

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Epiphany - Lent - February 2010

Greetings,

Ash Wednesday is just a few short weeks away. The season of Lent will begin. Jesus is driven into the wilderness for forty days to initiate him into the truth of the Spirit.

We may be able to look at where we are this year and determine at what point of our journey we stand at this particular time. I wonder if I have grown, made progress, been willing to accept change, or remained wandering in the wilderness.

I know that if I am to go forth from here, I need the Spirit to drive me. I need to surrender my control and allow the Spirit to move me forward.

We so often subject ourselves to some sort of discipline during Lent. We may decide that in some way we are going to “get our act together” or we’re going to give up some little thing that will show our ability to exact discipline in our lives. It seems to me that what we should be doing in Lent is *giving up* control by allowing the Spirit to guide us in the right direction.

We create barriers that lead us further away from the freedom Jesus attained upon entering the wilderness as he handed himself over to the Spirit.

“The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” John 3:8

I, like many of you, have been focused on the news coming out of Haiti. The devastating earthquake that left people homeless, grieving for the loss of their loved ones and desperate for basic things we all take for granted, food, water and emergency medical care. It makes me wonder if they feel as if they are journeying through a wilderness of their own. The catastrophic magnitude earthquake that shook their world on January 12th has taken most, if not all, of what little they claimed as their own away.

I cannot imagine the pain, suffering and loss so evident in the pictures that come to us from across the waters. Yet, the people remain resilient, faithful and hopeful under the worst possible circumstances.

In these days of instant information from all over the world, standing alongside the suffering of our Haitian brothers and sisters becomes a reality. It’s a reality that is occurring now right in front of our eyes and will take years before the work of rebuilding will be even noticeable.

We’re also able to witness the miracles of those who survive and those who give everything they can to support rescue and clean up efforts.

This Lent, we are presented with an opportunity to move out of our inertia, to feel the force of the Spirit and to make a difference in the lives of those in Haiti. Please pray about what you can do to help.

God’s Peace,
Mother Trula



The Annual Souper Bowl of Caring is Sunday, February 7

Once again this year, members of Trinity will take part in the nationwide movement to share God’s love with those in need. Every dollar donated will be given to the local food pantry. There will be a soup pot by the baptismal font for the offering. A good rule of thumb is to give one dollar for each member of your family.

The Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held on January 26th. We had a plentiful and delicious brunch before we got down to business. All reports were accepted unanimously. The current vestry members, John Schoonover, Pat Gurney, Karen Nichols, Fanna Proper and Marie Bubniak will retain their status. I wish to thank the vestry for all the efforts they put into the well being of Trinity in the past year. It is clear there is a level of dedication to evangelism, outreach, and to the maintenance and growth of the church. The needs of the buildings and those of the members of the church are always at the forefront of their minds as we go about the business at hand.

I am excited to announce that Daniel and Margaret Gerhart were nominated and voted in as new members of the vestry. Dan and Marnie have been attending Trinity regularly and have contributed their talents and skills in many ways. They will be a wonderful addition to the vestry.

John Schoonover was elected our Delegate to Diocesan Convention and Pat Gurney as our alternate. Both have been active in this role in the past and I very much appreciate their willingness to represent Trinity at Convention.

For new business, the two biggest issues that were discussed were: 1) how we can continue and improve our outreach efforts in the coming year and 2) how we can meet the physical needs of the church. We know the rectory needs the chimney replaced. The roof of the front porch also needs replacing. These repairs we hope to tackle in the early spring.

The church doors are in dire need of replacement. It is our hope to campaign for funds to replace the doors and to have some fundraisers. It will be an expensive project but Trinity is committed to taking care of our buildings.

There are many others I wish to thank for their efforts in the past year. We miss Carla Ross very much. She always came to church cheerful and ready to show how much she cared about Trinity. She was faithful in providing communion and visitation to those who were homebound or hospitalized. We wish her the best in her new place of residence and know she will be an inspiration to others in her new community.

I want to thank all those who were instrumental in helping Barb when she needed us most, especially Fanna, Mike, Ginny, Alan, John, and David. If it weren't for your love, caring and determination, Barb would not know just how much we love her. A LOT! Thank you to Barb and David for all of the work you performed on behalf of Trinity. Also, to Don for keeping the deposits straight. You helped keep things running smoothly.

To those who served on the altar guild, Marie, Pat, Karen and Mary as well as those who set up coffee hour (many of you), I express my gratitude. I also would like to thank Barry, Chris and an occasional Brandon for being acolytes. I'm also pleased to have Kay Bennett back as our organist.

I am very happy to announce the new Saturday service has been reasonably attended. Life is changing in this little church due to the efforts of all of you.

Lastly, I would like to say that my absence as I commuted and worked in Harrisburg was very difficult for me. You were all very supportive.

The loss of Father Caum this past spring was devastating for me and for all of you. Again, you were all there and supportive to each other and to me.

Let us pray for a new year where we find ourselves in the position of putting the needs of others before all else.



If you would like copies of the annual meeting report or have any questions, please contact the church office.

Thank you, Mother Trula



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Epiphany -
Lent

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Trinity Cycle of Prayer: 2/7: Jerry and Jean Dolan, Norma Duddie; 2/14: William, Sarah and Leigha Draper; 2/21: David and Shelly Fish; 2/28: Charles and Virginia Ford.	1 AA 8:00 pm	2 The Presentation	3 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	4	5 Hug an Episcopalian Day <i>Jonathan Ayres</i> <i>Alexandra Ayres</i>	6 Epiphany V 5:00 Holy Eucharist
7 Epiphany V 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour Souper Bowl Sunday  <i>Hermine Shapiro</i>	8 AA 8:00 pm	9	10 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	11	12	13 Epiphany VI 5:00 Holy Eucharist Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2 a.m.
14 Last Epiphany 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour	15 AA 8:00 pm <i>Stacey Coston</i>	16 Shrove Tuesday 4:00 Clergy Bible Study, Towanda 5:30 Pancake Supper	17 Ash Wednesday 7:00 Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	18 	19	20 Last Epiphany 5:00 Holy Eucharist <i>Jacob Bivens</i>
21 Lent I 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour —Vestry Meets— 7:00 Film - Book Study	22 AA 8:00 pm	23 <i>Adam Hunsinger</i>	24 St. Matthias AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	25	26	27 Lent I 5:00 Holy Eucharist 9:30-3:30 Dive In: Exploring Baptism, Good Shepherd, Scranton
28 Lent II 9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour	Diocese of Bethlehem: Feb. 7: St. Andrew's, Alden. The Rev. John Leo, Supply; Trinity and St. Philip's, Lansford, The Rev. Robert Wellner, Licensed to Officiate; Feb.14: Church of the Mediator, Allentown. The Rev. Canon Marie W. E. Tjeltveit, Rector, The Rev. Walter Krieger, Assistant; The Diocesan Staff; Feb. 21: Grace, Allentown, The Rev. Patrick L. Malloy, Rector, The Rev. Christina Nord, Assistant; The Commission on Ministry; Feb. 28: St. Andrew's Church, Allentown, The Rev. T. Scott Allen, Rector; The Diocesan Council.				Coming in March: March 7: Bradford County worships with Bishop Paul and Bishop Anthony Poggio at The Church of the Redeemer, 10 a.m. March 25: Chrism Mass, Cathedral. March 28: Palm Sunday - Holy Week begins.	
Anglicans around the World: Feb. 7: The Church of the Province of Central Africa; Feb. 14: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America The Most Rev.d Martin de Jesus Barahona Primate of IARCA & Bishop of El Salvador; Feb. 21: Provincede L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo The Most Rev.d Henry Kahwa Isingoma Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Boga; Feb. 28: The Church of England The Most Rev.d Rowan Douglas Williams Archbishop of Canterbury			The Diocese of Kajo Keji: Feb. 7: Beliak Parish, The Rev. Elikana Lodu. Pasiki Parish, The Rev. Cosmas Loburi Yusto; Feb. 14: Ajira Parish, The Rev. Joseph Lomuja. Pomoju Girls Secondary School and Pomoju Parish. The Revs. John Mono, Jeneti Poni, and Stephen Duku Lotiyo; Feb. 21: Akuboro Parish. The Rev. Stanley Rumba. Retired Bishop & Canon Emeritus. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Manasseh Binyi; Feb. 28: Andejo Parish. The Rev. Nelson Wolyan Adaria. Rodo Parish. The Revs. Scopas Modi and Aggrey Ludoru.			

February Highlights

Friday, February 5th: Hug an Episcopalian Day (because you know you want to!).

Sunday February 7th: Souper Bowl of Caring.

Very Early, Sunday, February 13th: Daylight Savings Time Begins ... Spring Forward.



Tuesday, February 16: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:30 p.m. Cooks

and helpers arrive at 4 p.m.



Wednesday, February 17th: Ash Wednesday: Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes, 7 p.m.

Sunday, February 21st: Vestry Meets after Coffee Hour.

Sunday, February 21st: Film and Book Study begins, 7 p.m. "For the Bible Tells Me So" and

"Coming Out: An Act of Love."

The film will be shown and a discussion will follow. Some books are available or can be purchased from Amazon. Talk to Mtr. Trula for more details. If you don't take part in the entire series, be sure to see the film.



Clothing Giveaway in April

Following the great success of our giveaway last fall, we are planning another one. This one will concentrate on children's clothing. Please start looking around now for children's clothing in new or good condition. Items may be dropped off in the Parish Hall. Plan ahead: we will also be doing a **toy giveaway** again this year before Christmas.

Food Pantry is every Sunday

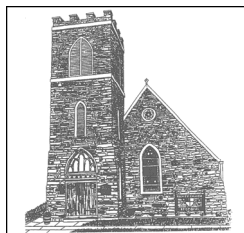
The people in our area are hard hit by unemployment and poverty. The influx of workers for the gas wells have made the cost of housing skyrocket and people are in need. Local food pantries need of food and supplies are very low. Please do what you can to help fill the empty shelves. Take advantage of "buy one, get one free" sales, or other sales you come across, clean out your pantry, and donate items each Sunday. *As you did for the least of these*

Ministry Opportunities

Altar Guild: You can help with our worship by learning to set up and take down the altar each weekend. Training is simple. Our altar guild members enjoy the quiet time preparing the church.

Eucharistic Visitors: Visiting our shut-ins is a rewarding experience for both parties involved. You bring warmth and fellowship to them as well as communion. Talk to Mtr. Trula.

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