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Life Together at Trinity

Seeing with God's Eyes

A couple of weeks ago I was blessed to be on vacation at one of my favorite places, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. I have always been drawn to the ocean as a place to enjoy sun and recreation. (Have you ever thought about the origins of that word? Re-creation?) But one evening around dusk I found myself alone on the beach, and for the longest time I just stood on the shore, gazing to the east at the seemingly endless expanse that is the Atlantic Ocean.

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And then I thought to myself, "It seems infinite to me, but eventually you *will* come to land on the other side." Then I noticed where the sky met the sea on the horizon. I thought, "The sky seems infinite to me," but then I recalled that the sky, too, has limits – there are other planets, stars, galaxies. There is something "out there," beyond what I can perceive. I reflected on how our human experience, however expansive it may appear to us, is always smaller than what God sees and has in store for us.

When I got back to the house, I was greeted with talking heads on the television arguing about the latest political developments. I was quickly brought back to earth, reminded of how small our thinking has become. In a world that is constantly changing, requiring fresh approaches to what has become our common global life together, politics worldwide seem to be getting narrower and more self-focused. Our national and state governments are paralyzed by either/or thinking – if it's this, then it can't be that.

Our faith teaches us a better way – although we as churches have not been especially good at modeling it. Our Anglican/Episcopal values guide us to a "both/and" way of looking at the world, our nation, and our journey as followers of Jesus the Christ. While our natural human tendencies keep tugging us toward fear and avoidance of the unknown and unfamiliar, the light of Christ within each of us guides us toward the expansive and widening world that the infinite God created and into which the risen Christ calls us. In calling us to follow Him, Jesus invites us to see the world as God sees it, and to take seriously our important role in bringing the Kingdom ever closer.

Back in the fourth century, Augustine said, "The church consists of the communion of the whole world." Inside this homecoming issue of *The Voice* you will find exciting news about how God is working in and through the ministries of Trinity Episcopal Church to nurture communion in our city, our region and where possible, throughout the world. In all that we do, may we see the world with God's eyes!

Your brother in Christ,

Don+

The Rev. Donald L. Hamer, Rector

Adult Forum Sessions for September

The Adult Forum Series for 2016-2017 gets underway on September 18. The full schedule for September is as follows:

September 4 – Labor Day weekend; no forum session

September 11 – Annual picnic; no forum session

September 18 – “What Should Informed Christians Think About Before Voting This Fall?”

Led by Frank Kirkpatrick

Following the summer conventions and what will have by then degenerated into one of the nastiest campaigns of recent years, what issues should thoughtful Christians focus their attention on and what moral principles should guide their consciences? Does the character of a candidate matter or only his/her position on issues and policies?

September 25 – Update on Trinity Academy

Led by Karen Connal, Head of School

Did you know that Trinity Academy now includes a 2nd Grade? Come find out what else is new at the school that shares our campus.

The Forum meets in the Library following the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service.

Marie Alford-Harkey To Be Ordained in MCC

Marie Alford-Harkey will be ordained as clergy in the Metropolitan Community Churches on Saturday, August 27, at a 3:00 p.m. service to be held in St. John's Chapel at Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Rev. Elder Dr. Nancy Wilson, moderator of Metropolitan Community Churches, will lead the rite of ordination. Among those who will present Marie for ordination will be Fr. Don on behalf of Trinity, Hartford.

Those who are part of the Trinity community are welcome to attend and be a part of this special day in Marie's life. St. John's Chapel is located at 99 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA 02138. Guests may park on campus; no parking permit is required.

Welcoming the Newly Baptized . . .

On Sunday, June 12, we were pleased to welcome into the household of God and the parish of Trinity Church:

- Grace Isabella Troiano, daughter of Emily and Angelo Troiano
- Peter Christopher Troiano, son of Amanda Brown and Angelo Troiano

Peter and Grace are the grandchildren of Joe Troiano and his wife, the late Grace Haronian.



September

Jannel Thomas	1
Michael Igboanugo	2
Marvelous Igboanugo	2
Shakeem Williams	2
Terry Blackwood	4
Vincent Bygrave	4
Kathie Wilson	5
Pat Shields	6
Timothy Watt	8
Chris Bernard	9
Bonni McKenney	10
Frank Hamer	11
Neill Derick	12
Laura MacGougan	12
Lindsey Tengtenga	12
Edith Brunelle	15
Michael Morel	15
Michael Okeke	16
Gus Andrian	17
Anne Green	18
Carla Griffith	18
Catie Rutstein	19
Amanda Tronchin	21
Elon Bygrave	22
Roy McAlpine	27
Carese Davis	27
Jolanda Sribanpot	28
Aaron Legister	29
Kitty Peterson	29
Callie Rutstein	29

If you have a September birthday not listed above, call Pam Haddad in the parish office at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204, and let her know so she can add your special day to our parish records.

Trinity Academy Expands To Three Grades

Trinity Academy starts on August 29 with a total of 42 students in 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades. It will be an exciting year as our students build a strong academic foundation in

reading, writing, and arithmetic. Dr. Lou Loomis will be teaching Creative

Thinking and Father Don will teach a Spirituality class. Adding to our philosophy of teaching the whole child, we will offer yoga, martial arts, gardening, art, and choir. We also offer drama in the spring and will prepare for another Jr. Broadway production.

Throughout the summer we held Olympic-themed classes in honor of the 31st Olympiad. The students enjoyed playing golf with First Tee along with multiple other sporting events and contests.

We will have a fall event, *Raising the Spirits for Trinity Academy*, at Waypoint Spirits on Friday, October 14, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$75.00. For more information and tickets contact Barbara Roberts at 860-251-8337 or development@trinityday.org.

We have many ways to get involved at Trinity Academy. If you are interested in volunteering, plan to attend our Volunteer Orientation Meeting on Monday, September 12, at 11:00 a.m. To learn more, contact Jen Scanzano at principal@trinityday.org.

For more information about the school, visit www.trinityday.org or just stop by and see our students hard at work and having fun.

– Karen Connal, Head of School

Welcome Our 2016-2017 Seminarian Intern, Johnson Ramsaur

It has become a tradition at Trinity to serve as a practical training site for future leaders in the church who are attending Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. This September we will welcome Mr. Johnson Ramsaur, who is a Middler (second-year) student at BDS. (Since you are no doubt wondering, his last name is pronounced “Ramsore,” rhyming with “dinosaur.”)

Each seminarian brings a unique combination of gifts, experiences and interests to his or her ministry, and Johnson is no exception. Raised in the Baptist faith, he has thus far followed a career as a church musician, having earned a Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance and Sacred Music at Appalachian State University *summa cum laude*. He pursued secondary studies in piano and voice, and for over 10 years has had a rich experience accompanying and directing choirs of varying ages and performance levels. This past summer he completed one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education in Tacoma, Washington. He has also been a leader in faith-based community service ministries, and achieved the honor of being an Eagle Scout. Other interests include creating community, Ultimate Frisbee, racquetball, hiking, swimming, reading and running.

One of Johnson’s learning goals for the coming year is to explore a call to the ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church and to discern how he might be called to be a “hybrid” priest who exercises both

pastoral and music ministries. He will also work with Fr. Don in areas of administration and finances, adult education, pastoral care, social ministry, liturgy planning and preaching.

I am excited to be a part of the dynamic work of Trinity Church this year, as it continues its deeply needed ministry in Hartford, Johnson writes. I most look forward to exploring my vocation and sharpening my leadership skills within the rich tradition and innovations of this parish. I eagerly await meeting the community at Trinity.

Johnson has already visited Trinity and worshipped with us on several occasions in the spring, so many of in the parish have already met him without knowing his background. He will begin his ministry here at Trinity on Sunday, September 11. Please welcome him into our community of faith!



The church office and buildings will be closed on Monday, September 5, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Cycle of Prayer for September

September 4

Bill and Lynette Lawrence
Jo Jo Leano and Zaida Martinez
Dwight, Marcia, Shannon and Marcia Lee
Jun Lee

September 11

Josh and Sasha Lewbel
Kate Lindsay
Kim Litsey
Charles and Nicole Locario

September 18

Rosemarie Loche
Worth and Lou Loomis
Adair Lummis

September 25

Mark and Linda MacGougan
Vince Sr. and Vince Jr. Mack & Fran Times-Mack
Michelle Mahoney
Ansgar and Susanne Mantel

Annual Picnic Set for September 11

Our annual parish picnic will be in the Memorial Garden immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, September 11.

This event will welcome all of us back for a new program year which begins the next week with Church School.



The parish will provide beverages. Parishioners with last names A-L may sign up for side dishes, M-Z for desserts, and anyone may sign up for main dishes. You may also sign up as a volunteer to serve, set up, clean up, etc. Sign-up sheets are posted in Goodwin Hall. In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be held in Goodwin Hall. The picnic is a great way to reconnect after the summer. Hope to see you there!

Book Group To Discuss C. S. Lewis Classic

At its September meeting, Trinity's book group will discuss *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis, which makes a compelling case for the Christian faith. The content was first given as a series of radio talks; the book, which retains the informal tone of the talks, has been a Christian classic since 1943.

The Book Group will meet at the home of Mark and Linda MacGougan in West Hartford on Friday, September 23, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend to enjoy dessert and a lively discussion! Please let the hosts know if you plan to come; you can contact them at 860-561-1588 or macgougans@gmail.com.

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

The Reverend Donald L. Hamer, Rector
The Reverend Bonnie S. Matthews, Deacon
Mr. Jun Lee, Interim Director of Music

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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From the Wardens:

The Wardens and Vestry want to thank the many members of the congregation who have responded to their letter of June 16. The purpose of the letter was to inform the congregation of the Vestry's continuing efforts to balance the Trinity budget and to request parishioners to consider increasing their estimates of giving for the current fiscal year.

We are happy to report that in response to that letter, 2016 estimates of giving have increased by approximately \$22,000. That increase, along with cost savings achieved over the summer, has led Fr. Don to request the Vestry to revisit the 2016 budget in light of these changes. We will of course keep the congregation informed of what we learn at that meeting.

A number of parishioners have inquired how they can increase their estimate of giving over and above their original estimate – or how they can make an estimate of giving if they have not done so already. There are two simple ways to accomplish either of these things: fill out one of the kelly green “Mid-Year Estimate of Giving” cards on the information tables in Goodwin Hall or the church, and either place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office; OR simply contact Pam Haddad in the office at phaddad@trinityhartford.org or 860-527-8133, Ext. 204 to let her know what you'd like to do.

We thank everyone for their prayers and faithfulness during this time of dynamic transition and look forward to your continuing support.

– Percy Williamson and Alan Rice

A Note from Bert Landman



Dear Trinity family,

Words cannot express my gratitude to you for all of the many kindnesses you showed me during my time among you. I was blessed to have been included in your lives and in the life of this remarkable community. Your generosity in the gift of the purse, at my departure, was as overwhelming as the gift itself was unexpected. I shall continue to remember you all with great love and to offer prayers and best wishes for your individual and corporate futures. I do hope that you will contact me if you are in the Baltimore area. I would love to see you and welcome you.

Peace and blessings to you all,
Bert

Trinity Members Confirmed June 11 in Litchfield

Ten young people from Trinity Church were among those confirmed at a special service held Saturday, June 11, at St. Michael's Church in Litchfield. Trinity members confirmed by the Right Rev. Laura Ahrens at this service were:

Advetus Bohlen
Leroy Bohlen
Shquia Moore-Thomas
Kendall Okeke
Kimberly Okeke
Michael Okeke
Kachi Onoh
Elizabeth Rousseau
Zechariah Stephens-Walker
Justin Ude

Congratulations to all of our confirmands, and thanks to Clement Mogor and Karin Peterson, who led last year's Confirm Not Conform class.

Hospitality Hosts

Here's the upcoming schedule of hosts for the fellowship hour that follows the Sunday 10:00 a.m. service:

September 11
Parish Picnic - Special Event

September 18
Charles & Nicole Locario
Agatha Okeke

September 25
Tom & Enid Oberholtzer
Valerie Pogue

October 2
Jack & Penny Pearson
Winston & Ruth Rose

If you are unable to fulfill your assignment, please try to switch with someone else or arrange a substitute. If you are unable to do so, contact Debbie Hamer at debhamer2001@yahoo.com or 860-216-3881. Also, please let the office know the name of your substitute by sending a message to office@trinityhartford.org.

Meet Our New Interim Director of Music, Jun Lee

Our new Interim Director of Music, Jun Lee, is now on board at Trinity Church. He will be worshipping with us on Sunday, August 21, to



see how our services are put together, and will begin playing for services on September 4; the choirs will join him on September 11.

We asked Jun some questions to help our parishioners get to

know him. Here's how he responded:

Welcome to Trinity Church! We're really excited to have you as our new Interim Director of Music. Can you tell us what excites you about your new job at Trinity?

Jun Lee: I have not had a chance to meet all the choir members yet, but I heard that Trinity Church in Hartford has had a great music program, and I am very excited to be a part of this wonderful music program and the church. I can't wait to meet you all not only in person, but also in music too.

The search committee that interviewed you for your new position was very impressed with your credentials. Can you tell the rest of the parish a little about your musical training?

J.L.: My first musical training happened when my parents sent me for piano lessons when I was six years old. At that time, music became an important part of my life. I was fortunate to become a pianist at my home church when I was thirteen years old, and I have been playing at several

different churches since that time. As a conductor, I founded a women's choir and a children's choir in Korea, and have conducted various collegiate choirs in both Korea and the United States. In addition, I have appeared as a guest conductor. This October, I will be one of the invited guest conductors for Studium Chorale in the Netherlands.

We know you came to Connecticut to study for your doctorate at UConn. Where did you study before coming to Connecticut – and how are your current studies coming along (we've heard you've nearly completed your degree)?

J.L.: My first education in the States began at the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati, which is one of the finest music schools in the United States. As a composition major, however, I wanted to focus on sacred music and organ performance, so I transferred to Westminster Choir College, where I decided to become a choral conductor. I then earned my Master of Music degree in choral conducting from Florida State University. Now I am pursuing a Doctorate of Music and Arts degree at UConn, and I am almost done – I'm hoping to complete my degree in about a year.

We suspect you've been asked this a lot – but we're still curious: Who is your favorite composer?

J.L.: I have a few favorite composers, but if I really have to pick just one, I will definitely go with Bach.

Is there anything in particular you've got in mind for the Trinity music program for the coming year?

J.L.: I have a background in a variety of different types of music, and I hope I can bring those experiences and variety into the Trinity music program.

Would you like to tell us a little about your family? Are they musicians, too?

J.L.: I grew up in the Methodist Church, where my parents are Elders. I have an older brother in Korea. When we were children, my mother used to pray for us to become like the Wesley brothers (John and Charles). Her prayer has been sort of answered, as my brother became a minister in Korea, and I became a church musician.

What do you like to do in your spare time (not that you probably have a whole lot of that!) when you're not doing something musical?

J.L.: I have a small dog, so when I have time, I play with her, and I also like cooking, and watching movies.

Our choirs are really looking forward to working with you. If there are new people (children or adults) with an interest in joining, what should they do to let you know of their interest?

J.L.: Just grab me at the church whenever you see me or email me at jlee@trinityhartford.org. You don't know how much all conductors are happy for new singers!

Meet Jun Lee

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Church School Begins September 18

Along with our other Christian Formation activities, Church School for our younger students will begin on Sunday, September 18. Our Church School is under the capable and dedicated leadership of Clement Mogor and Kate Rousseau, who will be available to guide students to their appropriate classroom on the first day of classes.



Church School registration will take place after the services on Sunday, September 4, and Sunday, September 11. A Church School registration form can be downloaded from the Trinity Church website. Go to trinityhartford.org, click on the “Education” tab on the home page, then select “Children’s and Youth Formation” from the dropdown menu, and click on the link to the registration materials in the first paragraph. Paper copies of the forms can also be picked up on the literature tables at the church. Children are always welcome to bring friends to Church School with parental permission.

Godly Play for children age 3 through second grade

Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Leaders: Robin Duva, Carla Griffith, Jannel Thomas and Tim Watt

Designed for children aged three to second grade, Godly Play has been classroom tested since 1972. Deeply spiritual and highly creative, the program engages children through story and wonder, and invites them to come close to God as God at the same time comes close to them. Children are encouraged to “enter” Biblical and liturgical stories with the help of a story-teller, who uses beautifully crafted simple figures to represent the different parts of the story. The story is followed by a time of wondering together at what just unfolded and a “work” time when each child chooses a project or retells the story through his or her own manipulation of the material.

The sequence of stories told throughout the year builds on previous Godly Play sessions. While each session could stand alone, regular attendance helps the child a great deal. Children become more and more able to perceive the meaning in the stories as they gain a broader perspective and deeper understanding of the material. The stories begin to “speak to each other,” and the children are able to make connections that were not apparent to them in the beginning.

Parents should bring their child/children to the Godly Play Classroom on the second floor of the education wing. The Acolytes will bring the children back to rejoin their families in church at the Peace, in time for Communion.

Grades 3, 4 & 5 – Feasting on the Word

Sunday mornings at 11:30 a.m. (following the 10:00 a.m. service)

Leaders – Clement Mogor, Kate Rousseau, Agatha Okeke and Corlet Ude

The Feasting on the Word curriculum from Westminster/John Knox Press will be offered to children in grades 3-5. Each week the children will look at their learning goals for the day through the lens of one of the day’s lessons from Holy Scripture. Also, the children will have the opportunity to further interpret their lesson through reproducible resource sheets, age-appropriate activities, music lyrics, and full-color visuals from a printed color pack for each week, thus giving added life to the lesson. The children in this group will meet in Classroom 4 on the second floor of the education wing.

11:30 Godly Play Activity Time

Children who participate in Godly Play who have parents or older siblings staying on for other 11:30 formation programs may come to Room 2 for an activity led by adult leaders. This activity, which will end at 12:30, will include arts and crafts as well as games, and will be offered every Sunday that Church School is in session.

Come grow with us this year!

– Clement Mogor and Kate Rousseau

Journey to Adulthood 2016 - 2017

Christian Formation for Grade 6 and up

Journey to Adulthood sessions begin September 18

Our Journey to Adulthood program for young people in 6th grade and above continues to use the *Weaving God's Promise* curriculum. The lessons are meant to help participants make the connection between the Bible and their own lives. We hope to "foster the spiritual formation and growth of our youth in Christ's love and mercy, to teach the spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation, and to send our youth into the world as Christ's ambassadors."

JTA follows a three-year cycle. The first year of the program is "Weaving Our Faith"; year two is "Weaving Together the Family of God"; and the third year is "Weaving God's Beloved Community."

Also, our JTA program will continue to consider the Bible passages through the lens of the Journey to Adulthood motto, "Manhood and Womanhood are gifts from God; Adulthood has to be earned," and consider aspects of self, society, spirituality and sexuality. We will also include programs such as the Rite-13 ceremony and special leadership and team building activities.

Journey to Adulthood classes this year are as follows:

Rite-13 – 6th & 7th graders

Leaders: Ruth Rose and Robin D'Oyen

J2A – 8th and 9th graders

Leader: Marcus Clark

For the several students who are Juniors and Seniors who have already been confirmed, a special mentorship program will be established according to the Young Adults in the Church guidelines of Journey to Adulthood.

Registration:

Journey to Adulthood classes begin this year on September 18. A registration form (required for each Journey to Adulthood participant), can be downloaded from the Trinity Church website, trinityhartford.org. Click on the "Education" tab, select "Children's and Youth Formation" from the dropdown menu, and click on the link in the first paragraph. Registration forms will also be available the day of the parish picnic (September 11).

Meet Jun Lee

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What would you say to someone who'd like to give the adult choir a try, but is feeling a little shy about the whole idea?

J.L.: Always there is a first time, and I know you might think that the choir would sound better without you! But that is not true. In most cases, more is better. Therefore, don't be afraid to contact me. You might not be a great singer now, but you can become one in the future by singing in the choir. And that is why I am here.

Be sure to introduce yourself to Jun in the coming weeks and welcome him to Trinity – and do let him know if you think the Trinity choirs might be a ministry you would enjoy!

Directory Changes

Address changes:

Cox, Betty Anne
Buckingham's Choice I-017
3200 Baker Circle
Adamstown, MD 21710
As of September 7

Knapp, Ann
517 Avery Heights
Hartford, CT 06106

Email change:

Landman, Bert
blandman@redeemeronline.com



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I'm Glad You Asked Or just in case you were wondering how you could help!

Here are some of the things the Property Team needs help in doing or mending and repairing:

1. Round up all the wine glasses and store them in a basement location
2. Clean the folding chairs
3. Repair choir music stands
4. Replace clothes dryer vent hose and vacuum lint trap and area
5. Test sound system microphones and cables for the sound system; identify non-working items
6. Check bathroom air fresheners; install new or replacements as needed
7. Check and clean filters in Library & Choir Room air conditioners
8. Replace lamps in Emergency Exit signs
9. Install door stop on Goodwin Hall door to alley
10. Fill holes in exterior walls to block rodents (high work on ladder)
11. Clean and inventory hand-held candles used in vigil services

So far help has come from Ron Gripp, Steve Zhitnik, Tim Watt, Jake Troiano, Peter Green and John Robinson. We carted away electronic recyclables, repaired loose wire molding, changed some light bulbs, inventoried all the Exit signs, installed door stops, moved garden hoses, de-weeded the labyrinth, fixed a leaking hose, fixed an easel arm, rehung the Trinity Church sign on Sigourney Street and repaired the Library table.

Vinnie Pacileo is our Building Manager; Peter Green is a talented handyman and also leads efforts on grounds work. Peter Green and I are helping Vinnie organize and tackle our list of projects.

Al Shuckra: (after 8/31) acshuckra@sbcglobal.net or 860-561-5470

Peter Green: pmgreen76@gmail.com or 860-236-1457

Vinnie Pacileo: vpacileo@trinityhartford.org or 860-893-5950

– Al Shuckra for the Property Team

Deacon Bonnie Receives Award at National Assembly

At the 2106 Triennial Assembly of the Association for Episcopal Deacons held last June in Minnesota, Deacon Bonnie Matthews was one of 26 honorees who received certificates in **Recognition of Diaconal Ministry in the Tradition of St. Stephen.**



Since 1995 AED (then NAAD, the North American Association for the Diaconate) has been honoring deacons whose ministries are outstanding examples of diaconal ministry in the name of Christ.

In recommending Bonnie to receive the award, the Rt. Rev Laura Ahrens wrote: *Bonnie is a role model for the diaconate in CT. She is about empowering other deacons and working collaboratively with all in CT. She creates spaces for people to claim their own leadership. By doing this, she models the role of the deacon empowering others to go out into the world to join and reveal God's love. She is also kind, compassionate and thoughtful in her exercise of her ministry.*

Deacon Bonnie

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

★ Amanda Tronchin, daughter of Olive and Irwin Tronchin, graduated from Northeastern University's D'Amore McKim School of Business on May 6 with a Bachelor of Science in Economics and Business Administration. While at Northeastern, Amanda, who majored in Finance, was a Ujima Scholar, participated in the Finance and Investment, Economics, and the Supply Chain Management clubs, and was on the Dean's List. Congratulations, Amanda!

Summer News from AHNA (Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association)

Police Report:

There is a continuing problem with panhandling on Farmington Avenue and the Sigourney Street I-84 exit. Quality of life issues (noise and loitering, etc.) are a problem on Marshall and South Marshall Streets.

Cameras have been installed in Sigourney Park and are now on line.

Asylum Hill has had an increase in criminal activity. Do not hesitate to call and report anything you see.

Finance Report:

Envelopes are available for donations. Contact me if you would like one.

Leadership Greater Hartford is working with the AHNA board to increase fundraising. A three-pronged approach has been implemented: individual gifts, non-profit donations, and corporate involvement. The board would need \$85/\$90,000 a year to support a full time employee.

Stowe House:

The Center will be undergoing renovations during the coming year, during which time the Visitor Center and Day House will remain open. \$3.3 million is being spent to improve the climate system, carpets and windows.

Junior Peacebuilders:

Iran Nazario described a new training for Junior Peacebuilders. Youth, ages 13-18, will be trained to become community leaders. The Peacebuilders program has an 11-year history of crisis response to tensions and gangs. Training is three days a week for 14 weeks.

I-84 Project:

David Stockey discussed the options in play, which are fixing what's already there, tunneling, or lowering the roadway. Public information meetings are being held to gather input from the community.

West Middle School:

The school was not open for summer school but will open for the 2016-2017 school year in August.

Welcoming Committee:

A multicultural resource area is being developed at the Mark Twain Library Branch.

Wayne Benjamin talked of plans for the property at 276-271 Farmington Avenue at the corner of Laurel and Farmington Avenues. One possibility is to take down the existing buildings. The Historical Commission needs to review that, as it is thought the diner building may be an historic site.

Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association meetings are open to everyone in the neighborhood. Meetings are at 6:15 p.m. the first Monday of the month at Asylum Hill Congregational Church. The next meeting is Monday, September 12.

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Bonnie is also clear that her diaconal ministry is the ministry that informs her life. She is a deacon in all aspects of her life, empowering others, encouraging others and modeling outreach to those in the margins.

As Chair of the Deacons Council, Bonnie has worked with our Connecticut bishops to move the newly formed council to a place of visioning and imagination for support and care of the deacons in our state. Under Bonnie's leadership the Deacons Council has begun to have quarterly meetings in different settings around Connecticut; these meetings have been opened up to all of the deacons in the state to provide them with an opportunity to share ideas and open conversation on a regular basis.

Bonnie works fulltime at Hartford Hospital and has served as Deacon Intern and then Deacon for nearly five years here at Trinity. In that role she works on an ongoing basis with the parish Outreach Team and the Pastoral Care Team. She has also initiated numerous mission initiatives involving members of Trinity Church and others from the community, including the Holy Wednesday Foot Clinic held at Christ Church Cathedral during Holy Week last spring, and the Blessing of the Animals service which took place in Sigourney Square Park last October on the eve of St. Francis Day.

Please congratulate Deacon Bonnie on this award she so richly deserves!

– Boo Morton

Goodwin Legacy Circle Growing

The Goodwin Legacy Circle is made up of the people who have included Trinity Church in their wills or estate planning. Linda and Mark MacGougan, co-chairs of the Goodwin Legacy Circle, report that the group has grown significantly. "We've nearly doubled," says Linda. "Last spring, there were about a dozen people or couples who were enrolled, and now we're up over twenty."

If you'd like to join the Goodwin Legacy Circle, the first step is to update your will or estate planning to include Trinity Church. You should do this with the help of an attorney. Contact Father Don if you need help with this or would like a referral. The second step is to fill out a brief Legacy Circle form. You can get a form from the church office or from the MacGougans.

"This isn't just something for rich people," says Mark. "Every adult should have a will. And once you have a will, it should reflect the people and things that are important to you. I believe that anyone who pledges or gives regularly to the church should leave something to the church in their will. If that's true, then we still have a lot of opportunity to continue to grow the Goodwin Legacy Circle."

Goodwin Legacy Circle Members:

Gus and Peg Andrian, Sara and David Carson, Martha Freimuth, Ron Gripp, Don and Debbie Hamer, Jane Harris, Cynthia Harvey, Elizabeth Johnson, Frank and Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, Worth and Louise Loomis, Mark and Linda MacGougan, Jack and Penny

Pearson, Jean Peelle, Karin Peterson, Elizabeth Randall, Phil and Katie Reynolds, Al Shuckra, Drew and Kate Smith, Kathy Steinwedell, Alice Turcotte plus anonymous members.

Questions? Please contact the MacGougans (860-561-1588 or macgougans@gmail.com) or Father Don.

Voice Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of *The Voice* is September 26 at 5:00 p.m. (Yes, this is later in the month than usual!) This issue will cover all events scheduled to take place in **October and November**.

Please send your articles to voice@trinityhartford.org; using this address will help assure your article doesn't go astray. Thanks!



The Choir School of Hartford

presents its Second Annual

Emerald Ball

November 3, 2016

The Chrysalis Center

255 Homestead Avenue, Hartford

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

- *Guest Speaker: Dr. James Spillane, Director of Choral Activities at UConn*
- *Fun, Food, Festivities And Music*
- *Cork Pull and CD quest*
- **Gene Bartley's Jazz Quartet**
- *Hors d'oeuvres, Auction, and Surprises!*

Visit The Choir School of Hartford's web page for more information and to purchase tickets, which are \$60.00 each. Tickets are also available from Jun Lee and Enid Oberholtzer.

[www.trinityhartford.org/Music_and_Arts/
The_Choir_School_of_Hartford](http://www.trinityhartford.org/Music_and_Arts/The_Choir_School_of_Hartford)

Gated parking will be available

Outreach at Trinity



Update: Trinity's refugee resettlement project

Your refugee resettlement committee is thrilled to report that our refugee family is arriving in September! The plans for Trinity Church, together with staff and students from Trinity College, to resettle a refugee family in the Hartford area are moving along rapidly. With the generous support of our parishioners as well as of Trinity College, we have met our fund-raising goal of \$7,000. The committee has worked very hard all summer to find housing, English language instruction, medical care, employment possibilities, and cultural support for our family.

We are still in need of the following items for our family:

- ◆ Furniture
- ◆ Double and single sheets
- ◆ Towels
- ◆ Blankets
- ◆ Gently-used clothing

Please call or email Anne Rapkin (860-521-5992 or a.rapkin@snet.net) if you can contribute any of these items OR can help pick up furniture and deliver it to our family's apartment in September.

We will keep you posted on developments. Thank you all for your support and your caring!

— Anne Rapkin for the
Refugee Resettlement Committee

Bake Sale September 25 SAVE the DATE

The Outreach Team is planning a bake sale to be held after both services on Sunday, September 25. Proceeds will help provide scholarships for students from our partner church in Mbugani, Tanzania. This last year Trinity has sponsored two girls from Holy Trinity Parish in Mbugani who attend St. Peter's School in Tabora. We need to raise \$2,000 for the next school year, which starts in January 2017. There will be other opportunities to support fundraising efforts.

For more information on the bake sale or the scholarship project in general, contact Debbie Hamer (860-216-3881 or debhamer2001@yahoo.com).

Backpack Project A Success

Trinity's parishioners recently donated 40 backpacks to Hartford area children. Some were filled with supplies and some were just the backpacks alone, as requested by some of our recipients' families this year. Lakesha Ruth, our social worker, was happy to distribute these gifts to the grateful families whose children are now all set to start the new school year. Thanks to everyone who participated in this special ministry this year.

— Don Cook
for the Outreach Team

Election Year Forums: Faith and Politics at The Wood-n-Tap

In this election year when so many of the issues seem to have some connection with religious faith, the Adult Christian Formation Committee is once again offering a series of thought-provoking weeknight forums on "Faith and Politics." The series will be held each Tuesday evening in October (4, 11, 18 and 25) as well as on November 1 from 7 – 9 p.m.



This series is being offered in collaboration with Grace Lutheran Church, Immanuel Congregational Church and Asylum Hill Congregational Church. At least one session will consider interfaith issues in cooperation with Temple Beth Israel and the Bloomfield Muslim Community Center and Dersana.

Each of the five sessions will be held at the reception room of The Wood-n-Tap, which is located at 99 Sisson Avenue in Hartford, just off the I-84 exit/entrance ramp at the corner of Sisson and Capital. Free attended parking is available across the street on Capital Avenue. At similar forums held in the past, many people have arrived at 6 to enjoy dinner and conversation before the formal discussion.

Look in the next edition of *The Voice* and in the weekly e-blast for more information on the schedule of topics and a list of the discussion leaders.

June Regional Convocations Mark New Beginnings for ECCT

In accordance with actions taken by our Diocesan Convention in 2014 and 2015, The Episcopal Church in Connecticut was focused in the early summer on what amounts to a reorganization of the way the Episcopal Church functions in Connecticut.

During the spring, representatives of congregations from across the state met to create a strategy for establishing six regions within the state/diocese that would replace a regional system of what were formerly known as “deaneries” – a system that was widely seen as ineffective at best and dysfunctional at worst. Under the new plan, Trinity is located in the North Central Region, a geographic area stretching roughly from Middletown to the Massachusetts border, and from the Connecticut River west to New Britain and the Farmington Valley.

On Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11, the North Central Region held a regional convocation to encourage discussion among the congregations in our area about ways we might collaborate to further God’s mission, avoiding duplication and bringing together people to share their interests, resources and talents.

Friday evening was hosted at Trinity, Tariffville, and featured two massive posters where participants, on entering, were invited to write down, on one, ministries that they or their parishes are already offering, and on the other, ministries that they would like to see happening. After social gathering time and a delicious catered buffet, those present were gathered into four sub-groups

assigned by geographic area within the region. Fr. Don was invited to facilitate the Farmington Valley group, which discussed how that area was unique from the rest of the region; ways in which God is already working through their congregations and elsewhere in the region; and particular challenges to the people of that region. We closed the evening with Compline in the church, with music provided by the Trinity Praise Band.

On Saturday the venue was Christ Church Cathedral, where participants continued with the conversations from the night before and decided how to elect lay and clergy delegates to the new Mission Council, which replaces the diocesan body formerly known as Executive Council. Those gathered also began discussing how our region might fill the position of Regional Missioner, a part-time

position funded through the Convention budget to further collaboration among the various congregations in the North Central Region. The day closed with the participants processing down to Bushnell Park where everyone joined in celebrating the Holy Eucharist on the 5th anniversary of Church by the Pond and joined all of the participants for lunch.

The formal establishment of the Regional Convocations is the next step in following through on the Task Force to Re-Imagine the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (TREC-CT) and reflects similar transitions in the wider church and, indeed, in all major Christian denominations. It invites all of us to re-examine our own roles as followers of Jesus Christ in furthering God’s mission of reconciliation and restoration in the world.





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EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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September 2016

Coming up:

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November 3 Choir School of Hartford Emerald Ball at the Chrysalis Center (6:00 p.m.)

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