



The Trinity Church Newsletter

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From the Rector

The real danger to the Anglican Communion is our arrogance.

The real danger to the Anglican Communion is not the controversy about what to do with the ministry of gay and lesbian people within the Church. It is bound up in the way that some of us refuse to see each other as "real" Christians. Our decision to dismiss and objectify people with whom we disagree, whether they be left, right, gay, straight, American, African or whatever, is fundamentally changing the nature of this branch of the Church. It is destroying something rare and precious. We should stop. (I say "we" 'cause I do it too.) At its core the problem is that we arrogantly assume that we, as individuals or groups, have enough of the truth, in and of ourselves, that we have no need of real engagement with each other.

"Conversation" that is entered into with the presumption of knowing the final result is not conversation but attempted conversion. The job of the conversion of our fellow Christians belongs to the Holy Spirit. Our job, as members of God's Church, is reconciliation.

Over the years that I have been an Episcopal Priest I have frustrated people who tried to figure out if I was "progressive" or "orthodox." I have been excoriated in front of my parish by my then bishop for being a "closed minded hyper-orthodox thinker." I have had my fellow clergy refuse to share the peace with me at the Eucharist because I insisted that gay and lesbian people have a rightful place in this church. I have been hissed at by fellow clergy at General Convention for being a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. I have had bishops refuse to receive communion with me because I voted to confirm Gene Robinson's election as bishop. I say all this to set-up my next point, and also as a personal illustration of my admittedly limited experience of being objectified and

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The Prayer List

Here are the names of Trinity people who have health problems or personal problems and who wish to be remembered in our prayers. If you or a loved one has health problems or other problems, and if you would like the prayerful help of Trinity friends, you are invited to add your name to the list. Please contact the office, 610-867-4741.

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| Ed Atkinson | Eleanor Graber | Margorie Miller | Gwen Singer |
| Al Barr | Mary Harris | Bergey | Dennis Taylor |
| Bud Barr | Nancy Hofmann | Marge Muran | Pat Talijan |
| Jane Breininger | Jo Anne Hornyak | Heather Myers | Ethyl Thomas |
| Robin Butterfield | Ed Huff | Joe Palmeri | Mackenzie Updyke |
| Edna Chase | Stevie Jones | Efrain Pastor | Edith Wilson |
| Edna Cieply | Pyong Lukens | Matthew Post | |
| Dorothy Comegys | Robert Lukens | Bob Romeril | |
| Sara Creech | Fr. Mac | Gwendolyn-Jane | |
| Doris Eshbach | Elizabeth Miller | Romeril | |
| Lois Frederick | Terry Miller | Sean Romeril | |
| Gordon Gladden | | Joan Sheldrake | |



Trinity is a praying church. We love to pray for people...and we keep on praying for them. But sometimes, people get "parked" on the parish prayer

list. The policy is to put people on the Prayers of the People list and to read their names for two weeks in a row, UNLESS you ask us to keep them on. They will also be put on the prayer list in the Bulletin. We keep them on the Bulletin list for two months, UNLESS you ask us to keep them on. We are very happy to keep people on either or both lists, but please do tell us. Call the office or give a note to one of the clergy.

KEEP ON PRAYING!



Birthdays

- 1 Richard Ditterline
- 2 Dianne Carl-Ziegler
- 3 Andrew Majczan
Jonathan Heimbach
Nicholas Heimbach
- 4 Laura Howell
Alex Schlener
- 6 Caitlin Dickey
Liana Irvine
Marius Bressoud
D J Douvanis
- 7 Derek Freeh
Brian Givey
Linda Laubach
- 8 Robert Lukens
- 9 Michael Givey
- 10 Gary Becker
- 11 Carol Todaro
- 14 Sandra Utley
- 18 Michelle Fodor
Kevin Gee
- 19 Rajika Reed
F. Richard Matthews
- 21 Janice Illick
- 23 Michael Tax, Sr.
- 24 Jha-Dia Lukens
- 25 Mathew Post
- 26 Christopher Wrenshaw
- 27 Amanda Molinaro
- 28 Clifford Carr
- 30 Jason Kerr
Nell Brandt
Benjamin Ferriby
Jason Kerr

Anniversaries

- 2 Laura Johnson & Paul Salerni
- 3 Cathy & Roger Walter

Celebration of Saints During June

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

- 1 Justin, Martyr at Rome, c. 167
- 2 The Martyrs of Lyons, 177
- 3 The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886
- 5 Boniface, Archbishop of Mainz, Missionary to Germany and Martyr, 754
- 9 Columba, Abbot of Iona, 597
- 10 Ephrem of Edessa, Syria, Deacon 373
- 12 St. Barnabas, Apostle
- 14 Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379
- 15 Evelyn Underhill, 1941
- 16 Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham, 1752
- 22 Alban, First Martyr of Britain, c.304
- 24 The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
- 28 Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, c.202
- 29 St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles
- 9 Ann & Chris Connors
Carolyn & Timothy Duranko
- 10 Jean & George Hurchalla
- 11 Carey & Pat Patterson
- 16 Jolieta & Russell Yurchak
- 18 Xinyuan & Brian Leidy
- 19 Tracy & Edward Roeder
Susan & Richard Ditterline
- 20 Irene & William Harding
- 21 Dolores & James Caskey
Gloria & S. Kenneth Tarby
- 25 Susan & Gary Becker
- 27 Rajika & Christopher Reed
- 29 Olivia & Vincent Garcia

Sunday Readings During June

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

June 4—The Day of Pentecost

- Acts 2:1-11
- 1 Corinthians 12:4-13
- John 20:19-23
- Psalms 104:25-37

June 11—1st Sunday after Pentecost

- Exodus 3:1-6
- Romans 8:12-17
- John 3:1-16
- Psalms 93

June 18—2nd Sunday after Pentecost

- Ezekiel 31:1-6,10-14
- 2 Corinthians 5:1-10
- Mark 4:26-34
- Psalms 92

June 25—3rd Sunday after Pentecost

- Job 38:1-11,16-18
- 2 Corinthians 5:14-21
- Mark 4:35-41;(5:1-20)
- Psalms 107:1-32



From Mother Laura.....

An Ecclesiastes Time of Year

You all know the verses from Ecclesiastes chapter 3: ***"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted,"*** etc. All the way down to ***"a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace."*** Some of us can even sing them with the Byrds' refrain, ***"Turn, turn, turn."***

It's the time of the year when we notice the changes going on around us. We now have air-conditioning. YAY! Forum and Sunday School are over for the summer. BOO! The Sunday services are on summer time. YAY! People are starting to be away for vacations and conferences. BOO! Final exams are over in most colleges. YAY! High school and younger students still have exams to face. BOO!

When I was a teacher, this time of year was always bittersweet. I looked forward to a somewhat slower schedule during the summer, but I was also aware that a number of my students would be graduating. I knew that I would not see some of them again, as they went off to make their lives in the world. I hoped and

prayed, though, that some of what they learned in my classes might help them in their future education and in their careers. Teaching was always more than just a job for me; the time and effort was an investment in the future.

When I first came to Trinity, people told me that it is an academic parish, and it was very comfortable for me. In late spring—and especially THIS spring—I am reminded that the end of the academic year is a time of transition. Some of our parishioners are leaving, getting new jobs or responding to changing needs. New parishioners are coming. Life in our academic parish is an ever-changing kaleidoscope of wonderful and unique people. I'm excited about the possibilities for new programs, new outreach activities, new interests that new people bring. But I'm also sad to be saying goodbye to folks who have become friends over the last seven years.

It's graduation time at Trinity Episcopal Church in Bethlehem. We are graduating some fine people and sending them

off with our blessings. Like dandelion seeds, they are going forth, carried by the wind of the Spirit and supported by the silken parachutes of our love and prayers. And we hope that when they settle down in their new homes, they will be like dandelions, growing strong, and sending up bright blossoms that bring joy to their new parishes.

Our parish community congratulates not only its students graduating from high school, college, and technical studies, but also parishioners who are leaving us for new ventures. We are grateful for all you have given us over the years. Remember us in your prayers, as we will certainly remember you.

It's an Ecclesiastes time of year: a time to say farewell and Godspeed. And to look forward to the fall, when it all begins anew!

Blessings,
Mo. Laura Thomas
(away at conference as this newsletter is being printed—but I'll be back!)



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not heard.

I am, in truth, a moderate. I am theologically conservative and socially liberal. (I'm a financial conservative and a speculative scientist as well in case that matters...) I believe that we are all in the process of being transformed - and that we do not yet know what we shall become. I make no claim that my position is better than other positions. I am in spiritual danger of becoming a "luke-warm" Laodicean Christian because of my moderation. I often long after the passion and self-assurance of others.

Because of my place in the "middle" I have good friends on both sides of the "issues" confronting the Anglican Communion at the moment. I treasure them and the richness my relationships with them bring to my life. The thought that I might lose them because of our insistence upon "purity" of thought is making me sick.

The common wisdom at the moment is that the Anglican Communion is suffering its troubles because it contains two completely separate religions. And because there are two religions (which are assumed to be irreconcilable) it is thought that a separation between the two must occur so that there will be two churches - each of which can then go its separate way unencumbered by any need to make accommodation in its daily life for the other.

Besides the fact that this view is totally antithetical to St. Paul's repeated teaching about the Church as the Body of Christ (which is made up of many members but is one body - see I Cor. 12), it is also the wrong diagnosis.

There is a common perception on the part of the public about Episcopalians that we are "catholic-lite". We like the *form* of being church, but we don't want to deal with the inconvenience that belief sometimes brings. While there are certainly folks within this denomination who focus on form rather than meaning, this idea that we are "lite Christians" is unfair. We are a church that is deeply, deeply formed by our incarnational theology. This theology leads us to a certain sensuality in worship and church life. But it also causes us to be a relational church rather than a confessional church. Like the Moravians, we are formed and informed by our insistence on seeing Christ in others.

But this core value is under assault today. There is a cacophony of intolerant voices doing rhetorical violence to the people with whom they disagree. Terms like "pagan", "homo-priest", "priestess", "neo-puritan", "Nazi", "bully-boy", and "intellectual midgets" have become the common language of our church's conversation. The language has so degenerated that our behavior has become a scandal to people outside the Church.

Our language reflects the spiritual arrogance that is the real enemy attacking our Communion from within. The various voices have decided that they are self-sufficient in and of themselves. They have no need of others - especially

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Bishop's Day with Youth
grades 7-12*



SUMMER SPLASH!

Saturday July 15, 2006
Spruce Lake Retreat, Canadensis
10 am – 3 pm

*come and bring a friend to this day of cool fun
right in the middle of summer!
we'll swim, drink fruit smoothies, eat great food,
do a simple work project, play games, worship,
and just enjoy hanging out together*


(*includes youth entering 7th grade this fall & 2006 graduates)

Early registration deadline:
June 15 (free CD of pictures from the event!)

Late registration deadline: July 1

see your rector or youth leader
for a registration form or go to
www.diobeth.typepad.com/diobeth_newsipin

NARNIA
*The LION,
The BISHOP,
& The WARDROBE*



Bishop's Day with Kids 2006
Open to Kids—Grades 1-6

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| July 22, 2006 Nativity Bethlehem 9 am — 3:30 pm | OR | July 29, 2006 St. Luke's Scranton 9 am — 3:30 pm |
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Register by : June 15, 2006 for Narnia
T-Shirt! (NO WALK-INS!)

For Registration and Medical Forms
see your rector or go to
www.diobeth.typepad.com/diobeth_newsipin

Farewell and Thanks

It hardly seems like five years ago my family first came to Trinity! We have been blessed by your love, kindness, patience, and good nature, and will take your blessings with us to Hamden, CT and the next part of our lives.

For my part, I wish to thank all the members for Trinity for allowing me to be a Reader, Intercessor, and to bear the Chalice; to help to reflect upon worship; to assist from time to time with music in the parish. So many gracious moments have blossomed here –in particular, the immense privilege of serving the Cup of Salvation to Fr. Mac.

At a crucial moment in his long story, Tolkien wrote these words for a wise character: "Yet it is not our part to master all the tides of the world, but to do what is in us for the succour of those years wherein we are set, uprooting the evil in the fields that we know, so that those who live after may have clean earth to till. What weather they shall have is not ours to rule." May you greet the one Sun, and may the rain fall soft upon your fields.

– Gavin Ferriby

**DANCING
ON THE POINT OF A PIN**

It did matter, once, the angels -
how many could dance on a pin?
To look past the heart of an atom
is now where we've come and
been.

We feel in a vortex of whirling,
the earth not as solid below:
is God in the vastness beyond us
or in us wherever we go?

—Sue Wolfe

The Family Support Program...
...is looking for volunteers who can
work on Mondays
10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Please contact Irene Harding
(610-868-7255) for more information.

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of those with whom they disagree. Bishop Paul Marshall pointed this out in an article in the Living Church back in 2002. Archbishop Rowan Williams repeatedly points to our lack of humility in our internal dialogue. And until we recognize that spiritual arrogance is the core of our problem, we are a people who are losing our hope.

Look - this is an issue for all of us. Including "moderates" like me. My own spiritual arrogance has to do with my pre-conclusion that my lack of passion and my moderation lets me see more clearly than others. There is just as much danger for us "moderates" when we start to believe that if others could just be "sensible" like we are, the anger would cease and we could get on with the mission of the Church.

The solution is not going to come from convincing other people that "we" are "right". It is going to come when we stop trying to do what "we" want and start listening very, very, very hard to hear what God wants.

+Nick

Sacramental Trivia

While most of us know what the nave and narthex of the church are, how many of us know what some of the 'communion-ware' is called. Here it is and now you will know:

Purificator: The white napkin used to wipe the rim of the cup after each communicant takes a sip for it.

Corporal: The white cloth upon which the vessels containing the bread and the wine are set during their consecration as the body and blood of Christ.



Burse: The flat, cloth-covered cardboard cover placed atop the veiled chalice (cup) and paten (plate). It is hinged, like a book, and you can put extra purificators and the corporal in it.

Veil: A square of heavy cloth, matching the burse that covers the chalice and paten when they are waiting to be used. The burse perches on top of it the whole ensemble.

Aumbry: A box or compartment, usually set into a wall but sometimes on a shelf, in which consecrated bread and wine is reserved for use in visits to the sick. An oil aumbry is the same, only smaller, and contains holy oils.



Pyx: A container for consecrated bread. Some are very small, for use in visiting the sick, and others hang from a chain, for storing larger quantities of the bread.

Nave: The largest part of a church, where the congregation sits.

Narthex: The entrance of a church's interior -- its "lobby."

...the Glossary from a recent Barbara Crafton 'emo'.



HOW DO WE SAY GOODBYE AND THANK YOU TO THE HORNUNGS??? **LET TRINITY'S GROUP INVOLVING FAMILIES EXPLAIN THE WAYS....**

It is difficult to express everything that the Hornungs mean to our parenting group. In many areas it is quite clear. Claire has provided leadership in our Youth Education program for seven years. John served on the Vestry for three years while serving Trinity as the Vestry Warden for two of those years. Together they started our parenting group...organized by Claire and implemented with John's assistance. They have spent countless hours volunteering in these areas as well as in church fellowship. They have cooked many a wonderful main course at a TGIF dinner as well as church picnics and lunches. (BJ's Wholesale Club and the Hornungs are well acquainted.) Claire has been an excellent event planner and communicator and John, despite his chocolate aversion, has managed to bake many a delicious homemade treat for our hungry TGIF group. (You can still FEDEX 'em John!)

The Hornungs are incredibly special people and mean much more to us than just their roles in our church community. They had a vision of a parenting group, worked hard to make it happen and never gave up on the plan. Today, TGIF is the heart of Trinity for most of us in the group. It is a place where our children love to go. They feel safe and comfortable with their "extended family". It is a place where we all are free to be ourselves...to learn, to laugh and to grow together in Christ's love. For this experience, we are forever grateful to the Hornungs and we will miss them deeply.

So as the Hornungs move on to their next journey in life, we want to thank them for the other ways they have touched our lives. They have been influential role models for our children by showing kindness, consistency, patience and fairness. They have set strong examples of respect and love in marriage and in family. They have always been ready with smiles, laughs and a positive attitude. They have shown each of us love through their caring Christian ways. We are truly blessed to have friends like Claire and John.

We thank them for sharing Ben, Lillie and Sadie with us. Their children have made us smile...from Ben's one-liners (not **always** in chapel) to Lillie's great big friendly hugs, to Sadie's sweet and spunky independence. The Hornung children have been true friends to our children and have enriched our lives in many ways.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you John and Claire. We will do our best to carry on without you but it won't be easy. We wish you the very best of life always and we hope to see you often! LOVE- Your Trinity friends

Please join Trinity's Group involving families in saying farewell to the Hornungs. TGIF will host a cake and coffee reception immediately following the 9:30am service on Sunday, July 16th.



Sermon preached by The Reverend Canon Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril on May 21, 2006

Acts 11:19-30

St. John 15:9-17

1 John 4:7-21

The gospel that comes immediately before today's gospel demands a nod, because it sets the stage for today's message. You may recall that it is the Allegory of The Vine and the Branches. Jesus is the Vine. We are the branches. And God the Father is The Vinedresser. He takes away the branches that do not bear fruit, or, are dead. He prunes the branches that do bear fruit, so that they will bear more fruit.

To be pruned is to suffer. But what a people we would be if we never suffered. We would have no backbone. We would have no courage if we had nothing to fear. We would never discover the depths of who we are, and what we could do, if things always ran smoothly. All that is noble in us has been hammered into us by the hard knocks of life. Yet we rail against them, and God, and want the agonies that assault us, eliminated from our lives. It is a desire that is only human.

However, if rightly met and used, these trials and tribulations, can enlarge us as human beings. Trials can open up new ministries of helpfulness. Trials can teach us sympathy, and understanding. Trials can help us to look in a new way at all of God's dealings with us, especially those we don't like! It was Robert Burns who said: "Misery is like love. To speak its' language truly, the author must have felt it." One must learn to see love in the greatest of evils. When anything bad comes, ask: "What love can I see in this?" "Where is the silver lining, in this great dark cloud that hangs over me?"

Life is difficult, and often, very confusing. There are many slippery slopes, and steep hills to maneuver. There are crossroads that challenge us. Indeed, there are times, when we are not sure we can take another step. But, Jesus says: "I am the Vine. You are the branches. I will give you everything you need, so that you can do great things for me. And glorify my Father. Abide in my love."

Now we come to today's lesson. For me, the whole lesson circulates around my favourite line in Scripture: "You did not choose me, I chose you." We were chosen for many reasons, but let's talk this morning, about three: LOVE, JOY, and FRIENDSHIP. Let's look at Love first.

Jesus said: "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you." How can that be? We are so rebellious, and, we are stubborn. We are selfish, thoughtless, and much of the time, unlovable! But for some reason beyond our comprehension, Jesus loves us anyway, with a deep, and holy love. In spite of it all, Jesus finds something in us that is lovable, and He meets it with a love that is so wonderful that He Himself can find no comparison to it, except the love of God's own heart for Him. This love is so profound, it unites the two who have it for each other, just as Jesus and His Father were united to one another. This is the nature of the love that Jesus describes for us.

We were chosen for this love. Yet, as a people, we seem to be trapped in some sort of nonsense about 'not being worthy'. Sound familiar? This misconception must be thrown out the window. Because, in fact, God says, in Jesus, that we are worthy. And His love will cover over all our inadequacies, and make us new, and better than we are. We need to accept it, believe it, and walk in the sunshine of this great, compassionate love, that Jesus has for each and every one of us. Do not walk in the dark shadows, and miss out on this love! Cross over onto the sunny side of the street. You have a choice!

Leave behind, those willful ways, those sinful, unhealthy habits that seek to devour you (and me), or you will not be able to keep in step with God. Something will choke the very life out of you, the way a poisonous vine will choke the life out of a branch. Walking in my garden yesterday, I discovered a ferocious vine, that was devouring and killing one of my Boxwood's. So, I had to tear it out. Although it is God's work to prune us, our work is to tear out those 'unhealthy vines' that threaten our union with Jesus, the True Vine. We know when we are abiding in Him, and we know when we are not. And we know what to do about it. Pray. Go apart; listen for the voice of God. We were chosen to share LOVE. Be loving, unselfish, and generous. Let's use our lives not merely for our own ends, our own aims and interests, but on behalf of

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Weekly Schedule

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| Sundays | 8:00 am | Holy Eucharist (sermon, no music) (Church) |
| | 9:30 am | Holy Eucharist (sermon, summer choir) (Church) |
| Mondays | 9:00 am | Morning Prayer (Chapel) |
| | Noon-1:00 pm | Soup Kitchen |
| | 5:30 pm | AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| Tuesdays | 9:00 am | Morning Prayer (Chapel) |
| | 10:30 am | Yoga (Chapel) |
| | Noon-1:00 pm | Soup Kitchen |
| | 5:30 pm | AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting (Parish Hall) |
| | 7:00 pm | Daughters of the King (Library) |
| Wednesdays | 9:00 am | Morning Prayer (Chapel) |
| | 9:30 am | Holy Eucharist w/Healing (Chapel) |
| | 11:00 am | Daughters of the King (Library) |
| | Noon-1:00 pm | Soup Kitchen |
| | 3:00 pm | Yoga (Chapel) |
| Thursdays | 5:30 pm | AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 9:00 am | Morning Prayer (Chapel) |
| | Noon-1:00 pm | Soup Kitchen |
| | 5:30 pm | AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| Fridays | 6:00 pm | Yoga (Chapel) |
| | 9:00 am | Morning Prayer (Chapel) |
| | Noon-1:00 pm | Soup Kitchen |
| Saturdays | 5:30 pm | AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 10:00 am | AA Meeting (Parish Hall) |
| | 5:00 pm | Holy Eucharist and Sermon (Chapel) (1st Saturday - Holy Eucharist w/Healing in the Church) |

BISHOP'S DAY FOR ADULTS

Meeting God: Living an Everyday Faith

On Saturday, July 1, 2006 Bishop Paul and the Diocese of Bethlehem will host a gathering at the Fatima Renewal Center in Dalton, PA near Clarks Summit. As the title suggests, this will be a day of discovering God in the ordinary events of our lives. We will begin at 8:30 with registration, assemble for prayer, share a meal, attend a variety of talks and discussions throughout the day, and conclude with the Eucharist. Perhaps most of all, this is a wonderful opportunity to share some quality time with other folks from the diocese in a beautiful place with no other goal than to create a space for God to move in our midst.

The cost is \$25 per person and some scholarships are available. Overnight accommodations may be available on Friday evening for a nominal cost. For further information, please contact the Reverend Peter Pearson at pearson@nb.net or call 215-848-2642.



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those around us. When we do live that way, we experience what Jesus is talking about in the next part of this passage, JOY.

Jesus goes on to say: "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." This joy, is a major gift from God. It is the gift Jesus left behind, everywhere He went. The blind could see again, the deaf could hear, the crippled could walk, and the dead were raised. Souls were restored to health, and strength, and cleanness. People felt a power and goodness they had never known before. Jesus Himself was a happy man. He delighted in meeting, and knowing people. He loved parties, whether on the beach, dinner at someone's house, or a wedding, or on the road. His joy was contagious. He was always giving thanks for the goodness of God. Because of the presence of Jesus, and the infusion of His Spirit, into the Community, the early Christians were known for being joy-filled. St. Barnabas spoke of the Christians, as "children of joy." When we let the joy of Jesus, mingle with the joy He has given us, it cannot help but overflow and touch the hearts and minds of others. We were chosen to share this joy. Only then will we be authentic Christians, following the example of our sisters and brothers in the early Church, and our Lord Jesus.

Jesus said: "You are my friends if you do what I command you." The Buddha describes the meaning of a true friend: "He guards you when you are off your guard, and does not forsake you in trouble; he even lays down his life for your sake; he restrains you from doing wrong; he enjoins you to do right; he reveals to you the way to heaven."

Jesus has chosen us to be His friends, and to be friends with God. Look at the relationship between Moses and God, Abraham and God, Joshua and God, David and God. We could make a long list. In each case, what characterized the relationship was awe, respect, adoration, high regard, trust, honesty, intimacy. The willingness to bare one's heart and soul to the Other. Martin Buber called it "The I and Thou" relationship. Jesus gave us this intimacy, so that we too, would become friends with God. It startles us to realize, that as Jesus draws us to Himself, and we respond, a radical kinship of spirit develops between us. This overrides all the differences between us that would keep us apart. God longs for intimacy with each of us. When true friendship develops, the readiness to lay down one's life for the other, as demonstrated by God in Jesus, becomes our destiny. We were chosen for FRIENDSHIP with God, through Jesus, and with one another.

Jesus said: "I appointed you to go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name He may give it to you. This I command you: Love one another." Jesus chose us for a purpose. That purpose is to 'go out' and bear fruit, to abide, and to pray. Armed with LOVE, JOY, and FRIENDSHIP, how can we miss? My brothers and sisters, go out in LOVE, and bear fruit. Let your JOY be contagious. Lean on your FRIENDSHIP with God. Then, make a Friend. Be a Friend. And bring a Friend to Jesus.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School vs. Vestry Kickball Game

The score just in:

Vestry 1

Sunday School 27.



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual parish picnic. Fun was had by all. A big thank you to Jen Bradley for picking up lunch and for all the dishes and goodies brought to share.

Again, a heartfelt thanks to our Sunday School teachers: Suzanne Irvine, Arianne Maiatico, Karen Vitalos and Matt Tax, our assistant. Trinity is doubly blessed to have you as members and teachers.

Save the Date:

July 22nd is Bishops Day at the Cathedral. Trinity children grades 1-6 are invited to participate. The theme this year: The Lion, The Bishop and the Wardrobe. More information to come.



WORSHIP SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS, July 23 – September 3, 2006

Compiled by Donna Lawrence

| Date | Time | Usher | Crucifier | Torch Bearer | Reader | Intercessor | Chalice | Nursery |
|--------------|------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| 7/23 2006 | 8:00 AM | Ken Tardy | -- | -- | Bob Mickus | Ann Mickus | Gloria Tardy Marie Guerra | -- |
| | 9:30 AM | Tom Bradley Vince Garcia | Joanna Majczan | -- | Sheri Majczan Linda Henry | Jody Miller | Jody Miller Linda Henry | Jennifer Bradley |
| 7/30 2006 | 8:00 AM | Elizabeth Gee | -- | -- | Francis Frey | Jane Frey | Francis Frey Virginia McQueen | -- |
| | 9:30 AM | Suzanne Bounoy Marcie Lightwood | Lindsay Heather | -- | Jean Hurchalla Marcie Lightwood | Sue Ditterline | Sue Ditterline Dixie White | Blaise McArchie |
| 8/6 2006 | 8:00 AM | Gloria Tardy | -- | -- | Bill Winterdum | Francis Frey | Mary Ellen O'Connell | -- |
| | 9:30 AM | Michael Bryant Linda Henry | Charann Filko | -- | Ken Magee Charles O'Connell | Michael Bryant | Donna Lawrence Bob Lawrence | Heather Myers |
| 8/13 2006 | 8:00 AM | Bill Harding | -- | -- | Ann Mickus | Bob Mickus | Elizabeth Gee Violet McCandless | -- |
| | 9:30 AM | Stobhan Ardozone Bill Vitalos | Caroline Vail | -- | Mary Ann Swiatek Andrew Morrison | Dixie White | Sara Kingner Sandy Meeks | Amy Mann |
| 8/20 2006 | 8:00 AM | Francis Frey | -- | -- | Jane Frey | Francis Frey | Marie Guerra | -- |
| | 9:30 AM | Donna Lawrence Bob Lawrence | Heather Lawrence | -- | Sue Ditterline Jody Miller | Joyce Meinke | Sue Ditterline Jody Miller | Jennifer Bradley |
| 8/27 2006 | 8:00 AM | Ken Tardy | -- | -- | Bill Winterdum | Jane Frey | Dawn Winterdum Bill Winterdum | -- |
| | 9:30 AM | Eugene Proppner Tom Bradley | Danny Palmerl | -- | Linda Henry Carol Proppner | Tracy McArchie | Dee Palmerl Linda Henry | Blaise McArchie |
| 9/3 2006 | 8:00 AM | Elizabeth Gee | -- | -- | Bob Mickus | Ann Mickus | Mary Ellen O'Connell | -- |
| | 9:30 AM | Lynn Norman Jack Norman | Kennedy Knisely | -- | Karen Knisely David Myers | Jack Vickrey | Virginia McQueen David Myers | Heather Myers |

Please keep this monthly schedule and make it your responsibility to find a substitute and inform the church of any changes prior to Wednesday morning. (Contact: Gaby @ 867-4741 or Gaby@trinitybeth.org)

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Important Dates to Remember

Friday 6/2

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM TGIF Movie Night (Parish Hall)

Tuesday 6/13 – 6/21

2006 General Convention

Wednesday 6/14

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Outreach Committee (Library)

Monday 6/19

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Vestry Meeting (Library)

Tuesday 6/20

2:30 PM - 4:30 PM Pastoral Care Committee (Library)

Wednesday 6/21

5:30 PM - 9:00 PM Prayer Beaders Gathering (Gaby Whittier's Home)

July/August Newsletter Deadline

Monday, June 26, 2006