

# Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Greetings to all;

This is the first newsletter column since my ordination to the Priesthood.

I told you all a few weeks ago that I was still bouncing off the walls from last September's ordination to Diaconate.

I know everyone will visualize the "bouncing off the walls" comment differently, so I have to say it is not a bad thing.

The Episcopal Church has been a major part of my life for over twenty years. I feel as if I've known the people at Trinity and for that matter, many of the Episcopalians in the Diocese, for a lifetime.

As God lead me into this new adventure, the people of Trinity got behind me and held me up. I compare it to being adopted by a larger than normal family.

There is so much for us to do as a Christian family. Fall is upon us and it is time to begin thinking again about our roles in this church.

There are many things that need to be done. We need to get the soft space in the back of the church put together. The vestry and altar guild need persons to help out. Persons willing to provide for coffee hour are needed.

The committees will be meeting more often. There are three Eucharistic Visitors who go out to bring communion to people who can't be in church. More are certainly needed.

The Evangelism committee has many ideas and plans but nowhere near enough hands to get the work done. Please consider whether this is something you can help with.

I don't know when I will stop bouncing off the walls but I do know that the people of Trinity got me here. I take this responsibility very seriously just as you take your responsibility as a Christian seriously.

I hope that we all allow the Spirit to work through us to bring others to this church where people know how to spread the love of Christ.

Please talk with me anytime about your thoughts and what kinds of talents you are able to bring to our community.

I can be reached at 570-731-4280 at home and 607-425-1039 by cell. I am more than happy to set up times to meet at my home or yours.

We began last year talking about "rocking this church". My "bouncing off the walls" is not going to be able to accomplish this without you.

God's Peace,  
Mother Trula

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The Rev. Trula Louise Hollywood has accepted Trinity's call to become Rector.

## Vestry News

The vestry has begun the formal process of making Mother Trula our rector. They have issued a call to her and she has accepted. Then, when Bishop Paul sends a letter approving the call, the Archdeacon will review her ministry description. Then we can look forward to a Celebration of New Ministry.

Fr. Ned officially retires September 30; he is currently on sabbatical. He will remain very much a part of Trinity's life, serving as Assistant.

Our delegate to Diocesan Convention is John Schoonover; our alternate is Hermine Shapiro.

New lighting over the front door of the church and on the sign is being done; it will certainly make the church more visible.

Your rector and parish administrator tackled the Sacristy recently; it probably at least a ton lighter than it was (we couldn't fit any more in the car to haul away). That work will continue as we reorganize the library and files.

We are negotiating the replacement of the parish hall back door so that wind won't blow into the kitchen this winter and bugs will stop crawling in during the summer.

The rectory will undergo extensive work over the next year. The vestry approved replacing the ancient oil furnace several months ago. The gutters on the roof will be moved, which will stop the basement from flooding when it rains, and a new one placed on the front porch, which currently drips on the steps. Most of the interior walls are cracked or have water damage. Barbara will do the repair and painting inside.

Vestry meets the third Sunday of the month following coffee hour. Meetings are open and anyone is welcome to attend.

## A Baptism!

On Sunday, September 24, we will welcome Sean William Clare into the household of God. Sean was born on July 7 to Ian and Kathleen Clare and big sister, Audrey.

## ECW "Undies" Project

From now through October 11, you are encouraged to donate **new** undershirts, socks, briefs or boxers, panties and sweatpants for children, size 2 to 16.

We will send one set to Convention and the rest will be distributed locally for children at risk.

## Plan Ahead

**October 1 - St. Francis Day Observance and blessing of the animals.** It's been quite a while since we've brought our pets to church and it is a wonderful event. So, put Fido in his best collar and bring him, along with the family cat, bird, gerbil, hamster, rabbit, reptile or whatever kind of pet is close to your heart to church at 9 a.m.

**October 8 - Harvest Dinner Parish Potluck, 5 p.m.** Make (or purchase) your favorite dish, gather up family and friends and bring everything to the Parish Hall. Food shared is always a good thing.

**October 21 - Chemung Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists visit, 4 to 4:30.** They are stopping at Trinity as part of a tour of historic organs and will be looking into and playing our Hook & Hastings tracker. We are all welcome to be there. We'll have more details closer to the time for those of you who might be interested in the entire tour.





## Coffee Hour

Please sign up to host a coffee hour. Coffee is made for you, you provide whatever after-church snack you'd like. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen.

## Volunteer Drivers Needed

The Area Agency on Aging is in need of drivers to deliver meals to shut-ins. There is an in-town route that takes an hour to an hour and a half open on Thursdays and Fridays. There is also a route on Mondays that delivers frozen meals to clients in the Round Top and Willawanna areas. Substitute drivers are always needed. Call Kristin Seeley at 1-800-982-4346 if you can help, or pass this information onto a friend.

## *Forward Day by Day*

Both regular and large print copies for the next three months are on the table in the narthex. Please take one.

## Free Concert

Jadon Lavik, "Life on the Inside Unplugged Tour," Tuesday, September 12 at 7 at the Heights Theater, 210 E. 14th St., Elmira Heights.

## Food Pantry

Please remember that the first Sunday of each month is Food Pantry Sunday. Please bring nonperishable foods in unbreakable packaging and place them in the basket at the back of the church. Thank you, Pat Gurney for delivering our donations.

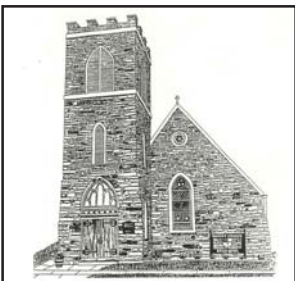
## Rector's Discretionary Fund

On the first Sunday of the month any offering that is not designated as a pledge goes into the RDF. Over the past year funds have helped a prisoner, a battered woman, a patient with no place to go and others. Historically, it's purchased acolyte robes, housed the homeless, paid camping fees for young people, bought gas for the stranded. In other words, it is for those who are marginalized, exactly the people that Jesus spent his time with.

*...as you did to the least of these, so you did unto me*

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