



TRINITY TOPICS

The Newsletter of Trinity Episcopal Church

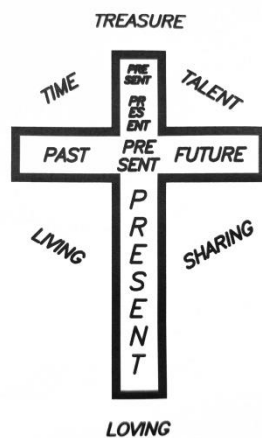
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Sometimes important transformative things happen by chance, or perhaps it is God giving us a nudge to show us our way forward. This happened to me this summer when I attended a service at All Saints by the Sea Episcopal Church on Southport Island. The Gospel reading of the day focused on what the disciples needed to do to follow Jesus. He told them to leave their homes and families, jobs, and other commitments and come with him. It was a radical idea but Jesus insisted, right now, no delays. This of course posed a problem for the disciples, who, like most of us, felt they had loose ends to tie up at home, but Jesus was emphatic in asking them to come with him immediately.

That Gospel reading always seemed to me to be a real challenge - after all how many of us could really pick up and follow Jesus like that? The sermon by Reverend John Ineson that followed not only explained the Gospel reading but spoke to me in a way that made me think that the priest was or could have been speaking of Trinity in this time of transition. The sermon began with a quote, "You can't drive the boat if you are staring at the wake." This is applicable to the message that Jesus was trying to instill in his disciples - that they couldn't find their way forward if they kept their focus on what was behind them instead of trying to look to the challenges that lay ahead

The priest then compared the focus on moving forward in our mission to follow Jesus to the cross. The two arms of the cross represent our past and our future; the vertical section of the cross is our present where we live, work, and minister with guidance from the Holy Spirit. Drawing on the experiences of the past - our strengths, our failures, our triumphs, and lessons learned - is what supports us in the present to do God's work - the very work that will sustain us and provide a bright future for Trinity!

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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."

Although we all like to reminisce about a time when we had a full time priest, a full church and Sunday School, if we want to prepare Trinity to truly live our mission statement in the twenty first century, if we really want to look ahead and follow Christ, we need to use our experiences to build a church that is responsive to a changing world. Things will never be as they were in the past but the past can help us to innovate and discover new ways to create a church Part of our vision for Trinity speaks of honoring the past to build a strong foundation for the future where we can live and grow in God's love. The future is the arm of the cross that is ahead of us; no one can predict what lies ahead for Trinity but if we live, love, and share in the name of Jesus Christ and are willing to use our time, treasure, and talents we can build the foundation of a church that will endure for many years.

Please join the vestry as we move into the fall where we will focus on stewardship and how we can use the resources that we have to sustain and expand Trinity's mission. Pray for our efforts so that the dialogue that we are beginning with our fellow Episcopalians builds the foundation for a strong unified presence of the Episcopal Church in Schuylkill County. Please continue to come to us with your questions, concerns, and suggestions which help us to move this parish forward into the future. But most of all, we thank you for the love, patience and support that you have had during this long process.

Barbara Tokarz
Vestry Member

United Thank Offering (UTO)

"Our change changes lives"

It's always time for us to count our blessings, big and small, and what we have put into our blue boxes can be offered to the Lord on September 25 and October 2. These two dates will be the annual UTO Ingathering in anticipation of the Diocesan Convention on October 7 and 8.

It's never too late to begin being thankful and acknowledging that gratitude by your contribution to the United Thank Offering which helps so many people and organizations both here and abroad. You can either bring your box on those two dates or write a check and put it in a UTO envelope. Writing a check will be most appreciated by the counters.

Thank you and God bless you! And you can pick up a new box to start your journey of being grateful for your blessings during the next year.

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

Sale of Parish Office House

After conducting a feasibility study of the expenses of the Parish Office House at Second and Howard Avenue, the Vestry voted to put the house on the market and move the Church offices back to their original location in the Church. The projected date for the completed move will be October 1. The expenses for the Parish House were deemed too much for a staff which is now two people – Edna as Parish Administrator and Kathy Burda as Parish Nurse for the Marion Price Trust. When the building was originally purchased, there were several additional staff members working on behalf of the Cemetery and also Trinity Center for Children. Now that the staff is reduced, the Parish House expense seems to be a financial burden and the Vestry is working very hard to maintain a budget where income and expenses are more equitable. Thank you as always for your support of our decisions and if there are any questions, please seek out your Vestry members.

THE MUSIC CORNER

by Cora A. Gamelin-Osenbach

As we close out another summer of worship at the Chapel of the Resurrection, the choir will begin rehearsals in preparation to return to the sanctuary on September 18. Rehearsals will begin in the air-conditioned lounge on Wednesday, September 14 at 7 pm. We welcome all who are interested – if you are not sure, please come on September 14 and see what this great group of people is all about as we sing to the Lord and make a joyful noise. After a short rehearsal on September 14, we will have a welcome back fellowship time. Please consider joining us and sharing in this musical ministry.

CONCERT SERIES

This is it!! Our tenth season begins on September 18 at 4 pm! What a blessing this is and what a way to kick it off! Tamara Wapinsky and John Kline, IV, both County natives with successful careers will present a powerful program for soprano and piano. Please see the enclosed flyer for details. A huge thank you goes out to all our patrons and the audience that makes this series possible.

RECEPTION REQUEST

As we begin our season of incredible artists gracing our sanctuary, I am asking for your usual contribution of luscious goodies which grace our reception table. The artists and receptions always receive rave reviews. There will be a sign up sheet at the Chapel. Thank you in advance for this extra contribution.



Back To Church

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 18, 2016

One Service 9AM

Students & Teachers,

Bring your school bags to church to receive a special blessing for the school year ahead.

Trinity Episcopal Church Concert Series

Sunday September 18, 2016
at 4 pm



Tamara Wapinsky, soprano
John Kline, IV, pianist



Join us as we begin our tenth season featuring these talented local artists. The program will include arias from Massenet's *Le Cid*, Giordano's *Andrea Chénier*, Wagner's *Wesendonk Lieder* and Beethoven's concert aria, "Ah, perfido."



Tamara Wapinsky is a Pottsville native and holds degrees from Temple University, the Peabody Conservatory, Indiana University and Mannes College. She is the winner of numerous prestigious vocal competitions and was chosen to participate in San Francisco Opera's distinguished Merola Program. She has sung title operatic roles in Italy, Sweden, Canada and Seattle where she was also a finalist in the International Wagner Competition. Her singing engagements continue in addition to her private voice studio at the Arts and Ethnic Center in Pottsville, PA.

John Kline, IV, is also a Pottsville native who is a passionate music lover of all genres. He obtained his undergraduate degree from West Chester University and his Masters at the University of Houston. He is an active performer, having played concertos with several orchestras and now resides in West Chester, PA teaching private lessons to all ages and skill levels.

Come meet the Artists at a post-concert reception in the lounge.

No Admission Fee - Free Will Offering Taken

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Trinity is Handicapped Accessible

Upcoming Events

FAIRFIELD DUO: NORA SUGGS, FLUTIST AND CANDICE MOWBRAY, CLASSICAL GUITARIST.
Sunday November 13, 2016 at 4 pm

Sunday School

Sunday School will kick off September 18 in the main church. All students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks and teacher bags to be blessed. Parents will be asked to complete a Sunday school registration form for each child. Please make us aware of any allergies or health issues your child may have. Darlene Bowler will again be teaching the preschool class and Dawn Burns will be teaching the school-age class. Edna Rauco and members of the Juniors group will be assisting the teachers. Mrs. Lea Bortner will again be sharing her gift of music with the students the second Sunday of each month beginning in October. We welcome anyone else interested in helping out with Sunday School classes. If interested, please contact Dawn Burns to secure your background checks and clearances.

On October 2 we will host the Blessing of the Animals. There will be no Sunday School this day. Prior to this celebration, we will host a fun event at the church to bake dog biscuits for our furry friends. Other county Episcopal churches will be invited to join us. Please watch the bulletin for more information.

Looking ahead to October 30, we will host a Halloween party in the lounge following the 9:00 service. No costumes please. Anyone willing to provide snacks, drinks should contact Dawn Burns. A sign-up sheet will be posted closer to the event.

As we kick-off another school year we are asking for a few donations of snacks such as goldfish crackers, cookies, fruit snacks, as well as small water bottles and juice. We also need napkins, small plates, cleaning wipes, and small zipper close baggies. Donations can be given to any Sunday school teacher or brought to the church.



Trinity Episcopal Church

2nd And Howard Avenue, Pottsville

Yard and Soup Sale

Friday, October 7, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Saturday, October 8, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 <u>PENTECOST XVI</u> 9:00am - Service <u>Chapel of the Resurrection</u></p>	<p>5 LABOR DAY <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>6 9-10:15am Yoga 5:30-6:30pm Zumba 7:00pm CBPT</p>	<p>7 12Noon Healing Service St. Luke's Chapel 6-7:15pm Yoga</p>	<p>1 8</p>	<p>2 9 5:30pm - Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>3 10 3pm Rauco/Lewars Wedding</p>
<p>11 <u>PENTECOST XVII</u> 9:00am - Service <u>Chapel of the Resurrection</u> <u>Baber Day 3-6pm</u></p>	<p>12 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>13 9-10:15am Yoga 5:30-6:30pm Zumba</p>	<p>14 12Noon Healing Service St. Luke's Chapel 6-7:15pm Yoga 7pm Choir</p>	<p>15 5:30-6:30pm Zumba</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 <u>PENTECOST XVIII</u> <u>RETURN TO TRINITY</u> 9:00am - Service <u>Blessing of the Backpacks</u> 9:00am - Church School 10:15 - Vestry 4pm - Concert Series</p>	<p>19 4:30pm Soup Kitchen 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>20 9-10:15am Yoga 5:30-6:30pm Zumba 6:45-8pm Dance Class</p>	<p>21 12Noon Healing Service St. Luke's Chapel 6-7:15pm Yoga 7pm Choir</p>	<p>22 11am Sr. Adventures 5:30-6:30pm Zumba</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 <u>PENTECOST XIX</u> <u>UTO SUNDAY</u> 9:00am - Service 9:00am - Church School</p>	<p>26 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>27 9-10:15am Yoga 1pm MPTF Mfg. 5:30-6:30pm Zumba 6:45-8pm Dance Class</p>	<p>28 12Noon Healing Service St. Luke's Chapel 6-7:15pm Yoga 7pm Choir</p>	<p>29 5:30-6:30pm Zumba</p>	<p>30</p>	

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2 <u>ST. FRANCIS DAY</u> <u>BLESSING OF ANIMALS</u> <u>UTO INGATHERING</u> 9:00am - Service 9:00am - Church School</p>	<p>3 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>4 9-10:15am Yoga 5:30-6:30pm Zumba 6:45-8pm Dance Class</p>	<p>5 12Noon Healing Service St. Luke's Chapel 7pm Choir 6-7:15pm Yoga</p>	<p>6 5:30-6:30pm Zumba</p>	<p>7 <u>DIOCESAN CONVENTION</u> <u>YARD SALE & SOUP SALE</u></p>	<p>8 <u>DIOCESAN CONVENTION</u> <u>YARD SALE</u></p>
<p>9 <u>PENTECOST XXI</u> 9:00am - Service 9:00am - Church School</p>	<p>10 <u>COLUMBUS DAY</u> <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>11 9-10:15am Yoga 6:30pm Zumba 6:45-8pm Dance Class</p>	<p>12 12Noon Healing Service St. Luke's Chapel 6-7:15pm Yoga 7pm Choir</p>	<p>13 5:30-6:30pm Zumba</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 <u>PENTECOST XXII</u> 9:00am - Service 9:00am - Church School 10:15 - Vestry</p>	<p>17 4:30pm Soup Kitchen 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>18 9-10:15am Yoga 5:30-6:30pm Zumba 6:45-8pm Dance Class</p>	<p>19 12Noon Healing Service St. Luke's Chapel Senior Luncheon 6-7:15pm Yoga 7pm Choir</p>	<p>20 5:30-6:30pm Zumba</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 <u>PENTECOST XXIII</u> <u>CONSECRATION</u> <u>SUNDAY</u> 9:00am - Service 9:00am - Church School</p>	<p>24 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>25 9-10:15am Yoga 5:30-6:30pm Zumba 6:45-8pm Dance Class</p>	<p>26 12Noon Healing Service St. Luke's Chapel 6-7:15pm Yoga 7pm Choir</p>	<p>27 5:30-6:30pm Zumba</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 3-11pm AA Halloween Party Parish Hall</p>
<p>30 <u>PENTECOST XXIV</u> 9:00am - Service 9:00am - Church School Followed by Halloween Party</p>	<p>31 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>1 6pm All Souls Service <u>Chapel of the Resurrection at CBC</u></p>				

News From Marion C. Price Trust Fund

Medicare Open Enrollment period is scheduled for October 15 – December 7, 2016. During this time period you can make changes to various aspects of your coverage. You can switch from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage Plan or vice versa.

During this period it is important to review your Medicare Part D Plan (your drug plan). Drug plan co-pays, deductibles and formularies may change for the upcoming year. By reviewing your plan every year you will ensure that you have the best coverage. Even if you are confident that you want to keep your current coverage for the coming year, by double checking your plan you can be sure that your current health coverage reflects your current health needs.

Some Medicare changes that are occurring for 2017 are:

- Medicare recipients reaching the donut hole will benefit from better prescription drug discounts. For 2017, while in the donut hole, enrollees will pay 40% (45% in 2016) of the cost of brand name drugs & 51% (58% in 2016) of the cost of generic drugs.
- The Medicare Part D deductible will be \$400.
- Medicare Part B premiums will increase for those who didn't see an increase in 2016. For 2017, the expected monthly Medicare premium will be \$121.80.
- Medicare Advantage plans continue to see changes in health care coverage.

It is important to carefully review the information sent to you by your plan provider, since this will cover any possible changes. Please call Kathy Burda at 570-621-3220 to help with any questions you may have about your health care insurance.

Reverse Mortgage Scams. Scammers like to take advantage of the fact that many people above a certain age own their homes, a valuable asset that increase the potential dollar value of a certain scam.

A particularly elaborate property tax scam has seen fraudsters sending personalized letters to different properties apparently on behalf of the County Assessor's office. The letter, made to look official but displaying only public information, would identify the property's assessed value and offer the homeowner, for a fee of course, to arrange for a reassessment of the property's value and therefore the tax burden associated with it.

Closely related, the reverse mortgage scam has mushroomed in recent years. As opposed to official refinancing, however, schemes with unsecured reverse mortgages can lead to property owners to lose their homes when the perpetrators offer money or a free house somewhere else in exchange for the title of the property.

September is Healthy Aging Month. Here are a few things we can do to age healthier:

Diet – Eat a healthy well-balanced diet. Eat more fruit (2-3 servings per day), vegetables (2-3 cups per day), whole grains & low-fat dairy products. Reduce processed food and cut down on salt (sodium) in your diet.

Exercise – It has been proven that exercise helps combat many diseases and helps with mental health. Pick physical activities you enjoy and that match your abilities.

Physician visits – Regular checkups are important to help identify risk factors and problems before they become serious. Your doctor will help you manage any chronic disease you may have to maintain a health regimen designed especially for you.

Medications – Prescription medicines have become an essential part of modern medicine and add immeasurably to healthy aging. Be sure to tell your doctor at every visit any herbals or over the counter medicines you are taking to avoid any adverse interactions with your prescriptions.

Immunizations – Keep up to date with your immunizations. You should receive the flu shot annually; a tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (TDP) booster every 10 years; the chickenpox vaccine if you have never had the chicken pox or the vaccine; the shingles vaccine is recommended for adults over 60 years of age and the pneumonia shot once every 5 years.

Social Engagement - Surround yourself with positive people. Staying socially active and maintaining interpersonal relationships can help you maintain good physical and emotional health and cognitive function. Interacting socially can lead to longer lives and help protect against illness by boosting your immune system.

Mental Calisthenics – When people keep their minds active, their thinking skills are less likely to decline. Read a book, keep a journal, solve puzzles, play board or card games, take a class, join a book club, anything to challenge your memory.

Strength, Balance & Stretching – Strength exercises makes your muscles stronger. Even small increases in strength can make a big difference in your ability to stay independent and carry out daily activities. Balance exercises help prevent falls. Flexibility exercises stretch your muscles and can help your body stay limber. Many of these exercises can be done while sitting. **Discuss with your physician before starting any exercise program.**

Emergencies – It is crucial that you be aware of symptoms that require emergency attention and call 911 when necessary.

PA Property Tax & Rent Rebate Program – Deadline for filing for the 2015 rebate has been extended to Dec. 31, 2016, call Kathy Burda for eligibility information.



Charles Baber Preservation Trust

by: C. Field

Our Sunday church services at the chapel and summer are both coming to an end. While it may be sad to those of us who like having summer services at the chapel, and to school children who know they have to return to school, to many, it is great. No more heat and humidity; and for the parents, their kids will now be back in school. Here at the Baber garden cemetery, it is absolutely fantastic. Not because autumn signals the end of summer and the leaves on the deciduous trees are beginning to die; and not because the dread of a cold, freezing, snow piled winter happens a few short months afterward; but because the changing of the leaves on the trees create a spectacular colorful performance along Market Street and throughout the property.

The first tree to change is the lonely white ash who turns yellow, followed quickly by the sugar maples in the lower level who also change to yellow with big patches of orange. While this is happening, the sunset red maple on the road from the 16th St. entrance to the chapel change to bright red; and the Japanese dwarf red maple throughout the property change to deep burgundies and merlots. The teardrop shaped hornbeams along Market start with gold crowns with the gold slowly move downward to encompass the whole tree. Inside the east wall and in the loop inside the 16th St. entrance, the pin oaks turn a pinkish red and then into a pinkish brown, as does the swamp white oaks by the pond. Both of these specie hold onto their leaves deep into winter. To the west of the inside wall, the leaves of the London planetrees change into unimpressive colors: but once their leaves drop, the splendor of the patchy multi- colored and multi-layered bark radiates throughout the winter months. A sight that often goes unnoticed is the color of the star shaped leaves on the sweetgum to the northeast of the pond. If one looks closely at a single leaf, it has colors of green, orange, red, and gold. The tall gangly ginkgos on the property have taken on their golden color. The acorns from the oaks are in abundance throughout the property as winter feed for the squirrels. And the tiny pine cones on the spruce and pine trees have now grown large. One final noteworthy sight to see, is the mock orange inside the 16th St. gate entrance. It is a late flower bloomer and is now in full blossom of pointed clusters of small white flowers. There are so many more trees that haven't even been mentioned, yet each species is charming in its own way. I encourage all local residents to come and walk the property as often as you can throughout the fall season. And if you can't walk far, then take a drive along Market St., turn into the main gate, take a left by the chapel, go down the hill and around the loop to the east of the pond and then out through the 16th St. entrance, and you will have seen the majority of the trees described above.

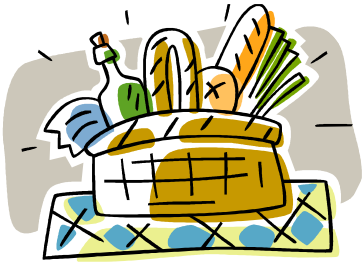
Several last items to cover: (1) In July, the final asphalt coat and sealer was put on the road at the 16th St. entrance. This was fully funded last year by the two co-chairs of the restoration project. **(2)**With the fall season and the dropping of the tons of leaves, the laborers need a working leaf vac. This unit looks like a really big enclosed vacuum cleaner with a leaf holding container attached. An estimated cost of the leaf vac is \$4,000. **(3)** Our Gator is used by our laborers every day to empty the many trash cans on the property, to haul dirt when filling grave plots, to transport broken leaves and branches, to carry materials and tools when patching walls or resetting memorial markers that have toppled, to carry gravel when filling in road ruts, and to transport mulch from the lower level to the areas in front of and alongside the chapel. The Gator, like our leaf vac, and our lawn mowers, is used heavily and is used daily. The cost of a new one is \$14,000. If anyone can make a donation and help toward the purchase of either a leaf vac or a Gator, it would be greatly appreciated. **We are in desperate need of both pieces of equipment.**

Charles Baber Preservation Trust Donation Form

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Amount: _____ Donation money for: ____ Leaf Vac ____ Gator

Please make checks payable to The Chas. Baber Preservation Trust. 200 S. Second St., Pottsville, PA 17901



Baber Day

14th & Market Street, Pottsville

Sunday, September 11, 2016 3:00 to 6:30 PM

18th Annual Baber Appreciation Day

Hot dogs, baked beans, chips, watermelon & water will be provided.

Bring your own folding chair.

“Free Will Donation”

NATURE AND HISTORY WALKING TOURS 3:00

SMALL BASKET RAFFLE

PICNIC BEGINNING 4:30

BAKE SALE

THIRD BRIGADE BAND CONCERT 4:00 - 5:45 PM

SOLEMN EVENSONG SERVICE - 6:00 PM

Monetary contributions to purchase the hot dogs, rolls, and condiments or contributions of paper products, water and chips would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are needed to make bake goods, to help set up and clean up, cut the melons, and grill the dogs. Two volunteers are needed for a limited raffle sale the day of the event. If you can help, call Carol 617-6704, Carla or Norm-628-3868, Kurt Kovalovich 640-1738, or the office at 622-8720.

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September Birthdays

1 - Alexa Stone
2 - Dawn Burns
4 - Layla Sinko
8 - Braden Burns
10 - Katherine Reese, Rosie Hess
11 - Brianne Stone, Jacob Baumann
13 - Allen Brennan
14 - Anthony "AJ" Jusinski
15 - Anthony Pritiskutch
16 - Joseph Jusinski, Kennedy Holden
18 - Celie Muench, Mary Jane Reed
20 - Sandra Moore
25 - Tom Beausang, Bob Burns
27 - Clarence Eckert
28 - Sean Holden
30 - Christopher Cirelli, Julie Cirelli

October Birthdays

1 - Jordan Franko
3 - Justin Franko
5 - Georgine Curtier
6 - Bill Rutecky
12 - Brandon Fehr
13 - Aniya Momulu
14 - Howard Russell, Randy Bedford
15 - Lora Brennan, Madison Swick
17 - Betty Bradley, Nevaeh Momulu
19 - Kathleen Feno
20 - Suzanne Franko, Joe Lynn Holden
21 - Eric Ryland
23 - Kelly Bruce, Roy Seitzinger
28 - Barbara Tokarz, John Menuchak
29 - John Ross