

# THE TRINITY TRUMPET

June/July 2010



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**"LET US PRAY"**



"Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the **prayers**?"  
Baptismal Covenant, BCP. p. 304

How may we at Trinity follow the apostles' teaching in our prayers? In our Trinity directory, there is a list of six of our members on the Trinity Prayer Chain. Any one of us may be contacted if you are aware of someone in immediate need of prayer--illness, injury, death, or disaster. The person you contacted then calls the next person on the prayer chain and soon the prayers are being lifted up by all six. Confidentiality is one consideration for us. If the family or person in need asks that we not discuss the person or need with others, we honor that request.

In the bulletin each Sunday there is a Prayer Request spot. If you know of someone with a long term need, this may be the appropriate time to give the name to the parish secretary, priest or deacon. This is also an appropriate place to seek the congregation's prayers for relief from natural disasters.. In the last month there have been tornadoes, floods and oil spills beyond belief and we have prayed not only for the victims but also for the relief workers.

Please let us know when the circumstances change for the family or person for whom we are praying so the prayer chain and prayer list can be updated. If you leave your message for the church secretary, she will see that we are called. We give prayers of thanksgiving for healing so please let us know how everything is going.

*Vause Carlsen, Deacon*

Your **Trinity Outreach** team has been busy helping St. Andrews as usual. We have also taken on helping St. Paul's who puts on a lunch every Friday for the homeless and hungry. We are helping them with paper goods and kitchen needs to put this lunch on weekly.

We also are offering scholarships for any of our church kids going to Camp Chickagami. We have already had two members sign up.

The Girl Scouts hold a day camp in Flushing called Rainbow Forest and we are sponsoring two Flushing scouts for that program and added a little seed money towards a third scholarship. The girls who we are sponsoring would not be able to go otherwise as their father is out of work and there mom works part time. She has volunteered to help out at camp on her day's off.

Christ Enrichment Center is holding a summer program and we donated enough money to them to send three children this summer.

Hurley's Oncology unit always have patients who can use some help with prescriptions and we donated five gift cards to them.

There is a family we have adopted who is getting some help from the Salvation Army but with teenagers in the house it doesn't always last till the end of the month. We are filling in with some food and personal items.

There are many needs out there but we are trying to keep them within Flushing and Genesee County. We are grateful as a committee that our church family is generous enough to allow us to help where it is needed.

Please remember we are always open to suggestions if you know any one in need.

Ann James for Trinity Outreach Committee

## **TRINITY'S TENT SALE**

**Thursday August 19 all day**

**Friday August 20th all day**

**Saturday August 21st until noon**



**Please consider donating - proceeds to go to the  
OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

## SENIOR WARDEN NOTES

June/July 2010

As we all enjoy the wonderful springtime weather and look forward to summer vacations, I thought I would use our June/July issue of the *Trumpet* to speak from the heart and share my joys and a concern as Senior Warden and a member of Trinity.

Without hesitation, my biggest joy is all of you! Never have I thought; "why did we ever join this congregation?" You all welcomed my family from the very beginning and we could not have asked for a more warm and loving church family. No matter the generation, everyone is able to openly share their love and conversation with one another. I very much treasure the way you willingly engage the youth of our congregation in conversation and genuinely care for their well being.

I also enjoy the closeness of a small congregation. It truly promotes a "family atmosphere" where everyone knows each other and you feel you are among close friends and family at any church function.

Coming from a Roman Catholic upbringing, the Episcopal service is another reason I enjoy Trinity. From the very first day, the service felt like home adding a comfort and joy to my soul and allowing me to speak to the Lord on Sunday mornings in a very familiar and comfortable way.

There also is the willingness of everyone to get involved. Without this, there would not be a Trinity Episcopal Church in Flushing. I am always finding out little things that people do without fanfare and someone always "steps up" to take care of any issue or business needing to be addressed.

Simply, I feel safe and loved at Trinity!

Unfortunately the very things I love, a small congregation with "traditional" beliefs and services, may be some of the reasons for my biggest concern; future growth and sustainability.

Though we have been blessed with a small number of new members, additional new faces are needed to continue the mission of Trinity. As Senior Warden, my biggest frustration has been our inability to find the "magic formula" for growth. Understanding we cannot and will not be the answer for everyone I continually ask myself:

Why are we not seeing more visitors/guests at our doors?

How do we reach out to individuals and families that may be searching? (As a former Roman Catholic, I strongly feel we are a natural fit for former or disenchanting Catholics.)

Why does the community not seem to know who we are and where Trinity Episcopal Church is physically located?

Finding answers and solutions to these and other questions have plagued past and present vestries for some time. The present vestry is working on a number of things that are meant to improve our growth opportunities. I think one of our biggest problems is we are very hesitant to brag about who and what we are as a congregation. Though small in number, we do a number of wonderful things and make a difference in the community. We must learn to invite and share who we are with our friends and those we meet within the community.

Studies show that 31% of the local community is "somewhat" involved with a faith community while 35% are not involved at all. So growth opportunities do exist.

One way each of us can be a part of the "growth" answer by consciously making an effort to promote Trinity and invite others when an opportunity presents itself. If we don't promote ourselves, *nobody else will!* A few suggestions are:

In our lounge we have wonderful Trinity note cards that have a picture of our church on the front and our address, website and contact information on the back. They are blank inside to write anything you wish. Use the cards as you would any store bought card; perhaps to invite someone to church or drop a friend a note to let them know you are thinking of them.

Let myself or Reverend Lori know of someone you think may be interested in a church home. We may be able to contact them in an appropriate manner for you.

Maybe you would like to add someone to our mailing list so they can receive our Newsletter and mailings regarding future church events.

If you have a Trinity T-shirt; promote and advertise Trinity by wearing it. If you don't and would like one, please see Sharon Krueger to purchase one.

Look for opportunities where Trinity can participate and be involved in local community and social events. (i.e. Relay for Life on June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>) Most of all pray. Pray the Lord and Spirit will guide us along the right path to growth. Pray that "seekers" will find a way to our doors.

We have much to be proud of and thankful for and we should not be bashful to "toot our own horn" and share with others of the story of Trinity Episcopal Church.

"We are **CALLED**, in fellowship, **TO LOVE AND SERVE** God by reaching out and sharing the good news!"

Yours in Christ, Norb

## SCHEDULE JUNE 2010

Ministry	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
Acolyte	Claire Jess	Claire Jess	Tori Lockhart	Austin Boulter
Lector/Chalice	Larry Elder	Shirley St. John	Ed Henneke	Larry Elder
Greeters	Cary Rouse	Lynnette Peeper	Elaine Martin	Kathy Boulter
Ushers	Rebecca Jess Elaine Martin	Denny & Nancy Pickard	Elaine Martin Jane Rousseau	Don Erickson John Rowe
Coffee Hour	Sue Porn Dorothy West	Donna Jessop Shirley St. John	Donna Henneke Sharon Krueger	Ralph & Linda Niedecken
Eucharistic Visitor	Ed Henneke or Lori Johnson	Vause Carlsen or Lori Johnson	Ed Henneke or Lori Johnson	Vause Carlsen or Lori Johnson

## SCHEDULE - JULY 2010

Ministry	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25
Acolyte	Austin Boulter	Tori Lockhart	Austin Boulter	Claire Jess
Lector/Chalice	Shirley St. John	Ed Henneke	Larry Elder	Shirley St. John
Greeters	Kathy Boulter	Lynnette Peeper	Kathy Boulter	Elaine Martin
Ushers	John Rowe Jim Dietrich	Don Erickson Cary Rouse	Jane Rousseau Elaine Martin	Rebecca Jess John Rowe
Kids Word	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Coffee Hour	Eileen Nagy Ann James	Jim & Mary Dietrich	Larry & Pam Elder	Betsy Eller June Rowe
Eucharistic Visitor	Vause Carlsen or Lori Johnson	Ed Henneke or Lori Johnson	Vause Carlsen or Lori Johnson	Ed Henneke or Lori Johnson

## THANK YOU

*I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all who helped in the spring cleanup of the entry to the church. Especially - Sharon and Dave Krueger, Dee and Norb Birchmeier, Frank Jessop and Ed Henneke. It is a job well done and I could not have done it without them. Fondly, Donna Henneke*



## VESTRY MEETING

May 11, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. by Rev Lori Johnson. Prayers were offered for cares and concerns. Absent: Jim Dietrich and Ralph Niedecken. Guests: Korina Knerr and Dave Krueger.

Seven Good Things: Offerings are up, flowerbeds looking good, help with the Ladies Tea, Lori was invited to the blessing of kayaks and canoes on Earth Day, lots of articles for the Trumpet, Mary's hard work on the Trumpet and good speakers at St Paul's.

New Business: Social opportunities available include regular worship on Trinity's Feast Day, pinwheels will be placed on the church lawn for Pentecost on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Trinity will have a team take part in the Relay for Life on June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in Riverview Park.

Options are being considered for upgrading Trinity's signage including the lighted sign on the front lawn and creating a welcoming sign on the east side of the building.

The Carriage House hot water heater will not be replaced. The Fraternity has received permission to use the undercroft on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Volunteers will provide office coverage while Rev Lori and Rosie Nichols are on vacation. St Paul's will cover in case of an emergency situation.

Rev Lori will be on staff at Camp Chickagami from July 5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>. Two of Trinity's youth will be attending Camp Chick.

Continuing Business: The Trumpet will be published bi-monthly for the summer. June and July will be combined as will August and September. The newcomers document is ready for printing.

Convocation report states that due to changes to be made in some of the Diocesan structures delegates to the convention will be attending a business session in Midland the weekend before the convention. Each church in the convocation is encouraged to nominate a member for the Christian Service Award. The one chosen will be given a \$300.00 donation to a cause of their choosing.

Reports: Treasurer reported that there is now automatic back-up on the computer. Reimbursement procedure now requires vouchers to be put in a box above the copy machine. Blank voucher forms are available there also. Offerings were up for April with a minus of \$1,860.00. YTD shows a minus \$141.00. Quarterly statements should be available soon. Rectory rent is in arrears. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Vestry minutes of April 13, 2010 were accepted as written.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Henneke, Clerk

In April a representation from Trinity attended a Convocation Dinner and Speaker, The Rev. Dr. Steven R Rottgers at St. Paul's Flint. Wow! What a speaker with so much to share.

He shared his theory and knowledge in a dynamic presentation and gave us much to think about. He titled his presentation The Servant Leader, Knowing who I am, Empowering who "You are"! He shared his story and how he committed his life to the Lord.

He opened with an explanation of the Butterfly theory. How when one does something, it affects the people around you, and your actions can ripple around the world. What you do matters, and how you do it matters also.

Dr. Rottgers stressed that we need to know who we are, and have a partnership with God so that all we do has God at the center. He is with us, and we are conscious that he is with us in all we do. All we do does affect other people, and as long as we have this consciousness of God being at the center we can be the best.... whatever it is we are. ...lawyer, teacher, social worker, clerk, gas attendant etc. and be successful human beings.

Dr. Rottgers spoke of EGO EMI....We need to have God living through our lives in everything we do. We should give over to God our stories and who we are, that is living out God's story. That becomes a healthy interdependent relationship. God and I are traveling this world together.

Dr. Rottgers spoke of Data and Theory producing Knowledge, then Knowledge and Intelligence producing Wisdom. Using our physical self, in connection with our logical self, also in connection with our spiritual/emotional self then you have EGO EMI. DEPENDENCE.

Our convocation is alive and well. If you have the opportunity to attend any of their leadership offerings, I would heartily recommend this. What I have attended has been very enlightening.

Go in Peace my friends with God and Love in your Heart.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Pickard

## BIRTHDAYS



Miles Dorhout 6/5  
 Jim Dietrich 6/11  
 Mark Kelly 6/16  
 Jeannie Hitchcock 6/23  
 Andy Josling 7/1  
 Dave Leffen 7/2  
 Elaine Martin 7/2  
 Todd Niedecken 7/4  
 Claire Jess 7/7  
 Sharon Krueger 7/7  
 Dean Haist 7/9  
 Betty Nichols 7/14  
 Betty Rundell 7/24  
 Bob Porn 7/27  
 Mike Busch 7/29

## ANNIVERSARIES

Dave and Brenda Leffen June 2  
 Denny and Nancy Pickard June 3  
 Dick and Anne Stone June 6  
 Gordon and Jeannie  
 Hitchcock June 13  
 Tom and Sue McNally June 18  
 Frank and Donna Jessop June 20  
 Doug and Jayne Herweyer July 21  
 Larry and Korina Knerr July 22  
 Paul and Shirley St. John July 25



*God bless you on  
 your special day*

### Calendar for Summer 2010

Day	Date (s)	Time	Event & Location
Sunday		9:00am	Sunday Morning Study: Prayers in the Bible
Wednesday		7:00pm	Lectionary Bible Study (through June 23rd then on summer break)
Tue & Wed	June 15 & 16		Diocesan Clergy Conference at Higgins Lake
Thursday	June 17	7:00pm	Euchre-Beginners Welcome
Fri & Sat	June 18 & 19	2pm Fri. to 2pm Sat.	Flushing Relay for Life event at Riverview Park For the American Cancer Society
Sun	June 20		Father's Day
Sun - Wed	June 20 - 24		Diocesan Clergy Camp Gathering at Camp Chick
Sat.	Aug. 21		Blessing of the Animals

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**Sunday Service Time 10:00**

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