



VOICE OF TRINITY

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Through the Wilderness to the Promised Land

How wonderful to serve a parish as gifted and diverse as Trinity! Wardens, Vestry, staff and more parishioners than I can count have guided me through my first days. You have made these steps among you an experience of blessing and confidence.

My time as your Interim Priest-in-Charge will be measured more in months than years, yet it is more than ordinary time. I pray our period together will lay a foundation. I pray the result of your transition journey will be a successful call of a Rector. I pray that priest's time will be measured in years fruitful with the gifts of the spirit.

From Fr. Norman



In the meantime, I join your walk on this road. Some early Christians called their faith the Way, a word for road or path. Journeys fill scripture. The guiding journey of all is the exodus from Egypt, the Moses-led route through the wilderness over forty years of trial and revelation.

The parish interim time can seem a wilderness experience. The people of Trinity have left behind the familiar and gone on a way through unfamiliar territory. You are heading toward a future still hazy. For some the time will seem too long. The Biblical forty means simply "a lot."

In the desert of Sinai, the people of Israel saw hunger and thirst, confusion, complaining, even rebellion. Above this turmoil, from the mountaintop, God revealed God's love and care for those people. God defined and proclaimed an undying love and connection, renewing the promise that they would enter at last a "land of milk and honey." God gave them the guidance to love their Creator and serve one another: the essence of the Ten Commandments.

Parish interim periods share these stages. People mourn the lost familiar. People miss what seemed abundant before. People express their anxieties and fears. People are people.

In the end, the people of Israel found a new identity as children of God and entered the land of promise under new leadership.

Through your parish leaders, your guides from the Episcopal Church in Connecticut and the incessant presence of the love of God, you will emerge from this wilderness time ready to embrace God's promises and challenges with new leadership. I embrace this time with you, knowing that God is with us always.

Many blessings.

The Rev. Norman MacLeod

Adult Forum Fall Schedule

Our 2019-2020 Sunday morning forum program resumes on September 29. Here's the schedule, as currently known, through November. Watch the Sunday bulletin for announcements of additional sessions.

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 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.

November 24 Donald Romanik – Clergy Leadership for a Changing Church

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



UPCOMING SERVICES OF CHORAL EVENSONG

The Music Ministry will lead services of Choral Evensong on the following dates:

October 26 @ 6:30 p.m.

Centennial Choral Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral (45 Church Street, Hartford) - see Page 5 for information on free registration

November 5 @ 6:45 p.m.

Choral Evensong for All Souls Day (transferred) sung by The Choir School of Hartford

November 24 @ 6 p.m.

Festal Choral Evensong for Christ the King Sunday

December 3 @ 6:45 p.m.

Choral Evensong for Advent sung by The Choir School of Hartford

Evensong is a treasured Anglican tradition that has its roots in the monastic daily cycle of prayer. Please join us!

Sanctuary Stitchers Gathering October 5

The Sanctuary Stitchers, Trinity's prayer shawl ministry group, will hold its first gathering of the new program year on Saturday morning, October 5, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the conference room/front office of the parish house. We meet for prayer, fellowship and knitting, crocheting or other portable crafting. The group creates prayer shawls, lap robes and baby blankets, and will once again as a fall project be making hats and scarves to be offered to those in need at Church by the Pond on December 21. All those who enjoy creating for the benefit of others are welcome!

Please contact me (860-243-0020 or pennypearson@comcast.net) if you would like more information.

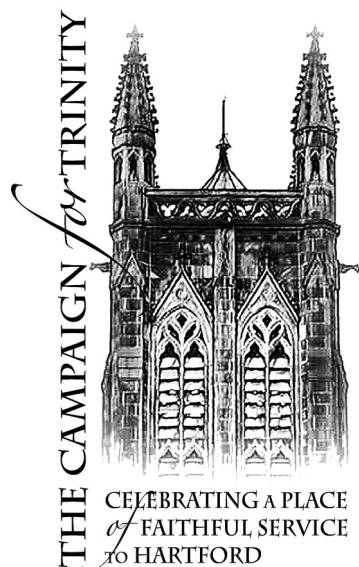
– Penny Pearson
for the Parish Care Ministries



The church office and buildings will be closed on Monday, October 14, in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

Except for 12 Step meetings, the buildings will also be closed on November 28 for Thanksgiving (in addition to the usual Friday closing November 29).

Capital Campaign Turning One Year Old!



Join us on **Sunday, October 20**, after the 10:00 a.m. service to celebrate the one-year anniversary of The Campaign for Trinity – and to celebrate our buildings and YOU, the parishioners of Trinity Church. Find out:

- How near we are to reaching our goal of \$750,000
- What capital repair and improvement work has been accomplished to date
- What's ahead for the remaining two years of the campaign

As of that date, we'll have completed Year One of our three-year campaign to repair and improve our beautiful, historic and community-serving campus. We're excited about our progress, which has been primarily accomplished through the efforts and generosity of Trinity's beautiful, historic and community-serving parishioners. Thank you!

Mark MacGougan & Drew Smith
Capital Campaign Co-Chairs

Become a Friend of Trinity Academy

Trinity Academy is an elementary school, currently serving 1st through 4th grade students, that's housed on the Trinity Church campus. The school doesn't charge tuition and provides a rich and supportive learning environment, with small class sizes, individualized instruction and enrichment activities, for kids who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford a private school. The school is separate from the church, with its own board, staff and budget. However, the school and the church are also linked, as Trinity parishioners support the school in a wide variety of ways. Some serve on the school's board, others maintain its library, others tutor or assist with special events. Many parishioners donate to the school in addition to pledging to the church.

A group of Trinity parishioners has come together to form the "Trinity Friends of Trinity Academy." This isn't intended to replace the work being done by individual parishioners, but rather to support and encourage those efforts and to help recruit others. Are you looking for a way to get involved in supporting the school? Are you a Trinity Academy volunteer or supporter already? Consider joining the Trinity Friends of Trinity Academy. If you're interested or want to know more, please contact Mark MacGougan at mark_macgougan@hsb.com.

For a recent update on Trinity Academy, see Page 11.

Support Trinity Academy Through the United Way

If you will be making your annual United Way pledge at work in the coming weeks, consider directing all or part of your pledge to Trinity Academy Hartford. Write in the school's code (DS1111) and the school name and its address (120 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT 06105) under "Other" on the pledge form to indicate you want to designate your pledge to a charity other than the listed community partners. Thanks!

Property Team Plans Fall Workdays

The Property Team has scheduled TWO fall grounds work sessions, one from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 19, and the other (same time) on Saturday, November 16.

These two sessions will involve both a general clean-up of the gardens and lawns and a major leaf-removal effort; we need to sweep all the leaves that have fallen on our property to the curb, where the city will collect them. If you can help, bring work gloves and a rake, if you have one, and come to Trinity at 9:00 a.m. on the 19th and/or the 16th. Peter Green, who is in charge of grounds for the Property Team, will be on hand to assign tasks. Questions? Contact Peter at 860-236-1457 or pmgreen76@gmail.com.



Cycle of Prayer for October and November

October 6

Cindi Harvey
Jorja Henderson
Marion Henderson

October 13

Tori Henry
Gary, Rebecca, Evan &
Olivia Holmes
Roger Hough

October 20

Emeka, Esther, Emmanuela,
Michael & Marvelous
Igboanugo
Comfort & Azubuike
Igboanugo
Clyde & JoEllen Jansing

October 27

David Johnson
Horace Johnson
Jacqui Johnson

November 3

K Taw Doh, Lah Ku Paw &
Sarah Paw Doh
Liz & Frank Kirkpatrick
Ann Knapp

November 10

Lisa Koester
Bill Kofalk
Ron Kolanowski and Art, Joshua,
Benjamin & Anna Engler

November 17

Heather & James Kramer
Louise Krippenstapel
Frank & Emily LaCroix, and
and Andrew & Alison Mafko

November 24

Anne Lambright and
Guillermo Sr.,
Guillermo Jr. & Maya Irizarry
Amy Langston
Tracy Lanier & Ramona Knight

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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., November - June

The Reverend Norman M. MacLeod, Interim Priest-in-Charge
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

The VOICE of Trinity Church

Published in August, then bi-monthly, September to May,
for Trinity's members and Friends

Trinity College Helps Out On "Do-It Day"

On Saturday, September 7, Trinity Church was the beneficiary of some strong young helping hands on Trinity College's annual "Do-It Day," when members of the college's sports teams take on volunteer projects all over the Hartford area. Now a 21-year-old tradition, "Do-It Day" affords these young athletes a way to give back to the community and show their appreciation for both the local Hartford and greater Connecticut communities.

Our 2019 Do-It Day helpers came from the college's tennis team. Over the course of the day, these volunteers filled a dumpster with junk from the church basement, tackled some pruning and weeding, set up for our annual picnic the following day, folded up each and every origami dove on our Pentecost mobile for storage until next year, and moved a giant pile of mulch so it's handy for use in our Memorial Garden, all under the direction of our Property Manager, Vinnie Pacileo. We're very grateful for the tennis team's energetic help this year, and send them our sincere thanks

Voice Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of *The Voice* is Friday, November 15, at 5:00 p.m. This issue will cover all events scheduled to take place in **December and January**. 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!

**Bishop Barbara Harris
To Preach October 27
At Convention Center**

You are invited to join 2,000 other Connecticut Episcopalians for a special worship service to be held at the Connecticut Convention Center on Sunday, October 27, beginning at 11:00 a.m. While this service is a part of this year's annual diocesan convention activities, everyone, not just convention delegates, is invited to attend. The preacher for this service of scripture, song and sacrament will be the Right Reverend Barbara C. Harris, the first woman bishop in the Anglican Communion, who served as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Massachusetts from 1989 until her retirement in 2003.

Because of the number of people expected at this service all those planning to attend are required to register (there's no charge). To sign up, go to Eventbrite.com and select "October 27,"

"Connecticut" and "Spirituality" in the event selection fields, then click on the listing for the service.

While everyone is encouraged to attend the service at the Convention Center, Trinity Church will also be offering its usual services at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. on the 27th.

Reminder: The Trinity choirs will sing for a 6:30 p.m. service of Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral on October 26. This service is also part of this year's ECCT convention schedule, and free registration through Eventbrite is required for this event as well.



If you have an October or November birthday not listed below, call Barbara Roos in the parish office at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204, so she can add your special day to our parish records.

October

Janet Wilkinson	2
Jack Pearson	3
Fred Faulkner	4
Chivelle Blissett	4
Fredlane Bohlen	5
K Taw Doh	5
Tracy Lanier	6
Kathy Steinwedell	6
Ray McFarland	7
Barbara Roos	7
Cassandra Watson	7
Ron Kolanowski	8
Owen Margeson	8
Pieter Roos	9
Jake Troiano	9
John Doyle, Jr.	10
Ray Esponda	11
Shannon Lee	11
Joseph Bierbaum	12
Kate Lindsay	12
Margaret Moore	12
Hellen Strassner	12
Louise Krippenstapel	14
Anthony Springer	15
Annabelle Duva	16
Odile Dilone	17
Debbie Hamer	18
La Ku Say	19
Peg Andrian	20
Savion Ross	20
Robin D'Oyen	23
Elena Zhidkova-Rice	24
Marion Pereira	28
Richard Syracuse	28
Katie Hamer	31
Emeka Igboanugo	31

November

Louisa Cummings	2
Benjamin Duva	4
Clement Mogor	4
Jay Nolan-Wallace	5
Shquia Thomas	8
Marsha McCurdy	9
Robin Pogue	10
Marcus Clark	11
Irene Laramie	11
Suresh Rajendram	12
Pekah Wallace	12
Jill Barrett	13
Atis Watt	13
Bill Eakins	15
Chloe Pearson	20
Cindi Harvey	21
Nick Duva	22
Lawretta Onoh	22
Georges Haddad	23
Chichi Onoh	25
Debbie Thomas	25
Richard Charron	25
Martha Freimuth	26
Destini Troiano	26
Antoinette McCrary	27
Lou Loomis	28
Jane Harris	29

Outreach at Trinity



September Update – Parish Ingathering, Food Aid for Diocese of Tabora, Tanzania

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 6, and Sunday, October 13, when we will hold our fundraising and Ingathering to aid the clergy and families of the Diocese of Tabora, Tanzania.

We will be accepting donations in any amount between and after the services on those two days. For donations of \$20 or more we will be offering packs of greeting cards featuring art work by our own Georges Annan Kingsley.

The funds we sent to Tanzania in July were used to purchase large bags of corn to store for the upcoming months, when it is expected that current food supplies will run out as a result of the drought and failed harvest.

That delivery represented about one half of the current need to get the clergy families through to the next harvest. Photos of the arrival of the corn supplies are posted on the Outreach Bulletin Board in Goodwin Hall.

We have researched the history of Trinity, Hartford's work with the Diocese of Tabora and Mbugani Parish. We learned that the clergy of Tabora Diocese are historically unpaid, and, since they live in multigenerational family groups, the need is acute for these families.

We hope to involve more parish members as well as our youth in this ongoing work, not only to respond to the immediate crisis, but also to sustain Trinity's long-standing 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 who daily struggle with hunger
- Contact Heather Kramer at kramerheather1989@yahoo.com if you would like to serve on the Tabora Outreach sub-committee

Look for more information in the weekly bulletins prior to the 6th.

Grant a Child's Wish; Support the 2019 Giving Tree Project

Our 2019 Giving Tree will be set up in the church for our services on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1. The tree will be decorated with its annual collection of colorful tags listing the holiday wishes of students at Trinity Academy, as well as names and wishes we receive from Covenant to Care. You can help make one of these wishes come true!

To fulfill a wish, take a tag from the tree, write your name and

Collection of New Socks and Used Clothing - October 6

On Sunday, October 6, Outreach ministry members will be accepting donations of new white socks and gently-used warm clothing for men, women and children in need in our community. These will be shared with the South Marshall Street Interfaith Coalition and Christ Church Cathedral for distribution through their programs.

The new socks - white only, please - should be warm, and machine washable and dryable.

Clean, gently-used warm items can include:

- coats, sweaters, jackets and sweatshirts
- shirts and pants
- shoes and boots
- gloves, hats and scarves

Please plan to participate with us, however you are able. Thanks!

– Penny Pearson
for the Outreach Team

phone number on the top, and leave that part of the tag in the basket provided. Keep the bottom portion, which lists the child's name, age, gender, and holiday wish. Purchase the item, then return your wrapped gift to the Baptistery with the tag attached (to indicate which child it's for) by Sunday, December 15, so your gift can be delivered in time for the holidays. Thanks!

–Don Cook
for the Outreach Team

Lots of Singing, Lots of Fun; Choristers Enjoy Week-long Summer Course

The annual Choir Course Week for the Choir School of Hartford took place from August 19 through August 25. We welcomed some new choristers during the week in addition to welcoming back our returning choristers. With the help of Enid Oberholtzer and Anne Green, the Course Week had many exciting activities:

- Morning and Afternoon Rehearsals
- Handbell Rehearsals
- A tour of the Austin Organ Factory
- Cleaning and weeding the Sigourney Street Entrance with Peter Green
- Board game activities with Enid Oberholtzer
- Anne Green's Famous Episcopal Scavenger Hunt
- Sunday Eucharist with course week participants

The choristers' season is in full swing! Please email Jack Merrill at jmerrill@trinityhartford.org to find out how you can become involved with The Choir School of Hartford.



Altar Flowers for 2020

If you would like to contribute to the 2020 Sunday altar flower fund in memory of a friend or family member, please fill out the form below and send it to the parish office. It is not necessary to send in your contribution toward the flowers at this time; however, do return the completed form as soon as possible so the 2020 schedule of memorials can be arranged before the start of the new year. (If you would like to send in your donation now, make your check payable to Trinity Church and earmark it "Memorial flowers" in the memo space. The suggested offering is \$50 per week, the average cost for flowers.) Be sure to fill out a form for 2020 even if you contributed for similar memorials for 2019. Please note: There will be no altar flowers on the Sundays of Lent, March 1 through April 5, and forms for the Easter and Christmas memorials will be sent out separately in future issues of *The Voice*.

TRINITY CHURCH ALTAR FLOWER FUND - 2020

Please list the following altar flower memorials for 2020:

IN MEMORY OF _____
(Please print)

DATE OF MEMORIAL _____

NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (daytime) _____ E-MAIL _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association News – Late Summer

Greetings from the Executive Director: Director-David MacDonald described the work of AHNA over the summer. This included a pop-up event on South Marshall Street, fundraising and compiling a booklet of services available to the residents and stakeholders of Asylum Hill. He announced a clean-up day for Sigourney Park on September 24, and also commented on the success of the National Night Out event on August 6, a time of play, information and cooperation between the neighborhood and local police and organizations “on the hill.”

Police Report: Loitering, panhandling, and problems with noise levels are still ongoing. A big push has been on to catch the individual(s) responsible for stealing wheels and hubcaps from parked cars. Please report anything you might see.

Fire Department: We were reminded to use smoke and CO2 detectors. Also, look into renter’s insurance if it applies to you.

City of Hartford Report: The first phase of street repairs is almost complete. You should be seeing a difference in rough roads and potholes! Flyers were distributed with information about recycling.

Rebuild Together Hartford: Sarah Thrall reported on programs to renovate and repair homes. Emergency Home Repair is free assistance to home owners for heat and safety issues.

Hartford Department of Development Services: Director Erik Johnson explained that the department covers housing code, zoning, economic and blight issues and licensing for small businesses. They can facilitate small business property improvement loans

Anyone who is interested is invited to attend AHNA meetings, held at 6:15 p.m. on the first Monday of the month at 224 Eco-Space, 224 Farmington Avenue. The next meeting will take place on Monday, October 7.

– Boo Morton

More Outreach

Church by the Pond October 19

Trinity’s next opportunity to prepare and distribute bag lunches in Bushnell Park for those in need is **Saturday, October 19**. Part of Trinity’s ongoing commitment to community service, Church by the Pond is one of the “Church Street Eats” feeding programs coordinated by Christ Church Cathedral. Trinity is one of a number of area churches who participate in this ministry.

At 12:30, we’ll prepare lunches in the Trinity kitchen and the library (enter through the outside door to the kitchen). At 1:45 we’ll bring the lunches to Bushnell Park, where we’ll participate in the Eucharist by the pond at 2:00. We’ll distribute our lunches following the Eucharist, and should finish by 3:15.

Come for as much time as you can
– friends and families welcome!

– Penny Pearson
for the Outreach Team

Altar Flowers for 2020

Notes from Recent Vestry Meetings

The May Vestry meeting opened with devotions led by Bill Kofalk. Vestry members read scripture passages relating to being in transition times, looking forward, and taking a day at a time.

Treasurer Janet Wilkinson presented and explained the financial reports through the month of April, and the report was received. Assistant Treasurer Casey Rousseau will apply to ECCT for permission for Trinity to manage its own invested funds through our existing investment committee.

Kevin Chick spoke about Web Solutions, the Meriden company that helped develop our first website in 2010. The Technology Task Force has recommended that this company be hired to help update our website, and the Vestry voted to contract with Web Solutions for this work. Other technical issues are also being addressed by the task force,

Lily Miller, Outreach Liaison, reported on several outreach projects including back-to-school backpacks, emergency placement packs, and the South Marshall Street Interfaith Coalition Street Fair, for which Trinity will contribute toward a Bounce House. A volunteer was still needed to coordinate Trinity's involvement in this interfaith coalition. Reporting on behalf of Parish Care, Steve Zhitnik announced that the older son in our Syrian family has a new job with career opportunities, better pay, benefits, and more regular hours.

Alan Rice described several Property Team items, including repairs recently made to crash bars and locks on the Farmington Avenue doors and a new sign on Farmington Avenue announcing our Thursday service. Alan also reported on Capital Works Committee projects, including the purchase of a new gas range for the kitchen and planned upgrades to sanctuary lighting. So far, projects have cost less than the original architect estimates.

Walton Brown Foster, Vestry liaison to the Trinity Academy Board, talked about the success of the Excellence Dinner fundraiser in April. Academy students are performing above grade level in math. Enrollment for the fall is almost completely filled, and there is a search for a new 3rd grade teacher. Several spring field trips were being planned. Walton has agreed to serve as vice-chair of the Board for a year.

Concerns were raised about a perceived decline in attendance when we change our normal worship schedule, as was done on April 7. It was noted that it is not unusual for attendance to fall off during a rector vacancy. Keeping a consistent worship schedule is desirable.

For the opening devotions at the June meeting, Kevin Rennie led a discussion of how current song lyrics often contain spiritual guidance and solace. Newly elected members Kate Steven and Leslyn Clark, as well as Assistant Treasurer Jacob Troiano, were welcomed. There was positive

feedback from parishioners about the Annual Meeting on June 16, as well as expressions of frustration about the process of calling an interim priest as mandated by ECCT.

Treasurer Casey Rousseau gave the financial report, including the fact that pledge payments were behind by \$33,000. Statements will be sent in June in the hope that those who are behind in paying their pledges will increase their contributions.

Martha Freimuth reported that the Capital Campaign is about to enter the diaspora phase, in which former members and friends will be contacted and asked to contribute. This phase is being led by Rector Emeritus Bill Eakins. Work on the sanctuary lighting is expected to begin over the summer.

Walton Brown Foster reported that Trinity Academy Board is adding a member. A new teacher has been hired for second grade. The Academy's finances are "in the black" for the first time.

The Choir School of Hartford had another successful spaghetti dinner fund-raiser in June and is recruiting new members for the fall, as reported by Martha Freimuth.

Alan Rice reported for the Property Team that the new cooling unit on the outside of the Parish house must be camouflaged in some way or Trinity could be subject to a fine because we are in violation of an
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ordinance governing historic buildings. Additionally, Alan announced that we have new lightweight plastic A-frame signs to announce events in the Memorial Garden and other church services and functions.

Outreach liaison Lily Miller asked for Vestry support and presence at the South Marshall Street Fair, and reported that the Feeding in the Park ministry continues to be strong. New members of the Outreach Team would be welcome.

A discussion about transition issues included a report that Father Ben has arranged supply clergy through mid-August. There are two Sundays when no fully ordained priest is available and the services will be Morning Prayer with sermon. Several members of Vestry expressed pleasure that we will once again use this familiar worship form.

Alan has asked ECCT for permission to begin the search for the permanent rector immediately, instead of waiting until an interim priest is in place. Father Ben was thanked for his efforts on Trinity's behalf even as he prepares to leave us.

Martha Freimuth reported that Vinnie Pacileo has worked many overtime hours these past months, in part because people planning events at church often assume he will be available for set up and clean up. It is important for all members of Trinity to continue to adjust to the reduced staff that has been in place for several years.

Beginning To See the Light **(In the Sanctuary)**

Have you noticed the new lighting in a small section of the sanctuary? On the pulpit side, toward the back, one of the chandeliers has gotten a face lift, in the form of new LED lamps. The difference is remarkable – it's brighter and certainly makes for a friendlier space. The Capital Works Committee will meet soon with the lighting contractor, Ray Christiansen, to decide how to proceed with relamping the entire sanctuary, and to discuss overhauling the lighting in the chancel. Under the leadership of Clerk of the Works Dave Desmarais, the committee is also working on proposals for improving our security system, replacing the choir loft railing, and rebuilding the front porch of the Parish House. Getting a better grasp of how to protect our buildings from water damage is also on the agenda.

In June, a new commercial stove was installed in the kitchen, replacing one purchased years ago by the (K)Naves. (The (K)Naves was a ministry unique to Trinity that provided us with the extraordinary gift of live drama and a dinner theater, under the leadership of the Cheyney family.) The stove was replaced to comply with fire codes applicable to our current daily usage of the stove. The original stove was removed and the new one installed by Classic Restaurant Supply, who will offer our old stove for sale to their customers. If it is sold, a portion of the proceeds will return to Trinity.

More Outreach

Update on Trinity's **Refugee Families**

The two refugee families that Trinity has sponsored are doing well. The Gabri family, from Damascus by way of Egypt, where they fled for safety, are coping well in the face of the many challenges they have faced. Huda continues to labor long hours as a housekeeper at a Hartford hotel, leaving her little time or energy for English lessons. Abdulrahman has a new job, with steady hours and good working conditions, and continues to study English for his GED. Diaa is positively thriving in middle school.

The Saeedis came here from Afghanistan, where Jamil worked for many years for the U.S. military. He now has a good job at a copper wire manufacturing facility, but has been put on the night shift (2 a.m. to noon), and is struggling to adjust. Naazi is beginning to settle into a dramatically new routine, away from the insular life she lived as a woman in a traditional society. She has English lessons twice weekly and is making real progress, in which she takes enormous pride. The four kids, who never went to school in Afghanistan, are now eager students; when asked what they like best about America, they shout: "My school!"

Al ham dullillah!- Praise be to God!

- Anne Rapkin
For the Outreach Team

Stewardship Program Begins November 3



Join the Parish of Trinity Church at either service on Sunday, November 3, for the start of our annual

Stewardship Program. We are taking our theme this year 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.

As we search for a new Rector, we are being encouraged by the ECCT to “shine our light” and let our Rector candidates see how Trinity Parish reaches out to its members and to the community. We also “shine our light” by regularly supporting the Parish materially and with our time, so that we may joyously continue our many ministries.

“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.”

News from Trinity Academy, Hartford

It is with a heavy heart that I share the news that Jen Scanzano, our Head of School, has left Trinity Academy. Jen’s husband has accepted a fabulous career opportunity in Toronto, a great opportunity for him which will also bring him, Jen and their young son closer to family in Canada. During Jen’s tenure at Trinity Academy, she gave many hours of love and devotion to our school, its students, and their families. Our school will always hold a special place in her heart, and she will be remembered as an integral part of our success.

Given the time constraints of the approaching new school year, our Board of Trustees reached out to the NativityMiguel Coalition as well as area private school educators for guidance as to the direction we should take. It was recommended that we divide the role of Head of School into two separate positions, Principal and Executive Director of Administration and Development. Continuity was also a major concern going forward, so we chose to name Allison Bernhard as Principal and Donna Colliton as Executive Director of Administration and Development.

A 3rd grade teacher at Trinity Academy for over five years, Allison Bernhard has a lot of experience with our past and present students and their families. She has also been very involved with curriculum development for several years. Her calm and confident manner in and out of the classroom will

definitely continue as she takes on her new role as Principal.

On the business side, we have named our Director of Development, Donna Colliton, as Executive Director of Administration and Development. Donna has worked closely with Jen Scanzano over the past year to help grow Trinity Academy’s donor, sponsor, and corporate relationships. This past fiscal year’s positive results truly cemented this dynamic collaboration. Donna’s previous work experience in consulting and development along with her strong educational background in business administration will allow her to provide business knowledge and guidance to school operations.

We are also happy to welcome Carly Connal, our new 3rd grade teacher, to her first year at Trinity Academy! Prior to teaching at Trinity Carly spent three years in New York, where she taught 3rd and 4th grade in Brooklyn. She has a Bachelor’s in elementary education and a Master’s in special education from Saint Joseph’s University in Philadelphia. Carly recently moved back to her home town of West Hartford, and is excited to be part of the Trinity Academy family.

Despite the changes to our staff, Trinity Academy has begun its new school year with 40 amazing students in grades one through four! We can’t wait to share more news of our new school year with you. Stay tuned!

– Donna Colliton



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