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Holy Spirit!

On June 8th, 2014, Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit blew open the doors of Trinity and placed in the hands of each attendee an envelope. Inside, some amount of money and card was found, with the simple and yet powerful instruction: over the next 40 days, share this money with someone or some group in need. In that one moment, each person had been transformed by the Holy Spirit into an agent of Christ's healing power. Since then, reports have come in (the Spirit also asked everyone to report back so the congregation could celebrate more fully). Here are some of the stories:

- The Holiday Hot Meals program received a blessing of God's power through donations.
- The activity fund at a local Alzheimer's unit, whose annual budget is around 2 cents per resident, received enough money to purchase several activities.
- A clerk at a local Dollar General was overwhelmed when the Spirit placed \$20 in her hands.

- A local book drive for poor children received a donation.
- The Zem Zem temple received a donation to help with their outreach work of transporting sick children to treatment centers around the world.
- The Salvation Army received a few donations to help them restock their food pantry.
- The YMCA received a donation to their summer program scholarship fund.
- Neighbors in a subsidized housing unit received a gift basket of cleaning supplies, since their government assistance only helps them buy food for their families.

Many Trinitarians matched the Holy Spirit's gift with their own funds, and along with the news of what the Holy Spirit led them to do, many stories were matched by descriptions of what it felt like to take part in Christ's healing work. Joy, peace, love, and compassion all were felt by those who let themselves be the hands and feet of Christ. The Holy Spirit served as a catalyst for real action and healing in the world. You are the agents of Christ's healing in the world! Thanks be to God for transforming us through the power of the Holy Spirit!

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August 17

Picnic Sunday

Come one, come all to the annual Warren County Episcopal Picnic! August 17th at the Betts Park Bocce Pavilion there will be worship, food, games, food, a baptism or two, food, and did I mention food? All you need to bring is yourselves, but you are invited to consider bringing something for us all to share. That could be food, a beverage, a game for kids and/or adults, face-painting supplies, musical instruments, or any other thing you feel excited to bring. Talk to Father Matthew or your worship center's leaders for more ideas. Sign ups are on the entryway tables at all Episcopal churches in our county.



Blessing of the Backpacks



and briefcases

Back for a third year is our annual blessing of students, workers, and their things!

Sunday, August 31st, our worship will feature a time to pronounce God's blessings upon the people of God and the things they use in their callings of life. Students of all ages should bring a backpack for their school things. Workers should bring an item that they use at work (and creativity is always appreciated). Retirees should bring something that they use in their lives as part of living out their callings, too (even bridge cards have had God's blessing go with them to their sacred tables). Don't miss this chance for us to recognize and welcome God's place in our daily life and work.





The Story

This fall, Trinity will embark on a program year journey through the Bible, using *The Story*. *The Story* is a new telling of the biblical story in a novel format, where the many stories have been put together to tell the story of God and his people from beginning to end. Each week, participants will get the chance to meet together to discuss the story and how our lives are a part of the story, too.

Pre-orders for our education series *The Story* is going very well. Books should be in by the first week of September after we place our order after August 16th. Sign up today to reserve your material and make plans to join the main Wednesday night discussion for adults and teens or come early to worship each Sunday for the 9:30 parlor discussion. Father Matthew is also interested in helping other small groups form a discussion if those times are not convenient. See him to work together on creating a small group that fits. Perhaps you could host one in your home for neighbors and friends!

Trinity offers thanks to God for providing over \$200 in scholarship funding already. Our aim is to use these gifts to provide help to families and individuals to purchase the materials, and to offer those outside our congregation a free set of materials so they can join us (make a point of offering this to your neighbors! What a way to bring someone into our community!). If you feel God calling you to help fund this endeavor, please make a donation so we can spread the Word far and wide as we join together in this exploration.

GROW

Sunday School

Trinity's Sunday School returns Sunday, September 7th. This year Sunday school will begin after the opening prayers of our worship service (everyone starts Sunday together at 9:30 for our opening worship song and prayers!).

We will be using *The Story* as our curriculum for the year. Parents should purchase at least one copy of the children's *The Story* and a copy of the adult book for themselves. Families are asked to read the chapter for that Sunday ahead of time and talk about what they read. Then the children will get a chance to engage in activities that focus on that chapter during Sunday School.

Pick up an order form on the entryway tables and return it by August 16th so you will be guaranteed a copy of the materials. Funding help is available through Father Matthew, so do not let cost be a problem.

The Word of God is needing adoption

A number of Bibles have arrived in our parlor. They are like new babies needing a home. They are lonely sitting there in a pile. They have so much to tell that they are anxious to leave our parlor and like children they want to get dirty. Please adopt one and/or be a messenger taking one to a good home. These English Common Versions are a fresh translation into our common way of speaking.

St. Francis and Trinity update, from Father Matthew



What a blessing it has been to get to know the St. Francis community better over these last 5 weeks and to sense the prayers of both Trinity and St. Francis as we explore together how to pursue Christ's mission. Our leadership group is preparing busily for their first meeting August 14th, and both communities are gearing up for the Picnic and for the joint education experience, The Story. Please continue to pray for our exploration of life together and get involved in reaching out to our sister congregation and learning more about them. You will be surprised by how the Holy Spirit touches you and lifts you up for Christ's service as you do.



Bishop's Committee Meeting

Your dedicated Bishop's Committee met for over three hours June 19, taking numerous actions, several of which we'd like to share with you now:

- ◆ Approved installation of air conditioning in the nave by A & B Heating.
- ◆ Approved a contract with Lauger's Good Lawn to renovate our gardens. In preparation for the new landscaping, please help yourself to the current plants in our gardens.
- ◆ Approved purchase of a Kurtzweil electronic synthesizer package.

Edited our Mission statement to read:

We

Celebrate God through enriching worship,
Grow through the transforming power of the Spirit, and
Share the healing we find in Christ.

Adopted the following statement:

Having agreed to no longer utilize the organ, we welcome the use of piano, electronic synthesizer and other instruments in our worship.

MISSION MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER



As part of our leadership plan for St. Francis and Trinity, our first Mission Meeting at each location will take place on a Sunday morning in September. The specific date for Trinity's meeting will be set at the Bishop's Committee meeting in August and advertized by mail. These meetings will feature updates from congregational leaders, visioning time with Father Matthew, and small group feedback opportunities for every member to contribute what the Spirit is saying to them as we explore life together in Warren County. Be on the lookout for that time and be ready to offer your spiritual insights.

Updates Diocesan Convention 2014

A couple of reminders and a request for input regarding business of Diocesan Convention 2014.

Request for Budget Input: The Diocesan Council has drafted the proposed 2015 budget and are looking for your input. Copies of the budget are available in the office. If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact Cindy Dougan at cdougan@dionwpa.org or 814.456.4203.

Reminder for Resolutions: the Secretary for Convention has called for resolutions to be submitted for this year's Diocesan Convention. Resolutions are due no later than September 24. Please email them to the Secretary of Convention, the Rev. Adam Trambley, at secon@dionwpa.org or mail them to Vanessa at the Diocesan Church Center (145 W. 6th St., Erie PA 16501).

Reminder for Nominations: Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be on a diocesan committee?

Serving on a diocesan committee will give you the opportunity to serve God in a different way, bring you closer to others in our diocese and participate in a way that allows you to grow spiritually and personally and have some fun. You have the opportunity to use your spiritual gifts in a manner that will provide you with additional insight into how our diocese operates.

We are looking for fresh perspectives, new thinking and people who are interested in dedicating a

finite amount of time to working toward greater health and vitality in this diocese.

At this year's convention, we will be electing people to Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, and the Constitution and Canons Committee. A list of diocesan committees and descriptions for each is at: <http://www.dionwpa.org/#/about-us/diocesan-committees>.

If you think you are interested in participating, please talk it over with your family, fellow parishioners or clergy person, asking them to honestly help assess the personal and spiritual gifts you can contribute to a particular committee. If you are interested, please submit a digital photo and a brief biography as to why you think you are called to serve on the committee of your choice. You will then become a nominee to be considered for election at diocesan convention.

Nominations are due to the nominating committee by September 15, 2014. They should be emailed to Jack Malovich (jm2pk@hotmail.com) or sent by mail to Vanessa Butler at the Diocesan Church Center (145 W. 6th St., Erie PA 16501).

Thank you for your consideration.

This year's convention is being held November 7 & 8 in Sharon, PA. Our delegates are Deb Davis and Gary Landrio with Addy Landrio and Lana Creal serving as alternates.

Coffee Hour

Thanks to *Addy & Gary Landrio* for hosting coffee hour.



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

Many thanks to Barb Boger, Betsy Bowersox, Mary Lou Campbell, Ellen Eberly, Rose Mary Landon and Chris Mesmer for providing goodies and hosting the Tea Chautauqua on Tuesday, July 8th.



Setember

- 2 - John Yankasky
Logan Renninger
Mary Lou & Tom Watt
- 3 - Gary Landrio
- 4 - Ralph Brown
- 5 - Betsy Bowersox
- 6 - Matthew Scott
Clare & Kurt Glarner
- 8 - Paul Boger
- 10 - Emily Whaley
- 12 - John John
- 13 - Michael Wood
- 17 - Travis Cunningham
- 19 - Rae & Ralph Peterson
Suzy & Avvington Painter
- 22 - Elaine Rhodes
Paul Landrio

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 24 - Gretchen VanTassel
- 25 - Bill Mallinson
Matt Willis
- 28 - Betty Yaegle



October

- 2 - Jennifer Dilks
Melissa Bailey
Megan & Nick Giacomino
- 4 - Addy & Gary Landrio
- 5 - William Ball
- 6 - Michael Brant
- 9 - Marga Morrison
- 10 - Karly Taylor
Joe Glarner

- 13 - Diane Brant
Dan Dilick
Denise & Jerry Ely
- 14 - Ian Curry
- 16 - Deb Davis
- 17 - Natalie Brown
- 20 - Robin Thomas
- 21 - Heather Madigan
- 23 - Ed Brant
Dan Blackman
- 25 - Nathan Stewart
Natalie & Bob Brown
- 26 - Kate Bowley
Marcy O'Brien
Avvington Painter
Doris & John
Yankasky
- 27 - Renee & Barry
Cunningham
- 30 - Quinn Boger
- 31 - Gareth Smith

Treasurer's Report—Operating Fund to July, 2014

Beginning Balance	36,121		
	Actual to 7/31/14	Budget to 7/31/14	2014 Budget
Member Pledges	\$52,592	\$59,592	\$101,828
Other Regular Member Contr.	\$3,123	\$4,667	\$8,000
Miscellaneous Other Givers	<u>\$1,060</u>	<u>\$583</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
Total Contribution	\$56,775	\$64,650	\$110,828
Other Income	\$5,361	\$5833	\$10,000
Outreach Income	\$2,545	0	0
Plate Income	<u>\$747</u>	<u>\$583</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
Sub Total Income	\$49,468	\$71,066	\$121,828
Endowment	\$60,673	\$60,673	\$104,554
Total Income	\$92,589	\$131,739	\$226,382
Expenses	\$138,404	\$137,499	\$226,382
Difference	\$-12,303		
Ending Balance	\$23,818		

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, Janet Ely, Terry Brant, Ed Brant, Tom, Stacey & Ryan Sorensen, Cody Stalder, Scott Mitchell, Jeff Washburn, Brian Knisley, Kara Donaldson, Carrie, Reiner Peters, Ted, Peggy Skinner, Cathy Swanson, Lacy Brant, 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, Deb, Danielle, Christine, Heather, Rick Naill & Virginia Eberly, Jerry Bowersox, Gene Ely, Ed & Donna Ball, Jim & Lynda McCollough, Emily Porter, Julius Stevenson, Matthew & Amie, safe travels, Bob Arnold, Carol, Scott, Bob, Kathy, Lynn, Peace in the Mideast, Children of Kabul, George Press, Matthew Esterly Press, homes for kittens

Thanksgiving for: Summer deck parties with good friends, glimmers of kindness in our world, Kid's camp this week, Local scout troop in Philmont, New Mexico, Birth of Grayson Mitchell (Deb Davis, great aunt)

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

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

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

