



Trinity News

Trinity Episcopal Church Gatlinburg, Tennessee

August 2009

Unsung Heroes

I want to take this opportunity to recognize and thank our Altar Guild—a few of the many unsung heroes here at Trinity Church. Pictured below are six of the seven members of our Altar Guild. Bruk McDonald (Yes, men can be on the Altar Guild!) is not pictured.



Altar Guild members: Seated—Kathryn Mitchell, chairman. Left to right, back—Teri Pizza, Jean Stewart, Nyla Vaughn, Jackie Cobb & Karen McDonald. Not pictured—Bruk McDonald.

Most members of the congregation notice and comment on the different flower arrangements on the altar each Sunday, and most members know that Altar Guild members take turns arranging these flowers on Saturday mornings. However, I would guess that most members do not know how much work is involved in preparing the Altar each week! Listed below are some of the tasks completed regularly by Altar Guild members:

1. Washing and ironing the Eucharistic linens each week. This includes removing stains such as wine and lipstick from the purificators (Communion napkins). (Lip stick is an especially tenacious stain.) And did you know that each of the Altar linens has to be folded in its own unique way?
2. Changing the soiled linens after each service and between the Sunday morning services.
3. Replacing the Communion wafers and wine for each service and ordering more of these elements as needed.
4. Changing the super frontal (the embroidered hanging on the front of the Altar) with every season of the church year and for special events such as the Bishop's visit, baptisms, marriages and funerals. Changing the super frontal requires removing all the appointments—candles, candle holders, the cross and flowers—from the Altar.

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Schedule

Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, August 9 12:00 pm

Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, August 12 4:30 pm

ECW Meeting

Salad Supper

Wednesday, September 2, 6:30 pm

ECW Annual Meeting

Knoxville

Saturday, September 19



Women's Care Center Benefits from Trinity's Baby Bottle Collection

Trinity contributed \$279.97 to the Women's Care Center Baby Bottle Collection this year. This is the greatest amount we have ever collected. Thank you , everyone!

Trinity Vestry Minutes

July 8, 2009

Attending: Charles Livermore, Dora Jean Paulk, Steve Cobb, Benny Benson, Ed Montgomery, Nyla Vaughn

Charles opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the 6/10/2009 meeting were reviewed, amended, and approved.

Jean Stewart presented the treasurer's report.

Old Business - The following agenda items were discussed:

1. The Junior Warden presented Grant Funds/Maintenance & Repair updates noting the following: Total funds received were \$12,415 from both the Diocesan Opportunity & Pettway Foundation Grants. Actual projected cost of work items is \$12,250.
2. Junior Warden reported on the status of the priority list compiled by the Building & Grounds committee.
3. Vinyl and carpet bids were reviewed. Samples of the carpets will be placed in Parish Hall for everyone to choose. A decision will be based upon these results.
4. Food city vouchers have been ordered and will arrive on 7/10/2009.
5. Grace Point campers from Trinity: Ty Smith. (Tabatha Nation and Michelle Agnor were not able to attend.
6. Letters will be sent to committee chairpersons on dedicated account balances.
7. Junior Warden will be selecting a committee to complete insurance inventory values. This is to be completed by September 1st.

New Business

1. Resignation of Secretary Karen McDonald after 9 years of service. There will be a reception for Karen on pot luck Sunday, 7/12/09.
2. Plans for staffing the office were discussed to ensure adequate coverage.
3. Outreach/Membership strategies utilizing the website, and follow up with visitors via e-mail or phone call.
4. Other comments: Call committee meetings before year end & ask about funding etc. Approve letter for committee chair on account balances. Thanks to Bobbi Montgomery for sending thank you cards to visitors, and to Jackie Cobb and Allen Bray for working on the website.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the prayer for Trinity from the Prayers of the People.

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5. Changing the fair linen (the white full length Altar covering) as needed. The fair linen has to be taken to the laundry—another Altar Guild duty—to be dry cleaned. Changing the fair linen also requires removing all the Altar appointments.
6. Replacing the Altar candles as needed and ordering new candles.
7. Polishing the Communion vessels, candlesticks, Altar cross, processional cross and candle lighters/snuffers as needed. (Bob Jenkins also helps with this task.)
8. Changing the Sanctuary light (the light in the red glass container to the right of the Altar) each week.
9. Cutting flowers from our gardens and arranging them for the Altar each Sunday.
10. Cleaning and filling the bread and wine containers in the portable communion kit as needed.

Members also assume responsibility for:

1. Setting out the priest's vestments before each service.
2. Laundering the vestments as needed.
3. Changing the hymns on the hymn board each week.

I'm sure I've omitted numerous Altar Guild responsibilities, but these are enough to make us appreciate their tremendous gift to the Church.

Thank you Altar Guild members from the entire church family!
Charlie

Thanks be to . . .

**Bobbi Montgomery who is sending notes for our visitor outreach.
**Charlie Livermore, Jordan Livermore, Scott Cooke, Steve Cobb, and Russell Paulk who mowed the church and rectory lawns during July.
**Kappy Lapides, Bill Gheesling, Steve & Jackie Cobb, and Russell & Dora Jean Paulk who served at the 11 o'clock coffee hour during July.
**Jackie Cobb & Allen Bray for their work on Trinity's website.
**Janice Greene & Hilary Smith for their help in getting committee pictures made for the Newsletter.
**Barbara Anne Harper & Allen Bray for leading our Sunday Services on July 26th.

—For all these and for those not yet mentioned —
Thanks Be to God!

CELEBRATING A NEW BEGINNING

On Sunday, July 12, we celebrated with Karen McDonald as she began a new facet of her life. Serving as church secretary for nine years and now working as a full-time employee at the Gatlinburg library, Karen decided she needs more time off. With mixed emotions, Karen and her fellow parishioners enjoyed a potluck luncheon and shared her “thank you” cake.

Happily, Karen will continue to play a vital role in the activities of Trinity. She serves as chalice bearer and reader and, with her husband Bruk, is an active member of the Altar Guild.



Karen cuts the cake.



We were glad to meet Allen Bray’s children.



Looks like Jim might not have wanted his picture taken!?



Ruth Ferguson and her daughter, Sarah.



Arwyn Orr got to visit with her friend, Godiva Reagan.

Dear Trinity Members,

Thank you first for the lovely party — and thank you for the most peaceful working situation I have ever had in my life! Coming from a hectic corporate environment and having just had my 23 year career job outsourced, going to work in the church office was just what was needed to turn my world right side up again.

It has been a pleasure to support Charlie as he worked with the church through the many problems it had when he came in as interim. Now it is wonderful, as I leave this position, to see our many new members, and the happy, enthusiastic congregation that we have become. Thanks be to God for all my blessings, for Trinity Church, and for our spiritual leader, Charlie.

Karen

A Concert in Cades Cove

In celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, some of Trinity’s members enjoyed an outing to Cades Cove to picnic and listen to the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra.



It was a beautiful but hot day! Some folks waded in a nearby stream just to cool off.

Left, from left: Vicki Clinton, J. Gomez, Muriel Higgins-Simpson, Chi Chi Dmytryk and Sara Donald.

Above from left, Debbie Orsburn, Gary Orsburn, Steve Cobb, Jackie Cobb, Nancy Cubberley, and Neil Cubberley.



From left: Muriel Higgins, J. Gomez, Debbie Orsburn, Steve Cobb, Jackie Cobb, Sara Donald, Neil Cubberley, Jean Stewart and Gary Orsburn.

God's Cake

Sometimes we wonder, "What did I do to deserve this?" or "Why did God have to do this to me?" Here is a wonderful explanation:

A daughter is confiding in her mother about her life—everything is going wrong—she's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her, and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, the girl's mother is baking a cake. She looks at her daughter for a moment and asks if she would like a snack. The daughter says, "Absolutely, Mom, I love your cake."

"Here, have some cooking oil," her mother offers.

"Yuck!" says her daughter.

"How about a couple of raw eggs?"

"Gross, Mom!"

Her mother continues, "Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?"

"Mom, all those are yucky!"

To which the mother replies: "Yes, these things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!"

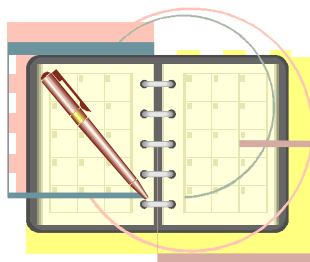
Our lives are much the same way. Many times we wonder why God would let us go through such trying and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, all the bad times will create something wonderful!

God loves us. He sends us flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever we want to talk, He listens. He can live anywhere in the universe, but He has chosen to live in our hearts. Let us dance and sing, rejoicing in all that is beautiful!

Mark Your Calendar!

Father Charlie has made reservations for the church Fall Picnic on Sunday, September 27, at Twin Creeks.

Make plans to be there for lots of good food, fellowship, and singing. Members usually gather around 10:30 am; the service begins at 11:00 am. (The eight o'clock Eucharist will be celebrated as usual.)



FIN Plans Are Now Underway

As the summer comes to an end, FIN (Friends in Need)—a local organization—has begun making plans for children attending Pi Beta Phi, Pittman Center, and Gatlinburg-Pittman High who have needs when school begins. FIN's purpose is to "relieve [the] anxiety of parents with limited financial resources by providing school supplies and health/hygiene supplies to students, to promote self-esteem of children and youth on their first day of school, to celebrate the importance of returning to school for an education, and to offer hope by a caring community." During their May meeting, members of Trinity's ECW decided to find ways to help FIN this year.

FIN has asked Trinity Church to participate in this outreach for our community by having two volunteers on the evening of Saturday, August 8, to help greet and register children and families and to distribute packs of items to the families. Volunteers should be at First Baptist Church on Highway 321 by 4:45 pm. The event is from 5:00-7:00 pm. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served to the families.

Our Savior Lutheran Church is planning a hymn sing on Saturday, August 15, at 6:00 pm for children in this program. They have vans but no drivers.

If you would like to help FIN on August 8 or if you are qualified and would like to drive a van to pick up children for the sing on August 15, please contact Miranda Paulk (mirandalpaulk@yahoo.com) (414-4605). Trinity volunteers will be provided with addresses and other necessary information.

ECW Plans Salad Supper and Trip to Knoxville

On Wednesday, September 2, 6:30 pm, the women of Trinity will gather for a supper in the parish hall. Members of Episcopal Church Women (ECW)—all Episcopal Church women are automatically members of the group—are asked to bring a salad. The meeting will be for fellowship and will center on a general brainstorming session concerning Outreach programs, fundraisers, ECW growth, and ways that ECW can better serve Trinity.

The group will make plans to attend the East Tennessee Diocesan ECW meeting at St. John's Cathedral in Knoxville on Saturday, September 19. Please place your name on the signup sheet on the parish hall bulletin board if you would like to attend this meeting in Knoxville.

All women of Trinity are encouraged to attend the "September Super Salad Supper." ECW and Trinity Church need you.

Birthdays

Evan Kaiser	August 2
Vicki Clinton	August 3
Ryan Dennis	August 3
Sara Donald	August 7
David Bender	August 9
Allen Harper	August 10
John Pizza	August 10
Michael Lyon	August 11
Michelle Agnor	August 12
Charlynn Porter	August 12
Bill Gheesling	August 13
Teri Pizza	August 15
Barbara Anne Harper	August 19
Steven Derosia	August 22
Debbie Orsburn	August 30
Brownlee Reagan	August 30

Anniversaries

Glen & Susan Gothard	August 1
Jon & Nancy Williams	August 5
Bob & Sara Jenkins	August 7
Bill & Elizabeth Jones	August 16
Michael & Lynn Lyon	August 17
Ed & Bobbie Montgomery	August 17
Russell & Dora Jean Paulk	August 18
George & Joyce Massaros	August 20
Steven & Melissa Derosia	August 24
John & Carole Krider	August 25

SAVE A STAMP

WE NOW HAVE THREE WAYS TO SAVE A STAMP.



Printed copies of the Newsletter will be available in the parish hall at the end of each month. Your name will be on these and if you choose not to pick yours up, it will be mailed.



Your Newsletter can be emailed to you. Email trinitye@bellsouth.net to request your name be placed on our email list. Your name will be removed from the newsletter mailing list.



The newly revised Trinity Web Page will be on the internet beginning August 1, 2009. The Newsletter, Calendar, Rota and other information will be on the web page. We will be expanding the web page in the future to include photos of special events. The web page can be accessed at www.trinity.etdiocese.net. You can email us from the web page and request that your name be removed from the newsletter mailing list if you choose this option.

REMEMBER: If you choose, we will continue to mail your Newsletter to you.

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