# Trinity Times

## A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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### Late Pentecost, October, 2024

#### **October Highlights**

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

Sunday, October 6 - Holy Eucharist II and St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals. Absolutely every pet is welcome!

Sunday, October 13 - Morning Prayer II and Annual United Thank Offering Ingathering. Bring your blue box to offer for ministries across the wider church and take a new one home for next year. No pennies, please! Save those for the Church Periodical Club jar, located on the back buffet table. Pennies will be counted in December, so if you've been saving them, please bring them in by Advent I, December 1.

**Sunday, October 20 - Organ Concert** featuring David Jackson, Christ Church, Towanda, 4 p.m. Free will offering for their organ fund.

Sunday, October 27 - Vestry meets.

Bible study meets every Wednesday at 1, except October 16. Parish Hall.

#### **News about Reunification**

As you know, a study about the possibility of rejoining the Dioceses of Bethlehem and Central Pennsylvania has been ongoing for two years. The final vote will

be taken at the joint convention in State College in mid October. Our delegate to convention, Marny Gerhart, attended an in-person presentation this past week. She reports that although neither diocese is in crisis yet, the Episcopal Church and other mainline denominations are shrinking; rejoining the two dioceses would be a pro-active way of staying strong as the changes occur. The committee believes that money saved by such a move would give more resources to parishes and could set an example to the wider church as a way to look to the future. It looks as though the resolution to rejoin will pass. The new diocese will be known as Diocese of the Susquehanna. The formal change will take place in 2026 if the resolution passes. Be sure to speak to Marny if you have questions.

#### **Vestry News:**

- Organ work we have finally made progress in contacting Kerner & Merchant organ builders to do some work on our 1902 Hook & Hastings tracker. Thanks to the foresight and generosity of the late Don Barton, there is a fund to cover the repairs.
- Church Handrail The rail on the front step has rusted at the bottom due to salt and weather. We're taking steps to get it repaired or replaced. Have you noticed anything else needing repair or attention? Tell Nate, our junior warden.



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Late Pentecost

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday Saturday
Trinity Cycle of Prayer: Andy Patterson, Cathy I 10/13 Martha Pierce, Far Proper. 10/20 Doug, Ros and Sarah Plank. 10/27 Carla Ross, Paula Bacor	Patton. nna semary,	St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals is October 6	Church of Papu Ingen. 10/13 The pines, Bishop Bi Church of Rwar	nd the World: 10/5 The Ang a New Guinea, Archbishop e Episcopal Church in the F rent Alawas. 10/20 The Ang nda, Archbishop Laurent M sh Episcopal Church, Bisho	Nathan Philip- glican Ibanda.  Keji: 10/6 St. Mark Ajio Parish. 10/13 Pasiki Parish. 10/20 St. Joseph Kala. 10/27 Woro Parish and
Bethlehem: 10/6 Christ Chu The Rev. Bryce Wandrey. 1 Mary's, Reading. Diocesan 10/20 Redeemer, Sayre, The Melinda Artman. Pennsylv of Churches. 10/27 St. James Haven.	0/13 St. Convention. e Rev. Canon rania Council	1 Chris & Heather Hunsinger 30th	Bible Study 1 - 2:30 AA Intergroup 5:30 AA 7:30 pm	3	4 St. Francis of Assisi 5  Carla Ross
6 Pentecost 20 P-22 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals	7 AA 7 and 8:00 pm  Kathy Patterson Tom & Shannon Bubniak	8	9 No Bible Study AA 7:30 pm	10 Brandon Hunsinger	11 12  John Bubniak
13 Pentecost 21 P-23 10:00 Morning Prayer II 11:00 Coffee Hour UTO Ingathering	<b>14</b> AA 7 and 8:00 pm	15	16 Bible Study 1 - 2:30 AA 7:30 pm	17  Tom & Kathe Maneval	18 St. Luke the Evangelist  Joint Diocesan Conventions of Bethlehem and Central Pennsylvania
Meredith Beck				Brandon Bubniak	State College
20 Pentecost 22 P-24 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour Organ Concert at Christ Church, Towanda, 4 pm	<b>21</b> AA 7 and 8:00 pm	22	23 St. James of Jerusalem Bible Study 1 - 2:30 AA 7:30 pm	24	25 26
David Jackson					Fanna Proper
27 Pentecost 23 P-25 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour Vestry Meets	28 St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles AA 7 and 8:00 pm	29	30 Bible Study 1 - 2:30 AA 7:30 pm	31	All Saints observance is Sunday, November 3, Renewal of Baptismal Vows
				Grace Barton	And, Daylight savings ends - Fall back at 2 am