



January 12, 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the beauties of snow is that it can upend our plans. The effect is less dramatic than in previous eras now that we can move from heated house to sheltered garage to heated car, but school days are still delayed and canceled, extra time must be budgeted for shoveling and scraping, and we find that some anticipated errands just aren't worth the trouble. As our expectations are changed, we are faced with the same choice we meet whenever the uncontrollable steps into our routine. We can be annoyed and resentful that the Almighty did not consult us when he brought the snow out of its storehouses, or we can look for the blessing offered to us in the blankets of white absorbing sound and reflecting light.

The march of one year to the next also provides an opportunity to look for God's hand in our lives in new ways. Many people make New Years resolutions; many others have decided not to. Either way, the important question is not whether we want to change some aspect of our lives, or what balance we will strike between chocolate and gym time. The important question is where God is calling us. Two billion people still live on less than \$2/day; too many in Warren are living lives trapped in addiction; members of our own congregation are undergoing difficult medical treatment or are in nursing homes; a new generation needs to hear of God's saving deeds; and all of us are called to a deeper relationship with Jesus.

What will the snow, what will the New Year, bring to us?

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Edman', located at the end of the letter.

ANNUAL MEETING & VESTRY ELECTIONS

On Sunday, January 25 there will be only one service at 9:30 am. Following the service the Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the church. Very important items will be discussed. **Please make every effort to be at both the service and meeting.**

Those required to turn in reports (committee chairpersons and organizations) should do so by **Sunday, January 18.**

We will elect up to four persons to serve on Vestry. Nominations are made to Adam and the deadline is Sunday, January 18.

All candidates should be adult communicants in good standing, meaning that they should be faithful in worship and in "working, praying and giving for the spread of the kingdom."

Together the Vestry makes crucial decisions about the budget, buildings, policies, and ministries of the church. Meetings are scheduled normally for the second Sunday of each month at noon.

In addition, a Vestry retreat is set for Saturday, January 17 for all current members and those seeking election to vestry.

Altar Flowers

There are a few open dates before Lent on which to place flowers on the altar: January 18, 25 and all Sundays in February.

You may order two altar vases from the florist of your choice and they will pick up the liners and deliver the flowers on the Saturday before your date. Or you can make your own arrangements. If you have any questions and/or would like one of these dates, please call Ann Soderberg at 723-8257.

Aladdin

Warren Player's Jack-In-The-Box Production will present Aladdin at the Struthers Library Theatre in February. This youth performance of "Aladdin" will feature our own *Taylor John* as the princess!

Show times are Thursday through Saturday, February 19 - 21st at 7:00 pm and Sunday, February 22 at 2:00 pm. For show and ticket information contact the theatre at 723-7231.



Parish Directory

A parish directory is available in the narthex.

Please make the following corrections:

Jack & Kathy Glarner
869 Follett Run Road
Warren, PA 16365-1351

Marcy O'Brien
32 Quaker Court Circle
Warren, PA 16365-4125

Michael Campbell & Lindsey Voigt
Kelsey
103 1/2 Second Avenue
Warren, PA 16365-2403
726-1337

Trinity Women's Guild

Trinity Women's Guild (of which all women of Trinity are members and welcome to attend) meets on Wednesday, January 21 beginning with a tureen dinner at 6:00 pm. At this organizational meeting we will plan our activities for the balance of the year.

The Food Pantry shelves are getting bare.
Any non-perishable food is appreciated.
Pasta & sauce, Mac & Cheese, Soup

Healing Ministry

Healing prayer is offered in the chapel by a team from Trinity’s Healing Ministry beginning at 9:15 am every Sunday.

Soaking Prayer is being offered on Tuesday afternoons or other times by appointment.

Soaking prayer is progressive prayer over an extended time with the laying on of hands on a specific area for physical healing. Anyone who wishes to receive personal soaking prayers with a team of at least two Prayer Ministers may make an appointment by calling Diane Brant at 726-1331 or the church office at 723-9360.

Christmas Outreach

On Christmas Day meals were prepared and delivered to 135 homes feeding 203 elderly and other shut-ins in Warren and Forest Counties. Thank you to everyone who helped with this outreach ministry.

Coffee Hour

Thank you to *Chris Mesmer, Krissy Dyer, Ellen Scalise & Sylvia Anderson, Jim & Lynda McCollough, and Rose Mary Landon* for hosting and cleaning up after coffee hour in December.

If you would like to host a Sunday, there is a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the narthex.

CONNECTIONS

Pleasant Community Church in coalition with Scandia Covenant Church is hosting weekly Sunday gatherings for the community of Warren.



Connections is a time for single parents, teens, those who attend church, those who do not attend church, and the community to connect together; share laughter, your life and your experiences, and explore who Jesus was and is, and what that means for all of us.

A second adult group has been added to the single parent group. This new group will use a video series called “h₂o” which puts biblical stories and teachings into modern day situations. It is designed to help all people ask questions and find answers related to faith, church, purpose in life and Jesus.

The evening starts with a free dinner at 6:00 pm, devotions for children at 6:30 and childcare and activities from 7:00 to 8:00.

Connections is on the move this year with the gatherings being held at the YMCA as well as at Faith Fellowship, 208 Market Street. Gathering places and dates are listed below:

YMCA	Faith Fellowship
January 25	January 18
February 1,8,15	February 22
March 22, 28	March 1, 18, 15
April 26	April 5, 19
May 3, 10, 17	May 24

For more information, please call Pleasant Community Church at 723-7730 or email pcc@atlanticbbn.net.

Contribution Statements

2008 contribution statements will be mailed out this week. Please review your statement. If there are any errors or you have any questions, please contact, treasurer, Pat Hesch at 723-7738

Capital Stewardship Campaign

To date, we have received 57 pledges for a total of \$315,930.

2009 Pledges

To date we have received 59 pledges for \$113,506. Twenty-three of these pledges are sharing additional blessings received from God by increasing their pledge this year.

You may return your pledge by mail, by placing it in the box in the narthex, or placing it in the offering plate. If you misplaced your 2009 pledge form, extras are available in the narthex or you may call the office.

2009 offering envelopes are available in the narthex. If you want envelopes and can't find a box with your name, please see Barb.

Please note: If you are making a contribution for any fund other than your pledge to the General Operating Fund, please indicate on your check to what fund you are offering your contribution. You may write one check, but please indicate on the memo line how it is to be distributed. In addition, green renovation envelopes are available in the narthex and office for your Capital Stewardship Pledge if you would like to use them. Thank you!!

Treasurer's Report To December 31, 2008

Beginning Balance	\$8,198	
	2008 Actual	2008 Budget
Endowment Income	124,130	124,380
Member Contributions	124,516	122,584
Plate Income	1,332	2,000
Other Income	<u>4,994</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Total Income	255,222	251,464
Expenses	264,886	280,942
Ending Balance	-1,466	
2008 Budge Deficit	-9,664	

Prayer for Trinity

Almighty and gracious God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear my prayer for the rector, vestry and parish family of Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church. By the indwelling of your Holy Spirit, enlighten and strengthen us for your service. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to know what is right, and give us courage to pursue it and grace to accomplish it. Renew us in faith, hope and charity. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, make us always thankful for your providence, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind with your holy Church; through Je-

Prayers

Trinity's Capital Stewardship Campaign and the participation of all our parishioners.

The Diocesan Health team requests prayers for the development of a comprehensive mission strategy.

At Home: Denny Brown, Judy Nobles, Steve Steele

In nursing/assisted living homes: Lillian Lemmon (Cambridge), Margaret Gilson (Rouse Suites), Bernetta Brant, Donna Check, Betty DeLong, Bernadine Goyda (Rouse Home), Barb Weiland (Warren Manor) Rhea Waples (Watson Home)

Illness/Surgery/Other Needs: Steven Ettinger, Cody Stalder, Amy & Midge Hindman, Kathy Fleming, Cleo DiFiore, Dick, Ed Brant, Billy Moriarity, Mary Klancher, Lori Brusso, Gar Spicher, Scott Mitchell, Debra Gibson, Hayden Turner, JoAnn Kosthorst, Mary Massa, Mary Simmons, Judy Trask, Marjorie McClenathan, Tim Strohmeier, Karen Conrad, Sam Hill, Alex Patch, Teri Gruver, Leslie Kershaw, Jeff Washburn, Patty J., Rita Gibson, Eloise Metz, Kim, Chris, Martha Phelps, Janet Ely, Lewis Conroy, Alan Crone, Terry Brant, John Wallo, Jane Betts, Samuel Lindell, Neil Orchard, Silke Pumphrey, LeRoy, Frances, Jack Fiske, Patrick Nuhfer, Eric Lindell, Mary Lou Watt, Marie Rose, Derek Allan, Jerry Trambley, Alice & Arun Moore, Colin Hillard, Gary McCollough, J.T. McCollough, Jim Ciprich, Sr., Jill Lasecki, Kara Donaldson, Carole Kinnunen, Barb Carr, Kurt Glarner, Rob Glarner, Dave Johnson, Emily, Lisa Jackson, Anna, Jessica, Shane

Serving in the Armed Services: Adam Pontious, Christopher Holmes, Jake Glenn, members of the Third Infantry Division of Fort Stewart, GA, (serving in Iraq,), Paul Hernandez, Kristine Burne, Peter Landrio, Nathan Stewart, Nathan Heltzel, Parker Hahn, Michael Miller, Marc Miller, Annette, Toby Williams, Cody Williams, Jeremy Williams, Matthew Hammond

Serving justice and peace: Christian Peacemaker Teams; House of Hope, Birds of the Sky, and Good Samaritan House in India

Bishops: Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury; Katharine Jefferts Schori, our Presiding Bishop; Sean Rowe, our Bishop

The Clergy: Martha Ishman, Canon to the Ordinary, Adam Trambley, our priest, Gail Winslow our deacon and archdeacon of the diocese

The Vestry: Leslie Baldensperger, Mary Lou Campbell - *Clerk*, Lana Creal, Rita Gibson, Clare Glarner - *Sr. Warden*, Pat Hesch - *Treasurer*, Keith Hinsdale - *Jr. Warden*, Tom Jensen, Addy Landrio, Elaine Rhodes

The January issue of the diocesan newsletter *The Forward* is available in the narthex or online on the website at www.dionwpa.org.

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IMPORTANT DATES

VESTRY RETREAT

Saturday January 17

9:00 pm— 3:00 pm

Olmsted Manor, Ludlow

Bishop's Visit

The Rt. Rev. Sean W. Rowe

January 18

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 27

9:30 am Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Annual Meeting

Sunday Schedule

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

9:15 AM Healing Prayer in the Chapel
Adult Study Group

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

Coffee & Fellowship before, between and after services

2nd Sunday of the Month

12:00 PM Vestry Meeting

3rd Sunday of the Month

4:00 PM Knitting Group

Monday

7:00 PM Women's Study Group

Wednesday

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

Thursday

7:00 PM Men's Study Group

Office Hours

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM Monday through Friday