

## Old Things Made New!

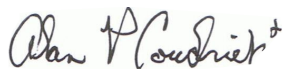
When Jesus rose on that original Easter morning, he came to his disciples and was shown to be as he was in old (before put into the tomb), but also was completely new. In Christianity we say he launched a new creation. Please notice that it was built on the old. Or better said, this new creation was launched and built up in the middle of the old.

I've noticed a lot a work going on about Trinity Memorial in the last month or so: fixing of serious plaster damage, sanding and refinishing floors, painting of rooms, repairs made here and there. Soon I hope, with plans already in motion to see and realize significant improvements to the usability of the kitchen in the undercroft. Attaining a special refrigerator and dishwasher are in motion – and badly needed. It's an exciting place to be right now. I must say I am very proud of the Vestry, some particular parishioners for their own handiwork here and of course all of you for stepping out and taking old things and making them new! There is so much here, which has been left dormant over recent time that you have to work with for the building up of God's new creation! I most need to say – keep it up!

Soon you will be issuing a “Call” to a new Rector: another opportunity to begin anew. The old way is not tossed, but it can be the building blocks for some new creation (the old is not lost, just changed.) What is God now ‘calling’ Trinity Memorial Church to be and do? Surely ministry to young persons and a music ministry are a part of that call by God. Surely an active prayer and healing ministry would seem to be part of what God is even now “calling’ this parish into. What else may God be ‘calling’ our congregation to be and do?

I wait with a sense of wonderful anticipation to see what God brings about here at Trinity and among you. May God's Spirit pour enthusiasm into your hearts and lives! The Spirit comes, wanted or unwanted.

Blessings, with my fondness for you,



Alan P Coudriet +  
Interim Rector

**The Right Reverend Sean W. Rowe  
Bishop of the Diocese of  
Northwestern Pennsylvania  
Annual Visitation  
Sunday, May 2**

**Prayer for the Diocese**

*O God, by your grace you have called us in this diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop, Sean, and other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received.*

*By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
TODAY!!!!**

**Diocesan Church Camp  
June 13th—19th  
Camp Nazareth, Mercer PA**



**Diocesan Day at  
Waldameer  
Sunday,  
June 20th**



**PARISH BIBLE STUDY**



I need to reference the Monday Night Women’s Bible study, again. Yes, we are still in the Book of Numbers. Studying the bible takes time, effort, and commitment. Each one of us in the study comes from varied backgrounds, rather like those whom we are studying. Not only in our secular lives but in our lives in Christ. Some have been life long Episcopalians, some have been Christians since a very young age (not necessarily in the Episcopal Church), and then some have only been on the journey for 25 years, but really only cognizant of what it means to be a Christian for the about the last 8.

We are each discovering through our study that we fight many of the same distractions that try and pull us away from what we should be doing, what we are called to be doing by God. We recognize that we are not always obedient, trusting, listening, and acting as we should, again like some of those we are studying. It sometimes hits a little too close to home. We, however, are thankful when in the commentaries we get to the references in the New Testament where we see the glimpses of God’s grace for His people, for us.

May we all take the time to commit and continue to participate in our **parish-wide bible study**. The new quarterly Forward Day by Day is in the narthex. We glorify God when we read, study, meditate, and act on His Word.

Monday, April 26—*Go into the world and pro-*

**Temporary Inconvenience, Permanent Improvement**

Dust and smells have been around our church for the better part of April, but doesn’t the parlor look wonderful. The paint and the re-finished floor gives a feeling of warmth and welcome. The second & first floor bathrooms, and the third street entrance way have been re-plastered and will soon be painted. The back wall of sanctuary is now all one color!

More work is upcoming to include painting the offices, the rector’s sacristy and hallway, with new carpet being laid in the rector’s office. An under the counter commercial dishwasher along with a commercial grade garbage disposal has been ordered and will be installed in downstairs kitchen. In the near future rooms will get readied for the Youth Music Program and Sunday School.

Thanks to the generous donations to the previous capital campaign (2009) we are now able to address deferred maintenance projects and other new adventures. Thanks be to God!

*(from Praying Day by Day - A year of meditations)*

How would our church ever integrate? The moment had passed in the late '60s as the neighborhood changed, and we found ourselves a lily-white church amid people of color. The pastor at that time had been ready to retire and did not have energy for a project of that magnitude.

I had been called as associate pastor with the specific charge to integrate the congregation. What to do? This church had an educational wing with nine classrooms, each housing a piano. Since the college conservatory was just up the street, our congregation also had a slew of retired music teachers, mostly piano teachers.

I went to the board. "I have this wild idea. We have all these pianos and all these teachers..." They agreed to an experiment, and pretty soon we had nine volunteers, each agreeing to give six free half-hour piano lessons every Wednesday afternoon.

Up and down the streets of the neighborhood we went. "Hello, we are offering free piano lessons at the church on the corner. Would you have

any children that might be interested?" And so it began.

Within a month we had fifty-four piano students playing scales on Wednesday afternoons. Then we added a 6:00 p.m. dinner for them and their families.

The children began to come to Sunday school, then church. We started an "Adopt a Grandparent" program so our folks could help guide inexperienced children in worship. We began two Scout troops. The church became a polling place for voting.

Gradually, parents joined their children. There were plenty of hiccups along the way, but the church finally accomplished what had needed to happen years earlier.

It's amazing what can happen with nine pianos, 126 willing hands, and a little imagination. —*Gregory A. Russell*

*Sound familiar— One Man, One Guitar... It's begun and the rest is yet to be revealed.*



**Coffee Hour Hosts**

Thank you to *Kurt & Clare Glarner* for providing goodies in April. A sign-up sheet for hosts and clean up volunteers for the months of May and June is in the narthex.

**Food Pantry**

The outreach committee is designating the fourth Sunday of the month as a food ingathering day for our Food Pantry. Each month you will be asked to donate, if possible, the food item or items that have been selected. The food will brought to the altar during the services on that Sunday.

The fourth Sunday in May is the 23rd and is also the Day of Pentecost and seemed like a great day to kick off this outreach ministry. The items designated for May are pasta and sauce.

As you are shopping throughout this month, as you able, please add a box of pasta and/or a can of sauce and bring it on the 23rd. Thanks!!!

**Family/Youth Night** by *Rose Mary Landon*

As an outgrowth of the Free Guitar Lessons Project, the music committee is initiating a Family/Youth Night. Our first will be on Sunday, May 16 at 5:30 at Trinity. Food will be provided. Pat's music students will present a program for us. And, we will participate in a Sing-a-long.

If you play a guitar, please bring it. Mark your calendar for - Sunday, May 16 at 5:30. We are looking forward to seeing you.

**June Graduations**

Please call the church office A.S.A.P., if you or a member of your family is graduating this spring. We would like to include this information along with future plans in the next newsletter.



*May the peace of the Lord always be with you!*

**Travis Cunningham**  
**Confirmation**  
**May 2, 2010**

**Prayer for Trinity**

*Almighty and gracious God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayer for the rector, vestry and parish family of Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church. By the indwelling of your Holy Spirit, enlighten and strengthen us for your service. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to know what is right, and give us courage to pursue it and grace to accomplish it. Renew us in faith, hope and charity. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, make us always thankful for your providence, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind with your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Prayers**

**At Home:** Denny Brown, Jon Ettinger

**In nursing/assisted living homes:** Ann Blackman, Mickey Ettinger, Lillian Lemmon (Cambridge), Margaret Gilson, Betty DeLong, Bernadine Goyda, Bill Anderson, (Rouse), Judy Nobles, (Warren Manor), Palmer Davis Jr. (Golden Living), Rhea Waples, (Watson Home), JoAnn Kosthorst

**Illness/Surgery/Other Needs:** Cody Stalder, Amy Hindman, Kathy Fleming, Cleo DiFiore, Dick, Ed Brant, Michael Brant, Billy Moriarity, Mary Klancher, Lori Brusso, Gar Spicher, Scott Mitchell, Hayden Turner, Mary Simmons, Judy Trask, Tim Strohmeyer, Sam Hill, Teri Gruver, Leslie Kershaw, Jeff Washburn, Lee, Martha Phelps, Janet Ely, Lewis Conroy, Terry Brant, Jane Betts, Samuel Lindell, Frances, Patrick Nuhfer, Eric Lindell, Colin Hillard, Jill Lasecki, Kara Donaldson, Kurt Glarner, Dave Johnson, Nancy, Scott Brown, Sandy Lewis, Marysue Baker, Brian Knisley, Margaret Suttor, Becky Campbell, Martha Ishman, Charlie, Greg, Emily Onuffer, Denise Fink, Wendy Suder, Patty Johnson, Jaxon Madril & family, Sue Whitney, Brandie, Calder, Jerry Davis, Anne Reynolds, Cindy Nelson, Jack McMaster, Pam Rea, Carol, Peg Ploof, Bobbie Long & family, Bud & Sue McCollough, Julie, Randy, the O'Connor family, Carrie, Denny Hahn, Dick Willis, Karen, Sandy Mickle, Ken Wolfe, Ellen, Jesse

**Serving in the Armed Services:** Christopher Holmes, Adam Pontious, Jo Kennedy, Lenny Johnson, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division serving in Iraq, Jake Glenn (Afghanistan), Michael Miller, Peter Landrio, Marc Miller Parker Hahn, Cody, Toby, & Jeremy Williams, Matthew Hammond, Jackie Shaw, José Spelvuda

**Serving justice and peace:** Christian Peacemaker Teams; House of Hope, Birds of the Sky, and Good Samaritan House in India; Center Fabio, Ivory Coast; Asociacion Rescate, Rio Dulce Guatemala

**Bishops:** Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury; Katharine Jefferts Schori, our Presiding Bishop; Sean Rowe, our Bishop

**Clergy:** Martha Ishman, Canon to the Ordinary; Alan Coudriet, our interim rector; Gail Winslow our deacon and archdeacon of the diocese

**The Vestry:** Kathy Bowley, Mary Lou Campbell –*Clerk*, Barry Cunningham, Clare Glarner, Pat Hesch-Sr. Warden, Keith Hinsdale-*Treasurer*, Tom Jensen, Addy Landrio, Jim McCollough - *Jr. Warden*, Elaine Rhodes, Ellen Scalise

**The Search Committee:** Diane Brant - chair, Denise Ely, Clare Glarner, Skye Hill, Tom Jensen, Dick Klancher, Jocelin Thomas

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### Goodness

Goodness was personified in the life of Jesus, and Christians are to imitate Him. "...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." (*Acts 10:38*)

Jesus, whose mind was attentive to always pleasing God, never took advantage of anyone. He was never self-seeking, but completely service-minded. "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." (*Galatians 6:10*)

### Sunday Schedule

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal  
Healing Prayer in the Chapel  
Nursery available

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

*Coffee & Fellowship before, between and after services*

### Monday

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

### Tuesday

4:00 PM Guitar Lessons/ Singing

### Wednesday

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

11:00 AM Knitting Group

12:00 PM Healing Team in the Chapel

### Thursday

6:00PM Men's Bible Study

### Office Hours

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM Monday— Friday