

VOICE OF TRINITY

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Life Together at 150!

A Renewed Commitment to Our Community

Back in 1960, when Trinity celebrated its 100th anniversary as a congregation (and I was 10 years old!), we committed to construct the building which we now know as the “Education Wing.” It was a bold commitment to education and Christian formation taken by a parish community that boasted a church school of more than 200 students and more than 50 teachers! Several years later, under the leadership of David Carson, Keith Hook and others, the building would house the first Head Start program located in a church. So Trinity marked its 100th anniversary by constructing an education wing.

Fifty years later, few if any remember the days of 200 church school students. That same education wing is now used for church school on Sunday mornings only. The Salvation Army Senior Center utilizes most of the first floor and part of Huntington Hall for its activities from Monday through Friday, but the Salvation Army has been looking for some time to relocate that program elsewhere. The upstairs classrooms stand largely idle save for piano students from the Choir School taking their lessons there.

FROM THE



RECTOR

Last fall the Vestry established an exploratory committee to consider the possibility of establishing a full-service private day school, something the Board of the Choir School had been considering for more than a year. That committee, composed of three Vestry members, three Choir School Board members, and three members appointed by the Rector and approved by the Vestry, has been meeting regularly and working diligently to conduct a needs assessment of our area and explore the feasibility of establishing such a school. Late last month, following a unanimous recommendation from the exploratory committee, the Vestry voted to approve moving forward with the establishment of the school as early as this September within the following guidelines:

- The parish will provide in-kind support through use of the buildings. The goal is that the school will otherwise be “revenue neutral” to the parish, neither providing income nor costing the parish money from the operating budget.
- There have been sufficient funds committed to fund operations in accordance with the school’s operating budget.
- A Head of School is successfully recruited and in place by mid-June 2010.
- The Education Wing is capable of meeting applicable codes and deemed academically suitable for its intended purposes. Our architect, Jim Vance, has already surveyed the building

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Iain Quinn To Perform Benefit Concert for Choir School

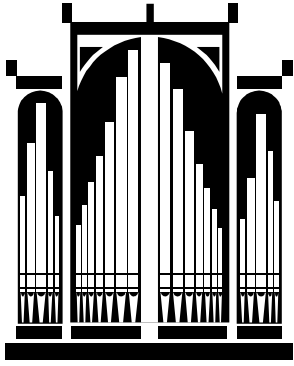
Organist Iain Quinn, who was our Director of Music from 1998-2005, will return to Trinity on Friday,

April 9, to perform a 7:30 p.m. benefit concert on behalf of The Choir School of Hartford. During his time at Trinity, Mr. Quinn founded the Chorister Program, from which the present-day Choir

School has grown, and he is pleased to offer this concert in support of the current program.

Director of Cathedral Music at the Cathedral of St. John in Albuquerque from 2005-2009, Mr. Quinn is now a doctoral fellow in musicology at the University of Durham, England, where he is also Director of Music at the College of St. Hild and St. Bede and director of the Durham University Chamber Choir. He continues to compose, perform and record.

The April 9 concert at Trinity will include music from the Baroque period to the 21st century, with works by Bach, Frescobaldi, Reger, Rachmaninoff and others. The program will feature two pieces by Mr. Quinn, along with his edition of a previously unpublished work by Samuel Barber. There is a suggested donation of \$20.00 for adults for this concert; proceeds will all go to benefit The Choir School. Don't miss the chance to welcome Mr. Quinn back to Trinity and enjoy an evening of music for "the king of instruments"!



A Time To Celebrate: Consecration of New Bishop Set for April 17

The consecration of the Rev. Dr. Ian T. Douglas as the 15th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut will take place beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, at the Koepfel Center at Trinity College, 175 New Britain Avenue in Hartford. As previously announced, the Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, will be the chief consecrator, and the Most Reverend Desmond Tutu will preach. A reception will follow the service.

A special note for families with young children: There will be a reserved section of the Koepfel Center that will allow children to see and participate more fully in the worship. All children will receive a specially designed tee shirt and a child friendly bulletin with activities and instructions that will help them follow the service.

Because parking at the college is limited, carpooling to the consecration service is strongly recommended. Handicapped parking will be available on-site, with a drop-off area at the Koepfel Center.

Plan to be a part of this exciting day in the life of our diocese – everyone is invited! You can RSVP on-line through the diocese's web site, ctdiocese.org; click on the "Consecration RSVP" button on the home page and fill in the form. Details of the consecration are also available on the diocesan site.

As we approach the consecration of our new bishop, each parish has been invited to make an offering

toward the purchase of his vestments, crozier, ring and other symbols of office. If you are interested in contributing toward Trinity's gift for this purpose, please send your check to the church office, made out to Trinity Church and earmarked "Bishop's Gift" in the memo space.

Food Baskets for April

Each Sunday during the month of April, we will be collecting canned baked beans for the clients of "A Place of Grace" food pantry at Grace Episcopal Church on New Park Avenue in Hartford. As always, your donations of other food or toiletry items are also very welcome. Donations may be placed in the wicker baskets located near the entrances to the church each Sunday.

Directory Updates

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This Is My Story

In conjunction with our yearlong 150th anniversary celebration, The Voice is featuring a series of reminiscences by Trinity parishioners about their personal histories in our parish. This month, we hear from Jane Harris.

I moved to 60 Niles Street on New Year's Day 1956 as a new bride. At that time Niles Street was mostly lovely brownstone houses and Sigourney Street had some beautiful bow fronts similar to those on Beacon Street in Boston. Our apartment building was the only new one on the street, and is now surrounded by parking lots.

Shortly after I moved in, the Rector, Mr. Van Winkle, arrived at my door to welcome me to the neighborhood. I don't think I had even gone to church yet. I then met Muriel Neale, soon to become the parish secretary, who would be sitting on the stoop of her pretty brownstone, with her beautiful little boy in a red wagon. She would be there to greet me as I walked up Laurel Street from the Farmington Avenue bus stop.

I soon joined the auxiliary choir which sang special concerts. Bob Brawley was the new organist and choir master, and we practiced in the tower room. The organ pipes were in what is now the baptistery, and there were traditional choir stalls in the chancel.

I was in the first "Noye's Fludde" and I think Martha Hansen (who still is a soloist at Asylum Hill Congregational Church) was Mrs. Noye and I was one of the gossips.

Concordia Gregorieff was also in the choir, and we were also in the chorus of the Connecticut Opera production of "Cavalleria Rusticana" with Frank Pandolfi. Shortly after this I moved to Glastonbury, and in 1960 to the Boston area.

The scariest memory of living on Niles Street was the fire on New Year's Day 1957. As St. Joseph's Cathedral burned in bitter cold weather, the water froze instantly and it looked like the whole city was going up in flames. It seemed almost a miracle that Trinity didn't burn down also.

In late 1964 I returned to the area to live in West Hartford, and remember going to a performance of the Bach B minor Mass at Trinity to celebrate the new organ in the choir loft. I think that Sara Carson was in that choir.

Late in the 1960's and early 1970's, as a delegate to the newly-formed Episcopal Metropolitan Mission (EMM) under the leadership of the Rev. Murray Goodwin, I came to Trinity for meetings as we started planning for the Martin Luther King housing and other projects. I was a member of St. James's, West Hartford. I remember meeting and working with Keith Hook at that time. The education wing was new.

In the late 1970's, Jane Townsend invited me to be part of a support group for women looking towards ordination. It was held at the Assistant Rector Somerville's home, and I believe that Chloe Horton was also part of the group supporting Margaret Hutchins, Molly Loudon and Lynn Brakeman.

When I married Russ Harris in late 1987, I was a member of Christ Church Cathedral, and sang at South Congregational Church, Hartford. Russ was a member at Trinity. I already knew many people at Trinity, and although I had become very active in the Center City Churches ministries, again as a new bride I was welcomed back to the church on Sigourney Street.

– Jane Harris

Save the Date

On June 6, 2010, our 150th anniversary celebration will culminate in a visit from the Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. The Presiding Bishop will be with us on the 6th for our 5:00 p.m. service of Choral Evensong and a gala conclusion to our yearlong celebration.



We're Cooking Up – A Cookbook!

To further celebrate Trinity's 150th anniversary, the Parish Life Team is organizing a cookbook with recipes submitted by parishioners. All recipes are welcome! Those that are heart-healthy, with controlled fat, sodium, carbohydrates, and calories, will be marked as such. Any family history or other story behind the recipe would be a wonderful addition, and artistic expression is encouraged. Each recipe must be proofread by the person submitting it, as there will not be any proofreading when the cookbook is compiled. You are invited to enter up to four recipes at this time; if more are needed, there will be a further request.

The best way to submit your recipes is via e-mail to Kelly Bradley at KellyBradley_AVictorianGarden@yahoo.com. Kelly has requested that documents be submitted with a flush left margin, in Word format, using an 11-point Arial font. Recipes may also be scanned and sent to Kelly electronically; it's OK if the original was handwritten. If you are unable to submit your recipe electronically, please send it via US mail to Kelly at 74 Whippoorwill Way, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

Questions? Please contact John Hinkston at (869) 992-8118, or Karen Hewes at (860) 233-4611.

This should be great fun, and I am hoping for some old favorites!

John Hinkston
– for the Parish Life Team

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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, excepting April)

The Reverend Donald L. Hamer, Rector
The Reverend Barbara K. Briggs, 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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If you have an April birthday not listed above, please call Pam Haddad in the parish office at (860) 527-8133, Ext. 204, and let her know so your special day can be added to our lists.



What Happened in April Long Ago? by Karin Peterson

Fifty-one years ago –

The Hartford archdeaconry sponsored a “Samuel Seabury Pilgrimage.” The plane departed Bradley Airport at 6 p.m. on April 29, 1960, and everyone was invited for a gala send-off. Twenty-seven members from Trinity joined the rector, the Rev. Van Winkle, and six other clergy, members from 14 other parishes and diocesan staff. Van Winkle was invited to preach when the group was in Aberdeen, Scotland, the site of Bishop Seabury’s consecration. (The trip was so successful that the archdeaconry sponsored other trips to Europe in subsequent years.)

Forty-nine years ago –

The Women of Trinity Church held their annual dessert bridge party on April 25.

Nine years ago –

The Memorial Garden was dedicated April 22, 2001. This area has grown in size and undergone several phases of development since it was first given in 1929 by Alfred Lockwood in memory of his mother. In 1962 Mrs. Robert Morton undertook the project to landscape the church grounds, including the area where the building at 134 Sigourney Street had stood. A number of parishioners, including Albert Putnam and Peggy Buck, donated flowering crabapple and dogwood trees. Two years later

David Bloomfield made a special trip to Long Island to obtain an unusual variety of rhododendron and azalea bushes for select areas around the parish house and the church.

However, at first the newly empty area north of the church was just lawn. In 1966 funds were given to construct two raised myrtle beds to receive ashes, to cut a doorway through from the narthex, and to build stairs and a terrace. Plans were announced in June 1966, and the first interment took place in November of that year. The names of those interred are listed on bronze plaques in the narthex, the first of which was dedicated in May 1971 by the Rev. Van Winkle on his last Sunday at Trinity; there are 162 names to date. The stained glass door from the narthex was given in memory of Clarence Lincoln Howland in January 1968.

There were no funds in 1966 to implement the full development plan for the garden. “It is hoped that in the future a high brick wall will encircle the whole garden, with a lich gate leading from Sigourney Street, and with lovely planting and perhaps benches to further enrich the area. The close will also be used for receptions and other church activities.” This vision has indeed come to fruition.

The 2001 improvements included an expanded bed for the deposition

of ashes and enhanced landscaping as well as a water feature, a labyrinth and shading trellis. That summer the garden was the setting for a series of contemporary evening services and a farewell party for Assistant Rector Amy Fallon.

Each month during our 150th anniversary year, Karin Peterson will write about events at Trinity Church that took place during that same month in years gone by.

Look for Karin’s “Did you know?” facts about our parish she has turned up in her studies of Trinity’s archives (two are printed directly below).

Did you know?

- In December 1936 the Young People’s Fellowship presented an operetta, “Love Pirates of Hawaii,” and the proceeds benefited a camp for Hartford children. At this time there was a stage at the Farmington Avenue end of Goodwin Hall and even a projection booth so movies could be shown. For instance, in February 1966 movies were shown on three successive Sundays at 2:30 p.m. (Look up and notice the change in ceiling height the next time you are in Goodwin Hall.)
- Call telephone 7-8133 to get your 75 cent ticket to the Harvest Dance being held November 13, 1952.

Book Group Announces Change in Meeting Date

The date of the next meeting of Trinity's Book Group has been changed to Saturday, April 10 (same time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.). Mark and Linda MacGougan will host this meeting at their West Hartford home. The book to be discussed remains the same – *Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion*, “the spiritual memoir of a twenty-first-century Christian,” by Sara Miles. Everyone is always welcome at the Book Group; if you plan to attend the April 10 meeting, let Mark and Linda know by giving them a call at (860) 561-1588.

Following the April 10 gathering, Book Group's next meeting is set for Friday, April 30, at the home of Roy McAlpine and Emily Estes in Middletown, and will be a movie-watching event. (This will take the place of a May meeting.) Stay tuned for more information!

Do We Have Your E-mail Address?

The most efficient way to receive *The Voice* is via e-mail, and that's how it's being sent out to everyone whose correct e-mail address is known to the parish office (except those who have specifically requested a paper copy sent via US mail). An update of Trinity events of special note is also being sent out electronically (only) each week. Please be sure the office has your current e-mail address so you can get all the Trinity news hot off the electronic press! Give Pam Haddad a call at (860) 527-8133, Ext. 204, if you need to submit or update your e-mail information.

A Thank You from Father Ron

While I had an opportunity to say thank you in my last sermon delivered on March 7 at Trinity, I want to take this moment to express again my gratitude for the entire community at Trinity Episcopal Church. Over the past three years you have lovingly welcomed me and my family into your midst. You have supported me as a newly ordained person; graciously hosted the baptism of my twins, Anna and Benjamin; walked with me on the road to recovery from my stroke in June 2008; put up with some of my crazy ideas and allowed me to grow in my understanding of my priesthood. I also want to thank all those who participated in Sunday's farewell, for the generosity of your gifts and sharing some memories and good humor. For all these blessings and more I say thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I've now had my first Sunday with my new congregation of St. James' Poquetanuck, and they are a wonderful group of people who will challenge me to grow with them in the years ahead. However, I know that I shall miss you as individuals and collectively as Trinity Church. You are a unique group of people that has formed something truly special in inner city Hartford. There is much ministry to do in Hartford and I have every confidence that you will continue to seek ways to advance God's mission in the city and beyond. The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God and of his Son our Lord Jesus Christ, and the blessing of God Almighty who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and be with you always.

With much love and deep gratitude,
Fr. Ron Kolanowski



HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY, March 28

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with blessing of palms

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

Preaching at both services: The Very Rev. Dr. Ian Markham, President & Dean, Virginia Seminary

WEEKDAYS during Holy Week: Monday, March 29 – Thursday, April 1

Daily Eucharist at 12:10 p.m. Wednesday only: 7:00 a.m. Eucharist with breakfast & Bible study

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 1, 5:30-9:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Gathering and Foot-washing

6:30 p.m. Agape Meal in the Church *Bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share.*

RSVP BY MARCH 29 to Pam Haddad at (860) 527-8133, Ext. 204, or phaddad@trinityhartford.org

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Choirs *Mr. Roy McAlpine, M.Div., Preaching*

Communion will be shared among parishioners at their tables. The service will end with the stripping of the altars, silent exit and a time of vigil & meditation until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2

10:00 a.m. “A Children’s Walk Through Holy Week”

Designed specifically for children, this unique service takes the entire journey from Palm Sunday through the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Children participate in activities that bring to life the events of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, through the Last Supper, the passion, his burial and resurrection. Have your children invite friends, and invite children from your neighborhood.

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

The Road to Glory – The Passion according to John

This annual service begins at Trinity at noon and then travels to six other Asylum Hill churches. Congregants can join the service at any point. Trinity’s van is available for those unable to walk.

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy with Choirs *The Rev. Pat Jackson, Deacon, Preaching*

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

EASTER EVE, April 3

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

The Rev. Barbara Briggs, Preaching

Grace Church, Newington, will join us for this service (which begins in the Memorial Garden)

EASTER DAY, April 4

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

**9:40 a.m. Musical Prelude: “The King Shall Rejoice” by Handel;
“Laudate Dominum” by Mozart**

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

Preaching at both services: The Rev. Donald Hamer

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

Adult Christian Formation for April

During the month of April, our Sunday Symposium sessions will be focusing on the seventh Millennium Development Goal: To ensure environmental sustainability. Our aim will be to look at ways in which we can minimize our impact on “this fragile earth, our island home.” Symposium sessions take place in the Library following the 10:00 a.m. service.

Sunday, April 11, we will be hearing from Alfred Eggen, who, at various times in his life, has been a professor of mechanical engineering, a builder of solar homes and a practitioner of sustainable living “off the grid” at his Vermont home. Al will be taking a quick look at some practical approaches to sustainable living, followed by a step back to examine some of the basic problems facing us in this era of increasing population and diminishing natural resources. He will conclude by addressing the kinds of thinking that got us where we are now and how we can work to improve our environment.

On **Sunday, April 18**, we will be showing a video about Wangari Maathai, a Kenyan woman who made it her personal mission to plant trees in areas that had been stripped bare of their natural resources. Her actions started a national movement and earned her the Nobel Peace Prize. Excerpts of the video will be shown and a discussion will follow.

On **Sunday, April 25**, Martha Freimuth and Steve Smith will lead a discussion about stewardship of our own environmental resources at church and in our homes and, in the process, help sustain our part of the earth. Please plan to come with your own success stories!

Alleluia Bells!

Bring your bells to the Easter Vigil and to Easter Sunday. We will ring them at the singing of Alleluia. The congregation will be the “bell choir” every time we sing alleluia! Come make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

No Evensong in April

Although April 4 is the first Sunday of the month, when Trinity normally offers a service of Choral Evensong, there will be no Evensong service in April, given that the first Sunday of the month is also Easter Day. Our Evensong series will resume on May 2.

Thanks from Helen Hart

In an earlier Voice, Parishioner Helen Hart, who works as a social worker in the Springfield area, had asked Trinity’s members to donate surplus calendars for her to use to help her clients gain control of their personal schedules. Here’s her note of thanks:

Thank you all very, very much for the calendars! I was astounded at the amount that reached me, and have given every single one away. My clients were delighted and grateful, and I am getting reports about how they are using them. You are wonderful.

– Helen Hart

Godly Play in April

There will be no Children’s Eucharist in the Library on April 4, Easter Day. This service will resume in May and continue on the first Sunday of the month.

On the other Sundays of the month, children gather for storytelling, wondering time, and responding to the story through art. Group I is for age 3 through grade 2; Group II is for grades 3-6.

April 11

- Group I Holy Baptism
- Group II Easter eggs

April 18

- Group I The Good Samaritan
- Group II Jesus and the Twelve

April 25

- Group I The Great Pearl
- Group II The Good Shepherd and World Communion

New Security Features Installed at Trinity

Through an arrangement with Brookman Protection Systems, which provides our security monitoring at Trinity, many of the public areas of our campus are now monitored by electronic surveillance cameras. As we complete installation of this system, you will shortly see signs warning potential trespassers and intruders that they will experience an unwanted appearance on our version of Candid Camera.

We want to thank Kevin Brookman for assisting with this project that we hope will enhance everyone’s sense of safety while at Trinity. If you have any questions, please ask Fr. Don, Sexton Steve Foldvary or Parish Secretary Pam Haddad.

Bishop Smith To Lead Summer Retreat at Adelynrood Center

Looking for a time away for reflection and learning? Consider spending a summer weekend at the



Adelynrood Conference Center, Byfield, Massachusetts, the retreat center of the Society of the Companions of the Holy

Cross. Companions (members) hail from all over the country, but Adelynrood is their corporate and spiritual center. Many workshops/retreats are offered at the center over the summer months; you can find a complete list by searching under “Programs” at www.adelynrood.org.

One of this summer’s silent retreats at Adelynrood will be led by the recently-retired Bishop of Connecticut, the Right Reverend Andrew Smith, over the weekend of July 30-August 1. Based on the parable of the Good Samaritan, this retreat, “Who is my neighbor?”, will help participants explore how we can become true neighbors to those near and far.

Although membership in the Companions is for women only, all workshops are open to both women and men. You don’t have to be a Companion to attend! Adelynrood is also open for a day/overnight away; attending a workshop or retreat is not necessary. Workshops and retreats do fill up quickly, so sign up now! For more information, contact Kate Smith at 860-561-4017 or kate48smith@comcast.net.

Where Have All the Windows Gone?

If you’ve been to a service at Trinity in the last couple of weeks, you will have noticed a rather startling change – all the lower-level stained glass windows in the nave have been replaced with plywood! This isn’t a permanent new decorating scheme; the windows have all been removed and carefully trucked off to Stained Glass Resources in Hampden, Massachusetts, where they’re being carefully restored.

When all the stained glass in the church was evaluated a decade ago, these lower windows were still in good condition, with ten years or so of life left. The decision was made to leave these windows alone and concentrate restoration efforts on the other windows in the church, all of which were in far worse shape. Well – the ten years passed, and the lower windows were beginning to buckle, causing cracks in many pieces of the stained glass. Fred Shea of Stained Glass Resources, the company that restored the rest of the stained glass in the church, surveyed these lower windows, and recommended strongly that Trinity find a way to restore them all sooner rather than later, before, inevitably, more and more of the glass in the windows fractured.

SGR offered Trinity a very good price – \$83,750, reduced from \$137,500, with the three collapsing stained glass windows near the Rector’s office included at no extra charge – if we would agree to restore all the windows now, as the company has suffered seriously from the economic recession and is anxious to keep its craftspeople employed until business picks up.

Given the discount offered, and the fact that the cost of entirely replacing just *one* window with an entirely new one would be around \$45,000 (yikes!), the Vestry agreed with the recommendation of the Property Team that the prudent thing to do was to have SGR go ahead and repair all the windows now. Trinity will put \$30,000 down on the project and pro-rate the remainder of the cost by putting \$10,000 less into the capital budget each year for the next five years.

So – off the windows have gone. We have been promised that they will be back, fully restored, before the Presiding Bishop’s visit on June 6. Meanwhile, we’ve invited area high school art students to cover the plywood replacement panels with art work of their own design. Watch for their creations to appear in time for Easter!

CVCO Plans Concert For Children (and Adults)

The Connecticut Valley Chamber Orchestra has planned its next concert as a special treat for children (although audience members of all ages will enjoy the program). The concert will take place at Trinity Church on Sunday, April 18, beginning at 3:00 p.m., and will include Bizet’s *Jeux d’enfants (Children’s Games)*, and selections from Ravel’s *Mother Goose Ballet*. “Variations on a Nursery Rhyme” by Dohnanyi, with piano soloist Minyoung Lee, will complete the program. Children under 12 will be admitted free; tickets for those 12 and older will be available at the door for \$15.00 (\$12.00 for students and seniors).

Spring Workday – Lend a Hand!

Aaaah – at last, spring is in the air! Songbirds are flying north, the sky is blue, and plants that have lain dormant all winter are coming back to life. That last part is where you come in; our parish grounds need your help to recover from the long months of winter! A grounds workday has been planned for Saturday, April 24, from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon. Bring work gloves and any tools you think might be useful and come help out. Steve Foldvary, our sexton, and Peter Green, who heads up the grounds portion of our Property Team, will show you what to do. You don't have to be a master gardener (although if you are, you'll be particularly welcome); just come on down and help get Trinity's extensive grounds ready for the warm weather ahead.

Church of Good Shepherd To Host Confirmation

The Confirmation service for the Hartford Deanery will be celebrated at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 155 Wyllys Street in Hartford, at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, April 24. At that time, people from throughout the Greater Hartford area will be confirmed, will be received into the Episcopal Church, or will reaffirm their confirmation commitment previously made. A number of Trinity parishioners will be participating, including our two Catechumens, Marsha McCurdy and Jonathan Reik. All are invited to join our brothers and sisters in Christ as they make this commitment of faith.

Light and Peace Has Relocated!

Ever since 2000, the Light and Peace program has been located at Trinity Episcopal Church. In a joint collaboration with the Asylum Hill Boys and Girls Club of 170 Sigourney Street, as well as the Bishop's Fund for Children, on February 22, 2010, we moved Light and Peace to the Boys and Girls Club location. It is our hope to thereby bring the word of God to more "at risk" children in this neighborhood.

We have kept the same format for the Light and Peace program. It is important for the children to understand that God's stories are universal; you can take them wherever you go.

Light and Peace is now housed on the second floor of the Boys and Girls Club, utilizing two large rooms. One room doubles for our family style meal and then later for arts and crafts. The second room is used for our storytelling. To help the children feel the same spirit in this room as in a church sanctuary, we made window hangings of a cross and two stained glass windows, made of multiple pieces of felt material. We are adjusting nicely to our new environment.

Over the years there have been numerous families from Trinity Church who have fellowshiped in the Light and Peace program. It has meant so much for the Asylum Hill community to see the love and support from Trinity Church. We are happy to report that with this new move we have two families from Trinity Church (the Udes and the Bohlens) who have chosen to continue to be a part of this

wonderful ministry. We are also very grateful to Justin White from Trinity (who grew up in the Light and Peace program) for his strong belief in this program. Justin is still very dedicated in giving his support.

We would like to thank all of our friends, volunteers and outreach committees from around the diocese for their help and support. In order to continue the success of Light and Peace, we are still in need of *your* help and support. The Asylum Hill Boys and Girls Club supplies only the meat and rice/pasta for the meal each week. We are still in need of help with milk, salad and a dessert. We understand the many demands on your time, but we would be very grateful for any assistance you could give us to ensure the continued vitality of this wonderful program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (860) 527-8133, Ext. 207, or e-mail lcurtis@trinityhartford.org.

– Lynda Curtis
Children's Ministries Coordinator

Did you know?

- In the 1930s Trinity had a badminton court (believed to have been laid out in Goodwin Hall – shuffleboard was in the basement under the nave). Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. men and women were invited to play; men only played on Thursday evenings. Parishioners could make private arrangements to use the court and equipment at other times for a "moderate charge."

Notes from the February Vestry Meeting

The Vestry's bi-monthly business meeting was held on Sunday afternoon, February 21, after being postponed due to inclement weather on February 16.

On its consent agenda, the Vestry approved the minutes of the December 2009 meeting, ratified an earlier e-mail vote approving the final operating budget for 2010, and ratified an earlier e-mail vote approving a schedule of regular draws from the Trinity endowment to assist the funding of operations for 2010.

Al Shuckra, on behalf of the Property Committee, presented a capital budget for 2010 of approximately \$60,000. Priority items include replacement of the lower stained glass windows in the Nave (the cost of which will be pro-rated over 5 years – see article on Page 9) and plaster and masonry repair and repainting in Goodwin Hall. Pursuant to Vestry practice over the past few years, the capital budget is drawn directly from the endowment and does not affect the operating budget.

A proposal for by-law revisions to be presented to the Annual Meeting was tabled to the April business meeting.

The Vestry received a report from the Day School Exploratory Committee recommending start-up in September 2010 and unanimously approved moving forward in accordance with the Committee's recommendations. (Full details of that report are included in the Rector's *Life Together at 150!* article beginning on Page 1.)

In her warden's report, Boo Morton reported that she is working with the Conference of Churches on a City Harvest Project to promote healthy eating in our community. She also reported on the results of the 2010 Annual Appeal. Al Shuckra, in his warden's report, spoke about possibilities for continuing education for the Vestry in the months when there is not a business meeting scheduled. In March the Vestry will hear a presentation and engage in discussion with representatives from Leadership Greater Hartford about how we minister effectively in the City of Hartford.

The Rector updated the Vestry on the work of the Nominating Committee for the 2010 annual meeting, plans for the new bishop's consecration, and the Vestry retreat. Fr. Ron thanked the members of the Vestry for the opportunity to serve at Trinity and for their support as he prepared to become Vicar of St. James' Church in Poquetanuck. Mother Barbara reported on the "Church as a Place of Healing" subcommittee's work, which will form the basis for the Vestry meditation at its next business meeting.

Voice Deadline

April 15 is the deadline for the next issue of *The Voice*, which will cover events coming up in May. Please send all materials for this issue to voice@trinityhartford.org. Articles may also be delivered to the parish office. The deadline is 4:00 p.m. on the 15th.

Welcome to "Blankets for Babies"!

Outreach effort offers comfort to domestic violence victims

The Pastoral Care Team and Prayer Shawl Ministry "Sanctuary Stitchers" have blessed and delivered a first bundle of ten blankets for babies and young children for Interval House, the Hartford area shelter for victims of domestic violence. This is a new ministry for the Stitchers, and is open to all parishioners. Churches across the state are participating, under the leadership of our Deacons, in support of many of Connecticut's 18 domestic violence shelters.

Baby blankets generally measure 30 inches by 36 inches, and must be machine washable and dryable. Small blankets of all kinds are welcome – they may be knitted or crocheted, finished from store-bought fleece or cotton knit, bought new or "gently used," or even donated from your own home if your family no longer needs them!

The donated blankets are meant to provide comfort and a sign of God's love to the babies and young children brought to the shelter. Consider giving one in thanksgiving for a child you know who has been blessed with a happy and safe home.

A box decorated with baby wrapping paper is in the Baptistery. Bring a blanket on any Sunday and put it in the box. Periodically, we'll bless the blankets and send them on their way to Interval House. Questions? Speak to Deacon Pat, Peter Vreeland or Penny Pearson.

and both Jim and the Exploratory Committee believe that, with some minor modifications, the building will serve the school well until we outgrow the space in two to three years.

- The Day School will be both legally and functionally separate from the Choir School, although there may be some overlap. The Choir School will serve as one of a number of extracurricular activities for those Day School students who wish to participate and whose families are willing to make the commitments necessary to participate in the program.
- Initial student population will be as follows:
 - The school will seek to serve primarily students who are under-performing in their present academic setting. It will *not* be taking “the best and the brightest” from the public school system.
 - In September 2010, we will admit twenty 5th graders.
 - In each subsequent year, those students will advance to the next grade and we will admit a new class of 5th graders, with the goal being a school of approximately 80-90 students in grades 5-8.
 - While admission will be according to a lottery system, there will be a limited preference for 20% of the students to be members of Trinity Church and 20% of the students to be children under the care of the Department of Children and Families.
 - We will seek to provide full scholarships for all students at least for the 2010-2011 academic year.
 - The school will be modeled on the Epiphany School in Dorchester, MA (www.epiphanyschool.com), featuring an extended 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. day Monday through Friday and a half day on Saturdays for social and academic enrichment activities.

The plan is for the initial school to be staffed by a Head of School, two teachers and two teaching assistants with Bachelor’s degrees, and an administrative assistant, with other supportive services provided on a contract or volunteer basis. Meanwhile, the Exploratory Committee is working diligently in numerous subcommittees to develop the governance structure, financial development, staffing, curriculum, building usage and the other myriad aspects of beginning a school. Trinity members on the committee are Anne Green, Don Hamer, Bert Landman, Lou Loomis, Kitty Peterson, Alan Rice, Casey Rousseau and Enrique Sepulveda. You are encouraged to speak to any of us if you have any questions or wish to offer your help during our start-up phase or beyond.

Trinity celebrated its 100th anniversary by making a major commitment to education with the construction of our Education Wing. Since that time, Trinity has been committed to the intellectual and spiritual formation of children through our innovative church school programming, our Monday evening Light and Peace program, our tutorial assistance within the neighborhood, our chorister program (which is now The Choir School of Hartford), and most recently our annual adoption of the 5th grade classes at West Middle Elementary School through the Read to Grow program. How fitting, it seems, that as we conclude the celebration of our 150th anniversary, we rededicate our Education Wing to the community we call our spiritual home. Please pray for our efforts to develop this school, that Christ’s light might shine even brighter on Asylum Hill.

Your brother in Christ,

Don

The Rev. Donald L. Hamer, Rector

A Message from Our Pastoral Counselor

The God of Memory

“The advantage of a bad memory is that one enjoys several times the same good things for the first time.” ~ Friedrich Nietzsche

I am grieving the death of my brother, David, who died last fall with Alzheimer’s. His ordeal brought many reflections on memory. I discovered a mostly forgotten goddess in Greek mythology, Mnemosyne, who was the goddess of memory. The Greeks believed that our spiritual journey included the choice either to remember or to forget.

God coaxes us to remember.

Yet forgetting is often the choice. Moreover, loss of memory is part of getting older. Alzheimer’s can have the same fears connected with cancer, so there are often strong feelings about not remembering. Here is something I have found helpful:

Normal Aging

Occasional forgetfulness

Occasionally forgetting planned task

Occasional difficulty finding words

Occasional challenge managing finances

Occasionally misplacing items

Not getting lost going to familiar places

Slight change in personality

Occasional weariness toward activities

Alzheimer’s

Increasing forgetfulness

Difficulty completing everyday tasks

Frequent difficulty finding words

Difficulty performing simple financial tasks

Putting everyday items in inappropriate places

Getting lost going to familiar places

Dramatic change in personality

Loss of initiative to engage socially

Part of strengthening a spiritual life is reflecting on life. Often reflection reveals the presence of God. I believe anyone past 50 years old should be required to have a journal and write their memories, reflections and dreams. I think older years should include time spent in silence recalling the long path behind us.

Our legacy to our children should be more than financial and real estate. It should include the journal of our lives, so that future generations will also know us.

I decided that I would not make a chronological journal but rather write about my past as it came back to me. It now has many paragraphs. I have called it “Markings.” It will be for my kids as part of their inheritance.

Does our concern about our memory come at a time we are being coaxed to remember something or someone important? Maybe even God?

The Reverend Dr. Robert S. Henderson is the consultant in pastoral counseling for Trinity. He may be contacted at (860) 985-7000 or Rob444@cox.net.

It’s Time To Sign Up for Camp

Camp Washington, a year-round retreat center and summer camp facility run by the Diocese of Connecticut, will open its 2010 summer camp for children on July 5. Between then and the close of the season on August 21, the camp will offer a variety of weeklong sessions for young people 7-17, with two shorter mini-camps for children 5-9. A highlight of this year’s camp offerings is the always-popular Theater Week for teens 13-17, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a return engagement of *Godspell*. Details of this and all the other 2010 camp sessions are available from the camp’s Web site, campwashington.org. **As always, substantial financial aid is available** to campers in need of this assistance; please see the link on the camp’s Web site, or speak to one of Trinity’s clergy.




Registration for all sessions is now open. Sign up by April 15, and your camper will receive an “early bird” bonus of a Camp Washington backpack or water bottle.

Want to tour Camp Washington before signing up your young camper for the first time? An open house will be held at the camp from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. on May 2. Staff will be on hand to give guided tours and to answer any questions.

Camp Washington is also accepting applications for summer employment. For more information, visit campwashington.org, or call (860) 567-9623.

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Connections

Trinity Connections is a new feature of The Voice. If you are a Trinity member, you can use "Connections" to seek or offer goods or services. Submissions may be sent by mail to the office or via e-mail to voice@trinityhartford.org.

■ We're looking for a used upright piano for our children. If you become aware of an available piano, please let us know – especially of somebody downsizing who'd like their piano to find a good home. We can offer up to \$700 as a purchase price.

– Kate Rousseau

■ I am currently conducting a job search, and am interested in any leads you may have. My primary work experience has been in Computer Software Support and Development. I also was Executive Director of TAAP (Trinity's after-school program for neighborhood youth) for five years. I am looking for a position, preferably part-time or with flexible hours, that would use my business, communication, problem solving and multi-tasking skills. Please contact me at (860) 528-7777 or gharonian@aol.com if you have any suggestions about possible connections.

– Grace Haronian

The Parish Life Team Needs Your Help!

The Parish Life Team is in need of some volunteers to help with its ongoing ministry in a variety of ways. The specifics:

- The team needs volunteers to help Don White prepare the main course for the Maundy Thursday meal. There will also need to be coordination of parishioners' contributions of additional side dishes and desserts, as well as set up and clean up. If you can help, please contact the clergy or Pam Haddad in the parish office at (860) 527-8133.
- We need a dress form for a costume which will be part of our 150th anniversary celebration. Contact the office if you've got one languishing in your attic!
- In an attempt to assist the Pastoral Care Team with the casserole ministry, Parish Life is seeking volunteers to make two casseroles per year. Interested? Please contact Alice Turcotte at (860) 242-6036, or Penny Pearson at (860) 243-0020.

(K)Naves To Perform Thornton Wilder Classic

The (K)Naves wish you all a blessed and happy Easter! They also want to send you an important reminder: April is the month of the (K)Naves' next production, *The Skin of Our Teeth* by Thornton Wilder. This production celebrates Trinity's 150th birthday and features more than 50 old and new (K)Naves in the cast, including all your favorites! NOW is the time to make your reservations and plan to bring your family and friends to the dinner and the performance on either Friday, April 23, or Saturday, April 24, both at 6:00 p.m., or to the matinee luncheon performance on Sunday, April 25, at 1:00 p.m.

The cost is \$20.00 for adults and children 12 and up, or \$15.00 for seniors (for any of the three performances). Children under 12 can enjoy a delicious "kids' meal" for free; if they choose the adult meal, they will pay the adult price. All profits from the show go to the Trinity Church Roof Fund. Be sure to call the office at (860) 527-8133 and make your reservations today.

In the Month of May: The Bishop's 5K!

The 2010 Bishop's 5K Run/Walk for Kids begins at 9:30 a.m. on May 15 at Webster Hill School in West Hartford. Registration forms can be downloaded from bishops5kforkids.org; forms will also be available to pick up at the church soon. Not up to running or walking the race yourself? Information on making a donation to the Bishop's Fund in support of our race team is in the brochure.

Stewardship

The church is quietly filling up on a Sunday morning; the choir has just finished its rehearsal; people are being greeted at the entrances; ushers are arriving and suddenly the air is filled with the music of the prelude. Whether this is your first visit to the service or you are an attendee for life, you can't help but be swept up by, and transfixed by, the music. Trinity Church has a reputation for spectacular music, and it has been well earned.

The program starts with the choir director and organist. We seek out and hire not only a person well versed in church music but someone who also has the ability to fulfill our expectation of "Trinity Church Music." We expect that the music will complement our prayers, our praise and our celebration.

Today let's take a look at how we are able to maintain, show fiscal responsibility for, and enjoy those joyful sounds we know as the music program.

Assets come and go, but the main organ (known as the Holtkamp) and the console organ (known as the Portative) are collectively among Trinity's largest. The insurance company says \$2.75 million. We say immeasurable.

Assets must be maintained and this requires an outlay of cash. There are three grand pianos and four uprights; maintenance and tunings for the organs and pianos runs about \$3900 a year.

Choir robes and sheet music are a part of this equation as well. New choir members need new robes. Choristers change size as they grow – again, new robes. Did you know that every piece of sheet music we use at Trinity comes with its own price tag? All are protected by law and permission (read \$) is required for their use.

All this adds up to maintaining those gifts given us by members of Trinity past. It is, and should be, our joy to do just that.

So now the postlude ends, people file out and begin their journeys into the week ahead, journeys perhaps accompanied by the memory of a hymn or an anthem.

Could you imagine a Sunday at Trinity with no music?

– Boo Morton

Save the Date

A service of Holy Eucharist and the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Trinity Church will take place on Sunday, May 30 (Trinity Sunday), beginning at 9:30 a.m. This will be the only service on that day.

Annual Project To Aid Children in Crisis

Trinity's Outreach Team hopes you will once again help with our annual drive to fill red Placement Packs with much-needed items for a child who has been temporarily removed from home to foster care for safety reasons.

Bags and lists of the items needed, by gender and age group, will be available in the Baptistry for you to pick up on May 2.

Please return the filled bags with the list attached by May 23 (Pentecost), when the packs will be blessed before being turned over to our Social Worker, Lakesha Ruth.

Thank you so much for caring about these children.

– Susanne Mantel
for the Outreach Team

Please know that this project is distinct from our other two projects (School Backpacks, and Christmas Gifts). These projects benefit children who are helped by Covenant to Care through the Klingberg Family Center, which works to keep families intact.

Computer Needed For Trinity's Choral Library

If you have a used computer, monitor and keyboard that you would be willing to donate to the Choral Library, please let Kim Litsey know by sending her an e-mail at kimlitsey@gmail.com. The computer needs to be capable only of running a simple spreadsheet program to keep track of all the pieces of music in the library.

EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

<i>Page 7</i>	March 28-April 4 Holy Week and Easter; see page 7 for a complete schedule
<i>Page 2</i>	April 9 7:30 p.m. Iain Quinn organ concert (benefit for The Choir School of Hartford)
<i>Page 6</i>	April 10 7:00 p.m. Book Group meeting at the MacGougans' home
<i>Page 2</i>	April 17 11:00 a.m. Consecration of new bishop at Trinity College's Koepfel Center
<i>Page 9</i>	April 18 3:00 p.m. Connecticut Valley Chamber Orchestra children's concert
<i>Page 14</i>	April 23 6:00 p.m. (K)Naves' dinner theater production of <i>The Skin of Our Teeth</i>
<i>Page 10</i>	April 24 9:00 a.m. Spring Workday on parish grounds
<i>Page 10</i>	11:00 a.m. Deanery Confirmation service at the Church of the Good Shepherd
<i>Page 14</i>	6:00 p.m. (K)Naves' dinner theater production of <i>The Skin of Our Teeth</i>
<i>Page 14</i>	April 25 1:00 p.m. (K)Naves' luncheon matinee production of <i>The Skin of Our Teeth</i>
<i>Page 6</i>	April 30 7:00 p.m. Book Group at Roy McAlpine and Emily Estes' home

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Italics = A.M.</i> Normal type = P.M.				<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 1 12:10 Holy Eucharist 5:30 Gathering & foot-washing 6:30 Agape meal 7:30 Holy Eucharist	<i>Good Friday</i> 2 10:00 Children's Walk through Holy Week 12:00 Ecumenical service 7:30 Good Friday service	<i>Easter Eve</i> 3 7:30 Easter Vigil & baptisms
<i>Easter Day</i> 4 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:40 Musical Prelude 10:00 Holy Eucharist	5 <i>Office closed</i>	6 7:00 Outreach Team	7 7:00 Holy Eucharist, breakfast and Bible study 12:10 Holy Eucharist	8	9 7:30 Iain Quinn benefit concert for Choir School	10 6:00 Youth Night - pizza and Whirly Ball 7:00 Book Group at the MacGougans'
11 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist 11:30 Church School, JTA 11:30 Sunday Symposium 11:30 Pastoral Care Team 12:30 150 th Anniversary Team	12 6:00 Annual Appeal Team 7:00 Adult Formation	13 6:00 Choir School parents meeting	14 7:00 Holy Eucharist, breakfast and Bible study 12:10 Holy Eucharist	15	16	17 11:00 Consecration of new bishop at Trinity College Koepfel Center 1:30 Meal preparation - Bushnell Park program
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UPCOMING EVENTS: *May 8* Choir School supper & entertainment (5:30 p.m.)
May 9 Alta concert (4:00 p.m.)
May 15 Bishop's 5K Run/Walk (9:30 a.m.)
May 30 Holy Eucharist & Annual Meeting (9:30 a.m.; one service)

Calendar of parish events. Check the weekly schedule in the leaflet for additions & changes