

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Church Update

Church Update NEWS
September 2017

Prayers and Action: Disaster Relief

Please donate to Trinity's Disaster Relief Fund as we make connections in the coming days ahead with a sister Trinity Episcopal Church in Texas and make an effort to do our best to be of support and offer assurances of our care and concern from West Pittston. The needs, as so clear to us all, are projected to be sever and long term. As we count our blessings, let us pray for all those in trouble and be reminded that we cannot only pray...we must also DO the Word of God. On the notation of your check please write: Trinity Disaster Relief Fund

E-NEWS Bulletin. Is there someone in your family or among your friends who might be interested in the events going on at Trinity? Please feel free invite them to email us at trinityepiscopalwestpittston@hotmail.com to request our weekly electronic bulletin. All are urged to visit this electronic update weekly. If not arriving in your email box please contact the parish office email listed in this announcement.

GIFT OF DIMES. The first GIFT OF DIMES "event" gathers in extra offerings supporting our annual operating budget. Some of our youth asked for the chance to give their dimes. But the giving can come from everyone. For every dollar you spend during the week PLEASE try to put aside 10 cents for the Gift of Dimes Campaign and drop off your donation in the DIME VASE located near the offering table. Join together to assist in the sustaining of Christianity's mission, to give to charitable and good works by offering the biblical standard of 10 cents on our every dollar our income. Just a few hundred more dimes will fill our dime vase and then pay a bill!

BEQUESTS. TRINITY'S LEGACY SOCIETY. The mission and ministry needs your support. Do you have a will and is Trinity Church in it? Bequests have been important to Trinity in the past and the membership benefits greatly from such gifts. Although bequests for specific purposes are always welcome, those for general support are particularly useful for the flexibility they permit. The suggested language for including a provision for Trinity Church in your will is as follows: "I give the sum of \$ ___ to Trinity Episcopal Church of West Pittston, PA for its general corporate purposes." Please review the Trinity Legacy Society information enclosed in today's bulletin.

WEDNESDAY'S DAY OF PRAYER. Church is open every Wednesday for quiet prayer from the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Noon Day prayer is public and includes prelude reflection and postlude reflection and intercessory prayers. All are welcome for the 20 minute prayer event. Please share the word that Wednesday is a designated Day of Prayer whether we gather at Trinity or exercise a greater investment in prayer more privately on these days.

GIANT NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALES EVERY FIRST SATURDAY. For many years Trinity has encouraged community building and has encouraged donations to our mission and ministry efforts by holding every first Saturday, Giant Neighborhood Yard Sales on our grounds during the months of May through October. A 12X12 space is available for you and neighbors and friends and for a donation of only \$10. Reserve a space soon. About 5-7 volunteers are needed on First Saturdays too. We need help for our Bake Sale, Lunch Sales and coordination tasks. Telephone Fr. John at the parish office or e-mail help responses or inquiries trinityepiscopalwestpittston@hotmail.com. [Yardsale "Calling Cards" available for distribution. See Offering Table]. **Next Sale and Final Sale this season: October 6th.**

FR. MAJOR CELEBRATES 30 YEARS IN ORDAINED PRIESTLY MINISTRY THIS WEEK. Vestry makes the request we all pray a prayer of thanks for Fr. John every day as he assures us that he does love and remembers each of us in daily prayer. Our pastor has requested no "hoopla" of any kind. Just for us to ask God's showering of blessings upon us all in mission and ministry here at Trinity and to seek together the embrace of our mission to know and enjoy holy community. Vestry has established a FIX OUR FATHERS HOUSE campaign to help in some necessary repairs knowing that some upkeep efforts would be very pleasing to Fr. Major. Vestry asks all to consider a donation to Trinity from each member of at least \$30, \$300 or any gift that helps communicate our personal appreciation for his thirty years as a priest and pastor to the many. This appreciation fund, **as we hope that it will grow another \$3,000 before the end of 2017**, will help your governing board to begin to make some necessary repairs to our buildings and grounds this autumn and again next Spring. Please participate by adding your name and donation to this event in thanksgiving for a priest of thirty years and our pastor for now 16 years. Pledge Cards are at the entrance of the church requesting a gesture of thanksgiving for parish and priest. **RE: The No To HOOPLA.** Just a piece of Ice Cream Cake following Holy Eucharist **today**. Fr. John said NO. NOTHING. Just ask all to care for the parish and our mission. But vestry outnumbered him with the logic: "Hey... it's just ice cream cake. Let's have some ice cream cake. You like ice cream cake. Lot's of people like ice cream cake! Ice Cream Cake available for all on September 10th following Holy Eucharist!"

SAVE THE DATES

**NOMINATIONS DUE FOR BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF BETHLEHEM
DUE**

Monday, September 11, 2017

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**PRAY FOR BLESSINGS UPON THE DIOCESE OF BETHLEHEM
2017 ANNUAL CONVENTION
SEPTEMBER 29, 2017 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

**YOUR REPRESENTATIVES
MARTI SHAFER-CALLAHAN
LINDSEY HUMPHREYS
JANINE UNGVARSKY
FR. JOHN MAJOR**

**TRINITY'S ANNUAL AUTUMN OUTING
"Building Community With All"**

All Welcome!

ROBO'S FARMS

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

12 PM – 4 PM

**ENTRANCE, CAMPFIRE, LUNCH, PUMPKIN PICKING AND MORE
MUST RSVP AT ENTRANCE OF CHURCH**

OR

trinityepiscopalwestpittston@hotmail.com

**TRINITY'S Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
Mutual Thanksgiving / Recommitment / Consecration Sunday
Following Sunday Holy Eucharist
NOVEMBER 5, 2017
RSVP**