

Life Together!**Lent 2009: “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”*****Matthew 6:21***

Lent is not an amusing time. The old themes of Lent – sin, repentance and sanctification – and the old practices of fasting, self-denial, and trembling introspection seem but ghosts of a tight-lipped and repressed people, best ignored by a culture and church addicted to entertainment. The only amusement these old Lenten themes and practices seem to offer the church is the mirth of ridicule and an invitation to sophisticated smiles. Yet this approaching Lenten season seems different. The deepening financial crisis is calling into question the underlying assumptions of our consumer-driven culture.

Distracting amusements are having their cultural purposes exposed in embarrassing ways. We are discovering the emptiness and banality that have marked so much of our lives.

So Lent 2009 approaches and with it come the Lenten texts and Lenten themes and the call to Lenten practices. The arrival of Lent 2009 is not a summons to some dour old-time religion, but an invitation to a shaken people to prepare for Easter amazement, joy and laughter.

Lent is not a season of shame but a time to be creative and discover our real value and dignity – not shaming us into submission but moving us into Easter joy. Let us consider more closely our themes and practices and what they might hold for us.

Sin, Repentance and Reconciliation

One way to consider sin is – a breaking of relationships. Our lifestyle within a consumer-driven society impairs our relationship with the earth and its resources, with God as God intended us to live within creation, and with our neighbors throughout the world. Rather than wallow in the guilt of our sinful state, we have an opportunity to seek reconciliation in repairing our relationships. Reconciliation is the act of going toward the other. We have a choice to move toward the other, acknowledge our sinfulness, repent (literally to turn around) and restore what has been severed.

May Lent be a time to consider ways of embracing simpler living, a simplicity that invites us to think and act creatively in getting back to basics. The practices of fasting and self-denial can be ways in which we openly seek to improve our personal relationship to the world, helping us to consider how we use the

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Adult Symposium Sessions for Lent: Practicing Our Faith

It's a familiar saying – "Practice makes perfect." We know we can't play the piano, improve our golf swing, or do a good job on a major presentation at work unless we practice. But what does it mean to practice our faith as Christians?

During Lent, our adult Sunday Symposium sessions will focus on what it means to be a practicing Christian. Led by the Reverend Barbara Briggs, Symposium participants will focus each week on a different aspect of carrying out our faith 24/7.

Here's the list of topics:

March 8 "Praying"

March 15 "The Bible and Study, Reading, and Learning New Things"

March 22 "Sabbath Time"

March 29 "Social Action, Mission, Service"

Adult Symposium sessions are held in the Library on scheduled Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.



Daylight Saving Returns March 8!

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8. Don't forget: set your clocks *ahead* one hour before you go to bed on March 7 (or you'll be a whole hour late for church on Sunday)!

If You're Interested in Year End Financial Information...

With our annual meeting now on Trinity Sunday, our year-end financials are no longer presented to the congregation as they were when our annual meetings were in January.

If you are interested in receiving this information, or in having an opportunity to discuss it in a small group, please contact our Treasurer, Jack Pearson, at (860) 242-0484 or jackpearson@comcast.net.

Directory Changes

Please make the following corrections to your 2008-2009 Directory:

Dove, Tim
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Koester, Lisa
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Enfield, CT 06082

Ross, Lavotius &
Rose Harmon
1880 Broad St
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Choir School To Sing For March Evensong

Trinity's series of monthly services of Evensong will continue on March 1 at 5:00 p.m., when the Choir School of Hartford (the Trinity Choristers, Novices and Probationers) will sing for the service. For this Evensong, our Choir School will sing a setting of the Evening Canticles written for them in 2007 by Trinity's Director of Music Ministry, Bert Landman. The anthem for the service will be Gabriel Fauré's beautiful rendering of the *Ave Maria*.

The next service in our Evensong series will take place on Palm Sunday, April 5.

Godly Play Update

On the first Sunday of the month, March 1, the children's Eucharist with a Godly Play story and wondering time will take place in the Library and then in the upstairs Art Room. If you have not yet had a chance to taste and see what Godly Play is all about, you are enthusiastically invited to join in on the first Sunday of each month, processing to the Library right after the beginning of the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist in church.

From now on, Godly Play will run exclusively at 11:30 on all other Sundays for children age three through second grade. (This means that the only children's program running during the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist will be the nursery for infants and children up to age three). This new schedule will give us all a chance to worship together – children and teachers alike every Sunday.

Book Group To Discuss Story by Alice Walker

Alice Walker's short story "The Welcome Table" will be the featured reading for the next meeting of Trinity's Book Group on Friday, March 6. All are welcome to join in the discussion, which is always interesting, fun, and – we hope – spiritually edifying!



The March meeting will take place at Susanne Mantel's

home in East Windsor from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please give her a call at (860) 623-4752 if you plan to attend. The story can be found in *Listening for God, v. 1*, available from Augsburg Fortress Press, on the Web or by calling 1-800-328-4648.

For our April meeting, we'll be discussing a full-length book, so here's advance notice. The title is *Acedia & Me – A Marriage, Monks, and a Writer's Life* by Kathleen Norris. It's available through Amazon.com; a description of the book is available on this site. The April meeting will be on Friday the 3rd at the home of Helen Hart. Stay tuned for more information!

Newcomers to Book Group are always welcome, whether for one meeting or for all! If you'd like more information, talk with Martha Freimuth, Steve Smith, Susanne Mantel, Jane Harris, Helen Hart, Valerie Pogue, Roy McAlpine, Emily Estes, or Mark or Linda MacGougan.

– Linda MacGougan

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world's resources and the just distribution of wealth and goods so all have a share. These practices can afford us the opportunity to reflect upon where our true treasure lies. As we watch the markets tumble and many of us see our "nest eggs" diminish, we can use Lent as a time to gain a proper perspective of what truly gives us security in an uncertain world.

Resources for Your Use

Trinity is providing a variety of resources to assist with your Lenten practices. Printed materials can be found on the Lenten resource table in the church.

1. A Journey through Lent 2009

This Lenten Calendar and poster provide a helpful "road map" of simple devotions and thoughtful meditations from Shrove Tuesday to Easter Day. The cartoons by Jay Sidebotham and the text help uncomplicate the meaning of the Easter season. Each day provides a thought, a scripture passage or a specific task to do that day.

2. Peace & Compassion Lenten Meditations

The Presiding Bishop has declared the first Sunday of Lent to be Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) Sunday. This provides an opportunity to keep the Millennium Development Goals before the Church. ERD has published a book of daily scriptural passages and meditations to deepen your spiritual experience this Lenten season.

3. Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers and Program

The Adult Christian Formation Team has planned soup suppers and programs that will address themes of simple living and reconciling our lives to the world. Sessions will include rebroadcasts from the 2009 Trinity Wall Street Institute on Radical Abundance and continued discussions on healing the racial divide. (*See Page 5.*)

4. Stations of the Cross

Throughout Lent the Stations of the Cross will be hung on the walls of the nave. "Praying the Stations" leaflets provide a guide for your personal meditations at each station.

5. Praying for One Another

In our Sunday leaflet each week is a list of people who have asked for continued prayers. We invite you this Lent to make a special effort to take this leaflet home and hold these persons in your personal prayers.

6. Weekday Eucharist

Every Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. we celebrate the Eucharist. The early service is followed by a breakfast and then a

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Laquisha Springer Reports on “Faith in 3D” Trip to Florida

This past Martin Luther King Jr. weekend was an incredible one, one I will cherish forever because I went to Faith in 3D, which took place in Disney World, Florida, with 2,500 other youth from around the country. The purpose of this trip was to allow the youth to expand their faith. The 3D had multiple meanings: it stood for the 3 denominations attending (Presbyterian, Baptist and Episcopalian); the 3-day Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, January 16 – 19 (which was really 4 days); the Holy Trinity; and 3 themes (dare, dream and discover). This was the second Faith in 3D and it occurs every three years. I was the first and only youth from Trinity to attend but I didn’t go alone; I went with the Episcopal Diocese Youth Council, but for part of the weekend we were split up into groups of thirty by our grades.

This trip gave me the opportunity to meet many people of diverse

backgrounds, learn about different cultures and their worship, how to be good Christian and many other valuable lessons. I felt this trip helped me mature and learn more about myself; it challenged my beliefs but yet help me grow in faith.

I wished that other youth from Trinity would’ve attended Faith in 3D, especially because it was a great experience and it would’ve benefited them, particularly the confirmation students because many of the topics addressed were related to the confirmation curriculum.

I wanted to thank Trinity for allowing me to represent them on the trip and hopefully by me sharing my experience it will give the younger youth at Trinity the chance to attend Faith in 3D in the future and allow them to also grow in faith.

– Laquisha Springer

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.
Evensong: 1st Sunday of the month at 5:00 p.m. (October-June)

The Reverend Donald L. Hamer, Rector
The Reverend Barbara K. Briggs, Assistant Rector
The Reverend Ronald J. Kolanowski, Assistant Rector
The Reverend Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick, Priest Associate
The Reverend Helen M. Moore, Priest Associate
The Reverend Patricia Jackson, Deacon
The Reverend William J. Eakins, Rector Emeritus
The Reverend Dr. Robert S. Henderson, Pastoral Counselor

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Integrity To Host Speaker From “Love Makes a Family”

The next meeting of Integrity/Greater Hartford will take place on Sunday, March 15, in the Trinity Church Library. The 3:00 p.m. gathering will include a simple celebration of the Eucharist and the showing of the film “Marriage Makes a Word of Difference.” Guest speaker for this meeting will be Obadiah Ballinger, Religious Organizer for Love Makes a Family, a non-profit advocacy organization working for equal rights for same-sex couples in Connecticut.

Integrity/Greater Hartford is a chapter of Integrity USA, which witnesses to God’s inclusive love to the Episcopal Church and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) community and their straight friends.

For more information about the Hartford Chapter please visit www.integrityhartford.org or e-mail info@integrityhartford.org.

Voice via E-mail

If you’d like to receive *The Voice* via e-mail, please send a message to that effect to office@trinityhartford.org.

Voice Deadline

March 12 is the deadline for the next issue of *The Voice*, which will cover all events coming up in April 2009. Materials for this issue can be sent via e-mail to voice@trinityhartford.org or delivered to the parish office by 4:00 p.m. on the 12th. Thanks!

Soup Supper and Program for Lent: Wednesdays in March, 5:30-7:00 P.M.

This year, our Wednesday evening Lenten program will continue the conversation generated by the film "Traces of the Trade." Each week's session will begin with a soup supper in the Library at 5:30 p.m., and will conclude at 7:00 p.m. after the program and discussion.



On March 11 and 18, Marsha McCurdy will facilitate conversation on healing the racial divide.

The sessions on March 4 and 18 will focus on the economic, environmental and social implications of closing the racial and socio-economic divide. These two sessions will include the showing of a segment from the recent

2009 Trinity Institute run by Trinity Church, Wall Street, on the topic "Radical Abundance: A Theology of Sustainability," a multi-media program focusing on social, racial and economic justice. Following the showing of each of the two presentations by leading international activists, the Reverend Barbara Briggs will facilitate small group discussion of the week's topic.

The full list of speakers and topics is as follows:

- March 4** **Majora Carter** founded Sustainable South Bronx in 2001 to alleviate poverty, improve the environment, and reduce public health costs. She is a MacArthur "Genius" Fellow, was named one of the 25 Most Influential African-Americans by Essence Magazine for 2007, and is co-host of "The Green" on the Sundance Channel. She speaks on environmental sustainability and social action: *Greening the Ghetto*.
- March 11** Conversation Part I: Trinity parishioner **Marsha McCurdy**, a certified and trained leader and teacher in the area of diversity, will facilitate a conversation on healing the racial divide, a continuation of the discussions pursuant to the recent showing of the film "Traces of the Trade."
- March 18** Conversation Part II: Conversation on healing the racial divide continues with facilitator **Marsha McCurdy**.
- March 25** **David C. Korten** is a visionary proponent of a planetary system of local living economies. His classic best-seller, *When Corporations Rule the World*, was called "a must-read" by commentators ranging from Archbishop Desmond Tutu to London's *Financial Times*. His topic is "Spiritual Awakening, a New Economy, and the End of Empire."

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Bible or book study that examines texts for the following Sunday and/or an aspect of Christian living. The 7:00 a.m. group refer to themselves as the "Come and See" group. This Lent they extend a special invitation to all to "come, see" and experience the richness of weekday liturgy, study of Holy Scripture texts and fellowship. The 12:10 Eucharist has no sermon but includes time for private meditation and reflection.

May you have a Holy Lent that leads you toward genuine Easter joy!

Blessings,

Fr. Ron Kolanowski
Assistant Rector

TGIF for March 20: Holy Eucharist and Healing

Thank God it's Friday! Our monthly series of alternative worship services continues on Friday, March 20, at 5:30 p.m. in the church. Here's a wonderful way to end your week. Bring a friend! Come for a candlelit service of quiet meditation, prayer and song. Light refreshments will be served. All who wish may receive the laying on of hands and anointing for themselves or a loved one. This month's theme will be healing for social and class injustice.

Notes from the February Vestry Meeting: Thinking about Hospitality

The vestry held its February meeting on Tuesday the 17th in the Library at Church and addressed the following items:

1. The meeting began with a Bible study on Abraham at the Oaks of Mamre that focused on hospitality. The Vestry spent over half of the meeting discussing hospitality offered to Trinity's guests, newcomers and existing members. The group split into three subgroups to focus on what we do well and what needs attention from the point of view of someone newly arriving for worship for the first time, the experience at worship of a first-time visitor, and how Trinity reaches out and responds to visitors and guests who come to the church.

It became apparent that some things are done exceedingly well, and that a spirit of welcome pervades the congregation. Improvement is, however, needed in the development of structures for on-going follow-up, particularly among lay members of the congregation. In previous years there were elaborate systems of outreach and support that have largely fallen by the wayside. The Vestry identified ideas and strategies to improve hospitality that they will continue to consider in the months ahead.

2. The minutes from January were accepted with minor amendments. A minor staff benefits request was approved. The treasurer's report was not moved for acceptance until adjustments are made to the January report and it has been resubmitted to the Vestry later in the month.

3. It was reported that pledges and gifts from the parish roof repair

campaign now total just above \$57,000.00. Work on the roof is continuing thanks to good weather, with work on the south side of the nave nearing completion.

4. Mark MacGougan reported that the Finance and Investment Committees are hoping to merge. It was felt that, particularly during this time of financial instability, all those involved with financial planning, the endowment and investments would be better served by working together as a single body. There were no objections to this proposal.

5. The Wardens encouraged people to attend the Lenten soup supper programs.

6. Mother Barbara reported on the conference of endowed Episcopal parishes meeting in New Orleans she and John Nowacki will be attending next month. Father Ron reported on the recent painting of the parish office hallways and the nearly-complete renovations to Marianne Mallory's apartment, and spoke briefly about the theme of this Lenten season (see related article). He also thanked the Vestry for authorizing the January purchase of the new video projector and screen, which have already been used six times.

7. There was positive feedback for the "Traces of the Trade" film and discussions during February. Parishioner Marsha McCurdy was thanked for her superb job of serving as discussion facilitator. There was also positive feedback about the healing service held at both services on February 15 and kudos to the choir for its anthem,

"Wade in the Water," that day. The Vestry agreed that a healing service could be done periodically, possibly four times a year.

8. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 9:20 p.m.

(K)Naves Set Spring Production

The Trinity Episcopal Church (K)naves are proud to present the Neil Simon comic masterpiece *The Odd Couple* this Mother's Day weekend, May 8, 9, and 10. Come enjoy the hilarity as Oscar Madison's (Joe Troiano) life is turned upside down by his neurotic long-time friend, Felix Unger (Mark MacGougan). The cast also includes Amy Arlin, Alan Cheyney, Gavin Cheyney, Steve Foldvary, Lisa Koester, and Marc Wiest.

Each evening show will be accompanied by a sumptuous "stuffed" dinner with a choice of Stuffed Salmon or Stuffed Chicken Breast, or Vegetarian Stuffed Manicotti. Sunday's matinee will be performed with no meal; however, in honor of Mother's Day, a special dessert will be offered.

There will be a suggested donation of \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for seniors and children under 12 for the evening performances. Sunday's matinee has a suggested donation of \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 dollars for seniors and children under 12. Proceeds from this show will be used in support of the Feeding in the Park Ministry.

Join the (K)Naves for some great food and great fun, and support a worthwhile ministry!

Seminary To Honor David Carson

Hartford Seminary President Heidi Hadsell and the Board of Trustees warmly invite the Trinity Church community to join them for a reception in honor of David E.A. Carson. Mr. Carson, past Seminary Board Chair, is the subject of a new biography by Lennie Grimaldi, *Bow Tie Banker*.

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Time: 5 to 7 p.m.

Location: Hartford Seminary,
77 Sherman Street, Hartford

RSVP: Yvette Law, 509-9555 or events@hartsem.edu

Roof Project Update: Phase 1 Complete

The main part of the south side of the nave has been completed. Thanks to the recent good weather, work has picked up again on the project. The work now moves to the back of the building and scaffolding soon to be in place in the area of the staff parking lot. The deadline to complete the project is late spring.

We still have a long way to go toward our goal of \$200,000

As of the publication of this issue of *The Voice* we have received \$45,165.25 in contributions toward the restoration and an additional \$11,975.00 in pledges, for a total of \$57,140.25 toward the project. We continue to move toward our final goal of matching the \$200,000.00 grant given to the project by the State of Connecticut's Commission on Culture & Tourism. Now that the work is once again moving along at a steady pace, we hope to edge closer to our goal of matching the state funds. If you have not yet made a contribution or a pledge for

the project, you are encouraged to do so by contacting the church office (860) 537-8133, Ext. 206. You can pledge funds for 2009. Contributions to the roof project can also be placed in the special "Raise the Roof" envelopes included in each box of Trinity Church offering envelopes for the current year.

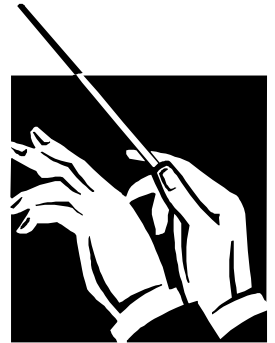
A special thanks to our most recent supporters

Below is a list of those who have supported the project within the past month:

Fred and Emily Bohlen
Asker Downer
Barbara Gibson
Cindi Harvey
Marianne Mallory
Donna-Dale Marciano
Kim Parsons-Whitaker and
Bill Whitaker
Jim and Mary Register
Jolanda and Al Sribanpot
Cecelia Timothy
Tuesday AA meeting
Saturday AA meeting

Choirs To Sing at Lincoln Center in NYC

The Trinity Choir and The Choir School of Hartford have been invited to join several other choirs from around the U.S. in singing Handel's *Dettingen Te Deum* in Avery Fisher Hall at New York City's Lincoln Center on Sunday, March 29 at 8:30 p.m. (As you may recall, the choirs did a performance of this work with the Nutmeg Symphony on January 31 in Avon, Connecticut.)



Tickets for the concert can be purchased through the Lincoln Center Web site (www.lincolncenter.org) for \$20.00 and up. Tickets for premium seating areas (normally \$100.00 per ticket) can be purchased at a considerable discount; please contact the Trinity Church office for details.

The choirs will be traveling to the concert and back in chartered bus coaches. If there is enough interest, we will arrange for coach space for family members and guests at about \$35.00 per person/round trip. This will be door to door service from Trinity to Lincoln Center and back again. We may also have spaces for a few guests on the Saturday coach down and back for our rehearsal. This is a reasonable way to have part of a day in New York City!

Please contact Pam Haddad in the church office if you are interested in a seat on the coach. The *absolute* deadline is Friday, March 6.

2009 Annual Appeal a Success!

The results of the 2009 Annual Appeal campaign have been tallied and, based upon the numbers, it has been a great success. As of February 17, we have received a total of \$319,155.71 in pledges from a total of 155 “pledge units” – individuals, couples or families who are members living under a single roof. Of those pledges, 60 increased their pledged amount when compared with last year while only 13 reduced their pledges. 22 were pledging for the first time, something the Vestry are particularly grateful for as they labor to meet this year’s tight budget. Some more interesting statistics: Pledges range from under \$100 (Thank you!) to over \$10,000 (Thank you!) and average \$2072.44, or about \$40/ week. The total pledged so far this year is just \$4,503.29 lower than last year’s total, for which we are most grateful when taking into account the current economic climate and the fact that there is also a capital campaign in progress to replace our roof.

Speaking of the economic conditions, Trinity members have not been immune to the current business downturn. Raises have been few this year and several of our members have found themselves cut back in pay or completely out of work. While pledging provides us with a disciplined means of returning a portion of God’s gifts to us, it should not be seen as a hard and fast contractual commitment to the church. If times get tough, it is entirely appropriate to modify your pledge by notifying Pam Haddad in

the church office. (Conversely, of course, if you come into a sudden windfall, we would appreciate your sharing that too!)

There are a few pledge cards that have not yet, for whatever reason, been returned. We would really like to hear from everyone. If you have mislaid or forgotten your card, we would be happy to send another. If you are concerned about making a firm commitment, see the paragraph above. If there is some other problem with which we can help, please contact us or one of the clergy.

Trinity is truly blessed with a wide spectrum of very generous people. Together, we will move forward to further God’s work in the world.

The Annual Appeal Committee:

Percy Williamson, 2009 Chair

Martha Freimuth and Steve Smith,
2010 Co-chairs

Boo Morton and Marion Porter,
2011 Co-chairs

Sara Carson, Advisor

Ron Kolanowski, Clergy Advisor

Food Basket Schedule

The suggested items for the Sunday food baskets for March are listed below. All donations placed in the baskets go to “A Place of Grace,” the food pantry run by Grace Church, Hartford.

- March 1 - baked beans
- March 8 - canned vegetables
- March 15 - powdered milk
- March 22 - canned fruit
- March 29 - bar soap



March

Mary-Beth Jordan	1
Mary Waterman	6
Alan Rice	6
Kate Rousseau	6
Elizabeth Rousseau	6
Char Lah	6
Kim DeMichele	7
Pam Haddad	9
Ethel Austin	11
Sandy Kissel	12
Virginia Kramer	12
Ginny Judson	13
Claire Blissett	14
Johnathan Almagro	14
Ula Nurse	15
Miles Lawrence	15
Karin Peterson	16
Florence Lloyd	18
Isabelle English	18
Kristina Peterson	19
Jason Oberholtzer	20
Molly Miller	20
Emily La Croix	21
Alan Cheyney	22
Mary Wood	22
Princess Harmon	22
Adrianna Rochester	23
Marion Henderson	26
Victor Troiano	27
Jim Bradley	28
Emily Estes	28
Lucy Shores	29

If you have a March birthday not listed above, call Kathie Wilson at (860) 527-8133, Ext. 204, and ask her to add your birthday to our lists.

**Trinity Episcopal Church
REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS
to be presented to
2009 ANNUAL MEETING**

The Nominating Committee is preparing a slate of candidates for elective offices to be voted upon at the 2009 Annual Meeting on June 7. Positions to be filled are: the parish officers; four Vestry members; a delegate to Diocesan Convention (to fill two years of an unexpired term); and a Nominating Committee.

Current office-holders who are seeking re-election or whose terms will not expire this year are:

Officers (one-year terms; all eligible for re-election)

- Wardens – Sara Carson (currently serving 4th term)
- Albert Shuckra (3rd term)
- Treasurer – John E. Pearson (7th term)
- Assistant Treasurer – Casey Rousseau (2nd term)
- Clerk – Alan Rice (1st term)

Vestry Members serving three-year terms which do not expire this year:

- Anne Green, Susanne Mantel, Sandra Kissel, Barbara Morton (terms expire 2010)
- Amy Arlin, John Hinkston, Mark MacGougan, Lillian Miller (terms expire 2011)

Delegates to Convention (three-year terms):

- Joseph Troiano (serving a 1st term, which will expire in 2010)

Alternate delegates to Convention (three-year terms):

- Linda MacGougan (serving a 2nd term, which will expire in 2011)
- Stephen Smith (serving a 1st term, which will expire in 2010)

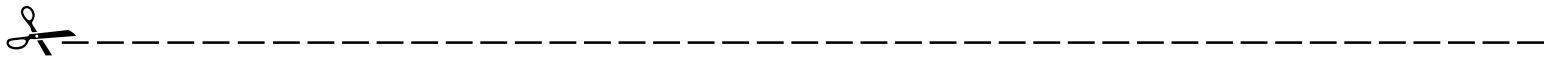
Current Nominating Committee Members (one-year terms):

- Percy Boucher-Williamson, Frederic Margeson, Stephen Smith, Kate Steven,
- Janet Wilkinson (chair)

Current Vestry members whose terms do expire this year, and are not eligible for re-election to the Vestry are:

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

If you have suggestions for nominees to any of these offices for 2009, fill out the form below and place it in the collection plate, give it to one of the current Nominating Committee members listed above, or turn it in to the parish office by March 22, 2009. The slate the committee compiles will be presented to the Vestry for its meeting of April 21. Following approval by the Vestry, there will be an opportunity for nominations by petition.



I suggest that _____ be considered for nomination to the

Office of _____ at Trinity Church.

Digital Storytelling, Our 150th, and Trinity Life

Trinity has been chosen as one of ten parishes in the nation to create a digital story that provokes a

conversation about faith in the context of our parish. From March 4-7, Barbara Briggs and John Nowacki will attend a conference of

the Endowed Episcopal Parishes in New Orleans aimed at looking at faith in the future. Barbara and John will be creating a digital story – a quick two-minute visual story with pictures and audio to be shown on a lap-top or on the Web or on any other digital media. They hope to use these for our parish's 150th anniversary as well as on the Web to provoke fresh ideas about how we can continue Christ's mission in the world here at Trinity. The stories will include healing, wholeness and diversity, to mention a few elements.

Some background: as a parish, we at Trinity are a part of The Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes. The Consortium is a dynamic national network of endowed Episcopal parishes bringing together lay and clergy leaders for dialogue, discernment, education and collaboration. It inspires its member parishes to be leading voices in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to be powerful catalysts for Christian witness and social justice in the Episcopal Church and the world. It celebrates, inspires and equips member parishes for effective

leadership, stewardship and transformation in the Church and in the world.

The Guiding Principles of Members of the Consortium:

- We embrace change.
- We promote understanding through dialogue.
- We model and encourage lay and clergy partnerships.
- We continually strive to share hope and energy with the Church.
- We consciously work together to foster a community in which creative gratitude and imagination can flourish.
- We promote shared mission and outreach.
- We exercise and encourage responsible stewardship, good leadership and governance.
- We believe endowments are to benefit Christian witness.
- We ground our work in prayer, scripture and worship.
- We work collaboratively with Episcopal and other faith groups and institutions.

Which of the above statements can you embrace as your own? Which ones excite and inspire you? Are there any that leave you feeling as if they might be less important? If you have a story to share, please speak to John or Barbara.

Church School in March

March 1

10:00 a.m.

Children's Eucharist with Godly Play story, wondering and work-time: "The Mystery of Easter"
Library and upstairs Art Room

March 8

11:30 a.m.

Workshop Rotation for grades 3-5: "The Millennium Development Goals"
Games Workshop

Godly Play for age 3-2nd grade: "Faces of Easter I & II"
Upstairs Godly Play Room

March 15

11:30 a.m.

Workshop Rotation for grades 3-5: "The Millennium Development Goals"
Art Workshop

Godly Play for age 3-2nd grade: "Faces of Easter III & IV"
Upstairs Godly Play Room

March 22

11:30 a.m.

Workshop Rotation for grades 3-5: "This is my Body"

Godly Play for age 3-2nd grade: "Faces of Easter V & VI"
Upstairs Godly Play Room

March 29

11:30 a.m.

Workshop Rotation for grades 3-5: "This is my Body"

Godly Play for age 3-2nd grade: "Faces of Easter VII"
Upstairs Godly Play Room



EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST . . .

- Page 2** **March 1**
 5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong
- Page 5** **March 4, 11, 18, 25**
 5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper and Discussion
- Page 3** **March 6**
 7:00 p.m. Book Group (at Susanne Mantel's home)
- Page 2** **March 8**
 2:00 a.m. *Time Change!*
- Page 4** **March 15**
 3:00 p.m. Integrity Greater Hartford meeting
- Page 5** **March 20**
 5:30 p.m. TGIF service with Healing
- Page 7** **March 24**
 5:00 - 7:00 Reception for David Carson at Hartford Seminary
- Page 7** **March 29**
 8:30 p.m. Trinity Choirs sing at Lincoln Center

More events are listed on the March calendar included with this Voice. Check the Sunday bulletin or www.trinityhartford.org for a complete schedule of events.