

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Early Pentecost - June - 2006

Greetings,

Where have all the people gone?

The summer is starting and everyone is getting busy with all the summertime activities. Mowing the lawn, sports, traveling, etc., seem to be taking the place of coming to church on Sundays already.

I heard someone say they can't come to church because the lawn needs mowing every Sunday morning. Who is responsible for the grass even being there to grow anyway?

Well, I certainly can see why that would be the priority. Sorry for the sarcasm but I don't understand the way we all seem to be setting our priorities.

I've been as guilty as the next. I can remember a time when I thought that I needed to be up early for work every other morning of the week and I (the big "I") wanted to sleep later on Sundays.

I've had people tell me they need to "get church over with" so they can get to the tasks planned for the day. The "tasks planned for the day" seem to be prioritized with church at the bottom of the list.

We rush through our lives to get here and there so fast these days, I really think we're missing out on life all together.

I also had someone tell me that they don't need to come to church to worship God. They can pray anywhere.

Worshipping in church is so much more.

Relationship is a key component to attending church. Our relationship with God includes relationship with the world.

We are entering the season of Pentecost, the Church's celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the gift given to us and has empowered the church for two thousand years. The Holy Spirit keeps us going, feeds us, and strengthens us. It is a unifying Spirit that crosses all boundaries of language, race and culture.

At the first Pentecost, people could speak to each other and be understood, communion happened. "Community" happened.

The breath of the Holy Spirit, the life of Jesus, is felt in this worshipping community.

The community energizes us. As a community we are empowered to enable all people to become Christ's disciples.

Our charge directly from our Baptismal vows is to continue in the apostle's teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers.

As Christians, we set an example, especially to our children. Charles Lamb, an American essayist said, "I am determined that my children shall be brought up in their father's religion, if they can find out what it is."

How will our children know how to behave like Christians, how to worship in a community?

We have received the empowerment from Christ to proclaim the Gospel of the world. Let's not forget where the energy starts. Come and partake in the breaking of the bread, the fellowship, the teaching and the prayers. And by all means, bring the children!

Deacon Trula

A Message from the Executive Officer of the General Convention

*I would have no desire other than to accomplish thy will.
Teach me to pray; pray thyself in me.* Francois Fenelon

On behalf of the Presiding Bishop, the President of the House of Deputies and the 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, I write to encourage every Episcopal congregation and every Episcopalian to participate in an Octave of Prayer for our Church and for our coming meeting in Columbus.

Octaves of prayer last eight days. In previous editions of the Book of Common Prayer major feasts of the church, like All Saints' Day and Epiphany, were celebrated on the feast day itself and for the seven days following. (A remnant of this custom is the present rubric that allows All Saints Day to be observed on the following Sunday.)

The Octave of Prayer for General Convention will begin on Pentecost (June 4th) and end on Trinity Sunday (June 11th). Materials, including scriptural passages, prayers and meditations, can be found on the General Convention website, one click from www.episcopalchurch.org. They are currently posted in English and Spanish. (A French translation will be posted before Pentecost.) Parishes and individuals can subscribe on line (for free) to the Episcopal News Service and receive a meditation each day, or they can download them from the Octave website.

We are encouraging parishes to pray the Octave day by day and to take and send an electronic photograph of worshipers on Trinity Sunday. Please e-mail the photograph as an attachment to octave@episcopalchurch.org. These photos will be shown on giant screens in the House of Deputies to remind the members of General Convention of the congregations whose prayers are supporting them in their work.

The Octave of Prayer is a way for Episcopalians who cannot be present physically in Columbus to be present in spirit. Please pray the Octave.

I am
Very truly yours,

(The Rev'd Dr.) Gregory Straub,
Executive Officer of the General Convention

St. Laurence of Rome

(or St. Lawrence of Rome)

We celebrate Laurence in August with a huge community picnic at Round Top.

There's be music, food, skits and more on Saturday, August 12th.

Laurence was one of Pope Saint Sixtus II's deacons. All the other deacons were martyred along with the Pope in 258. While Laurence was not involved in that mass execution, he did follow in a few days. As deacon, he was responsible for the wealth of the church. During the days after the Pope's execution, he sold most of the church's treasure and gave the money to the poor. Cornelius Saecularis, believing that the Church was wealthy, ordered that everything of value be turned over to the emperor for the upkeep of his armies. The prefect said, "I understand that according to your teaching you must render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's. Your God didn't bring any money into the world with him, all He brought was words. So give us the money, and you can keep the words."

Lawrence said he would need three days to gather it together. In those three days he sold the rest of the property that he administered and brought together thousands of lepers, the blind, and the sick, the destitute, widows, orphans, and the aged. These he presented to the prefect, observing, "The church is truly rich, far richer than your emperor."

The Prefect was so enraged, he ordered Laurence killed. Legend has it he was cooked ... but it is more likely that he was beheaded.

He is, after all, though, the patron saint of chefs and cooks!

Find out more at the Celebration on August 12 ...
Mark your calendars now!



Trinity Episcopal Church - June 2006

Early
Pentecost

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Trinity Prayer Cycle</i> 6/4 Patrick and Barbara Barry 6/11 Mike, Shelley and Jason Barry 6/18 Sean, Donna, Daniel and Savannah Barry 6/25 Don and Beverly Barton		Traveling? Vacationing? Visit the Episcopal Church there and bring back a bulletin to share with us. Bring your houseguests to church.		1	2 <i>Barbara Bean</i>	3
4 Day of Pentecost 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour Eucharistic Visitors' Brunch <i>John Strange</i>	5	6	7 Evangelism Meeting, 7 p.m.	8	9 <i>Laura Cama Parker Coston Christopher Bailey</i>	10 <i>Barbara & Patrick Barry</i>
11 Trinity Sunday 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	12 St. Barnabas the Apostle	13 General Convention of the Episcopal Church, June 13-21, Columbus, Ohio <i>Eric Davenport</i>	14	15	16 <i>Kate Murray Bill Ewing</i>	17
18 Pentecost 2 - Proper 6 9:00 Holy Eucharist I 10:00 Coffee Hour ----Vestry Meets ----- <i>David Caum</i>	19 <i>Bruce & Colleen Barton</i>	20	21 <i>Charles Jackson Hildegard Mohr Nancy Bresett Greg & Ginny Caum-Lake</i>	22 <i>Jeremy Forbes</i>	23 <i>Jessica Cameron</i>	24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Chicken Barbeque at Christ Church <i>Charles Ford Paul & Emily Kelley</i>
25 Pentecost 3 - Proper 7 9:00 Holy Eucharist I 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Tom Bubniak</i>	26	27	28	29 St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles	30	July 1 - Bishop's Day for Adults , 9 to 3:30, Fatima Retreat Center see page 4
<i>Anglicans Around the World</i> 6/4 The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East; 6/11 The Convention of the Episcopal Church and the worldwide Anglican Communion; 6/18 The Anglican Church of Mexico; 6/25 The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)		<i>Diocesan Prayer Cycle</i> 6/4 Good Shepherd and St. John the Evangelist, Milford, William McGinty; 6/11 Christ Church, Reading, John Francis; 6/18 Pray for all our bishops today as they determine who will be the next presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church; 6/25 St. Paul's, Montrose, Charles Cesaretti, interim, Rachel Bartron, senior warden.			<i>Kajo Keji</i> , The Congregations at 6/4 Sodogo; 6/11 Wuruta; 6/18 Liwolo; 6/25 Ajo	The Diocese of Swaziland Pray for Bishop Meshack Mabuza and the Diocesan AIDS Ministry

Bridge Bake Sale

is Saturday, June 3, at KMart beginning at 8 a.m. Helpers are needed for two-hour time slots (8 to 10, 10 to noon, noon to 2). Call Jennifer Joyce at 888-6432 if you can help out. And if you can, please bake or buy!

Bishop's Day for Adults

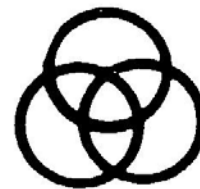
This is a wonderful opportunity for us. *Living an Everyday Faith* will be held July 1 at Fatima Retreat Center in Dalton, PA.. There are two one-hour sessions, "The Prayer of Music," with Fr. Ed Erb, and "Praying with Icons," with Fr. Peter Pearson.

There will be free time for outdoor hiking and games in both the morning and afternoon; lunch is supplied and the day closes with a Holy Eucharist at 2:45. Application forms are in the back of the church. **June 15 is the deadline.**



Sunday, June 4, is the Day of Pentecost. Come celebrate and wear red!

Sunday, June 11, is Trinity Sunday. Come celebrate our Name Day!

**June Highlights**

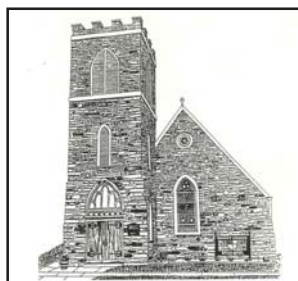
Eucharistic Visitors' Brunch, Sunday, June 4, 11:00

Wednesday, June 7, 7:00, Evangelism Meeting

Sunday, June 18, Vestry Meets

Saturday, June 25 - Chicken Barbeque, Christ Church, Towanda

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June at Trinity