



From the Priest-in-charge

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this space to tell you about a wonderful ministry that is ongoing in our Diocese. In conjunction with Episcopal Relief and Development, St. George's Regional Disaster Recovery & Outreach Center, is an important part of our life together.

Housed in the former St. George's Episcopal Church in Nanticoke, St. George's Regional Center is dedicated to assisting all those affected by the storms of life, from large-scale natural disaster to more personal trials such as unemployment.

Established in the aftermath of the 2011 flooding, St. George's is a place for Episcopalian from across the region to live out our Church's promise that "we're here for you".

The Episcopal Church Women, or ECW, has a project for this year's convention. They are asking for donations of the following to be donated to St. George's:

1. First Aid supplies such as adhesive bandages, gauze pads and tape (no first aid creams or other items with code dates, please).
2. Personal care items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, washcloths, bar soap, razors.
3. Items for evacuation "Go Kits" such as individual tissue packets, individually wrapped antibacterial hand wipes, emergency "space blankets" (from sporting goods depts.) and rain ponchos.
4. Also, single flat sheets and regular pillowcases, white socks, large plain sweatshirts, NRSV Bibles, children packets of activities and crayons, notes of encouragement to go in the care kits.
5. And finally, names and email addresses/telephone numbers of those willing to help at St. George's.

All items collected are used to provide emergency resources in times of natural disasters and assistance with preparedness for those in disaster-prone areas, to help those who struggle with life's everyday storms and trials.

We will have a container to collect the above items and will take them to this year's convention.

Thank you all for your help with this important ministry.

Fr. Bob+

Submit your news to Trinity Times News Editor,
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Birthdays & Anniversaries



June Birthdays

4 Hailee Passno
5 Fr. Bob Criste-Troutman
19 Jan Anglemire
19 Bill Herling
22 Chandanie Baboolal
29 Nancy Killpatrick



June Anniversaries

9 James & Becky Hendricks
18 Bill & Kathie Herling

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*

June Calendar of Events

June 4 - Trinity at Food Pantry, 8:30 a.m. - Noon
June 7 - Silent Basket Auction/Bake Sale, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
June 8 - Choir Rehearsal, 11:30 a.m., Chancel
Vestry Meeting, 11:45 a.m., Library
June 9 - Trinity Crafters, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Library
June 20 - Newsletter Deadline for Information
June 23 - Trinity Crafters, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Library
June 27 - Newsletter Mailing
June 28 - Evangelism Committee Yard Sale, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Popcorn & Movie Night, 6:00 p.m., Library

Our Prayers have been requested for:

Mary Baker
Sean Beech
Ed Benintende
Lee Connolly
Fr. Bob, Neil Criste-Troutman
Randy Criste-Troutman
Bishop Jack Croneberger
Leeann Flynn
Victoria Forstein
Will Klopp
Paige Kozak
Becca McConnell
Rob McMahon
Jim Rawson
Lois Rothrock

Christopher Rose
Dudley Rowell
Katrina Troutman
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*

Some humor between articles

A 16 year old boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss the use of the car. His father took him to his study and said to him, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut. Then, we'll talk about it." After a month, the son again asked his father if they could discuss use of the car. His father responded: "Son, I've been real proud of you. Your grades are up, you've studied your Bible diligently, BUT you didn't get your hair cut." His son waited, then replied: "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that. You know Samson had long hair, also Moses and Noah, and even Jesus had long hair!" His father smiled and said: "Yes, you are right! However, they also WALKED everywhere they went".

Congratulations Graduates

Nneka VanGronigen will be graduating from Pocono Mountain West High School June 21st. Nneka is the President of the Student Council. She will attend Drexel University in Philadelphia for 5 years, to major in Communication .

Michael Criste-Troutman graduated from West Virginia University, at Morgantown, West Virginia, with a BA in psychology. He is applying for jobs in Baltimore, Md. and Monroeville, PA.

Congratulations Nneka and Michael, we wish you both all the best for your future and send you off with our thoughts and prayers. We look forward to seeing you when your home and catching up on your college adventures.

Treasurer's Report - Prepared by P. Gonze

Income Statement and Balance Sheet reports with detailed line items are posted on the Bulletin Board near the Parish Hall.

Summary Report focusing on major Variances vs 2013

- Income Statement Overview:
Full Year Budget assumes +14% in total Contributions & +2% in total Expenses vs. 2013
 - April actuals:
 - ✦ Contributions vs 2013 are up +\$3323 Expenses vs 2013: up +\$4088
 - ✦ Contributions from space use and special gifts vs. 2013 were down. There was no Lenten offering recorded and fewer space use occasions (i.e. weddings) at least so far this year
The Expense variance is primarily due to the timing on the invoice for the Diocesan Assessment; propane the Rectory and a fuel oil delivery for the Church were also posted this month
 - January-April actuals
 - ✦ Contributions vs 2013: are up +\$3362 Expenses vs. 2013: are down (\$1544) -3%
 - Pledge Revenue +13% (including prepaid pledge); +10% (without prepaid pledge)
 - Holy Day offerings are down (\$460) -22% while plate offerings are roughly equal to last year
 - Space use and special gift offerings are both down from last year
 - Expense items higher than last year (YTD) Liability/Fire insurance (timing variances), Snow removal and Rectory expenses which are permanent variances
 - Several one-time expense items reported in January which were 2013 expenses remain in the mix
Year to date we are at an operating loss of roughly (\$5100), which is significantly better than our operating loss thru April of 2013, which was roughly (\$13000) ! (Note: the earnings from the DIT fund benefited from the Market gains)
- Comments:
- ✦ Performance vs. 2013 year to date continues to suggest that we are on track (or heading in that direction); BUT remember we are projecting a significant deficit for the year (~\$21,500)
Please continue to tell the Trinity Church story...visitors are always welcome, they are the seedlings that can grow into new members!!
- Balance Sheet
 - Cash as expected for the month was significantly depleted to cover the Diocesan Assessment and other expenses. This should build back up in the coming months.

Would that we could all keep this picture firmly in our minds. It would make for a much happier and peaceful world if we recalled St. Benedict's injunction to greet every person as Christ.



This is something that I believe: If you call yourself a Christian and you're not doing something to make the world a better place, you don't get it.

Submitted by Mother Laura, Trinity Bethlehem, Facebook.

Weiss Market Register Receipts

Weiss Market register receipts: There is a green box located on the table in the parish hall where you can place your register receipts from Weiss Super Market. They are collected, sent in and Trinity Church receives 1% of the total amount of the receipts we send in. When you place your receipts in the green box please **DO NOT** cut anything off the bottom of the receipt. There are numbers at the very bottom that are needed in order for us to get credit. There is no need to worry about anyone getting your information or card numbers as only the last four digits are shown on the receipt. Thank you!

The Organist

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to, at the end of the worship service, ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was out and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute.

The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances." During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and sisters, we are in great difficulty. The roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star-Spangled Banner."
And that is how the substitute became the regular.

- AUTHOR UNKNOWN -

My trip to Trinity - Ruth Solomon

My trip to Trinity began in 1942 with baptism at “The Little Church Around the Corner” in NYC. That was the easiest part.

I grew up in Merrick, LI and our church was The Church of the Redeemer. It was a simple building, architecturally almost identical to Trinity, except it was white. We celebrated Communion the first Sunday of the month and Morning Prayer the other three. Eight years of Sunday school during the 40's and early 50's got me to confirmation in 1954.

My high school, the Cathedral School of St. Mary in Garden City, NY, was an Episcopal all-girls' college-preparatory school built in 1877. The campus was part of a larger tract which contained the Cathedral of the Incarnation (the center of the L.I. Diocese), the Bishop's home, and for the boys, St. Paul's School. Both schools had beautiful wood chapels and daily attendance was required. On special school and religious occasions, we marched across the street to the Cathedral. Initially, the magnificence of the building and the splendor of the service overwhelmed me. Classes were graduated there by the Bishop and our diplomas were written in Latin on sheepskin. By the time I got mine, I had the Cathedral down pat.

My childhood Redeemer church in Merrick was deemed “unsafe” and replaced by a square structure with slits for windows, a flat roof and a big cross in the ground near the sidewalk. I worshipped there once and never went back inside. I had gone from a white wooden steeple to Gothic flying buttresses to abstract cubism in under a decade.

Fast forward to West Berlin in 1963, where my husband and I welcomed a son, Charles Solomon. The local church was Lutheran – I only went a few times. However, I did a lot of praying: it was the height of the cold war, we lived near the East German frontier and sometimes heard gunshots when people tried to escape to freedom.

Stateside, divorced, and raising my young son alone, I took a job with Pan Am at JFK that turned weekends and holidays into workdays and work nights. Church attendance was at best intermittent and I thought of my faith more than I practiced it.

In 1977, history repeated itself with Charlie's enrollment at St. Paul's School. The chaplain gave him catechism lessons, he was baptized and confirmed, served as an acolyte in the chapel, and was graduated with honors from the same Cathedral in 1981. After college and grad school, he was deeply in love with his 10th grade girlfriend and enjoyed an enviable executive position in the NYC banking industry. Life was good. I had remarried (not so good).

Then, at 26, Charlie was diagnosed with bi-polar disorder. The ensuing years were nightmares, he was in and out of hospitals, medications were at best guesswork, his job and the girl vanished. He moved back to Merrick and vowed to gain control of that dreadful illness and reclaim his life. It was an endeavor akin to crawling over broken glass for about 15 years. Yet he succeeded.

In 2005, we moved to Pocono Pines with 25 cats and a dog. I was recovering from lung surgery and in the middle of chemo. Charlie began to drive again. He found Trinity Mt. Pocono and felt “at home”. Trinity's beautiful wood interior closely resembled the chapel at St. Paul's School. We worshipped there together, though he was far more diligent. He also wanted to “give back” all the knowledge he had gained while navigating the mental health labyrinth. In 2006, he found rewarding employment in Stroudsburg as a rehabilitative counselor. He loved the work, the people and the challenge.

In 2009, at 46, Charlie suddenly died in the emergency room of a pneumonia he didn't know he had. He was and is my hero. He brought me to Trinity, and it is where I belong.

Don't wait to be asked to relay your story of how you got to Trinity and why you stay. We want to hear from everyone! jillwilsonlong@gmail.com



Silent Basket Auction
Trinity Episcopal Church
137 Trinity Hill Road,
Mt. Pocono

Saturday, June 7, 2014

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Basket drawings

1:00 p.m.

Large assortment of themed baskets.

Great variety of delicious homemade baked goods.

4 Grand Door Prizes

We are located just south of Mt. Pocono off Rt. 611

on Trinity Hill Road,

across from Paradise Riding Stables.

