



# VOICE OF TRINITY

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## Life Together at Trinity

### ***Are We In A Wilderness Time?***

*"Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above. . . What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. . . The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." John 3:3,6,8*



I have been thinking a lot about this question in recent months. In many ways, it certainly seems like it. The Anglican Primates in mid-January sent the Episcopal Church to go stand in the corner for three years to reflect on our sinful ways even as they proclaimed that they want to walk with us, presumably in a cleansed and repentant state (see article on Page 2). Locally, front-page headlines in the Waterbury papers last month trumpeted the news that St. John's Episcopal Church in Waterbury has decided to sell its property. Specific plans to implement the report of the Task

Force to Reimagine the Episcopal Church in Connecticut are on the drawing board in the faithful and capable hands of Canon Tim Hodapp, but it is not clear at all how individual congregations will fit into that plan as it evolves. Here at Trinity, we enter 2016 with a sharply reduced budget as we – at last! – seriously take on the task of healing our decades-long addiction to an endowment. It would be easy to think of the entire Episcopal Church as being in an aimless, meandering wilderness time.

And yet, I believe otherwise. I know that I have used that term myself over the past several years, but if it ever was true, we have turned the corner on that. With the leadership of our Vestry, our Ministry Liaisons and other lay leaders, we are coming to understand that God is offering us an opportunity here. Rather than lament the apparent loss of what was, God is inviting us into a new era of exploring what new life might be if we embrace the dream that God has set before us. In the words of Jesus as quoted in the Gospel of John, we have heard the sound of the wind, but we do not yet know where it goes. Our task as we move forward is to remember that God created us for a purpose, to remember that in our baptism we are born of the Spirit and so can journey forward confident in the knowledge that God's Spirit will carry us safely to our intended destination.

Lord, we are in your hands. Renew in us your Spirit that we may live what we proclaim.

Your brother in Christ,

*Don+*

The Rev. Donald L. Hamer  
Rector

## Adult Forum Announces 2016 Lenten Series

The Adult Forum Series for 2015-2016 meets in the Library following the Sunday morning 10:00 a.m. service. Here's the schedule for the next two months, when most sessions will be a part of the Forum's Lenten series for the year:

### February 7 – Trinity Academy update

Led by: Karen Connal, Trinity Academy Directory of Development

### February 14 - March 13 – Listen for a Change: Sacred Conversation on Racial Justice”

Our Lenten Sunday program this year will feature a series of videos from the Trinity (Wall Street) Institute 2016 program titled “*Listen for a Change: Sacred Conversations on Racial Justice.*” Following each video, we will have a discussion moderated by Father Don and a Trinity parishioner.

### March 20 (Palm Sunday) – No forum

### March 27 (Easter Day) – No forum

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## Update on Actions by the Anglican Communion

As you may have heard, near the end of a recent meeting in England called by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the archbishops of the Anglican Communion voted to impose sanctions for the next three years on the Episcopal Church for its decision at last summer's General Convention to allow clergy to perform same-sex marriages.

For the next three years, Episcopal Church leaders will not be allowed to represent the Anglican Communion at meetings with other churches or other faiths, will not be

appointed or elected to internal committees and will not be allowed to participate in decisions in the Anglican Communion relating to doctrine or polity. These sanctions will be in force while a task force is formed to try to reconcile conflicting views over sexuality within the Communion.

A letter from our Connecticut bishops on the subject of these actions by the Anglican Communion has been posted at [www.episcopalct.org](http://www.episcopalct.org); follow the link near the top of the home page.



## Welcoming the Newly Baptized

On Sunday, January 10 the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, we were delighted to receive two new young members into the household of God and the parish of Trinity Church. Those baptized were Matthew Cyril Chong-Leyhow and Kaitlin Gloria Chong-Leyhow, the twin son and daughter of Michael Chong and Linda Leyhow.

## Hospitality Hosts

Here's the February and March schedule of hosts for the fellowship hour that follows the Sunday 10 a.m. service:

### February 7

Jo-Ann Sadosky  
Janet Wilkinson

### February 14

Marc Wiest  
Susanne Mantel  
Ernestine Weaver

### February 21

Bret and Lori Eckhardt  
Cindi Harvey

### February 28

Kevin Chick  
Enrique Sepulveda &  
Andrea Dyrness

### March 6

Fred & Emily Bohlen  
Claire Blissett

### March 13

Marcus & Leslyn Clark  
Vincent & Beverly Bygrave

### March 20

George Chien  
Bill Kofalk

### March 27

**EASTER**

## Offering Envelopes for 2016

If you haven't yet picked up your box of offering envelopes from the table in Goodwin Hall, please do so the next time you are at the church. If you would like offering envelopes for 2016 but don't find a box with your name on it, call Pam Haddad in the parish office at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204.

## New Jersey Parish To Install Barbara Briggs as Rector

The Reverend Barbara Briggs, a former assistant rector at Trinity Church, has recently been called as the new Rector of St. Matthew's Church in Pennington, New Jersey. Barbara and her family – her husband, the Reverend Paul Briggs, who recently retired from St. Mary's, Manchester, and their son, Caleb – have already relocated to New Jersey, where Barbara has been working at her new parish since the first of September.

Barbara's formal service of installation will be held on Saturday, January 30, beginning at 11:00 a.m.; all are welcome to attend and/or send good wishes to Barbara in her new ministry. St. Matthew's is located at 300 South Main Street, Pennington, NJ 08534.

### One Service on January 31

On Sunday, January 31, there will be only one service of Holy Eucharist at Trinity, at 9:30 a.m.

The purpose of this change in schedule is to allow the congregation to gather at one time and participate in a

mid-year "Town Hall" style meeting. Fr. Don will preach. Immediately following the service all are invited to participate in a discussion of our common life together as a worshipping community of faith. Come share your hopes, your dreams and your concerns as the people of Trinity continue to further God's mission in the Hartford region and beyond.



## News from Trinity Academy

Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls are soon heading to a Grace Academy open house just for Trinity students and their families. Several of the girls have siblings at Grace, so they and their parents are familiar with the school. The open house is the beginning of the admissions process for our students to enter 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Grace, and we hope that all eight girls will attend.

We are asking all students to enter the Hartford Schools lottery by February 29. There are some very good magnet schools in Hartford – Breakthrough Magnet has been named the best magnet school in the country! Unfortunately, the chances of Hartford students' gaining entry are small since the school takes very few new students and half of those who are accepted come from the suburbs.

Students continue to make good progress, with some still needing individual attention, especially in decoding, basic grammar and reading comprehension. After school had begun for the year, we accepted several new students who need some extra help to catch up. Report cards for the first term were sent out January 22. Many students are making very good progress, but some still have to do some catching up. Some of our students receive special tutoring in both math and language arts outside of class.

Expert gardeners from the Knox Foundation are helping students to create gardens in their classroom. We are using greenhouses donated by the Mortensen Foundation which were assembled by

employees from The Hartford earlier this school year. Knox has provided the appropriate soil mixture and two excellent instructors who combine gardening and nutrition education that connects with the healthful food we serve our students for lunches and snacks.



With funding from The Hartford, the Bushnell is providing a Junior Broadway version of the play "101 Dalmatians" for our students. A drama coach from the Bushnell will train students three days a week starting in February in order for the play to be performed here at the church in May, just before the school year ends. Students are looking forward to "acting out" in a different venue.

Some fourth grade students are participating in a new program for Trinity called *Odyssey of the Mind*. Students learn advanced problem-solving skills and then compete as a team with other students from around the state.

– Myron Congdon  
Head of School

### Next Evensong Service Now Set for May

There will be no services of Evensong in February, March or April. As currently planned, our next service of Evensong at Trinity is now scheduled to take place on Sunday, May 1. Please see the March issue of *The Voice* for details.

## Cycle of Prayer for February and March

### February 7

Alan Cheyney  
Gavin, Emma and  
Fiona Cheyney  
Gloria Cheyney

### February 14

Kevin Chick  
George Chien and Julio Flores  
Michael Chong, Linda Leyhow,  
and Matthew & Caitlin  
Chong-Leyhow

### February 21

Leslyn, Marcus and  
Samuel Clark  
Chevine Clarke-Brown and  
Chloe Newman  
Elaine Coffin

### February 28

Brian, Deborah, Katelyn &  
Carter Coggschall  
Sandi Cone  
Don Cook

### March 6

Paul Cooper and John Hinkston  
Jamie Couchman

### March 13

Betty Anne Cox  
Lynda Curtis  
Robin and Kara D'Oyen

### March 20

Steven Dacunha  
Margaret Daniel  
Virginia Denne

### March 27

Mary Dixon  
Janet Donston  
Asker Downer

## Annual Appeal: Still Awaiting Returns

As of the time *The Voice* went to press, the Annual Appeal Team announced that they were still awaiting responses from 38 households. Totals from those households who had returned their estimate of giving cards for 2016 by press time are as follows:

- 47 households had increased their level of giving over 2015
- 17 new households turned in an estimate of giving for the first time for 2016
- 9 households decreased their level of giving under their estimate of giving for 2015
- 30 households maintained their 2015 level of giving
- The 103 households responding so far accounted for a net increase of over \$30,000 from 2015 levels

The Annual Appeal Team thanks all those who have participated in the 2016 Annual Appeal thus far, and encourages all those who have yet to respond to do so in the near future.

If you need a new estimate of giving card, please contact Pam Haddad in the parish office at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204; cards are also available to be picked up from the literature tables located in Goodwin Hall and at the Sigourney Street end of the church.

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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
Compline: 3rd Sunday of the month at 8:00 p.m.

The Reverend Donald L. Hamer, Rector  
The Reverend Bonnie S. Matthews, Deacon  
Mr. Ebert W. Landman, Precentor  
Assisting Clergy: The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith,  
The Rev. Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick, The Rev. George A. Chien,  
The Rev. Dr. Dennis Winkleblack  
The Reverend William J. Eakins, Rector Emeritus

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### **Ash Wednesday Services**

Ash Wednesday 2016 falls on February 10, 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
- 12:10 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 clergy will also be distributing “Ashes on the Go” to patients and staff at Hartford Hospital from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Ash Wednesday.)

### **Wednesday Mid-day Services in Lent**

A 12:10 p.m. service of Holy Eucharist will be offered each week during Lent through the Wednesday in Holy Week, March 23.

### **Ash Wednesday “Break Fast”**

You are invited to join the clergy and parishioners in observing a fast day on Ash Wednesday, consistent with care for your personal health needs. Following the 7:30 p.m. service, all are invited to join in simple fellowship to break the day-long fast with a bring-your-own meal in the Library.

### **Devotional Materials for Lent**

Parishioners are encouraged to avail themselves of Lenten devotional materials in the information racks. A free will offering is appreciated to help cover the cost of the materials; donations can be placed in the coin slot near the information rack in the narthex near the Sigourney Street doors.

### **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday Offerings To Benefit Church in Middle East**

The offerings for Ash Wednesday and Good Friday will be designated to benefit the American Friends of The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. Please be generous in your offering, which will provide important support to schools, hospitals and other service providers to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

A special offering envelope is included in your box of 2016

offering envelopes; extras will be available on the literature tables at the doors to the church. Checks should be made out to Trinity Church and earmarked “Ash Wednesday” or “Good Friday” as appropriate

The offering from the 12:10 services of Holy Eucharist on the Wednesdays in Lent will also be used to support the work of AFEDJ.



The office will be closed Monday, February 15, in observance of the Presidents’ Day holiday, as well as Good Friday and Easter Monday, March 25 and 28.



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

### *February*

Liz Kirkpatrick	2
Hyacinth Miller	4
Dinaka Onoh	6
Olivia Mogor	8
Isabella Pow	9
Bret Eckhardt	9
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
Ansgar Mantel	18
Marc Miller	18
Ruth Rose	19
John Berger	21
Priscilla Viets	22
Jerry Blissett	24
Althea Francis	25
Nina Rattray	25
Mary Register	25
Jane Reik	25
Laquisha Springer	26
Evan Holmes	26
Alice Turcotte	26
Austin Mogor	27
Katie Reynolds	27
Catherine Brown	28

### *March*

Julio Flores	1
D. B. Grant	2
Alan Rice	6
Cha Lae	6
Kate Rousseau	6
Elizabeth Rousseau	6
Pam Haddad	9
Jade Gentles	12
Ginny Judson	13
Claire Blissett	14
Ula Nurse	15
Karin Peterson	16
Anju Rajendram	17
Isabelle English	18
Frances Sloan	18
Marie Alford -Harkey	19
Kristina Peterson	19
Jason Oberholtzer	20
Molly Miller	20
Maxine Duva	21
Liana Haddad	22
Alan Cheyney	22
Winston Rose	23
Brent Legister	24
Jennifer Stephens	24
Franklin Mogor	25
Marion Henderson	26
Victor Troiano	27
Jim Bradley	28
Margaret Daniel	28
Emily Estes	28
Ann-Marie Pierce	28
Lucy Shores	29
Jeff Brown	29

### **Brotherhood Breakfast To Honor Keith Hook**

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will honor the memory of long-time member Keith Hook at a breakfast to be held in the Trinity Library on Saturday, February 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The menu will include scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries and English muffins; the cost is \$7.00 per person. This event is open to everyone. If you would like to attend, reserve your place by calling either the parish office at 860-527-8133, or Brotherhood member John Robinson at 860-559-7483 by Friday, February 5.

### **Avery Ensemble To Offer “Transcendent Beauty”**

The Avery Ensemble will return to Trinity Church on Saturday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m. to perform “Transcendent Beauty,” the second concert in their 2015-2016 series at Trinity. Members of the ensemble are Annie Trépanier, violin; Steve Larson, viola; Hans Twitchell, cello, and Adriana Jarvis, piano. Their program on the 13<sup>th</sup> will feature Gabriel Fauré’s Piano Quartet No. 2, the single movement of Gustav Mahler’s Piano Quartet, and a 1988 quartet by Russian Alfred Schnittke, based on a fragment of a scherzo meant to be a part of the Mahler piece. The concert will also include “Love Songs” for piano quartet by Iranian Reza Vali; “Gobi Canticle” for violin and viola by Lei Liang; and “Stigmata” for viola and piano by Canadian-American Chris Howard. There is no set charge for this event; a free will offering will be accepted.

## **Bert Landman To Perform With CVSO**

Trinity's Precentor, Bert Landman, will join the Connecticut Valley Symphony Orchestra for Camille Saint-Saëns' Symphony No. 3 (the "Organ" symphony) when the orchestra performs its next concert at Trinity Church on Sunday, February 14, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The afternoon's program, "A la France," will also include Debussy's symphonic poem "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun" and Mozart's Symphony No. 31, the "Paris" symphony. Joseph Hodge, Music Director for the CVSO, will conduct.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$15.00 (\$12.00 for students and seniors). Children under 12 will be admitted free of charge. A Valentine's Day reception will follow the performance.

## **Mary Pan Serving as 2015-2016 Organ Scholar**

Many of you have noticed a new face at the organ on Sundays. We are blessed to have Mary Pan, a student at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, working with us as an unstipended Organ Scholar this year, acquiring experience working with choirs and playing in a liturgical setting. Mary graduated last year from the Hartt School of Music and is, as I'm sure you have noted, a fine player; she has won several competitions including the AGO Regional Competition for Young organists (2013, 2015). Mary and her family live in Burlington, Connecticut. We are delighted to have her with us as she learns more about the Anglican choral tradition.

— Bert Landman, Precentor

## **Wednesday Evening Soup Suppers Return!**

The Adult Christian Formation team invites all parish members – and their friends and neighbors – to a Wednesday-evening Lenten series featuring a soup supper followed by a video and discussion.

**Dates:** Wednesdays during Lent, February 17 – March 16 (Wednesday evenings during Lent)

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. Supper, 6:00 Program (finishing by 7:30)

**Place:** The Library

The Lenten Wednesday evening series will use videos from the series titled "*Embracing Spiritual Awakening*" featuring Diana Butler Bass. She discusses "the dynamics of experiential faith," drawing on material from her book *Christianity After Religion*. These videos are a continuation of the "embracing" series that includes the Roger Rohr videos that were well received at last year's Lenten soup suppers. (Also, the soup was pretty well received.) The discussions will be led by Al Shuckra, except for week 1, when the discussion will be led by Father Don.

### **Reasons Why You Should Consider Attending:**

- The soup is always very good.
- The fellowship of a meal and discussion together is fun and builds community.
- Diana Butler Bass addresses the challenges facing today's churches with a focus on nurturing and deepening our spiritual lives.
- Did we mention that the soup is always very good?

No ticket, reservation or RSVP is required – just join us if you can!



# Outreach at Trinity



## Outreach Opportunities in Lent and Beyond

We wish to thank everyone for their support of our Advent Activities. We received many, many bags of clothing, and our Giving Tree was a huge success, fulfilling the Christmas wishes of many Hartford area children. Foodshare thanks us for supporting them through the Advent wreath sale, and our sale of comfort crosses raised about \$800 for Syrian refugee humanitarian relief. St. Nicholas envelopes for the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf are still being collected in the Sunday offering plates.

The Outreach Team is offering several ways for parishioners to be involved in local and international projects during the Lenten season and the spring. (Ash Wednesday is early this year, on February 10, and Easter is March 27.) Listed here is a general plan, with more specific details to follow in the weekly eblasts as well as in the Sunday bulletin inserts:

- 1) New **sneakers** for children ages 6-12 will be collected for Trinity Academy students and for the Covenant to Care program. The collection will run from Ash Wednesday, February 10, through Maundy Thursday, March 24.
- 2) **Comfort crosses** will again be for sale, in support of Syrian refugee resettlement.

- 3) We will continue to support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land through **AFEDJ** (American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem).
- 4) The **Lenten Calendar for Acts of Service** will be available beginning on Sunday, February 7, and continuing throughout the season of Lent.
- 5) Our next scheduled time for **Feeding in the Park/Church by the Pond** is Saturday, February 20. Volunteers are always welcome.

We are also beginning efforts to assist in **refugee resettlement** in the Hartford area. A meeting with Chris George of New Haven Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (or IRIS) will be held beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 21, in the Trinity Church Library. This meeting will give us all the opportunity to learn more about how we as parishioners and as a neighborhood can be involved in expanding this group's work in our own area. Please see the weekly email news blasts and bulletins for more details about this new project as they become available.

— Kate Smith  
for the Outreach Team

## Compline Series Continues

Our series of monthly Compline services will continue on Sunday February 21 and March 20. Compline, or Prayer at the Close of Day, is sung by a group of singers from Trinity and the Greater Hartford area. The service begins at 8:00 p.m. and lasts about 20 minutes. You may choose to sit in the darkened nave, or join the singers in the candle-lit chancel. The Sigourney Street doors open at 7:50 p.m. We invite you to join us for Compline as a part of your Lenten observance and as a way to prepare, in quiet contemplation, for the "busyness" of the week ahead.



Daylight Saving Time for 2016 begins at 2:00 a.m. on **Sunday, March 13**. Set your clocks *ahead* one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, or you'll be late for church!

## Voice Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of *The Voice* is March 18 at 5:00 p.m. This issue will cover all events scheduled to take place in **April and May**. Email your articles to [voice@trinityhartford.org](mailto:voice@trinityhartford.org). (If you need to deliver your article in hard copy, please turn it in to the office by 3:00 p.m. on March 17.) Thanks!



# HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **PALM SUNDAY, March 20**

**8:00 a.m. Blessing of the Palms and Holy Eucharist**

**10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, with choir**

### **WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK, March 23**

**12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel**

*We encourage parishioners to fully participate in the Triduum, which is considered a single service walking with Jesus from the Feast of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday through his passion and death on Good Friday, and celebrating the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening.*

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 24**

**7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with choir and footwashing**

### **GOOD FRIDAY, March 25**

**12:00-3:00 p.m. Asylum Hill Churches Ecumenical Service**

This annual service includes seven of the Asylum Hill churches, beginning at Trinity Church at noon. Congregants can join the service at any point.

**7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy with Choir**

This traditional service from the Book of Common Prayer includes the Liturgy of the Word, the Solemn Collects and bidding prayers, veneration of the cross, and optional reception of Communion from the reserved Sacrament.

### **EASTER EVE, March 26**

**7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter, with choirs**

Weather permitting, this service will begin in the Memorial Garden. We will be joined by our brothers and sisters from Grace Lutheran Church, Hartford and St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford. The Vigil will include the lighting of the Easter Fire and dramatic readings of scripture.

### **EASTER DAY, March 27**

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with sermon and hymns**

**9:40 a.m. Musical Prelude with the choirs: "Five Mystical Songs" by Vaughan Williams**

**10:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist with sermon**

Music for this service will be offered by the Trinity choirs, with brass, strings and timpani. Preaching at both services: The Reverend Donald Hamer, Rector

*Childcare will be available for the evening service on Maundy Thursday, the Easter Vigil, and the 10:00 a.m. services on Palm Sunday and Easter Day.*

## ***Notes to the Parish from the December & January Vestry Meetings***

The Vestry met on December 15, with opening devotions led by Warden Alan Rice, who read the poem “The Journey of the Magi” by T. S. Eliot and the Second Song of Isaiah from Isaiah 55:6-11.

On the consent agenda, the Vestry approved the minutes of the October 20 and November 17 meetings, the portion of the Rector’s salary to be apportioned to “Housing Allowance,” and a spending limit below which the Property Manager does not need additional authority to make a purchase. The Vestry also modified the personnel manual to bring Trinity’s personnel policies into line with new IRS regulations and Diocesan guidelines.

The Vestry next considered proposed Capital and Operating budgets for 2016. The budget for capital improvements will be set at the same level as last year, \$42,000, which provides \$20,000 for unplanned “contingencies” and \$22,000 for projects. Many smaller projects (attic insulation; security system) are pending, but nothing major is expected before end of the year. We were over budget for snow removal during 2015. There are cracks in the big pipe organ, and damage to lighting controls in the church following a power surge is being repaired.

Fr. Don explained the change in custodial services. He had hoped to contract out building maintenance and supervision for a substantial cost savings, but that has not worked out – no company submitted an acceptable bid. Since our own Vinnie Pacileo (security) has experience in property

management, Fr. Don suggested that we can improve efficiency and achieve cost savings by “platooning” part time custodial and property management services with Vinnie, Charles Davies (the gym teacher for Trinity Academy, who will be Sunday sexton as well) and perhaps a third person. The goal is that these positions will total approximately 1000 hours per year.

Casey Rousseau and Janet Wilkinson presented the 2016 budget recommended by the Executive Committee. Parishioner Roy McAlpine and others suggested that parishioners regularly be provided more detail about the budget in order to be more aware of the need to reduce Trinity’s reliance on its endowment. Because of two different resolutions by Diocesan Convention, it is essential for Trinity to reduce its 2016 budget by approximately \$150,000 below 2015 levels. Following an Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel, the Vestry meeting resumed. A motion was made and seconded to consider resolutions pertaining to monthly distributions from the endowment at a level approximately \$140,000 below 2015 totals. One feature of this budget is the reduction of the Rector’s position to an 80% position, at least for 2016, as the Vestry tries to gain control of spending. The budget was set to be finalized in January following further review of year end results. The resolutions passed.

The Vestry again met on January 19, opening with Prayers for Early Evening from the Book of Common Prayer, led by Rich McMenemy.

On the consent agenda, the Vestry approved the minutes of the December 15 meeting and ratified the results of two on-line votes taken in late December and early January to fulfill Trinity’s financial obligation to the Episcopal Church in Connecticut for 2015 and to postpone the Rector’s reduction in time until February 1. The Vestry passed a budget for 2016 that reduces the draw on the endowment from about \$292,000 in 2015 to approximately \$138,000 in 2016. The budget will be formally presented to the parish at a mid-year “Town Hall Meeting” on January 31, when there will be only one service, at 9:30 a.m.

The Vestry also endorsed a grant proposal from Access CT seeking funds from the Diocese to advocate for the right of adult adoptees to obtain health information through access to original birth certificates, in line with policy endorsed by the Episcopal Church. In a final action, at Fr. Don’s request and as part of preliminary planning for future financial sustainability, the Vestry appointed a subcommittee of the wardens, Tim Watt, Bill Lawrence and Kitty Peterson to serve as a Task Force on Parochial Relationships. Fr. Don suggested the formation of this task force as part of a long-term approach to addressing Trinity’s reliance on its endowment. The Task Force would work with him in seeking out working relationships with other local congregations, Episcopal and otherwise, sharing a common vision with Trinity for serving God’s mission in and around the greater

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## News from AHNA ( Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association)

**Police Report:** Two reminders: 1) Do not let packages sit on a porch. Have them delivered elsewhere or picked up by a neighbor or friend. 2) Panhandling is illegal in Hartford and should be reported. There is a problem at the end of the Sigourney Street exit ramp.

**Zoning:** New regulations are being developed that should protect the character of the Asylum Hill area and the Farmington Avenue business corridor.

**Sigourney Park:** The December carolling with a visit from Santa was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

**Education:** West Middle School will reopen in the fall. Leadership Greater Hartford and Achieve Hartford are creating a model to reimagine the neighborhood school. It is a model they hope will be used in other schools, and will include meeting rooms, possibly a clinic, and areas open after normal school hours for community use.

**Communication:** The AHNA news and views that appears inside the Hartford News needs financial support.

**Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services:** There was a discussion about Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services, which has a large presence in New Haven. There is interest in bringing that group to the Hartford area. The group is a program of the Episcopal Church In CT and Episcopal Migration Ministries. There will be a meeting in the Trinity Library on February 21 at 2:00 p.m. for interested parties.

– Boo Morton

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## *Easter Memorials*



If you would like to make a contribution to the flowers and/or music for the 2016 Easter services in memory of a friend or family member, please fill out the form below and send it, along with your check, to the parish office at 120 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT 06105 by Tuesday, March 22. Checks, which may be for any amount, should be made payable to Trinity Church and earmarked “Easter Memorials.” Names of those in whose memory contributions are received will be listed in the Easter Eve and Easter Day bulletins on March 26 and 27. Please be sure to check the appropriate box to indicate if you would like your contribution to be used for the Easter flowers, the Easter music, or a 50/50 split between the two.



I enclose a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Trinity Church 2016 Easter memorials

in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

Contributed by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please designate my contribution for (check one box only):



Easter Music



Easter Flowers



50/50 Flowers & Music

## ***Annual Financial Statements and (Oops!) Explanation***

By now everyone who made a financial offering to Trinity during the past year should have received a statement for tax purposes indicating the amount of financial support recorded by the office. Unfortunately, while the statements are accurate, an unexpected update in ACS, our data management system, somewhat arbitrarily also reported information for previous years. If for whatever reason your offering in a previous year fell short of your original estimate of giving, the statement reported that as a “balance due” and gave the appearance of a dunning letter. We apologize for this unintended result. Of course, if you are in a position to offer any shortfall from a previous year, our Treasurer would welcome that. However, please do know that the inclusion of this information was unintended, and on behalf of the staff, I apologize for the error and any concern that it raised for you.

– Fr. Don

*If you made an identifiable gift to Trinity Church in 2015 and have*

*not yet received a 2015 statement in the mail, please contact Pam Haddad in the parish office at 860-527-8133 or [phaddad@trinity.org](mailto:phaddad@trinity.org).*

### **Parishioners in Need of Donated Kidneys**

Two Trinity parishioners are on the waiting list of those eligible to receive a kidney transplant. The way this program works is that if anyone donates a kidney in the name of a patient on the list, whether or not the donor’s kidney is compatible, that patient goes to the top of the list to receive the next available kidney that is a good match.

The gift of a kidney is truly the gift of life. If any member of the congregation, or a friend of a friend, would like to learn more about this process and consider donating a healthy kidney, please contact Fr. Don at 860-527-8133, Ext. 202, or at [dhamer@trinityhartford.org](mailto:dhamer@trinityhartford.org). Thank you!

## **Help Us Help You!**

If you plan to submit an estimate of giving card in 2016 but have not yet done so, please turn it in as soon as you can. Donations made prior to receiving your card are posted as “non-pledge” income. When an estimate of giving is submitted thereafter, each prior transaction has to be backed out and re-entered, which is time consuming and increases the chances of error. For these reasons, the office staff would very much appreciate receiving your estimate of giving as soon as possible. Thanks!

### ***Vestry Notes - cont’d***

Hartford area, possibly leading to closer affiliation or even merger.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing how to manage in 2016 with Fr. Don going to 80% time and in long-range planning. It is planned that Fr. Don’s days in the office will be Tuesday –Thursday in addition to Sundays.

The Vestry encourages all members to attend the 9:30 a.m. service and Town Hall meeting on January 31.

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## EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

<i>Page 3</i>	January 30 11:00 a.m. Installation of the Rev. Barbara Briggs as Rector at St. Matthew's, Pennington, NJ
<i>Page 3</i>	January 31 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Town Hall Meeting (one service only this day)
<i>Page 5</i>	February 10 - <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes at 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
<i>Page 6</i>	February 13 9:00 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew breakfast in memory of Keith Hook
<i>Page 6</i>	7:30 p.m. Avery Ensemble concert
<i>Page 7</i>	February 14 3:00 p.m. Connecticut Valley Symphony Orchestra concert
<i>Page 5</i>	February 17 12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist (each Wednesday during Lent)
<i>Page 7</i>	5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper series (each Wednesday during Lent)
<i>Page 8</i>	February 21 2:00 p.m. Meeting with Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services
<i>Page 8</i>	8:00 p.m. Compline
<i>Page 8</i>	March 20 8:00 p.m. Compline
<i>Page 9</i>	March 20-27 Holy Week and Easter schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 <i>Office closed</i> Retreat at Holy Cross Seminary begins	6 Retreat at Holy Cross Seminary
7 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Godly Play 11:30 Church School, JTA 11:30 Adult Forum  Retreat at Holy Cross Seminary ends	8	9 7:00 Outreach Team	Ash Wednesday 10 7:00 Holy Eucharist 12:10 Holy Eucharist 7:30 Holy Eucharist with choir	11 5:00 Executive Committee	12 <i>Office closed</i>	13 7:30 Avery Ensemble concert
14 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Brotherhood of St. Andrew 10:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Godly Play 11:30 Church School, JTA 11:30 Adult Forum 3:00 CVSO concert	Presidents' Day 15  <i>Buildings closed</i>	16 2:00 Loaves & Fishes food preparation 7:15 Vestry meeting	17 11:00 Loaves & Fishes serving crew at Immanuel Church 12:10 Holy Eucharist 5:30 Soup Supper Series	18	19 <i>Office closed</i>	20 12:30 Church by the Pond meal preparation
21 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Godly Play 11:30 Church School, JTA 11:30 Adult Forum 2:00 Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services meeting 8:00 Compline	22	23 5:30 Trinity Academy Development Committee 6:30 Stephen Ministry continuing education	24 12:10 Holy Eucharist 5:30 Soup Supper Series	25	26 <i>Office closed</i>	27
28 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Godly Play 11:30 Church School, JTA 11:30 Adult Forum	29					<i>Italics = A.M.</i> Normal type = P.M.

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6 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Godly Play 11:30 Church School, JTA 11:30 Adult Forum	7	8 7:00 Outreach Team 7:30 Choir School Board	9 12:10 Holy Eucharist 5:30 Soup Supper Series 7:00 Property Team	10	11 <i>Office closed</i>	12
13 <i>Daylight Saving begins</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Brotherhood of St. Andrew 10:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Godly Play 11:30 Church School, JTA 11:30 Adult Forum	14	15 2:00 Loaves & Fishes food preparation 7:00 Trinity Academy Board meeting 7:15 Vestry meeting	16 11:00 Loaves & Fishes serving crew at Immanuel Church 12:10 Holy Eucharist 5:30 Soup Supper Series	17	18 5:00 Voice deadline <i>Office closed</i>	19
20 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:00 Blessing of Palms & Holy Eucharist 10:00 Blessing of Palms & Holy Eucharist 8:00 Compline	21	22 6:30 Stephen Ministry continuing education	23 12:10 Holy Eucharist	24 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7:30 Holy Eucharist & Footwashing	25 <i>Good Friday</i> 12:00 Ecumenical service 7:30 Good Friday service <i>Office closed</i>	26 <i>Easter Eve</i> 10:00 Rehearsals for Easter services 7:30 Easter Vigil
27 <i>Easter Day</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:40 Musical Prelude 10:00 Festival Eucharist	28 <i>Office closed</i>	29 5:30 Trinity Academy Development Committee	30	31		<i>Italics = A.M.</i> Normal type = P.M.

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