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# Life Together at Trinity

Update: Laying the Groundwork for Our Campaign for Mission

Over the past several years, our understanding of our campus and its role in God's mission has evolved. We have come to appreciate that the importance of our sacred space is deeper than providing a space for those of us who worship here on Sundays. We have gradually (and sometimes a bit reluctantly) come to

understand that sacred space for worship is not only important in itself: It is also the fountain from which we are nourished and strengthened to be followers – disciples and apostles – of Jesus Christ, and thus become the threshold from which we go out to further God's mission.

We have also come to appreciate that our space is sacred not only because our members worship here – it is sacred to the hundreds of God's children whose lives we touch on a daily, weekly or monthly basis: Those who attend our 12-step programs; the children nurtured in Trinity Academy and their families, who are strengthened by our school; those who experience God's creative

beauty in the music and arts programs offered here; those who benefit from our many ministries; the quiet sanctuary of our campus in the heart of a busy urban neighborhood.

Last year we decided to conduct the Campaign for Mission, and in the past months your leadership has been quietly laying the foundations for the Campaign:

- Our architectural consultants, Northeast Collaborative Architects, have been conducting focus group interviews with clergy, our Property Team, our Vestry, representatives of Trinity Academy and The Choir School of Hartford, members of the Asylum Hill community, and members of the congregation on a Sunday morning. Out of these focus groups, the architects have gleaned some exciting ideas about how our buildings might become more functional and our campus make an even greater impact on the life of the Asylum Hill neighborhood.
- Our Steering Committee, which will guide the course of the campaign and act as advisors to our Vestry, has met. It presently includes parishioners the Rt. Rev. Andrew Smith, Mark and Linda MacGougan, Martha Freimuth, Louise Loomis, Ernestine Weaver, and Cathy Rowe; Rector Don Hamer and Rector Emeritus William Eakins; Ken Johnson, Executive Director of Northeast Institutions Neighborhood Association; and Francis Ahern of Ahern Funeral Home.
- The Committee has established six Task Forces to carry out parts of the work of the campaign: Case Statement, Donor Identification, Diaspora (former members and friends of Trinity), Foundation and Corporate donors, Communications and Social Media, Community

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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 for April and May:

April 1 - Easter Day; no session

April 8 - No session

# April 15 – "Electronic Angels and Demons: Christian Life in a Smartphone World"

Mark MacGougan will explore the positive and negative effects of smartphones on us and on our lives. How do we meet the challenge of living a healthy, balanced and Christian life in a world that we increasingly experience through our phones? Come hear what Mark has to say on this challenging topic, and share your own tips and stories of how you encourage the angels and banish the demons in your own smartphone use.

#### April 22 - No session

April 29 – "Hymnody: Theology, Tune, and Liturgical Function" Jack Merrill, our Director of Music Ministries, will speak on congregational hymns and their liturgical contexts, hymn texts and their origins, important hymn-writers and why we sing in church.

May 6 – "Reflections on Medical Mission Trip to Nigeria". The Rev. Tom Furrer and his team will reflect on their recent trip.

May 13 - No session

# May 20 – "Recent Supreme Court Cases on Religious Freedom and Expression"

Frank Kirkpatrick will address some current issues in the law and society affecting religion.

May 27 - Memorial Day weekend; no session

# Don't Forget To Wear Your Nametag!

While God surely knows us each by name, the same can't be said for our visitors and even, truth be told, some of the folks we see every week at Trinity. Fortunately, this particular problem has an easy solution – just remember to wear your name tag each and every Sunday morning!

Most of the name tags can be found on the table in Goodwin Hall you'll pass on your left as you head into the church; there's also a tray of nametags in the rear of the church for those who usually enter through the Sigourney Street doors. Pick yours up and wear it proudly each week so Trinity Church will be one place where everybody knows your name.

Don't have a nametag? Just fill out a temporary stick-on one and then leave it in the basket on the nametag table in Goodwin Hall; a permanent nametag will be created for you.

#### Meet Allan Karlsson

Allan Karlsson is a century old man who helped develop the atom bomb, counseled world leaders, and is a combination of Mr. Magoo and Forrest Gump. He's the star of the Trinity Book Group's March book selection, *The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson.

You are invited to join with other Trinity parishioners for a sure-to-be lively book discussion and dessert at the March meeting of the Trinity Book Group at the home of Jane and Jon Reik in Farmington on Friday, March 23, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Please let Jon know if you plan to attend (860-463-1267). All are welcome!

# Bishop Ahrens To Visit Trinity on Palm Sunday

As mentioned in the last issue of *The Voice*,
Bishop Laura J. Ahrens will administer the sacrament of
Confirmation during her visitation to Trinity Church on
Palm Sunday, March 25, at the
9:30 a.m. service. (Note: One worship service ONLY
Palm Sunday.)

A congregational reception will be held after the service during the Sunday Coffee Hour period (11:30-12:30).

Plan to attend to celebrate our newly confirmed and received Trinity family members, and to give Bishop Ahrens a spirited Trinity welcome. For the complete 2018 Holy Week schedule, please see Page 3.

# HOLY WEEK



# **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### PALM SUNDAY, March 25

**9:30** a.m. Blessing of the Palms, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation, with choir *Preaching: The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens* 

#### **MONDAY-THURSDAY IN HOLY WEEK, March 26-29**

12:00 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 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 29**

6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with agape meal and foot washing (see article on Page 4)

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Donald Hamer

#### **GOOD FRIDAY, March 30**

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

This annual service includes eight of the Asylum Hill churches, beginning at Trinity Church at noon. Congregants can join the service at any point. Trinity's portion of the service will be led by our seminarian, Mr. Benjamin Wyatt.

#### 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

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.

Preaching: The Rev. George Chien

#### **EASTER EVE, March 31**

#### 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 and Emanuel Lutheran churches, Hartford. The Vigil will include the lighting of the Easter Fire and dramatic readings of scripture.

Preaching: The Right Rev. Andrew D. Smith

#### EASTER DAY, April 1

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

10:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist with sermon and choirs

Preaching at both services: The Rev. Dr. Donald Hamer

Childcare will be available for the evening service on Maundy Thursday, the Easter Vigil, the 9:30 a.m. service on Palm Sunday and the 10:00 a.m. service on Easter Day.

## **Hospitality Hosts**

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

#### **April 1 - Easter Day**

Beverly & Vincent Bygrave Cha Lae

Ismerelda Changoo

#### April 8

Gavin Cheyney &
Lisa Koester
Maung Chint Aye
Kevin Chick

#### April 15

Leslyn & Marcus Clark Don Cook & Timothy Swingle

#### April 22

Paul Cooper Louisa Cummings Margaret Daniel Robin D'Oyen

#### April 29

Angela & Devin Davis Bret & Loretta Eckhardt

#### May 6

Althea & Bertram Francis Toni Fatone Benjamin & Walton Foster

#### May 13

Jonelle Eugene Emily Estes & Roy McAlpine Martha Freimuth

#### May 20

Maryjane & Tom Furrer Edgar & Pam Garcia

#### May 27

Christina Gellman

Deborah & Shakeem Williams Carla & Davonté Griffith

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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

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

The Reverend William J. Eakins, Rector Emeritus

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## Maundy Thursday Service To Feature Agape Dinner

Again this year, Trinity's evening service on Maundy Thursday, which falls on March 29, will recall Jesus' institution of the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, which was an actual meal, our service will include supper as part of our celebration of the Eucharist.

The meal itself will be prepared by our Loaves & Fishes food preparation crew, and will offer the exact same meal as they offer to the guests at Loaves and Fishes each month. The meal will tie us spiritually with our brothers and sisters at Loaves and Fishes, and remind us of the sacredness of breaking bread together, whether at church or in our homes.

The Maundy Thursday service will also include the opportunity to have our own feet washed or to wash the feet of our brothers and sisters to remind us of the lesson that Jesus taught Peter on the evening of the Last Supper: that no one is too important to be a servant to others, and that we ought not be too proud to submit to the gracious gift of others. All who wish to participate in this ceremony will have an opportunity to do so.

Join your fellow parishioners of Trinity as we observe the feast of the Lord's Supper and foot washing; consider bringing a friend or another family. The service will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the church and conclude between 8 and 8:30 p.m. Please sign up on the sheets posted in Goodwin Hall if you plan to attend. You can also sign up to help with setup or cleanup.

# From the Rector Continued from Page 1

Involvement, and Technical/
Architectural.

Things are starting to move! If you would like to help plan the next steps for Trinity's future, please let me know.

Your brother in Christ, *Don*+

The Rev. Dr. Donald L. Hamer, Rector

# CVSO To Perform at Congregation Beth Israel

The Connecticut Valley Symphony Orchestra, which performs most of its concerts at Trinity Church, will offer its next concert, "Celebrating Jewish Composers," at Congregation Beth Israel on Sunday, April 9, at 3:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door. Beth Israel is located at 701 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford.

The CVSO will return to Trinity on June 10 for the final concert of its 2017-2018 season, a pops concert of classical music used in the Looney Toons cartoons.



The parish office will be closed Easter Monday, April 2. The office and buildings will also be closed on Memorial Day, May 28.

# Good Friday Offering To Support Summer Camp In the Holy Land

We will again support the Diocese of Jerusalem with our Good Friday Offering, as we did for Ash Wednesday. Your gift can be received anytime during Lent. Good Friday offering envelopes are available in your box of 2018 offering envelopes, or on the literature tables at the church. Please make your check out to Trinity Episcopal Church, with "Good Friday offering" in the memo space. You can put your envelope in the offering plate, or mail it in to the church office.

Archbishop Suhail Dewani has asked that our offering be designated for summer camp programs run by the Diocese of Jerusalem. Of their eight summer camps, we have chosen to support the one at St. Matthew's Church, Zababdeh, in the northern West Bank, which our parish pilgrimage visited several years ago. (Did you know that 45% of the Palestinian population is 18 or younger?)

The camp offers Bible study, crafts, sports, music, and health education. A full scholarship is \$250.

During this holy season of Lent, remembering our brothers and sisters where our faith began is so important. The children of the Holy Land thank you!

# Financial Peace in One Evening?? Potluck Seminar April 25, 5:30 p.m.

If you missed the two 2017 sessions of Financial Peace University, join fellow parishioners on Wednesday, April 25, at 5:30 p.m. in the Trinity Library for a potluck supper, followed by a live stream of "Smart Money" by personal finance expert Dave Ramsey. As their website says, "You'll leave with a clear vision for your family's financial future. Smart Money will give you Dave Ramsey's 7-step proven plan for dumping debt and building wealth."

- Step 1 \$1,000 to start an Emergency Fund
- Step 2 Pay off all debt using the Debt Snowball
- Step 3 3 to 6 months of expenses in savings
- Step 4 Invest 15% of household income into Roth IRAs and pre-tax retirement
- Step 5 College funding for children
- Step 6 Pay off home early
- Step 7 Build wealth and give!

Please sign up for this free event in Goodwin Hall. Gather at 5:30 p.m., program at 6:45 p.m. The live stream is set to conclude at 9:45 p.m.



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## Trinity, Emanuel Agree to Memorandum of Understanding On Trinity Academy

Fr. Don is pleased to announce that the Council of Emanuel Lutheran Church on Capitol Avenue has unanimously voted to endorse a memorandum of understanding previously approved by the Trinity Vestry and the Board of Trinity Academy. The Memorandum is a non-binding, visionary document intended to promote the long-term success and expansion of Trinity Academy.

We have agreed generally as follows:

- 1. That the long range goal (2019-2020 academic year) is to eventually expand Trinity Academy to be a pre-k through 4<sup>th</sup> grade school, with classes divided strategically between the two parish campuses.
- 2. Administration for Trinity
  Academy will continue to be
  housed at Trinity Campus with
  a Head Teacher and
  Administrative Assistant
  resident at the Emanuel
  Campus.
- 3. It is deemed necessary for Trinity Academy to expand to include a 1st grade during the 2018-2019 academic year, since many corporations and foundations will not fund a school that has fewer than four grades. Adding a 1st grade will allow accreditation as an Independent School. It is necessary that this 1st grade class reside temporarily for the 2018-2019 academic year only on the Trinity Campus.
- 4. As an interim measure, it is agreed that as of spring 2018:

- a. Emanuel's Pastor, the Rev.
  Dr. Paula Mehmel, will take a position as an *ex officio* member of the Trinity
  Academy Board, joining the Rev. Dr. Donald Hamer of Trinity.
- b. The Council of Emanuel
  Lutheran Church will have
  two seats on the Trinity
  Academy Board, with the
  individuals serving to be
  chosen by the Emanuel
  Council. This does not
  preclude other interested and
  committed members of
  Emanuel Church from serving
  on the board as well.
- c. Emanuel will join Trinity
  Church and Trinity Academy
  as a partner in fundraising
  efforts, jointly sponsoring
  fundraising activities as well
  as seeking out corporate,
  foundation and individual
  donors to support the school
  financially.
- d. At the present time, neither church is assuming any direct financial obligations for support of the school other than providing space, utilities and expendables such as paper towels, toilet paper, etc., which Trinity parish has always provided.

Both the Trinity Vestry and the Trinity Academy Board approved the agreement at their January meetings.

Pastor Mehmel and the Emanuel Board members are expected to join the Trinity Academy Board at its March meeting.

# Property Team Schedules Spring Workday

Spring is nearly here, despite the recent nor'easters, and the Trinity Church grounds will shortly be in need of your help. The Property Team has scheduled a grounds workday for Saturday, April 28, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Plan to join other Trinity volunteers as we spruce up the church's plantings and gardens for the new growing season. Bring your work gloves and a rake if you can. Peter Green from the Property Team will be on hand to direct activities and show you what to do.

## Trinity Academy Gala To Help Students "Shoot for the Stars"

The brand-new Delamar Hotel in Blue Back Square, West Hartford, will be the scene for the 2018 Trinity Academy Excellence Gala, "Shoot for the Stars," which will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 28. The evening will feature pre-dinner cocktails, dinner, an auction, and entertainment. Best of all, it will provide funds in support of Trinity Academy's programs for its students, all of whom attend the school tuition-free.

Tickets to the gala are \$150 each (tables of ten are \$1400), and can be purchased through the academy website, trinityday.org. (Click on the "Get Involved" tab on the home page, then choose "Excellence Gala 2018 Tickets" from the drop-down list.) \$75.00 of the price of each ticket is tax deductible.

Free valet parking will be available for this event.



If you have an April or May 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!

# April May

| Frederick Bohlen, Sr. | 2  | Pat Bunker          | 1  |
|-----------------------|----|---------------------|----|
| Frederick Bohlen, Jr. | 2  | Nancy Berger        | 2  |
| Esther Igboanugo      | 4  | Barbara Briggs      | 2  |
| Suliman Foster        | 6  | Margaret Romanik    | 5  |
| Dan Foster            | 8  | Kenneth Okeke       | 10 |
| Casey Rousseau        | 8  | Horace Johnson      | 11 |
| Fay Johnson           | 10 | Toni Fatone         | 11 |
| Ler K Pow             | 10 | Carl Williams       | 12 |
| Julius Blanchard      | 10 | Sekai Tengatenga    | 14 |
| Sonia Watson          | 13 | Advetus Bohlen      | 14 |
| Linda MacGougan       | 14 | Tristan Changoo     | 15 |
| Robin Duva            | 18 | Ngoni Tengatenga    | 18 |
| Al Pereira            | 18 | Lah Ku Paw          | 18 |
| Warren Holland-Recine | 18 | Bertram Francis     | 20 |
| Sara Carson           | 19 | April Alford-Harkey | 23 |
| Lily Miller           | 20 | Jeanne Foldvary     | 25 |
| Kristyn Richey        | 21 | John Aye Oo         | 26 |
| Grace Troiano         | 21 | Bette Blackwood     | 27 |
| Bob Rutstein          | 22 | Natalie Thomas      | 29 |
| Angelo Troiano        | 24 | Maya Irizarry       | 30 |
| Kamille Bernard       | 25 | Hope Eakins         | 30 |
| Sarah Paw Doh         | 25 |                     |    |
| Enid Oberholtzer      | 26 |                     |    |
| Norah White           | 28 |                     |    |
| Donald Cook           | 29 |                     |    |
| Benjamin Foster       | 30 |                     |    |
| Pam Williams          | 30 |                     |    |
|                       |    |                     |    |

# Heads Up! Hartford Plans May 5 Fundraiser

Heads Up! Hartford will celebrate its 15th year with Energize! 2018 Fundraising Benefit & Raffle, to be held on Saturday evening, May 5, at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. The evening promises to be a great night filled with a selection of drink tastings along with food pairings and the company of those who care about making a positive impact in our community by supporting Heads Up! Hartford. All funds raised during this event will go directly to running the camp this summer. Many Trinity youth have attended HUH camp over the years and found it to be worthwhile for themselves personally and for the volunteer work they provide to the Hartford community. Tickets can be purchased at bit.ly/ HUHEnergize2018.

# Your Parish Event Belongs In *The Voice*!

Is your parish group planning an event that Trinity's members should know about? If it's taking place this June, July or August, let everyone at Trinity know all about it by sending in an article for the next issue of *The Voice*!

The deadline for the next issue is May 11 at 5:00 p.m. for articles submitted via email to voice@trinityhartford.org. (Please be sure to send your article to *this* address.) If you need to deliver your article in hard copy form, please turn it in to the parish office by 3:00 p.m. on May 10, when the office closes for the weekend. Let everyone at Trinity read all about it!

# Trinity Finances: Challenge Pledge Exceeded, and the Work Ahead

The Vestry is delighted to announce that the \$10,000 pledge challenge made by an anonymous group of Trinity parishioners has not only been met but it has been exceeded! We received a total of \$13,340 in responses to the challenge, meaning an increase in total pledges of \$23,340. That amount, combined with some additional pledges which have come in, brings Trinity very close to a balanced budget with a sustainable draw on the endowment for a second year in a row.

That's the good news. The not-so-good news is that only 13 households participated in meeting the challenge. We clearly have more work to do. ECCT Canon for Administration Louis Fuertes has counseled our leadership that in order to be sustainable for the long term, a congregation of Trinity's size needs to have broader participation in our annual giving efforts.

To this end, the Vestry established a task force in January consisting of the Rector, Wardens Alan Rice and Martha Freimuth, Treasurer Janet Wilkinson, and Vestry members Kevin Chick, Marcus Clark and Steve Zhitnick. The task force is looking at a variety of resources that can assist Trinity in its ongoing efforts to achieve broader participation in annual giving.

So far, two initiatives have come out of the work of the task force:

First, as a Lenten discipline, the Vestry and the Clergy have challenged members of the congregation to "try on" tithing if only for the season of Lent. Rather than giving up something you don't need or shouldn't have anyway, try on a larger spirit of generosity in giving to God's work. How does it work? Take one-tenth of your paycheck and give it to the church to further God's mission. Even if it hurts at first, people who have tried it attest to the fact that it helps them to be more faithful stewards of all that God has given them.

Second, Kevin Chick has organized a one-night version of Financial Peace University – a miniversion of the nine-week course which he has offered now for two years. Rooted in Scriptural principles, Financial Peace University provides a proven pathway to financial security and will revolutionize the way you think about finances and money.

The program will be offered on Wednesday evening, April 25, and will begin with a potluck dinner in Goodwin Hall. Signup sheets are available in Goodwin Hall. This program is sponsored by the Vestry and is free of charge. (Please see the related article on Page 5).

# Casserole Ministry Cooks And Recipients Wanted

Are you in need of nutritious home-cooked meals because of an injury or illness, or do you know someone who is? If so, please call Louise Krippenstapel, the new coordinator for Trinity's casserole ministry, at 309-208-1605, or contact her at froggie4all@gmail.com. Also, please let Louise know if you would be willing to prepare meals for this ministry.

# Evensong, Mid-day Eucharist To Mark Ascension Day

The choirs of Trinity Church will join with the choir of St. John's

Church in Washington, Connecticut, for a 6:00 p.m. service of Evensong to be held at Trinity on the



Feast of the Ascension, May 10. The joint choirs will sing Gerald Finzi's anthem "God is gone up" as well as Phillip Stopford's setting of the evening canticles, the *Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis*. St. John's choir is led their Organist and Choirmaster, Nathan K. Lively, who is a friend of Trinity's own Minister of Music Ministries, Jack Merrill

The Feast of the Ascension will also be observed at Trinity at our usual Thursday 12 noon Eucharist on May 10 in the chapel. The service will conclude before 1:00 p.m. to accommodate those planning to attend the service during their lunch hour who must get back to their employment.

# Annual Meeting Set for June 3

Save the date of Sunday, June 3, for the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Trinity Church. We will have just one service that day, at 9:30 a.m., so our 8:00 and 10:00 a.m congregations can worship together and share in the business of our annual meeting. Details will be forthcoming in the next issue of *The Voice* – but mark the date on your calendar now!

# Outreach at Trinity



# Sneaker Collection Continues through March 29

Don't forget – the Outreach Team is collecting new sneakers for children ages 2 through 16. This project will continue until Maundy Thursday, March 29. You can leave your contribution in the Baptistery on Sundays, or bring the sneakers with you on Maundy Thursday. If your sneakers are meant for a Trinity Academy student, please don't forget to attach the tag with the child's name to the shoebox.

## **Undie Sunday April 8 & 15**

On Sundays April 8 and 15, Outreach ministry members will be accepting donations of new socks and underwear for men and women in need in our community. These will be distributed when we participate in Church by the Pond on April 21. Here's what's needed:

- New socks Please select white cotton socks, as these are most useful to anyone with diabetes
- New underwear, bras and undershirts – articles made of cotton would be particularly appreciated

Plan to participate with us, however you are able. If you would like to help coordinate our periodic clothing collections for those in need, contact Penny Pearson at pennypearson@comcast.net. Thank you!

# **Church by the Pond April 21**

Trinity's next opportunity to prepare and distribute bag lunches in Bushnell Park for those in need is Saturday, April 21. At 12:30, we'll prepare the lunches in the Trinity kitchen and the Library. At 1:45 we'll bring those lunches to Bushnell Park, where we'll participate in the Eucharist by the pond at 2:00. 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!

# Lend a Hand to a Child in Need

Trinity's 2018 Placement Pack project begins Sunday, April 29. Each year, Trinity's members fill sturdy cloth bags to be given to children taken into emergency foster care on very short notice. We pack the bags with items these children need most: toilet articles, underwear, and a book or soft toy.

Empty bags will be available in the Baptistery beginning on the 29<sup>th</sup>, along with lists of items needed to fill them for boys and girls in various age groups. Please pick up a bag and a list for the gender and age group of your choice, purchase the listed items, pack them into the bag, then return the bag (with the list attached) to the Baptistery by Sunday, May 20, when the bags will be blessed before being turned over to our Covenant to Care social worker, Lakesha Ruth.

## Join the May 5 Foodshare Walk Against Hunger

Hartford's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Foodshare Walk Against Hunger to raise awareness and funds to help hungry people in Greater Hartford will step off at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 5, at Dunkin Donuts Park (home of the Yard Goats baseball team). Many Trinity parishioners and friends have participated in the Walk in the past, and you are encouraged to join in again this year to help fight hunger in the Hartford area.

Foodshare partners with 300 local programs – food pantries, community kitchens and shelters – to meet the needs of our hungry neighbors. The Walk Against Hunger is the largest event of its kind in Connecticut. Last year's walk raised over a half million dollars for local families, children and seniors in need of food.

The Walk itself is less than two miles long, and is family-friendly and lots of fun!

Here's the basic information on this year's walk:

**Date:** Saturday, May 5

**Time:** Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.; walk begins at 10:00 a.m.

**Place:** Begins and ends at Dunkin Donuts Park, 1214 Main Street, Hartford

**Parking:** Free parking for event participants at the lots at 1212 Main Street and 58 Chapel Street

All the details are available on the Foodshare websiteat foodshare.org; there's a link on the home page to information about the walk, and you can also register and/ or donate online.

## Brotherhood of St. Andrew Welcomes Men of All Ages

In writing this article regarding the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, I wanted to emphasize that this organization is part of the Episcopal/Anglican community. It is not a club or a fraternity but a ministry for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men of all ages.

We say "As our Lord and Master Jesus Christ suffered death upon the cross that all who came after him should have light, we dedicate ourselves anew to the purpose of the Brotherhood, the spread of Christ's kingdom, especially among men and youth, not by our might but by the power of God's Spirit."

The following is our belief:

#### THE DISCIPLINE OF

**PRAYER** is to pray daily for the spread of Christ's kingdom, especially among men and youth, and for God's blessings upon the labors of the Brotherhood.

#### THE DISCIPLINE OF STUDY

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

#### THE DISCIPLINE OF

**SERVICE** is to make continuous efforts, week by week, to bring others nearer to Christ through his Church.

So as an organization we have done the following as community service:

- Purchased a toaster for Trinity
- Raised money for hurricane relief in Puerto Rico
- Donated to various Trinity Church endeavors

If there are men of any age in Trinity Church who may be interested in exploring the possibility of joining the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, we would encourage you to come to one of our meetings, held in the Trinity Church Library from 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. on the second Sunday of every month except July and August.

Please feel free to talk to any of the following members of the Trinity Brotherhood members: Jonathan Reik, Marcus Clark, Jacob Troiano, Joe Troiano, Father Don Hamer, Peter Vreeland, Robin D'Oyen or myself, John E. Robinson.

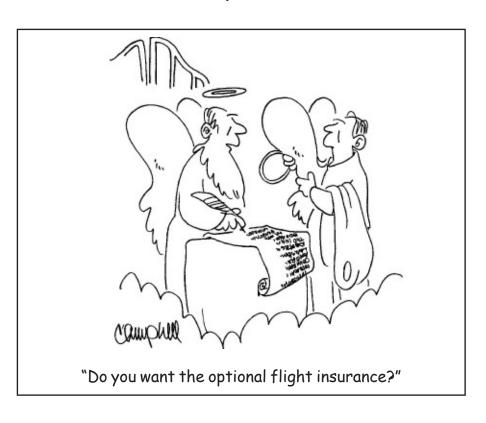
Thank you, and I trust the Lord will lead some of you to look at the Brotherhood as an organization to be a part of.

John E. Robinson, President Brotherhood of St. Andrew Connecticut Assembly

## Nominating Committee Seeks Suggestions for Slate

The Nominating Committee is preparing a slate of candidates to be voted upon at the 2018 Annual Meeting, which will take place on Sunday, June 3. Positions to be filled include the parish officers for one-year terms (all officers are eligible for re-election), as well as at-large Vestry members, and one delegate and one alternate to Diocesan Convention (all three-year terms).

If you have suggestions for nominees, fill out one of the forms available from the information tables at the church and place it in the offering plate, give it to a Nominating Committee member (Jim Bradley, Liz Kirkpatrick, Bill Lawrence, Ernestine Weaver, Rich McMenamy, Debbie Thomas, Frederick Bohlen and Neill Derick) or turn it in to the parish office by April 8. You may nominate yourself or other parish members.



## Who Makes Those Beautiful Birthday Greeting Cards?

If you are a member of Trinity Episcopal Church AND you have told us your birthday (the year can remain anonymous!) you have undoubtedly received a personal birthday greeting from Fr. Don on the occasion of your birthday. The custom of receiving a birthday card from the clergy goes back many years at Trinity. In the past year or so these cards have an even more loving touch – they are not purchased commercially but handcrafted and donated to the church by Trinity's own Karen Mayfield.

"I've always loved crafting," Karen says. "I was seven when my

grandmother taught me to crochet. My aunt taught me to knit at age nine. As a young adult I started doing counted cross-stitch and basic sewing. I get great satisfaction with finishing a craft and with being able to gift something I've created."

So how did Karen go from needle work to creating beautiful birthday cards? "I went to a Stampin' Up party probably ten years ago and was immediately hooked. I think the hand-created cards are so much more personal, and I love that they can say exactly what I want them to say. The cards are designed by hand, but I am frequently inspired

by cards others have made and posted online. To make a single card could take an hour or more of my time depending on the various techniques used, but making large batches (like for Trinity) reduces the time per card considerably." She continues, "Trinity is the first church that I have truly loved, but my family and work schedules prevent me from participating in other ways. Making cards is a way that I can give back to a church that has given so much to me."

Next time you see Karen – and next time you receive one of her beautiful cards – be sure to thank her for her wonderful, ministry.

# Easter Memorials



If you would like to make a contribution to the flowers and/or music for the 2018 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 27. Checks should be made out 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. 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.



| I enclose a check for \$ for the Trinity Church 2018 Easter memorials |  |  |  |  |  |
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| ☐ Easter Music ☐ Easter Flowers ☐ 50/50 Flowers & Music               |  |  |  |  |  |

# Cycle of Prayer for April and May

April 1

David Johnson

Horace & Fay Johnson

Jacqui Johnson

**April 8** 

K Taw Doh, Lah Ku Paw, and

Sarah Paw Doh

Frank & Liz Kirkpatrick

Ann Knapp

April 15

Lisa Koester & Gavin, Emma and

Fiona Cheyney

Bill Kofalk

Ron Kolanowski & Art, Joshua,

Anna and Benjamin Engler

April 22

James & Heather Kramer

George & Louise Krippenstapel

Frank & Emily LaCroix and

Andrew & Alison Mafko

April 29

**Amy Langston** 

Tracy Lanier & Ramona Knight

Steve, Ellyn, Nicholas & Irene Laramie

May 6

Nancy Latif

Bill & Lynette Lawrence

Jo Jo Leano & Zaida Martinez

May 13

Marcia, Dwight & Marcia Lee

Shannon Lee & Sheldon and Riley Sutton

Kate Lindsay

**May 20** 

**Kim Litsey** 

Lou Loomis

**Adair Lummis** 

**May 27** 

Linda & Mark MacGougan

Laura MacGougan & Kevin Collins

Susanne Mantel

# Easter Memorials

## News from AHNA (Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association)

The highlight of the year so far was the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration held February 12 at The Hartford. The event showcased 20 individuals and businesses associated with Asylum Hill, including Trinity parishioner Georges Annan-Kingsley. The Hartford provided a wonderful space and an excellent array of food and drink. The goal of raising \$20,000 in pledges to AHNA at the event was accomplished!

**Police Report:** Community Service Officer Sid Palmieri reported that he has focused lately on panhandling. Intersections are a favorite spot. Undercover work has been done in known drug and prostitution areas.

**Fire Department:** Jesus Lopez shared statistics from the last several months. There were 76 service calls from this area. This is a combination of fire calls, medical calls and accidents.

**Report from the City:** Janice Castle announced that a City of Hartford Services Resident Guide booklet is available in English and Spanish as well as online. Bulky waste pickups must now be scheduled. Snow removal is the home-owner's responsibility. Blighted properties should be reported to the city.

**I-84:** A Public Hearing on I-84 changes will be held at the Chrysalis Center on March 27, with most of the discussion centered on the proposed changes for the railroad and bus services. 3-D images of the project are available online at I84hartford.com.

**Proposed strategic Plan for AHNA:** Topics covered in the plan, made available at the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, are Vision, Mission, Values, and Strategic Goals and Objectives. Nancy Rion and the committee were thanked for their hard work.

Chrysalis Center Clover Gardens Project: Maryellen Shuckerow presented Chrysalis Center's plans to create a new housing development: 34 apartments in four buildings on Asylum Avenue and Huntington Street. Nine units would be set aside for HARC clients, with the remainder as affordable housing. Serious concerns were expressed, and it was made clear to the representatives from Chrysalis that the neighborhood would not support additional restricted housing in Asylum Hill. AHNA is open to discussions on this matter.

**Knox Foundation:** Ryan O'Hallorhan reported on a new community garden at the corner of Sigourney and Hawthorn streets, next to the parking lot for the old Lincoln Culinary facility across from Aetna. They hope for a May 18 groundbreaking. There will be raised beds, trees and bushes, along with open areas and a teaching spot. Trinity Academy has been given the first spot, as it is the only school in the area without a garden at the school. This is a joint project of The Aetna and Knox Foundation.

**Hartford Blooms tours:** These are being run from June 9-17, with the day for Asylum Hill set for June 13. The theme this year is "Jazz, Arts and Flowers."

- Boo Morton

## May 12 Cystic Fibrosis Walk; Mother's Day Bake Sale

Will winter ever end? We hope so and are looking forward to the sunny month of May. Team Strolling for Sarah will be heading out on Saturday, May 12, 10:00 a.m., at Hanmer Elementary School in Wethersfield. (Note the date and location change for 2018.) Our granddaughter, Sarah, was born with cystic fibrosis; she is now eight years old and doing well. We do our annual walk (three miles) to support the Great Strides program, which sponsors more than 400 walks across the country to raise research dollars to find a cure for this genetic lung disease.

We invite you to walk with us and enjoy a picnic lunch afterwards. Let us know you're coming and you'll get a free team T- shirt! Can't make the date? Join the team as a virtual walker by visiting Kate's website: http://fightcf.cff.org/goto/KateSmith.

Our annual bake sale to support cystic fibrosis research will be held at Trinity Church the day after the walk, after both services on Mother's Day, May 13. Need some goodies for your get together? We will have cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, breads, muffins and more. Would you like us to make you a specific item? Let Kate know by the Sunday before. And finally, we always welcome more bakers!

Please contact Kate with any questions. She can be contacted by email at Kate48smith@comcast.net or by phone at 860-519-1591. Thank you!

- Kate and Drew Smith



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#### **EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST** March 23 7:00 p.m. Book Group at the Reiks' Page 2 March 25 - April 1 Holy Week and Easter schedule Page 3 April 21 Page 9 12:30 p.m. Feeding in the Park/Church by the Pond April 25 Page 5 5:30 p.m. "Smart Money" seminar and potluck supper April 28 Page 6 9:00 a.m. Grounds workday 6:00 p.m. Trinity Academy Excellence Gala at the Delamar, West Hartford Page 6 May 5 Page 9 10:00 a.m. Walk Against Hunger begins at Dunkin Donuts Park, Hartford Page 7 6:00 p.m. Heads Up! Hartford fundraiser at St. Thomas Seminary May 10 12 noon Holy Eucharist Page 8 Page 8 6:00 p.m. Choral Evensong May 12 Page 15 10:00 a.m. Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides walk at Hanmer Elementary School, Wethersfield Page 15 9:00 & 11:30 a.m. Cystic Fibrosis bake sale June 3 Page 8 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Annual Parish Meeting (one service only)

| Sunday   | Monday                                 | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday           | Saturday   |
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| Easter Day 1 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Festival Eucharist  | 2 Office closed                        | 3   | 4  | 5<br>12:00 Holy Eucharist<br>7:00 Intercessory<br>Prayer Group | 6 Office closed  | 7  |
| 8.00 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Undie Sunday collection 9:00 Brotherhood of St. Andrew 10:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Godly Play 11:30 Undie Sunday collection 11:30 Church School, JTA | 7:00 Choir School<br>Board<br>workshop | 10 7:00 Outreach Team                                     | 7:00 Property Team                                       | 12<br>12:00 Holy Eucharist                                     | Office closed    | 14   |
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| 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Godly Play 11:30 Church School, JTA   | 23                                     | 7:00 Stephen<br>Ministry                                  | 5:30 "Smart Money" seminar and potluck supper            | 26<br>12:00 Holy Eucharist                                     | 27 Office closed | 9:00 Grounds workday 6:00 Trinity Academy Excellence Gala at the Delamar |
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