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Life Together at Trinity

Let's Celebrate! Looking to the Year Ahead

It seems impossible that the summer that seemed so long two months ago is drawing to an end, and a new “program year” is beginning. It’s funny how, no matter how long we have been out of school, much of the rhythm of our lives still revolves around the September to June academic year. I pray that you have had time to enjoy the beauty of God’s creation and opportunity for renewal of body, mind and spirit.



Inside this late-summer edition of *The Voice* you will find a remarkable array of opportunities to celebrate the many ways in which God is doing remarkable things in and through the people of Trinity. Just a few examples:

- A new school year for Trinity Academy, which is celebrating the addition of a 1st grade class.
- A new year for The Choir School of Hartford, celebrating a new collaboration with the music program of Emanuel Lutheran Church on Capitol Avenue.
- A Weekend of Prayer and Praise with renowned composer and author Grayson Warren Brown, beginning Friday, September 7, and continuing through Sunday, September 9.
- Continuing what is becoming a tradition, celebrating worship and our annual Parish Cook Out with our brothers and sisters from St. Monica’s parish on September 9.
- A new semester of Financial Peace University, on Wednesdays beginning September 12, providing opportunity to redefine our relationship with money and “stuff.”
- New opportunities to serve others through the ministries of our Outreach and Parish Care ministries.

Throughout this edition of *The Voice*, you will discover invitations to celebrate past traditions and explore future opportunities to follow where Jesus leads and the Holy Spirit guides us. I am particularly excited about what I see as a common theme for the coming year, characterized in the title of our capital campaign for mission: ***The Campaign for Trinity: Celebrating A Place of Faithful Service to Hartford.***

Our congregation truly is a place to celebrate – not because we are full of ourselves, but because of the ways we strive to live out the baptismal covenant that is at the heart of our faith and our common life together. It is who we are. Let us rejoice as we re-dedicate ourselves to the work God sets before us.

Your brother in Christ,
The Rev. Dr. Donald L. Hamer, Rector

Adult Christian Formation for September

During the 2018-2019 program year, our adult Christian Formation forum, "Coffee Hour Conversations," will generally meet for two sessions each month. Sessions take place in the Library following the 10:00 a.m. service. Here's the schedule for September:

September 2 – Labor Day weekend; no session

September 9 – Annual picnic; no session

September 16 – "Is Everything for Sale? – Ethics, Government, Politics and the Free Market", Part V; The role of taxes

Led by the Rev. Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick

Our Coffee Hour Conversations schedule for the new program year begins with the Rev. Dr. Frank Kirkpatrick extending his popular series from last year, "Is Everything for Sale?," addressing the spiritual implications of economic systems. In this session, Frank will discuss the challenging topic of taxes – Why are they needed? How should they be set? Is one kind of taxation fairer than another?

September 23 – no session

September 30 – "Governing the Jesus Movement: the 79th General Convention"

Led by Elizabeth Rousseau

Elizabeth Rousseau, now a freshman at Trinity College, attended the General Convention of the Episcopal Church this summer in Austin, Texas, and will share her thoughts and experiences after seeing and participating in the convention first-hand.



The church office and buildings will be closed on Monday, September 3, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Sunday Hospitality Needs You!

Sunday "Coffee Hour" has long been a tradition at Trinity; it's part of who we are. Jennifer Stephens (860-727-1842) coordinates Coffee Hour, volunteers bring fruit weekly, Debbie Hamer (860-216-3881) orders supplies and Vinnie Pacileo sets up the coffee each Sunday. The dishes are washed on Monday by Lee Bellamy. It takes many hands to keep Coffee Hour going! Now we just need your help. Please sign up for a Sunday that fits your schedule on the poster which will be in Goodwin Hall every week. Remember – many hands make for light work.



September

Jannel Thomas	1
Michael Igboanugo	2
Marvelous Igboanugo	2
Shakeem Williams	2
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 Collins	12
Lindsey Tengtanga	12
Edith Brunelle	15
Michael Morel	15
Michael Okeke	16
Timothy Swingle	16
Anne Green	18
Carla Griffith	18
Catie Rutstein	19
Amanda Tronchin	21
Elon Bygrave	22
Roy McAlpine	27
Jolanda Sribanpot	28
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. Please note that we publish only your birth month and day – not the year!

A Weekend of Prayer & Praise with Grayson Warren Brown

Please join us at Trinity for a weekend of prayer and praise with noted liturgical composer and evangelist Grayson Warren Brown.

Schedule of Events:

Friday, September 7 @ 7 pm –
Evensong

Sunday, September 9 @ 10 am –
Holy Eucharist

Grayson Warren Brown is an internationally known liturgical composer, author and recording artist. He began his ministry in the late 1960s in a small, inner-city parish in New York City where he learned early on how significant an authentic, spirit-filled experience of worship can be to people in need of hope. His many years in a multicultural parish have given him a unique insight into the power that good liturgy can instill in people of all backgrounds.

Grayson has many collections to his credit, including early releases like “If God Is for Us,” “Been So Busy,” “Have You Heard the News,” and “Half Way Home.” He is the author of three books, including his 2015 release *The Transformative Power of Faith*. Trinity members will be familiar with the Sanctus from his *A Mass for a Soulful People*, which we have been singing at Sunday services this summer.

Grayson is now dividing his time between writing, composing and

traveling the country giving workshops, speaking at conventions and conducting nights of renewal and parish missions. His down-to-earth approach to liturgy and Scripture, coupled with his dynamic speaking style, have made him one of the most sought-after presenters in the United States today.

Don’t miss this very special opportunity to hear Grayson Brown and experience his joyful music first-hand.

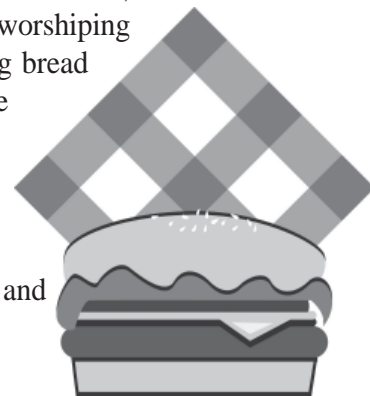
Nursery Relocates to Parents’ Room in Belltower

Effective August 1, the nursery has relocated to the Parents’ Room in the Belltower off of the Sigourney Street Narthex. While the move was occasioned by the need to accommodate the expansion of Trinity Academy to include First Grade, it is hoped that the closer proximity to our Sanctuary will make it more convenient for parents to check on their little ones during the course of worship if need be.

Each Sunday the nursery is staffed by two trained nursery attendants who are on duty from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., enabling parents who wish to participate in all Sunday morning activities to do so. Feel free to stop by and say hello to Helena and Joanna and check out the new space.

Parish Cookout with St. Monica’s Sunday, September 9

Trinity’s annual cook-out will be in the Memorial Garden (weather permitting) immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service on **Sunday, September 9**. This event will welcome all of us back for a new program year, joined by the people of St. Monica’s Parish, who will be worshipping and breaking bread with us. The Hospitality Team will provide beverages, hamburgers and hotdogs.



Bring your signature side dish – **especially ethnic favorites** – or dessert to share. Sign up on the easel in Goodwin Hall and include the number of people in your party. There will also be a bounce house and other activities for children and adults alike.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with set-up, serving and clean-up. Please consider signing up as a volunteer; the sign-up sheet is located in Goodwin Hall.

In case of inclement weather on the 9th, the event will be held in Goodwin Hall. Questions? Contact Don Cook at yobskreb@gmail.com or call the parish office at 860-527-8133.



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Cycle of Prayer for September

September 2

Al & Marion Pereira
Karin Peterson
Kitty Peterson
Kristina Peterson

September 9

Robin Pogue
Valerie Pogue
David Pontrelli
Everett & Susan Post

September 16

Elizabeth Preysner
Karl Profe
Suresh and Abby Rajendram & Anju Mathew

September 23

Elizabeth Randall
Jim & Mary Register
Jon & Jane Reik

September 30

Kevin Rennie
Phil & Katie Reynolds
Alan and Peter Rice, and Elena Zhidkova-Rice

Camp Washington Plans 3rd Annual Youth Festival

WANTED: Young People (grades 8-12) and their friends who want to come together for an awesome weekend of fun, music, games, great food, worship, and friendship.

Camp Washington, our diocesan camp and conference center, will be hosting a YOUTH FESTIVAL from 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 8, through 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 9.

Activities (lots of them!) will include swimming, canoeing, zip-lining and a ropes course, archery, arts & crafts, hiking, food trucks, music, and more. Thanks to support from The Bishops' Fund for Children, the cost of the weekend is only \$30.00. Register now at campwashington.org or by calling 860-567-9623.

8 A.M. Service To Continue In Memorial Garden Through September

By popular demand the 8 a.m. Sunday worship service will continue to be held outdoors in the Memorial Garden, weather permitting, through the month of September (by which point it can be a bit nippy at 8 a.m.!) While most church worship services decline in attendance during the summer months, the 8 a.m. outdoor service consistently draws at least twice as many people as is customary when the service is held in the church. Fr. Don extends his special thanks to the Altar Guild teams for the 8 a.m. service and to Vinnie Pacileo, for whom the outdoor service presents a significant additional effort.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; Thursdays at 12 noon

The Rev. Dr. Donald L. Hamer, Rector
Mr. Jackson Merrill, Director of Music Ministries
The Rev. Benjamin Wyatt, Deacon (Curate)

Assisting Clergy:

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

The Reverend William J. Eakins, Rector Emeritus

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Capital Campaign Update

We are delighted to share exciting news about Trinity's Capital Campaign, for which we have been laying the preliminary groundwork for over a year now. In the coming months you will receive updates through the EBlast as well as *The Voice* about *The Campaign for Trinity: Celebrating A Place of Faithful Service to Hartford*.

You may ask, "Why a capital campaign?" The simple answer is that the results of a thorough study of our buildings has identified numerous fire and safety issues that must be addressed. In addition, the heating and lighting in our aging buildings need to be upgraded in order to improve functionality as well as to achieve important cost savings and energy efficiency.

Why is this important? Because all of these improvements cost far more than we can manage in a normal operating budget, and because they are important in order for Trinity to continue its tradition of faithful service as a house of worship and a place of community engagement.

The Steering Committee for Trinity's Capital Campaign has been busy throughout the summer in preparation for the official launch of the active phase of the campaign this fall. Here in a nutshell is a summary of what has been going on:

1. Trinity's Campaign Co-Chairs are the Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith, former Bishop Diocesan of Connecticut, and Mr. Mark MacGougan, former Warden and present Chair of the Adult Christian Formation Committee.

2. Hiring a Campaign Administrator. In June Fr. Don contracted with Ms. Barbara Roos, who has extensive experience in development, including serving as the Administrator for the \$3.1 million Capital Campaign for Trinity Episcopal Church, Newport, R.I. Barbara will be working between 5 and 20 hours per week, depending upon workload, and her office will be located on the second floor of the Parish House in the offices formerly housing The Society for the Increase of the Ministry.

3. Identifying the Scope of work. The architects, Northeast Collaborative Architects of Middletown, CT, and Newport, RI, completed their work with Trinity focus groups and with their engineering team, analyzing every aspect of Trinity's campus and parish life. Following their submission of a draft report, which was shared at the Annual Meeting on June 3 and in more detail with the Vestry and the Property Team, they took the feedback they received and submitted a final report in July. The final report narrows the scope of work to be completed and sets out parameters for a possible Phase II for parish improvements.

4. Our Campaign Goal. Based upon preliminary interviews conducted by our campaign consultant, Partners for Sacred Places, the Campaign Steering Committee agreed upon a campaign goal of \$750,000. This sum provides an opportunity for us to complete all of the most important fire and safety work and a solid basis to complete the remainder of

the work over a period of several years.

5. Settling on a name for the campaign and completing the Case Statement. The "Case Statement" is a succinct explanation of why we are conducting this campaign and asking for support from you and the community. Special thanks go to Alan Rice, Mark MacGougan and Liz Kirkpatrick, who did the heavy lifting of building the original drafts of the statement and taking committee recommendations in bringing it home to completion. The Steering Committee also wrestled with a name for the campaign that would capture the essence of what we are trying to achieve. The name of the campaign is **The Campaign for Trinity: Celebrating A Place of Faithful Service to Hartford**.

6. Completing the HALO project. With the hiring of the Campaign Administrator, we have been able to complete an aspect of the original feasibility study by Partners for Sacred Places. Analyzing the work of each of Trinity's 32+ ministries, including The Choir School of Hartford and Trinity Academy, Partners for Sacred Places uses a formula which they developed in cooperation with the Lilly Foundation to estimate the real value of Trinity Episcopal Church to the surrounding community. Barbara has been able to tie up all the loose ends and has submitted the information to Partners for them to complete their work, which will be detailed in a future edition of *The Voice*.

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News from Trinity Academy: First Grade Is Finally Here!

Trinity Academy will be back in action on Monday, August 27, with a new addition to the family – first grade! This year will mark the first year that the school will be serving four grades and over 50 students. The Academy would like to thank Trinity Church and its parishioners for allowing first grade to take over the nursery. It looks cheery and ready for the little ones!

Trinity Academy's new first grade teacher is Chloe Williams from Saratoga Springs, New York; she is very eager to get her first year of teaching started. The rest of the committed and enthusiastic staff will all be returning this year. This year will mark Assistant Head of School Jennifer Scanzano's 6th year at Trinity Academy, 4th grade teacher Josh Krause's fifth year, 3rd grade teacher Allison Bernhard's fifth year, 2nd grade teacher Michele Ruffee's second year, Physical Education Teacher Mitchell Morin's third year, Administrative Assistant Lisa Bolduc's fifth year, and Administrative Assistant Melissa Morin's second year! Glenn Winfree of Covenant Preparatory School will be serving as the interim Head of School for 2018-2019.

Trinity Academy kicked off the school year with its annual Welcome Breakfast on Friday, August 24. Chef Ricardo cooked a hot breakfast and families got the chance to visit their student's classroom, talk with teachers, and learn about the curriculum and exciting year ahead!

– Jennifer Scanzano

Welcome THE REVEREND Ben Wyatt, Deacon

Trinity is blessed – and delighted – to welcome back the Rev. Benjamin K. Wyatt, Deacon, who will be serving as Curate during the coming academic year. Ben served as our Seminarian Intern during the 2017-2018 academic year while completing his studies at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, and was ordained Transitional Deacon by the Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt in the Diocese of Tennessee in June. Ben previously served churches in North Branford and Nashville, TN. Before discerning a call to ministry, Ben worked in the information technology field for a company that offered information protection.

Utilizing funds already appropriated by the Vestry for a part-time associate, Fr. Don invited Ben to return to Trinity in his new, ordained role as he pursues a Master of Sacred Theology degree at Yale Divinity School this academic year.

Ben will be in the office on Thursdays as well as most Sundays during the academic year. In addition to regular preaching duties, he will assist Fr. Don with various administrative matters, Christian Formation and pastoral care. Ben's office telephone number is 860-527-8133, Ext. 219; his email is bwyatt@trinityhartford.org. He will be sharing the former Society for the Increase of the Ministry office on the second floor of the parish house with Barbara Roos, Administrator of The Campaign for Trinity: Celebrating A Place of Faithful Service to Hartford.

Please welcome Ben back for what promises to be an exciting year for him and for Trinity.

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7. Join the ranks of Solicitors!

In June we held the first of two training sessions for persons who might be interested in working on the campaign by talking to fellow parishioners and others about opportunities to support the campaign. Fifteen people attended this first session, and a second session is scheduled for Monday, September 10, at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in attending the session should contact Barbara Roos at broos@trinityhartford.org or at Ext. 203 at the office.

8. Setting a Campaign

Schedule. Beginning after Labor Day, Fr. Don, our Consultant, Gianfranco Grande of Partners for Sacred Places, and the campaign leadership will hold meetings with individuals who were interviewed as part of the Feasibility Study back in 2014 and again in early 2017. The official kick-off for the congregation will be Sunday, October 28, with the official "public" kick-off for the wider community on the evening of Tuesday, December 4. Look for much more information on these events in the mail, the weekly email blast and *The Voice*.

It has indeed been a busy summer of activity in preparation for The Campaign for Trinity. Our success will depend on each member of the congregation and our wider community as we celebrate Trinity's tradition of faithful service to its members and to Greater Hartford.

Barbara Roos Joins Capital Campaign

We would like to welcome Barbara Roos, who brings her development experience to Trinity Church as our Capital Campaign Administrator. She is working closely with Fr. Don and the campaign co-chairs, Drew Smith and Mark MacGougan, to help keep the campaign on schedule towards reaching its goal.

Originally from New Jersey, Barbara spent 24 years in Rhode Island. She joined the staff of Trinity Episcopal Church, Newport, in 2010, first as Parish Administrator and then for the last three years as the Capital Campaign Project Manager. Prior to her work in development, Barbara had a career in Human Resources as the manager of WorkLife Benefit Programs with a major New England bank, Benefits Manager for a Newport-based Navy contractor and HR consulting for small- and medium-sized organizations in Rhode Island.

Barbara relocated with her family to the Greater Hartford area last November and is delighted to begin exploring all the cultural opportunities that Hartford has to offer.

Voice Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of *The Voice* is Friday, September 14, at 5:00 p.m. This issue will cover all events scheduled to take place in **October and November**. Please send articles to voice@trinityhartford.org; be sure to send along your articles to this address (only) to ensure that they don't go astray. Thanks!

Looking to the Future: Goodwin Legacy Circle

At Trinity, part of each year's cost of operating the church is covered by funds donated in the wills of parishioners who have gone before us. Many of us believe it's now our turn to do our part for future generations. Currently, more than 30 church members have indicated that they have made Trinity Church a beneficiary in their wills. These members are known as the Goodwin Legacy Circle.

Everyone should have a will, and your will should leave clear instructions for how your assets are to be passed on. For most of us, this means remembering our family members but also the organizations which are closest to our hearts. A gift to Trinity Church in your will is a way to continue your support of the church beyond your own lifespan.

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 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 Mark or Linda MacGougan, the current co-chairs.

Choirs Return Sunday after Labor Day

The choirs of Trinity Church will return to regularly scheduled liturgical duties the weekend after Labor Day for the Grayson Warren Brown events. Interested adults or children should contact Jack Merrill, Director of Music at jmerrill@trinityhartford.org.

Coming Soon: Another Session of Financial Peace University

What if you knew where all of your money was going each month? What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise spending decisions? With Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. Trinity will be hosting another offering of Financial Peace University this fall starting on September 12 for nine weeks. If you're interested in learning more about the class, email Kevin Chick at kevinjchick@gmail.com.

Church School Reopens on September 16

Our Church School will open for the 2018-2019 program year on September 16.

Information on all our classes for young people as well as registration forms for parents and guardians to complete before their children start their new classes will be available on Sunday, September 9.



Backpack Project A Success

Trinity's parishioners recently donated 21 backpacks to Hartford area children. 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

transforming generosity



TRANSFORMING GENEROSITY: Trinity Church, Hartford

Join your fellow parishioners on Sunday, September 23, for the beginning of our annual Stewardship Program. The Ingathering will be on Sunday, October 14. This year our theme will be “Transforming Generosity,” inspired by Jesus’ message:

But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33

“All these things” refers to food, clothing and other necessities of life, plus security, safety and moral clarity. The priority that Jesus asks us to seek is God’s kingdom, God’s righteousness, the first thing above all else to which we are meant to direct our attention and efforts.

How would generosity be transformed if we remembered what Jesus is calling us to do?

We know that Trinity Episcopal Church has been transformed over the last seven years, as we moved from a parish under threat of closure because of our dependence on our endowment, to a church with a stable financial base. As our Rector has said, “Trinity is living proof of what can happen when a congregation commits itself to Jesus’ message of giving even when we don’t know where the money is coming from, and being blessed with abundance.”

Transforming generosity can transform us, our community, and our church. When we are financially generous, we can

empower the ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church and transform the wider community. It is our hope that parishioners, being mindful of this abundance from God, will this year increase their pledges in the spirit of transformed generosity.

Transforming generosity also means that we can transform what generosity looks like. We can define generosity as the way we live our lives and the way our church works in the community. We are called to be generous financially, but we are also called to be generous in the way we welcome newcomers, forgive those who have offended us, care for the planet, and care for our facilities.

“Women Together” Resumes

Women Together – a group which gathers weekly to explore our Christian faith and practice through book discussion, prayer and fellowship – resumes Tuesday, September 18. Harold Kushner’s book *How Good Do We Have To Be? A New Understanding of Guilt and Forgiveness* will be the focus of the first 5-week session. Women Together meets Tuesdays from 2 to 3:15 p.m. in the Reception Room at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 679 Farmington Avenue in West Hartford. (Note that this is a different time than last year.) WT is now attended by women from Trinity, St. John’s, and St. James’s, but new members from any church are always welcome! For more information, contact Linda MacGougan or Anne Rapkin.

What’s All the Buzz About? The Pollinator Festival!

Something new and different – the Pollinator Festival – is coming to Trinity’s Memorial Garden on Saturday, September 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You’re invited to attend this free event and enjoy a wide variety of crafts and games designed to raise awareness about pollinators, those industrious little creatures none of us can live without.

The day’s events will appeal to everyone, small children to adults; creative games, honey tastings, face painting, craft workshops and live music will all be part of the fun. Asylum Hill artist Carol Padberg will lead a community weaving workshop to make a Pollinator Meditation Shawl for use in the Memorial Garden, and beeswax candle-making will be available for all. The festival will also showcase the bike-powered Regeneration Cycle, a mobile ecology lab created by Hartford area youth in 2016 through the Greater Hartford Art Council’s Neighborhood Studio program; its companion character, BoBee, will be along for the ride.

The Pollinator Festival is being hosted by the Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association, Trinity Episcopal Church, and Trinity Academy, with funding from the Greater Hartford Arts Council. It provides another opportunity for Trinity Church to offer the hospitality of our beautiful garden to the people of Greater Hartford.

For further information, contact Carol Padberg at 917-617-6789 or carolpadberg@gmail.com.

Vestry Notes – May and June

The Vestry meeting scheduled for May 15 was cancelled due to severe weather. The June 19 meeting began with opening devotions by Steve Zhitnik on the story of Caedmon's Hymn.

New Vestry members Kevin Rennie, Walton Foster, Steve Sirotko, and Robin D'Oyen were welcomed.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved, and the Financial Report was received. Treasurer Janet Wilkinson reported that a very brief summary of Trinity's financial status will be printed in the bulletin insert each month, on the Sunday following the regularly scheduled Vestry meeting.

Walton Foster was appointed to serve as the new Vestry representative to the Trinity Academy Board.

Outreach Quadrant liaison Lily Miller reported that the Outreach Team, now holding quarterly meetings, is preparing for Trinity's participation in the South Marshall Street Block Party scheduled for June 26. This is an annual event at which area non-profit groups provide food and entertainment for children while also sharing information about the services they provide. Trinity will sponsor a Bounce House for the children, along with refreshments. Richard Syracuse will represent Trinity, along with other members of the team.

The Property Team has been studying the Capital Campaign architect's report and making adjustments to the capital budget.

The Wardens reported that the Trinity Academy Excellence Gala raised \$53,000. The Academy is fully staffed for the next school year, and enrollment is growing, with 27 students currently enrolled. There are discussions underway between the Academy and Covenant Prep about the possibilities for merger. Beginning with the new school year, the two schools will share a Head of School. Glenn Winfree is currently Head of School at Covenant Prep, and will become Acting Head of School for Trinity Academy as well for the 2018-2019 school year.

In his report, the Rector emphasized the importance of Vestry members' role as Lay Leader Hosts, both in greeting people as they enter to worship, and in staffing the Welcome Table after the service. Consideration is being given to contracting with an outside firm to produce a new Picture Directory of the parish. The Memorial Garden will be open daily during the summer as staffing permits.

Trinity will worship at St. Monica's on Sunday, June 24, and will participate in their annual picnic following the service. Grayson Warren Brown will be in residence here at Trinity the weekend of September 7 - 9, conducting Evensong on Friday, September 7, and a Choir Festival on September 8. The architect's proposal which was drawn up as a part of the Capital Campaign was reviewed and discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Book Group To Discuss Pulitzer Prize Winner

Humboldt's Gift, by Saul Bellow, is the featured work for Trinity Book Group's first meeting of the fall, to be held on Friday, September 28. The novel, which won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1976, explores the long friendship between Charlie Citrine, a young man with an intense passion for literature, and the great poet Von Humboldt Fleisher. Humboldt dies at a time when Charlie's life is in a shambles – but he leaves a legacy that may turn everything around.

The September meeting of the Book Group goes from 7:00-9:00 p.m., beginning with dessert, and will be held at the home of Helen Hart in West Hartford. Please let Helen know if you plan to attend (860-985-5234 or helenbueellhart@gmail.com). Everyone's welcome to attend Book Group, whether it's one-time-only or regularly. You'll find some friendly folks who enjoy reading and discussing what they've read with fellow parishioners!

First Tuesday Evensong With The Choir School

The choristers of the Choir School of Hartford will be singing monthly choral evensong the first Tuesday of each month at 5:45 p.m. The service will take place in the Rear Gallery of Trinity Church each first Tuesday of the month except for January from October 2 through June 4. Please join us for this treasured Anglican tradition. For more information, please contact Jack Merrill, Director of Music Ministries, at jmerrill@trinityhartford.org.

Memorial Garden Hosts Needed for Fall Months

We have been able to open our Memorial Garden to visitors and friends several days each week since early July with the help of volunteers serving as "hosts" for a few hours between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on weekdays, as their schedules and the weather have permitted. We expect to continue this practice into the fall. Hosts are asked to get the key from the church office, open the gate, set out the sign, turn on the fountain, and welcome passersby. When the shift is over, hosts lock the gate and return the key to the office.

We need more volunteer hosts to keep this ministry of hospitality going. If you have a few hours (it doesn't have to be the full 10-2) consider signing up in Goodwin Hall, contacting Martha Freimuth at lems.cove@yahoo.com, or calling the church office. If you can't volunteer alone, you can find a partner. Pairs can divide the time,

or share it. Of course, anyone and everyone, volunteer or not, can still stop by at lunch time and enjoy the garden themselves. Our volunteers always enjoy company!

Our lovely Memorial Garden is one of Trinity's best attributes. Our hope is to offer this beautiful space, a haven of flowers, fountain, birds and butterflies, as a gift to our neighborhood. And as our volunteers will gladly tell you, a few hours in the garden is also a gift you can give yourself; it really is a place of welcome, hope and healing.

Which Hymns Are Your Favorites?

If you have a favorite hymn from one of our worship resources, please email Jack Merrill, Director of Music Ministries, at jmerrill@trinityhartford.org to have the hymn taken into consideration for liturgical planning.

Sanctuary Stitchers Gathering October 6

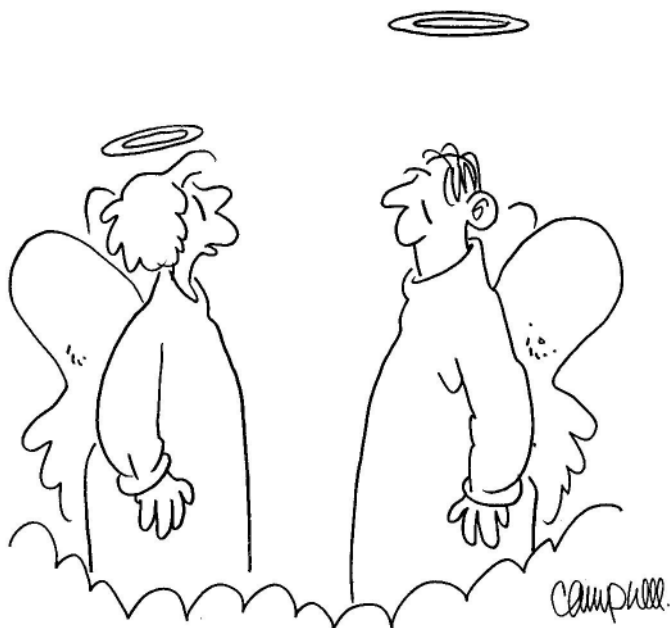
A call to all current stitchers and an invitation to new ones

The Sanctuary Stitchers, Trinity's prayer shawl ministry, will hold a meeting on Saturday morning, October 6, from 9:30-11:30 in the Library. They will meet for prayer, fellowship and knitting, crocheting or other portable crafting. In the past the group has created prayer shawls, lap robes and baby blankets, but will also be creating hats this fall to be given out at Church by the Pond on December 15. Those who create for the benefit of others are welcome, as are ideas for how to continue to nurture this ministry. Please contact Penny Pearson (860-243-0020 or pennypearson@comcast.net) if you are planning to attend, or would like more information. Hope to see you there!

AND . . . Mark your calendars for December 13

Fr. Don is pleased to announce that Trinity will be the site for the ordination of The Rev. Benjamin K. Wyatt to the Sacred Order of Priests on the evening of Thursday, December 13, 2018. Bishop John C.

Bauerschmidt of the Diocese of Tennessee, where Ben is canonically resident, will preside at the ordination. The service will be followed by a reception. More details will follow but please do mark your calendars to participate in this blessed event.



"Well yes, I guess it makes you look taller."



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EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

<i>Page 3</i>	September 7 7:00 p.m. Evensong with Grayson Warren Brown
<i>Page 4</i>	September 8 10:00 am. Youth Festival at Camp Washington begins
<i>Page 3</i>	September 9 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Grayson Warren Brown
<i>Page 3</i>	11:30 a.m. Annual Parish Cookout/Picnic
<i>Page 7</i>	September 12 7:00 p.m. New session of Financial Peace University begins
<i>Pages 2,7</i>	September 16 11:30 a.m. Christian Formation classes resume (Godly Play at 10:00 a.m.)
<i>Page 8</i>	September 18 2:00 p.m. "Women Together" resumes at St. John's, West Hartford
<i>Page 8</i>	September 22 10:00 a.m. Pollinator Festival in the Memorial Garden
<i>Page 9</i>	September 28 7:00 p.m. Book Group at the Helen Hart's home
<i>Page 9</i>	October 2 5:45 p.m. Evensong with The Choir School of Hartford
<i>Page 10</i>	October 6 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Stitchers group

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist	Labor Day 3 Buildings closed	4 6:00 Communications Task Force	5	6 12:00 Holy Eucharist	7 7:00 Evensong with Grayson Brown Office closed	8 10:00 Choir workshop with Grayson Brown
9 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Brotherhood of St. Andrew 10:00 Holy Eucharist with Grayson Brown 11:30 Cookout/Picnic with St. Monica's	10 7:00 Capital Campaign solicitor training	11 7:00 Outreach Team 7:30 Choir School Board meeting	12 7:00 Property Team 7:00 Financial Peace University	13 12:00 Holy Eucharist	14 Voice deadline Office closed	15
16 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Godly Play 11:30 Church School, JTA 11:30 Adult Forum	17	18 1:30 Loaves & Fishes food preparation 4:30 Capital Campaign Executive Committee 7:00 Intercessory Prayer Team 7:15 Vestry meeting	19 11:00 Loaves & Fishes serving crew at Immanuel Church 7:00 Financial Peace University	20 12:00 Holy Eucharist	21 Office closed	22 10:00 Pollinator Festival
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