

# VOICE OF TRINITY

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## **Life Together: The Second 150 Years!!**

### ***Continuing the Tradition***

Well, it certainly has been a busy September, with a Worship Assistants' breakfast and the opening of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration by Bishop Andrew Smith and a parish picnic where over 200 people enjoyed good food, fellowship, games and a moon bouncer. We have also sponsored an Altar Guild and Flower Guild breakfast and celebrated our ministries at the Ministry Fair. This weekend, our Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Church School and Journey to Adulthood programs all meet for the first time. This 150<sup>th</sup> year is going to be busy!

FROM THE



**RECTOR**

Tucked away in the Vestry Notes to the Parish on page 4 is an item that, while a mustard seed at this point, has great potential to both focus and expand our mission and ministry at Trinity. For some months now, the Board of The Choir School of Hartford, sponsored by Trinity but a separate 501(c) (3) non-profit corporation, has been considering expanding the academic aspect of the Choir School into a fully accredited, day school program. For several years, I have been

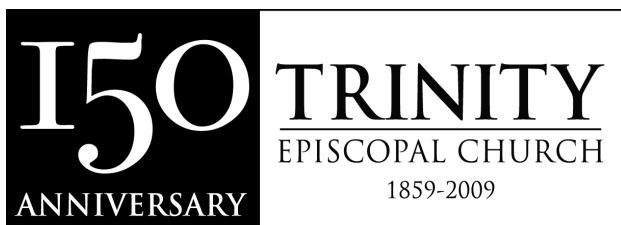
in conversation with founding staff at the Epiphany School in Dorchester, Massachusetts, about their school, grades 5-8, which was founded by a local parish in Boston. At the June Vestry retreat, nearly half of the Vestry members included some type of day school in their long range vision for Trinity. Then in mid-September, Louise Loomis and I traveled to Virginia Seminary for a day-long meeting with members of the Urban Schools Alliance of the National Association of Episcopal Schools, where we met leaders of established schools and exploratory committees from around the country.

At its September meeting, the Vestry established a committee to explore the relative merits of undertaking a day school program here at Trinity or at another site in the Asylum Hill neighborhood. The committee will consist of three members appointed by the Vestry (Alan Rice, Anne Green and Casey Rousseau), three members to be appointed by the board of the Choir School, and three members to be appointed by the Rector with the approval of the Vestry. The Vestry's resolution charges the committee to make recommendations in at least 12 different areas. The first meeting of the committee will be in October, and it will report monthly on its progress to the Vestry.

When Trinity celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1959, the congregation made a commitment to education by building the education wing. Today that wing is only partially used on Sundays for its intended purpose. Please keep the work of this committee in your prayers, and look for updates in *The Voice*.

Your brother in Christ,

The Reverend Donald L. Hamer, Rector



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## **Clergy Invited Home For Evensong**

Trinity clergy from years gone by will be returning to Trinity Church for a “clergy homecoming” Evensong on Sunday, October 4, at 5:00 p.m. Our bishop, the Right Reverend Andrew D. Smith, a former Trinity curate, will preach; the Trinity Choir and The Choir School of Hartford will sing. Plan to come home to Trinity yourself for this special service, a part of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year celebration, and say hello to clergy friends from the past. A reception will follow the service.

## **Traveling Back to 1859 With Historian Bill Faude**

On Sunday, November 1, at 7:00 p.m., Trinity will welcome Wilson H. (Bill) Faude as part of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration year. Bill is Executive Director Emeritus of the Old State House, previously chaired the Connecticut Historical Commission and was the curator of the Mark Twain House. He is the author of several books and articles on Hartford history, and is currently a historical consultant. Bill will engage us with his perspective on this time in Hartford’s – and Trinity’s – history. His program will conclude an evening together, following our November Evensong at 5:00 p.m., and a potluck supper at 6:00 p.m.

## **This Is My Story**

*In conjunction with our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, The Voice will feature an ongoing series of reminiscences by Trinity parishioners about their personal histories in our parish. This month, Susanne Mantel speaks about her years as a Church School teacher.*

What brought me to Trinity Church for the first time (in 1960) was a Bach concert. Since we lived within walking distance, my son, a toddler then, came to an occasional service. A kindly Verger suggested that my lively small child might be better off in the Nursery. And so my entry into the life of Trinity was assured. I was asked to teach Sunday School to Kindergarteners and learned on the job from a very wise, caring mentor.

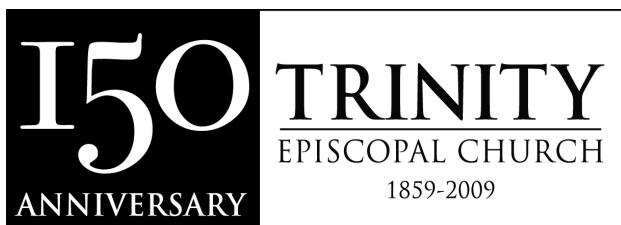
It led to 20 years of teaching a host of wonderful children, all lovable and special in their own way. They were also full of surprises. One class of 2nd graders decided to put on a play, based on “The Last Days of Christ.” The cast consisted of a narrator, Pontius Pilate, two soldiers, three little mourning women, and Jesus, portrayed by a serious, eager Afro-American child. (A first for Trinity?) A wooden cross was made by our Verger Jesse and our Jesus, dressed in a white acolyte robe, had his hands tied to the cross with red ribbons. It is impossible to forget that scene. This young “actor” now does mediation work for the City of Hartford. Are you surprised?

A group of 4th graders participated in a very special Comparative Religion class. It is hard to know the long term effects of that experience. They visited and participated in the worship at many different Protestant denominations, and were welcomed warmly at a Temple, the Cathedral, and a Russian Orthodox Church. I was touched and proud of them. They were attentive, respectful, and interested. They even sat still and silent for one hour in a Quaker Meeting House!

The very first Earth Day brought many of Trinity’s children, as well as children from St. Monica’s, to an intergenerational, interracial camp weekend in Silver Lake, CT. We worked, worshipped, sang, ate, slept, played, and teased and laughed, and learned each others’ ways. Oh, and collected an amazing amount of waste from our little part of the Earth!

The above are only a few instances that stand out against a backdrop of so many precious, sometimes holy moments, shared and celebrated and remembered.

Susanne Mantel



## ***What Happened in October Long Ago?***

### ***One Hundred Fourteen Years Ago***

On the first Sunday of October 1895 Frederick Tilton began what was to be a fifty-year-long ministry as the organist at Trinity Church. He changed the then-prevailing casual attitudes towards music as part of worship and established Trinity's reputation for musical excellence. At this time choir members were all males, with boy sopranos. The choir was not composed of parishioners but of professionals paid for their services. In the early 1900s Trinity's choir was one of the city's largest, with 20 boy sopranos, four altos, four tenors and four basses. In recognition of the importance of music in the church's life, a generous parishioner in 1903 gave the church an Austin organ that was used until 1958. Mr. Tilton served until 1944.

### ***Forty Years Ago***

Parishioners at Trinity Church first met Ed Townsend in October 1969, when he became the Assistant to the Rector, a position he filled for a year and a half. In 1971 Townsend returned to become the ninth rector of Trinity. A graduate of Trinity College and Virginia Theological Seminary, he had served parishes in Pennsylvania and Hawaii before settling in Hartford.

Townsend served at Trinity at a time of unsettling changes in the

nation and the Church – the war in Vietnam, Watergate and the resignations of Vice President Agnew and President Nixon, ordination of women, and the introduction of new forms of worship, to name a few. At Trinity, Townsend replaced the former Sunday services with an 8:30 a.m. Eucharist, 9:30 a.m. Christian Education Hour and a 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer service. The new service arrangements included other changes – lay intercessors, children ushers and the passing of the Peace. A new church school curriculum was introduced and *The Voice* replaced *The Trinity Tower* as the church newsletter.

As rector, Townsend emphasized social issues and outreach and welcomed the involvement of laity into all areas of Trinity's life and ministries. In 1972 the wardens described Trinity as a "very alive place." Staff included the Reverend William Harvey as Assistant Rector, the Reverend Dr. Frank Kirkpatrick, Deacon, and Seminarian John Branson.

However, by 1979, things had changed and Trinity faced major challenges. The population of Hartford had dropped 14% and the character of Asylum Hill had changed radically. As security became a concern, lights and chain link fence were added to the parking lot and the buildings were

locked during the day. There was also a level of discomfort for some parishioners with the rector's bold ideas and openness to taking risks. Whether due to this factor or to the societal trend which started in the late 1960s away from membership in mainline churches, Trinity began to experience a big reduction in the number of communicants, although pledges continued to increase. Townsend himself was struggling with chronic health problems and so resigned effective December 31. John Branson, now ordained, was appointed priest-in-charge.

*Each month during our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, Karin Peterson will be writing about events at Trinity Church that took place during that same month in years now long gone by. Look for her column in each issue of The Voice during the coming months!*

## **Where Do We All Come From?**

Trinity has a history of being a diverse parish – and geographical diversity is just one of our attributes. As part of our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration, Kathie Wilson and Jill Barrett are working on a "Members Map" – a visual representation of where all of our members live. Look for this exhibit on Stewardship Sunday, October 18!

## Notes from the September Vestry Meeting. . .

The September vestry meeting began at 6 p.m. as a dinner conversation with Diocesan Bishop Andrew Smith. This dinner meeting became the second half of Bishop Smith's visitation to the parish, which began with his celebration of the Eucharist and preaching at the 10 a.m. service on Sunday morning as the kick-off to our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

On the consent agenda, the Vestry approved the minutes for the June and July meetings of the Vestry, and approved a proposal from the Board of the Choir School to appoint the chair of the Friends of the Choristers (presently Kelly Bradley) to a seat on the Choir School Board.

Following that, the wardens led a discussion reviewing Vestry Roles and Responsibilities from the Vestry retreat, specifically reviewing the role of serving as hosts on Sunday mornings. Fr. Don then briefly updated the Vestry on the waning stages of the slate roof project, which is completed except for some

minor follow-up items and the processing of some insurance claims for "collateral damage" done to other parts of the building in the roofing process.

The Vestry then discussed a proposal from the Rector to set up an exploratory committee for the purpose of establishing an Episcopal Day School at Trinity. The proposal, which was passed unanimously, creates a committee to look at the relative merits of establishing an accredited school based on the Nativity/Miguel model of faith-based, urban schools. The committee is composed of three Vestry members (Alan Rice and Anne Green, both of whom are teachers, and Casey Rousseau); three members to be appointed by the Choir School Board, and three members to be appointed by the Rector with the consent of the Vestry.

Following reports from the Treasurer, Wardens and Clergy, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

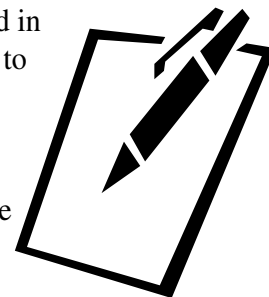
Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.  
Evensong: 1st Sunday of the month at 5:00 p.m. (October-June)

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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## We're Looking for a Few Good Writers

Well, many good writers, actually. The Annual Appeal Team is once again looking for people who would be interested in writing brief notes to go out in October with the annual pledge cards, encouraging people to GIVE



GENEROUSLY TO TRINITY CHURCH. We have found over the past few years that a handwritten note accompanying each pledge card provides a personal touch that helps to encourage members' generosity.

This year, volunteer writers will be asked to come to the Library after either of the services on Sunday, October 11. We will supply the note paper, encouragement and coffee, light sandwiches and cookies.

We are asking each of you who participates to write five personal notes to fellow members, speaking of your own commitment to Trinity and asking them for their pledge of support. We will be happy to suggest ideas for what should go into each note, but the words should be your own and be based on your own sense of stewardship.

In previous years, this activity has proven to be a vital part of our Annual Appeal campaign, but we can't do it without your help. Please see one of us to tell us you will be with us on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

*The Annual Appeal Team*  
– Martha Freimuth, Steve Smith,  
Boo Morton, Marion Porter,  
Percy Williamson

## **Adult Christian Formation Opportunities**

***Programs to Inspire the Heart, Enrich the Mind, and Nourish the Soul***

### ***Sunday Symposium Sessions for October***

Our Sunday Symposium Series for October will offer two sessions on Christian Formation in the Episcopal Church, plus a post-Convention report from our delegates to the October 23-24 Diocesan Convention. As usual, there will be no Symposium session on the first Sunday of the month (October 4), to allow for extended fellowship time and the opportunity for ministry teams to meet. All Sunday Symposium sessions will meet in the Library from 11:30 - 12:30.

**October 11    Christian Education at Trinity: Then and Now**

A look at the role of Christian education in Trinity's early years, and a demonstration of our present-day Godly Play program.

**October 18    Christian Education Models from around the World**

Parishioners who have arrived in the United States from other countries will tell their stories at this special symposium as we seek to understand the role of intellectual inquiry in Anglican formation around the world.

**October 25    Highlights from Diocesan Convention**

Trinity clergy and lay delegates will present and discuss the election of Connecticut's new bishop and other matters that came before the 2009 convention held on Friday and Saturday.

### ***Wednesday Evening Series: Understanding World Faith Traditions***

**A Five Week Video Series: "The Wisdom of Faith with Huston Smith"  
with discussion leaders Frank and Liz Kirkpatrick**

**Wednesdays October 14 – November 18 (no program on October 21)**

**Soup Supper – 5:30 p.m.; Video 6:00-7:00 p.m.; discussion with the Kirkpatricks 7:00 -7:30 p.m.**

In this five-part video series, journalist Bill Moyers talks with scholar Huston Smith about differences and common themes in six great religions – Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. In presentations enriched by art, architecture, music, and poetry, Smith interprets the meaning of prayer in Western religions and the difficulty of achieving spirituality today.

Huston Smith is a leading authority on the history of the world's religions. Born in 1919 in China to Methodist missionaries, he came to the United States at the age of 17, and began a long career as a teacher, scholar and pilgrim to different lands and religions that he sought to experience personally.

A *New York Times* review of this series, which was first broadcast on public television, notes that "[Mr. Smith's] wisdom quest ponders values, meanings and purposes. In this nation of immigrants, Mr. Moyers observes, 'World religions that once seemed esoteric and remote are becoming our next-door neighbors.' In addition to being thoughtful and absorbing, [the series] is indeed timely."

**Weekly topics for the series are:**

**October 14:    Hinduism & Buddhism**

**October 28:    Confucianism**

**November 4:    Christianity & Judaism**

**November 11:    Islam**

**November 18:    A Personal Philosophy**

## ***Our Children at Worship***

Church School, Youth Programs and Adult Education are offered at 11:30 a.m. after the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist in order that families who choose to may worship together. Families who prefer to let their children aged infant to age 3 play in the nursery are welcome to do so. Two nursery attendants are on hand to welcome you and your child, and will make cribs and age-appropriate toys available.

Learning to worship together takes time, practice and instruction. We are each and all responsible for being attentive to our guests and newcomers and for helping them find their way in the liturgy and to ask for help or instruction when we need it. The same is true for our children. Children can be drawn into a reverent form of worship by following our example. They can learn to be quiet and attentive, but they need our assistance.

Sometimes, a quiet activity will help them find a way to be quietly present. They are absorbing the prayer, the music and God's grace even while coloring or playing quietly. But when the play becomes too rambunctious or loud, it is difficult to see the difference between worship and school recess. It is sacred responsibility of parents to help their children find a way to play "worshipfully."

### ***The children's table***

Children may sit anywhere in church with their families. Families who choose to do so may sit together near the children's table. Simple art materials and books are provided for quiet activity. Children *can* pray with their hands, but no child should be

at the children's table without an attentive and vigilant parent or guardian.

It has been said that "it takes a village to raise a child." Likewise, if we want to be a welcoming congregation for all of God's children, we have the responsibility, as a parish, to provide opportunities for growth in the Holy Spirit at all age levels. As we seek to create and appreciate an environment where together we can experience the sacred mysteries, let us remember that "whoever you are and wherever you may be on your journey of faith" includes all of God's children. The clergy and staff appreciate everyone's input and support as we explore ways to become the inclusive parish that God desires for us to be.

### **Food Basket Schedule**

The suggested items for the Sunday food baskets for the month of October are listed below. Donations go to "A Place of Grace" food bank at Grace Episcopal Church in Hartford.

- October 4 - canned vegetables
- October 11 - jelly
- October 18 - baked beans
- October 25 - shampoo

### ***Voice Deadline***

October 15 is the deadline for the next issue of *The Voice*, which will cover all events coming up in November 2009. Materials for this issue can be sent via e-mail to [voice@trinityhartford.org](mailto:voice@trinityhartford.org) or delivered to the parish office by 4:00 p.m. on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

## **Avery Ensemble To Present "Ice & Fire" Series**

On Friday, October 16, beginning at 7:30 p.m., the Avery Ensemble will be at Trinity Church to perform the first of two programs in their 2009-2010 series, *Ice and Fire*. This series will trace the struggle between the diverging ideals embodied by the Enlightenment and *Sturm und Drang* (Storm and Stress) movements through nearly three hundred years of musical history.

The October concert will represent the "Ice" portion of the series, with a program of music embodying the standards of the 18<sup>th</sup> century's Age of Reason: the E major Piano Trio of Mozart, Stravinsky's neoclassic *Duo Concertant*; and Beethoven's Archduke trio.

Entering its eleventh season as an ensemble and its second as Artists in Residence at Trinity Church, the Avery Ensemble is comprised of violinist Annie Trépanier, violist Steve Larson, cellist Hans Twitchell, and pianist Adriana Jarvis. The quartet was recently admitted to the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism Roster of Touring Artists. Enthusiastic audiences enjoyed the quartet's Trinity Church debut season last year; here's your chance to enjoy a new year of music by this wonderful ensemble.

Tickets for the October 16 concert will be available at the door for \$20 general admission, or \$10 for students with ID and children 18 and under. To purchase tickets in advance or for information on subscriptions, please call (860) 379-3190 or e-mail [info@averyensemble.org](mailto:info@averyensemble.org).

## ***Journey to Adulthood Starts New Year***

On September 27, parents, students, and program leaders will gather to share hopes and expectations for the coming year's Journey to Adulthood program. The program will begin its regular schedule of meetings on Sunday, October 11. The groups this year will be arranged as follows:

**Rite-13** (Grades 7 and 8) will meet on Sunday mornings after the 10 o'clock service until 12:30 p.m. The program provides a balance between social, recreational and mission activities and regular exploration of the development of personality and faith.

**J2A** (Grades 9 and 10) will also meet on Sunday mornings after the 10 o'clock service until 12:30 p.m. The structure is less formal classroom time with a more "drop in" feel. J2A builds on Rite-13 by training young people in necessary skills of adulthood – Listening; Assertion, Negotiation, Research and Information Management, Partnership and Leadership – in a Christian context.

Both Rite-13 and J2A provide a systematic focus on all aspects of a whole person. The areas of Self, Society, Sexuality and Spirituality are covered in depth, in the light of the Gospel, in order that the reality of young people's lives can be strengthened, encouraged, healed, corrected and empowered by the life and wisdom of Jesus Christ.

Young Adults in the Church (**YAC**) is offered for students in Grades 11 and 12. Through group discussions, social and recreational activities, social ministry activities, and retreats, it focuses on

responding as an adult to one's faith. Each young person is assigned an adult mentor who meets periodically with him or her and offers support in spiritual, academic and social development. Each young person is also expected to engage in at least one active ministry at Trinity.

The JTA program is open to all young people in the appropriate age groups. To sign up, please call or speak to Fr. Don or Fr. Ron.

## **Grounds Workday Set for October 24**

Our long, wet summer is over at last; now it's time for the thermometer to drop and the leaves to do their spectacular fall thing. That means it's time for Trinity's annual fall grounds clean-up day, which has been scheduled for Saturday,

October 24, from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon. Lots of volunteers are needed to put Trinity's grounds to bed for the winter. If you can help, bring along your work gloves and come to Trinity at 9:00 a.m. on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Peter Green, who's in charge of grounds for the Property Team, and our sexton, Steve Foldvary, will assign tasks and show you what to do. We've got lots of ground to cover (and, with the falling leaves, uncover); lend a hand! Questions? Call Peter at (860) 236-1457.



## **Changing Children; Changing Africa!**

### ***Trinity To Host African Children's Choir***

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 21, when the African Children's Choir will sing a 7:00 p.m. concert at Trinity Church. This lively group of young singers, mostly aged 7 through 11, will perform songs and dances of Africa in an energetic program you won't want to miss.

Founded in Vancouver, British Columbia, by a Canadian philanthropist, the African Children's Choir is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Over the last quarter century, the choir has helped some of Africa's neediest children break away from the cycle of poverty, and has showcased the musical abilities of these children in performances around the world.

The children on the current choir tour are from Uganda and Kenya. Some come from very humble families with extremely limited resources; some are orphans whose parents have been killed by war or disease. The chance to be a part of the African Children's Choir gives these children a stable life with enough food to eat and reliable access to education both during and following their tour with the choir.

There is no set ticket charge for the October 21 concert at Trinity; a free will offering will go to benefit the work of The African Children's Choir, which is currently fundraising for its primary school in Uganda. This concert is presented with support from the Trinity Church Music and Arts Series.

## Trinity 20's and 30's: Not for Singles Only

Several months ago, Mother Barbara had a great idea as she noticed the growing number of Trinity members in their 20s and 30s. She suggested that we come together and get to know each other for support. Thankfully, she has been guiding us and laughing with us through the development of this ministry.

Like the rest of Trinity, we are a ministry open to people of all ages. However, our focus is on the concerns and interests of people in their 20s & 30s. You may not have heard of us because we're brand new, but we're active and our possibilities are endless.

So far, we've had a strong showing of parishioners and their friends from young to young at heart. We are single and married, single parents and couples, with children and without.

Whatever your situation, feel free to pray and play with us. We welcome you no matter where you are on your spiritual journey. We hope that you'll come armed with your ideas and enthusiasm. Whether you seek spiritual growth, fellowship or a social connection, join us. Let's grow in this together.

### To give you an idea: Some of the things we've done so far

We've gathered for social introductions over pizza and beer, hosted a successful Bring A Friend To Church day followed by a pot

luck lunch in the library, and enjoyed a picnic at the reservoir. September's activity is kayaking, and in October we'll be finding ourselves in a corn maze. Help us create a calendar of events so that we can be enriched and have fun.

This is a self-led ministry and a work in progress. Your ideas will shape what we become. Bible study? Mission trip? Community service? More pizza and beer? You decide.

### Want more info? Here are contacts for the 20s & 30s:

Kate Lindsay makes occasional appearances at the 10 o'clock service. Call her or drop her an e-mail to find out more – Cell: 860.712.4828 or e-mail: Katherine.Lindsay@gmail.com

Marsha McCurdy can't make up her mind what service she likes best. Catch her when you can – Cell: 860.463.9313 or e-mail: MarshaMcCurdy@mac.com.

Kevin Chick likes both the 8 and the 10 o'clock service. E-mail him at: kevinjchick@yahoo.com.

### This October 25: Finding ourselves in a corn Maze

October's trip is to the Foster Family Farm corn maze in South Windsor, Connecticut. We'll meet after the 10 o'clock service on October 25. Join us!

– Marsha McCurdy & Kate Lindsay



Janet Wilkinson	2
Jack Pearson	3
Helen Moore	3
Chivelle Blissett	4
Savannah Berger	4
Kathy Steinwedell	6
Ron Kolanowski	8
Owen Margeson	8
Jake Troiano	9
John Nowacki	10
Ray Esponda	11
Shannon Lee	11
George Amenabar	12
Kate Lindsay	12
Hellen Strassner	12
Helga McKinley	14
Rob Iweka	14
Debbie Hamer	18
Saviour Harmon	19
Peg Andrian	20
Sally Given	21
Bruce Williamson	22
Steve Karas	22
Robin D'Oyen	23
Evan Barrow	24
Elena Zhidkova-Rice	24
Robert Almagro	24
Debbie Coggshall	25
Myrtle Turner	28
Marion Pereira	28
Hilary Brown	30
Emeka Igboanugo	31
Katie Hamer	31

If you have an October birthday not listed above, please call Kathie Wilson in the parish office at (860) 527-8133, Ext. 204, so she can add your special day to our records.

## ***Hospitality for Children***

Following the Eucharist we are offered the opportunity to gather together in Goodwin Hall for fellowship. It is an informal time to catch up with old friends and, especially, to make new ones. In past years, we have set out a separate snack table for children with smaller snacks and smaller chairs. The child-friendly chairs and table will remain. However, there will now be only one table of refreshments for everybody, children and adults alike. In Mark's Gospel, chapter 9 we read: "Then Jesus took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'" Children (and some adults) may need a gentle reminder to be fair in sharing the food we are so fortunate to receive. Thank you to everyone who makes our time of fellowship together so rich and inviting.

## **Vestry Budget Workshop October 27**

The first Vestry Budget Workshop to consider the 2010 budget will be held on Tuesday evening, October 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library. For this occasion, the Vestry meets not as a legislative body but as a committee to receive budget requests from the various ministry teams and consider a first draft of the proposed budget. All members of the congregation are welcome and encouraged to attend.



## **Church School 2009-2010: Godly Play**

Our adventure in Godly Play continues! The upstairs classrooms have been "refitted" to accommodate two groups of Godly Play simultaneously, and fourteen parishioners from Trinity attended a day of training over the summer.

In Group I, children ages three through second grade will learn about stories of famous people from the Bible and from our Christian heritage. In Group II children in grades three through sixth grade will learn about the stories of the people of God throughout history. Both groups will hear stories of the changing liturgical seasons and of our major feasts and sacraments.

Children in groups I and II will process together from Goodwin Hall to the upstairs education wing at 11:30 every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month. Each child will be welcomed by a doorman and receive a place to sit in the story-telling circle. Following the story, there will be time for wondering and reflecting. Then, each child will be asked if he or she is ready to do some work about the story, and will either choose to play with the story materials or find some art materials to work with. The time together will conclude with a symbolic feast and prayer.

At 12:30, parents are asked to come get their children upstairs in the Godly Play room. The storyteller will give a blessing to each child or offer some other appropriate gesture of good-bye, and the doorman will ensure that each child is reunited with his or

her parent or guardian. Parents: *Please be prompt.*

### ***October's Schedule***

#### ***October 4***

*Children's Eucharist in the Library at 10:05 —  
The Holy Family*

#### ***October 11***

*Group I The Fall  
Group II The Creation*

#### ***October 18***

*Group I Abraham  
Group II The Flood & The Ark*

#### ***October 25***

*Group I Sarah  
Group II The Great Family*

## ***Recycling - An Update!***

■ The company that hauls away Trinity's trash and recyclables has just introduced single stream recycling. No more separate containers for different materials! We can now put ALL our recyclable materials into one container. Look for the blue recycling bins and the larger recycling containers placed around the building; you can just toss in any of the following recyclables your group's activities at Trinity might generate: newspapers, office paper, cardboard (including cardboard food boxes), glass bottles, aluminum foil and cans, tin cans and plastic (PETE and HDPE only).

■ The Choir School of Hartford is still collecting returnable bottles to support their scholarship fund. Look for the container in Goodwin Hall.

## **Trinity Institute 2010: Theology & the Marketplace** **Save the Dates: January 27-29**

Next January, Trinity Church, Hartford, will again be a partner site for the Trinity Institute run by Trinity Church, Wall Street. The topic for 2010 is:

### ***Building an Ethical Economy— Theology and the Marketplace***

Whatever happens in the world economy in the coming months, one thing is certain: advocating for an ethical economy – one that works toward the biblical ideal of sufficiency for all and is resistant to exploitation – will be a priority. “Building an Ethical Economy” will bring together leading theologians and economists to talk about the relationship between economics and Christian belief and action. Speakers will address topics including:

- Theology & Economics: Two Different Worlds?
- Is Capitalism a Belief System?
- What Is Wealth?
- What Do We Owe the Future?

One of the speakers will be the Most Reverend Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury.

For a fraction of the cost of going to New York City, Trinity Hartford, via video link, will broadcast the presentations and panel discussions in real time. Theological discussion groups will be formed with the participants here at Trinity, giving us an opportunity to engage with one another about our questions, concerns, thoughts, etc. There will also be time for informal fellowship and sharing at meal

times. We are hoping to keep the registration costs down to around \$50.00 for the three days. More details to come. Mark your calendars now, spread the news, and see if you can take some time off from work for this unique opportunity!

### ***Listening for God with Trinity’s Book Group***

November’s meeting of the Trinity Book Group will be on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the home of Emily Estes and Roy McAlpine in Middletown. All are welcome to attend! Just give Emily and Roy a call at (860) 343-1941 to let them know you’re coming.

The reading under discussion will be taken from *Listening for God, Volume 2*, available at amazon.com. Upcoming Sunday bulletins will announce the essay or short story that’s chosen for the November meeting. As stated in the book’s introduction, “The selections in *Listening for God, Volume 2* offer new opportunities to listen closely, to hear the ways that eight contemporary American writers address religious issues and present religious people.” Authors featured in the volume include John Updike, Anne Tyler, and Henry Louis Gates, Jr., so there will be plenty of food for thought at the gathering – and some food for the body!

Reminder: The book group’s first meeting of the fall will take place on Friday, October 2, at Mark and Linda MacGougan’s home with *Till We Have Faces: A Myth Retold* by C. S. Lewis as the featured book.

## **Trinity’s (K)Naves To Present *The Odd Couple***

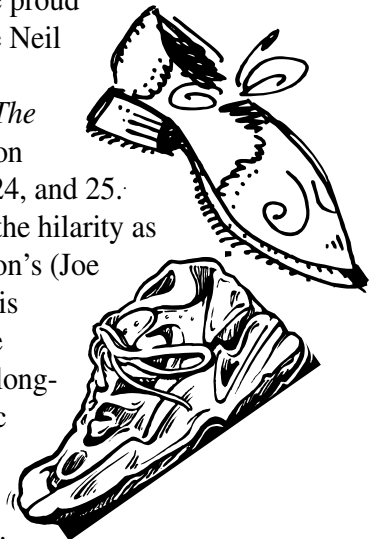
The Trinity Episcopal Church (K)naves are proud to present the Neil Simon comic masterpiece *The Odd Couple* on October 23, 24, and 25.

Come enjoy the hilarity as Oscar Madison’s (Joe Troiano) life is turned upside down by his long-time, neurotic friend, Felix Unger (Mark MacGougan).

The cast also includes Amy Arlin, Alan Cheyney, Gavin Cheyney, Steve Foldvary, Lisa Koester, and Jacob Troiano.

The 6:00 p.m. evening shows on Friday and Saturday will be accompanied by a sumptuous “stuffed” dinner with a choice of stuffed salmon or stuffed chicken breast, or vegetarian stuffed manicotti. Sunday’s 1:00 p.m. matinee has no accompanying meal, but a special dessert will be offered. Contact Pam Haddad in the church office at (860) 527-8133, Ext. 301, for reservations.

There is a suggested donation of \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for seniors and children under 12 for the two evening performances. Sunday’s matinee has a suggested donation of \$12.00 for adults and \$7.00 for seniors and children. Proceeds will benefit the Feeding in the Park ministry. Join the (K)Naves for great food and great fun in support of a most worthwhile cause.



## Need a Stimulus for Your Spirit? Try Light & Peace!

Light & Peace, Trinity's outreach program for neighborhood and parish children aged 5-9, inspires children to continue their personal relationship with God in a child-friendly environment. Using their own gifts and talents, Light and Peace adult volunteers share the love of God with the children each Monday evening from 6:00 to 7:30. Weekly sessions will begin October 5.

Each evening begins with a family-style supper supplied by various area organizations and churches. After supper, children and volunteers go into church for prayer, singing, and a Bible story.

Everyone then moves to the Art Room, where the children interpret what they have heard in the form of arts and crafts. Light and Peace offers a unique opportunity for volunteers and children to experience together the Good News of God's abundant love as they develop new friendships.

If you'd like to be a Light and Peace volunteer, contact Lynda Curtis at (860) 527-8133, Ext. 207, or [lcurtis@trinityhartford.org](mailto:lcurtis@trinityhartford.org) for more details. If you'd like to sign your child up for the Light and Peace program, please pick up a registration form at the Trinity Church office.

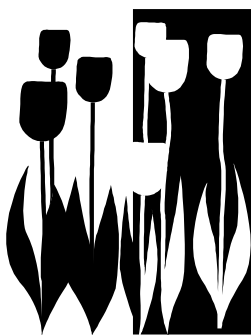
## Names May Be Added to All Saints Prayers

Members of Trinity Church who died during the past year will be remembered by name during the services on All Saints Sunday, November 1. If you have a deceased family member or friend whose name you would like to have added to these special prayers, please notify the parish office at (860) 527-8133 by October 28.

## 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](mailto:office@trinityhartford.org).

## All Saints' Flower Bulb Project



Again this year, we are offering Trinity's members and friends the opportunity to donate flower bulbs in memory of departed friends and family members. Over the past several years, we've planted hundreds of bulbs in memory of our members' loved ones. This year's bulbs will be planted in the Sigourney Street close to replace the bulbs that succumbed during the recent roof project and expand the display in that area of the church grounds.

For each donation of \$1.00, you may name a person in whose memory a bulb will be planted. The bulbs will be blessed at the altar on All Saints' Sunday, November 1, and then planted later in the fall. Please send your contribution for the bulbs and the form below to the parish office by Tuesday, October 27.

I (we) wish to donate \_\_\_\_\_ bulbs for All Saint's in memory of:

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My name: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$1.00 for each person named; checks should be made out to Trinity Church and earmarked "All Saints' Bulbs" in the memo space.)

## EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST ...

- Page 2*      **October 4**  
                  **5:00 p.m.** Choral Evensong - Clergy Homecoming
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                  **5:30 p.m.** Wednesday evening soup supper & video series begins
- Page 6*      **October 16**  
                  **7:30 p.m.** Avery Ensemble concert
- Page 7*      **October 21**  
                  **7:00 p.m.** African Children's Choir concert
- Page 10*     **October 23**  
                                  **6:00 p.m.** (K)Naves production of *The Odd Couple* (with dinner)
- Page 7*      **October 24**  
                  **9:00 a.m.** Grounds work day
- Page 10*     **October 24**  
                  **6:00 p.m.** (K)Naves production of *The Odd Couple* (with dinner)
- Page 8*      **October 25**  
                  **11:30 a.m.** 20s and 30s group trip to corn maze
- Page 10*     **October 25**  
                  **1:00 p.m.** (K)Naves production of *The Odd Couple* (with dessert)
- Page 9*      **October 27**  
                  **7:30 p.m.** Vestry budget workshop
- Page 2*      **November 1**  
                  **7:00 p.m.** Bill Faude, historian  
                                  (following 5:00 p.m. Evensong and 6:00 p.m. potluck supper)

*More coming events are listed on the calendar included in this Voice. Check the Sunday bulletin or [www.trinityhartford.org](http://www.trinityhartford.org) for a complete schedule of events.*