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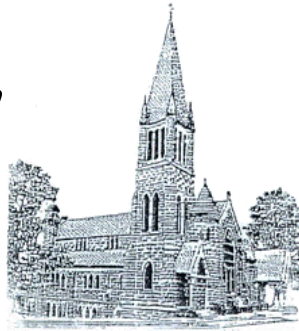
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## *Glad Tidings of Christ Episcopal Church Towanda, PA*



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#### *Summer Schedule*

##### **Sunday**

Holy Communion 10am

Coffee Hour

##### **Tuesday**

Holy Communion 8am\*

Breakfast at Harkness

##### **Wednesday**

Bible Study 6pm

Holy Communion 7pm\*

##### **Thursday**

Choir Practice 7pm

#### *\* Service in the Chapel*

#### *Upcoming Events*

**August 15<sup>th</sup>** Exodus Extreme Games

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** Next Vestry Meeting

**September 20<sup>th</sup>** Ventriloquist (See article on the last page)

**October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>** Diocesan Convention

#### *www.FreeRice.com*

www.freerice.com is a place where you can answer trivia questions and earn rice grains that are then donated to poorer countries. For each correct answer, 10 grains of rice are donated through the UN World Food Program. Playing helps you learn and you feed hungry people too! What a great way to help with the MDGs!

FreeRice is a non-profit website run by the United Nations World Food Program. Their partner is the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University.

FreeRice has two goals:

1. Provide education to everyone for free.
2. Help end world hunger by providing rice to hungry people for free.

## *Sunday School*

Pentecost Sunday marked the end of the 2008-2009 Sunday School year. As many of you know we tried something new this year with Sunday School being held during the church service when the children followed the cross downstairs right before the gospel and returned during the peace. The results were very positive as we saw an increase in overall attendance! I think parents appreciated the convenient time and actually being able to listen to the sermon! I have to admit, there were many Sundays that the kids (and teachers) wished the sermon was longer so they had more time in Sunday School. We are very blessed to have such great kids. Many thanks go out to Kippy Vail for the time and energy she spent preparing lessons, and Melina Hoffman who was a great teacher's aide. Have a great summer everyone!

*Debi Weisbrod,  
Sunday School Superintendent*

## *UTO*

The mission of the United Thank Offering is to expand the circle of thankful people. To achieve this mission, we encourage daily prayers, offerings and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings. The

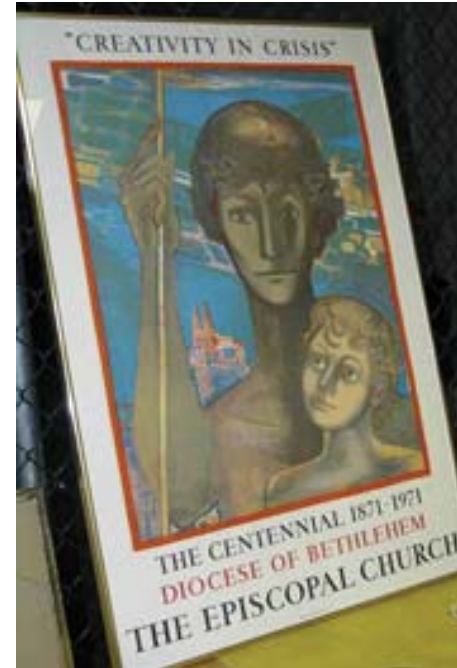
concept that UTO is not a fund drive, but rather a discipline in our daily life in Christ wherein we offer prayers of thanksgiving for our countless blessings, helps make giving a joyful experience.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th, there will be a special coffee hour, at which you will be able to receive information about the 2010 UTO grant year. If you can't attend, please let our secretary, Amy, or UTO Rep Brian Daly know, and we will gladly forward the information to you.

The following prayer is just one of many that UTO has published, and we believe it helps capture the basic idea behind the UTO drive. Please keep the date, and we look forward to seeing you in October!

***ALMIGHTY GOD;  
you give seed for us to sow,  
and bread for us to eat;  
make us thankful for what we have  
received;  
make us rich to those generous  
things  
which supply your people's needs;  
so all the world may give you  
thanks and glory.***

A New Zealand Prayer Book  
*Submitted by Brian Daly*



***Creativity in Crisis,  
the 1971 Centennial Poster***

If you've ever been in the church's men's room you may have noticed this poster. If you were not a member of the Diocese of Bethlehem in 1971, however, you may have wondered: What is it? Who painted it? Why?

To mark the 1971 Centennial Celebration of the Diocese of Bethlehem, the Episcopal Centennial Art Committee and the late Philip Berman, philanthropist and former owner and CEO of Hess's in Allentown, commissioned Francoise Gilot-Salk to paint the original color lithograph from which signed and numbered impressions were given to the churches of the Diocese to highlight "Creativity in Crisis," the theme of the Centennial Celebration. Posters were also made.

Gilot-Salk, famed French artist and widow of Dr. Jonas Salk, discoverer and developer of the first safe and effective polio vaccine, superimposed seven different color plates to create the litho that was made at the renowned House of Mourlot in Paris.

"Creation is love expressed," Gilot-Salk said in describing her work. "The universe and mankind reflect God's love in the same way. I believe that creativity is the core of the living force which allows man to evolve, to go forward triumphantly, over the destructive forces within himself and in the world." Noting that a crisis can represent opportunity as well as danger," she used the image of a youth opening a path to a child in her painting.

"It could be St. John the Baptist and the Christ," she explained. "The larger figure, St. John, in half shadow is the truth which starts to emerge in the present, sheltering and making possible the Christ – becoming in full light, light itself, self-evident and thoroughly expressed in the future. It can be true of all of us if we allow creation to be continued.

"The youth holds the stick of 'Order' – discipline of the self which relates to the landscape where on top of a Mount stands the church, (Tradition and Teaching) and shows direction towards the open skies of infinite possibility"

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## ***ACOLYTES***

Broadly speaking, Acolytes are those who assist the Clergy during a church service, which for us is usually Communion. They, the choir & organist, the ushers and the reader complete the support group, who are essential to an appropriate Communion service.

We have four types of acolytes: Server, Chalice Bearer, Crucifer and Torch Bearer. When we have a beginning young person, we often use he/she as Book Bearer, who carries the Gospel Book during the processional and recessional.

The Server, who works at the right of the altar as you face it, assists the Clergy by: 1) Handing the Gospel book to the Clergy at the beginning of the Gospel procession, 2) Assisting Clergy in several ways during the preparation of the Altar Table for Communion, 3) Presenting the Bread and Wine and Offertory plates to the Altar, and 4) Assisting in the Altar Table cleanup.

The Chalice Bearer offers the Communion wine cup to communicants for either half or all of the altar rail.

The Crucifer carries the Cross while leading the processional, the Gospel procession, where he also guides the Sunday School group to the rear of the church, and leading the recessional. In addition, if we have only one torch bearer, he can assist the torch bearer during the actual serving of Communion.

The Torch Bearers light the altar candles before the service and follow the Crucifer during the processional, Gospel procession and recessional while carrying

their candles. In addition, they give the offering plates to the Ushers and deliver the bread and wine and completed offering plates to the Server. Before the Communion, they place the kneeling pad at the altar and then guide the congregation to the altar rail.

While we welcome others to the Server, Crucifer and Chalice Bearer duties and will gladly train them, we currently have a reasonable supply of them, especially as we sometimes combine two duties, such as Server and Chalice Bearer.

However, Torch Bearers are in short supply. We have 2 pairs of young people and one adult pair. It is desirable to have a pair at each service, although we only schedule one Bearer during July and August due to vacations. This requires serving every 3rd week, which is more than we would like.

I ask that adults consider serving as Torch Bearers. I think you would find this to be enjoyable duty and is valuable to the parish. Please contact Mother Maureen or Deacon Larry if you would like to discuss this further.

*Submitted by the  
Rev. Lawrence Holman, Deacon*

## ***Parish Milestones***

### ***Marriage***

Charles & Danielle Kellogg  
March 24, 2009

### ***Confirmed***

Julia Burger  
Abby Coon  
Logan Daly  
Shenia Falsey  
Mason Hugo

### ***Received***

Brigitte Callear

### ***Reaffirmed***

Brian Daly

### ***Faithful Departed***

Joseph Chilson  
Mary J. "Molly" Hawke  
The Rev. Canon Edward Leonard  
Caum III  
Todd Secules  
Nelson Cochran

### ***Ventriloquist to visit Sept. 20th***

Susan Klein and her family of friends (Dylan, Carly, Fast Eddie, Harry, Hazel & Duncan) have been tickling funny bones for many years. Located in Nanticoke, PA., Susan has been a ventriloquist since 1995 and is a member of the North American Association of Ventriloquists. Susan has entertained audiences for various programs in schools, churches, social clubs and civic organizations. Her main goal is to promote the art of Ventriloquism and captivate the heart

of all audiences, while sharing the saving message of Jesus' love.

### ***Food Pantry***

We have been trying something new to help keep our Food Pantry fully stocked. We would like to suggest the following items for donation and to help you plan ahead and look for the items on sale we are calling this the "Item of the Week."

Week of:

August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Pasta/Rice/ Sauces  
August 9<sup>th</sup> – Cereals  
August 16<sup>th</sup> - Soups  
August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Peanut Butter/Jelly  
September 6<sup>th</sup> – Tuna Fish  
September 13<sup>th</sup> – Canned Fruit  
September 20<sup>th</sup> Canned Vegetables  
September 27<sup>th</sup> – Toiletries  
October 4<sup>th</sup> – Tissues/Paper products

Cut this list out and put it on your refrigerator. Of course these are only suggestions, **all** donations of **any** food items will be greatly appreciated!

### ***Email addresses***

Effective August 1. Mother Mo has a new email address:  
rev.hipple@christchurchtowanda.org

Our Secretary, Amy McDonald also can be reached by email at  
amy.mcdonald@christchurchtowanda.org