

VOICE OF TRINITY

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Life Together at 150

(One Hundred) Fifty Years and Counting!

That's the title of the wonderful history of the past 50 years at Trinity Episcopal Church, compiled and edited as a labor of love by parishioner Jim Bradley over the course of the past two years. Reviewing the years 1959 – 2009, it supplements the Centennial History compiled by Nelson R. Burr for the congregation's 100th anniversary back in 1959.



History, of course, is important. It embodies our life story: It traces our roots, and where those roots have led us – the paths we have followed and the paths we have chosen not to follow. “What's past is prologue” William Shakespeare wrote in *The Tempest*. Our history always plays a role in defining who we are.

Perhaps more importantly, when viewed from a Christian perspective, the past can play an important role in defining who we are *becoming*. Our history, rich as it may be, remains just that unless we are intentional about translating our inherited values and ethos into something that is alive and dynamic in our own time and context. Today, then, starts the first chapter of our next 50 years.

There are so many people to thank for their efforts in making this past year a wonderful celebration of the mission and ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church. In addition to Jim Bradley, among those to be singled out are certainly Penny Pearson, who has so ably chaired and organized our 150th Anniversary Committee, along with all of the members of that committee; all those who have written articles for *The Voice*, in particular Karin Peterson for her monthly historical reviews; and Liz Kirkpatrick, who with Jim spent countless days and weeks poring over parish archives in her new role as Parish Archivist. And of course special thanks go to the Trinity Staff and members of the Vestry for their work in facilitating all of the many activities that have taken place over the past year.

Even as our celebration draws to a close, our work – living into our Baptismal covenant, becoming the Body of Christ – continues. I feel blessed to be your Rector as we enter our 151st year, and look forward with joy and anticipation to journeying with you as together we work to fulfill God's mission here at Trinity Episcopal Church on Asylum Hill.

Your brother in Christ,

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The Reverend Donald L. Hamer, Rector



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This Is My Story

In conjunction with our yearlong 150th anniversary celebration, The Voice has been featuring a series of reminiscences by Trinity parishioners about their personal histories in our parish. This month's story, the last in the series, is from parishioner John Hinkston.

I came to Trinity in 1982. I arrived with Zane Gordy, and for those who remember Zane, you can imagine what my life was like.

I had been raised in a strict Roman Catholic home, with early Catholic School attendance. I was pleased even in the early 1980's I was welcomed as a Gay man at Trinity.

I was received in confirmation by Bishop Coleridge, and was a faithful attendee for about three or four years. Trinity was undergoing some painful changes at the time, but I was comforted by the interim leadership of the Rev. Ed Adkins.

After a period of time I drifted away, becoming a Christmas and Easter guy. I did bring my daughters to church when I attended and I am proud to say Jenna was married here, and her daughters Emma and Madeline were both baptized here.

About five years ago, I began to search for my spiritual life, and came back to the place where I felt the most comfortable.

Well, the spirit really grabbed me, and I have tried to learn how to have God in my life.

The clergy have nursed me on my journey with understanding and love. My parish family is as dear and close to me as my biological family. I am continuously amazed at the generosity of time and labor that we all share so selflessly. We celebrate each other in our diversity. We comfort each other in pain and encourage in growth, both personally and spiritually.

As many of you know I recently traveled through 18 states on a motor trip. NOWHERE did I encounter the gift of Radical Hospitality practiced with such ease as we do at Trinity.

I am constantly amazed with the blessing of God's physical house that we have. Sitting quietly on a Sunday before the services begins, I can easily see the many generations of love and commitment that have preceded us.

This Parish is my sustenance, and my place of love and hope. And by the way, we throw really great parties!

Peace and love to my brothers and sisters.

.- John Hinkston

During our 150th anniversary celebration, Karin Peterson has been keeping us entertained and informed with an amazing number of "Did you know?" facts about Trinity's past. She's discovered these in the course of her research for her monthly articles on our parish's history and has passed them on for publication in The Voice. As our anniversary year draws to a close, we're including as many of Karin's remaining tidbits of parish lore as possible in this issue.

Did you know?

- Andy Onderdonk was elected as Trinity's treasurer in 1971 after his retirement from Aetna; he served in this role until 1992.
- A bit of the original Trinity Church remains – two brownstone monuments which now stand in the Memorial Garden. Somehow these were saved when the first church was dismantled and returned to Sigourney Street as the gift of Miss Welling Dixon, who had gotten them from her aunt, Miss Elizabeth Dixon.
- In October 1962, Sara Chase, a member of Trinity's senior choir and a voice student, was appointed the director of the girls' choir.



Bishop Douglas, Presiding Bishop Jefferts Schori To Usher In Trinity's 151st Year on June 6

As Trinity lowers the curtain on its 150th anniversary celebration, we begin our 151st year with visits from our new Diocesan Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas, and the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori.

An entire day of festivities is planned, with the schedule as follows:

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with hymns in the church
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with choirs and hymns, with Bishop Douglas presiding and preaching
- 11:30 a.m. Reception to honor Bishop Douglas in the Memorial Garden
- 5:00 p.m. Festival Evensong/Closing Ceremonies
 Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Officiant and Preacher
Reserved parking (ticketed) for Trinity parishioners and guests at the Salvation Army, Family Dollar, and the Lincoln Culinary Institute surface lot (off Sigourney Street, across from the Aetna home office building). The Trinity lot will be reserved for handicapped only, and for drop-off and pick up.
All Trinity members will have received an invitation and parking voucher. Parking will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Presiding Bishop meets with students and faculty of the Building Abrahamic Partnerships Course at Hartford Seminary – Library
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Catered reception with hors d'oeuvres and beverages in the Memorial Garden to close our 150th celebration

Don't miss this day of gala celebration as our year of celebration draws to its close!

Summer Food Baskets

Each Sunday during the month of June, we will be collecting dry pasta (spaghetti-shaped, please) for the clients of "A Place of Grace" food pantry located at Grace Episcopal Church on New Park Avenue in Hartford. The item-of-the-month for July will be baked beans; during August, the requested item for the baskets will be white rice.

As always, your donations of other food or toiletry items are also welcome, as are your contributions of plastic grocery bags. Donations may be placed in the wicker baskets located inside the entrances to the church.

Directory Updates

Please make the following changes to your copy of the 2010 Parish Directory:

CHANGE:

Richardson, Ellen
 70 Allen Place C-1
 Hartford CT 06106
 Phone: 860-597-7026

Smith, The Right Rev. Andrew & Kate
 106 Vista Way
 Bloomfield, CT 06002
 Phone: 860-591-1951

Vreeland, Peter & Richard Charron
 225 Capen St 1-E
 Hartford CT 06112
 Phone: 860-241-1537

ADD: Duggan, Rhonda
 5 Carriage La
 Barkhamsted, CT 06063
 Phone: 860-379-0498

Godly Play in June

June 6:

Parable of the mustard seed
(*Church School's last weekly session until September 26*)

Groups I and II will gather in church with their families and process to the Library at the singing of the Gloria for a story and work. Everyone will return to the church for Communion with Bishop Douglas.

June 13:

Church School Recognition

All parents and children will be recognized at the 10:00 Eucharist for their participation in Godly Play throughout the year. (See "Graduates" article on Page 6.)

Note: From June-September, on the first Sunday of the month, children and their guests attending the 10:00 Eucharist will process from the church to the library for a Godly Play story and work time and return to church at the Peace for Communion. Our regular Godly Play Eucharist will resume in October.

Reiks Lead Team Trinity To 3rd Place Finish

Jonathan and Jane Reik led the pack of 16 Trinity parishioners who blazed their way to a third-place finish in this year's Bishops' 5K for Kids. The race took place under beautiful blue skies on the morning of Saturday, May 15, and drew a field of 350 runners, including our new bishop, the Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas. In addition to the team trophy, five Trinity runners came home with age-group medals this year. Mother/daughter runners Marcia and Shannon Lee both placed third in their age groups, as did Jane Harris. Jane Reik placed second in her age group, with her husband, Jonathan, coming in 12th overall and first in his age group. In addition to our runners and walkers, seven of this year's race volunteers were also members of Trinity, Hartford.

Congratulations to all on a job well done! You've all helped to support a great cause – the Bishop's Fund for Children, the beneficiary of the proceeds from this annual event.

June Book Group Meeting: Two Short Pieces by American Writers

Trinity's Book Group meets next on Friday, June 4, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the home of Valerie and Robin Pogue in West Hartford. Two short readings will be featured at this meeting of the group: "People Who Don't Know the Answers" (from *Saint Maybe*) by Anne Tyler, and "A Father's Story" by Andre Dubus.



Both can be found in *Listening for God, Vol. 2*, available through amazon.com.

All are welcome to attend – either to listen or to lend a voice to the discussion! Please give Valerie a call at 860-561-2395 if you plan to come.

20's and 30's To Gather at The Briggs' Home

On Friday Evening, June 11, at 126 Lakewood Circle North in Manchester, Trinity's 20's and 30's group will gather from 6-8:30 p.m. (or until the mosquitoes drive everyone away) for worship and a cookout. Bring any kind of munchies you like: hors-d'oeuvre, side dish or dessert. Beverages and grillables will be provided by the hostess.

Please RSVP to the Rev. Barbara Briggs via e-mail at bbriggs@trinityhartford.org or by giving her a call at the church at 860-527-8133.

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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 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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What Happened in June Long Ago? by Karin Peterson

June is a special month for Trinity. The cornerstone of the present church building was laid June 5, 1894. The first service in the new church was held on Trinity Sunday, June 7, four years later, and four years more brought the Diocesan Convention to meet at Trinity.

One hundred twelve years ago -

The formal opening of Trinity's new church was a gala affair. All 720 seats were taken for services, with Communion being celebrated by the Rev. Francis Goodwin assisted by the rector, the Rev. Mr. Miel. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Storrs Seymour, who had been rector when the project began. A vested choir of men and boys under music director Frederick Tilton sang "O Come Let Us Worship" by Mendelssohn. In the afternoon there was a Sunday School service followed later by Evening Prayer read by Goodwin and Miel. (The church was not consecrated until the following May, 1899, in another clergy-rich day of services and activities.)

Seventy-six years ago -

Trinity marked the church's 75th anniversary by a tea in the Memorial Close held on Friday, June 14, between 4 and 6 pm. A corporate Communion service followed on Sunday. The 80th anniversary was marked by the distribution of offering envelopes, and parishioners

were encouraged to donate funds for the church endowment fund.

Seventy years ago -

"The automobile becomes increasingly a temptation on Sunday *to go somewhere*. We should go to church. Try beginning the day by attending the 8 AM service. Have you thought of that?"

Fifty-eight years ago -

Clifton Brainerd resigned as organist. He had joined the Trinity Choir under Tilton, left in 1907 to serve other churches, but returned to Trinity in 1941, serving as Tilton's choir assistant and dedicated librarian of the sheet music collection. Brainerd succeeded as organist in 1944 and served until June 1953. Robert Brawley, who had a Master of Arts degree in music from Yale University, became the next organist. At that time there were the chancel choir, who led the congregational singing, and the balcony choir of paid singers and select volunteers from the congregation. There was also a girls' choir, who sang at the family service.

Fifty-one years ago -

The summer service schedule of 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. only went into effect June 19. Holy Communion was celebrated the first and third

Sundays. Evening prayer was read Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. The Sunday worship schedule reverted in September to 8 a.m. Morning Prayer, 9:30 a.m. Family Service of Holy Communion, and 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon, with Evening Prayer every week night.

Each month during our 150th anniversary year, Karin Peterson has written about events at Trinity Church that took place during that same month in years gone by. This is the last installment in the series. A huge thank you goes to Karin for the many hours she spent researching and writing these articles over the course of the past year.

Did you know?

- In 1870 Trinity Church stopped the practice of renting pews and parishioners were free to sit where they chose. The present church was built with no permanent pews but used chairs as we do today.
- Christmas cards featuring the altar decorated with evergreens and candles were sold in December 1934 for the price of two for 5 cents, or a larger version for the same price. Interior photographs of the church were also available for purchase for 7 cents each.

Graduates To Be Honored on June 13

Sunday, June 13, has been designated as “Youth Sunday,” when Trinity traditionally honors its graduating high school seniors and those completing programs of higher education. During the 10 a.m. service on the 13th, all students, teachers and Journey to Adulthood program leaders will be recognized as well.

Our seven graduating high school seniors are:

- Robin Foster, graduating from Avon High School, and attending the Maryland Institute College of Art next year
- Nigel Francis, graduating from the University School of Science and Technology; attending Rochester Institute of Technology
- Andrew Rose, graduating from Farmington High School; attending Western New England College
- Laquisha Springer, graduating from East Hartford High School, and attending Connecticut College next year
- Stephanie Thomas, graduating from Canton High School;

attending the University of Hartford next year

■ Christopher Townsend, graduating from Conard High School; plans to attend Central Connecticut State University

■ Victor Troiano, graduating from South Windsor High School; attending the University of Vermont

Following a long-standing Trinity Church tradition, most of these high school graduates will be addressing the congregation during the sermon time on Youth Sunday.

In addition to our high school graduates, we will recognize Ifeoma Mogor, who received her bachelor’s degree in nursing from the University of Hartford; Richard Duggan, who received a bachelor’s degree in business and technology from the University of Connecticut; and Elizabeth Moore, who received an Associate’s Degree in nursing from Capital Community College.

The 10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday service will be followed immediately by our box lunch picnic at the Carousel from 12-2 p.m. (See details on page 11.)

Choirs To Go on Hiatus for The Summer

The Trinity Choir and The Choir School of Hartford will be on summer hiatus following the end of the program year in June. It’s been another busy year for our singers, who enhance our worship each Sunday morning as well as singing for special services and events throughout the year. They’ll be back in the choir loft come September to offer another year of beautiful music to enrich the services at Trinity.

Please take a moment to thank our faithful singers for their work throughout the year (assuming you recognize them without their usual red robes!)

Singers Sought for Summer Services

If you are interested in singing in our summer choir, providing leadership for our summer liturgies while the choirs are on summer hiatus, please contact Bert Landman. Summer choir will rehearse on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. to prepare for the 10:00 a.m. service.

NOW YOU’VE DONE IT!!!!!!

■ Pekah Wallace will receive the Humanitarian of the Year award from the Greater Waterbury Chapter of the NAACP at its 68th annual Freedom Fund Awards luncheon on June 12.

■ Ifeoma Mogor, a nurse at Hartford Hospital, was honored with a 2010 Nightingale Award presented at the annual area Nightingale awards dinner on May 6. These awards, which honor excellence in nursing, have been given annually for the last ten years. Parishioner Pam Williams, also a nurse, was the recipient of a 2005 Nightingale award.

Congratulations to Pekah and Ifeoma, as well as to Pam!



SUMMER SCHEDULE



SUNDAY SERVICES: We will continue to offer two services of Holy Eucharist each Sunday throughout the summer this year. However, beginning June 27 and continuing through Labor Day weekend, we will make some changes to our services in keeping with the warm weather and relaxed days of summer:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

This service will be held in the Memorial Garden, weather permitting. Enter from the door opposite the rest rooms in the narthex, or through the Sigourney Street garden gate.

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with summer music and hymns

Our worship space will be reconfigured, with the altar on the north side of the nave for the summer.

WEEKDAY SERVICES: During the summer months, the usual weekday schedule of Wednesday services remains in effect, *based on clergy availability*. Check the Sunday bulletin or our Website for the schedule for a particular week.

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, followed by breakfast and Bible study in the Library

2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of the month

7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, followed by breakfast and Bible study in the Library

Every Wednesday (subject to clergy availability)

12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES: The final day for Church School classes is June 6, with our observance of Youth Sunday set for June 13. Registration for next year's Church School classes will take place on September 19. Classes for all children from 3 through high school age, as well as the Sunday Symposium, will resume September 26; a full schedule of classes will be available in August.

CHILDREN'S EUCHARIST: From June-September, on the first Sunday of the month, children and their guests attending the 10:00 Eucharist will process from the church to the library for a Godly Play story and work time, then return to church at the Peace for Communion. Our regular Godly Play Eucharist will resume in October.

NURSERY CARE: Infants and toddlers will be cared for in the first-floor Nursery during the 10:00 a.m. service each Sunday during the summer.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ACTIVITIES: Activity sheets will continue to be available at the doors to the church each week for children to take with them into the service. A children's work table will also be available in the Parents' Room.

OFFICE HOURS: During the summer, the office will normally be open as usual, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Alterations to these hours may become necessary because of staff vacations, and will be announced in the weekly bulletin. As always, in case of emergency you can reach the clergy person on call (announced in the Sunday bulletins) at 860-614-1360 or 413-330-7347.

Summer Birthdays



If you have a summer birthday not listed below, please call Pam Haddad in the parish office at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204, and ask her to add your special day to our parish lists.

Mavis Bennett	June 1	Margery Samuels	June 29	Josepha Schrijn	August 2
Jo-Ann Sadosky	June 1	Corlet Ude	June 29	Kristina Pearson	August 2
Walton Foster	June 1	Nigel Francis	June 30	Claudia Ayer	August 4
Kristen Williams-Garcia	June 3	Bella Esponda	June 30	Frank Kirkpatrick	August 4
	June 3	Marianne Mallory	June 30	Stephanie Thomas	August 4
Adair Lummis	June 4	Gloria Cheyney	July 2	Curtis Tabb	August 6
David Pontrelli	June 4	Trinity Ross	July 3	Jane Mogor	August 7
Mark MacGougan	June 5	Cecelia Timothy	July 5	Bill Peelle Jr.	August 8
Joy Bennett	June 5	Steve Foldvary	July 6	Don Hamer	August 9
Madeline Santangelo	June 6	Abigail Burns	July 7	Anthony Miller	August 10
Bob Shields	June 6	Kayla Gonzales	July 7	Jan Peake	August 10
Trocari Griffith-McCalop	June 6	Jean Peelle	July 8	Peter Vreeland	August 10
	June 6	Peter Green	July 10	Sasha Esponda	August 11
Nan Glass	June 7	Bill Kofalk	July 10	T. J. DeMichele	August 11
Secret Harmon	June 7	Kendall Okeke	July 10	Tom Moore	August 11
JoEllen Jansing	June 8	Kimberly Okeke	July 10	Leslie White	August 11
Lee Adams	June 9	Lena Peterson	July 11	Christina Gellman	August 12
Tom Oberholtzer	June 10	Celina Walker	July 11	Jim Bain	August 13
Gavin Cheyney	June 10	Carolyn Rogers	July 14	Amy Arlin	August 13
Robin Foster	June 10	Fiona Cheyney	July 15	Sandra Roach	August 13
John Hinkston	June 11	Maung Oo	July 15	Suzanne Gates	August 14
Marion Catanzaro	June 13	Trudi White	July 16	Samantha Kramer	August 15
Kate Steven	June 14	David Barrett	July 17	Gary Holmes	August 15
Sophiya Esponda	June 16	Bart Given	July 17	Nicholas DeMichele	August 16
Bruce Whitcomb	June 17	Kate Smith	July 17	Pamela Garcia	August 18
Jacqui Johnson	June 17	Olive Tronchin	July 17	Agatha Okeke	August 18
Meg Foster	June 17	Mima Esponda	July 19	Bert Landman	August 19
Connie Troiano	June 17	Helen Hart	July 19	Penny Pearson	August 19
Polly Lynch	June 18	Jonathan Reik	July 20	Esau Mayers	August 20
Tro Oo	June 18	Karl Richards	July 21	Julian Rose	August 21
Marc Wiest	June 19	Benneth Ude	July 22	Karl Profe	August 21
Franklin Ude	June 20	Merle Melhado	July 23	Kevin Chick	August 22
Russ Hunter	June 20	Philip Green	July 23	Beverly Bygrave	August 23
Basil Bennett	June 21	Larry Besel	July 24	Art Engler	August 23
Hector Phelps	June 22	Caleb Briggs	July 24	Susanne Mantel	August 24
Leroy Bohlen	June 23	Al Shuckra	July 25	Carol Derick	August 24
Karl Pearson	June 23	Pollyann Thomas	July 25	Jonathan Okoye	August 25
Kim Townsend	June 23	Sue Hart	July 25	Michael Thomas	August 26
Alexia Williams-Garcia	June 23	Krista Mogor	July 26	Amy Williams	August 26
	June 23	Gertrud Newhall	July 26	Malik Allen	August 30
Boo Morton	June 24	Ray Wilson	July 28	Carmen Belgrave	August 30
Justin Ude	June 28	Amy Brown	July 30	Edgar Garcia	August 30
Tim Dove	June 28	Cathleen Mathew	August 1	Nome Morgan	August 30
Phil Reynolds	June 28	David Carson	August 2	James White	August 31

Vestry Spends a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

Leadership group listens and learns during Asylum Hill tour

At 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 8, your Vestry members began assembling for a day of touring, learning and working together as a team. We did this for several reasons: the Core Values surveys said we need to learn more about “our” neighborhood, and Vestry members wanted to learn what’s around us as we drive our usual routes to and from church. Who, besides the people we know, lives here? Where do they go to school, to grocery shop, to attend church, to have fun? Where, and how, does Trinity fit into the neighborhood? What opportunities are out there for large group, small group or individual involvement?

To work together as a team to help out others we did a service project at Hartford Public High School, where we pruned and mulched trees in the front of the school building, reinforcing the idea that Vestry service is just that – service, more than budgets and our own buildings. It is leading by doing. And so . . .

We gathered information, answers and possibly some blisters. More importantly, we gained a sense of movement, of action, desire and optimism from the representatives of local agencies and outreach projects.

Our initial stop was the Helipad on the top of St. Francis Hospital for an overview of the Asylum Hill neighborhood. We learned there that the numbers of trees in the area made it tough to see the street level!

Our stops along the way included a tour and chat with MaryAnne at The Chrysalis Center (now housed in the former Sealtest building on Homestead Avenue) and a discussion with Ken Johnson at NINA on Ashley Street about how they are fixing up the area and marketing it in a positive light, and how Andrew at the Sargeant Street neighborhood garden got his neighbors involved.

We learned what The Salvation Army Marshall Street Shelter has to offer (it is the only city shelter that caters to homeless families); heard a presentation from Tony Mein at the neighborhood garden on Huntington Street (as well as his involvement with the Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association) and enjoyed the enthusiastic dialogue with Kelly at the Boys and Girls Club, just a block away from Trinity on Sigourney Street.

We learned about neighbors helping neighbors; individuals buying property to allow a neighborhood to have a green space; non-profits that have been here and done that but we never really understood **how** they did that; agencies that provide valuable services but work under our visible radar; people who care deeply and are working out that care in helpful ways.

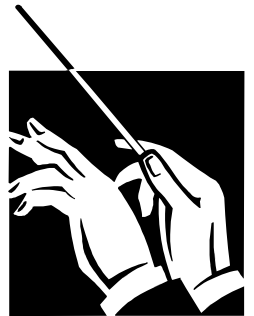
Seek out a Vestry member and ask them about their day!

The Vestry would like to thank Leadership Greater Hartford for their assistance and guidance.

– Boo Morton, Warden

Final CVCO Concert of Year To Feature Trumpet Soloist

The Connecticut Valley Chamber Orchestra will bring its 2009-2010 season to a close with a 3:00 p.m. concert at Trinity Church on Sunday, June 13. Zebediah Upton, trumpet, former principal trumpet for the Beijing Symphony Orchestra, will join the orchestra for a performance of the Hummel Trumpet Concerto. The program will also include Grieg’s *Peer Gynt Suite No. 1* and Dvorak’s *Symphony No. 8*. Christopher Hisey, Music Director for the CVCO, will conduct.



Tickets will be available at the door for \$15.00 or \$12.00 for students and seniors, with children under 12, as is usual for CVCO concerts, admitted free of charge.

The Voice Will Return In August

Summer is nearly here and even newsletters get to enjoy some vacation time! This is the last issue of *The Voice* until August. The deadline for the next issue will be Monday, August 16; this issue will cover all events scheduled to take place in September. Please send all materials for this issue to voice@trinityhartford.org. Articles may also be delivered to the parish office.

Please be sure to have materials for the August issue in on time so all information about the start of our next program year can be properly included. Thanks!

The Joy of Serving

Serving? What's that? Helping. Lending a hand. Being there. Doing something for someone. Listening – just listening. Visiting. Working.

You can imagine that serving can be simple or complex; compensated or uncompensated; tiring or energizing; fun or work; interesting or boring; time consuming or time well spent – or it can be somewhere in between those extremes. Your reaction to being a “servant” depends on your perspective and your understanding of whom you are serving.

Just like the stonemason in Ken Follett's *The Pillars of the Earth* who, when criticized for the boring work of laying bricks, responded, “I am building a cathedral!”, you can choose to see the mundane or be part of the vision. And when you are part of the vision your spirit is uplifted and your energy is restored.

So many members of Trinity have given so much service so quickly and so willingly for so many years. Look at all the ministries you support – see all their reports in our Annual Report for 2009 – 2010. When you talk with these members you see the joy in their faces and hear the enthusiasm in their voices.

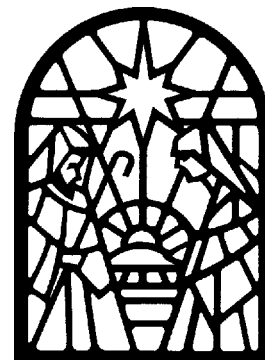
Let me assure you that their work is not easy: it can be draining, it involves time and commitment and a trust in our Gracious and Loving God. If you've been part of the set-up or clean-up crews in the kitchen or worked on the grounds and gardens, labored in Outreach or the Advocates, served through some long Vestry meetings and budget workshops, been a member of the choir or choristers, prepared and delivered sandwiches to the homeless in Bushnell Park, visited the sick, been a member of the Caleb Hitchcock ministry, facilitated the Disciples of Christ in Community (DOCC), worked on Light & Peace and Loaves & Fishes, taught/counseled our youth, arranged the flowers on the altar or prepared the altar for service, made banners, moved the chairs in the sanctuary 10,000 times, cleaned out the undercroft, fixed the creaky chairs and a host of other work that I don't have the room to list here – then, you know what I'm saying.

And you know when I thank you for all that service and all your service known only to God, that there is a Joy in Serving that cannot be described. It can be felt and appreciated. It is the joy of giving and helping someone else. It is an act of love. Remember, Jesus asked us to love our neighbors; He did not promise us a rose garden on this earth.

– Al Shuckra

They're Back! (*The Return of the Stained Glass Windows*)

Stained Glass Resources completed the restoration of all the windows in the lower level of the Trinity Church nave in record time, and has reinstalled them well before our deadline of June 6, when the Presiding Bishop will be visiting Trinity. The windows look absolutely terrific – no more cracks, bends, or holes, and no more film of dirt spoiling the beautiful colors of the glass.

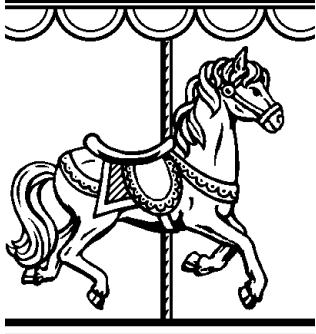


Come take a close look at these windows, now that they're looking their best; if you've never taken a really careful look, this is a great time to give them some careful attention. The glass panels tell the story of the life of Jesus (starting at the first double window near the door to Goodwin Hall), and the amount of detail they contain is amazing.

Take a good look at the flora and fauna, the buildings and hills in the background, and especially the faces of the people, all depicted in glass. You'll really appreciate the quality of our beautiful windows, among the standouts of the wonderful legacies left to us from the Trinity people of years gone by. Now we've been able to be careful custodians of these wonderful gifts from the past, and can pass on the chance to enjoy the windows and the story they tell to Trinity's future members and visitors.

Time for a Spin on the Bushnell Park Carousel

June 13 is the date for Trinity's 2010 carousel party in Bushnell Park. The party will begin at noon and last until 2:00 p.m. Once again, the Hospitality Team will have all the makings for picnic lunches on hand following the 10:00 a.m.



service so you can put together your own brown bag lunch and take it with you to enjoy during the party.

This is an event to be enjoyed by Trinity's members and friends of all ages. The carousel, built in 1914 by Solomon Stein and Harry Goldstein, has all sorts of wonderful painted ponies – three dozen that prance up and down as the carousel spins, another dozen that stand perfectly still – no up-and-down – and a pair of beautiful carousel benches that are much easier to board than the horses: a ride for everyone! (Please keep in mind that children must be in the care of a responsible adult, both inside the carousel and outside in the adjacent playground.)

The party will go on rain or shine inside the enclosed pavilion that houses the carousel. If it's a nice day, bring along a blanket or lawn chair and plan to spend some time outside the carousel enjoying the beauty of the park. Be sure to invite your neighbors and friends to come along to the party, which is free of charge to all. Come play in the park!

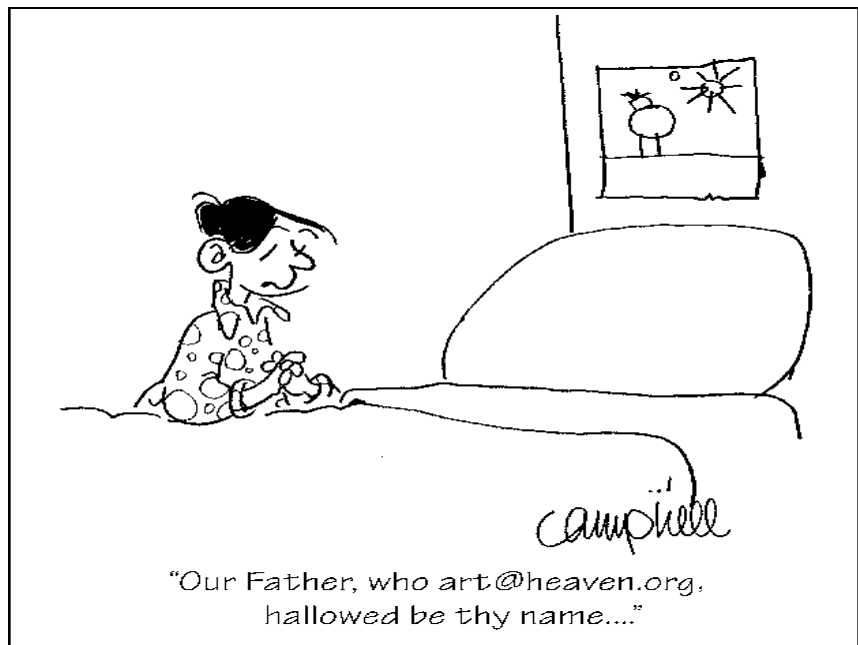
Hartford To Host National AAM Conference

The annual national conference of the Association of Anglican Musicians will be held in Hartford the week of June 20 this year. The schedule is an exciting one, beginning with a pre-conference concert "An Evening in Belgium" at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 20, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. The opening Eucharist is at Christ Church Cathedral on Monday, June 21, at 10:00 a.m., with the Rt. Rev. Gene Robinson preaching and celebrating. Monday evening at 6:15, the Trinity Choir and Singers will be joined by The Choir School of Hartford in offering Choral Evensong here at Trinity Church.

On Tuesday, conference events will include Noon Day Prayers at St. James's, West Hartford, a plainsong Evensong at the Trinity College Chapel at 4:30 p.m., and an 8:00 p.m. concert by the renowned group Pomerium (Mannerist music of the Renaissance) at St. Patrick/St. Anthony Church.

Wednesday will be mostly spent in New Haven and will include Evensong at Christ Church at 4:30 p.m. with the Choir of Men and Girls from Trinity Church on the Green, New Haven. The conference concludes on Thursday with the Closing Eucharist back at Trinity Church at 4:45 p.m.

The Rev. Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick will be our conference chaplain and will be preaching each day, except Monday, on our conference theme of "Affirming the Human Spirit." The Rev. Barbara K. Briggs and the Rev. Ron Kolanowski helped to design the liturgies, and Mother Barbara and Father Don will be officiating and presiding at several of the them. You are invited to attend the services (without charge) and the concerts (for which there will be a ticket charge) as you are interested. Please contact Bert Landman 860-527-8133, Ext. 205, if you would like further information.



Fill a Backpack for a Hartford Child

Trinity's annual back-to-school backpack project, which helps Hartford area children whose families cannot afford basic school supplies, begins on July 25.

To participate, pick up a list of supplies for the age group of your choice from the display in the baptistery. Buy the supplies on the list, fill up your backpack, and then return the completed kit to the parish office during the week, or leave it in the baptistery on Sunday morning. (You might want to team up with another Trinity member to split the cost of a backpack this year.) Be sure to mark your backpack with the age group for which it's intended, and whether it's meant for a boy or a girl.

All kits need to be turned in by August 22. Hartford schools open on August 31 this year, so our social worker will have one week's time to get the backpacks to the children who need them before classes start.

This project is part of the work Trinity Church does over the course of each year with our Covenant to Care social worker, Lakesha Ruth. (Our May 2010 placement pack project is another one.) Parishioner Susanne Mantel is coordinating the backpack project, which is sponsored by the Outreach Team.

Many families are still struggling this year in the current economic downturn. It's more important than ever that everyone who can takes this opportunity to lend a hand and help a Hartford area child get a great start on the upcoming new school year.

Adult Formation Series July 21, 28 and August 4: *Shame and Grace: Healing the Shame We Don't Deserve* by Lewis Smedes

If you constantly feel you don't measure up, you are feeling shame – that vague, undefined heaviness that presses on our spirit, dampens our gratitude for the goodness of life, and diminishes our joy. It's like a self-imposed prison that keeps us from being the people God wants us to be.

The good news is that shame can be healed. With warmth and wit, author Lewis B. Smedes examines why and how we feel shame, and presents a profound, spiritual plan for healing in his book *Shame and Grace*. Step by step, Smedes, who is a professor of philosophy and integration at Fuller Graduate School of Psychology of Pasadena, California, outlines the road to well-being and the peace that comes from knowing we are accepted by "the grace of One whose acceptance of us matters most."

If you are among the 99.9% of people who wonder about such issues, come join the Rev. Bob Henderson, Trinity's pastoral counselor and long-time Executive Director of the Pastoral Counseling Center, and Father Don for a three-part discussion of Professor Smedes' book. The group will meet on two Wednesday evenings, July 21 and July 28, and, if the group desires, again on the following Wednesday, August 4, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

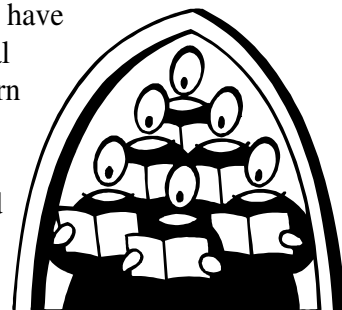
The suggested donation for the three-part series is \$15, which will cover the cost of the book and refreshments for the gatherings.

Trinity parishioners are welcome to invite friends to come along with them.

To sign up, or if you have any questions, please call the church office, or e-mail Fr. Don at dhamer@trinityhartford.org. We hope you will decide to be a part of this entertaining and potentially life-changing program.

Choir School Plans Auditions

The Choir School of Hartford has begun its recruitment campaign for the 2010-2011 season. The Choir School offers children an opportunity to have a great musical education, learn life skills, develop leadership and teamwork skills, have performance opportunities in many different venues, receive a half-hour piano lesson on a weekly basis, and work with a great team of children and adults who truly care about each other.



If you know of a child, 3rd grade through high school, who loves to sing and who would enjoy being a part of this fantastic program, please call Bert Landman at 860-527-8133, Ext. 205, or contact him by e-mail at blandman@trinityhartford.org to schedule an interview.

Trinity to Offer DOCC Course in 2010-2011

Disciples of Christ in Community (DOCC) is an adult education program which provides an experience in building Christian community while encouraging individual spiritual growth. The program consists of approximately 23 sessions, each beginning with a 30-minute presentation by a seminary-trained lecturer. Presenters will be Fr. Don and Roy McAlpine, M.Div. Following the presentation, participants gather in small groups of about ten to discuss the significance of the presentation to their lives. The small groups will be led by trained facilitators who have themselves participated in DOCC in the past. In an accepting and caring atmosphere, group members can grow in awareness of the purpose and potential of the Church, and discover and define personal ministry, including

- *Experiencing a deeper spiritual life*
- *Learning the basis of our faith*
- *Developing a greater commitment to living out the baptismal covenant*
- *Experiencing being part of a caring community*
- *Feeling challenged to experience a ministry within the church and beyond, appropriate to one's calling*
- *Learning to enhance particular skills, such as active listening*

The program will meet on Monday evenings beginning September 27 from 6:30 to 8:30. The fee for the program, which includes the cost of materials, is \$75 per participant for the entire year-long course. Scholarship assistance is available through the clergy. To receive additional information and a course application, please call the office at 860-527-8133, contact Parish Secretary Pam Haddad at phaddad@trinityhartord.org, or contact a member of the clergy.

Congratulations to Our Confirmands!

On Saturday, April 24, our new diocesan bishop, the Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, presided at a Deanery-wide service of Confirmation at Good Shepherd Church in Hartford, one of his first official acts as our new bishop. During the service, four Trinity members affirmed their intention to live out their faith within the Episcopal Church: Jonathan Reik, Marsha McCurdy, and David Pontrelli were confirmed by the bishop, and Rhonda Duggan was received into the Episcopal Church. Congratulations to them all!

Welcome Janine Schenone, Our 2010-2011 Seminarian

Fr. Don is pleased to announce that Ms. Janine Schenone will join us at Trinity as our 2010-2011 Seminarian Intern.

Janine is a postulant for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California. She has been a professor of English at American River College in San Francisco, California, and prior to that held a variety of editing and management positions with several media and technology companies. She has also served in a wide variety of ministries in her home parish in California. Janine is also a professed tertiary in the Third Order of the Society of St. Francis. She holds a Bachelor's degree in English and Creative Writing from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and a Master of Arts degree in English from the University of California at Davis. She is currently a student at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, where she will be a middler (second-year student) next year.

Look for Janine to join us occasionally for services on Sunday, and for a more in-depth interview with her in the August edition of *The Voice*.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Trinity's buildings will be closed all day Monday, July 5, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Choir School Invited Back for Rock Cats Encore Performance

After their stirring performance in 2009, the young singers of The Choir School of Hartford have been invited back to sing our national anthem at another New Britain Rock Cats baseball game, this one coming up on Sunday, August 29. Sign up for your tickets now and be a part of Trinity's annual trip to watch the Rock Cats play at New Britain Stadium. The Cats, the AA affiliate of the Minnesota Twins, will be playing the Bowie (Maryland) Baysox, the Eastern League affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles; game time is 1:35 p.m.



August 29 is also a Family Fun Day at the ball park, with special activities for the whole family and the chance for children under 12 to run the bases following the game. AND it's Faith and Family Day at the stadium, with a Christian rock concert scheduled for after the game. Doors open at 12:05 p.m.; plan to get there early to take in all the extra activities, hear our choristers sing, and, of course, enjoy a great ball game!

Tickets for our day at the park are just \$8.00 this year. Sign up now by calling the Trinity office at (860) 527-8133. The deadline for ticket reservations is August 13.

Visit www.rockcats.com for directions to New Britain Stadium and lots more team information.

Update: Trinity Episcopal Day School on Asylum Hill

The Day School Exploratory Committee continues to work diligently on start-up plans. Incorporation papers, bylaws, job descriptions, curricula, and fundraising are all taking center stage. The committee is submitting a report to the Vestry to consider at its June meeting, at which time a decision will be made on whether to open the school in September 2010 or defer opening until 2011. Stay tuned for more details!

Did you know?

- The Trinity Church sewing group met every Tuesday. Throughout the 1960s they repeatedly requested the donation of old linens (especially mattress pads) to be used to make dressings for cancer patients. They also wanted copies of *The Wall Street Journal*; unlike other newspapers, it did not use colored inks. In 1966, when the need for cancer dressings decreased, the group switched to making cloth dolls for the Newington Hospital for Crippled Children and requested old stockings to be used as stuffing.
- Before the 120 Sigourney building became the church offices, the rector and staff had offices where the kitchens are now. Visitors entered from the courtyard through the doors at the foot of the staircase.
- In 1934 the "Young People's Dancing Class" was held Friday evenings at 7:30.

Sundays Available for Altar Flower Memorials

A number of the remaining Sundays in 2010 are still available to anyone who would like to have the altar flowers designated as a memorial to a loved one or as a thank offering. The candle that burns in the chapel is also available to be given as a memorial or thank offering for many of the remaining weeks of the year. If you would like to make a donation to the Flower Fund and have the flowers designated in memory of a friend or family member, or in celebration of your special birthday or anniversary, or would like to donate the chapel candle, please contact Parish Secretary Pam Haddad. She may be reached in the parish office at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204, or via e-mail at phaddad@trinityhartford.org.

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, or send her an e-mail at phaddad@trinityhartford.org if you need to submit or update your e-mail information.

EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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7:00 p.m. Book Group at Robin and Valerie Pogue's home

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June 6 - 150th Anniversary Day of Celebration

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, celebrant & preacher

11:30 a.m. Reception to honor Bishop Douglas

5:00 p.m. Evensong: the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, officiant & preacher

6:00 p.m. Gala reception to conclude 150th Anniversary celebration

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6:00 p.m. 20's and 30's group dinner and worship at the Briggs'

June 13 - Youth Sunday

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12 noon Carousel Party in Bushnell Park

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3:00 p.m. Connecticut Valley Chamber Orchestra concert

June 21

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6:15 p.m. AAM Conference Evensong with the Trinity Choirs

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1:35 p.m. Rock Cats baseball game at New Britain Stadium

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:10 Sunday Symposium 10:00 Holy Eucharist with Bp. Douglas 11:30 Reception 5:00 Choral Evensong 6:00 Reception	7	8 7:00 Outreach Team	9 7:00 Holy Eucharist, breakfast and Bible study 12:10 Holy Eucharist	10	11	12
13 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist 12:00 Carousel Party & Picnic at Bushnell Park 3:00 CVCO concert	14	15 5:00 Loaves & Fishes crew 7:15 Vestry Meeting	16 7:00 Morning Prayer, breakfast and Bible study 12:10 Holy Eucharist	17	18	19 1:30 Meal preparation for Bushnell Park feeding program
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June 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS: July 5
August 16
August 21
August 29

Independence Day observed; buildings closed
Voice deadline (4:00 p.m.)
Meal preparation for Bushnell Park homeless (1:30 p.m.)
Rock Cats baseball game (1:35 p.m.)

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

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