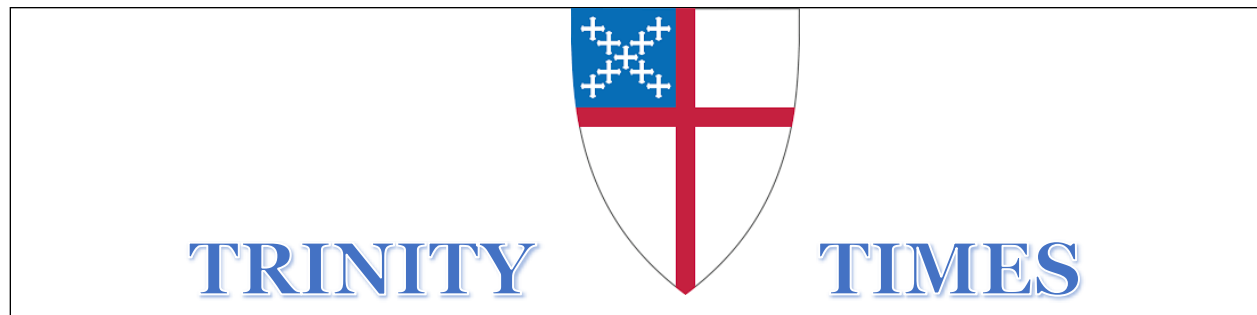




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From the desk of:

The Rev. Nick Lorenzetti

September is upon us, and for Trinity that means lots of stuff going on. For a small congregation, we certainly do seem to be involved. What excites me most about “Welcome Back Sunday,” and the pig roast [Sept. 7], about Bishop Audrey’s visit [Sept. 21], and Bishop’s Kevin’s visit for ordination [Sept. 27] is that we have the opportunity to gather for meals. Gathering as a church family for occasions outside Sunday services is crucial to our church spirit and vitality. Breaking bread and sharing with others the gift of our presence is something God richly blesses. I hope to see many of you there.



I am told it has been a good number of years since any work has been done on the physical plant at Trinity. I hope you have noticed that the wooden trim and window moldings on the outside of the church were sorely in need of painting to avoid rot. The walls in the parish hall had spots from leakage and showed overall that it had not been painted in decades. The carpet has been there for over 30 years, and creates a dirty, unseemly look. The red carpet on the main aisle of the church has areas which are a hazard for folks who don’t have great balance and those who use canes or walkers. There is a beautiful grand piano in the church which, in spite of being tuned, was not in good working condition. As the church began to get heated up with the onset of summer, many of you spoke of the need for air-conditioning – not only for comfort, but for health reasons, for maintaining the organ and piano in good condition, for eliminating humidity that causes damage to the hymnals, and for assuring that mold and mildew do not grow. I have given much thought and prayer about all of this over the nine months that I have been with you. I have shared with our vestry my concerns about these needs. So, folks, we are spending a ton of money to ameliorate these situations, but that’s what happens when we have deferred building upkeep due to our limited finances. This is our church, not mine, nor the vestry’s. We must be collectively responsible to keep this beautiful property in good shape. It is important for us to recognize that we do not have

a lot of money. As we announced with frequency, it is only thanks to bequests from parishioners and friends who are no longer with us that most of this work was possible. Those unrestricted funds donated by those who loved Trinity as an important part of their earthly lives, gave a significant portion of what earthly wealth that remained at the time of their deaths. I give thanks to God for them every day. So, while we depleted the monies in our restricted funds account, I am sure those who made it possible would be pleased by what we have done, and the aforementioned work is a testimony to them.

For those who have not completely captured what has been/will be accomplished, here is a list.

- Scraping, repairing, priming and painting all wood trim and moldings on the outside of the church
- Repair portions of and paint the walls of the parish hall.
- Install new carpeting in the hall and hallway.
- Install LED lights in the parish hall to conserve energy
- Install new carpeting down the main aisle of the church
- Completely refurbish the grand piano in the church
- Install air-conditioning in church

We should all be pleased with our ability to do this work. All of the listed projects except one have been or will be paid for by the just over \$40,000 we received from bequests and other donations. Because of your generosity during our annual stewardship campaign, none of that needed to be absorbed into the operating budget. So, thank you, thank you, thank you!!

Finally, as we have announced, we did not have the \$25,000 needed to air condition the church. The vestry and I and some of you decided it was time to stop talking about this, as we have done over the years, and get it done. Thus, the vestry approved requesting a loan from the Diocese in the stated amount, and has signed a contract with Furino for this project. With the forthcoming Stewardship Campaign upon us, there will not be a request for additional donations to help pay back the loan. Only because a few of you have indicated the desire to contribute to that cause are we saying that certainly those who wish to offer something may do so. Any such monies received will go directly to pay off the \$25,000. Our only request of those who choose to help with this is that no donation in any way compromise or cause our annual pledges to be adversely affected.

Spanish Heritage month is celebrated beginning September 15 and ending on October 15. I will dedicate my October article to this.

I close by sharing with you how richly blessed I feel to be your priest. Never in my wildest imagination did I think that my latter years would be so joyful and fulfilling. When I came back to the Poconos three years ago, my being called by you to be your priest clinched the feeling that I am home. Please know that I pray for all of you every day.

Notes from the Senior Warden:

I echo the excitement and deep gratitude that Father Nick expressed in his meanderings”!

September worship begins on the 7th with a service of welcome and gratitude, before our yummy pig roast. On that day, Father Nick will recognize and bless everyone who so generously gifts our church family, not just with their earthly treasure, but also with their prayers and presence, their time and talents. As Paul states in his letter to the Corinthians: 4 Now God gives us many kinds of special abilities, but it is the same Holy Spirit who is the source of them all. 5 There are different kinds of service to God, but it is the same Lord we are serving. 6 There are many ways in which God works in our lives, but it is the same God who does the work in and through all of us who are his. 7 The Holy Spirit displays God’s power through each of us as a means of helping the entire church. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, The Living Bible)

As we rededicate ourselves to the activities that build up our community, I’m sharing this list of our abundant church ministries and work areas. Please keep all these ministries in your prayers, thoughtfully considering where you might feel the Spirit is leading you to add your time, talents, and voice.

People who serve before, during, and after worship:

- Altar Guild members set up linens and communion elements before the 8 AM service, and then reset them before the 10 AM service. They clean up after the 10 AM service and leave the sacristy in its proper order.
- The Choir rehearses with Raymond Faussette (Trinity’s Director of Music Ministry) every Sunday morning before 10 AM worship and on weekdays as needed. The choir sings on Sundays and Holy Days. No auditions are needed for the choir, we are a friendly bunch and you can follow along with the folks who have been singing these hymns for years.
- Coffee hour hosts make or buy light refreshments to serve after the service. They also set up the tables and coffee and tea dispensers, refill beverages as needed, and load the dishwasher at the end of coffee hour. Along with passing the peace during worship, coffee hour is our special time to greet old friends and new visitors, and to check in with each other.
- Crucifer/Servers carry the cross during the processional and recessional, hold the book of the Gospel, and assist at the altar
- Eucharistic Ministers serve the chalice while the people commune at the rail or in their seats
- Lay Eucharistic Visitors take the communion elements to sick and shut in members.

- Lector/intercessors read the Old Testament and Epistle scripture lessons of the day, lead the responsorial psalm, and read the prayers of the people.
- Livestreaming by Riley Keiper, Dave Butz and Dana Garrett keep us connected with e-visitors and long-time members who can no longer attend in person.
- Sunday school teachers prepare lessons and meet with children once a month. Planning is underway for Trinity Sunday School to begin this month, so please look out for more information coming your way!
- Ushers welcome people entering the church, hand out bulletins, encourage visitors to sign the visitors' book, organize the procession up the aisle during communion, provide assistance to anyone suffering illness or mobility challenges, take the communion elements and offering to the altar, assist visitors with finding their way to the Parish Hall or to restrooms.
- Vestry Person of the Day Vestry members all have Safe Church clearances and are authorized to have keys to the building. Each Sunday a vestry member comes early to open the church for the 8 AM service, locks an entry door during worship, and unlocks it after worship. A different vestry member makes sure that the church, parish hall, and all doors and windows are closed after the 10 AM worship service and coffee hour, and is the last person to leave the church, securing all doors at that time.

People who serve between worship times and in leadership roles:

- Church officers include the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Clerk of the Vestry. They are the lay leaders of the church, along with the vestry members. Vestry members are individuals who regularly attend worship and support church activities and ministries. Members of the vestry are nominated in the fall and are voted on by the entire church membership at the annual meeting in January. Vestry members serve 3 year terms and are limited to two consecutive terms. Trinity will need to elect at least two new vestry members in January 2026, as our Junior Warden and one vestry member are just completing their second terms.
- Financial record-keeping for the church includes those who count the offerings and prepare them for deposit, our treasurer, Peter Gonze, and our Parish Administrator, Jan Anglemire. The church must prepare an annual budget, and maintain monthly records including financial report, balance sheets, and income/expense data. Annual diocesan reports also must be submitted.
- Stewardship involves those who design the annual pledge campaign, give short talks about stewardship in the fall, and communicate the budget needs in a way that inspires members to sustain the church with a financial pledge.

- Worship Committee meets with Father Nick each month, helping to plan for seasonal changes and holidays (Advent, Lent, Christmas, and Easter). Members also discuss long-term changes in liturgy, music, or worship-related topics.
- Buildings and Grounds Often headed up by the church's junior warden or another interested candidate, indoor and outdoor cleanup activities and additional special work days are open to all members. These include spring grounds cleanup, fall leaf cleanup, biannual cleaning of all pews and church woodwork, and similar activities. These dates are announced in advance and all are invited to participate. This also generally involves free food.
- Those engaged in hospitality help with special events (Arts on the Mountain, holidays, visits by the bishop, and memorial services) by offering setup, cooking, and cleanup. They help us present Trinity's best face to the world!
- Service to the community/Mission involves volunteering at the Pocono Mountain Ecumenical Hunger Ministry led by Lorraine Naiko, as well as preparation and delivery of healthy meals for families experiencing food and housing insecurity through Family Promise. Cindy Hill coordinates the Family Promise meal providers.
- Arts on the Mountain is a longstanding Trinity enrichment and outreach activity. We are blessed to have talented artists, musicians, and organizing know-how that translate into Art Exhibits and movie days. With the repair of our piano, we anticipate musical events beginning this fall!
- Everybody is invited to help us with Outreach! Bring a friend or two to worship and to one of our events (like the Pig Roast). Sign up to staff the Trinity booth at important Community Events like Juneteenth, the Mt Pocono Harvest Fest, and the Stroudsburg Pride Fest. Be friendly, hand out Trinity information cards and trinkets, and tell everyone who visits the booth how much your church family means to you! Our website, newsletter, recorded sermons and podcasts help us stay connected with one another, with those who can no longer join us for in person worship, and with those browsing the World Wide Web for inspiration and uplift.
- Identity Month Presenters and Activities recognize the important gift that diversity of life experiences and backgrounds bring to our church and our world. Personal testimonies, educational trips, movie showings, special readings in the bulletin, all can help us honor the themes of these months.

Let us all keep one another encircled with prayer as we move into the fall season.

Nancy Tkacs

What's Going On Here?

By Beth Shorten

You may have noticed that this month's newsletter looks and feels a little different. Laurie Kitzmiller, who has done such an incredible job over the years, has turned the reigns over to me as she begins a new chapter in New Jersey. I will never be able to do what Laurie did, but I WILL try to honor her work, keeping the spirit of Trinity Times going, while putting my own spin on it. Yes, things will be slightly different, please have patience with me as I muddle my way through.

Funnily enough, just as Laurie is moving from PA to NJ, last fall my husband and I moved from NJ to Barrett Township (specifically Mountainhome; unless you are the USPS, in which case it's Cresco). Or we sort of moved. We still have a home in NJ and due to work requirements, I am (usually) there two days a week. Although new homeowners, we've been visiting this area for many years. (I first "vacationed" here when I was 6 months old, which was a LONG time ago.)

Although confirmed a Presbyterian, I consider myself a Presby-palian or maybe an Episco-terian? For more than 5 years while living in NJ, I attended 8 AM service at "my" Episcopal church and then went to the 10:15 service at the Presbyterian church. While seeking a new place of worship in the Poconos, I came upon Trinity and was immediately welcomed (and not overwhelmed...which can easily happen) by Dana Garrett. I've been a "regular" 8 o'clocker ever since.

I'm so happy to be part of the Trinity community and to be able to share my time and talent with this newsletter. I'm counting on you all for feedback and kind and constructive criticism. While I may be editor, this is YOUR newsletter and I welcome your guidance and support. If you have news to share, please email me by the 20th of the month: ejshorten@gmail.com

One final note, if you really want to know the "whole" me (warts and all), I invite you to visit: [Bfth's Boring Blog](#) where I've been writing about nothing in particular since 2013.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!



We are excited to announce the return of Sunday school at Trinity Church! This is an important ministry for our community, and we are excited to once again offer a dedicated space for our youth to learn and grow in their faith.

Our new Sunday school program will focus on our rich church traditions and, most importantly, on the role that God's love plays in the world and in our own lives. To help us on this journey, we'll be using the **Weavings God's Promises** curriculum, which is recommended by the Diocese of Bethlehem.

We want to make learning about God fun! Classes will be filled with stories, activities, games, music and crafts, creating a meaningful and engaging experience for our youth.

To start, we will hold class on the first Sunday of each month during the 10am service, with our first class on September 7th. Children will join their parents at the beginning of the service and Father Nick will have a special message for them before the Sunday school teachers take them downstairs. During the announcements, the children and youth will come back into the sanctuary to participate in the Eucharist.

We currently have four youth enrolled and are looking forward to welcoming more as the year goes on.

Please help us spread the word! If you know families or young people who might be interested in this program, please encourage them to join us. We can't wait to see what God has in store for our youth ministry.

Dana Garrett

Junior Warden

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ARTS on the MOUNTAIN's Gallery Night Presents Peter Salmon - A Retrospective: Paintings in my Heart



5:30 pm-7 pm FRIDAY, SEPT 5, 2025

By Evelyn Beckman

We are happy to announce the Trinity Parish Hall now has a new fresh coat of paint, just in time for our next Gallery Night to give honor and tribute to Peter Salmon, a fine art artist, who has spent a lifetime creating art, inspiring and mentoring other artists, and promoting art in our community. Peter has played a large role in the history of Trinity and has been a major contributor to our Parish over these many years. He was one of the founders of the group who started the original ARTS on the MOUNTAIN and inspired me to start it up again after reading all the newspaper articles about the group's efforts in the past.

We are proud to have him share his art with us as he celebrates his actual 90th Birthday, on SAT, 10/06/25 with his family.

We cordially invite you, along with your family and friends, to come and wish Peter a Happy Birthday while you enjoy the retrospective of his work with the ARTS on the MOUNTAIN exhibit, Peter Salmon-A Retrospective: Paintings in my Heart, with our opening Gallery Night, FRIDAY, SEPT 5, 2025, starting at 5:30pm to 7pm. Light refreshments will be served, sponsored by Peter's son, Nick Salmon and family. Special thanks goes to artist and good friend of Peter's, Tricia Lippert, who will be assisting Peter with making this exhibit possible. The Exhibit will be available for viewing during Trinity Office hours and Sundays, with closing date WED, OCT 15, 2025.

If you want more information about ARTS on the MOUNTAIN, want to join our group, or have a referral for an artist for future exhibits, email eb@ambrestudio.com or call Evelyn 610-428-2484

The Wisdom of Jesus: Meeting Announcement

Gathering in the parish hall at 6:30 PM on Wednesday evenings in October and November, we will seek to learn more about the man from Nazareth. Using the meditations from the Center for Action and Contemplation for the week of August 3-9 as our guide, we will hope to deepen our understanding of Jesus in his time and place. As we do this, we will also reflect on how his wisdom might impact the way we live in the 21st century. If you are interested in participating or in learning more, please contact Ginny Day at grexday@msn.com. If email does not work for you, her cell is 570-620-6858. And, of course, there will be a sign-up sheet in the parish hall. Participants do not have to be part of our Trinity family, so please feel free to invite friends who may be interested in this work.

Livestream Update!

We have some exciting news to share! Trinity Church has been awarded a generous grant from the Mission Resource Grant Committee of the Diocese of Bethlehem. This funding will allow us to purchase and install three new, wall-mounted cameras for our live-streaming ministry.

These new cameras will be a welcome improvement. They are far more discreet than our current setup and will help preserve the beauty of our sanctuary. Now, the first thing people will notice when they enter our church is our beautiful space, not large cameras at the back of the room. The new cameras will also be operated remotely with a joystick, a new skill that our dedicated livestream operator, Riley, is very excited to learn!

We are coordinating with our electrician for the installation and expect the new system to be up and running by early October. We are incredibly grateful to the Diocese for their support of our ministry.

I also want to remind everyone that Father Nick's sermons are posted on our website every week as a podcast. You can find them by going to the "Worship" page of the website: trinitymtpocono.org then scrolling down until you see the podcasts. You can listen to them on your computer or your phone. It's a great way to be reminded of Fr. Nick's wonderful messages, but also can be shared with others!

Your Livestream Team,

Dana Garrett, Dave Butz & Riley Keiper

POPCORN & MOVIE MATINEE



Saturday, September 13, 2025

Movie: 1:00 PM

Admission \$5.00 per person or \$7.00 per couple

If planning to attend contact John Vicich 845-476-4683 or johnvicich@gmail.com

This Month: Come September starring Rock Hudson, Gina Lollobrigida, Sandra Dee, Bobby Darin...and Cedric

Robert has everything a man could wish or....he's rich....he owns a Rolls Royce.... he has a villa in Italy that he visits once a year...in September...a beautiful Italian mistress he sees once a year...in September ...and a faithful (?) major domo...until a bevy of hormonal teen-age boys and girls descend upon the villa...in September...and then there's Cedric....

Coming in October:

Dustin Hoffman, Jessica Lange in

TOOTSIE

Creation Care

A Sermon by The Rev. Canon Ginny Rex Day on July 20, 2025

Instrumental “Bali Hai”

Was that tune familiar to you?

It reminds us of a mythical, magical island in the South Pacific. It is an island that is lush with vegetation, pristine sand, coral reefs, all surrounded by the magnificent blue-green sea. It is a place of dreams, a place to go to in real life, if we can find it. It is creation at its very best.

In the northern Pacific, between Hawaii and California, there is another “island.” It is said that the “Great Pacific Garbage Patch”, as it is called, is the size of Texas. In other words it is really large. It is neither mythical nor magical. It is very real. It is made of plastic garbage that we have thrown into the sea. Every minute two garbage truck’s worth of such garbage are dumped into the sea – every minute... The challenge is that it is constantly shifting and much of the plastic pollution is actually very small and below the surface. As I was wrapping this up yesterday, I received a copy of the New York Times recent article “Volume of Plastic in Oceans Exceeds Previous Estimates.” The article focuses on microplastics and nanoplastics – those bits that can only be discovered by chemical processes, and which invade the bodies of the creatures of the sea. NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration) tells us that it would take 67 ships an entire year to clean up 1% of the plastic garbage in the ocean.

The garbage patch I referred to is far, far away. But it is not the only area of garbage. Every ocean has them. And most of the garbage rests on the sea floor so it is not visible. Some would say “what does this have to do with us?” I believe that it has to do with us for we are complicit by the way we live our lives.

Some of us find ways to make a difference. I belong to Pocono Mountain Women’s Club, part of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs, an international organization begun over a century ago... There was a time when those providing refreshments for our meetings would often bring cases of plastic bottles of water. We talked about the plastic garbage island. We acknowledge that it is so very far away. We also decided that we would do our little part to make a difference. Now, if one wants to have water at a meeting, we bring our own reusable bottle. What difference can that possibly make? Well, other clubs found out what we were doing and why. The information traveled around our northeastern district. From there, the state organization heard about it. It appears that our use of single use plastic water bottles has significantly dwindled. Over 2000 women belong to this state organization. If even half of them avoid using plastic water bottles, that makes a difference.

In my community, we have an annual clean-up day once we are sure no more snow will hide the debris along the side of the road. We do pretty well in cleaning up.

These water bottles are still in use, but I think the use is less prevalent for I see very few of them along the road side. Have you looked around your neighborhood? Is there such debris? Or maybe you live in an area where people take pride in their community and don't let that happen. Good!!!

When I am at the Cape (Cape Cod, that is!), I attend services at the Church of the Messiah in Woods Hole. In the weekly newsletter the last week of May, the rector, Peter Feltman-Mahan, wrote "Last spring, several of us cleaned and organized the [Parish and Community Center] kitchen. One of our discoveries was that the church had an unbelievable amount of paper napkins! We had napkins in every size, color, and theme... hundreds of some type, and handfuls of the others.

"To be "good stewards" we decided not to purchase any more napkins until we used what we had already purchased. This meant that our tables during coffee hours and team meetings were a kaleidoscope of napkin colors and styles for a full year, and we have finally used what we previously collected."

Of course this story is not about plastic, but it is about the choices we make. Knowing Jan, this is not likely to happen at Trinity! But what about our Tupperware cupboards or drawers at home? If you don't know what to do with individual serving containers, speak with me. I gather them and take them when I take a meal to Family Promise. They use them to distribute the food. Saves them from having to purchase such containers! The last time I delivered a bag full, the woman helping me said "WOW"! An easy way to help.

Several years ago, I was a member of a group in our diocese focusing on environmental concerns. One of those was water. Of course with the flooding we are experiencing in so many parts of our country now that may seem irrelevant. We talked about simple ways of reducing our consumption of water. At our beach house at the Cape we have a VERY small water heater, so we take what we call "beach house showers." Rinse, turn the water off. Lather up. Rinse. We started doing it for other reasons, but it reduced our water consumption! I remember talking with a friend about simple things we can do. One is to not let the water run while brushing our teeth. He said that he didn't see how that little bit of water would matter – until we talked about the implications of a million people adopting that new habit.

There are many organizations which are involved in the work of creation care. I have chosen one called 4Ocean to support. It was started some years ago by a couple of surfers who wanted to clean up the ocean. Of course surfers would want to do this! It is now a global enterprise with folks participating in or supporting the work. I had sought to have some brochures to hand out, but instead, their website has a neat very short video which makes the point. It is available at 4Ocean.com. I have set it up in the parish hall. It will play over and over until I turn it off, so we can take turns viewing it. It is a real eye-opener. This effort won't solve the problem, but it makes a difference! So does recycling. So does using non-plastic products – a real challenge in the 21st century.

What does this have to do with our being people of faith, people who gather to worship God each week, who reach out in love to help others. Let's start with Genesis. "In the beginning, God." After that comes creation. And then the mandate to have dominion over all of creation. This means control, power, and authority. And for some that has led to the kind of use that is really abuse. For us, having dominion means having the kind of responsibility that involves taking care of creation. We can both love and care for creation or simply use it until it is used up, polluted, and ultimately destroyed. If we believe, with Michael Curry, that "if it is not about love, it is not about God," then I think we know which way we are called to live, loving the creation God provides for us, nurturing the natural world and rejoicing in its beauty.

Little steps, one at a time. Is there another way to carry drinking water with us? Can we put those leftovers away in a glass container rather than a plastic bag? Do we really need that great big gas-guzzling vehicle? How about taking our travel trash home rather than throwing it out the window. By now, I'm pretty sure that each of us has come up with some idea of what we might do to make a difference, including speaking out. There are communities which have out-lawed the use of plastic shopping bags. There are places where single use plastic containers are not available. Yes, remediation helps. But the real help comes as we rethink our lifestyle, as we make a conscious decision to care for creation.



Note: The NY Times recently ran an article relating to this that warden Dana Garrett has gifted us: [Gift Article](#)

Notes From Nature: Brown Bears In Alaska's Katmai National Park

By Peter Gonze



Right after the Fourth of July weekend, I set off for Alaska to join a small group of seasoned photographers for a photography workshop. Our destination: the wild, breathtaking expanse of Katmai National Park.

We were based out of Alaska Grizzly Safaris and Jacques Adventure Lodge—both rustic yet comfortable outposts perfectly suited for the adventure ahead. Each morning began with a floatplane flight over shimmering lakes, snow-dusted mountains, and winding marshlands.

After landing, we'd hike into remote corners of the wilderness, cameras ready, hoping to catch a glimpse of the stars of the show: the Alaskan brown bears. And they did not disappoint. At one point, we counted over 30 bears gathered in a single cove, feasting on salmon during the seasonal run. It was raw, wild nature at its best.

What made the trip truly special, though, was the camaraderie. Sharing these awe-inspiring moments with such a passionate, supportive group of fellow photographers made the experience even more memorable. It was an extraordinary week—part wilderness immersion, part photographic pilgrimage—and one I won't soon forget.

You can see some of my photos in [this slideshow](#).



Reflections

By Michael Goodwin

Here is a story of a thin frail-looking old man sitting on a bus holding a beautiful bouquet of fresh cut flowers.

Across the aisle from the old man was a young woman who looked lonely and somewhat sad, but she kept glancing at the flowers.

As the old man stood up to exit the bus, he gently placed the flowers into her lap, and said “I see that you like these flowers, I think my wife would want you to have them. I’ll tell her I gave them to you.”

The woman smiled as she gratefully accepted the flowers. Then she watched as the old man got off the bus and walked through the gates of a small cemetery.

In our society we spend thousands of dollars to decorate graves during most holidays to remember our loved ones who have gone on to be with God. I wonder if we gave the flowers to someone whose life we could encourage, make happy, put a smile on their face, etc. (Just a thought!)

Wonder what Jesus would do?



From the Loft:

September 2025 Music at Trinity:

We will have a month of special music in September! From Welcome Back Sunday and Bishop Audrey Scanlan's visit, to Wil Colon's ordination, you will enjoy some traditional favorite hymns along with newer tunes.

And now, the BIG NEWS! Our piano restoration has been completed! We are grateful to Greg Graham for the meticulous replacement and rebuilding of more than 1,500 moving parts and hardware to return the piano to proper playing condition. I wish all of you could have been here as Greg returned the action to the action cavity in our grand piano and then spent additional hours fine-tuning (literally!) each key.

View the pictures to see:

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1. What the piano looked like as the action was ready to slide into place



2. What the hammer head looks like before it is carved, and after carving, when it is ready to be placed back on the hammer shank, ready to strike the string – each one gets individually carved depending on its place connecting to the keys and strings

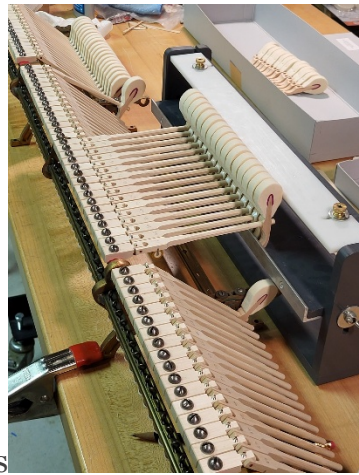


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3. The parts connecting the key to the hammer head; backcheck, hammer, and wippen:



all of which were replaced for each of the 88 keys.



4. A close-up of the action, repairs in progress

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5. A close-up of the final renovated action

Look forward to Raymond making a joyful noise at the piano!

The Kitchen Cupboard

By Cindy Hill

Zucchini Pasta

Ingredients

- 1/2 teaspoon of Kosher salt and more to season
- 16 ounces of spaghetti
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 4 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 2 pounds of zucchini (about 5 small), thinly sliced (8 cups)
- 1/2 teaspoon of ground black pepper, and more for garnish
- 1/2 cup of heavy whipping cream
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 1 cup loosely packed fresh basil leaves
- 4 ounces of Parmesan cheese, grated (about one cup)

Instructions

1. Cook Spaghetti in Salted Water

2. Cook Zucchini.

- In a Dutch oven, cook garlic in olive oil over medium heat until soft. Add zucchini (see notes), salt, and pepper. Increase heat to high. Cook, stirring occasionally, until zucchini is just tender, about 8 minutes.

3. Make the Sauce

- Using tongs, transfer cooked spaghetti to the Dutch oven. Add 3/4 cups of pasta water. (Reserve the rest of the pasta water for later use.) Stir in cream and butter, then reduce the heat to medium. Cook, stirring constantly, until slightly thickened, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

4. Finish the Dish

- Add basil and Parmesan cheese, stirring constantly until cheese is melted and combined, about 2 minutes. Add reserved pasta water 1/4 cup at a time, if needed, to achieve a creamy consistency.

Tips

- Yellow squash can be used for this recipe. I used a combination of both.
- For nice, even slices, use a mandolin or food processor.
- Salt the zucchini. Place slices in a colander and allow them to drain to remove excess moisture.
- Add protein to turn the dish into a one-pan meal. I added cooked shrimp, which was quick to add in.
- I did not have fresh basil, so I did not add it. The dish was still delicious
- Store leftovers in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to four days. Reheat on the stovetop or in the microwave, adding a little water if the dish seems dry.

For A Giggle (or at least a smile):

