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TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Trinity Times News of Trinity Church

## From the Priest-in-Charge

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Dear Friends,

I want to take this spot this month to talk about our upcoming Bible Study. Starting Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> we will be reading and discussing The Book of Revelation. Many people have various opinions as to the meaning of John's revelation. We will be talking about many of the controversies that have surrounded this last book of the Bible.

As we did last year, The same Bible study will be offered twice on Wednesdays. The first class will be at 1:00 pm and the second will be at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome. We have a relaxed conversational atmosphere at each class. Prior bible study is not required.

Together let's look at who John was writing to. Does Revelation describe heaven? What is the Rapture and is it true? Who or what is the Antichrist? These and many other questions will be looked at and discussed. I hope to see many of you at the study,

Blessings,

Fr. Bob+

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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  
25 Janice Pearson  
27 Lois Rothrock  
27 Evelyn Anne Cortez



### 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

Sept. 2 - Trinity at Food Pantry, 8:30 a.m. - Noon

Sept. 7 - Office Closed, Labor Day Holiday

Sept. 13 - Sunday School Begins, 9:45 a.m., Lower Level  
**Annual Parish Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Parish Hall**  
**(Sign up sheet in Parish Hall)**

Sept. 14 - Trinity Crafters, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Library

Sept. 18 - Newsletter Deadline for Information

Sept. 20 - Vestry Meeting, 11:45 a.m., Library

Sept. 26 - Popcorn & Movie Night, 5:00 p.m., Potluck Dinner followed by Popcorn & Movie, Library

Sept. 28 - Trinity Crafters, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Library

## Trinity Memorial Garden

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Trinity Memorial Garden plots are available to purchase at a cost of \$300.00 per person. This fee provides interment and covers perpetual care of the Memorial Garden.

Beginning January 1, 2016 the cost of interment and care will be \$500.00 per person. If you are interested in purchasing interment in the Memorial Garden please call the parish office 570-839-9376.

Interment in the Memorial Garden is offered to past and present parishioners and their families.

## The Art of Storytelling

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One of humankind's oldest art forms is the sharing of stories. People tell tales to teach, to heal, and to entertain. My love of storytelling began as a child, listening to our family's chief storyteller, my grandfather. He told tales of his experiences, his life, in ways that kept my sisters and I mesmerized well into adulthood. We never tired of listening to the yarns we'd heard many, many times.

Years ago I had the privilege of attending the National Storytellers Festival in Jonesboro TN. Tellers came from around the world to share and exchange the stories of many diverse cultures. It was fantastic! Ghost stories, without question, were and still remain, the most popular tales people want to hear.

And so I invite you, to join Dr. Brenda Boyer for a captivating evening of mystery, as we share tales of lost loves, past lives and souls that won't remain forgotten..... A professional storyteller for over 20 years, Dr. Boyer has spun folktales and legends for listeners of all ages. When she's not telling stories, Brenda is a high school librarian and educational consultant from Kutztown PA.

**"The Ghost Story Concert"** will be held at Trinity on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Tickets are \$5 and go on sale September 1<sup>st</sup>. Call Cathy Siglin @ 595-2099 for details, tickets, questions, etc. All proceeds benefit Trinity Church so tell your friends and family. Come on out and prepare to be.....well, maybe just a little bit scared!!

## *Children's Sunday School*

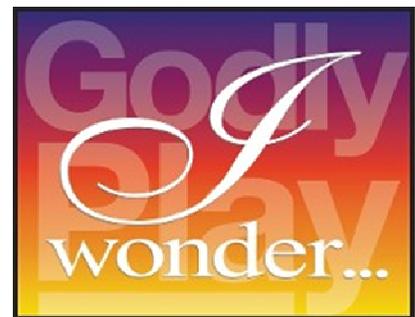


Once again we will be presenting the *Godly Play* curriculum for the Children's Sunday School program, for preschool through age twelve. The program incorporates a visual storytelling presentation as the means for participants to learn not only stories from the Bible, but also about the liturgies of the church, such as Eucharist and Baptism. The lessons culminate in a series of "I wonder..." questions that encourage the children to think about the deeper meaning of the stories, and their place in our lives within the church. And the children are also learning to make connections between what they do in *Godly Play* and what goes on during worship in the church.

After the lesson, the children individually decide how they wish to work with the story of the day. This may involve working with art materials, writing their thoughts in a journal, or possibly even working with the materials for that day's story or one that with which they have previously worked by themselves.

At the conclusion of the day's work, the children join the rest of the congregation in worship, ready to exchange the peace and receive Communion.

We look forward to seeing the returning students as well as some new ones. Please consider inviting your children's friends and/or neighbors with children who might like to attend. All are welcome!



If you are interested in learning more about *Godly Play*, whether or not you are a parent, please join us downstairs for light snacks and beverages at 9:30am on Sunday, September 13.

## Sunday School Begins - September 13, 2015

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### *Sunday School begins September 13*

**Godly Play** for Preschool through age 12

9:30am – First Day Reception for Kids & Parents

10:00am – First Class begins at 10:00am

**Teen/Adult Intergenerational Class**

9:00 – 9:45am in the Library

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## Trinity Kitchen Facelift

Be sure to step into our kitchen and enjoy the fresh feel of this do-over.

All the appliances were pulled from the wall using the muscle of Tim Vincent. They were cleaned inside and out. The cabinets gleam and the floor actually has a color! All the walls and ceiling are now painted. Did 10 people do this? No! This was an intense, short weekend project by instigated by Becky Hendricks, Emma Hendricks and Deanne Vincent.

By the way, it was such a change that Fr. Bob thought we bought a new refrigerator.

THANK YOU BECKY, EMMA AND DEANNE!

## Be Careful What You Pray For

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Jack's mother entrusted Jack with their only cow to take into town as they were in desperate need of cash. She didn't do this lightly. I'm sure she prayed fervently to God as to what to do so they wouldn't starve. She felt confident that cash was what they needed and the cow had to go.

Trinity members have been praying for our church to grow. We have made 'want lists' of what we should be doing to attract new members. We've talked to each other "hoping we can make things work", "hoping the Vestry will figure it out".

Well, Jack's mother couldn't believe that God answered her prayers with magic beans. That's not what she prayed for, not even close. Jack had more faith and was willing to step into the unknown, or should I say, step up. He took a chance, a dangerous one, but he was up to the challenge. He ended up with the goose that laid the golden egg and was able to not only feed himself and his mother, but to help all his poor neighbors. God had given Jack all the talent needed to make that decision to trade the cow for the magic beans, the muscles to climb the beanstalk, and the cunning to figure out how to get the golden goose. Jack's mother dreamt of being able to feed herself and her son. But God had a bigger dream for Jack and his mother.

God knows what our parish needs. A Steinway grand piano! Anyone pray for that? There's a reason why this beautiful piano has made its way from Dubbs Memorial UCC Church in Allentown to our church in the woods. It's up to us to figure it out. We are faithful in our prayers for this parish to continue and get stronger. Faith isn't just our belief. Faith demands action. God has a bigger dream than any of us has imagined for Trinity Church. He has equipped each one of us with the abilities to figure this out together. Music is our path.

Jill Long

Thank you to Dubbs Memorial UCC Church for over 100 New Century hymnals and a beautiful, old 2 door cabinet for our sheet music. It now graces our library. Don't be afraid to open it as it has been attached to the wall and can't topple over.

## Cats in the Belfry

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### Cats in the Belfry

The Wholly cats are back from vacation and eager to relate our adventures!

We had heard about a five star cat resort in New York State, so we headed east. Since we don't own a won ton, (much less a car) none of us really knew where we were going. We traveled by bus and hearsay, mostly the latter, which was always slower.

Our first stop should have been Gobbleskill, to have a turkey dinner, but Betsy misread the sign and we arrived in Cobleskill. It is a historic place where people chase each other around a square dirt trail and stop every so often to sit on pillows, while others wear huge mittens with four toes like we have. We never learned what a "coble" is, but it is important enough to have its own zip code.

When we arrived in Peekskill, we believed we would -- yes, you guessed it! -- see a peekshow -- maybe "Mouse Hole Mischief" or "The Real Mobsters of Mole Hill"-- provocative movies that the Casino Theatre and Trinity's popcorn Saturday would never dare offer!

But we couldn't even find a Redbox kiosk, so we left without a peek or a perk or a purr. Catskill was next on our route...until Betsy *finally* remembered how to spell. Catskill? CatsKILL? We took a wide detour. Close call.

Finally, we arrived at our destination -- Fishkill! -- that famous luxury resort catering to cats with world-renowned gourmet cuisine. Trout, striped bass, herring and a serve-yourself koi pond buffet. Everything was *all organic!* We ate so much fish.

Yet, only since we have returned to our home in Trinity have we really felt totally nourished.

*Matthew 4:4*



## Our Prayers have been requested for:

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Mary Baker  
Sean Beech  
Ed Benintende  
Lee Connolly  
Fr. Bob and Neil Criste-Troutman  
Bishop Jack Croneberger  
Victoria Forstein  
Bill Gessner  
Annaliese Harris  
Alexis McNeese  
Jenn Morse  
Jim Rawson

Fr. Charles Rice  
Lois Rothrock  
Heather  
Patti

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*

## Food Pantry News

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Trinity has been actively working very hard at the Food Pantry this month of August. Thanks to Jim and Cathy Siglin our tasks were made a whole easier because of Jim's hobby, WWII military vehicles. Our delivery from the Wal-Mart Distribution Center was 10 pallets of food items. Jim volunteered the use of his 1944 ARMY GMC 2 1/2 ton truck(Duce1/2).

As a baby boomer I didn't realize the strength and capacity of the military vehicles. The use of this truck made the delivery of this donation go quickly. It allowed everyone to participate in the unloading process. This truck carries 3 times what the other trucks carry.

Again Rich and I would like to thank Jim and Cathy for the use of their truck and their help with this pantry project.

We had a computer crash due to bad weather and we are in the process of replacing both computers at this time. Our July data was lost and needs to be recreated as well as entering the August data. That said I hope to have the monthly as well as the yearly statistics for our annual meeting.

We would like to add another volunteer interested in learning the computer as a second back up to assure a complete staff in our office . If anyone would like to join us please call me to schedule a time to have a training session 570 839-7200. Our software is similar to the Microsoft Access Program for those of you who are familiar with programs. It is a very basic program and easy to learn.

My last news regarding the pantry is we have a meeting scheduled for Saturday, September 12th at 10 AM at the Pantry main room. We need everyone who is interested and able to attend. We are discussing our Fall food distribution and what items we are going to be giving specifically for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Input from everyone is very important. Please mark your calendar for this very important meeting.

Thank you for your continuing support of the pantry.

Lorraine Naiko