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Family Promise News

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday May 15, 1 – 4 pm

**Family Promise's Spring Forward
Fashion Show and Luncheon at
Lawnhaven at Stroudsmoor**

April 10 – 16 is National Volunteer Week

Family Promise of Monroe County honors our host and support volunteers with an excerpt from a letter written by a former Family Promise Guest

"I couldn't express how much I appreciate what you do for us out of the kindness of your hearts. How you take time out of your personal lives to come and make an impression on ours. It is impressive how caring and concerned all of you are, and I am grateful to have meet every single one of you. I am humbled by your selflessness and ability to give a part of you for us."

Thanks for all of us at Family Promise!

Laurie Kozar
Director

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



April Birthdays

5 Timothy Vincent
8 Monique Girard
16 Joseph Ayers
16 Barbara Gessner
17 Linda Salmon
17 Kathie Herling
22 Jaden Harley Cook
26 Dylan Scott Vincent
28 Margot Atherton



April Anniversaries

11 Vernon & Inga Yeich
24 Michael & Pat Goodwin
30 Dick & Janet Orner

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*

April Calendar of Events

April 10 - Vestry Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Library

April 11 - Trinity Crafters, 10:00 - Noon, Library

April 13 - Trinity Lunch Bunch, Noon, Kalahari the BRANBERG RESTAURANT

April 22 - Newsletter Deadline for Information

April 23 - Spring Indoor Clean-up, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Popcorn & Movie Night, 5:00 p.m. covered dish dinner followed by movie, Library, "The Prince of Tides"

April 25 - Trinity Crafters, 10:00 - Noon, Library

April 29 - Newsletter Mailing

May 8 - Bishop Sean Visitation, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. services, Luncheon following the 10:00 a.m. service

The Black Telephone

When I was a young boy, my father had one of the first telephones in our neighborhood. I remember the polished, old case fastened to the wall. The shiny receiver hung on the side of the box.. I was too little to reach the telephone, but used to listen with fascination when my mother talked to it.

Then I discovered that somewhere inside the wonderful device lived an amazing person. Her name was "Information Please" and there was nothing she did not know. Information Please could supply anyone's number and the correct time.

My personal experience with the genie-in-a-bottle came one day while my mother was visiting a neighbor. Amusing myself at the tool bench in the basement, I whacked my finger with a hammer, the pain was terrible, but there seemed no point in crying because there was no one

home to give sympathy. I walked around the house sucking my throbbing finger, finally arriving at the stairway. The telephone! Quickly, I ran for the footstool in the parlor and dragged it to the landing. Climbing up, I unhooked the receiver in the parlor and held it to my ear.

"Information, please," I said into the mouthpiece just above my head. A click or two and a small clear voice spoke into my ear. "Information." "I hurt my finger..." I wailed into the phone, the tears came readily enough now that I had an audience.. "Isn't your mother home?" came the question. "Nobody's home but me," I blubbered. "Are you bleeding?" the voice asked. "No, "I replied. "I hit my finger with the hammer and it hurts.""Can you open the icebox?" she asked. I said I could. "Then chip off a little bit of ice and hold it to your finger," said the voice..

After that, I called "Information Please" for everything. I asked her for help with my geography, and she told me where Philadelphia was. She helped me with my math. She told me my pet chipmunk that I had caught in the park just the day before, would eat fruit and nuts.

Then, there was the time Petey, our pet canary, died. I called, "Information Please," and told her the sad story. She listened, and then said things grown-ups say to soothe a child. But I was not consoled. I asked her, "Why is it that birds should sing so beautifully and bring joy to all families, only to end up as a heap of feathers on the bottom of a cage?"

She must have sensed my deep concern, for she said quietly, "Wayne, always remember that there are other worlds to sing in." Somehow I felt better. Another day I was on the telephone, "Information Please." "Information," said in the now familiar voice. "How do I spell fix?" I asked.

All this took place in a small town in the Pacific Northwest. When I was nine years old, we moved across the country to Boston. I missed my friend very much. "Information Please" belonged in that old wooden box back home and I somehow never thought of trying the shiny new phone that sat on the table in the hall. As I grew into my teens, the memories of those childhood conversations never really left me.

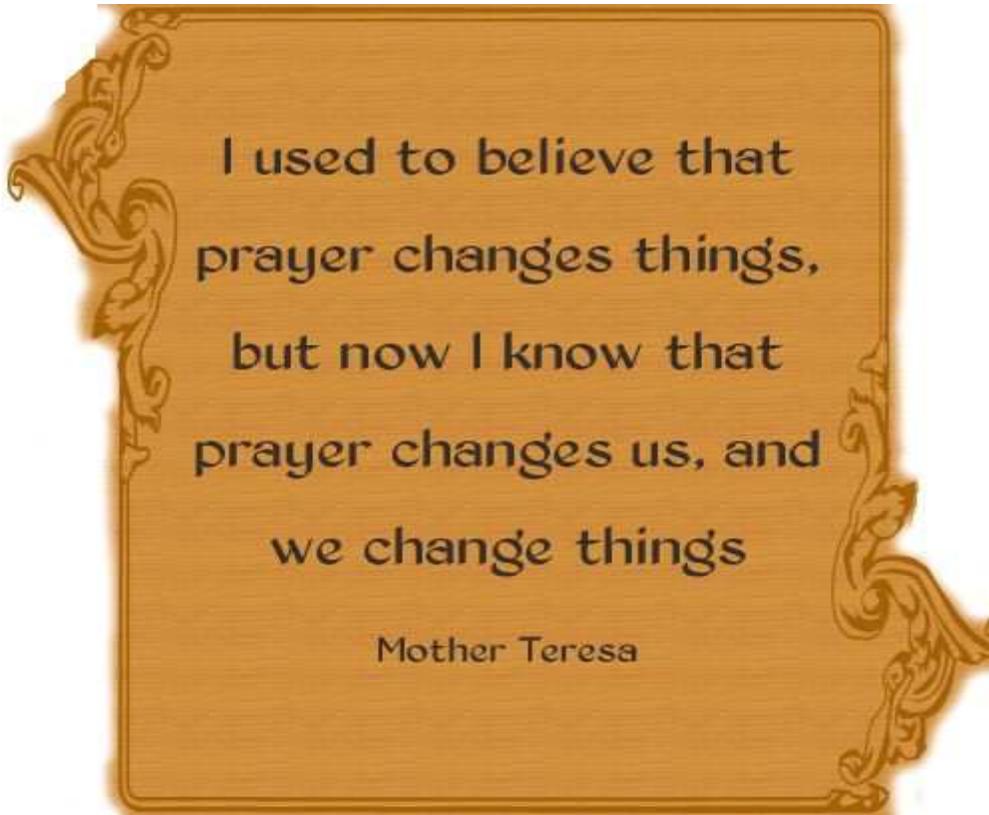
Often, in moments of doubt and perplexity I would recall the serene sense of security I had then. I appreciated now how patient, understanding, and kind she was to have spent her time on a little boy.

A few years later, on my way west to college, my plane put down in Seattle. I had about a half-hour or so between planes. I spent 15 minutes or so on the phone with my sister, who lived there now. Then without thinking what I was doing, I dialed my hometown operator and said, "Information Please."Miraculously, I heard the small, clear voice I knew so well. "Information."I hadn't planned this, but I heard myself saying, "Could you please tell me how to spell fix?" There was a long pause. Then came the soft spoken answer, "I guess your finger must have healed by now."I laughed, "So it's really you," I said. "I wonder if you have any idea how much you meant to me during that time?"

"I wonder," she said, "if you know how much your calls meant to me. I never had any children and I used to look forward to your calls." I told her how often I had thought of her over the years and I asked if I could call her again when I came back to visit my sister. "Please do," she said. "Just ask for Sally." Three months later I was back in Seattle. A different voice answered, "Information." I asked for Sally. "Are you a friend?" she said. "Yes, a very old friend," I answered. "I'm sorry to have to tell you this," She said. "Sally had been working part time the last few years because she was sick. She died five weeks ago."

Before I could hang up, she said, "Wait a minute, did you say your name was Wayne ?" "Yes." I answered. "Well, Sally left a message for you. She wrote it down in case you called. Let me read it to you." The note said, "Tell him there are other worlds to sing in. He'll know what I mean." I thanked her and hung up. I knew what Sally meant.

Never underestimate the impression you may make on others. Whose life have you touched today?



Food Pantry Update

Hello Everyone,

The number of families served was 226 and people we served were 390 Adults 222 Children and 108 Seniors. Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers as again our weather was not the very best. Overall I am not complaining as Winter was unusually mild and we appreciated the change from last year. As we move along to Summer the cereal products were very appreciated and if you get out your coupons cereal is a bargain. The children are getting out of school quite early this year unless the snow finds us before April.

The Pantry has scheduled a meeting of all volunteers April 9th. The meeting will be discussing activities at the pantry and we welcome your ideas and suggestions. Please save this date and the time 10AM at the pantry. We look forward to seeing you and an appreciation brunch will be available as well lets plan a well attended gathering.

Easter Greetings
Lorraine Naiko

The Bishop is Coming to Trinity!

On Sunday, May 8th (Mother's Day) Bishop Sean will visit Trinity, Mt. Pocono. Bishop Sean will be with us for both the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. services and join us for a lunch reception following the 10:00 a.m. service.

After a time of fellowship, food, and conversation he will meet with the Vestry. Please mark your calendars with this important date and plan to attend so Bishop Sean is able to meet all of the wonderful people here at Trinity, Mt. Pocono.

Trinity's Second Annual Used Book and Media Sale!!

As I sit here looking out at the combination of snow, ice and rain pelting the backyard, I happily remind myself that spring is just around the corner. I begrudgingly acquiesce to the restrictions Mother Nature has set for me today and turn to getting things done inside. A perfect day to start gathering all the books I've read and can now pass on for someone else to enjoy. How about you??

Trinity will hold its second Annual Used Book and Media Sale again this year in late spring. We are gratefully accepting donations of books, CDs, and DVDs for the sale. Please, no textbooks or encyclopedias. The donation bins are still located by the back door to the church. If you need assistance with a donation or have any questions about the sale, please call Cathy Siglin at 570-595-2099. Let's work together to make this a big success again this year!!

Cathy Siglin

Our Prayers have been requested for:

Sean Beech

Gary Bender

Ed Benintende

Alex Backora

Marva Cannonier

Fr. Bob and Neil Criste-Troutman

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*