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Down the Highway of Transition with a GPS

People once put plastic statuettes of Jesus or the Virgin or St. Christopher on the dashboards of their cars. As a boy, I was always skeptical about their efficacy; I once remarked that the assistant priest at our parish might be wiser to put his faith in seat belts. Now, ironically, instead of a pious-looking figurine I've got a GPS device.

Don't get me wrong; I love technology. Up to a point, anyway. My GPS sports bright colors, zooms in and out, and highlights the route for me. And it's voice-activated! I say in my sternest English-teacher voice, "Voice command!" and a pleasant-sounding female voice replies, "Say a command." If only my students were so compliant. And then my little GPS dutifully directs me to my destination.

Well, usually. My GPS is a little hard of hearing. Sometimes I have to shout repeatedly to get her attention: "Voice command. Voice command! VOICE COMMAND!" I can feel people in the cars in the next lane staring at me. She garbles my instructions. I say, "Find Trinity Church." She seriously replies, "Did you say, 'Polish Pizza Hut'?" She gets confused by things like detours, road construction, and accidents. Coming home from Cape Cod one time she stubbornly insisted I drive the wrong way down a one-way street. Another time she insisted on guiding me back towards the accident I had just taken a detour to avoid. I miss those old Esso roadmaps with the diabolical folds.

Over the past few months, there have been times when I've felt as though my GPS device was guiding us through our transition process. Usually, everything looks just fine, just as when my little electronic friend plots out my intersections, junctions, exits, entrances, and points of arrival. But other times – well, not so much. I just stare at the thing and say, "That can't be right." (She answers, "Did you say, 'Turn out the light'?") But we struggle along, following the instructions, and hope to all-get-out that we arrive with no major crises.

And we have nearly arrived. As of this writing, we are a few signatures away from having an interim priest, a person uniquely qualified to take over our leadership while we go about calling a new Rector. By faith we have made our way – not home, but to a new junction in our journey.

Alan Rice,
Warden

Adult Forum Fall Schedule

The Adult Forums (also known as Coffee Hour Conversations) will start up again with the new program year in September. Here's the fall schedule as currently known; more forum sessions may be added to the schedule at a later date.

SEPTEMBER

September 15 College Student Panel

Frank Kirkpatrick will moderate a discussion with Trinity members who are currently college students. What are the challenges and rewards of being a college student in 2019? What can we do to support the college students we know?

Are you a college student? Please plan to join us on September 15 and be a part of this panel!

September 29 Mark MacGougan – “How to Collar a Priest”

Mark is Trinity's in-house liturgical comedian. He'll be presenting a routine explaining the rector search process, which Trinity is about to undertake. Don't stress out! Come and laugh instead.

OCTOBER

October 13 Trinity Academy Update and Open House

Trinity Academy is a huge part of what happens at our church during the week. What's new? How is the new year going? Hear the latest and see firsthand with a classroom tour.

October 20 Drew Smith and Others – Capital Campaign Event

The Campaign for Trinity officially launched in October of 2018. How is it looking one year into a three-year campaign? Hear an update on progress both in raising the funds and spending the funds to repair and update our buildings.

BEYOND

November 24 Donald Romanik – Clergy Leadership for a Changing Church

December 8 John Lent – Update on AFEDJ (American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem)

The Adult Forum program takes place following the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service; most sessions meet in the Library.



September

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Michael Igboanugo	2
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Shakeem Williams	2
Vincent Bygrave	4
Kathie Wilson	5
Tim Watt	8
Chris Bernard	9
Bonni McKenney	10
Frank Hamer	11
Neill Derick	12
Lindsey Tengtanga	12
Michael Morel	15
Timothy Swingle	16
Michael Okeke	16
Anne Green	18
Carla Griffith	18
Catie Rutstein	19
Joseph Texidor	19
Amanda Tronchin	21
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Roy McAlpine	27
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Kitty Peterson	29
Callie Rutstein	29

If you have a September birthday not listed above, call Barbara Roos 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. Please note that we publish only your birth month and day – not the year!



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Next Step for the Capital Campaign – Reaching Out to the “Diaspora”

The Campaign for Trinity is a three-year capital campaign, launched last October, to raise \$750,000 to support much-needed campus repairs and improvements.

The first phase of the campaign has been soliciting donations from our current Trinity Church members. This phase is nearing completion and has

been very successful; so far, written pledges have been received for about 64% of the target amount, with verbal commitments for another 10% of the total.

Thank you to our volunteer solicitors and to all those who’ve pledged their support! (If we haven’t gotten to you yet, we will soon – but feel free to contact us if you haven’t heard anything.)

The second phase of the campaign is now starting to take shape. This will be an outreach to former members of the church, particularly people who have moved away but who retain a personal connection to Trinity Church. We refer to these people as our “diaspora.”

Father Bill Eakins, our Rector Emeritus, is serving as Chair of the Diaspora Committee, assisted by Liz Kirkpatrick, Kathie Wilson

and others. This committee can use your help! Do you remember former parishioners who should be included in this outreach? Are you in touch with former members? The committee would appreciate receiving suggested names and, when possible, current addresses or other contact information. Please forward such information to the Diaspora Committee, care of Barbara Roos in the church office (broos@trinityhartford.org).

The third phase of the campaign will be outreach to the community and foundations. We very much appreciate everyone’s efforts that are helping us achieve our goal. Thanks!

Mark MacGougan & Drew Smith
Capital Campaign Co-Chairs



The church office and buildings will be closed on Monday, September 2, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Parish Picnic with St. Monica’s – Sunday, September 8

Our annual parish picnic will take place in Trinity’s Memorial Garden immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, September 8. This event will welcome all of us back for a new program year, and we’ll be joined by our friends from St. Monica’s Parish, who will be worshiping and breaking bread with us that day. Trinity will provide beverages, burgers and hot dogs. A bounce house and other special activities will be available to entertain children attending the picnic.

To round out the offerings for our picnic meal, please bring your signature side dish or dessert to share – ethnic favorites are especially welcome. Sign up on the easel in Goodwin Hall; be sure to include the number of people in your party. Please also indicate if you can help on the 8th; volunteers are needed to assist with set-up, serving and clean-up.

Plan to join the fun and fellowship as we begin our new program year!

In case of inclement weather on the 8th, the picnic will be held in Goodwin Hall. Questions? Contact Martha Freimuth at lems.cove@yahoo.com or call the parish office at 860-527-8133.

Cycle of Prayer for September

September 1

Tom & Maryjane Furrer
Amity Gaige & Tim, Atis and Freya Watt
Fred, Pam & Jonathan Garcia
and Kristen & Alexia Williams-Garcia

September 8

Suzanne Gates
Christina, Stephen, Brian & Michael Gellman
Peter, Anne & Philip Green

September 15

Carla & Davonté Griffith, and Trocari Griffith-McAlop
Ron Gripp
Kali Gross

September 22

Pam, Georges, Liana & Helena Haddad
Don, Debbie, Katie & Frank Hamer
Adell Hankerson

September 29

Jane Harris
Helen Hart
Sue Hart

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

Evensong 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:45 p.m., October - June

Mr. Jackson Merrill, Director of Music Ministries

Assisting Clergy:

The Reverend George A. Chien
The Reverend Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick
The Right Reverend Andrew D. Smith
The Reverend C. Jon Widing

The Reverend William J. Eakins, Rector Emeritus

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Trinity Offers Resting Place For Ashes from St. Mark's, New Britain, Memorial Garden

When the parish of St. Mark's, New Britain, recently moved from its former church building into a shared ministry space nearby, its members were faced with the question of what to do with the cremated remains of those who had been buried in its Memorial Garden. Knowing that Trinity Church, Hartford, had its own memorial garden, the leadership of St. Mark's asked if Trinity would accept a representative portion of the burial area at their former site for relocation to the Trinity garden. Trinity's Property Team and Vestry were happy to agree to this proposal, and the remains from St. Mark's have now been buried in our Memorial Garden alongside the ashes of Trinity's parishioners, family members and friends. The plaque listing the names of those who were buried at St. Mark's will be mounted in Trinity's Narthex, with the following wording added:

*In the sure and certain
Hope of the Resurrection*

*the cremated remains of the
persons named on this plaque
were removed from the former
site of*

*Saint Mark's Episcopal Church,
New Britain, Connecticut,
and were reinterred in the
Memorial Garden of
Trinity Episcopal Church,
Hartford,
on 20 June 2019*

Stewardship Program Begins November 3

Join the Parish of Trinity Church on Sunday, November 3, for the start of our annual Stewardship



Program at both services. We are joining with other Episcopal Parishes this year and taking our theme

from Matthew 5:15-16:

“No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

“Shining Our Light” will run for four consecutive Sundays, including our Annual Ingathering on Sunday, November 24.

Right now, the Stewardship Team is asking for your help. If you would like to help develop and present this program, please contact Steve Zhitnik or Martha Freimuth. Our planning meetings will continue in the 3rd or 4th week of September.

“For the Church of God, that we may be filled with love, generosity and truth so to transform our communities and our world;
May your light guide us and shine through us.”

August Update – Sustaining Support for Diocese of Tabora

As you may remember, this summer we shared there was an urgent request for support from Bishop Chakupewa of Tabora, Tanzania, regarding their need for prayers and funds to support his people and clergy during the current drought and resultant food shortage. Trinity, with additional help from the Colin Fund, sent a donation to Tabora in July.

The amount provided to the Diocese represents approximately half of the current need, which hopes to bridge them over to the end of the current food shortage.

We are planning a parish Ingathering on October 13, during which we hope to raise additional funds for Tabora food aid. We would like to involve more parish members including the youth of the parish in this ongoing work, not only to respond to the immediate crisis, but also to sustain Trinity’s longstanding relationship of support with Mbugani Parish and the Diocese of Tanzania.

How can you help?

- Continue to pray for the Diocese of Tabora, and all those people who struggle with hunger on a daily basis.
- Contact Heather Kramer directly (see end of article) if you would like to serve on the Tabora Outreach sub-committee in any capacity.
- Share your ideas or news of other parish efforts in the Diocese of Connecticut that you are aware of that fight

hunger, in East Africa or other regions, with our committee.

- We welcome support from our parish teens – any ideas are appreciated!

Look for further information about the Ingathering and the situation in Tabora during the weeks prior to October 13. If you would like to help that day in any way, you can send an email to Heather Kramer at kramerheather1989@yahoo.com.

“Women Together” Resumes September 10 at St. John’s

Women Together – a group which gathers weekly to explore our Christian faith and practice through book discussion, prayer and fellowship – resumes meeting on Tuesday, September 10. *Open the Door - A Journey to the True Self* by Joyce Rupp is the focus of the first six-week session. (It’s available at amazon.com and other booksellers.) The book contains a reflection for each day of the week; on September 10, the group will discuss Week 1.

Women Together meets every Tuesday from 2 to 3:15 p.m. in the Reception Room at St. John’s Episcopal Church at 679 Farmington Avenue in West Hartford. WT is currently attended by women from St. John’s and Trinity, but new members from any church are always welcome! For more information, contact Linda MacGougan or Anne Rapkin.

Singers Wanted:

The Choir School of Hartford

The Choir School of Hartford is presently recruiting and interviewing prospective choristers for the coming choral season. If you know a child who loves to sing and could benefit from our Royal School of Church Music Curriculum, please contact Jack Merrill at 904-654-8786 or jmerrill@trinityhartford.org.

The Trinity Choir

The Trinity Choir always welcomes new singers from the parish and the wider community. Previous singing experience is helpful. More important is a positive attitude, a reverence for liturgy and music, and a commitment to attend regularly scheduled rehearsals and services. If you are interested in singing in the choir, contact Jack Merrill (see contact information above).

Church School Reopens September 15

Our Church School will open for the 2019-2020 program year on



September 15. Information on all our classes for young people as well as registration forms for parents and guardians to complete before the start of classes will be available on Sunday, September 8.

Back-To-School News from Trinity Academy

Trinity Academy Hartford is anxiously awaiting the beginning of the new 2019-2020 school year! First- and second graders will begin the new year with a half-day on August 26, with all students in attendance beginning August 27. Our school will be once again filled with the amazing presence of 40 students, grades one through four! We cannot wait to share more news of our new school year with you, so please stay tuned!

In the meantime, Trinity Academy would like to introduce two new staff members: Meagan Santiago, our new second grade teacher, and Mary Margaret Blum, our very first AmeriCorps volunteer teacher.

Ms. Santiago graduated from Central Connecticut State University in 2018 with a bachelor's degree in education, majoring in mathematics. Previously, she worked as a special education teacher's assistant at an elementary school in West Hartford. In her free time, she likes to go to spinning classes, read, and spend time with her family.

Mary Margaret Blum discovered her love for teaching during a summer internship at the Children's Art Museum of Nepal in 2017. After graduating from Gettysburg College in May 2018 with a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and minors in studio art and religion, she chose to pursue a teaching position through the Notre Dame Mission Volunteers of AmeriCorps,

because of her love for public service and because she wants to be able to work with her students over a long period of time. A native of New Orleans and current resident of Bowling Green, Kentucky, she is excited about moving to Connecticut for her service year. Mary Margaret's role at Trinity Academy will be to support our teaching staff and help our students when extra time/attention is needed.



As with all new school year beginnings, Trinity Academy Hartford has a list of school supplies and related items it would really like to provide to its students. If you'd like to help out by purchasing one or more of these items, please click on the Wish List link on the school's home page at trinityday.org. The link will take you to the Amazon page where you can view lists of the requested items.

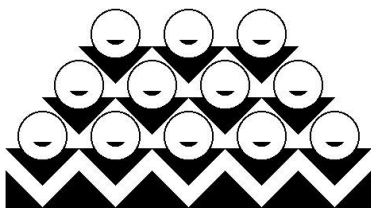
— Donna Colliton
Director of Development for
Trinity Academy

Voice Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of *The Voice* is Friday, September 13, at 5:00 p.m. This issue will cover all events scheduled to take place in **October and November**. Send your article to voice@trinityhartford.org; be sure to send along your articles to this address (only) to be sure that they don't go astray. Thanks very much!

Trinity Choirs To Sing for Christ Church Cathedral Centennial Evensong

On Saturday, October 26, the Trinity Choirs will join with the Choir of Christ Church Cathedral to sing a 6:30 p.m. service of Choral Evensong in celebration of



Christ Church's 100 years of service as our diocesan

cathedral. For this service, the combined choirs will sing Phillip Radcliffe's *Preces and Responses*, Herbert Murrill's setting of the *Magnificat and Nunc dimittis*, and the beautiful "How lovely is thy dwelling place" from Johannes Brahms' *Ein deutsches Requiem*. The organist for the centennial Evensong will be the Rev. Benjamin Straley, former organist of the Washington National Cathedral; the Rt. Rev. Anne Dyer, Bishop of the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney, will preach.

This special service of Evensong is open to the public free of charge but, because it is a part of the 2019 Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, those wishing to attend must register in advance at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). Search for Evensong in Hartford on October 26, and click on the "ticket" link to register.

Christ Church Cathedral is located at 45 Church Street in Hartford, across from Hartford Stage. For parking information, visit [cccathedral.org](https://www.cccathedral.org).

Capital Project To Light Up Trinity Sanctuary

As the first of the projects being funded by our current Capital Campaign get underway, the Capital Works committee has been working with Clerk of the Works Dave Desmarais and Ray Christiansen, owner of Ray Lighting, to design a new lighting scheme for the sanctuary of the church. The old incandescent bulbs in our beautiful bronze chandeliers will be replaced with highly efficient LED lamps, not only saving money but also producing a brighter, more even "throw" from the fixture to the floor. However, lamps come in all different sizes, styles, intensities, and even colors – though some of these differences are quite subtle. Ray has been experimenting with various combinations to determine which will give the best light, in terms of both brightness and aesthetics.

Once the chandeliers are re-lamped, the spotlights that hang just beneath the clerestory windows (the ones high up near the ceiling) will be re-aimed. Instead of pointing downward to fill the dark spaces left by the present lighting arrangement, they will be replaced (again, with high-efficiency LEDs) and aimed upwards toward the ceiling. This will have the effect of brightening the entire building, creating a sense of openness and light. This part of the project will be completed early this fall.

Plans are also underway to overhaul the lighting in the chancel, where many of the spotlights are not being used

effectively. These will be replaced with smaller, brighter, better-focused instruments that will create a lighting "texture" to the chancel and add dramatic highlighting to important areas such as the pulpit, the lectern, and the altar.

The plan is to have the entire sanctuary lighting project completed by Advent. When it's finished, Trinity will have a much more welcoming look – and worshipers will not have to squint into their bulletins!

Book Group Takes On Sci-Fi – and Tolstoy

There's still time to catch up on your summer reading and join the Trinity Book Group for its absolute-very-end-of-summer meeting from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, September 20. The books to be discussed this time around are *The Left Hand of Darkness*, a science fiction novel by Ursula LeGuin, and Leo Tolstoy's novella *The Death of Ivan Ilych*. Why those two books? Come and find out! Martha Freimuth will host this meeting at her home in Manchester. Everyone is welcome at Book Group, whether for just one session or on a regular basis.



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6:30 p.m. Centennial Celebration Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral