

From the Priest-in-Charge

I have 5 topics to cover this month so this entry may sound like my announcements after services.

I want to introduce what may or may not be a new tradition here at Trinity. We have experienced several deaths this year which made me start thinking of holiday celebrations. We are approaching Thanksgiving which has always been a special day for me. The last two years that I have been here, we have celebrated the Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day. I find it hard to conceive of a Thanksgiving without a celebration of the Eucharist. Who more do we need to thank for our lives than God? This year I also want to offer a communal meal to not only people living singly but to anyone who wishes to come. At this point I am planning to hold the meal here in the parish hall. I would propose I would cook the turkey (my first, by the way). We have a volunteer ready to bring dressing and we would plan to have the normal fixings : potatoes, veggies, gravy (someone else needs to make that, not me) cranberry sauce and anything else people want to share, then of course deserts. I will be putting a sign up sheet in the parish hall this week.

Another new item: We have a half dozen or so new people who have started coming to services in the last few months. I will be offering a newcomers class on Sunday between the 8:00 and the 10:00 focused on our Ministries. Anyone is welcome.

Please remember our Open House on Saturday, Oct 6 from 2:00 to 4:00. Come yourself to talk about our community, bring your neighbors.

We have lost two faithful members in the last few weeks: Susan Hurst and Susan Kennedy. Their deaths were a shock to most of us. In addition to mourning their loss, I am reminded that death is hard for us Americans in this century to talk about. I have met with many families trying to cope with the illness and later the funeral who simply say: "I would like to honor their wishes but we never talked about dying and I am clueless about what they would have wanted. I wish I were not making these decisions in a vacuum."

Although many of us Americans do not want to discuss dying, my own experience is that preparing for death, leaving a plan for a funeral and burial is a gift to the surviving members of your family and your loved ones. Like the life insurance commercial says, it is a way of taking care of your survivors one more time.

There is a form in the church office that you can use to make your wishes known. It was originally created by Ginny. I will be updating it and then making it available thru the mailing list and Web site. I am always available to meet and discuss end of life issues with congregants.

Lastly. The Communications Committee is hoping to improve our system of notifying our community about church services or office closures due to weather or electrical outages. First rule is look at our web page and or Facebook page. We will try to come up with a strategy for those of us who do not use the internet. Secondly we will use the neighborhood groups to check on the needs of each member of the group. Thirdly, if possible, we will change the recorded message on the church answering machine to keep callers informed. If you think of another means of spreading the news let the Communication Committee know.

God bless all of us as we head into our more troublesome? season.

Susan+



“The Meaning of MARY MAGDALENE, Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity”, by Cynthia Bourgeault

I order this book because of a recommendation by our priest Susan, who read of it on a Richard Rohr book list. I was familiar with the author's name, but did not know her field of study until I purchased the book. I found the book easy to read and understand even though it was in a field of study I had no experience reading about. Ms. Bourgeault has made the Gospels of Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Philip understandable, writing within the bounds of contemporary scholarship. I was especially intrigued with commentary on the Gospel of John, and how it can be read with the three gnostic gospels.

I would recommend it to anyone interested in contemplative practices, or who has read the Dan Brown novels. I have continued to contemplate many of the ideas presented in the book for months, and will be reading more on this subject. I hope Susan continues to recommend me books.

Cynthia Bourgeault is an Episcopal priest who leads lectures, workshops, and retreats across the United States. She is the author of numerous other books, including “Chanting the Psalms”, “The Wisdom Jesus”, and “Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening”.

Becky Hendricks

Birthdays & Anniversaries



October Birthdays

4 Mary Cole
4 Sharon VanGronigen
8 Ginny Day
17 Mary Alice Holmes



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*

October Calendar of Events

- Oct. 3 - Trinity at Food Pantry, 8:30 a.m. - Noon
- Oct. 4 - Newsletter Mailing
- Oct. 6 - Trinity Open House, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 10 - Community Services Committee, 11:00 a.m., Library
Covered Dish and Bible Study - 6:00 p.m., Dinner, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Study
- Oct. 12 & 13 - Diocesan Convention, Bethlehem PA
- Oct. 14 - Vestry Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Library
- Oct. 14 - Oct. 21 - Family Promise Host Week
- Oct. 21 - Fundraising Committee, 11:30 a.m., Library
- Oct. 26 - Newsletter Deadline for Information
- Oct. 27 - Memorial Service for Susan Kennedy, 2:30 p.m.
Popcorn and Movie Night, 6:00 p.m.

Our Prayers have been requested for:

Alex Backora
Sean Beech
Randy Criste-Troutman
Victoria Forstein
Wendell Moser
Merrill Nanton
Jim Rawson
Charles Rice
Lois Rothrock
Tom Sayer
Pat Young

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*

Recipe of the Month - *Patricia Goodwin*

Hello dear readers, the following recipe is a delicious one but not one that I can say has been in the family for a long time. I found it years ago in an old cookbook and tried it out on several events at church and with my family, making modifications as I went along, depending on what cheeses everyone liked and what was available. It was well received by all, especially those that had had the appetizer previously...I was greeted with 'oohs and aahs' when they saw me coming in the door with the dish. So I think I can safely say that this recipe is a winner.

HOT BACON CHEESE SPREAD

1 16 OZ round loaf of bread
12 slices bacon, crisply cooked and crumbled
1 8 oz pkg shredded cheddar and Monterey jack cheeses
4 oz 100% Parmesan cheese, grated
1 cup mayonnaise
1 small onion finely chopped
1 clove garlic finely minced

Cut the top off the loaf, remove center bread leaving 1 inch thick shell. Cut removed bread into bite size pieces, set aside. Mix remaining ingredients in small bowl. Spoon into hollowed bread loaf. Cover shell with top of bread which was cut off. Place loaf of bread with ingredients inside oven on a cookie sheet. Bake at 350F for 1 hour. Serve with bread pieces and crackers. Makes

3 1/2 cups. To reheat in a microwave, heat filled bread shell with top, on high for 1-2 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Stirring once.

You will enjoy this. Be prepared to be asked to bring this to all functions in the future!

Cheesecake Sale

We are having a Cheesecake Sale fundraiser. We hope to sell many cheesecakes to our parishioners, their friends and family members. They will arrive at Trinity frozen on November 14, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, and will need to be picked up that day. All orders need to be in by October 29th. The cost for each Cheesecake is \$12.00. We have five varieties to choose from: Plain, Chocolate, Peanut Butter, Raspberry, or Pumpkin. Each cheesecake is 6 inches in diameter, and is locally baked by the Cheesecake Factory on 611 in Swiftwater.

This will be a help for busy cooks preparing Thanksgiving dinner, and would be a wonderful gift to bring if you are going to celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends. Please see the sign up sheets in the parish hall. I will be collecting money until October 29.

Cindy Hill

Christmas Bazaar News

Hello All:

Happy Fall!

This is the time of the year for us all to begin planning for the holiday season. Not only personally, but for Trinity's Christmas Bazaar.

The Christmas Bazaar has always been the most beneficial fund-raiser of the year. Last year netting us upwards of \$3,500.00.

This year the bazaar will be on Saturday, Dec 8nd from 10AM to 3PM & Sunday, Dec 9th from 11 AM to 2 PM.

Last year the basket table was a big success, so we will continue that this year, hopefully adding some new baskets. The tickets will be \$10.00 for a sheet of 20 tickets. All you have to do is place your tickets in the cup with the number associated to the basket of your choice.

We will begin soliciting local restaurants and store owners for a possible gift card donation. These gift cards will be sold at the bazaar for ½ of their face value.

There will also be lots of new items to purchase at very discounted prices, such as luggage, pocketbooks, small kitchen appliances, pots and pans, etc. Also, slightly used items at very discounted rates.

So please tell your family and friends, and get there early to do your Holiday shopping as there will be this and much more to choose from.

We will also be serving a limited lunch menu at very reasonable prices, such as hot dogs, soup, etc.

There will be sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall around mid-October for volunteers to help us with setting up, manning the tables during the bazaar hours and closing down. Your help, even for an hour or two, would be most appreciated.

Thank you for all your support throughout the years and we are looking forward to seeing you all at the Bazaar!

God Bless all for a Safe and Blessed Holiday Season.

MARIE

Christmas Bazaar Chairperson