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Life Together at Trinity

God's People on Mission, Phase II

Two years after receiving the report of the Mission Discernment Initiative Group, Trinity, Hartford has been invited to join some 29 other congregations in five different Episcopal dioceses to continue to explore what it means to be God's People on Mission.

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Beginning in 2012, a group of Trinity parishioners and clergy undertook what became a three-year study of our congregation and its traditions around worship, mission, Christian formation and our congregational life. This study included the ways we engage the community in which we are located and the opportunities to further God's mission in the Asylum Hill neighborhood and beyond. It culminated in a Mission Discernment Initiative Group report that included recommendations for continued study and future growth. The study also formed the basis for my Doctor of Ministry work at Hartford Seminary and my thesis, entitled *From Hospitality to Missional Church: Discerning God's Mission at Trinity Episcopal Church, Hartford, Connecticut*.

Early in August, we were invited to be part of a 30-church, five-diocese initiative called *Living Local, Joining God*. The initiative is under the general direction of missiologist Alan Roxburgh, author of several books on mission including *Joining God*, *Remaking Church*, *Changing the World: The New Shape of the Church in Our Time*.

LLJG is not another program – it is a process, an apprenticeship for disciples to explore new congregational behaviors and allow these to shape how we observe, think and respond to God in the world around us.

Fully funded by the Convention budget, we will be looking to recruit a Parish Guiding Team of six to eight lay people in the parish. Together, the parish team and I will practice everything from how to listen to God in prayer and how to listen to one another, to how to discern together the movement of God in the here and now, within our parish and our neighborhoods. The work of the team will include drawing additional members from our congregation into our process, and will be shared fully with the parish and the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, and also shared interactively with the congregations in the other four participating dioceses.

The results will help us engage parish life and God's mission in new ways and help focus our common resources (human, financial, etc.) and, ideally, may serve as a model to help us restructure our dioceses in

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Adult Forum Sessions for September

During the 2017-2018 program year, the Adult Forum will generally meet for two sessions each month. Forum sessions take place in the Library following the 10:00 a.m. service. Here's the schedule for September:

September 3 – Labor Day weekend; no forum session

September 10 – Annual picnic; no forum session

September 17 – “Is Everything for Sale? – Ethics, Government, Politics and the Free Market”, Part 1

Led by the Rev. Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick

This three-part series will examine the relation among ethics, politics, government, and the free-market economy. As Christians, we try to live by certain moral values that affect our social relationships. These relationships include, to one degree or another, the political, governmental, and economic policies and practices of our country. Too often, however, many of us feel intimidated when we try to apply our social values to the increasingly complex worlds of business, politics, and governing. We are fearful of having someone else's morality imposed upon us, skeptical of applying our moral values to economic decision-making, afraid of the arcane world of economic analysis, depressed by the state of politics in our society today, confused about what we want our government to do for us, and uncertain of the truth of traditional clichés about the virtues and vices of the free market system. No economic system exists outside the political and governmental realms that constitute a society. And these realms are shaped by moral values.

This series will explore the ways people with religiously-grounded social values can act responsibly in the arenas of political activity and governmental policy in advancing the common good. This first session will begin with an overview of the relationship between engaging in politics, shaping governmental policy, and making economic choices. The second session, on October 15, will examine the various economic and political orders which Christians have dealt with throughout history, from the Bible to the present. On December 3, the series will conclude with a look at how a tax system can be both effective and moral when used to provide common goods such as health care, education, safety, and economic opportunity that comprise a just society.

September 24 – “LLJG (Living Local, Joining God)”

Led by the Rev. Canon Timothy Hodapp

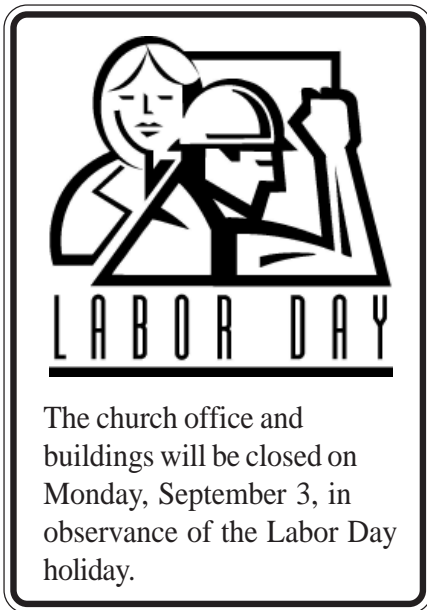
For this forum session, Tim Hodapp, who is Canon for Mission Collaboration for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, will lead a presentation and discussion of the new mission initiative, “Living Local, Joining God,” in which Trinity is now participating. For more on the LLJG initiative, please see the Rector's “Life Together” article on Page 1.



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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!



Book Group To Discuss Novel by Mark MacGougan

Newspaper Boy, a short novel by Trinity parishioner Mark MacGougan, is the selection for the September meeting of the Trinity Book Group. The book is narrated by an eleven year-old boy who with his older brother publishes a neighborhood newspaper. Mark says that the main characters in the book are modeled on his family when he was growing up. It's available through Amazon as an e-book or in paperback.

The meeting will be at the home of Helen Hart on Friday, September 8, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come to Book Group, whether for just one time or on a regular basis. Please let Helen know if you plan to attend by calling her at 860-561-4068.

Welcome Our 2017-2018 Seminarian Intern, Benjamin Wyatt

Trinity will be blessed once again with the fellowship and services of a seminarian from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. **Benjamin Wyatt** will join us officially for his first Sunday on September 10.

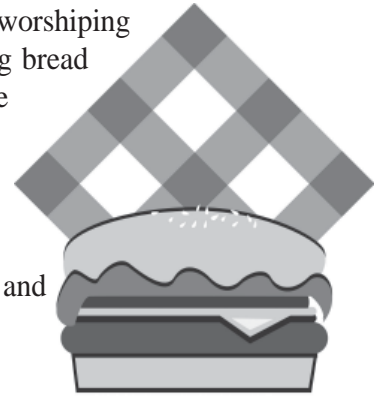
Ben comes with an amazingly diverse background. He graduated from Vanderbilt University with the intriguing double major of Physics and Religion. While at Vanderbilt, he was active in various campus ministries and in bridging the relationship between the College chapel and the local Episcopal church. He has also been active in a Wesley/Canterbury ministry, which brought together Methodist and Episcopal traditions in service to God's mission. He has received awards for his work both in physics and in his congregational work.

Ben will be with us most Sundays during the school year. During his time with us he will be focusing on Trinity's involvement with the Diocesan *Living Local, Joining God* initiative and aspects of the forthcoming Capital for Mission Campaign, supporting our *Confirm Not Conform* participants, assisting at choral Evensong, and offering Adult Christian Formation programs.

Please welcome Ben as he joins us for the coming academic year.

Parish Cookout with St. Monica's Sunday, September 10

Trinity's annual cook-out will be in the Memorial Garden (weather permitting) immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service on **Sunday, September 10**. 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!

In case of inclement weather on the 10th, 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 3

John & Nancy Berger
Savannah Berger
William, Karen, Chris, Jordan & Kami Bernard

September 10

Joe Bierbaum
Terry & Bette Blackwood
Eleanor Blake

September 17

Troy, Dorcas & Julius Blanchard
Jerry & Claire Blissett
Chivelle Blissett
Fred, Emily, Leroy, Frederick, Fredland & Levi Bohlen

September 24

Dianne Bowens-Waller
Jim Bradley
Paul, Barbara & Caleb Briggs

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

The Reverend Donald L. Hamer, Rector
Mr. Jackson Merrill, Director of Music Ministries

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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Support the Trinity Casserole Ministry

We all have times in our lives when a little help would go a long way.

Trinity's casserole ministry offers meals to parish families who are trying to navigate through a challenging period in their lives. Here are a few examples of when this Ministry could provide meals:

- After the death of a loved one
- During a family crisis
- During a lengthy illness, or post-surgery
- After the birth or adoption of a child

Your help in preparing and/or delivering a meal will be on an as-needed basis and on your own schedule.

Please consider volunteering to help in this special ministry.

To volunteer, contact Louise Krippenstapel. She can be reached via cell phone at 860-690-4765, or via email at froggie4all@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Jo-Ann Sadosky,
Parish Care Quadrant Leader

Hospitality Hosts

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

September 10
Parish Picnic - Special Event

September 17
Dwight & Marcia Lee
Susanne Mantel

September 24
Jose Leano & Zaida Martinez
Roy McAlpine & Emily Estes

Singers from Trinity Enjoy Long-Planned Trip to England

At the cathedral church in the historic English city of Ely, the service of Evening Prayer, or Evensong, has been offered every single day for the past 500 years. The choristers of The Choir School of Hartford and several members of the Trinity Choir were privileged to continue that tradition as the Choir in Residence at Ely Cathedral from July 17 through July 19.

Twelve choristers and seven adults arrived at Heathrow Airport on July 15, and were met by tour guide Andy Bunten, who ushered the group around eastern England for a week. Our singers were joined by four choristers and 17 adult choir members from the Church of the Redeemer in Baltimore, Maryland. Our former Precentor, Bert Landman (now Director of Music Ministry at Church of the Redeemer), led the singing, which was accompanied by organist Sumner Jenkins. The combined group of singers began their musical offerings singing Evensong at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Titchmarsh, where they were welcomed with a small feast prepared by the residents of this tiny village.

When our choir members weren't singing, they were touring historic sites in eastern England, including the Roman ruins at Verulamium near St. Albans, the city of Cambridge and the famous chapel at King's College, Peterborough Cathedral, Oliver Cromwell's home in Ely, Norwich Castle, and Norwich Cathedral. In London they visited Westminster Abbey, took a cruise on the Thames River, and toured the Tower of London. Visit the

Choir School of Hartford's Facebook page to see pictures of the places they visited.

This trip was made possible by the hard work of our choristers and their parents, the generosity of our congregation and many friends of The Choir School of Hartford, and the tireless efforts of the president of the Choir School and "Planner Extraordinaire" Enid Oberholtzer. Special thanks are also due Ifeoma Mogor, who served as group leader and chief chaperone in England.

Watch this space in the next edition of *The Voice* for reports on the trip from our choristers.

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the Episcopal Church to focus more creatively on serving God at the local level.

I believe this is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to continue the phenomenal work we have been doing in re-forming ourselves as a parish community that is responsive to the needs of God's people in the 21st century. Please be sure to be join us for worship on Sunday, September 24, when the Rev. Canon Tim Hodapp will be our guest preacher and speaker at our Adult Forum to share more about this exciting opportunity.

Your brother in Christ,

Don+

The Rev. Donald L. Hamer,
Rector

Robotics as a Ministry

For the past several years, I have volunteered with the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics team at South Windsor High School as a mentor. Even though the program has no direct connection to any organized religion, I consider it part of my personal ministry because of the values it emphasizes.

At the most basic level, the program is a way to bring high school students together with professional engineers to get the students excited about math, science, and engineering. The program also encourages teams to reach beyond simply learning how to build a robot; it aims to foster a community built on mutual respect and collaboration. At competitions, you will often find teams lending parts, tools, or even team members to other teams that might need assistance.

That spirit, which FIRST has dubbed "Gracious Professionalism," is one of the things that has kept me coming back for so many years. For me, the program isn't simply a way to share my passion for technology with the students on the team, it's an opportunity to help them grow into more compassionate and caring individuals.

— Jake Troiano

What does your ministry look like when you're not at Trinity? If you'd like to share the ways in which you are Christ's hands and feet in the world, on the job or in your volunteer ministries, send a note to voice@trinitychurch.org.

Meet Our New Director of Music Ministries, Jackson Merrill

Our new Director of Music Ministries, Jackson Merrill, has now joined the Trinity staff, and played for his first service at Trinity on August 13.



To help our parishioners get to know our newest staff member, we asked Jack some questions about his background and his plans for the music program at Trinity. Here's how he responded:

Jack, we're delighted you have been called as our new Organist and Director Music Ministries. Can you tell us a little bit about your self – where you were born and raised, where you went to school? Any brothers and sisters?

Jack Merrill: Thank you! Allison and I already feel at home at Trinity. So many parishioners have already come to us extending the hand of friendship. We are relieved to have so many that care for us in this new chapter of our lives.

I was born and raised in the Arlington area of Jacksonville, Florida, about five miles away from Jacksonville University, my alma mater. I went to an Episcopal day school and a Roman Catholic middle school and high school. Having a parochial school education was formative for me and taught me many of the values that I continue to live by.

I'm the oldest of five siblings. Maggie, 21, lives in Tampa and works in sports marketing. Erin

and Emily, 16, are twins and are in high school. They're good at basketball and play on the school team. Caroline, 3, is in preschool. Four younger sisters!

We know you are just recently married to Allison – can you tell us a little about her?

J.M.: Whenever I talk about Allison I usually end up saying more than "a little" but I'll do my best. She and I met in college where we both sang in the selective chamber choir. Allison is a marvelous musician. She graduated summa cum laude in 2016 from Jacksonville University with a degree in English and Choral Music Education and won the Arthur Noble award for the highest grade point average in her graduating class. She taught Music, English, and Debate at a private school in Jacksonville last school year and this year will pursue a Master's degree at Yale. There she will study Theology through Yale Divinity School and Church Music at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music.

Allison has been unwaveringly supportive of my career as a musician. From her I draw most of my inspiration. Allison is responsible, hard-working, genuine and unconditionally loving. We were married on July 29 of this year.

When did you first realize you wanted to be a musician? What drew you to this?

J.M.: I was raised in a small Presbyterian church in my

neighborhood in Jacksonville that had a very good music program for its size. I sang in the children's choirs there from a young age and was influenced by the organist and choir director there. She was strict, but good with kids and knew how to motivate us to do our best.

When I was in middle school my family started attending the local Roman Catholic church and I became an acolyte. Every year all of the acolytes and clergy from the diocese went to the cathedral in Saint Augustine for the Chrism Mass. I remember processing down the center aisle to the majestic and deep tones of the pipe organ in the cathedral. From then on I knew that I wanted to play the organ and to work with liturgy. I started learning the organ a week or so later.

What aspects of the position at Trinity particularly attracted you?

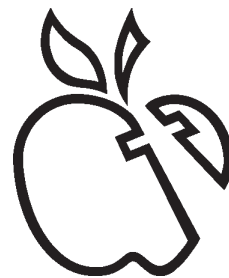
J.M.: Trinity Church is well known for its quality of liturgy and music. I knew of the high caliber of music that is the custom here. I was very excited about the opportunity to work with The Choir School of Hartford. In my career, I have come to understand that one of my great passions is teaching music to children and young adults.

What possibilities do you see for Trinity's music ministries to engage with the wider Hartford community?

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Church School Begins September 17

Along with our other Christian Formation activities, Church School for our younger students will begin on Sunday, September 17. 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 3, and Sunday, September 10. 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 Grade 2

Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Leaders: Nancy Crandall, 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

Welcome to the Rev. Tom and MaryJane Furrer

Fr. Don is delighted to announce that the Rev. Thomas J. Furrer and his wife MaryJane have joined the congregation and that Fr. Tom will be serving as one of our unstipended Associate Clergy.

Tom served for 15 years as Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Tarriffville, Connecticut, before retiring last September. Since his retirement, he has been offering much of his time to Kateri Medical Services, of which he is president and chairman of the board. This organization provides medical care for poor Nigerians, both in rural and urban settings, who otherwise would have no access to such care. Kateri currently has two year-round clinics, with two more in the planning stages, and also partners with Hartford-based FaithCare to conduct intensive medical missions each summer. Tom is passionate about mission work, and for many years has chaired the Mission Committee of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut and helped to organize the annual Diocesan Mission Conference.

Tom's wife, MaryJane, is a marriage and family therapist in Stafford Springs. The Furrers make their home in Granby. They have three adult children and two grandchildren.

Both MaryJane and Tom are excited to be members of Trinity, Hartford, and are looking forward to growing in faith and fellowship with the other members of our congregation. Please be sure to introduce yourself and extend a warm welcome to Tom and MaryJane!

Online Course on Dissent Available Soon from ChurchNext

Join students from around the world for "Faithful Dissent: Loving Our Way into a Brighter Tomorrow," an online class that explores the Christian vocation of reconciliation – as two renowned theologians explore the topic of dissent.

What does it mean for good Christians to disagree? How do we do so faithfully? Should Christians protest? How should they do so? We live in increasingly divisive times. From politics to sports, the gift of human difference can quickly become a chasm that can invite serious discord and division.

This free class from ChurchNext provides answers from two prominent and in many ways opposing camps. Social activist Ed Bacon believes Christians should be at the cutting edge of social protest. Ethicist Stanley Hauerwas believes Christians best shine their light by living faithful lives, as people distinct from the world. Their views come to light in four video presentations:

- The Gift of Dissent
- The Nature of Dissent
- Witness and Dissent
- How We Dissent

The class will be available to take online beginning Monday, September 11. It will remain open through Monday, September 25 – you can take it for free anytime, 24/7, during that time period. You can register for the class right now, and receive an email reminder when you can begin taking it. To register, go to <https://www.churchnext.tv/library/the-big-class-faithful-dissent-loving-our-way-into-a-brighter-tomorrow/62262/about/>.

This class is one of hundreds of online Christian education classes offered by ChurchNext. ChurchNext courses are generally available for a small fee, but the course on dissent is being offered without charge thanks to the generosity of The Episcopal Church, Forward Movement, Duke Divinity School, FORMA, and ChurchNext.

While you're signing up for "Faithful Dissent," explore the many other courses available at ChurchNext. There's something for everyone – including an intriguing course entitled "How to be a crazy Christian" led by our Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Michael Curry!

ECW To Hold September Quiet Day in Meriden

The Episcopal Church Women of Connecticut will hold a Quiet Day on Saturday, September 9, at St. Andrew's Church in Meriden. The program, entitled "Living Faith," will begin with refreshments at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 12 noon, and will include quiet time and Bible study. It will be led by the Rev. Ellen Adams, Deacon, who is chair of Faith Behind Bars and Beyond, the prison ministry network of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

Reservations can be made by phone or email; contact Valzie Peterkin at 203-977-4701 or valziep@gmail.com, or Betty Silva at 860-623-3434 or betty.silva@att.net. St. Andrew's is located at 20 Catlin Street in Meriden.

Journey to Adulthood 2017-2018

Christian Formation for Grade 6 and up

Journey to Adulthood sessions begin September 17

Our Journey to Adulthood program for young people in 6th grade and above continues to use the *Weaving God's Promise* curriculum 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 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. For Juniors and Seniors who have already been confirmed, a mentorship program will be established according to the Young Adults in the Church guidelines of Journey to Adulthood.

Registration:

A registration form (required for each Journey to Adulthood participant), can be downloaded from the Trinity website, trinityhartford.org. Click on the "Education" tab, select "Children's and Youth Formation" from the dropdown, and click on the link in the first paragraph. Forms will also be available the day of the parish picnic/cookout (September 10).



"Actually, sir, the rules were chiselled in stone."

Trinity Campers Shine at Heads Up! Hartford

Heads Up! Hartford, the ecumenical teen summer camp that combines Christian leadership development and traditional camp activities, took place June 22-29. Trinity parishioners Justin and Jonathan Ude, Kachi Onoh, Shquia Thomas, Kendall Okeke, Maxine Duva and Davonté Griffith all were active participants. They performed community service work with local non-profits such as Food Share, CRT and Charities of Hope by day and enjoyed fellowship and other activities in the evenings. Justin Ude won the coveted Macy Read award for outstanding camper, and Davonté Griffith led his team to the basketball championship. Trinity provided much-appreciated refreshments for one of the evenings and also provided money (from the Outreach fund) to assist with camper fees. Father Don served as an adult counselor for the week.

Save the Date – Dante's Ordination

The Rev. Dante Tavolaro, Deacon, will be ordained to the sacred order of priests on Saturday, December 16, 2017, at 10:00 a.m at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 99 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, Rhode Island. A graduate of The Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, Dante served as our Seminarian Intern for the 2015-2016 academic year, and currently continues to serve as Trinity's Associate for Digital Ministries.

Please plan on joining Dante for this sacred event.

Meet Jack Merrill
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J.M.: There are already many exciting plans this year for collaboration. These include a Christmas Concert with the Hartt School choirs, choral Evensong with neighboring churches, and community projects. I believe the music ministry should be a ministry of the community as much as a ministry of the church. I will be contacting nearby organizations that serve the neediest in our community to discern how the choirs can make a difference.

How do you understand the role of the music ministry in the life of our congregation?

J. M.: The music ministry is tasked with liturgical function and beauty. Liturgies of the church must be beautiful. The music ministry's functional role is to lead the congregation in the singing of hymns and provide choral music for healing, meditation and rejoicing. Like other ministries, it should provide an experience of the divine and the truly beautiful to lift us all up to a higher place.

When you're not doing something musical, what do you and Allison enjoy doing?

J.M.: We both enjoy reading classic literature, taking walks, road trips and playing tennis!

Be sure to introduce yourself to Jack and Allison and welcome them to Trinity – and let Jack know if the Trinity choirs might be a ministry you would enjoy. Contact him at jmerrill@trinityhartford.org or 860-527-8133, Ext. 205.

A Note of Thanks

Last spring, our Outreach Team sponsored a food drive to benefit the Chrysalis Center's Freshplace food pantry. Here's the thank you note received by Pam Haddad, Assistant to the Rector:



Dear Ms. Haddad,

Thank you and the congregation of Trinity Episcopal Church for your participation in our 2nd annual "Donation Creation" food drive to benefit Freshplace, a client choice, fresh food pantry at Chrysalis Center. Your donation of 163 non-perishable food items will help support the operations of Freshplace and the Freshplace motto, "Nourishing Our Community."

Many thanks,
Sharon L. Castelli, Chief Executive Officer
Arlene Greco, Director of Development

Voice Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of *The Voice* is September 15 at 5:00 p.m. This issue will cover all events scheduled to take place in **October and November**. Send articles to voice@trinityhartford.org; using this address will help ensure your article doesn't go astray. Thanks!

**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 18 for nine weeks. If you're interested in learning more about the class, email Kevin Chick at kevinjchick@gmail.com.

Stephen Ministry Update

Stephen Ministry is a lay caring ministry which offers supportive Christian care to individuals struggling with illness or unexpected transitions in their lives such as divorce, loss of a loved one or becoming unemployed. Beginning in September, the Stephen Ministry Team will also begin offering simple home visits for those members of the congregation who would just like "a friendly visitor" to make a home visit from time to time. If you or someone you know would benefit from the services of Stephen Ministry, or if you would like to explore becoming a part of this ministry, please contact Fr. Don at dhamer@trinityhartford.org or 860-527-8133, Ext. 202, or any of the Stephen Leaders (Martha Freimuth, Jo-Ann Sadosky or Percy Williamson) for additional information.





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<i>Pages 2,7,9</i>	September 17 11:30 a.m. Christian Formation classes resume (Godly Play at 10:00 a.m.)
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3 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist	<i>Labor Day</i> 4 <i>Buildings closed</i>	5	6	7	8 7:00 Book Group at Helen Hart's home <i>Office closed</i>	9 8:30 ECW Quiet Day at St. Andrew's, Meriden
10 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist 11:30 Parish Cookout/Picnic with St. Monica's	11	12 7:00 Outreach Team	13 7:00 Property Team	14	15 5:00 Vestry retreat begins <i>Voice deadline</i> <i>Office closed</i>	16 4:00 Vestry retreat ends
11 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Godly Play 11:30 Church School, JTA 11:30 Adult Forum	18 7:00 Financial Peace University	19 2:00 Loaves & Fishes food preparation	20 11:00 Loaves & Fishes serving crew at Immanuel Church	21	22 <i>Office closed</i>	23
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