

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Mid Pentecost, September, 2024

September Highlights

Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. followed by coffee hour at 11. Please be silent after the bell rings before worship begins.

Holy Eucharist II, Sundays at 10

Every Wednesday - Bible Study - 1:00 to 2:30, Parish Hall, Gospel of Matthew.

Vestry is tentatively scheduled for September 22.

Reunification discussion - September 26, 1 pm, St. Mark's, New Milford.

More about Reunification

Members of the diocese of Central Pennsylvania and the Diocese of Bethlehem have been studying the possibility of our dioceses joining together for several years. Their recommendation will be presented at the joint convention in State College in October and delegates from both dioceses will vote on that recommendation. The combining of dioceses has become a trend as the church shrinks. For most of us, change is disturbing, so exploring the reasons to combine and the benefits, as well as the drawbacks, will be helpful. Attached to this emailing of the newsletter is a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document, which may be helpful.

There will be an in-person gathering later this month

with Bishop Kevin and members of the Reunification Commission. Trinity is part of Convocation I - that meeting is September 26 at 1 p.m. at St. Mark's, New Milford. Our delegate to convention is Marny Gerhart, who will be taking part in the voting, so please address your questions or concerns to her, especially if you are unable to attend our Convocation meeting.

Many hands make light work

In the last newsletter, you read

"liturgy literally means the work of the people. We all take part by singing and praying, but there's more we can do. You can be a reader - and read the Old Testament lesson aloud; an Usher, and take the bread and wine to the altar and then pass around the alms basin. Chalice bearers, who distribute the wine during communion, and Worship Leaders need to be licensed, but the training is available and we need people willing to serve. Is it you? Would you like to know more? Talk to Fr. Ben or Barbara."

This is a reminder that your help is needed. Also, we are looking for someone to take care of the bank deposit each week as well as another few people for altar guild.

Each of us are called to help keep Trinity a vibrant and welcoming place. Thank you!



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All God's children are welcome in the Episcopal Church

To seek and serve Christ in all people



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**Pentecost
Season**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Trinity Cycle of Prayer: 9/1 Daye, Loyd, and Katie Moreno. 9/8 Jon, Wendy, Kim, and Kate Murray 9/15 Kelly Murray, McKenzie Elliott. 9/22 David O'Dell, Brendon Brophy. 9/29 Gene Osmun, Ray Parker.		 Diocese of Bethlehem: 9/1 St. Brigid's, Nazareth, The Rev. John Marcantonio. 9/8 St. Peter's, Tunkhannock, The Rev. Estelle Webb. 9/15 St. John's, Palmerton, The Rev. Donna Larson. Constitution and Canons Committee. 9/22 St. Joseph's, Penn Argyl, St. Mary's, Wind Gap. 9/29 Trinity, Pottsville, The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich.		Kajo Keji: 9/1 Ajira Parish and Gaderu-Victoria Leach Primary School. 9/8 Emmanuel Parish Lubule. 9/15 St. Paul Bori Parish. 9/22 St. Mark Merguga Parish. 9/29 Lorudung Parish and Liwolo-Helen Wagner Primary School.		
1 Pentecost 15 P-17 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour	2 Labor Day AA 7 and 8:00 pm	3 Alan Caum	4 Bible Study 1 - 2:30 AA Intergroup 5:30 AA 7:30 pm	5	6	7
8 Pentecost 16 P-18 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour	9 AA 7 and 8:00 pm	10 6:30 Pre-Convention Zoom Meeting Meeting Registration - Zoom	11 Bible Study 1 - 2:30 6:30 Pre-Convention Zoom Meeting Meeting Registration - Zoom	12	13	14 Holy Cross Day
15 Pentecost 17 P-19 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour Jon Murray Paige Bubniak	16 AA 7 and 8:00 pm	17 Kim Cornell Tom Maneval	18 Bible Study 1 - 2:30 AA 7:30 pm	19 McKenzie Elliott	20	21 St. Matthew
22 Pentecost 18 P-20 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour **Vestry Meets** Fall Begins 	23 AA 7 and 8:00 pm	24	25 Bible Study 1 - 2:30 AA 7:30 pm	26 1 pm - Reunification of Dioceses discussion - Convocation 1 - St. Mark's, New Milford.	27	28 Shelly Strange Fish
29 Pentecost 19 P-21 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour Helen McNeal	30 St. Michael and All Angels AA 7 and 8:00 pm	Anglican Communion: 9/1 The Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola, Bishop Dean Augusto. 9/8 The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma), Archbishop Stephen Than Myint Oo. 9/15 The Church of Nigeria, Archbishop Henry C. Ndukuba 9/22 The Church of North India, Bishop Bijay Nayak. 9/29 The Church of Pakistan, Bishop Azad Marshall.		Bethlehem and Central Pennsylvania Joint Diocesan Convention October 18-19 Penn Stater Hotel & Conference Center, State College, PA		UTO Ingathering October 13 