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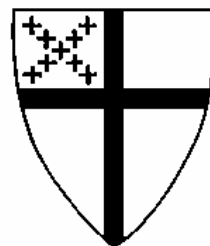
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# The Trinity Times



July/August 2009

## Bread for the Season

Baking bread is a favorite activity for children and youth. They tend to see the process of mixing flour and wet ingredients into a steaming loaf of bread as a miraculous transformation. And they don't look at kneading dough as a disagreeable labor; they approach it as something akin to working with clay; messy, but satisfying to their sense of touch. We bake bread or make rolls often in Sunday school - mostly because it is one way to really experience what Jesus meant when he said, "I am the bread of life."

Summer is a time when it seems too hot to bake bread. Yet my family can't seem to get enough of our favorite kinds of summer bread, from Native American fry bread to hot dog and hamburger buns to Naan, a kind of Indian pita bread minus the pocket. We enjoy the extended hours of daylight and the opportunity to experiment with different foods at our leisurely summer family suppers. And those special summer breads go a long way toward satisfying a hunger for something that fills us up the way only a good piece of bread can.

Many of the Bible readings in church this summer have something to do with human hunger - both what we think we are hungry for, and God's repeated offers to feed our deeper hungers. We learn how God sent an angel to feed the prophet Elijah in the wilderness. We hear about the manna sent to the people of God wandering in the desert. We are reminded several times by Jesus that if we come to him, the Bread of Life, we need never be hungry.

Because of the more leisurely pace of the summer months, we are tempted to scale back on Sunday church attendance. But the worship at Trinity has its own special flavor during the summer, from the quiet 8 o'clock service to the combined 10 o'clock service followed by lemonade on the lawn. The children who have been attending at 10 A.M. this summer have enjoyed leaving the church during the sermon, Creed, and prayers to assemble in the Guild Room for a Bible story and prayers of their own. This allows their parents to feed a hunger for some quiet spiritual time. And at the peace, the children re-join us in church as we all come together to be fed with Jesus, the Bread of Life, at Communion. Later, we experience God's colorful creation all around us as we share lemonade and treats on the Trinity lawn. We are reminded in a soul-satisfying way that Sundays in summer are an especially good time to gather as God's faithful people, who are fed by each other in our loving community. We might not always know what will satisfy us on a warm summer Sunday, but we are often hungry for the things that church attendance can give us: a fresh insight on how to live more fully, a renewed awareness of the gifts in our lives, a moment of peace, some adult conversation, a sense of meaning, and a reminder of God's caring presence.

The next time you reach for a piece of bread this summer, think of Trinity Church, where we have an opportunity every Sunday to be inspired and fed by Jesus, the Bread of Life. *By - Kathleen Capcara*

**July/August Birthdays:**

July 2 - Sara Smith, 3 - Hillary Jane Morris, Laurel Valenti, 4 - Van Fenstermaker, Ian Jefferys, 6 - Phyllis Daeschner, 8 - Reginald Cole, 9 - Scott Thomas, 11 - Dolores Andrew, Connor Culp, Frederick Webber, 12 - Virginia Carruthers, Heather Hinson, 13 - Alexander Close, 14 - Charles Cottrell, Heather McLaughlin, 15 - Margaret Bates Jones, Peggy Jarboe, 17 - Mac Price, 20 - Alexander Howard, Katherine Scarborough, Kate Wolf, 21 - Jessy Jordan, Annie Swindell, 22 Eric Dougan, 23 - Alexandra Felter, Mamie Rader, Elizabeth Tolj, 24 - Suzanne Warner, 25 - Julia Felter, James Thierer, 26 - Will Ransom, 27 - Griffin Fortney, Jacob Hibbs, Tracy Martin, 28 - Maxwell Adler, 30 - Elizabeth Belcher



August 1 - Kathy Alborno, Joy Shinnick, 2 - Brian Mund, 3 - Jennifer Liles, Michael McShane, Olivia Restelli, 7 - Angela Hinson, 8 - Peyton Shetler, 9 - Mary Lou Bates, Marina Gavrelis, Virginia Webster, 10 - Kathryn Geckle, Brennan McPherson, 11 - Mila Coyle, 12 - Rowan Schell, 14 - Tessa O'Neil, 15 - Sandra Hibbs, Margaret Nelson, 16 - Clayton Belcher, 17 - Carole Medlyn, Marcella Mwisela, 18 - Matthew Roswell, 21 - Richard Patterson, 22 - Cynthia Adler, Branden Grable, Lisa Manuel, Beatrice Mengel, Sean Tisdale, 23 - Randolph Brown, Claire Hudson, Elizabeth Kahl, Cynthia Patzkowsky, 26 - Elvira Horne, 27 - Ellen Morthole, 30 - Elinor Grammes, 31 - Burke Manuel

**July/August Anniversaries:**

July 1 - Richard Dougan & Diane Serex-Dougan, Gordon & Sandra Rupp, 6 - Eric & Linda McShane, 8 - Thomas & Sara Smith, 17—Scott & Mary Alice Thomas, 18 - Parker & Jane Dean, 20 - Jonathan & Becky Miskimon, 22 - Scott & Kelley McPherson, 26 - David & Kristin Iwanicki, 28 - Harry & Suzanne McNeir, 30 - James & Gail Edwards, Craig & Lori Parker, 31 - John & Catharine Rommel



August 3 - Charles & Janice Cottrell, 9 - Allan & Jill Grimm, Thomas & Claire Hudson, 13 - Matthew & Aline Hauber, 14 - James & Joan Jefferys, John & Pamela Wallace, 16 - Mark & Nancy Nicholson, 18 - Rory Turner & Rebecca Free, 27 - Craig & Carole Medlyn

**Graduates:**

Kristin Lemieux, graduated from Gettysburg, Magna cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Arts degree, major in Psychology and minors in English & Women's Studies

**Deaths:**

Katherine (Kay) Turner - June 22  
 Carolyn Swenson - July 2  
 Ronald Dowell - July 3

**Visitors:**

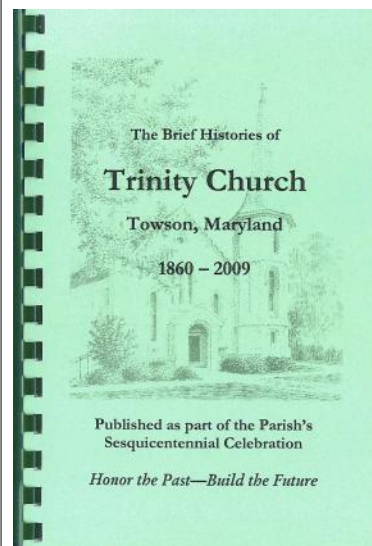
Caitlin & Brandon Gosnell, Towson

**Baptisms:**

6/14—Emma Meyer Smith  
 7/12—Alexandra Genevieve Youngblood

Unlike Humpty Dumpty, my friends you have helped put me together again with your many greetings, visits, thoughts, and prayers. I have been blessed to be a part of the Trinity family.

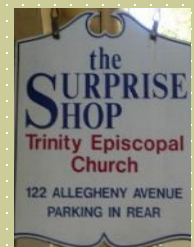
Many, many thanks.  
 Fondly, Loraine Lewis



*The Brief Histories of Trinity Church*, covering Trinity's history from 1860 to 2009, is hot off the press. This volume, created by Hugh Andrew, is an anthology of three brief parish histories, bound together in one volume. You may purchase a copy for \$10.

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## So, How Much Did We Save?

A question that many have asked since the new heating system went into service is “How much are we saving on heating costs with the new system?”

Now that we have a full winter of operation to compare to previous years, we have the answer – and it is very gratifying!

Comparing the natural gas consumption for the last two winters (November through March) reveals that this past winter, with the new system, we consumed 31% less gas than we did the previous winter. The gain was even greater if we were to normalize the usage for weather patterns, as the winter of 2008-2009 was especially cold, with 6% more degree days (a measure of how much a heating system has to work over a period of time) than during the winter of 2007-2008. To put this in another perspective, the split of heating fuel use for the old system was about 1/3 for the

Church and 2/3 for the Parish House complex. The new system has pretty much heated the Church for free compared to the old! In terms of dollars, the savings expected in 2009 compared to budget is about \$10,000.

The new system is inherently much more efficient than the old because of the design of the state of the art high-efficiency boilers we installed, but we also discovered many steam leaks in the old system that were literally blowing heat away. The use of programmable controls, especially in the Church, also contributed to energy conservation. We can be proud of what we accomplished. Not only have we saved money, but the consumption of fossil fuels like natural gas comes with environmental impact all along its life cycle, from extraction through combustion, and our contribution to those impacts has been reduced significantly as well. – from Tom Valenti

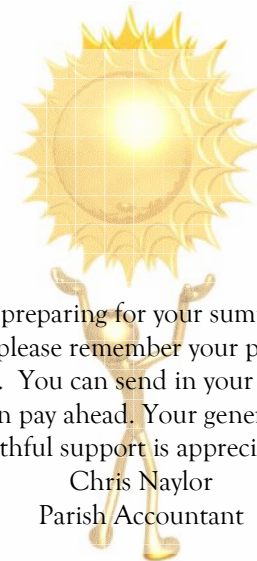


## Pigeon Post

In Tasha Tudor’s children’s books, the children in her fictional New England neighborhood delivered messages to one another by “pigeon post,” i.e. bird houses set up by the children for this secret purpose.



Thanks to Trinity’s Sexton, Luis Tejeda, and Parish Secretary, Ann Eder, the Vestry, once again, has its own “pigeon post.” There is a mail bin beside the door in the Peel Library for each Vestry member. They can pick up their Vestry packets there on the Friday before Vestry meetings, and they can use “pigeon post” to leave messages for one another. Parishioners can leave material or other communications for Vestry members in these new post boxes. So, Vestry, be sure to check your box when you come to church. Who knows what secret messages may lurk there?



When preparing for your summer vacation, please remember your pledge to Trinity. You can send in your donation or even pay ahead. Your generous and faithful support is appreciated.

Chris Naylor  
Parish Accountant

## Vestry Reorganizes

Your Vestry has deliberated over the past six months about how parish leadership might be better structured and enhanced. At the June Vestry meeting, they launched a revised parish committee structure that will hopefully be in place and fully functioning by the end of the year. Here is what it looks like:

### *The Rector, Wardens and Vestry*

*This group is the legal incorporation of the parish and is the spiritual and material leadership group for the parish as a whole, setting policy, developing strategies, setting priorities, giving focus and direction to parish groups.*

### *Trinity Church Parish Ministries*

The Trinity Episcopal Children's Center. TECC has a Director and Ministry Board who govern the program and finances of the school according to its mission statement, bylaws, and budget. TECC reports directly to the Vestry, and the chair of the Ministry Board and the Director work with other parish committees and the Vestry to develop strategy, calendar, and use of buildings.

The Trinity Church Surprise Shop. The Shop has a Volunteer Coordinator and Ministry Board, who govern the operation and finances of the Shop according to its mission statement, bylaws, and budget. The Shop reports directly to the Vestry, and the Volunteer Coordinator and the Chair of the Ministry Board work with other parish committees and the Vestry to develop strategy, calendar and use of buildings.

### *Parish Mission Commission*

*These groups comprise the program arm of the parish. They work together as a Commission to coordinate and communicate their work.*

Evangelism and Hospitality. This group plans and carries out evangelism in the community (marketing), newcomer ministry and incorporation, and coordinates parish hospitality.

Christian Service. This group promotes

parishioner participation in hands-on ministries of service, does education in the parish about the ministries of service in the parish community, Diocese, Episcopal Church, and beyond. Oversees parish gifts to charitable groups.

Worship and Formation Ministries. Worship and Formation programs have benefited from doing their work together. The worship groups include the choir, music team, altar guild, acolytes, and hosts. The formation groups include Sunday School, Youth Group, and adult formation as well as baptism and confirmation preparation.

Stewardship Group. This group develops and teaches a consistent theology of Christian Stewardship, and develops programs for planned giving, annual pledge solicitation, ongoing year-round stewardship and education, and capital project fundraising.

### *Parish Management Commission*

*This Commission manages all the parish's human, real, and financial resources.*

The Finances Group. This group monitors the budgets of the parish, TECC, and the Surprise Shop and works with these three parish groups to develop budgets. This group also oversees the Trinity Church Memorial Fund and the Capital Amortization Fund, and oversees the audit.

Human Resources Group. This group makes recommendations about staffing, oversees letters of agreement and position descriptions, monitors health and hospitalization insurance, life insurance, and clergy and lay pension plans. This work necessarily involves the Shop and the School, as they participate in these programs and plans, and to ensure consistent employment practices within the parish.

Property Group. This group oversees the maintenance and improvement of all parish property, monitors property insurance, utility costs, phone and computer systems, and maintenance contracts.

Endowment Group. This group oversees the investment and management of the

parish endowment, and makes recommendations about other funds held for non-operating purposes in the School, Shop and Parish, to ensure that these funds are properly invested and that all savings are coordinated in the parish as a whole.

The Vestry has also developed a planning calendar for the parish that blends program and finance groups in an overall planning process. The planning process looks like this:

*In May: Vestry and Committee Chairs meet for a day-long workshop to gather information and evaluation of programs and budgets and create an overall program calendar for the coming program year.*

*In October: The Vestry Retreat takes the work of the May gathering to develop a parish leadership strategy, set priorities, and focus on the work of committees and groups.*

*In November: The Finance Commission meets with other leaders in a workshop format to create a budget for the coming year.*

*In January: On Vestry Day the Vestry meets in a day-long workshop to finalize the budget. The Vestry will be joined by Committee Chairs and Committee representatives to review programs and plan for the future.*

*In February: Ministry Fair. Committees and groups talk to the parish about their work and help parishioners discern how they can be involved in parish ministry.*

This new structure goes into effect immediately. Over the summer and fall, these groups will be formed, continued, and enhanced. You may well be asked to serve. When you are asked, you really can't say no. You are needed and Christ is asking you to go for him, to serve for him, so that the Good News may be alive among us. Come forward and be counted. - by Jim Ransom

## Staff Adjustments

God is gracious to Trinity Church. Ever since I have been Trinity's Rector, by the grace of God, the right persons seem to come forward to assist in ministry. As assistants, Frieda Malcolm, Adrien Dawson, and Joe Rushton each came out of unique circumstances to serve the church so well at Trinity. Ann Eder brought extraordinary gifts. Amy Thierer, Kay Barnes, Sandra Hibbs and Nancy Nicholson have given extraordinary leadership to our formation ministry. Luis Tejada has been an exceptional Sexton. Liz Harlan has brought forth hidden gifts to lead the Children's Center with dynamic creativity. We are blessed.

And now we have been blessed again. Our own Kathleen Capcara, chaplain to the Children's Center and Director of Christian Formation, has been called to become the full-time Director of Evangelism and Formation. Kathleen will now be full-time at Trinity, and have her office in the Ward Center. Her focus will be on communication to the community beyond us, inviting those who seek a deeper relationship with God to Trinity Church. She will also strengthen our newcomer and discipleship ministries. This is a new venture, supported by the Open Door Task Group (Marketing Group), and will be Kathleen's first priority in ministry. She will also direct formation for youth and children one day a week, and also continue as TECC chaplain one day a week.

## Let the Hymn Tunes Roll

Thank you for responding to the request for your favorite hymns that appeared in the Sunday Times earlier this summer. About fifty people turned in lists suggesting about forty hymns. Looking over the list, the hymns span the generations that make up Trinity Church, from the children's hymn "This is the day" to Victorian hymns like "O Master, let me walk with thee," and "Onward, Christian soldiers." In between are the hymns of the Episcopal Church, including "For all the saints" and "Lift high the cross." A few British hymns, like "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah" and "Be thou my vision" persist. They connect us to our spiritual roots. There are two African-American hymns, "Go tell it on the mountain" and "Let us break bread together" and a few hymns that first appeared in the *Hymnal 1982*, including "I want to walk as a child of the light."

When it comes to what we sing in praise of God, Trinity Church isn't stuck anywhere in any one era or tradition, but we song hymns ancient like "Father, we thank thee who hast planted" from 110 AD to the "Iona Creed," composed only a few years ago.

It is fun to discover our favorite hymns, but focusing on what

This means that two days will be given to the evangelization effort, with ministry on Sundays. Kathleen is excited about this new direction for her ministry, and has a solid grasp on the effort we have asking her to undertake. Kathleen's new position begins on September first.

But there is more good news. After 26 years on the staff of Church of the Redeemer, Janet McDougal Schroeder will be coming to Trinity as Parish Administrator. Jan is well known for her work in Christian Formation and her devotion to the Gospel of Jesus Christ as lived in the Episcopal Church. Jan has done it all: Church School, Bible School, Day School, budgets, volunteers. No one could come to Trinity with more experience or commitment to the church. Jan's granddaughter, Ella, goes to TECC. Jan will work for Trinity 25 hours a week, with the Parish Office open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., and then look after Ella in the late afternoons.

Jan is a graduate of McDaniel (once known as Western Maryland) College, and has done social work at the Rosewood Center in Owings Mills, and worked in the Bryn Mawr Lower School extended day program. Jan and her husband, Fred, are now in Cape May for a vacation, but she will officially begin her work at Trinity on September first. *-from Jim Ransom*

we like to sing should not distance is from affirming why it is we sing hymns in the first place: to offer the best we can offer of our joyful praise to God in profound worship and adoration. F. Pratt Green says it well in his poem (hymn 420):

*When in our music God is glorified,  
And adoration leaves no room for pride,  
It is as though the whole creation cried ...  
Alleluia!*

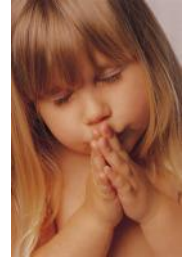
*So has the Church, in liturgy and song,  
In Faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue.  
Alleluia!*

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always ...  
Alleluia!*



### Christian Formation for Children and Youth

See our website at [www.trinitychurchtowson.org](http://www.trinitychurchtowson.org) for photos and more information.



## Sunday School and Youth Events

*Mark your calendars*

Sun Aug 30	11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Youth Kick-off Lunch at Trinity
Sat Sept 12	9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Sunday school teacher orientation
Sun Sept 13	9 a.m. - 11a.m.	Family service followed by Grandparents' Breakfast Sunday school kick-off
Sun Sept 20	10 a.m.	First day of Sunday school , parenting group & adult forums
Fri Sept 18	6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Youth supper & Pet treat baking
Wed Sept 30	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Wine/Cheese Parent Pilgrimage Meeting

## Music Notes

Thanks for your response to our request for your favorite hymns. You will have noticed that we started using them as Post Communion hymns on June 28<sup>th</sup>. We will continue this through September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to the summer soloists who are enriching our 10 a.m. service with their music: Ellen Morthole, Tom Morthole, Amy Kwon, Donna Andrews, Jamie Jordan, Tim McKay, Greg Gabell, Ty Swindell and Tom Bryant.

Thanks to Ruth Williams and John McIntyre, for substituting for Warren Glock in July.

The choir thanks Kathleen Capcara for the wonderful Choir Breakfast she prepared on Pentecost. The food was delicious, and the outstanding table setting memorable, especially since we can look in our gardens and reflect on the red geraniums presented as keepsakes.

We anticipate with joy the return of all our choristers. New anthems and cantatas are being planned for their use. We all, choristers and Choir Master, really do pray for more singers to help us reach one of our goals of having a full choir loft, thus giving us a full-sounding ensemble. If you are one of those, or know of someone who would like to engage in choir singing, join our singing family. You will receive all the help you need to quickly become one of the family.

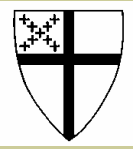


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**Sunday                      Monday                      Tuesday                      Wednesday                      Thursday                      Friday                      Saturday**

			1	2	3	4 Independence Day 9:30 a.m. - Organ Impressions & Improvizations 10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. - Parade
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 9 a.m. - Fellowship & snacks 10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. - Lemonade on the Lawn 2 p.m. - Korean Language Service				Noon - Eucharist/ Healing Service		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 9 a.m. - Fellowship & snacks 10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. - Lemonade on the Lawn 2 p.m. - Korean Language Service		6:30 p.m. - Finances Action Group		Noon - Eucharist/ Healing Service		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 9 a.m. - Fellowship & snacks 10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. - Lemonade on the Lawn 2 p.m. - Korean Language Service	7 p.m. - Vestry			Noon - Eucharist/ Healing Service 6 p.m. - Investments Action Group		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
8 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 9 a.m. - Fellowship & snacks 10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. - Lemonade on the Lawn 2 p.m. - Korean Language Service				Noon - Eucharist/ Healing Service		





**Sunday:**

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Eucharist

11:15 a.m. Lemonade  
Hour

2:00 p.m. Korean  
Language Service

**Thursday:**

12:00 noon Eucharist

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August 15

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