



Trinity Episcopal Church and Anglican Community: Volume XVI, Number 12, June 25, 2026

UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

- ▶ **June 28 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
- ▶ **July 5 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

Episcopal Message for June 25

The Episcopal message for June 25, 2026, centers on faith, endurance, and fearless discipleship. Building on the lectionary for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, congregations are encouraged to step forward with courage, knowing that God is intimately aware of their value and will provide strength through any adversity.

COME LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER



150TH ANNIVERSARY THE HIGHLANDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *The Church of the Epiphany's Original Church*



On June 14, Trinity parishioners attended the special service at Highland Presbyterian to help celebrate its 150th anniversary.

Janet and Priscilla spoke about being young kids going to what was then Epiphany. Brian read the second reading, and Gail, Peg, Geoff, and Kim attended.

Also, Allendale historian Fred Litt gave a presentation about the history of the chapel after the service. He has written a book about the chapel.

When Lana informed him last week that there is a safe in our storage room that contains documents about Epiphany, he came over and discovered valuable documents about the chapel, who attended church and photos. He was over the moon and has put the documents in the office so that he can read through them. He would like to find a space to display his collection including what he has found in the safe.
Gail



PLEASE NOTE

The Trinity Times newsletter will be taking a break over the summer.
This is the last issue before we begin the newsletter summer hiatus.
Our next issue will be August 27.



YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

Nicole, Martie, Michael, Jim, Bridget, Ed, Joanne, Lynette, Jana, Margie, Russ, Carol, Bob, Debby, Michael, Deirdre, Mandy, Jacqui, Braden, Lydia, Tom, Rich, Bruce, Marilyn, Wayne, Jacqueline, Joe, Erik, and Kim



TRINITY RECTORY



The rectory is looking wonderful, and we are ready to put it on the rental market. The aim is to secure a tenant to not only cover the cost of maintaining the rectory but also add revenue to support Trinity's ministries.

Our ongoing **tremendous thanks** to Rich, Lana, Karen, Gail, Bernie, Shane, and Stephanie who are so graciously contributing their time and talent to this project.



JUNE LECTOR, SERVER, CRUCIFER MIINISTRY

6/28: Fifth Sunday After Pentecost - Nancy (L), Karen (S), Roget (C)



SUMMER COFFEE HOUR

Thank You to all who responded to the call for Coffee Hour hosting!

June 29

Gail Scanlan

July 5th

Janet & Priscilla

July 12th

Para & Lynn

July 19th

Shane

July 26th Ruth and Kristen

We are grateful for your generous contribution & leadership

The August signup sheets will be posted on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex!

Anyone signing up that needs some guidance, let me know and I will be happy to help you.

Janet Zacco

LOVELY SERVICE & FUN FELLOWSHIP!



Thank you, Kristen, for your photo contributions!

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OUTREACH

MUSTARD SEED ACADEMY

A personal story. When you sponsor a student at Mustard Seedy Academy, you truly are making a major and measurable difference in their lives!

“Mr. Ssemwanga Ethan Davis” was among the students we sponsored at Mustard Seed Academy. We began sponsoring him when he was in nursery school and continued through his graduation. He is now at university. Below is his recent message to us.

WAY
We Are Youths
One Teach One

WAY CONVERSATIONS
Real Conversations. Real Impact. Real Growth.

Host:
Mr. Ssemwanga Ethan Davis
PRO - WAY

Guest Speaker:
Mr. Gideon Nova Kwikiriza
N & L Digital Consultancy

THEME:
BEYOND LIKES, USING THE INTERNET FOR GROWTH & SUCCESS.

DATE: Friday 26th June, 2026
TIME: 4:00pm
VENUE: WAY Youth Space

Follow Us: Facebook, X, Instagram, TikTok

Today I want to share with you my new idea I want to start by 26th June 2026.

Since we are in a world that people use social media as a source of information, I started “WAY CONVERSATIONS.”

WAY stands for (We Are Youths) in which we shall be talking on different topics as young people.

I will be hosting different youths and even older people to discuss with me on different matters

I think this platform will help me reach my goal of empowering young people through becoming good leaders, good citizens and also being impactful to the world.

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CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION

Even though the *Trinity Times* will be on hiatus for July and most of August, the Center For Food Action (CFA) collection continues!

Trinty supports the Center for Food Action (CFA) year-round. When you shop at the grocery story, consider grabbing a few extra items for this ministry and when you come to church, place it in the CFA Basket collection. ALL donations are much appreciated.

Ideas ... “Breakfast Items” such as juice boxes, peanut butter, graham crackers, canned fruit, or “Summertime Items” such as sunscreen, swimming diapers, juice packs, and keep in mind “Back to School Items” for August, such as notebooks, writing utensils, backpacks, markers, etc., or simply a check which we will use to purchase a grocery store gift card.



Prison Ministry Diocese of Newark

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PATCH Program Back to School Drives

Now thru July 31

Donations to Purchase School Uniform Vouchers
each family receives a voucher to help defray uniform expenses

Checks payable to Diocese of Newark
with Prison Ministry on the memo line
mail to: Prison Ministry c/o Grace Church
200 Highfield Lane, Nutley, NJ 07110

Donations of New Backpacks & New School Supplies
Drop off at Grace Church 200 Highfield Lane, Nutley
Questions? newarkprisonministry@gmail.com

How Much? Any amount helps!
The cost of school uniforms varies widely, \$100-\$350 per child for a basic set (shirts, pants or skirts, sweaters or blazers and shoes). Factors like school dress code, quality and quantity impact the overall price.

For Each Backpack

- 3-4 pencils
- colored pencils or markers
- crayons
- pack of paper
- 2 spiral notebooks
- 2 small or one large glue stick
- pair of scissors
- 2 folders
- 1 ruler
- erasers

As you find yourself shopping in the weeks of summer, keep in mind this important ministry. More information will follow for Trinity's meaningful participation

MEN'S SHELTER – Preparing & Delivering Dinner to St. Paul's

The 2026 schedule for providing meals for the St. Paul's Men's Shelter is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider signing up to help with this important outreach ministry, on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Contact Lana or Donna Speizer with any questions.

Thank You to our Summer Months Contributors

**Paralee & Nancy
Karen & Amanda**

**July
August**



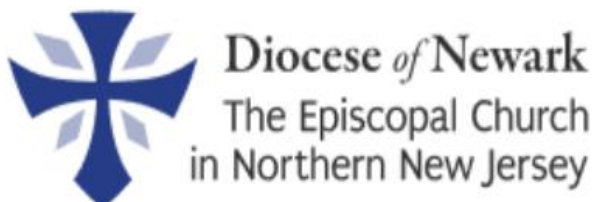
Community Thrift Shop In Midland Park

The Shop is open for shopping on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm! Merchandise is accepted on Mondays only from 9 am to 12 noon. They are accepting In-Season Items! **Mark your bags or boxes with #66, our account.** Questions, please contact Janet.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Bishop Carlye Hughes will be visiting Trinity on
December 13!**



Bishop's Vlog

What does your soul need this summer?

JUNE 24, 2026



Trinity Times

With summer's slower pace comes an opportunity to reconnect with God. Bishop Hughes encourages us to approach the season as a Sabbath time, marked by study, prayer, reflection, and renewal. (Time: 5:00.)

Watch the 5 min. video: <https://dioceseofnewark.org/bishops-vlog/what-does-your-soul-need-this-summer/>

Video Transcript

This is Bishop Hughes in the Diocese of Newark, and it is the fourth week of June, and it's time in our diocese where we start thinking about Summer Sabbath. Every year, someone tells me it's "Summer Sabbath, I'm not going to church," and I think everyone knows at this point that is not what I'm talking about. We don't just take a pass from our spiritual life. We don't just say, "Hey, no more Jesus for the time that I'm on Sabbath." That is not how that works at all. But rather, summer Sabbath is a chance for us to regroup spiritually. Our schedules are a little bit more flexible. Vacation time is planned. We have less intensity to our day-to-day schedule and responsibilities. There's no school, there's no homework, there's no checking anybody's homework or getting them to various places that they need to go to during the school year, and the same thing seems to happen to everybody else's schedule, September through about mid-June, and then things start to loosen up.

So during this time where you have a little bit more freedom, I ask you to approach this time as a Sabbath time, as a time to ask yourself, "What do I need? What do I need in order to strengthen my faith life? What do I need in order to be refreshed by God? How can I be renewed spiritually?" To ask those questions, I want to offer just a few things to think about.

One, to do some study. It's a big year in the United States. We're going to celebrate 250 years of our being a nation, and there's an opportunity to really think about our history, to think about the fullness of our history. I feel so sad for people who think that if we look at the hard parts of our history, that somehow that makes us less American or means we're less patriotic, when actually the direct opposite is what happens. When we have a full approach to who we are, we learn about what we've done. We also learn how God has worked through people, and most often it's when people are working for the justice of others. So read as much as you can. Read Jemar Tisby, read Michelle Alexander, read Katherine Stewart, read Annette Gordon Reed, Kelly Brown Douglas. There's all sorts of authors – I'll make sure there's [a list for you](#) – that are worth reading in terms of getting a good handle on our American history and on some of the things that we are facing right now. So, do some, do some study that way.

When you also are doing that kind of reading, do some study in the Bible. Pick a book of the Bible. You pick the one that speaks to you at this particular moment. If you have problems picking one out, talk with your priest about it. Let them help you identify something you're interested in looking at. Pick a book of the Bible and spend the entire summer just on that one book. Just sit with it, read a part, and read, and let that sit with you. Keep going over the pieces that catch your attention. If you want to study in terms of looking at the history or the literature or deeper meanings, you can, but what I'm encouraging you to do is to stay with the words that are written and ask yourself as you read them, "What is it I'm learning about the life that I live right now? How do these words speak to the time that I'm in, in this very moment?"

And then the last thing that I would say – so asking you, spend time with people that you love and that you enjoy, spend some time studying our history, spend some time studying scripture, and then spend some time putting yourself simply in the presence of God. And for some of us, the thought of sitting in quiet makes us very nervous, so find ways to do that that bring you a sense of peace. For

some people, it is sitting in sacred space. So, take yourself to the church around the corner. It doesn't have to be your own church, but go to one that has its doors open during the week, and just sit in that quiet, and let that quiet space be a place where you can be in the presence of God. Some of us do that. I have a little prayer corner in my house, the place where I like to sit, and I have my journal with me, and my spiritual books with me, and my Bible with me. Sometimes I read, sometimes I write, sometimes I just simply sit in the quiet, listening for the sound of God's beckoning to me.

All of these things together are ways that we renew, we refresh, we reconnect to God. I hope you try any one of these, or all of them, or maybe even something new, but I hope that summer Sabbath will be a blessing to your soul and to your spirit.



Suggested Reading

Michelle Alexander:

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness

Isabel Wilkerson:

The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration

Jemar Tisby:

The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism

How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey Toward Racial Justice

Richard Rothstein:

The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America

Katherine Stewart:

Money, Lies, and God: Inside the Movement to Destroy American Democracy

The Power Worshippers: Inside the Dangerous Rise of Religious Nationalism

Annette Gordon Reed:

On Juneteenth

The Heminges of Monticello: An American Family

Kelly Brown Douglas:

Resurrection Hope: A Future Where Black Lives Matter

MINISTRY TIP



Ministry Tip: Foster a culture of caring by ensuring every church member has a personal point of contact.

- **As church members and leaders, caring for others in our church community should be our number one priority and the space where we excel above all institutions because we have the example and teachings of Jesus as our guideline. As a church community, we should be in touch and know the status of ALL our members year-round.** In many of our churches, our clergy and lay Eucharistic ministers do an excellent job of reaching out to the sick and shut-in. However, there may be more we can do to cover all within our congregations on a continuous basis. Below are some best practices.
- Add lay Eucharist visitors (separate from lay Eucharistic ministers) to supplement the number of people reaching out to our church family. **Engage the vestry members or another church group and assign ALL members of the congregation to each person in the group.** It is that person's responsibility to reach out to the members on their list (by phone, visit, or card) and report to the priest/warden if anything is amiss.
- **Include a pastoral report as an agenda item in your Vestry meeting, e.g., people visited in person or on the phone, others not visited, and again any issues to be addressed. Last and most important, all church members should be encouraged continuously to reach out to their neighbors.** Who is my neighbor?



Celebrating with Our Trinity Community



Dorothy Yoon

LOVED the "Welcome" cake.

Thanks, again, Priscilla & Janet & Trinity

Happy Birthdays

June 29 – Nancy

July 16 – Annie

July 20 – Dana

July 26 – Roget

July 28 – Kevin

August 2 – Janet

August 10 – Adam



FACILITIES USAGE

*Mention our beautiful spaces to your acquaintances, friends, and family;
Our Parish Hall and Commercial Kitchen make for a perfect venue!*

**Let us all make an effort to be
good stewards of our building, our budget, and our ministries.**



The Semi-quincentennial, America's 250th Anniversary

On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Join us as our community comes together for a festive parade kicking off our Holiday Observers celebration at Crestwood. On September 19, 2026, the parade will step off ahead of the main event and conclude at Crestwood, where festivities officially begin at 1:00 PM. **Community organizations and their members are invited to march—and to showcase their creativity and patriotism** by designing a float!

Key 2026 Allendale America 250 Events still ahead:

- **Hometown Hero Banner Program:** Banners for veteran residents will be displayed downtown from Memorial Day through Veterans Day in 2026 and 2027.
- **Community Celebration:** Scheduled for September 19, 2026, at The Fields at the Red Barn.

[America 250](#) | [Borough of Allendale](#)

**Trinity Church will be marching in the parade behind our banner.
More details to follow**

Happy Summer!

Our Trinity Times will resume on August 27

In the meantime, we'll see you in church 😊

As you enjoy your own summer adventures, please send along your photos so we can include them in our Aug. 28 Trinity Times Welcome Back issue!



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