



TRINITY TOPICS

The Newsletter of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Dear People of God at Trinity,

We are humbled and gratified to share this letter with you regarding our transition period and how it is moving forward. We are thankful to Kathy for sharing her thoughts – we ask all of you to continue to pray for our search process and our ability to lead you in this time of change.

**In His Name,
Your Vestry**

Dear Members of the Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church,

I have been a member of Trinity for over sixty years and have been through many transition periods. Each of these transitions has been difficult, and sometimes, has made attending church less than fulfilling.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to you as a Vestry for the tremendous effort that you are putting forth to keep the Parish moving in a positive direction. I think your efforts to unify the Parish by going to one service with compromises within the service have been very effective. Also, I want to commend the members of the Vestry who have been service leaders when no priest has been available. They have been outstanding. Participating in Morning Prayer for the first time in about 25 years has been a pleasure for me. It brings back memories of my childhood here at Trinity when Holy Communion was celebrated once a month!

I know that the Search may be a long and difficult one, but I know with all of you leading us, we will be blessed with a rector who will continue to fulfill the Mission of Trinity Church.

With sincere appreciation,
Kathy Polcrack

Trinity Church's Mission Statement

“Living loving, sharing in the name of Jesus Christ”

Vision Statement

“Honoring the past as we build a strong foundation for the future, while sharing our Christian faith through service to the community.”

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

November 1 is **All Saints Sunday**.

On Nov. 8, there will be a **Veterans' Day Service** during the service. **Commitment Sunday** will also be held this date. The vestry will be hosting a small reception after the service.

Our **annual Parish Bowling Night** will be held on **November 21** from 4-6 p.m. at Strike Zone Alley in Pottsville. All are welcome and encouraged to join in on the fun! Watch the weekly bulletins for more information on this event.

In December, we will begin Advent by distributing the Advent calendars, and begin decorating the Jesse Tree in the lounge. We will continue decorating the Jesse Tree weekly during Advent.

The **Children's Service** will be held on **Christmas Eve**. Watch the weekly bulletin for more information.

There will be no Sunday School on December 27.

UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)

"Our change changes lives"

The United Thank Offering Ingathering was held on September 20 and 27 and presented during the Eucharist at the Diocesan Convention on October 2.

Trinity's contribution was \$409.36 Thank you so much for your generosity. If you need a new box, they are available on the tract rack at the bottom of the stairs. Please keep it in a convenient place to remind you of your everyday blessings and thanksgivings. These small tokens of your gratefulness add up to great changes in the lives of many both here and abroad. There are booklets available which describe how your UTO gifts were used in 2014. God bless you all!

If you have any questions, please see Cora Gamelin-Osenbach.

Thank you!



Pierogie Class

If you are interested in having some fun come and join us as we learn how to make homemade pierogies on Saturday November 7 at 1:00 p.m. in the church hall. Our very own talented Sandy Snyder will lead us on a journey of fun and eating as we all learn to make this delicious ethnic dish.

What you will need to bring to class is your cutting board, rolling pin and a container to take home any extra pierogies that we do not eat.

We will also have a sign-up sheet located on the piano in the lounge. We need lots of fun people to sign up, plus it gives us a head count so we can set up the tables and chairs for this class.



Trinity Candy Sale

December 1 to December 12, 2015



Enjoy the traditional Peanut Roll candy with the white crème center dipped in dark chocolate and rolled in peanuts. Cost is \$11.00 per pound or \$5.50 per half pound.

Name _____ Phone _____

No. of one pound boxes _____ No. of half pound boxes _____

Please complete order form and place in collection plate or give to Russ Frantz or Carla Kauffman.

Thank you



**CHRISTMAS EVE FESTAL EUCHARIST THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 AT
6:00PM WITH CHOIR, CHILDRENS CHOIR
AND CANON ANNE KITCH AS CELEBRANT**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donations for Christmas Flowers may be made by completing this form and returning it with your contribution by Sunday, December 13.

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

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VESTRY NOMINATIONS AND CONVENTION DELEGATES

There will be 2 slots available for the new Vestry term which begins in January 2016---if you are interested in being nominated for a 3-year Vestry term, please speak to Norm Kauffman, June Bednar or Cora Gamelin-Osenbach. The election will be held at the Annual Meeting on January 17, 2016.

Also, at the Annual Meeting, lay delegates for the annual Diocesan Convention will be elected from the parish. At the recent Convention in October, a resolution was passed that delegates will be voted upon by the parish, and not chosen by the Vestry. If you are interested in serving as a delegate to the 2016 Diocesan Convention, please speak to Norm Kauffman.

NEWS FROM MARION C. PRICE TRUST FUND



Buying a Hearing Aid: The Hearing Aid Sales Registration Law provides consumers purchasing a hearing aid in Pennsylvania with various rights and protections.

All hearing aid dealers and fitters must be registered with the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the registration certificate must be conspicuously posted in their office or place of business.

During the initial contact, hearing aid dealers and fitters must advise you that any fitting, examination or representation made by them regarding the hearing aid is not an examination, diagnosis or prescription by a person licensed to practice medicine and, therefore, must not be regarded as a medical opinion. You should receive this in writing.

During the six months prior to purchasing a hearing aid, you must have received an examination by an otologist, otolaryngologist or any licensed physician and a written recommendation stating that the use of a hearing aid may be beneficial. However, this rule does not apply to replacement parts, accessories, or a worn out or damaged hearing aid.

When certain medical conditions regarding your ears are found to exist, the dealer or fitter must suggest to you in writing that it is in your best interest to consult a licensed physician specializing in disease of the ear. They then may not sell you or fit you for a hearing aid without a written recommendation from a licensed physician that a hearing aid may be beneficial to you.

Before the dealer or fitter can provide any services to you, he or she must give you a disclosure agreement that must be explained to you in detail and be signed by you and the dealer or fitter. This disclosure agreement must contain a complete description of what the fitting procedure or process does and does not include and must itemize and disclose any and all fees.

Before the sale of any hearing aid to you, the dealer or fitter must give you a copy of the User Instructional Brochure for their hearing aid and reviews the contents with you.

At the time of the sale, the dealer or fitter must give you a written receipt signed by the dealer or fitter which contains important information regarding the hearing aid and the dealer or fitter. This receipt must also advise you that if your rights are violated, you may contact the State Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection or the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

The sale of the hearing aid must be accompanied by a 30-day money-back written guarantee. This guarantee must allow you to return the hearing aid within 30 days of the date of delivery in the same condition as when purchased, ordinary wear and tear excluded. You will be entitled to a refund of the purchase price of the hearing aid and accessories within 30 days of their return. However, a dealer may retain a cancellation fee which may not exceed the lesser of 10% of the purchase price or \$150.

From the PA Office of Attorney General Consumer protection Rights & resources for Consumers of All Ages.

Senior Adventures: Please join us for our last adventure in 2015 on Thursday, November 12 when we travel to the Lyric in Shenandoah. Call Kathy Burda at 570-621-3220 for more information.

Operation We Care: November 17 will be our last mailing for Operation We Care. Since we started this project in 2007, we have mailed almost under 400 boxes, weighing about 4,300 pounds to about 180 local servicemen and women stationed in Iraq & Afghanistan. I would like to thank the members of the Health Service Committee: Karen Spencer, Darlene Bowler, Carol Jones, Mary Umlauf, Gary Price, Carol Bigg and Margaret Keyworth, our packers and everyone who donated to help make this project a success.

Medicare Open Enrollment: October 15 – December 7, 2015 is open enrollment period. It is recommended that, no matter how satisfied you are with your current Medicare Part D drug plan you review it annually to be sure it is still the best plan for you, because plans can change the deductible amounts, the co-pays, the formularies and the coverage areas.

Pre – Diabetes: Before people develop type 2 diabetes, they almost always have “pre-diabetes”: blood glucose levels that are higher than normal but not yet high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes.

There are no clear symptoms of pre diabetes (urinating often, feeling very thirsty, feeling very hungry, extreme fatigue, blurry vision, cuts/bruises that are slow to heal and weight loss) so you may have it and not know it.

If you have pre-diabetes, you should be checked for type 2 diabetes every one to two years.

You are pre-diabetic if you have an A1C of 5.7%-6.4% or a fasting blood sugar of 100-125.

You will not develop type 2 diabetes automatically if you have diabetes. For some people with pre-diabetes, early treatment can actually return blood glucose levels to the normal range.

Research shows that you can lower your risk for type 2 diabetes by losing 10-15 pounds of your body weight and exercising moderately 30 minutes a day, five days a week.

CHARLES BABER PRESERVATION TRUST

Baber Day

Our Baber Day results were a little off this year over last year. The weather was very fickle on Baber Day, threatening to rain one moment, then producing sun the next. It also was a bit windy. However, for all who were brave enough to venture forth, the food was tasty, the music fun, the bake sale yummy, the basket raffle profitable, the historic and nature tour very informative, the Evensong restful, and the volunteers were spectacular. We could not have done it without the volunteers who shopped for the food, helped set up, clean up, bake cookies, cakes, cupcakes, breads, jellies, bring watermelon, pay for the band, buy the baskets for the raffle sale, sell raffle tickets at Boyers, grill the hot dogs, serve the food, guide the historic and nature walking tours, conduct the Evensong service, donated money to buy the food and paper products, and every thing else done to simply make it happen. **Thank you everyone!**

Baber Day Results

Basket Raffle	\$477.00	(2014- \$473)
Baked Goods Sale	\$276.35	(2014-\$354)
Food (Donation Jugs)	\$280.29	(2014- \$442)
Donations (\$100+\$50)	\$150.00	(2014-\$90)
Memorial Books sold (2)	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	(2014-\$0)
Total income	\$1,223.64	(2014-\$1,359)

RESTORATION PROJECT

We are almost done. We were waiting for a second bid for the final coat and sealer for the 16th Street entrance. The one estimate is \$3,550. All of the drain work is done. The new sidewalks, the new curbing, and the re-sloping of the road were very effective in deterring the water from entering the property from 16th Street and from West End Avenue. The pond was cleaned out; unfortunately, it still seems to want to be a wetland instead of a pond. The shallowness of the pond is more conducive to vegetation growth. Final numbers will be provided in the next issue once the road work is complete. No additional donations came in for the road works; however, the two co-chairs are prepared to put in the money personally just to get the project finished. It will come in on budget of roughly \$60,000. The good news was that all funds were raised privately and did not come from the cemetery's operating budget.

In the beginning of September, a person from DCNR conservation district from Harrisburg came to the cemetery to see the pond area and to offer suggestions. He did provide some aquatic plant ideas and some planting suggestions for the side banks. Most likely because of the lateness of the year, the plantings will be postponed until early spring. We'll keep you posted on what will be done. We may try one more time to have the side banks dug just to get the invasive plant growth back out of the pond.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND MERRY CHRISTMAS

The grounds of the cemetery are at the grand finale of what was once again a spectacular fall season of brilliant, colorful foliage. No matter what season the property is visited, there is always something wonderful to see. This peaceful acreage of nature, offers respite to a very busy and hectic schedule. If you have the time and the opportunity, stop and take a walk. With the Thanksgiving and Christmas quickly approaching, we, the cemetery board, thank all of you, our supporters, who sponsored a tree for Arbor Day, volunteered help on Baber Day, contributed to the restoration project, or sent money in to the endowment account. And our laborers, Bob, Tom, and Randy are phenomenal. They keep the grass cut short, the weeds cut down, the litter and papers cleaned up, the mounds of leaves reasonably raked and vacuumed, and the property tidy. We did have one unexpected bump in the road, when our lawn mower died, and had to be replaced at a cost of \$8,110. And a larger number than normal of trees had to be cut down or needed their large dead limbs pruned. And there is always much needed work to be done on the chapel. If you can't think of an idea for Christmas gift giving, consider sending in a monetary charitable gift to the cemetery to help defray the expenses of the new lawn mower purchase or of the tree cutting or pruning, or towards the repairs of the chapel wall.

Best Wishes for a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

THE MUSIC CORNER by Cora A. Gamelin-Osenbach

Our community of faith is alive and well and the choir appreciates the comments of support and admiration for their work as we sing to the glory of God each week at the Offertory. We have already begun to practice Advent music and will soon add Christmas music to our rehearsals. We are looking forward to joining with the Church School children as we combine our Christmas Eve services with one service at 6 p.m. What a birthday celebration for our Lord that will be as Canon Anne Kitch joins us as celebrant.

CONCERT SERIES - Thank you to all who attended the marimba/piano concert in September - what an incredible afternoon it was! We continue our ninth season on November 15 with Jill Haley's presentation of Zion and Bryce Soundscapes. This is the second in her series of original compositions featuring national parks and we welcome her back - please see the enclosed flyer. We are also grateful for some new patrons and of course our loyal supporters who have believed in this outreach since the beginning.

Reception Goodies - We would like to have our usual offering of wonderful food and libations for the November 15 concert - please sign up on the sheets provided on the bulletin board and in the ambulatory. Thank you as always - everyone enjoys the fellowship at these gatherings, in addition to the scrumptious treats.

TRINITY ARTISTS - This is to give you plenty of advance notice - we would like to have our annual art exhibit in conjunction with our April 10, 2016 concert, so please begin thinking and creating so you can share your talents with the congregation and the community. Thank you!

Trinity Episcopal Church Concert Series



Sunday November 15, 2015
at 4 pm

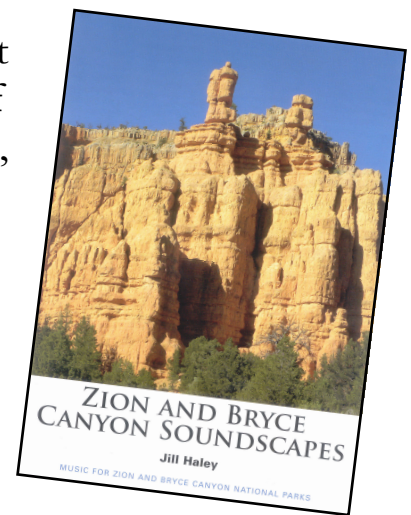
Zion and Bryce Canyon Soundscapes

Jill Haley, oboe and English Horn
David Cullen, guitar
Susan McDevitt, piano

Jill Haley is an artist devoted to the expression of art through nature...or is it nature through art? A graduate of Temple University, Jill Haley is an accomplished oboist, English horn player, pianist and composer.

“Zion and Bryce Canyon Soundscapes” is the second in her series of “National Park Soundscapes” and is dedicated to the National Park Service which will celebrate its centennial in 2016.

Jill will be joined by guitarist David Cullen and pianist Susan McDevitt.



“Jill Haley has done a magnificent job of capturing the spirit and evoking both the feel and natural beauty of the national parks.”

Michael Diamond of *Music and Media Focus*

Come meet the Artists at a post-concert reception.

No Admission Fee - Free Will Offering Taken

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Upcoming Events
CODY MEAD, ORGANIST
Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 4 pm

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <i>All Saints' Day</i> 9:00am Service 9:00am Church School</p>	<p>2 <i>All Soul's</i> 7:00pm Service at CBC 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>3 9:00am Yoga 5:30pm Zumba 6:45pm Yoga 7:00pm CBCPT Mtg.</p>	<p>4 12Noon Healing 6:00pm Yoga 7:15pm Choir</p>	<p>5 5:00pm Yoga 6:15pm Belly Dance</p>	<p>6 7:00pm Ballroom Dance</p>	<p>7 Fun Day in Parish Hall 1:00pm Making Pierogies</p>
<p>8 <i>Pentecost XXIV</i> <i>Veterans' Sunday/</i> <u>Commitment Sunday</u> 9:00am Service 9:00am Church School Continental Breakfast follows 9am service</p>	<p>9 <i>Veterans' Day</i> <u>Office Closed</u> 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>10 9:00am Yoga 5:30pm Zumba 6:45pm Yoga</p>	<p>11 12Noon Healing 6:00pm Yoga 7:15pm Choir</p>	<p>12 11:00am Senior Adventures 5:00pm Yoga 6:15pm Belly Dance</p>	<p>13 7:00pm Ballroom Dance</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 <i>Pentecost XXV</i> 9:00am Service 9:00am Church School 10:15am Vestry Meeting 4:00pm Concert Series 5:00pm Majestic Players Cast Party-Parish Hall</p>	<p>16 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>17 9:00am Yoga 11:00am Operation We Care 5:30pm Zumba 6:45pm Yoga</p>	<p>18 12Noon Healing 5:30pm Big Brothers/ Big Sisters Thanksgiving Dinner 7:15pm Choir</p>	<p>19 5:00pm Yoga 6:15pm Belly Dance</p>	<p>20 7:00pm Ballroom Dance</p>	<p>21 Bowling Night 4:00-6:00pm</p>
<p>22 <i>Christ the King Sun-</i> <i>day</i> 9:00am Service 9:00am Church School 2:30pm Voice Recital</p>	<p>23 4:30pm Soup Kitchen 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>24 9:00am Yoga 1:00pm MPT Mtg. 5:30pm Zumba 6:45pm Yoga</p>	<p>25 12Noon Healing 6:00pm Yoga 7:00pm Compline St. Luke's Chapel No Choir</p>	<p>26 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> <u>Office Closed</u></p>	<p>27 <u>Office Closed</u></p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 <i>Advent I</i> 9:00am Service 9:00am Church School</p>	<p>30 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>					

December 2015

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		1 9:00am Yoga 5:30pm Zumba 6:45pm Yoga	2 12Noon Healing 6:00pm Yoga 7:15pm Choir	3 5:00pm Yoga 6:15pm Belly Dance	4 7:00pm Ballroom Dance	5
6 <i>Advent II</i> 9am Lessons & Carols, St. Nicholas Day 9am Church School	7 7:30pm AA Meeting	8 9:00am Yoga 5:30pm Zumba 6:45pm Yoga	9 12Noon Healing 6:00pm Yoga 7:15pm Choir	10 5:00pm Yoga 6:15pm Belly Dance	11 7:00pm Ballroom Dance	12
13 <i>Advent III</i> 9am Service 9:00 Church School	14 7:30pm AA Meeting	15 9:00am Yoga 5:30pm Zumba 6:45pm Yoga	16 12Noon Healing 6:00pm Yoga 7:15pm Choir	17 5:00pm Yoga 6:15pm Belly Dance	18 7:00pm Ballroom Dance	19
20 <i>Advent IV</i> 9am Service 9am Church School 10:15am Vestry	21 4:30pm Soup Kitchen 7:30pm AA Meeting	22 9:00am Yoga 5:30pm Zumba 6:45pm Yoga	23 12Noon Healing 6:00pm Yoga 7:15pm Choir	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 6pm Festal Eucharist with choir and Chil- dren's procession and Choir "Blessing of Crèche"	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 9am Service, St. Luke's Chapel	26
27 <i>Christmas I</i> 9am Lessons & Carols	28 7:30pm AA Meeting	29 9:00am Yoga 5:30pm Zumba 6:45pm Yoga	30 12Noon Healing 6:00pm Yoga NO CHOIR	31 6:00pm-6:00am AA New Year's Eve "Alcothon"	1 <i>New Year's day</i> <u>Office Closed</u>	

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DEADLINE FOR
JANUARY/FEBRUARY "Topics"
Monday, December 14, 2015

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November Birthdays

- 1 - Madison Scott
- 3 - Michael Smerlick
- 5 - William Bowler
- 7 - Brad Ross, Cole Swick
- 8 - Jean Smerlick
- 9 - Quinn Evans
- 11 - John Beausang, Joseph Siminitus
- 13 - Edward Hosler
- 14 - Cole Demcher, Jacqueline Menuchak
- 15 - Booker Hostetter
- 17 - Charles Guensch, Grace Menuchak
- 18 - Norman Kauffman, Andrea Allar
- 19 - Barbara Bechtel
- 22 - Janet Grabowski
- 24 - Doris Vaughan, Joanne Viduszynski
- 25 - Lorie Kauffman
- 27 - Nancy Depsky, Lance Reedy
- 30 - Charles Bickleman

December Birthdays

- 3 - Ryan Wehr
- 4 - Robert Momolu
- 6 - George Stone, IV
- 9 - Christian Menuchak, Carol Stone Field
- 11 - Leo Warren Bradley
- 12 - Melanie Thornburg
- 18 - Gretchen Frederick
- 20 - Ann Pritiskutch
- 22 - Sara Brennan
- 23 - Carol A. Seitzinger
- 25 - Russ Frantz
- 28 - Eric Stone, Ashley Hopkins, Dallas Petrosky
- 29 - Lauren Polcrack
- 31 - Mary Mortimer