

The Trinity Times

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A Word From Your Priest



It is back to school time. In addition to our kids going back to school, and along with our new Director of Religious Education (DRE), we turn our focus to our Sunday School as well.

The first major change I am excited to announce is the moving of the time for Sunday School back to 9:15 a.m. This is something I have thought and prayed about for a long time and is being done is consultation with

our DRE and the Vestry. I am sure most of you will recall Sunday School was previously between the services. (This has the added benefit of not having to change our sign out front) In all seriousness, I do want to take this opportunity to explain the reasoning behind the change.

We should have two primary focuses for our youth here at Trinity. The first is their formation as Christians and the second is their preparation for joining us in our Worship service. Sunday School is the primary source for both of these.

In regard to formation, everyone needs this, but especially our kids. Formation is the process by which we train our children (and ourselves) to be better educated and mature Christians. This training should include, at a minimum, scripture, prayer, and study of the Episcopal Church traditions. This is primarily accomplished through the curriculum of Sunday School classes.

The other goal is to have our kids join us in our worship service as soon as they are old enough to do so. I realize this maybe slightly different ages for each kid. Parents help to make this decision. But generally speaking if they are old enough to be acolytes, they are old enough to sit through church.

This is important, because we need to teach them that the whole service of Holy Eucharist is designed to bring us to the point of receiving the body and blood of Jesus Christ. The scripture, the homily, the prayers, the confession, the Nicene Creed and the Eucharistic Prayer are all necessary preparation for us to receive communion. We need to prepare our kids for this. They need to understand and be a part of the Church service as soon as they are able

In order to accomplish these goals we need to move Sunday School to a time that allows for both Sunday School attendance and Church attendance for our kids. By having Sunday School at 9:15, all kids (and adults too) can attend Sunday School and then the kids and adults can be in Church together as a family. For the youngest of the kids that are still too young to sit through church, nursery services will be provided which will also include a “Children’s Church” activity that will help prepare them to join us in “Big Church” when they are ready.

We will keep you informed as to the timing of the change and we welcome your thoughts and ideas. We hope to implement the change as soon as possible. We are looking at curriculum as we speak. One of the choices follows the lectionary and can be used for all ages, including adults, so that the whole family is studying the same thing and can foster discussions at home. We will also need to identify additional teachers as we determine how many classes we will need to accommodate the different age groups. Please pray for the process and if you are led to participate, please let Tiffany or I know.

Next, I am not unsympathetic to those parents that are thinking they will need to get the kids ready and dropped off by 9:15 and then back to church by 10:30. First, let me invite you to Adult Education. It has been growing and we will likely outgrow our space in the conference room soon and will need to move to Trinity Hall. But that is a good thing.

The other idea I am willing to entertain (my wife’s idea really) is to offer a “Coffee Talk” time. We could purchase a Keurig or Cappuccino machine and offer a coffee shop setting during the Sunday School time. I would love to have a Barista volunteer to run this shop. Watch for more news to come.

Before I sign off, I just want to offer a quick reminder about our Organ Repair Fund drive. The work is to start on September 12, 2016. The estimated cost on this project is \$25,000. As I said this is a project that must be done, but certainly was not in the budget. So, we have teamed up with an individual that is willing to match dollar for dollar contributions for this project up to one half of the project. This matching opportunity can be a real boost on raising the funds needed. The matching means that if you contribute \$25 it becomes \$50; \$100 become \$200; \$500 becomes \$1,000; and \$1,000 becomes \$2,000 ... well, you get the picture. If you are willing to contribute to this endeavor, all you need to do is write a check and note on the check it is for the Organ and drop it in the offering plate or at the Church. I am confident we can raise the money.

We have a lot of exciting things happening. Please, come and be a part of what God is doing here at Trinity, and as always, bring a friend.

God bless you one and all,
Father Paul



**SCENES
FROM
THE CHURCH PICNIC
AUGUST 7**



Sorry there are no photos of our hard working chefs-Chuck Guyer and Jim Batten. The burgers and hot dogs were delicious!!

SEPTEMBER 2016

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00am-Bible Study 11:00am-Knitters, Food Closet.	2	3 9:00am-1st Saturday breakfast @ Redwood, Belpre 8:00pm-AA
← <i>Fr. Paul away</i> →						
4 Pentecost 16 8:00 am—Eucharist 10:15-Sunday School 10:30-Eucharist	5 11:00am - Feeding Program, Clothes Closet Labor Day-Office closed	6 8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast 6:00pm-Blenn. Stamp Soc.	7 10:00am-Book sorting 11:00am-Food Closet 12:15-Holy Eucharist, Healing 5:30pm-Actors Guild-conf. rm.	8 10:00am-Bible Study 11:00am-Food Closet.	9	10 8:00pm-AA
← <i>Fr. Paul away for Continuing Education 9/2-9/11</i> →						
11 Pentecost 17 8:00 am—Eucharist 10:15-Sunday School 10:30-Eucharist	12 11:00am - Feeding Program, Clothes Closet ← <i>Organ cleaning and repair 9/12-16</i> →	13 8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast	14 10:00am-book sorting 11:00am-Food Closet 12:15-Holy Euch. & Healing 7:00pm-Choir rehearsal	15 10:00am-Bible Study 11:00am-Food Closet 6:00pm-Blenn. Stamp Soc.	16 6:30pm-Supper Club @Colombo's, hosted by Lynn & Denny Prather	17 9:00am-book sorting 8:00pm-AA
18 Pentecost 18 8:00 am—Eucharist 9:15-Adult Ed., Choir reh. Discretionary Sunday	19 11:00am - Feeding Program, Clothes Closet 6:00pm-Finance 6:30pm-Vestry	20 8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast 1:30pm-St. Anne's @ Ann Bailey's 5:00pm-book sorting "Times" deadline	21 10:00am-book sorting 11:00am-Food Closet 12:15-Holy Eucharist & Healing 5:00pm-book sorting	22 10:00am-Bible Study 11:00am-Food Closet.	23	24 9:00am-book sorting 8:00pm-AA
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BIRTHDAYS

- Owen Bookman
- Lynn Fury-Prather
- Michael Rauh

- Terry Cauthorn
- Hanna Darnell
- Linda Dowling
- Roger Sellers

- Troy Westfall
- Derek Parsons
- Tom Gyongyosi
- Julie Matheny

- Forbes Hiehle
- Nikolas Cameron
- Bob Newman
- Stephanie Yates

- Steven T. Stanley
- Lynette Neilson
- Linda Ingraham
- Emily McGee

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- Sarah & Paul Bennett
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Episcopal 101 Confirmation Class

It is back to school time in our community. And I also want to make you aware of an opportunity here at Trinity to learn more about your faith and the traditions of the Episcopal Church. I am talking about Confirmation Class! Bishop Klusmeyer will be visiting our Church on November 20, 2016. The Bishop's visit is the traditional time for our youth to be confirmed in the Church.

The Book of Common prayer states "In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop." This service is known as Confirmation.

In order to prepare someone for confirmation, the Priest is to ensure that they are educated through confirmation classes. Each Priest prepares a curriculum for these classes and then instructs those individuals who are seeking Confirmation. I will be preparing the curriculum for the confirmation classes during my continuing education week scheduled for the first full week of September. The classes will cover such topics as Bible History; What It Means to Be Confirmed; the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and Services; Structure of the Church; the Catechism From the BCP; and the Responsibilities of Christians. Classes will start on October 2 and run for six weeks. We will meet for about an hour and a half each Sunday afternoon.

But Confirmation classes are not just for our youth. The BCP also says "those adults baptized as adults, unless Baptized with laying on of hands by a bishop, are also expected to make a public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of Baptism in the presence of a bishop and to receive the laying on of hands." So if you were baptized in another denomination and wish to join the Episcopal Church, you can also attend the Confirmation Classes and be confirmed by the Bishop in November. Adults who were baptized in another denomination, who also had the laying on of hands by a bishop, that now wish to join the Episcopal Church, can also be "received" into the Episcopal Church by the Bishop in November. Finally, the Confirmation service also allows for individuals who desire to re-affirm their baptismal vows during the service as well.

So, you can see anyone can benefit by coming to the confirmation class. Even if you just want to know more about the Episcopal Church without being confirmed, received or reaffirmed, you are welcome to attend the Confirmation Classes. The first step is just to let Susie or me know that you are interested and will be planning to attend starting on October 2nd. Meanwhile, I will get the course ready and look forward to seeing as many of you who would like to come to participate in our classes. If anyone, including parents, have any further questions; please do not hesitate to ask me.

Thank you and God bless! Fr. Paul

St. Anne's Guild will kick off its new season on Tuesday, September 20th at the home of Ann Bailey in Vienna. The meeting will begin at 1:30 and feature a distinguished surprise speaker and, - of course - warm fellowship.

Trinity Outreach Programs

Monthly Outreach Envelopes

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

Family MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, Sept. 18

Pizza served at 5:45

Movie will begin about 6:00

Popcorn and pizza will be furnished; you are encouraged to bring your favorite movie snack to share if you like.

Jennifer GARNER Kylie ROGERS Martin HENDERSON Eugenio DERBEZ Queen LATIFAH

MIRACLES from HEAVEN



Congratulations!!



Our newest Trinitarian:

Fletcher Joseph Parsons
Son of Olivia & Andrew Parsons,
born August 3 at 12:45pm,
8 lbs., 9 oz., 20" long.

Address change from Lynette Neilson:
(the post office has added another line to her address, so please note the change)

1048 W. Baltimore Park 311J
311 Jamestown
Media, PA 19063-2805

From Lynette: "Tell everyone I said Hello and that I really miss being at Trinity!"



Choir News

As of press time, no replacement has been hired for former Choirmaster Dr. Daniel Monek, who moved to North Carolina. Interim plans are for the choir to be directed on a monthly basis by Cathy Martin, Barbara Full, and other as-yet-to-be-named individuals. The Choral Scholars Program will continue, with plans to maintain the connection with the Marietta College Concert Choir.

Cathy and Barbara would love to have more Trinitarians in the choir. Cathy said, "It is wonderful to have the college singers, but since they are only available during the college terms, having more parishioners would allow the choir to provide music for more worship services throughout the entire year." Barbara added, "We want to maintain the high choral standards set by Dr. Monek during his time with us, but we know some of you are good singers-we hear you as we walk by during the processionals." Cathy said, "We are more than happy to help with any extra rehearsal necessary, so please, join us in this fun and important group!"

The first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 pm and the first service with Choir will be Sunday, September 18.



MONDAY FEEDING PROGRAM

In the month of July we served 433 meals, with 51 volunteers. Program chairman Connie Warren says, "I really appreciate everyone who volunteers each week. We especially liked having Isabella Deem as our helper. You are a good hard worker!" She continues, "Chuck, Jim, and I would like to thank Pam Parsons for helping us cook on Saturdays and Sundays as we prepare for the Monday meal."

Trinity by the numbers July

Sunday worship attendance:

8:00~10:30

July 3: 17~77 (total 94)

July 10: 25~61 (total 86)

July 17: 28~60 (total 88)

July 24: 17~58 (total 75)

July 31: 28~65 (total 93)

Average July 2016—87

Average July 2015—74

Food closet: 30 adults, 7 children

Clothes Closet: 26 people

Crisis Intervention: Assistance with : 7 electric bills, 5 water bills, 1 gas bill (all \$30 ea.)

July Outreach Collection: \$187 (companion Diocese -Columbia)



From the Organ Bench

by Allan Zipf

Help Keep Our Organ Tuneful!

While everyone agrees the plaster job has enhanced our worship space, the dust from this job has not been kind to our organ. The pipes have been covered, inside and out, with a coating of plaster dust, and this affects the tuning of the organ. While it's still humid, the humidity has mixed with the dust to form a gummy residue. When the temperatures cool, it only stands to reason that this mixture will harden, and this will affect the tuning. The sound of organ pipes is determined by the materials used to make the pipes and by the thickness of that material. If the plaster mixture hardens on the metal pipes, it will make the pipe thicker in places and affect the sound of that pipe and the tuning. Already the organ is badly out of tune; I keep changing the stops I use each week, depending on which are the most out of tune. The plaster may have made the cleaning necessary right away, but we were facing having the organ pipes cleaned in the next year or two, anyway. Organs are delicate instruments, and regular maintenance, including a complete cleaning, is necessary for the longevity of the instrument. If a church takes care of its organ, it will provide years of service, as do organs in Europe that are 300 or 400 years old. We are blessed to have an individual who has volunteered to match half the cost of this cleaning, which is not in the budget. I hope you'll pray about this and help with the cost.

Remember: each contribution is matched, dollar-for-dollar.



Vestry Highlights from August:

- Donations for cleaning the organ have reached \$7,000 at the time of the Vestry meeting.
- The possibility of rotating locations for future Church picnics was discussed.
- The idea of changing the time for Sunday school back to 9:30 was discussed.
- Fr. Hicks announced that a speaker has been installed in Trinity Hall.

Submitted by Carol Payne, Registrar

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