



## From the Priest-in-Charge

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Dear Friends:

In a village far, far away, there were two Episcopal Churches. One of the churches was St. Swithin's in the Swamp and the other was St. Hilda's on the Hill. At one time, both churches were active and filled to capacity, but that was long ago. Today, both churches are struggling to stay open. St. Hilda's members thought of themselves as the "better" church. They enjoyed the hill top vantage point. When you walked out of St. Hilda's, the entire town lay at your feet. St. Swithin's was considered the lesser church. They were in the lowlands. When you walked out of their door, you could see St. Hilda's up on the hill.

St. Hilda's still lived in the past. The surviving members dreamed of one day having the church once again filled with parishioners. Of course, those parishioners would have to be just like the people still at St. Hilda's. So, Sunday after Sunday, St. Hilda's went on like they always did. The Vestry wondered why the pews weren't filled with people. "After all, this was THE church to be seen in". Year after year they waited and dwindled in number. Year after year they remembered the "good old days".

St. Swithin's decided that they too wanted to have the church filled like it once was. But the people of St. Swithin's looked at the area they were in and began to invite the people of the neighborhood to worship with them. They encouraged children to be a vital part of the service. They opened their doors during the week for after school programs. They started an elder day care staffed with trained volunteers. They tried to practice "radical hospitality". Members would greet every new face at worship. They welcomed anyone and everyone who came through their doors. St. Swithin's realized that they would never see the old "glory days". They knew that these were the new glory days.

People who came to the village saw two Episcopal churches, one church on the hill and one in the swamp. One filled with life and one fill with memories.

What church are we being called to be?

Blessings,

Fr. Bob+

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

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### September Birthdays

6 Peter Salmon  
7 Emma Hendricks  
8 Carol Butiste  
10 Lillian Waters  
19 Mary Banzhof  
23 Jack Dodge  
25 Lexie Vicich  
25 Janice Pearson  
27 Lois Rothrock



### September Anniversaries

17 Bill & Barb Gessner

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*

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## September Calendar of Events

September 3 - Trinity at Food Pantry, 8:30 a.m. - Noon, Tobyhanna

September 3,10,17,24 - Bible Study, 1:00 p.m., Library

September 4,11,18,25 - Meditation Group, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

September 7 - Sunday School Begins, 9:45 a.m., Lower Level

September 7,21,28 - Choir Rehearsal, 11:30 a.m., Library/Church

September 8,22 - Trinity Crafters, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Library

September 8,15,22,29 - Good News Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

**September 14 - Annual Parish Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Parish Hall**

September 19 - Newsletter Deadline for Information

September 21 - Vestry Meeting, 11:45 a.m., Library

September 26 - Newsletter Mailing

## Our Prayers have been requested for:

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Mary Baker  
Sean Beech  
Ed Benintende  
Lee Connolly  
Fr. Bob and Neil Criste-Troutman  
Randy Criste-Troutman  
Bishop Jack Croneberger  
Leeann Flynn  
Victoria Forstein  
Annaliese Harris  
Will Klopp  
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*

## Tales from a Welsh Corgi by Patricia Goodwin

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Cheers to all out in Trinity-land, Huw Morgan here. I must have been caught napping since I didn't talk to you last month! However, I have something of interest to tell you this time. And it is about my name, Huw Morgan and how it all came about.

So many people ask about my name, which seems strange to everyone. When they are told, they usually say 'who or what'????! Well, it may be strange to Americans but it is a good old fashioned Welsh name, to be sure. It all started years before my folks ever thought of me. One of mom's all time favorite movies is an oldie, 'How Green Was My Valley', a black and white movie from 1941 and was the winner of 5 Academy Awards, in case you're interested.. It is a wonderful true story of Welsh coal miners living in this little place in the Rhondda valley where the Morgan family lived together. The household consisted of several older, grown sons, one daughter and then a much younger son, named Huw, played by Roddy McDowell. Actually, Huw is the Welsh spelling of the name Hugh that is more common here. The story, which is a film and a book, centers around the youngest son, Huw and his life in the valley. At the end of the story Huw is the last of his family to leave the family home and the valley where he had grown up, so when my folks found me it turned out that I was the last of my Corgi family (there were 10 of us in the litter) to leave where I was born so my mom decided I should have a special Welsh name, after her favorite story., named after the boy who was the last to leave his family home, as was I. Oh the confusion in the beginning, the little grandkids could not get the name 'Huw' out, some called me 'Lou', others called me 'Who', which they still do to this day. I don't mind one bit!

Until we chat again, enough about me for today. Remember to be good to each other, that includes an extra pat for your dog and cat and being extra understanding and kind to your family, you will be glad that you did. I remain, your friend, Huw Morgan.



## Food Pantry Numbers

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Hello Everyone,

Our numbers have dropped in July a trend that would certainly be welcomed. As of today here are the numbers.

Families served 257 Adults 469

Children 261

Seniors 115

845 People Served included are 7 New Families

Some have asked what items are needed this time of year cereal, beans , macaroni and cheese, pasta , and tuna. Side dishes that are rice based this time of year are nice, too. We will be looking to the holiday season before long and the cold weather is just around the corner.

Thank you all and God's blessings be upon you for helping us continue the Pantry operations.

Lorraine Naiko

## Cats in the Belfry

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Welcome to the wholly cats world!! We will opine now and then in Trinity's newsletter about Important Things (worth a serious purr), about Forgettable Things (such as the occasional hairball or a hiccup) , but not about Regrettable Things (unlike humans, cats seldom err).

The world looks bigger to a cat because once you have mastered standing upright -- a posture we employ to gain your attention --we are much smaller than you are . Stuff like trees, doors, curtains, furniture, appliances – seem much bigger to us. Instead of “getting to the bottom of things” which you do when you solve problems, we substitute “getting to the top of things” as a necessary learning curve. The result is important cat behavior: “being on top of things” and “looking down at things”.

My name is “Buckley”, and I own the back staircase in our yard. I am a very patient brown and black fellow with whorls on my flanks. (And you thought tattoos were impressive!). I'm also quite deaf – from crinkly ears - and a little blind. My best pal is “J'ailait”, a gray lady. (You will hear from her when she has mastered spelling). She taught me how to SHARE. It's a valuable virtue, but rarely works with dogs.

Did you know we can jump seven times our height? Can you do that? Since we self-propel with only four legs, our territories are but a few acres. Let us differentiate between “territory” (a large area we own, guard and seriously defend ) -- and our” home range” (comfort zones, napping hideaways, familiar paths). Of course, if we are blessed to be a part of a family, we *own* your house, all of its contents, and *you* ! Our unconditional love is our share of any mortgage payment.

Until next time, remember to find your place in the sun each day, even when it's cloudy.  
The Faithful Felines

## Trinity Teens wanted

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**Trinity Teens wanted** to give their views about their life i.e. school, challenges, how you would improve a situation, where you find kindness, what makes you happy or frustrated, what you question or how you have solved a problem. We are interested in you. Write your thoughts for the Newsletter. Put them in the Newsletter box in Jan's office or email them to [jillwilsonlong@gmail.com](mailto:jillwilsonlong@gmail.com) or [trinitychurchmp@verizon.net](mailto:trinitychurchmp@verizon.net).

## Reflections by Michael Goodwin

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We are now well into the season of Pentecost, but I wanted to share these thoughts with you.

Our church is named Trinity, in fact there are many churches in our local area all having a similar name - Where I was raised as a small boy our church was also named Trinity: it looked much the same as it had for a thousand years or more. Inside it was usually cold even on the hottest summer day. The walls, of whitewashed stone, consisted of large semicircular arches of Roman design, supported by huge pillars many feet thick. Pretty impressive to a small boy!. Sometimes I would be alone there and it would seem a very holy place, silent and cold, but sometimes frightening and awesome..

In the well known hymn we sing on Trinity Sunday "Holy, Holy, Holy", God's holiness is depicted as Power, Love and Purity, and He has an infinite amount of all of those. I think that the word I would choose to describe the Trinity is "*awesome*". Awesome love, awesome power and awesome purity.

Reginald Heber, the author of the hymn was one time Bishop of Calcutta in India and the hymn was published after his death; It was found among many that he had written, but never published. In our hymnbook it is set to a fine tune by J B Dykes called "Nicaea" named after the church council that met in 325 AD and gave us the Nicene Creed which affirmed the doctrine of the Trinity.

M.J.G

# Annual Meeting Notice

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The Annual Meeting of Trinity Episcopal Church will be held on **Sunday, September 14, 2014** immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. The meeting will be held in the Parish Hall, and a light lunch will be provided.

Below is a Proxy for the meeting if you are unable to attend on September 14th. Please fill in and sign the Proxy and return to the Parish Office **no later than Sunday, September 14, 2014.**

**The delegates for Vestry are:**

Bob Butiste - 3 year term

Barbara Gessner - 3 year term

Pat Goodwin - 3 year term

Claudia McClellan - 1 year term

**Please remember also if you are a chairperson to any committee a written report of your committee is due in the Parish Office no later than Wednesday, September 10, 2014.**

**PROXY  
ANNUAL MEETING  
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2014**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ appoint

\_\_\_\_\_ OR the Clerk of the Vestry  
(indicate one) to act as my proxy for all matters that may come before the annual meeting of the congregation of Trinity Episcopal Church, Mt. Pocono to be held on Sunday, September 14, 2014 and any extensions thereof.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The Clerk of the Vestry, if designated, will vote for the candidates proposed by the nominating committee and in favor of any other matters that have been approved by the Vestry.