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“Are we there yet?”

Sunday

8:30 am Worship
 10:30 am Worship

Monday

5:30 pm Parish Prayer

Wednesday

6:00 pm
 Potluck & Compline

This summer I have taken many road trips. Several times I have made the 800-mile round trip to Delaware to spend time with my children. I also drove to Tennessee and back for our Youth Mission Trip. On all these occasions I was repeatedly asked the same question: “Are we there yet?” Sometimes it came with variations such as: “How many more miles?” “How many more minutes?” “Are we in North Carolina now?” There was this intense desire to reach a destination. It almost became an obsession.

We all have a tendency to focus our energy on our destinations and our goals. We curse traffic that extends the time it takes to reach our destination. We get angry with the relative or friend who is not ready when we go to pick them up. We get stressed out about circumstances that delay having what we want or being where we want to be.

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For Christians the ultimate destination is eternal life with God. Everything else is a journey along the way. It is through traveling, not arriving, that we learn about our neighbors, our God, and ourselves. The Israelites journeyed forty years in the desert. Many times they complained. Yet, during that time they learned the true nature of God. They learned of an abiding God, a God of provision, a God of forgiveness and compassion.

The wayward son, who journeyed to a foreign country to sow his wild oats, learned that what he had always had was what God intended for him. He learned repentance and forgiveness.

We never know where the Good Samaritan was headed. We do know that on his journey he stopped to care for an enemy—dressing his wounds and paying for his shelter. In such a selfless act we learn of God’s overwhelming compassion.

As a parish we seek to arrive at many places. We seek increased numbers of people. We seek increased amounts of stewardship. We seek to develop programs that will help others. We seek to provide facilities that are functional, comfortable and safe. Such things mark the miles on our journey of faith.

It is important to remember though that we are on a journey together seeking to do God’s will. There will be detours on the way. There will be breakdowns in transportation. There will be times of excitement, joy, frustration and boredom. Yet we are in the same church and we have so much to learn from the interruptions. So instead of asking “Are we there yet?” Why not enjoy the journey and marvel at what God has in store for us?

Peace,

Ray Hanna
 Rector

Trinity Church Prayer Concerns

Please PRAY for the Diocese of Salisbury-Ramsbury (Canterbury, England); the Diocese of Saskatoon (Rupert's Land, Canada); the Diocese of Shyira (Rwanda); the Diocese of Soroti (Uganda); and for those we name before God

Jan Bell, Susan Bell, Mark Blackburn, Rachel Bondurant, Jane Britt, Colin Byrd, Kelly & Adrienne Callahan, Billie Clark, Becky Current, Margie Doty, Frances Edmonds, Jeremy Foltz, Bobbi Forrest, Betty Fulk, Vince Gialloredo, Ruth Gray, Lib Griswold, Tom Harrill, Sarah Heasley, Bill Hiatt, Frances Jessup, Allen Johnson, Betty Jones, Lucille Kelly, Ann Stiefel King, Anne Lacy, Hester Lacy, Richard & Mildred Marshall, Helen Newman, David Nichols, LouJean Peace, Madge Pearson, Norman Pearson, Ben Pendleton, Bill Pendleton, Margaret Raley, Cleta Reeves, Jane Robbins, Sid Spencer, Jr., Caroline Springs, Berta Glenn Springthorpe, John Springthorpe, Jr., Frances Tuttle, Odell Wilkinson and Lou Wray.

Please pray for the spiritual and numerical growth of Trinity Church.

Please pray for our Trinity family in the Armed Services of our Country: David Blackburn, Jack Campbell, Bayard Crump, Josh Garner, Brock Harrill, Anthony Jessup, Gianni Martin, Charles Noll, Jeff Sutton, , and also for the ground forces in Iraq at the request of Brock Harrill.

Please pray for our seminary student, Lonnie Lacy.

Our prayers and Christian sympathy are extended to Jason, Becky and William Current as they mourn the death of their son and brother,
Matthew Scott Current.
May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Our prayers and Christian sympathy are extended to Ralph Forbes and Erika Rowe-Forbes as they mourn the death of their granddaughter,
Charlotte Bigham.
May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Reminder:
New articles are due by the 18th of August. Thank you for the articles supplied this month.

Please feel free to e-mail an article to the church office—
trinitych@surry.net

Attendance Figures:

				Totals
July 25	8:3018	10:30	40	58
Aug 1	8:30	17	10:30	42
Aug 8	8:30	22	10:30	35
Aug 15	8:30	20	10:30	42
Aug 22	8:30	16	10:30	33
Aug 29	will be in next issue			

Pledge Figures:

	Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Jan *	\$ 2,945	\$ 16,395	\$ 9,670
Feb	7,644	24,039	19,341
Mar	2,837	26,876	29,391
Apr	6,044	32,920	41,637
May	11,581	44,501	51,434
Jun	4,942	49,443	63,680
Jul	11,139	60,582	73,477
Aug**	12,118	72,700	83,274
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			\$ 127,361

*Includes 2004 pledge prepayments of \$13,450

** Does not include August 29

Weekly Activities

Monday

5:30-6:00 pm Parish Prayers

Wednesday

6:00 pm Potluck Dinner
and Compline

Thursday

8:30-9:30 am Staples
Distribution
6:30 pm Choir Practice

TRINITY HAPPENINGS

Vestry Report

The next Vestry Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 14, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.



The Women's Group will meet Sunday, September 26 at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish House for their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Ann Cochrane, Secretary

There will be a meeting of the **Staples Food Program** on Thursday, September 16th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish House. Everyone is invited to attend. Please mark your calendar and plan to be there.

URGENT-we need volunteers!!



Give Your
Time

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

**September 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the Rectory,
2039 Cynthia Drive, (336) 786-5396.**

SAVE THE DATE



On October 12th at 5:00 p.m.
Jack Michener plays Trinity organ
in recital. Invite a friend.

MISSION TRIP REPORT



On our trip to Sewanee we met new and interesting people. Most of them were in different camps, but everyone hung out together. We had so much fun!

We assisted in building an addition to a house. The reason was the house had been set up with 3 bedrooms and 1 bath. They had 5 children, 4 girls stayed in one room and 7 shared a bathroom.

Besides working, there were fun activities scheduled for us. A few of our favorites were swimming in the reservoir, playing new instruments, and worshipping God with kids our age.

We want to thank everyone who helped us have the fun trip and ones who kept us in their prayers during our trip. Especially we thank Father Ray for putting up with our songs, laughs, cries, and being very annoying.

Abby and Laura

September 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				<i>Staples Program</i> 8:30 am <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30 pm		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:30 am Communion 10:30 am Communion	OFFICE CLOSED Labor Day			Staples Program 8:30 am Choir Practice 6:30 pm		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:30 am Morning Prayer 11:00 am St. Andrew/Trinity Joint Service & Picnic 6:00 pm Youth Group/Rectory	Parish Prayers 5:30 - 6:00 pm	Vestry Meeting 7:00 pm Relay for Life 5:30 pm	Covered Dish and Compline 6:00 - 7:00 pm	Staples Program 8:30 am Choir Practice 6:30 pm	Relay for Life	Relay for Life
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:30 am Communion 10:30 am Communion	Parish Prayers 5:30 - 6:00 pm		Covered Dish and Compline 6:00 - 7:00 pm	Staples Program 8:30 am Choir Practice 6:30 pm		
26	27	28	29	30		
8:30 am Morning Prayer 10:30 am Communion 3:00 pm Women's Meeting Parish House	Bible Study/ Church Parlor 10:00 am Parish Prayers 5:30 - 6:00 pm		Covered Dish and Compline 6:00 - 7:00 pm Dessert & Bible Study/Rectory 7:30 pm	Staples Program 8:30 am Choir Practice 6:30 pm		

Ministers of The Liturgy

DATE	COFFEE HOUR	USHER	LECTOR	CHALICE-BEARER	ACOLYTE	FLOWERS	ALTAR GUILD
							Saint Elizabeth's
Sept 5 8:30 am			Ann Cochrane	Guenther Davis		Sid & Miki Spencer	Pauline Merritt
10:30 am	Ginny Gilbert	Bill Pendleton	Fred Lambert	Grady Lacy	Harry Appler		
Sept 12 8:30 am			Dave Conrad			Ann Cochrane	Jill Borders
11:00 am	St. Andrew/ Trinity Picnic		Grady Lacy				
Sept 19 8:30 am			Kate Appler	Grady Lacy		Tom & Pam Harrill	Brenda Goings
10:30 am	Marie Whittaker	Fred Lambert	Brenda Goings	Jim Wuencher	Brett Rogers		
Sept 26 8:30 am			Sharyn Conrad			Steve Scott	Sarah Harvey
10:30 am		John Springthorpe III	Jim Gilbert	Steve Woronoff	Nicholas Woronoff		

Bulletin Board

The Staples Program sponsors a Food Drive the first Sunday of each month. At this time, the program needs **peanut butter** and **crackers**. Please bring your donated items and place in the basket at the back of the church.

Forward Day by Day for August, September and October, 2004 is available in the narthex or on the table in the library of the undercroft. Please take one home with you.

Monday **Parish Prayers** and Wednesday **Covered dish and Compline** will resume on Monday, September 13 and Wednesday, September 15. All are invited for **Parish Prayers** each Monday evening from 5:30-6:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to give thanks and ask God for discernment to empower the ministry of Trinity Church and **Covered dish and Compline** will be each Wednesday beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish House.

Please come to the St. Andrew's/Trinity **worship service** and **picnic** at St. Andrew's on September 12th at 11:00 a.m. Invite a friend. Remember there will be **no** 10:30 here at Trinity that day. Trinity is responsible for meat, vegetables and/or salads. A sign up sheet is posted in the Parish House.

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Anniversaries

28th Bill & Page Woltz
30th Wally & Paula Johnson

Birthdays

3rd Kale King
7th Nelson Hodgkins
8th Mildred Carr
Allen Johnson
17th John Springthorpe III
William K. Woltz III
19th Gloria Lawrence
Amanda (Lambert) Miller
Scotti Vaughn
23rd Linda Browne
24th Nelson Woltz
25th Marge Wilmoth
26th Laura Harrill

You may come forward for a birthday blessing during any of our services. You may put one penny in the birthday bank for each year of your life. The pennies go to the Church Periodical Club which buys books for children.

The woman was
small and old,
and frail.
She had lost the
sight of her eye,
and it had to be
removed.
When it was to be
replaced with
a false eye
she said to the
doctor,
“Be sure and
choose one with
a twinkle in it.”