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Words from the Senior Warden

Mr. Heaton. I hadn't thought about him in years. For some reason he popped into my mind as I was sitting in Church waiting for the 8 o'clock service to start. It was rainy and overcast outside, without the sun it seemed darker than usual on this October morning. Cozy, I thought as I sat in the pew, it feels cozy. I felt warmth, as if I was feeling the warm embrace of a good friend. Strange, I thought, why did I think of Mr. Heaton?

When my oldest daughter, Kristen, (now 34) was born, we became members of an Episcopal Church in our neighborhood just outside of Philadelphia. She was baptized at that church and eventually began coming to church with us. The younger kids (3-6) would attend a special service conducted by Mr. Heaton, a grandfatherly older man.

As described by my daughter, the service began with each of the kids sitting on their hands to warm them up. Then Mr. Heaton would shake hands with each child and determine who had the warmest hands. The child with the warmest hands was selected to assist Mr. Heaton with the service. Candles were lit, hymns were sung, a brief homily delivered and an activity (like coloring) were all part of the standard little kids service. This made going to church a much anticipated activity for the young kids. Mr. Heaton ran this program with a deep affection for the children and it continued for years. It was not uncommon for young adults who were off in college or pursuing careers to come back and seek out Mr. Heaton. He was kind, warm and introduced scores of children to an experience of church that was filled with love and caring in a safe place.

I didn't know much about Mr. Heaton but I knew he was kind, gentle and the kids loved him. I also remembered that he had lost his young son to childhood leukemia years ago. He clearly channeled his love and passed it on to a generation of children at his church.

Mr. Heaton passed away many years ago. So, why on this Sunday morning did I think about him and that little Sunday program he ran for the young kids? I'm not sure but just as Mr. Heaton made the church experience for my daughter special, I feel that way about Trinity Church.

Peter Gonze

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



November Birthdays

- 1 Rachel Lyn Salmon
- 2 Craig Anglemire
- 3 Andrea Hauck
- 3 Clara Hendricks
- 8 Esmie Dennis
- 21 Corbin Reese Vincent
- 22 Neil Criste-Troutman
- 24 Fritz Eidschun
- 26 Richard Backora



November Anniversaries

- 8 Timothy & Deanne Vincent

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*

November Calendar of Events

- Nov. 1 - Dan Charney, Stewardship Guest Speaker, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
- Nov. 4 - Trinity at Food Pantry, 8:30 a.m. - Noon
- Nov. 8 - Stewardship Commitment Sunday, Brunch following the 10:00 a.m. service
- Nov. 9 - Trinity Crafters, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Library
- Nov. 15 - Vestry Meeting, 11:45 a.m., Library
- Nov. 20 - Newsletter Deadline for Information
- Nov. 21 - Popcorn & Movie Night, 5:00 p.m., Covered Dish Dinner followed by Popcorn & Movie
- Nov. 23 - Trinity Crafters, 8:30 a.m. - Noon, Library
Newsletter Mailing
- Nov. 26/27 - Office Closed, Thanksgiving Holiday

Stewardship News

The Stewardship campaign is in full swing and hopefully everyone is praying for guidance and thinking with their hearts as you fill out your pledge cards. Please keep in mind the words of our priest, Fr. Bob, our senior warden, Peter and our fellow parishioners as you do so. There is much work to be done at Trinity and we can only accomplish all of our ministries with prayers and financial assistance from all of us!

There will be a brunch to celebrate the completion of our 2016 campaign on Sunday, Nov 8th, after 10:00 am service and we hope all of you will attend. If you have not turned in your pledge card already, you can do so at the brunch.

Thank you in advance for your generous pledge and we look forward to seeing you on the 8th!

Carolyn and Joanne

Storytelling Concert

The Night Was Dark and Stormy.....

No, in fact it was a beautiful, crisp October evening at Trinity for the Ghost Story Concert.

The fire roared in the hearth, candles glowed and the storyteller kept us spellbound with tales of the supernatural. The stories Brenda Boyer shared with us were both traditional and multicultural, reminding us that no matter where we come from, we are all just a wee bit anxious about things that go “bump” in the night! We traveled far and wide with a Japanese Samurai warrior who was too arrogant and selfish for his own good. We moved across the Plains with an Iroquois Indian family in great peril being pursued by the mythical “wendigo”, a violent spirit of Native American lore. And who can forget the Cajun tale of old Louisiana and the good, old boy who just wanted a good meal. I’ll never look at a black cat the same way again after that!!

Many thanks to all who came out and supported this event! It was nice to see many of my Trinity family in attendance and also nice to welcome others to our church as well. Stay tuned for the next upcoming event!!!



Stewardship Message

Do you know the “The Scary Word”? For some, it starts the heart palpitating. For others, it’s “I’ll think about this later”, For many, it’s a time to rethink their commitment to Trinity.

Stewardship. The care and management of that which belongs to another. And while we often speak of things as “ours”, the reality is, that all that we have, and all we are, belongs to God. Apostle Paul writes “what do you have that you did not receive?” So it is from God that we have received our lives and everything in it for which we are responsible.

We are stewards of Trinity. If we put God first, we can focus more acutely with God as we make out our budgets. It does seem easier to step up with giving of our time and our talents. We hear the need in church that we need people for “clean up”, Family Promise, setting up tables, serving coffee and cookie on Sunday. We respond quickly to someone who needs a ride to the doctor, being a Christmas angel, volunteering to bring food for a church event or a sick family. We hear the need and we say ‘yes’.

So let’s talk commitment. “Yes” is a commitment. We prioritize the commitment ladder with heat, electric, taxes, food, gas for our cars! Our children need to be educated, clothed and fed. This is our top focus. I have these commitments also. And it’s also easy for me to quickly respond to my family and friends when they are in need. They know they can count on me. Yes. Count... Hmmmmm back to money. Gerry and I commit to a family budget same as you. We like food and heat and clothes and a bed or two. And, we do commit to our individual churches.

But what would happen when going over your family finances, WHAT IF your boss told you that he doesn’t know how much salary he can give you this year? You can certainly count on him for the usual, maaaaaybe..... Perhaps you have a fund that gives you X amount of dollars each year and now you get a notification that you will get “something” every 4 months. Here you sit, the steward, the master, the king or queen of your home. You know what amount runs your family life and now every month will be uncertain. **Welcome to Trinity Finance!**

So here’s a novel idea, how about putting Trinity Church at the top of your budget? Take it out of the ‘left over’ column. Which brings the question “Is God a left over? A remainder? The last thought? Not Numero Uno? As parishioners of Trinity, it is up to us to make a monetary commitment. If we have more to give during the year, all the better for our church financial obligations.

It’s no secret that we have almost used up our “savings” or DIT. We have run a deficit budget for over 6 years. We’ve had some high giving families move away, some have died. Employment circumstances has also taken some members. In 2014 we had 68 families pledging \$114,548. This year, 2015, we had 58 families pledging a total of \$108,000 with an expected income with gifts totaling \$133,000. So, for the past 2 years, we’ve run a deficit of \$20,000 each year. Expenses projected are \$161,000 with along with a deficit of \$28,000.

There is good news as we now have 75 families. And now, come January, we cannot afford a full time priest. Father Bob will be with us part time beginning January and will actively look for a full time position. Father Bob commented at the Annual Meeting “This is not a job, this is a way of life. I can’t tell you how much it pains me to think that I may have to leave”.

As part-time, Fr. Bob will be on call 24/7 for emergencies and will spend 1 day during the week in the office in addition to Sunday. At our annual meeting someone asked if the church will close. It will not close. We will have a priest every Sunday when, and if, Father Bob receives his next position. I find this situation tragic and intolerable. This year, in particular, we should ALL, that’s every parish family, make a written commitment to Trinity, knowing that everything you have has been given to you. *What?* You don’t think that you give enough to make it count? You’ll just put something in the offering each week? You think that \$20 a week isn’t enough to fill out your pledge card?

Well \$960 a year is an amount to count on, as is \$1500 and \$2500 and \$3000 and \$5000 and \$500 and \$800.

Try this math...If the current 58 families increased their pledges to average out \$350 and the 17 non-pledging families averaged \$1500, we would come close to a balanced budget!

We have a great love going on in Trinity. People who visit, notice it. Other than home, Trinity is my second best ‘happy place’. Gather a friend or 2 and talk about fun events in the past. Then gather more and make a plan. Look at your Trinity Directory and ask yourself, who’s missing in church? Who haven’t I seen for a while? Make that call and let them know they are missed. Let’s grow Trinity from within as well as our surrounding community! How? Let’s designate a Missing You Sunday. After each service, gather with your directories and commit to calling the people you haven’t seen. Let them know they are missed. (Because we really do miss them!) And if you are one of the ‘missing’, give Fr. Bob a call.

When you look at that pledge card – How about saying to yourself “COUNT ME IN”. Yes, count me in....

Jill Long

Lunch Bunch

In October our Lunch Bunch had a wonderful lunch at the Willow Tree Inn in Stroudsburg. A good time was had by all 16 people and that's the number at our last lunch. I don't have our next date and time scheduled and if you have a suggestion please contact me with your idea . It has been so nice to share a meal and get to know your fellow Church family members. We welcome everyone to join us for this fellowship time.

Lorraine



Parish Life at Trinity

Parish Life at Trinity - what does it mean to you? To us it is more than attending a Sunday morning service each week. It means helping out when there is a need. Volunteering for tasks that no one else wants to do. Like doing laundry after Family Promise, cooking a meal, hosting coffee hour, volunteering at the food pantry, Spring & Fall clean-up, etc.

It is an overwhelming feeling and a great sense of satisfaction and self worth when you can help and assist our parish family.

Hopefully all of us can find the time to help in one or more of the ministries here at Trinity.

Grace & Marie

Christmas in the Air

I can't tell you how excited I am to be directing this year's Christmas Pageant at Trinity Episcopal. As a former Mary, with two past baby Jesus', numerous angels and a few shepherds, we love celebrating the birth of Jesus with great storytelling, some pretty realistic acting-although one year Baby Jesus starting eating the hay in the manger and songs amongst our church family. Its become part of our holiday tradition.

I am even more excited to let you know that we've decided to present a brand new play to the congregation this year! I have been a parishioner of Trinity since 2001 and as I look at the past year's pageants, the revisions, adaptations and additions, a huge smile crosses my face and a feeling of gratefulness for those that put the time and energy into making it one of the best events of the year. The decision to try a new approach did not come easily. Many factors were taken into consideration and many opinions gathered. In the end, with help of a small committee, we chose a pageant play that I believe embodies the spirit of Trinity and stays close to the telling of the story that we have come to love.

The best part of the new Pageant? The play is designed so that everyone can participate! Whether you are young or old; can make rehearsals or just want to join on us the day; if you have a costume or will be in your church clothes; or if you prefer building, creating, singing or acting; we have a part for you! No matter what you prefer, it's going to be a lot of fun and great way to celebrate the story of the birth of Jesus.

As one of my favorite verses comes to mind...

Ecclesiastes 3 1-15

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens; A time to be born and a time to die; A time to plant and a time to uproot; A time to kill and a time to heal; A time to tear down and a time to build; A time to weep and a time to laugh; A time to mourn and a time to dance.

...I hope you will all come and help me build, laugh and dance.

The Trinity Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 20th at 4pm and will be followed by a pot luck dinner where both the participants and congregation is welcome to celebrate.

We will begin rehearsals with our first meeting on Sunday, November 30th following the 10am service and will continue to rehearse each Sunday as needed until the pageant. Again, if you cannot make rehearsals, there is still a place for you!

In the upcoming weeks, I will be recruiting for crafting, acting and singing and I hope you will join me. If you want to get involved, please email me at kristin.lindseycook@gmail.com.

Kristin Cook

Cats in the Belfry



Fall facts from the felines: We've noticed more and more forest creatures roaming about, especially black bears, foraging for fatty foods in their wholly organic surroundings. In order to snore through the winter snows, they need to pack on pounds, fast! No *Nutri-System* devotees waddling in our woods. Too bad Twinkies don't grow on trees.

Acorns are very nutritious – 3 oz. contains 50% carbs, 350 calories and 30 grams of oil. They are excellent for humans too, but first you need to remove the bitter tannic acid. Here are some culinary tips. To separate the good acorns from the bad, put them in a jar of water and keep the ones that sink. Then, if you are not in a very big hurry, you can bury the good ones in a river bank for a year and they will become sweet. A faster way of purging is to put them in a lingerie bag in your toilet tank. Every flush will remove some more acid, but, sadly, destroys the oil as well. (Acorn oil sells for nearly \$200 per gallon these days, if you want to make some spare change).

Cats don't like to sharpen our claws on beech trees because the bark is thin and only good for wimpy lovers carving initials. People use beech wood for floors, buttons, baskets, 18th century carriage wheels, and barrels for aging beer, among other necessary things. Most wildlife love beech nut seeds, but first have to get past the velcro bur to get to the good part, like dissecting an Oreo. At 75% fat and 164 calories an ounce, animals chow them down all day -- 1,600 seeds make a pound. Always remember, the raw beech nuts don't have anything to do with those angelic babies foolishly grinning from the safety of their glass jars.

And what do *we cats* eat outdoors in the autumn? The usual proteins, like bugs. Now that we have aroused your inner gourmet, (Paula Deen, go suck on a lemon!), take some healthy steps and go for a weight-gaining walk in the woods before you, too, are as hungry as a

Genesis 1:30

Our Prayers have been requested for:

Mary Baker
Sean Beech
Gary Bender
Ed Benintende
Alex Backora
Marva Cannonier
Fr. Bob and Neil Criste-Troutman
Bishop Jack Croneberger
Victoria Forstein
Bill Gessner
Annaliese Harris
Alexis McNeese
Jenn Morse

Wendell & Jutta Moser
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

Hello Everyone,

First our computers are not working but our manual procedure shows we have served 240 Families in October. My recent update on computers is we are close to going live which is encouraging. This has not affected the clients in receiving their food orders in any way but not having our statistics has been challenging in my ordering food items. and keeping up with our statistics.

Work at the Pantry has been plentiful as the Coolbaugh Township has done a remarkable job in our work rooms repairing our walls making our environment clean and light with the bright white walls. Our volunteers will be impressed at how nice the workrooms turned out . We are so fortunate to be housed in such a nice work space.

Thanks to all those who have donated their time in helping with the various deliveries. Trinity has a strong presence especially with the first Wednesday opening. The holiday mode is in full swing as we are preparing for food packing with our holiday food items. Keep up the donations as the winter months are coming soon. Hot soup and hot cereals will soon be in demand. And thank you for those recycled grocery bags we appreciate receiving them for packing our food items.

When you read this we will be in the month of November and I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving Day.

Lorraine Naiko