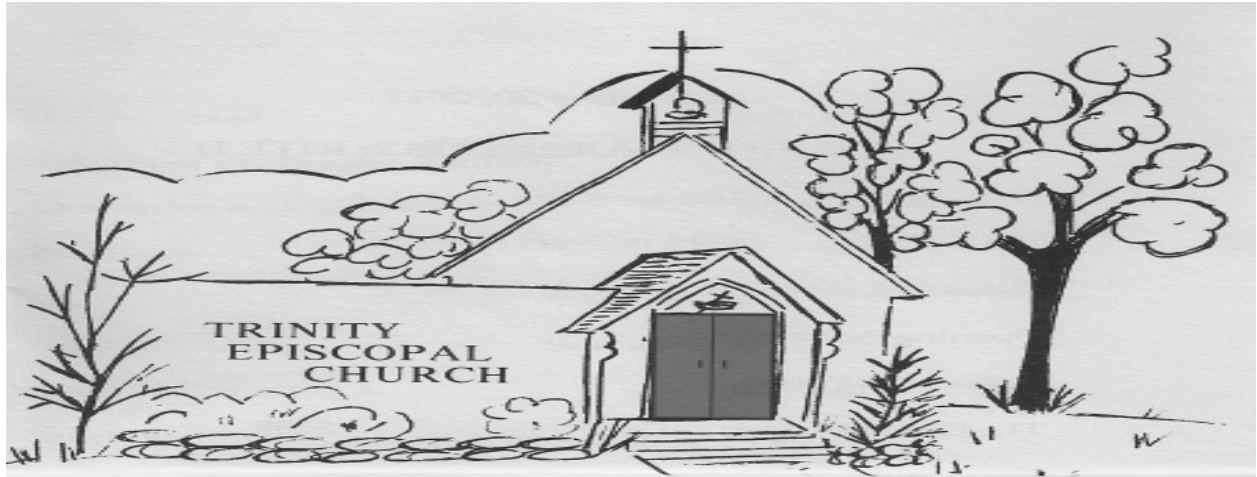


TRINITY TIDINGS

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From Behind the Altar

Included in this edition of Trinity Tidings is a form that you can fill out in order to submit names to be read out loud at the All Saints'/All Souls' Eucharist on Sunday, November 6, at 10:00 a.m. Please print legibly and be certain to sign your name as the person submitting the names.

Prayers for the departed is one of the traditions and teachings that distinguish the Episcopal Church from other protestant churches. The Episcopal Church has a strong doctrine of the Communion of Saints, which is the belief and practice that there is real intercommunion between and living and the faithful who have departed this life.

The following entry from the volume Lesser Feasts and Fasts explains the idea of

Communion of Saints and All Saints' Day in more detail:

It is believed by many scholars that the commemoration of all the saints on November first originated in Ireland, spread from there to England, and then to the continent of Europe. That it had reached Rome and had been adopted there early in the ninth century is attested by a letter of Pope Gregory the Fourth, who reigned from 828 to 844, to Emperor Louis "the Pious," urging that such a festival be observed throughout the Holy Roman Empire.

However, the desire of Christian people to express the intercommunion of the living and the dead in the Body of Christ by a commemoration of those who, having professed faith in the living Christ in days past, had entered into the nearer presence of their Lord, and especially of those

who had crowned their profession with heroic deaths, was far older than the early Middle Ages. Gregory Thaumaturgus (the “Wonder Worker”), writing before the year 270, refers to the observance of a festival of all martyrs, though he does not date it. A hundred years later, Ephrem the Deacon mentions such an observance in Edessa on May 13; and the patriarch John Chrysostom, who died in 407, says that a festival of All Saints was observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost in Constantinople at the time of his episcopate. The contemporary lectionary of the East Syrians set a commemoration of all the saints on Friday in Easter week. On May 13, in the year 610, the Pantheon in Rome — originally a pagan temple dedicated to “all the gods” — was dedicated as the Church of St. Mary and All Martyrs.

On another note, I will be away on vacation from October 10 until October 25. Father Owen Henderson will supply for me on Sunday, October 16, and Father John Biggs will fill in for me on October 23. During my absence there will be no mid-week services. If you have need of a priest, contact the Bishop’s Warden, Karen Miller. Her number is 417 531-2175. The Wednesday lunch and study group will continue to meet during my vacation.

Many blessings!

Father Miller

Regional Confirmation on November 3

Bishop Field will administer the sacramental rite of confirmation at St. John’s Episcopal Church, Springfield, on Thursday, November 3, at 7:00 p.m. At that liturgy Father Miller will present Maryann Campbell to be confirmed. Members of Trinity are encouraged to attend and show their support for Maryann.

A short synopsis of the meaning of Confirmation from the Catechism follows:

Q. What is Confirmation?

A. Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.

Q. What is required of those to be confirmed?

A. It is required of those to be confirmed that they have been baptized, are sufficiently instructed in the Christian Faith, are penitent for their sins, and are ready to affirm their confession of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Crosslines Ministry Report September 2016

Crosslines has been in a major improvement project with COPE. Both Crosslines and COPE were in need of parking lot improvements. Major donations came from the Hughes Foundation and other individuals to almost total \$63,000 for the project. Several thousand are still needed but Willard’s will proceed with the project. Other grant applications have been submitted

for the remainder of the funds needed. The back of the Crosslines building has been laid with concrete because large trucks unload in that area and would tear up asphalt paving. The remaining larger portion will be asphalted.

During the month of September, Crosslines served 660 families with 1764 individuals. Over August and September, 618 children received socks and undies. During September, 59 items were delivered from Trinity Episcopal.

The special needs for the month of October are ketchup, mayonnaise/salad dressing, barbecue sauce, and dishwashing liquid.

Peggy Graydon

Youth News

The Southern Youth Network Fallnighter is October 29th at Christ Church, Springfield starting at 6pm with dinner. Wear your Halloween costume! There will be games, carving and decorating pumpkins, and laser tag. Cost is \$15 per person, guests are free and for each guest a person brings they get \$5 off. Pick up is Sunday morning; we will plan to attend the 9am service which ends at around 10. Go to <http://wemoyouth.formstack.com/forms/synfallnighter2016> to register.

Diocesan Youth Gathering & Bishop's Ball is November 4-6 at Christ Church in Springfield. This weekend event runs concurrently to Diocesan Convention and provides workshops on a variety of topics along with a dance! It starts Friday night at 7:00pm and continues through the 8am

service Sunday morning. Cost is \$50. per person. Go to wemoyouth.com to register.

Be on the lookout for details about an Advent Party soon!

As always if you have questions, please see Amanda.'

Amanda Perschall

Clingman's Dome, Great Smoky Mountains



Clingman's Dome is a sacred mountain to the Cherokees, where the “magic lake” was once seen. The Great Spirit told the Cherokees “If they love me, if they love all their brothers and sisters, and if they love all the animals of the earth, when they grow old and sick, they can come back to the ‘magic lake’ and be made well again.”

For the Cherokees, these mountains have become a refuge, homeland, and a mythical and spiritual foundation for their people. During the Indian Removal Period of the 1800’s known as the Trail of Tears, the mountains meant safety from pursuing

soldiers. Today these slopes provide a refuge and offer inspiration for visitors from a hectic modern society.

Clingman's Dome at 6,643 feet is the highest point in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and along the Appalachian Trail. It is also the most easily accessible mountaintop in the park. It is seven miles off of Hwy 441, Newfound Gap road, up to the parking area where you can park and hike up to the Observation Tower. The road is closed from November through March. It is a half-mile hike to the tower, which has a paved trail but is pretty steep. However, there are plenty of benches to rest on and enjoy the beautiful views of the Smokies.

David Daniels

Articles for the Newsletter

Articles for the Trinity Tidings Newsletter may be emailed to Bonnie Daniels, editor at bonnieraydaniels@centurylink.net . If you do not have email access, we will also accept paper submissions.

Faithful Departed

To be remembered at the Altar
on All Saints'/All Souls' Day.

Please print the full names and the submitter's
name. Place the list in the alms basin or submit
it to the church office no later than Sunday, October
30th. The names will be read on Sunday,
November 6, at the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist.

Requested by:
