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Life Together at Trinity

This is my last *Voice* article as your Rector. Perhaps recalling the signs about which the disciples asked Jesus, Debbie jokes that she'll believe I'm retired when I don't have "Voice Deadline" on my calendar. So before I write anything else, I want to thank Kathie Wilson for her absolute faithfulness to this congregation in planning, editing, writing and producing *The Voice* over these many years. Kathie continues to keep us informed and tuned in to events that help weave together the fabric of our common life.

FROM THE



I began naming this column *Life Together* early on in my ministry here after re-reading Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book by the same title. He believed that Christian community can only exist when Jesus is at the very center of every aspect of community life. Christian community, he wrote, is not only a human ideal, it is already a divine reality. It is not, he writes, "an ideal which we must realize; it is rather a reality created by God in Christ in which we may participate." Jesus calls the community into being, not vice versa. And that is the type of community Debbie and I have experienced here at Trinity.

As I reflect back on our 15+ years here, "Christian Community" is the aspect that I will remember and cherish forever. From my first telephone interview with Kate Steven in the summer of 2003, I felt the presence of Christ at the center of community life at Trinity. We see Jesus in the face of each other, in the faces of those we serve, in the faces of those we welcome and, yes, in the lives of those whom we may never meet. It is grounded in Christian hospitality that is part of the DNA of this congregation.

Just about every Christian church in the universe has a sign somewhere that proclaims, "All Welcome." In my experience, that often translates to "All Welcome *to be like us*." At Trinity, we have experienced a community that welcomes all of God's children as God has made them, welcoming them to join our community not to *become like us* but to *become most fully who God desires for them to be*. I like to think that each of us is always "becoming" – being led to grow into God's dream for each of us – until we draw our last breath. As your pastor, it has been my goal that we strive together, support one another and learn from one another as together we work on becoming that divinely inspired albeit sometimes messy Body of Christ that Bonhoeffer described as "Christian Community."

"Now you are the body of Christ, and individually members of it," St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12:27. Just as each of us is always "becoming" during our lifetimes, so too each Christian community must continue to evolve in order to remain a dynamic and vibrant Body of Christ. New members come into the community, bringing new life, new vitality, a variety of gifts and experiences that, really, are the breath of the Holy Spirit. Inevitably, other members complete their journey on this earth, or move on to continue

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Sunday Morning Adult Christian Formation

Coffee Hour Conversations meet following the Sunday morning 10:00 a.m. service, usually in the Library. Here's the schedule:

January 27 – Future Shock Part 2: Where Do We Go From Here?

Speaker: Donald Romanik

In his presentation last October, Donald Romanik, President of the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) laid out some stark realities about the current state of the Episcopal Church. If we're not doomed to extinction, what might the future look like and how might we get there? Join Donald for a follow-up conversation about new models and new possibilities for local ministry and what these may mean for Trinity Church.

February 3 – No session

February 10 – Racism and White Privilege

Parish Panel

As part of Black History Month and also in recognition of the bishops' recent announcement of a two-year Season of Racial Healing, Justice and Reconciliation, we will have a town hall panel discussion of these challenging issues. How has the legacy and continued reality of racism and white privilege affected our lives, our community, and our church? How can we promote healing, justice and reconciliation?

February 17 – No session; services at St. Monica's

February 24 – Icebreaker activity (St. Monica's visiting)

March 3 – No session; last day with Fr. Don

March 10 – No session

March 17 – Autism Inclusion in Religious Environments

Speaker: Amy Langston

Autism is a challenging and often misunderstood condition, affecting many aspects of a person's social and community life. Those without much exposure to autistic people might not know how to make their religious communities places where autistic people can thrive, grow, and be loved and accepted. Amy, a Master of Arts student at Hartford Seminary who will also be preaching on the 17th, will present her research on autistic children and adults who have participated in a variety of religious settings, analyzing the specific patterns of behavior and challenges common to the autistic religious experience, and addressing solutions for how religious leaders can create spaces of inclusion and hope for autistic people.

March 24 – No session

March 31 – Trinity Academy Update

Speaker: Jen Scanzano, Head of School

Jen will provide an update on the school, the staff and the students of Trinity Academy. How is our new first grade doing? Where will our fourth graders go next year? What are the school's plans for the future? What can Trinity parishioners do to help? Come find out more about this very important community resource that shares our campus.

Heads Up! Hartford Plans Super Meeting at Trinity

Heads Up! Hartford will hold a SUPER Youth Group Meeting at Trinity on Sunday, January 27, from 1-3 p.m. – a time for fun and food! All are welcome – past, present, and future HUH youth, their families, counselors, volunteers, and parishioners.

HUH brings together youth in 8th-12th grades from city and suburbs, from various Christian denominations, for a week of camp each June, with much of each day spent in community service. (This year the camp HQ will be the Ethel Walker School in Simsbury.) Talk with some of the Trinity youth who have attended – Dinaka Onoh, Davonté Griffith, Jordan Thomas, Jonathan Ude – to find out more about it, or speak with Linda MacGougan, Trinity's adult liaison for the HUH program.

The Leadership Team for HUH, both youth and adults, will be at Trinity for an overnight planning session on January 26th, and will be worshiping with us on January 27th. Be sure to give them a friendly greeting! You'll receive a friendly greeting in return!

2018 Annual Financial Statements Coming Soon

Financial statements will be mailed out shortly to anyone who made an identifiable contribution to Trinity Church during 2018.

If you have not received your statement by January 31, please contact Barbara Roos in the parish office at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204, or broos@trinityhartford.org.

Parish Retreat Coming Up February 8-10

Join Fr. Don and Debbie Hamer at Holy Cross Monastery in West



RETREAT

Park, New York, from Friday evening, February 8 through lunch on Sunday, February 10, for our 2019

winter retreat. We will be joined at the monastery by folks from Christ Church Cathedral, Grace Church, Hartford, and Trinity Church, Collinsville. There will be plenty of time to walk the spacious grounds, read, reflect and relax. The cost of \$200 includes all meals and a private room.

If you would like to attend this year's retreat, please be sure to sign up with Fr. Don no later than January 27; you can also contact him for more information on this event.

Sanctuary Stitchers Set Winter Gatherings

The Sanctuary Stitchers, Trinity's prayer shawl ministry, will gather on Saturday mornings, February 9 and March 9, from 9:30-11:30 in the Library. The group will meet for prayer, fellowship and knitting, crocheting or other portable crafting. Members create prayer shawls, lap robes and baby blankets, made hats offered to those attending Church by the Pond on December 15, and continue to make hats to offer at Church by the Pond on February 16. Their April project will be Cross Pocket Prayer Squares, small knit or crocheted items to remind the holder that God is watching over them. These will be distributed at Church by the Pond on April 20.

Those who create for the benefit of others are welcome, as are ideas for how to further this ministry. For more information, contact Penny Pearson at 860-243-0020 or pennypearson@comcast.net.

February 10: Opening a Season of Racial Healing

In accordance with a resolution of the 2018 Diocesan Convention, Trinity will join other congregations in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut in observing a "Season of Racial Healing, Justice and Reconciliation" beginning with services on Sunday, February 10.

Bishops Ian Douglas and Laura Ahrens write: "Our recent Convention's action was comprehensive and called for specific actions. . . The goals of the Season are to introduce foundational concepts, language, and tools to help encourage and enable congregations to begin opening hearts and minds; to acknowledge the reality of white supremacy and bias against people of color in our society; and to awaken Episcopalians in Connecticut to the need for concerted action to address the ongoing injustice of the racial divide. . . We recognize this is work many of us have already engaged in various ways for a long time. We also recognize that while the resolution invites us into this work for a minimum of two years, we will be committed to this work for the rest of our lives."

Trinity, one of the ECCT parishes that have made significant effort on the subject of racial justice, is poised to be a congregational leader in the work ahead. Fr. Don has been working with a group of parishioners and others engaged in this work to plan the sermon on the 10th; the 10 a.m. service will be followed by a town hall-style meeting. Please join in as we continue Trinity's efforts to follow Jesus' call "that we all may be one."

Saying Goodbye to the Hamers

Friday, March 1, 6:00 p.m. at Trinity Church

**Dinner and Celebration of the
Hamers' Ministries among Us**

Come for an evening of food and drink, entertainment, and a time to talk, laugh and enjoy each other's company

Sunday, March 3, Transfiguration Sunday

One Service at 9:30 a.m.

Father Don Preaching and Celebrating

Look for more information to follow in the weekly E-blast, the Sunday bulletin, and a special mailing

Cycle of Prayer for February and March

February 3

Marshall Weaver
Elaine Weber
George & Erica Weinstock

February 10

Bruce & Nancy Whitcomb
James, Emily, Torin, Levi &
Norah White
Justin White

February 17

Jon, Carol & Daniel Widing
Marc Wiest
Janet Wilkinson

February 24

Amy Williams
Carl Williams
Deborah & Shakeem Williams

March 3

Pam Williams
Percy Williamson
Ray & Kathie Wilson

March 10

Ben Wyatt
Steve Zhitnik & Anne Rapkin
Mitchelle Abrahams

March 17

Peg Andrian
Georges & Marthe
Annan-Kingsley
Phyllis Appadu

March 24

Amy Arlin & Dan Foster
Evelyn Babins
Connie Bain

March 31

Virginia Banks
David & Jill Barrett
Carmen Belgrave, Laquisha &
Anthony Springer

Choir School To Serve Up Pancake Breakfast

The Choir School of Hartford is planning another Pancake Breakfast for Sunday, February 10, when our choristers will offer a full breakfast of pancakes, eggs, potatoes, sausage, bacon, juice, coffee and tea in between the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services. The price is set at \$5 per head, or \$20 per family and, of course, donations are always welcomed! Don't miss the chance to enjoy a great meal while supporting our young singers.

Trinity / St. Monica's Continue Worship Relationship

Fr. Don and the Rev. Tracy Johnson Russell, Rector of St. Monica's Episcopal Church, have announced that the two congregations will continue their recent tradition of shared worship in 2019.

On Sunday, February 17, there will be no morning worship services at Trinity, with services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. being held jointly at St. Monica's Church with Fr. Don as celebrant. The following Sunday, February 24, there will be no services at St. Monica's as both congregations worship at Trinity with Pastor Tracy as preacher and celebrant. The 10 a.m. service at Trinity on February 24 will feature music of the Hartford Steel Band in addition to the Trinity Choirs.

Be sure to join all of our brothers and sisters from Trinity and St. Monica's as we continue this joyful tradition of fellowship across parishes as part of the larger Body of Christ. St. Monica's is located at 3575 Main Street in Hartford.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

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

Thursdays at 12 noon

Evensong 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:45 p.m.

The Rev. Dr. Donald L. Hamer, Rector
Mr. Jackson Merrill, Director of Music Ministries
The Rev. Benjamin Wyatt, Curate

Assisting Clergy:

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

The Reverend William J. Eakins, Rector Emeritus

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

February

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

March

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



Except for the morning workday session (see article on Page 6), the buildings will be closed Monday, February 18, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Choirs To Sing Evensong At St. John's

The Choir School of Hartford and the Trinity Choir will offer a service of Evensong at St. John's Episcopal Church, 679 Farmington Avenue in West Hartford, on Sunday, February 24. The 5:00 p.m. service will include a setting of the Evensong preces and responses by contemporary American composer Craig Phillips; Ralph Vaughan Williams' setting of the *Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis*; and the anthem "All wisdom cometh from the Lord" by Phillip Moore, retired Master of the Music at York Minster in England. Jack Merrill, our Director of Music Ministries, will conduct; Scott Lamlein, Music Director at St. John's, will be the organist for this service.

Offering Envelopes for 2019

If you haven't yet picked up your offering envelopes from the table in Goodwin Hall, please do so the next time you are at the church. If you would like envelopes for 2019 but don't see a box with your name on it, call Barbara Roos at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204.

Capital Campaign for Mission Update

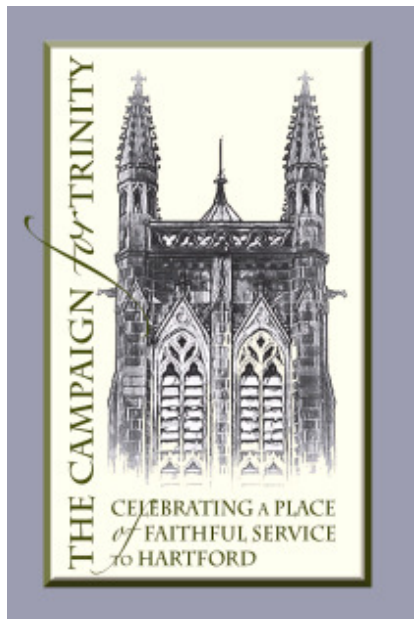
We're happy to say that the Campaign for Trinity continues to gain momentum! The best measure of this is our pledges received, which recently surpassed 50% of our goal. Thank you to all those who have responded so generously, and for the solicitors and other volunteers who have enabled the campaign to be such a success so far.

Other progress includes:

- A beautiful, new version of our case statement document, with graphic design donated by former parishioner Rhode Van Gessel.
- Establishment of a Capital Works Committee to review and prioritize projects.
- Experienced project manager, Dave Desmarais, agreeing to be Clerk of the Works to oversee projects.
- Active planning in progress for the Public Launch on February 12.

Our one regret at this point is that we're behind schedule in our plans for all parishioners to be visited. We want everyone who supports the church financially to have a personal visit from someone associated with the campaign. The visits are often wonderfully uplifting, but the process is taking longer than we'd anticipated. People are busy and scheduling is challenging. So, if you haven't been visited yet, don't feel left out. Most parishioners haven't been visited yet. We will get to you!

The wonderful results the campaign has already seen from the limited number of parishioners who've



been visited to date is a tangible and encouraging sign of what we believed when we first became involved in this process: that the people of Trinity Church love this place and its role in the community and are incredibly generous. Thanks be to God!

— Mark MacGougan and
Drew Smith

Indoor Workday Planned For Presidents' Day – Come Help!

Our second indoor workday of the winter will take place on Presidents' Day, February 18, from 9:00 until noon. We'll continue the work started at the January 21 workday, checking that all the chairs have rubber "feet", dusting and generally cleaning up the sanctuary area. It's a BIG job, and your help is needed! There's no signup; just appear at the church (you don't have to be there for the whole morning!) and pitch in.

AHNA News from the January Meeting

The Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association (AHNA) empowers and connects residents and stakeholders to improve the quality of life in Asylum Hill.

Police Report: Quality of life issues remain a problem. This includes loitering, panhandling, loud noise, public drinking. Car break-ins happen when items are left in sight inside the car. "Park Smart." Warnings were given about the inadvisability of leaving delivery boxes unattended on porches.

Fire Department Report:

Smoke detectors are available from your local FD. A warning if you use space heaters: Make sure flammable items are at least three feet away from the heat source. Do not overload power strips.

Minutes: October, November and December minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Report from the City: Issues about lack of street parking on days with garbage pick-up were discussed. Fall/Winter Hartford Services Guides were distributed; there are copies available at Trinity in Goodwin Hall. The next Mayor's Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 29.

Report of the Nomination and Governance Committee:

Members are asked to review the current by-laws (available on the website). Email Bernie with any comments/suggestions.

There is a need for two more community residents to serve on

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Outreach at Trinity



Church by the Pond February 16

Trinity's next opportunity to prepare and distribute bag lunches and personal items in Bushnell Park for those in need is Saturday, February 16. Part of Trinity's ongoing commitment to community service, Church by the Pond is one of the "Church Street Eats" feeding programs coordinated by Christ Church Cathedral.

Trinity is one of a number of Hartford area churches who regularly participate in this ministry. Our scheduled date to participate is usually the third Saturday of every other month. Here's the schedule for February 16:

- At 12:30, we'll prepare bag lunches in the Trinity kitchen and the library (please enter through the outside door to the kitchen).
- At 1:45 we'll bring those lunches to Bushnell Park, where we'll participate in the Eucharist service by the pond at 2:00, with the Rev. Ben Wyatt officiating.
- We distribute our lunches following the Eucharist, and should finish by 3:15.

Please come for as much of this time as you can – friends and families are welcome!

– Penny Pearson
for the Outreach Team

Collection of items for Men February 3

On Sunday, February 3, Outreach ministry members will be accepting donations of gently-used and new warm items for men in need in our community. These will be given to Christ Church Cathedral, to be distributed through their programs. We are requesting only men's items, as Rose Eagen at the Cathedral has identified these as a significant need at this time.

All types of clean, gently-used clothing for men will be accepted, as will shoes and boots in good condition. We request that socks be new, white, athletic-style and machine washable and dryable.

Please plan to participate with us, however you are able. Thank you!

– Penny Pearson
for the Outreach Team

2019 Sneaker Project Begins Ash Wednesday

Once again this Lent we will be collecting sneakers for our Trinity Academy students. Their requests will be available starting Ash Wednesday, March 6. Please attach the tag to the sneakers you contribute and return them by Maundy Thursday, April 18. Any additional sneakers (including adult sizes) will be donated to the Klingberg Foundation. Questions? Contact Don Cook at 860-993-2804.

February 3 Road Race To Support Refugees

Every February, IRIS (Integrated Refugee Resettlement Services) holds a 5K race in New Haven. IRIS is the organization that has assisted us with our work with our Syrian and Afghan families.

Drew and I will be doing this race on Sunday, February 3, at 10:00 a.m. We hate to miss church, but we feel this fundraiser is so important. There will be over 3,000 runners or walkers!

Please join us at this inspiring event. Register for the race at runsignup.com/Race/CT/NewHaven/IRISRunforRefugees.

If you can't be there, consider supporting us online at crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/hartfordrefugeeresettlement/katesmith4. Or checks can be sent to me at 106 Vista Way, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Please make them out to IRIS, with Run for Refugees in the memo. Thanks!

– Kate Smith

Advent Project Nets \$900 for Gaza Hospital

The Outreach Team thanks everyone for their support of the Holy Land Giving Tree during the month of December. We raised over \$900 to send to the Ahli Hospital in Gaza, which functions with little electricity, supplies, or staff. Our assistance helps keep the hospital open and gives hope to all it serves. Several parishioners have told us how happy they were with either a photo or olive wood ornament on their Christmas tree!

– Kate Smith
for the Outreach Team

Trinity Academy News

It was a busy end to 2018 at Trinity Academy! On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, our students and staff had a special Thanksgiving luncheon with several of our student sponsors. Our chef, Ricardo, made an amazing feast and our students sang for our guests as well.



The week before Christmas our students got to participate in two festive activities beginning with our Annual Holiday Bazaar! Students were able to pick out some amazing gifts for their loved ones. A big “thank you” to the supportive and caring community at Trinity Episcopal Church that collected all the gift items and put together a “gift shop” in the church library.

The week ended with our annual Holiday Party. Students were able to participate in fun activities, eat holiday treats and receive presents. Trinity Episcopal Church, Asylum Hill Congregational Church and area businesses provided each student with a special gift! We are truly appreciative to all the wonderful people who make these great events possible!

We are now gearing up for our annual signature fundraiser, ***The Excellence Gala***, to be held on Friday, April 26, at ON20, 400 Columbus Blvd in Hartford. Tickets will be available soon! Call our Development Office at 860-251-8337 for more information and/or to purchase tickets. Tickets can also be purchased on our website www.trinityday.org soon!

– Donna Colliton
Director of Development

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

For the moment, most of our attention is focused on Father Don’s retirement on March 3. There will be an opportunity to celebrate, remember and say goodbye (see Page 3). You’ll hear more about that in the coming weeks.

You may also be wondering, though, what happens after Fr. Don’s last day with us. We don’t have all the answers yet, but here’s what we do know at this point:



- The Bishops and ECCT staff are aware of our transition, and the Rev. Canon Lee Ann Tolzmann, the ECCT Canon for Mission Leadership, along with Bishop Laura Ahrens, will be working with us as we navigate these new waters.
- The Wardens and Vestry are working with Father Don to arrange short-term coverage so we’ll have a priest available until our “official” interim priest comes.
- The Rev. Canon Lee Ann Tolzmann will be our guest preacher on April 7, and we will have only one service that day, at 9:30 a.m., so that she can meet with the entire congregation to talk with us about the process of finding our next rector (see Page 12).
- We expect to have an interim rector joining us by early summer.
- A search committee will be formed as soon as possible after Father Don’s departure.
- We’ll continue to get some help from the volunteer clergy who regularly lead worship and are part of the fabric of our congregational life, and we may see some new faces in our chancel and pulpit.
- There will be a priest available for pastoral care, as there always has been. Call the church office at 860-527-8133. If the office is closed, leave a message in mailbox 1, and a priest on call will contact you.
- All of our ongoing ministries will continue to function under the leadership of our Quadrant Liaisons, supported by Vestry and the wardens.
- The church office will continue to be open Monday through Thursday from 9 to 3, and will be staffed by Barbara Roos, Fran Times-Mack, and our office volunteers.

If you have questions not answered above, please feel free to contact either of the Wardens, Alan Rice and Martha Freimuth.

March 2 Pre-Lenten Quiet Morning for Women: Grief and Hope

The Companions of the Holy Cross (Hartford Chapter) invite women of the parish to their March meeting on Saturday, March 2, from 9:30-2:00 at Trinity. The program, "Grief and Hope – Our Companions on our Journey through Loss," will be led by Lisa Irish, and will look at how grief and hope exist in our hearts. Lisa is the author of several books and offers grief support, spiritual direction and contemplative retreats (www.lisairish.com). There will be a \$10.00 fee for this Quiet Day; a light lunch will be provided. For answers to questions and to sign up to attend, email Kate Smith at kate48smith@comcast.net or call 860-519-1591.

Book Group To Discuss Ground-breaking Text

Trinity's Book Group next meets on Friday, March 8, to discuss a recent book, *A Crack in Creation: Gene Editing and the Unthinkable Power to Control Evolution* by Jennifer Doudna and Samuel Sternberg. The first part of the book describes Doudna's landmark invention of a DNA-manipulation technology; the second part is concerned with the ethical and societal repercussions of its use. An important issue for our time, and who better to discuss it with than our fellow Trinity parishioners?

All are welcome to attend this gathering at the home of Jon and Jane Reik, which begins with refreshments at 7:00 p.m. and concludes by 9:00. Please let Jon know if you plan to attend. (jonr720@aol.com).

Vestry Notes for November and December

The Vestry meeting of November 27 was entirely devoted to a 2019 Budget Workshop. Treasurer Janet Wilkinson and Assistant Treasurer Casey Rousseau presented a proposed budget for 2019 based on past experience of income and expenses. It was reviewed in detail and adjusted by the full Vestry. Final budget approval is done at the December meeting, when more information has been received from pledges and outside vendors.

The December 18th meeting opened with devotions by Father Don. He used "Dwelling in the Word," a format for reflecting on a passage of scripture which is being used at the beginning of all diocesan meetings.

The Outreach Team reported that ten people attended the first meeting on Fr. Ben's mission projects initiative. Anyone in the congregation with an idea for outreach or mission projects is encouraged to bring their ideas to this newly formed group, which will begin meeting more regularly in January. The Outreach Team is working on providing scholarships for young people in Tanzania, a continuation and expansion of a long-term ministry. Continuing efforts such as Loaves and Fishes and Feeding in the Park are thriving, and the Outreach Team also provided a Holiday Store for Trinity Academy students once again.

The Property Team is exploring improvements to Trinity's signage, especially on Farmington Avenue.

The Wardens reported on the ongoing ministries of the congregation, including the Capital Campaign, the Choir School, and

Trinity Academy. The Campaign for Trinity continues to meet with success, with \$300,600 pledged as of the meeting date. The public launch of the campaign will take place on February 12.

The Trinity Academy board of trustees is working to improve the financial stability of the Academy. The academic sponsorship program initiated this year is going well, with one grade fully sponsored and another grade 90% sponsored.

The Rector reported that he had sent a letter to the congregation announcing that his final Sunday at Trinity will be March 3, 2019. He also reported on the current staffing of the church office. Barbara Roos, who has been working about 10 hours per week as the administrator for the Campaign for Trinity, was available and willing to take on some of the Assistant to the Rector's duties on a part-time, interim basis following the departure of Pam Haddad on December 14.

The treasurers reported that they had made several adjustments to the proposed 2019 budget based on new information from the diocese about the cost of several services, including property/liability insurance rates and audit requirements. They also added a contingency fund to the budget, as recommended by diocesan financial leadership, and proposed increasing pay rates for Trinity's hourly workers to move them to \$14.25 per hour. The budget was reviewed and discussed, and was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.



Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday 2019 falls on March 6, marking the official beginning of the forty days of Lent. The service schedule for Ash Wednesday is as follows:

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

The imposition of ashes will be available at all three services.

Our Ash Wednesday offering will again support the work of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. Please use your special Ash Wednesday offering envelope or send along your check made out to Trinity Episcopal Church and earmarked "Ash Wednesday Offering."

Eversource Project Upgrades Completed

If you've been at Trinity during the week recently, you may have noticed various contractors at work on the comprehensive upgrade to our lighting fixtures as well as the heating and cooling systems in several parts of the building, plans for which had been announced in recent issues of *The Voice*. These upgrades, which were approved by the Vestry and will save us thousands of dollars each year on our natural gas and electricity bills, are now complete.

In accordance with the energy assessment conducted last year by Eversource, the air conditioning units in the office wing have been replaced by three heat exchanger units which serve five rooms on the ground floor and two on the second floor; these cooling units also have heat pumps which allow just one area to be heated when that is all the heat that is needed (e.g., in the

case of an evening meeting). The new heating and cooling system in the kitchen has also been installed and is operational, and provides hot water as well as heat and air conditioning. Electrical lighting in all areas of our buildings except the sanctuary has now been upgraded to lighting which is much more energy efficient and in many places provides better light as well.

The new lighting, which includes the exterior lights which illuminate our buildings at night, will save significant energy and will also lower maintenance costs, as the new LED bulbs last much longer than the bulbs previously in use. (Lighting upgrades to the sanctuary will be part of the work accomplished through the Capital Campaign.) We hope you'll admire and enjoy these new improvements, as well as the improvements they will generate in the annual budget.

Compline To Be Offered On Sundays in Lent

A service of Compline will be sung at Trinity Church at 8:00 p.m. each Sunday beginning March 10, the First Sunday in Lent, and running through the Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 7. These services will be sung by the Compline Schola, a group of singers from Trinity and elsewhere who enjoy singing this beautiful service.

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

Our Advent Compline series was very well received; Trinity's members and friends will now have the opportunity to enrich their observance of Lent by joining the Schola for this prayerful and reflective service. All are welcome. The Sigourney Street doors (only) will be open at 7:50 for those attending.

Ben Wyatt To Lead Wednesday Evening Series

Father Ben Wyatt has agreed to lead our mid-week Lenten study series, which will begin on Wednesday evening, March 13. Each session will start with a pizza supper (from 6:00-7:00 p.m.) and then continue with teaching and discussion at 7:00; the program will end at 8:00 p.m. This year's series title and topic will be announced soon, but the series is sure to be an engaging and meaningful addition to your observance of Lent.

Campaign For Trinity: In Case You Were Wondering . . .

The process of meeting with Trinity parishioners about their participation in The Campaign for Trinity has provided many wonderful opportunities for sharing our common life together and our visions for the future. Early meetings have been extraordinarily promising, and have yielded several questions we thought other folks might have, so here they are:

Question: Why did the Vestry decide to hire a Campaign Consultant, a Campaign Administrator, and produce a promotional video? Couldn't we have done those things in-house, on our own?

Answer: A little history is important to answer this question. Trinity has had three distinct capital campaigns over the past 20 years prior to **The Campaign for Trinity**: One in the late 1990s to complete the Memorial Garden, one in 2004 to refurbish the stained glass, and one in 2008-2009 to replace portions of our slate roof. Each of these campaigns was focused on a single project, and each of them was conceived, planned and carried out by volunteers from within the parish. Of the three, only the first campaign to complete the Memorial Garden came close to meeting its goal. The latter two raised only a fraction of the goals, with the remainder coming from loans or the endowment.

Unlike these prior campaigns, **The Campaign for Trinity** addresses a great number of building issues that are important to address at this time: fire and safety systems, for example, that do not meet current safety codes and fall far short of the security that modern technology can provide; replacement of the present heating system in the church to realize significant savings on utility costs and energy usage that will pay for themselves over a relatively short term; lighting and flooring improvements in the church that will make the space more user-friendly and improve its appeal to both worshippers and outside performance groups who wish to rent the space.

Given the complexity of this campaign and the variety of building issues we are trying to address, coupled with Trinity's track record in prior home-grown campaigns, the Vestry decided in 2017 to hire Partners for Sacred Places to serve as our campaign consultant and to follow their recommendations.

Question: It seems like the bulk of the projected work is on building infrastructure that people can't see. Why aren't there more inspiring "visible" projects included in the scope of work?

Answer: Everybody was hoping that there would be more priority for "exciting" and "high profile" projects. The fact is that the results of the architectural study pointed out the priority for updating "systems" that are in some cases decades out of date and no longer serving their intended purpose. There are important elements of the plans that include aesthetic and comfort improvements, but these have been placed lower on the priority scale in order to address fire and safety work that must come first.

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their Christian journeys in other parts of God's vineyard, leaving behind their own mark on the community and taking with them the blessings of having been a part of this community of faith.

Now it is time for Debbie and me to take our leave of this congregation and to explore what God has in store for us during this next phase of life's journey. It will be necessary for us to remain apart for this coming time so that you can prayerfully take stock of where Trinity is as a community of faith, consider where you believe God is calling you in these coming years, and search for a new pastor who will walk with you on that journey. We love you and we will miss you. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

Your brother in Christ,
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Daylight Saving Time for 2019 begins at 2:00 a.m. on **Sunday, March 10.** Remember to set your clocks *ahead* one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night!

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Question: Who is going to supervise the work when it begins?

Answer: Ultimately, the Vestry is responsible for overseeing the scope and sequence of the work and approving all aspects of construction. The Vestry is appointing a subcommittee of the Vestry and the Property Team to focus on work related to the capital campaign. We have hired Mr. David Desmarais, former property manager for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, as Clerk of the Works. He brings extensive experience in management of church construction projects and has agreed to work at an hourly rate to coordinate the work of architects, identifying prospective contractors, soliciting and choosing bids, and carrying out the actual work to satisfactory completion. He will work with the rest of the Trinity staff, the Vestry and the management subcommittee on the timing and implementation of all aspects of the campaign projects.

Question: Once the work is completed, what are the plans for ongoing maintenance of our buildings?

Answer: It needs to be stressed that the need for the work of the capital campaign *is not* a failure to provide regular maintenance – it is primarily the need to replace outdated and outmoded systems that no longer adequately protect our property and the people who use it. The Trinity Investment Committee coordinates with the Vestry in setting aside a percentage of our annual operating budget for maintenance contingencies and ongoing upkeep of all systems.

We hope this explanation has been helpful. If you have any additional questions or concerns about **The Campaign for Trinity** please do not hesitate to contact co-chairs Drew Smith and Mark MacGougan, Campaign Administrator Barbara Roos or Wardens Alan Rice and Martha Freimuth.

– *The Campaign for Trinity Steering Committee*

Town Hall Meeting on April 7

Following the 9:30 a.m. service on April 7 (the only service at Trinity that day), plan to come to a “town hall” meeting in the church with the Rev. Canon Lee Ann Tolzmann, Canon of Mission Leadership for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. She will explain what we can expect during the transition period when Trinity is between rectors, and will lead a discussion on how our parish can make the most of this time.

Scot Haney To Headline Choir School Event

The Choir School of Hartford will be holding its Evening of Music and Treasure on Friday, April 12, 5:30-7:30 at the Pond House in Elizabeth Park, West Hartford. Joining us will be the illustrious Scot Haney of WFSB and of course there will be performances by the Choir School, along with hors d’oeuvres, music, and more. Mark your calendars to save the date, and be on the lookout for details.

Voice Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of *The Voice* is Friday, March 15, at 5:00 p.m. This issue will cover **Holy Week** events (April 14-21), plus all other events scheduled to take place in **April and May**. Please email your articles to voice@trinityhartford.org. Using this address will help ensure that your article doesn’t go astray!

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the Board. Elections were held to approve new Board Directors and Officers. New Board members are: Edward Edgardo, Michael Barr, Marian Leist and Susan Tebolt.

Voices of the neighborhood:

Wayne Benjamin explained the work being done on the old Comet Diner at the corner of Farmington Avenue and Laurel Street. There is soil remediation happening there right now. The roof of the old diner is now shrink wrapped to protect from leaking water/snow.

Prayers were offered for Georges Annan-Kingsley following his successful kidney transplant surgery.

On January 3, a **fund-raiser** was held for a pear tree orchard in the Niles Street neighborhood garden.

Village for Children and

Families: The Village is now running programs out of the old Greylodge building on Myrtle Street; these programs include a family resource center, parenting classes, pregnancy info/help and a preschool program. They are interested in being a vital part of the neighborhood.

– Boo Morton



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EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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<i>Insert</i>	February 12 5:30 p.m. Public launch of Capital Campaign
<i>Page 7</i>	February 16 12:30 p.m. Church by the Pond meal preparation
<i>Page 4</i>	February 17 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Monica's, 3575 Main St., Hartford; <i>no services at Trinity</i>
<i>Page 6</i>	February 18 9:00 a.m. Indoor workday
<i>Page 5</i>	February 24 5:00 p.m. Evensong with the Trinity Church choirs at St. John's, 679 Farmington Ave., W. Hartford
<i>Page 3</i>	March 1 6:00 p.m. Good-bye party for the Hamers
<i>Page 9</i>	March 2 9:30 a.m. Companions of the Holy Cross Quiet Morning for women
<i>Page 3</i>	March 3 9:30 a.m. One service at Trinity this day; Hamers' last Sunday
<i>Page 10</i>	March 6 - <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes at 7:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
<i>Page 9</i>	March 8 7:00 p.m. Book Group at the Reiks'
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<i>Page 10</i>	March 10 8:00 p.m. Compline (each Sunday through April 7)
<i>Page 10</i>	March 13 6:00 p.m. Lenten mid-week series (each Wednesday during Lent)

CAMPAIGN *for* TRINITY KICK-OFF CELEBRATION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019 + 5:30 PM

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Smith and Mr. Mark MacGougan,
Capital Campaign Co-Chairs

Cordially Invite You to the
Kick-off Celebration

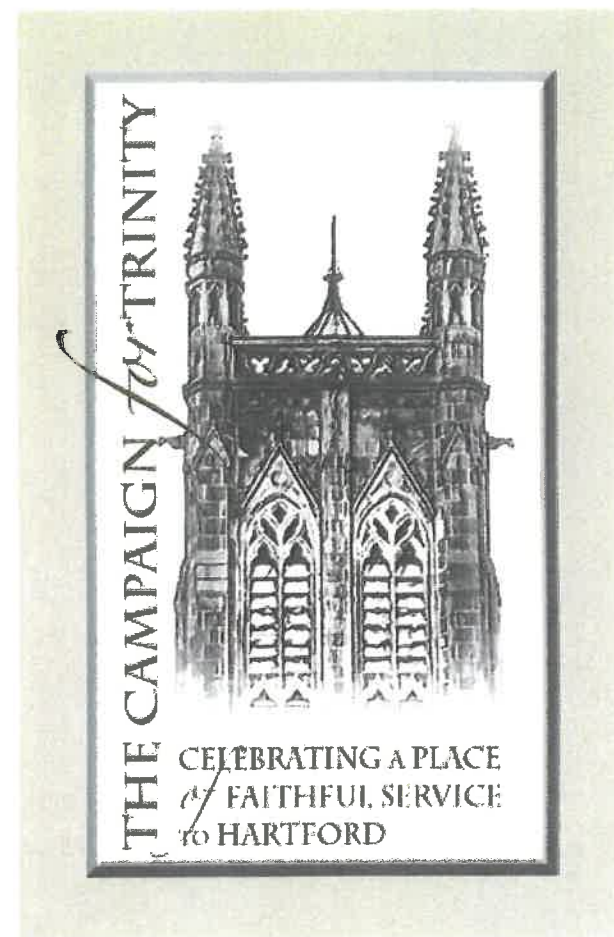
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Please Join Us as we announce our success to date,
our campaign goals and our plans for the future!

The program, beginning at 5:45 pm, will feature remarks
from **Mayor Luke Bronin**. We will offer tours,
highlight proposed construction projects and enjoy music from the
Choir School of Hartford, one of a number of community organizations
that calls the Trinity campus "home."

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