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## Life Together at Trinity

### *Attentiveness: God In Each Moment*

A few years ago, when I was asked, “How does your spirituality impact your vocation?” I responded, “I think my vocation impacts my spirituality more than my spirituality impacts my vocation.” What I meant was that I often experience God more in the practice of ministry with God’s people than I do in, say, two hours of centering prayer by myself. Several weeks later, during a clergy retreat, we were asked to complete a “spiritual inventory” of about 60 questions. The results of the inventory bore out my own self-assessment: That my spirituality is “extroverted” and is fed by interaction with others.

To some of you, this may come as no surprise. But it is not that simple. As I am writing this reflection, I am on spiritual retreat with the monks of the Society of St. John the Evangelist. Our day consists of Morning Prayer at 7:30 a.m., followed by breakfast. Eucharist at noon, followed by dinner. Evening Prayer at 6:00 p.m. followed by a light supper. Compline or Night Prayer at 8 p.m. In between worship and meals there is silence. Yes, silence. Many would think this would drive me crazy. But I love it. And I need it.

A healthy spiritual life requires a balance of activity and silence; maybe call it the giving and receiving of grace. Our own personal practices may be weighted more in one direction than the other, but we all require some combination of the two. The American theologian and mystic Thomas Merton wrote that *“every life can be dedicated to some extent to contemplation, and even the most active of lives can and should be balanced by a contemplative element ...”* He warned that *“action would be purposeless if it did not spring from authentic being that contemplation fosters. Without contemplation, people would have nothing to give others but their own obsessions and prejudices.”*

In our overly-busy lives, it is so easy to not make space for time with God – which is all that “prayer” is. It doesn’t need words, it doesn’t need a lot of planning, it doesn’t need solitude or seclusion. For when all is said and done, contemplation or prayer is really simply *attentiveness* – being attentive to the presence of God in every moment of every day. Seventeenth century Carmelite Brother Lawrence discovered he could talk to the God of pots and pans as he cooked and washed dishes in the monastery kitchen.

Now, in Epiphanytide, it is not too late to add one more resolution for the new year. Let us each resolve, wherever we are or whatever we are doing, to be attentive to the presence of God in each moment.

Blessed New Year.

Your brother in Christ,

*Don+*

The Rev. Dr. Donald L. Hamer, Rector



## Sunday Morning Adult Christian Formation

Coffee Hour Conversations (formerly the Adult Forum series) meets following the Sunday morning 10:00 a.m. service, usually in the Library. Over the coming weeks, sessions led by three members of our parish will offer a look at the work being done at the Kateri medical clinics in Nigeria, consideration of what our 21<sup>st</sup>-century world of electronic devices means for our life as Christians, and a five-part Lenten Bible series on the concept of hope. Here's the complete schedule:

### **January 21 - Lunch and Learn: Kateri Medical Mission Trip**

Come join Fr. Tom Furrer in Goodwin Hall for a "lunch-and-learn" about the Kateri Medical Mission in Nigeria, and a Kateri mission trip being planned for on April 6-22. .

Immediately after the 10:00 service, we will share a lunch of traditional Nigerian food prepared by members of our parish. As we eat, Fr. Tom will make a brief PowerPoint presentation about life in Nigeria and the ongoing work of the Kateri Medical Mission. He will also discuss ways you can participate in the upcoming April trip, by volunteering to come along on the trip to assist the medical staff, or by sponsoring another parishioner who would like to go on the trip. Following the presentation, Fr. Tom will answer questions and provide additional information.

**January 28 – No session**

### **February 4 – Electronic Angels and Demons: Christian Life in a Smartphone World**

Speaker: Mark MacGougan

**February 11 – No forum** ("Books for Books" silent auction - see article on Page 4)

### **February 18 – Bible Series 1: "The Foundation of Our Hope"**

Speaker: Roy McAlpine

This session will be the first in a five-part Lenten Bible Series.

**February 25 – Bible Series 2: "Living with Hope"**

**March 4 – Bible Series 3 : "The Power of Hope"**

**March 11 – Bible Series 4: "The Spiritual Discipline of Hope"**

**March 18 – Bible Series 5: "Becoming Ambassadors of Hope"**

**March 25 – No session (Palm Sunday)**



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## ***Heads Up! Hartford Plans Super Meeting at Trinity***

A Heads Up! Hartford SUPER Youth Group Meeting will be held at Trinity Church on Sunday, January 28, from 1-3 p.m. All are welcome – past, present, and future HUH youth, their families, counselors, volunteers, and parishioners.

HUH brings together city and suburban youth in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades, from a variety of Christian denominations, for a week of camp each June, with most of each day spent in community service. Last summer, seven Trinity youth attended: Maxine Duva, Davonté Griffith, Shquia Thomas, Kendall Okeke, Kachi Onoh, and Justin and Jonathan Ude. Talk with them or Linda MacGougan, Trinity's adult liaison, to learn more about HUH.

If you have participated in HUH before, wear your name tag on the 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be time to get acquainted/reacquainted, eat pizza, sing songs, watch a slide show, and have a lot of fun! Bring a dessert or beverage to share, and invite a friend who might want to come to camp. RSVP to [headsupthartford@gmail.com](mailto:headsupthartford@gmail.com). If you need a ride, or can provide one, please let them know.

## **2017 Annual Financial Statements Coming Soon**

Financial statements will be mailed out shortly to anyone who made an identifiable contribution to Trinity Church during 2017. *If you do not receive a statement by January 31, contact Pam Haddad in the parish office at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204 or [phaddad@trinity.org](mailto:phaddad@trinity.org).*

## **Hospitality Hosts For February and March**

### **February 4**

Peter Vreeland  
Amity Gaige & Tim Watt  
David & Ernestine Weaver

### **February 11**

Marshall Weaver  
Elaine Weber  
George & Erica Weinstock  
Janet Wilkinson

### **February 18**

Marc Wiest  
Susanne Mantel  
Deborah Williams  
Carla Griffith

### **February 25**

Percalie Williamson  
Suresh Rajendram & Anju Mathew  
Georges & Marthe Annan-Kingsley

### **March 4**

Amy Arlin & Daniel Foster  
Connie Bain

### **March 11**

Jill & David Barrett  
Carmen Belgrave

### **March 18**

Suzanne Blancaflor &  
Boo Morton  
Dorcas & Troy Blanchard

### **March 25**

Claire & Jerry Blissett  
Fred & Emily Bohlen

## **Choirs To Sing Evensong at St. John's, Trinity**

The Choir School of Hartford and the Trinity Choir will offer two services of Choral Evensong in the coming weeks. The first of these will take place at St. John's Episcopal Church, 679 Farmington Avenue in West Hartford, on Sunday, January 28. The 5:00 p.m. service will include a setting of the evening canticles, the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis*, written by Bert Landman, Trinity's former Precentor, along with John Rutter's setting of "The Lord is my shepherd." Jack Merrill, our Director of Music Ministries, will conduct; Scott Lamlein, Music Director at St. John's, will be the organist for this service.

Our choirs will return to Trinity to sing Evensong on Sunday,

February 18, the First Sunday in Lent. This service will also begin at 5:00 p.m., and will include William Byrd's *Second Service* setting of the canticles as well as Haydn's motet "Insanae et vanae curae."

Don't miss the chance to hear our choirs sing for these two services of Evensong, a long-cherished tradition in the Episcopal Church.

### **Offering Envelopes for 2018**

If you haven't yet picked up your offering envelopes from the table in Goodwin Hall, please do so the next time you are at the church. If you would like envelopes for 2018 but don't see a box with your name on it, call Pam Haddad at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204.

## **CVSO To Present "London Calling"**

The Connecticut Valley Symphony Orchestra will present "London Calling," a program of orchestral works first performed in London, as the next concert in its 2017-2018 series at Trinity Church on Sunday, February 4. The 3:00 p.m. program will feature a performance of Ralph Vaughan Williams' *The Lark Ascending*, a piece inspired by a poem by the English poet George Meredith about the song of the skylark. Violinist Gary Capozziello, a member of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra and a doctoral candidate at The Hartt School, will be the soloist.

The afternoon's program will include a second work inspired by the work of an English poet, William Walton's "Crown Imperial March"; the march's title comes from William Dunbar's poem "In Honour of the City of London." (You may remember Jack Merrill's spirited performance of an organ arrangement of this piece on Christ the King Sunday last November.) The orchestra will also perform the beautiful "Largo" from Handel's opera *Xerxes*, which was commissioned by the King's Theatre, London, where it was first performed, as well as excerpts from English composer Gustav Holst's *The Planets*, which had its first complete performance at the Queen's Hall in London.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$15.00 (\$12.00 for students and seniors). As is usual for CVSO concerts, children under 12 will be admitted free. A reception will follow the performance.

## Cycle of Prayer for February and March

### February 4

Peter, Anne & Philip Green  
Carla and Davonté Griffith &  
Trocari Griffith-McCalop

### February 11

Ron Gripp  
Kali Gross  
Georges, Pam, Liana &  
Helena Haddad

### February 18

Don, Debbie, Katie &  
Frank Hamer  
Adell Hankerson  
Jane Harris

### February 25

Helen Hart  
Sue Hart  
Cindi Harvey

### March 4

Doug & Jorja Henderson  
Marion Henderson  
Tori Henry

### March 11

Roger Hough  
Russ Hunter  
Guillermo and Maya Irizarry &  
Anne Lambright

### March 18

Mitchelle Jackson Abrahams  
Olga James  
Clyde & JoEllen Jansing

### March 25

David Johnson  
Horace & Fay Johnson  
Jacqui Johnson

## **Books for Books! – Silent Auction Set for February 11**

Last spring, we asked Trinity authors to donate books they'd written for a silent auction to raise money for the Trinity Academy Library Fund. That program, which we called "Books for Books!" was a great success – we had books donated from nine parish-related authors and raised over \$500 for the library.

Volunteers Anne Green, Liz Kirkpatrick and Richard Syracuse manage the Academy library and do a wonderful job filling it with great books at bargain prices. We'd like to continue to support the work they do.

For 2018, we're appealing to book readers – not just authors. What's a book you really love? Buy a copy of it and write on a notecard:

- Your name
- The book's name
- A brief description of what you love about the book or why it's meaningful to you

Bring the book and notecard to church by February 11 and hand them to Anne, Liz or Richard or to Mark MacGougan. Then stop by Goodwin Hall after the 10:00 a.m. service on the 11<sup>th</sup> to see what books are available, find out what your friends' favorites are, and bid.

"Books for Books" is intended to be a celebration of the joy of reading – our own joy in the books we love and the joy of the Trinity Academy students in the books that our librarians will be able to add to the Academy's library. Thanks to everyone who contributes so generously to keep the school library well stocked!

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Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

The Reverend Dr. Donald L. Hamer, Rector  
Mr. Jackson Merrill, Director of Music Ministries

Assisting Clergy:

The Rev. George A. Chien  
The Rev. Thomas H. Furrer  
The Rev. Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick  
The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith

The Reverend William J. Eakins, Rector Emeritus

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## Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday 2018 falls on February 14, marking the official beginning of the forty days of Lent. The service schedule for Ash Wednesday is as follows:

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with sermon
- 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with sermon and hymns
- 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with sermon, hymns and choir

The Rev. George Chien will preach, and the imposition of ashes will be available at all three services.

**Our Ash Wednesday offering** will again support the Diocese of Jerusalem. Bishop Suhail Dewani has asked that this donation be designated for summer camp programs run by the Diocese. Gifts can be received anytime during Lent; watch the weekly bulletins for updates.

## Wednesday Evening Lenten Program for 2018

We invite you to recharge your faith this Lent. Join your Trinity family for friendship, fellowship and food each Wednesday evening in Lent from 5:45 – 7:15 p.m. After a light meal which will begin at 5:45 p.m. each week, there will be a talk about some aspect of Jesus and our relationship with Him. The talk will be followed by small group discussion and a time of closing prayer.

Here are the topics for each night of this year's program:

**February 21 – Who is Jesus?**

**February 28 – Why did Jesus live, die and rise?**

**March 7 – How can I develop and deepen my personal faith?**

**March 14 – How can I grow deeper in prayer?**

**March 21 – How do we hear the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, speaking to us?**

**April 4 (Post-Easter bonus session) – Following Jesus in the Episcopal faith family;** a look at aspects of our life that are the same as, and different from, other Christian communities

Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are invited to be a part of this year's Lenten program. If you are seeking, you can find help in getting answers to some of your questions. If you have doubts, this will be a safe place to talk about them. If you have been an active Christian for a long time, you are invited to renew and rediscover your faith. Invite a friend to join you; the Church grows when friends invite their friends to "come and see" Jesus in our community of faith.

## An Explanation of the Aumbry Candle

It has long been the custom of the Church to set aside a small portion of the consecrated bread and wine for emergency use in ministering to the sick or dying. This "Reserved Sacrament," as it is

called, is usually stored in one of two places – in a Tabernacle (a cupboard built into the front center of the altar upon which the cross is usually placed), or in an Aumbry (a cupboard built into the wall of the sanctuary, close to the altar). Trinity Church has an Aumbry built into the wall above the credence shelf at the right front of the Chapel.



It is the custom to have a candle burning (symbolic of the Light of Christ and evidencing the spiritual presence of Christ in the reserved sacrament) above the Tabernacle or Aumbry whenever the sacrament is present. Our Sanctuary lamp utilizes a seven day candle. Each week, as the candle is exchanged for a new one, the "Light" is also transferred.

An opportunity exists for the Aumbry candle in the Trinity Church chapel to be given as a memorial to a loved one or as a thank offering for a donation of \$5 per week. If you would like to offer the candle, please contact Pam Haddad at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204 or send her an email at [phaddad@trinityhartford.org](mailto:phaddad@trinityhartford.org). The name(s) of those being remembered or the person/event for which thanksgiving is being offered will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.



# Birthdays

If you have a February or March birthday not listed below, call Pam Haddad in the parish office at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204 so she can add your special day to our parish records. Please note we publish only the month and day – not the year!

## February

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Liz Kirkpatrick     | 2  |
| Hyacinth Miller     | 4  |
| Dinaka Onoh         | 6  |
| Olivia Mogor        | 8  |
| Isabella Pow        | 9  |
| Bret Eckhardt       | 9  |
| Roxanne Pearson     | 10 |
| Christopher Troiano | 11 |
| Elaine Weber        | 11 |
| Ginny Catanzaro     | 12 |
| Kim Litsey          | 12 |
| Zoe Grace Adell     | 13 |
| Morgan Sage Adell   | 13 |
| Judy Miller         | 13 |
| Jim English         | 15 |
| Rosa Margeson       | 17 |
| Olivia Holmes       | 18 |
| Clyde Jansing       | 18 |
| Marc Miller         | 18 |
| Ruth Rose           | 19 |
| John Berger         | 21 |
| Priscilla Viets     | 22 |
| Logan Troiano       | 23 |
| Jerry Blissett      | 24 |
| Althea Francis      | 25 |
| Mary Register       | 25 |
| Jane Reik           | 25 |
| Laquisha Springer   | 26 |
| Evan Holmes         | 26 |
| Alice Turcotte      | 26 |
| Austin Mogor        | 27 |
| Katie Reynolds      | 27 |
| Andrew Mafko        | 27 |
| Alison Mafko        | 27 |

## March

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Julio Flores        | 1  |
| Ann Pacileo         | 5  |
| Alan Rice           | 6  |
| Cha Lae             | 6  |
| Kate Rousseau       | 6  |
| Elizabeth Rousseau  | 6  |
| Paul Cooper         | 7  |
| Pam Haddad          | 9  |
| Vinnie Pacileo      | 12 |
| Stephen Campbell    | 12 |
| Claire Blissett     | 14 |
| Ula Nurse           | 15 |
| Karin Peterson      | 16 |
| Anju Mathew         | 17 |
| Karen Mayfield      | 17 |
| Isabelle English    | 18 |
| Frances Sloan       | 18 |
| Marie Alford-Harkey | 19 |
| Kristina Peterson   | 19 |
| Jason Oberholtzer   | 20 |
| Molly Miller        | 20 |
| Maxine Duva         | 21 |
| Emily Troiano       | 21 |
| Emily LaCroix       | 21 |
| Liana Haddad        | 22 |
| Alan Cheyney        | 22 |
| Winston Rose        | 23 |
| Nancy Crandall      | 23 |
| Jennifer Stephens   | 24 |
| Franklin Mogor      | 25 |
| Anne Lambright      | 25 |
| Marion Henderson    | 26 |
| Victor Troiano      | 27 |
| Jim Bradley         | 28 |
| Margaret Daniel     | 28 |
| Emily Estes         | 28 |
| Lucy Shores         | 29 |

## Parish Retreat February 16-18: Lenten Reflections

Join Fr. Don and parishioners from Trinity, Collinsville; Grace, Hartford; St. James', Glastonbury; and St. Mary's, Manchester, at Holy Cross Monastery in Hyde Park, New York, for our annual winter retreat. The retreat will begin with Evensong and dinner on Friday evening, February 16, and conclude after lunch on Sunday, February 18.



The three brief retreat presentations will be based on the book *Holy Solitude: Lenten reflections with Saints, Hermits, Prophets, and Rebels*, by Heidi Haverkamp. The book offers a variety of ways to enter into conversation with God, even for those who find meditation difficult. There will be plenty of time to walk the spacious grounds, read, reflect and relax.

Those attending may also participate in the daily rhythm of worship consisting of Morning Prayer, Eucharist, Evening Prayer and Compline.

The cost of \$190 (\$130 for those who participated in 2017) includes all meals and a private room. Scholarship assistance is available; please speak to Fr. Don.

If you would like to attend this year's retreat, please sign up with Fr. Don no later than February 1; you can also contact him for more information on this event.

## Capital Campaign for Mission Update

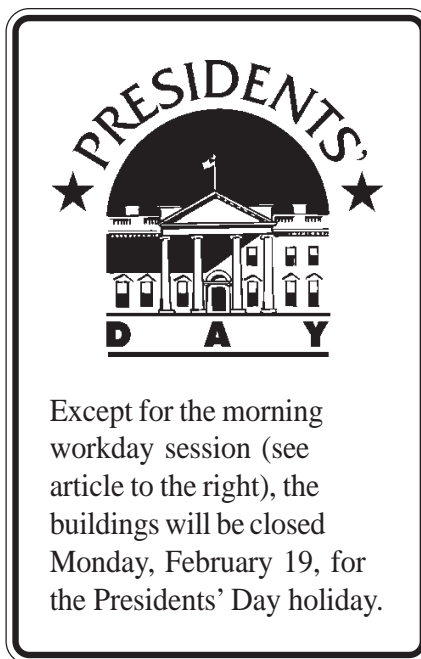
As we near the end of the so-called “silent phase” of our capital campaign, our clergy and lay leadership are making great progress in building the foundation for a successful campaign. Since November, we have achieved the following:

1. Completed an update of the 2014 Feasibility Study conducted by Partners for Sacred Places. This involved interviewing once again about a dozen or so of the 45 individuals who were interviewed for the study back in 2014 in order to assure that assumptions based upon that study are still valid. Thanks to Cathy Rowe for coordinating with the PSP staff to arrange these interviews!
2. Contracted with Northeast Collaborative Architects of Middletown, CT, and Newport, RI, as our architectural consultants. By the middle of February, they will have completed (weather cooperating!) interviewing a series of nine focus groups regarding our building usage. The focus groups will include any parishioners who want to participate. They will meet following worship on a Sunday in February to be announced.
3. Fr. Don and the PSP consultants have completed the so-called “pyramid of gifts” which charts a pathway to achieving the financial goals of the campaign.
4. A schedule of personal interviews by PSP staff for

prospective Campaign Steering Committee members has been arranged for January 29-30, with the first meeting of the Committee set for Thursday evening, February 15.

5. A team consisting of Warden Alan Rice, former warden Mark MacGougan and parish archivist Liz Kirkpatrick has held two meetings and come up with a working draft of a “case statement” which will be sent to all prospective donors to the Campaign. It will be modified following the architectural study and given a final edit by PSP staff prior to going out.

We ask your prayers for the success of this Campaign as we seek to raise “venture capital” for projects that will increase Trinity’s efforts to further God’s mission in and around the Hartford region in the coming decades.



## Winter Workdays: One Down, One To Go

Sixteen enthusiastic Trinity volunteers, along with our Property Manager, Vinnie Pacileo, spent the morning of January 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, sprucing up Trinity’s interior spaces. Thanks to all our willing workers: Dinaka Onoh, Amity Gaike, Atis Watt, Freya Watt, Tim Watt, Steve Zhitnik, George Chien, Don Cook, Richard Syracuse, Martha Freimuth, Jack Merrill, Allison Merrill, Suzanne Blancaflor, Boo Morton, Casey Rousseau and Janet Wilkinson. They all spent a very productive morning on a variety of useful projects as they collectively:

- opened and checked our two new Christmas trees (purchased on sale to replace our worn-out trees)
- washed the glass in the narthex
- dusted the chancel and nave
- made sure each nave chair had a prayer book and a hymnal, and repaired worn hymnals
- dusted, mopped and straightened the narthex
- made an inventory of paper products and cleaning supplies
- dusted Goodwin Hall

The January work session was so successful that we’re going to do it again on Presidents’ Day, February 19, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Come join in the satisfying work of putting a shine on the face of our beloved parish buildings. Questions? Speak with Boo Morton or Peter Green from the Property Team.

# Outreach at Trinity



## **Church by the Pond February 17**

Trinity's next opportunity to prepare and distribute bag lunches in Bushnell Park for those in need is Saturday, February 17. This program is part of Trinity's ongoing commitment to community service, and is one of the "Church Street Eats" programs coordinated by Christ Church Cathedral.

At 12:30, we'll prepare bag lunches in the Trinity kitchen and the library. At 1:45 we'll bring those lunches to Bushnell Park, where we'll participate in the Eucharist service by the pond at 2:00. We'll distribute our lunches following the Eucharist, and complete our afternoon by 3:15. Please come for as much of this time as you can – friends and families are welcome!

– Penny Pearson  
for the Outreach Team

## **A Syrian Cooking & Bread-Baking Demonstration Saturday, March 3, at 1:00**

Huda Gabri and her sons, Abdulrahman and Diaa Al Bunni, arrived in the U.S. as refugees from Syria one year ago, under the sponsorship of Trinity Church and its partners at Trinity College. Abdulrahman is a professional baker who specializes in traditional Middle Eastern breads such as pita and stuffed flatbreads, and Huda is a splendid cook of Syrian foods. Huda and Abdulrahman are going to offer a demonstration of their cooking and baking in Trinity Church's kitchen on March 3 at 1:00.

Join the Gabri/Al Bunni family as they cook and bake up a storm, with explanations of ingredients and techniques. Following the demonstration, participants will get to savor the results! Please call or email Anne Rapkin (860-521-5992, a.rapkin@snet.net) no later than February 25 if you would like to attend.

## **2018 Sneaker Project Begins on Ash Wednesday**

Once again we will be collecting sneakers for our Trinity Academy students. Their requests will be available starting Ash Wednesday, February 14. Please attach the tag to the sneakers you contribute and return them by Maundy Thursday, March 29. Any additional sneakers (including adult sizes) will be donated to the Klingberg Foundation. Questions? Contact Don Cook at 860-993-2804.

## **Gifts Support Gaza Hospital**

The American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem thanks Trinity for its support of the Ahli Hospital Clinic in Gaza. Our Advent appeal raised over \$700 in addition to the \$1,000 sent by the Outreach Team. Our assistance helps the clinic serve a very needy population in a desperate situation.

## **Trinity Academy News**

Trinity Academy would like to thank the Trinity Church Outreach Team for organizing the school's 2017 holiday store. It was a huge success, as all the students picked out and wrapped the perfect gifts for their families. We would also like to thank Trinity Church for the Giving Tree gifts and everyone who helped make the holidays special for our students.



Watkinson Middle School students helped our classes celebrate Martin Luther King Day with many different activities to honor Dr. King's life and words. All of the students and staff enjoyed a wonderful lunch cooked and prepared by the students. Make sure to check out Trinity Academy's Facebook page and watch Chef Ricardo on a cooking show filmed at Trinity.

Please join us Wednesday, February 7, for our Winter Arts Concert at 5:30 p.m. It will be a wonderful night of music, dance and the arts followed by a potluck dinner.

Save the date for *Trinity Academy's Excellence Gala: Shoot for the Stars*, which will be held on Saturday, April 28, at the Delamar Hotel in West Hartford. Tickets and information will be available through the school website, [www.trinityday.org](http://www.trinityday.org).

If you would like to visit the school at any time or if you are interested in getting involved, please call 860-251-8337 or visit the website.

– Karen Connal, Head of School



## Compline To Be Offered On Sundays in Lent

A service of Compline will be sung at Trinity Church at 8:00 p.m. each Sunday beginning February 25, the Second Sunday in Lent, and running through the Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 18. These services will be sung by the Compline Schola, a group of singers from Trinity and elsewhere who enjoy singing this beautiful service. (On the First Sunday in Lent, the choirs will offer a 5:00 p.m. service of Evensong at Trinity – see Page 3.)

The last of four services in the Anglican Daily Office, Compline includes a confession, psalms, Scripture, the Lord's Prayer, and collects asking for God's protection during the coming night. The *Nunc dimittis* follows the Scripture passage.

Our Advent Compline series was very well received; Trinity's members and friends will now have the opportunity to enrich their observance of Lent by joining the Schola for this prayerful and reflective service. All are welcome. The Sigourney Street doors (only) will be open for those attending.

### **Prayer Team Returns**

Trinity's Lay Intercessory Prayer Team, which had been on hiatus, is once again available during our Sunday morning 10:00 a.m. services. A member of the team can be found in each of the side aisles every week during Communion time. You are invited to share your joys, sorrows, or concerns with a team member, who will offer a personal prayer of petition or thanksgiving for the issue that is on your heart and mind.

## 2018 Trinity Annual Appeal Challenge Pledge

Fr. Don and Wardens Alan Rice and Martha Freimuth are delighted to announce that an anonymous group of parishioners has made a challenge to the Trinity congregation in response to the sermon offered on Sunday, January 14, by the Wardens: They will match every new pledge for 2018 we receive going forward, or any new increase of an existing pledge, up to a total of \$10,000. We pray that many of you will hop on this opportunity to double the impact of a new or increased pledge for 2018. A huge THANK YOU to the anonymous parishioners who have made this special challenge possible.

Here's the current state of our 2017 Annual Appeal. As of the deadline for this issue of *The Voice*, we had received a total of 82 pledges for 2018 totaling \$298,508. Of those 82 households, 18 pledged the same amount as in 2017, 15 decreased their pledges from 2017 (these pledges totaled \$30,134 – a decrease of \$9,471); 31 increased their pledges (for a total of \$159,474 – up \$12,526 from 2017); and there were 18 new pledges totaling \$36,844. That's good news – but that pledge total isn't enough to balance the expenses we will incur this year if we are to keep Trinity Church the vibrant place we all value so much.

Now that we as a congregation have committed to a sustainable annual draw on our endowment, the participation of each and every member of our congregation in supporting our parish's financial needs is more important than ever. With the pledge challenge currently on the table, now's the time to

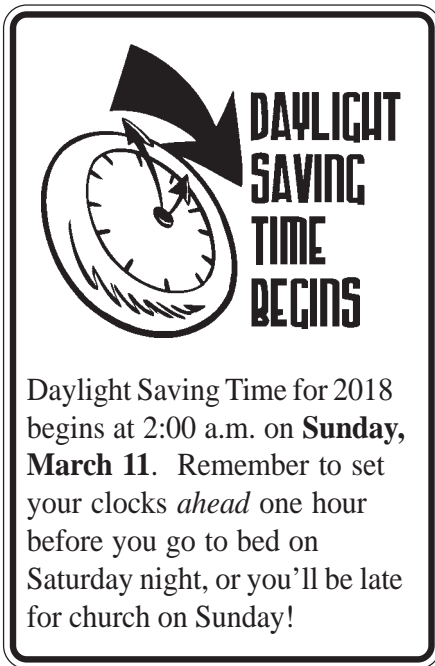
make sure you have turned in a pledge for 2018 that represents your commitment to support our parish financially to the best of your ability.

If you have not yet turned in a pledge of your expected level of giving for 2018, please do so right away. We are still waiting to hear from 27 households that made a pledge in 2017 but have not yet done so for 2018. If you would like to consider increasing a pledge you have already made for the current year, now's the time!



Estimate of Giving packets are available on the nametag table in Goodwin Hall, and completed pledge cards can be either placed in the offering plate on Sunday or mailed to the church office. If you would like to modify a pledge you have already made for 2018, please call the church office at 860-527-8133, send in a check with a cover letter, or submit a new pledge card marked "Revised." Help Trinity meet its 2018 budget with the extra boost provided by the \$10,000 pledge challenge.

Also, if you were not able to complete your pledge for 2017 by last December 31, it is not too late to do so. In each year's budget, the Vestry creates a "Prior Year Pledges" category to accommodate payments of pledges for past years. We hope that you will consider completing your 2017 pledge if you have not already done so.



**Voice Deadline**

The deadline for the next issue of *The Voice* is Friday, March 9, at 5:00 p.m. This issue will cover **Holy Week** events (March 25 - April 1), plus all events scheduled to take place in **April and May**. Please note that the deadline is a week earlier than usual so this issue can be completed and sent out in time to advertise the events of Holy Week and Easter.

Please email your articles to [voice@trinityhartford.org](mailto:voice@trinityhartford.org). (If you need to deliver your article in hard copy, please turn it in to the office by 3:00 p.m. on March 8.)

**Avery Ensemble To Perform Music from World War I Era**

The Avery Ensemble piano quartet will present their next concert at Trinity Church on Saturday, March 17, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Their program this time will feature music written during the years when World War I was raging in Europe. It will include Czech composer Leos Janacek’s Sonata for violin and piano, JW VII/7, originally written in the summer of 1914, and then revised several years after the war had ended. The ensemble will also perform Gabriel Fauré’s Sonata No.1 for cello and piano, Op. 109, which was written in Paris in 1917, and German composer Max Reger’s Piano Quartet No. 2, Op. 133, written during the first month of the war.

The four core members of the Avery Ensemble – violinist Annie Trépanier, violist Steve Larson, cellist Hans Twitchell and pianist Adriana Jarvis – have been artists-in-residence at Trinity Church since 2007. Plan to join them on March 17 for the second and final concert of their 2017-18 “Avery at Trinity” series. There is a suggested donation of \$10 for this event.

For more information, visit [www.averyensemble.org](http://www.averyensemble.org).

**Bishop Laura Ahrens To Visit Sunday, March 25**

On Sunday, March 25 (Palm Sunday), Bishop Suffragan Laura Ahrens will make an Episcopal Visitation to Trinity Church. There will be one service at Trinity that day; the service will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will include confirmations for the four young people who are presently in our Confirm Not Conform class.

In addition, this is an opportunity for adults who have not made a mature affirmation of their faith, or who have not been formally received into the Episcopal Church, to do so. Any adults wishing to be received or confirmed should speak with Fr. Don and participate in a five-week Adult Inquirer’s class which will begin at the end of January.

In addition to preaching and administering the Sacrament of Confirmation on Palm Sunday, Bishop Laura will meet with the clergy and lay leadership of the congregation so she can learn about how we are working to further God’s mission in our community and our leadership can learn how we can partner with the Episcopal Church in Connecticut as well as the other churches in our North Central Region.

**News from AHNA ( Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association)**

**Police Report:** Local police officers have been spending time spent observing the Huntington Street and Ashley Street areas for crimes against persons. There is a new security officer working on Gillett Street.

**December events reviewed:** Carolling in Sigourney Park, Hartford Blooms Christmas Tour, Hartford City Ballet performance of *The Nutcracker*

**I-84:** Public forums will continue into 2018 to discuss the interchange and location of the train station.

**The Fresh Start Pallet project** is moving into Veeder Place.

**Save the Date: AHNA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event**

Monday, February 12, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. at The Hartford’s Tower Suite

## **Introducing Hartford Seminary Peacemaker Amy Langston**

*Hartford Seminary's 2017-18 class of International Peacemaking Program fellows includes nine students, four from the U.S. and five from other countries. Trinity Church has been host to several IPP fellows in past years, and this year Peacemaker Amy Langston has chosen Trinity as her home parish during her two-year master's degree program. In addition to weekly worship, Amy looks forward to opportunities for participating in preaching and adult education.*

### **Q. Tell us about your educational background.**

A. In May, I completed my B.A. in religion with a criminology minor from Meredith College in Raleigh, North Carolina.

### **Q. How did you learn about Hartford Seminary's International Peacemaking Program?**

A. I was accepted to Hartford Seminary for the Master of Arts in Religious Studies. I knew about the IPP through communication with the Seminary and alums, but it was the Seminary that reached out and offered me a place in this program.

### **Q. Why are you interested in learning about peacemaking?**

A. Peace has long been an important tenet of the Christian tradition. In recent months, I've become more aware of the theology of peace embraced by specific Christian thinkers, and that has prompted me to explore how I could incorporate that necessary ideal in my future work. I want to learn constructive methods of addressing the tensions, animosity and violence of our times, and develop a solid, practical theology of peacemaking.

### **Q. How do you hope to use your skills after a year of training as a peacemaker?**

A. I am hoping to work in community efforts that break down barriers and increase cooperation and compromise. I would like to give others the tools to continue peacemaking efforts and empower them to become peacemakers themselves. I am waiting to see where God might call me to be.

### **Q. Tell us a little about the interreligious conflict you see in the United States.**

A. While the greatest strength of the United States is diversity, we can't deny that racism, sexism, homophobia, Islamophobia, and anti-Semitism are alive. We are drowning in our fear and paranoia, which is impeding our growth. I am especially bothered by the recent trends of insularity and walling ourselves off from the world. Global cooperation is imperative for the world to continue flourishing.

### **Q. Give us a quick description of your home life.**

A. I was born and raised around Raleigh, and remained there for my undergraduate degree. My parents still live there and my older sister lives nearby. I'm blessed to have parents who have supported me every step of the way. I grew up in the Presbyterian Church, and am hoping to make an eventual transition into the Quaker path.

### **Q. Hartford Seminary is using the phrase "We Were Built for This Time" to address the deep divisions in our country and across the world. What does that mean to you?**

A. In my college sociology classes, we learned about the concept of the "beloved community," which to me is a microcosm of God's vision for the world: people from all backgrounds, faiths, and ways of life, learning how to navigate life together. I believe that at Hartford Seminary, we are seeking to fulfill this vision, especially as we see our faiths lived out in everyday life. God's people have always been builders, and as we build the beloved community here, we take pieces from here to build that foundation elsewhere and watch it thrive.

### **Q. What led you to choose Trinity as your home parish in Hartford?**

A. When I first visited Trinity I felt welcomed immediately, not only by the people, but by the space, which spoke to me as one where the Spirit was alive and which was filled with the love and hospitality of Christ. Every week I was greeted by someone new, and I witnessed a parish that strives to care for each other. I wanted to be in a church that reflects the diversity of Christ's Body, and that's what I found at Trinity. I knew this was what I wanted to be a part of, and I'm excited to see how I can make a difference during my two years here.

### EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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| <i>Page 2</i>  | January 28<br>1:00 p.m. Heads Up! Hartford Super Group meeting   |
| <i>Page 3</i>  | 5:00 p.m. Evensong with the Trinity Church choirs at St. John's, 679 Farmington Ave., W. Hartford                    |
| <i>Page 3</i>  | February 4<br>3:00 p.m. Connecticut Valley Symphony Orchestra concert  |
| <i>Page 8</i>  | February 7<br>5:30 p.m. Trinity Academy Winter Arts concert  |
| <i>Page 4</i>  | February 11<br>11:30 a.m. Books for Books! silent auction  |
| <i>Page 5</i>  | February 14 - <i>Ash Wednesday</i><br>Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes at 7:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. |
| <i>Page 6</i>  | February 16-18<br>Parish retreat at Holy Cross Monastery   |
| <i>Page 8</i>  | February 17<br>12:30 p.m. Church by the Pond meal preparation  |
| <i>Page 3</i>  | February 18<br>5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong (at Trinity)  |
| <i>Page 7</i>  | February 19<br>9:00 a.m. Indoor workday  |
| <i>Page 9</i>  | February 25<br>8:00 p.m. Compline (each Sunday through March 18)   |
| <i>Page 8</i>  | March 3<br>1:00 p.m. Syrian cooking demonstration  |
| <i>Page 5</i>  | March 8<br>5:45 p.m. Lenten mid-week series (each Wednesday during Lent, February 21 - March 21, plus April 4)       |
| <i>Page 10</i> | March 17<br>7:30 p.m. Avery Ensemble concert   |
| <i>Page 11</i> | March 25 - Palm Sunday<br>9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Confirmation with Bp. Ahrens (one service only this day)      |

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| 4<br>8:00 Holy Eucharist<br>10:00 Holy Eucharist<br>10:00 Godly Play<br>11:30 Church School, JTA<br>11:30 Coffee Hour<br>Conversation<br>3:00 CVSO concert   | 5  | 6  | 7<br>5:30 Trinity Academy<br>Winter Arts<br>concert<br>7:00 Property Team                                   | 8<br>12:00 Holy Eucharist  | 9<br><i>Office closed</i>  | 10  |
| 11<br>8:00 Holy Eucharist<br>9:00 Brotherhood of<br>St. Andrew<br>10:00 Holy Eucharist<br>10:00 Godly Play<br>11:30 Church School, JTA<br>11:30 Books for Books<br>silent auction                      | 12   | 13<br>7:00 Outreach Team   | <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 14<br>7:30 Holy Eucharist<br>12:00 Holy Eucharist<br>7:30 Holy Eucharist<br>with choir | 15<br>12:00 Holy Eucharist | 16<br>Retreat at Holy<br>Cross Monastery<br>begins<br><br><i>Office closed</i> | 17<br>Retreat at Holy Cross<br>Monastery<br><br>12:30 Church by the<br>Pond meal<br>preparation |
| 18<br>8:00 Holy Eucharist<br>10:00 Holy Eucharist<br>10:00 Godly Play<br>11:30 Church School, JTA<br>11:30 Coffee Hour<br>Conversation<br>5:00 Evensong<br><br>Retreat at Holy Cross<br>Monastery ends | <i>Presidents' Day</i> 19<br>9:00 Indoor<br>workday<br><br><i>Buildings otherwise<br/>closed</i> | 20<br>1:30 Loaves &<br>Fishes food<br>preparation<br>7:15 Vestry meeting | 21<br>11:00 Loaves & Fishes<br>serving crew at<br>Immanuel<br>Church<br>5:45 Lenten mid-week<br>series      | 22<br>12:00 Holy Eucharist | 23<br><i>Office closed</i>   | 24  |
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| 11<br><i>Daylight Saving begins</i><br>8:00 Holy Eucharist<br>9:00 Brotherhood of St. Andrew<br>10:00 Holy Eucharist<br>10:00 Godly Play<br>11:30 Church School, JTA<br>11:30 Coffee Hour<br>Conversation<br>8:00 Compline | 12     | 13<br>7:00 Outreach Team<br>7:30 Choir School Board meeting        | 14<br>5:45 Lenten mid-week Series<br>7:00 Property Team                                    | 15<br>12:00 Holy Eucharist   | 16<br><i>Office closed</i>   | 17<br>7:30 Avery Ensemble concert  |
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| 25<br>9:30 Blessing of Palms, Holy Eucharist & Confirmation with Bp. Ahrens<br><i>One service only</i>   | 26     | 27<br>7:00 Stephen Ministry  | 28   | 29<br><i>Maundy Thursday</i><br>12:00 Holy Eucharist<br>6:30 Agape Meal, Eucharist & Footwashing | 30<br><i>Good Friday</i><br>12:00 Ecumenical service<br>7:30 Good Friday Service<br><i>Office closed</i> | 31<br><i>Easter Eve</i><br>10:00 Rehearsals for Easter services<br>7:30 Easter Vigil |

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