



A Fall Preview

*A catalog of new
and continuing
opportunities at
Trinity Church*

Fall 2009

Trinity Church
Ambler, PA

Dear Friends,

Last spring, this parish engaged in 'Listening Groups'. Gathered together in small groups in peoples' homes, our time together was designed to discern how and if worship, formation opportunities (Church School, Bible studies, etc.), and mission and outreach projects were relevant and accessible. As a community of Christian people seeking to love God and our neighbors, our desire was to discover how we can best help one another deepen our faith.

After listening, praying and discerning, some tried and true dimensions of this parish's life together have been kept in place. Also, some changes have been made and some new opportunities created.

This Fall Event Booklet describes when and what will take place here at Trinity Church this fall. Nurturing the spiritual life requires intentional devotion. We tend to our faith and our spirituality in the very act of coming together with a community of believers, sharing the rituals and activities that remind us that God is the heart and soul of all we are, say and do.

You are cordially invited this fall to

Come and See

The Rev. David Canan
Rector

The Rev. Mary McCullough
Associate Rector



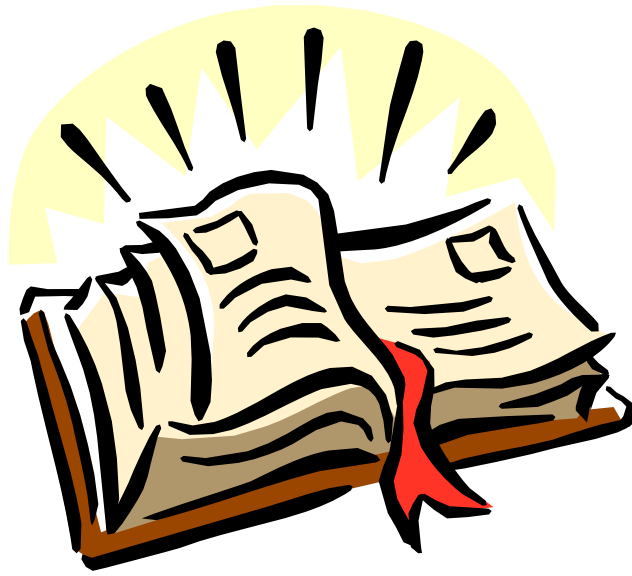
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Worship Schedule

2009

Sunday	8:00 a.m. Rite I 10:00 a.m. Rite II
Wednesday	Healing Service 10:00 a.m.
Thursday	Healing Service 6:30 p.m.
Saturday	Come as you are Eucharist 5:00 p.m.





Scripture Study

- Immediately following the Wednesday morning Healing Service, come and explore the upcoming Sunday lessons. 10:45 a.m. until 11:45 a.m.
- Immediately following the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Eucharist, join in a Sunday Sermon discussion. Meet with the preacher and fellow interested learners to re-visit Sunday's lessons and explore the message of the day. 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
- Men's Bible Study – third Saturday of the month beginning Sept. 19 at the West Main Diner in Lansdale, Pa., 8:00 a.m. The group will decide the focus of their monthly meetings. Interested? Contact Fr. Dave rector@trinityambler.com

Special Events

- **Rector's Forum**

Sunday, September 20, 11:15 a.m., join us in the Parish Hall for an open discussion about the effects of the economy and other changes on parish finances.

- **Ministries Fair**

Sunday, September 27, throughout the facility all morning long! Stroll the parish hall and narthex to learn about various ministries carried out at Trinity Church, enjoy tasty snacks and learn ways to offer your gifts and talents!

- **Daughter's of the King Retreat**

The 5th Annual Women's Retreat sponsored by the Daughters of the King will be held October 9-11 at St. Marguerite's Retreat House in Mendham, NJ. This year's theme is "Walking with Christ through the Storms." Spaces are still available! Balances are due by September 1st. Any questions, please contact with Jan McClemore at puff4@erols.com

- **Rummage Sale**

This year's Rummage Sale will be Oct. 16th-17th. Keep us in mind as you're sorting your fall items. We take clothing but only winter clothing. Any other household treasures appreciated. Look for further notices regarding set-up and drop-off. Any questions, contact Piers Prater at prater@msn.com or 215-661-0617...and as always, lots of volunteers will be needed.

- **Seniors Luncheons!**

At one of the Listening Groups last spring the folks gathered were all senior citizens and we enjoyed our time together. From that group has risen the idea of quarterly senior luncheons. These events will take place at the church and at homes and retirement facilities where our members live. The first Senior Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, October 6 at Meadowoods (site to be confirmed). The second will be Tuesday, December 22 at the Christmas Wonderland also known as the Rectory! Invitations will be sent, rides will be provided for those who need them!



- **Trinity's Got Talent**

On Saturday, October 24, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. join us for TRINITY'S GOT TALENT! and Pig Roast. Here's the chance for Trinity members of all ages to share their special talents and for everyone to have a great evening! Do you want to share your Performing Talents? Do you sing? Do you play an instrument? Do you dance? Do you tumble? Are you a comedian? Write and read poetry? Act? Do you do stage managing? How about sharing your talents in the Visual Arts? Do you paint? Do photography? Quilt? Knit or crochet? Sculpture? Scrapbook? Do you have food talents? Do you bake? Make candy? Make edible arrangements in fruit or vegetables? If you are good enough to share your talent, and we know that you are; sign up in the Narthex TODAY! If you have any questions, please speak to Kristin Woods at k4waskowicz@me.com or Fr. Dave at rector@trinityambler.com

- **Discovery Workshop**

Friday November 6, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. and Saturday Nov. 7, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Discover who you are. Why are you here? What do you do best? What are you passionate about? What do you value? What are your priorities? The Discovery Workshop is designed to help you answer these questions through a variety of spiritual, personality, talents assessment tools, interactive presentations and small group discussions. Participants affirm what they have long known about themselves and gain new insights into their lives and have fun doing it! Cost is \$25, which includes supper on Friday and lunch on Saturday. Registration Deadline October 18 to allow time for ordering materials. See Fr. Dave, Reita Detweiler (ReitaDetweiler@msn.com) or Ted Olson (teo424ols@verizon.net) for more information.

- **Advent Wreath Making**

In preparation for the Season of Advent, on Sunday, November 22nd, come and build an Advent wreath in the parish hall immediately following the 10 a.m. service. The Advent wreath, made with greens and four candles, marks the four weeks leading up to the birth of Jesus, born of Mary at Bethlehem. The candles are an expression of the growing anticipation of the coming of the light of the world. The circular wreath represents God's eternity and unity. The evergreens are a symbol of enduring life. As we get closer to the event, there will be sign-up in order that we may prepare to have adequate materials on hand. Everyone is welcome to participate. Questions? Contact Kristin Woods at k4waskowicz@me.com.



Formation Venues

- **Christian Formation**

Church School begins on Sunday September 13 at 9:55 a.m. for children ages 4 through 12! We want to begin at 9:55 a.m. sharp to maximize our short time together. Children are brought upstairs, by their leaders, to sit with their families at the peace and remain to share in Holy Communion.

We have planned an exciting year for both new and returning students. To get to the classes, go down the stairs just past the kitchen. (If you are unsure, an usher or greeter can show you the way.) Each Sunday, through several age appropriate programs, children spend their time exploring together the stories and traditions about God and us as the people of God!

Godly Play is for children ages 4 through grade 3. Each week a lesson is presented by a story teller, who sits on the floor with the children, using specially designed, hand crafted pieces to illustrate the stories. Children are invited to wonder at the mystery of scripture and respond to the story with arts and crafts. Godly Play 1 is for kids 4 years through 1st grade. Godly play 2 is for 2nd and 3rd graders.

Exploring the Bible for 4th and 5th graders seeks to expand the student's view of the world by using bible lessons, current events, and issues that are relevant to this age group in their everyday lives.

Faith Issues, led by our Youth Minister, Kelly Rupprecht, for middle schoolers in grades 6, 7, and 8 helps young people relate faith to their everyday lives.

We are blessed to have a team of dedicated teachers, story tellers, gate keepers and coordinators in our church school. Parents can assist them in their ministry to our children by bringing their kids regularly and on time. If you have questions you may contact Carole Allsop at fcmallsop@yahoo.com.

- **Youth Group**

Another exciting year is starting up for the Trinity Youth Group in Ambler!

The following are the opportunities available for students 7th through 12th grade:

Sunday Night Fellowship- This is our regular weekly Youth Group meeting from 6-8 p.m. which includes games, movies, food and other social activities for all students grades 7-12th. We take excursions throughout the year, perform community service, and also hold lock-ins (a sleep-over). Friends of students are always encouraged to attend. The goal for our fellowship is to develop relationships, build community, and experience God's Love with one another and the larger community.

"Going Deeper"- This is a new opportunity this year for teen centered worship and reflection. This will begin at 5:15 p.m. on Sunday nights for teens who would like to explore their faith on a deeper level. We hope to include music, prayer, and worship opportunities that are focused on a teen level. We also will be including weekly journaling and art experiences in order to explore and grow in our faith lives together.

P2P (Peer to Peer)- These are optional small groups of five peers who will meet during the week. Students who participate must commit to attending each week. The goal for these small groups is deepening ones prayer life, friendship, and commitment. We have found that the ability of teens to mentor and support each other is quite profound and hope these small groups will develop healthy leaders in our church.

- **Education for Ministry**

Education for Ministry is a four-year theological study course designed by the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. A small group meets weekly from September until May studying Holy Scripture, delving deeper into the Christian faith, learning about church history and theology, and discerning how to best love and serve Christ in the world. Because Continuing Education Credits are given, this course requires tuition. Trinity Church currently has two groups – a group that meets on Monday evenings and a group meeting on Wednesday mornings. Contact Al Mathis at bigal34@comcast.net or Karyn Jean Dickhoff at karynjean@hotmail.com if this kind of theological education interests you.



- **Film Conversation**

“The Wind Blows” Looking for the Holy Spirit

The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes.
John 3:8

Sometimes Christians see “the world” as a corrupt and godless place that’s inherently hostile to the message of the Gospels. But the Gospels themselves tell a different story. As John 3:8 says, the Holy Spirit is always doing its work, opening doors, planting seeds, and turning people’s minds and hearts toward a deeper connection with God. Often this happens in mysterious and unexpected ways, through people who may not even think of themselves as religious. In this series of conversations we will look for the telltale evidence of the Holy Spirit as it blows through the world, especially as it manifests itself in movies, books, music, art, and other forms of popular culture.

The first three sessions will focus on movies. The only assignment is to watch the movie in advance of the session and think about connections between the story and specific events, stories, and parables in the Gospels. All movies are available at Amazon.com on DVD for around \$10.

Sunday, October 18: *The Secret Garden*, 1993, directed by Agnieszka Holland, starring Maggie Smith, Kate Maberly. Rated G

Sunday, November 15: *Away from Her*, 2007, directed by Sarah Polley, starring Julie Christie, Gordon Pinsent. Rated PG-13 (some strong language)

Sunday, December 13: *Groundhog Day*, 1993, directed by Harold Ramis, starring Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell. Rated PG

Sessions will take place at 11:30 in the Parish Hall.

Questions? Contact Brian Peterson at

brianhpeterson@mac.com or Helen Mirkil at brknvslv@mac.com

- **Daughters of the King**

The Daughters of the King is a worldwide group of Christian women striving to fulfill the promise of their Baptismal Covenant through the adoption of a Rule of Life, which includes prayer, study and service. Trinity's chapter, which includes prayer, study and service. Trinity's chapter, was founded in 2003, chose the name *Anam Cara*, which is Celtic for "soul friend". Meetings are a time for prayer and study. Our service project is to deliver Welcome Baskets to new families who have visited Trinity Church on a Sunday morning. We offer evening and morning meetings, and generally meet twice a month. Our meetings are open to any interested woman. For more information about Daughters of the King, contact LaTanya Barkley lmclean26@yahoo.com

- **Choir**

Trinity enjoys the music of three choirs: the Cherub Choir for children younger than eight years of age; the Canterbury Singers, which includes those eight years and older; and the Trinity Choir, which is the adult choir.

The basic responsibility of the choirs is to assist the rector in leading the congregation through the musical liturgy of the worship service. Their presentation of anthems and other music enhances the worship service and inspires the congregation.

The Adult choir participates in weekly rehearsals held on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. beginning September 17, Sunday worship, Feast day celebrations, and occasional concerts. The Cherub Choir (8 yrs old and younger) will practice during the Christian Education hour. The Canterbury Singers will practice Sunday morning following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

No auditions are necessary and everyone is welcome regardless of musical ability. If you can carry a tune, you are welcome to join us. If you have any questions, you may contact Steve Schreiber at rns89@aol.com or call the church office at 215-646-0416.

Dates

Events

Sept. 13	Fall Kick-off
Sept. 19	Men's Bible Study
Sept. 20	Rector's Forum
Sept. 27	Ministries Fair
Oct. 6	Seniors' Luncheon
Oct. 11-13	Daughters of the King Retreat
Oct. 17	Rummage Sale
Oct. 17	Men's Bible Study
Oct. 18	First Film Event
Oct. 24	Trinity's Got Talent/Pig Roast
Nov. 1	Stewardship Sunday
Nov. 6-7	Discovery Workshop
Nov. 14	Diocesan Convention
Nov. 15	Second Film Event
Nov. 21	Men's Bible Study
Nov. 22	Advent Wreath Making
Dec. 13	Third Film Event
Dec. 19	Men's Bible Study
Dec. 20	Christmas Pageant



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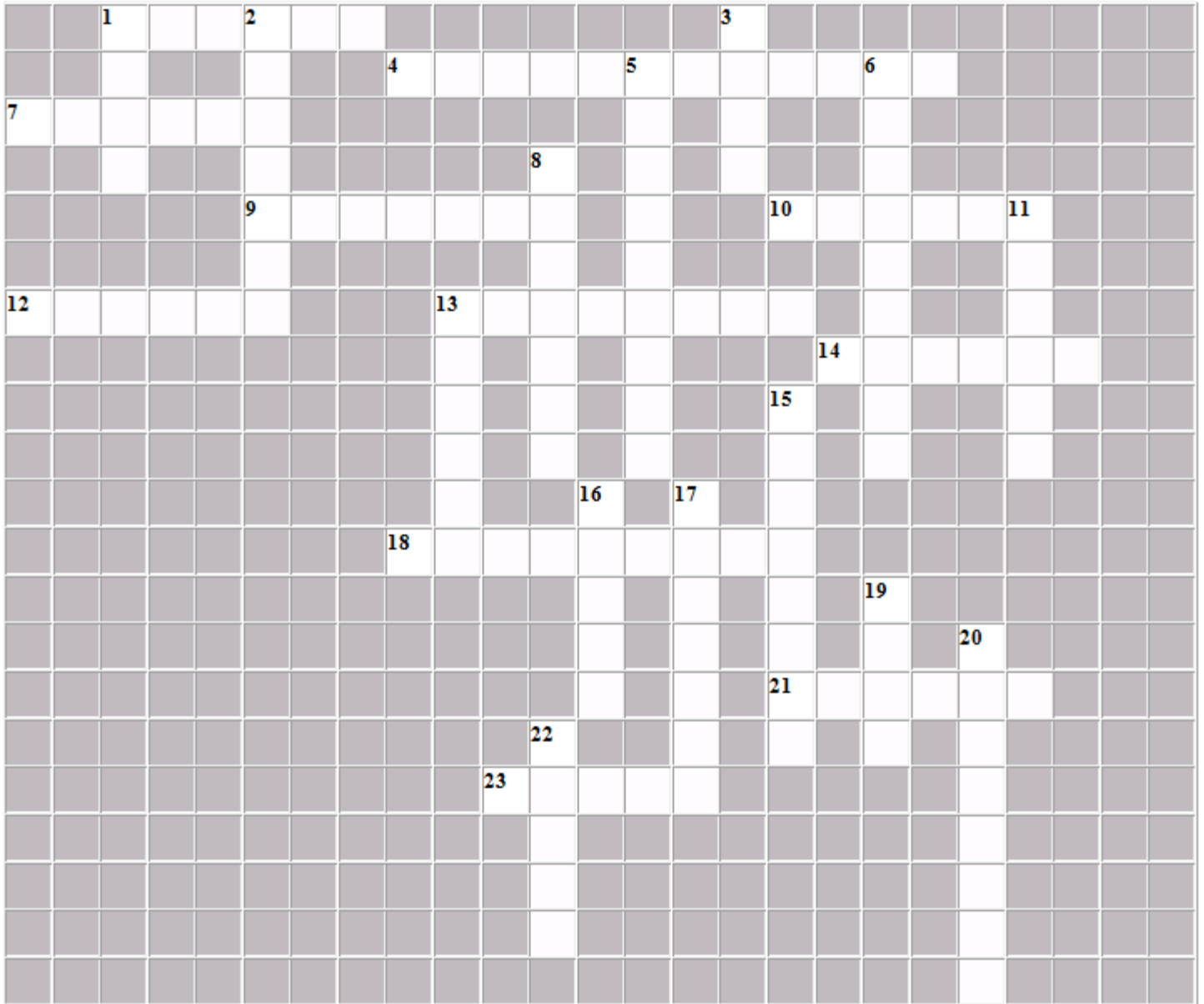
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Trinity Episcopal Church Crossword Puzzle

(answers will be found in Fall Chimes)



Down

1. Cloth placed over a casket during a funeral
2. The work of the people
3. Rector's Warden (first name)
5. Pertaining to a Bishop
6. Bread and wine offered for consecration at Eucharist
8. House that Dave lives in
11. Creed we say most Sundays
13. Coordinator of Church School (first name)
15. Mary's favorite weekly sermon
16. Body of Christ
17. Rite of applying oil in baptism, confirmation, to sick
19. Rector of Trinity Church
20. Posture for the General Confession
22. Accounting Warden (first name)

Across

1. Poems in the Hebrew Bible
4. A local gathering of worshipping Christians
7. Where preacher preaches
9. We will get rid of this on Oct. 17
10. Orders of Ordained ministry are bishop, priest and
12. Another name for a sermon
13. A religious word meaning general or universal
14. The Good News
18. Treat altar of blessed sacrament with special honor
21. Preparatory season for Christmas
23. Vessel for the wine or water brought to the altar