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The Mission of Trinity Episcopal Church is to seek and share the love of God made known through Jesus Christ with all people through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



Thanksgiving
Covered
Dish
Dinner
Sunday,
Nov. 18
@6:00pm

Good food and good fellowship with your church family.
Watch for more details in the weekly news and bulletins.

Trinity's 63rd annual BOOK SALE NOV. 5-10

THE STAFF

The Very Rev'd Larry Jackson, Rector
The Rev'd Joshua Saxe, Curate
The Rev'd Paul L. Hicks, Pastoral Associate
The Rev'd Jack Neilson, Pastoral Associate

NOV. 2012

THE VESTRY 2012

Jennifer Currey, Paul Miller
Denny Prather, Larry Tucker
2013
Jim Batten, Barbara Full
Joe Handlan, Dave Westfall

Dr. Daniel Monek, Choirmaster
Ann Bailey, Assoc. Organist
Susie Fitcher, Administrator
Cathy Dawson, Sexton
TREASURERS
Susie Fitcher, Bev Hicks

2014

Ann Bailey, Kim Couch
Rob Parrish, Michael Rauh
TRUSTEES
Michael Matheny
Chad Mildren
Larry Tucker
TIMES EDITOR Barbara Full

CURATE'S

ORNER



Stewardship (Definition)

Traditional:

The responsible overseeing and protection of something considered worth caring for and preserving (i.e. the church, along with its ministries and programs) through a means of financial support and/or commitment of time.

Modern:

That thing that happens a few weeks every year where the church shakes us down for more of our hard earned money.

It's that time of year again, where your church leaders are busy preparing our budget for the 2013 calendar year. This is an important process, as our budget makes your leaders look closely at the work we go about doing in the community and beyond. The budget, however, does not define us as a church. We are defined by where we direct our energy and resources in the continual work we do in Christ's name. In order for us to continue that work we need your prayerful consideration to support the church through a variety of ways.

You will soon (if you haven't already) be hearing a lot more about our Stewardship Campaign and it is my hope that you'll be open to listening to what is said or written. The theme which Scott Ramsay, our Stewardship Chair, and the Stewardship Committee have been working with comes from what most of us hear every Sunday- "*Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow*". The Annual Giving drive is an opportunity for each of us to thank God and bless our community with offerings and pledges through a combination of our time and energy, monetary contributions, and a sharing of our abundant gifts and talents.

Our work in Christ's name as Trinitarians is only as effective as our commitment to Trinity and each other. I hope and pray that the relationships built and nurtured inside and outside our walls continually bless you as we go about our mission and ministry, that our work here on Juliana Street continues to be important to you and excites you, and that the Spirit empowers you to continually open your hearts to the needs of this church and the community.

Fr. Josh



MONDAY FEEDING PROGRAM

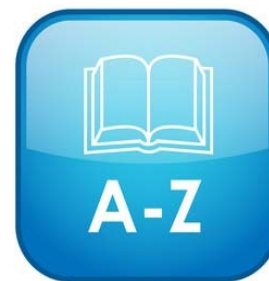
The Monday Feeding Program continues its important work thanks to a faithful number of volunteers who show up each week. Help is always needed, in the form of helping with the meal preparation and serving or by donating menu items or money for this outreach activity, so essential to the needy people in our area. Specific ingredients for the menus below may be found on the bulletin board in Trinity Hall:

November 4: PB&J Sandwiches, chips (held at St. X)

November 11: Hillbilly Casserole & Garden Salad

November 18: Hot Dogs, Sauce and Slaw

November 25: Turkey Dinner



DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Changes are being considered for the church directory. Many parishioners have only their home phone or land line listed in the directory; many have eliminated their land lines and only use cell phones so it often isn't easy to reach other parishioners. Email addresses are also a very helpful way to reach other Trinitarians. None of these changes are mandatory, but if you would like to make some changes to your information, please send your updates (cells, email) to susie@trinity-church.org

Stories, suggestions, news, photos are always appreciated for The Trinity Times.

If you have anything to submit or suggest, please send it to:

editor@trinitytimes.com

Thanks!

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(a new feature where you can pose theological or religious questions to Fr. Josh)

Editor's note: Some questions are easier to answer than others. The question below was received quite recently and Fr. Josh wanted to devote a bit more time to his answer. In the mean time, he wanted the readers to take a look at it and also ponder it, looking forward to next month's reply.

The bible tells us to love one another (enemies included). What if, due to years of abusive behavior, and after the death of step parent, you can only bring yourself to forgive? He said he was sorry when he knew he was dying, but the damage to his wife and step children and children was still evident after his death, so much so, that I can only say I forgave him, but I am having trouble saying I loved him. Each time I hear or read that we should love, I go through an internal battle with it.



On October 21st members of our youth and families met with folks from Good Shepherd and First Lutheran to help with the renovations to the old Stork Bakery, which is being converted into a 90-bed homeless shelter. We're hoping this will be the first of many exciting opportunities for the groups to get together for activities and fellowship! The shelter project will be operated by a partnership with the Lynn Street Church of Christ and Not For Sale Ministries. Donations are being accepted to assist with the renovations and upkeep of the shelter. For more information you may contact Brenda Ridgeway, the mission coordinator, at 304-893-9460.

Have you ever wondered what's behind the 'pipes' in the front of the church? And are you aware they are only for show and the real pipes are hidden? Here is a glimpse of what provides our glorious organ sounds, as shown during the recent organ renovation:



Trinity's 63rd annual BOOK SALE NOV. 5-10

Monday
9:00-8:00
Lunch
served
11:00-1:30

*Food for
Thought
Christmas Gift
Tables*

Tuesday
9:00-8:00
Lunch
served
11:00-1:30

*Food for
Thought
Christmas Gift
Tables*

Wednesday
9:00-8:00
Lunch
served
11:00-1:30

*Food for
Thought
Christmas Gift
Tables
(until sold out)*

Thursday
9:00-8:00
Lunch
served
11:00-1:30

*Half-price
day*

Friday
9:00-2:00
Half-price
day

Saturday
9:00-12:00
\$1 a bag
day

Please
help
support

Trinity's
largest
annual
event!



TITHE OF TIME AND TALENTS

As part of Trinity's annual stewardship campaign, the Clergy and Vestry have identified areas in which a giving of your time or talents can best help the church go about our mission and ministry to the Parkersburg community and beyond. We hope that you'll prayerfully consider giving some of your time and energy to Trinity Episcopal Church as part of your stewardship contributions for 2013. In addition to our current ministries like

the Monday Feeding Ministry or the Food Closet, we are praying for folks to fill in the ranks of the following areas:

Junior Warden's Workers

Assisting with small maintenance projects around the Church

Office Angels

Assisting with Bulletins & Newsletters,
Mailing, Printing, and General Office Assistance,
Bulletin Board Designing and Updating

St. Matthew's Guild

Assisting with counting the Sunday & Special Offering Collection

Youth Mentor

Help us by being a presence at youth meetings & events
Meet with Fr. Josh once a month to discuss programming & future activities

Children's Mentor

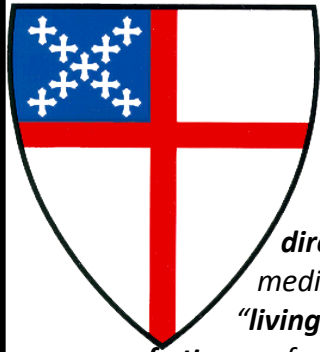
Help us by being a presence at Sunday School
Meet w/ Sunday School volunteers & clergy to discuss programming & activities

If, in your discernment of your annual giving, you feel you are able to give of your time and talents we ask that you return this form to the church, either by placing it in the offering plate during one of our services or by mailing it in to the office.

Yes! As part of my contribution to Trinity Episcopal Church I pledge part of my time and talents to the following areas of parish life:

Junior Warden's Workers _____ Office Angels _____
St. Matthew's Guild _____ Youth Mentor _____
Children's Mentor _____ Outreach Ministries _____

Name _____ Number _____ Email _____



HEALTH NEWS

The **Episcopal Church encourages** all adults to have an **advance directive**. An **advance directive** lets you say how you wish to be treated medically if you are no longer able to speak for yourself. It incorporates a **“living will** (what you would want done if you were dying) and a **“durable power of attorney for health care”** (what you would want done if you were in a non-fatal situation, but could not speak for yourself because of a coma or dementia, etc.)

Who should have an Advance Directive?

Anyone 18 or older. If you are young, you can be unconscious a very long time.

THE FIVE WISHES

1. Choosing a health care agent
2. Treatment you want or DO not want
3. How comfortable you want to be
4. How you wish people to treat you
5. What you want your loved ones to know

***LOVED ONES DO NOT HAVE TO GUESS WHAT YOU WANTED DONE OR NOT DONE.**

***FAMILY MEMBERS CAN WORK TOGETHER TO FULFILL YOUR WISHES INSTEAD OF FIGHTING FOR OPPOSING TREATMENTS**

(Above information provided by National Episcopal Health Ministries)

Five Wishes meets the legal requirements for an advance directive in 40 states and is used in all 50 states as an easy way to communicate preferences to family members and health care providers. *Five Wishes* is an advance directive, or living will, which helps people make important decisions that address their medical, personal, emotional and **spiritual** needs ahead of a health crisis. (**United Health Foundation and Aging with Dignity**)

Ecclesiastes 3:2 and 4... *a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to speak...*

Trinity by the Numbers September

Sunday worship attendance:

8:00~10:30

Sept. 2: 18~14 (total 32)

Sept. 9: 15~70 (total 85)

Sept. 16: 15~60 (total 75)

Sept. 23 :11~46 (total 57)

Sept. 30: 13~87 (total 100)

Average for Sept. 2012- 70

Average for Sept. 2011 - 88

Curate 's Discretionary

Fund

Pharmacy assistance-7,

Utility bills-6,

Local transportaiton-2

Medical appointment-1

Monday lunch:

89,125,127,172 (total 513)

Food closet

10 families, for a total of 13 people

Crisis Intervention

Assistance with :

6 electric bills,

8 water bills (all \$30 ea.)



Vestry Highlights for October

- Organ maintenance is complete.
- Organist, Richard Crist, has been invited to play for our services Nov. 18-Dec. 30.
- Recommendation that Trinity support the Deanery in hosting the 2013 Diocesan Convention in Flatwoods.
- The budget for 2013 is being prepared and must be approved at the December Vestry meeting.
- Discussion regarding goal setting for 2013 by the Vestry and Clergy is in progress.

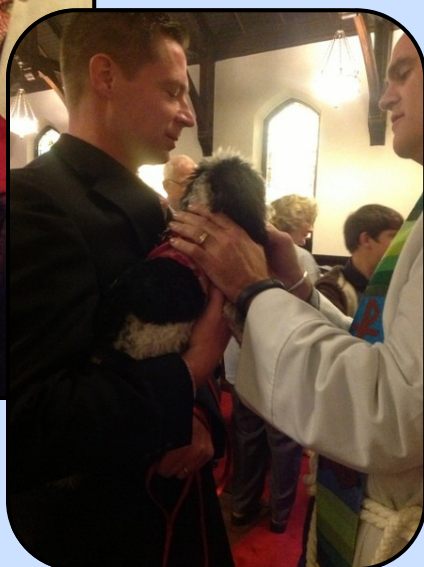
*Submitted by Sue Ellen Johnson,
Registrar*



UTO INGATHERING NOV. 18

Parishioners who have been participating in the 40 Days of Blessings United Thank Offering Drive should continue adding coins to their blue boxes each day as they thank God for the blessings He is providing us. We will gather all our donations for our blessings as part of our Sunday services November 18 and then bless others who are in need in our nation and around the world.

*Blessing of the Animals
October 7*



This is a picture of the beautiful flowers I received .They had been on Trinity's altar.

It meant a lot to me to be remembered. Thank you to the one who suggested they be given to me.

Marion Culbertson

Gentle Reminder

We're counting on you for your yummy donations to the "Food for Thought" table at the annual Trinity Parish BOOK SALE. Please bring your baked goods, soup, candy, meat loaves, 'dips', cheese balls or whatever you choose as early as possible Monday morning, Nov. 5. Someone will be in the Memorial Room from 8:00 am to receive them. The fresher the better!

If this is inconvenient, please bring your donation Sunday morning, Nov. 4, between 9:00 and noon. You are requested to mark on it "Food for Thought".

Please indicate a suggested price for your donation and wrap attractively. Candy and cookies are best presented in small packages.

St. Anne's Guild thanks you!

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

A solid cherry table, donated by an anonymous craftsman, has been donated to St. Anne's Guild for sale at the Christmas Presence area (the library) at the Book Sale. The table, valued at least \$200, will be raffled before and during the Book Sale, with tickets of \$1.00 ea. Tickets are available through Sue Palmer, Loretta McGregor or any St. Anne's Guild member.



**CHRISTMAS CONCERT
SMOOT THEATRE CHILDREN'S CHORUS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 4:00PM
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

ELEWANA FUN'D NIGHT

An evening of fun for a serious purpose was held October 3 in Trinity Hall. Organizer and auctioneer Paul Miller reported that \$2,000 was raised for The Elewana Project, an educational mission in Kenya. Many items were produced by parishioners and the bidding was competitive for items such as a fly rod, quilts, legal services, Hungarian pastry, an African crèche, belt buckles, candies, knitted items, jams and many more!



Supper Club—Nov. 16-6:30pm



All Trinity adults are invited to attend these monthly dinners, this month held at the home of Tom and Julie Gyongyosi. Please call Tom or Julie to tell them what you'll be bringing.

NOVEMBER 2012

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00am-Bible Study 11:00am-Food Closet	2 ← Book Sale Set-up → ←—Fr. Josh away—→	3 8:00pm-AA
4 PENTECOST 23, ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 8:00 am—Eucharist 9:00-Choir Rehearsal 9:15-Adult Ed. 10:15-Sunday School <i>Daylight Saving Time ends</i>	5 ←— B O O K —→	6 11:00am-Food Closet 6:00pm-Blenn. Stamp Soc.	7 11:00am-Food Closet 12:10pm-Eucharist	8 11:00am-Food Closet	9 ←—Diocesan High School Youth Retreat—→	10 8:00pm-AA
11 PENTECOST 24 8:00 am—Eucharist 9:00-Choir Rehearsal 9:15-Adult Ed. 10:15-Sunday School Brown Bag Sunday	12 11:00am - Feeding Program	13 11:00am-Food Closet	14 11:00am-Food Closet 12:10pm-Eucharist	15 10:00am-Bible Study 11:00am-Food Closet 6:00pm-Blenn. Stamp Soc.	16 6:30pm-Supper Club @ Gyongyosi's	17 8:00pm-AA
18 PENTECOST 25 8:00 am—Eucharist 9:00-Choir Rehearsal 9:15-Adult Ed. 10:15-Sunday School Discretionary Sunday, Harvest Sunday	19 11:00am - Feeding Program 6:00pm-Finance 7:00pm-Vestry	20 11:00am-Food Closet	21 11:00am-Food Closet 12:10pm-Eucharist 7:00pm-Thanksgiving Service	22 Thanksgiving Day 	23 ←—Office closed—→	24 8:00pm-AA
25 LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 am—Eucharist 9:00-Choir Rehearsal 9:15-Adult Ed. 10:15-Sunday School BirthDay Sunday	26 11:00am - Feeding Program 4:30pm-Smoot Theatre Children's Chorus rehearsal	27 11:00am-Food Closet	28 11:00am-Food Closet 12:10pm-Eucharist	29 10:00am-Bible Study 11:00-Food Closet 4:00pm-Smoot Theatre Children's Chorus rehearsal	30	

BIRTHDAYS

1. Ann Bailey
George Lantz
2. Cameron Bookman
Tiffany Bookman

Blake Johnson

4. Norman Murray
5. Cathy Adkins-Rauh
9. Barbara Allman
10. Chad Mildren

12. Skye Oliphant

Margaret Burdette
13. Lewis Wolfe
14. Denise Orem
19. Dr. Steve Stanley

20. James Wright

29. Beverly Hicks
Olivia Ramsay
30. Carol Snyder
Andrew Nutter

ANNIVERSARIES

11. Michael & Cathy Adkins-Rauh
24. Connie & Bernard Bookman
25. Betsy & Norman Murray
Wendy & John Ralsten

26. Midge & Van Simperts

27. Katharine & Larry Nutter