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ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 3, 2018

AGENDA

Opening Prayer

Approval of Minutes of the Annual Meeting of June 11, 2017

Canonical Requirements Concerning Eligibility to Vote

Reports:

1. Wardens
2. Treasurer
3. Trinity Academy
4. Choir School of Hartford
5. Recognition of Outgoing Vestry Members
6. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election
7. Swearing in of Vestry Officers, New Vestry Members
8. Feedback – Questions, Joys, Concerns of Members of the Annual Meeting
9. New Business: Presentation by Northeast Collaborative Architects
10. Setting the date for the 2019 Annual Meeting (Trinity Sunday, June 16, 2019)
11. Other Business
12. Adjournment
13. Closing Hymn
14. Blessing
15. Dismissal

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STAFF AND ASSISTING CLERGY

The Rev. Dr. Donald L. Hamer.....Rector
The Rev. George A. Chien.....Assisting Clergy, Associate for Digital Ministries
The Rev. Thomas J. Furrer*Assisting Clergy
The Rev. Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick*Assisting Clergy
The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith*Assisting Clergy
The Rev. William J. Eakins*Rector Emeritus
Mr. Benjamin Wyatt * Seminarian
Mr. Jackson Merrill..... Director of Music Ministries
Ms. Pamela HaddadAssistant to the Rector
Ms. Fran Times-Mack Parish Financial Manager
Mr. Vincent PacileoProperty Manager
Mr. Clement Mogor*Co-Church School Coordinator
Ms. Kate Rousseau*Co-Church School Coordinator
Ms. Katherine Wilson* Voice Editor
Ms. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick* Archivist

** Non-stipendiary clergy and staff*

OFFICERS

J. Alan RiceWarden
Martha FreimuthWarden
Janet Wilkinson.....Treasurer
Kenneth (Casey) RousseauAssistant Treasurer
Kathleen (Kitty) Peterson Clerk

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VESTRY

Class of 2015: Claire Blissett
Marcus Clark
Jacob Troiano
Timothy Watt

Class of 2016

Georges Annan-Kingsley
Ruth Rose
Jannel Thomas

Class of 2017

Kevin Chick
Richard Syracuse
Katherine Wilson
Steve Zhitnik

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with hymns and sermon
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with hymns, sermon, and choirs

WEEKDAY SERVICE

12:00 p.m. Thursday Holy Eucharist with sermon

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
FOR 2017-2018 ANNUAL MEETING

OFFICERS (1-year terms)

Wardens

Martha Freimuth..... 2nd term

J. Alan Rice..... 4th term

Clerk

Kathleen (Kitty) Peterson 4th term

Treasurer

Janet Wilkinson..... 4th term

Assistant Treasurer

Kenneth (Casey) Rousseau 11th term

VESTRY – At-Large

3-year term:

Robin D'Oyen, Walton Brown-Foster, William Kofalk, Stephen Sirotko

1-year term (to complete term of Martha Freimuth, Class of 2016)

Kevin Rennie

DELEGATE TO CONVENTION

There are no delegates or alternates to be elected this year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2017-2018

2nd term to expire 2018:

James Bradley, Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, William Lawrence, Ernestine Weaver

1st term to expire 2019:

Claire Blissett, Marcus Clark, Jacob Troiano, Timothy Watt

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Hartford, Connecticut

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

TRINITY SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017

- I. Opening Prayer: Opening prayer was led by The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith. The Rev. Dr. Donald L. Hamer, Rector, called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes of the Annual Meeting of May 22, 2016:
 - a. Motion to accept minutes was made by Jo-Ann Sadosky and seconded by Enid Oberholtzer. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Motion duly made to accept minutes, which were approved unanimously.
- III. Canonical Requirements concerning Eligibility to Vote: Rector explained that one must be at least 16 years old, faithful in attendance at worship and faithful in financial support of the church. He stated that there are 386 eligible members.
- IV. Reports
 - a. Rector: Fr. Don Hamer's full report was presented in the form of a sermon at the 9:30 a.m. service.
 - b. Wardens: (Percy Williamson and J. Alan Rice) -Percy announced that she would be stepping down from the position of warden, as it was the end of her 4-year term. She remarked at how quickly the time had passed, expressed appreciation to the parish for love and support, recounted events during her tenure, which included the death of her beloved husband Bruce, and stated joyfully that "Trinity is alive and well." Alan thanked Percy for her support and guidance as a friend and fellow warden.
 - c. Treasurer: Janet Wilkinson spoke about the church's Profit and Loss Budget Performance (handout) as of December 31, 2016. Highlights included: balancing the budget, reducing the draw on the endowment, meeting with Luis Fuentes, which led to reclassifying expenses, which also led to a reduction in the parish's payments to the diocese. Attendees engaged Janet in a question-and-answer session after her presentation.
 - d. Trinity Academy: Head of School Karen Connal thanked all for the blessing of using the church facilities to house the school. She explained that forty-three students are enrolled for academic year 2017-2018. Jennifer Scanzano

continues as principal, and she is also the parent of a new baby. Ms. Connal stated that the school is looking for volunteers for 2017-2018. She announced that the Spirituality class will be offered to all three grades in 2017-2018 to support the core values of the school. The class will be led by Father Don Hamer. She also announced that the school's library is growing with lots of wonderful books. Trinity Academy is becoming better known and making a difference; it admitted students from sixteen different schools in the Hartford area. She invited everyone to come take a tour of the school. Attendees engaged in a question-and-answer session with Ms. Connal after her presentation.

Fr. Don expressed special thanks to librarians: Liz Kirkpatrick, Anne Green and Richard Syracuse for their tireless efforts. A testament to their work with students: about eighty-one books are checked out of the library every week.

- e. Choir School of Hartford: Enid Oberholtzer spoke about students' grace of spirit and warmth as they adapted to a change in program, to a new part-time director. She announced upcoming singing events, most notably this summer's trip to England, July 14-21. Enid expressed her thanks to the congregation for its support.

Fr. Don thanked Dr. Jun Lee, Interim Director of Music Ministries, for everything that he has done with The Choir School of Hartford, for adapting smoothly to the interim year. It was not easy, but Jun handled it with grace and patience. We will get to say farewell and to wish him the best at a celebration in his honor on June 23rd. The new Director of Music Ministries, Mr. Jackson Merrill, will assume his post on Sunday, August 13th.

- V. Update: Reorganization of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut: Fr. Don Hamer spoke about the new system that is based on six regions e.g. North, South, Central (to which Trinity Church, Hartford belongs), East and West. He explained that this system is supposed to promote more outreach and comingling with other churches. Each region will have a regional missionary, who will work with its parishes. A regional missionary will be coming soon to work with Trinity Church.
- VI. Recognition of Outgoing Vestry Members: Fr. Don recognized and thanked the following outgoing vestry members: Percy Williamson, James Bradley (out of town), Liz Kirkpatrick, William Lawrence (out of town) and Ernestine Weaver. Unity candles made in Tanzania were given out as gifts. Special thanks went out to Percy, "the emotional warden" (her words).

- VII. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election: The Nominating Committee's full report appears on page six in the Annual Report for May 2016- May 2017. Chair Jacqui Johnson read the slate of nominees. The Clerk (Kathleen J. Peterson) was requested to make a motion to cast one vote in favor of the entire slate. Motion was made by the clerk and seconded by Anne Rapkin. Nominees were approved unanimously.
- VIII. Swearing in of Vestry Officers and New Vestry Members: Attorney Lily Miller administered the oaths to Martha Freimuth, J. Alan Rice (Wardens); Kathleen ("Kitty") J. Peterson (Clerk); Janet Wilkinson (Treasurer); Kenneth ("Casey") Rousseau (Assistant Treasurer); Kevin Chick, Richard Syracuse, Katherine ("Kathie") Wilson and Steven Zhitnik, at-large members.
- IX. Feedback: Questions, joys, and concerns of the Assembly were expressed.
- X. New Business: Discussion of Capital Campaign with Partners for Sacred Places – This was addressed in Fr. Don's sermon this morning, as well as in the recent issue of the parish newsletter, *Trinity Voice*. Fr. Don encouraged all to attend the workshop and potluck supper with Mr. Gianfranco Grande from Partners for Sacred Places, to be held on Saturday, June 17, 2017. After a Q & A session, Fr. Don asked that parishioners be actively engaged and that they partner with the Vestry throughout the process of undertaking the capital campaign.
- XI. Setting the Date for the 2018 Annual Meeting: J. Alan Rice made a motion to hold next year's meeting on Trinity Sunday (May 27, 2018). After discussion, Alan amended his motion and moved that the Annual Meeting be held instead on Sunday, June 3, 2018. Percy Williamson seconded the amended motion, which was approved unanimously.
- XII. Other Business: None
- XIII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was moved and seconded at 12:15 p.m.
- XIV. Blessing was delivered by Bishop Andrew Smith
- XV. Dismissal

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen J. Peterson, *Clerk*

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WARDENS' REPORT 2017-2018

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

The year has been dominated by one overarching concern: becoming a self-sustaining parish. Worries about our finances have often been at the fore of our deliberations. But we can confidently report that the vitality of Trinity Church has never been in question; indeed, from our perspective it is stronger than ever.

But even more significant has been our exploration of how Trinity serves God's mission in the community. Central to that was the visit of Bishop Laura Ahrens on Palm Sunday. To prepare, members of the Vestry went out in pairs to explore the Asylum Hill neighborhood on foot, and to report back on how we saw God acting close to our home. The meeting with Bishop Ahrens included not only the Vestry, but the quadrant liaisons, assisting clergy, and the President of the Trinity Academy Board of Trustees. The discussion was lively and candid, and confirmed that the church is truly a vital part of the community and active in discovering and fulfilling God's purpose.

Central to that is the preparation for a major capital campaign with guidance and assistance from Partners for Sacred Places and their director Gianfranco Grande. An architectural firm, Northeast Collaborative Architects (NCA), was engaged, and its staff has attended several focus-group meetings to discern the needs of different parish organizations. The guiding principal behind the campaign will be how Trinity can more completely be the place of "welcome, hope, and healing" that it proclaims to be. That means going beyond mere fixing-up and looking for ways in which the church can become a more active participant in God's mission. NCA has been working closely with the Rector, the Wardens, and the lay leadership to bring forth a feasible proposal. Much of the groundwork has been laid, and the "active phase" of the campaign will begin in September.

There have been ongoing collaborations with other parishes. An intimate Thanksgiving Day service was held at Grace Lutheran Church; St. Monica's Church was the guest of Trinity in September; Evensong has been celebrated jointly with St. John's in West Hartford. Martha

attended a meeting titled “Faithful Futures” at the Commons to discuss strategies for collaboration among Episcopal parishes. And most intriguing and promising, Emanuel Lutheran Church on Capitol Avenue and Trinity Church are exploring ways to join forces for the future success of Trinity Academy and the Choir School of Hartford. Discussions between Fr. Don, Pastor Paula Mehmel, and the staff and boards of the Academy and the Choir School are ongoing and promising.

The relationship between the Academy and Trinity Church has been particularly important to the Vestry. To be accredited, the school must include four grades; this necessitates adding a first grade class of about eight students. Where to locate the additional classroom without disrupting regular church activities has been a matter of thoughtful discussion, all the while recognizing the importance of the Academy’s tenancy as part of Trinity’s mission.

Also of note, but covered in more detail elsewhere in this Report, are Trinity’s ongoing services both to its own congregation and to the community at large. Our parish outreach has never been so vigorous.

As mentioned above, sustainability has been a deep concern. At one point this fall, it looked like our income for 2017 was not going to meet expectations, and that pledges for 2018 were going to be insufficient to our needs. Fortunately, several members of the congregation stepped up and through their generosity, the gap was closed. For the second year in a row, we will be operating on the basis of a balanced budget and reducing the annual draw on the church endowment to an acceptable level. But the near-crisis has forced us to reexamine our approach to responsible stewardship. On average, the amount pledged per unit has increased, but the number of pledges has declined. A committee has been formed to consider how we might address this dilemma. We know that it is certainly not unique to Trinity Church and is one that we can expect to face in the future, but we know too that God will provide for His people, and that as a people strong in our faith we will be able to meet the challenges that lie before us.

That said, we rejoice in the vitality of the Trinity community, a light that shines forth for others to see and give thanks and glory to God. As wardens, we are grateful to be a part of a tireless and selfless Spirit-led team: Fr. Don, the staff, the Vestry, and the volunteers, everyone who joins together not to proclaim ourselves, for God “has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” Thanks be to God.

Submitted by Alan Rice & Martha Freimuth, *Wardens*

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES REPORT 2017-2018

The Choir School of Hartford and the Adults of the Trinity Choir have had a busy and fulfilling musical year. Highlights of the year include: A Choir School showcase tour to Baltimore, Choir School Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser and Concert, Combined Christmas Concert with the Hartt School (University of Hartford), Pinkham: Christmas Cantata and Haydn, St. John Mass on Christmas Eve, Guest Evensong at St. John's - West Hartford, Evensong for the First Sunday of Lent, and Evensong for the Feast of the Ascension with singers from St John's - Washington, CT, and St. James's - West Hartford, and weekly sung Compline during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

We look forward to expanding the offerings of the music ministries next year, as we continue dialogue and collaboration with Emanuel Lutheran - Hartford, the Boys and Girls Club of Hartford, and build on our important relationship with Trinity Academy. We also plan on expanding the liturgical offerings of our music ministries in the way of additional musical services (Evensong and Compline offerings). Most of all, we look forward to continuing in our musical and spiritual role at Trinity Church, Sunday by Sunday, as we gather as a community for weekly Holy Eucharist.

Submitted by Jackson (Jack) Merrill, *Director of Music Ministries*

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2017-2018

ANNUAL REPORTS OF PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

WORSHIP QUADRANT

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Acolyte Program

The Acolyte Ministry trains and depends on younger members of the church to learn about and deepen their faith by serving as integral participants in our worship, and thereby serving God and the Trinity community. Acolytes together learn and practice four principles in their ministry: Responsibility, Teamwork, Leadership, and Reverence. Their ministry enhances their own formation in faith. Acolytes minister in one or two worship services each month. Currently 14 young people participate in this ministry, down from 21 just three years ago.

This year the Lead Acolytes designed and led a gathering for the young people in the parish. They devised a training for the newer acolytes and led each part of it themselves. They concluded by carrying out the acolyte duties of different parts of the service – incorrectly! Thus they challenged newer acolytes to watch and speak up when they did something incorrectly. Two moms, Jannel Thomas and Carla Griffith, prepared a delicious lunch for everyone when the rehearsal was done.

The acolytes are guided by Six Active Lead Acolytes: Elizabeth Rousseau (12th grade), Kachi Onoh (12th grade), Shquia Moore-Thomas (12th grade, on leave), Leroy Bohlen (11th grade), Jonathan Ude (11th grade), Davonte Griffith (11th Grade), and Jordan Moore-Thomas (9th grade). They lead the acolytes each Sunday beginning with preparation and rehearsal at 9 AM, and ending with resetting the chancel after the service. Mr. Roy McAlpine serves as their guide and resource person when questions arise, as does Mr. Ray Wilson.

The other Acolyte Ministers are: Kenny Okeke (7th grade), Tro Moo (6th grade), Malik Thomas (6th Grade), Juan Matos (5th grade), Trocari Griffith-McCalop (4th grade), Xavion Williams (9th grade), and his brother Justice Black (5th grade).

Participation in the Acolyte Ministry encourages young people to develop healthy relationships with God and each other. We have one or two gatherings per year for fellowship and training. New members are welcome, and, frankly, needed. All acolytes, especially new ones, serve on Sunday only after proper preparation.

Parents and older siblings already do the driving to get their kids to church an hour early for their rehearsal. God bless you! You are also welcome to support their ministry by chaperoning, and helping to plan and carry out their fellowship and gatherings during the year. Special thanks to Jannel Thomas and Carla Griffith who have shared their time and talents so generously.

Parishioners age 8 and above are welcome to join this ministry if they wish to team up with others to learn and participate.

Please contact Mr. Roy McAlpine (860-338-4525) to join or to learn more.

Submitted by Roy McAlpine

Altar Guild

This small, but very dedicated, core of parishioners sets up the altar for all services at Trinity. In addition they wash and iron altar linens, make textile and other changes in the chancel and chapel to follow the liturgical calendar, polish silver and brass, and do whatever is needed so the faith community of Trinity Church may worship and honor God. A normal week has three Eucharist services with occasional funerals and weddings. Easter is the busiest season - there were 9 services during the week. The altar had to be set up for each and there was "clean-up" after each. The altar angels who carried out these duties and do so throughout the year are Karin Peterson, Carmen Belgrave, Claire Blissett, Louisa Cummings, Robin D'Oyen, Marion Pereira, Kitty Peterson, Mary Register, Cecelia Timothy, and Ernestine Weaver.

Submitted by Karin Peterson

The Choir School of Hartford – *Helping children develop life skills through the art and discipline of music*

Our choristers continue to provide our community with beautiful and inspiring music in our worship as they are working with Choir School Director, Jackson Merrill. And now that the Choir School has transitioned in leadership, the Choir School Board has made a transition as well.

After more than a decade of dedicated service and leadership to the Choir School Board of Directors, Enid Oberholtzer stepped down as President of the Board. Her continued dedication and engagement are profoundly valuable to the Board, and she continues to be a leader amongst the group. Given this change, the Board of the Choir School engaged in strategic planning and governance workshops to begin some "out of the box" thinking to enhance the Choir School and the Board.

The Choir School Board will be working towards recruiting more choristers, cultivating more volunteers for the organization and growing its Board of Directors. Our goal is to reach more deeply into the community and to enhance the sustainability of the School as an independent mission supported by Trinity Episcopal Church.

If you are interested in learning how you can volunteer with the Choir School of Hartford, Board of Directors, please contact Ernestine Weaver at 860-930-9273 or eyweaver@icloud.com.

Submitted by Ernestine Weaver

Flower Guild

Trinity Church is one of the few remaining churches that does its own flower arrangements. We have been fortunate to have such wonderful volunteers over the years. This was a banner year with the addition of Paul Cooper to our regular team.

Last summer we were again able to have new volunteers do the more informal arrangements using flowers from their own gardens and pickings from the Trinity Memorial Garden. Special thanks to Peter Green, Anne Rapkin, Martha Freimuth, Linda MacGougan, and Kate Rousseau for pitching in over the summer. We will again be asking for summer volunteers to help out.

We would also like to thank the entire congregation for the wonderful help this past Christmas. Changing from Advent IV to Christmas was accomplished in under two hours which was truly a miracle. Please consider joining us this year. We can use more help year round and we will help you get started.

Committee Members: Jane Harris, George Chien, Paul Cooper, Percy Williamson

Submitted by Jane Harris

Hospitality/Sunday Fellowship Hour

As a part of our larger ministry of hospitality, Fellowship Hour (aka Coffee Hour) is a ministry in which all of us are called to participate. Based on the model used in previous years a proposed schedule of "Hosts" of Fellowship Hour was sent out to members of Trinity Church and published in the Voice. Assignments were made for the "Program Year", September through June, with a break for the summer. The Fruit Ministry continued with a core group providing cut fruit. Jennifer Stephens, Penny Pearson, Debbie Hamer, Valerie Pogue and Barbara "Boo" Morton have faithfully provided fruit weekly. The Sunday staff, Vinnie Pacileo, makes and sets out the coffee for 8:00 a.m. service. Debbie Hamer keeps the hospitality closet stocked with supplies. Jennifer Stephens faithfully coordinates Fellowship Hour with the help of Zaida Martinez and weekly hosts.

SUMMER CHANGES: For the summer months 6/24 to 8/26 everyone is invited to volunteer on a Sunday to host lemonade/iced tea/water in the garden. The Hospitality Team needs a break! Vinnie will have a table in the garden and set up the drink dispensers in the kitchen. Light snacks like cookies are optional! There will not be fruit; the Fruit Ministry will restart in September. **SO SIGN UP IN GOODWIN HALL.** If no one has signed up, please feel free to jump in and make the lemonade! Instructions are taped to the cabinet over the sink.

FALL PLANS: On September 9 will be the annual Parish Picnic so there will not be a "Coffee Hour". After our great picnic we will resume our FELLOWSHIP HOUR with the FRUIT MINISTRY. Everyone will once again have the opportunity to volunteer to host Fellowship Hour. The sign-up sheet will be in Goodwin Hall. Jennifer Stephens will continue to co-ordinate the Fellowship Hour. Debbie Hamer will continue to manage supplies. The Fruit Ministry will continue and welcomes more volunteers.

Sign up in Goodwin Hall or call the office, Jennifer, or Debbie. THANKS for your support.

Submitted by Debbie Hamer and Peter Green

Usher Ministry

The usher ministry continues to have loyal core of volunteers who help out every week greeting parishioners and others as they arrive at church, handing out programs, taking up the elements to the altar and collecting the offering. The following people helped out with all these activities during the past year:

Claire Blissett, Antoinette McCrary, Bill Kofalk, Carla Griffith, Kaylee Troiano, Destini Troiano, Devonte Griffith, Jonathan Ude, Justin Ude, Marcia Lee, Marshall Weaver, Mary Register, Kendall Okeke, Michael Okeke, Kenny Okeke, Kim Okeke, Ruth Rose, Walton Brown-Foster, Tracy Lanier and Neill Derrick

Submitted by Peter Green

Worship Assistants

During the 2017/2018 'church year' a large number of parishioners served in various capacities during worship services at Trinity Church

During the past year there were:

- 40 Lectors
- 22 Intercessors
- 21 Lay Eucharistic Ministers (who administer the chalice and, occasionally, paten at services at Trinity)
- 2 Vergers

This faithful group has assisted at all of Trinity's Sunday services (both 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.) as well as at many special services (Evensong, Lent, Holy Week, weddings, funerals, etc.)

Anyone interested in participating in any of these ministries is encouraged to speak with the rector, Ray Wilson or Roy McAlpine in order to get more information.

Submitted by Ray Wilson, *Coordinator*

Worship Leaders

During the 2017/2018 'church year' Trinity members conducted a weekly service of Morning Prayer, including a homily, at the Caleb-Hitchcock nursing facility, a part of the Duncaster Retirement community. This is a long term ministry of Trinity Church which began thirty-three years ago on the 1st Sunday of Advent in 1985.

Over the past year, Roy McAlpine and Emily Estes, Jim Bradley, Kate Rousseau and Ray Wilson continued their long-time participation. Robin D'Oyen, Ben Wyatt (our seminarian), and Fred and Janice Faulkner joined this ministry in 2017/2018.

Al Shuckra has retired from the Duncaster rotation after many years of devoted service. George Chien remains available in case of emergency but has accumulated too many duties at Trinity to allow him to participate on a regular basis.

The Sunday service at Caleb-Hitchcock is very important to its congregation (normally 15 to 25 residents and visiting family and friends). It provides the opportunity to do something 'special' and familiar on Sunday morning, as most of the residents did for most of their

lives. We see residents with significant cognitive problems who are able to be involved in the service - particularly familiar hymns and texts such as the Creed and Lord's Prayer. This is truly a rewarding ministry for both the congregation and the Worship Leaders.

Anyone who would like to explore this ministry further can talk with the rector or Ray Wilson in order to get more information.

Submitted by Ray Wilson, *Coordinator*

CHRISTIAN FORMATION QUADRANT

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The Christian Formation Quadrant comprises ministries intended to foster both individual and congregational learning and growth in grace. It includes church school for children, Journey to Adulthood for teens, and all programming for Adult Christian Formation, as well as Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and Parish Life activities. Here are some highlights of Christian Formation programming for the past year.

Adult Christian Formation (ACF)

The Adult Christian Formation committee (ACF) organizes the Coffee Hour Conversations (formerly known as Adult Forums) and occasional special programs that are presented during the program year. For the 2017-2018 program year, we scaled back the frequency of Sunday morning adult education. In recent years, we have had such sessions nearly every week during the program year, but this year the schedule was closer to one session every two weeks.

Coffee Hour Conversations

Speakers and session leaders this year included the following:

- April Alford-Harkey
- Tom Furrer
- Frank Kirkpatrick
- Minnie Gonzalez
- Don Hamer
- Tim Hodapp
- Mark MacGougan
- Roy McAlpine
- Jack Merrill
- Kate Smith

Presenters also included architects working with the Trinity Capital Campaign.

Lenten Series

We sponsored a series of Lenten pizza and salad suppers with discussions led by Tom Furrer on the topic of “Recharge Your Faith – Reconnect with Jesus.” The series was shorter than originally planned, as several sessions had to be cancelled due to weather.

Organization

Our goal is to provide inspiring input for the continued spiritual formation of Trinity parishioners. Committee participants this past year have included Pat Bunker, Frank Kirkpatrick, Susanne Mantel and Al Shuckra, with Mark MacGougan as convener and the support of Father Don and Father Tom.

We are now in the process of planning for the 2018—2019 program year. Please contact any of us if you are interested in joining us or have ideas for topics for Coffee Hour Conversations, Lenten Suppers or any other opportunity for us to further our ongoing Christian Education.

Submitted by Mark MacGougan

Book Fund for Trinity Academy

Trinity Church provides space and many resources to Trinity Academy. One of the Trinity Academy resources that is most closely associated with the church is the library, which is staffed by volunteers from the parish: Anne Green, Liz Kirkpatrick and Richard Syracuse.

In February, we sponsored our second annual "Books for Books" fund-raising event. This year's event asked parish members to donate a favorite book to be auctioned. Many books were donated and the ensuing silent auction and remainder book sale raised \$400 for the Book Fund.

Thanks to everyone who donated or purchased a book! This money will make a big difference in helping provide high-quality books and other library resources for Trinity Academy students.

Submitted by Mark MacGougan

Book Group

Trinity's Book Group meets on Friday evenings, 7:00-9:00 p.m., throughout the program year. Typically, we get together every 4-6 weeks in someone's home, beginning with dessert and then launching into a discussion of the featured book. At the end of the meeting, we select the book for the next meeting, with the only requirement being that someone in the group has to have read it.

Usually the meeting is attended by 8-12 people. Newcomers are always welcome, as are people interested in attending just one time.

This past year, we have read Newspaper Boy by Mark MacGougan, A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman, The Martian by Andy Weir, Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas, Olive Kitteredge by Elizabeth Strout, The 100 Year Old Man by Jonas Jonasson, and Lab Girl by Hope Jahren.

Submitted by Linda MacGougan

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

During the past year the brotherhood has been engaged in a variety of events. We held in April 2018, the Connecticut State Assembly at Trinity Church in Hartford, CT.

Our Rector The Reverend Donald Hamer celebrated the Eucharist and gave a homily for the group.

The Brotherhood was involved in the raising nearly \$5,000 for the relief efforts in Puerto Rico this past year.

Also during the year we worshiped with St. Martin's Brotherhood Chapter and we worshiped here at Trinity Church with members of the Brotherhood from other chapters.

Also during the year, we have been involved in studying Peter and his relationship with Jesus.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew, continued...

Mission: To bring men and youth to Christ

The Brotherhood strives to accomplish this mission through the threefold discipline of Prayer, Study and Service.

DISCIPLINE OF PRAYER, STUDY AND SERVICE

Discipline of Prayer

To pray daily for the spread of Christ's kingdom, especially among men and youth, and for God's blessings upon the labors of the Brotherhood

Discipline of Study

To study the Holy Scriptures regularly and the teachings of the Church, to attain a better understanding of how to follow Christ and bring others into his kingdom

Discipline of Service

To make continuous efforts, week by week, to bring others nearer to Christ through His church

Should anyone in the Church be interested in learning more about the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, please feel free to ask myself, John E. Robinson, or Jon Reik, Jake Troiano, Marcus Clark, Peter Vreeland or The Rev. Donald Hamer.

Submitted by John E. Robinson

Christian Formation for Children and Youth/Church School

- **Nursery**

The nursery opens at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings for the 10:00 a.m. service. For most special services, the nursery opens 30 minutes prior to the service time. The nursery houses plenty of toys, stuffed animals, etc. to keep a little one busy. The current staff consists of Helena Haddad and Johanna Ramos with Ann Marie Pacileo and Liana Haddad as alternates. All church members and visitors are welcome to bring their child or children age 3 years and under to the nursery.

- **Godly Play**

Godly Play takes place during the 10:00 a.m. service in the Godly Play room on the second floor of the education wing. Children are reunited with their families during the Peace.

Godly Play is a story-telling based curriculum for children age 3-2nd grade. Each story is carefully crafted and includes hands-on material that helps the children learn about the mystery of God-with-us. The stories themselves strongly engage the students and are based on the bible, sacraments, and liturgy of the Episcopal Church. Following the telling of the story there is a time for wondering out loud and “work”. The group is staffed by two adults, a storyteller and a door-person. The role of the door-person is to greet each student and help the children with their materials. We are thankful for our storytellers, Carla Griffith, Jannel Thomas, Timothy Watt and Nancy Crandall. Clement Mogor and Kate Rousseau are Co-Coordinator of Godly Play.

- **Grades 3-5**

This group meets in Classroom 4 on the second floor of the education wing at 11:30 a.m. after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service. This group is also staffed by two adults, one adult leader to teach the lesson of the week and a doorperson to welcome each child. The curriculum used for grades 3-5 is “Feasting on the Word,” a lectionary-based resource which has helped the children to focus on the scripture by using the bible, resource sheets and activity books. The class is taught by Clement Mogor and Kate Rousseau, and our Door Persons Corlet Ude and Agatha Okeke.

- **Journey to Adulthood and Rite-13**

The Journey to Adulthood Programs and youth programs (J2A and Rite-13) have created new ways to build relationships with the leaders, parents, and church community. The curriculum used is from Leader Resources, along with the lectionary-based Feasting on the Word curriculum. This curriculum has proved to be an essential tool for discussing difficult contemporary issues with today’s youth. The youth leaders demonstrated exceptional preparedness in using scripture along with their creative ability in responding to challenging questions and provided answers that were thought provoking.

Students are encouraged to be present each Sunday for the continuity of critical discussions which provide clarity to interpretations discussed the prior week. Marcus Clark is the dedicated leader carrying on the tradition of J2A. The Rite-13 program is led by Valerie Pogue and Robin D’Oyen. Their continued commitment to leadership is greatly appreciated.

- **Confirm Not Conform (CNC)**

Beginning last fall, four Trinity youth began to explore their faith and beliefs in preparation for confirmation. They followed the Confirm Not Conform curriculum under co-teachers, Rev. Tom Furrer and Karin Peterson. The group prepared for a confirmation service to take place in spring 2018.

Submitted by Clement Mogor, *Program Coordinator*

PARISH CARE QUADRANT

Liaison 2017-2018: Jo-Ann Sadosky
860-647-9579 joann.sadosky43@gmail.com

As of June 3, 2018

Liason: Anne Rapkin
860-521-5992 a.rapkin@snet.net

Casserole Ministry

The purpose of this ministry is to provide home-cooked meals to parishioners and their families when someone in the household is convalescing from surgery or illness, hospitalized, caring for recent birth, newly-bereaved or experiencing any other crisis that makes food preparation difficult to manage. Anyone who likes to cook and wants to extend a helping hand to others is welcome to join us.

Contact Louise Krippenstapel to inquire or join the team.

Coordinator: Louise Krippenstapel 860-690-4765 froggie4all@gmail.com

Intercessory Prayer Team

Members of the Intercessory Prayer Team are available during communion at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service. They will pray you whenever you feel in special need of God's healing and comforting presence, or are celebrating a joyful event in your life or the life of someone you love. Team members meet monthly for fellowship and conversation as a means of deepening their own spiritual lives. Those interested in joining are invited to speak with the Rector.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Eucharistic Visitors carry and administer communion to parishioners (in their homes, hospitals, nursing homes) who are unable to attend worship services. Members of the congregation are encouraged to consider becoming part of this important ministry. Training is required and is brief. Eucharistic Visitors are: Althea Francis, Kitty Peterson, Valerie Pogue, Jo-Ann Sadosky, Al Shuckra and Percy Williamson.

2017 Coordinator: Al Shuckra 860-561-5470 acshuckra@sbcglobal.net

2017-2018 Coordinator: Althea Francis 860-978-2154 affrancis@hotmail.com

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers provide emotional and spiritual care when someone is faced with a crisis or difficulty such as: loss of a loved one, hospitalization, separation, divorce, loneliness, discouragement, spiritual crisis, unemployment, employment crisis, terminal illness, incarceration, aging, birth, infertility, miscarriage, adoption, chronic illness, relocation, recovery, disaster and many more. A Stephen Minister is someone who will be there for his or her care receiver, meeting faithfully for about an hour each week, for as long as there is a need. This confidential one-to-one Christian care is offered to individuals in the congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. Thus far, Trinity has commissioned 13 Stephen Ministers who completed the required 50 hour training course.

Anyone interested in learning more about this vital ministry or who knows someone who would benefit from the one on one Christian care of a Stephen Minister (including yourself) is encouraged to contact one of the Stephen Leaders listed here.

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Percy Williamson	860-646-8575	percywilliamson@yahoo.com
Father Don Hamer	860-527-8133, ext. 202	dhamer@trinityhartford.org

OUTREACH QUADRANT

Liaison: Lily Miller
860-236-1982 millbabins@aol.com

The following information describes the active ministries from this area of our parish life. Our Outreach ministries are made possible by the generosity of our parishioners, through their time, talent and financial donations, through fundraisers, and for some ministries through an annual allocation from the Trinity operating budget.

The Outreach Team seeks to assist any Trinity Parishioners with ministries which seek to serve God's mission. Those with ideas, needs and capacity to serve those who need assistance should contact Father Don or Lily Miller.

American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ)

Trinity parishioners supported the Diocese of Jerusalem through AFEDJ by 2 major offerings this past year. The first was by supporting the Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza, where a community clinic has been established. The Outreach Team approved sending \$1,000 from its budget. In addition an appeal was done to the parish at large during Advent. Checks were made out to AFEDJ. Over \$700 was sent in, \$660 from parishioners through me and several sent directly to the AFEDJ office.

During Lent, the Ash Wednesday and Good Friday Offering were designated for Summer Camps of the Diocese of Jerusalem. The funds were collected on the 2 offering dates and any time in between, to encourage more giving. \$1,430 was sent in to AFEDJ. \$1,090 through Trinity and \$340 by checks made out to AFEDJ.

Submitted by Kate Smith

Banner Guild

This year was one of realigning for the Banner Guild. The group has a rich history of creative liturgical art, having over the last four decades created many sets of banners and liturgical vestments for Trinity and for other local and international groups. What remained were several large tubs of leftover or unused fabric, stacked in the basement. So we took on the task of finding homes for these materials, where they would be welcome and actively used.

Our wool felt was donated to St. Mark's, East Longmeadow, MA, the spiritual home of Barbara Briggs before she came to Trinity. Members of St. Mark's had visited Trinity when Barbara was here, admired our banners, and returned in 2015 to learn more about making them. They formed their own Banner Guild, and have enjoyed creating banners for ministries at St. Mark's. They were delighted to be offered our remaining wool felt for their future work.

Other fabric which had accumulated went to two programs. Pieces that were suitable for making clothing were donated to the Sewing Program at Loaves and Fishes Ministries in Hartford. Pieces more suitable to projects for home décor or crafts were donated to the Senior and Leisure Services Center in Bloomfield.

We certainly had mixed feelings about letting go of what has been accumulated, remembering especially the many parishioners who had served this ministry over the years. This is also a rebirth of sorts, and for that we give thanks!

Submitted by Percy Williamson and Penny Pearson

Church by the Pond – Lunch in the Park

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.
Matthew 25:34

Trinity Church participates six times a year in Church by the Pond at Bushnell Park, in support of the Ecclesia Ministry and Church Street Eats programs coordinated by Christ Church Cathedral.

We gather for public prayer at the pond by the carousel. Volunteers and anyone attending the Eucharistic service are spiritually fed. During the Prayers of the People prayers for intercession and thanksgiving are raised to God from those attending the service. Following the Eucharist, bagged lunches are provided to those in need.

A dedicated group of parishioners and friends, assemble, pack and distribute lunches which consist of sandwiches, fruit, a snack and bottled water. We make between 60 and 100 lunches each time, the largest number in the summer months. We also distribute additional items such as socks, toiletries or gloves. Volunteers from children to seniors participate with some students fulfilling community service credits through this ministry. Friends and families are always welcomed.

Our participation in Church by the Pond is currently self-supporting, thanks to the generous contributions of parishioners and community friends.

If you feel called to join this ministry, you are welcome to join at any time. On the third Saturday of the even months, volunteers gather at 12:30 p.m. in the Trinity kitchen to prepare lunches, and then travel to Bushnell Park for the 2:00 p.m. Eucharist. Lunches are distributed afterwards, and the gathering concludes around 3:00 p.m. Check articles in the VOICE and Sunday Bulletin announcements for any scheduling changes.

Submitted by Penny Pearson and Percy Williamson

Covenant to Care

This ministry organizes giving opportunities for at-risk children in the foster care system and others through our adopted social worker Tiffany Broughton, who works with the Klingberg Family Centers. Trinity's coordinator is Don Cook.

Covenant to Care is all about children; encouraging them, fulfilling their dreams and helping them in times of trouble. Children are a gift and the Covenant is about caring for them. We now reach out to them through four major activities.

- In the fall, as school starts angels purchase age appropriate supplies and backpacks to equip and inspire students at the start of their academic journey.
- At Christmas, Trinity's Giving Tree grants wishes through the distribution of gifts that may be the only present a child receives. This past Christmas the 2nd and 3rd grade Trinity Academy students' wishes were added to the tree. Trinity was joined by parishioners of Asylum Hill Congregational Church, who contributed gifts for the Trinity Academy 4th graders.
- In the spring, a collection of emergency care packs helps ensure the safe transition of young people abruptly removed from unsafe living conditions. Items are placed in reusable bags with Trinity's name and contact information.
- Again this year as part of our Lenten Season of Giving, new sneakers were collected for the Covenant children and also for the Trinity Academy students.

On Maundy Thursday, the 42 pairs of sneakers for the Academy children were blessed and distributed. The Academy students were this year's priority.

Over the past year, the number of children in these programs has increased greatly. The generosity of the congregation has matched the challenge.

If you want to know more about this ministry, you may contact Don Cook at 860-993-2804 or send an email to yobskreb@gmail.com.

Submitted by Don Cook

Foodshare

Members of Trinity Church support the work of Foodshare in several important ways.

Three parishioners regularly work together with other volunteers in the Bloomfield warehouse on Wednesdays, in both the 8:30 - 11:30 am and 12:30 to 3:30 pm shifts. We work in the food salvage area sorting truckload donations from major grocery stores and club retailers, repacking what can be distributed to partner social service agencies, determining what can be given for feed to several pig farmers, and deciding what must be discarded — often sorting 6000 to 8000 pounds of food on a day.

Two parishioners now ride as volunteers on the two mobile Foodshare trucks, each of which takes more than three tons of fresh produce, bread and other groceries daily to distribute to folks in more than sixty neighborhoods in Hartford and Tolland counties.

This spring, members of the parish also formed Team Trinity: Trinity Feeds His Flock, and sought financial sponsors for their walk together in the annual Walk Against Hunger, which stepped off from Dunkin Donuts Park on Saturday, May 5.

Please speak with Drew Smith for more information. Foodshare offers many ways to be engaged, get some exercise, meet new people and make a real difference in our neighbors' lives.

Submitted by The Rt. Rev. Andrew Smith, *Coordinator*

Heads Up! Hartford

Heads Up! Hartford is a faith-based volunteer work camp designed to bring together urban and suburban teenagers from in and around Hartford, based at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT for the purpose of working toward the betterment of the city of Hartford and creating relationships over the urban-suburban divide. Seven students from Trinity participated in June of 2017: Justin Ude, Jonathan Ude, Kendall Okeke, Kachi Onoh, Shquia Thomas, Davonté Griffith, and Maxine Duva. Father Don served as an adult counselor for the week.

Trinity hosted a Youth Advisory Board weekend January 27-28, 2018 with about 20 youth in attendance. It began Saturday afternoon with planning sessions, dinner, worship in the chapel, and continued as an overnight. The group of YABs (as they are called) and the adult supervisors worshipped with us on Sunday morning. A SUPER Youth group meeting concluded the weekend with many more youth, families, and volunteers in attendance. Everyone was very appreciative of Trinity's hospitality for that weekend.

Trinity provided the snack for one evening at camp. Trinity Church, through the Outreach Committee, supplied significant financial support for the youth.

In June 2017, each camper completed over 30 hours of community service (at Foodshare, CRT, Charities of Hope and other places), participated in thought-provoking and/or

recreational evening programs, joined together for a youth-led worship service, and enjoyed a well-deserved day at Stratton Brook State Park to end the week.

Adult volunteers are needed and welcomed to help in a variety of ways. See headsupthartford.org for more information.

Submitted by Linda MacGougan, *Trinity's Heads Up! Hartford Liaison*

(K)Naves

After many years of offering delightful performances, this home-grown theater production group is presently on hiatus as members consider future events.

Submitted by Lily Miller on behalf of Gavin Cheyney

Kateri Medical Services medical outreach to the Anglican Diocese of Kaduna

Father Tom Furrer met with the Outreach committee to discuss his ministry with the Kareri Medical Services outreach. The Outreach committee is very interested in supporting this ministry. Outreach committee members assisted Father Tom with the Forum on January 21st which further explained the ministry to the whole parish. The Forum included a lunch of traditional Nigeria food prepared by members of our parish with a brief Power Point presentation by Fr. Tom on the **Medical Mission trips to Nigeria**. Participation in future medical missions, including: going on the trip, praying for those who are going on the trip and/or helping to sponsor someone who wishes to go on the trip were discussed and the Outreach committee is considering ways in which to assist.

Submitted by Lily Miller

Loaves and Fishes – Food Assistance

This program, formerly housed at Trinity and now based at Immanuel Congregational Church at the corner of Woodland Street and Farmington Avenue, serves lunch on weekdays and offers other support services to those in need in the Asylum Hill neighborhood. Trinity Church is committed to providing the meal on the third Wednesday of each month.

The meal is prepared each month in Trinity's kitchen the Tuesday before the meal is served. Meal ingredients are purchased by volunteers Kate Rousseau and family. A volunteer cooking crew, which has six members, prepares and packages the meal. Our volunteers are Louisa Cummings, Marion Pereira, Verona Cascio, Richard Syracuse, Maryjane Furrer, and Steve Zhitnik. The volunteer cooking crew provides two menus, one created for the warmer months after input from Loaves and Fishes patrons: Make -Your-Own Tuna Fish sandwiches was well received as a break from Pasta with Meat Sauce, our usual offering from October -April.

Another group of volunteers, from Trinity and other Hartford area churches, headed by Karin Peterson, serves the monthly meal on Trinity's Wednesday at Loaves and Fishes. Our volunteers are Peter Green and Richard Syracuse. The Trinity serving team is supplemented by three other faithful volunteers from other churches. Between 75 and 100 individuals are served each month.

The entire Loaves and Fishes team, along with a large group of additional volunteers from Trinity, for the second consecutive year, prepared and served our Pasta with Meat Sauce meal for the 2018 Maundy Thursday Agape Dinner. The menu was exactly the same as served to the Loaves and Fishes patrons, and was very well received by the Trinity community.

Submitted by Steve Zhitnik

Mbugani Parish/ Diocese of Tabora, Tanzania

Trinity has had a partner relationship with this diocese for over 15 years, and has funded scholarships in most of these years for students to attend secondary school. For the 2018 school year, the Outreach Team provided full scholarship funds for two students to attend St. Peter's secondary school, Emelda Janson and Grace Birusha from Trinity Church, Mbugani. These funds came from the OUTREACH Budget.

Grace is in year four, her final year. She will be sitting for her National exams in November 2018. If she does well she can go on to Advanced Level of Secondary School, then university level schooling. Emelda is in year three so she has another year at St Peter's.

The 2019 school year begins in January. The Vestry has already committed the funding for continued support! Continue to pray for Emelda's and Grace's success in school.

In 2017, Trinity Church through the Outreach committee provided \$1000 to our partner church in order to purchase a new scooter for Fr. Leonard. The mission church of Tumbi is about 10 miles away from Tabora, and the roads are poorly maintained, so having the scooter will allow MUCH more access for Fr. Leonard to be able to tend to his people in Tumbi. Pictures of Fr. Leonard on his scooter are posted on the Outreach Bulletin Board.

Submitted by Debbie Hamer

Refugee Resettlement

Over the past year, Trinity Church's Refugee Resettlement Committee, with our partners at Trinity College, resettled a Syrian refugee family in the Hartford area. Our efforts included helping the family's adults find employment, learn to use public transportation, settle the youngest child into elementary school, deal with previously unmet medical needs, learn English, and generally acclimate to a new life in an entirely new culture. In the coming year the Committee hopes to help resettle four additional members of this family who remain abroad in very difficult circumstances. We welcome everyone who is interested to join the Committee in these life-saving, and extremely rewarding, efforts.

Submitted by Anne Rapkin

Sanctuary Stitchers – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Members of this group create prayer shawls for those in need, and baby blankets for newborns and the newly baptized. Members also collect donated bedding and fleece blankets for children at the Interval House domestic shelter. This group is not actively meeting, though members continue to create items.

If you knit or crochet and are interested in being part of this group, or providing assistance in terms of creating programs and opportunities to meet with other local groups, please contact Peter Vreeland at 860-503-0644 or PeterTimothy862@yahoo.com.

Submitted by Lily Miller on behalf of Peter Vreeland

South Marshall Street Interfaith Coalition

I was honored to serve as the representative for Trinity Episcopal for 2017/2018 with the South Marshall Street Interfaith Coalition. The Coalition has meetings every second Tuesday morning of the month, working to find solution to better the lives of the people in this neighborhood.

In June 2017 the Coalition organized the annual South Marshall Street block party for the residents of South Marshall Street. Trinity offered crayons, drawing paper and sneakers for adults. All was well appreciated.

In November 2017, the Coalition had a pop up event on South Marshall Street, between Halloween and Thanksgiving, distributing pumpkins and books. Trinity gave socks and gloves for the winter to residents who attended.

In March 2018, the Coalition organized an opening ceremony for a computer lab at the Marshall House. Books were distributed and children were invited to draw and color. Trinity provided the pizza, which was appreciated by the people who attended.

The Coalition is now planning for the Annual Marshall Street Block Party in June. ...

If you would like to donate monetarily or personally assist, contact Georges Annan-Kingsley at georgesannankingsley@gmail.com or 860-985-2757.

Submitted by Georges Annan-Kingsley

Trinity Academy Support

Although Trinity Academy is an “independent elementary school” on the Trinity Church campus, the Outreach Committee made it a goal to become more actively involved in partnering with Trinity Academy during the 2017/18 school year.

Our objective was to demonstrate the Trinity congregation’s support for and appreciation of this important Asylum Hill institution for students in the greater Hartford area, especially in light of the Bishop’s charge for parishes to “live deep and live wide” in our neighborhoods.

Significant progress was accomplished through several fund-raising events and school volunteering efforts organized by Outreach Committee members, and generously supported through donations of time, money, and goods by the Trinity family of parishioners.

Some of the year’s highlights included:

- Regular announcements of Trinity Academy “good news,” as well as calls for “needs” and “support” through Trinity’s publications: “The Voice,” “The Blast,” and the Sunday Bulletin insert
- Organizing and staffing the annual “Holiday Shopping Table” where students were instilled with the joy of giving while shopping for family members’ gifts from a multitude of selections donated by Trinity parishioners
- Participation in “Books for Books!” -- a silent auction of favorite books donated by Trinity parishioners and generating \$500 to fund new book purchases for the Trinity Academy Library
- Financial sponsorship of the Trinity Academy Library from the Outreach budget
- Honoring the Trinity Academy teaching staff through #thankateacher, a Teacher Appreciation Week fundraiser
- Outreach Committee members weekly volunteering in the Trinity Academy Library

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During 2017-2018, the Outreach Committee chipped the tip of the iceberg to support Trinity Academy. A multitude of additional volunteer opportunities are always available:

- tutoring/mentoring
- assisting with school parties

- teacher assisting
- office assistance
- leading Friday afternoon clubs

Each of these, a *low-impact workout*, is guaranteed to get those endorphins kicking, and no expense involved other than a minimal investment of your time.

Submitted by Richard Syracuse

THE PARISH OF TRINITY CHURCH

AFFILIATED MINISTRIES

Goodwin Legacy Circle

What can each of us do to help secure the long-term vibrancy and mission of Trinity Church? One important step is to include Trinity Church as one of the beneficiaries in your will.

More than thirty parish members have taken this step. Together, we are the Goodwin Legacy Circle (formerly known as the Heritage Society).

If you would like to join the Goodwin Legacy Circle, the first step is to update your will or estate planning to include Trinity Church. You should do this with the help of an attorney. Contact Father Don if you need help with this or would like a referral. The second step is to fill out a brief Legacy Circle form. You can get a form from the church office or from Mark or Linda MacGougan, who are the current co-chairs.

Each of us at Trinity Church has benefited from the funds that were donated in the wills of parishioners who have gone before us. The members of the Goodwin Legacy Circle believe that it is now our turn to do our part for future generations.

If you have any questions, please contact us (860-561-1588 or macgougans@gmail.com) or Father Don.

Submitted by Mark and Linda MacGougan, *Co-Chairs*

Property Team

Committee Members: Peter Green, Ron Gripp, Boo Morton, Kathy Wilson, Vinnie Pacileo and Father Hamer.

The Property Committee meets every month, except August, on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. We welcome new attendees/members.

It is the responsibility of the committee to oversee the campus of Trinity Church; to keep it working and providing the space we all know and expect. In order to accomplish this we create a budget, prepare a capital improvement plan and schedule any work.

We continue to learn how difficult it is to function with a part time sexton. We also depend upon a part time staff for cleaning the buildings. Both of these moves were in response to being asked to spend our funds responsibly.

Some of the projects from this past year are:

- Sump pump and conduit cleaning on East side of the Education building; this was causing problematic flooding
- Eversource did an extensive energy audit that is being included in plans for maintenance
- Continuing repairs to the slate roof; repairs were able to be accomplished with slate leftover from the initial roofing project
- Water feature in the Memorial Garden is working
- Creation of a Capital Fund Wish List for maintenance and repairs.

The committee has created a wish list that does not include a lot of new ideas. We are including items that have been included in past budgets but have been left undone because of budgetary constraints.

We at Trinity provide space for numerous neighborhood activities, as well as a place for musicians to perform.

Our Sanctuary, with its moveable seating arrangement, is an excellent spot for meetings and performances. The school has used the space for their "Jr. Broadway" shows and for the moving up ceremony at the end of the year. Musicians use the space for concerts and recitals.

The committee spent time determining what needs to be done to keep our campus in tip top shape. The list is long and quite extensive. We will continue to chip away at the work.

As always, items arise that need attention. All of that is done on an as needed basis.

One of the unexpected gifts Trinity has received this year is the assistance of a retired parishioner who is busily tying up loose ends on projects and tackling items that a part time sexton does not have the time for.

We also have extended our days of service so that more people have the chance to help with the upkeep of the church.

It is with an eye to the future of this campus, and the important work done here, that we remain vigilant to the needs of the buildings and grounds, as well as the individuals attending, and served by, Trinity.

Please say hello to Vinnie. Whenever he is not in his Security uniform, he is serving in his property management capacity.

Thanks to Vinnie Pacileo, the staff of Trinity Church, the Choir School of Hartford and Trinity Academy for their faithful nurturing of our buildings and grounds. And thanks to all the volunteers who assist in that nurturing.

Submitted by Barbara "Boo" Morton, *Property Chair*

THE PARISH OF TRINITY CHURCH

AFFILIATED MINISTRIES CONTINUED

Trinity Academy

2017 – 2018 School Year

Where Students Discover the Love of Learning

The 2017- 2018 has been a busy and exciting year, with 42 students in 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades throughout the Hartford area.

This year we started a Personalized Learning Plan which is reviewed three times per year. The staff meets and discusses each student and develops a learning and behavioral plan. Every 4th grader sits down with the Principal, (Jen Scanzano) and Head of School, (Karen Connal) to review their personal plan and sign a contract. As a result of these meetings and the hard work from the students, many students improved 1-2 grade levels though MAP testing, which is given each quarter of the school year.

The extra-curricular activities this year are art, dance, choir, gym, gardening, yoga, library and media class. We started Friday Clubs which are run by parents and volunteers, which includes poetry, Lego, salsa dance, science, French and arts & crafts, which run for six weeks. This year's Jr. Broadway musical is *Seussical* with two performances, the evening of Wednesday, May 23 and the afternoon of Thursday, May 24. Every student has a role in the play.

This was the first year we had PTO and each class had room parents. They planned many activities and fundraising events. The students raised money for the American Heart Association by selling lemonade, jump roping and shooting hoops.

We partnered with My People Clinical Services for one-on-one counseling at the school along with a boys weekly advisory group. Next year we plan to have a girls and boys advisory group.

Our 4th Annual Excellence Gala was very successful and was held at the new Delamar Hotel in West Hartford. In the fall we had a fundraising event at the Hill-Stead Museum.

This year will be our third graduating class. We have seven boys attending Covenant Prep and all our girls will be attending Grace Academy summer camp and hope all will attend in the fall. We had an alumni event and many of our graduates attended. They are all excelling in their new schools.

For the 2018-19 school year, we will have our first 1st grade class of 10 students. 2nd grade will have 10 students and 16 students in 3rd and 4th grades. We are excited to be exploring a partnership with Emanuel Lutheran Church as a potentially second campus for Trinity Academy.

Trinity Academy is very fortunate to have a wonderful staff; many who return each year. For more information, please visit our web page at trinityday.org or call the school 860-251-8337.

THE PARISH OF TRINITY CHURCH

PARISH REGISTER

JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2017

BAPTISMS:

Anne Louise RapkinJanuary 8
Janaya Mia TexidorApril 15
John Derrick StraitiffApril 15

CELEBRATIONS / BLESSINGS OF MARRIAGES:

Suzanne Lee Nichols Blancaflor and Barbara Dean Morton..... October 21

CONFIRMATIONS & RECEPTIONS:

None in 2017

MEMORIAL SERVICES/BURIALS:

Date of Death

Celina WalkerFebruary 17
Beverly B. Gardner March 4
Marjory Cole June 24
Alfred Worthington LoomisAugust 2
Terence Robinson Blackwood October 4
Calvin L. Bushnell..... October 31
Catharina Hunter November 11
Muriel Forbes..... December 16

NEW MEMBERS INCLUDE:

Tracy Lanier..... March 6
Devin DavisAugust 17
Angela DavisAugust 17

TRANSFERS OUT:

Elaine Coffin (To Trinity Church, New Orleans)..... November 1
Betty Knorr (To St. James's, West Hartford)..... December 12
D.B. Grant - deceased..... September 29
Virginia Judson - deceased September 28
Elizabeth Johnson - deceased..... November 2

The Ministry Quadrants Liaisons and Leader List

WORSHIP
RECTOR
Liaison – Peter Green
Ministries of the Worship Quadrant
Acolytes – Roy McAlpine
Altar Guild – Karin Peterson & Cecelia Timothy
Choirs – Jack Merrill
Duncaster – Ray Wilson
Flower Guild – Jane Harris
Hospitality (Sunday Morning) – Jennifer Stephens
Lay Worship Leaders – Ray Wilson
Lay Worship Assistants (Lectors/Intercessors) – Ray Wilson
Ministers of Communion – Ray Wilson
Sunday Morning Lay Leader Hosts – Alan Rice
Ushers – Neill Derrick (summer), Ruth Rose (winter)
Vergers – Ray Wilson

CHRISTIAN FORMATION
RECTOR
Liaison – Clement Mogor
Ministries of the
Christian Formation Quadrant
Adult Formation – Mark MacGougan & Al Shuckra
Book Group – Linda MacGougan
Brotherhood of St Andrew – John E. Robinson
Church School – Clement Mogor, Kate Rousseau
Journey To Adulthood – Marcus Clark, Ruth Rose
Nursery Caregivers – Clement Mogor
Parish Life (picnic & special events, etc.) – Don Cook

PARISH CARE
RECTOR
Liaison – Jo-Ann Sadosky (Anne Rapkin as of 06/03/18)
Ministries of the Parish Care Quadrant
Casserole Ministry – Louise Krippenstapel
Intercessory Prayer Team – Anne Rapkin
Lay Eucharistic Visitors – Althea Francis
Stephen Ministry – Martha Freimuth & Jo-Ann Sadosky

OUTREACH
RECTOR
Liaison – Lily Miller
Ministries of the Outreach Quadrant
American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) – Kate Smith
Banner Guild – Penny Pearson & Percy Williamson
Church by the Pond – Penny Pearson & Percy Williamson
Covenant to Care – Don Cook
Foodshare – Drew Smith
Heads Up! Hartford – Linda MacGougan
Kateri Medical Services medical outreach to the Anglican Diocese of Kaduna – Tom Furrer
(K)Naves – Gloria Cheyney
Loaves and Fishes – Steve Zhitnik
Mbugani Parish/ Diocese of Tabora, Tanzania – Debbie Hamer
Refugee Resettlement – Anne Rapkin
Sanctuary Stitchers (Prayer Shawl Ministry) – Peter Vreeland
So. Marshall Street Interfaith Coalition – Georges Annan Kingsley
Trinity Academy Support – Richard Syracuse

AFFILIATED MINISTRIES
RECTOR
Annual Appeal Team – Vestry
Choir School of Hartford Board – Ernestine Weaver
Goodwin Legacy Circle – Mark & Linda MacGougan
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Property Team – Boo Morton
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