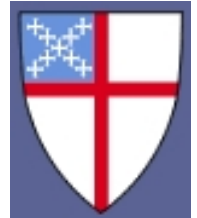




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We are a community of Christian people seeking to love God with all of our hearts, souls, minds, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves.



The Chimes of Trinity Church

The Observance of a Holy Lent

Dear Friends:

Ash Wednesday is February 21. On that day we will have services at 6:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. At each of those services the congregation will be called to the observance of a holy Lent by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's word.

I would like to offer you a simple way to begin the work of self-examination. Jesus said: you will love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul, mind, and strength and you will love your neighbor as your self. He concluded by saying that all the law and the prophets depends on those commandments.

A simple way to begin self-examination is to look at your relationships with God and then your relationship with others.

In your relationship with God could you attend church more regularly? Could you pray more often? Could you read scripture more regularly?

Looking at your human relationships are there fractured relationships which need reconciliation and healing? Perhaps there are no broken relationships but are there relationships which can be deepened or improved? How about spending more time with your spouse? Could the family bonds be strengthened by something as simple as committing to share meals more regularly? Jesus taught that our neighbor is anyone in need. Could you do more to help persons in need?

By the way the command to love God and neighbors implies that we love ourselves. Are you getting enough rest? Do you have healthy eating habits? Are you exercising regularly? Are you having any fun? Maybe taking better care of yourself might be the most important change you could make this Lent.

Repentance isn't as much about being sorry as it is about changing. So, don't go overboard. Don't try to change everything at once. Pick one or two things to change and work at it. Maybe you can work on one thing in your relationship with God and one thing in your relationship with your neighbor.

Remember that repentance isn't about earning or winning anything from God; it's about making our relationships with God and others, more real, more vital, more life giving. You cannot do one thing to make God love you more but there is plenty you can do to experience it.

Faithfully, *Fr. Dave*



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CHRISTMAS CRAFTERS



Christmas Crafters will be going into production on Saturday, March 17 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 in the Conference Room. Past members, new members and other people interested should attend this meeting and bring ideas of any projects that you think would be easy to make and good sellers. If you don't have any ideas, come anyway to help us choose our new projects for the year. We will have our first working session on Sat., April 21 same time again in the conference room. We will not meet in May. In June, we will meet on June 16 in the Fellowship Hall. Then we will go into our summer working schedule which will be explained at the first meeting. See you then.

THANK YOU, TRINITY ANGELS

We extend our gratitude to all of the Trinity families who participated so generously in our Episcopal Community Services Angel Tree Project this year. Thank you for your outpouring generosity and love during the season of God's greatest gift to us.



Pictures from the Annual Meeting!

Congratulations New Vestry Members:

Deanery and Convention Delegates: Cheryl Bayard, Andrew Pendelton, Stephanie Reid

Deanery and Convention Delegate Alternates: Donald Davis, John Dively, Justin Stroh

Vestry 3 year term: Cheryl Bayard, Ernie Dixon, Karen Reid, Pam Guzzie

Vestry Alternate: Eileen Warren

and a special thank you to retiring members Dennis Reid, Jill Leiby, and Robin Chambers Dixon.



Mark Your Calendar!

Ash Wednesday Services

The Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes 6:30 a.m. in the Holy Family Chapel 9:00 a.m. in the Church **The Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes, choir and special music** at 7:30 p.m. in the Church.

Wednesday Evenings in Lent

Wednesdays February 28, March 7, 14, 21 and 28

Come for the entire evening or for any segment that you wish to attend.

6:30 p.m. Light Pot Luck Supper for all Ages in the Parish Hall

7:00 p.m. To 8 p.m. Learning or Service Opportunities

For Adults and Senior High Students there are two options:

Foundations of Christianity: Mystery, Conversion, Faith, Hope and Love With Father Michael Himes. Spirituality and theology are rich, varied and multidimensional. But what holds it all together? For Christians, what is "foundational"? What is the core of our blessed path to God? In this five-video series Father Michael Himes explores those foundational building blocks of life in Christ. Groups discussion will be led by Eddie Black each evening.

The Secret Message of Jesus by Brian McLaren; Fr. Dave thinks it's the most exciting and important book written about Jesus and the church that he has ever read. Ben Wallis will lead a more in-depth study of the book many read this summer and discussed at a potluck supper in August. The book can be purchased on line from any book distributor or at the Groton House at St. Thomas' Church.

For Adults and Kids

Real PEOPLE Cook! Real men, women, and children will prepare and pack meals for Aid for Friends' Ministry of Meals program. These culinary volunteers will pack 50 nutritious meals for people in need in Philadelphia and Montgomery County.

For Children and Youth

Stations of Jesus' Life Our young people will continue our ongoing art project of designing and painting *Stations of Jesus' Life*. The process of creating these multi-cultural "icons" is being coordinated and directed by Cheryl Bayard and Sam Guzzie.

Middle School and High School Students who are not interested in art can gather with Kelly Rupprecht downstairs for a special Lenten activity.

For the youngest of kids.

Tina Lennox will be staffing the nursery for free play and rest from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

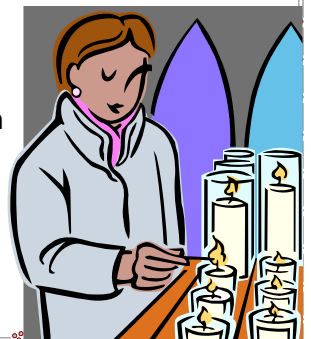
8:00 to 8:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross in the Church

Adults, children and youth are invited to conclude the evening with this Lenten devotion.

Sunday Evenings in Lent

Stay after the 5 p.m. Come As You Are Service and participate in a discussion group!

Questions of Faith: Basic questions of belief and meaning come to us again & again in our lives. Folks will view and discuss a DVD on such topics as: What kind of power does God have? Whose money is it? Can faith wipe out fear? How do you pray? What's holiness all about? How can we love practically anyone? Sign up in the Narthex!



Discovery Workshops

A two-day seminar, March 9 & 10, to discover who you are.

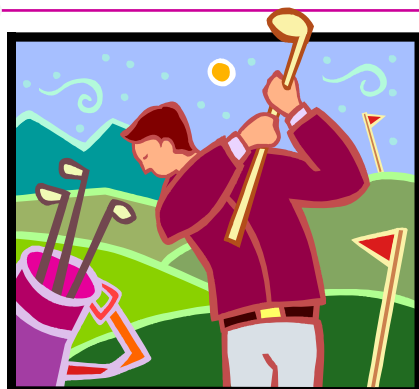
Why are you here?
What do you do best?
What are you passionate about?
What do you value?
What are your priorities?



People come to Discovery Workshops for different reasons. Some come to learn more about ways to serve in the church, but others for an affirmation of who they are, for clarity in the midst of life transitions (career, retirement, empty nest, etc.). Others come to discover a better understanding of how God might influence their lives.

The Discovery Workshop will begin with supper at 6 p.m. on Friday March 9 concluding at 6:30 p.m. It reconvenes at 8:00 a.m. Saturday March 10, with a light breakfast, with a full day of discovery, lunch, conversation, and ending at 4 p.m.

You may register on line or by signing up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The cost for the seminar is \$25 that covers meals and materials. Checks made payable to Trinity Church.



4th Annual Trinity Hackers Open Planning Begins

Planning for the 2007 edition of the Annual Trinity Hackers Open is well underway. This year's event will once again take place at the Mainland Golf Club near Lansdale on Saturday May 19th starting at 10:00 AM. The event's financial proceeds all go to the Trinity scholarship fund which provides financial grants to qualified Trinity high school seniors each year.

The golf outing is played using the "best ball" scramble format that tends to insure all teams remain in the hunt for the first place honors. The event is open to anyone that wants to "tee" it up with us on the 19th. So if you have friends or relatives that are not Trinity members, feel free to invite them. Perhaps you can organize a team or several teams. Remember, the greater the number of players, the greater our scholarship account funding will be in 2007.

As has become our tradition, the outing will be followed by an awards ceremony and picnic. All players and their family members are invited to attend the post golf picnic. The picnic is included in the individual players entrance fees.

While we intend to post event information shortly in the Narthex, the cost per player will remain at \$70. Sponsorship opportunities include Prizes, Picnic Beverage, and Picnic Food at a cost of \$100 each. Holes may be sponsored at a cost of \$25. Finally, anyone wishing to become the overall event Title Sponsor can do so for a cost of \$500.

Questions can be directed to Roy Irvin or Dennis Reid.

Stewardship It's Not (Always) About the Money....

By Nancy McGarvey

It's official, global warming is real, and it's caused by human activity. While some of us have known this in our heart of hearts for a long time, others are still not convinced. I don't want to get into the political factors here so I'll sidestep and just make reference to an article I read recently online about some new "green gadgets":

A wireless, solar-powered keyboard, the Genius Slim-Star 820 (<http://www.genius-europe.com/en/produktdetail.php?ID2=30&ID=25&ID3=358>)

New re-chargeable batteries that come with built-in USB connections to make re-charging them as easy as plugging them into your computer! Check out [usbcell.com](http://www.usbcell.com/) (<http://www.usbcell.com/>). You don't have to drive to the store to get new batteries!

Solar-powered jackets/vests by ScottEVest Inc that permit charging your cell phone, iPod, and other such devices while you're wearing the jacket! (http://www.scottevest.com/v3_store/subindex-solar.shtml) These jackets have upwards of 40 pockets and come with their own weight management systems (I'm not even sure what that means!)

These are just three of the cool new "gadgets" soon to be widely available. To see the entire article, point your browser to (http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9011000&source=NLT_AM&nid=1).

And of course, you don't need new gadgets to help make a difference. Here is the Sierra Club's list of 10 Things You Can Do To Help Curb Global Warming (<http://www.sierraclub.org/globalwarming/tenthings/>):

Drive smart—keep your car well-tuned and the tires properly inflated. Even better, take public transportation whenever possible.

Write to elected officials urging them to raise fuel standards to 40 miles per gallon now.

Support clean, renewable energy such as wind and solar power.

Replace incandescent bulbs with the more compact fluorescent bulbs (We've done this with a couple of our lamps and once we got accustomed to the different color of the light we liked them.)

Save energy at home—by weatherproofing your house as much as possible: additional insulation, caulking, weatherstripping. Complete the online Home Energy Audit (<http://hes.lbl.gov/>).

Be a smart water consumer: turn the temperature down on your hot water heater to 120 degrees and install low-flow showerheads.

Run energy efficient appliances and electronics. See the EnergyStar website (<http://www.energystar.gov/>) for help in choosing energy efficient products.

Plant a tree, protect a forest. This is a real issue in southeastern Pennsylvania. According to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society we've lost millions of trees in this area in the last 15 years, leaving the tree cover "significantly low". They are supporting an effort to plant 1000 trees in this area.

Reduce! Reuse! Recycle! I've touched on this in other columns so I won't elaborate. Upper Dublin Township is implementing an incentive program to encourage more people to recycle. With their partnership with RecycleBank you can earn "dollars" that can be spent at participating merchants (e.g., Starbucks).

And finally, start a local program against global warming.

We are all parts of one body, residents of one earth, let's pull together to make a difference!

And before I close, I just want to thank everyone again for making the fall pledge campaign a success. At last count our pledged income was in excess of \$246,000. THANK YOU ALL!

It has been asked.....

Why do we put ashes on our foreheads to begin Lent?

The imposition of ashes on the foreheads of Christians is an ancient Christian practice, going back at least to the 10th century. Biblically, ashes are a symbols of purification and penitence (see Numbers 19:9, 17; Hebrews 9:13; Jonah 3:6; Matthew 11:21, and Luke 10:13).

In the early church, people who had been separated from the church because of serious sins might seek to be re-admitted to the fellowship by observing a formal period of penitence during Lent. These people were generally sprinkled with ashes or given rough garments sprinkled with ashes as a sign of their sorrow for their sins.

Beginning in the tenth century, the observance of Ash Wednesday became a general rite for the church. The ashes, which were a symbol of purification in the Old Testament, remind us that we are mortal. In many churches the ashes are made by burning the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday. Ashes are placed on the forehead, usually in the sign of a cross, in a ritual known as the Imposition of Ashes. As the ashes are placed on the forehead, words such as these are spoken: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return," recalling God's words to Adam in Genesis



FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

By Steve Schreiber

A great big “thanks” is due the choir, soloists and instrumentalists for all of their efforts in making our Christmas music extra special this year! Think about it: where would we be without music in our services? It never fails to amaze me in that we have so much talent here at Trinity that we don’t have to rely as heavily on paid professionals as some other churches do.

Trinity’s Christmas Concert a Huge Success:

If you missed the Trinity Choir’s Christmas Concert on December 17th, you missed out on a wonderful afternoon of music-making! Here are some of the highlights. The choir presented a seldom heard cantata by Michael Haydn, and were joined by a very talented group of string players from Abington High School. Maureen McCauley played some beautiful harp music, creating a quiet, meditative setting in our church. Leigh DeTato, Barb Davis and Andrea Petska performed beautiful solo work. Joe DeTato played Chip Davis’ (of Mannheim Steamroller fame) setting of “The Holly and the Ivy” on his wooden flute. For some the highpoint of the afternoon was a surprise. Did you know that Ernest Wells is a composer? To keep it a surprise, a small group of singers rehearsed in secret and then performed Ernest’s “A Joyous Carol.” Again, the choir sang “Silent Night” in its original version, quite different from the one we know in the hymnal. Don’t miss next year’s concert. You won’t be disappointed!

Lenten Lessons and Carols on March 25th

Trinity’s first service of Lenten Lessons and Carols will be presented on Sunday, March 25, at the 10:00 service. This service is patterned closely on the more famous Advent and Christmas Lessons and Carols services, and will feature scriptures with hymns and anthems appropriate to the season.

BEHIND THE SCENES WITH GODLY PLAY

The children of Trinity are thriving on the Godly Play program that is taught each week for all children ages 4 through grade 6. We have two classes—4 year olds through grade 1 in one class and grades 2 through 6 in advanced Godly Play. We begin our class with music that is presented on the first Sunday of the month by the Cherub Choir in the 10 a.m. Morning Worship service. The children also get to sing “Happy Birthday” to all the people celebrating a birthday that month. We then settle down for our stories for the day.... **BUT WHAT IS “GODLY PLAY”?**

Godly Play is what Jerome Berryman (the author) calls his interpretation of Montessori religious education. It is an imaginative approach to working with children—an approach that challenges, nourishes and guides their spiritual quest. It is more akin to spiritual direction than to what we generally think of as religious education. Godly Play as-

sumes that children have some experience of the mystery of the presence of God in their lives, but they lack the language, permission and understanding to express and enjoy that in our culture. In Godly Play we enter into parables, silence, sacred stories and sacred liturgy in order to discover God, one another, ourselves and the world around us.



In Godly Play we prepare a special environment for children to work with adult guides. Two teachers guide the session making time for the children to:

- ✚ Enter the space and be greeted
- ✚ Get ready for the presentation
- ✚ Enter into a presentation based on a parable, sacred story or liturgical action
- ✚ Respond to the presentation through shared wondering
- ✚ Respond to the presentation with their own work, either with art or the lesson materials
- ✚ Say goodbye and leave the space

What Godly Play contributes to the wonderful mix of activities is the heart of the matter—the art of knowing and knowing how to use the language of Christian people to make meaning about life and death.



The spirituality of these little people is amazing. Stop and take the time to talk to them and they will bring a smile and joy to your heart.

by
Carole Allsop, Church School Director



DAUGHTERS OF THE KING ~ UPCOMING EVENTS

Lent is a wonderful time for quiet reflection, prayer and spiritual growth. The Daughters of the King at Trinity will begin Lent with a Eucharist and Brunch on Saturday, February 17th at 10:00 o'clock. Any women over the age of 18 years who is considering joining our chapter is invited to attend this special morning of prayer, fellowship and a short meeting.

The Order of the Daughters of the King is a dedicated group of women who make a vow to live the Order's Rule of Life - a life of prayer, study, and service. Preparation for becoming a Daughter is a process that involves a series of three training sessions using a Study Guide from the national office. The sessions are spread over several months, so that each woman has time to learn about the Order, pray and make a decision whether or not to make a lifetime commitment to live the life of a Daughter. The sessions are scheduled to meet on Saturday mornings from 10:00-11:30 in the church's Conference Room on March 3rd, April 14th and May 5th. If you are interested and cannot make some or all of these dates, individual sessions can be arranged.

In addition, anyone who is interested is encouraged to attend our regular meetings. One group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings of the month at 7:00 PM in the Rectory. This group will be studying a passage from Eze-kiel on March 3rd. At the March 20th meeting, Fr. Dave will lead a Theological Reflection and on April 17th Marianne Randall will lead a session on Centering Prayer. The Wednesday morning group will begin a new schedule beginning in March. They will meet on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room. The morning group devotes their meetings to Bible study and discussions on spiritual readings. Our service to Trinity involves praying for the entire parish and for those who request special prayers. We also deliver small Welcome Baskets to new families who visit Trinity on Sunday mornings.

Please contact Carol Szwajkos at (215) 280-3563 for more information.

Welcome, new friends, new faces!

Trinity has recently welcomed a large number of new members!! We are excited to have them as part of our church family. They are: Claire Bauder, Mark Bilodeau and Kate Early and their children Timothy and Jacob Bilodeau, Kate Ferguson, Paul Greenlee and his fiancée Joy Christman, Joe and Veronica Grogan, Veronica Grosskurth, Inge Eichstter-Hanes and Peter and Astrid Hanes, Jeffrey and Erica Horne and their children Kellse and Sydney, Jessica Mellom, Terry Tschopp, Linda Wagner, Trip and Kimberly Wheeler, and Jay Walton. Welcome Everyone!!



If you are a newcomer to Trinity Ambler, we want to feature you here! Please see Eddie Black, or fill out a "Wish Card", found in the pews in the church.

LENTEN TRADITIONS

Jesus and the Easter Bunny

Often parents are uncertain what the connection might be between the secular world's preoccupation with candy and the Easter Bunny and the church's focus on rebirth and the risen Lord. Churches may seem more intent in combating the secular image of Easter with directives of their own. Is there a middle ground where parents may feel that they are not succumbing to the world's demands but are still helping foster their child's religious understanding of the real story of Easter?

The answer may be found in rediscovering the origin of our Easter customs. Perhaps the most popular symbol of Easter is brightly colored Easter eggs that, as everyone knows, are delivered secretly by the Easter bunny. What religious meaning could parents impart to their children about these commercially lucrative symbols?

Eggs have long been associated with new life. Long before Christian times the Greeks, Chinese and Persians gave eggs to their friends as a way of celebrating new life. One need only take a moment to consider the lowly egg to understand what a powerful symbol of life it is. Out of this seemingly dead and lifeless object emerges a young chick. For Christians, the image of Jesus emerging from his cold, dark tomb was somehow reminiscent of this tender, vulnerable chick struggling to break free of its own "tomb".

Eggs became desirable as expressions of friendship and soon were the medium through which many people expressed their artistic talents. From the simple use of early vegetable dyes to the elaborately decorated pysanka eggs of Middle European people and again to the fabulously decorated masterpieces of Faberge, the simple egg remains, at its most basic, a symbol of life and rebirth - a perfect concept to celebrate at Easter.

Parents need to remind children of how eggs are part of God's creation and are harbingers of new life. If decorating eggs at home, use stickers with religious themes or metallic gold or silver felt pens to mark colored eggs with crosses or the words "Alleluia" or "The Lord is risen."

The Easter Bunny is the distant relative of the Germanic people's Oster Haas, the Easter Hare. Unlike our soft and cuddly looking rabbit, this European relative is larger and quicker and uses moss and grasses and leaves to fashion a nest in gardens and woodlands.

It wasn't long before children in many countries were fashioning "nests" to encourage the visit of the Oster Haas. Of course, the hare's reputation for large families reinforces the theme of rebirth and fertility. In some countries the custom developed of children going door to door to beg for eggs. English children call it Pace-egging. An old Russian Easter carol makes the connection between the old customs and the new expectation of Christian people who celebrate Christ's Resurrection:

Easter eggs! Easter eggs! Give to him that begs!
For Christ the Lord is arisen.
To the poor, open door, some thing give from
your store!
For Christ the Lord is arisen.
Those who hoard, can't afford - moth and rust
their reward!
For Christ the Lord is arisen.
Those who love freely give - long and well may
they live!
For Christ the Lord is arisen.
Eastertide, like a bride, comes, and won't be de-
nied.
For Christ the Lord is arisen.



Adapted from D. Triplett, *Earthen Vessels*, Jan. 1995

Check out the tract rack in the Narthex!

There are some great aids in the tract rack that might assist you in keeping Lent.

Essentials: Lenten Meditations on Necessity and Abundance. For each day of Lent, this resource provided by Episcopal Relief and Development provides a short reading followed by an opportunity to reflect, pray, or act. ERD is at the forefront of relief efforts in many crisis points in the world, including the Gulf Coast. This resource is intended to raise awareness of the abundance of blessings in our lives and give us simple ways to share that abundance.

How Many? A Book of Daily Lenten Devotions of Children and Their Family. Families might use this resource at the dinner table each night. Each day's readings are simple to understand and easy to discuss.

What Happens in Spiritual Direction Lent is a season to focus on one's spiritual life. One of the important tools for spiritual growth is finding a Spiritual Director to help you understand your journey and offer guidance and support for changing and growing. This little tract gives good information on spiritual direction.

Fasting: Some Questions and Answers The Ash Wednesday liturgy calls us to observe a holy Lent by among other things, fasting. This tract provides some good basic information about that important Christian practice.

Forgiveness-Who Needs It? The answer to that question is everyone. This tract take a look at sin, guilt, repentance and absolution and its positive effects.



Suggestions for Keeping Lent at Home

The keeping of a devout and holy Lent is largely a private and personal discipline. One way to do this is to use "Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families" beginning on page 136 in the Book of Common Prayer. These are one page devotions for morning, noon and evening.

The "Litany of Penitence" from the Ash Wednesday service, BCP p. 267, is especially fitting for this season and may even be read by families before an evening meal or before retiring. It is particularly suitable for daily recitation for individuals striving to keep a faithful Lent.

Many people like to undertake a more serious daily prayer schedule in Lent. The Book of Common Prayer offers many forms for prayers for ourselves and others. One form that is particularly broad, inclusive and appropriate for this season can be found in the liturgy for Good Friday on pages 277 - 280. Composed to serve as the Prayers of the People for the Good Friday liturgy and entitled "The Solemn Collects", these prayers remind us that when we pray as the People of God, we are in spiritual communion with Christians past, present and future.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of (he living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead, to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, p. 282)

Trinity Youth Newsletter February 2007

The last couple of months have been full of activity and excitement for the Junior and Senior High Youth Groups at Trinity Ambler. A huge contingent of Trinity Youth attended the Bishop's Ball and danced the night away. Two of our students even won door prizes/raffles!! We are continuing our fundraising drive for the Mission Trip by selling sweatshirts as well as the notorious Hoagie Sale. We had a blast assembling almost 500 Hoagies for the Mission. Thank you for your support!

Youth Group meetings continue to be filled with fun and fellowship. As a reminder, High School meets once weekly following the Sunday Contemporary Service, from 6-8pm.

Junior High Fellowship is held on Fridays (usually the third Friday of the month unless otherwise noted) from 6:30-8:30pm. Junior High students also meet weekly for Sunday School (SEARCH) from 9:45-10:45 am.

The High School students will be participating in an exciting event very soon entitled, "Famine to Feast". They will be preparing meals for the Homeless and then hand delivering them in LOVE Park Philadelphia. Afterwards they will continue to fast until a feast is prepared in celebration of love and service. This is an overnight retreat event focused on Service, Poverty, and Christ's eternal Love. It is our third overnight retreat since September and attendance continues to grow!

If you are interested in any Youth Happenings or would like to attend, please see the Trinity Website and the Youth Activities Section for our schedule, announcements, and other information. We would love for you to join us at anytime as we continue to grow as Disciples of Christ!

God Bless,
Kelly Rupprecht J

Pictures from the Annual Craft and Christmas Treasures Sale!

A special thank you to everyone for making this year a great success!

- Cheryl, Leslie & Barbara



We're changing the way we pray.....

Well not exactly but we are changing the way we handle prayer requests. There are several reasons for the changes.

1. Many people who put people on the prayer list do not follow up on their prayer requests; so maintaining the prayer list has become a time consuming administrative nightmare. For example, recently when we called inquiring about one of the non-members on the list we learned that they had been dead for two months.

2. Presently the prayers are only for the sick, those in the military and the dying. We would like to allow for prayers for other concerns (example: Please pray for Jimmy who is going to sleep away camp for the first time or please pray for Tom Jones at his retirement after 50 years at Acme) and for prayers of thanksgiving. (For instance, David and Anne Canan give thanks for 23 years of marriage)

3. The Prayers of the People are intended to be the prayers of the gathered people at worship that day. We want to provide a way for the concerns and thanksgivings on the hearts and minds of the worshippers in church on Sunday to be voiced on that Sunday.

We want a process that will result in a requested prayers being prayed for every day for one month.



Prayers of the People

A podium will put at the entrance to the church. On that podium will be a sheet of paper on which worshippers coming to church that morning can make their prayer requests. There will be a section for prayers for the sick, a section for those who have died, and section for other needs, and a section for thanksgivings. The person doing the prayers of the people will posted at the sign in podium to answer questions, to clarify pronunciations, decipher handwriting, This person will carry that list to the lectern and pray from it on that morning. That list will be only for that Sunday.

Prayer Request Cards

Our goal here is to help people pray DAILY for the prayer needs of the parish. Prayer request cards will be on the pew shelves and in the chapel. If you would like someone to pray for any need or concern or to offer thanksgiving on your behalf every day for a month, complete one of the prayer request cards. The Daughters of the King and any others who would like to be part of this daily prayer ministry will be given these cards and they will pray daily for one month. At the end of a month a new prayer request will need to be completed. This will be useful for keeping the one praying informed about the need.

If you are not a member of the Daughters of the King, and would like to share in this ministry of prayer, please let the Rector know.

Urgent and Emergency Prayer

There are clearly times when prayers are urgently needed and its, not Sunday and you can't get to church. Please call the church office or email the office with these prayer requests. The requests will be immediately forwarded to the Daughters of the King and the other people committed to this prayer ministry.

Healing Prayers for Ourselves or Others

Anointing and the laying on of hands for healing for ourselves or for others are offered at almost every service at Trinity Church. The Wednesday 9 a.m. Eucharist and the Thursday 6:30 p.m. Eucharist are Healing services intended for that purpose. Sunday at 8 a.m. individuals remain at altar rail and the celebrant comes by again anointing and praying for healing. At the 10 a.m. service, a prayer team is in the chapel and those wishing prayer go to the chapel for prayer after they receive communion. As the 5 p.m. service evolves the ways we handle prayers are changing and evolving. Presently attendees name the prayer needs at the appropriate time in the service.

IT'S TIME AGAIN TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH INTERFAITH !!!



During the month of April, we will again be welcoming up to three families to be sheltered and fed here at Trinity church. We have excellent facilities including a shower room and a large parish hall that can be partitioned into separate rooms. What we especially need is the support of the whole parish. Here are the main ways you can help:

Supper volunteers - Prepare a simple meal at home. Bring it with your family and share the meal together with the IHN families. Supper is served at 6 PM and you can leave by 8 PM, or as soon as the overnight volunteer arrives. The IHN families will set the table, serve their children, and clean up afterward.

Overnight volunteers - Arrive at 7:30 or 8 PM and stay until families leave by 8 AM. Two cots are provided, but bring your own bedding.

Transportation volunteers - This depends on the needs of the families, but usually involves taking children to daycare or school or adults to work if they have no transportation. The morning run is usually at 8 AM and the evening run at 5 or 5:30 PM.

Childcare volunteers - Childcare is needed on Tuesday evening from about 6:45 PM to 8 PM for the families weekly meeting. There may be additional times.

Linen laundry - Families sheets are laundered once a week.

Shoppers - To make the weekly grocery purchases.



This is a huge but important commitment for Trinity and a real necessity for the families we partner with. We look forward to your support!

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A New Way of Ordering Alter Flowers

A chart and schedule for altar flowers was placed on the sign up sheet in the narthex. Members who would like to place flowers on the altar on a given Sunday will sign their name and phone number on the Sundays for which they would like to have flowers. Spots are filling fast! The cost of altar flowers is \$50. The beautiful large arrangements are lovingly created by Trinity's Jimmy Hayden. Those who order the flowers are responsible for making the check out to Trinity Church, memo: altar flowers, on the Sunday the flowers are on the altar.



When the Sunday you have requested approaches, Evelyn Carpenter our flower coordinator will call for memorial or thanksgiving information. She will order the flowers through Jimmy and arrange for them to be delivered to hospitalized or homebound members.

As usual, flowers for Christmas and Easter will be ordered through special order envelopes at the holiday time.

Christmas Pageant 2006

St Nicholas Came To Trinity

This year for our annual Pageant, we were visited by none other, than St Nicholas himself. And what a delightful entourage he brought with him. A narrator to help him tell his story, angels big and small, shepherds galore, wise men, wonderful voices and music and oh yes a very special guest, Santa Claus himself. A good time was had by all.



Lent Schedule

Ash Wednesday, February 21:
6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Evenings in Lent

6:30 p.m. Light Pot Luck Supper for all Ages in the Parish Hall

7:00 p.m. To 8 p.m. Learning or Service Opportunities

8:00 to 8:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross in the Church

Sunday Evenings in Lent

Stay after the 5 p.m. Come As You Are Service and participate in a discussion group!
Questions of Faith

Holy Week Palm Sunday Services 5:00 pm—Palm Sunday Liturgy

WORSHIP AT TRINITY

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

on Sundays

9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays

6:30 p.m. on Thursdays

See calendar inside for additional service times

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Transfers in:

Linda Wagner on December 1, 2006 from St. Paul's, Elkins Park, PA

Russell T. Tschopp on December 5, 2006 from Conshohocken United Methodist Church.

Jessica Lee Mellom on December 14, 2006 from St. Paul's Piney Parish, Waldorf, MD

LaTanya & Derrick Barkley on December 15, 2006 from St. Paul's, Elkins Park, PA

Frederic C. Wheeler, III on December 19, 2006 from St. David's, Wayne PA

James (Jay) Walton on December 24, 2006 from Emmanuel, Quakertown, PA

Helen Mirkil and Brian Peterson on January 11, 2007 from St. Dunstan's, Blue Bell, PA

Madeline Archibald on January 12, 2007 from Holy Trinity, Ocean City, NJ

Veronica Grogan on January 30, 2007 from Church of St. John, Kingsbridge, NY

Milestones

Transfer Out:

William Engle on January 26, 2007 to St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh

Baptisms:

Tara Eileen Orloski; Sydney Alexis Horne; and Jessica & Alexandra Staas on January 7, 2007.

Births:

Emelyn Rudalavage was born December 12, 2006

William Patrick Curlett was born on January 4, 2007