



Wednesday Evenings in Lent will be times of special worship for Lent. Please come to one or more opportunities to worship and to be still in the presence of the Lord.

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

- Feb. 28th** **6-8 pm Light Supper, Discussion, Evening Worship**
- Mar 7th** **6-8 pm Light Supper, Discussion, Evening**
Worship
- Mar 14th** **6-8 pm Seder supper. Dialogue by the Guest**
Cantor
- Mar 21st** **6-8 pm Light Supper, Discussion, Evening Worship**
- Mar 28th** **6-7:30 pm Light Supper and Discussion**
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary



YOUTH SERVICE AUCTION

Sunday, March 11th
during the Adult Forum
9:45 am in Parish Hall
(proceeds benefit Youth Pilgrimage)



SLAVIC DINNER

Sunday, March 11th
5 - 7 PM



INTERIM RECTOR'S REPORT

Dear Friends:

The month of March this year is filled with the observances of Lent. We use Lent as a season of preparation for the great blessings that come to us through Easter. It is modeled on the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for the conflict he would meet in Jerusalem. Just as Jesus wrestled with the temptations to take worldly short cuts to power and meaning, so we each must face the places in our lives where we are stuck and unable to grow in the relationship we desire with our God and our Savior.

There are many practices - both corporate and individual - in this season that may help us to get focused and to pay attention to the essentials. Corporately, the Lenten worship of the community will help to bind us together in a common pursuit of goals for the renewal of our faith. Individually, we can take time for prayer and self examination, time to read and reflect on the powerful messages of scripture, we can set aside those habits and practices that soak up our energy and our vitality, and we can deny ourselves the excesses of the consumer life so that we can instead give of our abundance to those in basic need in our community and around the world.

The church calls each one of us – laity and clergy – to observe a Holy Lent. At Trinity we will try and be supportive of our Lenten journey by scheduling regular Lenten worship on Wednesday evenings preceded by a simple meal and a time of reflection and discussion. On Sunday mornings, worship will include a focus on penitential prayers and music, plus a weekly Lenten bible study and several Lent themed forums will round our time together. Wednesday morning midweek Eucharist will continue on its regular schedule.

I hope that you will feel free to speak to me if you have concerns about your own Lenten goals and how best to achieve them. We all need to care for each other in our wilderness wanderings. Exploring such places like this with courage and purpose can lead to fresh new chapters in our faith journey.

Lou Temme, Interim Rector



PRAYERS: Bob, LuAnn Fitz, Jeremy Wilson, Libby Ballinger, Brownie Ulrich, Jack DuPrau, Harry Toland, Henry Lipp, Michele Ardes, Coleman Williams, and Linda Howard.

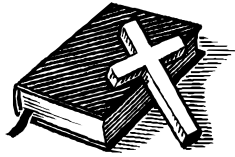
TREASURER'S REPORT

	YEAR TO DATE		JANUARY	
RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Total Income			37,663	37,450
EXPENSES				
Total Expenses			36594	41,580

*Copies of the complete treasurer's report are available through the office.

OFFICE HOURS CHANGE

As a result of Bill Mullen changing his hours, the office will only be open when Nancy is on site. This means it will be open each day Monday through Friday from 9 am to 12:30 pm. and again from 1:30 to 4 pm. (It will be closed each day from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.) At other times, you can leave messages on Nancy's voicemail or email her at nancy@trinityswarthmore.org



LENT AT TRINITY

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

“LENT – A time for Renewal” Deacon Mimi Greenwood will lead five Sunday morning studies of the bible entitled “LENT – A time for Renewal.” The group will meet at 9:45 AM in the Shero Room (or alternately, the Thrift Shop lobby). The dates are Feb 25th, and March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. Drawing on relevant texts of scripture, the group will explore practical advice for the spiritual life, practices of fasting, abstinence and self denial, opportunities for greater use of time, talents and treasure, and ways that the journey of personal renewal can be shared with others. Mimi has a great love of scripture and she hopes many will join in this exploration of the bible with her.



WEDNESDAY SUPPER, DISCUSSION AND WORSHIP

The rector will conduct a mid-week Lenten Program. It will be held on Wednesday nights beginning February 28. Biblical topics will be chosen to expand the understanding of the Lenten observances.

The Worship Committee will offer supper on Feb. 28. Thereafter, participants will take turns providing supper. Please sign up in the back of the church if you plan to attend the sessions or call the parish office.

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SAVE THE DATES !!

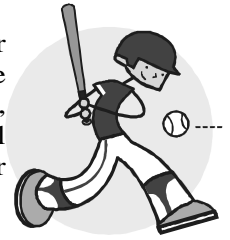
Moveable Feast will be held on April 28th. Liturgical Breakfast will be April 29th.

FROM THE DEACON'S DESK...

We turn the pages of our secular calendar and are aware of the month, the date and the year. We write this on our letters, school papers and on our checks and circle important dates or enter dates on our computer hand-held.



Nature's calendar is in the days getting longer, the sun rays brighter and warmer and garden plants greening and growing. And we observe the seed and bulb catalogs coming in the mail, advertisements appearing for spring planting and for the traditional Philadelphians – the spectacular Flower Show beginning soon. For the sports minded the Phillies have gone to Clearwater, Florida for Spring training. Can spring be far away?



And the church calendar marks Lent, Triduum and Easter. Lent itself is the most solemn time in the church ending with Easter Sunday, the most glorious and happy time.

Trinity is preparing for special services during this Lenten period in preparation for the Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia on April 8th.



Greenwood

A Blessed Lent, Deacon Mimi

THINKING ABOUT THE VESTRY...

The word “Lent” means springtime. This word comes from the same root as “lengthen” since daytime lengthens during Lent, the Northern Hemisphere turns toward the sun, the source of life, and winter turns to spring. In Hebrew the word for repentance is “to turn”, like the turning of soil before planting. So our Lenten pilgrimage is for us to turn once again to the Lord, “Even now”, says the Lord, “turn to me.” Joel 2:12

It's not too early to start looking around to your fellow members of the parish and begin to ask the question: “*Who do I see who would be a good leader to serve on the vestry?*” Suggested names can be given to one of the wardens – **Bill Scarborough, Mary Anderson, or John Hollyer** – for consideration by the nominating committee. The election will be at the annual meeting on May 6.

ROSE TREE PLACE EUCHARIST



A Eucharistic Service will be held at Rosetree Place, Sandyhook Rd, Media, Tuesday, March 20 at 2PM. Everyone is invited to join us as we share communion with **Kathe & Lou Harms**, who reside there, and other members of the community. Contact **Lou Temme or Pat Kowalski** for additional information or a ride.

TAIZE AT THE COLLEGE

5 PM ON SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH

Please contact Joyce if you can bring food

Let's Give Thanks for our Ministries...

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Approximately 220 persons from the parish, community, and College indulged themselves in blueberry, chocolate chip and other pancake and treats at Trinity Episcopal Church's annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, which was held in the Parish hall on February 20. The diners were entertained by the Swarthmore College singing group **Sixteen Feet** (who actually had 18 feet for this occasion and gave an excellent performance), shopped for bargains at the Trinity Thrift Shop and enjoyed an evening of fellowship. The event was enabled by Executive Chef **Bill Shields**, Purchasing Agent **Joe Hampel**, **Greg Piscorik**, **Steve Laxton**, **Paul Oestreich**, **Jeff Sumner**, **Don Hann**, **Kurt Gardner**, **David Hadley**, **Andrejs Penikis**, **Mike Donoghue**, **Michael Rhile**, **George Taylor**, **John Hollyer**, **Martin Beck**, **Harry Toland**, **Jay Gillespie**, **Don Custer**, **Letitia Jeavons**, **Mimi Greenwood**, **John Ogden** (sign in front of Church), **Gene Martenson** (sign at train station), **Ann Hubben** and **Dick Koelle**; and was assisted by the youth of the Church: **Jack and Alex Donoghue**, **Nick Shields**, **Matt Rhile**, **John Laxton**, **Johanna Laxton**, **Christa Oestreich**, **Matt Leonard**, **Quinn** and **Paul Manwaring**. The assistance of Parish Secretary **Nancy Holstein** and **Greg Byrnes** of the Co-op, which provided most of the food, was greatly appreciated as well, The gross receipts for the event were \$901, including a contribution from the Thrift Shop. Trinity Church thanks members of the community and College who supported the event. Net proceeds will support the Trinity Youth Group Mission Trip this summer to coastal North Carolina to help rebuild homes and provide child care in a community that has been hit twice by hurricanes. **Dick Koelle**

SOME CHRONICLE HUMOR

Moral Lesson

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5 and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

Forgive Us Our Traspases

One particular four-year-old prayed,
"And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

Deliver Us From Evil

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail."



Trinity Youth



SLAVIC DINNER

Kielbasa, pierogies, sauerkraut, borscht! What about hot dogs, lemonade and cookies? Yes, all that and more will be available for your enjoyment at the Slavic Dinner (formerly known as the Ukrainian Dinner), March 11, 5:00-7:00 PM.

Every summer for the last five years, **Cathy and Kurt Gardner** have hosted Nastya, a victim of the Chernobyl disaster. She stays with them, receives medical treatment and enjoys a reprieve from the pervasive radiation in her corner of Belarus. Last summer she attended ESL in the school district, and won scholarships for the teen program at Wallingford Arts Center and the theatre program at the Hedgerow. She also hangs out with friends she has made in the area.

The Gardners are responsible for all the costs associated with Nastya's visits here: airfare, visa, medical insurance, eyeglasses, medicine, clothes, food, etc. The Trinity community has long been helping Nastya.

All the proceeds from the Slavic Dinner go toward Nastya's needs. Please come out for a fine meal, a good time and know that you have truly helped someone.

Andrejs Penikis



YOUTH SERVICE AUCTION!



Need something done around the house or yard? Need a babysitter? Ever wanted to learn a few wrestling moves? Would you like to impress your friends with an intimate violin recital in your very own living room?



Trinity's youth group is planning a mission trip to coastal North Carolina in June. To help defray expenses, they will be offering to provide various services to Parishioners. During the adult forum on March 11 you will be able to bid on the services of these strong and able young people, as we hold our Third Youth Service Auction.

If you have an idea or request, please drop a note to **Andrejs Penikis** (c/o **Nancy Holstein** at the Church office), or email him directly at ap54@columbia.edu. Mark your calendars !



PARENTS' GROUP

The Parents' Group will meet on March 11th during the education hour in the Shero room. **Susan Rhile** will lead a discussion about over-scheduling.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

As we enter the Lenten season, the Sunday school teachers have been working hard to help give our children a foundation in their faith. As you may know, during the month of February the Sunday school strongly focused on helping our children gain a fuller understanding of the Eucharist. With the support of **Joyce, Lou and Mimi**, each class learned about the Eucharist on an age appropriate level and then the whole community participated in an Instructed Eucharist on Feb. 25. Not only did the children gain more knowledge, quite a few adults were also able to deepen their understanding of the Eucharist.



During the month of March, the children will begin to prepare their roles for the annual Liturgical breakfast on April 29. Please note, there will be ***no Sunday school on April 1, Palm Sunday or April 8, Easter Sunday.***

Every few months, the Sunday school committee has been publishing a newsletter for Sunday school families. If your child is in grades pre-K through 5th grade and you haven't been receiving the newsletter, please let us know and we will add you to the mailing list.



On Sunday March 18, the Sunday school children will learn about the Stations of the Cross. After the 9:00 service, the children will remain in the church and **Joyce** will lead a lesson about this meaningful Lenten tradition. All are welcome.

The 4th and 5th graders have been very busy learning all about the history and symbolism of the stained glass windows in the church. Apparently, even a few adults have been sitting in on the lessons. If you know any of these children, ask them what they have learned about our beautiful church windows. You might be surprised



Susie Leonard has been organizing our current outreach project. On March 4, the children will be assembling breakfast bags to donate to Episcopal Community Services. Thanks to everyone who helped donate supplies and organize the event, especially Susie.

Heather Koelle has been toting her portable keyboard into the K/1st grade Sunday school class every other week and enthusiastically teaching the children church songs.



As always, we thank all our volunteer teachers and parents for all your effort and support with Sunday school. Please contact us if you'd like to help in any way. **Anne Hollyer** (610)891-0291 abhjwh@comcast.net or **Robin Shields** (610) 565-5414 rshields55@yahoo.com

Passover Seder

THE SEDER DINNER WILL BE HELD AT THE PARISH HALL ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, starting at 6 PM. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the Church for those who would like to attend. Those who attend are requested to bring a side dish or salad. The Seder not only celebrates the Jewish Passover, but it was our Lord's last supper and, therefore, has dual significance. Please sign up no later than Sunday, March 11th. Please **call Don or Carol Hann** if you have any questions (610-566-9369)

