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May 2018 - May 2019*

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ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 16, 2019

AGENDA

Opening Prayer

Approval of Minutes of the Annual Meeting of June 3, 2018

Canonical Requirements Concerning Eligibility to Vote

Reports:

1. Wardens
2. Treasurer
3. Trinity Academy
4. Choir School of Hartford
5. Recognition of Outgoing Vestry Members
6. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election
7. Swearing in of Vestry Officers, New Vestry Members
8. Feedback – Questions, Joys, Concerns of Members of the Annual Meeting
9. New Business: Quadrant Ministry By-Law Vote
10. Setting the date for the 2020 Annual Meeting (Trinity Sunday, June 7, 2020)
11. Other Business
12. Adjournment
13. Closing Hymn
14. Blessing
15. Dismissal

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STAFF AND ASSISTING CLERGY

The Rev. Dr. Donald L. Hamer.....Rector- Retired March 3, 2019
The Rev. Benjamin W. WyattAssistant Rector
The Rev. George A. Chien.....Assisting Clergy, Associate for Digital Ministries
The Rev. Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick* Assisting Clergy
The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith* Assisting Clergy
The Rev. Jon Widing* Assisting Clergy
The Rev. William J. Eakins* Rector Emeritus
Mr. Jackson Merrill..... Director of Music Ministries
Ms. Fran Times-Mack Parish Financial Manager
Mr. Vincent Pacileo Property Manager
Ms. Barbara Roos.....Assistant to the Rector
Ms. Barbara Roos..... Capital Campaign Administrator
Mr. Clement Mogor* Co-Church School Coordinator
Ms. Kate Rousseau* Co-Church School Coordinator
Ms. Katherine Wilson* Voice Editor
Ms. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick* Archivist

** Non-stipendiary clergy and staff*

OFFICERS

J. Alan Rice Warden
Martha Freimuth Warden
Janet Wilkinson..... Treasurer
Kenneth (Casey) Rousseau Assistant Treasurer
Kathleen (Kitty) Peterson Clerk

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VESTRY

Class of 2016: George Annan-Kingsley
Kevin Rennie

Class of 2017

Kevin Chick
Katherine Wilson
Steve Zhitnik

Class of 2018

Walton Brown-Foster
William Kofalk
Stephen Sirotko

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with hymns and sermon
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with hymns, sermon, and choirs

WEEKDAY SERVICE

12:00 p.m. Thursday Holy Eucharist with sermon

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
FOR 2018-2019 ANNUAL MEETING

OFFICERS (1-year terms)

Wardens

Martha Freimuth..... 3rd term

J. Alan Rice..... 5th term

Clerk

Kathleen (Kitty) Peterson 5th term

Treasurer

Kenneth (Casey) Rousseau 12th term

Assistant Treasurer

Jacob Troiano 1st term

VESTRY – At-Large

3-year term:

Thomas Oberholtzer, Leslyn Clark, Kate Steven

2 year term (to complete the term of Robin D'Oyen)

Kevin Rennie

1-year term (to complete the term of Richard Syracuse)

Althea Francis

DELEGATE TO CONVENTION

Delegate – Kenneth (Casey) Rousseau

Alternate—Jacob Troiano

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2019-2020

2nd term to expire 2019:

Jacob Troiano, Timothy Watt, Marcus Clark, Claire Blissett

1st term to expire 2020:

Georges Annan-Kingsley

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Hartford, Connecticut

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

TRINITY SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018

- I. Opening Prayer was led by The Rev. Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick. The Rev. Dr. Donald L. Hamer, Rector, called the meeting to order at 11:27 a.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting of 11 June 2017: A motion was made by Casey Rousseau and seconded by The Rev. George A. Chien to amend Agenda Item 9: New Business, to include an Amendment to Bylaws ARTICLES 3 and 4, concerning the total number of at-large Vestry members. Fr. Don explained the genesis of this change (from 12 at-large members to 9). The motion to amend Agenda Item 9 was approved unanimously at 11: 30 a.m.
Elizabeth Kirkpatrick made a motion, seconded by Linda MacGougan, that the Annual Meeting Minutes of 11 June 2017 be accepted. Motion passed unanimously at 11:33 a.m.
- III. Canonical Requirements Concerning Eligibility to Vote: Rector explained that members present had to be at least sixteen years old and be supporting the church financially in order to vote at this meeting. It was noted that 39 parishioners were in attendance, meeting a quorum of 10% of the voting members of this parish (376 members).
- IV. Reports:
 1. Wardens: Alan gave special thanks to the lay leadership of the church for their help in making this a successful year.
 2. Treasurer: Janet Wilkinson spoke about unexpected income from trust fund accounts. She thanked everyone who had increased their pledges, which resulted in our exceeding the challenge, thus enabling us to go on in better financial shape. Janet asked that we remember this parish in our prayers. She stated that the withdrawal of funds from the endowment had been reduced thanks to the additional pledges and trust fund income. Janet asked if anyone had questions. There were none.
 3. Rector: Fr. Don spoke about The Choir School of Hartford and thanked Jackson Merrill, Director of Music Ministries, who in turn thanked Trinity for welcoming him. Jackson mentioned the successful Pilgrimage Tour of July 2017, which was a joint venture with former Director of Music Ministries, Bert Landman.
 4. Choir School of Hartford: Jackson announced that Enid Oberholtzer will be stepping down as chair of The Choir School. Jackson thanked Enid profusely as did the Assembly with much applause. Jackson went on to state that new choristers have joined The Choir School from the ranks of Trinity Academy. Also, he said that he is still working out the details regarding collaboration with Emanuel Lutheran Church, Hartford, Connecticut. The next meeting of the board of trustees of The Choir School will be held on 5 June 2018. Jackson suggested that anyone who had questions

should contact him via e-mail. The annual report for The Choir School is included in the Annual Report for Trinity Episcopal Church. Lastly, Jackson revealed that future Evensong services may be reconfigured.

Fr. Don stated that he, Ernestine Weaver, the new Head of the Board of Trustees for The Choir School and Jackson Merrill are discussing ideas for the future, drawing upon Enid's time in office.

5. Recognition of Outgoing Vestry Members: Fr. Don recognized and thanked the following outgoing vestry members for their service: Claire Blissett, Timothy Watt (out of town today) and Jacob Troiano. Gifts were presented to Claire and Jacob, as they were celebrated with applause.
6. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election: The Nominating Committee's full report is found in the Annual Report for May 2018-May 2019. The slate of nominees, each to serve a three-year term: Robin D'Oyen, Walton Brown-Foster, William Kofalk and Stephen Sirotko. Kevin Rennie was nominated to serve for one year. The new Nominating Committee members are James Bradley, Elizabeth Kirkpatrick and Marshall Weaver.
The following officers have been nominated to serve a new term on the Vestry: Martha Freimuth, J. Alan Rice, Janet Wilkinson, Kathleen ("Kitty") J. Peterson and Kenneth ("Casey") Rousseau. Tom Oberholtzer moved that the entire slate of vestry nominees be voted upon, Ann Green seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Swearing in of Vestry Officers and New Vestry Members: Attorney Lily Miller administered the oaths to Martha Freimuth, J. Alan Rice (Wardens); Kathleen ("Kitty") J. Peterson (Clerk); Janet Wilkinson (Treasurer); Kenneth ("Casey") Rousseau (Assistant Treasurer); Walton Brown-Foster, Robin D'Oyen, William Kofalk, Stephen Sirotko and Kevin Rennie, at-large members.
8. Feedback: Questions, joys, concerns of Members at this Annual Meeting were expressed. In response to a question, Fr. Don explained that Deacon Ben Wyatt would be part-time curate from July 2018-May 2019, since we have only one full-time clergy. Appreciation was expressed for non-stipendiary clergy: Bishop Andrew Smith, The Rev. Frank Kirkpatrick, The Rev. George Chien and The Rev. Tom Furrer.
9. New Business: Correction to Agenda Item 9: Amendment to Bylaws ARTICLES 3 AND 4: The Rev. George Chien made a motion, duly seconded by Tom Oberholtzer, to accept the amendment to the Bylaws ARTICLES 3 AND 4. Motion was approved unanimously by the Assembly at 11:58 a.m.
- 9a. New Business: Presentation by Northeast Collaborative Architects: Architects Sean Donadio and Raymond Giolitto spoke to the Assembly about NCA's process, which includes the use of focus groups from Trinity, architects spending time physically looking over and creating multiple drawings of the church campus, asking lots of questions, discerning what is important to those who use this space and how best to make necessary improvements (e.g. electrical, structural, safety-related) in keeping with the goals of the Capital Campaign ("The Campaign for Trinity Church"). The Assembly asked lots of

questions, which Sean and Ray answered. Barbara “Boo” Morton (Property Committee Liaison) added that there was overlap in the form of items, now in NCA’s budget, that had been deferred for several years from the Property Committee’s budget. Sean and Ray said that NCA’s full report is not yet finalized.

10. Setting the Date for the 2019 Annual Meeting: Neill Derick made a motion, seconded by Barbara (“Boo”) Morton, to hold next year’s meeting on Trinity Sunday (16 June 2019). This will coincide with Father’s Day. Motion was approved unanimously.
11. Other Business: None
12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn moved by Percy Williamson, seconded by Martha Freimuth at 12:30 p.m.
13. Closing Hymn: The Assembly sang hymn #780 from the 1981 Hymnal
14. Blessing was delivered by Bishop Andrew Smith
15. Dismissal by The Rev. George Chien

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen J. Peterson, Clerk

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ASSISTANT RECTOR'S REPORT HIGHLIGHTS: TRINITY FACTS AND FIGURES

1. Vital Statistics:
 - a. Total membership is **up** by 16 members from 2017 to 2018.
 - b. Average Sunday attendance is **down** by 16 members from 2017 to 2018.
 - c. Easter attendance is **up** by 12 members from 2017 to 2018.
 - d. Average Sunday attendance for 2019, so far, is **down** about 5-10% from 2018 figures. A drop of this size is expected when there is a rector transition, and we should expect it to recover when a new rector is in place.
 - e. Pledge participation is **up** 13% from 2017 to 2018.
 - f. Clergy performed 4 baptisms, 4 confirmations, 1 marriage, and 7 funerals in 2018.
 - g. Outreach ministries, including Trinity Academy, served approximately **542** members of the local community on a monthly basis.

2. Major events in the life of the parish:
 - a. Fr. Don retired on March 3, 2019.
 - b. Pam Haddad, our parish administrator for the last 15 years, left her position to pursue a new opportunity on December 14, 2018.
 - c. We successfully kicked off the Capital Campaign for Trinity, with a private launch in Fall 2018 and a public launch in the Spring of 2019.
 - d. The office welcomed Barbara Roos, first as our capital campaign coordinator, and then as our new parish administrator.
 - e. The church welcomed the Saeedi family from Afghanistan and assisted in their resettlement.
 - f. The church welcomed Anne Rapkin, Amy Langston, and Allison Merrill to the pulpit, further expanding Trinity's deep and talented set of preachers.

3. What's next for Trinity?
 - a. Continued ministry in the Asylum Hill neighborhood and greater Hartford area.
 - b. Continued welcome to all, especially the poor, the weak, and the stranger. Just one month ago, Trinity welcomed the first Spanish-speaking women's AA group to our campus to begin meeting!
 - c. The Capital Works Committee has begun to select repair and improvement projects for capital campaign funds.
 - d. The church continues to await an interim rector assignment from ECCT. Once an interim rector is assigned, the search process for a permanent rector will kick into full gear. The church is also actively searching for a new capital campaign administrator now that Barbara Roos has taken on parish administration duties.

WARDENS' REPORT 2018-2019

The work of the Vestry over the past year has focused on energy, finances, community involvement, and the retirement of Fr. Don Hamer.

Over the spring and summer of 2018, discussions were renewed with JK Energy Solutions, agent for Eversource, about a major upgrade to the lighting and HVAC in the parish house and Goodwin Hall. Under a program called Energy Advantage, Eversource would give Trinity a four-year, interest-free loan to replace incandescent lights with LED bulbs, and to replace the old window air conditioners with energy-efficient ductless units. The total amount of the loan was approximately \$95,000. However, the energy savings of approximately \$10,000 per year would reduce the net cost of the loan to about \$56,000. Moreover, the high efficiency and long life of the LED lamps mean that the church will continue to reap substantial savings on our utilities. The upgrades were completed in January.

The Capital Campaign for Trinity got underway. The goal is to raise \$750,000 to fund much-needed repairs and upgrades to our aging campus including the building exterior, lighting in the sanctuary, security, paving, and myriad other projects. As of April 2019, roughly 60% of the goal had been pledged.

As was the case last year, the congregation's per-unit pledges continue to increase but unfortunately the actual number of pledges continues to fall. Thus, real pledge income continues to decline. Thanks to a generous grant from the Episcopal Church in Connecticut and an unexpected increase in Trinity's annual income from the Woodward Trust, our financial situation is secure for the time being. Bequests have increased the size of the endowment, which has been steadily shrinking over the past decade. For the third year in a row, Trinity has been able to balance its budget. But the core of a self-sustaining parish is its members' commitment to stewardship, and Trinity needs continued vigilance in restraining our expenditures and in encouraging generous giving from all our members.

A central part of Trinity's spiritual life is its involvement in the Hartford community and beyond. Shared services with St. Monica's and with Grace Lutheran have continued, as has the musical collaboration between Emanuel Lutheran on Capitol Avenue and our choirs and choristers. Trinity is also involved with the South Marshall Street Project and the Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association. The outreach committee has been particularly active in many ministries, including the settlement of refugees and support for the church in Tanzania and the Holy Land.

The wardens and several vestry members have participated in workshops and discussions to learn, explore, and network with other members of the Connecticut chapter of the Jesus Movement. In April, several attended the Seventh Annual In-Gathering and Training Session in Berlin and participated in a variety of workshops touching on finances, vestry-building, care of our buildings, the Church in the age of social media, and many others. In May, Alan attended a meeting of other wardens in the North Central region for the purpose of making connections and exploring resources. Central to both of these events is the reality that even in challenging times, we do not go it alone; our questions are other people's questions, and that we have much to give as well as to receive from our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Fr. Don Hamer, Trinity's rector for over fifteen years, was feted on the occasion of his retirement with an informal evening gathering and a "roast." He preached his last sermon here on March 3rd. His mark is so deeply etched on the communal life here that it has been hard to imagine the church without him. Fortunately, the vestry is well-positioned to handle the transition to a new permanent rector. First, it must be noted that due to our improved financial situation, it will be possible for us to call a full-time rector. This makes Trinity distinctive; many churches make do with half-time or even quarter-time clergy. Second, thanks to the generous service of our volunteer associate clergy, and the fortuitous presence of Fr. Ben Wyatt, we are better prepared than most to maintain continuity of both pastoral and liturgical services. The wardens have been in constant contact with the Rev. Lee Ann Tolzmann, Canon for Transitional Ministry, and with Bishop Laura Ahrens, who have given assurances of the importance of Trinity's role in the diocese and the community.

That said, there is a real dearth of available clergy—not at all the same situation as it was fifteen years ago. Although a parish as vibrant and energetic as Trinity will doubtless attract a number of qualified candidates, the process cannot be rushed. Our discernment must be undertaken with prayer and patience and, in particular, faith that God is indeed working in this place and will lead us as we move forward in this new phase of our life together. Amen.

Submitted by Martha Freimuth and Alan Rice, *Wardens*

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES REPORT

2018-2019

The Choir School of Hartford and the Trinity Choir have had a busy and fulfilling musical year.

Highlights of the year include:

- A musical weekend in September with noted LEVAS composer Grayson Warren Brown. Our choirs combined with the choirs of Saint Monica's Church on Main Street for Evensong, a choral workshop, and Eucharist featuring Mr. Brown's repertoire.
- The inauguration of a monthly Evensong series on first Tuesdays with the choristers of The Choir School of Hartford, occasionally featuring guest conductors and organists.
- In October, a tour by the choristers to a choral festival at Saint Luke's Church in Darien.
- In November, a Festal Choral Evensong for the Feast of All Saints.
- A liturgical performance of Mozart's *Missa Brevis in F* for Christ the King Sunday with guest soloists and players.
- Monthly performances by the choristers at and with Emanuel Lutheran Church on Capitol Avenue.
- Weekly Sunday Night Compline during Advent and Lent.
- A Christmas Prelude featuring the carols of Alfred Burt.
- In January, a performance by the choristers for the residents of Middlewoods of Farmington.
- In February, a guest evensong at Saint John's Church in West Hartford (This appears to be developing into a tradition).
- On Palm Sunday, a performance of Allegri's *Miserere*, a monumental setting of Psalm 51.
- A profoundly beautiful Triduum and Easter Day featuring the music of Byrd, M. Haydn, Stainer, Tallis, Kuhnel, Palestrina, Howells, M. Bedford, Stanford, R. Thompson, Franck, Bach, Vivaldi, and Handel.
- In May, two weeks of collaboration with Emanuel Lutheran Church, combining the choirs.
- In May, a tour by the yellow-level choristers to a Choral Festival in Engelwood, New Jersey.

The Friends of the Choristers (our chorister parents) have been fundraising for The Choir School, including a butter braids fundraiser that raised a profit of \$579. I am immensely grateful to Ifeoma Mogor for her leadership with this group.

In April, the annual board fundraiser, *An Evening of Songs and Treasures* was held at the Pond House Cafe in Elizabeth Park. The event was coordinated by our wonderful board President, Ernestine Weaver and was the result of months of hard work by her and the members of the board. The total profit for The Choir School was \$7,916.

In October of last year, I attended the GIA (Gregorian Institute of America) Fall Institute in Chicago. GIA is the publisher for RSCM in this country, and the institute held many seminars on church music, choral music, choral conducting and organ playing. In addition, the Institute held instructional classes on elementary school choral music education and musical theatre. I utilized practices learned at the institute in my work as organist and choirmaster and in my work as choral director for Trinity Academy.

This July, I will attend the conference of the Association of Anglican Musicians (AAM) in Boston. The conference is a nationwide gathering of musicians and clergy of The Episcopal Church, and will include concerts, liturgies, lectures, seminars and masterclasses.

I am immensely grateful to Anne Green, Ernestine Weaver, and Enid Oberholtzer for their assistance and wisdom in their collaboration with the administration of this program. I am grateful for the support that Trinity Church has given to our music ministry. In particular, I am grateful for the Trinity's continued financial support of The Choir School of Hartford, which remains one of the finest and most comprehensive chorister programs in the region.

Submitted by Jackson (Jack) Merrill, *Director of Music Ministries*

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2018-2019

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WORSHIP QUADRANT

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Acolyte Program

The Acolyte Ministry offers an active learning opportunity to younger members of the church to learn about and deepen their faith by serving as full participants in our worship; thereby serving God, the Trinity community, and their own faith development. Acolytes together learn and practice four principles in their ministry: Responsibility, Teamwork, Leadership, and Reverence.

Each acolyte participates in one or two worship services each month. Starting at 9 AM each Sunday the more-experienced acolytes guide the others in the preparation of the chancel, assigning the roles each will take during the service, and practicing any role or action as anyone might request. Then they light the candles, gather with the choirs and other ministers in the parish hall, and, at the right time, lead them all into the church. At the end of the service, they lead the choirs and other ministers back into the world, and they return to the church to extinguish the candles, move all the altarware to the sacristy, and reset the chancel. Mr. Roy McAlpine serves as their guide and resource person when questions arise, as does Mr. Ray Wilson.

Currently eight young people* participate in this ministry, down from 14 last year, and 21 just four years ago. (*We began this program year with 11 acolytes, but over the course of the year, three went out on leave.) The second column below shows who will remain for the next year. We have begun actively inviting more families to seriously consider guiding their children to, and supporting them in this ministry.

2018-2019

Acolyte Leaders

(Numbers indicate grade level)

Leroy Bohlen – 12

Davonte Griffith – 12

Jonathan Ude – 12

Jordan Thomas – 11 (on leave)

Acolyte Ministers

Tro Moo – 7

Kenny Okeke – 8

Malik Thomas – 7

Trocari Griffith-McCalop -- 4

Xavion Williams – 10 (on leave)

Justice Black – 6 (on leave)

Juan Matos – 6

2019-2020

Acolyte Ministers

Tro Moo – 8

Kenny Okeke – 9

Malik Thomas – 8

Trocari Griffith-McCalop -- 5

Juan Matos – 7

(I don't yet know if those on leave will be rejoining the ministry next year. I will discuss it with them and their families over the summer.)

Participation in the Acolyte Ministry encourages young people to develop healthy relationships with each other in the context of our faith community. We usually have one or two gatherings per year for fellowship, fun, and training. This Fall the acolytes and some of the Choristers took a purely social trip – i.e. no extra rehearsing! – to Launch (on Brainard Road), and spent the afternoon bouncing together on trampolines, and eating popcorn. Two moms, Jannel Thomas and Carla Griffith, helped prepare the outing, and chaperoned, along with Father Don, and me.

New members are welcome, and, frankly, needed. All acolytes, especially new ones, serve on Sunday only after proper preparation.

Parents and older siblings do the driving to get their kids to church an hour early for their rehearsal. God bless you! You are also welcome to support their ministry by chaperoning, and helping to plan and carry out their fellowship gatherings during the year. Special thanks to parents Jannel Thomas and Carla Griffith who have shared their time and talents so generously.

Parishioners age 8 and above are welcome to join this ministry if they wish to team up with others to learn, have fun, and serve. Please contact Mr. Roy McAlpine (860-338-4525) to join or to learn more.

Submitted by Roy McAlpine

Altar Guild

The altar guild supports worship at Trinity by setting up and cleaning up after services. These responsibilities require dedication and attention to detail to ensure that the altar is set properly for each service in accordance with the liturgical guidelines and the church calendar. (Quiz: what chalice should be used with a purple frontal?).

During the past year, the altar guild lost a member when Robin D'Oyen moved away but welcomed Janice Faulkner and Cassandra Joseph. Marion Pereira, Karin Peterson and Cecelia Timothy cover 8:00 am services. The following teams cover the 10:00 am services: Ernestine Weaver and Cassandra Joseph; Kitty Peterson and Louisa Cummings; Carmen Belgrade and Claire Bissett; Mary Register and Janice Faulkner. Many of these individuals have served faithfully for more than 20 years!

The altar guild wishes to thank the Sanctuary Stitchers for making new storage bags for the communion silver. The ministry of those who bake the bread for communion should also be acknowledged.

Submitted by Karin Peterson

Flower Guild

Trinity Church is one of the few remaining churches that does its own flower arrangements. We have really been fortunate to have so many wonderful volunteers over the years. Unfortunately, our volunteer pool has dwindled and we have only a few who are still willing and able to do flowers. This year we suffered the loss through death of our friend, Paul Cooper who came to us in 2017. Paul did wonderful Sunday arrangements as well as caring for and planting our outside pots and worked diligently in our Memorial Garden. Special thanks to those who volunteered this past summer and crafted informal arrangements, many with flowers from their own gardens, or from the Trinity Garden. Also, big thanks to all those who helped with the Christmas decorating. It is always wonderful to see how the church is transformed in such a short time. We appreciate the help tremendously and hope that more will join us this year.

The Flower Guild welcomes new people who enjoy playing with flowers.

Submitted by Percy Williamson

Hospitality/Sunday Fellowship Hour

Romans (12:13) - Contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality
1Peter (4:9) - Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

Trinity's Fellowship Hour (aka Coffee Hour) exemplifies Trinity's Church Mission of a place of welcome, hope and healing. Hospitality hour offer parishioners and guests a time to socialize after listening and participating in a spiritual service of worship, songs and meditating on God's words.

The hospitality team consist of Jennifer Stephens who has faithfully coordinated and hosted along with devoted assistance from Zaida Martinez and numerous parishioners! Jennifer and Vinnie Pacileo keep the hospitality closet stocked with supplies. Vinnie starts the coffee so there is coffee for parishioners after the 8 o'clock service. Members of the congregation who volunteer on a weekly basis to provide and purchase fruits are Jennifer Stephens, Penny Pearson, Janel Thomas, Ifeoma Mogor and Lawretta Onoh, and Boo Morton. Also, church members who sign up for assistance with hospitality hour contribute various treats and fruits to make Trinity Hospitality hour an enjoyable success.

SUMMER CHANGES: For the summer months beginning on June 23 to August 25 everyone is invited to volunteer on a Sunday to host lemonade/iced tea/ water in the garden. The Hospitality Team needs a break! Vinnie will have a table in the garden and set up the drink dispensers in the kitchen. Light snacks like cookies are optional! There will not be fruit, the Fruit Ministry will restart in September. **SO SIGN UP IN GOODWIN HALL.** If no one has signed up, please feel free to jump in and make the lemonade! Instructions are taped to the cabinet over the sink.

FALL PLANS: September 8th will be the **Parish Picnic** so there will not be a "Coffee Hour". Please sign up to assist in making this tradition a success. After our great picnic we will resume our FELLOWSHIP HOUR with the FRUIT MINISTRY. Please take the opportunity to volunteer to host Fellowship Hour. The sign-up sheet will be in Goodwin Hall, or you can call the office or Jennifer Stephens who will continue to co-ordinate the Fellowship Hour and manage the supplies. **THANKS** for your help in advance!

Submitted by Jennifer Stephens

Usher Ministry

The Usher ministry continues to have a loyal core of volunteers as well as some new members who help out every week greeting parishioners and visitors as they arrive at the church, handing out programs, taking up the elements to the altar and collecting the offering. Bill Kofalk has replaced Neill Derick as the Head Usher. Neill's ministry spanned many years of faithful service for which we are extremely grateful. As the Head Usher, Bill has the responsibility of preparing the Usher schedule and making sure that the Usher ministry runs smoothly each and every Sunday.

A small number of new people have joined Usher ministry this past year: Bruce Wazorko, Jonelle Eugene, Julius Eugene and Jay Nolan.

The following people continue to assist in the service as Ushers as they have done in past years:

Antoinette McCrory, Bill Kofalk, Carla Griffith, Caylee Troiano, Claire Blissett, Destini Troiano, Jonathan Ude, Justin Ude, Kendall Okeke, Marcia Lee, Marshall Weaver, Mary Register, Michael Okeke, Kenny Okeke, Ruth Rose, Walton Foster and Tracy Lanier. Our former Head Usher, Neill Derick, continues to serve as needed.

The Usher ministry also serves as a stepping stone to participating in other ministries. Devonte Griffith and Jonathan Ude have moved on to become acolytes. If you are interested in serving as an Usher, please speak to Bill Kofalk.

Submitted by Peter Green

Worship Assistants

During the 2018/2019 'church year' a large number of parishioners served in various capacities during worship services at Trinity Church

During the past year there were:

- 36 Lectors
- 26 Intercessors
- 19 Lay Eucharistic Ministers (who administer the chalice and, occasionally, paten at services at Trinity)
- 2 Vergers

This faithful group has assisted at all of Trinity's Sunday services (both 8AM and 10AM) as well as at many special services (Evensong, Lent, Holy Week, weddings, funerals, etc.)

Anyone interested in participating in any of these ministries is encouraged to speak with the Assistant Rector, Ray Wilson or Roy McAlpine in order to get more information.

Submitted by Ray Wilson, *Coordinator*

Worship Leaders

During the 2018/2019 'church year' Trinity members conducted a weekly service of Morning Prayer, including a homily, at the Caleb-Hitchcock nursing facility, a part of the Duncaster Retirement Community. This is a long-term ministry of Trinity Church which began thirty-three years ago on the 1st Sunday of Advent in 1985.

Over the past year Roy McAlpine and Emily Estes, Fred and Janice Faulkner, Jim Bradley, Kate Rousseau and Ray Wilson have been regular participants in this ministry. George Chien remains available in case of emergency but has accumulated too many duties at Trinity to allow him to participate on a regular basis.

Robin D'Oyen retired from participation because of his move to California and Fr. Ben Wyatt no longer participates (following his ordination).

The Sunday service at Caleb-Hitchcock is very important to its congregation (normally 15 to 25 residents and visiting family and friends). It provides the opportunity to do something 'special' and familiar on Sunday morning, as most of the residents did for most of their lives. We see residents with significant cognitive problems who are able to be involved in the service - particularly familiar hymns and texts such as the Creed and Lord's Prayer. This is truly a rewarding ministry for both the congregation and the Worship Leaders.

Anyone who would like to explore this ministry further can talk with the rector or Ray Wilson in order to get more information.

Submitted by Ray Wilson, *Coordinator*

CHRISTIAN FORMATION QUADRANT

Liaison: Clement Mogor
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The Christian Formation Quadrant comprises ministries intended to foster both individual and congregational learning and growth in grace. It includes church school for children, Journey to Adulthood for teens, and all programming for Adult Christian Formation, as well as Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and Parish Life activities. Here are some highlights of Christian Formation programming for the past year.

Adult Christian Formation (ACF)

The Adult Christian Formation committee (ACF) organizes the Coffee Hour Conversations (formerly known as Adult Forums) and occasional special programs that are presented during the program year. For the 2018-2019 program year, we continued to offer Sunday morning adult education sessions every two weeks.

Coffee Hour Conversations

Speakers and session leaders this program year included the following:

- Tom Furrer
- Elizabeth Rousseau
- Donald Romanik
- Frank Kirkpatrick
- Drew Smith/Don Hamer/Mark MacGougan
- Anne Rapkin
- Mark MacGougan
- Glenn Winfree
- Amy Langston
- Jack Merrill
- Everett Post
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Lenten Series

We sponsored a series of Lenten pizza and salad suppers. The Lenten Series: "Praying the Presence of God: A Guide to Christian Meditation and Contemplation" offered discussions led by The Rev. Ben Wyatt. The series was very well received. People came for the mozzarella and stayed for the meditation!

Organization

Our goal is to provide inspiring input for the continued spiritual formation of Trinity parishioners. Committee participants this past year have included Pat Bunker, Frank Kirkpatrick, Susanne Mantel and Al Shuckra, with Mark MacGougan as convener and the support of Father Don and Father Ben. We are now in the process of planning for the 2019-2020 program year. Please contact any of us if you are interested in joining us or have ideas for topics for Coffee Hour Conversations, Lenten Suppers or any other opportunity for us to further our ongoing Christian Education.

Submitted by Mark MacGougan

Book Group

Trinity's Book Group meets on Friday evenings, 7:00-9:00 p.m., throughout the program year. Typically, we get together every 4-6 weeks in someone's home, beginning with dessert and then launching into a discussion of the featured book. At the end of the meeting, we select the book for the next meeting, with the only requirement being that someone in the group has to have read it. Usually the meeting is attended by 8-12 people. Newcomers are always welcome, as are people interested in attending just one time.

This past year, we have read Becoming by Michelle Obama; A Crack in Creation by Jennifer Doudna and Samuel Sternberg; The Portrait of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde; Humboldt's Gift by Saul Bellow; and Little Women by Louisa Mae Alcott.

Submitted by Linda MacGougan

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

During the past year the brotherhood has been engaged in the study of the following:
We studied Simon Peter "A Rock Moved By God" By Bill Crowder, "Who Is This Man Who Says He's God?" By Dave Branon and "The Lord Is My Shepherd" By David Roper.
We had some very deep discussions on the above subjects.

Brotherhood Mission: To bring men and youth to Christ
The Brotherhood endeavors to accomplish this mission through the threefold discipline of Prayer, Study and Service.

DISCIPLINE OF PRAYER, STUDY AND SERVICE

Discipline of Prayer

To pray daily for the spread of Christ's kingdom, especially among men and youth, and for God's blessings upon the labors of the Brotherhood

Discipline of Study

To study the Holy Scriptures regularly and the teachings of the Church, to attain a better understanding of how to follow Christ and bring others into his kingdom

Discipline of Service

To make continuous efforts, week by week, to bring others nearer to Christ through his Church

Should anyone in the Church be interested in learning more about the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, please feel free to ask myself, John E. Robinson, or Jon Reik, Jake Troiano, Marcus Clark, Peter Vreeland, Joe Troiano or Bruce Wazorko.

Submitted by John E. Robinson

Christian Formation for Children and Youth/Church School

- Nursery

The nursery opens at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings for the 10 a.m. service. For most special services the nursery opens 30 minutes prior to the service time. The nursery houses plenty of toys, stuffed animals, etc. to keep a little one busy. The current staff consists of Johanna Ramos. All church members and visitors are welcome to bring their child or children age 3 years and under to the nursery.

- Godly Play

Godly play takes place during the 10:00 a.m. service in the Godly Play room located on the second floor of the education wing. Children are reunited with their families during the Peace. Godly play is a storytelling based curriculum for children age 2nd to 3rd grade. Each story is carefully crafted and includes hands-on material that helps the children learn about the mystery of God-With-Us. The stories themselves strongly engage the students and are based on the bible, sacraments, and liturgy of the Episcopal Church. Following the telling of the story there is a time for wondering out loud and “work”. The group is staffed by two adults, a storyteller and a door person. The role of the door person is to greet each student and help the children with their materials. We are thankful for our storyteller Nancy Crandall. Clement Mogor and Kate Rousseau are Co-coordinators of Godly Play.

- Grades 3-5

This group meets in Classroom 4 on the second floor of the education wing at 11:30am after the 10:00 am Sunday service. This group is also staffed by two adults, one adult leader to teach the lesson of the week and the door person to welcome each child. The curriculum used for grades 3 to 5 is “Feasting on the Word”, a lectionary-based resource which has helped the children to focus on the scripture by using the Bible, resource sheets and activity books. The class is taught by Clement Mogor and Kate Rousseau, and our Door Persons Corlet Ude and Agatha Okeke.

- Journey to Adulthood and Rite-13

The Journey to Adulthood Programs and youth programs (J2A and Rite-13) have created new ways to build relationships with the leaders, parents, and church community. The curriculum used is from Leader Resources, along with the lectionary-based “Feasting on the Word” curriculum. This curriculum has proved to be an essential tool for discussing difficult contemporary issues with today’s youth. The youth leaders demonstrated exceptional preparedness in using scripture along with their creative ability in responding to challenging questions and provided answers that were thought provoking. Students are encouraged to be present each Sunday for the continuity of critical discussions which provide clarity to interpretations discussed the prior week. Marcus Clark is the dedicated leader carrying on the tradition of J2A. The Rite-13 program is led by Lana Saunders and Clement Mogor. Their continued commitment to leadership is greatly appreciated.

- Confirm Not Conform (CNC)

Happens every two years, we had one last year (2018) and the next one will take place in 2020.

Submitted by Clement Mogor, Program Coordinator

PARISH CARE QUADRANT

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Casserole Ministry

The purpose of this ministry is to provide prepared meals to parishioners and their families when someone in the household is convalescing from surgery or illness, hospitalized, caring for a recent birth, is newly-bereaved, or is experiencing any other crisis that makes food preparation difficult to manage. Over the past few months, the Casserole Ministry has provided prepared meals to six households in our parish. Anyone who would like to utilize this opportunity to help care for the sick and extend God's love to others during their times of need is welcome to participate in this ministry.

Submitted by Anne Rapkin

Intercessory Prayer Team

Members of the Intercessory Prayer Team are available during communion at the 10 a.m. Sunday worship service to pray with you whenever you feel in special need of God's healing and comforting presence, or are celebrating a joyful event in your life or the life of someone you love. Team members meet monthly for fellowship and conversation as a means of deepening their own spiritual lives. Intercessory Prayer Team is a vital lay ministry in the life of our parish. Those interested in joining are invited to speak with Anne Rapkin.

Submitted by Anne Rapkin

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Eucharistic Visitors carry and administer communion to parishioners (in their homes, hospitals, or nursing homes) who are unable to attend worship services. Eucharistic visit is an extension of Sunday morning worship. Anyone who desires to serve in this ministry is encouraged to speak with the Clergy, Althea Francis, Fred Faulkner or Valerie Pogue. Training will be provided. The 2018-2019 Eucharistic Visitors are Althea Francis, Fred and Janice Faulkner, Al Shuckra (who resigned in 2019) and Valerie Pogue. This ministry would be able to serve more parishioners if we had more volunteers.

Submitted by Althea Francis

Sanctuary Stitchers

The Sanctuary Stitchers, Trinity's prayer shawl ministry, have gathered monthly on Saturday mornings this program year for prayer, fellowship and knitting, crocheting or other portable crafting. Members of this group have created prayer shawls, lap robes and baby blankets to be given to our parishioners, made hats that were offered to those attending Church by the Pond in the winter, and Cross Pocket Prayer Squares that were offered on Easter Eve. Those who create for the benefit of others are welcome, as are ideas for how to further this ministry.

Submitted by Penny Pearson

OUTREACH QUADRANT

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The following information describes the active ministries from this area of our parish life. Our Outreach ministries are made possible by the generosity of our parishioners, through their time, talent and financial donations, through fundraisers, and for some ministries through an annual allocation from the Trinity operating budget.

The Outreach Team seeks to assist any Trinity Parishioners with ministries which seek to serve God's mission. Those with ideas, needs and capacity to serve those who need assistance should contact Lily Miller.

American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ)

Trinity Church supported AFEDJ (American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem) by donations this year specifically to the Ahli Gaza Hospital. \$1500 was given from the Outreach budget. In December 2018, for our little Advent Giving Tree, \$908 was gathered from parishioners and sent to AFEDJ. This year (2019) Ash Wednesday and Good Friday offerings of \$787 were designated for the AFEDJ.

Submitted by Kate Smith -Kate48Smith@comcast.net

Church by the Pond – Bushnell Park Program

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. Matthew 25:34

Trinity Church participates six times a year in Church by the Pond at Bushnell Park, in support of the *Ecclesia Ministry* and *Church Street Eats* programs coordinated by Christ Church Cathedral.

We gather for public prayer at the pond by the carousel. Volunteers and anyone attending the Eucharistic service are spiritually fed. During the Prayers of the People prayers for intercession and thanksgiving are raised to God from those attending the service. Following the Eucharist, bagged lunches are provided to those in need.

A dedicated group of parishioners and friends, assemble, pack and distribute lunches which consist of sandwiches, fruit, a snack and bottled water. We make between 60 and 100 lunches each time, the largest number in the summer months. We also distribute additional items such as socks, toiletries or gloves. Volunteers from children to seniors participate with some students fulfilling community service credits through this ministry. Friends and families are always welcomed.

Our participation in Church by the Pond is currently self-supporting, thanks to the generous contributions of parishioners and community friends.

If you feel called to join this ministry, you are welcome to join at any time. On the third Saturday of the even months, volunteers gather at 12:30 p.m. in the Trinity kitchen to prepare lunches, and then travel to Bushnell Park for the 2:00 p.m. Eucharist. Lunches are distributed afterwards, and the gathering concludes around 3:00 p.m. Check articles in the VOICE and Sunday Bulletin announcements for any scheduling changes.

Submitted by Penny Pearson pennypearson@comcast.net
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Covenant to Care

This ministry organizes giving opportunities for at-risk children in the foster care system and others through our adopted social worker Quiniesha Brown, who works with the Klingberg Family Centers. Trinity's coordinator is Don Cook.

Covenant to Care is all about children; encouraging them, fulfilling their dreams and helping them in times of trouble. Children are a gift and the Covenant is about caring for them. We have also started to include our students at Trinity Academy in our efforts. We now reach out to them through four major activities.

- In the fall, as school starts, angels purchase age appropriate supplies and backpacks to equip and inspire students at the start of their academic journey.
- At Christmas, Trinity's Giving Tree grants wishes through the distribution of gifts that may be the only present a child receives. This past Christmas the 2nd and 3rd grade Trinity Academy students' wishes were added to the tree, joined by parishioners of Asylum Hill Congregational Church, who contributed gifts for the Trinity Academy 4th graders. In addition a generous individual gave every student an additional gift along with what they had requested on the tree.
- In the spring, a collection of emergency care packs helps ensure the safe transition of young people abruptly removed from unsafe living conditions. Items are placed in reusable bags with Trinity's name and contact information. We are happy to report that the number of requested care packs has decreased which tells us life is getting better for our at risk kids.
- Again this year as part of our Lenten Season of Giving, new sneakers were collected for the Trinity Academy students. On Maundy Thursday, sneakers for the Academy children were blessed and distributed. The Academy students were this year's priority.

Over the past year, the number of children in these programs has increased greatly. The generosity of the congregation has matched the challenge.

If you want to know more about this ministry, you may contact Don Cook at 860-993-2804 or send an email to yobskreb@gmail.com.

Submitted by Don Cook

Foodshare

Members of Trinity Church support the work of Foodshare in several important ways.

A number of parishioners regularly work together with other volunteers in the Bloomfield warehouse on Wednesdays, in both the 8:30 - 11:30 am and 12:30 to 3:30 pm shifts.

We work in the food salvage area sorting truckload donations from major grocery stores, wholesalers and club retailers, repacking what can be distributed to partner social service agencies, determining what can be given for feed to a pig farmer or sent for energy reclamation, and what must be discarded — often sorting 6000 to 8000 pounds of food on a day.

Two parishioners ride as volunteers on the mobile Foodshare trucks, each of which takes more than three tons of fresh produce, bread and other groceries daily to distribute to folks in more than sixty neighborhoods in Hartford and Tolland counties.

On Saturday, April 27, members of the parish again formed Team Trinity: Trinity Feeds His Flock, and with the help of financial sponsors walked together from Dunkin Donuts Park in the annual Walk Against Hunger.

Join this highly important work! Foodshare offers many ways to be engaged, get some exercise, meet new people and make a real difference in our neighbors' lives. Please speak with Drew Smith for more information.

Submitted by The Rt. Rev. Andrew Smith, Coordinator ktadsmith@comcast.net

Heads Up! Hartford

Heads Up! Hartford is a faith-based week-long camp uniting urban and suburban youth to improve our communities and develop as leaders. Students from Trinity who participated in June of 2018 included Jonathan Ude and Davonté Griffith.

They stayed at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. For June 2019, HUH camp will be at the Ethel Walker School in Simsbury.

Each camper completed over 30 hours of community service (at Foodshare, CRT, Charities of Hope and other places), participated in thought-provoking and/or recreational evening programs, joined together for a youth-led worship service, and enjoyed a well-deserved day at Stratton Brook State Park to end the week. Trinity Church, through the Outreach Committee, supplied significant financial support for our youth in attending the camp.

Adult volunteers are needed and welcomed to help in a variety of ways. See headsuphartford.org for more information.

Trinity hosted a Youth Advisory Board weekend January 26-27, 2019 with about 12 youth in attendance. It began Saturday afternoon with planning sessions, dinner, worship, and continued as an overnight. The group of YABs (as they are called) and the adult supervisors worshipped with us on Sunday morning. Everyone was very appreciative of Trinity's hospitality for that weekend.

Submitted by Linda MacGougan, Macgougans@gmail.com
Trinity's Liaison with Heads Up! Hartford

(K)Naves

After many years of offering delightful performances, this home-grown theater production group is presently on hiatus as members consider future events.

Submitted by Lily Miller on behalf of Gavin Cheyney

Loaves and Fishes – Food Assistance

This program, formerly housed at Trinity and now based at Immanuel Congregational Church at the corner of Woodland Street and Farmington Avenue, serves lunch on weekdays and offers other support services to those in need in the Asylum Hill neighborhood. Trinity Church is committed to providing the meal on the third Wednesday of each month.

The meal is prepared each month in Trinity's kitchen the Tuesday before the meal is served. Meal ingredients are purchased by volunteers Kate Rousseau and family. A volunteer cooking crew, which has six members, prepares and packages the meal. Our volunteers are Louisa Cummings, Marion Pereira, Verona Cascio, Susan Post, Richard Syracuse, Maryjane Furrer, and Steve Zhitnik. The volunteer cooking crew provides two menus, one created for the warmer months after input from Loaves and Fishes patrons: Make -Your-Own Tuna Fish sandwiches is very well received. During this year, at the request of Loaves and Fishes staff, our Pasta with Meat Sauce was replaced by a chicken/sausage/vegetable and rice dish. Another group of volunteers, from Trinity and other Hartford area churches, headed by Karin Peterson, serves the monthly meal on Trinity's Wednesday at Loaves and Fishes. The Trinity serving team is supplemented by three other faithful volunteers from other churches. Between 75 and 100 individuals are served each month, with numbers averaging in the 80's.

This year, the Loaves and Fishes Team took a break from preparing the 2019 Maundy Thursday Agape meal, and turned this task over to the entire Parish. Watch for announcements next year for what has become a tradition thanks to the efforts of the Loaves and Fishes team.

Submitted by Steve Zhitnik
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Mbugani Parish/ Diocese of Tabora, Tanzania

Trinity has had a partner relationship with this diocese for over 15 years and has funded scholarships in most of these years for students to attend secondary school. As the result of additional outreach funds being available in January 2019, Father Hamer asked that Trinity fund 8 scholarships of \$2000 per student, with one for Emelda Janson who has one more year at St. Peter's secondary school, and 7 for new students to attend St. Peter's for the 2019 school year. Each additional year of school makes an important impact on the future of these students. The focus for the remainder of the year will be to explore possible fundraising events to help raise some of the funds needed to continue funding these student's education. It is hoped that there will be a fundraiser at 10,000 Villages in West Hartford, which has raised funds for this purpose in the past.

In late 2018, Debbie Hamer, who has guided this ministry for many years, passed the baton to Heather Kramer to coordinate this secondary school scholarship program. Heather will coordinate the scholarship fund including possible fund raising efforts as well as the interim contact with Bishop Elias Chakupewa of the Diocese of Tabor, Tanzania, until an interim rector is appointed. Bishop Chakupewa has requested that Trinity Hartford plan a mission trip to Mbugani Parish in the near future.

Submitted by Heather Kramer – KramerHeather1989@yahoo.com

Outreach T-shirt

It was decided at the July 2018 Outreach team meeting that we would design and hand out a Trinity T shirt to the congregation. This was really a branding effort to advertise who and where we are. Kate Smith, with the assistance of the Custom Ink design team and the Outreach team's input, ordered the shirts in late September. 252 shirts were ordered in both children's and adult sizes. In November an additional 60 ordered as we ran out of medium and large. The total order was \$2,531.36. After the initial handouts were done, we received \$740 in donations. We had asked this to be put toward Outreach projects, rather than say each shirt cost \$10.00. We thought some people could pay this, but others could not. So this was an optional request. T shirts were again handed out in January and again in April before the Foodshare walk. Donations received in April went to the Foodshare walk as we were collecting the same day and this seemed a good use for the money. Shirts are still available and everyone should have one. See Kate Smith if you still need a shirt.

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Refugee Resettlement

Over the past year, Trinity Church's Refugee Resettlement Committee, with our partners at Trinity College and St. Patrick St. Anthony Church in Hartford, resettled another refugee family in the Hartford area. This family, a couple and their four children, are from Afghanistan, where the father worked for many years for the United States military, translating, managing projects, and defusing bombs. The children are now, for the first time, in school and rapidly learning English. Members of the committee located and furnished an apartment for the family, have arranged for the mother to study English, for the father to find employment, for previously unmet medical needs to be addressed, and for generally acclimating to a new life in a new culture. The committee continues to support the Syrian refugee family which we settled in 2016. We welcome everyone who is interested to join the Committee in these life-saving, and extremely rewarding, efforts.

Submitted by Anne Rapkin
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South Marshall Street Interfaith Coalition

If we just sing of doing good, and don't walk through our neighborhood; to learn its hope, to ease its pain; our talk of good is simply vain

South Marshall Street, long regarded as one of the most *challenged* streets on Asylum Hill, is home to 200 refugee families, as well as residents of Marshall House Family Shelter, several Section 8 apartments, and 24 Habitat homes housing over 250 children – **just 3 blocks from Trinity Church**. The **South Marshall Street Interfaith Coalition** was formed through a cooperative coming together of churches (Immanuel Congregational, **Trinity Episcopal**, Grace Lutheran, Asylum Hill Congregational), businesses (Aetna), and non-profit organizations (Asylum Hill Neighborhood Assn., Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity), along with many other businesses and non-profit organizations on Asylum Hill to create positive change while instilling a cohesive sense of community into this once neglected neighborhood.

The Coalition holds meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at Immanuel Congregational Church for the purpose of working together to find solutions to enhance the lives of the residents in the neighborhood.

This is accomplished primarily through a series of seasonal Block Parties on the street, organized by the Coalition and held in June, October, and April, where food, fun-activities, and music blend with representatives from churches and community service organizations that provide information about free medical and social services available to the residents.

The **June Block Party** is the largest and most festive South Marshall Street Party of the year (**next scheduled party: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 – 4:00-7:00 pm – Consider this your invitation!**) Last year, over 500 friends and neighbors enjoyed the chance to “meet and greet” new and old neighbors while enjoying an abundance of activities -- food, amusements (**including Trinity's “Bouncy Castle” rental**), street performers, music, opportunities for voter registration, wellness checks, **Trinity Academy and Choir School information tables**, and hundreds of free children's books and other goodies.

In October 2018, in addition to the usual activities, games and community organization information tables, Coalition members provided pumpkins and apples at the Autumn **Block Party**. **Trinity donated socks, gloves, and a few pairs of shoes to the South Marshall Street residents to help fend off winter's chill.**

The **April 2019 Block Party**, held just before Easter offered Easter egg coloring, more games, always an endless supply of free books, reusable bags from Wheeler Clinic, and pizza (**provided by Trinity**).

But, don't just take my word for it – seeing is believing -- All Trinity parishioners and friends are encouraged to participate in the seasonal Block Parties joining in to witness the miracle(s) happening on South Marshall Street (with a little help from the **South Marshall Street Interfaith Coalition**)

As of this writing, this ministry is in search of someone to represent Trinity at Coalition meetings- for more information please contact Lily Miller.

Submitted by Richard Syracuse

Trinity Academy Support

Although Trinity Academy is an “independent elementary school” on the Trinity Church campus, the Outreach Committee made it a goal to become more actively involved in partnering with Trinity Academy during the 2018/19 school year.

Our objective was to demonstrate the Trinity congregation’s support for and appreciation of this important Asylum Hill institution for students in the greater Hartford area, especially in light of the Bishop’s charge for parishes to “live deep and live wide” in our neighborhoods.

Significant progress was accomplished through several fund-raising events and school volunteering efforts organized by Outreach Committee members, and generously supported through donations of time, money, and goods by the Trinity family of parishioners.

Some of the year’s highlights included:

-- organizing and staffing the annual “Holiday Shopping Table” where students were instilled with the joy of giving while shopping for family members’ gifts from a multitude of selections donated by Trinity parishioners

-- Outreach Committee members Anne Green and Liz Kirkpatrick weekly volunteering in the Trinity Academy Library

During 2018-19, the Outreach Committee chipped the tip of the iceberg to support Trinity Academy. A multitude of additional volunteer opportunities are always available: tutoring/mentoring; assisting with school parties; teacher assisting; office assistance; leading Friday afternoon clubs. Each of these, a low-impact workout, guaranteed to get those endorphins kicking, and no expense involved other than a minimal investment of your time.

For more information or to get involved contact Lily Miller.

Kateri Medical Services medical outreach to the Anglican Diocese of Kaduna

The Outreach Committee supports the vital ministry of the Kateri Medical Services, which provides non-sectarian, essential medical services to rural communities in the Anglican diocese of Kaduna, Nigeria. Everyone is invited to participate in the yearly missions by Kateri, whether by accompanying the medical staff and other volunteers or sponsoring an individual who wishes to do so.

Sponsored by the Outreach Committee, a group of volunteers are in the process of completing a Trinity Church Cookbook, with recipes representing the many regional and national backgrounds of the church's parishioners. All proceeds from the cookbook will be donated to Kateri Medical Services.

Submitted by Anne Rapkin a.rapkin@snet.net

THE PARISH OF TRINITY CHURCH

AFFILIATED MINISTRIES

Goodwin Legacy Circle

What can each of us do to help secure the long-term vibrancy and mission of Trinity Church? One important step is to include Trinity Church as one of the beneficiaries in your will.

More than thirty parish members have taken this step. Together, we are the Goodwin Legacy Circle (formerly known as the Heritage Society).

If you would like to join the Goodwin Legacy Circle, the first step is to update your will or estate planning to include Trinity Church. You should do this with the help of an attorney. The second step is to fill out a brief Legacy Circle form. You can get a form from the church office or from Mark or Linda MacGougan, who are the current co-chairs.

Each of us at Trinity Church has benefited from the funds that were donated in the wills of parishioners who have gone before us. The members of the Goodwin Legacy Circle believe that it is now our turn to do our part for future generations.

If you have any questions, please contact us (860-561-1588 or macgougans@gmail.com).

Submitted by Mark and Linda MacGougan, *Co-Chairs*

THE PARISH OF TRINITY CHURCH

AFFILIATED MINISTRIES CONTINUED

Property Team

Committee members: Peter Green, Ron Gripp, Boo Morton, Kathy Wilson and Vinnie Pacileo

The property committee meets every month but August on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. We welcome new attendees/members to attend the meetings.

The property committee is responsible for overseeing the campus of Trinity Church, to keep it working and providing the space we all know and expect. In order to accomplish this we create a budget, prepare a capital improvement plan and schedule any work.

It became apparent that, with the existing budget, we were falling behind. We are working with a part-time property manager and there were not enough hours in his schedule to complete the work necessary. We have had several parishioners volunteer to assist Vinnie. It is wonderful to have folks with knowledge of building systems and grounds to help us. I want to mention Peter Green, Neill Derrick and Paul Cooper and thank them for their gifts. Paul Cooper is the one responsible for the renewed labyrinth: his parting gift to a parish he loved and cherished!

The true means of assistance is now the Campaign for Trinity that will be helping to finance campus improvements. The Trinity campus is a gift not only to the parish but also to the neighborhood. It is our responsibility to ensure a safe and useful space for others. A good example of this is that the Memorial Garden area is open during the summer hours for quiet contemplation, a place to sit and have lunch as well as have our outdoor 8am service on Sunday mornings.

A few of the repairs done this past year are: front steps and entrance, water feature in the Memorial Garden, an energy audit and the switch to LED bulbs throughout the campus, not a repair but a replacement of the coffee maker, new A/C units in the parish house to replace window units, upgrading the assistive listening system, door locks and push bars replaced or reworked, fixing the handicap lift in Huntington Hall, new hand dryers in the restrooms and ongoing slate replacement on the roof.

This is only a representation of what has been accomplished.

At the end of 2018 we began working with the Campaign for Trinity to decide which items will be paid from the capital budget and which by the Campaign. That is an ongoing, fluid list.

We continue to offer work days, both inside and outside days, in which anyone can participate. We have also had assistance from outside groups, namely Trinity College that helps on their "Do It" day. This is usually prior to the fall picnic. Thanks!

Thank you for letting us assist the parish in establishing Trinity as a continuing place of Welcome Hope and Healing. And thank you to Vinnie, the staff of Trinity Church, the Choir School of Hartford and Trinity Academy for their faithful nurturing of our buildings and grounds. A special thanks to all the numerous invaluable volunteers who assist in that nurturing.

Submitted by Barbara "Boo" Morton, *Property Chair*

THE PARISH OF TRINITY CHURCH

AFFILIATED MINISTRIES CONTINUED

Trinity Academy 2018 – 2019 School Year Where Students Discover the Love of Learning

This past school year was one of growth, transition and fulfillment. The 2018-2019 school year began with the addition of a new first grade class to our school, with eleven first graders and a first grade teacher, Chloe Williams. This addition completed our plan to offer grades one through four and we now have 48 students from the Hartford area! There were also changes to our administrative staff, with Jennifer Scanzano, previously Trinity Academy's principal, now taking on the dual role as Head of School/Principal. Donna Colliton, previously the Director of Development at Grace Academy, also joined us in late August as our new Director of Development. Jennifer and Donna, along with Trinity Academy's supportive Board of Trustees, set forth with a plan to make this school year the most enriching academically, emotionally, and culturally for its students but also the most financially rewarding for our school.

This year, Trinity Academy started its Rising Seedlings Student Sponsorship Program. The focus of this program is to match each of our students with a sponsor. A sponsor's annual contribution of \$5,000 helps defray the annual cost of \$10,500 to educate each student. We are happy to report that 18 of our students were sponsored this year, it is our hope that these relationships will continue to grow in the future. To learn more about this program, please contact Trinity Academy's Development office at 860-251-8337.

Throughout the school year, our students continued to enjoy all the extra-curricular activities we offer such as dance, art, choir, gardening and yoga. Next year, we hope to expand these programs by forging new partnerships in the Greater Hartford area. Our students also enjoyed several field trips this year. Each class had the opportunity to attend a show at The Bushnell Theater as well as various science-based programs at The Connecticut Science Center. Our fourth graders were also able to attend a Yard Goats game at Dunkin Donuts Park in Hartford as part of their graduation festivities.

Trinity Academy's annual signature fundraiser, The Excellence Gala, was held on April 26th at ON20 in Hartford, with Hartford Steam Boiler/Munich Re as the event's lead sponsor. This year's fast paced 2 ½ hour cocktail party style Gala, was not only the best attended, but also the most financially rewarding.

On June 7th, Trinity Academy's fourth grade class with its 19 amazing students will be graduating! Several of them will be attending our affiliated Hartford based Nativity Miguel model middle schools, Grace Academy (for girls) and Covenant Prep (for boys) in the fall. We will miss this great class of young men and woman that have filled our school with happiness, respect, and love throughout their years at Trinity Academy! We are so proud of them!

Trinity Academy is very fortunate to have a wonderful and caring community of supporters, donors and sponsors. Without this, it would be impossible for us to carry out our mission. For more information, please visit our website at www.TrinityDay.org or call the school office at 860-251-8337.

Submitted by Donna Colliton, *Development Dir., Trinity Academy*

THE PARISH OF TRINITY CHURCH

AFFILIATED MINISTRIES CONTINUED

The Campaign for Trinity

We continue to be excited about The Campaign for Trinity: Celebrating A Place of Faithful Service to Hartford. This campaign is about building up. Our goal is to raise \$750,000 to renovate the buildings of our church campus – we have quite a list of projects to complete with the funds we receive — but building up means more than bricks and mortar. This campaign allows us to build up our church community within and our connections to the wider community beyond.

The Campaign for Trinity has made significant headway in 2018 and 2019.

- June 2018 - The Steering Committee is formed.
- June 2018 - Barbara Roos, was hired as the Campaign Administrator.
- July, August and September – the campaign took on an official name
 - a Case Statement was finalized and produced with the creative assistance of Rhode VanGessel, a former parishioner.
 - A video was produced that spoke about the campaign.
- The Campaign for Trinity was officially launched within the parish on Sunday, October 28, at a gala luncheon following the single 9:30 service held that day.
- November, December, January found our solicitors visiting with members of the parish.
- February 2019 was planned to be our Public Launch. However, a large snowstorm that forced us to postpone the event.
- April 30, 2019 – Public Launch. We welcomed Hartford’s mayor and other members of the larger community. And we announced the good news that Trinity was at 53% of our goal.

Since October, solicitors have been visiting Parishioners. From those calls, as of early June, 45 pledges have been received and 14 pledges are yet to be made. There are 77 more households to be visited. At this point we are at 60% of our goal. In the coming year, the Campaign will expand to include previous members of Trinity Church, and applications to corporations and foundations for support.

So, The Campaign for Trinity has gotten off to a good start, and money pledged has already begun to come in. Dave Desmarais, our Clerk of the Works, has begun gathering more detail on exactly what the intended projects entail, including specifications and what each one will actually cost. These projects are specific Capital Campaign projects, and are separate from the ongoing maintenance and repairs overseen by Trinity’s Property Team.

The Vestry has named a Capital Works Committee to oversee these Capital Campaign projects. The membership of the committee, drawn from the Property Team and the Vestry, includes Kevin Chick, Martha Freimuth, Boo Morton, Alan Rice, Steve Sirotko, and Kathie Wilson. The committee has begun meeting with Dave Desmarais to make decisions about the scope of the work and the sequence of addressing the various projects. Steve Sirotko has agreed to chair this committee. The First Visible Work is a new stove in the kitchen.

The Capital Campaign Steering Committee gives thanks to: Barbara Roos who provides invaluable support as Campaign Coordinator, even as she has taken on additional responsibilities as Assistant to the Rector. Parishioners serving on the Steering Committee include Martha Freimuth, Linda MacGougan, Cathy Rowe and Ernestine Weaver; other members are Ken Johnson of NINA and The Rev. Bill Eakins. Thanks also to all the other volunteers who make the visits and help with events and everything in between. And thanks to those who have made or will make generous donations to help us reach our goal. It takes a living and prayer-filled Church to mount a campaign like this, and we're grateful to God that so many talented and generous people are stepping forward to make it happen!

Submitted by Mark MacGougan and Drew Smith,
Campaign for Trinity Co-Chairs

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PARISH REGISTER

JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2018

BAPTISMS:

Josiah Micah TexidorNovember 4
Adrian Dilone November 4
Aaron Dilone November 4
Arianny Lora November 4

CELEBRATIONS / BLESSINGS OF MARRIAGES:

Laura Kristine MacGougan and Kevin Patrick Collins.....June 16

CONFIRMATIONS & RECEPTIONS:

Suzanne Lee Nichols BlancaflorMarch 25
Davonte Shared GriffithMarch 25
Jordan Fletcher Moore-ThomasMarch 25
Dinaka Nneka OnohMarch 25
Jonathan Osinachi UdeMarch 25
Bruce William WazorkoMarch 25

MEMORIAL SERVICES/BURIALS:

Date of Death

Bruce ConnalMarch 1
Rev. George W. Jenkins September 27
Paul Edward Nelson September 27

NEW MEMBERS INCLUDE:

Donald Romanik January 22
Margaret Romanik January 22
Ken Colwell December 20
Janet Colwell December 20

TRANSFERS OUT:

Gustave Andrian - deceased..... February 4
George Krippenstaple - deceasedMarch 27
Olda James - deceased April 5

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The Ministry Quadrants Liaisons and Leader List

WORSHIP
RECTOR/WARDENS
Liaison – Peter Green
Ministries of the Worship Quadrant
Acolytes – Roy McAlpine
Altar Guild – Karin Peterson & Cecelia Timothy
Choirs – Jack Merrill
Duncaster – Ray Wilson
Flower Guild – Percy Williamson
Hospitality (Sunday Morning) – Jennifer Stephens
Lay Worship Leaders – Ray Wilson
Lay Worship Assistants (Lectors/Intercessors) – Ray Wilson
Ministers of Communion – Ray Wilson
Sunday Morning Lay Leader Hosts – Alan Rice
Ushers – Bill Kofalk
Vergers – Ray Wilson

CHRISTIAN FORMATION
RECTOR/WARDENS
Liaison – Clement Mogor
Ministries of the Christian Formation Quadrant
Adult Formation – Mark MacGougan
Book Group – Linda MacGougan
Brotherhood of St Andrew – John E. Robinson
Church School – Clement Mogor, Kate Rousseau
Journey To Adulthood – Marcus Clark
Nursery Caregivers – Clement Mogor
Parish Life (picnic & special events, etc.) – Don Cook

PARISH CARE
RECTOR/WARDENS
Liaison – Anne Rapkin
Ministries of the Parish Care Quadrant
Casserole Ministry – Anne Rapkin
Intercessory Prayer Team – Anne Rapkin
Lay Eucharistic Visitors – Althea Francis
Sanctuary Stitchers (Prayer Shawl Ministry) – Penny Pearson

OUTREACH
RECTOR/WARDENS
Liaison – Lily Miller
Ministries of the Outreach Quadrant
American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) – Kate Smith
Church by the Pond – Penny Pearson & Percy Williamson
Covenant to Care – Don Cook
Foodshare – Drew Smith
Heads Up! Hartford – Linda MacGougan
Kateri Medical Services medical outreach to the Anglican Diocese of Kaduna – Anne Rapkin
(K)Naves – Gavin Cheyney
Loaves and Fishes – Steve Zhitnik
Mbugani Parish/ Diocese of Tabora, Tanzania – Heather Kramer
Refugee Resettlement – Anne Rapkin
So. Marshall Street Interfaith Coalition – Open
Trinity Academy Support – Open

AFFILIATED MINISTRIES
RECTOR/WARDENS
Annual Appeal Team – Vestry
Campaign for Trinity – Drew Smith and Mark MacGougan
Choir School of Hartford Board – Ernestine Weaver
Goodwin Legacy Circle – Mark & Linda MacGougan
Office Volunteers – Barbara Roos
Property Team – Boo Morton
Trinity Academy – Jennifer Scanzano
Trinity Website – George Chien

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