



The Citadel - August 2010

News from Trinity Episcopal Church

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"Discovering, Sharing, Living God's Love"

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Prepare to be misunderstood

The other day I was walking through the mall dressed in my "official" clerical garb. While I was at the kiosk for the cell phone people, another customer was treating me with a noticeable deference and even with good humor. As I walked out of the mall, I saw a group of young people. One of them made eye contact with me but it was not a friendly connection.

His t-shirt had a red circle and slash over a cross under the caption "no bad religion." I wanted to stop and ask about the shirt. After all, if I am going to wear the symbol of the churches ordained ministry in public, I had better be able to take the brickbats as well as the bouquets.

My hunch is that if the two of us could compare our lists of what constituted "bad religion", they'd be more alike than different. My list would start with violence and persecution perpetrated in God's name. I would also add the many examples of hatred that some justify on religious grounds. I also think that "bad religion" is religion that is uncritical or reactive or which puts institutional life ahead of people's well-being. Religion that doesn't drive us to leave a world better than how we found it is to me "bad religion". But we did not have that conversation. As a public representative of an old religious tradition, I have to say that I did not do a good job asking the question because all he would say to me is "no bad religion, man!" Whatever.

I'll bet that the reason the young man refused to engage me was for the same reason that the guy at the kiosk was so nice. They both made certain assumptions about me, what I believed, and what I represent based on the total package they saw: fifty-ish, white guy, wearing a black clerical collar. It's not a uniform, it's a projection screen.

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THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Heritage Day Committee, I would like to thank everyone who helped contribute, through time and/or donations, in making Heritage Day 2010 a huge success. Many parishioners helped represent Trinity at such a wonderful community event through the church tours, the concession stand, and Sitgreaves coffeehouse. For the second year in a row, the concession stand sold all of its food, and raised over \$931. So many people visited our church on Heritage Day that we lost count!!!



Here are just some of the folks that helped make Heritage Day a success:

Mike Collins
Karen Lohrman
Chip Szlivko
Pete Olieman
Richelle Pinto
Donna Watson
Jim and Donna Brown
Carl and Rosemary Woronowicz
Ricardo Garcia
Gary and Sally Dietterick
Barbi Haigh
Terry Gangaware
Roger Shields
Fred and Nancy Crivellaro
Bruce and Donna Meneeley
Maryann & Joe Corona
...and many more who made monetary contributions.



Bruce Meneeley



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But it's not just religious professional in funny clothes who get misunderstood. I think that the very idea of having religious faith can lead to misunderstanding. Take Mary Magdalene for example. Many churches recently celebrated her feast day. Mary of Magdala is perhaps the patron saint of projection and misunderstanding!

Depending on what books you read or films you see, Mary Magdalene was a person healed by Jesus, a prostitute who may or may not have repented, who may or may not have washed Jesus' feet with her hair, and who may have been Jesus' friend, companion, disciple, successor, lover, wife or mother of his children. Next to Jesus himself, it is hard to imagine a person on whom we have directed so many of our dreams, fears, hopes and hurts.

The only thing we know for sure is that she was a follower of Jesus, she was healed of some infirmity by him, and that she was one of the women who witnessed his crucifixion and knew where he was buried. We know she went to the empty tomb and that she took the news of his resurrection to the eleven remaining apostles.

The important thing that Mary teaches us is not that we understand God so much as discovering how deeply God understands us. We may all be as misunderstood as she was, but at the moment of moments, at the border of life and death, Christ knew and understood Mary. If Mary knew nothing else except that God knew her to her deepest core and was loved, then nothing else matters.

There are lots of theories on why Mary Magdalene is so misunderstood, some of which border on the conspiratorial, but if the most important part of her story is that God knows and loves us, Mary also teaches us that to live a life of faith is to be misunderstood.

To practice peace in a world that values power is to be misunderstood. To seek to serve the poor in a world that values wealth will create misunderstanding. Advocating for people who have no voice, no vote, and no position in society is not comprehensible to many in our world. Bringing care for the sick even if it is not profitable and to demand that society remembers the forgotten often invites labeling and name-calling. When a person of faith places love as the highest value, and lifts up the dignity of even the lowliest among us, other people will misunderstand.

Frankly, there are days when I don't understand the life of faith that even I have chosen to live. We human beings are such imperfect practitioners of the spiritual life, and yet we are drawn to grow and know more. We are drawn to create. We seek love and we crave to be known. We are called to change. Mary Magdalene

reminds us of the truth of the old Franciscan prayer where we seek "not to be understood as to understand" that God knows us and loves us right down to our very core. ~ Fr. Andrew+

From the Stewardship Circle...

One of the Holy Habits we often mention is study – the study of Scripture, the reading of devotional materials, individual or small group discussion and learning, etc. One of the aids Trinity offers for daily devotional reading is *Forward Day By Day*, an Episcopal publication celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. This handy pocket-sized volume (also available in a large-print edition) offers a daily scripture reading and meditation, and provides other prayers and reading suggestions for personal or group use. There are copies of the new edition available outside the Chapel and at the rear of the church. Why not commit to its daily use as part of your "striving steward" plan? (You may also access the readings online at www.forwardmovement.org.)

May your reading and meditation be blessed!

Posting Period: 07/27/10

Financial Summary – Year to Date:

Revenues	
Offerings	\$ 118,392.04
Rent	\$ 1,435.00
Interest & Investment	\$ 66,885.94
Special Events	\$ 67.00
Church Store	\$ 668.70
Other Income	\$ 1,412.54
Total Revenues	\$ 188,861.22
Expenses	
Outreach	\$ 16,090.50
Total Staff Expenses	\$ 125,966.76
Total Other Operating Expenses	\$ 48,653.94
Total Expenses	\$ 190,711.20
Net Total	\$ (1,849.98)
Total Other Expenses	\$ 0.00
Net Operating Total	\$ (1,849.98)

Complete Financial Reports are available on our Mission Tables.



SATURDAY SERVICE ON VACATION



There will not be a Saturday evening service on **July 24th, 31st or August 7th or 14th.**

The 5:00 service will resume on August 21st.

Fall Bazaar Scheduled for 2011

The Holiday Bazaar will be held in the fall of 2011, hopefully then becoming an annual event. The planning committee decided not to hold a bazaar this year, but to start planning at an early time for 2011. To begin the process, the first meeting will be held on Sunday, September 26, in the Chapel following the 10:30 service. All interested persons are invited to attend. Your ideas and energy will help to make this a wonderful all-parish event.

PROJECT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS July 2010

Among the most need items are: CEREAL; SOUP; JELLY (12-15 oz. preferred); JUICE; BOXED MACARONI & CHEESE; PERSONAL CARE ITEMS (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.) Thank you for dropping items into the large basket in the back of the church.

2010 Mission of the Month Updates

January – United Thank Offering (UTO)

Ingathering: \$281.10
**Supplement: \$18.90
Total: \$300.

February – Third Street Alliance

Ingathering: \$233.36
**Supplement: \$66.64
Total: \$300.

March – Easter Offerings

April – Meals on Wheels

Ingathering: \$314.50
**Supplement: \$185.50
Total: \$500. (This amount enables us to sponsor a MOW route for 2010-2011)

May – Episcopal Relief and Development

Ingathering: \$169.
**Supplement: \$31.
*Total: \$200.

*Members of our congregation had already contributed in February and March a total of \$1,052 to ERD for earthquake relief in Haiti.

**Supplements are taken from either our General Mission & Outreach yearly budget allowance or the Tuthill Tith Fund, given in memory of Trinity member Harlan L. Tuthill.

Sitgreaves Coffee House

We are happy to report that Sitgreaves Coffeehouse celebrated it's 5th anniversary on Heritage Day in Conine Hall!

Sitgreaves Coffeehouse is held on the second Sunday of each month and is an all-ages smoke-free venue for musicians to perform and for everyone to listen. Started in 2005, Sitgreaves has grown to be a unique place for musicians to play in front of a live audience like no other. Visit our website at <http://www.sitgreaves.org>.



Each coffeehouse starts at 6:30 p.m. and goes until 9 p.m. If you'd like to assist in setting up (putting out chairs and tables, setting up the PA and lighting, etc.) please arrive between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Holy Eggerz have a day at the Park



On the afternoon of Sunday, July 18th, the Holy Eggerz went to Jacobsburg State Park. The weather was hot and sunny, and the park was beautiful. Not only did the Eggerz have lots of food and goodies to share,

but they played games, including "Ghost in the Graveyard" and "Spaceship dodging the Asteroids", explored the Butterfly Garden, went wading in the Bushkill Creek, and trekking looking for waterfalls.

The Eggerz will take a month off until September when they will begin to meet again. Keep watching and listening for the next event.





New from the Choir Director...

♫ ROYAL SCHOOL of CHURCH MUSIC ♫

At the invitation of Canon Mark Laubach, director of music at St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Dale Grandfield is pleased to associate with the Royal School of Church Music, an organization that "Supports a world-wide network of 8,500 churches, schools and individuals," and is "[C]ommitted to achieving the best use of good music in worship - whatever the resources, whatever the styles [. . .] Through education, training, publications, advice and encouragement." The RSCM particularly focuses on music in the Anglican Tradition.

On Sunday, July 25th, Dale travelled north to Wilkes-Barre after our regular services to stay for a week at the annual RSCM "King's College Course". At the course choristers from all over the United States gather together for a week of exceptional musical scholarship, prayer, and fun. Dale will be Proctor (aka Camp Counselor) for Intermediate Boys, ranging from 13 to 15 years of age. The week will culminate with a wonderful celebration of the Eucharist at St. Stephen's on Sunday, August 1st with not only choir, but orchestra!

♫ SUMMER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES at LANSDALE ♫

Dale will be giving an approximately 45 minute organ recital at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1000 West Main Street, in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, 19446. Each year Trinity hosts a series of summer organ recitalists, this year being particularly special because it is the 10th year anniversary of their beautiful north-German styled Martin Ott pipe organ. Dale's recital will include Johann Sebastian Bach's transcription of Vivaldi's "Concerto for two Violins in a-minor, RV522", Sigfrid Karg-Elert's "Three Impressions, Op 72," including "Harmonies of the Evening, Moonshine, and The Night", Johann Peterzoon Sweelinck's "Fantasia Chromatica in the Dorian mode" and César Franck's "Chorale in a-minor" from "Three Chorales". If you need information on directions, ask Dale.

♫ PIANO LESSONS at NOBLE ART PIANOS ♫

If you or anyone you know is looking for piano lessons, Dale is teaming with Noble Art Pianos, the piano retailer just up Sitgreaves Alley from Trinity Church, to teach in their facilities. They are very gracious, have wonderful studios for teaching, bring in wonderful recitalists (check out their recital series! It's free!) and some of the best pianos in the world... all right here in Easton! If you are interested in lessons, please contact Elizabeth Campbell, owner, at (610) 285-8188.

♫ CHOIR SEASON ♫

How fast the summer flies by! Choir season is coming around the bend...

The Deans (adult choir) will begin rehearsals at 7:30pm on Wednesday, September 8th. For those who may want to join the adult choir but don't want to be thrown right in with regular rehearsals, we will hold three sessions on good singing and good choral singing on Wednesdays August 18th, 25th, and September 1st at 7:30pm. If you don't want to sing, but know someone who does, send them our way! If you plan to join the music program, please let Dale know.

Trinity Church needs a regular (monthly) childrens' choir! If you have children in the age range from Kindergarten through Elementary School, and would be interested in not only bringing your child to rehearsals and Sunday performances, but would also help out, please speak to Dale as soon as possible.

♫ NEW OPPORTUNITY at TRINITY CHURCH ♫

In this ever faster-paced world, I realized after graduating from college that most of my friends and acquaintances moved away. Relationships that seemed so strong because of day-to-day contact, lost touch once that regularity was missing. For those who were born since 1970, it's a tough age of digital connectedness that often lacks human warmth. We need to represent! :)

So, if you're in your 20's or 30's, if you're single, dating, partnered, married, (whatevah!) join us on Friday, September 17th at 9:00pm (location TBA) for our first monthly twenty-something-to-thirty-something gathering. If you need more info, text or call Dale at (484) 892-7659. Bring someone along! Check us out on Facebook too.

Trinity Requiem Services

We will remember at our Wednesday Requiem service this month:

- Benita Collins
- Royal H. Burpee
- Charles Barnett

Requiem services are held the first Wednesday of the month at 12:10 p.m. Our next requiem service will be **August 4th**. We invite loved ones of those who have gone before us to remember and give thanks for their lives.



Thank you!!

The kitchen shower hosted by the Daughter's of the King at Trinity Episcopal Church was a great success! The additional space in Conine Hall is fabulous and the much anticipated kitchen will be a huge asset to our church. Through the generous donations of money and gifts, we were able to purchase all the items on our wish list. Since the kitchen is still a work in progress, any extra monies will be used for items needed that we haven't anticipated yet. We wish to thank all those parishioners who have donated to this project. It was wonderful to once again have some fellowship after the service and hope this will continue. Again, a big THANK YOU to all of the parishioners who donated!!!

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**Episcopal Presence at
Pride in the Park**

We are looking for parishioners interested in representing Trinity Easton along with the other Episcopal Churches of the Lehigh Valley at the annual Pride in the Park Festival in Allentown on Sunday August 15th. The hours of the festival are Noon to 6pm. The theme this year is "Paint the Town Proud". This is the largest LGBT festival north of Philadelphia.

The Diocese of Bethlehem has participated for the past 3 years. We will have a booth describing the Episcopal parishes of the Lehigh Valley and the Episcopal Church. Our presence is one of several faith groups who take part. The good news is that over the years there have come to be many more Christians inside the festival sharing our stories of faith and talking about our ministry than those who shout hateful slogans outside the park. Be part of a positive witness to a compassionate faith!

See Terry Price Gangaware or Anne Szlivko if you are interested in helping and/or would like a ride to Allentown's Cedar Beach. Call Terry at 610/258-2611 or email at terrypg55@msn.com.

Diocesan Youth Counsel Invitation

This is an open invitation to all churches who have youth in the Diocese of Bethlehem. Applications for Youth Council will be accepted from now until September 15, 2010.

If you know of anyone who fulfills these requirements please direct them to contact Kim Rowles, Youth missionary, or to visit our youth mission website (link found at the bottom of this email.

The requirements for being on council are as follows:

- ❖ Council members must be a member of a parish in the Diocese of Bethlehem
- ❖ Be active in youth group and Christian Education
- ❖ Be in 9 - 12 grade
- ❖ Have participated in at least one youth event in the 2009-2010 year
- ❖ Be interested in planning events
- ❖ Have regular access to email

Members of Council are expected to:

- ❖ Attend the Diocesan Convention the weekend of October 8th and 9th to represent the Youth of the Diocese in Bethlehem
- ❖ Attend at least one event on the Diocesan Level
 - Happening #19 November 12- 14, 2010
 - Bishop's Night Watch January 21, 2011
 - Christophany April 8 -10, 2011
 - Episcopal Youth Event June 20-28, 2011
 - High School Mission Trip July 2011
- ❖ Promote events with in your parish
- ❖ Make at least one visit to a parish other than your own to promote youth events in the period when registration is open (6 weeks prior to the event)

This year all planning will be done online so there are no seasonal meetings.

The application for council will be posted on the Diocesan Youth website at <http://www.diobeth.org/Ministries/Youth/youth.html> in the near future.

Please get in touch with me if you have any questions. Blessings, Kim Rowles, Youth Missioner, Diocese of Bethlehem: 610-751-3931

Episcopal Church Women invitation

The Diocesan Episcopal Churchwomen invite you to a *Summer Gathering and Tea* at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, PA on August 18th.

Registration begins at 9:45 a.m. in Sayre Hall. A tour of the Cathedral with Historian Sandy Kelly will begin at 10:00 a.m. with Holy Eucharist at 1:00 with celebrant The Rt. Rev. John P. Croneberger. The gathering and tea will be at noon—hats optional! Send your registration fee of \$5.00 to Catherine Jeffery, 1839 Ulster Rd., Allentown, PA, 18109. Phone: 610-868-6682.





Are you a woman wanting to explore the religious life?

Are you seeking a religious vocation in the Episcopal Church? Do you know of someone who has thought about it? From time to time, you or someone you know might be seeking a vocation in the Episcopal Church. If you are a woman, a prayerful person between the ages of 25 and 55, and in good health of mind and body, please consider seeking out a religious order.

There are fifteen monastic communities for women and four for men in our Church, all listed in the Episcopal Church Annual. We would like to introduce you to the **Community of St. John Baptist** in Mendham, New Jersey. We invite any woman, lay or ordained to live with us for awhile and explore our life. We are announcing our **Summer "live-in," the Search Program, to be held August 16-27. Please visit our web site at www.csjb.org.**

Sr. Patricia-Michael is an Associate of the Community of St. John Baptist. Feel free to ask Sr. Patty any questions about the Community or religious life.



newSpin

newSpin is an electronic newsletter that includes news, information and commentary related to the Diocese of Bethlehem, the Episcopal Church, the Anglican Communion and the world of religion ... with some spin, of course, from the editor. It is edited by retired communication minister Bill Lewellis and ordinarily produced twice weekly, on Mondays and Thursdays. To have it emailed to you, you may subscribe at the "Get Connected" box on the right column of www.diobeth.org. Select **newSpin** under the groups. The Diocese of Bethlehem also has a blog (www.diobeth.typepad.com) by the same name where you may find samples of the **newSpin** newsletter.

Communication Workshop

Communicating the Gospel is what Christians are called to do; we are called to spread the Good News! Come learn about communication as ministry, electronic newsletters, blogs, print publications and social networking in this one day workshop.



The workshop will be held at St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, 35 S. Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA, on September 11, 2010, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Registration is now open online at www.diobeth.org. Cost is \$10.00. For any questions, please contact Kat Lehman: 610-691-5655 x235.

AUGUST MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Please remember to find a replacement if you are unable to serve. Let the parish office know of any changes.

DATE	MC	Crucifer	Server	Torch	Torch
8/1/2010	Anne	Anne	Anne	Benjamin Williams	Fred Crivellaro
8/8/2010	Terry	Ricardo Garcia	Ricardo Garcia	Philip Sherrer	Anne
8/15/2010	Pete	Ashley Reed	Andrew Brodt	Anne Szlivko	Lisa Wilson
8/22/2010	Terry	Terry Gangaware	Jensen Appleman	Drew Appleman	Kerri Appleman
8/29/2010	Anne	Anne	Anne	Benjamin Williams	Pete Olieman

DATE	Lector	Intercessor	Chalistic	Chalistic
8/1/2010	Shae Appleman	Shae Appleman	Helen Forshaw	Barbi Haigh
8/8/2010	Barbi Haigh	Barbi Haigh	Bruce Riehl	Anne Nourse
8/15/2010	Nina Olieman	Nina Olieman	Fred Crivellaro	Nancy Crivellaro
8/22/2010	Sally Morrison	Sally Morrison	Pete Olieman	Gary Dietterick
8/29/2010	Richelle Pinto	Richelle Pinto	Bruce Riehl	Gary Dietterick

DATE	Usher
8/1/2010	Gary and Sally Dietterick
8/8/2010	McCarthy Family
8/15/2010	Chip Szlivko/Kathy Counterman
8/22/2010	Mike and Dottie Viglione
8/29/2010	Terry Gangaware/Chip Szlivko

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~ Mission of the Month: ProJeCt of Easton

Envelope attached.

~ Next Citadel Deadline: August 15th!



July Mission of the Month: ProJeCt of Easton

ProJeCt of Easton, Inc., our mission of the month for August, offers comprehensive emergency assistance and language and literacy services to over 3,500 community residents each year. ProJeCt offers a number of programs to serve both children and adults, but all of their services share the same goal – to help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency. It is located on Ferry Street in downtown Easton. They serve students and clients from Northampton County, Pennsylvania and Warren County, New Jersey. ProJeCt's Emergency Assistance Program (ASSIST) works to provide emergency interventions for families in crisis, and to implement case management plans to move them toward greater self-sufficiency. An Emergency Assistance Program staff person is on call seven days a week to handle emergency shelter needs. All income-qualified clients can also receive food from ProJeCt's Interfaith Food Pantry, the largest food pantry in Northampton County. Each month, the food pantry provides two-to-three day supplies of food to more than 400 households. Last year, the food pantry distributed two-to-three day supplies of food to almost 1,700 individuals in 961 households. When clients have exhausted all other avenues of support, the ASSIST program provides emergency vouchers for goods and services such as prescription medicines, emergency shelter, eyeglasses, home heating oil, work clothing, baby care needs, and local transportation.



ProJeCt's language and literacy programs set a solid foundation for individual and family success. Supportive instruction gives students the skills they need to function successfully in the workplace, as parents and as community members. Caseworkers work with students to remove barriers to success and provide the support individuals and families need to accomplish their individualized goals.

Our Mission & Outreach committee urges you to be as generous as possible to support this worthwhile local outreach ministry. An envelope has been enclosed for your convenience.

