



TRINITY TOPICS

The Newsletter of Trinity Episcopal Church

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September/October 2022

Dear People of God at Trinity,

The longer days are waning; vacations are over, children are returning to school and adults to rigorous work schedules. Through all our busy lives, our journey as children of God is ever evolving as we walk together in the Light of love, hope and faith to be transformed. As we meet daily trials and tribulations and see the injustices in our current world, we still rejoice as we always find new and abundant life as we follow Jesus in forgiveness and love.

In following Jesus, "The Way", we are seeking our deepest and truest lives in His self-giving love. As we return to the main sanctuary and begin our autumn activities, let us always remember God's faithfulness to us as we continue our faith journeys with Jesus as our companion through anything and everything. Let us use our gifts of time, talents and treasure in the many ways our church needs us. Let our transformation shine forth in our dealings with each other and the wider community. As Jesus said, "Follow me". Let us follow together on our journey in His way surrounded by God's abundant grace.

Your Vestry

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 10 Baber Day, 3 to 6 pm

*September 11 Last service at Chapel of the Resurrection for the summer
Rain date for Baber Day*

September 18 ECSC Combined Picnic at the Haven Island Pavilion

September 25 Return to main Sanctuary at 9 am

October 2 Blessing of the Animals after 9 am service

October 7 Apple Dumpling preparation and pick-up

*October 9 100th-anniversary concert of the Austin Organ, Allen Artz, III,
Organist*

October 16 UTO Sunday

October 23 Stewardship Sunday

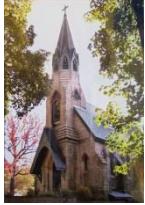
November 1 6:15 pm Necrology service at Chapel of the Resurrection

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."



In-Person Worship

Summer worship will continue through September 11 at the Chapel of the Resurrection at Charles Baber Cemetery. WE WILL RETURN TO THE MAIN SANCTUARY ON SEPTEMBER 25. Service is at 9 am.

Baber Day

The annual Baber Day celebration will be on Saturday, September 10 from 3 to 6 pm with Evensong at 6 pm. The rain date is Sunday, September 11.



ECSC Picnic

The combined picnic for the Episcopal Church of Schuylkill County will be held on Sunday, September 18 at the Island Pavilion in Schuylkill Haven. The Eucharist will be at 10 am followed by fellowship and food.

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, rolls and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.

Wednesday Healing Services

The Healing Service will resume on Wednesday, September 14 at noon.



Lay Eucharistic Visits

These private Communion visits will resume on a more regular basis during the fall months. Please call Cathy Clouser to schedule a visit.

United Thank Offering

We continue to be grateful for all our blessings. We are thankful for in-person worship once again, for our Vestry leadership, our priests and lay leaders and for many events in our personal lives. Please be mindful of those less fortunate who have suffered and are suffering as you put your coins of gratitude into your UTO box. Offerings will be collected on October 16. Envelopes are available at each entrance. The counters would appreciate your counting your coins in advance and making out a check for that amount if possible. Also, please remember to put your envelope number on your check to receive credit on your statement.



Bulletin Board Update

There is a new look for the large bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs. Not only will there be Trinity events, but ECSC events, Community events and sign-up sheets for parish events. Please share any family pictures you would like to have on this board.



Animal Blessing

On Sunday, October 2 in conjunction with St. Francis Day, there will be a blessing of the animals after the service in front of the church. In case of inclement weather, Fr. Kurt will bless the animals in the church.

Necrology Service

The Necrology service and reading of names of deceased loved ones will be held at the Chapel of the Resurrection at Baber Cemetery on Tuesday evening, November 1 at 6:15 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet on the large bulletin board for names you wish to be read during the service.



Apple Dumpling Sale

Another delicious apple dumpling sale will be held on October 7, 2022. There are order forms at each entrance. The deadline for pre-orders is September 25, 2022. The dumplings are \$8.00 each. If there are any questions, call John Wilk at 570-622-8720. All proceeds benefit Outreach Ministry.

Safe Trick or Treat

Safe trick or treat is scheduled to be held on Thursday, October 27th from 4-6 pm. We had a great turnout last year, so we're increasing our number of bags. You can help in three ways:

1. Donate candy or crackers (pre-wrapped individually or in small packs like Lance crackers)
2. Help pack up the bags on Monday, October 24th at 10am in the lounge.
3. Help at the giveaway table on the afternoon of the 27th.

It's a party atmosphere and quite busy, so come with a smile and wear your comfy shoes. If you have questions or you'd like to help, please contact Lea Bortner at 570-516-4726.



Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Sunday is October 23. You will receive a letter and pledge card for the support of Trinity's ministries in late September. Please bring your pledge card to be blessed on this date or send into the office. Thank you!

Flowers, Wine, and Oil Memorials/Thanksgiving

If you sign up for altar flowers, the price is \$35 for 2 arrangements. If you have a special color/colors or flower/flowers that you would like, please call the church and we will pass that information on to the florist. Also, another opportunity to remember loved ones or offer thanksgivings is the monthly wine donation or oil for the altar candles.





THE MUSIC CORNER

by Cora A. Gamelin-Osenbach



Concert Series

It's here! Our 100th-anniversary celebration of our Austin Organ, Op. 1040 will kick off our 15th full season on Sunday, October 9 at 4pm. The first celebration concert will feature F. Allen Artz, III as guest organist. (Please see the enclosed season flyer and the October 9 flyer). There will be some special presentations that day as we express our gratitude to patrons of music here at Trinity and the technicians who keep the organ in good working order. We hope to have a gala reception following this anniversary concert.

The anniversary year will continue with artists who have been featured before and are very supportive of our series. We are thrilled to have a group from Allentown's Satori Ensemble, the Fyve Woodwind Quintet from Reading and the Copeland String Quartet from Delaware. Please mark all these dates on your calendar.

Concert Reception

We anticipate a large audience for the October 9 organ concert and 100th-anniversary celebration. To prepare for this, it is very important that we know what our wonderful cooks and bakers can offer. Please contact Cora as soon as possible at 570-449-7553 or singfree@mac.com to confirm what you may be able to contribute. There will also be a sign-up sheet on the large bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs. Thank you in advance!



Organ Benefit Concert

Our glorious organ has been working for 100 years with hours of practice, Sunday services, feast days, special services and concerts. As always, with a pipe organ and one of this vintage, small problems can always occur. To help with some of these expenses and to keep the organ in good working order, there will be a special Benefit Concert for the Organ on Sunday, January 29, 2023 (the weather date will be February 5). Tickets will be \$15. This concert will include the Grantham Brass Project from Messiah University and Cora Gamelin-Osenbach, soprano accompanied by John Kline, IV at the piano. There may be other performers as well. An exciting post-Christmas concert for the upkeep of our grand 100-year-old instrument. More information will be forthcoming.

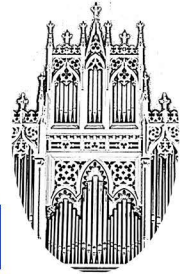
Organ Fund

A fund for the refurbishment of our Austin organ console is being set up in addition to the January Benefit concert. This project will be very expensive and a perfect opportunity to donate in memory of a loved one or a thanksgiving for blessings. These donations will enable us to continue the great musical tradition at Trinity.



Trinity Episcopal Church Concert Series

Sunday October 9, 2022
at 4 pm



The 100th Anniversary Year of the Austin Organ, Op. 1040

F. Allen Artz, III Organist

Hopelessly Romantic! is the title of the program commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Trinity organ. Mr. Artz will present selections from the Romantic era which mostly corresponds to the 19th century and also pieces considered to be Neo-Romantic. Some of this repertoire may very well have been played on this organ after it was dedicated in 1922.



Music by Mendelssohn, Howells, Franck, C. H. Parry, Vierne, Finzi and Dudley Buck will be featured with engaging narrative by Mr. Artz, a Llewellyn native who has performed in many cathedrals and churches over the world.

Special presentations will also be a part of this celebration!

Come meet the Artist at a post-concert reception.

No Admission Fee - Free Will Offering Taken

For more information, contact Trinity Episcopal Church
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Trinity is Handicapped Accessible

Upcoming Events

TWO-PART INVENTION PLUS ONE
FLUTE, CLASSICAL GUITAR AND CELLO
Sunday November 22, 2022 at 4 pm

Trinity Episcopal Church Concert Series

Calendar of Upcoming Events for the 2022-2023 Series



The 100th anniversary year of the Austin Organ, Op. 1040

October 9, 2022

F. Allen Artz, III, organist



Mr. Artz, a native of Llewellyn is an audience favorite with his meticulous programming and facility at showing the colors of Trinity's organs. A great kick off to celebrate the landmark anniversary of our own King of Instruments!

November 20, 2022

Two-Part Invention Plus One



One of the many ensembles from the Allentown based *SATORI* under the direction of Nora Suggs. Nora and fellow musicians have been faithful to our series since its inception and we are pleased to have them with us again during this special anniversary year. Flute, classical guitar and cello will provide another unique experience.

March 12, 2023

Five Woodwind Quintet



These five Reading-based women have a long history of performing with several orchestras and other events, as well as teaching. It is a treat to welcome them back as we continue the celebration of our series and our Austin organ.

April 23, 2023

Copeland String Quartet



This quartet from Delaware is thrilled to return in this celebration season. They are all musicians from the Delaware Symphony orchestra and look forward to the collaborative, intimate genre of making music in the chamber format.

ALL CONCERTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Sunday Afternoons at 4:00

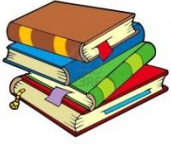
No Admission Fee - Free Will Offering Taken

Handicapped Accessible - Free Parking in Mahantongo Street Garage

Reception following the concerts to meet the Artists

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Summer Reading Camp News

The teachers from the Summer Reading Camp would like to thank you for your support of this very worthwhile outreach. Your financial support and prayers were so important to our success. We served 18 children from pre-k to grade 4 and all enjoyed camp and our visiting dogs. We were fortunate to have two dogs visit our camp to hang out with the children so they could practice their skills while reading to the dogs. Our visits from the accelerant sniffing dog, the K-9 unit, and the guide dog enhanced the children's experiences. The children were thrilled with the books they took home each night and the book pack that they received at the end of camp, which were made possible by your generous donations to Books for Readers.

The last day of camp featured a parent workshop and lunch which were well attended. The workshop featured 'make and take' items that the parents could use at home to help their children practice reading skills. The parents/grandparents were truly appreciative of having the opportunity to have their children enrolled in camp.

Your contributions to Lunches for Learners were so important. With the rising cost of groceries, it was very apparent that the meals that we offered were essential for many of the children. Some children asked for third helpings of cereal at breakfast and the lunches seemed to disappear.

The teachers met last week to begin to plan for 2023's camp. It will be held the week of July 10-14 and our camp theme will be sports. Please come to visit and or help and you will find that you will feel blessed for helping with this rewarding ministry.



September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>4 9 AM Service at Chapel of the Resurrection</i>	<i>5 OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10 BABER DAY 3-6 PM Evensong at 6 PM</i>
<i>11 9 AM Service Rain date for BABER DAY</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14 12 NOON HEALING SERVICE</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>18 ECSC Picnic 10 AM Service</i>	<i>19 SOUP KITCHEN 4 PM</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21 12 NOON HEALING SERVICE</i>	<i>22 Sight and Sound Bus Trip</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25 9 AM SERVICE RETURN TO TRINITY WITH BAPTISM 10:30 AM Vestry Apple Dumpling Deadline</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28 12 NOON HEALING SERVICE</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	

October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Virtual Diocesan Convention</i>
2 <i>9AM Service with Animal Blessing</i>	3	4	5 NOON HEALING SERVICE	6	7 APPLE DUMPLIN PREP and PICK UP	8
9 <i>9AM Service 4 PM 100th Anniversary Concert Allen Arta</i>	10 Columbus Day OFFICE CLOSED	11	12 NOON HEALING SERVICE	13	14	15
16 <i>9 AM Service 10:30 Vestry</i>	17 SOUP KITCHEN 4 PM	18	19 NOON HEALING SERVICE	20	21	22 Murder Mystery Dinner 6 PM
23 <i>9AM Service STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY</i>	24 TRICK OR TREAT PREP DAY 10AM	25	26 NOON HEALING SERVICE	27 TRUNK A TREAT	28	29
30 <i>9AM Service</i>	31	NOVEMBER 1 <i>Necrology Service at CBC 6:15 PM</i>				

News from Marion C. Price Trust Fund

It is hard to believe it is September already! The year is winding down, the days are getting shorter and kids are heading back to school. Both of my children are in college this year so my house will be quiet. Where does the time go? I suppose the saying is true-time flies when you're having fun! As fall approaches and we prepare for colder weather many of us begin to think about getting our vaccinations. Until the corona virus became part of our daily life, we tended to focus mostly on vaccines for the flu or pneumonia. Now we need to prepare for colder weather by being up to date on all our shots and boosters.

COVID-19 VACCINE

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends COVID-19 primary series vaccines for everyone 6 months and older, and boosters for everyone ages 5 years and older, if eligible. If you have received your primary series of COVID-19 shots, the boosters are recommended as follows:

1st booster: preferably of either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine for most people at least 5 months after final dose in primary series.

2nd booster of either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine for adults 50 years and older at least 4 months after 1st booster.

COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are available in clinics, pharmacies and health care provider locations. There is no cost to you for the vaccine.

You will be considered "up to date" immediately after getting all boosters recommended for you.

INFLUENZA VACCINE

The CDC recommends everyone over 8 years of age get vaccinated every flu season. It takes about 2 weeks for protection to develop after vaccination and generally lasts 6-8 months. It is best to be vaccinated before the flu begins spreading in your community. September and October are generally good times to be vaccinated against the flu. Ideally, everyone should be vaccinated by the end of October. The vaccine is available from your health care provider, pharmacy and clinics. Medicare part B covers one flu shot per flu season. Most private insurance plans cover the vaccine but check your individual plan to be sure. Free or low-cost flu shots are offered through clinics, community organizations and public health departments.

PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINE

Vaccines can prevent pneumococcal disease, which is any type of illness caused by *Streptococcus pneumoniae* bacteria. The CDC recommends all adults 65 years and older be vaccinated. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) licensed the first pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV7 or Prevnar) in 2000. Studies have shown it is highly effective in preventing invasive pneumococcal disease and more brands have been approved in 2010 and 2021. Most people who get a pneumococcal vaccine do not have any serious problems. As with any medicine or vaccine, there is a chance of side effects. These are usually mild

and go away on their own within a few days, but serious reactions are possible. Consult with your doctor on the best type of vaccine. It should be available in your doctor's office and usually covered by Medicare part B.

SHINGLES VACCINATION

CDC recommends that adults 50 years and older get two doses of the shingles vaccine called Shingrix (recombinant zoster vaccine) to prevent shingles and the complications from the disease. Chickenpox and shingles are related because they are caused by the same virus (varicella-zoster virus). After a person recovers from chickenpox the virus stays dormant in the body. It can reactivate years later and cause shingles.

You may get this vaccine even if you don't remember having chicken pox or even if you have had shingles. Shingles vaccination is the only way to protect against shingles and postherpetic neuralgia (PHN), the most common complication of shingles. The Shingrix vaccine provides strong protection against shingles and PHN. Immunity stays strong for at least the first 7 years after vaccination. Most people get a sore arm with mild or moderate pain, and some have redness and swelling where they got the shot. Medicare part B does not cover the shingles vaccine but Medicare part D does cover it. Depending on your plan there may be a cost to you such as a copay or out-of-pocket payment and reimbursement of a certain amount. Check your individual plan or call your doctor's office for payment details. Shingrix is available in doctors' offices and pharmacies. If you have any questions about getting this vaccine or potential side effects, talk with your doctor.

TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA, and WHOOPING COUGH VACCINE

CDC recommends diphtheria, tetanus, and whooping cough (pertussis) vaccination (Tdap) for everyone. All adults who have never received one should get a Tdap vaccine. This can be given at any time regardless of when they last got a tetanus shot (Td). This should be followed by either a Td or Tdap every 10 years. Side effects are usually mild and go away on their own in a few days. It is best to discuss what type is needed with your doctor.

Other vaccines or boosters may be needed based on your age, health conditions, and lifestyle. Certain vaccines are also needed for travel. It is important to discuss all vaccines and boosters with your healthcare professional to assess your individual health needs and risk factors. Most vaccines do work well and while they may not always prevent the disease, they may lessen the severity of it. It looks like the monkeypox virus is the latest virus to spread through the United States. We can hope and pray it will not reach pandemic proportions such as the COVID-19 virus did. Follow your health care provider's recommendations, wear a mask if you like, and wash your hands frequently. I pray you all stay safe and healthy!



Coming Soon: Autumn's Finest Display of Color

Sept./Oct. 2022

Beginning in September and continuing into early November, autumn dazzles us with a rainbow of colors that differ greatly between the tree species. Some species, like the dawn redwoods, bald cypress, eastern red cedar, swamp white oak, and cryptomeria pick up the earth tones of rust, amber, chocolate, mahogany, carnelian, walnut, cinnamon, and almond. While others, like all the 'sunset' red maples, dwarf red maples, regular red maples and the copper beach pick up the deep reds of scarlet, crimson, carmine, claret, burgundy, and cerise. Other trees like the elms, little leaf linden, Norway maples, ginkgoes, hornbeam, box elder, London planetree, black locust, black walnut, and American beech prefer the yellow colors of straw, wheat, butter, gold, lemon, canary, and dandelion. And others like the sweetgum, white ash, staghorn sumac, sugar maple, black gum, black cherry, dogwoods, Kentucky coffee tree, and tulip tree pick up the orange tones of tangerine, cantaloupe, papaya, peach, carrot, and apricot. And then we have the red and white oaks whose dominant fall colors are dependent on the amount of rain and heat. The leaves can be yellow and straw-colored one year and peach and apricot colored another year. Also aside from the trees, notice the full display and varieties of mushrooms found at the base of some trees, or buried in the grass, or along the stone steps between the levels, or on the fence line near Wachter's garage. And then we have the winter storage food for the squirrels in the form of many sizes of acorns hanging primarily from the oaks, the spiky nut balls of the American beech, and the green shell-covered nuts on the black walnut. And other ornamentation of the long dangling bunched samara clusters hanging from the sycamore maples, the spike balls on the sweetgum, and the brown shaker seed pods on the black locust and the eastern redbud. Come and walk the property and see the splashy and heart-warming fall colors. Enjoy nature's grand display and lingering farewell of its fall season.

Second Full-Time Worker Needed

The cemetery employs two full-time workers and several part-time workers. The full-time workers are paid a salary and full benefits including health insurance and pension. The part-time workers are paid through Career Link's state funding. For the past three years, we have been unable to get any part-time help from Career Link, which leaves us with two full-time employees doing all the work. Unfortunately one of our two full-time employees has accepted a job in NJ. We have been without a second full-time worker for six weeks. We have posted twice in the newspaper and are currently waiting to see if anyone applies to this second ad. Tom has done a commendable job of trying to keep up with the grass cutting, but there are never enough hours in the day to weed whack around the memorial markers. Two of our board members volunteer to help out occasionally with weed whacking. However, within another month, the beautiful fall foliage will bring plenty of fallen leaves which have to be blown into great piles along the main road for the city to vacuum up. If you can volunteer a few hours or know of anyone interested in working full time, please contact the office.

Update on East and West Gatehouses

At the time of this writing, much has been done to the gatehouses, and yet much remains to be done primarily to the east gatehouse. The west gatehouse has the support beams and flooring at the second level, and a poured concrete floor. It still needs electrical power, and we are not sure how the roof is. The wood facade at the top of both gatehouses has been painted and the rotted wood replaced. They both will need a metal overhang capping once the roof is replaced on the east gatehouse. The east gatehouse still needs its new roof, new support beams under the roof, electrical wiring, outlets, and lighting, trap rock dumped in the root cellar, a concrete floor poured over the trap rock, the ceiling patched, and the walls and ceiling painted. At the time of this writing, we have paid \$31,953 in repair bills for the two gatehouses with this money coming from insurance (\$28,327), community and parishioner support (\$7,685), and a partial grant reimbursement (\$3,297). However, the bad news is, that it will cost approximately \$23,500 to complete the work just mentioned. We may be able to apply for a partial grant from the diocese (minus the work covered by the insurance). Most of the \$16,144 shortfall will come from our investment account (\$10,000 -\$12,000) and from wages and insurance/pension that would have been paid to our second full-time worker which we haven't had for 6 weeks (\$2,000), and the balance from columbarium and plot sales or if any community or parishioner donations are received. If you can contribute, it would be greatly appreciated.



Baber Day

14th & Market Street, Pottsville

Saturday, September 10, 2022
24th Annual Baber Appreciation Day

Rain date: Sunday, September 11, 2022

Tours, picnic, entertainment 3:00 to 6:30PM

Hot dogs, bake beans, chips, watermelon and water
You bring your chairs and a sun hat.

“Free Will Donation”

NATURE & HISTORY WALKING TOURS 3:00

BASKET RAFFLE 3:00 TO 5:30

BAKE SALE 3 -6:00 PICNIC BEGINNING 4:30

THIRD BRIGADE BAND CONCERT 4:00 - 5:45

SOLEMN EVENSONG SERVICE - 6:00 PM

Monetary contributions to purchase the hot dogs, rolls, baked beans, condiments, paper products, water and chips would be greatly appreciated.

Volunteers are needed to bake goods, to help set up and clean up, cut the melons, and grill the dogs day of the event. I

If you can help call Kurt Kovalovich 640-1738, Carla or Norm-628-3868, Carol 617-6704 or the office at 622-8720.

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**Deadline
For
November/December "Topics"
Monday, Oct. 17, 2022**



September Birthdays

1 - Alexa Stone
2 - Dawn Burns
4 - Layla Sinko
8 - Braden Burns
10 - Katherine Reese
11 - Brianne Stone
14 - Anthony "AJ" Rauco
15 - Anthony Pritiskutch
16 - Joseph Rauco, Kennedy Holden
20 - Sandra Moore
25 - Bob Burns
27 - Clarence Eckert
28 - Sean Holden

October Birthdays

1 - Jordan Franko, Haley Banonis
3 - Justin Franko
5 - Georgine Curtier, Fr. Timothy Albright
6 - Bill Rutecky
9 - Donna Schenck
14 - Randy Bedford
15 - Lora Brennan
20 - Suzanne Franko, Zoe Lynn Holden
21 - Eric Ryland
28 - Barbara Tokarz
29 - John Ross