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Newsletter

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## Mission and vision moves the community

Only a week away from the Holy Week journey, and we still await the confidence of springtime. What keeps us going is the fervent desire to see what is coming, the dawn of spring and the resurrection life of Easter. Trinity is moving through this place as a community, too, as we are excited by the sense of energy and Spirit that fills our space during worship, educational programs, and service opportunities. We are embarking on changes to much of our community life, all because we sense God's guiding hand offering us the outlines of an exciting future he wants us to live into.

We are being tried, molded, converted, and transformed into the disciples Jesus Christ needs for today's ministry. We give ourselves over to God so that he can work on us, and his mighty hands are at work both molding us and loving us into the priceless jewel he intends us to be. In the midst of the long winter and the Lenten journey, we trust the hand of the one who loves us so much that he creates us and redeems us.

Where we are headed is the unfolding of

this next chapter in the life of Trinity. Work is underway on refurbishing our parlor, updating the sound and seating in our worship space, exploring shared leadership with our sister congregation in Youngsville, experimenting with worship styles in our church season liturgy experiments, and beginning to look at next year's focus on how we pursue our mission of being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. So much is unfolding that the list alone inspires joy at what God is doing in our midst!

What does not change in all this is Trinity's remarkable witness. Facets of our worship may change, but our understanding and appreciation of worship done well will not. Music may change but our valuing music's place in our worship does not. Our leadership structure has changed and will continue to change, but our faith in being led by Christ into his vibrant ministry will not. We may feel called to explore new and different ways to extend the healing of Christ into the Warren community, but our joy in offering Christ's loving power to the world will not.

Enjoy your connection to a community that has placed its trust in Christ and let your life be guided by the same spirit. We are all being led to a joyful dawn, a bright and glorious a Spirit, a living resurrection life as Christ's disciples. That is where Lent heads, and were Trinity is heading, too.

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## Holy Week Schedule



**Palm Sunday, April 13th 9:30AM** Service

**Holy Wednesday, April 16th 5:30 PM** Holy Eucharist

**Maundy Thursday, April 17th 7 PM**

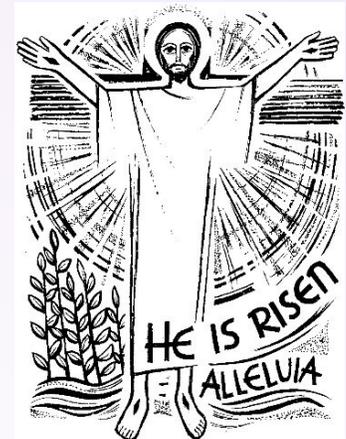
Ecumenical service at First Lutheran Church in Warren, with First Presbyterian also participating.



**Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon** Stations of the Cross  
**7 PM** Good Friday Office

**Easter Vigil, April 19<sup>th</sup> 8 PM** The first great feast of Easter!

**Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30AM** Worship



## Good Friday Offering

Since 1922, Episcopalians have supported the ministries of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East through Good Friday Offerings. Through the work of the Episcopal dioceses in the Middle East, Christians maintain a peacemaking and stabilizing presence in the region, serving their neighbors regardless of faith background.

Envelopes are available in the narthex.



As we live into our mission and ministry, the Bishop's Committee is interested in your feedback. Forms

have been available after several of our experiments and we would like to make them permanent. The forms and a box in which to deposit them will be available in the Narthex. We value your input as we move forward in our journey.



Trinity will once again participate in Warren Gives, the 12 hour online fundraising campaign sponsored by the Community Foundation of Warren that will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup>. As we did last year, all proceeds raised will go towards our Holiday Hot Meals program, where we bring hot meals to over 300 housebound and otherwise needy people on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and the day before Easter. Spread the word, be generous, and we'll see you online on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**SERVE**

### Easter Meals

Join us on Saturday morning, April 19th as members of Trinity, St. Francis and First Lutheran Church prepare and deliver hot meals to homebound in Warren and Forest Counties.

Two shifts are set up for volunteers to cook and package the meals, as well as volunteers to deliver the meals. You can also support the ministry by donating cupcakes. All cupcakes should be delivered to First Lutheran on Thursday, April 17th.

Please sign up in the narthex. Any questions, please see Addy Landrio or Father Matthew.



Coffee Fellowship

Thanks to *Addy & Gary Landrio* and *Rose Mary Landon* for hosting coffee hour in March.

Check out the table in the narthex for open Sundays for your opportunity to serve in this fellowship ministry.

## Highlights of Bishop's Committee Meeting

The Bishop's Committee had a very productive meeting Thursday, March 27, beginning with Evening Prayer and ending with Compline.

The actions we think you might find interesting include:

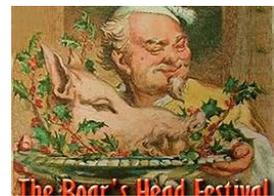
1. We were pleased to review your responses to our worship experiences and are hopeful we can repeat some of them in the fall.
2. We approved obtaining proposals for a sound survey to assist us in improving the acoustics in the nave.
3. We approved continuing with our plan to sell the organ.
4. We approved meeting with St. Francis leadership in May to discuss our ongoing partnership.
5. We approved supporting Matthew in obtaining a Doctor of Ministry, made possible to several diocesan priests by an anonymous donor.
6. We reviewed several promotional proposals including a new website draft, a revision to the Top 10 Reasons to be an Episcopalian and a video package to be created by Joe Glarner.



### Mission Forum May 18<sup>th</sup>

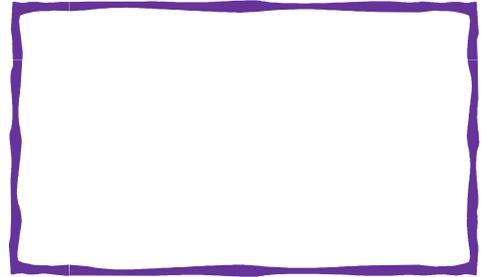
Trinity's Bishop's Committee (formerly called the Vestry) has committed to continuing the pattern of hosting discussions after worship at key times during the year. Our first forum for 2014 will be held on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Topics will include a preview of the many advertising avenues we are exploring, the progress in transitioning our music program from the organ to its future configuration, discussing how we plan to "love our building" through various projects, and reviewing our worship experiments from the Spring. We'll see you after worship for this informative vision-building time.

Connie Michell is assisting a former parishioner interested in any memorabilia from the Boar's Head Festival as he is hoping to stage it somewhere. So, if you have pictures, programs or even the long-lost video, please send/bring them to Trinity or let Connie know where she can pick them up. Thanks for your help!

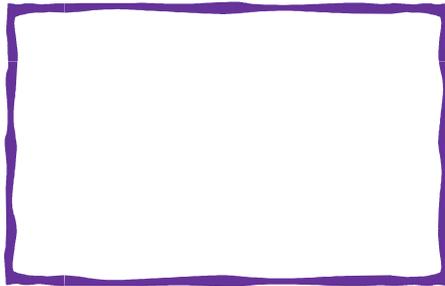
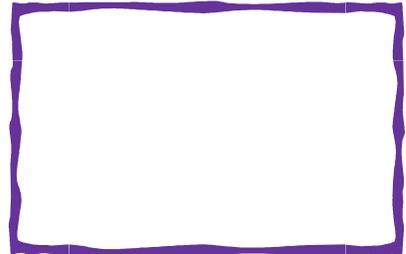


# Mardi Gras 2014

## Good Food



## Good Fellowship



## Diocesan Summer Camp



Several schools have extended their classes into the middle or end of our previously scheduled Diocesan Summer Camp week because of the severe winter. Thanks to the graciousness of the staff of Camp Nazareth, we have been able to move our camping session to the first week in August. It will begin on Sunday evening, August 3rd, and end on Saturday morning, August 9th. We are sorry for whatever inconvenience this may cause. We are hoping that this will make it possible for more of our campers to attend.

STAFFING: They are however, now receiving names of persons interested in serving on Camp Staff. If interested, please contact Fr. Denny Blauser, who will serve as Dean this year, at [2014campstaff@earthlink.net](mailto:2014campstaff@earthlink.net) or [724-699-3747](tel:724-699-3747).



Our Annual Diocesan Picnic at Waldameer is Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. What a great way to celebrate Father's Day by worshipping with hundreds of other Episcopalians along with a fantastic picnic and fun. Mark your calendars now!!! Tickets will need to be purchased in advance. Watch for a sign-up sheet late May.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### May

- 4 - Simon Smith
- 5 - Grier Frazer
- 9 - Pam & Scott Taylor
- 11 - Ben Scott
- 13 - Connie Michell
- 15 - Jon Ettinger  
Stacy Jones  
Jocelin Thomas  
Emily & David Whaley
- 16 - Marisa Smith
- 18 - Hanna Taylor  
Piers Curry
- 19 - Ben Nelson  
Patrick Wright
- 20 - Ben Madigan
- 21 - Camryn Brant
- 31 - Michael Sternberg

### June

- 1 - Chris & Rocky O'Sheill
- 4 - Denny Brown
- 6 - Mackenzie Frazer
- 7 - Helen Kroemer
- 8 - Caleb Capello,  
Grant Brown
- 10 - David Ball
- 11 - Lydia Renninger
- 12- Carolyn & Andy Yurick
- 13 - Mickey Conroy
- 16 - Adriane Ludwick
- 21 - Jesse Sternberg
- 22 - Meghan Giacomino,  
Michael Campbell  
Nancy & Matthew Scott
- 24 - Ryan Willis
- 27 - Doris Yankasky  
Alan & Leslie  
Baldensperger
- 30 - Bailey Dilks  
Pam & Piers Curry  
Linda & Tom Jensen

### **E.C.W. Annual Meeting**



The Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women of the Northwestern PA is on May 3rd from 9 AM—4 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 343 W Main Street in Youngsville.

The program is **Children of Abraham Project** being presented by *Tim Dyer, Sam Qudri and Harvey Stone.*

Registration is \$10 with forms available on the table in the narthex.

### Treasurer's Report—Operating Fund to March 31, 2014

Beginning Balance	36,121		
	Actual to 3/31/14	Budget to 3/31/14	2014 Budget
<b>Member Pledges</b>	\$22,125	\$25,457	\$101,828
<b>Other Regular Member Contr.</b>	\$1,563	\$2,000	\$8,000
<b>Miscellaneous Other Givers</b>	<u>\$640</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
<b>Total Contribution</b>	<b>\$24,328</b>	<b>\$27,707</b>	<b>\$110,828</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	\$4,625	\$2,500	\$10,000
<b>Outreach Income</b>	\$156	0	0
<b>Plate Income</b>	<u>\$353</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
<b>Sub Total Income</b>	<b>\$29,462</b>	<b>\$30,457</b>	<b>\$121,828</b>
<b>Endowment</b>	\$25,569	\$25,569	\$104,554
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$55,031</b>	<b>\$56,026</b>	<b>\$226,382</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$56,413</b>	<b>58,361</b>	<b>\$226,382</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$-1,382</b>		
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$34,739</b>		

## Prayers

**Homebound:** Mickey Ettinger (Cambridge), Mickey Conroy, Helen Kroemer, Veryl Riley (Golden Living), Jean Gibb, (Suites at the Rouse), Marian Edwards (Warren State Hospital)

**The Bishop's Committee:** Diane Brant, Lana Creal, Deb Davis, Denise Ely, John John, Gary Landrio, Connie Michell

**Illness/Surgery/Other Needs:** Denny Brown, Jon Ettinger, Gene & Janet Ely, Kurt Glarner, Terry Brant, Ed Brant, Dick & Mary Klancher, Kelly Hamm Tom, Stacey & Ryan Sorensen, Cody Stalder, Gar & Beth Spicher, Jen Spicher, Scott Mitchell, Jeff Washburn, Brian Knisley, Ash & Jean Brant, Susan Bennett, Kara Donaldson, Carrie, Reiner Peters, Ted, Peggy Skinner, Cathy Swanson, Lacy Brant, Julie Eberly & the Eberly family, Ellen, Rick S., Joe Wallo, Cathie & Merl, Betsy, Bill & Celia, Jake Glenn, Magda, Ann, Dave & Bonnie Dickson, Derek, Barb & Rosie, Burke Johnson, Ed Barlow, Cheryl, Peggy & Sam, Mariah, John, Susie, Libby & family, Bill Nuhfer, Roger, Regina Davis & Dami, Deb, Danielle, Christine, Heather, Rick Naill & Virginia Eberly, Donna Harman, Ben W., Roger Giacomini, Jean Giacomini, Doug, Jerry Bowersox, Gene Ely, People of Ukraine, Nancy C., Nikolai's family, Kelly and family, Ted & Wendy, Robert Montgomery, Barb, Bob, Scott, Kathy, Joan, Mary, family of Susan Wolfe

**Serving in the Armed Services:** Curtis Delattre, Grant Brown, Parker Hahn, Cody, Toby, & Jeremy Williams, Jackie Shaw, José Sepulveda, Nathan Lake

**The Clergy:** Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop; Sean Rowe, our Bishop; Martha Ishman, Canon to the Ordinary; Matthew Scott, our vicar

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

## **Prayer for the Diocese**

*O God, by your grace you have called us in this diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop, Sean, and other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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Trinity's Vision of its place in Christ's Mission



**Celebrate God through enriching worship,**

**Grow through the transforming power of the Spirit, and**

**Serve by sharing the healing we find in Christ.**

**Come witness the power of God's Love with us.**