



**AUGUST – 2017**  
**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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**Jeanne Hires, Editor**

**YARD SALE**

Trinity's annual yard sale will be Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from noon to 6:00pm and Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Soon there will be a work schedule with shifts for both days on the bulletin board. During the weeks leading up to the sale anyone can come organize and price whenever they have an hour or two. We will also work an hour or so after church on the Sundays before. It takes a lot of work and a lot of help to put this sale on. Thanks ahead of time for anything you can do.

**ANNUAL PICNIC**

Our annual picnic will be held at Blackler's cabin on Lake Osoyoos, Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> following the service. This is a planned potluck with the hot dogs provided. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert. You might bring a lawn chair for yourself. We always look forward to this event and especially this year because we haven't had family nights during the summer and miss the fellowship.

**MINUTES OF THE BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING -- JULY 18, 2017**

The meeting was held at noon, with Jeanne providing a delicious lunch. The Rev. Marilyn began the meeting with a prayer. Rev. Marilyn also read a scripture for our reflection and discussion.

**PRESENT:** The Rev. Marilyn Wilder, Dennis Wilder, Jeanne Hires, Perry Blackler, Alison Blackler, Pia Lemaster, and Marilyn McCullough.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the June 20 meeting were read and approved. Perry moved the minutes be accepted; Alison seconded; approved. The minutes of the special meeting on June 25 were also read and approved. Dennis moved the minutes be accepted; Jeanne seconded; approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Nancy was unable to attend, but gave the figures to Jeanne, who read them. June receipts are \$4,267.01. June expenses are \$2,977.93. The ending balance as of June 30 is \$3,715.00.

**WARDEN'S REPORT:** Jeanne reported that our Yard Sale will be held on Friday, August 18, from noon to 6:00 pm, and Saturday, August 19, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Some sorting and cleaning is being done during the week and after church on Sundays. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board for volunteers to help work at the Yard Sale. Jeanne will put a notice in the free section of the Gazette-Tribune to advertise the sale. Rev. Marilyn will make posters. Help will be needed to set up outside on Friday, August 18 before the sale.

Rev. Marilyn suggested the profit from the Yard Sale be donated to Jeff and Gail Frazier to help with medical expenses. Pia moved we donate the funds to Fraziers; Perry seconded; approved. A Baked Potato Feed will also be held in September to help the Fraziers, with a 10% title to the church. One hundred tickets will be printed.

The first half of the money in the amount of \$12,000.00 from the Diocesan Pool has been deposited for the new roof.

**CLERGY REPORT/WORSHIP & MINISTRY:** Rev. Marilyn reported that John McDonald, from St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Omak, will preach at Trinity on Sunday, August 20.

Rev. Marilyn reported that St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, in Ephrata, will take our filled suitcases and give them to New Hope Domestic Violence facility.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:** Dennis reported that Henson Roofing & Building, LLC will begin the roofing replacement in September and it will be done quickly.

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES:** The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15, at noon. Our annual picnic will be held at Blackler's Cabin on the lake on Sunday, August 27, after church.

**MISSION AND OUTREACH:** As noted above, monies from the Yard Sale and Potato Feed will be donated to Jeff and Gail Frazier, and the suitcases will be given to St. John the Baptist church in Ephrata.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Marilyn McCullough, Secretary

# *The Vicar's Notebook*

Do we believe in the power of prayer? I certainly hope so. I can speak for myself and it is a definite "Yes!" and I would hope that all of us would have that trust and comfort. But...

...there are times when our faith and trust are weakened by circumstances or neglect. Why doesn't God answer and fix this situation? The thing is that God has answered, is answering, even before we ask, but we are limited by our short-sightedness and blinded by what we think the outcome should be. How many times I have looked back and seen how my prayers were heard and were answered but I could not see it at the time. How much better was God's plan than mine! Each time I reflect on those situations and am grateful for the outcome, my trust is increased. We should not live in the past but we most certainly should learn from it in all respects.

Now neglect is another story altogether. If we choose to not practice the way of Jesus (prayer, worship, gathering together and caring about others) prayer most certainly will fall by the wayside because it does not stand alone. And if we fail to pray, we will fail to see God in our lives. To neglect is to dismiss God; to rage at his perceived silence in answer to our prayers, at least acknowledges that there is a God.

It is said "Our God is slow to anger..." but sometimes it seems that he is also slow to respond. I think not. It seems more likely that we are slow to catch on to the answer because it doesn't look like our own answer that we are really, really sure is the best one. Right?

*Marilyn+*

## **CHURCH & PARISH HALL ROOF**

The Bishop's Committee voted on having Henson Construction replace the church and parish hall roof. They had the lowest bid and came highly recommended. Work will not begin until September because of their schedule. We decided on brown metal to match the existing gutters and flashings. The first half of the estimate has been deposited and will be paid when the work begins with the remainder of the cost to be paid upon completion. The funds used for this project are coming from our investments in the Diocesan Pool Investment Fund. We have had some very generous former parishioners who left money to the church in their wills. We are grateful to these families that enable us to do some much needed repairs to the church we love.

## **BAKED POTATO FEED**

We will have a baked potato feed Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall. There will be 100 tickets for sale so we can better estimate the amount of food to buy. We will be asking people to cook or chop some of the toppings we will need. There will be more about this next month. The proceeds from the feed will go to Jeff and Gail Frazier's medical expenses.