

# The Trinity Times

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SEPT. 2015

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2015

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2016

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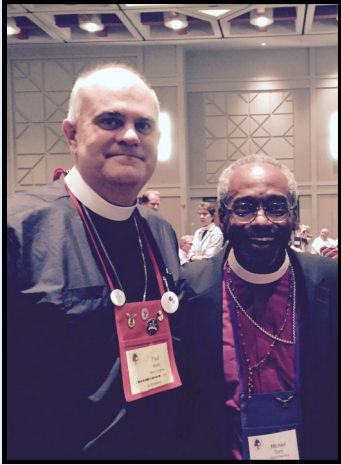
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Church picnic  
More photos inside





## GENERAL CONVENTION 2015 WRAP-UP

by Fr. Paul Hicks

The 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church USA was held in Salt Lake City, Utah, from June 23rd through July 3, 2015. During the General Convention the church meets once every three years to take care of the business of the church. Once every nine years it meets to elect a new presiding Bishop, which was accomplished at the 2015 General Convention.

But, it is also a time for the church to get together and worship. There are Eucharistic services each morning and just a general feeling of fellowship throughout the convention as people from all walks of life and geographic areas come together to be the Episcopal Church.

This was my second convention. The first, three years ago, I left the sweltering heat and no electricity caused by the Derecho, and drove to Indianapolis, Indiana, which was just as hot, but at least had electricity. And now, for this convention, I flew to Salt Lake City, which was supposed to have a median temperature of 85° and no humidity, and experienced the hottest two weeks in some residents' memory. The lowest temperature, I believe, was around 98°, with several days over 100°. However, I at least got to fly over the Rockies, which were still snow-capped.

As I stated earlier, the Episcopal Church elected its new presiding Bishop. North Carolina's Bishop Michael Curry was elected to be the 27th presiding Bishop. The House of Bishops elected Curry, 62, from a slate of four nominees on the first ballot. He received 129 of a total 174 cast. Bishop Curry's election was confirmed an hour later by the House of Deputies as outlined in the church's canons, by a vote of 800 to 12.

- **Budget.** The General Convention adopted the 2016-2018 triennial budget, which emphasizes racial reconciliation and evangelism. It is based, in part, on asking the church's Diocese and regional mission areas to give 18% of their income to fund the 2016 budget, 16.5% for the 2017 budget, and 15% for the 2018 budget.
- **Mandatory Assessment.** The General Convention made mandatory the current voluntary Diocesan budgetary asking system for the 2019-2021 budget cycle and imposes penalties for non-compliance. The Diocese that does not pay its full assessment will be unable to get grants or loans, unless the executive council specifically approves dispersing the money.
- **Divest from Fossil Fuels.** The General Convention passed two resolutions aimed at environmentally responsible investing in creating a climate change advisory committee. This calls upon the executive council to divest from fossil fuel companies and reinvest in clean renewable energy in a fiscally responsible manner.

- **Major Structural Changes.** The General Convention approved two resolutions making major changes to the structure of the Episcopal Church. One resolution slightly expands the executive council's appointment power concerning the members of the executive staff, including the chief operating officer, chief financial officer and chief legal officer. The other resolution reduces the number of church standing commissions from fourteen to two.
- **Marriage Equality.** In the wake of the June 26th U.S. Supreme Court ruling legalizing same sex marriage, General Convention followed suit with Canonical and Liturgical changes provide marriage equality for Episcopalians. The House of Deputies concurred with the House of Bishop's approval for Canonical change eliminating language defining marriage as between a man and a woman and authorizing two new marriage rites with language allowing them to be used by same sex or opposite sex couples.
- **Plans to be created for Prayer Book and Hymnal revision.** The General Convention of 2015 took a step towards revising the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal of 1982, directing the standing commission on Liturgy and Music to prepare plans for revising each and to present them to the next convention in Austin, Texas, in 2018. Among other liturgical issues, the Convention directs the Bishops to find ways for congregations without clergy to receive communion, but the House of Bishops defeated proposals to allow un-baptized people to receive Holy Communion or to study the issue.
- **Closer relations with Cuba.** The Episcopal Church took a step towards closer relations with the Episcopal Church of Cuba. And Convention also passed a resolution calling for the U.S. Government to lift its economic embargo against Cuba.

The Convention takes a first step and admits: alcohol affects us all. General Convention passed three resolutions on the issue of alcohol and drug abuse. The first recommends that ordinands should be questioned at the very beginning of the discernment process about addictions and substance use in their lives and their families systems. The second resolution acknowledges the church's role in the culture of alcohol and drug abuse. And third, creates a task force to review and revise policy on substance abuse, addiction, and recovery.

These are just a few of the resolutions passed out of the substantial legislative activity that the General Convention faces each time it meets. If you have any questions, I will be happy to try to address additional comments towards these resolutions I have mentioned or to others that you may have heard about and want to know more.

In conclusion, I thank this Parish and the Diocese of West Virginia for entrusting me to be one of their delegates to Convention.

*Fr. Paul Hicks*

SCENES  
FROM  
THE CHURCH PICNIC  
AUGUST 2



# SEPTEMBER 2015

## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast 10:00am-Book marking 6:00pm-Blenn. Stamp Soc.	2 10:00am-Book marking 11:00am-Food Closet	3 10:00am-Bible Study, Book marking 11:00am-Knitters, Food Closet	4	5 9:00am-1st Saturday breakfast @ Redwood 8:00pm-AA
6 8:00 am—Eucharist 9:15-Choir Reh. <b>Pentecost 15</b> 10:15-Sunday School 10:30-Eucharist	7 11:00am - Feeding Program <b>Labor Day</b> <b>Office closed</b>	8 8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast 10:00am-Book marking 6:30pm-Actors Guild (Tr.Hall)	9 10:00am-Book marking 11:00am-Food Closet 6:30pm-Actors Guild (Tr. Hall)	10 10:00am-Bible Study, Book marking 11:00am-Food Closet	11	12 8:00pm-AA
13 8:00 am—Eucharist 9:15-Choir Reh. <b>Pentecost 16</b> 10:15-Sunday School 10:30-Eucharist 11:45-Coffee Hour Conversation	14 11:00am - Feeding Program	15 8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast 10:00am-Book marking	16 10:00am-Book marking 11:00am-Food Closet	17 10:00am-Bible Study, Book marking 11:00am-Food Closet 6:00pm-Blenn. Stamp Soc.	18	19 10:00am-MOT monthly mtg. 8:00pm-AA
20 8:00 am—Eucharist 9:15-Choir Reh. <b>Discretionary Sunday</b> <b>Pentecost 17</b> 10:15-Sunday School 10:30-Eucharist <b>"Times" deadline</b>	21 11:00am - Feeding Program 6:00pm-Finance 6:30pm-Vestry	22 8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast 10:00am-Book marking	23 10:00am-Book marking 11:00am-Food Closet	24 10:00am-Bible Study, Book marking 11:00am-Food Closet	25	26 8:00pm-AA
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### BIRTHDAYS

1. Owen Bookman  
2. Lynn Fury-Prather  
3. Michael Rauh

5. Terry Cauthorn  
6. Hanna Darnell  
7. Linda Dowling  
10. Roger Sellers

Troy Westfall  
Derek Parsons  
11. Tom Gyongyosi  
Julie Matheny

12. Forbes Hiehle  
13. Nikolas Cameron  
14. Bob Newman  
16. Stephanie Yates

17. Steven T. Stanley  
18. Lynette Neilson  
19. Linda Ingraham  
Emily McGee

### ANNIVERSARIES

16. Susan & Dr. Steve Stanley  
18. Sarah & Paul Bennett  
19. Mary & Dick Bonnet

## Book Sale Outreach



*More Book Sale Thank You Notes - We have received two more notes from those receiving Book Sale funds.*

**The Relay for Life Team of Trinity** would like to thank our ECW for their monetary support in our fight against cancer. Most of us have been touched by this disease - self, family, or friends and we look forward to the day when we have found cures for all types of cancer.

Susie Fitcher, Team Captain

**Children's Home Society of West Virginia** - On behalf of the Children's Home Society of West Virginia and the children and families we care for, we would like to extend our appreciation and thanks for your contribution. The CHS has been serving children and families for over 118 years. Today we have 13 locations and provide adoption, foster care, and emergency child shelter care statewide. Last year, we cared for over 13,000 children. Although many children are abused and neglected each day, we strive to promote the well-being of all children.

Mary A White, Director of Marketing and Development

*Isn't it a wonderful thing that we do here at Trinity.....providing support to all of these wonderful organizations. Please do what you can to make this year's book sale another outstanding success.*

*Paula Sellers, Secretary of Trinity ECW*

## Trinity by the numbers July

<b>Sunday worship attendance:</b>	<b>Food closet:</b> <u>5 families, for a total of 8 people</u>
<u>8:00~10:30</u>	
<u>July 5. 1: 13~45 (total 58)</u>	<b>Rector's Discretionary Fund:</b>
<u>July 12: 17~71 (total 88)</u>	<u>Assistance with: Pharmacy—9,</u>
<u>July 19: 15~49 (total 64)</u>	<u>Bus passes—61, Monthly bus passes—3, WV ID card—1 Misc.—1</u>
<u>July 26: 24~60 (total 84)</u>	<b>Crisis Intervention Assistance with:</b>
<u>Average July 2015—74</u>	<u>7 electric bills, 5 gas bills, 1 water bill (all \$30 ea.)</u>
<u>Average July 2014—88</u>	

## Trinity Outreach Programs

Monthly Outreach Envelopes

September – Trinity Food Closet  
October – Thanksgiving Outreach  
November – Christmas Outreach

## Coffee hour Conversation



Sunday,  
September 13 @ 11:45

Led by  
our Jr. and Sr. Wardens,  
Mike Rauh & Dan Thomas  
with all the latest  
information about our  
Rector search and our  
building projects

## ST. ANNE'S GUILD

After its summer recess, St. Anne's Guild will meet on Tuesday, September 15, at the home of Ann Bailey on River Road in Vienna at 1:30. Current—and interested potential new—members welcome! All women of the church are invited.



## MONDAY FEEDING PROGRAM

In the month of July we served 437 meals, with a total of 53 helpers. "We really appreciate all our helpers," said program chairman Connie Warren, "and I would especially like to thank Pam Parsons who helps with everything, including the cooking. We would like to thank Forbes Hiehle for donating coffee and a big thanks to the church for the donated meat left over from the church picnic. We were able to get two meals out of the meat – a pork barbecue sandwich the first week and a pork soup the second week. Our clients said both were delicious!"



### Notes from the Senior Warden

I'd like to thank Father David Ruppe of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Marietta, for supporting our service as our guest celebrant August 16. It's great to have continued coverage, as we work through this transition.

Bishop Klusmeyer attended the August Vestry Meeting. Bottom-line: The search continues. Bishop Klusmeyer has several potential candidates and is working through that list, with candidates from within and outside the diocese. This is a continued process and we should be prepared for interim coverage for the foreseeable future. I will be working with Father Hicks and Father Bennett to extend out their coverage. It was a good opportunity for the Trustees and Vestry Members to ask questions and get direct feedback, along with giving Bishop Klusmeyer our concerns as we look for our new rector.

Budget: we continue in the black.

The roof repair continues. A crane will be brought in to lift the air conditioning unit. This will allow for the kitchen's flat roof to be completed. The asbestos has been removed. The painting and plaster repair has been delayed by approximately 3 weeks; we should see them in Mid-October.

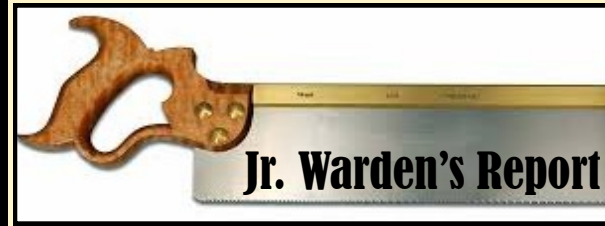
I'd also like to thank the Men's Group and everyone who supported the Church Picnic.  
*Michael Rauh, Senior Warden*



*Thank You So Very Much - The comfort I received from my Trinity family was the support I needed at the time of my brother Gary's death. The food, cards, visits and letters are kindnesses that I will always remember.*

*Thank you from the bottom of my heart.*

*Paula Sellers*



### Our seemingly neverending roofing project at Trinity Church.....

At long last, the roofing job is in full swing. As you may or may not know, our roofing contractor discovered asbestos paper under the shingles on the roof of Trinity Hall and the long connecting roof which covers the walkway and the Memorial Room. After taking three core samples, it was determined by a lab in Putnam County that asbestos was indeed present under the oldest layer of shingles. A local company certified for asbestos abatement was hired to remove the shingles and asbestos paper from the roofs. The materials were then disposed of in a landfill located in Logan, Ohio due to the fact that no other approved landfill is located in our immediate area. Thankfully, the roofing company resumed the replacement of the shingles. According to Pete Higgs, our roofing contractor, the work should be completed in approximately three weeks (dating from August 10). Fortunately, weather conditions have been pretty good during most of this long winded process! We did experience a really hard rain which invaded some of the building due to the fact that as of this writing, the new gutters have not been installed. As soon as the shingles, guttering and trim pieces have been applied, work will begin in earnest to replace the rubber coverings on the adjacent flat roofs. On behalf of the vestry, many thanks for your patience with this protracted process. We expect that the painting of the nave will be much less troublesome in comparison. After the roofing has been replaced, the kitchen will receive a new ceiling and a cosmetic renovation. Due to leaks, there are several ceiling tiles in other portions of the church which will either be sealed and painted or replaced and painted. Finally, the roofing company will address a leak in the roof of the education building and a leak which is allowing water to run down the right hand inside wall of Trevor Chapel. A boom truck will be brought to the church in order to access the outside of the bell tower next to roof of the nave. It appears that there is a leak in the flashing between the roof and the bell tower! Hopefully, the report next month will reflect the completion of our roofing adventure. Until next time.....

Dan Thomas, Junior Warden

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*Welcome the newest  
member of our Trinity  
family:*

*Elizabeth Grace Monek*

*Daughter of Trinity's  
Choirmaster*

*Dr. Dan Monek and wife*

*Lindsey Green Monek*

*born*

*11:53pm August 24*

*6lbs 13oz, 19.75 in long*

