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TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Words from the Senior Warden

The lazy hazy days of summer are upon us. Vacations, bar-b-ques, picnics, hiking, swimming, reading in the hammock and evening cocktails on the porch. Days are longer and living seems easier. The days seem to glide by passing easily from morning to evening...it does feel like an endless summer!

Way back in a summer in the 60's, I was still in high school, I was looking for a summer job to earn some money possibly to buy a car or to put towards college. I counted myself lucky when a surveyor took me on for the summer to lug equipment, cut brush and to do the grunt work! I was eager, I was keen, I was ready and willing to work every day...but I would only earn when I worked! My boss was a good guy. He worked hard and expected everyone to work just as hard. But he had an interesting philosophy. There would be days when I would show up, lunch packed water jug in hand only to find out that we weren't working that day. Of course there was no pay, but he would simply say...."the summer is for livin' go enjoy yourself! " I didn't appreciate it so much back then, but I understand it now!

Even though it's summer, activities at and around Trinity continue. We said goodbye to Father Bob a few weeks ago, and this week, we'll say good bye to Father Hank Galganowicz. Father Hank and Sandy will be moving to Delaware to be closer to family and grandkids. We owe a huge thank you to Father Hank. Since April, beginning during Holy Week, he was there to "fill in". His compassion and support for Bob and the Trinity community during this period allowed us to continue almost seamlessly while allowing Father Bob to deal with Neil's decline and passing. Throughout this period of transition, Father Hank was there providing not only continuity but also thought provoking sermons. We have been greatly advantaged and blessed to have Hank, the "sermonator" among us. (What a great T-shirt!) Thank you Hank and Sandy for being there for us and we wish you all the best in Delaware. Enjoy the grandkids!!!!

The Vestry continues to meet during the summer. In addition to conducting the usual and customary business of the church, we are very focused on calling a new priest to come to Trinity. We want someone who will bring focus to the liturgy, engage us with a robust music program...with a range of music...a decision maker who will be compassionate, warm, caring, focused on our outreach ministries, active within the community, financially astute and sensitive to our budgetary concerns, pastorally oriented to meet the diverse needs/want of our diverse congregation, someone with preaching skills and a message that will move us, motivate us, (the list goes on!!!). That's an ambitious wish list! At a recent special Vestry meeting someone quipped, "even Jesus couldn't meet all these requirements"! We continue our search with support from Anne Kitch at the Diocese.

We are working at a deliberate pace, weighing attributes and taking time to think through how best to serve the needs of our parish. And we must do this within our budget. We continue to work on this task with a goal of finding someone who would be available for Sunday + 2 days a week. This would be a half time minister, someone who is ideally retired (so we don't pay medical and pension). Until we have found the best candidate, we will continue to rely on Supply Priests and attempt to maintain some continuity so we don't have Priest "du jour" on Sundays!

We ask for your prayers as we continue our discernment process. In the meantime....the summer is indeed for livin' !!!!

Birthdays & Anniversaries



August Birthdays

1 Kathryn Ritter-Vicich
3 Tom Sayer
3 McKenzie Tate Vincent
4 Dorothy Reaves
6 Jacob Gower
7 Angelique Girard
8 Charles Buttz
8 James Durso
14 Myra Bailey
14 Nelson Baboolal
14 John Vicich
17 Angelique Girard
22 Sean David Cortez

22 Analiese Marie Harris
26 Teri Lyn Salmon



August Anniversaries

24 Nigel & Sharon VanGronigen
25 Fritz & Chris Eidschun

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*

August Calendar of Events

August 3 - Trinity at Food Pantry, 8:30 a.m. - Noon
August 8 - Trinity Crafters, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Library
August 14 - Vestry Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Library
August 19 - Newsletter Deadline for Information
August 21 - Popcorn & Movie Night, 5:00 p.m., Library
August 22 - Trinity Crafters, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Library
August 26 - Newsletter Mailing

Annual Meeting Proxy

PROXY
ANNUAL MEETING
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

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 18, 2016 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.

Cats in the Belfry



Hark! A lark! We can't bark! But we see in the dark (sort of)!

We haven't offered remarks in a long time but are parked back at Trinity for some ecclesiastical spark.

The Wholly Cats are delighted to be with you again. Although we weren't far away in thought and prayer, we had some medical issues to confront, -- *Ctenocephalides felis*: the bane of catdom. You probably call them "fleas" but we also flee when they attack us in the grass or you bring them into the house on your socks. We use our toenails to scratch before they hatch which only increases our batch of problems. Whatever you do, don't catch them because they latch onto anything, even a dog - can you match that? Fortunately a friend of ours had a remedy that killed them - we are itch free again. *Leviticus 11:20-23*

We wish you a joyful, safe summer! We are your belfry jabberwocky lookouts. As Lewis Carroll reminds us, "*'Twas brillig and the slithy toves did gyre and gimble in the wabe; all mimsy were the borogoves and the momraths outgrabe... the jaws that bite, the claws that catch, beware the Jubjub bird and shun the frumious Bandersnatch.*" And so we will!

“I read the news today, oh boy

You may remember that this was the first line from the Beatles Song *“A Day in the Life”*. We all remember by gone days with some fondness for the supposed simplicity of those old times. But when I think about it, and hit the rewind button in my mind, putting myself back in time I recall that there was tumult and tragedy then too. So why is it that it feels worse now? I think it is because we now know how those situations turned out. There is no suspense in the outcome. With all that is going on today, there is plenty of suspense, and we are not comfortable with the uncontrollable. That’s why having God in our lives can help. I remember back in the late 60’s and early 70’s feeling very anxious about the state of affairs in the country. At some point I found a poem which provided me with a sense of calm and a perspective that makes the daily cavalcade of tragedy easier to cope with. I am sharing it with the hope that it may speak to you.

Desiderata

Written by Max Ehrmann, in 1927

Go placidly amid the noise and haste,
and remember what peace there may
be in silence. As far as possible without
surrender be on good terms with all
persons. Speak your truth quietly and
clearly; and listen to others,
even the dull and the ignorant;
they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons,
they are vexations to the spirit.
If you compare yourself with others,
you may become vain and bitter;
for always there will be greater and
lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your
achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career,
however humble; it is a real possession
in the changing fortunes of time.
Exercise caution in your business
affairs; for the world is full of trickery.
But let this not blind you to what virtue
there is; many persons strive for high
ideals; and everywhere life is full of
heroism.

Be yourself.

Especially, do not feign affection.
Neither be cynical about love; for in the
face of all aridity and disenchantment
it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years,
gracefully surrendering the things of
youth. Nurture strength of spirit to
shield you in sudden misfortune. But
do not distress yourself with dark
imaginings. Many fears are born of
fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a
wholesome discipline, be gentle with
yourself.

You are a child of the universe, no less
than the trees and the stars; you have a
right to be here. And whether or not it is
clear to you, no doubt the universe is
unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God,
whatever you conceive Him to be, and
whatever your labors and aspirations,
in the noisy confusion of life keep peace
with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery, and broken
dreams, it is still a beautiful world.
Be cheerful.
Strive to be happy.

Food Pantry Information

Hello Everyone,

We are halfway through the month of July and before you know it August will be upon us. The numbers for July are as follows families served 228 and this includes 11 new families. The household count is 361 Adults 204 Children and 707 Seniors equaling 707 people.

Donations have allowed us to give extra cereal to the clients for the past two months just in time to feed hungry children this summer. Remember the Pantry doesn't close for vacation and we never stop looking for donations. We continue to need your reusable grocery bags to pack our donations so please save them and send them along with your food items.

Lastly, Rich and I thank you all for your prayers, thoughts and cards and for helping me get through the last 3 months of his serious illness. Your support has been priceless in ways you will never know. Rich is getting better everyday and life in general is returning to normal. Trinity you answered our calls and the Pantry is better for having you as volunteers.

Wishing you a great summer and be sure to take a little time to smell those roses.

Lorraine Naiko

A Note from Fr. Hank

Dear Trinitarians,

As many of you already know, July 31st will be my last Sunday celebrating and preaching at Trinity, since we're moving to Delaware in mid-August. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you for this extended supply stint. You have been very welcoming and responsive, and it has been a pleasure to be with you. May the healing love of God continue to flow through you. Gratefully,

(The Rev) Hank Galganowicz

Vestry Nominees 2016 - 2019

The following people have been nominated as candidates for a Three Year Vestry Term. These terms will begin in September, 2016 and end in August, 2019.

The candidates are: Chris Eidschun, Andrea Hauck, Cindy Hill. They will be voted on at the Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, September 18, 2016 following the 10:00 a.m. service.

The three retiring Vestry Members are: Becky Hendricks, Richard Orner, and Tim Vincent. We thank them all very much for their time and service to Trinity.

Our Prayers have been requested for:

Mary Banzhof

Sean Beech

Ed Benintende

Alex Backora

Fr. Bob & Randy Criste-Troutman

Victoria Forstein

Bob Grace

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*