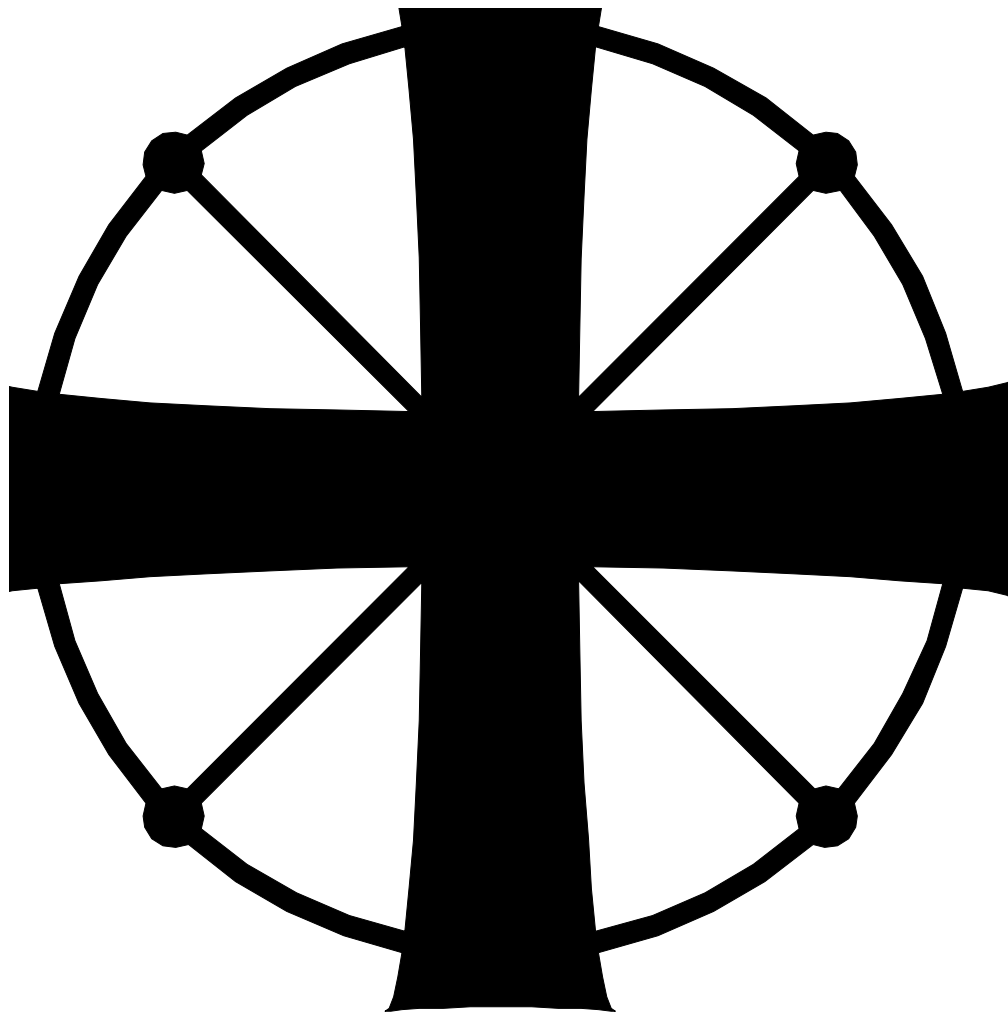




Annual Report for May 2009-May 2010



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**THE PARISH OF TRINITY CHURCH
STAFF AND ASSISTING CLERGY**

The Reverend Donald L. Hamer Rector
 The Reverend Barbara K. BriggsAssistant Rector
 The Reverend Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick* Priest Associate
 The Reverend Helen M. Moore* Priest Associate
 The Reverend Pat Jackson* Deacon
 The Reverend William J. Eakins* Rector Emeritus
 The Reverend Dr. Robert S. Henderson* Pastoral Counselor
 Ebert W. Landman, Jr.Director of Music Ministry
 Pamela Haddad Parish Secretary
 Fran Times-Mack Financial Manager
 Lynda Curtis Children’s Ministries Coordinator
 Stephen Foldvary Sexton
 Paul Nelson* Van Ministry

* *Non-stipendiary clergy and staff*

OFFICERS

Al Shuckra Warden
 Barbara Morton Warden
 John E. Pearson Treasurer
 Casey RousseauAssistant Treasurer
 J. Alan Rice Clerk

VESTRY

Class of 2007: Anne Green
 Sandra Kissel
 Susanne Mantel

Class of 2008: Mark MacGougan
 John Hinkston
 Lillian Miller
 Amy Arlin

Class of 2009: Helen Hart
 Valerie Pogue
 Jo-Ann Sadosky
 Percalie Williamson

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 8:00 a.m.Holy Eucharist
 10:00 a.m.Holy Eucharist

Wednesday (1st & 3rd) 7:00 a.m. ... Morning Prayer, breakfast and Bible study
 (2nd, 4th and 5th) 7:00 a.m.Holy Eucharist, breakfast and Bible study
 12:10 p.m.Holy Eucharist

THE PARISH OF TRINITY CHURCH

**Annual Meeting
May 30, 2010**

AGENDA

Opening Prayer - The Reverend Pat Jackson, Deacon

Approval of Minutes of the Annual Meeting of June 7, 2009

Canonical Requirements concerning Eligibility to Vote

Report of the Nominating Committee and Election

Swearing in of Vestry Officers and New Vestry Members

Other reports

1. Rector (presented as the sermon at the 9:30 a.m. service)
2. Wardens
3. Treasurer
4. Assistant Rector
5. Deacon

New Business

1. Approval of Revisions to Parish Bylaws
2. Approval to proceed with plans for Trinity Episcopal Day School on Asylum Hill, scheduled to open September 2011.
3. Setting of date for 2011 Annual Meeting (Trinity Sunday, June 19, 2011)

Other Business

Adjournment

Blessing

Dismissal

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SLATE FOR 2010 ANNUAL MEETING

OFFICERS (one-year terms):

WardensBarbara Morton (2nd Term)
..... Mark MacGougan (1st Term)
Treasurer.....John E. Pearson (9th Term)
Assistant Treasurer Casey Rousseau (3rd term)
Clerk J. Alan Rice (3rd term)

VESTRY

1-year term:

Chukwuemeka (Emeka) Igboanugo
to fill Mark MacGougan's seat,
eligible for election to full term
next year:

Full 3-year terms:

Marion Catanzaro
Enid Oberholtzer
Peter Vreeland
Pamela Williams

DELEGATE TO CONVENTION AND DEANERY (?-year terms):

Second and final term to expire 2013
Joseph Troiano

ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO CONVENTION AND DEANERY (3-year terms):

Second and final term to expire 2013
Stephen Smith

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2009/2010

Second term to expire 2011:

Gavin Cheyney
M. Ronald Gripp
P. Thomas Oberholtzer
Katharine Steinwedell

First term to expire 2012:

Anne Green
Sandra Kissel
Susanne Mantel

The Parish of Trinity Church
Draft Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Trinity Sunday, June 7, 2009

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The Annual Meeting was called to order at 11:34 a.m. by the Rev. Donald Hamer, Rector
- II. OPENING PRAYER: The Rev. Barbara Briggs led the opening prayer.
- III. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The report was read by Warden Al Shuckra:
 - a. *Officers (One-Year Term)*
 - Wardens Sara Carson, Albert Shuckra
 - Clerk J. Alan Rice
 - Treasurer John E. Pearson
 - Assistant Treasurer..... Kenneth C. (Casey) Rousseau
 - b. *Vestry*
 - Three-Year Terms: Helen Hart, Valerie Pogue, Jo-Ann Sadosky
 - One-Year Term..... Percalie (Percy) Williamson
 - c. *Delegate to Convention (to fill two years of an unexpired term).....*
 Janet Wilkinson
 - d. *Nominating Committee for 2009—2010.....*
 Gavin Cheyney, M. Ronald Gripp, P. Thomas Oberholtzer,
 Katharine Steinwedell, Katherine Steven

A motion was made, seconded, and passed, that nominations be closed.
 A motion was made that the Clerk cast one vote for the slate presented by the nominating committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

- IV. SWEARING-IN OF NEW OFFICERS, VESTRY MEMBERS, AND DELEGATES: The Oath was administered by Daniel Foster, Esq.
- V. MINUTES OF THE 2008 ANNUAL MEETING: A motion was made to accept the draft minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting, and seconded. The motion passed.
- VI. VOTER ELIGIBILITY: Fr. Don Hamer, Rector, reminded the congregation of the canonical requirements to vote: A voter must be 16 years old, be a regular contributor to the parish, and be faithful in attendance.
- VII. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY: Ron Gripp and Kathy Steinwedell were recognized for their service, and thank-you gifts were presented by Fr. Don Hamer.
- VIII. THE RECTOR’S ANNUAL REPORT was given as the sermon at the 9:30 service.
- IX. WARDENS’ REPORTS: Warden Al Shuckra gave the Wardens’ report.
 - a. Al explained that most of the material was covered in the printed report which was distributed prior to the meeting.
 - b. Al explained that the theme of the Vestry Retreat will be, “Where we meet Jesus in our service on the Vestry,” coincidental to Fr. Don’s mention of how the Vestry is beginning to see itself as a spiritual group as well as a business-like organization. The Vestry is seeking more spirituality as a group, and more vibrancy in its leadership.
- X. ASSISTANTS’ REPORTS:
 - a. Fr. Don explained Fr. Ron Kolanowski is away first on vacation, and then will be on retreat with Credo, an intensive program for Episcopal

clergy. His report is in the printed annual report. Fr. Don expressed thanks to both Ron and Barbara especially for their help during Don's sabbatical.

- b. REPORT BY REV. BARBARA BRIGGS: Mother Barbara expressed gratitude for her opportunities to come to know the parish. "It is my spiritual home, and a great joy to serve in this place." Barbara wanted to touch on three areas: Hospitality and welcome, Christian Formation, Healing. Her full report is in the Annual Report.
 - i. Barbara stressed personal interaction, the improved appearance of Goodwin Hall and the Library, and special events such as funerals as successful areas of growth.
 - ii. Formation: Confirmation class was particularly successful as the curriculum emphasized the strength of active faith. Likewise, Christianity 101 and J2A groups did very well. Other successes included the showing of the film *Traces of the Trade* and the celebrating of our differences, Lenten suppers, Bible study led by Sandy Kissel and Roy McAlpine, and celebratory liturgy, including TGIF, as an effort to use different worship forms and traditions to reach a more diverse congregation.
 - iii. Healing and pastoral care: The Prayer Shawl Ministry, home communions, and monthly public healing services in the aisles or for anointing and prayers for healing have been highlights. The healing team has been meeting for about one year, and currently has seven members. The Casserole Ministry for those in bereavement has been well-received also. Use of the book *Making Your Church a House of Healing*, which was considered by the Vestry, looks at healing as an ethos, a way of life for a parish.
- c. REPORT BY DEACON PATRICIA JACKSON: Deacon Pat expressed regret that she is unable to be more active during the week due to her professional obligations in New Jersey, but gives thanks for her ministry during the weekends, particularly the feeding of the homeless in Bushnell Park on Saturdays. She also expressed thanks for the support of the parish during times of illness in her family.

- XI. SETTING OF THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING: A motion was made that the next meeting be held Trinity Sunday , 2010. The motion seconded and passed.
- XII. COMMENTS, ADDITIONS, REFLECTIONS:
 - a. Arch Stuart: Report on the work of the Advocates. Several of the important objectives failed: Death penalty, decriminalization of the use of marijuana, tax relief, and a comprehensive health bill were all defeated or vetoed by the Governor.
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Alan Rice
Clerk of the Vestry

Proposed Bylaw Changes – June 2010

The following proposed changes to the Trinity Bylaws have been approved by the Trinity Vestry and recommended to the Annual Meeting for passage.

1. Subsection 2.5 of the bylaws shall be deleted and the following substituted therefore:

2.5 Elections of persons shall be by written **ballot if there be more than one candidate for any given office, or by voice vote if there be one candidate.**

2. Section 3.1 is hereby deleted and the following substituted therefore:

3.1. The Nominating Committee for any given year shall be comprised of **those who have completed full or partial terms on the Vestry in the preceeding two years.**

3. Section 3.5 is hereby deleted and the following substituted therefore:

3.5 At or before the regular **April** meeting of the Vestry, the Nominating Committee shall propose a list of nominees, who shall be willing to serve if elected, which shall include at least one name, and no more than three names, for each elective position to be filled at the ensuing annual parish meeting. The elective positions to be filled shall include the two Wardens, Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, four members of the Vestry for three year terms, additional elective offices as necessary to complete unexpired terms which have not been filled by action of the Vestry pursuant to Section 8.2, delegates and alternates to Diocesan Convention, the succeeding Nominating Committee, and nominees to such additional bodies as the Vestry may direct.

The Nominating Committee may revise its list after consultation with the Vestry, after which it shall be promptly and prominently disseminated to the Parish.

4. Section 3.8 shall be deleted and the following substituted therefore:

3.8. The Nominating Committee shall prepare the ballots, **if any,** and administer the balloting at the annual meeting.

5. Section 4.1 A-D shall be deleted and the following substituted therefore:

4.1 The Vestry shall consist of: (A) the Wardens, Clerk, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected for terms of one year at the annual meeting and who may be re-elected at the succeeding annual meeting, **provided, that a warden may serve no more than three successive one-year terms;** and of (B) Vestrymen of whom four shall be elected at each annual meeting by a majority of those present and voting for a term of three years, and such others shall be elected at each annual meeting as may be necessary to complete unexpired terms. No member of the Vestry shall be re-elected to the Vestry after the expiration of at least two years of continuous service unless s/he has had an interval off the Vestry of at least one year.

C) No person may serve as a member of the Vestry of Trinity Church who is an employee or a relative of an employee of the Church, with the exception of the Rector and Associate/**Assistant** Rector(s).

“Relative” is a person who is related by blood or marriage or where the relationship with the employee is similar to that of persons related by marriage. This policy can only be overridden by the Rector in consultation with the Diocese.

(D) The Rector and **Associate**/Assistant Rectors shall be Vestry members ex officio, and shall be entitled to vote on all matters before the Vestry. The Rector shall serve as Chairperson of the Vestry and in the absence of the Rector, one of the Wardens shall serve as Chairperson.

Wardens' Report

150th Anniversary Celebration - 150 years and going strong! Ten months of reflection and celebration thanks is due to the efforts of many members, staff and clergy under the leadership of Penny Pearson. Trinity has benefited from the tremendous resources within and without our congregation – What a wonderful year this has been! We've looked at our history, we've examined the present and have our eye on the future as the setting for our year-long celebration.

Core Values - After review, discussion, prayerful discernment, the Vestry and Congregation adopted our Core Values Statement. We thank Sandy Kissel and the subcommittee she led for the work that developed our statement.

God calls us into community to:

- *Love as Christ loves,*
- *Welcome each person as a unique child of God,*
- *Live life as a journey of faith,*
- *Offer our best in service, preaching, music and the arts*

Vestry Adjustments - Vestry service has become even more rewarding: we embraced more completely the bible study and discussions that lead into the business portion of our meetings. We decided that we will continue to meet every month and those meetings will alternate between regular business and Vestry development. Vestry development goals include:

1. Becoming better acquainted with our Asylum Hill community,
2. Becoming a high performing leadership board, and
3. Growing in our corporate and individual spiritual journeys.

On Saturday, May 8th, the Vestry toured Asylum Hill – stopping on Huntington and Sargeant Streets to see the work of NINA and the community gardens, visiting the Boys & Girls Club on Sigourney to understand more about the work they do, and walking through and hearing about the work of the Chrysalis Center which was formerly based in Trinity. To cap off the day, the Vestry worked on grounds improvement at Hartford Public High School. A very informative, rewarding and tiring day.

Special thanks to outgoing Vestry members for their dedicated service: Anne Green, Sandy Kissel, Susanne Mantel and Percy Williamson.

Taking Care of our Building - Major building restoration has been completed this year: the roof project, Goodwin Hall, repair of the stained glass windows on the main level of the nave, installation of a back flow check valve between Trinity and the city storm water sewers. Water damage, hidden from view, over the years had taken a significant toll on our structures. We have made significant headway in dealing with these problems.

Departing Staff - A few months ago we celebrated the ministries of Fr. Ron Kolanowski and Kathie Wilson. Fr. Ron began a new ministry with St. James in Poquetanuck. Fr. Ron brought wonderful creativity, caring, energy and dedication to Trinity. Who will ever forget the “Bedouin Tent” at Bishop Smith’s retirement party? St. James will be blessed indeed. Kathie continues her dedicated support of Trinity in the choir, as a member of the Property Committee and as the Editor/Publisher of The Voice.

Finances - Budget discussions continued to be one of the most difficult and stressful part of life on the Vestry. The budget process begins in October with a series of workshop in which each line item is reviewed, discussed and set for the following year. We are blessed to have increasing financial support from the congregation and strong leadership in our Annual Appeals.

Annual Appeal Team – Trinity’s Annual Appeal team for 2010 was very successful. 167 Estimate of Giving cards totaled \$322,300 in projected offerings. The team consists of the co-chairs for the previous appeal (2009), current year (2010) and next year (2011). The three year continuity of service provides strength in knowledge and experience. We thank Trinity’s members and friends for their prayerful consideration in responding to the Annual Appeals.

Proportionate Giving – Let us remind members that Trinity has embraced proportionate giving. Our hope/goal is that every member of the parish will determine the percentage of their income that they will give to support our mission. In this process, members over time and as they find ways to make resources available will increase their giving percentage to a tithe. The old phrase, “Give ‘til it hurts” has been replaced with “Give until it feels good!” At that level our offerings will provide new and exciting opportunities to carry out our mission and ministry of joyfully living the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and we will know a new level of spiritual enrichment.

This has been a year filled with wonderful appreciation of our gracious and loving God who brings us to celebrate the extensive and dedicated ministries and who guides, strengthens and comforts us in the difficult and painful times

Special thanks to our awesome clergy [and their spouses] and staff: they keep us going and they are always there when the pastoral emergencies arise.

Barbara Morton
Albert Shuckra
Co-Wardens

Assistant Rector's Report

Things I am excited about at Trinity this year:

- Our mutual trust, playfulness, and generosity with time, energy, talent and treasure.
- Our gratitude for one another, for this community at Trinity, and for the challenges and opportunities ahead of us to make Christ visible in our own neighborhood of Asylum Hill.
- An atmosphere of openness and hunger to learn about how we can know, love and serve Christ in the world.
- A renewed sense of mission and purpose through welcome, hope and healing.
- Beautiful and meaningful worship.
- Joy in preaching.
- More parents and children involved in Godly Play.
- The experiment of taking Light and Peace “on the road” to the Boys and Girls club.
- Our energy and hunger to do practical things that say “Jesus loves you”.
- The invitation to all of us to deepen our understanding of Jesus’ mission to heal through us.
- More individuals who feel personally responsible for going out of their way to help someone else find out what is his or her own part in the welcome and ministry of this parish—there is energy in making the connections between and amongst us.
- A 150th anniversary celebration that not only celebrated our part in Christ’s mission in the past, but also looked forward, giving us a renewed vision for mission possibilities in the years ahead.
- New roof, new walls and paint in Goodwin Hall, sparkling stained glass.
- My new and deepening pastoral relationships.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara K. Briggs
Assistant Rector

Director of Music Ministry's Report

We have had an exciting year celebrating our 150th anniversary at Trinity Church. The summer was spent preparing for the celebrations, interviewing and auditioning prospective students for The Choir School of Hartford, traveling to Los Angeles for the Association of Anglican Musicians national conference, planning and running our Choir School Summer Course.

The Fall brought us our regular schedule of services and Evensongs. Our October 4 Evensong was a homecoming theme with former clergy as our guests. The lessons and music reflected the celebration of the anniversary of a church. Enid Oberholtzer continues to grace us as organist for our monthly Evensongs and to play for Festival services, allowing me to conduct the choirs and instruments.

For Christmas, we offered a variety of carols before the 11:00 p.m. service, alternating between the Trinity Choir in the rear gallery, and The Choir School, singing from the front steps. For our January 3 Evensong, we instead offered a tradition choral service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

The students of The Choir School of Hartford offered their mid-term Piano Recital on January 9 to the Trinity community, parents, friends, and donors.

In March, The Choir School of Hartford hosted the Choristers of Christ Church Cathedral and St. John's Waterbury for our annual Chorister Festival. Vince Edwards, from St. Paul's, Norwalk, was our Festival conductor.

For Easter, we offered Handel's Coronation Anthem *The King shall rejoice* and Mozart's *Laudate Dominum* as a festival prelude to the service. This was the culmination of an intensive week of services with a remarkable amount of music and leadership offered by our choirs.

After Easter, our choirs busily prepared to offer a newly commissioned Jazz Mass by Jason Oberholtzer and Mike Simonelli, premiered on Pentecost Sunday. This was written in celebration of Trinity's 150th anniversary.

The choirs are also preparing for our culminating event of the 150th celebrations, Evensong on June 6 with the presiding bishop preaching and officiating. Following right on the heels of that celebration, we are hosting the national conference of the Association of Anglican Musicians, June 21-24. Our choirs will be singing Evensong for the conference and will be premiering a commissioned anthem during that service.

In January, I was honored to begin my term as UK representative on the national board of the Royal School of Church Music in America (RSCMA). I am pleased to serve with other musicians from around the country (including the current president, Enid Oberholtzer) in furthering the important work of this fine organization. Trinity Church is an affiliate of the RSCMA and our choristers employ their Voice for Life curriculum.

Respectfully submitted,

Bert Landman,
Director of Music Ministry

ANNUAL REPORTS OF PARISH ORGANIZATIONS FOR 2009/2010

Adult Christian Formation Team

Adult Christian Formation organized the Sunday Symposium adult education classes that were presented during this past program year. Each month was devoted to one of the Millennium Development Goals, and therefore many of classes addressed issues of public health, education and service missions - in our parish history, the City of Hartford and to the developing world. We were fortunate to have many excellent presenters, both visitors and from within the parish.

ACF also organized two evening series with soup suppers, presentations and discussion. One series featured tapes with Bill Moyers interviewing Huston Smith on "The Wisdom of Faith." These sessions included discussions led by Frank and Liz Kirkpatrick. The other series was on early Christian art and was presented by Pat Byrne, CSJ, Assistant Professor of Religion at Trinity College. The final session of that series featured Kim Litsey providing a presentation on icons and icon writing.

The clergy also led important classes for adults this past year. Father Don led an evening class for people wanting to know more about the faith and practices of the Episcopal Church. Mother Barbara led the class for Trinity's adult catechumens who were baptized at the Easter Vigil.

Book groups met throughout the year at members' homes. Thoughtful and lively discussion have been a key ingredient in their continuing success. The MacGougans and Roy McAlpine and Emily Estes have been our Book Group organizers.

ACF will be helping to sponsor a series in July featuring Father Don and the Rev. Bob Henderson leading a discussion of the book "Shame and Grace." Sign-ups and more details can be found in upcoming service bulletins and the Voice.

We are now in the process of planning for the 2010—2011 program year. Please contact me or Al Shuckra or Pat Bunker if you're interested in joining us or have ideas for topics.

Mark MacGougan

Altar Guild

Many thanks go to our faithful Altar Guild members who tend to the altar linens and prepare the altar for services. They join Jane Harris, Hyacinth Miller, Doug Putnam, Marianne Mallory, Carmen Belgrave, Claire Blissett, Marion Pereira, Carolyn Rogers, Mary Register, Marion Catanzaro, Elizabeth Moore, Kitty Peterson, and Debbie Hamer. Others help, as they are able. We welcome and encourage others to join us in this sacred ministry

Kitty Peterson and Debbie Hamer
Coordinators

Annual Appeal Team Annual Report

In order to provide needed wisdom and continuity, the Annual Appeal team has remained with the model that has worked well the past 3 years. Our team consists of last year's co-chairs, this year's co-chairs, the coming year's co-chairs and a clergy advisor. We also, occasionally, ask for additional support from other members of the congregation, so if you are approached, please be generous with your time. The Annual Appeal is a year-round job including the actual campaign in the fall, its follow-up over the winter months and publicity and planning for the coming year in the spring months.

The Annual Campaign for 2010 has produced gratifying results. As of May 14th 167 Estimates of Giving have been received for a total of \$322,298.55. It is interesting to note the following:

- 14 Estimates were received for \$5000 or more
- 73 Estimates ranged from \$1000 to \$4999
- 69 Estimates ranged from \$100 to \$999
- 11 Estimates were for under \$99

We are grateful to all of Trinity members (and others) for their dedicated commitment to our financial future. The figures show the broad economic diversity in our membership and beyond.

All gifts, no matter the amount, are vital to God's work at Trinity. The job of the Annual Appeal team is to challenge and encourage everyone, regardless of their financial resources, to act as wise and faithful stewards of God's gifts to us.

This year's Stewardship Sunday is October 17th.

We will still be asking you to sign cards indicating your Estimate of Giving. We have found the response to the name change (from Pledge to Estimate of Giving) overwhelmingly positive. As always, the commitment made when the card is signed may be modified (either up or down) if financial circumstances change.

This year's theme is taken from Psalm 126, vs. 3; "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy". The Annual Appeal team is hard at work helping us all recognize and respond to the joy that brightens our lives.

Martha Freimuth and Steve Smith, 2010 Co-Chairs
Marion Porter and Boo Morton, 2011 Co-Chairs
Janet Wilkinson and Karin Peterson, 2012 Co-Chairs
Fr. Hamer, Clergy Advisor

Banner Guild

The Banner Guild completed a long project this past year - the new green set and frontal (other pieces may be completed later). We also constructed several banners to go to Guyana. Valerie Holder requested the banners and used the designs to create copies to go to churches with which her family has been associated over the years. We also made house banners in honor of Trinity's 150th anniversary and sold them to raise money for the roof repair. Nancy and Bruce Whitcomb are in Florida nearly all year now and so the Banner Guild has been ably managed by Hector Phelps, Margaret Moore, Penny Pearson, Gertrud Newhall, Valerie Holder and Emily Estes. People interested in working with the Banner Guild should contact any of the members for more information.

Nancy Whitcomb

Book Group

Trinity's Book Group - now completing its second year - gets together on a monthly basis to discuss readings that have a spiritual dimension to them. Sometimes the readings are full-length books, fiction or non-fiction, and sometimes they are short stories or essays; all are chosen by consensus. Twice during the year we modified our approach: one month, each person brought a poem to share; another time, we had a pot-luck dinner and watched, then discussed, a movie. We always find the conversations to be interesting and enriching of our faith, and the fellowship together is uplifting. Meetings rotate among homes, as people are able and willing to host, and most often are on Friday nights from 7:00-9:00. A core group of approximately 10 people attend regularly and others come and go. The group is intentionally open and welcoming to new folks; we're not a "book club". All information is advertised in Sunday service bulletins and the Voice to keep the parish aware of the group's activities.

Linda MacGougan

Boy Scouts

Cub Pack and Boy Scout Troop #263

This program is generously supported in part by the Bachellar Trust funded several years ago by former Trinity parishioner, Kenneth Bachellar, and administered by the Rector. A new upward direction of this program has recently taken place under the leadership of Jacob Troiano (Eagle Scout), and Basil Bennett (Good Scout).

Present enrollment numbers eight boys, mainly younger boys of Cub Scout age and, with the promise of growth, looks good. There is a current volunteer need for assistance to the leaders on any Saturday morning from 9:30 - 11:00 so that individual attention may be given, especially at the younger ages. WALK-INS are welcome. The Bachellar Fund has provided three camperships (scholarships) in the past year. It also provides money for supplies, outings and activities, and related expenses of the program.

If you know a boy in grades 2 - 8 (particularly, but not limited to), this program can provide enormous benefits thanks to our devoted leadership and the Bachellar Trust.

Clyde Jansing, Committee Chairman

The Choir School of Hartford

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

The Choir School of Hartford continues to be a vibrant and exciting educational and performance opportunity for children from our region. Currently we have 20 students who regularly rehearse two evenings a week, sing most Sundays during the program year, and offer Evensong on the first Sunday of the month, October through June.

We have had another great year, beginning with our Summer Choir Course in August 2009. Our new probationers, along with the novices and older choristers spent the week singing, learning, playing, and building camaraderie. Enid Oberholtzer assisted with the course, working with various groups of choristers and teaching them to play handbells. On Friday evening, the last day of the course, we had a dinner for The Choir School students and their families, followed by a concert of music we had worked on during the week. They sang and rang for our Sunday morning Eucharist, and then, later that afternoon, sang the National Anthem for the Rock Cats baseball game.

Our schedule this year was busy with our normal responsibilities and the additional events of the 150th Anniversary year. We continued to have Lee Hagon and Kalyn Turner as our Choir School Piano Teachers. Both have been great working with our students. Our piano students played the prelude for the 5:00 Christmas Eve service. We held our mid-term Piano Recital on January 9 and they all played different music than they had prepared for Christmas! We were all very impressed. Our end

of the term Piano Recital was on May 15, and again we heard tremendous progress in each of our students from their very fine performance in January.

As part of our summer course, we had studied the culture and history of several African countries (Kenya, Uganda, and Nigeria) in preparation for a visit from the African Children's Choir. In addition, we made them gifts of t-shirts and medals to commemorate their visit with us. In October, we hosted them for their concert at Trinity.

In December we were honored to be invited to sing at the Governor's Mansion, for the Holiday Open House, and to have our picture taken with the governor. Also in December, we sang, as part of the Festival of Trees, at the Wadsworth Atheneum.

March 7, we hosted the Choir Festival, here at Trinity. Vince Edwards, from St. Paul's, Norwalk, was our Festival conductor and Erik Eickhoff our organist. We were glad to welcome the choristers from Christ Church Cathedral and St. John's, Waterbury to the Festival. The closing service of the Festival was our regular March Evensong.

In April, Iain Quinn, former Director of Music and founding director of the Trinity Choristers, returned to Trinity to do a benefit concert for The Choir School. He was delighted with the growth of The Choir School and it was fun for those choristers (and families) who knew him to see and hear him again.

Several of our choristers attended summer RSCMA courses last summer, including two of our probationers, who traveled to North Carolina and placed in the elite chorus. We will have a number of choristers attending courses this summer.

The Choir School parents organization has been busy with fund-raisers to support our extra activities. They began participating in the Scrip program, selling merchant cards, which gives us a percentage return. We had a Tag Sale in the fall and another great and very successful Auction/Spaghetti Supper/Talent Show this spring. A donation of a tithe from our Tag Sale and Auction were donated to other charities.

The Choir School continues to receive generous donations from members of the Trinity community who wish to support our work. We are grateful to all of those who support us; families, friends, and donors alike.

Interested students, or their parents, are invited to contact the Director of Music Ministry (860-527-8133 ext. 205) at any time to set up an interview.

Currently serving on The Choir School Board of Directors are Nancy Berger – **president**, Enid Oberholtzer – **secretary**, Althea Francis – **treasurer**, Lou Loomis, Jackie Jacoby, Kelly Bradley, Samuel Gray, Bert Landman, and the Rev. Don Hamer (ex officio).

Bert Landman,
Director of Music Ministry

Church School

Staff: Lynda Curtis, children's ministries coordinator, the Rev. Barbara Briggs, Assistant Rector

Godly Play: Godly Play is a story-telling based curriculum in which the storytellers memorize the stories they tell. Each story is carefully crafted and includes hands-on materials that help the participants enter into the wonder about the unfolding mystery of God-with-us. The stories themselves are from the Bible and the sacraments and liturgy of the Episcopal Church. Following the telling of the story, there is a time for wondering out loud, "work", prayer, and a symbolic feast. Because of the wonderful results that were observed with the children in the 2008-2009 school year, a decision was made to have Godly Play in two groups for 2009-2010. The two groups are Group I (Age 3 to 2nd Grade) and Group II (Grades 3-6 Grade). We are thrilled with the change in the attitudes of our younger children: they are able to remain focused for the entire time, and there are no longer episodes of disruptive or distracting behavior in the classroom. The older children are very engaged in the stories and have excellent wondering questions for the storyteller. Each group is staffed by two adults—a storyteller and a door-person, responsible for hospitality and helping the children with their materials.

Storytellers: Jo-Ann Sadosky, Kate Rousseau, Kim DeMichele, Clement Mogor, Virginia Kramer, Gary DeMichele; Barbara Briggs

Door Persons: Althea Francis, Jo-Ann Sadosky, Kim and Gary DeMichele, Lynda Curtis, Virginia and David Kramer; Emily LaCroix; Corlet Ude; Marsha McCurdy; Ruth Rose; Clement Mogor; Hyacinth Miller

Participants Group I: Margaret Rousseau, Dontae Troiano, Kiera Troiano, Samantha Kramer, John Kramer, Jordan Moore, Destini White, Kodi Mogor, Olivia Mogor, Krista Mogor, Alison LaCroix, Andrew LaCroix, Peter Rice, Emma DeMichele, TJ DeMichele, Malik Allen, Olivia Shepard-Bedard, Joshua Engler, Murielle Desert.

Participants Group II: Elizabeth Rousseau, Shakeem Williams, Davonté Griffith, Kali White, Justin Ude, Jonathan Ude, Zechariah Stephens, Shquia Moore, Julia DeMichele, Nicholas DeMichele, Chloe Pearson-Zampaglione, Maxwell Desert, Princes Harmon.

Submitted by the Rev. Barbara K. Briggs and Lynda Curtis

“Come and See” Wednesday Mornings

Come and see Wednesday morning Eucharist, breakfast and Bible study. “Year by year the complexities of this world grow more bewildering, and so each year we need all the more to seek peace and comfort in joyful simplicities,” author unknown. This quote from yesterday’s mail (Wellspring newsletter) captures for me the delight of Trinity’s worship opportunity on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in the chapel. Our gathering recently introduced a new “spice of life” by adding variety of shared words. We do the work of Morning Prayer on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, led by one of our licensed readers. On the 2nd, 4th and 5th (when applicable) Wednesdays we gather for Holy Eucharist.

Guests and regulars are always welcome to stay for breakfast including hard-boiled eggs, English muffins and coffee. There is often more variety as regular attendees take turns hosting. Variety continues to keep it simple as donations are accepted for those who find themselves coming frequently by acknowledge making breakfast at that hour would be too much on their plate! (Receipts up to \$20 can be reimbursed.)

Variety also frees people to linger if their other commitments allow and leave whenever they need to meet their day’s opportunities with thankful hearts - before or after coffee, mid-breakfast, before Bible study or at 9:00 a.m. At 8:15 a.m. we move into Bible study (unless clergy conversation precludes), usually following Sunday’s Gospel passage, volunteers and/or clergy members when present lead the study with available resource/question guide. We experience an amazing variety of ideas sharing insights. Add the flavor and perspective of those who loved God and their neighbors before us (as expressed in *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* account of saints’ lives or feast day explanation at liturgy) and our simple engaging the text of scripture becomes real food for thought, prayer and considered action. During Lent, our numbers swelled as we included the Trinity icon written by Rublev at our table and listened to chapters from a book about the history of icons and how their presence allows visual intake for God’s truth in love.

Please do “come and see” as Jesus’ disciples invited. You may find this ministry a place of joyful simplicity to practice the mission of Trinity to welcome, be hopeful and open ourselves more deeply to receive and/ or offer healing presence. If you are up and able, there is a place for you around the altar and at the breakfast table in the Library on Wednesday mornings.

Valerie Pogue

Communications Team

Some people say communication is everything, and others argue that content is king, and others stress that change is inevitable. Those three tenets have challenged the recent work and future plans for communication modes at Trinity.

As many of you know and appreciate, Kathie Wilson has continued to be the editor of *The Voice of Trinity* newsletter--- keeping us informed about the wonderful mission work being done for the community in and outside our walls and all of the

enrichment activities that are available. We instituted The Trinity Weekly Update that is distributed via e-mail by Rebecca Holmes, and reminds parishioners, of important activities and upcoming deadlines. The Trinity Update was launched because there is so much going on here, that we thought it would be good to have a reminder—especially if you are someone who has misplaced your Sunday insert or *The Voice*.

Several members of the community have been working on developing a revision of the Trinity Website that will meet our fast growing needs in this time of renewal and growth of the parish. There are two audiences for the website, the parish community and the people outside our walls who are looking for a church home or perhaps trying to find out what God is up to in this place because they keep hearing the good news! We are designing a site that will allow all ministry leaders to easily keep information on the site up to date and use it as a form of communication about calendars and schedules with appropriate privacy protections in place. The site will also try to provide answers to frequently asked questions. We have learned that approximately 80 percent of visitors to Trinity come because of what they read on the Website, so we want a site that reflects all that we are and do in name of Christ!

As The Choir School of Hartford continues to grow and develop, Trinity Episcopal Day School on Asylum Hill emerges, and the mission of Trinity Church is enriched and widened, the website and all of our communications vehicles will begin to reflect this three-in-one image. We hope to capture the vision, energy, and commitment of Trinity—a parish that is preparing to do all that God asks!

Kim Litsey

Covenant to Care Ministry Team

The Covenant to Care Ministry remains very similar in structure from year to year. We coordinate with our Social Worker, Lakesha Ruth, who works with the Klingberg Family Center. Trinity is involved in providing necessary items for Hartford children in need.

We do so by giving school supplies in the fall, Christmas gifts, and filling Placement bags, which go with children who are no longer safe at home and are taken to temporary foster care by DCF.

The challenges of this Ministry remain the same, as the needs are ongoing. There is no interfacing with the 150th Anniversary activities. Generally, this effort can be handled by one Trinity parishioner with some extra technical help at Christmas time.

Susanne Mantel
Outreach Team

Feeding in the Park

The **Feeding in the Park Ministry** has grown to become one of the gems at Trinity. Participation in the program is excellent and the enthusiasm is palpable even in the worst weather. The program maintains steady financial support and from time-to-time, even receives donations of clothing which is passed on to our charges through the auspices of the Cathedral staff. We were recipients of the hat/glove drive last fall and what a welcome donation that was? That very day we were able to hand hat/gloves and scarves to some very needy children! It is sad but heartening each time to arrive at Bushnell Park to find that there is always a group (men, women and children) eagerly awaiting our arrival; we are indeed humbled and grateful that through our lives together here at Trinity we have the privilege to serve our community. Special thanks go to Debbie Hamer who is our “resident shopper”, to Percy Williamson for filling in when duty calls and to Penny Pearson who keeps track of our needs ensuring that there is a list of everything to make lunches. We continue to look to each other to maintain this very worthwhile program. My sincere thanks and congratulations to each and every one who is helping in anyway to make the Feeding in the Park program this the success it is - GREAT TEAMWORK!

The Rev. Patricia Jackson, deacon

Flower Guild

Many thanks to the loyal members of the Flower Committee who so creatively enhance the beauty of our services with their lovely arrangements. We were delighted to welcome Kathy Steinwedell as a new member and miss Ron Kolanowski’s creative efforts.

We were thankful for additional help from Kelly Bradley for a spectacular arrangement last summer, and the many volunteers that helped out at Christmas. Easter presented another challenge with plywood in place of the stained glass windows which were out for repair, but parishioners came to the rescue with enough forsythia from their gardens to bring much needed “sunshine” for a glorious celebration.

We would very much welcome new members to help with this creative ministry which brings joy to our worship.

Flower Committee members to be thanked are:

Karen Hewes
Jolanda Sribanpot

Jane Harris
Kathy Steinwedell

Rebecca Holmes
Percy Williamson

Respectfully submitted by Jane Harris, Chair

Friends of The Choir School of Hartford

What a great, exciting, and inspiring time this is to volunteer for a cause that we, as parents believe in. The goal of the Choir School program is to enroll children who love music and song, help them constructively channel their creativity, and in the process define who they are and who they will become within a safe, faith-based environment among a diverse group of like-minded peers. Although the Choir School of Hartford is small, with very limited income, our income does not drive our impact. The Choir School of Hartford instills values such as responsibility, citizenship, leadership and confidence in the children fortunate enough to become involved in the program. Each day these children carry with them all they have learned and spread the message that they are strong and confident. The program helps them interact with others, excel in school and resolve conflicts as they arise. The Choir School also fosters an appreciation for traditions and helps the children realize that the complexity of the time-honored music they learn is the root of all that we enjoy today.

Highlights of the years' activities include:

Summer Session - getting to know each other, singing for the Rock Cats - Music Director, Bert Landman's creative, musical mind is always at work planning events to engage the choristers and cement relationships among a community of old and newly discovered friends.

Autumn Tag Sale - A mission that helped the parish as the Choristers reached out in a mutually beneficial way to help clean and fundraise in one event.

Singing at the Governor's Mansion on Saturday, December 5, 2009. The Choristers enjoyed meeting Governor Jody Rell, who greeted them with a warm heart and an open ear, making parents and children alike feel welcomed and appreciated. We hope to make this an annual event.

African Children's Choir Visit- The blending of cultures was beneficial to broaden our children's worldview. Many of our choristers expressed an interest in singing various types of music after listening to their inspirational concert. The children did note that they wished they had been able to interact more fully with the members of the African Choir. The leadership of the African Children's Choir insisted on limited policy of meals and socialization with our choristers based on the length of the tour for the choir.

January & May Piano Recitals-These recitals bolster our children's confidence while highlighting their hard work. The piano teachers Lee Hagan and Kalyn Turner are incredibly talented, engaging individuals that inspire a love of music and are fun to learn from. Kalyn Turner has decided to take some time off to be with her husband and their baby girl, so all of her students will miss her.

March Choir Festival- Previously held in Waterbury, but held at Trinity this year. Vince Edwards was an excellent Music Director and all in attendance enjoyed the touching homily offered at the evensong. The festival was a great experience for all. All of the choristers unequivocally stated that they had fun, and absolutely loved Steve Foldvary's excellent cooking. He is truly the "Grill Master". All of our Choristers

hope to host the Choir Festival at Trinity every year! (with Steve cooking, of course!) The offering was shared with RSCMA.

Gettysburg Choir Visit – It was inspirational to hear the level of professionalism in a High School Choir. The Choristers in attendance enjoyed meeting them and many of the younger Choristers expressed that they hope they can sing so well when they reach high school. Under Bert Landman’s expert tutelage, we know it is possible.

Invitation to sing for event with Desmond Tutu – all of the Chorister’s realized the significance of this event and those that attended found it ingratiating to be a part of such a special event.

Iain Quinn Concert and Reception - Founder of the original Choir School, Iain Quinn was very generous to donate an evening of his time to help raise funds for the Choir School. We had a good turnout for Iain Quinn’s benefit concert and \$1050.00 in donations. A hearty thanks to John Nowacki and John-Albert Moseley for hosting Mr. Quinn.

Pasta Dinner, Auction & Talent Show - also a highlight of the Trinity calendar! Our grand total for May 8th’s auction is just under \$5500! That is a full thousand dollars more than we made last year. We are grateful that we managed to hold a profitable event with so much positive feedback.

The Choristers have engaged the 150th celebration by singing at all church special services, but perhaps due to the Choristers age groups, they do not have the same level of engagement as adults in the history and significance of the 150th anniversary.

Significant New Developments

As the Choir School becomes increasingly defined upon its mission and vision, we are moving toward creating a more separate entity that is becoming capable of fundraising apart from Trinity church. Groundwork was previously done, but a lot of progress has been made this year to propel this forward and build on the foundation established.

Looking Ahead- Ideas, Changes & Ways We Are Addressing Current Challenges for 2010-2011

We are looking forward to a good year for 2010-2011, anticipating that roles and processes will become progressively more organized and streamlined. In 2010, the addition of a parent in the role of “Treasurer” added a layer of organization to “The Friends of the Choristers”. As with all non-profit organizations, the future presents challenges in the arena of funding and communications.

Several Noteworthy Items Currently Under Consideration:

1. The addition of a major one day fundraiser in the form of “A Victorian Holiday Festival” for 2010
2. A fully functional website outlining all aspects of the program, incorporating secure fundraising and calendar all in one site
3. A Chorister trip

4. Implementing a marketing & communications plan to further engage choir school families, friends, donors and the public.
5. The future of the SCRIP shopping card program – noting concern over Choir School solicitation offending parishioners vs the need for the program to be embraced parish-wide both internally, externally and beyond for weekly expenditures in order to be as effective as originally intended.
6. More prosperous fundraising events
7. Scrapbook - Nancy Berger has two volumes that document choir activities since its inception. She has kept clips and other memorabilia over the years, but the book has not been organized. Bonnie Barrow is spearheading bringing it up to date and Kelly will make digital files for sharing with friends and family.
8. We are in need of new Choir School brochure for a recruitment campaign

Challenges

One of the greatest challenges for the Choir School is engaging the parents of the choristers to fully participate as volunteers and planting a love for the organization within their hearts. Since the Choir School has no paid staff for fundraising events, rehearsal coverage, hospitality, calendar maintenance and many administrative jobs, the responsibilities fall on the parents - many of whom are talented, overscheduled-yet-dedicated, people. In speaking with the parents it should be noted that some are exhausted from previous years, some joined when little was asked of parents other than to get their children to rehearsals and to church on Sundays so they could sing, some are not certain if they are staying with the program, some view the program as something they drop their kids off to after school with little or no personal involvement.

Noteworthy challenges continue to be answering parent questions on volunteering, times, calendar and other logistics, fundraising for travel, tapping the vast talent pool of both the parents involved as well as the parish that drinks in the sweet sound of The Chorister's music each week.

On a positive note, smaller, nimbler and more accountable charities such as the Choir School are becoming increasingly attractive to donors compared to the large, traditional charities.

How Can Someone Get Involved In This Ministry?

To date, many choristers became involved through word of mouth and mailings. We anticipate using a website as a recruitment tool to attract increased interest and build numbers in the program.

In summary, The Choir School of Hartford is not just a program; it is a community that calls all who participate to make an impact on the lives of others. As such, the Choir school of Hartford is not only a "non-profit", but rather a "FOR IMPACT" organization that makes a tangible, lasting difference for a worthwhile mission. It is a blessing to be part of a community of such loving, faithful, hard-working and dedicated people. The choir school is looking forward to June 6 and June 21 special Evensong with the Royal Choir School and an increasingly bright future.

Kelly Ashton Bradley

Group Reunion

The Group Reunion is a small group who meet regularly to support each other in our growth in faith and living out the Christian life. We share each week how we nurture our relationship to God (Piety), what we are doing to better understand how God is working in our lives and in the world (Study), and how we are living out our Christian faith (Action). The format of the group comes out of the Cursillo Movement but individuals do not have to have been on a Cursillo weekend to be part of the group. We currently have three active members and meet year round on Tuesday Nights at 7:30 PM. The group is open to anyone who may be interested and if anyone has any questions or wishes to attend, they should contact Sandy Kissel (860-478-1224).

Sandy Kissel

Guild of the Christ Child

The guild of the Christ Child is an eight part series of educational material sent to parents of newborn babies from birth through Easter and Pentecost following third anniversary of Baptism.

Marianne Mallory, Coordinator

Healing Team

Our mission statement at Trinity is to be a church of Welcome, Hope and Healing and the Healing Ministry group was formed to explore ways in which we could make healing more available in the parish. We meet as a group regularly to study and pray together. The most recent book that we have finished studying is the book by Avery Brook, *Healing in the Landscape of Prayer*. On the first Sunday of the month, members of our group are available to assist the clergy in healing prayers in the chapel after the service. We have also had three public services of healing during the church service where individuals could come for healing either by praying from where they are sitting in the church, going up to the altar for anointing by one of the priests, and/or coming to one of two or three teams for individual prayer about their needs. After over a year of study, the group, which included Marion Porter, Percy Williams, Alice Turcotte, Sandy Kissel, Deacon Pat and Mother Barbara, was commissioned at the 10 AM service on April 18th. Our ministry does not encompass all of the ways that healing is happening in Trinity but is one way that we are exploring how to be a parish of healing. We are open to new members who may feel called to this ministry. If anyone wishes to explore whether this is a ministry for him or her, contact Mother Barbara or any member of the healing team.

Sandy Kissel

Journey to Adulthood Rite – 13

This year's Rite-13 group was made up of 7th and 8th graders, in their second year of the program. In November, six of these young people were honored at a special Saturday night dinner – Advetus Bohlen, Will Burns, Meg Foster, Kayla Gonzalez, Hailey Townsend, and Franklin Ude. This was followed by "The Celebration of Womanhood and Manhood", during the 10:00 a.m. service on November 8, 2009.

Throughout the program year, regular Sunday meetings focused on the many challenges faced by our young people and the importance of being part of a community of faith. Our discussions led us to the famous "Serenity Prayer", and its relevance to our daily lives. In addition to these sessions, monthly social activities included "game night", "movie night", "karaoke night", ice skating and Whirlyball.

Grace Haronian
Amy Arlin
Fr. Don Hamer

(K)Naves Drama Group

The (K)Naves, a fellowship group with a love of theater, drawn mostly, though not exclusively, from our congregation, celebrated Trinity Church's 150th birthday year with two memorable dinner/theater productions. In October 2009, the (K)Naves staged one of the funniest comedies ever written, "The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon presented in Goodwin Hall with a hilarious cast, led by the comic talents of Mark MacGougan and Joe Troiano as Felix and Oscar. The show served up comedy as only Neil Simon could deliver and treated the audience to a night of outrageous, comedic banter and the zany antics of the misfit roommates as well as a delicious, stuffed salmon prepared by Lisa Koester and the "usual" kitchen crew. After this production, we were pleased to contribute \$500.00 of the show's proceeds towards new kitchen equipment.

In April of this year, we went back to our original home and produced Thornton Wilder's "Skin of Our Teeth" in the Nave of the Church. This was accompanied by a gourmet meal cooked by Steve Foldvary that was served to our audiences in the Library. This play had a very large cast of (K)Naves, old and new members of all ages, some of whom had been in our original cast of this play back in the 1970s!! It also combined for the first time in the history of the (K)Naves, a slide show that enhanced the performances. We were also fortunate to have the talented help of Bert Landman who provided accompanying music and chimes for this show. We are also very pleased to be able to announce to the Parish, that the (K)Naves agreed at our recent meeting on May 23rd to contribute \$1,000.00 of this production's proceeds to the Trinity Church Roof Fund.

Anyone interested in being involved in (K)Naves' productions in any capacity, please call the Parish Office and a (K)Nave will contact you. All are welcome!

Gavin Cheyney

Light and Peace

Light and Peace at Trinity Episcopal Church nourishes the spiritual, emotional, and imaginative lives of urban, at-risk children age 3 to 10, through story, song, worship, creative expression, and caring relationships with adult volunteers. The weekly Light and Peace program includes a hot supper; a child-friendly worship service; and arts and crafts projects.

Light and Peace is not a social program, but a ministry of evangelism with city children. Worship, in which we tell the stories of God's love and power, flows into creative art, in which the children are invited to respond to the story — to create their own storehouse of images and symbols through which to remember and play with the story. The table fellowship with which we open each evening feeds both bodies and souls: Light and Peace is a place where there is reliably plenty of food and it is shared fairly, while the children's hunger for loving and respectful adult attention is also satisfied.

In the Biblical Story when hard stuff happens to the people of God, these kids get silent and are in rapt attention. Gone is the fidgeting. They have known hardship in their own lives. Connecting with these stories gives them an opportunity to connect with their own "stuff" from home and begin to know that they are loved and valued in and through it all.

Light and Peace meets every Monday that school is in session for a total of 28 sessions in the year. 16 children registered this year. Each week averaged ten participants. The regular Program Volunteers were Justin White, Dan Foster, Marianne Mallory, and Alan Rice. Cheryl Batter and Alan Rice served as storytellers. Steve Foldvary was also assisted with miscellaneous tasks and events. The director of the program is Lynda Curtis.

In addition to overseeing the different aspects of the program, Lynda actively recruits adult volunteers from Trinity and other Episcopal Churches in the area to help with the preparation and serving of the meal. Volunteers, who helped in preparing and serving these hot, nutritious meals came from *Trinity Church, Hartford*: Hyacinth Miller, Kim, Chris and Hailey Townsend; *St. James' So. Glastonbury*: Betsy and women's group; *St. Alban's, Simsbury*: Chris Williams and the youth group; *St. Stephen's, Bloomfield*: Mary Austin and men's group, and youth group. In March of 2010, Light and Peace moved its location to The Boys and Girls Club of Asylum Hill in hopes of reaching more children. We had 6 more children to join Light and Peace since moving. West Middle School was very instrumental in getting the word out to students in the neighborhood of Asylum Hill about the weekly Light and Peace Program offered free of charge to children in grades K-4th grade.

THANK-YOU EVERYONE!

Submitted by the Rev. Barbara K. Briggs and Lynda Curtis

Loaves and Fishes

The Soup Kitchen of Loaves and Fishes continues at Immanuel Congregational Church, on the corner of Farmington Avenue and Woodland Street, Hartford. With the help of volunteers from religious, social and business organizations in the area, it provides midday meals each weekday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Every month on the third Wednesday, Trinity Church provides the meal.

Hyacinth Miller, and Rebecca Holmes do the planning and shopping. Volunteers prepare the meal on the previous Tuesday evening. The following day the prepared meal is delivered to the Soup Kitchen at Immanuel Church where the food is then heated and served.

Special menus are planned for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Members of participating organizations are asked to buy or prepare food from the menu and deliver it to the soup kitchen the day before or on the following morning. At Trinity, announcements of needed food items are printed in the church bulletin several Sundays prior to an upcoming holiday.

The Loaves and Fishes Ministry is always looking for food preparation volunteers coordinated by Hyacinth Miller. They meet on the Tuesday before the third Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. in the parish kitchen. This rewarding ministry touches the lives of people we may never meet, but God knows us all by name. Your help is greatly appreciated. For more information about the Soup Kitchen or other initiatives of Loaves and Fishes Ministries please contact Alyce Hild, Director (860-524-1730).

Hyacinth Miller

Music and Arts Series

The Trinity Music and Arts Series co-sponsored, with The Choir School of Hartford, a concert by the African Children's Choir in October. The concert was well attended by guests from around the area.

In November, we welcomed George Vona and Lark Popov back to Trinity for a duo piano recital. In addition to their piano music, they also offered the Brahms Liebeslieder Waltzes with a quartet of singers. Also in November, Judith Milardo and Gwendolyn Winkel offered a concert of music for clarinet and voice.

March saw a visit from the Gettysburg College Choir. Charles and Claudia Ayer organized and provided financial support to assist in their visit and wonderful concert. We were joined by many friends and alumni of Gettysburg College for this concert.

We are delighted to have The Avery Ensemble as artists-in-residence. These four players: violin, viola, cello, and piano (and occasional guests); have a remarkable synergy, which, coupled with innovative programming, delighted the audiences at their Trinity concerts.

ALTA Renaissance Wind Trio, continued as artists-in-residence, offering a series of four concerts. The three players (and their guests) bring an abundance of instruments, tremendous energy, and a variety of guests to produce exciting and educational concerts.

Respectfully submitted,

Bert Landman,
Director of Music Ministry

Outreach Team

The idea of “outreach” permeates so much of life and programs at Trinity. This committee focuses on both specific activities as well as funding. During the program year of 2009 the Outreach Committee continued its sponsorship of our core programs such as scholarships for (20) children attending schools in the diocese of our sister church in Tabora, Tanzania. Susanne Mantel continues to provide the organization and leadership for the Covenant to Care program: placement bags in May, school bags in September, and Christmas gifts in December. Members of the parish continue a high level of participation in these activities. In November Outreach committee gathered up 293 pounds of pasta to contribute to the food pantry at Grace church in support of Millennium Development Goal to fight hunger and poverty in the world. Outreach also planned topics for the Sunday symposia programs as part of the 150th anniversary celebration events. Under leadership of Ned Miller, our teens contributed to the scholarship funds by the design and sale of Trinity t-shirts.

Fund-raising activities included sales of specialty breads , Trinity church aprons, and returns from special monetary offerings as well that were sent to the American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem in support of special education programs for students at a Ramallah school. Trinity partnered with two other sources to provide funds for books for three fifth grade classes at West Middle School. Although they exist under the “wing” of Outreach, Feeding-in-the-Park and the Covenant to Care programs have been generously supported by members of the church and required little direct financial support (just the cost of the bags) from our budget.

The Deanery plans to join Trinity in planning another memorial service for homeless in November 2010 – this year it was so ably organized by Fr Ron Kolanowski. The Bishop’s Run in May is always a popular activity under leadership of Steve Smith.

The Outreach committee continues to examine its mission and purpose, its relationship to other programs and discusses new ideas that might require either financial support or the encouragement of others.

Margaret Moore

Pastoral Care Team

Under the leadership of Rev. Pat Jackson, our Purpose and Mission continues to be: “Outreach to those members of our Parish Family who are homebound, ill or absent.”

We do this through:

- Home Communion to shut-ins (to include homes or institutions) by our Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV's);
- Visitation with members who are homebound and the offer of our assistance;
- Telephone calls to members on the Sunday prayer list for contact or follow-up;
- Casserole ministry where there is this need.

We have continued sending Christmas and Easter remembrance cards – designed and printed by JoEllen Jansing – to the senior members of our parish and others in need of our prayers. This year members of the congregation were also invited to sign the cards – thanks to those of you who took the opportunity to do this.

On May 1, we hosted a Spring Luncheon for parishioners age 80 and above, and others. We had 33 guests who participated in a Eucharist, enjoyed a delicious meal and fellowship together, and were entertained by “The Better Half Notes”. We extend our thanks to the volunteers who assisted with transportation, decorations and favors, and meal preparation and cleanup.

At Rev. Pat's invitation, and working with the Prayer Shawl Ministry, we started a “Blankets for Babies” ministry, providing blankets for babies and small children to the Interval House domestic violence shelter. Everyone is invited to participate!

The team meets generally on the first Sunday of the month. Current members include Rev. Barbara Briggs, Rev. Pat Jackson, Olda James, JoEllen Jansing, Sandy Kissel, Marianne Mallory, Penny Pearson, Valerie Pogue, Marion Porter, Alice Turcotte, Peter Vreeland, Pamela Williams, and Percy Williamson. We give special thanks to Karin Peterson who rotated off the team this year.

Please speak with any of us if you know of parishioners who could benefit from our prayers or assistance, or if you are interested in serving on this team.

Faithfully,

Penny Pearson, Convener

Prayer Shawl Ministry

This past year the Sanctuary Stitchers knitted nearly thirty prayer shawls, lap robes, and baby blankets to give to those in need of comfort, both within our parish, to non-parishioners known personally to our knitters, and to area hospitals. A number of crafters joined us from other churches, including Asylum Hill UCC and the Salvation Army. We have also begun a relationship with Interval House, a shelter for battered women and their children. We met several times throughout the year for prayer, breakfast, fellowship, planning, and knitting. We welcome all crafters (not just limited to knitters) of all abilities and all others whom the Holy Spirit calls to join us.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Sadosky
Peter Vreeland

Prayer Tree

The Prayer Tree Ministry was founded by Alexis Hook in 1992 to provide prayers for specific reasons as needed. Our group prays daily as requested by clergy. We treat these requests as confidential and share information only amongst ourselves. Anyone who has the need can contact any clergy member. Our membership consists of Marianne Mallory, Peter Vreeland, Alice Turcotte, Keith Hook, Alexis Hook, Pat Shields, Hellen Strassner, Valerie Pogue any myself. If you would like to join our group, please call me @ 860-721-1485. We'd love to include you.

JoEllen Jansing, Coordinator

Property Committee

Much has been accomplished during this reporting period. Most of the work has been thrust upon us by building system failures from normal wear and tear. Thanks to the Property Committee for establishing the priorities for repair work and to Steve Foldvary, Sexton, and Kathie Wilson, former Facilities and Projects Manager for the work and follow through.

1. Lightening suppression systems replaced after damage from lightening strikes.
2. Masonry work in conjunction with roof project and damage to front steps in a car accident completed.
3. New icemaker bought thanks to generous donations.
4. Roof project completed.
5. Other gutter and downspout repairs completed.
6. Security cameras installed to cover entrance areas and parking lot.
7. Electrical rewiring completed and new security light installed at Farmington Ave. entrance.
8. Farmington Ave. façade has been power washed.
9. Seven windows replaced in the Art Room.
10. Fire escapes repaired outside apartments and Art Room.

11. Ice control installed on roof over fire escape entrances to apartment.
12. Weather stripping replaced/installed on all exterior doors.
13. Goodwin Hall water damage repaired and new paint scheme.
14. Storage annex roof has been repaired.
15. Louvered vents installed for Huntington Hall air flow.
16. Replacement covers acquired for parking lot light fixtures.
17. Capstones placed on handicap ramp – Sigourney entrance.
18. Storm doors added for apartments.
19. Broken pipe in former sexton's apartment repaired.
20. Library chairs (Hitchcock and Nichols & Stone) restored.

Other Capital Repairs, not included above, to be completed this year:

Sprinkler system in the boiler room.

Auto vent system in Goodwin Hall to prevent moisture buildup in Education wing attic.

Capital Repairs deferred to 2011 or beyond due to insufficient funds:

Replace Fats, Oil and Grease trap in kitchen.

Chancel painting.

Replace chancel flooring.

Air Conditioning for Library and Art Room.

Property Committee:

Larry Besel, Peter Green, Ron Gripp, Boo Morton, Karin Petersen, Steve Foldvary, Kate Steven, Kathie Wilson, and Al Shuckra (Acting Chair)

Ushers

The ministry of the ushers is to assist the congregation during our worship services. We welcome people, distribute leaflets, and take card of the offertory. We also try to make a favorable first impression toward guests and newcomers.

This past winter, along with potential new recruits, a meeting was convened where an open discussion was held as to how this ministry could improve. This discussion also lead to the reestablishment of usher guidelines. The enthusiasm for this ministry has been increasing particularly among the youth in our church. I would like to express my appreciation for all those who participate in this ministry.

Neill A. Derick, Head Usher

Worship Assistants and Worship Leaders

During the 2009/2010 'church year' a large number of parishioners served in various capacities during worship services both at Trinity Church and at the Caleb-Hitchcock facility (at the Duncaster retirement community).

During the past year there were:

- 22 Acolytes (crucifers, thurifers and torch bearers)
- 42 Lectors
- 19 Intercessors
- 22 Lay Eucharistic Ministers (who administer the chalice and, occasionally, paten at services at Trinity)
- 7 Worship Leaders (who conduct the weekly services at Duncaster)

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

The Worship Leaders rotate in offering a weekly Sunday morning service at Duncaster – a ministry which Trinity lay people have carried out every Sunday since 1985.

Several new participants have joined these ministries in the 2009/2010 year. New acolytes are Kimberly and Michael Okeke; Kachi Onoh; Franklin, Jonathan and Justin Ude and Anthony Springer. Fred Bohlen, Peter Vreeland and Valerie Pogue became Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Kate Rousseau conducts services at Duncaster during the summer. Roy McAlpine has taken on the additional responsibility of being one of Trinity's two vergers.

Several additional persons have very recently been licensed as Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Worship Leaders and will begin participating regularly over the summer.

Anyone interested in participating in any of these ministries can speak with the rector or Ray Wilson in order to get more information.

Ray Wilson, Coordinator

PARISH REGISTER FROM MAY 2009 - MAY 2010

BAPTISMS:

Catherine Amy Brown	August 23, 2009
Trocari Lynne Griffith-McAlop	August 23, 2009
Zariah Antoinette Eaddy	August 23, 2009
Margaret Winfield Adams	September 9, 2009
Shquia Jennifer Moore	November 1, 2009
Jordan Fletcher Moore	November 1, 2009
Malik Treyvon Allen	November 1, 2009
Maxwell Bilou Desert	January 10, 2010
Marsha Rene McCurdy	April 4, 2010
Jonathan Frederick Reik	April 4, 2010

CONFIRMATION:

William Allen Kofalk	April 29, 2010
Marsha Rene McCurdy	April 29, 2010
Jonathan Frederick Reik	April 29, 2010

RECEPTION:

Ronda Mary Duggan	April 29, 2010
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CELEBRATIONS / BLESSINGS OF MARRIAGES / CIVIL UNIONS:

Gregory Allen Thomson & Erin Constance Taylor	September 26, 2009
Daniel Taylor-Stypa and David Gene Evangelisti	December 29, 2009
Luis Antonio Rivera, Jr. and Richard Eugene Johnson III	May 15, 2010

MEMORIAL SERVICES/BURIALS:

Laurence Johnson Newhall	August 6, 2009
Narsayah "Stanley" Tomby	October 12, 2009
Todd Donald White	October 17, 2009
Mary Jean Weber Hall	October 20, 2009
Wesley Lee III	November 17, 2009
Stacey Dimitri Williams	November 17, 2009
Allene M. Scaglia	February 26, 2010
Kenneth Afamefuna Okeke	April 23, 2010
Alice Belgrave	April 30, 2010
Marjory Miller Bloomfield	May 27, 2010

PARISH REGISTER (continued)

TRANSFERS IN:

Margaret Daniel	July 23, 2009
Jayne Frances Zoufaly	July 23, 2009
Walton Lyonnaise Brown Foster	July 23, 2009
Catherine Amy Brown	August 3, 2009
Urania Petit	August 26 2009
Merle Melhado	August 26,2009
Nia Nicole Petit	September 11, 2009
Jannel Roseanne Thomas	October 14, 2009
Steven Kalon Omare Ross, Jr.	November 13, 2009
Gary DeMichele	November 14. 2009
Kim DeMichele	November 14, 2009
Nicholas Joseph DeMichele	November 14, 2009
Thomas John DeMichele III	November 14, 2009
Julia Marie DeMichele	November 14, 2009
Rudolph Stephen Foldvary	November 16, 2009
Keane Cynthia (Domian) Foldvary	November 16, 2009
Aidan Joseph Foldvary	November 16. 2009
Keara Carolyn Foldvary	November 16, 2009
Jeanne Julia (Grimeo) Foldvary	November 17, 2009
Louis Frank Roberts	November 17, 2009
Andrea Elizabeth Dyrness	November 17, 2009
Enrique Sepulveda III	November 17, 2009
Frances Sloan	November 20, 2009
Rhonda Maray Duggan	April 29, 2010

TRANSFERS OUT:

None

Trinity Episcopal Church 2009 Investment Committee Report

Trinity remains an endowed parish. The parish's endowment is managed through the Connecticut Diocese under the aegis of Ennis Knupp & Associates, a professional institutional investment manager, headquartered in Chicago, IL.

Trinity's endowment is invested in two diocesan funds each of which contains both equity and fixed income components. The table below summarizes those funds from the end of 2008 through the end of 2009 as well as the end of April, 2010:

Date	FUND	Equity	Fixed Income	Total
12/31/2008	General Fund #1	\$1,231,161	\$543,502	\$1,774,663
12/31/2008	General Fund #2	\$193,584	\$171,983	\$365,567
12/31/2008	Loan Collateral Fund ¹	\$311,090	\$271,413	\$582,503
12/31/2008	Federal MMF		\$168,649	\$168,649
12/31/2008	Global Equity Fund	\$230,229		\$230,229
		\$1,738,835	\$986,898	#3,121,610
Date	FUND	Equity	Fixed Income	Total
12/31/2009	General Fund #1	\$1,242,485	\$405,860	\$1,648,345
12/31/2009	General Fund #2	\$117,949	\$77,061	\$195,010
12/31/2009	Loan Collateral Fund	\$430,013	\$280,766	\$710,779
12/31/2009	Federal MMF		\$94,112	\$94,112
12/31/2009	Global Equity Fund	\$306,156		\$306,156
Total		\$1,790,447	\$763,687	\$2,954,402
Date	FUND	Equity	Fixed Income	Total
4/30/2010	General Fund #1	\$1,183,326	\$394,415	\$1,577,741
4/30/2010	General Fund #2	\$222,596	\$148,387	\$370,983
4/30/2010	Loan Collateral Fund	\$430,912	\$287,255	\$718,167
4/30/2010	Federal MMF		\$95,139	\$95,139
4/30/2010	Global Equity Fund	\$321,982		\$321,982
Total		\$1,836,833	\$830,057	\$3084,011

From these figures it can be seen that the endowment declined \$171,599 between 12/31/2008 and 12/31/2009 and gained \$112,756 between 12/31/2009 and 4/30/2010.

The primary contributors to the decline in the endowment's value in 2009 were \$522,292 in unrealized and realized investment gains offset by \$565,000 in withdrawals from both funds to support church operations and various parish ministries.

The primary contributors to the increase in the endowment's value in 2010 were \$131,600 in unrealized and realized investment gains and \$200,000 received in March from a Connecticut State Grant from the Department of Culture and Tourism to fund the slate roof repair offset by \$182,500 in withdrawals from both funds to support church operations, including completion of the stained glass restoration project and various parish ministries.

The Investment Committee did not meet in 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

John Berger (Chmn)

¹ In June 2008, in connection with a bank loan for the Slate Roof Refurbishment, moneys were transferred from General Fund # 2 into a separate Loan Collateral Fund.