

VOICE OF TRINITY

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Life Together at Trinity

Framing the Future of the ECCT

At the recent convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, most of our Saturday session explored several questions considered to be priorities for everyone in our Diocese as we look to the future. These concerns are important to us at Trinity because as fellow travelers on the journey

following Jesus, we are all in this together, and we can have a greater impact when we work together. As leaders in the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement, we at Trinity can and should make a difference in the life of our brothers and sisters in the wider Church. I found three of these questions to be of particular importance for us as a parish and as a diocese:



■ How do we meaningfully engage in the existing work of serving God's mission among the poor and marginalized? We spoke about the importance of spiritually listening to the needs of vulnerable people, whoever they may be. Marginalization comes in a variety of forms, and is only addressed when we respect and restore the dignity of every human. We are called to

minister *with* rather than *to* people, addressing the root causes of injustice instead of enacting topical solutions.

■ How can we raise awareness of the sin of racism in our Church and promote healing toward true racial reconciliation? The history of racism in the Episcopal Church is not unlike the history of racism in this country, and we continue systematically to participate in it. We acknowledge that the problem is in part predicated on ignorance and fear. As the Church, we are called to challenge racism in all its forms; we must create safe space to hold transforming conversations, that we may tell our stories and deepen relationships. As one affirmative step, Convention voted to ask all worshipping communities in the diocese to dedicate the second Sunday of February to focus on the sin of racism for at least 2019 and 2020. In addition, ECCT will hire a ¼ time staff person to coordinate these efforts on a diocesan-wide scale.

■ In these changing times in which we are being challenged to rethink what it means to "be the church," what are our expectations of priestly leadership? We discovered there is difficulty managing expectations and boundaries of priests, vestry and laity, of congregations and ECCT staff. As the role of the congregation continues to evolve, how are the roles of clergy and lay leadership evolving? In a time when full-time clergy are increasingly the exception rather than the rule, what is the role of the priest who is not a full-time rector?

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Sunday Morning Adult Christian Formation

Coffee Hour Conversations, part of Trinity's Adult Christian Formation program, meet following the Sunday morning 10:00 a.m. service, usually in the Library. Here's the schedule of upcoming sessions:

December 2 – Trinity Academy Update

Glenn Winfree (Interim Head of School) and Jen Scanzano (Assistant Head of School) will catch us up on all the news from the elementary school in our building. How is the new first grade doing? How are last year's fourth graders faring in their new schools? What special events are planned for the spring semester? How can church members help out?

December 9 – Conversation with the preacher

Drew Smith will lead an informal discussion of the topics raised during his sermon that day.

December 16 – Bible discussion

Roy McAlpine will lead an exploration of a selected passage from the Bible.

December 23 – No session; greening of the church

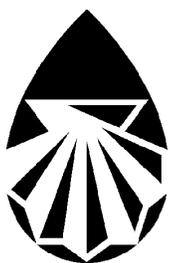
December 30 – No session

Schedule for January TBD; see the Sunday bulletin inserts



Welcoming the Newly Baptized . . .

During the 10:00 a.m. service on All Saints Sunday, November 4, we were pleased to welcome into the household of God and the parish of Trinity Church:



- Adrian Dilone, age 11, a member of The Choir School of Hartford and son of Odile Dilone
- Arianny Lora, age 5, daughter of Odile Dilone and Rafael Lora
- Aaron Dilone, 4 months old, son of Odile Dilone and Jason Steel
- Josiah Micah Texidor, 9 months old, son of Jonelle Eugene and Joseph Texidor



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www.facebook.comTrinityEpiscopalHartford](https://www.facebook.comTrinityEpiscopalHartford)**

Annual Appeal Update

Please Make Your Pledge Before December 1

One month into our Annual Appeal, we have received 75 pledges totaling \$298,645, ranging from \$5.00 to \$30,000 for the fiscal year from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. This total reflects 26 new or increased pledges for a total of \$26,403 and 15 pledges which were reduced by a total of \$21,268.

Fr. Don and the wardens urge all parishioners to prayerfully consider their pledges toward Trinity's operating budget for 2019 and to turn in their pledge cards prior to December 1. Doing so will help the Vestry draft a responsible and faithful budget for 2019 at their meeting on December 18. Extra pledge cards are available at the church, or by calling Pam Haddad at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204.

Share Your Nativity Set

Continuing an annual Trinity Church tradition, we are again asking you to share one of your Nativity sets for display in the window ledges of the church during Advent and on through Christmastide. If you are interested in sharing your crèche, please contact Fr. Don or Pam Haddad in the church office (860-527-8133, phaddad@trinityhartford.org or dhamer@trinityhartford.org).

We would like to have all the crèches at the church in time to display them on the First Sunday of Advent, December 2. Please include your name and any information you have about the artist or medium when you bring in your crèche.



Christmastide Services

December 24 - Christmas Eve

- 4:45 p.m. Musical prelude to the service
- 5:00 p.m. A family service of Holy Eucharist suitable for children of all ages and their families, with hymns, carols and a children's sermon
- 9:30 p.m. A musical prelude featuring festive arrangements of carols old and new, with the Trinity Choir, The Choir School of Hartford, organ, brass, and strings
- 10:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist of Christmas with the Trinity Choir, The Choir School of Hartford, organ, brass, and strings

December 25 - Christmas Day

- 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with sermon and carols

December 30 - The First Sunday after Christmas

- 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with congregational Lessons and Carols
(One service only this day)

There will be no childcare for the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day services. Childcare will be available for the 9:30 a.m. service on December 30.



The parish office will be closed from December 21 through January 1, reopening on Wednesday, January 2. On the days the office is closed, the buildings will otherwise be open for scheduled meetings and activities (and, of course, for scheduled worship services!) In case of a pastoral emergency, please call the office number (860-527-8133) and press 1 for the emergency clergy mailbox.

The office will also be closed on Monday, January 21, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.

Compline in Advent

Compline is the last of the four services in the Anglican Daily Office. It is descended from the night prayer said before bed at the end of the monastic round of daily prayer. Compline is a simple office which includes a confession of sins, one or more psalms, a short reading from Scripture, versicles and responses, the Lord's Prayer, collects which ask for God's protection during the night to come, and the canticle *Nunc dimittis*. A hymn for the evening follows the short passage from Scripture.

Compline will be sung in the church at 8:00 p.m. all four Sundays of Advent (December 2, 9, 16 and 23). Please join us for this prayerful and reflective devotion. All are welcome. Please enter through the Sigourney Street doors, which will be opened at 7:50.

First Tuesday Evensong

Join us at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4, for Evensong sung by the Choristers of The Choir School of Hartford under the direction of Enid Oberholtzer, FRSCM, immediate past president of the Choir School. This service is part of Trinity Church's new series of First Tuesday Evensongs. Featured music for December will be the medieval Advent carol "Maria walks amid the thorn" and plainsong settings of the canticles.

Evensong is a sung version of Evening Prayer. Since the late Middle Ages "evensong" has been the popular name for vespers, the Western Church's evening office. Thomas Cranmer used the term in the 1549 Book of Common Prayer. Although he replaced it in 1552 with "Evening Prayer," the common name remains Evensong.

Lighting and HVAC Upgrades Begin This Week

We have been notified by JK Energy Solutions that work on Trinity's lighting and HVAC upgrades will begin in the next week or so. When implemented, the improvements will save the church approximately \$10,000 a year on its energy bill.



(Details of the proposal were reported in the last edition of *The Voice* and are available on the church website at trinityhartford.org.)

Implementing the work covered by the proposal will involve converting every light fixture on our campus (except those in the main sanctuary area) to energy-efficient LED bulbs. (The lighting in the sanctuary is part of the Capital Campaign project list, so was not included in the energy audit.) In addition, seven window air conditioners will be replaced with high efficiency heat pumps. The air conditioning system in the kitchens, which is currently barely functioning, will be replaced with a 5-ton split system, while the kitchen's hot water system will be replaced with a new gas-fired hot water boiler.

You'll be able to see signs of activity just as you are receiving this edition of *The Voice*. Please excuse any inconvenience during the implementation process – and focus instead on the energy efficiency we will be achieving and the financial resources that can now be redirected to serving God's mission to the world!

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Thursdays at 12 noon

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

The Rev. Dr. Donald L. Hamer, Rector
Mr. Jackson Merrill, Director of Music Ministries
The Rev. Benjamin Wyatt, Deacon (Curate)

Assisting Clergy:

The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith
The Rev. Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick
The Rev. George A. Chien
The Rev. Thomas H. Furrer
The Rev. Jon C. Widing

The Reverend William J. Eakins, Rector Emeritus

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Campaign Kicks Off With Festive Celebration

The Campaign for Trinity was officially launched on Sunday, October 28, following the single 9:30 service held that day. Although the Celebration committee (Martha Freimuth, Linda MacGougan, Cathy Rowe, Ernestine Weaver and Barbara Roos) had set up Goodwin Hall with many more places than we had RSVPs, we needed to bring in more chairs to accommodate all who wanted to participate.

As lunch began, those gathered were welcomed by the Rt. Rev. Andrew Smith, co-chair of the Campaign for Trinity, who offered grace and reflected on his longstanding relationship with the parish (and the even longer one of his wife, Kate!) Master of Ceremonies Mark MacGougan, the other Campaign co-chair, provided an overview of the celebration and acknowledged the campaign steering committee and all who have been working on the campaign and celebration. Then followed the premier of a 5-minute campaign video created by Motion, Inc. of Rocky Hill, highlighting the history of Trinity and the many ways it is a spiritual home to those who worship here and a place of welcome, hope and healing for the wider community. The video brought visible emotion to many faces.

After the video was shown, parishioners Cathy Rowe and Ifeoma Mogor offered reflections on their Trinity experience and its impact on their lives, encouraging all in attendance to join them in generously supporting The Campaign for Trinity. Director of Music Ministries Jack Merrill then led the entire gathering in a rendition

of the Campaign Song: *Place of Faithful Service We Now Celebrate*, set to the tune of *Welcome, Happy Morning*. Jack and Mark collaborated on the lyrics, which were at once humorous and relevant to the Campaign's themes. Fr. Don closed the celebration with his own reflections and a benediction before Deacon Ben sent us forth to love and serve the Lord.

Capital Campaign Current Happenings!

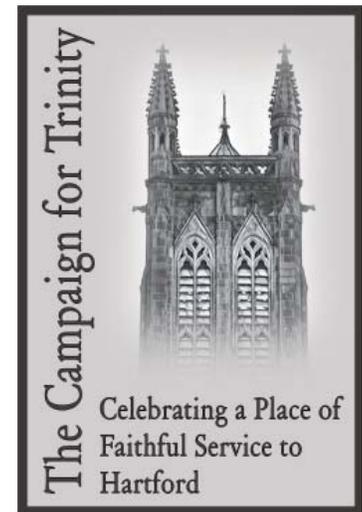
Campaign Visits Begin

Over the next several months, our volunteer corps will be calling, emailing and setting up appointments to speak with each and every household about the Capital Campaign.

Haven't gotten a call yet? You will! Our Campaign Stewards are going forth two by two to share the good news of the campaign. Thank you for juggling your calendars to make room for this most important conversation!

What Else Can I Do?

There will be volunteer opportunities over the course of the campaign. Are you a centerpiece-making wiz? Can you create invitations on the computer? Just want to roll up your sleeves and pitch in? Periodically we will be hosting events for both parishioners and our community friends to provide campaign updates. We can always use extra help. Contact Barbara Roos at 860-527-8133, Ext. 203, or broos@trinityhartford.org.



Capital Campaign Coming Attractions!

There are two very important milestones for the Capital Campaign coming up in the months ahead.

Public Launch

The special service and luncheon on October 28 was the campaign launch within the parish. Early next year – probably in February – we plan to have a public launch where we will present the campaign to the wider community. This will be a great opportunity to build even stronger bonds with our neighborhood, city and region as we tell our story and look to raise additional funds for our buildings.

First Visible Work

The date for this is harder to predict, but we're hoping that by sometime in the spring we'll have reached a point where we'll be able to start the first wave of repairs and improvements that the campaign was created to make possible. This will be work that will make our physical plant stronger, sounder, safer, more attractive and more energy efficient – work that will have been made possible by your generosity!



If you have a December or January birthday not listed below, call Pam Haddad in the parish office at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204, so she can add your special day to our records.

December

Tess Eckhardt	1
Marcia C. Lee	1
Margaret Rousseau	3
Justin White	3
Marcia A. Lee	6
Dwight Lee	7
Ron Gripp	8
Asker Downer	9
Joe Troiano	13
Deborah Williams	13
Jonathan Ude	14
Jerrod Cammock	14
Janice Rawlins	14
Linda Leyhow	15
Anne Rapkin	15
Jim Register	15
Helena Haddad	15
Max Eckhardt	15
Georges Annan-Kingsley	15
Linda Eckert	17
Emmanuela Igboanugo	18
Nancy Whitcomb	19
Levi White	20
David Weaver	20
Kachi Onoh	23
Kaylee Troiano	23
Paw Say Wah	24
Andrew Rose	24
Nicholas Thomas	25
Amity Gaige	26
Elizabeth Windnagle	27
Emma Cheyney	29
Jonathan Garcia	29
Dianne Bowens-Waller	31

January

Maung Chint Aye	1
Ma Aye	1
Ifeoma Mogor	1
Sandi Cone	3
Carrie Margeson	3
Stephen Zhitnik	5
Connie Bain	5
Beryl Tomlinson	7
Jordan Thomas	8
Emily Bohlen	9
Kiara Burgos-Santiago	9
Susan Constantine	10
Dorcas Blanchard	10
Ramona Knight	14
Valerie Pogue	15
Lah Shi	16
George Chien	16
Ned Miller	16
Percy Williamson	16
Jorja Henderson	19
Steven Ross	19
Betty Anne Cox	20
Drew Smith	20
Jordan Bernard	21
Zechariah	
Stephens-Walker	21
Adrian Dilone	22
Peter Rice	24
Quinn Duva	25
Yasmeen Ross	26
David Weaver	26
Ernestine Weaver	27
Josiah Texidor	28
Jonelle Eugene	29
Susan Post	30
Benjamin Wyatt	30

**Thanks from
The Choir School**

Over the summer months while the Choristers were enjoying vacation, The Choir School of Hartford launched its annual giving campaign. The annual giving campaign is the Choir School's main fundraising drive and we are thankful for those who have so generously supported the appeal. Because of your ongoing generosity, our hardworking choristers continue to serve and contribute weekly to worship services and now provide Evensong the first Tuesday of the month at 6:45. Also, due to a commitment to grow the Choir School, we have increased our enrollment.

Even though our fundraising drive was launched in the summer, it is never too late to give and show your support of the Choir School. Please keep the Choir School in your prayers and giving throughout the year. Appeal information and envelopes are available on the information table in Goodwin Hall, and all gifts to the Choir School are tax deductible.

– Ernestine Weaver

Quiet Day December 8

The Companions of the Holy Cross invite all women of the parish to an Advent Quiet Day, "Opening Ourselves to the Gift of God's Love," to be held on Saturday, December 8, at St. James's Church, West Hartford, from 9:30-1:30. Charlotte LaForest, Assistant to the Rector at St. James's, will be the leader for the morning. Meditations and reflection time will be followed by a Eucharist. Have questions? Please email Kate Smith at Kate48smith@comcast.net.

Fall Events at Trinity Academy

It's already November! This school year is really flying by! Trinity Academy started the new school year with the welcoming of a first grade to our school – eleven first graders and their amazing new teacher, Chloe Williams. We now offer grades one through four and have 50 students!



Halloween was a lot of fun, with our students trick or treating at Covenant Preparatory School and then returning back to Trinity Academy for a spooky **Halloween party**. The party was full of Halloween crafts, snacks, and fun activities!

Our classes worked hard to prepare for Trinity Academy's **3rd Annual Cultural Night**, which was held on November 7. This event is one of cultural diversity, knowledge and fun. Each grade was assigned a country to learn about and then shared their knowledge of the assigned country's culture with family members and friends. Our first grade studied about Canada; our second grade immersed itself in the culture of Japan; our third grade explored the continent of Africa; and our fifth graders were entranced with learning about India!

In late October, our annual fall fundraiser, "**Fall for Trinity**", was held at Infinity Music Hall Bistro in Hartford. The United Bank Foundation generously offered to be the founding sponsor of this year's event, with all funds generated going towards Trinity Academy's General Operating Fund. The warm and intimate

setting made for a fantastic time of mingling and fun for the 90 friends and supporters who attended.

As Thanksgiving Day nears, Trinity Academy's sponsored students are planning a special luncheon to thank all of their sponsors for their generosity. Our **Rising Seedling Student Sponsorship Program** has enabled sponsorship of all eleven of our first graders as well as three of our second graders! We hope to have our remaining eight second graders find sponsors by year end. If you would like to learn more about our Rising Seedling Program, visit www.trinityday.org or call our Development Office at 860-251-8337.

– Jen Scanzano,
Assistant Head of School

Calling Lovers of Flowers

The Flower Guild is looking for new members. If you love to arrange flowers, we want you!!

Arranging flowers for a Sunday takes about three hours, and entails purchasing the flowers and coming to the church to arrange them. This can be done either on a Friday when Vinnie Pacileo is usually present or on Saturday morning when the building is open for AA.

If you are a little unsure about how to arrange flowers or what to do, a member of the Flower Guild will be glad to assist you on your assigned Sunday until you are comfortable.

If you have ANY interest in giving this wonderful ministry a try, contact either Percy Williamson at 860-922-6271 or the Rev. George Chien at 860-690-7024.

Choir School To Join in St. Lucia Festival

The Choir School of Hartford will join the young people of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford for the church's 105th St. Lucia Festival on Friday, December 7. Performances will take place at 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$5.00 (\$3.00 for children).

Ben Wyatt To Be Ordained To the Priesthood at Trinity

You are invited to attend the ordination of Trinity's curate, the Reverend Ben Wyatt, to the Sacred Order of Priests! The service of ordination will be held at Trinity on Thursday, December 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m. A light reception with



homemade cookies will follow. Ben's bishop, the Right Reverend John Bauerschmidt, will be traveling from Tennessee to ordain him. Come be a part of this very special evening in Ben's life and in the life of our parish!

Trinity To Host West Hartford Women's Chorale Concert

The West Hartford Women's Chorale will perform their 2018 Winter Concert, "Celestial Voices," at Trinity Church on Friday, December 14, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy an evening of festive music sung by the chorale under the direction of Dr. Ethan Nash. There is a \$10.00 charge for this event, payable at the door.

Outreach at Trinity



Come Join Deacon Bonnie's Boot Party

Remember several years ago when Deacon Bonnie started the special holiday foot clinic in collaboration between Trinity and Christ Church Cathedral?

Well, that event was so popular that it now is sponsored by the entire North Central Region of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. The Region is hosting this year's Boot Party on Saturday, December 8, at Christ Church Cathedral in collaboration with Footwear With Care, The Hartford Police Department, Fleet Feet of West Hartford, CT Podiatric Association and several other organizations through the Greater Hartford Community.

"We expect to serve some 400 guests, both male and female," Deacon Bonnie reported.

"Attendees will receive a snack and coffee, new winter boots, socks, gloves, toiletries, a lunch, a foot exam by medical staff and, if they want, a foot massage."

Gloves and toiletries are being provided by the Episcopal Churches in the North Central Region; Trinity's Outreach Team is providing 20 bundles of the requested items.

Deacon Bonnie is seeking volunteers to serve at the Boot Party from 8:30 a.m. through 1 p.m. in any of a variety of ministries, one of which is cleaning

a guest's feet and providing a gentle touch foot massage while listening to the stories the guest wants to tell. Volunteers are also needed to act as hosts, distribute lunches and serve as Boot Runners for all or part of the day. Free parking in the MAT garage will be available for all volunteers. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Deacon Bonnie at bmatthews228@comcast.net.

Don't Forget – It's Almost Time for the Giving Tree

Our 2018 Giving Tree will soon make its debut in the Baptistry on December 2, the first Sunday of Advent. You are invited to be a part of this annual holiday project and help make this a merry Christmas for one of the Hartford children – some from Trinity Academy and others whose names we receive from Covenant to Care – whose Christmas wishes will be listed on the tags hanging on the tree. To fulfill a wish, take a tag off the tree and follow the directions posted nearby. Wrapped gifts should be brought to the Baptistry *with the tags attached* by Sunday, December 16, so they can be distributed in time for Christmas. If the cost of providing a gift is more than you can afford, consider joining with another Trinity member to share the cost.

– Don Cook
for the Outreach Team

Church by the Pond Set for December 15

Trinity's next opportunity to participate in Church by the Pond is Saturday, December 15. This is part of Trinity's ongoing commitment to community service, and is one of the "Church Street Eats" programs coordinated by Christ Church Cathedral.

December is a special time for this ministry, as in addition to lunches, we provide gift bags with hats, gloves and toiletries. Volunteers are needed both for the preparation time at Trinity, and to come to Bushnell Park to be with our guests.

Beginning at 12:30, we will assemble gift bags in Goodwin Hall, while we prepare bag lunches in the Trinity kitchen and the library. At 1:45 we will bring the lunches and gifts to Bushnell Park, then participate in the Eucharist by the Pond at 2:00. We will distribute our lunches and gifts following the Eucharist, and should finish by 3:15. Plan to come for as much of this time as you can – friends and families are welcome!

– Penny Pearson
for the Outreach Team

More Trinity T-Shirts Coming

Thanks to those who wore their Trinity T-shirts on All Saints' Sunday. We took a great photo and sent it to Custom Ink. More shirts have been ordered, and we will hand them out again on Sunday, November 18, after both services. Please stop by, as we want everyone to have one! A \$10.00 free will offering to Outreach ministries helps us with future projects, but don't let that prevent you from getting your free T-shirt!

(More) Outreach at Trinity



Update on AFEDJ

In late September, I received an update on what is occurring in the Diocese of Jerusalem, especially the West Bank of Israel. Here is the situation: The US has cut \$200 million in aid to the relief organization UNRWA (UN Relief and Works Agency) that assists Palestinian refugees, as well as \$25 million in direct aid to the hospitals of Jerusalem. These cuts are devastating to the needy of the Holy Land. The Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza faces a 75% reduction in monthly funding from UNRWA. This hospital already has limited electricity, medical supplies and staff despite serving over 33,000 people annually. The hospital and UNRWA cuts to Jerusalem have also affected the Princess Basma Center for the handicapped, a renowned hospital for handicapped children from the entire West Bank.

Trinity has supported both of these institutions in the past. At the October Outreach meeting, we voted to send \$1000 to the Ahli Arab Hospital through American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem to match funds that were sent last spring from our Lenten AFEDJ offering.

Parishioners are welcome to send their own donations to support these needy hospitals at www.afedj.org; click on the "Give" tab on the website's home page.

– Kate Smith
for the Outreach Team

Trinity Academy Holiday Store Needs Help from Trinity Church Elves

Again this year, the students of Trinity Academy (ages 6-9) will be doing their Christmas shopping at their own holiday store in the Trinity Church Library, choosing gifts for parents, grandparents, and brothers/sisters. Our help is needed in providing the gifts! With 50 students each shopping for multiple gifts, an abundance of items will be needed to keep the shopping table stocked.

Donations of new and gently used items will be collected in Goodwin Hall each Sunday through December 16. Items suitable for all age groups are needed. Here's a great opportunity to pass along those items you'd really like to "re-gift" to a very good home.

The holiday store is also in need of empty gift boxes and bags of various sizes to be used in wrapping up the presents the children have selected. If you have extras of these items, please bring them in on Sunday along with any gifts you may have to contribute.

Five or six volunteers are also needed to help the Academy students make their gift choices. Shopping hours will be Thursday, December 20, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Trinity Church Library. If you'd like to volunteer as a "holiday elf," please contact Richard Syracuse at rgs1028@gmail.com.

Jon Widing Named Chaplain For Area Retired Clergy

In October, the Episcopal Church in Connecticut announced plans to select a chaplain for retired clergy in each of the six ECCT regions. The Reverend Jon Widing has been chosen to serve in this capacity for the North Central region.

Jon and his wife, Carol, and son, Dan, have lived in Avon for the past 34 years. Prior to moving to Connecticut, he served parishes in Pennsylvania and Delaware. In Connecticut, Jon served as Rector of Christ Church, Avon, and was chaplain for both the Avon police and fire departments. For a year following 9/11, he was a Red Cross support chaplain at Ground Zero. Most recently, he served at Christ Church, Sharon.

Since his retirement, Jon has been attending Trinity Church, where he has recently joined the ranks of our parish's outstanding band of assisting clergy. We're very glad he's now a part of our parish, and are sure our region's retired clergy will benefit greatly from his new chaplaincy.

Bishops To Lead Holy Land Pilgrimage

You are invited to join our Bishops, Ian Douglas and Laura Ahrens, on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land which will take place June 9 -19, 2019. The pilgrimage will visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jericho, Sea of Galilee, Emmaus, and more, and an optional three-day trip extension to Jordan and Petra is available. Full information and registration forms can be found on the ECCT website, episcopalct.org.

A Report from the 2018 Annual Convention of the ECCT

The 234th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut took place on Friday, October 26, and Saturday, October 27 at the Mystic Hilton in Mystic, CT. Fr. Don, Bishop Drew, Fr. Frank, Fr. Jon and Casey Rousseau represented Trinity over the two days of Convention.

This year's convention had a different flavor from conventions past in that most of the day on Saturday was spent exploring questions about the life of our Diocese and directions for the future. (See *Life Together*, page 1).

At its Friday session, the following resolutions were considered and acted upon:

- Adopted the proposed Budget of Convention. The 2019 budget projects expenses of approximately \$6,238,000 of which \$940,000 goes to support the operations of The Episcopal Church, with a surplus of approximately \$72,000. About \$4,409,000 of diocesan income comes directly from parish contributions as part of our mutual accountability among parishes in the diocese.
- Adopted the proposed Clergy Salary Schedule, including a 2.4% cost of living raise, the largest in five years. This applies only to transitional deacons (like Deacon Ben, who is going to be ordained to the priesthood in December) and priests – Deacons (like

Deacon Pat and Deacon Bonnie) are not compensated.

- Decided to launch a “Season of Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation” to last a minimum of two years, “with the initial goals of: introducing foundational concepts, language, and tools to help encourage and enable congregations to begin opening hearts and minds; recognizing the reality of white supremacy and bias against people of color; and awakening Episcopalians in Connecticut to the need for concerted action to address the ongoing injustice of the racial divide.” Also, to ask all parishes on the second Sunday of February to launch a conversation on the sin of racism; to ask all parishes to report back to the Mission Council on how they’re engaging in that conversation, study, and action; to specify related training for leaders in clergy transition; and to specify related diversity requirements for ECCT diocesan staff hires.
- Adopted revised canons to guide ECCT’s process for electing bishops, in part to accommodate changes in ECCT from Deaneries to Regions. Given the elimination of deaneries and other changes in structure of the ECCT, the previous canons really made no sense any longer.

- Tabled a resolution that would have compiled canons and other guidelines to identify “Clergy in Good Standing.” When debate on the resolution began, it became clear its ramifications had not been well thought out, especially as they affected retired priests and all deacons, active or retired. The effect of “tabling” means the resolution is dead unless it is re-crafted and presented at next year’s convention.
- Voted to place St. Paul’s, Darien, under the direct supervision of the Bishop, making it a “worshiping community” in ECCT instead of a full parish.
- Voted to recognize and affirm the inherent dignity and worth of transgender and gender non-conforming persons as beloved children of God. This resolution was added after the original deadline for resolutions, with the overwhelming consent of the convention, in response to reported efforts of the Trump administration, including policy proposals within the Departments of Education and Health and Human Services and briefs filed in federal court, to assert that gender is determined by physical characteristics at birth. The resolution passed overwhelmingly.

The full report of Convention and the detailed budget and other resolutions can be found in their entirety at episcopalct.org.

Service of Hope and Remembrance Planned for December 21

Although the Christmas holidays are a happy time for many of us, the season can be painfully long and difficult for those dealing with sadness and loss. Again this year, Trinity Church will offer a special service of Holy Eucharist to support those having a hard time coping with the holidays. This Service of Hope and Remembrance will take place on Friday, December 21, beginning at 7:30 p.m., and will include a homily by our curate, Ben Wyatt, candlelighting and hymns. If you are facing the Christmas season with a heavy or anxious heart, please do plan to attend.

Greening of the Church Set for December 23

This year’s “greening of the church” will take place after the 10:00 a.m. service on December 23. You’re invited to help with this festive project beginning right after the service, when, our Sunday morning Advent services ended, it’s time to deck the church in Christmas finery.

There are banners and wreaths to be hung, poinsettia trees to build, and Christmas ribbons to tie it all up. It takes many willing hands to decorate our beautiful worship space for Christmastide; plan to be on hand to help with this enjoyable task. Members of our altar and flower guilds will be available to show you just what to do.

A note from the Johnsons

*To my Trinity Church Family,
Thank you so much for your cards, your calls, your presence and your prayers over the past weeks as we mourn the loss of our dearest Fay. You have shown what it is to be a loving family. Your thoughtfulness and caring have helped to soothe our pain.*

Again, thank you all, and may God continue to bless you.

– Fr. Horace Johnson and Family

Christmas Memorials



If you would like to contribute to the 2018 Christmas flowers and music in memory of a friend or family member, please fill out the form below and send it to the parish office, along with your check, by December 17. Checks, which may be for any amount, should be made payable to Trinity Church and earmarked “Christmas Memorials.” Names of those in whose memory contributions have been made will be listed in the Christmas bulletins.



TRINITY CHURCH CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS - 2018

I enclose a check for \$ _____ for the Trinity Church Christmas flowers and music in memory of _____

(Please print)

Contributed by: Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Designate my contribution for (check one): Music Flowers 50/50 Flowers & Music

Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association Meeting Notes – Fall 2018

The Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association (AHNA) empowers and connects residents and stakeholders to improve the quality of life in Asylum Hill.

Remarks from the Executive Director, David MacDonald: David is looking forward to following up on the outstanding work AHNA has done. He particularly spoke of the hard work put in by Yvonne Matthews, and the Leadership Greater Hartford guidance on development. He emphasized making connections, building relationships and empowering the neighborhood. All are aspects of the AHNA strategic plan. He encourages residents and stakeholders to contact him at 860-805-8935.

Police Report: Panhandling remains a major concern. A forum was held to discuss ways to address and reduce this activity. Other issues include public intoxication, loitering, trespassing and loud music. Complaints were made about drug dealing activities on Ashley and Huntington Streets. The officer said that the police have been working with property owners to get information. Traffic division is concentrating on illegally parked and abandoned cars. So far this year 69 cars have been removed from city streets. Officer Jonathan Rowe introduced himself; he is the new Faith Based Community Service Officer. His phone number is 860-757-4905. He is working with faith-based groups on Asylum Hill and would like to be notified of neighborhood events so that he might attend.

The Hartford Fire Department reminds us that they give out smoke detectors to anyone who asks. We reviewed the data for October. A copy of this report is available on the table in Goodwin Hall.

Report from the city: A Resident City Guide was distributed. It contains useful city facts, including leaf pick-up schedules. A copy is available on the table in Goodwin Hall. The city is encouraging neighborhoods to arrange monthly cleanups.

Comet Diner restoration: A request was made for AHNA to support an application to add the Comet to the list of historic properties and the National Registry so tax credits would be available to restore the diner. The Board will review the request. Oil tanks have been removed and plans are in place to remediate contamination.

Changes to By-Laws: This was tabled to January so copies of old and new by-laws can be made available.

Knox Foundation wants to plant a pear orchard in the garden on Niles Street. The cost is approximately \$3000. There will be a fundraiser January 5, 2019, at the Woodland House. More information will follow.

Next Meeting: Monday December 3, at 6:15 at 224 Eco-Space, 224 Farmington Avenue.

.. – Boo Morton

Christmas Memorials

Book Group To Fade In the New Year with Dorian Grey

Trinity Book Group will start off the new year with Oscar Wilde's only novel, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*. It's a philosophical story of a man who "sells his soul" to be young forever and to live purely for his own pleasure. Meanwhile, his portrait records his aging self and the sinful nature of his decadent life. This intriguing concept is sure to provoke a lively discussion!

Book Group will meet on Friday, January 4, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the home of Mark and Linda MacGougan. Please contact them via email at macgougans@gmail.com or by phone at 860-561-1588 if you plan to attend. All are welcome, whether as a one-time participant or a regular member of the group!



*Please come to a
Holiday Open House
at the Rectory*



*240 Kenyon Street
Hartford*

Sunday, January 6, 2019

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Don and Debbie Hamer

A Trinity tradition continues this year with the annual Rector's Holiday Open House. Come join Fr. Don and his wife, Debbie, at their home for a Christmastide time of fellowship and holiday cheer. All Trinity members are most welcome and encouraged to attend. (In case of significantly bad weather on the 6th, this event will be postponed to January 13.)

Cycle of Prayer for December & January

December 2

Art & Jolanda Sribanpot
Kathy Steinwedell
Jennifer Stephens & Zech Stephens-Walker

December 9

Kate Steven
Hellen Strassner
Sheldon & Riley Sutton and Shannon Lee

December 16

Richard Syracuse
Dante Tavolaro & Kaytee Stewart
Ngoni, Lindsey & Sekai Tengtenga

December 23

Joseph, Josiah & Janaya Texidor and
Jonelle Eugene
Michael, Debbie, Natalie, Stephanie &
Nicholas Thomas

December 30

Pat, Jannel, Shqia, Jordan & Malik Thomas
Cecelia Timothy

December 30 (continued)

Beryl Tomlinson
Torshie Torto

January 6

Angelo, Emily, Pete, Hunter, Grace & Logan Troiano
Jake Troiano
Joe, Victor, Kalee & Destini Troiano

January 13

Irwin, Olive & Amanda Tronchin
Alice Turcotte
Benneth, Corlet, Franklin, Justin & Jonathan Ude

January 20

Albert Van Stolk
Peter Vreeland, Richard Charron & Tony Rivera
Pekah Wallace & Jay Nolan-Wallace

January 27

Sonia & Cassandra Watson
Tim, Atis & Freya Watt and Amity Gaige
David Sr., Ernestine, David Jr. & Eugenia Weaver

Notes from the September and October Meetings of the Vestry

The **Vestry meeting of September 18** began with opening devotions by Ruth Rose. The minutes of the June meeting were accepted.

Fred Faulkner was a guest at the meeting. He and his wife have been attending Trinity for about a year, and his coming to Trinity was a part of his ongoing discernment with ECCT of his call to ordained ministry as a priest in the Episcopal Church. He has been working with a Sponsoring Committee of Trinity members since his arrival. In order to join a new group of prospective postulants in October, he needed the endorsement of Trinity's Vestry. The Vestry voted unanimously to endorse his continued pursuit of ordination.

Treasurer Janet Wilkinson reported that Trinity has received additional funds from the Woodward Trust beyond the usual annual income, and that Trinity is a beneficiary of Muriel Forbes' estate. The Vestry voted to move the funds to endowment accounts for now.

As reported in the September issue of *The Voice*, the Vestry approved upgrading a major portion of Trinity's lighting and HVAC systems under Eversource's Energy Advantage program, to be funded by an interest-free loan paid back over four years via a charge on our electric bill.

The Outreach Team will help out with a South Marshall Street "Pop-Up Fair." The committee is also using some of its funds to support a new "Stitching Group" started by Georges Annan Kingsley at Emanuel Lutheran Church

specifically for the benefit of refugee families.

The Capital Campaign has begun training potential solicitors, and so far 19 people have been trained.

The Rector reported that Fay Johnson, wife of Trinity's former Associate Rector Horace Johnson, passed away in Florida unexpectedly. Her funeral will be held at Trinity on September 29, necessitating rescheduling the Vestry Retreat to November 16/17.

At the October 16 Vestry meeting, Casey Rousseau offered the opening devotions, using the "Prayer in the Early Evening" in the Book of Common Prayer. The minutes of the September meeting were accepted, and the Vestry established the date of the 2019 Vestry retreat in order to secure a reservation at a retreat center in Cornwall, CT.

Glenn Winfree, Head of School, and Jen Scanzano, Assistant Head of School for Trinity Academy, were guests at the beginning of the meeting. They gave an update on the school's operation and direction for the future. They explained that a new source of funding for the school is the student sponsorship program through which donors can sponsor a child for a year for \$5,000. The sponsor then receives periodic updates from the student, and has the opportunity to get to know the student at school events. So far one grade is totally sponsored. With the addition of first grade this year, the Academy is eligible to apply for accreditation as an independent school, which will enhance the school's ability to apply

for grant funding, but is a long and time-consuming process which will be begun later in the school year.

In executive session, the Vestry voted unanimously to allocate some of the unexpected Woodward Trust income to reimburse Father Hamer for the portion of his compensation he lost during the first half of 2016, when he voluntarily took a 20% reduction in salary because of Trinity's precarious financial situation at the time.

Parish Care Quadrant Leader Anne Rapkin gave a summary of the ministries in the quadrant which include the Intercessory Prayer Team, Casserole Ministry, Sanctuary Stitchers, Stephen Ministry and Lay Eucharistic Visitors. A Phone Ministry to check in with shut-ins is under consideration. All these ministries could use more volunteers.

As part of the Warden's report, Alan Rice noted that both water fountains in the Goodwin Hall hallway have recently broken and been repaired several times. The Property Team is exploring options for permanent repair or replacement, and is also eager to begin repairing items identified as part of the Capital Campaign.

The Vestry Retreat will take place at Trinity on Friday evening, November 16, and all day Saturday, November 17. The November Vestry meeting will be our Budget Workshop. Father Don encouraged members of Vestry to think prayerfully over the next month about what we might do to expand our service to God's mission in Hartford and the region.

Grants and God's Mission: Funding for New Ministries

Dear friends in Christ,

I am so excited to write to you about a new opportunity to be a part of God's mission through Trinity Church! Since arriving at Trinity over a year ago, I've been blown away by your hospitality, kindness, and deep commitment to creatively serving those in need. It's the *creative* part of your commitment I want to talk about here. Over the last year, I've seen parishioners propose a slew of exciting new ideas for ministry. I am so, so thankful for the ways that God has blessed us, not merely with time and treasure, but with ideas for new ways to serve the communities around us.

The Outreach Quadrant is committed to enabling and empowering these new ideas, and one way of doing that is by setting aside some of our outreach budget as seed money for new ministry ideas. Often, when people envision a new ministry, they don't know how to access the money they need to turn their project from an idea to a reality. Our goal is to help close this gap.

Of course, there are still many exciting questions to answer! Can we form a group of people with grant-writing know-how, so we can not only fund new ministries from our outreach budget, but point people towards external grants they didn't know were there? Would it be appropriate to consider giving small loans to some ministries or micro-businesses with a social justice mission? What will be our criteria for awarding grants?

All these questions are important – which is why we want your help in answering them! A meeting is being planned with the goal of thinking, praying and discerning together how we might best use the gifts of treasure, talent, and ideas that God has blessed us with to be a blessing to the community around us. Watch the Sunday bulletin for the date!

– Ben Wyatt

HOW ARE WE DOING? Trinity's Finances in a Nutshell

Year to Date

As of October 31, 2018

	Budget	Actual
Parishioner support	350,833	366,217
All Other Income	172,701	220,272
Expenses	526,735	526,886
Net	-3,201	59,604

Thank you for your support!

Voice Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of *The Voice* is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 11. This next issue will cover all events scheduled for **February and March**. All articles should be sent to voice@trinityhartford.org.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Indoor Work Day

You're invited to be a part of our annual MLK holiday Trinity Work Party on Monday, January 21, from 9:00 a.m. until noon and help make the interior of our worship space sparkle. Join returning work party-goers from prior years who have discovered that "cleanliness truly is next to godliness." Work day tasks will be strictly indoors – no sub-zero temps to brave. Come enjoy fellowship with your Trinity brothers and sisters while helping take care of God's house!

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Because of the hard work that we have been doing at Trinity over recent years, many of us are already deeply engaged in these questions. Our Outreach Ministries are exploring new and innovative ways to engage in service to the community. The ministries of Trinity Academy and the Choir School are making a difference in the lives of the children and families they serve each day. My prayer is that we as a congregation remain poised and willing to take on a leadership role in our ongoing diocesan conversations.

Your brother in Christ,
The Rev. Dr. Donald L. Hamer,
Rector

What The Leaves Say

Those who attended the capital campaign luncheon on October 28 were asked to write what Trinity means to them onto a paper “leaf”, and then attach the leaf to a decorative tree. The tree and all its leaves are currently residing in the Baptistery. Here are some of the inscriptions:



Safety - wholeness - God in people - Love

Freedom to be flexible

Trinity means a loving family – agape love

The LOVE

Final resting place for family and friends

Fellowship - prayer - music

Be kind to other people and help the poor

Memorial Garden and music and beauty

45 years, welcoming and questioning

Family

Trinity to me is a place of love. I enjoy the worship and my brothers & sisters. I would like to thank everyone for all the support for my son.

Trinity has been home, through good and bad,
for 4 generations of our family.

Body of Christ and Bread of Heaven

Trinity is so kind to me

I love going to church school.

This church has been a lifesaver.

A place where one feels welcome, a
place of joy, spiritual uplifting

Trinity means to me: a good place to heal, think,
and worship, for my week and life to come

A place of warmth and spiritual vibrancy

I love this place, the people. It's inviting and reminds me of home.

Faithfulness

Willing, loving hands and heart

Diversity of membership

My wedding place July 6, 1991

Our spiritual home

A place where people live the mission of a place of welcome

You welcomed me with open arms.

God - Beginnings - Spirit - Love - Faith - Hope

Support

Music – liturgy – diversity – opportunity to serve others

Beginnings - God - Love - Hope - Faith

59 years of welcome, hope and healing
for my family

The beautiful music - worship space - the memorial
garden where my husband is and where I want to be too

Diversity and compassion to all

Love, peace, hope, understanding – Come as you are

Comfort

Community - hope - encouragement

All are welcome - Place of healing

Trinity means everything - hope, peace, love, and gratitude

My church

Brightness

It's a place of healing and hope. It's warm and welcoming.

A place to love God and my neighbor and to be loved by God and neighbor

Marriage, kids' christening, kids' confirmation, grandkids' baptism.....

EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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