

“Your talent is God’s gift to you. What you do with your talent is your gift to God.”



# Trinity Times News of Trinity Church

## Words from the Senior Warden

### Words from the Senior Warden By Peter Gonze

It’s already October...summer of 2015 has faded and the crisp morning temperatures are a reminder that autumn and winter are just ahead! There is nothing we can do that will impact the changing of the seasons; we are just along for the ride.

The fall season also brings with it the beginning of Stewardship season at Trinity Church. Our new co-Chairs for Stewardship, Carolyn Tolley and Joanne Smith will begin the process to remind us all about the importance of each and every pledge. Our finances require pledges to pay for the operations of the church, heat, upkeep, insurance, salaries, and of course snow plowing!

During the Stewardship Season we are all too familiar with the emphasis on our pledge commitment for the coming year. While that is critical to keeping our faith based community functioning and thriving, there are several other dimensions. Stewardship includes Time and Talent. We have many folks who devote their time and talents to our many ministries and activities among them: Music, Stewardship, Altar Guild, Hospitality, Communications, Worship, Food Pantry, Family Promise, Movie night and special events such as Clean up and the “scary” Story Telling evening!

Each of these make a huge contribution to our Parish life...each of these are the product of the fine and dedicated work of a few people. Here’s a little secret....each of these activities could use help...**your help!**

What do you feel called to do, even if it is a little bit or occasional participation? Each Sunday in the Bulletin, the leaders of the ministries are listed in the Bulletin. Reach out and give, give of your time and your talents.

Or via email at: Volunteer Opportunities @ Trinity

Trinity Church has a proud history and culture of volunteerism and service. We invite you to explore one or more of the various volunteer activities available across our parish.

**Thank you for making a difference!**

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

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### October Birthdays

4 Mary Cole  
7 Austin Dennis  
8 Ginny Day  
17 Mary Alice Holmes  
25 Stephanie Anglemire  
30 Tom Salmon



### October Anniversaries

10 Craig & Jan Anglemire  
14 Bob & Carol Butiste

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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## October Calendar of Events

Oct. 2/3 - Diocesan Convention, Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem

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

Oct. 10 - Ghost Story Concert, 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 11 - Vestry Meeting, 11:45 a.m., Library

Family Promise Host Week through Oct. 18

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

Oct. 23 - Newsletter Deadline for Information

Oct. 24 - Fall Grounds Clean Up, 9:00 a.m. - Noon (Rain date Oct. 31)

Popcorn and Movie Night, 5:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner followed by  
Popcorn and Movie, Library

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

Oct. 30 - Newsletter Mailing

Oct. 31 - Rain Date Fall Grounds Clean Up, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

## 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!!

## Our Prayers have been requested for:

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Mary Baker  
Sean Beech  
Ed Benintende  
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*

## Family Promise News

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Family Promise of Monroe County would like to thank the over 600 dedicated volunteers from our network of host and support congregations, who during 2014, spent over 9000 hours preparing and providing meals, chaperoning overnights, helping out at the Day Center and in a variety of other activities. You should be proud of the wonderful support system you are for the families receiving services in our local network.

The week of October 18-25, 2015 is being celebrated across the nation as Family Promise Week. Please help raise awareness to the increasing numbers of families struggling with homelessness.

During 2014, all 187 Family Promise affiliates combined, provided services to over 53,000 individuals nationwide. You are contributing to a major movement in addressing family homelessness. Please continue to advocate for our families in need.

Laurie Kozar  
Family Promise of Monroe County

## Trinity at Mt. Pocono Fall Festival (Photo courtesy Winston Ewing)

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