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Come, Celebrate Pentecost,
"Future Trinity"

and the homecoming
of

The Rev. Becky Robbins-Penniman



On **Thursday, May 28th, 2009** at **7 PM** Becky will be with us in the undercroft for an evening of multi-media presentation and conversation concerning "emergent" churches, our current and future cultural climate, and their impact on how we see and know ourselves as "Church" and how we need to change how we think about and do ministry.

Becky will also be worshipping with us on **Pentecost Sunday, May 31st** and serve as our guest Preacher at both the 8 AM and 10:30 AM services.

Becky will also be with us on Sunday for **The Adult Forum**, beginning at **9:15 AM**, where we will continue our discussion around the issues and possibilities raised Thursday evening.

Becky was with us from 1998 to 2002, during her discernment process and was sponsored by Trinity for Holy Orders. She also served here as a Student Intern while at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. Becky served her Priest Internship with All Saint's Episcopal Church in New Albany. She now serves as Co-Pastor for "Lamb Of God," an Episcopal-Lutheran Cooperative Parish in Ft. Myers, Florida.

RECTOR'S REFLECTION

— THE REV. RICHARD A. BURNETT

"California here we come..."

The 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church will be held July 7-17 in Anaheim, CA, and Trinity Church will be sending one-quarter of Southern Ohio's elected deputation! Kay Sturm and I join three other lay leaders and three other clergy as "deputies" - namely, those elected by diocesan convention and authorized as agents for decision making in the top legislative body of the church. As one Episcopal Church leader put it sometime ago:

"We are governed, or seek to be governed in Church affairs, by the Mind of the Will of God. To this end the Holy Spirit dwells in the Church and presides in its councils. What a Church council seeks by its debates and votes to ascertain is, not the mind of the majority of its Church members, but the Mind of the Spirit."

Kay and I ask that you share with us in this discernment during the month of June by coming to all or several "coffee conversations"

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leading to Anaheim. Join us on:

- Tuesday, June 9—7:00 p.m. at Cup o' Joe in German Village (627 S. 3rd St.)
- Tuesday, June 16—7:00 p.m. at Starbucks in Bexley (2450 E. Main St.)
- Tuesday, June 23—7:00 p.m. at Caribou Coffee in Clintonville (3645 N. High St.)

Above all, please pray for all deputies and bishops gathering at the 76th General Convention in July. I'm using the following prayer written for the 75th General Convention, welcomed by us so faithfully when it came to Columbus in 2006.

God our Wisdom, who eternally makes all things new:
encourage by your Holy Spirit
those who prepare for General Convention to labor together
for the building up of your world and your Church;
counsel them when to act and when to wait;
turn their hearts always toward those in greatest need,
and away from their own preoccupations and fears;
help them never forget that love and mercy are your greatest gifts
given us all to offer one another
as we see in them Jesus Christ who alone
is our joy, our way, our truth, and our life. *AMEN.*

-written by the Rev. Jennifer Phillips

Yours faithfully,

SUMMER WORSHIP AT TRINITY

Come as you are —
our founder often wore
sandals.

Summer means more here.  The Episcopal Church

Sundays 8:00 a.m.—said service of Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m.—service of Holy Eucharist with music
(Morning Prayer & Holy Communion—June 28, July 26, Aug. 23)
2:00 p.m.—*In the Garden* street ministry
Weekdays 8:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer
12:05 p.m.—Holy Eucharist on Tuesday and Friday
12:05 p.m.—Noonday Prayer on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

You're right! That's the same schedule we always have — we hope to see you here!!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE NEEDY:

With the arrival of spring and summer it's easy to forget our neighbors who live on the street. New dry socks are essential this time of year. We have many weekday requests for socks and finger-friendly canned foods (pop-tops are best). All donations are greatly appreciated.

ST. JOHN'S DINNER

Wednesday, May 27

Trinity's next opportunity to serve at St. John's Franklinton, 1003 W. Town Street. Arrive around 5:30 p.m., clean up usually ends before 8:00 p.m. Please contact Bill Bronson for further information. (614) 354-3753.



Save the date:

Mass in the Grass — August 16, 2009
Sunday morning service and Parish Picnic in an area park (location to be determined).

THE WOMEN'S RETREAT will be held **Saturday, June 6, 2009**, at the lodge of Hocking Hills State Park, near Old Man's Cave. The drive takes about an hour from Columbus, so let's plan to carpool. Deacon Joan will have a sign-up sheet Sundays at church, so please indicate if you would be willing to drive. Lunch will be at the restaurant at the lodge, and we will have morning munchies and coffee.



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Please let Deacon Joan Grant know if you would like to attend, either by emailing her at joangrant33@hotmail.com, by calling her at 614 457-6866, or by signing up on the sign-up sheet. It should be a good time to reflect and pray together, to enjoy nature, and to relax and get to know each other better.

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FROM DEACON DENIRAY MUELLER:

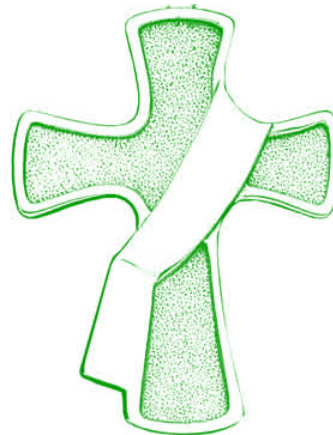
With Gratitude and Hope

Almost one year ago, Bishop Breidenthal placed me at Trinity as a Parish Deacon. I was assigned for a year to help me and the Diocese determine where my ministry would lead us.

Trinity Sunday (June 7, 2009) will be my last day as a Parish Deacon at Trinity. The Bishop has called me to minister to the diocese at large. I have been appointed to be the Assistant to the Canon for Public Policy and Social Concerns, reporting to The Rev Dr. Canon Karl Ruttan.

I will be concentrating on legislation and social justice concerns for the diocese as well as serving as a deacon to the wider diocese. During the week I will be in an office on the Fourth Floor. So, in a way, I have not left Trinity, but simply moved upstairs. On Sundays I will be serving as a deacon at various parishes throughout the diocese, either serving as chaplain to one of the bishops or spreading the news of what a deacon is and does. My new mantra will become 'have alb, will travel'.

I am excited about my new positions, but will truly miss my Trinity family. You have been with me throughout nine years as a parishioner and my five-year journey toward ordination, holding me in your hearts and prayers through each step. You wished me well when I went to Athens for my field work - none of us knew that within a short nine months I would be back. My placement at Trinity has given me a wealth of experiences, lots of laughs and a few tears. We, as a congregation, have grown closer and dearer to each other. Those connections and the memories will never go away. You will always hold a special place in my heart, not only because you raised me up to ordination, but because you



are some of the greatest people in the Diocese.

I will be preaching my last official sermon at Trinity on 24 May - in a small way saying goodbye to each and every one of you. . . and thanking you for the significant part you have played in my and Karen's life. Partings are always hard to do, but this is not a final goodbye. I will still be in the Diocese, seeking to do the work of God, and I imagine I will run into many of you from time to time.

So, it is not farewell, but thanks to each and every one of you as we all continue to minister to the poor, disenfranchised, forgotten and each other. I know that you will offer the hospitality and friendship I have found to every person that steps in the door of Trinity. I could ask for nothing more as a parting gift.

My blessing to each of you,

Deniray Mueller

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FROM DEACON SCHOOL STUDENT JOE MAZZA:

So much has happened in the last couple of months and I would like to give you an update. As you know, June is a very special month for me with Deacon School graduation and - God willing - ordination to the diaconate.

The most difficult part of all of this is that sometime this summer, I will be leaving Trinity Church. As many of you know, my wife Carol lost her job last October when Value City Department Stores announced their closing. This was a big and mostly unexpected jolt to our lives. After searching for several months for employment here in Columbus, which was our preference, Carol was offered and accepted the position of Director of Advertising with Winn-Dixie Stores in Jacksonville, Florida. This is a wonderful opportunity for Carol and she is enjoying it very much.

The dilemma for me, of course, is that I will be leaving friends and colleagues here in Columbus and most especially at Trinity Church. I will be here until we sell our home in New Albany, which is an unknown right now, but we hope will happen by mid-summer. As you know, I chose to continue my second year of student field work here at Trinity under the tutelage of our rector, Dick Burnett, rather than take another assignment. As the year progressed, I also realized that my hope was to be permanently placed at Trinity after ordination. In no way did I want to leave all of you, Father Dick, and the ministry of In The Garden. Your support of my journey and ministry made this a very special place for me, and I felt I had found a home.

As things go, that is not to be. I do, however, take with me the knowledge that appointment as a deacon at Trinity would have become a reality if it were not for my having to move to Jacksonville. Knowing that is of great comfort. I am sure that God will open up many new opportunities for ministry as I move on, and the weather will not be too hard to take either. After an initial period of grief and sadness, I am now ready for whatever I am called to do.

Trinity is and always will be a very special church. A church is really not a building, but its people, and it is all of you who make Trinity special. I am very proud to say that our ministry to the needy, In The Garden, has been placed in the hands of a very capable group of parishioners who came forward willingly. I believe that God put In The Garden in their path, just as He put it in mine. I know you will be hearing from the In The Garden leadership soon, and it is my hope and my prayer that you respond to them as you did me. I pray that as you honored my time and ministry with your support for In The Garden, you continue to sponsor crosses and donate, as you are able, for food and clothing. You have humbled me through your support. Our congregation every Sunday afternoon is very much a part of Trinity Church, and their numbers are growing.

Over the last two years I have learned much from all of you about my call to servant ministry as a deacon. From one of my first times on Trinity's altar when I spilled wine all over my new alb, to having the honor of carrying the cross around Capitol Square on Good Friday, to your listening to me as a new preacher, to taking part in the baptism of two of our In The Garden parishioners, and everything in between, you have offered me more than I could have ever hoped for.

My first time serving and preaching as an ordained deacon will be at Trinity the day after ordination, Sunday, June 14th. My children and grandchildren will be in attendance and I would love for all of you to meet them.

Thank you, and may God be with you always.

Joe Mazza

