

THE TRINITY TRUMPET



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Sunday Service 10 AM

Life in a Changing World

In last week's lessons we heard part of the story of Moses and the Israelites as they wandered in the wilderness. Moses finds himself faced with a crowd that wonders where exactly they are going, and they begin to long for days gone by when they had meat and vegetables to eat. The variety in diet starts to sound attractive as they momentarily forget how horrible the living conditions were in Egypt.

I think individuals, our parish, the Church, and the world for the most part can relate to Moses and the Israelites. We've lived through change, perhaps times that felt like the wilderness, and we journey toward a future that is not as clear as our past because it is unfolding. At times it's easier to look back than to look forward because we know and understand the past and perhaps had a certain comfort with it, while to look forward means facing, if not embracing some uncertainty, which may not be as comfortable.

Last week Ann James, Cary Rouse, and myself attended the Start Up Start Over Conference in North Carolina. As we shared briefly after worship on Sunday, each day was full of information, ideas, conversation and we plan to share more of what we heard and learned with you.

One of the many things we heard about was the changing times we live in. In recent years we've experienced a rate of change in our culture in a 10 year time-span that previously would have been experienced over 100 years.

That's a lot of change for us to adjust to, as individuals and as faith communities. A phrase was used, "you never step in the same river twice." Meaning, even if you approach what seems to be the same body of water, because of the current, rain, snowmelt, living things in the river, you are not stepping into the same river, even though it may look the same.

As we try to keep vitality in our own faith lives, keep pace with a quickly changing world and to be relevant and reach out to people in that world who are hungry for hope and peace in the midst of what may feel like chaotic and harried lives, we may find ourselves trying some new things or revisiting some old things.

I think these are some things to keep in mind as we look toward Trinity's unfolding future and our ministry in our community. We need to acknowledge that Trinity has experienced a good amount of change in the last 6 years. Change may not be easy, and sometimes trying new things or reviving old things takes some trial and error, which also may mean some patience. While we are living in a changing world and are open to new things that can help us and others connect with God and the good news of God's love and grace, I think we can also be mindful of "not throwing the baby out with the bathwater" or change simply for change's sake.

Lastly, we need to remember too that with new people come fresh eyes and new ideas – how will we welcome, accept, and enfold them into the spiritual community that is Trinity and let them know we are richer for their presence among us and the gifts they bring?

Peace, Lori+

from Start up start over at Kanuga

For large changes in our service (music, dancing, liturgies from other countries..) it was suggested that another service be added. This was true even for a small church like ours. To have the best chance of a new style service being successful it should be a 10:30 or 11:00 service according to our presenters. Clearly, this would mean a time change for our traditional service if we do add. Below is a quick list of items we can try with little expenditure of funds to help make Trinity a more welcoming church. It was suggested that all changes have a specific trial period then an evaluation to see if they should be continued, modified or stopped. These are offered for consideration to our leadership (strong leadership was repeatedly stressed)

- greater emphasis on barrier-free entrance(sign at the end of the walk, blue line on side walk?)
- move Sunday conversations out of the hall to allow more room for people to get by and in to the sanctuary

Let's Play

Euchre

First Meeting

Thursday

October 15th

in the Salay Room

7 PM

You don't know how to play? No problem we will teach you!

Bring your friends and a "snack" to pass, drinks will be furnished.

Progressive Dinner

November 7, 2009

Another house is needed

Sign up soon



- move rector greeting to before service instead of after
- no church business during service or coffee hour, make appointment for another time, even if just after coffee hour
- put entire service in bulletin this came up repeatedly)
- use young people (even children) for readers
- map case by front door with weekly calendar
- end of service -first 5 minutes belong to guests
- guest follow up-at least 2 different modes(note, phone call...)within first few days after visit
- advertise Christmas and Easter not with ad in paper, but on web site (very important), mail, banner sign in yard...
- communication cards-in pews on the back side of prayer cards for guests contact information and interests. Gives people more time and privacy than a guest book
- for extra music help contact UM Flint Music Dept (FIM?) for student who would like to work with us
- name tags always wear them at service and help guests write-out ones

The above is offered to all of you as food for thought. Energy and leadership are needed to move on.

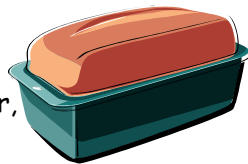
I am certain that all of you can think of other ways to improve our church, including many things not on this list

Cary Rouse



Kathy Boulter at the Fall Festival

Sharing the Bread



During the month of November, as part of our Thanksgiving, we would like to donate home-made baked goods to several local charities, including North End Soup Kitchen, My Brother's Keeper, YWCA's Battered Women Shelter, Flushing Outreach and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

We are looking for baked goods in individual servings, such as cookies, muffins or biscuits. Preferably, they will be both tasty and nutritious, possibly containing oatmeal, dried fruit, chopped nuts, pumpkin/bananas/zucchini, whole grain flours, etc. Trinity's congregation has some excellent cooks, so we should be able to "share the bread" and spread some joy at the same time!

Please bring your baked goods to donate on Sunday, November 15th. You can pack them in containers, or just bring them on a paper plate with plastic wrap. We will package them for delivery and take them to the locations after the service.

Let's give thanks for all we have by sharing it with those less fortunate.

Mary Dietrich, Rebecca Jess and Nancy Pickard

For all who asked at coffee hour:

From the 1948 Trinity Guild cookbook as Contributed by Daisy Brushwiller, mother of Donna Jessop-

Icebox Oatmeal Cookies

3 c quick oats	1 c flour
1 c brown sugar	1c butter or (or substitute)
¼ c boiling water	1 tsp. soda
½ tsp. salt	cinnamon- if desired

Mix oats with sugar and flour and add melted butter.

Dissolve soda in boiling water and add to mixture.

Form dough into a roll and chill thoroughly.

Slice thin and bake in a moderate oven about 10 min.

Thank you Dorothy West



Wreath Sale

Our goal is 300 wreaths!

The order sheets are in the lounge.

If you know of another group that needs to boost their treasury we will make the wreaths and share the profits with them.

We need everyone to participate in this fund raiser!

Questions?

**Dave Krueger, Ann James,
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or Jack Carlsen**

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