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Dear Trinity members and friends:

Before Bishop Laura called me last July, I never dreamed I would serve as Priest-in-Charge of a parish as gifted in lay leadership, diversity, music, outreach and architectural beauty as Trinity, Hartford. Since September, I have had the privilege of serving as your Interim, joining in ministry with your amazing community of committed Christians.

From Fr. Norman



Your Recruitment Team has now received names of candidates seeking to discern whether they might be called to serve as your Rector. This late stage in your calling process signals to me that the time has come for me to return to retirement.

I first retired three years ago from St. James, Woodstock, Vermont. This began a series of moves while Elizabeth and I sought to find a home that would work for us in retirement long-term. We purchased that home in Newport, Rhode Island, last fall. We will be moving there in July to begin the next stage in our lives together.

My last Sunday with you will be June 28, 2020. I have absolute confidence that your parish leadership, headed up now by Wardens Martha Freimuth and Alan Rice, and aided by your deep bench of lay and liturgical leaders and your talented staff, will carry Trinity's ministries through the summer until the arrival of your next Rector.

These last two months have been a challenge to us all, as churches have entered this COVID-19 period of Zoom worship and meetings. I regret that this odd, and temporary, world will prevent me from saying goodbye to you face to face. You have all been kind, welcoming and patient with this sojourning priest over the last nine months.

I will have the gift of seeing you through the Feast of Pentecost and your Trinity Sunday Annual Meeting, as well as the first few Sundays of the new church season. I will look forward to speaking to many of you one way or another before you begin your new era of clergy leadership.

Thank you for the gift of serving with you. God bless you!

Sincerely,

The Rev. Norman MacLeod Interim Priest-in-Charge

Jack Merrill To Lead Final Adult Forum of Program Year

Our last adult forum of the program year will take place via Zoom on Sunday, May 31, the Feast of Pentecost. This will be our last chance to enjoy a forum presentation from Jack Merrill, our Director of Music Ministries, before he leaves Trinity at the end of July (see article on Page 4).

At the May 31 forum, Jack will be presenting "Veni Creator Spiritus" and its Appearance in the Western Music Canon." The forum will begin immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Zoom service and our virtual coffee hour session on the 31st.

Join the Conversation: North Central Region To Host Town Hall Meeting

Join our bishops, the Rt. Revs. Ian Douglas and Laura Ahrens, along with the leadership of the North Central Region (of which Trinity



Hartford is a part) for a one-hour conversation on what we are learning, and what God is saying to us, during the

current pandemic. The meeting will take place via Zoom on Thursday, May 28, beginning at 5:00 p.m. No registration is required, and all are welcome. You can join the meeting via the Zoom link, https://episcopalct.zoom.us/j/91107420103, or by phone at 646-558-8656; the meeting ID is 91107420103.

Virtual Cystic Fibrosis Walk, Run or Cycle Challenge

Kate and Drew Smith's virtual CF walk, run or cycle event is well under way. We invite anyone to join us to keep busy during this difficult time. This is meant for fun and it's free. Email us your miles: they add up quickly. Here are the details:

Our granddaughter, Sarah, was born with Cystic Fibrosis; she is now 10 years old and doing well. She and her family are sheltering at home in Illinois, as Sarah is a high risk person. Team Strolling for Sarah does an annual walk (about 3 miles or one hour) to support the Great Strides program, which raises research dollars for this genetic lung disease. The exciting news is a new drug, Trikafta, which Sarah will be able to take when she is 12. It will treat some of the causes for her illness and not just the symptoms. Research is important!

This year, instead of our walk in Wickham Park, Team Strolling for Sarah is doing a "virtual walk," each on our own, anytime between May 16 and June 5. Why through June 5? Way back in 1965, a little boy overheard his parents talking about the disease. He thought they said "65 roses" instead of "cystic fibrosis," which is a mouthful. So the rose has been a symbol of our cause and 6/5 is always the day that the national Cystic Fibrosis Foundation holds its annual celebration.

The great thing about a virtual walk is that you can do it any time you like and your walk can also be as short or long as you want!

We thought it would be fun to see how far we could walk over a three-week period, so we're going to walk or run more than once. Now we've added cycling. Join in our efforts to see how many miles we all can cover.

Send us your information and let us know how far you have walked, run or cycled and maybe send us an electronic photo. We reached 104 miles in the first three days! Together can we reach 650 miles? We'll keep you posted on our website, where you can also find more information: http://fightcf.cff.org/goto/KateSmith.

Any questions? Send an email to Kate48smith@comcast.net or call 860-519-1591.

Thanks so much, Kate and Drew Smith

Book Group Recommends Adichie Novel

Here's a reading recommendation from Trinity's Book Group: Half of a Yellow Sun by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. It's a beautifully written novel set against the background of Biafra's struggle to establish an independent republic in southeastern Nigeria in the late 1960s. Book Group will not be meeting in May as planned, but will wait until it's safe to gather in person. When the group does meet again, Half of a Yellow Sun will be the book to be discussed. Stay tuned for the date/ place to be announced! Contact Linda MacGougan (macgougans@gmail.com; 860-561-1588) with any questions.

Zoom into the Annual Meeting on June 7

The Annual Meeting of the Parish of Trinity Church will take place on June 7, via Zoom, immediately following that day's 10:00 a.m. worship service. The business to be transacted will include the election of Vestry officers, at-large Vestry members, delegates to convention, and a



Nominating Committee for 2020-2021. We'll also be amending the by-laws of the parish to validate online voting when circumstances prevent meeting physically/ **MEETING** face to face. Votes at this year's meeting will

be taken using the Polling function of the Zoom Webinar software. Members in good standing who are 16 years of age or older are eligible to vote.

Here's the Nominating Committee slate as of May 25:

FOR ELECTION AT THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

Wardens:

Martha Freimuth (4th term)

P. Thomas Oberholtzer (1st term)

Clerk:

Kathleen Peterson (6th term)

Treasurer:

Kenneth "Casey" Rousseau (2nd term)

Assistant Treasurer:

Jacob Troiano (2nd term)

At-Large Vestry Members (3-year terms):

Althea Francis

Heather Kramer

Marsha McCurdy

Vestry member to fulfill 2 years of an unexpired term:

Catharine Rowe

Delegate to Convention (3-year term):

Suzanne Blancaflor

Alternate Delegate to Convention (3-year term):

TBA

Nominating Committee for 2021 Annual Meeting:

2nd Term: Georges Annan-Kingsley, Ruth Rose, Jannel Thomas

1st Term: Kevin Chick, Katherine Wilson, Steven Zhitnik

Rector Transition Update

On May 13, the Recruitment Committee received the names of candidates for Rector from Bishop Laura Ahrens and LeeAnn Tolzmann, Canon for Mission Leadership of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. The Committee has reviewed the candidates' applications and has chosen several to interview. Online interviews are being arranged and we expect those interviews to occur during the first weeks of June.

Once the committee selects three or four candidates for further consideration, Bishop Ahrens will talk with the candidates' bishops before passing the names to the Vestry. If all goes well in the process of reopening Connecticut, the Vestry will interview the candidates during late June and early July.

Please continue to hold the Recruitment Committee and the Vestry in prayer asking, along with us, that we will hear God's voice as we consider which priest to call as our next Rector. Pray also for the candidates as they discern where God is calling them to serve.

The members of the Recruitment Committee are: Enid Oberholtzer (chair), Marcus Clark, Heather Kramer, Linda MacGougan, Marsha McCurdy, Winston Rose, Cathy Rowe, and Steve Zhitnik.



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Jackson Merrill Resigns To Pursue Graduate Studies

After three years as Director of Music Ministries at Trinity Church, Jackson Merrill has announced that he will begin study for a Master's degree in Organ Performance at the University of Michigan this fall. During his time with us, Jack has led our worship with skill and faithfulness. Under his leadership, both the Trinity Choir and the Choir School of Hartford have grown and formed connections in diverse faith communities, as Trinity Church has solidified its reputation as a musical standout in the Hartford area. Especially notable in the past few months has been Jack's enabling the continued presence of the Choir School choristers in Trinity's online worship services.

We will begin the process of searching for our next Director of

Music Ministries this summer. A search committee will be appointed by Vestry in June, and will be led by Linda MacGougan. The position will be posted online, and during the summer, candidates will be selected for online interviews and, as circumstances permit, for in-person auditions. The final selection of the new Director of Music Ministries will be made after our new Rector has arrived and had a chance to meet the candidates. Until the selection is made, we will rely on supply organists to provide some music for our services, whether they are online or on our campus.

We will be saying goodbye to Jackson on July 26, but we can't say yet exactly how that goodbye will take place. Watch the weekly e-Voice for details.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES (during pandemic closures)
Sundays via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.
Thursday mid-day prayers via Zoom at 12 noon

The Reverend Norman M. MacLeod, Interim Priest-in-Charge Mr. Jackson Merrill, Director of Music Ministries

Assisting Clergy:
The Reverend George A. Chien
The Reverend Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick
The Right Reverend Andrew D. Smith
The Reverend C. Jon Widing

The Reverend William J. Eakins, Rector Emeritus

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New and Improved: How Trinity Is Working Hard During Covid-19

The Capital Campaign for Trinity Church is still actively hard at work during the COVID-19 outbreak, striving to preserve Trinity for future

years of service to the Hartford community and beyond. The church's being temporarily closed to secure the health and wellbeing of all parishioners has served as an opportunity to



carry out much-needed construction and renovation around the church. The most recent project the Campaign has accomplished is the removal of asbestos in the basement of the parish house, and the restoration of the parish house porch currently in the last stage of painting and almost complete.

Many more projects and tasks are currently on the Campaign's docket to be completed in the near future. The Campaign for Trinity would like to thank you for the generosity and support that has allowed this investment in the Parish to thrive and continue improving. The Campaign is going to begin sending a regular e-blast that will go out to parishioners. Please stay tuned and be on the lookout for this in your email in the upcoming weeks. This will allow everyone

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Notes from the April and May Vestry Meetings

Father Norman MacLeod opened the **April 21** Vestry meeting with a devotion on Philippians 4: 4-9, "Rejoice in the Lord always."

Father Norman reported that
Jackson Merrill, our Director of
Music Ministries, will be leaving
us at the end of July to begin a
Master's Degree program at the
University of Michigan. A search
for his replacement will begin this
summer, and will be conducted by
a committee to be named by the
Vestry and led by Linda
MacGougan. Walden Moore, the
music director at Trinity on the
Green in New Haven, has agreed
to serve as a search consultant.

Father Norman participated in a Zoom meeting on food ministries in the area, led by Deacon Bonnie Matthews. He reported that in March, Foodshare spent \$225,000 to purchase food for those in need, the same amount they spent for all of 2019. He also reported that the Confirmation of Jane Mogor and Margaret Rousseau has been postponed indefinitely due to COVID-19 cancellation of all in-person services. Jane and Margaret will serve as officiants at our May 10 Morning Prayer Zoom service. Other news related to the pandemic included the April 14 death of Carl Williams.

Treasurer Casey Rousseau reported that offerings from parishioners for the month of March were as expected based on pledges. The parish has applied for funds from the Payroll Protection Program passed by Congress last month, but has not received any funds yet.

Father Norman's opening devotion at the May 19 meeting of Vestry followed on the Philippians reading and Paul's admonition to think on "whatever is true, honorable, just, and pure." After devotions, Father Norman talked about his upcoming retirement on June 28, and reported that he will do worship planning to take us through the summer. He expressed gratitude to Casey Rousseau and Jake Troiano for their work getting Trinity's online worship working. The Vestry discussed what steps need to be taken, and what expenditures might need to be made, in order to continue our digital presence. Casey will lead a small ad hoc committee to consider what options exist and make recommendations to Vestry for our future direction.

Jake Troiano gave the Nominating Committee report (see Page 3).

Our Transition Consultant, the Rev. Virginia Army, joined our meeting with an update on the Rector recruitment process. It is hoped that the Vestry will be able to interview several candidates in person on the Trinity campus, following social distancing and other public health precautions.

The Episcopal Church in Connecticut has issued extensive, detailed guidelines for reopening our buildings, which advise against opening before the end of June. The Vestry authorized the formation of an ad hoc advisory committee on reopening. The committee will make recommendations to Vestry on the timing of opening our buildings for staff and for inperson worship, and on the precautions which must be followed when people return to the campus.

News from Trinity Academy

Despite the unprecedented challenges the 2019-2020 school year has brought, Trinity Academy is proud to report that its transition to online learning has been an overall success. With only two weeks left in the school year, the morale of both the students and staff remains high. As a small school, community is a value that is very much honored, and that has been made all the more clear during this trying time. The support from families, students, and staff alike has been constant and strong. As they say: it truly does take a village.

Trinity Academy plans to honor its graduating 4th graders at a small, social-distanced, outdoor ceremony on June 6. Students will receive their certificates and a gift. Additionally, Trinity Academy will continue online learning, in an adapted manner, throughout the summer, to ensure student engagement. Although the fall is still uncertain, the school has been planning for all sorts of scenarios to the best of its ability. Most important is the safety of everyone.

- Allison Bernhard Principal, Trinity Academy

Vestry Launches Task Force To Develop Reopening Plan

Trinity's buildings have been closed since mid-March, and we have moved our worship services online. The decision to temporarily halt our in-person gatherings was a collaborative one, including input from Father Norman MacLeod, the Vestry executive committee, other paid staff, and the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. Our deliberations sought to answer only one question: Can we safely gather in person during a pandemic?

Our decision that we could not do so was right in line with the guidance, and later the executive orders, coming from Governor Lamont's office. As the State of Connecticut enters a new phase of coping with the coronavirus pandemic, and in light of President Trump's declaration that churches are essential and should reopen immediately, you may be wondering whether Trinity will begin to offer face-to-face worship soon.

On May 14, ECCT published a document outlining protocols for churches to follow as they consider gathering on their campuses for in-person worship. The document is titled "Living with COVID-19," and emphasizes that the pandemic has forced us to change many things about how we interact with each other, changes that will be necessary for the foreseeable future. There will be no going back to the normal we used to know.

The decision on when to gather again for worship is ours to make,

within the guidelines of the diocese and the Governor's office. The Vestry has authorized formation of a task force to explore the requirements we must meet in order to gather safely, and to identify a process for meeting them. The task force will begin to meet soon via Zoom. Reopening our buildings will happen in phases. At every step, we will focus on making sure that those who enter our buildings and those who work in them can be kept safe from infection.

In the meantime, and for the foreseeable future, we will continue to offer worship online. The missional work of Trinity Church has continued uninterrupted as we have learned to live in this new and strange world. We're working differently now: Trinity Academy is entirely online, we've given money to our feeding ministries instead of gathering to prepare meals, pastoral care has happened by telephone, and the Choir School of Hartford has been rehearsing and learning via Zoom. But we are very much "open," as we have been all along.

Voice deadline

The deadline for the next issue of *The Voice* is Friday, August 14. Please send all materials for the August issue, which will cover all events and activities in September, to voice@trinityhartford.org by 5:00 p.m. on that date. Thanks!

Heads Up! Hartford Switches to Online Format For 2020

Heads Up! Hartford has announced that camp, scheduled for June 19-26, will shift to a virtual structure, as its usual inperson, overnight format isn't possible due to COVID-19 restrictions. The HUH team is working hard to create virtual activities that will keep the HUH spirit, love, and energy alive. Youth who are graduating from 8th-12th grades are eligible to attend, and there will be no camp fees.

Stay tuned for more information! In the meanwhile, please get in touch with Camp Director Julie McGarry with any questions you may have; she can be reached at julie.a.mcgarry@gmail.com or 860-212-5859.

Linda MacGougan, Trinity's HUH liaison, receives emails from Heads Up! Hartford about activities. If you would like her to forward those emails to you, please let her know at macgougans@gmail.com (or ask Julie M. to put you on the mailing list).

New Book Features Trinity Labyrinth

Chasing Labyrinths - A Field Guide to the Labyrinths of Connecticut and Rhode Island by Bill Ludwig was published on May 1. The labyrinth in our Memorial Garden is among those featured in this new book. Copies are available from Hotchkiss Publishing, or through Amazon.

Summer Birthdays



If you have a summer birthday not listed below, please call Barbara Roos in the parish office at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204, so she can add your special day to our parish records.

Jo-Ann Sadosky	June 1	Corlet Ude	June 29	David Carson	August 2
Mavis Bennett	June 1	Nigel Francis	June 30	Josepha Schrijn	August 2
Walton Foster	June 1	Bella Esponda	June 30	Frank Kirkpatrick	August 4
Abby Rajendram	June 2	Gloria Cheyney	July 2	Stephanie Thomas	August 4
Kristen Williams-Garcia		Aaron Dilone	July 2	Ismael Rubio	August 4
Adair Lummis	June 4	Cecelia Timothy	July 5	Kodi-Jane Mogor	August 7
David Pontrelli	June 4	Jean Peelle	July 8	Don Hamer	August 9
Mark MacGougan	June 5	Leslyn Clark	July 10	Peter Vreeland	August 10
Joy Bennett	June 5	Peter Green	July 10	Sasha Esponda	August 11
Richard McMenamy	June 5	Bill Kofalk	July 10	Christina Gellman	August 12
Trocari Griffith-McCalo		Kendall Okeke	July 10	Amy Arlin	August 13
Riley Sutton	June 6	Kimberly Okeke	July 10	Suzanne Gates	August 14
JoEllen Jansing	June 8	John Robinson	July 12	Loretta Eckhardt	August 16
Bonnie Matthews	June 8	Ann Knapp	July 13	Jason Duva	August 16
Tom Oberholtzer	June 10	Carolyn Rogers	July 14	Joseph Annan-Kingsl	•
Gavin Cheyney	June 10	Fiona Cheyney	July 15		August 16
Robin Foster	June 10	Maung Oo	July 15	Fred Margeson	August 16
Sam Clark	June 10	Celine Stephens	July 15	Hunter Troiano	August 17
Madison Ross	June 10	Trudi Campbell	July 16	Pamela Garcia	August 18
Suzanne Blancaflor	June 11	David Barrett	July 17	Cathy Rowe	August 18
Marion Catanzaro	June 13	Kate Smith	July 17	Agatha Okeke	August 18
Kate Steven	June 14	Olive Tronchin	July 17	Bert Landman	August 19
Sophiya Esponda	June 16	Susan Eaccarino	July 18	Penny Pearson	August 19
Bruce Whitcomb	June 17	Mima Esponda	July 19	Davonté Griffith	August 20
Jacqui Johnson	June 17	Helen Hart	July 19	Julian Rose	August 21
Meg Foster	June 17	Ellen Richardson	July 19	Karl Profe	August 21
Tro Moo	June 18	Jonathan Reik	July 20	Kevin Chick	August 22
Marc Wiest	June 19	Allison Merrill	July 22	Beverly Bygrave	August 23
Franklin Ude	June 20	Donald Romanik	July 22	Eugenia Weaver	August 24
Basil Bennett	June 21	Benneth Ude	July 22	Susanne Mantel	August 24
Jack Merrill	June 21	Merle Melhado	July 23	Carol Derick	August 24
Guillermo Irizarry	June 22	Philip Green	July 23	Kevin Brookman	August 26
Leroy Bohlen	June 23	Marianna Drunnamanio	July 23	Michael Thomas	August 26
Karl Pearson	June 23	Lair Besel	July 24	Amy Williams	August 26
Alexia Williams-Garcia	June 23	Al Shuckra	July 25	Kevin Rennie	August 28
Boo Morton	June 24	Pollyann Thomas	July 25	Malik Thomas	August 30
Levi Bohlen	June 26	Sue Hart	July 25	Carmen Belgrave	August 30
Justin Ude	June 28	Krista Mogor	July 26	Edgar Garcia	August 30
Phil Reynolds	June 28	Ray Wilson	July 28	Freya Watt	August 30
Margery Samuels	June 29	Marthe Annan-Kingsley	July 30	James White	August 31

Online Bible Study To Begin in June

In these days of physical separation, we at Trinity have been finding ways to come together in the virtual world for worship and meetings. Roy McAlpine has now offered to facilitate a new Bible study group which will meet via Zoom. The study group will use an approach created at Yale specifically for parishes, and requiring no previous academic study.

Each session of the Yale study format starts with an introduction to the subject from two faculty members, then offers discussion questions and options for further reading. The program is divided into sections, each focusing on one book of the Bible, with most sections consisting of eight individual sessions. Our study group can do as much or as little as it likes with each session; it's up to participants to decide how to use the materials.

Roy is proposing that our new Bible study begin with two basic introductory sessions:

The formation of the biblical canon — Who decided which writings would be in the Bible? When and how were these decisions made?

Reading the Bible — What are some of the issues that cause some of us to find the Bible intimidating and confusing? How can it enrich our own spirituality? How can we understand its challenging presentations of violence, slavery, and sexual behavior?

After the first sessions, the group can decide what to tackle next.

Roy would like to begin on Tuesday, June 2, at a time most convenient for all participants. The first session should last about an hour and a quarter, as it will involve dealing with some preliminary logistics. Call Roy at 860-338-4525 or send him an email at rmcalpine@comcast.net to let him know you would like to join in our new Bible study offering, or to ask any questions.

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to see the significant improvements that will be taking place! Please continue to hold Trinity Church in your prayers, just as we pray for you and our wider community during these unprecedented times.

Thank you all on behalf of the Capital Campaign for Trinity!

- Patrick Reid Capital Campaign Administrator

NOW YOU'VE DONE IT!!!!!!

Our 2020 High School graduates:

Dinaka Onoh will graduate this June from Hall High School in West Hartford. Dinaka, the daughter of Lawretta and Israel Onoh, is a lifelong member of Trinity Church and a long-time member of The Choir of Hartford. She will be attending Johns Hopkins University in the fall; she plans to concentrate her studies there on chemistry and public health.

Garvey Udokwu, the son of Cassandra Joseph and the nephew of Clement and Ifeoma Mogor, who has been a member of the choir and an acolyte, will be graduating from Weaver High School in June. Next fall, he plans to attend Eastern Connecticut State College, where he will study biology and theater arts.

2020 college graduates:

Jonah Garcia, who was the tenor soloist with the Trinity Choir for several years, received a Bachelor of Arts in music from the University of Connecticut School of Fine Arts, as well as a Bachelor of Science from the Neag School of Education, at UConn's 2020 commencement.

Chloe Pearson, daughter of Karl Pearson and granddaughter of Jack and Penny Pearson, has completed her Bachelor of Science degree with concentrations/dual majors in marine biology and environmental science and a minor in art from Roger Williams University. She plans to begin work this fall on a Master's in marine biology at the University of New Hampshire.

Congratulations to Dinaka, Garvey, Jonah and Chloe! If you are a recent graduate whose name is not included above, please send your information to voice@trinityhartford.org, and we'll put it in the next issue.

Cycle of Prayer for June—August

June 7

Tortie Torto Angelo, Emily, Pete, Hunter, Grace & Logan Troiano Jake Troiano

June 14

Joe, Victor, Kaylee &
Destini Troiano
Olive, Irwin &
Amanda Tronchin
Alice Turcotte

June 21

Benneth, Corlet, Franklin, Justin & Jonathan Ude Albert Van Stalk Peter Vreeland & Richard Charron

June 28

Pekah Wallace & Jay Nolan-Wallace Sonia & Cassandra Watson Timothy, Atis & Freya Watt, and Amity Gaige

July 5

Bruce Wazorko &
Nancy Crandall
Ernestine, David Sr., Eugenia
and David Jr. Weaver
Marshall Weaver

July 12

Elaine Weber Erica & George Weinstock Nancy & Bruce Whitcomb

July 19

James, Emily, Levi, Norah & Torin White Justin White Jon, Carol & Daniel Widing

July 26

Marc Wiest Gayle Wilcox Janet Wilkinson

August 2

Amy Williams
Deborah & Shakeem Williams
Pam Williams

August 9

Percy Williamson
Ray & Kathie Wilson
Chris, Elah & Milah Windnagle
and Jennifer Siebold

August 16

Mark & Michelle Zelesky
Elana Zhidkova-Rice &
Alan and Peter Rice
Steve Zhitnik & Anne Rapkin

August 23

Georges, Marthe & Joseph Annan-Kingsley Phyllis Appadu Amy Arlin & Dan Foster

August 30

Evelyn Babins Connie Bain David & Jill Barrett

A Report from the Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association

Pollinator Corridor: One Asylum Hill area initiative is the creation of a Pollinator Corridor, which involves asking neighborhood churches and other stakeholders to plant pollinator friendly bushes and plants. Trinity is participating. This is something we can do without meetings and while keeping our social distance.

Police and Public Safety Concerns: The usual areas of community vigilance are continuing; public disturbances, pan-handling and dumping of trash in public areas are top offences. We will now be adding ensuring public safety by limiting group meetings, maintaining safe distances and the wearing of masks as necessary. We need to maintain a positive attitude about all of this. Our positive attitude is bound to be catching and help us live a "new life".

Feeding Programs: Feeding programs have all taken a hit and are reinventing themselves. This includes Loaves and Fishes and Grace Lutheran's Friday suppers. Those for whom food insecurity is a problem should not hesitate to contact 211 or their faith community to find out how to get assistance.

Asylum Hill Guide: An updated edition of the Asylum Hill Guide is now available. Both print and digital versions are available via the website, www.asylumhill.org.

Committees and Special Interest Groups: A strategic plan has been developed, with four objectives: 1) Increase public awareness of AHNA; 2) Economic development; 3) Public safety; 4) Education.

Meetings are still occurring the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m.