

August 7 - Trinity at Food Pantry, 8:30 a.m. - Noon

August 12, 26 - Trinity Crafters, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Library

August 17 - Trinity Centennial Band, 6:30 p.m. East Stroudsburg Presbyterian Church
Popcorn & Movie Night, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

August 30 - Newsletter Deadline for Information

(There is no Vestry Meeting in August)

Our Prayers have been requested for:

Mary Baker

Ed Benintende

Penny Clark

Lee Connolly

Bishop Jack & Marilyn Croneberger

Hal & LeeAnn Daniels

Victoria Forstein

Claudia McClellan

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

Sent in by MaryAlice Holmes

We all sure had a great time at the parish picnic, July 27th. A big thank you to all the chefs, especially Grace and John, and Barbara who organized all the kids with great games. Salads and desserts were delicious, especially Tim's tiramisu!

Barbara organized all the games for the kids. It was wonderful hearing the sounds of children playing. And speaking of sounds, our band played the 1812 Overture and 45 minutes more. What a treat! It was good to see Fr. Charles and Mother Ginny and Fr. Charley. We may not see them at Trinity but they are busy in the Diocese. The day was filled with friendship, sunshine and a cool breeze, a big relief from a month of heat.

Sunday
Morning
8 o'clock
Children's
Service



Think Christmas in August!

Do you knit? Have you seen teenage boys with their knitted caps, worn 12 months on the year? This would be a great item for you to do at home and donate to the bazaar. Great gift for grandparents to give.

Open a craft book. You may have a hidden talent. Seriously, the committee is working on this event 50 weeks of the year. Sew? Knit? work with wood, clay etc. Can you make a wreath for spring?

Take the hood off of your talent and make this the best bazaar ever.



TALES FROM A WELSH CORGI
by Patricia Goodwin

Greetings to all humans and other furry friends out in Trinity-land. Introductions is a good place to start. I am Huw Morgan, a 7 1/2 year old male Pembroke Welsh Corgi, living in Pocono Lake in a little red house with my 2 human parents, sunning myself in my favorite spot on their deck when weather permits, chasing squirrels and turkeys and deer away as much

as is possible within the confines of the enclosed said deck. I can't complain, I have my folks trained to know just what I want and need, they answer to my every bark and woof.

Oh goodness, where are my manners? A thank you must go out from me and my folks to Miss Julie and the lovely Miss Crystal, my predecessors in this venture. Miss Crystal had lived many places before finding peace and love with Miss Julie, and although I have never met or sniffed either of those ladies, my mom and dad tell me with a touch of sadness, that they are moving on. So, instead of a long-legged lovely show-girl type like Crystal, she was a southern-belle, to be sure, you now have a dog of short stature and Welsh origin, red in color, whose view of the world is much different from that of Crystal. I see mainly shoes, socks and a few knees of especially short humans. But when I'm stretched out on my belly on the deck, in my favorite spot, where I can look up our long driveway and see all that is around, I am happy and the world looks good. The hot summer is here and I can feel many naps coming on in the warm sunshine.

Until we chat again, I remain your new friend, Huw Morgan.

REFLECTIONS

Nancy's daughter was sick, she hurried to the pharmacy to get medication, returning to her car she found that she had locked her keys inside. Nancy found an old rusty coat hanger left on the ground; she looked at it and said "I don't know how to use this." Bowing her head Nancy asked God to send her some HELP. Within 5 minutes a beat-up old motorcycle pulled up, driven by a bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag. He got off of his cycle and asked if he could help. Nancy said: "Yes, my daughter is sick. I've locked my keys in my car. I must get home. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?" He said "Sure." He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was open. She hugged the man and through tears said, "Thank You SO Much! You are a very nice man." The man replied "Lady, I am NOT a nice man. I just got out of PRISON yesterday, I was in prison for car theft."

The woman hugged the man again sobbing, "Oh, thank you, God! You even sent me a Professional!"

Is GOD great or what?

M.J.G



Vestry

Jan Anglemire
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
The Rev. Ralph C. Roth, Rector Emeritus
Carolyn Tolley, Sr. Warden
G. Thomas Parry, Jr. Warden
Virginia Parry, Organist & Choirmaster
Jan Anglemire, Parish Administrator
Carolyn Tolley, Treasurer
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