



# VOICE OF TRINITY

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## Life Together at Trinity

Dear friends in Christ,

I write to you with the awareness that much has changed in the last several months. I want to begin this letter by clarifying my current role at Trinity. Effective March 1, my title has changed from Curate to

Assistant Rector. In practical terms, this means an increased number of hours to serve (from quarter-time to half-time), and new liturgical and pastoral duties. In the absence of a rector, our fearless wardens, Alan and Martha, are the ultimate authority on church matters (see their helpful article on Page 3 for more information!). I am responsible for coordinating and planning liturgy, providing pastoral care, and assisting with administrative tasks as needed. I continue to be deeply grateful for the warm, welcoming, and supportive community at Trinity. I am particularly grateful for our lay leaders, who have stepped up to the plate in ways big and small in the last few weeks; and our priests associate, with whom it is a joy to share Trinity's altar and pulpit. I look forward to seeing what God has in store for us over the coming months!

*From the  
Assistant Rector*



I also write to you with an awareness that, partly due to the changes at Trinity, we have much to reflect on as we journey through this season of Lent. We have recently said goodbye to Father Don, our rector of 15 years, and we begin the process of looking for his replacement. We live in a national climate of increasing rancor and polarization, in which it seems increasingly hard for saner and kinder voices to prevail. And, of course, we take our own journeys into ourselves, as we reflect upon our spiritual lives in preparation for the Easter celebration.

Let me offer just one observation as we walk this season together. Since my ordination to the priesthood, I've become intimately familiar with the Proper Prefaces in the Book of Common Prayer. The Proper Preface is that bit of the Eucharistic prayer that the priest adds right before we all sing, "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might..." The Proper Preface changes depending on the season of the church year, with one preface for every season – except for Lent! In Lent, we have a choice between two prefaces:

1. *Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.*
2. *You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word*

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## Sunday Morning Adult Christian Formation

Our Sunday morning adult Christian formation program for the rest of this program year will take place (usually in the Library) following the 10:00 a.m. service according to the following schedule:

### April 7 – Town Hall Meeting

**Speaker: The Rev. Lee Ann Tolzmann** from the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, who will explain the clergy transition process. What should we expect? What can we do to make this time positive and productive? *This session will follow the single service (at 9:30 a.m.) to be held at Trinity on this day, and will be held in the church.*

### April 14 – Palm Sunday; no session

### April 21 – Easter Day; no session

### April 28 – No session

### May 5 – “Five Talents: 20 Years Working with the Global Anglican Church to Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Transform Lives”

#### Speaker: Everett Post

Trinity parishioner Everett Post will describe the organization “Five Talents” and his involvement with its work over two decades. Five Talents is a Christian charity that provides savings programs and financial literacy and business training for those in need in developing countries.

### May 12 – No session

### May 19 – “Intersectional Racism and the Experience of African-American Women”

#### Speaker: Kimberly Okeke

How does the combination of sexism and racism affect the lives of black women? How can we as a society empower and uplift black women? Kim is a Trinity parishioner and a student at the University of Connecticut.

### May 26 – Memorial Day weekend; no session

### June 2 – Guided Tour of the Trinity Church Campus

The Trinity Church buildings are beautiful, but also sprawling and quirky. Chances are that there are parts of the campus that you’ve never been to and history that you’ve never heard. Come with a team of Trinity “docents” and learn more about our church home. *This will be the last forum session of the program year.*



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## Lenten Series Continues Through April 10

Father Ben continues to lead our 2019 Lenten mid-week series, “Praying the Presence of God: A Guide to Christian Meditation and Contemplation.” The series is an exploration of two ancient Christian prayer practices, contemplation and meditation. Each practice offers a powerful way to deepen your connection with God, and many people have found these prayer techniques to be absolutely life-changing.

The classes include descriptions of each practice and its history, and offer some suggestions for how to include it in your daily life. Father Ben will also discuss the neglected practice of “discernment of spirits” and its use in prayer and everyday life. If you have ever tried centering prayer (a form of contemplation) or *lectio divina* (a form of meditation) and want to learn more, this class is for you!

All are welcome to attend. Feel free to come for the final three weeks even if you’ve missed the first couple of sessions!

Each session begins with pizza at 6:00 p.m., followed by the evening’s program, which will end by 8:00 p.m.

The schedule for the remaining weeks of the series is as follows:

Week III (3/27):  
Contemplation – Silent  
Watchfulness

Week IV (4/3):  
Discernment of Spirits – What  
to Do With Confusing Thoughts

Week V (4/10):  
Conclusion

## ***So Who's In Charge Now?***

We've laughed and we've cried, we've celebrated and mourned, and we've said goodbye and sent Father Don and Debbie off in style. And you may find yourself asking, "Now that the Rector has retired, who's in charge around here?" At his last Vestry meeting before leaving us, Father Don helped us consider how Trinity Church will continue to function smoothly in the transition period between his leaving and the arrival of his successor. Together, we identified what tasks will be performed and by whom. Here's a summary of who's doing what:

The Wardens are responsible for ensuring that our ministries continue and the business of the church is attended to. They will run Vestry meetings, meet biweekly with the Quadrant Liaisons about their ministries, meet periodically with committee conveners and staff to share ministry successes, ideas, and areas needing attention, and deal with all business matters as they arise.

Quadrant Liaisons will meet periodically with Father Ben, staff, and Wardens, and will continue to coordinate the ministries that function within their quadrants.

Vestry will continue its ministry of hospitality and welcome for Sundays and special events, along with policy-making leadership through monthly meetings. Using our existing quadrant and committee structure, it will take initiative on new ministry needs and opportunities.

Liturgical coordination will be led by Father Ben, who will also

continue his leadership of Christian Formation, children's ministries and healing ministry. He will also lead staff meetings and take responsibility for day to day administration. Emergency Pastoral Care will be provided primarily by Father Jon Widing.

Still have questions? Don't hesitate to ask a Vestry member or either of the Wardens. Alan Rice can be reached by phone at 860-430-5270, and by email at [j.a.rice@cox.net](mailto:j.a.rice@cox.net). Martha Freimuth is at 860-647-8990, or at [lems.cove@yahoo.com](mailto:lems.cove@yahoo.com).

### ***How Will Our Garden Grow? Memorial Garden Planning Meeting Set for April 6***

In recent years the maintenance of Trinity's Memorial Garden has been undertaken by a small group of dedicated volunteers. For the coming garden season we would like to try to coordinate the work that needs to be accomplished so that more people can get involved and everyone has a clear understanding of what needs to be done in the different areas of the garden.

To that end, a meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, April 6, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss various ideas for maintaining the garden and creating a plan to accomplish them. Anyone who is interested in contributing ideas to the plan is invited to attend. Thank you to all last season's volunteers and welcome to new helpers!

For more information, please speak to either Peter Green or Enid Oberholtzer.

## **Town Hall Meeting on April 7**

The Rev. Canon Lee Ann Tolzmann, Canon of Mission Leadership for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, will be with us on Sunday, April 7, to explain the details of where we go from here now that Father Don has retired. She will preach at the 9:30 a.m. service (the only service at Trinity on the 7th), and then lead a Town Hall meeting at which the path ahead will be discussed in detail. Don't miss this important event in the life of our parish!

### ***WFSB's Scot Haney To Emcee Choir School Gala***

The Choir School of Hartford will be holding "An Evening of Songs and Treasures" on Friday, April 12, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Pond House Cafe in Elizabeth Park, West Hartford. Scot Haney from WFSB will be joining us as the emcee for this gala event, and of course there will be performances by the Choir School. The evening will also feature hors d'oeuvres, a cork pull, auctions and more.

Mark your calendars! Make your reservation on Sundays after the 10:00 a.m. service, or contact Ernestine Weaver at 860-930-9273 or [eyweaver@icloud.com](mailto:eyweaver@icloud.com). Tickets are \$60. For additional details about the event, see either Enid Oberholtzer or Ernestine. Sponsorship opportunities are still available; contact Enid or Ernestine if you are interested in becoming a sponsor for this year's gala.

Interested in volunteering to help with the Choir School? Ernestine would love to hear from you! Contact her at the number/email above.

## Cycle of Prayer for April and May

### April 7

Basil & Joy Bennett  
 Mavis Bennett  
 John, Nancy & Savannah Berger

### April 14

William, Karen, Chris, Jordan &  
 Kami Bernard  
 Joe Bierbaum  
 Eleanor Blake

### April 21

Suzanne Blancaflor & Boo Morton  
 Tory, Dorcas & Julius Blanchard  
 Claire, Jerry & Chivelle Blissett

### April 28

Fred, Emily, Advetus, Leroy,  
 Frederick Jr.,  
 Fredlane & Levi Bohlen  
 Dianne Bowens-Waller  
 Jim Bradley

### May 5

Barbara, Paul & Caleb Briggs  
 Bennett & Linda Brockman  
 Cynthia & Isaiah Brown

### May 12

Pat Bunker  
 Vincent & Beverly Bygrave  
 Jarred Cammock

### May 19

Trudi & Steve Campbell  
 David & Sara Carson  
 Marion Catanzaro

### May 26

Ginny Catanzaro  
 Ismerelda & Tristan Changoo  
 Richard Charron &  
 Peter Vreeland

## Special Offerings To Help Provide Medical Care in The Holy Land and Nigeria

Our Good Friday offering will once again go to The American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, with our offering for 2019 going to support the Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza. The hospital has recently faced severe funding cuts and remains in serious need of money for electricity, medical supplies and staff so it can continue to offer care to the more than 33,000 people it serves annually.

Our Easter offering for 2019 will go to support the work of Kateri Medical Services, which currently runs four full-time clinics providing basic medical services to low-income Nigerians who would not otherwise have access to health care. The Rev. Tom Furrer, who was one of our associate clergy here at Trinity until becoming the part-time pastor of Trinity Church in Wethersfield last January, is President and Executive Director of Kateri Services, and has spoken of the work carried out by the Kateri clinics on a number of occasions at Trinity, Hartford. Our contribution will help the Kateri organization continue to provide much-needed medical care to hundreds of Nigerians.

Easter and Good Friday offering envelopes are available in your box of 2019 offering envelopes, or on the literature tables at the church. Make your check out to Trinity Episcopal Church, with "Good Friday offering" or "Easter offering" in the memo. You can put your envelope in the offering plate, or mail it to the office.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:  
 Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Evensong 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:45 p.m.

The Reverend Benjamin K. Wyatt, Assistant Rector  
 Mr. Jackson Merrill, Director of Music Ministries

Assisting Clergy:  
 The Reverend George A. Chien  
 The Reverend Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick  
 The Right Reverend Andrew D. Smith  
 The Reverend C. Jon Widing

The Reverend William J. Eakins, Rector Emeritus

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# HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **PALM SUNDAY, April 14**

**8:00 a.m. Blessing of the Palms and Holy Eucharist**

**10:00 a.m. Blessing of Palms, Procession and Holy Eucharist, with choirs**

*Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Frank Kirkpatrick*

*We encourage parishioners to fully participate in the Triduum, which is considered a single service walking with Jesus from the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday through his passion and death on Good Friday, and celebrating the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening.*

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 18**

**6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with agape meal and foot washing (see article on Page 6)**

*Preaching: Mr. Fred Faulkner*

### **GOOD FRIDAY, April 19**

**12:00-3:00 p.m. Asylum Hill Churches Ecumenical Service**

This annual service includes eight of the Asylum Hill churches, beginning at Trinity Church at noon. Congregants can join the service at any point.

*Preaching at Trinity: The Rev. Benjamin Wyatt*

**7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy**

This traditional service from the Book of Common Prayer includes the Liturgy of the Word, the Solemn Collects and bidding prayers, veneration of the cross, and optional reception of Communion from the reserved Sacrament.

*Preaching: The Rev. George Chien*

### **EASTER EVE, April 20**

**7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter, with choirs**

Weather permitting, this service will begin in the Memorial Garden. The Vigil will include the lighting of the Easter Fire and dramatic readings of scripture.

*Preaching: The Right Rev. Andrew Smith*

### **EASTER DAY, April 21**

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with sermon and hymns**

**10:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist with sermon and choirs**

*Preaching at both services: The Rev. Benjamin Wyatt*

*Childcare will be available for the evening service on Maundy Thursday, the Easter Vigil, and the 10:00 a.m. services on Palm Sunday and Easter Day.*

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*and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.*

Each of these prefaces highlights an important aspect of Lent, but we don't always hold them together. The first preface emphasizes Jesus' sinlessness, which gives us cause to reflect upon our own sinfulness, and calls us anew to continue our long struggle to become the people God has called us to be. The second, on the other hand, emphasizes that we are "fervent in prayer and works of mercy." I particularly love that phrase "works of mercy," because it implies that our Lenten self-examination is designed to make us kinder and gentler, both with ourselves and others, than we had been before.

Too often, I think, we divorce moral rigor and kindness. There's a bad habit in much of Christian thought, to think of moral improvement as a sort of quasi-military discipline and to turn our consciences into tyrannical drill sergeants who are always yelling at us that we have never done enough. Now, there's no denying that moral improvement is hard work – anybody who has tried it can tell you that! But at its best, the Christian tradition has insisted that understanding how hard it is to be good should make us kinder and gentler to everyone around us. Our response to the brokenness of the world is not to be harder, but softer. My hope for this Lenten season is simply that we all might find a little extra room for kindness and generosity – towards ourselves, towards each other, and towards a world in desperate need of more kindness.

In Christ,  
Ben+

**A Thank You from the Hamers**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On behalf of Debbie and our entire family, I want to thank everyone for the many blessings God has bestowed on us through you during these past weeks: the efforts of staff and volunteers to take on additional duties in preparation for my retirement, the planning and preparations involved for the retirement party on March 1, the beautiful and very moving thoughts and sentiments expressed in the memory book given to us, the many other gifts offered and received, and a very moving last Sunday together with our beloved worshipping community. We will always cherish each and every moment, and thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

Your brother in Christ,  
Don+

***Maundy Thursday Service  
To Feature Agape Dinner***

Please consider joining your fellow parishioners of Trinity as again this year we observe the feast of the Lord's Supper and foot washing on Maundy Thursday, which falls on April 18. The service will feature a soup/bread/salad/cookies dinner prepared and served by members of the parish, and will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Consider bringing a friend or another family member!

The service will recall the Last Supper as described in Matthew's Gospel and will include the opportunity for those who wish to do so to have their own feet washed or to wash the feet of their brothers and sisters as we remember Jesus' servant ministry of washing the feet of his disciples.

For planning purposes, we ask those who will be attending the service to sign up on the easel pad in Goodwin Hall, including how they are able to help with the meal. There are sign-up opportunities for cooking, baking bread and/or cookies, set-up, meal preparation, table setting, serving, and clean-up! Please see the easel for the schedule of these activities.



The parish office will be closed Easter Monday, April 22. The office and buildings will also be closed on Memorial Day, May 27.



# Birthdays

If you have an April or May birthday not listed below, call Barbara Roos in the parish office at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204, so she can add your special day to our parish records. Please note we publish only the month and day – not the year!

## April

Frederick Bohlen, Sr.	2
Frederick Bohlen, Jr.	2
Esther Igboanugo	4
Suliman Foster	6
Dan Foster	8
Casey Rousseau	8
Ler K Pow	10
Julius Blanchard	10
Sonia Watson	13
Linda MacGougan	14
Robin Duva	18
Al Pereira	18
Warren Holland-Recine	18
Sara Carson	19
Lily Miller	20
Kristyn Richey	21
Grace Troiano	21
Bob Rutstein	22
Angelo Troiano	24
Janet Colwell	24
Kamille Bernard	25
Sarah Paw Doh	25
Enid Oberholtzer	26
Norah White	28
Donald Cook	29
Benjamin Foster	30
Pam Williams	30

## May

Pat Bunker	1
Nancy Berger	2
Barbara Briggs	2
Bruce Wazorko	2
Margaret Romanik	5
Kenneth Okeke	10
Horace Johnson	11
Toni Fatone	11
Everett Post	12
Carl Williams	12
Sekai Tengtenga	14
Advetus Bohlen	14
Tristan Changoo	15
Ngoni Tengtenga	18
Lah Ku Paw	18
Bertram Francis	20
April Alford-Harkey	23
Jeanne Foldvary	25
John Aye Oo	26
Natalie Thomas	29
Maya Irizarry	30
Hope Eakins	30

## Compline Continues Through April 7

The Compline Schola will continue to offer a service of Compline each Sunday evening during Lent, through April 7. This peaceful, contemplative service, conducted in the darkened church illuminated only by candles, begins at 8:00 p.m. Please enter through the Sigourney Street doors, which will be opened at 7:50 p.m. for those attending the service.

## First Tuesday Evensong With The Choir School

The Choir School of Hartford's Choral Evensong series on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:45 p.m. continues through June 4. Everyone is welcome to attend!

We are pleased to welcome Jonathan Reuning-Scherer as our guest conductor for the service on April 2. Jonathan is the Music Director at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford, where the Choir School sings one Sunday of each month.

## Property Team Schedules Spring Workday

Spring is here, it will be getting warmer soon (really!), and the Trinity Church grounds will shortly be in need of our help. The Property Team has scheduled a grounds workday for Saturday, May 11, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Plan to join other Trinity volunteers as we spruce up the church's plantings and gardens for the new growing season. Bring your work gloves and a rake if you can. Peter Green from the Property Team will be on hand to direct activities and show you what to do.

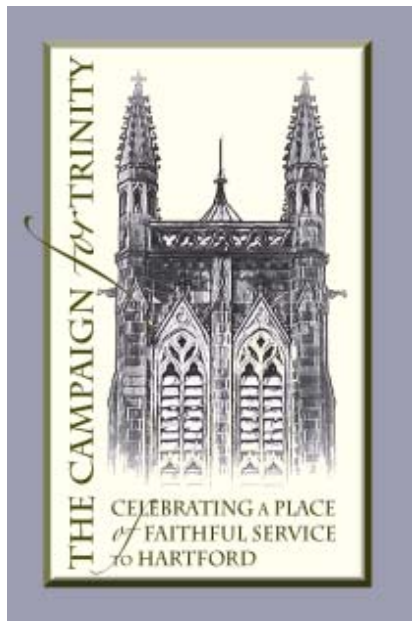
## Capital Campaign Update

We continue to be excited about our capital campaign, *The Campaign for Trinity: Celebrating A Place of Faithful Service to Hartford*. This campaign is about building up. Our goal is to raise \$750,000 to renovate the buildings of our church campus – but building up can mean more than bricks and mortar. We also want the campaign process to help build up our church community and our connections to the wider community. Here's what's new:

**Public Launch:** We had originally planned to hold our public launch on February 12. Thanks to everyone who helped us get ready for what would have been a big day! As it happened, however, there was a large snowstorm that made it an easy decision for us to postpone the event. The new date is Tuesday, April 30. There's an invitation with further details in this *Voice*. Come join the celebration!

**Capital Works Committee:** Early results of the campaign have been so encouraging that we have convened a committee to oversee how the money is spent. Steve Sirotko has agreed to chair this committee, which will decide which projects to prioritize and when work on each project should begin.

**Visits to Parishioners:** Most parishioners haven't been visited yet. The process of visiting parishioners to ask for support for the campaign is taking longer than we'd anticipated. The good news is that we have a great team making visits, and the visits to date have been wonderfully encouraging and uplifting. We will get to you! The



visitation team is redoubling its efforts, with the goal of getting as many visits as possible completed by the public launch on April 30.

**Thanks:** Barbara Roos has continued to provide invaluable support as Campaign Coordinator, even as she has taken on additional responsibilities as Parish Administrator. The campaign Steering Committee provides ideas, help, direction and oversight. Parishioners serving on the Steering Committee include Martha Freimuth, Linda MacGougan, Cathy Rowe and Ernestine Weaver. Thanks as well to all the other volunteers who make the visits and help with events and everything in between. And thanks to those who have made or will make generous donations to help us reach our goal. It takes a village to mount a campaign like this, and we're grateful that so many talented and generous people are stepping forward to make it happen!

Mark MacGougan and Drew Smith  
Campaign for Trinity Co-Chairs

## Meet the Capital Works Committee

The Campaign for Trinity has gotten off to a good start, and some of the money pledged has already come in. As you have heard by now, we have quite a list of projects to complete with the funds we receive. Dave Desmarais, our Clerk of the Works, has begun gathering more detail on exactly what those projects entail, including specifications and what each one will actually cost. These projects are specifically Capital Campaign projects, and are separate from the ongoing maintenance and repairs taken care of by Trinity's Property Team.

The Vestry has named a Capital Works Committee to oversee these more substantial projects. The membership of the committee is drawn from the Property Team and the Vestry, and includes Kevin Chick, Martha Freimuth, Boo Morton, Alan Rice, Steve Sirotko, and Kathie Wilson. The committee has begun meeting with Dave to make decisions about the scope of the work and the sequence of when the various projects will take place. Stay tuned – work will begin soon!

## Annual Meeting Set for June 16

Save the date of Sunday, June 16, for the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Trinity Church. We will have just one service that day, at 9:30 a.m., so our 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. congregations can worship together and share in the business of our annual meeting. Details will be forthcoming in the next issue of *The Voice* – but mark the date on your calendar now!



# Outreach at Trinity



## **Sneaker Collection Continues through April 18**

Don't forget – the Outreach Team is collecting new sneakers for children ages 2 through 16 through Maundy Thursday, April 18. Leave your contribution in the Baptistery on Sundays, or bring the sneakers with you on Maundy Thursday. If your sneakers are meant for a Trinity Academy student, please don't forget to attach the tag with the child's name to the shoebox.

## **Outreach Team Designates New “Trinity Ministry Services” Group**

Earlier this year, members of the Outreach Team met to christen a new service that will help enable Trinity parishioners and the greater Hartford community to make their ideas for ministry a reality! The group is named “Trinity Ministry Services.” Its goal is to help laypeople overcome hurdles to implementing new ministries by connecting them with talents and networks within Trinity Church. Need somebody who knows a thing or two about web design? Need to ask someone what a 501(c)(3) is and whether your ministry should be one? Need help identifying grants to get your work started? Trinity Ministry Services is designed to help connect you to the people who can answer all these questions and more! If you want to be a part of this exciting task force, contact Father Ben or Lily Miller.

## **Church by the Pond April 20**

Trinity's next opportunity to prepare and distribute bag lunches in Bushnell Park for those in need is Saturday, April 20, which is Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. At 12:30, we'll prepare the lunches in the Trinity kitchen and the Library. At 1:45 we'll bring those lunches to Bushnell Park, where we'll participate in the Eucharist by the pond at 2:00, with Bishop Smith presiding. We distribute our lunches following the Eucharist, and should finish by 3:15. Please come for as much of this time as you can – friends and families are welcome!

## **Help a Child in Need**

Trinity's 2019 Placement Pack project begins Sunday, April 28. Each year, Trinity's members fill sturdy cloth bags with necessary supplies (toilet articles, underwear, and a book or soft toy) to be given to children taken into emergency foster care on very short notice.

Empty bags will be available in the Baptistery beginning on the 28th, along with lists of items needed to fill them for boys and girls in various age groups. Pick up a bag and a list for the gender and age group of your choice, purchase the listed items, pack them into the bag, then return the bag (*with the list attached*) to the Baptistery by Sunday, May 26, when the bags will be blessed before being turned over to our Covenant to Care social worker, Lakesha Ruth.

## **Join the April 27 Foodshare Walk Against Hunger**

The annual Foodshare Walk against Hunger will take place Saturday, April 27, at Dunkin Donuts Park beginning at 10:00, and Trinity is planning to field a team. Join our team and wear your Trinity T-shirt! Additional T-shirts will be handed out Sunday, April 14. Watch the Sunday bulletins for directions on how to join the team or to support the event. If you are interested in walking, contact Kate Smith at [kate48smith@comcast.net](mailto:kate48smith@comcast.net). This is a great way to support a wonderful organization that assists so many people in Connecticut who are in need of food. The walk website is [www.site.foodshare.org](http://www.site.foodshare.org).

## **When You Get That Call . . .**

This is a reminder that Trinity Church has a Casserole Ministry to support families and individuals in our parish with prepared meals when they are experiencing circumstances. We have helped many families by delivering meals, providing a great boost to their morale while addressing their practical needs in times of anxiety and physical limitation.

All of us face times in their lives when we need others to reach out in a caring and helpful way. So, next time you receive an e-mail or a call from me asking you to cook or purchase prepared meals for a parishioner in need, please respond. Casserole Ministry gives each of us an opportunity to live out our faith in a concrete way, and to extend to others the loving care we hope to receive when we too are in need.

Anne Rapkin  
Casserole Ministry Liaison

## **VESTRY NOTES – January and February**

At the **January** meeting of the Vestry, Lily Miller, Outreach Quadrant liaison, reported on current projects, which include providing four scholarships to Tanzanian students. The Holiday Store for Trinity Academy went well, as did the December Shoe Drive. A micro-lending opportunity is being explored under the leadership of Everett Post, who is active in the Five Talents program.

As reported by Clement Mogor and Father Ben, the Christian Formation Quadrant has purchased supplies and Bibles for the J2A class, so that all the participants are working from the same translation.

The Parish Care Quadrant, led by Anne Rapkin, is working to recruit more people to participate in its many ministries.

Warden Martha Freimuth reported that the Choir School Board is planning an April 12 fundraiser at the Pond House. She also gave an update on the Capital Campaign, which has so far received pledges of \$382,300 (50% of goal), and has received \$192,000. The Public Launch is scheduled for February 12. Dave Desmarais, former property management liaison for the ECCT, will be working with the Capital Works Committee to identify the scope and sequence of projects, which he will manage.

Warden Alan Rice reported that Trinity Academy and Watkinson School students observed Martin Luther King Day jointly at Trinity. Arts Night is scheduled for February 15. This year's major fundraiser will be held on April 26 at ON20.

The Rector reported on the Christian Activities Council, a grass roots organization of people from both urban and suburban churches focused on a joint ministry for social justice advocacy. The organization can train those wishing to be active in this ministry at Trinity; speak to Lily Miller or Alan Rice if you are interested.

The Treasurers explained a number of amendments to the 2019 budget, made possible by several generous bequests, a grant from the diocese, and a gift paid through the Woodward Trust. The revised budget was approved. A monthly draw from the endowment of \$7,050 for operations, and \$3,500 to support the capital budget, was also approved.

The capital budget for 2019 was presented by Boo Morton, Property Team chair. Projects include exterior stair and sacristy repairs. The Property Team will work with the Capital Works Committee to determine which projects will be funded by the capital budget, and which will fall under the Capital Campaign.

It was announced that the Rev. Canon Lee Ann Tolzmann will preach at Trinity on April 7, and will then conduct a Town Hall meeting with the congregation to explain the process for Trinity's transition and clergy search. There will be only one service on that day, at 9:30.

There will be a celebration of Father Don's and Debbie's ministry among us on March 1, and on March 3 there will be one service on Father Don's last day with us at Trinity.

There was a discussion about amending Trinity's bylaws to codify the Ministry Quadrant system. This will be on the February agenda.

At the **February** Vestry meeting, Steve Zhitnik reported that, as in the past two years, an Agape meal will be held Maundy Thursday.

Steve also reported that 114 households who have pledged in the past still have not returned pledge cards; new cards were sent to those people. Steve also mentioned the need for help in this important ministry.

Lily Miller, Outreach Ministry Liaison, reported that Heather Kramer has taken on the Tanzania school outreach. Under the leadership of Father Ben, Trinity Ministry Services will be inaugurated to coordinate existing and enabling new ministries at Trinity, including pursuing relationships with new seminarians. Loaves and Fishes is going apace with new menus, and the Lenten Shoe Drive will be starting soon.

Boo Morton, of the Property Team, said that there has been a problem in getting snow plowed back onto our sidewalks by city plows removed in a timely manner; this is being addressed. Upgrades to the lighting and heating/air conditioning have been completed.

Steve Zhitnik added that two parishioners have benefited from the Casserole Ministry, but more help would be appreciated.

Alan Rice reported that Trinity Academy's Excellence Gala is scheduled for Friday, April 26, at

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ON20 at the Hartford Steam Boiler. The Choir School of Hartford will be having its own major fundraiser on April 12 at the Pond House. On Saturday, April 17, the ECCT will hold its Annual Spring Training and Gathering at Berlin High School, featuring workshops and seminars. Vestry members and church leaders are encouraged to attend.

Several people have expressed concern about the Trinity web site. A task force has been formed to examine our electronic ministries; Kevin Chick will be the convener.

Father Don spoke about his efforts to wind down and hand off tasks to

others. Father Ben will move to half-time and will hold the position of Assistant Rector.

Discussion followed on the 2018 Parochial Report, the church's "snapshot" of the state of the parish, which was accepted.

Father Don met with Tiffany Reed about the new ECCT Missional Network Initiative, a program to assist parishes in substantial fundraising. However, given that Trinity is currently in the middle of a major capital campaign, it was decided not to pursue this program

For many years, Trinity has been operating under an original system

of Ministry Quadrants to both lighten the workload of the clergy and to encourage lay leadership and engagement. The Vestry voted to incorporate this structure into the bylaws of the parish; this amendment will be brought before the Annual Meeting.

Father Don and Alan briefed the Vestry on the management plan during the transition, and a description of that plan is set out in the Wardens' article on Page 3. The Vestry was reminded that the Rev. Canon Lee Ann Tolzmann will be at the March Vestry meeting and will join us for the service and Town Hall meeting on April 7.

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## *Easter Memorials*



If you would like to make a contribution to the flowers and/or music for the 2019 Easter services in memory of a friend or family member, please fill out the form below and send it, along with your check, to the parish office at 120 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT 06105 by Friday, April 12. Checks should be made out to Trinity Church and earmarked "Easter Memorials." Names of those in whose memory contributions are received will be listed in the Easter Eve and Easter Day bulletins. Be sure to check the appropriate box to indicate if you would like your contribution to be used for the Easter flowers, the Easter music, or a 50/50 split.



I enclose a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Trinity Church 2019 Easter memorials

in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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Please designate my contribution for (check one box only):

- Easter Music       Easter Flowers       50/50 Flowers & Music

## **Trinity Academy Update . . .**

Spring is just around the corner, and Trinity Academy welcomes this blooming season with open arms! Recently, we have been busy with growing academics, enrichment, and community involvement. In February, Trinity Academy partnered with L.E.O. (Latin Enrichment Organization) Clinic, which provides in-house counseling for students who are experiencing academic, behavioral, or social/emotional hardship. To welcome themselves to our community, L.E.O. threw a fabulous Valentine's Day party for everyone, complete with treats, crafts, and games.

Trinity Academy had its Winter Concert in February. Families and friends joined us for a brief night of artwork, song, and dance. All grades participated and a great time was had by all! Since February is Black History Month, the choir songs, led by Jackson Merrill, were all related to this theme, making for a touching performance. After the show, one of our fourth graders set up a handmade bracelet booth as part of her service project. With the help of our community, she was able

to raise over \$100 for a charity of her choice, Toys For Tots!

On March 2, students school-wide honored Dr. Seuss' birthday with traditional Read Across America Day festivities. Throughout the school day, many of our board members came in to read Dr. Seuss stories to each grade. Students were attentive and curious about the silly language these books provide – and the teachers got a kick out of hearing the board members pronounce all of those tongue twisters!

Speaking of reading, Trinity Academy has implemented a Reading Buddies program. Once a week, the third and fourth grade students buddy with the first and second graders to help grow their reading skills. They read their favorite stories, interpret meaning, and share laughs along the way. We have noticed the huge impact this has on our younger students, who are building confidence and bonding with their older mentors.

Donna Colliton  
Director of Development

## **Trinity Academy Annual Gala Set for April 26**

Trinity Academy is happy to announce that its annual signature fundraiser, The Excellence Gala, will be held at ON20, located at One State Street Building in Hartford, from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 26. The design of the gala has been changed this year; instead of a formal sit-down dinner, the event will take on a new fast-paced vibe with a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception accompanied by silent, live, and paddle auctions. ON20's amazing panoramic views of Hartford will also add to the evening! Guests will also be able to meet some of Trinity Academy's greatest treasures – its students – as well as some of its graduates.

Tickets are \$100 each, and can be purchased through the school website, [www.trinityday.org](http://www.trinityday.org), or by phoning the Academy office at 860-251-8337. Interested in becoming an Excellence Gala Event Sponsor? Information is on the website; click on "Become an event sponsor."



## ***Easter Memorials***



# CAMPAIGN *for* TRINITY KICK-OFF CELEBRATION

TUESDAY + APRIL 30, 2019 + 5:30 PM

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Smith and Mr. Mark MacGougan,  
Capital Campaign Co-Chairs

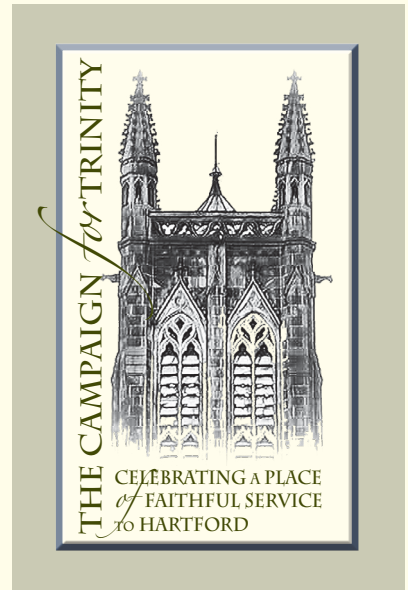
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TO HARTFORD

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Please Join Us as we announce our success to date,  
our campaign goals and our plans for the future!

The program, beginning at 5:45 pm, will feature remarks  
from Mayor Luke Bronin. We will offer tours,  
highlight proposed construction projects and enjoy music from  
*The Choir School of Hartford*, one of a number of community  
organizations that calls the Trinity campus "home."

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FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019  
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860-527-8133

## **More from Outreach . . .**

### **An Update on Trinity's Afghan Family**

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of the members of our refugee resettlement team, the Saeedi family is settling into their new American home and the safety it has provided them. The family arrived from Afghanistan in September 2018. Jamil, who performed extremely dangerous work for the American military in Afghanistan, is now working full-time at a factory in Meriden. Naazi is slowly but surely learning English, while adjusting to a radically different culture from what she has known. The two eight-year-olds, Frozan, a girl, and Jawad, a boy, are flourishing in the second grade and "LOVE their teachers!" Five-year-old Fawad, like his older siblings, is soaking up English like a sponge, and the four-year-old girl, Firoza, will soon begin pre-school.

It is never too late to begin participating in the activities of the refugee resettlement team! Please contact me (860-521-5992; a.rapkin@snet.net) for information if you are interested in this ministry.

P.S.: The following donations of gently used items for the Saeedi family would be most welcome:

- Bicycles of appropriate sizes for the older children, and a tricycle for the four-year-old
- Spring and summer clothing

If you would like to donate any of these items, please contact me. Please do NOT leave any donated items at the church.

Anne Rapkin  
Liaison, Refugee Resettlement

### **Camp Washington Invites Middle Schoolers to Narnia**

Young people in grades 6-8 are invited to get lost in the fantastic fun of a celebration of all things Narnia during this year's Middle School Retreat at Camp Washington in Lakeside, Connecticut. The retreat will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 3, and end at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 5. Whether you want to explore the woods like Lucy, eat delicious food by a fire like Edmund, or just come along on the adventure, if you are currently in middle school, this is for you!

Plan now to come have a great time at this weekend retreat featuring friendship, faith, fun and fantasy. The cost is \$150.00 for the weekend.

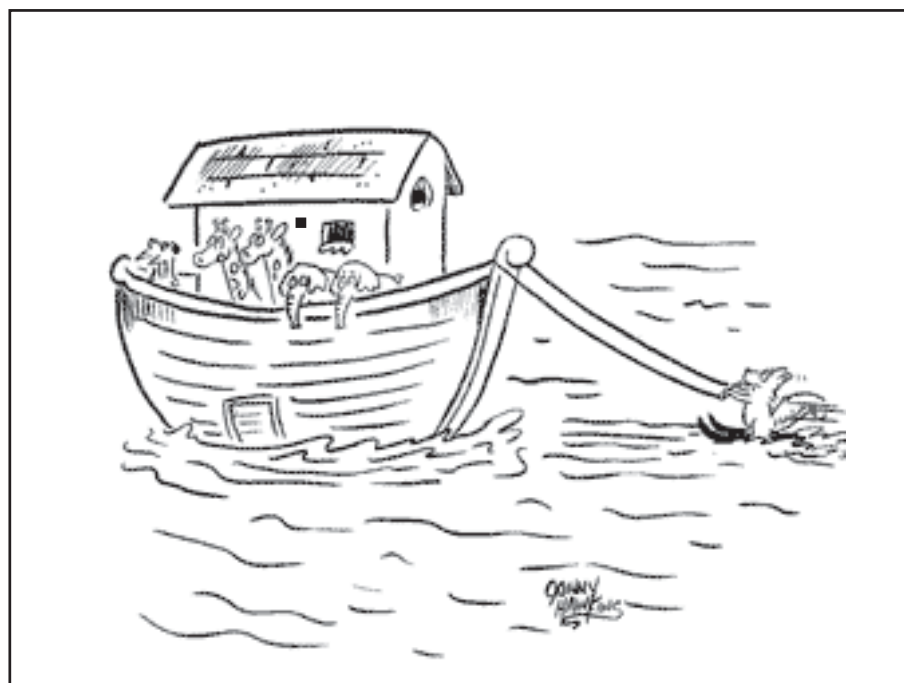
To register, go to the home page at [www.campwashington.org](http://www.campwashington.org), click on "Programs", then the "Register Now" button located just below the description of the Narnia weekend, which will direct you to the EventBrite registration form.

### **HUH Announces 2019 Dates**

Attention, Trinity youth! Heads Up! Hartford (HUH) has announced the dates and place for its summer camp: June 21-28 at the Ethel Walker School in Simsbury. HUH is a faith-based group of urban and suburban youth – along with adult advisors – who get together for a week in the summer to improve our communities and develop as leaders. Students currently in grades 8-12 are invited to attend. This has been a valuable and fun camp experience for a number of Trinity youth.

More information can be found at [www.headsuphartford.org](http://www.headsuphartford.org). Trinity's Outreach Budget provides funds so that any interested young person is able to attend. More information will be coming, but keep this opportunity in mind as you make plans for summer. (Adult volunteers are also needed and welcomed!)

Linda MacGougan,  
Trinity's HUH liaison



### **Avery Ensemble To Perform Music from 1919 and Beyond**

The Avery Ensemble piano quartet will present their next concert at Trinity Church on Saturday, April 27, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Their program will feature two pieces written in 1919 and another from 1986. The two earlier pieces are Paul Hindemith's Viola Sonata, Op. 11, No. 4, and William Walton's Piano Quartet; Paul Schoenfield's Café Music for Piano Trio will complete the program.

The core members of the Avery Ensemble – violinist Annie Trépanier, violist Steve Larson, cellist Hans Twitchell and pianist Adriana Jarvis – have been artists-in-residence at Trinity Church since 2007. Join them on April 27 for this next installment of their “Avery at Trinity” series. There is a suggested donation of \$20 for this event.

### **Got Website Skills? Trinity's Website Needs You!**

Do you have experience with Website design and/or development? Trinity is looking to revamp our website and is now seeking someone to help us with this effort. Please contact Kevin Chick (kevinjchick@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

### **Voice Deadline May 10**

The deadline for the next issue of *The Voice*, which will cover events in June, July and August, is Friday, May 10, at 5:00 p.m. Articles should be submitted to voice@trinityhartford.org. (Please be sure to send your article to *this* address.) Don't forget – your parish event belongs in *The Voice*!

### **Book Group To Discuss Michelle Obama Autobiography**

You're invited to join other Trinity parishioners for a discussion of Michelle Obama's recent autobiography, *Becoming*, the latest selection of Trinity's Book Group. The book begins with her childhood in the south side of Chicago and continues through her time in the White House.

The Book Group gathering will take place from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, May 10, at the West Hartford home of Mark and Linda MacGougan. All are welcome! If you'd like to attend, please let Mark or Linda know (macgougans@gmail.com; 860-561-1588) so that there will be plenty of refreshments for everyone.

### **ECCT Plans Service for Couples Married 50 Years+**

The Episcopal Church in Connecticut will hold its annual celebration and renewal of vows for couples who have been married 50 years (and up!) at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford on Sunday, May 19, beginning at 3:00 p.m. If you and your spouse were married on or before December 31, 1969, and would like to be a part of this special service, please call the parish office at (860) 527-8133, Ext. 204, by April 5 to let Barbara Roos know so your names can be added to the list of invitees. Married same-sex couples who have been together for 50 years or more are also invited to attend. A reception with the bishops will follow the service, and couples in attendance will receive a commemorative certificate.

### **Cystic Fibrosis Walk June 1; Bake Sale on June 9**

Will winter ever end? We hope so and are looking forward to June! Team Strolling for Sarah will be heading out at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 1, at Pine Grove School in Avon. Kate and Drew Smith's granddaughter, Sarah, was born with Cystic Fibrosis; she is now nine years old and doing well. Kate and Drew do an annual walk (3 miles) to support the Great Strides program, which raises research dollars for this genetic lung disease. They invite you to walk with them this year and enjoy a picnic lunch afterwards. Let them know you're coming and you get a free team T-shirt! (Note the date and location change this year, as Kate and Drew will be away in May on a hiking trip.)

Can't make the date? Join the team as a virtual walker by visiting Kate's website: <http://fightcf.cff.org/goto/KateSmith>.

The annual bake sale held at Trinity to support cystic fibrosis research will take place the weekend after the walk on Sunday, June 9, following the services. There will be cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, breads, muffins and more. Would you like to have a specific item made for you? Let Kate know by the Sunday before the bake sale. And finally, more bakers are always welcome!

Please contact Kate with any questions about the hike or the bake sale. Her email address is Kate48smith@comcast.net, or you can give her a call at 860-519-1591.

Kate and Drew Smith thank you!

### EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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<i>Page 3</i>	April 7 9:30 a.m. One service this day, followed by Town Hall meeting with Canon Tolzmann
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<i>Page 15</i>	June 1 10:00 a.m. Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides walk at Pine Grove School, Avon
<i>Page 15</i>	June 9 9:00 & 11:30 a.m. Cystic Fibrosis bake sale



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