

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### Sunday, November 30 First Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist - Church
- 9:00 A.M. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room & Church
- 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist - Church
- 11:30 A.M. J 2 A - Upper Library
- 11:30 A.M. Rite-13 - J to A Classroom
- 11:30 A.M. Church School - Classrooms
- 11:30 A.M. Christianity 101 - Room 3
- 11:30 A.M. Sunday Symposium - Library
- 4:00 P.M. True Colors meeting - Library

### Monday, December 1

- 11:00 A.M. Banner Guild - Art Room
- 6:00 P.M. Light & Peace -  
Library, Church, Art Room

### Tuesday, December 2

- 9:30 A.M. Staff Meeting - Rector's Office
- 10:00 A.M. Alcoholics Anonymous - Art Room
- 5:30 P.M. Probationer Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 6:00 P.M. Chorister Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 7:30 P.M. Group Reunion - Room 3

### Wednesday, December 3

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist - Library
- 7:45 A.M. Bible Study & Breakfast - Library
- 12:10 P.M. Holy Eucharist - Library
- 7:30 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous - Art Room
- 7:30 P.M. Discernment Committee - Upper Library

### Thursday, December 4

- 5:30 P.M. Probationer rehearsal - Choir Room
- 5:30 P.M. Annual Appeal Team - Library
- 6:00 P.M. Chorister rehearsal - Choir Room
- 7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 7:30 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous - Art Room

### Friday, December 5

- 3:00 P.M. Cub Scouts - Huntington Hall
- 6:30 P.M. Heritage Society Dinner - Rectory

### Saturday, December 6

- 9:00 A.M. Quiet Day for Men - Library
- 10:00 A.M. Alcoholics Anonymous - Huntington Hall
- 2:00 P.M. Covenant to Care Christmas Party -  
Goodwin Hall
- 7:00 P.M. Recital Jose Bobren - Church

### Sunday, December 7 Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist - Church
- 8:30 A.M. Healing Team - Library
- 9:00 A.M. Choir Rehearsal -  
Choir Room & Church
- 9:00 A.M. Banner Guild ornament sale -  
Goodwin Hall
- 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist - Church
- 10:00 A.M. Children's Godly Play Eucharist - Library
- 11:30 A.M. (K)naves Meeting - Library
- 11:30 A.M. Christianity 101 - Room 3
- 11:30 A.M. Pastoral Care Team - Upper Library
- 11:30 A.M. Banner Guild ornament sale -  
Goodwin Hall
- 3:30 P.M. Rehearsal for Evensong -  
Choir Room & Church
- 5:00 P.M. Choral Evensong - Church
- 6:00 P.M. Supper for Choristers - Library

## Christian Formation & Education Program Sundays 11:30-12:30 P.M.

### CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN TRINITY EXPLORERS & DISCOVERERS (AGE 3-5TH GRADE)

#### This Sunday:

**Godly Play:** at 10:00 a.m. for 3 years - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in the Godly Play room. "The Ark and The Temple"

**Godly Play:** at 11:30 a.m. for 3 years - 1<sup>st</sup> grade in the Godly Play room. "The Exile and Return"

**Church School:** at 11:30 a.m., classes will be held in the Education Wing classrooms on the second floor. Please pick up your child(ren) promptly at 12:15 p.m.

**Workshop Rotation:** "Shepherds be Alert"  
Group 1 (2-3<sup>rd</sup> grade): Kitchen workshop in the Temple Room & Kitchen  
Group II (4-5<sup>th</sup> grade): Drama workshop in the Drama Room

### JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD SESSIONS FOR YOUTH (GRADES 6-12)

#### This Sunday at 11:30 a.m.:

**J 2 A:** class in the Upper Library

**Rite-13:** class in the J to A Classroom

### SESSIONS FOR ADULTS

**Christianity 101:** Class will be held at 11:30 a.m. in Room 3.

**Sunday Symposium:** A discussion of Children and Communion. In the Library beginning at 11:30 a.m.

## Christmas Wishes - Giving Tree Project Begins Today

Trinity's Christmas Giving Tree is now up in the Baptistry, with tags each listing a wish from a needy Hartford child. Please take a tag, write your name and phone number on the top part, detach it from the bottom and leave it in the basket provided. Keep the bottom portion which lists the child's wish. After you have purchased and wrapped your gift, attach the bottom part of the tag to the package and place it under the tree on Sunday morning, or deliver it to the parish office during the week. All gifts must be

turned in by December 14. Thank you for caring  
and sharing.

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# Let Us Pray

A “PRAYER JAR” and prayer request slips are located at both entrances to the church. If you have someone in need of prayers, please fill out a slip and put it in one of the jars, which will be placed on the altar during services. Intentions, both published and unpublished, remain in the jars for four weeks.

In our PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER, we pray for Benneth, Corlet, Franklin, Justin & Jonathan Ude; Doug & Priscilla Viets; Celina Walker; Ronnie, Charlene & Sasha Walker; Pekah Wallace & Jay Nolan-Wallace; and those who serve as members of the Loaves and Fishes Ministry team; in our Diocese, for Christ Church, Pomfret; and in the Anglican Cycle for the Anglican Church of the Falkland Islands.

**WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS** for: Ruth Clement; Elaine Coffin; Grace Cone; Sandi Cone; Richard Charron; Alex Cheyney; Louisa Cummings; Bill Eakins; Davonté & Carla Griffith; John Hinkston; Cathy Hunter; Clyde Jansing, Virginia Judson; Michael King; Esau Mayers; Shaquoia Moore; Paul Nelson; Karl Richards; Ellen Richardson; Carolyn Rogers; Bob & Pat Shields; Lucy Shores; Sterling & Hellen Strassner; Arch Stuart; Donna Thuilliez; Anthony Troiano; Peter Vreeland; Emily Weber; Chris White; Todd, Trudi, James and Justin White; Deborah & Shakeem Williams; Betty Ladd; Patricia Patton; David Register; Judith Oliver; Mildred Oliver; George Brodigan; Sybil King; Hakeem King; Galina Zhidkova; Debbie May; Collins Johnson III; Hawkshaw Polo-Johnson; Ron & Ruthanne Marchetti; the Jenkins family; and Donald White.

*Note:* You are encouraged to send cards to those requesting prayers.

## Thank you

### to this past week's office volunteers:

*Office:* Jeanne Foldvary, Marianne Mallory, Elizabeth Johnson and Gloria Cheyney

*Offering Counters:* Peg Andrian and Penny Pearson

## Sunday Symposium Today

All adults are invited to come to a Symposium session today at 11:30 a.m. in the Library for a presentation on our understanding of children and the Eucharist at Trinity Church. This means that each baptized person is responsible, with the help of the community and its leadership, for continued learning and deepening of the faith they each professed at baptism.

### Food Basket items:

**December 7 – jelly**

**December 14 – canned vegetables**

## Advent and Christmas: Taking Action on the Millennium Development Goals

This Sunday we enter the season of Advent and Christmas – the season of incarnation. Last year we used this season to focus on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Feedback was received that indicated that, while it was good to raise awareness of the MDGs, Trinity should take action to support an MDG-specific project. You are invited to continue to contemplate the spiritual dimensions of loving God through loving our neighbor. Trinity is expanding its efforts to take action as a community and invites you in your own homes to contemplate ways in which you as an individual or a family are living out your commitment to advancing the MDGs as a spiritual exercise this Advent and Christmas, and to discern how each of us is called to live as Christ in the world.

We will make visible the MDGs in a variety of ways. We will pray over them, provide a daily prayer/reflection/action project for families for use at home and provide the parish with information on specific action steps to take in order to advance the MDGs on a personal level. Materials will be distributed today at church.

## Saturday December 6 - Recital

Jose Babron, a cello student at the Hartt School, will present a recital next Saturday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. here at Trinity. All are invited to attend, free of charge. Mr. Babron will be presenting, among other pieces, a Haydn cello concerto.

**Do the Write Thing:  
ALL SOULS is being resurrected**

Some parishioners may remember the two volumes of poetry, short stories and personal essays that made two appearances a number of years ago. Once again, Liz Kirkpatrick and Alan Rice have agreed to compile and edit another such collection, to be published at Easter 2009.

They would like to include at least one offering from each contributor, and will consider all submissions. Also, they suggest that poems be no longer than 60 lines, and that short stories or personal essays be under 1000 words. Any topic will be considered.

Contributions include verse on all kinds of subjects, reminiscences, and prayers. The editors ask that any submissions be previously unpublished, so as to avoid copyright issues, and to preserve the "original" quality of (*All Souls Volume Three*). Photographs of original artwork may be included. Please send your work in Word, WordPerfect, or RTF format (for written pieces) or JPEG, GIF or TIFF for photos to Alan at alan\_rice@sbcglobal.net or to Liz at lkirkpatrick44@hotmail.com by Friday, March 13, 2009.

**Praying Without Borders:  
A Quiet Day for Men  
on Global Solidarity**

**Sat., December 6, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

This retreat will reflect on prayers and wisdom stories from the developing world by people who are working for peace and justice in their countries, and will serve as an invitation to stand on common ground with those who struggle with poverty, conflict and oppression. But how do we stand in solidarity with people we have never met? How can we relate to people in countries we may never visit? How do we reduce a distance marked not only by miles, but by different languages, customs and religious beliefs? Prayer and stories can draw us into relationships that cross borders of time, distance and difference. This quiet day for men begins at 9:00 a.m. in the library and concludes with a soup and bread lunch. There is no cost to participate, but it is important to contact Pam in the church office 527-8133 if you want to attend so plans can be made.

**December 7 - Ornament Sale**

The Banner Guild will have a selection of felt ornaments for sale after both Sunday services on December 7 in Goodwin Hall. You'll see some familiar designs and some new ones. Dress up packages or your tree. Ornaments make great gifts, too! Proceeds will go to the Choir School of Hartford.

**December 7 - (K)naves Meeting**

The (K)naves will be holding a meeting in the Library at 11:30 a.m. on December 7 to discuss plans for future productions. All are welcome to attend!

**December 7 - Choral Evensong**

The choirs of Trinity Church will sing for an Advent service of Choral Evensong next Sunday, December 7. This 5:00 p.m. service will feature a setting of the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis from Purcell's Evening Service, and the beautiful "E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come" by American composer Paul Manz. Be sure to join the choirs at this special service, and make Evensong a part of your observance of Advent this year.

**December 20 - Feeding in the Park**

Trinity is committed to helping the homeless in our community. Our members will prepare bagged lunches and then distribute them in the park on the third Saturday of the month with the next scheduled date being Saturday, December 20. Lunch preparation will begin at 12:30 p.m. in Goodwin Hall. Donations are welcomed to offset the cost of this endeavor. Please write "feeding in the park" in the memo space of your check or include a note with your cash donation. Contact Deacon PAT JACKSON at 203-238-3675 for more information.

*Light & Peace*

HELP! Every Monday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. fifteen children from Asylum Hill plus eight volunteers and staff gather at Trinity Church for a warm meal, worship, story-telling and crafts. WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO PREPARE AND SERVE THE MEAL ON MONDAYS. The meal is served at 6:00 p.m. If you can help in any way or would like more details, please contact Lynda Curtis at lcurtis@trinityhartford.org or 860-527-8133 x 207.

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## **Avery Ensemble to Offer Musical Exploration of Conflict and Heroism**

The Avery Ensemble will present their first concert as Trinity's newest Artists in Residence on Friday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the church. For this program, entitled "Uncommon Valor," the ensemble's core membership, pianist Adriana Jarvis, violinist Annie Trépanier, violist Steve Larson, and cellist Hans Twitchell, will weave a musical narrative exploring conflict and heroism. Two of the works on the program were written in response to the Bosnian War. David Wilde's *The cellist of Sarajevo: A Lament in Rondo Form for Solo Cello*, Op. 12, commemorates Vedran Smilovic, former principal cellist of the Sarajevo Opera, for his courageous musical protest of the killing of 22 individuals waiting in line for bread during the siege of Sarajevo. The second, *Still Movement with Hymn* (1993) for piano quartet, is by the prodigious Pulitzer prize-winning American composer Aaron Kernis. Brahms' epic A major piano quartet completes the program.

The December 12 concert is the first of three concerts the Avery Ensemble will perform at Trinity in 2008-2009. The remaining concerts in this year's series, All's Fair in Love and War?!, will take place on February 27 & April 3.

Subscriptions for the three-concert series are \$50 per person. Individual tickets are \$20 (subscriptions and tickets are half-price for children 18 and under). For advance tickets e-mail [info@averyensemble.org](mailto:info@averyensemble.org) or call 860-523-8931.

## **Friday, December 5: Trinity Book Group Meets**

Everyone is welcome to become a part of Trinity's new book club! For its meeting next Friday, the group will be reading the short autobiographical essay, "Credo", by Richard Rodriguez, a Catholic who wrestles with the connection of his faith to the secular world he lives in. It's found in the collection *Listening for God, vol. 1*, available for \$13.99 at Augsburg Fortress press, on the web or by calling 1-800-328-4648. The book club will meet from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the home of Jane Harris in Glastonbury. Please contact Jane if you plan to attend at [jaharris@snet.net](mailto:jaharris@snet.net) or 860-633-0708.

## **Praying for the Diocese of Jerusalem**

On Sunday, December 7, Trinity will be observing "American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem" Sunday, when we will pray for our sisters and brothers in the Holy Land. The Diocese of Jerusalem is more than just the city of Jerusalem, as it includes the West Bank, Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan. During this Advent and Christmas season, our hearts should turn to this area, where Jesus was born and carried out his ministry. Because our fellow Christians in this troubled area need our help, a Christmas giving leaflet from the AFEDJ will be available on the Mission Team "Giving Opportunities" table in the church starting Thanksgiving weekend. Your generosity will help churches, schools and hospitals in the Diocese. For more information visit [www.americanfriends-jerusalem.org](http://www.americanfriends-jerusalem.org) or call Kate Smith at (860) 561-4017.

## **VOICE Deadline – December 11**

December 11 is the deadline of the next issue of The Voice, which will cover all events coming up in January 2009. Materials for this issue should be sent via email to [voice@trinityhartford.org](mailto:voice@trinityhartford.org), or delivered to the parish office by 4:00pm. On the 11<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

## **Christmas Card Sale Continues**

The Choir School of Hartford will be selling Christmas cards today in Goodwin Hall after the 10:00 a.m. service. The cost is \$10 for a 10 card pack and \$15 for a 20 card pack. All proceeds will go to the Choir School. The sale will continue through Sunday, December 7.