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Life Together at Trinity

The Free Gift

Two weeks ago, Bishop Drew preached a wonderful sermon that drew our attention to an often-ignored verse from the 5th chapter of Romans. Comparing the gift of Jesus the Christ to the sin of Adam and Eve, Paul writes in verse 15: *"The free gift is not like the trespass."* Bishop Drew explained:

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Rather than enmity with God, which trespass brings, the free gift brings peace with God. We're flooded with grace . . . More, through this free gift, love, the greatest gift is poured into our hearts – poured into our hearts – through the Holy Spirit, which also has been given (freely) to us.

I was still pondering that sermon while Debbie and I were blessed to escape the New England cold for nine days in Florida. One of my favorite pastimes while there is going to Englewood Beach, where one can find shark teeth washed up on the sand. I love it – it's mindless.

What I noticed during this last trip is that there are two basic techniques for looking for shark teeth. My own method is to walk along the water line on the wet sand and look for the teeth that wash up with each wave. The other technique involves purchasing or making a basket – some are metal, some are made of wood – at the end of a long handle. (Given the average age of folks on the beach, they are also commonly used as canes . . .) These folks will wade out into the water and dredge a basket full of whatever comes up. Then they go back to the beach, dump the contents of the basket, and painstakingly look for shark teeth (or whatever else they are looking for that day) amongst the contents.

Having tried both techniques, I can tell you that I find more just walking along the beach than I ever have lugging the baskets of sand up the beach.

And I realized that my walks along the beach, picking up whatever the Gulf of Mexico's waves happen to wash up on the land, provide a wonderful metaphor for the free gift from God in Jesus Christ. We Christians often work so hard trying to find Jesus. We forget that God has first given this free gift to us, and God looks for us. All we have to do is keep our eyes open and be present to receive the gift, recognizing Jesus' presence in every moment of every day.

May these remaining days of Lent be a time for you to remain open to the near presence of Jesus so that, having journeyed with him through his passion and death, we may more joyfully receive the gift of the Resurrected Christ on Easter.

Your brother in Christ,
Don+

Spring Adult Forum Schedule

The Adult Forum meets in the Library following the Sunday morning 10:00 a.m. service. Here's the schedule for the next two months:

April 2 – Bible Study

Roy McAlpine will lead a discussion of the readings for the day

April 9 – Palm Sunday – No forum

April 16 – Easter Day – No forum

April 23 – “From Jesus to Constantine” - Part V

We continue to look at the issues discussed in this “Great Courses” series featuring noted teacher and author Bart Ehrman. This fifth video of the series explores the life of the Apostle Paul, who was a Jewish Pharisee before his vision of the resurrected Jesus led him to begin his intense missionary experience.

April 30 – “Books for Books”

This special event will feature a silent auction of signed copies of books by Trinity's authors. The money raised through the auction will go to the Trinity Academy Library Fund, and will be used to purchase books for the students at our resident school. *(Further details of this event can be found in the article in the column to the right.)*

May 7 – Bible Study

Roy McAlpine will lead a discussion of the readings for the day

May 14 – No forum

May 21 – “From Jesus to Constantine” - Part VI

Another in this “Great Courses” series with Bart Ehrman, the first of three lectures in the series dealing with the relationship of Jews and Christians in the ancient world. This session explores how Christianity began as a sect within Judaism, but quickly became a separate religion on its own.

May 28 – TBD

A Note from Johnson Ramsaur

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Dear Father Don & Trinity Episcopal Church,

As I said on Sunday, it has been a rich opportunity for me to be with you this past semester. Being a part of your community was a wonderful place for me to discern and learn from a vibrant parish. I am grateful for your openness, encouragement, and contagious excitement for ministry that matters. Thank you for the warm farewell that you gave me this past Sunday. I appreciated the delicious cake and even more the opportunity to speak with many of you.

Blessings,
Johnson Ramsaur



Calling all Trinity Authors!

Support Trinity Academy by donating a book

There are a surprising number of Trinity Church parishioners who have written books of one kind or another – ranging from non-fiction to novels, memoirs and poetry. We have professional authors and academics and we also have amateurs, hobbyists and at least one self-identified dilettante. The books themselves range from professionally published to slickly self-published to photocopied and stapled.

Have you written a book? Would you like to help support the Trinity Academy Library?

We're asking all Trinity authors to consider donating a signed copy of a book they've written that we will sell by silent auction at a special event after church on April 30. All funds raised will go to support the Trinity Academy Library Fund. The event will be called “Books for Books!”

Parishioners Anne Green and Liz Kirkpatrick oversee the Trinity Academy library as volunteers and do a fantastic job filling the library with wonderful books at bargain prices. They'll make good use of whatever money we can raise on April 30.

If you have a book you'd be willing to donate for this event, please contact Mark MacGougan at 860-561-1588, or call the church office. And mark your calendars for April 30. Through “Books for Books!” we're hoping to celebrate the creativity of our community and the joy of writing and reading for all ages.

Partners for Sacred Places – Phase II

Back in 2014 the Vestry unanimously voted to engage the national organization Partners for Sacred Places in a study of our congregation. The results of the study, which were given to the parish in May 2015 and distributed to all members of the congregation at that time, had many good things to say about Trinity Church. The PSP staff provided the leadership with suggestions for goals to be addressed through the end of 2016.

On April 4 at 7:30 p.m., the Vestry and the Property Team will hold a special joint meeting with Gianfranco Grande, Senior Vice President of PSP, for conversation on Trinity's progress in response to the PSP report and to make recommendations for next steps, which may include considering the desirability of conducting a capital campaign. This meeting will be for information only. As with all Vestry meetings, the meeting is open to parishioners.

PSP began nearly 30 years ago as a group devoted to preserving historic sacred buildings such as churches and synagogues, with the goal of assisting the congregation – if there still was one – in converting all or part of the buildings to other uses. In the past 10 years, they have partnered with the Lilly Foundation to work with parishes owning historic worship spaces to engage in congregational development work in conjunction with preservation work.

The Vestry plans to discuss what they learn on April 4 at its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 18, at 7:15 p.m. in the Library.

Trinity Academy Spring Update

With the snow we just had it sure doesn't seem like spring, but here at Trinity Academy we are looking forward to all our spring activities.

We just had our Excellence Dinner, "The Magic Of Trinity," which was a great success thanks to our many supporters. We raised money for our school as we enjoyed the silent auction, a delicious dinner, and a magic and comedy show by Boston's Fourhanded Illusions.

The students are in rehearsals and are getting very excited about their production of Jr. Broadway's version of *The Jungle Book*. The students work very hard to learn their lines, songs and dances, and so we invite everyone to come to one of the performances on Wednesday, May 24, at 7:00 p.m. or Thursday, May 25, at 2:00 p.m.

Respecting our Earth, the planet that we live on, is an important lesson we teach Trinity Academy students. Our students learn it is important to care for our Earth for future generations. As we celebrate Earth Day on April 25, our celebration will have this theme in mind.

The students are starting to plan and work on their projects for the Science Fair, which will take place on April 26 beginning at 5:30. It will be an exciting night as the students share their projects with family, friends and guests. Please consider stopping by and maybe meeting the next Thomas Edison or Madame Curie.

We will be planning Open Houses for prospective students throughout the spring. Finally, the last day of school is June 9, or as we call it,

Move on Up Day. This is the day we wish our 4th graders all the best as they take the foundation they built here at Trinity Academy as they "move on up" to 5th grade and begin their next journey in education and life.

– Barbara Roberts,
Director of Development



CVSO To Welcome Spring With April 9 Concert

The Connecticut Valley Symphony Orchestra will present "Spring," a program of works welcoming the return of warm weather and new life, as the next concert in its 2016-2017 series at Trinity Church on Sunday, April 9. Appropriately, the 3:00 p.m. concert will feature a performance of the "Spring" section of Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*, with the orchestra's concertmaster, Virginia Allen, as the soloist.

The afternoon's program will also include "Feierlicher Einzug der Ritter," a rousing fanfare for brass; Delius' "On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring"; the Russian Easter Overture by Rimsky-Korsakov; Grieg's *Peer Gynt Suite No. 1*, and Copland's "Variations on a Shaker Melody" from *Appalachian Spring*. 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). As is usual for CVSO concerts, children under 12 will be admitted to the concert free of charge. A reception in Goodwin Hall will follow the performance.

Hospitality Hosts

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

April 2

John & Nancy Berger
Elanor Blake

April 9

Claire Blissett
Frederick & Emily Bohlen

April 16 - Easter Day

Vincent & Beverly Bygrave
Gavin Cheyney &
Lisa Koester

April 23

Kevin Chick
Marcus & Leslyn Clark

April 30

Don Cook
Louisa Cummings

May 7

Mary Dixon
Robin & Nick Duva

May 14

Bret & Loretta Eckhardt
Walton & Benjamin Foster

May 21

Althea Francis
Fred & Pam Garcia

May 28

Anne & Peter Green
Carla Griffith

Maundy Thursday Service To Feature Agape Dinner

This year, Trinity's observance of Maundy Thursday, which falls on April 13, will recall the events of the Last Supper in a unique service.

Recalling that Jesus' institution of the sacrament of Holy Eucharist occurred at an actual meal, our worship that evening will include supper as part of the celebration of Holy Eucharist. The meal itself will be prepared by Trinity parishioners offering the exact same meal that they serve 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.

We will also remember Jesus' self-giving act of washing the feet of his disciples. The service of having our own feet washed or washing the feet of our brothers and sisters reminds us of the lesson that Jesus taught Peter that evening: 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, while those who choose not to may either sit quietly or join in the singing of a hymn.

Join your fellow parishioners of Trinity as we observe the feast of the Lord's Supper and foot washing, and 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.

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

The Rev. Dr. Donald L. Hamer, Rector
Mr. Jun Lee, Interim Director of Music Ministries
Assisting Clergy

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

The Reverend William J. Eakins, Rector Emeritus

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HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, April 9

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

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

Preaching at both services: The Rev. Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK, April 12

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 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, April 13

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

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Donald Hamer, Rector

GOOD FRIDAY, April 14

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.

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.

Preaching: The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith

EASTER EVE, April 15

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. The Vigil will include the lighting of the Easter Fire and dramatic readings of scripture.

Preaching: The Rev. George A. Chien

EASTER DAY, April 16

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

9:30 a.m. Musical Prelude with the choirs

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 Rev. Dr. 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.

Search Begins for Permanent Organist / Music Director

It has now been approximately eight months since Trinity moved from employing a full-time Director of Music Ministries to a half-time position.

All who are involved in the leadership of our music ministries – clergy, choir members, leaders and staff – knew that this would be a big transition for us, and so we intentionally called Jun Lee as an *Interim* Director of Music Ministries at a time when he was at a transition in his career – about to complete his degree – and we at Trinity could use this time to learn how to adapt to the new reality of having a part-time minister of music.

The really good news is that these eight months have been deeply rewarding: We have been blessed with a bright, talented and faithful Interim Director in Jun Lee, and we have learned how to distribute mostly to volunteers much of the administrative burden formerly borne by our full-time Precentor. And so, armed with our new-found understandings, we feel now is the time to move to hire a *permanent part-time* Organist and Director of Music Ministries.

As of March 10, the position has been posted with the American Guild of Organists, the Association of Anglican Musicians, the Royal School of Church Music in America, and The Episcopal Church in Connecticut as well as on the Trinity website. Remaining true to the process we agreed to from the start, Jun Lee is both invited and encouraged to apply for the permanent position to be considered with other candidates.

Fr. Don has appointed a committee of Vestry members, choir members, worship leaders, Choir School Board members and others representing the broad diversity of our congregation to review resumes and interview prospective candidates. The interview process will include having the most promising candidates work with both of our choirs and also present a live audition.

Applications are due April 17, and it is expected that the process will be completed by mid to late May. Present plans call for the permanent Organist and Director of Music Ministries to begin no later than August 1.

For the complete job listing, go to the Trinity Website; the link to the position announcement is on the home page.

There's Still Time To Join Financial Peace University

The first session of Trinity's current offering of Financial Peace University was held on March 20. However, there's still time to join! The sessions are designed to help participants learn better ways to think about money and find financial peace by getting out of debt and building a nest egg to ensure their financial security. The next class will be held on Monday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m., with seven more sessions to follow. Anyone joining in on the 27th will be able to make up the first class through online access to the class videos.

Questions? Please contact Kevin Check at kevinjchick@gmail.com.

Book Group To Discuss Toni Morrison Novel

Song of Solomon, a favorite book of former President Obama, is the selection for April's meeting of Trinity's Book Group. In it, Nobel prize-winning author Toni Morrison lays out the complex lives and backgrounds of four generations of black family life in the South. The novel's central character is a young man who eventually learns to cherish his family and the importance of his roots.

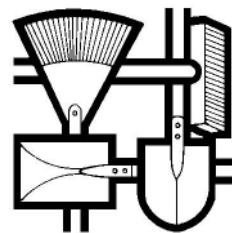
The Book Group meeting will be on Friday, April 28, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the East Windsor home of Susanne Mantel. Please let her know if you're planning to come (sus95man@aol.com; 860-623-4752). All are welcome to attend Book Group meetings, whether for one time or many!

Property Team Schedules Spring Workday

Spring is officially here, despite the recent blizzard, and the Trinity Church grounds will shortly be in need of your help.

The Property Team has scheduled a grounds workday for Saturday, April 29, 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. Questions? Call Peter at 860-236-1457. Please come help; our grounds need your loving care!





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

Frederick Bohlen, Sr.	2
Frederick Bohlen, Jr.	2
Jenesis Ortiz	2
Esther Igboanugo	4
Suliman Foster	6
Dan Foster	8
Casey Rousseau	8
Fay Johnson	10
Ler K Pow	10
Sonia Watson	13
Linda MacGougan	14
Robin Duva	18
Al Pereira	18
Warren Holland-Recine	18
Sara Carson	19
Lily Miller	20
Grace Troiano	21
Kristyn Richey	21
Bob Rutstein	22
Angelo Troiano	24
Kamille Bernard	25
Sarah Paw Doh	25
Sofia Sepulveda	25
Enid Oberholtzer	26
Norah White	28
Donald Cook	29
Benjamin Foster	30
Pam Williams	30

May

Pat Bunker	1
Nancy Berger	2
Barbara Briggs	2
Kenneth Okeke	10
Horace Johnson	11
Toni Fatone	11
Carl Williams	12
Sekai Tengtenga	14
Advetus Bohlen	14
Tristan Changoo	15
Worth Loomis	18
Ngoni Tengtenga	18
Lah Ku Paw	18
Bertram Francis	20
April Alford-Harkey	23
Jeanne Foldvary	25
John Aye Oo	26
Bette Blackwood	27
Natalie Thomas	29
Hope Eakins	30

Brotherhood Breakfast To Honor Keith Hook

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will honor the memory of Keith Hook, a Life Member of the Brotherhood, with a breakfast to be held in the Trinity Church Library on Saturday, May 6, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The menu will include scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, coffee, juice and English muffins; the cost is \$10.00 per person.



This event is open to anyone who would like to attend. If you would like to honor the memory of Keith Hook by attending the breakfast, please reserve your place by calling either the parish office at 860-527-8133 or Brotherhood Director John E. Robinson at 860-559-7483 by Friday, April 21.

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 this next issue is May 12 at 5:00 p.m. for articles submitted via e-mail to voice@trinityhartford.org. If you need to deliver your article in paper hard copy form, please turn it in to the parish office by 3:00 p.m. on May 11, when the office closes for the weekend. Let everyone at Trinity read all about it!

Good Friday Offering Designated for School In Jordan

As described in the weekly bulletin, our Good Friday offering (as well as the offering from Ash Wednesday) will go to the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem for the Schneller School in Amman, Jordan. AFEDJ has told us that this school, which is run by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, is in the greatest need of funds. Education is key to the future of this troubled area. Many at the school are from devastated areas in Syria; these children need our help for a better future.

A special Good Friday envelope is included with your offering envelopes for 2017; extras are available at the church. Please make checks out to Trinity Church, with AFEDJ in the memo space. And remember, even if you can't make it to church on Good Friday, your contribution is welcome any time through the end of April.

Thank you for supporting the children of the Holy Land, where our faith began!

– Kate Smith, AFEDJ Missioner



The office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 17. The office and buildings will also be closed on Memorial Day, May 29.

Heads Up! Hartford Announces 2017 Camp

Attention, Trinity youth! Heads Up! Hartford (HUH) has announced the dates for its summer camp: Thursday, June 22 through Thursday, June 29. HUH is a faith-based group of urban and suburban youths – along with adult advisors – who get together for a week in the summer to build community by promoting diversity, developing leadership, and providing community service. Students currently in grades 8 -12 are invited to attend. Students stay at the St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield and go out each day to a number of communities to participate in a variety of projects. Later in the afternoons and evenings, campers spend time together in fun activities.

Registration forms are available now at the HUH website (headsuphartford.org) and must be turned in by April 30. The cost is \$375, but scholarships are available from Trinity. (Campers are asked to contribute at least \$75-\$100.)

Adult volunteers are also needed, whether it's for an afternoon or for the full week. Those who help out in this way will be glad that they did! Please consider whether you might be called to this ministry.

To find out more, get in touch with Linda MacGougan, Trinity's HUH representative (860-561-1588 or macgougans@gmail.com).

Last year, Trinity sent 12 youth to HUH, and the leadership group had an overnight retreat at the church in January. This is a wonderful outreach ministry that benefits our youth, the community and our church.

Cystic Fibrosis Walk May 6 And Bake Sale April 30

May is fast approaching and Team Strolling for Sarah will soon be heading out to Wickham Park on **May 6** at 10:00 a.m. (registration at 9:00). Kate and Drew Smith's granddaughter, Sarah, was born with cystic fibrosis; she is now 7 years old and doing well. Team Strolling for Sarah does its annual walk (about 2 1/2 miles) to support the Great Strides program, which raises awareness of and research dollars for this genetic lung disease. Great Strides is the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's largest fundraising event; each year, 125,000 people participate in hundreds of walks across the U.S.

Kate and Drew want Sarah's future to be a brighter one, as there is no cure for CF, although new therapies and drugs are being discovered all the time. They invite you to walk in beautiful Wickham Park with them and enjoy a picnic lunch afterwards. You'll get a free team T-shirt!

In addition, the annual CF Bake Sale at Trinity will take place on the Sunday before the walk, **April 30**, in Goodwin Hall. All proceeds go to CF team efforts, so if you can't join the walk, come and buy some goodies – there will be cakes, cookies, pies, muffins, brownies, and more. Gluten free items, too. More bakers are always needed!

All of May is CF month, so you can also support Kate and Drew's efforts on Kate's website: <http://fightcf.cff.org/goto/KateSmith>.

Need more info? Email Kate48smith@comcast.net or call 860-519-1591.

Kate and Drew thank you!

Outreach at Trinity



Lend a Hand to a Child in Need

Trinity's 2017 Placement Pack project begins Sunday, April 30. 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 30th, 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 21, when the bags will be blessed before being turned over to our Covenant to Care social worker, Lakesha Ruth.

Church by the Pond April 15

Trinity's next opportunity to prepare and distribute bag lunches in Bushnell Park for those in need is Saturday, April 15. At 12:30, we'll prepare bag 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!

Refugee Family Update

Wonderful news for our refugee family! Abdulrahman has found a job! Having learned bread- and pizza-baking while in Egypt, he has been hired by the Treva/Avert restaurant group as the bread baker at its new Mediterranean restaurant (*Zohara*), scheduled to open in West Hartford Center in April. He has begun working at Treva already. Thank God for watching over our family!

DONATIONS SOUGHT: Knitting and crochet needles of varying sizes and yarn, whether wool or acrylic, as well as other knitting supplies (e.g., counters, needle stops) for Huda. Huda learned needle work as a young child and would like to resume this craft, potentially with a commercial outlet in the future. Also needed: A Lego set for Diaa, who loves to build things.

– Anne Rapkin

For the Outreach Committee

Sneaker Collection Continues through April 13

Don't forget – the Outreach Team is collecting new sneakers for children ages 2 through 16. This project will continue until Maundy Thursday, April 13. 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.

Join the May 7 Foodshare Walk Against Hunger

Hartford's 34th Annual Foodshare Walk Against Hunger to raise awareness and funds to help hungry people in Greater Hartford will step off at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 7. 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.

The Walk Against Hunger is the largest event of its kind in Connecticut. Proceeds benefit local families, children and seniors in need of food. Foodshare partners with 300 local programs – food pantries, community kitchens and shelters – to meet the needs of our hungry neighbors.

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: Sunday, May 7

Time: 12:30 p.m. check-in; walk begins at 2:00 p.m.

Place: Liam E. McGee Memorial Park, 140 Garden Street, Hartford (the former Connecticut Mutual site)

Parking: Free parking is available at 690 Asylum Avenue (the grounds of The Hartford). You can also park in the Trinity Church lot and walk over.

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

River of Life: May 31 – July 9 Connecticut River Pilgrimage



The six Episcopal dioceses in the New England Province are sponsoring a Connecticut River Pilgrimage from May 31 to July 9 of this year.

The idea of a pilgrimage along the Connecticut River, paddling from the river's source to the sea, arose at the 2015 Advent Retreat of the Bishops of Province One (New England) with the leadership of Bishop Rob Hirschfeld of New Hampshire. Coordination and staffing for the forty-day pilgrimage are being provided by Kairosearch and Jo Brooks.

A core group of "river pilgrims" will journey the full length of the river, being joined by "daily pilgrims" as they traverse individual stretches/communities, and by "pilgrims in prayer" for those who aren't able to paddle along or join in events but want to participate in the forty-day spiritual practices that correspond with the pilgrimage dates.

Locally organized, shore-based, events will draw attention to the beauty and challenges – ecological, social, economic, and spiritual – along the waterway. People of all faiths, beliefs, and paths are welcome for any/all of the pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage is scheduled to be in Hartford on the evening of July 3, departing on the morning of July 4. Fr. Don has been Trinity's delegate on the planning committee, along with clergy from Good Shepherd and Christ Church Cathedral. The plan is for the 20 pilgrims making

the full journey to be housed at Good Shepherd overnight, with both evening and morning events planned on the 3rd and 4th. Trinity and the other Hartford churches are being asked to assist in providing some form of hospitality – this is still in the planning stages.

Here is a summary of the dates, themes and scripture passages decided upon by the planning group:

May 31 – June 10: Fourth Connecticut Lake (northern NH) to Littleton, NH

Week 1A:

Fourth Connecticut Lake to Canaan, Vermont

Theme:

The Call to the Wilderness

Key Scripture Passages:

Call of Abraham (Genesis 12),
Jesus in the Wilderness (Matthew 4 and parallels)

Week 1B:

Canaan, Vermont, to Littleton, NH

Theme:

Water, Grace & The River of God

Key Scripture Passage:

The Wonderful Stream (Ezekiel 47)

June 10 – June 17: Littleton, NH to Hanover, NH

Theme:

Baptism and Immersion in God

Key Scripture Passages:

The Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3 and parallels), Passage through the Sea (Exodus 14)

June 17 – June 24: Hanover, NH to Brattleboro, VT

Theme:

A New Relationship with Creation

Key Scripture Passages:

Jesus Calms the Storm (Mark 4 and parallels), Jesus Walks on Water (Mark 6 and parallels)

June 24 – July 1: Brattleboro, VT to Springfield, MA

Theme:

Drinking from Our Divine Source

Key Scripture Passage:

Streams of Living Water (John 4)

July 1 – July 9: Springfield, MA to Long Island Sound

Theme:

Transformation and Resurrection

Key Scripture Passages:

The Wedding Feast of Cana (John 2), The New Heavens and New Earth (Revelation 21), The Resurrection (John 20 and parallels)

Plan to join the pilgrimage for a day, several days, a week, or the entire journey. For more details, visit kairosearch.org/river. If you would like to be kept up to date as plans for this event develop, you can sign up on the website to receive more information as it becomes available. There's a short video linked to the site, as well as a link for those who would like to make an online donation to support the pilgrimage.

Several people from Trinity, including Fr. Don, are planning to join the pilgrims in kayaking from Hartford to Middletown on July 4. Fr. Don is looking for more Trinity companions on the journey!

Nominating Committee Seeks Suggestions for 2017 Slate

The Nominating Committee is preparing a slate of candidates for elective offices to be voted upon at the 2017 Annual Meeting, which will take place on Sunday, June 11, beginning with worship at 9:30 a.m. Positions to be filled include the parish officers for one-year terms (Percy Williamson will be completing her fourth and final term as Warden this year; all other officers are eligible for re-election) and four at-large Vestry members.

If you have suggestions for nominees, please 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 (April Alford-Harkey, Jacqueline Johnson, Frederick Bohlen, Neill Derick, Richard McMenamy, Deborah Thomas) or turn it in to the parish office on or before April 16. You may nominate yourself or other parish members.

The slate the Nominating Committee compiles will be presented to the Vestry for approval; it will then be published and there will be opportunity for nominations by petition.

Choirs To Sing in NYC

The Trinity Church choirs will travel to New York City on Saturday, May 6, to again participate in a Choir Festival at St. Bartholomew's Church. This year's director will be David Pulliam, former director of music at Christ Church Cathedral in Springfield, and now at St. Luke's, Darien.

The festival will conclude with a 4:00 p.m. service of Choral Evensong, which is open to the public; plan to stop by if you are in the area, and alert any friends and family members who live in Manhattan to this event!

Easter Memorials



If you would like to make a contribution to the flowers and/or music for the 2017 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 Monday, April 10. 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 April 15 and 16. 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 2017 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

Cycle of Prayer for April and May

April 2

Margery Samuels
Myra Santiago-Burgos and
Kiara Burgos-Santiago
Jean Schrijn

April 9

Isaac and Alexandra Scott
Enrique Sepulveda & Andrea Dyrness, and
Sofia Sepulveda

April 16

Pat Shields
Lucy Shores
Al Shuckra
Stephen Sirotko

April 23

Frances Sloan
Drew & Kate Smith
Art & Jolanda Sribanpot

April 30

Kathy Steinwedell
Jennifer Stephens and Zech Stephens-Walker
Kate Steven

May 7

Hellen Strassner
Richard Syracuse
Ngoni, Lindsey and Sekai Tengatenga

May 14

Pat, Jannel, Shqia, Jordan and Malik Thomas
Michael, Debbie, Natalie, Stephanie and
Nicholas Thomas

May 21

Cecilia Timothy
Beryl Tomlinson
Carol Toomey
Torshie Torto

May 28

Angelo, Emily, Pete, Hunter and
Grace Troiano
Jake Troiano
Joe, Kaylee and Destini Troiano

Easter Memorials

News from AHNA (Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association)

Police Report:

Panhandling remains a big problem at the I-84 exit ramps to Sigourney Street and Sisson Avenue. Overall crime is down. Always be aware of your surroundings when on a cell phone, as there is still a lot of phone stealing occurring.

I-84:

Ongoing discussions are being held on possible designs, and forums soliciting input from citizens are still taking place. Proposals for a new transit hub in Asylum Hill are being considered.

Anti-blight:

A survey of blighted properties is underway. When that has been completed, there will be discussions in all NRZs to see where to start eliminating blight in each area.

Mark Twain Library Branch:

The new branch opened inside West Middle School on March 1. Hours are limited to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Once more staff are available hours may change. The only complaint so far is the lack of parking. Discussions with neighboring businesses may change that.

NINA (Northside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance):

This group is looking to rehab two properties on Sigourney Street directly across from Trinity, a single home and a three-family home. The group is also considering developing property on the corner of Forest Street and Farmington Avenue.

City of Hartford:

Call 311 to report potholes. Individuals are encouraged to report noise complaints and quality of life issues such as loitering, noise, illegal parking.

Welcoming Committee:

This group plans to develop leaflets intended to create an environment of support for refugees and immigrants. The leaflets will contain information on what's available in the area.

Hartford Decides:

Dates are being determined for voting on which projects will divide the \$250,000 available city-wide.

– Boo Morton

Something Different – A Tuba Recital!

Kevin LaRose will present a solo tuba recital at Trinity on Monday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m. Originally from Michigan, Kevin recently completed a Master's in Tuba Performance at The Hartt School. His program will feature standard works for tuba, such as the John Williams Concerto and Sonata by Bruce Broughton, as well as one or two compositions written for other instruments before the tuba had been invented. With the assistance of Mi-Young Kim at the piano, Kevin hopes to give listeners a taste of the more expressive and dramatic qualities of the tuba.

Mid-Day Service Set for Ascension Day, May 25

In keeping with our tradition of observing the principal feast days of the Church, Fr.

Don will offer a service of Holy Eucharist at 12:10 p.m. on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 25, 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.



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<i>Palm Sunday</i> 9 8:00 Blessing of Palms & Holy Eucharist 9:00 Brotherhood of St. Andrew 10:00 Blessing of Palms & Holy Eucharist 3:00 CVSO concert	10 7:30 Financial Peace University	11 7:00 Outreach Team	12 12:10 Holy Eucharist 7:00 Property Team	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 13 6:30 Agape Meal, Eucharist & Footwashing	<i>Good Friday</i> 14 12:00 Ecumenical service 7:30 Good Friday service <i>Office closed</i>	<i>Easter Eve</i> 15 10:00 Rehearsals for Easter services 12:30 Church by the Pond food Preparation 7:30 Easter Vigil
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