

# VOICE OF TRINITY

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## **Life Together at 151!**

Greetings to all! I hope you have been enjoying your summer, whether at home or away, and that you have found at least a little extra time to relax and enjoy this beautiful time of year.

Most people think that the summer is a time when church offices are quiet and there is a tremendous lull in activity; actually, quite the opposite is true. The moment parish activities begin to wind down in June, there is an upswing in the planning and preparation for all of the programs and activities that are part and parcel of a busy urban parish.

As you read through this issue of *The Voice*, you will see evidence of the fruit of all of this preparation:

**The Parish Picnic** on September 12 in the Memorial Garden.

**The Ministry Fair** on September 19, which headlines many of the ministry opportunities here at Trinity and invites participation of all of our members and friends.

**Godly Play** for our youngest members, with a revised and improved schedule for this coming year making it easier for young families.

**Journey to Adulthood** and **Confirmation** programs for our members in Junior High, Middle School and High School.

**Disciples of Christ in Community**, a year-long course meeting several times per month, designed to encourage adult members in the Christian faith and to foster closer fellowship among members.

**New Sunday morning offerings** exploring themes from the Bible, current events, and life in our community, including the debut of a new game show, *Who Wants to be an Episcopal Millionaire?*

All of these are just a taste of life here at Trinity. It has been a good, albeit hot, summer. It promises to be a great year! As Jesus once famously said, "Come and see."

Your brother in Christ,

*Don+*

The Reverend Donald L. Hamer, Rector

FROM THE



RECTOR

## ***Borden Painter To Open 2010-2011 Sunday Symposium Series***

The summer is already drawing to a close, and we are looking forward to a new season of activities. The Adult Christian Formation (ACF) Team has been planning Sunday symposia and other activities to enhance our spiritual growth, and we have put together some interesting and lively programs.

The introduction to Trinity's program year is the Ministry Fair, which will take place on Sunday, September 19. ACF will have a table, so we hope all of you will stop by to visit us and become acquainted with our upcoming offerings. We hope you will also consider signing up to become a member of our team. We are always open to new ideas, and working with us provides an excellent way to offer enrichment to the lives of Trinity parishioners.

The first symposium, on September 26, will surely be popular. Dr. Borden Painter, history professor and president emeritus of Trinity College as well as an Episcopal priest, will offer a talk entitled "Is There an Anglican Identity?" Come and bring your questions and concerns about the challenges the Anglican Communion faces.

ACF is also planning several series of symposia. One will be a Sunday Bible study series focused on the Psalms and led by Roy McAlpine, who conducted a popular Bible study series last year. In addition, the Reverend Dr. Frank Kirkpatrick will lead a series that focuses on the ethical dimensions of various contemporary issues. A third series will highlight some of the

organizations in our Asylum Hill neighborhood. And lest you think we dwell only on the serious and profound, our resident stand-up Episcopalian comic (and current ACF Team leader) will host "Who Wants To Be an Episcopal Millionaire?" on November 7.

So, do come visit us at the Ministry Fair on September 19, and join us for what promises to be a very interesting and stimulating series of Sunday symposia.

— Pat Bunker  
Adult Christian Formation Team

### ***Do You Know a Child Who Loves To Sing? Consider The Choir School!***

The Choir School of Hartford is in the midst of its Summer Choir Course as I write this. We have had a very successful recruitment this summer, with 15 new probationers admitted thus far and more to be interviewed! Enid Oberholtzer and Mother Barbara are assisting with classes in handbells and liturgy/arts. Our choristers sang for the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist on August 22 and will sing the National Anthem before the Rock Cats baseball game on August 29. They will resume their regular Sunday duties following Labor Day. Please join me in welcoming back our Choir School and the Trinity Choir in the Fall. If you know of a child who loves to sing, please contact me at [blandman@trinityhartford.org](mailto:blandman@trinityhartford.org) or 860-527-8133.

— Bert Landman  
Director of Music Ministry

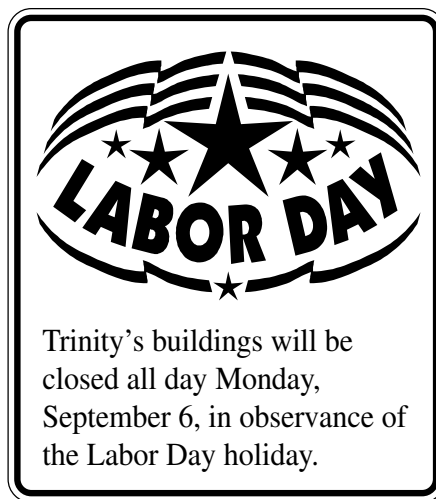
## **Bereavement Workshop Set for September 9**

When someone you love dies, you are faced with an upsetting and totally new situation. Nothing is, or ever will be, the same. When someone you know loses a loved one, it can be difficult to know how to respond in a caring and sensitive way.



At some point in our lives, we are all confronted with grief and bereavement at the loss of a loved one. We need to be sensitive to each other's needs at such times. All of us can use help in finding a way to respond to grief in the midst of our lives and ministries at Trinity and in the world.

Help with knowing how to respond to grief will be available at a workshop on bereavement to be led by Betty Metcalf, a bereavement counselor, on Thursday, September 9, in the Trinity Church Library from 7-8:30 p.m. The clergy and Pastoral Care Team invite you to join them..



## **You're Invited: Welcome Home and Parish Picnic**

The (new) tradition continues as Trinity hosts a picnic in the Memorial Garden for all parishioners and friends following the 10:00 a.m. service on September 12. A large tent will



allow us to hold the event rain or shine!

Joe and Angelo Troiano will be supervising the grills with the hot dogs and burgers, and parishioners are invited to bring side dishes and desserts. The planning team is asking that you bring a FINGER FOOD DESSERT if your last name begins with A-L; if your last name begins with M-Z, you're asked to bring a SIDE DISH to share. Please let John Hinkston know what you plan to bring by either calling him at 860-232-0692 or sending him an e-mail at [jch648@comcast.net](mailto:jch648@comcast.net).

During the picnic, a variety of games and entertainment for all ages will take place in both the Sigourney Street Courtyard and the Memorial Garden. For more information on this year's picnic, or to volunteer to help with cooking, set-up or clean-up, please contact John.

### **Schedule of Events for September 12**

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Hymns
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choirs
- 11:30 a.m. Picnic & Celebration

## **Introducing Janine Schenone – Our 2010-2011 Seminarian Intern**

Over the years, Trinity Church has hosted a considerable number of seminarian interns. In 2010-2011, Trinity will once again be the lucky host for a seminarian from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, this year one who hails from the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California. Janine Schenone (pronounced *Sha-no'-nee*) will be a Middler (2<sup>nd</sup> year student) at Berkeley, and she is a postulant for Holy Orders in her home diocese.

Janine has taught English at the college level, and is particularly interested in urban ministry and interfaith relations. Janine's employment experience also includes management positions with Novell, Intuit and Netflix, and she has experience in web design as well.

During the coming year, Janine will be serving in a variety of roles at Trinity as she explores the various aspects of ministry in our congregation. Please give her a warm Trinity welcome!

## **Annual Appeal Bookmark Contest Winners Announced**

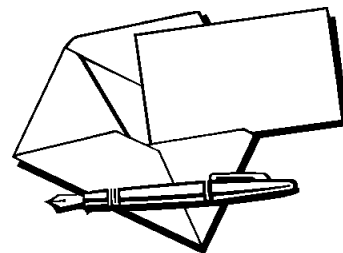
Earlier this year our Church School children participated in a contest to draw a picture for a bookmark that will be given to church members as part of this year's Annual Appeal. The bookmark will have the winning picture along with the campaign theme verse. The children submitted such wonderful drawings that choosing a single winner was impossible. Instead, we chose the work of two budding artists, so each member will receive two bookmarks!

Our winners are Emma DeMichele and Shakeem Williams. Emma is a first grader at University of Hartford Magnet School; her favorite pastimes are swimming and playing with her brothers and sisters. Shakeem will be in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade this fall at Illing Middle School in Manchester; he likes to read and play video games, and is interested in becoming a scientist. Join us in congratulating these two winners and all our Church School students for their great work.

– The Annual Appeal Team

## **A Thank You from Peka Wallace**

*Fr. Don and Debbie Hamer, Ginny Catanzaro, Al Shuckra, Mark and Linda MacGougan, thank you for your attendance, participation and loving support at my "2010 Humanitarian of the Year Award Ceremony" given by the NAACP of the Greater Waterbury Region on June 12, 2010. Participation in the proceedings by my dear friends Bishop and Euna Coleridge was both inspiring and delightful. Special thanks also to those of you who were not able to attend but who extended your warm wishes of support.*



*Pekah Wallace*

## Scout Meetings Resume September 18

Trinity's Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will be meeting again this

fall. The scouting program is open to all boys in grades 1 through 8.

Scouting is a great opportunity for young men to learn about many

things, including outdoor skills, first aid, citizenship, and leadership. It is also a chance to develop lifelong friendships.

The first meeting of the year will take place in the Art Room on Saturday, September 18, from 9:30 until 11:00. At the same time there will also be a meeting for parents and any adults who wish to volunteer as leaders or committee members.

For more information, please contact Jacob Troiano at 860-878-7074.

## *On This Rock Cat I Will Build My Church*

It is tempting sometimes to think that we are the source of the good things in the world. We build the stately buildings and play the pretty music and cook the tasty food.

It is best to remember, however, that all our efforts are simply pale shadows of God's creation. God is the original and best architect, musician, cook and – I was reminded on a Sunday early this month – liturgical comedian. I could have spent the rest of my life working on routines, but I never would have come up with the image of Rocky the Rock Cat kneeling at the communion rail. How does one communicate a Rock Cat? This is exactly the sort of thing that is rarely taught in divinity school.

It was a moment of transcendent wonder for me. Surely, each of us goes to the rail dressed in a persona. The challenge is for the bread and wine to reach the person inside.

– Mark MacGougan

## Trinity To Host Hartford Seminary Peacemaking Scholar

For the second year in a row, Trinity Church has been selected as one of three faith communities in the Hartford area to host one of Hartford Seminary's International Peacemaking Scholars for the coming school year.

This year our IPP scholar is Limantina Shialoho, a Lutheran student from Indonesia. Limantina has previously studied in the U.S. at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, and has been active in women's studies as well as interfaith dialogue in her region. She will call Trinity her church home during her one-year stay in our country. She will worship with us on a regular basis, and seek opportunities to share her faith and culture with our community.

Limantina's host family this year will be Marc, Lily, Ned and Molly Miller, and we know that the rest of the Trinity community will also extend invitations to her for meals, social events and experiences in everyday American life to help make her transition to our culture more hospitable. Limantina arrives in early September and will, we hope, join us September 12 for our annual parish picnic and celebration.

You may recall that last year we hosted Ezekiel Abdullahi Babagario, a Baptist student from Nigeria, as an IPP student. We are blessed that Ezekiel has been accepted into the Hartford Seminary Master of Arts program, and he has chosen to continue as a member of our parish during the term of his studies. Hooray!

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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

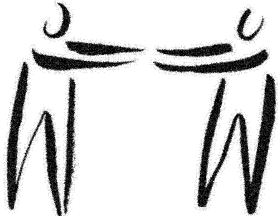
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## Pastoral Care Training Opportunity Available

If you are interested in deepening your understanding of your role in pastoral care here at Trinity, plan to attend an introduction to the Stephen Ministry on September 18 at Saint



Anne's in-the-Fields Episcopal Church in **Lincoln, Massachusetts**.

The Stephen Series provides congregations with the structure, training, and resources to set up and administer a complete system for lay caring ministry (called Stephen Ministry, after St. Stephen, the first Christian to be martyred) in the congregation. In Stephen Ministry congregations, lay caregivers, called Stephen Ministers, provide one-to-one Christian care to the bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, separated, divorced, unemployed, relocated, and others facing a crisis or life challenge. Stephen Ministry helps pastors and congregations provide quality caring ministry for as long as people need it. (For more information, go to:

[stephenministries.org/stephenministry/default.cfm/917](http://stephenministries.org/stephenministry/default.cfm/917))

Please notify the Reverend Barbara Briggs **by September 6** if you plan on attending. We will arrange for transportation when we know who will be coming. (It should take about one hour and 50 minutes to get there, so we will need to take a van or two). We will follow up with a meeting at a time to be determined to discuss what we learned and how we might proceed.

## Notes from the June Vestry Meeting. . .

The Trinity Vestry met on June 15, 2010, in the Trinity Library.

After opening meditations and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Rector and Treasurer presented the parish Parochial Report for the 2009 calendar year. This report is submitted to the Diocese and to the Episcopal Church offices in New York. Interesting facts from the Report, which the Vestry approved:

- We gained 38 new members during the year, and experienced a decrease of 8 members.
- At year's end we had 461 communicants, including 91 under the age of 16 (about 20%) and another 45 active participants who are not technically "members."
- Average Sunday attendance was up to 193, with an attendance of 504 on Easter Sunday.
- Trinity Clergy celebrated a total of 266 private, Sunday and weekday services of Holy Eucharist during the year, and lay worship leaders officiated 63 services of the Daily Office, primarily on Sunday mornings at Duncaster.
- We celebrated 12 baptisms, 7 confirmations and 1 adult reception into the Episcopal Church.
- We celebrated an all-time high of \$318,911 in pledges from 162 households.

The Vestry also reviewed the report from the Core Values subcommittee and directed the group to complete their work and make recommendations for any follow up indicated. That work will form the basis for the Vestry's meditation at the September meeting.

Warden Boo Morton, who is also co-chair with Marion Porter of Trinity's 2010 Annual Appeal, made a presentation on tithing based upon resolutions of General and Diocesan Conventions, and invited members of the Vestry to commit to tithing within five years.

There was discussion about all the good work that was done in preparation for the closing of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, and thanks were given to all those who worked so hard on these events.

The next Vestry business meeting will be on Tuesday, September 21, at 7:15 p.m. in the Library. All Trinity members are invited to sit in on Vestry meetings. The Vestry will be on retreat from Friday evening, September 24, through Saturday, September 25.

### September Food Baskets

Each Sunday during the month of September, we will be collecting jars of peanut butter for the clients of "A Place of Grace" food pantry at Grace Episcopal Church on New Park Avenue in Hartford. Any other food donations you would care to make are also welcome, as are your plastic grocery bags. Donations may be placed in the wicker baskets located inside the entrances to the church.

## ***A Thank You from the AAM Conference***

Both of us would like to thank the wonderful people of Trinity Church for the gracious welcome extended to our friends and colleagues at the Association of Anglican Musicians National Conference in June. Two of the services were held at Trinity – Evensong on June 21, the first day of the conference, and the Closing Eucharist on the last day, June 24.

Many of you helped with the services. The “Registration Angels” set the tone from the very first “hello” to the last “safe travels.” The flowers were a beautiful example of God’s creation; the church was a well-cared-for home warmly receiving the visitor; the acolytes and vergers were dedicated servers of God’s worship, and the choir extended their season to offer the prayer of music in a most elegant and expressive manner. We would like to extend our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the parish for everything each of you did to help this be the meaningful experience it was for nearly 200 of our colleagues. We turned to our Trinity family asking for help and, in true Trinity spirit, we received help in abundance. Thank you.

The reaction of the conference to Trinity was overwhelmingly positive. Many of our colleagues shared with us their observation that Trinity was a vital and engaged parish. Their impression was drawn not only from the atmosphere, but on the work they witnessed in the banners, flowers, staff involvement, parishioner involvement, dedication of the choir and acolytes, maintenance of

the buildings, and the welcome they received on entering our worship space.

We also thank our clergy: Fr. Don for his presence and welcome, and Mother Barbara and Fr. Ron for designing (along with us) the liturgies for the conference. Also, the Reverend Dr. Frank Kirkpatrick was our conference chaplain and challenged our minds and inspired our ministry of “Affirming the Human Spirit” in his thought-provoking and inspiring sermons. His insights were appreciated by the conference, as reflected in the courtesy resolution which follows:

*RESOLVED, that the Association of Anglican Musicians extend deepest gratitude to the Rev’d Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick for his admirably lucid, intellectually challenging, and spiritually reflection-inducing homilies as our Conference preacher. He has woven the theme of the human spirit and its affirmation into reflections*

*+ on our living in our bodies and our geographies as well as in our heads,*

*+ on hospitality as the extension of our own spirit to those who have left their homes,*

*+ on living under the threat of confrontation by changing norms of what it means to be human, and*

*+ on recognizing God as the ultimate secular humanist,*

*all in the context of love and of the spirit of the new life of grace as the keys to both stability and change.*

Enid Oberholtzer & Bert Landman

## **Directory Updates**

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

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## **Come Check Out The Ministry Fair**

Trinity will hold its annual Ministry Fair after both services on September 19. This is an opportunity to learn about the many ways in which members of Trinity live out the Good News of Jesus Christ within our own community of faith and in the world. It is also a great chance – especially for those relatively new to our community – to ask ourselves how WE will help carry the Good News in the coming year by becoming a part of one of our many ministry teams. Exhibits and information tables will be set up in the sanctuary and in Goodwin Hall, where you can visit with old friends and make some new ones. And of course, there will be plenty of refreshments! Come join in – it's a great way to see how we at Trinity are the Body of Christ in the world, and how you can be a part of this living body!

### **Piano Books Wanted**

We are trying to build a library of piano music which our Choir School children might use in their lessons. I know many of us might have individual pieces or collections which we no longer use or which we have moved beyond and which are taking up space in our homes. Please consider donating them to The Choir School of Hartford. We don't need method books which are marked up with the answers, but simple and medium difficulty repertoire would be most appreciated. Piano music may be dropped off at the church office, marked to my attention.

– Bert Landman

## **Disciples of Christ in Community Program Begins September 27**

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 either Fr. Don or Mr. Roy McAlpine, M.Div. Following the presentation, participants gather in small groups of no more than 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*

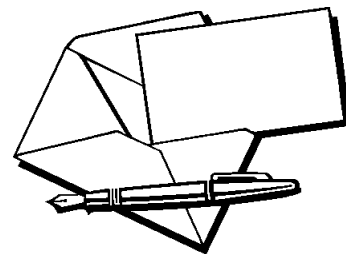
*Learning to enhance  
particular skills, such as  
active listening*

The program will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 on Monday evenings beginning September 27. 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.

## **A Thank You from Gertrud Newhall**

*Hi there, Everybody –*

*I just figured out that Trinity Church was already 55 years old when I was born...wow! And what an honor to have been given this fabulous birthday party 95 years later and everything seems to be well and upbeat – even the roof is in tiptop shape and the flowers are blooming, tra la, tra la. So I take my hat off to all the friends who contributed to my 95<sup>th</sup>: May God bless them and keep them well forever and ever. Thanks for being you.*



*Gertrud*

**An Invitation from the Rector:  
Calling All Prospective Altar Guild Angels**

Over the summer, we have had a number of parishioners come forward in response to the call for new Altar Guild members. The response has been heartwarming,



but I hope there are yet some of you who have been considering this ministry who will step up and join

this amazing group of men and women. This is a ministry that has been evolving over the past several years; it is a blessed and quiet way to engage in the work of “liturgy” – which literally means the work of the people.

I invite anyone interested in this work to an organizational breakfast meeting on Saturday morning, October 9, in the Trinity Library from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. During our time together, I would like to share my vision for the future of this ministry and discuss with you how we can continue to grow this ministry together. I hope you will join us on October 9.

– Don+

**Voice Deadline**

September 16 is the deadline for the next issue of *The Voice*, which will cover all events coming up in October 2010. Materials for this issue can be sent via e-mail to [voice@trinityhartford.org](mailto:voice@trinityhartford.org) or delivered to the parish office by 4:00 p.m. on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

**Housecleaning Help Available for Women In Chemotherapy**

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemo, pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning – one time per month for four months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners. It’s our job to pass the word and let these women know that there are people out there who care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along. Full information is available at [cleaningforareason.org](http://cleaningforareason.org).

**Concerning Membership**

While everyone has his or her own sense of belonging here at Trinity, some people feel called to become members of the church. Being a member at Trinity entails a conscious decision to become a member and a level of commitment that is consistent with the member’s sense of call to ministry, whether that ministry be outside the church walls or within. At the very least, a member of Trinity Church will be baptized, at least 16 years of age, and regular in attendance, and will regularly support the mission and ministry of Trinity Church through financial contributions. If you feel called to become a member of this parish, please speak to a member of the Vestry or the clergy.

– The Reverend Barbara K. Briggs



Jannel Thomas	1
Shakeem Williams	2
David Scott	3
Terry Blackwood	4
Gary DeMichele	4
Olivia Bedard-Shepard	4
Kathie Wilson	5
Pat Shields	6
Chris Bernard	9
Bonni McKenney	10
Neill Derick	12
Laura MacGougan	12
Arch Stuart	13
Blossom Iweka	13
David Kramer	14
Eddie Brunelle	15
Michael Okeke	16
Gus Andrian	17
Anne Green	18
Aaron Berardino	19
Amanda Tronchin	21
Ruby Grant	24
Roy McAlpine	27
Todd Berardino	28
Grace Haronian	28
Jolanda Sribanpot	28
Kitty Peterson	29

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

## ***Experiencing Change: Light and Peace Program on the Move***

What can I say about change? It assists us at getting a different perspective on the way we currently do things; it helps us to realize what does and does not work, and it demonstrates how we can improve things.

With all that being said, Trinity's Light and Peace program for young children will be making another change. It has been decided to bring Light and Peace back to Trinity Episcopal Church in the fall. The reason for the move back is not because Light and Peace has lost its ability to continue to nourish the children spiritually, but because of locality.

As we all know, Trinity Episcopal Church has been a beacon of light for the Asylum Hill community, and Light and Peace is but one example that it works. With making the move last spring to the Boys and Girls Club of Asylum Hill, we were very pleased to see the increase in children who enthusiastically came to hear God's stories. We even had past participants who were so excited to come back that they encouraged their friends to join them.

The children became very involved with turning the classroom we used to tell God's stories into our version of a sanctuary by making stained glassed hangings from felt material to cover the windows. They were able to adapt quickly to this change because the format for Light and Peace did not change. We were amazed at the story details remembered by the children and the questions that were asked. This was testimony to us that God's

stories can be told anywhere and people will listen.

So, what were the problems? They included not being able to gather the children and keep them in a designated location to join Light and Peace when they were dismissed from other activities because we had just one volunteer; not having an adequate dining area to share a family-style meal because we had to use an art room for this purpose; and lastly, not having a sanctuary where we could readily feel God's presence.

The major problem that we experienced was not having a sufficient amount of volunteers to maintain the intended ministry of the Light and Peace program. We had a total of four adults including myself to care for 16 children. We can appreciate and are very grateful

for the outstanding service that has been given to Light and Peace in the past from our amazing family here at Trinity Church, but what we need now is a renewed commitment to help us.

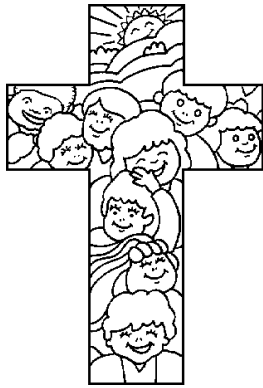
It is our hope in going forward to have a minimum of six adults at all times to ensure that all the children will have the individual care and attention they need. We want to continue to be a respite for at risk children of the Asylum Hill area. More details of this change will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions or concerns please call me, Director of Light and Peace, at 860-527-8133 Ext.. 207 or send me an e-mail at [lcurtis@trinityhartford.org](mailto:lcurtis@trinityhartford.org).

— Lynda Curtis  
Children's Ministries Coordinator



## Upcoming Adult Godly Play Training Sessions in Southern New England Announced



If you are interested in becoming a leader in the Godly Play Program, please speak to the Reverend Barbara Briggs. All program leaders will eventually need to attend a training session. Here are a few upcoming training opportunities being held in the Northeast region:

### **August 28, 2010 Stamford, Connecticut— to learn how to be a story-teller**

St. John's Episcopal Church  
STORYTELLING WORKSHOP:  
Hearing and Practicing Stories  
Sponsored by Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut

To Register: Contact Linda Snyder at [lsnyder@ctdiocese.org](mailto:lsnyder@ctdiocese.org) or 800-842-0126, Ext. 126

Trainer: Linda Clapp

### **September 11, 2010 Belmont, Massachusetts— for door-persons and story-tellers**

All Saints' Episcopal Church  
INTRODUCTION, including Door-person & Story-teller Sessions

To Register: Contact Cheryl Minor at [revcminor@aol.com](mailto:revcminor@aol.com)

Trainer: Cheryl Minor

### **September 18, 2010 Rumford, Rhode Island— for an introduction to the basics**

Church of the Epiphany  
Sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island

### INTRODUCTION & REFRESHER

To Register: Contact Maryann Kolakowski at [maryann@episcopalri.org](mailto:maryann@episcopalri.org)  
Trainer: Nancy St. John

### **October 2, 2010 Barrington, Rhode Island— For those who already have more than one year of Godly Play experience**

Barrington Congregational Church,  
UCC

WORKSHOP: Going Deeper  
(especially for churches doing  
Godly Play)

To Register: Contact Elizabeth Barnum at [Elizabethbccucc@fullchannel.net](mailto:Elizabethbccucc@fullchannel.net)

Trainer: Linda Clapp

### **October 16, 2010 Belmont, Massachusetts— An introduction to the new Vol. 8**

All Saints' Episcopal Church  
WORKSHOP: Introducing Vol. 8

To Register: Contact Cheryl Minor at [revcminor@aol.com](mailto:revcminor@aol.com)

Trainer: Cheryl Minor

### **November 18 - 20, 2010 Beverly Farms, Massachusetts— in-depth training**

St. John's Episcopal Church  
CORE Training

To Register: Go to [Training@GodlyPlayFoundation.org](mailto:Training@GodlyPlayFoundation.org)

Site Contact: Kelly Zaval  
[kelly.zaval@verizon.net](mailto:kelly.zaval@verizon.net)

Trainers: Linda Clapp and Cheryl Minor

## Book Group To Discuss Jesuit Author's Guide to Everything

Calling All Readers! Trinity's Book Group launches into the new program year on Saturday, October 9, with a book that's new: *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*, by James Martin, S.J. It's a practical, spiritual guidebook, based on the life and teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola, that shows readers how to manage relationships, money, work, prayer, and decision-making, while keeping a sense of humor about life.



James Martin is the author of numerous books, including *My Life with the Saints*, which *Publishers Weekly* named as one of the best books of 2006. Father Martin is also a frequent commentator in the national and international media.

Group attendee Linda M. heard an interview on NPR with this engaging author and put *Guide to Everything* on her list; another attendee, Emily E., is in the midst of reading the book and finding it thoroughly enjoyable. It's available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and many public libraries.

See for yourself! All are welcome to attend any or all Book Group meetings. The October 9 meeting will be from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the home of Susanne Mantel in East Windsor. Please be sure to give her a call if you plan to come (860-623-4752) so she'll know how many goodies to prepare!

# Journey to Adulthood 2010 - 2011

## Christian Formation for Young People in Grades 6-12

The Journey to Adulthood program is one in which the honoring of “questions” is central to the approach of Christian formation. JTA is specifically designed, through use of story, study and conversation, to provide a safe place in which the real-life questions that emerge among young people about self, society, spirituality and sexuality can be honestly shared and explored. It is an approach to Christian formation that is less about memorizing information and more about honoring and exploring questions, giving the young people who participate a working knowledge of their faith in the context of the whole faith community and their own peer group.

### **Rite-13 – Sunday mornings following the 10 a.m. service:**

Youth in grades 6 and 7 will participate in the group known as Rite-13. The Christian faith, like any other religious tradition, is rooted in a heritage of shared memories. Rite-13 provides a balance between activities and steady exploration of the development of personality and faith in its classes.

On Sunday, October 17, those members of the group who have reached or are about to reach the age of 13 will be invited to participate in the Rite-13 ceremony, in which young people and their parents ritualize the beginning of their journey away from childhood and toward becoming young adults. A special intergenerational dinner to honor all our Rite-13

youth will be held the evening before at 5 p.m., and will be open to all families and supporters of the JTA program.

**J2A – Sunday mornings following the 10 a.m. service:** The second group in the program, known as J2A, is for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders. The structure is less formal classroom time, with a drop-in feel and program elements. J2A builds on Rite-13 by training young people in necessary skills of adulthood in a Christian context: Listening, Assertion, Negotiation, Research & Information Management, and Partnership & Leadership.

As with Rite-13, there is a common systematic focus on all the aspects of a whole person. Self, Society, Sexuality, and Spirituality are the areas which are covered, in depth, in the light of the Gospel, in order that the reality of young people’s lives can be strengthened, encouraged, healed, corrected, and empowered by the life and wisdom of Jesus Christ.

The program takes seriously the need to deal with what is real for young people, to honor their questions, to assure them that they are real people with real, valid, and authentic experiences. And we undertake to place a scriptural, spiritual, and liturgical frame around each of those experiences.

### **Young Adults in the Church**

**(YAC):** This program is for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders and focuses on responding as an adult to one’s faith through group discussions, social and recreational activities, social

ministry activities, and retreats. Each young person is assigned an adult mentor who meets periodically with them and supports them in spiritual, academic and social development. Each young person is also expected to engage in at least one active ministry at Trinity.

**Confirmation –Confirm Not Conform,** Trinity’s confirmation program for those who are 16 or older, is offered in alternating years and will again be offered starting in September 2010. Registration and additional information about all Journey to Adulthood programs will be available on September 19 at the Ministry Fair.

### **Calling All Drivers...**

The Pastoral Care Committee is looking for volunteers willing to drive fellow parishioners on occasion to doctor’s appointments or run errands for those too sick to drive themselves. Many of our parishioners (young and old) live alone and may not have someone they know who could help out if they are too sick to drive themselves. We are trying to get a list of those who are free during the day so that, if needed, a clergyperson or someone from the office could call to see if you are available to help out in a particular situation. Being on the list would not obligate anyone who, if called, was not available at that particular time. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please call Pam Haddad at the church office with your contact information.

**The (K)Naves perform  
Agatha Christie's  
*The Unexpected Guest***



Friday 11/12 @ 6 p.m.  
Saturday 11/13 @ 6 p.m.  
Sunday 11/14 @ 1 p.m.

You are cordially invited to spend an evening with the (K)Naves as they serve up a tasty plate of culinary delights and murder. Enjoy an evening filled with food and mystery as the (K)Naves perform Agatha Christie's *The Unexpected Guest*. Match wits with Inspector Thomas as he tries to solve the crime! It's a fun-filled show with lots of twists and turns that will leave you guessing in the end....was it the melancholy spouse or the suspicious nurse or could it really be the butler this time . . . or was it the unexpected guest?

Performances on Friday and Saturday, November 12 and 13, will begin with a 6 p.m. dinner, and a 7 p.m. curtain. The performance on Sunday, November 14, will start with light lunch fare at 1 p.m. with a 2 p.m. curtain.

Tickets for Friday and Saturday night will be \$18 for adults/\$15 for seniors and children over 12 (under 12 are free, with a special Kid Friendly meal). For the Sunday performance, tickets will be \$12 for adults/\$10 for seniors and children.

Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 860-527-8133.

**Church School:  
Godly Play Plans for 2010-2011**

**NEW for 2010-2011**

**10:00 AM** Children age 3 through second grade, (Group I), will meet for Godly Play in Room 3, (diagonally across from the Nursery), and will rejoin their families in church at the Peace in time for Communion. The exception will be the first Sunday of every month, when the entire Church School and their guests will join together for a 10:00 a.m. Godly Play Eucharist in the Library.

**11:30 AM** Children in grades 3-5 will meet at 11:30 for Godly Play in Room 3. The first Sunday of every month, all children and their guests will join together for a Godly Play Eucharist in the library at 10:00.

**11:30 AM** Children (age 3-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) with parents or older siblings who stay for other formation programs beginning at 11:30 may come upstairs to a classroom for an activity led by adult leaders. This activity, which will end at 12:30, will include arts and crafts, movies and games, and will be offered every Sunday that Church School is in session. (For example, there is no activity time on the first Sunday of the month when the Godly Play Eucharist is celebrated in place of Church School.)

**Godly Play** helps children become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. Designed for children aged two to twelve, Godly Play has been classroom tested since 1972. Deeply spiritual and highly creative, Godly Play engages children through story and wonder,

and invites them to come close to God as God at the same time comes close to them.

Children are encouraged to "enter" the Biblical and liturgical stories with the help of a story-teller, who will use beautifully crafted and simple figures to represent the different parts of the story. Through a time of wondering together at what just unfolded, and a "work" time when each child will choose a project or choose to "retell" the story through his or her own manipulation of the story material, each participant will be touched by the story in a unique way – a way that is a personal response to the mystery of God's presence in the story and in the children's lives – a way that helps children develop a language to express what is their experience of God.

The sequence of stories that are told throughout the year build on previous Godly Play sessions. While each session could stand alone, the importance of being at every session is incalculable. Children become more and more able to perceive the meaning in the stories as they gain a broader perspective and deeper understanding of the material. The stories begin to "speak to each other," and the children are able to make connections that were not apparent to them in the beginning.

Please make every effort to ensure your child will not miss a session.

The full Godly Play schedule for 2010-2011 that you can tear out and post may be found on Page 13.

## CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2010-2011

### GROUP I

10:00 AM, Room 3

9/26 The Holy Family  
 10/3 Godly Play Eucharist  
 Creation &  
 Circle of the Church Year  
 10/10 The Flood & the Ark  
 10/17 The Great Family  
 10/24 The Exodus  
 10/31 Moses  
 11/7 Godly Play Eucharist  
 The Ten Best Ways  
 11/14 The Ark & the Tent  
 11/21 The Exile & Return  
 11/28 Joseph  
 12/5 Godly Play Eucharist  
 Advent  
 12/12 Shepherds & Angels  
 12/19 Epiphany  
 12/26 NO CHURCH SCHOOL  
 1/2 Godly Play Eucharist  
 Parable of Parables &  
 of the Pearl  
 1/9 The Prophets  
 1/16 Jonah,  
 the Backward Prophet  
 1/23 Daniel  
 1/30 King David  
 2/6 Godly Play Eucharist  
 Introduction to the Saints  
 2/13 St. Valentine  
 2/20 St. Thomas  
 2/27 St. Columba  
 3/6 Godly Play Eucharist  
 The Mystery of Easter  
 3/13 St. Patrick  
 3/20 St. Elizabeth of Portugal  
 3/27 Mother Teresa of Calcutta

4/3 Godly Play Eucharist  
 Jesus & the Twelve  
 4/10 St. Catherine of Siena  
 4/17 PALM SUNDAY—  
 NO CHURCH SCHOOL  
 4/24 EASTER—  
 NO CHURCH SCHOOL  
 5/1 Godly Play Eucharist  
 The Risen Christ  
 5/8 St. Julian of Norwich  
 5/15 St. Theresa of Avila  
 5/22 The Story of the Child's  
 Own Saint  
 5/29 The Story of the Child's  
 Own Life  
 6/5 Godly Play Eucharist  
 The Good Shepherd &  
 World Communion  
 6/12 YOUTH SUNDAY

### GROUP II

11:30 AM, Room 3

9/26 Creation Stories from  
 Around the World  
 10/3 Godly Play Eucharist  
 Creation &  
 Circle of the Church Year  
 10/10 Second Creation:  
 The Falling Apart  
 10/17 Abraham & Sarah  
 10/24 Jacob  
 10/31 Joseph  
 11/7 Godly Play Eucharist  
 The Ten Best Ways  
 11/14 Moses  
 11/21 Ruth  
 11/28 Advent Wreath Making  
 12/5 Godly Play Eucharist  
 Advent

12/12 Shepherds & Angels  
 12/19 Epiphany  
 12/26 NO CHURCH SCHOOL  
 1/2 Godly Play Eucharist  
 Parable of Parables &  
 of the Pearl  
 1/9 Parable of the  
 Good Samaritan  
 1/16 Parable of the Sower  
 1/23 Parable of the Leaven  
 1/30 Parable of the Deep Well  
 2/6 Godly Play Eucharist  
 Introduction to the Saints  
 2/13 Parable Synthesis 1:  
 All the parables  
 2/20 Parable Synthesis 2:  
 The "I am" statements  
 2/27 Parable Synthesis 3:  
 The Parable games  
 3/6 Godly Play Eucharist  
 The Mystery of Easter  
 3/13 Samuel  
 3/20 King David  
 3/27 Elijah  
 4/3 Godly Play Eucharist  
 Jesus & the Twelve  
 4/10 Isaiah  
 4/17 PALM SUNDAY—  
 NO CHURCH SCHOOL  
 4/24 EASTER—  
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**EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST . . .**

- Page 2*      **September 9**  
                 **7:00 p.m. Pastoral Care Team bereavement workshop**
- Page 3*      **September 12**  
                 **12 noon Parish Picnic**
- Page 4*      **September 18**  
                 **9:30 a.m. Cub Scout & Boy Scout meetings resume**
- Page 7*      **September 19**  
                 **9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Ministry Fair & Church School registration**
- Page 2*      **September 26**  
                 **11:30 a.m. Church School & JTA resume**  
                 **11:30 a.m. Sunday Symposium with The Rev. Borden Painter**
- Page 7*      **September 27**  
                 **6:30 p.m. DOCC program begins**
- Page 8*      **October 9**  
                 **9:00 a.m. Altar Guild breakfast**
- Page 10*     **7:00 p.m. Book Group meeting at Susanne Mantel's home**

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 Morning Prayer, breakfast and Bible study 12:10 Holy Eucharist	2	3 6:00 White/ Duggan wedding rehearsal	4 4:00 White/ Duggan wedding s
5 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist	<i>Labor Day</i> 6 Buildings closed	7	8 7:00 Holy Eucharist, breakfast and Bible study 12:10 Holy Eucharist	9 5:00 Crucifer Training	10	11
12 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist 11:30 Parish Picnic 1:00 20s & 30s event	13 6:00 Annual Appeal Team 7:00 Adult Christian Formation Team	14 5:00 Loaves & Fishes crew 7:00 Outreach Team	15 7:00 Morning Prayer, breakfast and Bible study 11:00 Loaves & Fishes meal 12:10 Holy Eucharist	16 5:00 Acolyte Training 7:00 Pastoral Care Team bereavement workshop <i>Voice deadline</i>	17	18 8:00 Choristers Tag Sale 9:30 Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts
19 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Ministry Fair 10:00 Holy Eucharist 11:15 Ministry Fair	20	21 7:15 Vestry Meeting	22 7:00 Holy Eucharist, breakfast and Bible study 12:10 Holy Eucharist	23	24	25 9:30 Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts
26 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist 11:30 Church School, JTA 11:30 Sunday Symposium	27 6:30 DOCC Program	28	29 7:00 Holy Eucharist, breakfast and Bible study 12:10 Holy Eucharist	30		<i>Italics = A.M.</i> Normal type = P.M.

# September 2010

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** October 3 Choral Evensong (5:00 p.m.)  
 October 9 Book Group at Susanne Mantel's home (7:00 p.m.)  
 Avery Ensemble Concert (7:30 p.m.)  
 October 16 Meal preparation for Bushnell Park homeless (1:30 p.m.)  
 Rite-13 dinner (5:00 p.m.)  
 Laura's Harp concert (7:30 p.m.)  
 October 22 Grounds Work Day (9:00 a.m.)  
 October 22 & 23 Diocesan Convention  
 October 30 Tour of Cedar Hill Cemetery (6:30 p.m.)

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

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