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FROM THE VICAR'S DESK:

It may only be the first of May, but Pentecost will be here before we know it. I'm sensing that although Pentecost is a major feast of the Christian Church, here at Trinity Church it is the following Sunday, Trinity Sunday, that gets all the attention. But look what I found on the Internet. The Bible is available in a vast array of languages now at our fingertips. Pentecost has arrived.



Some people have said that Pentecost is a reversal of the story of Babel. That story is found in Genesis 11 where God scatters and confuses the languages of all the people. But clearly Pentecost is not really a reversal because people didn't all begin to speak the same language. It's just that they each hear the disciples speaking in their own language and so they could be understood. It seems as though the Internet has accomplished that for us!

Would you like to read a portion of the reading from Acts in a different language for us on Pentecost Sunday? Send me a note. I'd love to have us use as many languages as possible.

Acts 2:1 NRSV When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

Chinese: 五旬節到了、門徒都聚集在一處。

French: Le jour de la Pentecôte étant arrivé, ils se trouvaient tous ensemble dans un même lieu.

New Testament Greek: Καὶ ἐν τῷ
υμπληροῦσθαι τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς
πεντηκοστῆς ἦσαν ἅπαντες
ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτό

Spanish: Cuando llegó el día de Pen-
tecostés estaban todos unánimes
juntos.

The Latin 5th Century Vulgate et cum
conplerentur dies pentecostes erant
omnes pariter in eodem loco.

Haitian Creole Lè jou Lapannkòt la rive,
yo tout te reyini ansanm menm kote a.

German Und als der Tag der Pfing-
sten erfüllt war, waren sie alle ein-
mütig beieinander.

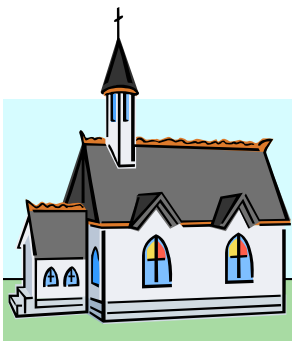
Russian При наступлении дня
Пятидесятницы все они были
единодушно вместе.

Tyndale's 1534 Bible When the fyfth
daye was come they were all with
one accorde togeder in one place.

Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

Pastor Heidi

A FACELIFT FOR TRINITY!



After considering the lengthy list of repairs and updates needed at Trinity, the Vestry has decided to undertake a \$25,000 135th Anniversary Facelift!

Included in this undertaking are:

- Repair of the slate roof
- Re-plastering and painting inside the church
- On demand hot water tank for the kitchen and rest rooms in Walker Hall
- Removal of dead trees
- Repair of the handicapped ramp near the porte cochère
- Repair of the Walker Hall entry roof
- Repainting of the addition
- Repair and restoration of the 135 year old pews

If you have not received a letter and pledge card, please speak to Pastor Heidi or John Lloyd, who will be happy to provide you with same!

We would like to have all donations in hand by June 1, so that we can begin Trinity's facelift during what we hope will be favorable weather this summer.

Questions? Comments? Great ideas? The Vicar and Wardens welcome them all!



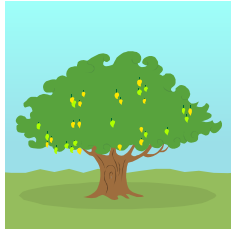
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES FUND ESTABLISHED

Marge Bethke, a long time parishioner and great fan of our children and youth programs, died last December at the age of 103. In her will, Marge left a substantial gift to Trinity, 90% of which was designated for children's programs.

The Vestry has designated this gift as the Bethke Fund for Children's Ministries, and will use the money therein for our various educational and recreational programs for our children and youth.

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Truly, Marge took to heart the adage
“Plant a tree under which you will not sit.”



HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I



In response to those parishioners who prefer Rite 1 as the liturgical form for Holy Eucharist, Pastor Heidi has announced that she will offer Rite 1 at the 8:00 service on Sunday mornings.

Thanks to Pastor Heidi for her sensitivity to this wish on the part of our Rite I enthusiasts!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

- To Marian Browning, whose faithful attending to the needs of our plants have given us the gift of greenery inside when all was snowy outside during the winter!
- To Jacqueline Kuhn for weeding the Belter memorial garden and replanting it in time for Easter!
- To Christine Gevert and Gordon Gustafson, for “jumping the gun” on the Spring cleanup, and to all those who showed up to plant, rake, sweep, blow, trim, clip and haul! Also to Judy Brown, who coordinated the morning, and to Geoff, who provided the coffee and donuts fuel!

- To the Men’s Group, for installing the new arms of the chairs in Walker Hall and to the multi-talented Gordon Gustafson, who created the new arms!
- To Lynn Gaffney, the new outreach chair, for her willingness to undertake this important ministry!

FROM THE ECW

At the April meeting of the Episcopal Church Women, it was voted to make two memorial gifts of \$100.00 each in memory of former members.

“In memory of Marge Bethke to the Trinity Sports Committee because of her strong support for the children from the inception of the program.”

“In memory of Paige Alford to the Trinity Choir because of her support of the music program, particularly the choir, at Trinity”.

BEADFORLIFE

This year’s Memorial Day Tag Sale will include an outreach committee element, the sale of jewelry from www.beadforlife.org.

The program offers bracelets, necklaces and earrings that are created by Ugandan Women from recycled paper goods. With the money that they earn, the women provide better housing for their families, as well as medical care, food and school tuition for their children. Most important, the program provides **hope** for those who live in extreme poverty.

Please plan to spend some time (and money!!) at the Beadforlife table on May 29 from 10-2.

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Our young women will be modeling the offerings and helping you decide on the perfect gift for yourself or a friend. All proceeds from the sale will go directly to makers of this fun jewelry.



UPCOMING THIS MONTH!

May 8 at 11 am we will remember our sister Paige Alford at a memorial service. Paige was a member of Trinity for many years. She served on the altar guild and flower committee as well as teaching Sunday School, and she directed the Christmas pageant until her “retirement” in the mid 1990’s.

May 15 is The Bishop’s 5K for Children in West Hartford. Plan to run, walk, stroll, trot or hopscotch with the Trinity team! A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in Walker Hall.

May 16 we will honor our Emergency Services personnel at a special service at 10:30. Until we need the fire, police or EMTs to help us in moments of crisis, we tend not to acknowledge how integral they all are to the success and safety of our towns. Please come to meet some folks you might not otherwise know and thank them for their ministries among us.

May 22 is Confirmation Day for Courtney, Slava and Anya! Bishop Laura Ahrens will preside at the service being held at St. John’s in Salisbury.

May 29 is the not only the Tag and Bake Sale, but the kickoff for the parish summer barbeque season! Al Dorf will be grilling the steaks, and parishioners will be providing sides and desserts. This event is always a welcome end to a busy day and a chance to catch

up with those we are always too busy to catch up with!

May 30 is Trinity Sunday and will be particularly special this year. Not only will we celebrate Trinity’s 135th anniversary, but it will be a special day for Sabrina and for the congregation as Sabrina is baptized by Pastor Heidi. When Sabrina makes her baptismal covenants, we will not only renew our own baptismal covenants but agree to support her in her new life in Christ at Trinity.

Following the service, we will enjoy the traditional pot luck lunch that marks our parish’s birthday each year. Please plan to come to celebrate Trinity and welcome Sabrina as an official member of Trinity!

And of course, *Episcopal 101* will be meeting on the Sundays of May until Pentecost at 9 am in the library. Although this is primarily for our confirmands to learn more about our worship, beliefs, liturgy and history, a number of us adults are showing up for a review as well! Coffee and muffins are always available.

TIME TO CLEAN OUT THE “DON’T GO THERE” PLACES!



Ah, spring! An opportunity to clean out the attic, basement and garage as well as the bookcases, kitchen and linen closets! What to do with your no longer needed “treasures”?

Bring them to the Trinity Memorial Day tag sale on May 29 from 10-2 ! However, please remember the Tag Sale motto: *If it belongs at the dump, take it there!*

Donations may be left in Walker Hall starting May 23; for other times, please contact Ginny Dildine at 860-824-7455. Ginny will also be happy to hear that you

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are available to help out setting up early in the week, (wo)manning the tables at the sale, and cleaning up afterwards!

FUELING TAG SALE SHOPPERS



An important element in the success of the Tag Sale each year is the Bake Sale table. Home made breads, brownies, muffins, cookies, pies, tarts, cakes and confections of all types help to fill the tag sale coffers.

Please let Alice Tweed (860-435-2058) know what you will bring, and plan to buy something yummy as well! Alice will also be needing help in selling our wares, and will be happy to sign you up for a shift!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Newly reorganized under the enthusiastic leadership of Lynn Gaffney, the outreach committee is planning on continuing and extending efforts in three areas:

Local: Back to school backpacks, OWLs Kitchen weekly and Thanksgiving donations, Christmas gifts at Noble Horizons

International: The CROP walk, donations to areas hit by natural disasters , www.beadsforlife.org.

Church: The Bishop's 5K Walk, donations to churches and dioceses in need, especially in developing nations.

Other items under consideration are the donation of solar lanterns to students in areas without electricity in developing nations so they may study at night and participation in the Central Asia Institute's (www.ikat.org) education programs focusing on the education of young women.

This committee welcomes new members! Lynn may be reached at 860-364-7445; she'd love to hear from you about your participation and any ideas you may have as Trinity reaches out to people everywhere.



READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

Many of us fall into the habit of believing that our life of faith is only nourished by weekly attendance at church or perhaps by both church attendance and private devotion. However, our life in the spirit is not something we are meant to pursue alone! We neither need nor are we encouraged to walk the narrow path by ourselves, and so Trinity periodically offers adult education opportunities such as our Lenten program on Spiritual practices and our current *Episcopal 101*.

A number of parishioners have expressed interest in meeting monthly to discuss a given book, and we will begin that practice on Sunday, June 6 at 9 am in the library. Paul Knitter's *Without Buddha I Could Not Be a Christian* is a telling of how his encounter with Buddhism has both strengthened and added a new dimension to his life as a Christian.

Prof. Knitter explores a variety of Buddhist approaches and beliefs and uses them to widen his understanding of his own faith. We will spend an hour or so discussing our responses to what we have read, and in doing so, be offered an opportunity not only to share our own faith journeys but those of other parishioners as well.

Without Buddha I Could Not Be a Christian is available both locally and at on line bookstores. For further information, please speak to Alexis Dorf at 860-364-0816.

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